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• A vision for Bridge Management Software



Currently

- Around ten software providers:
 - Multi-Asset such as Confirm, Symology
 - Specialist Bridges BridgeStation, AMX
- Out-of-date
 - No understanding of the data we use
 - Or the decision process in bridge management
 - Industry stagnated why?
- Several national authorities developing bespoke software including TS and HE. Network Rail?
 - Do they all need something different?



Data

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- Tabular inventory data
- Element condition scores
- But more useful, and not integrated
 - GIS
 - Old scanned drawings
 - Sensor data
 - Lidar
 - Network video
 - BIM
 - Historic photographs



Inspection changes

- Automatic defect recognition
- Monitoring change over time
- Data for machine learning
- Sensor data
- Does the data we collect help make decisions?



Decisions

- Artificial intelligence, machine learning
 - Eg Vaisala RoadAl
- Decision support tools and modelling
 - Eg SAVI Tool



The way forward

- Modern Interface
 - A 3D GIS model, Google Earth
 - BIM
- Vision and benefits through research
 - Market too small for the software companies to fund
 - Collaboration between national agencies, SMEs, and University
 - Benefits to be quantified
- A theme for a future BOF

