

MDOT 3D Bridge App – The Digital Future Of Bridge Inspections

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Faced with an aging bridge inventory and increasing federal regulations for collecting element level data, MDOT wishes to increase the efficiency and reliability of collected data.





Current bridge inspection practices at MDOT)utilize paper forms followed by a manual data entry step to populate their database.

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Additionally, photographs documenting bridge deterioration are collected and stored separately from inspection data.





MDOT inspectors must also carry reference manuals and past inspection reports to help verify the accuracy of the data they are collecting.

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- The exact locations of bridge defects are not stored which creates an inconvenience as the data are difficult to visualize, to tabulate overall defect quantities, & to duplicate inspections.
- Federal regulations now require inspectors to collect AASHTO Element level data. Current processes don't enable the efficient collection of this data.

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Objectives of MDOT Wireless Bridge Inspection Study

The goal is to help MDOT take advantage of the advances in portable data entry technologies, reduce the time needed for field staff to collect bridge inspection data and thereby help have a safer bridge inspection program, and help provide a compatible path forward to a more efficient bridge inspection process that is available to all appropriate levels of MDOT.







- Develop a wireless web/tablet based bridge inspection data collection system. This system would:
 - Use 3D models to help collect data.
 - Integrate with MDOT Michigan Bridge Reporting System and other current MDOT bridge inspection processes.







- A tablet application for MDOT Bridge Inspectors for the collection, display, and summarizing of Bridge Inspection Data.
- Leverages the latest in game development technology: Unreal Engine 4
 - Provides cross platform compatibility on everything from Windows Desktops to Android/iOS phones or tablets.





The 3D BRIDGE app

The 3D BRIDGE app helps MDOT take advantage of the advances in portable data entry technologies, reduce the need for field staff time to collect bridge inspection, and facilitate the bridge inspection process

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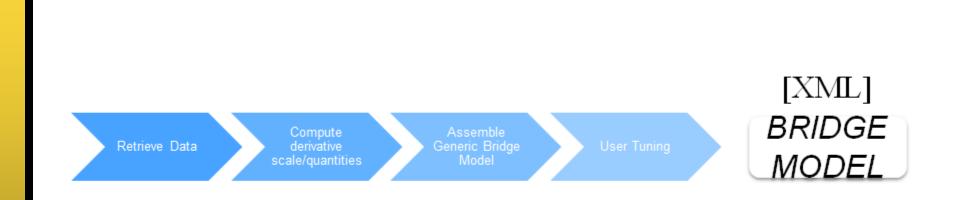
How will this tool work from the Bridge Inspector's point of view?







The 3D BRIDGE App Grabs Data from BMS Database



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- With no previous 3D models of the bridges available, a model had to be created from scratch
- Large amounts of descriptive information within MDOT's Bridge Management Database



The 3D BRIDGE App Grabs Data from BMS Database

- Queries all of the data from a static copy of MDOT's database.
 - Static copy recent as of October 2018
- The MDOT bridge management database is composed of 16 tables.
- The 3D BRIDGE
 App queries from almost all of them.

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- Missing data is filled in with generic assumptions.
- User can alter data to fix any assumptions that were mistakes.

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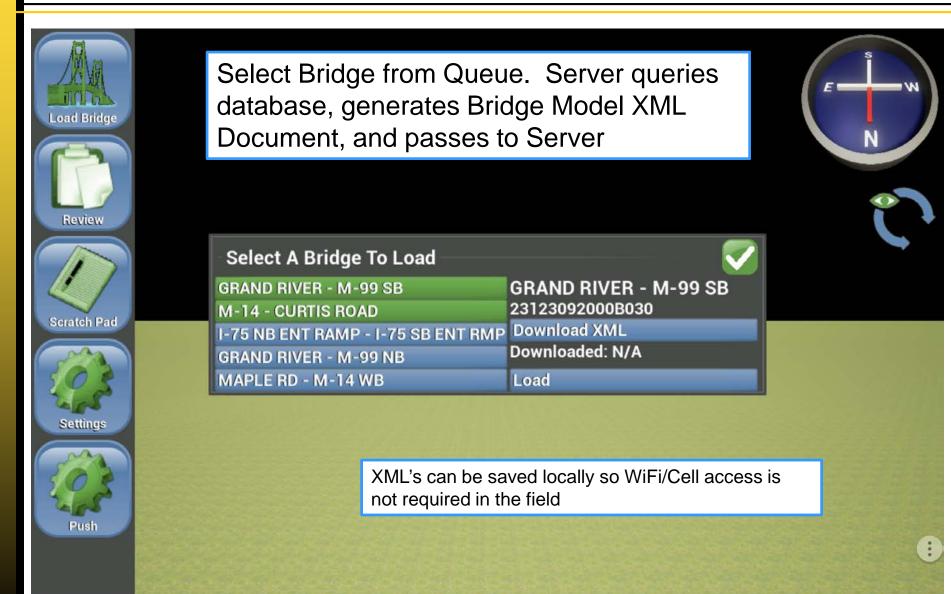


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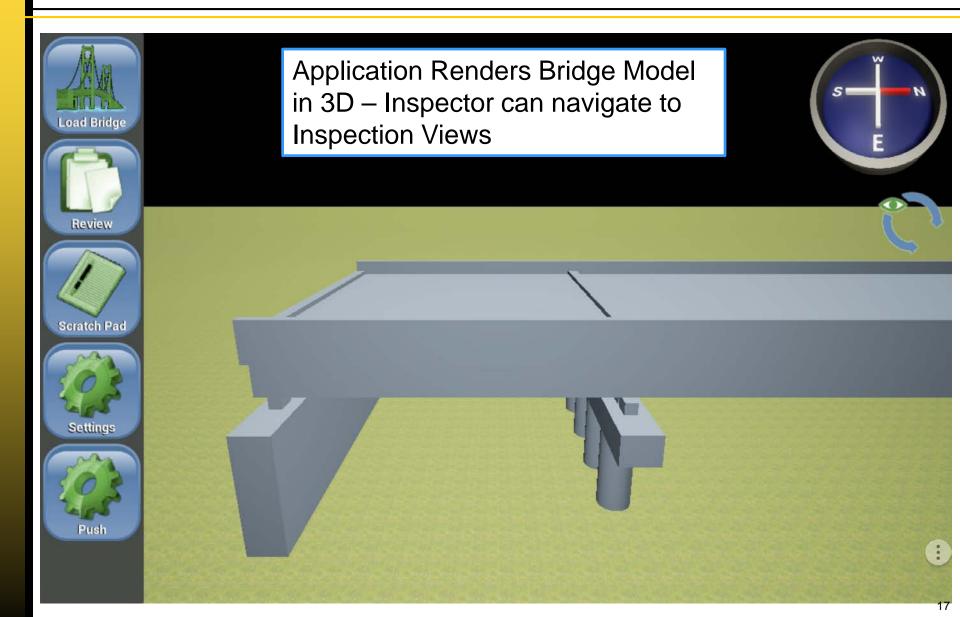
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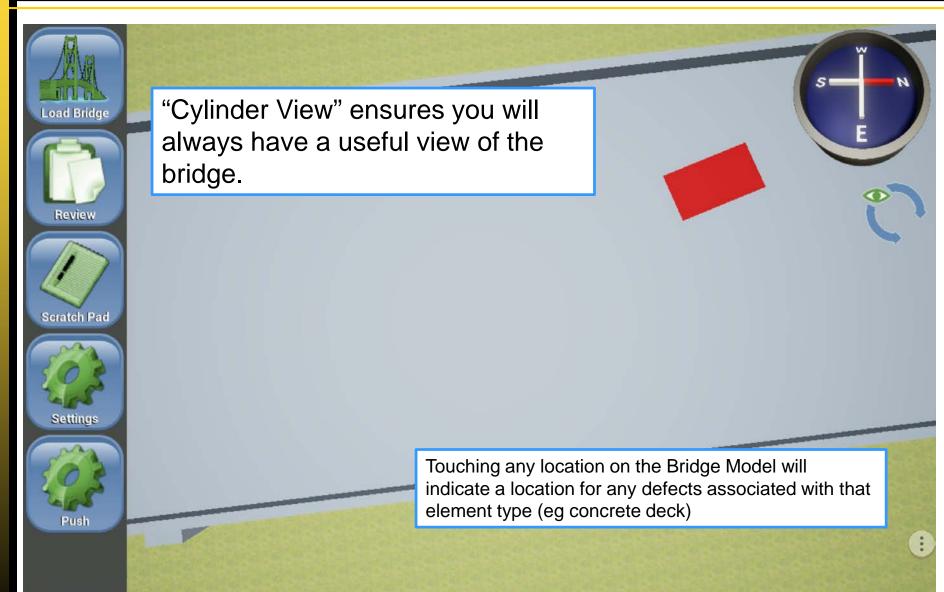
Desired bridge loads and is rendered







Navigation is constrained to an orbit around the bridge





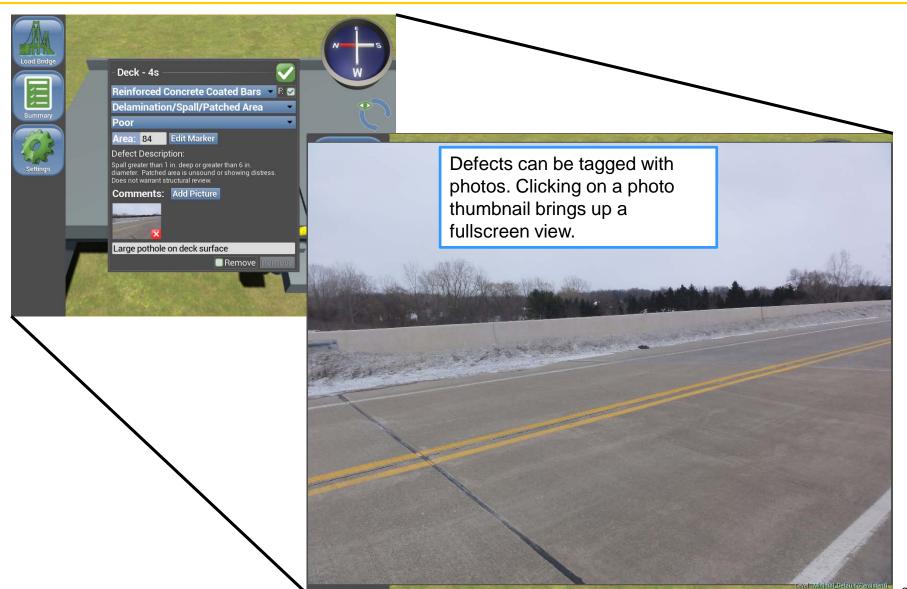
- The 3D BRIDGE App enables bridge inspectors to collect and record all of the necessary data for the bridge inspection process in one tool.
- Each individual defect can be annotated with a description, photos, and quantity.
- Inspectors no longer have to carry the Bridge Element Inspection Manual

Context-sensitive descriptions are attached to each element type, just as in the "Bridge **Element Inspection Manual**" Reinforced Concrete Cracking Severe Linear Size (Square Feet): 55 Edit Marker Defect Description: The condition warrants a structural review to determine the effect on strength or servicability of the element or bridge; OR a structural review has been completed and Scratch Pa the defects impact strength or serviceability of the element of the bridge. Comments: Add Picture Enter any comments about this defect. Fields will be pre-NBI Ratings Remove Remo populated with the db values from most recent inspection in future.





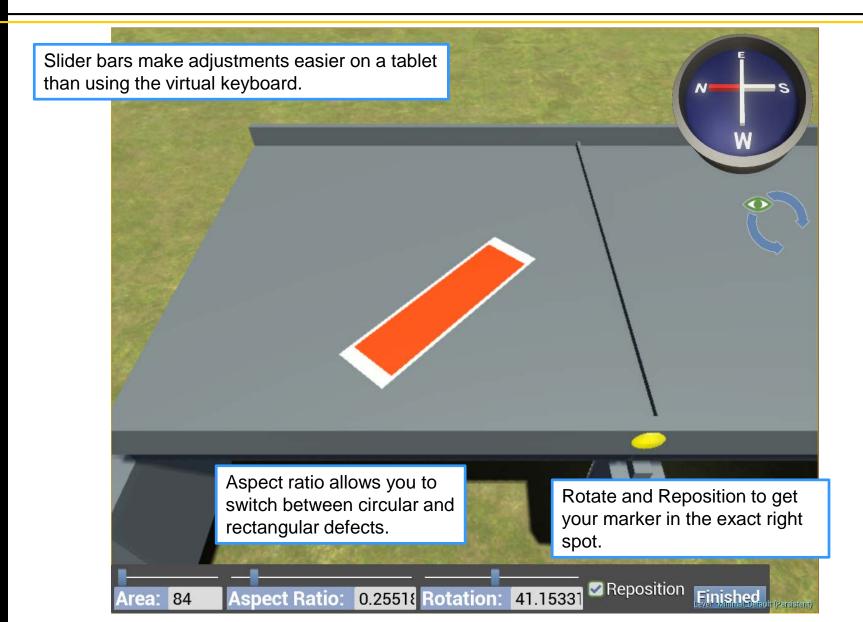
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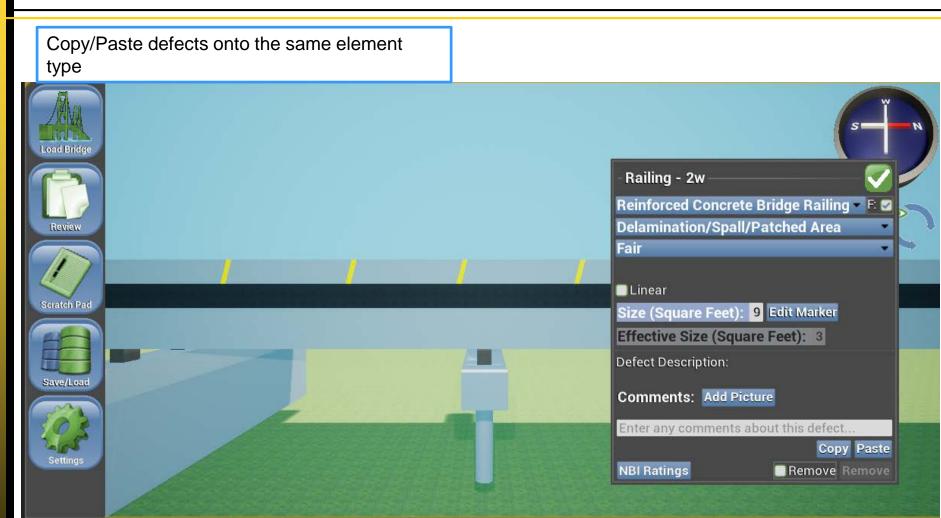
Customize the Defect's Size and Shape







Copy/Paste Defects



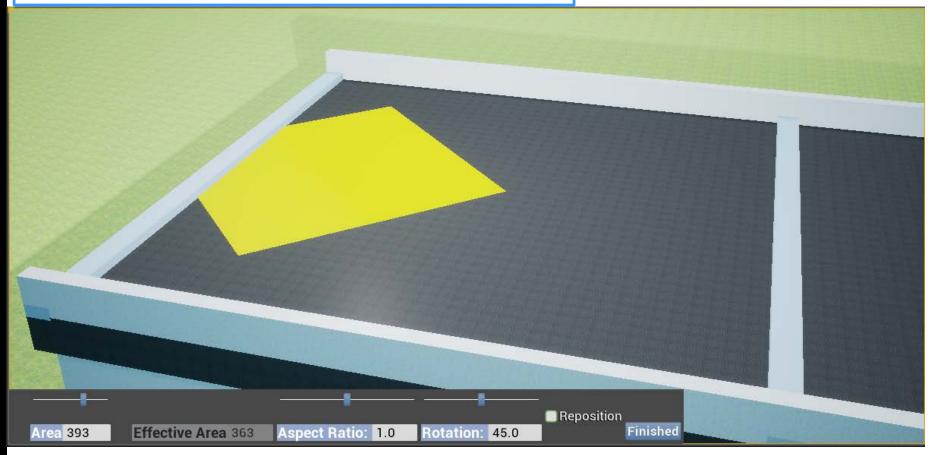
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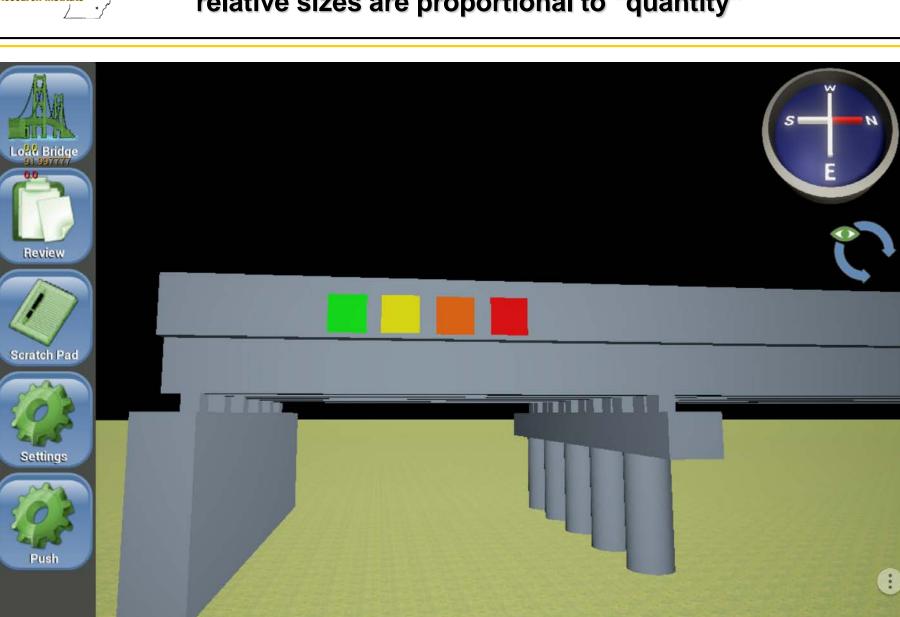
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Defects are limited to the element they are attached to, and cannot extend beyond that to ensure accuracy of total quantity





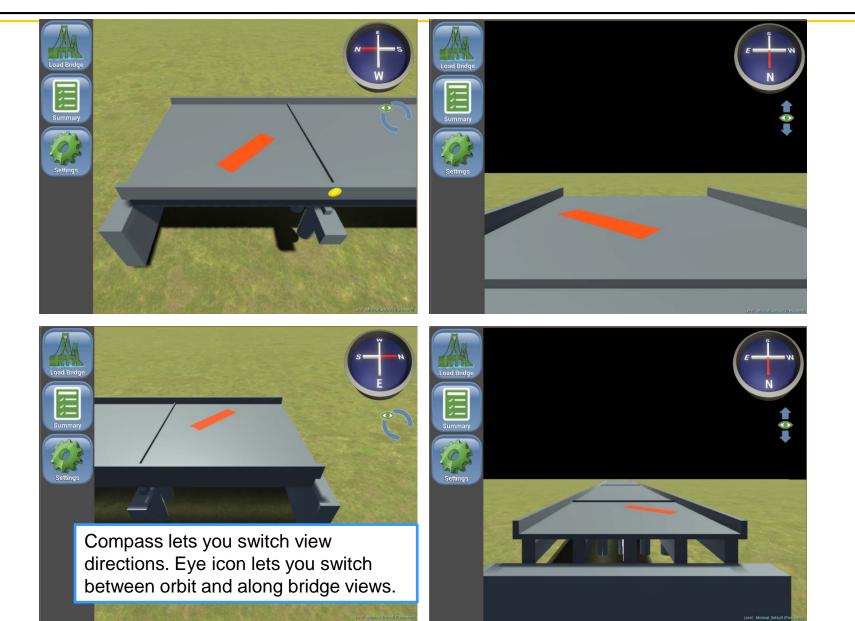
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Saves the Defect's 3D Position For Future Inspections

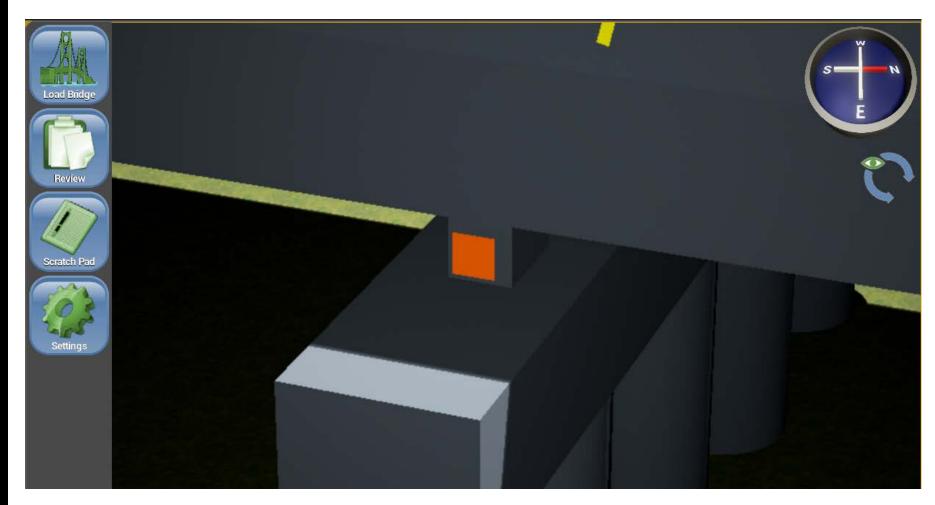






Pinch to Zoom

Pinch to zoom in on a part of the bridge, or a defect.







Scratch Pad

Write on the scratch pad to add any additional comments or drawings

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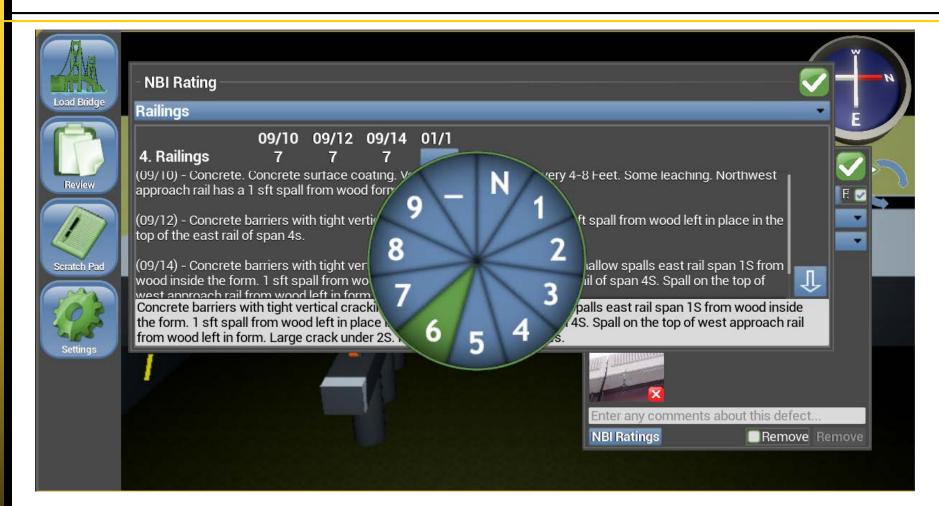


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 Scroll through the entire report, and review NBI ratings of past and current reports





View Different Summaries of the Recorded Data

Display and summarize the bridge inspection data with different views.

Bridge Review

AASHTO
Element Level
Data View

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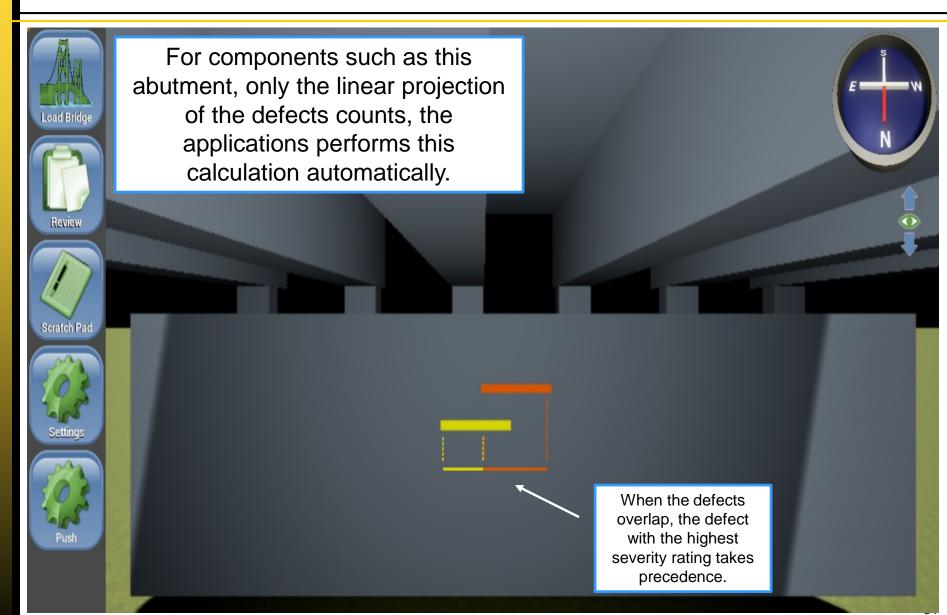
Transparency Setting

Load Bridge	Partial Transparency allows inspectors to see what they have placed on either side of a component	
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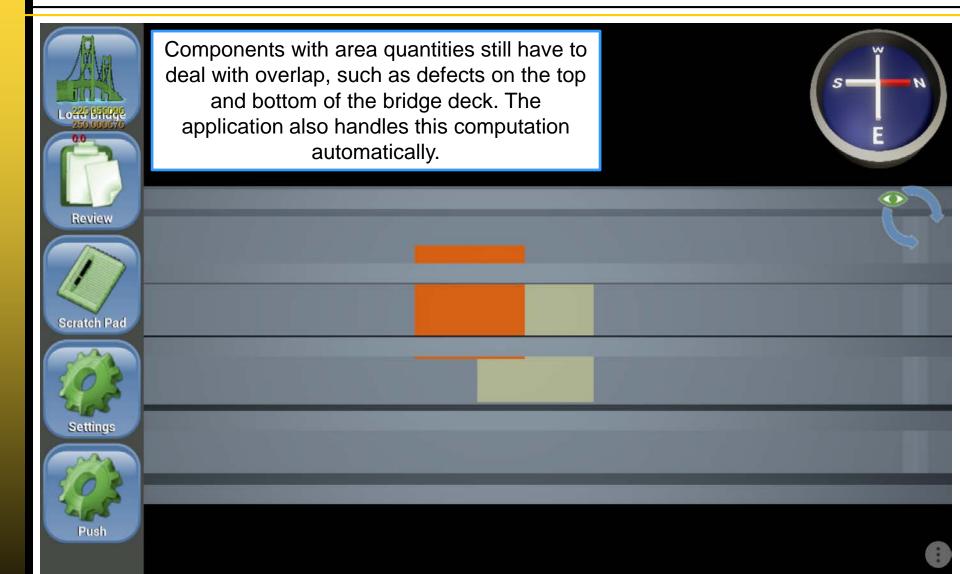
Linear Defect Calculator







Area Defect Calculator







Linear/Area Defect Calculator

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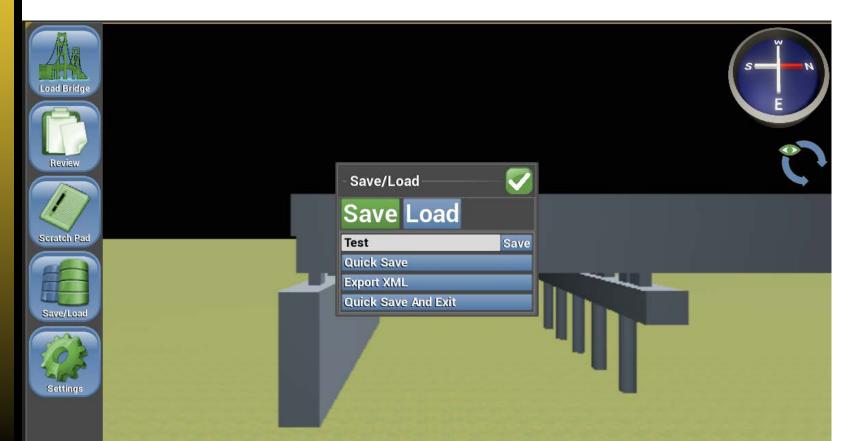
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Save/Load

- User's can save the progress of their inspection on their mobile device using named save files.
- Application also autosaves their progress every time they make an update, so they can restore should their work be interrupted unexpectedly.







Save/Load

- Load menu gives a list of all save slots, selecting a save slot will list the bridge id, location, and date the save was created.
 - Can also delete unneeded/old saves

Load Bridge	- Save/Load		
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Save/Load		2017.01.23-18.53.37 Load Confirm Delete Delete Save	
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Settings			



- It was necessary to develop a system to import/export data from the MDOT Bridge Management Database.
- All relevant data can be saved in an XML file for later upload to the database management system
 - While not as convenient as a direct uplink, it is also independent from MDOT's database (could be readily adapted to work with other database systems, as the bridge app does not need to change)



XML cont'd

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-<defect>

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- XML contains the data needed to build the bridge model, previous NBI data, and current NBI ratings and bridge defects.
 - Does not currently contain photos, but all other defect information is stored
 - Photos are still on the tablet device and could be uploaded with whatever method is currently in place to deal with inspection photos.
- Exported XML files can be imported back into the app on any device.
 - Behaves like a save file, restoring the inspection to the state it was at when exported.





The Application is Cross-Platform

The 3D BRIDGE App is compatible with Windows and Android, and iOS.







- Currently development is focused on meeting a few remaining key priorities of MDOT
 - Handling bridge skew in model generation
 - Adding additional model components
 - "Draw On Defects", inspectors can draw a defect onto the surface
 - Automatic conversion to gridded format
 - Useful as input to deterioration modeling
 - We also have a whole list of suggestions from inspectors that we will tackle as we have time
- We are starting a limited testing this spring
 - Select inspectors will have access to the early app version to provide feedback
 - Critical to ensure application success, we want this app to work!
- Project goes to March 2020
 - ready-to-use tool through this year's 2019 testing & updates



- Michilgen Tech Research Institute
 - Benefits of using a location-specific 3D interface extend beyond inspection, but also a tool for future asset management
 - 3D BRIDGE App enables this future
 - Rich with research opportunities, such as integration of remote sensing data, improved bridge model representations, etc.
 - Enables transportation agency users (MDOT, etc.) to tie condition and deterioration of one component to related components
 - Improves forecasting of condition, bridge needs
 - Leads to better, more efficient asset management





The Future of Bridge Inspections

3D BRIDGE app is a key component towards the future goal of utilizing 3D models to monitor and review a bridge throughout its lifetime.





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