



Long-Term Bridge Performance Program

Status Update and LTBP Deterioration Modeling Framework

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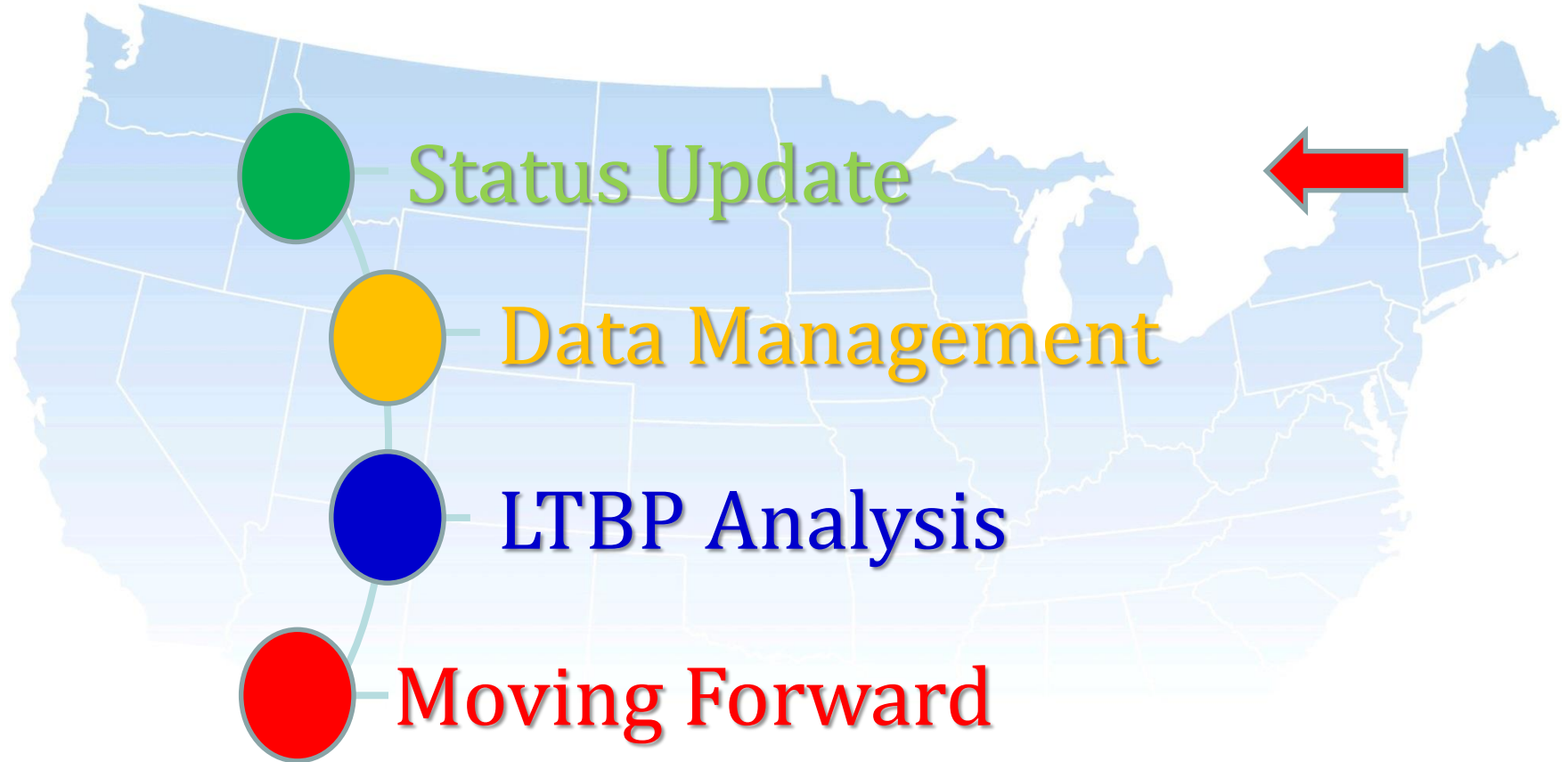
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Projects at a Glance

Rutgers

- Data-Driven Modeling
- Bridge Portal
- Field Data Collection
- Legacy Data Mining
- Other Projects - Drone

PB

- NW - SW visual inspection

Michael Baker

- Gulf Visual inspection, material sampling

PSI

- Legacy Data Mining

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- WIM
- LTBP Performance Index
- Develop an accelerated testing bridge DB
- Website & Newsletter
- Protocol Publication
- RABIT Acquisition

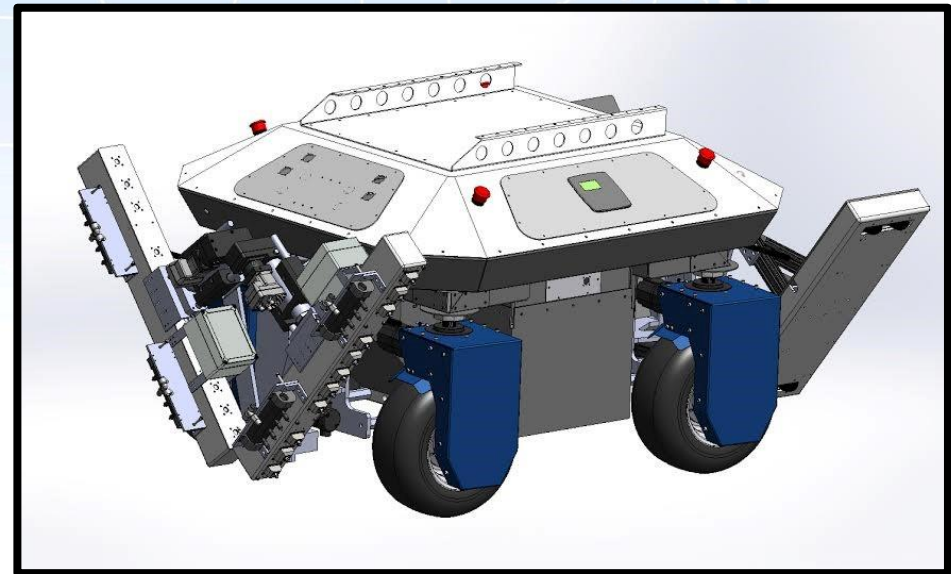
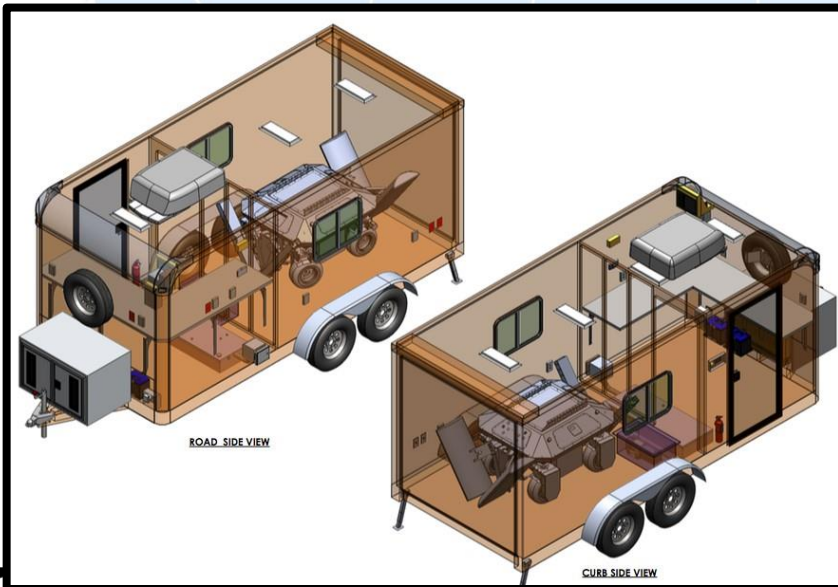




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Automated Data Collection RABIT™ Bridge Deck Assessment Tool

- Procurement of four autonomous robotic bridge deck assessment tools inclusive of training to LTBP contractors for the proper deployment of the technology in field data collection activities



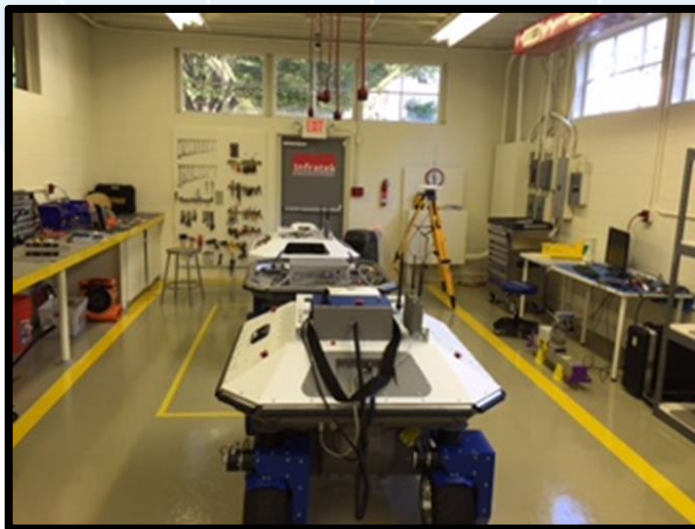


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RABIT™ Bridge Deck Assessment Tool

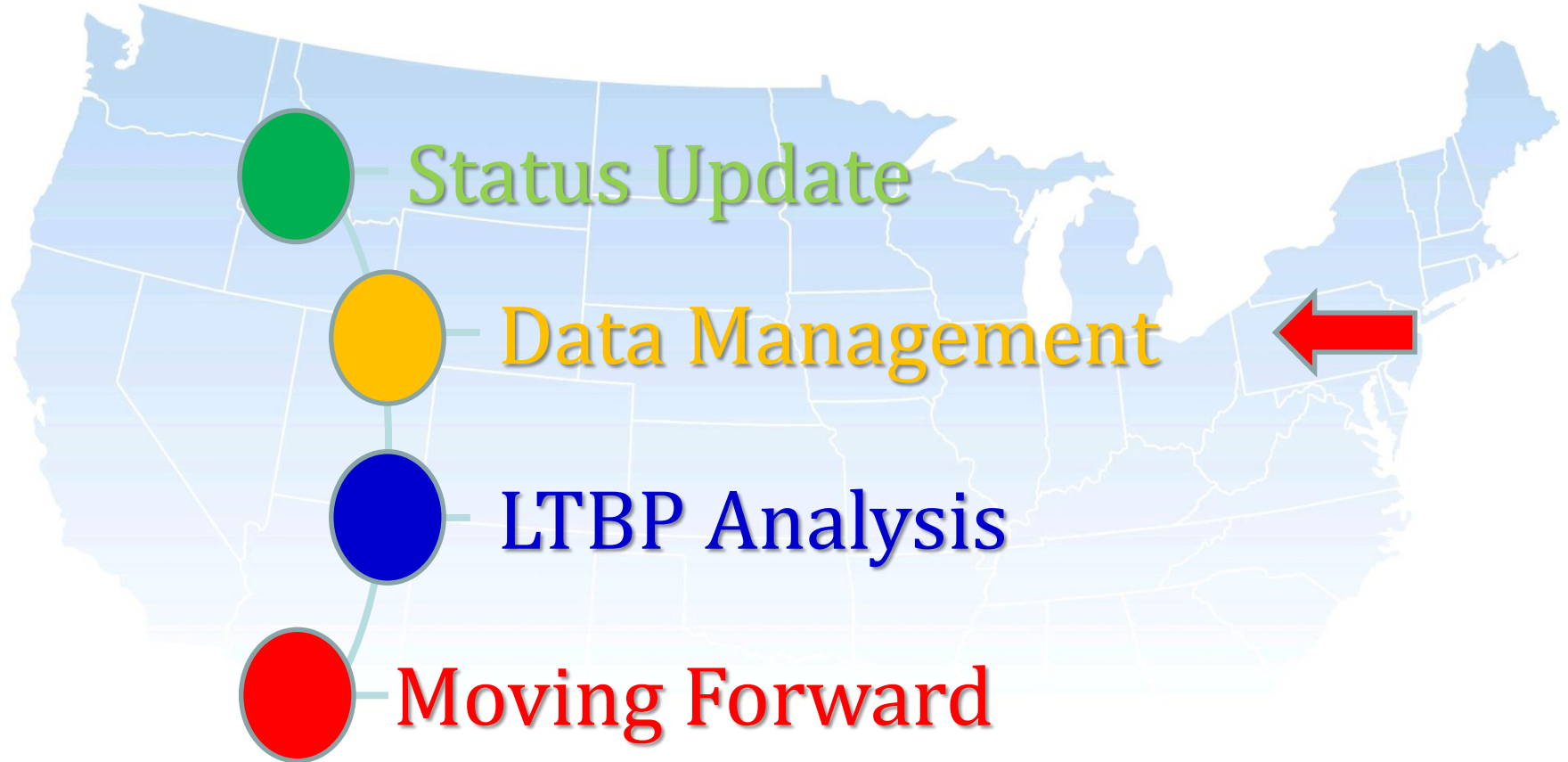
Status:

- Development of the software is on-going
- User Manual and Training Curriculum in development
- Validation of RABIT #1 scheduled for September – October.
- Robotic platform for RABIT #2 arrived





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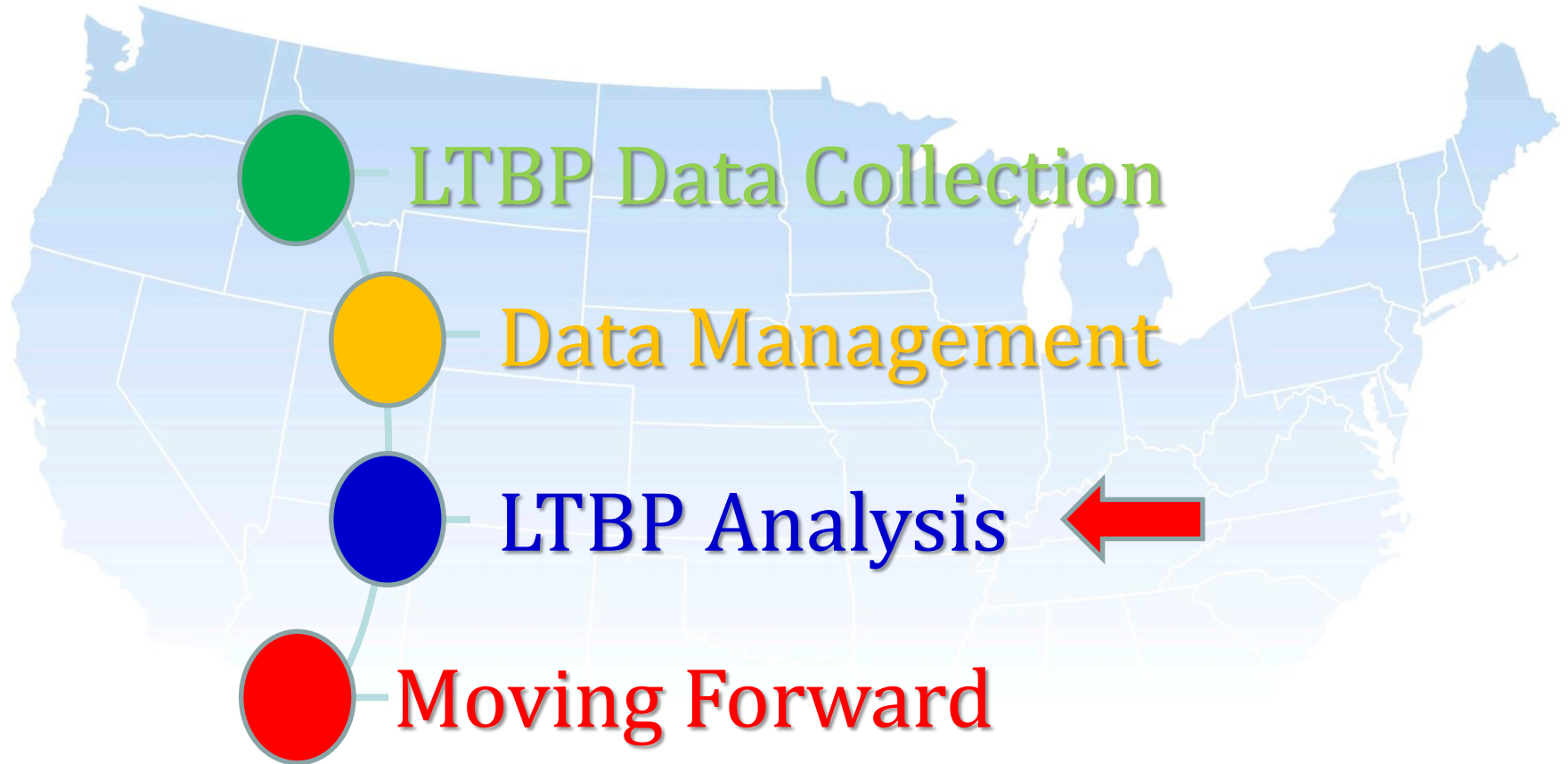
LTBP Program – Bridge Portal Update

- Version 1.1 of the LTBP Bridge Portal is currently in the process of being deployed and will be available through FHWA network (UPACS) very soon.

Version 1.1 currently being deployed
Version 2 expected in 2017



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Refined Data Analysis, Modeling, and Interpretation Framework

Key Underlying Assumptions

- Time is the most significant influence over bridge performance for any set of input and attributes
- The available NBI and NBE data may have errors and variability, but no bias – that is, the mean predictions derived from these data are (on average) representative of the true behavior
 - At this stage this assumption is made for untreated bridge decks, and will need to be revisited for other elements

Framework Characteristics

- **Adaptive** – has the ability to learn and adapt as new data become available (i.e. to modify, replace, or verify the key assumptions above)
- **Comprehensive** – is cast in general terms so as to be applicable to a diverse set of performances
- **Efficient** – makes use of all of the diverse data being collected by the LTBP Program



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Two-Pronged Approach

Top Down

Makes use of data available across the entire population of bridges located within clusters

Employs probabilistic and/or deterministic models to generate deterioration curves based on this data

Essentially provides a broad context to compare the bridges subjected to higher resolution data collection

Bottom Up

Makes use of data available from legacy data collection, visual inspection, NDE, SHM, material sampling, etc.

In some cases, the bottom up data maybe “translated” to the NBI/NBE scale to be located with respect to the top-down model

Through comparison with the top-down models, the level of over- or under-performance of specific bridges can be quantified

Provides a wealth of data and information to develop and validate quantitative explanations as to why certain bridges over- or under-perform



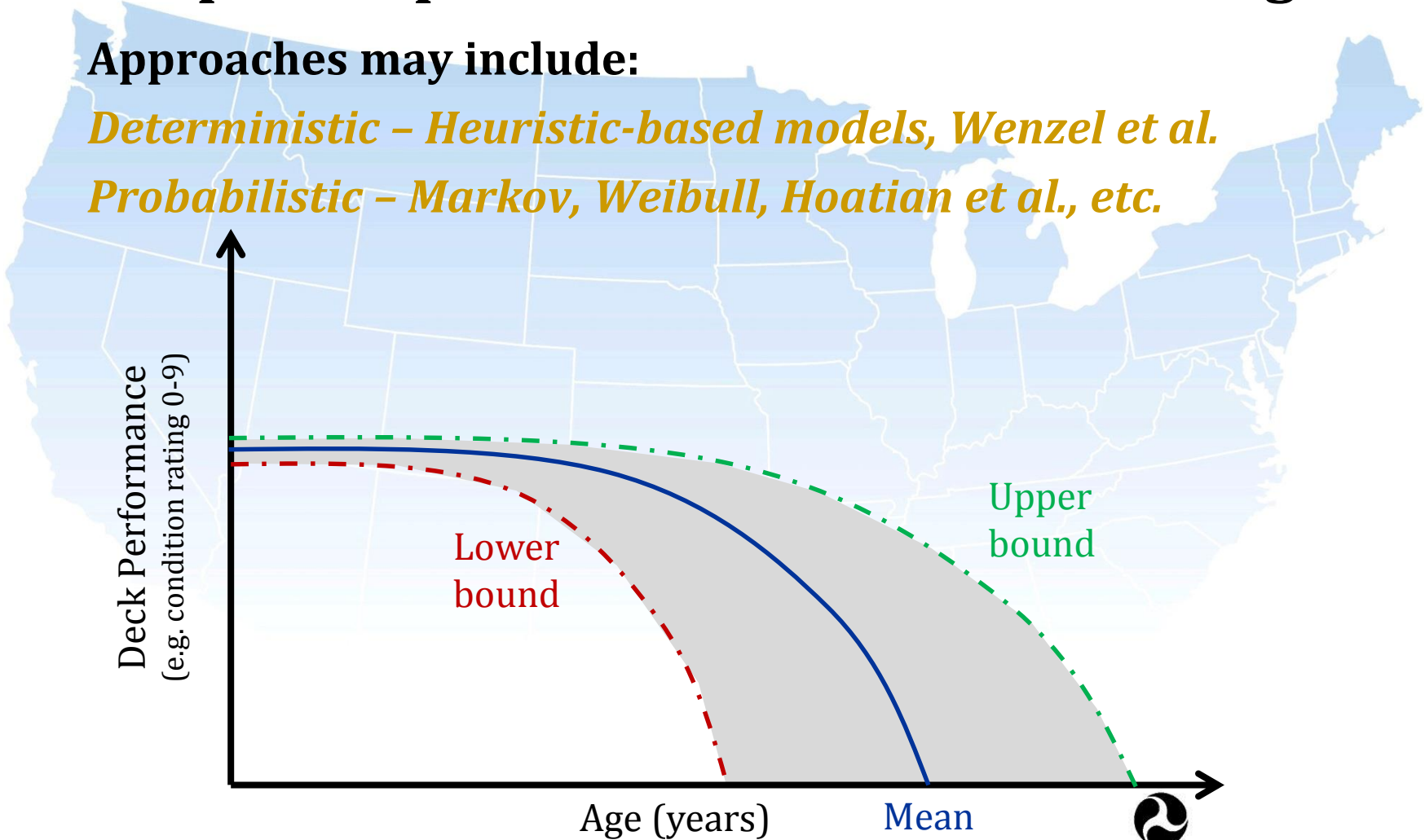
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Step 1 - Top-down deterioration modeling

Approaches may include:

Deterministic - Heuristic-based models, Wenzel et al.

Probabilistic - Markov, Weibull, Hoatian et al., etc.



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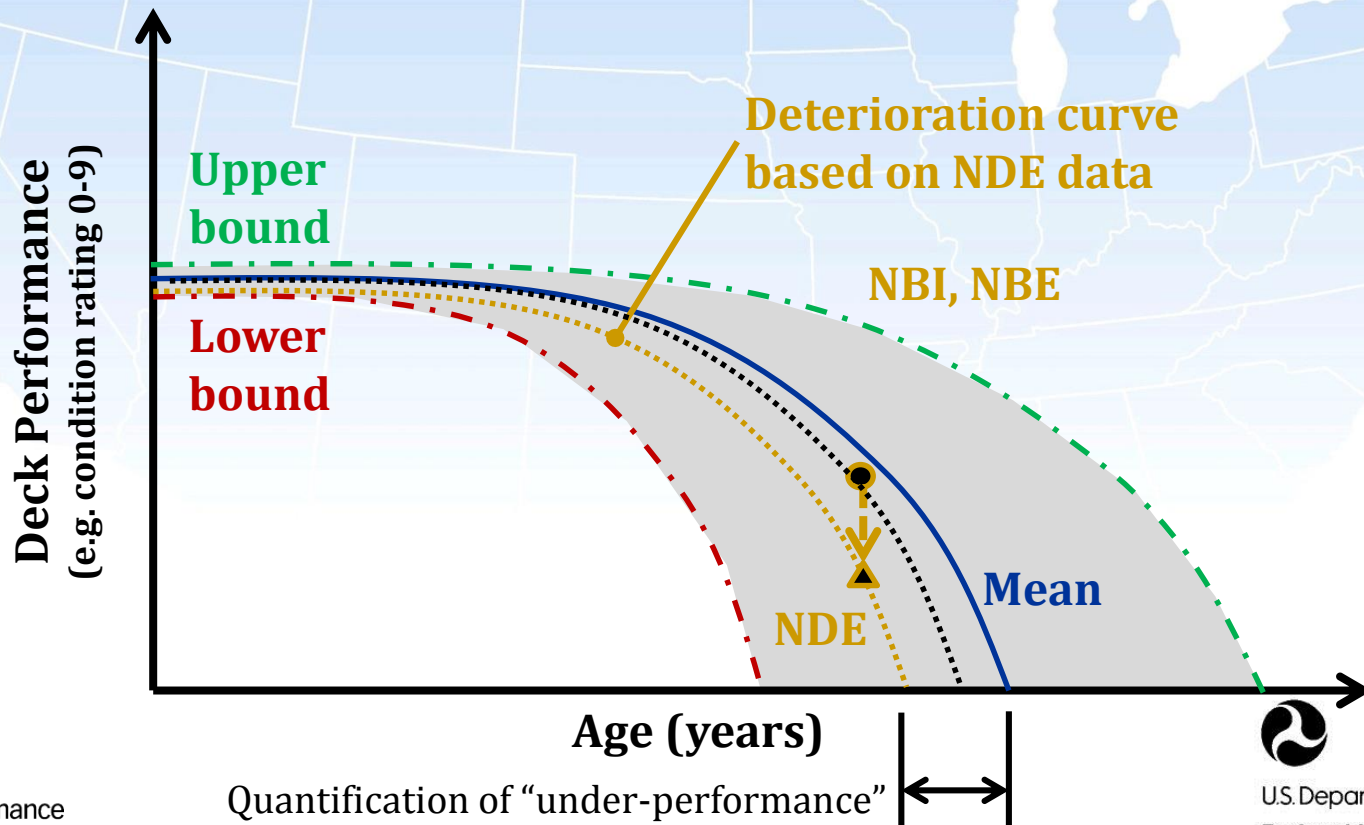
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Step 2 – Locate the specific bridge within the top-down deterioration predictions

Direct use of NBI and/or NBE

Or use of other data such as NDE “translated” to the NBI/NBE scale



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Step 3 – Quantify explanatory variables

Quantify bridge-specific inputs and attributes based on bottom-up data collection efforts

- **Environmental Inputs** → Freeze-thaw cycles, hot-dry cycles, temperature range, temperature gradients precipitation, etc.
- **Live Load** → ADTT, available traffic studies, trucking information, WIM, etc.
- **Preservation & Maintenance** → Number of snow falls greater than 1 in, available records (legacy data collection), common state practices, etc.
- **Design, Structural Characteristics** → Number of modes below 5 Hz, damping levels, actual distribution factors, global stiffness, design details (legacy data collection)
- **Construction Quality** → Available records (legacy data collection), variation of cover, variation of concrete modulus, deviations from design/specification, etc.

Inputs
Attributes

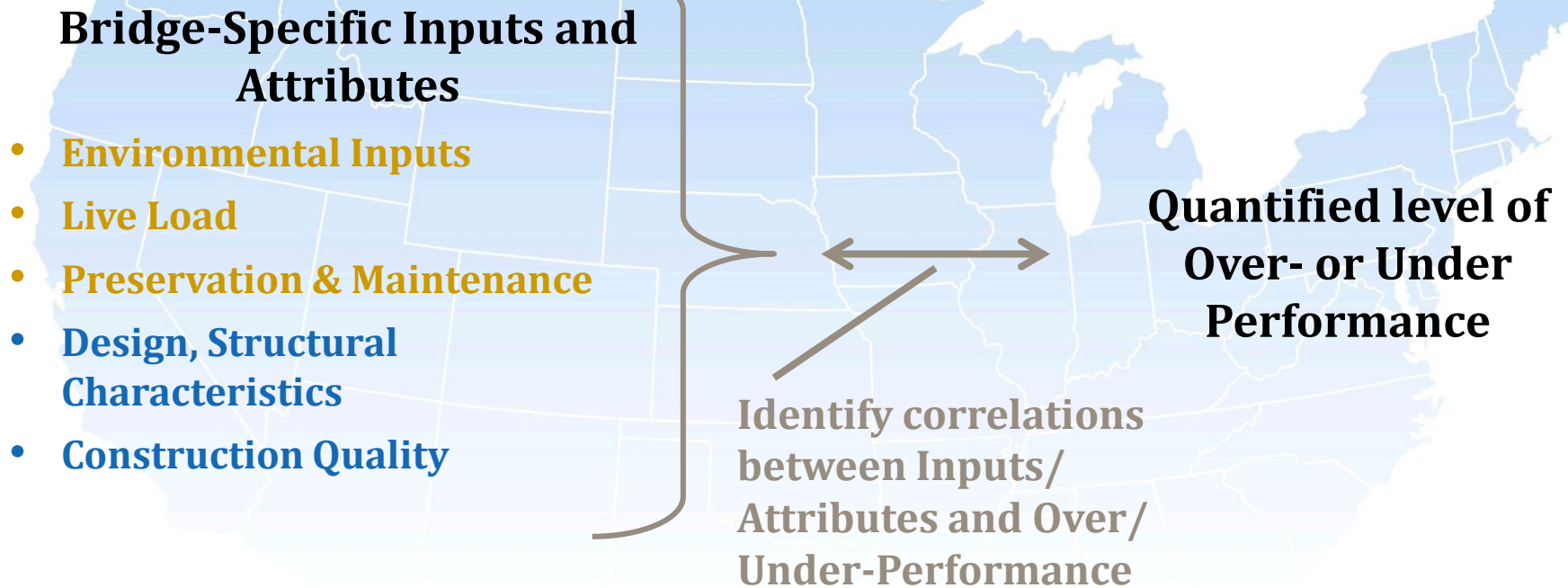
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Step 4 – Closing the loop – Explanation for observed over- or under-performance



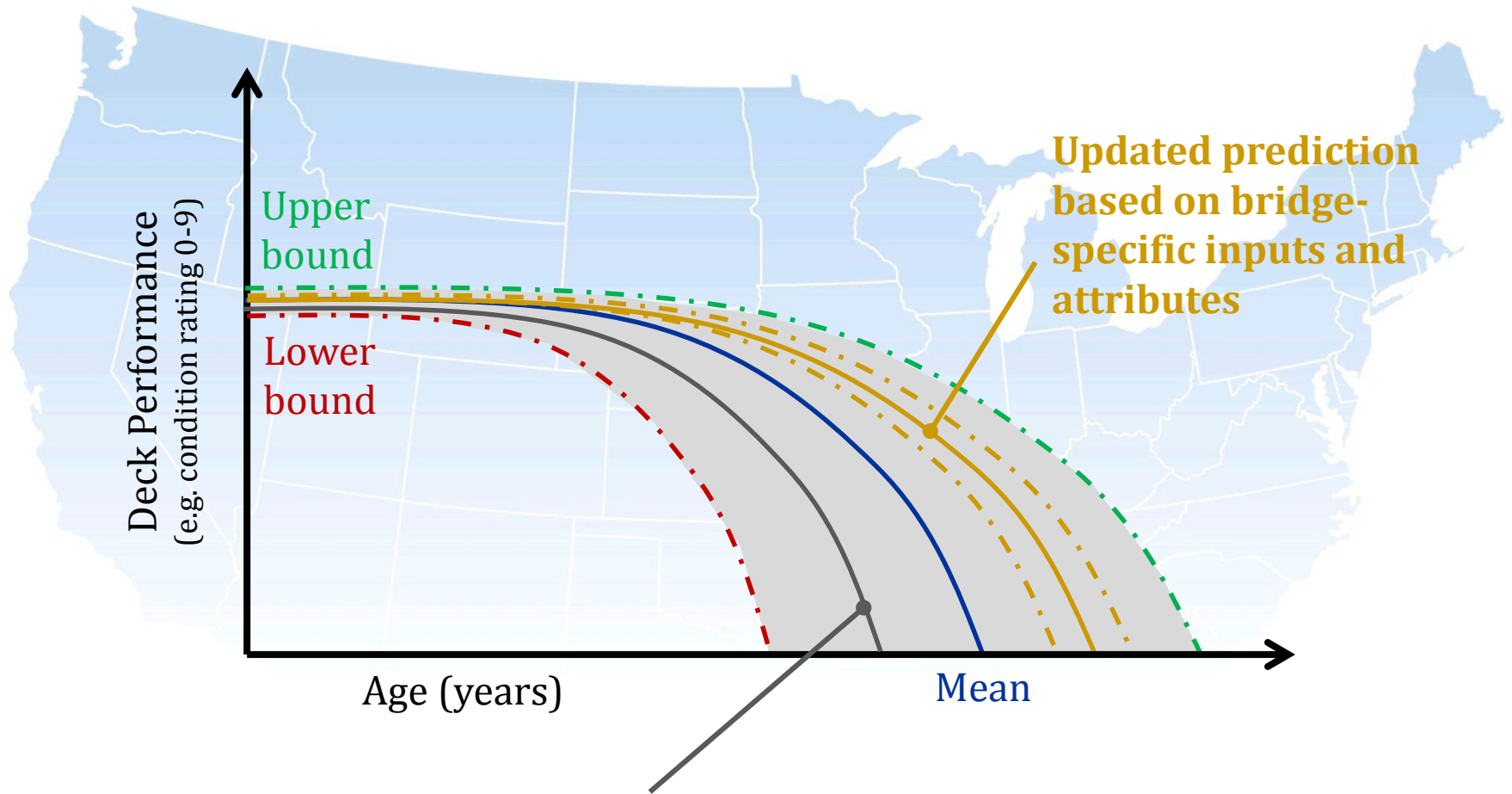
As more bottom-up data become available...

- Update, refine, validate key assumptions
- Quantify and model the influence of various inputs and attributes
- Ongoing model refinement and validation
- Updating of data collection approaches

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Outcome - Enhanced Predictive Capabilities



BEAST - Provides full life-cycle data for improved model refinement and validation

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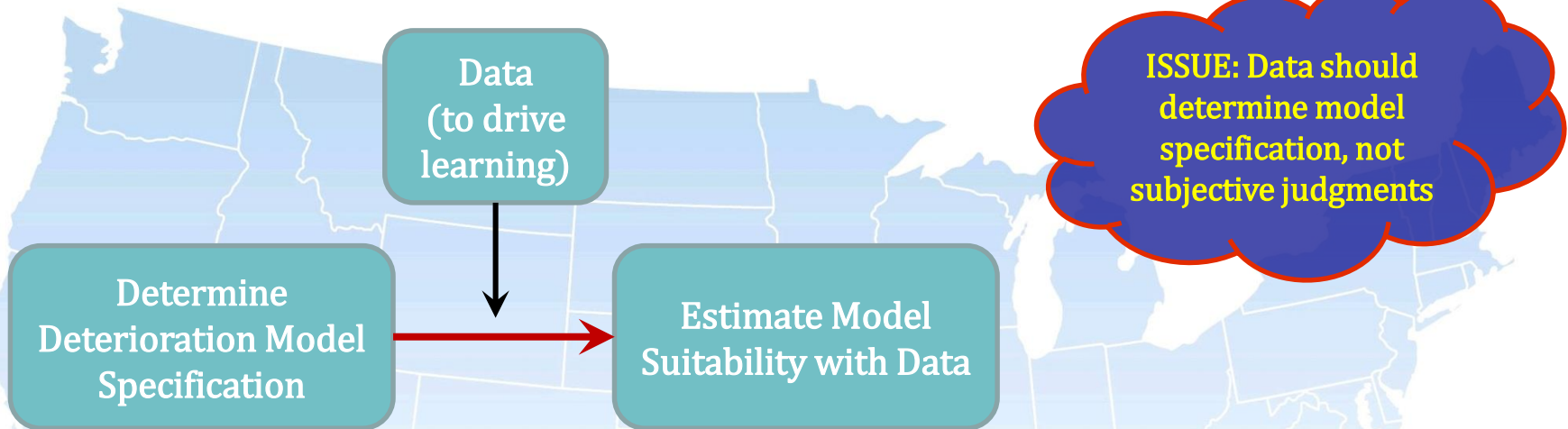
LTBP Data-Driven Deterioration Modeling Methodology (D³M²)

A modified top down approach to “*learning*”

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Traditional Deterioration Learning Approach



Inherently assume that the chosen model specification best describes deterioration. → *Problematic*

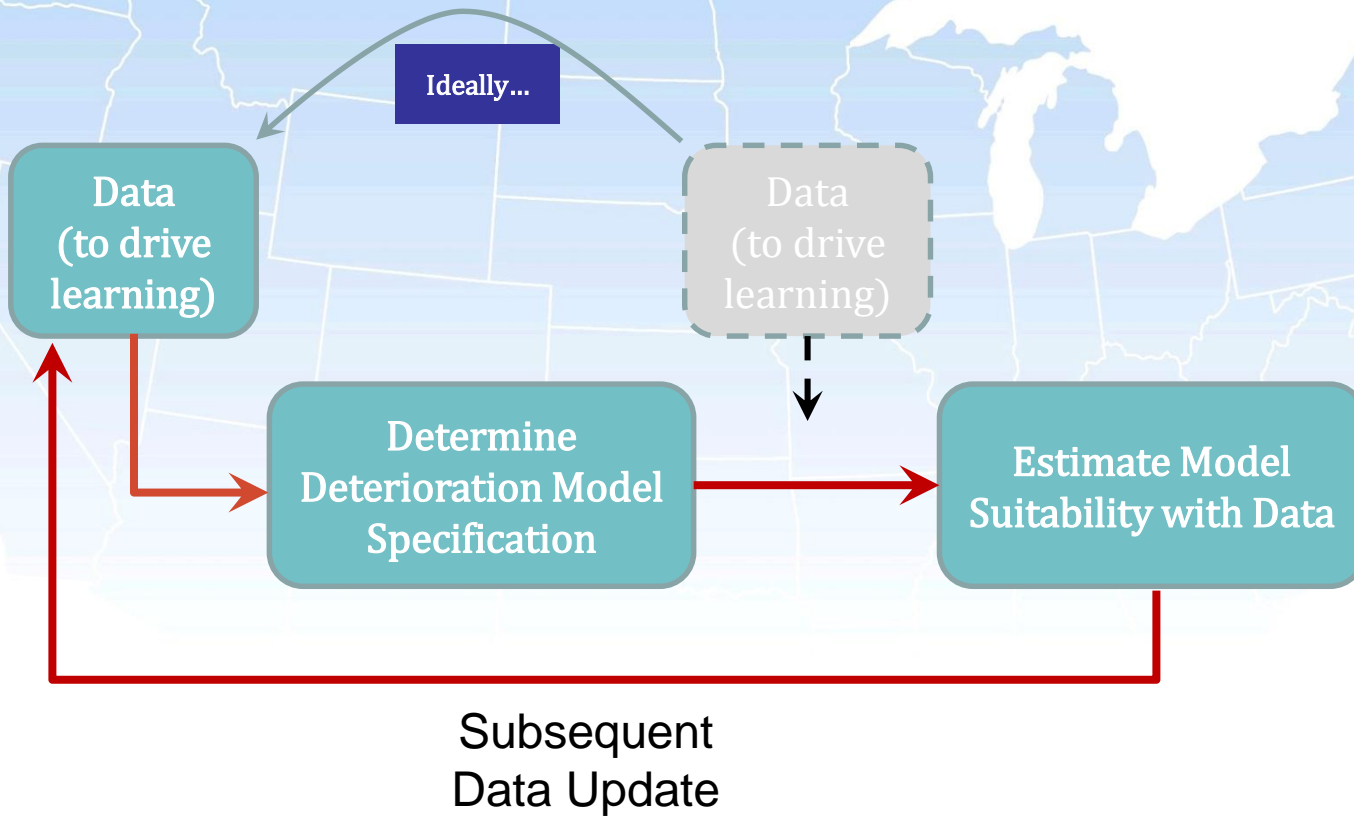
Only very poor fit would motivate new choice of model specifications. → *Compromised Accuracy*

Only one model specification can be considered every time. → *Inability to Incorporate Different Opinions*



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Traditional Deterioration Learning Approach - Modified



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LTBP Data-Driven Deterioration Modeling Methodology (D³M²)

Incorporate the *“Learning of Model Specification”*

- Propose multiple models of different types
- Allow different opinions to be simultaneously considered

Model Type 1

Model 1

Model 2

Model 3

Model Type 2

Model 1

Model 2

Model 3



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LTBP Data-Driven Deterioration Modeling Methodology (D³M²)

Assign Weights to Proposed Models

Initial weights are assumed – consider weights as *prior probabilities* of each model being the true model

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Research Community		
Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
20%	20%	20%

Practitioner Experience		
Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
10%	15%	15%





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LTBP Data-Driven Deterioration Modeling Methodology (D³M²)

The Learning Process

- Learning is in the form of updating weights of each model using data
- Evaluate the probability of observing new/next data set given each candidate model
 - Alternatively, how much each candidate model agrees with data
- Update the weights of the models based on the probabilities
 - Models with greater likelihoods (higher probability of observance) gain more weight
 - they agree more closely with the data



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VA Pilot Bridge – Haymarket VA

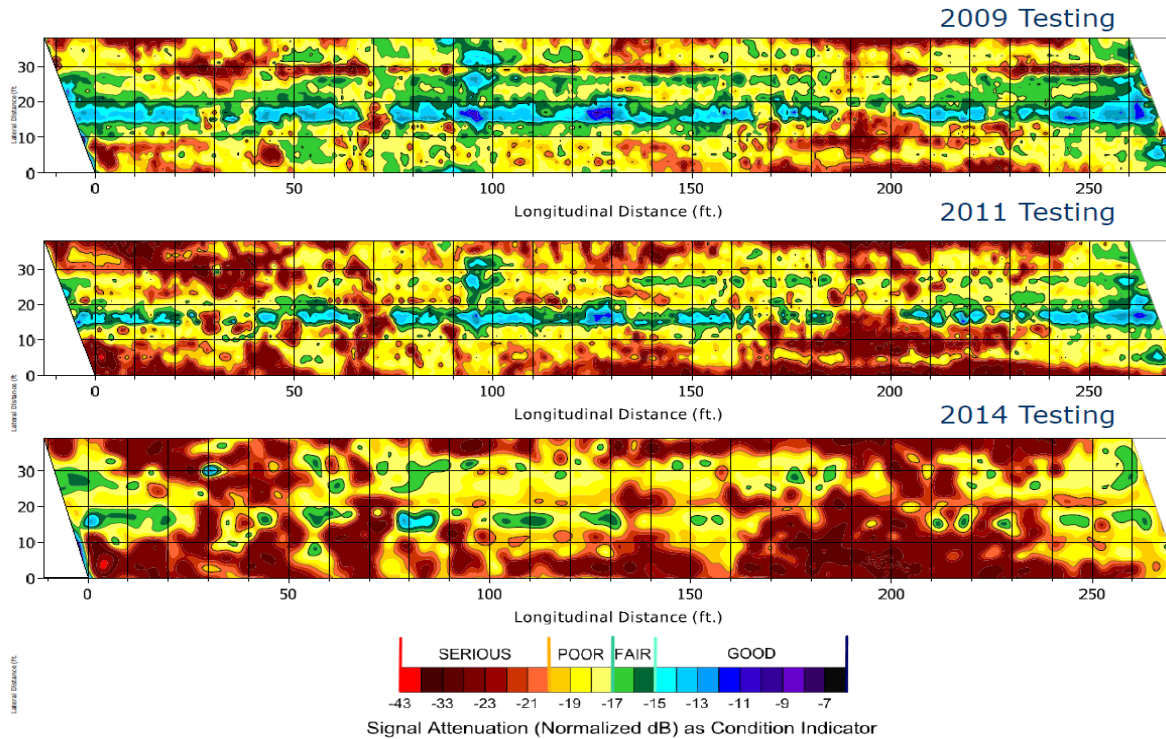
- Constructed in 1979
- Single Index Learning – One Data Source - Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Data on VA Pilot Bridge
- Three measurements: Sep 2009, Aug 2011 and Oct 2014



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Comparison of GPR Assessments



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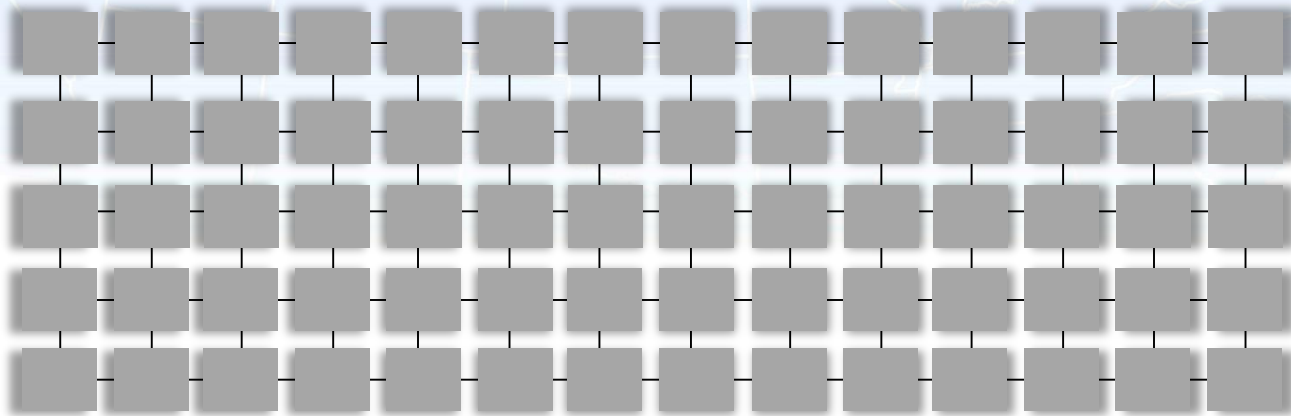
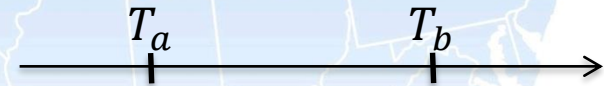


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Modeling

- Accountable variables: *AGE*
- *GPR* at T_a vs. *GPR* at T_b





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Propose Candidate Models

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Model Type 1: $GPR_{T_b} =$

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Assumed Initial Weights

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Learning with 2009 - 2011 data (*updating weights*)

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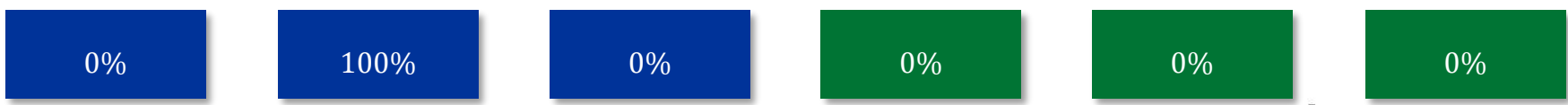


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Distinct Results

- Confidence ~100%
- Agency might not trust learning results
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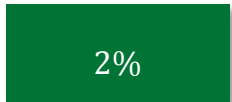
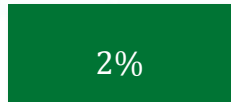
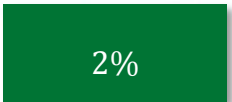


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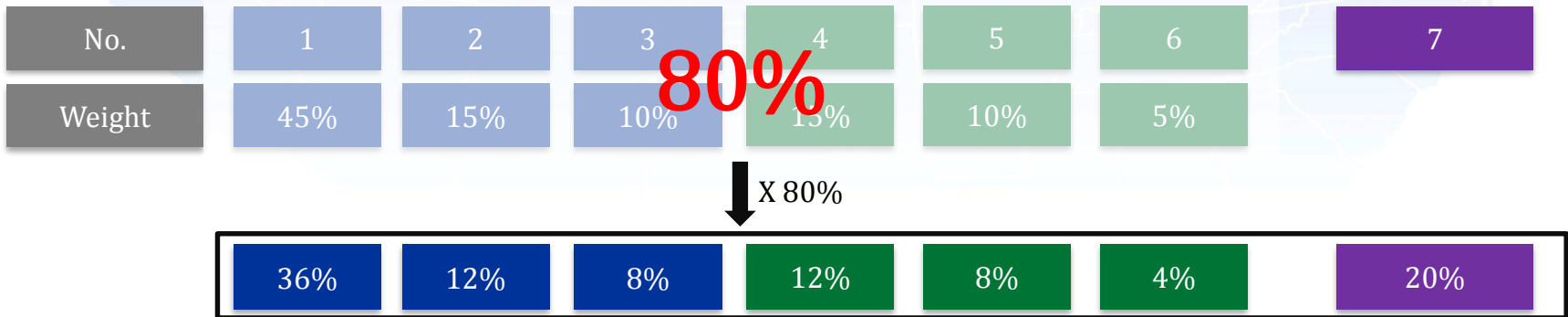




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Learning is flexible and can be corrected any time
Models can be added or removed any time



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Remove Candidate Models with 0% Weights

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Add New Candidate Models → Refined Learning

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Learning with 2009 – 2011 data (*updating weights*)

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- Multi-Index Learning
 - Indices reflect the condition of the same element: *inevitably correlated*
 - Essential for D³M² to simultaneously learn multiple indices
 - E.g. GPR & Half-Cell Potential (HCP)

Model Type Example

$$GPR_{T_b} = GPR_{T_a} \cdot \exp(\alpha + \beta_{GPR} \cdot (T_b - T_a) + \varepsilon)$$

$$HCP_{T_b} = \omega \cdot HCP_{T_a} + \beta_{HCP} \cdot (T_b - T_a) + \delta$$

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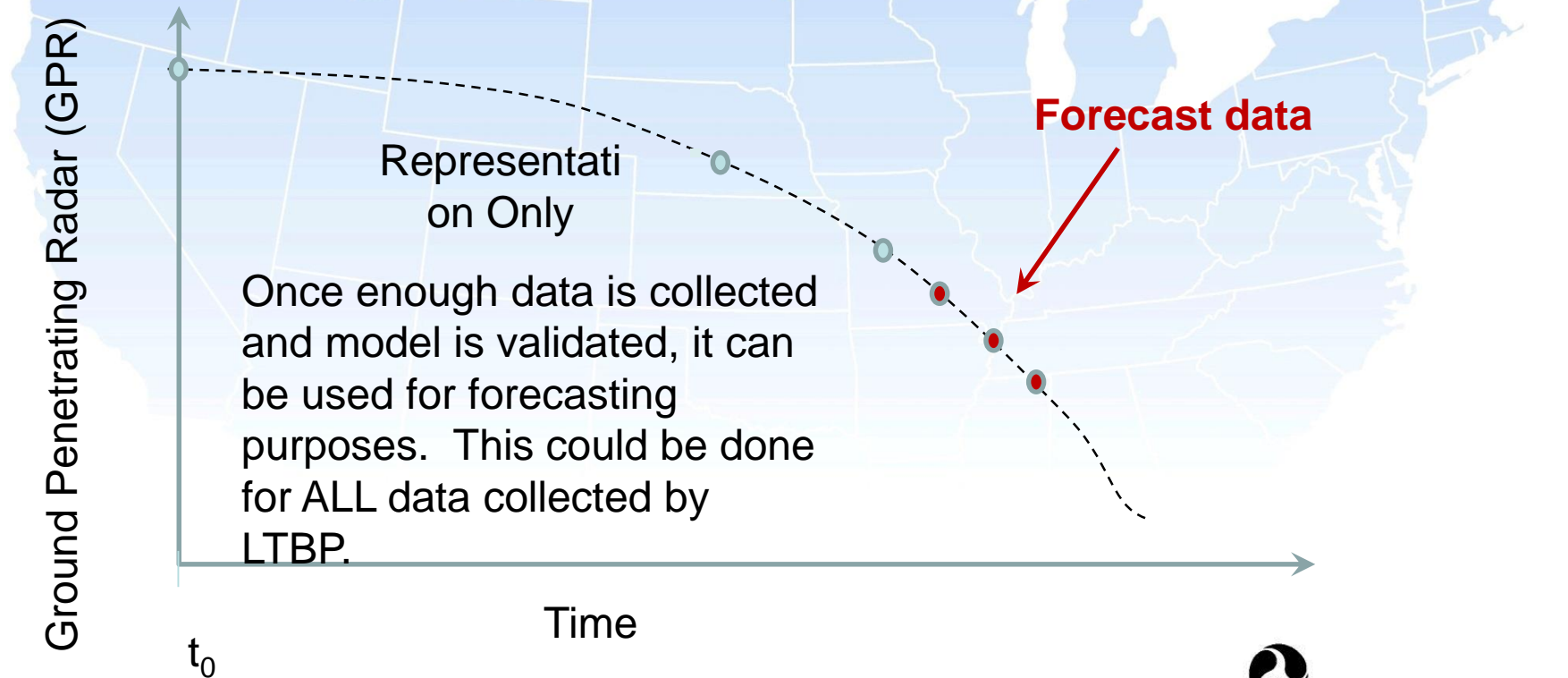
The ability to model and forecast individual indices allows us to forecast bridge conditions, and accordingly make optimal repair decisions



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What are the Implications of Proposed Data-Driven Modeling Approach ?

Forecasting Ground Penetrating Radar Results (Bridge Decks)



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Where Are We Now?

A Beta Version of Deterioration Modeling Application has been developed for NBI and NDE data and incorporated into the Bridge Portal

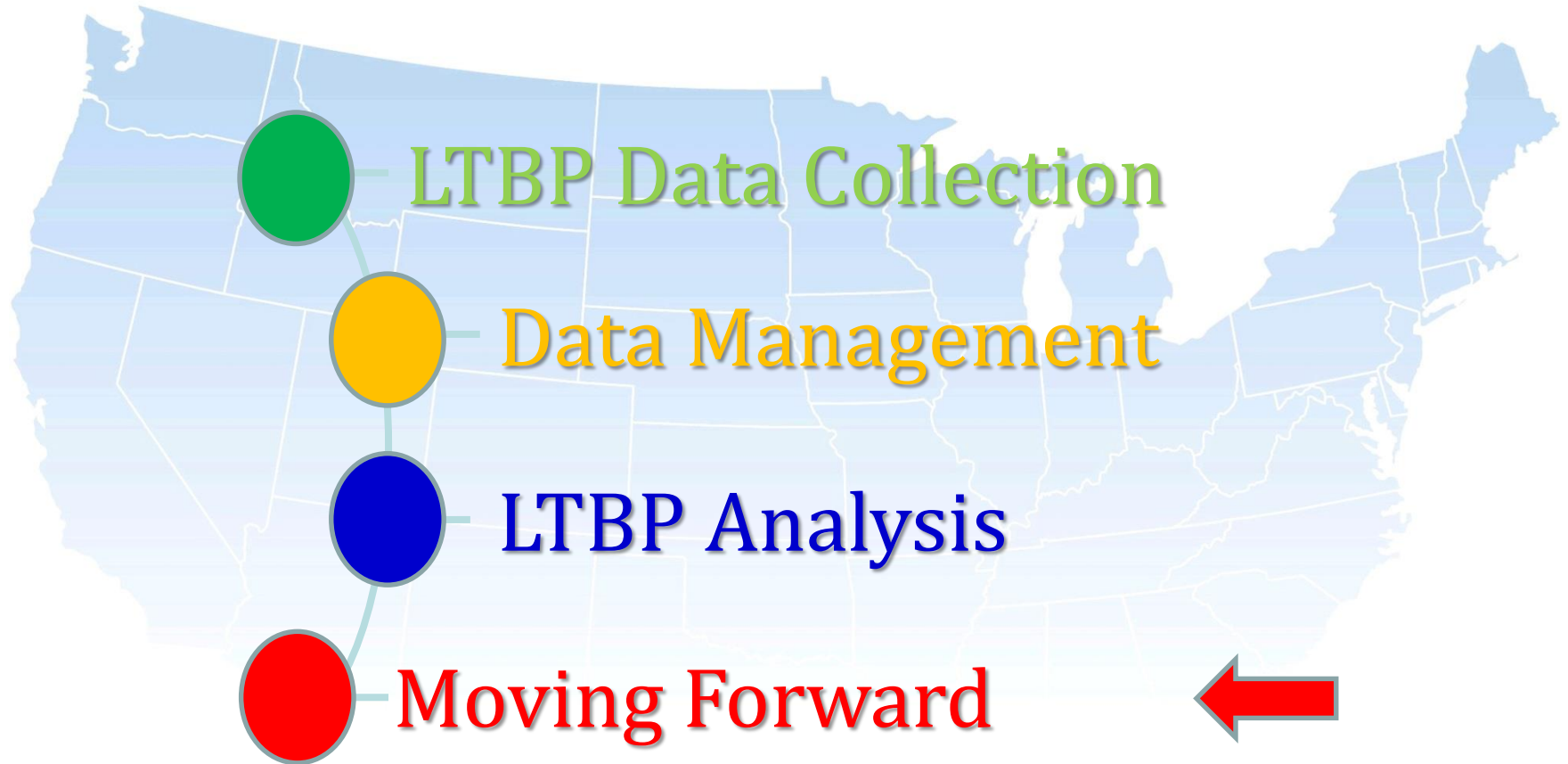


Conversations with Pilot States (NY, NJ, etc.) on validating the Deterioration Modeling Application

We Need Historical Data – Core Elements OK !!

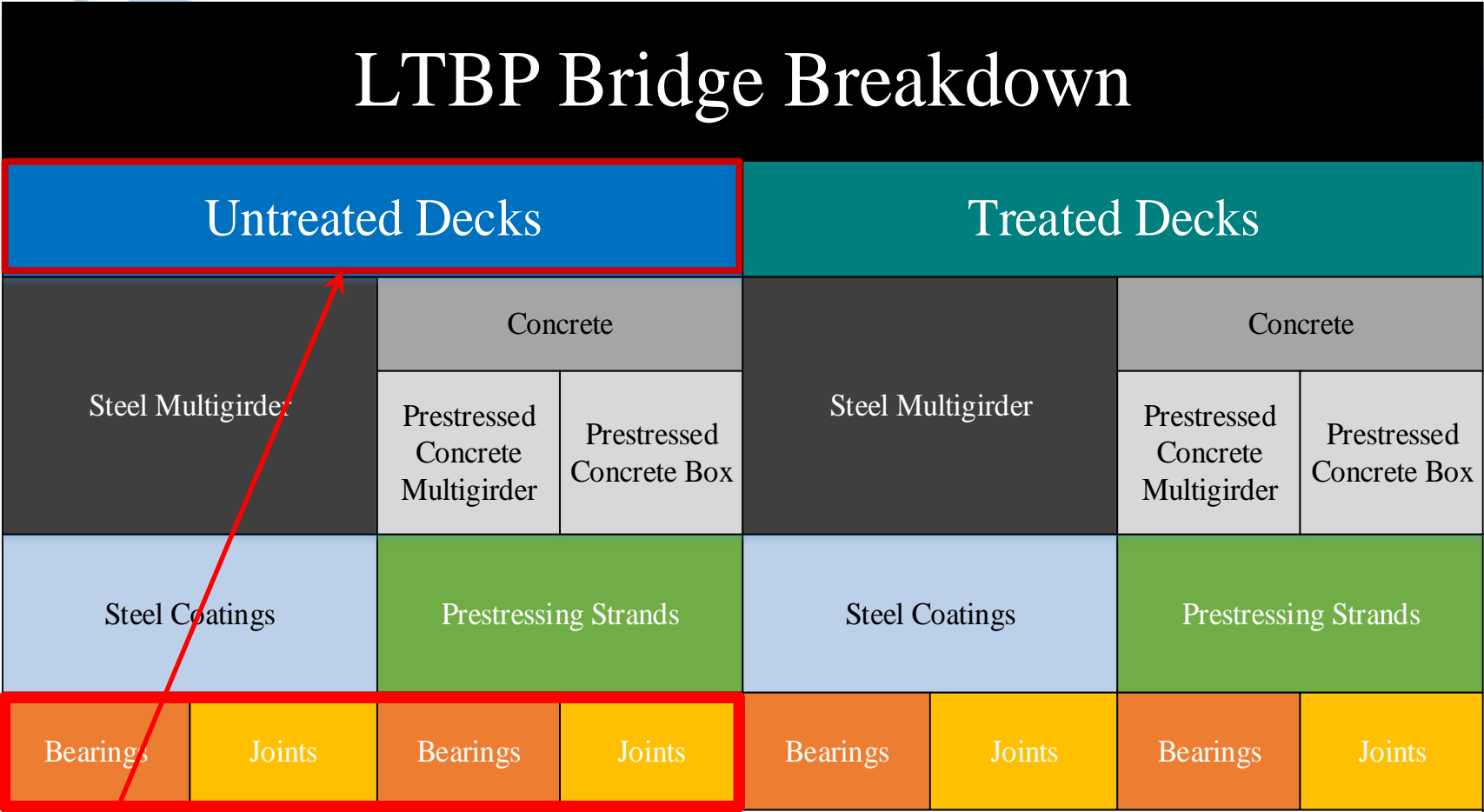


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Current Focus - Field Efforts

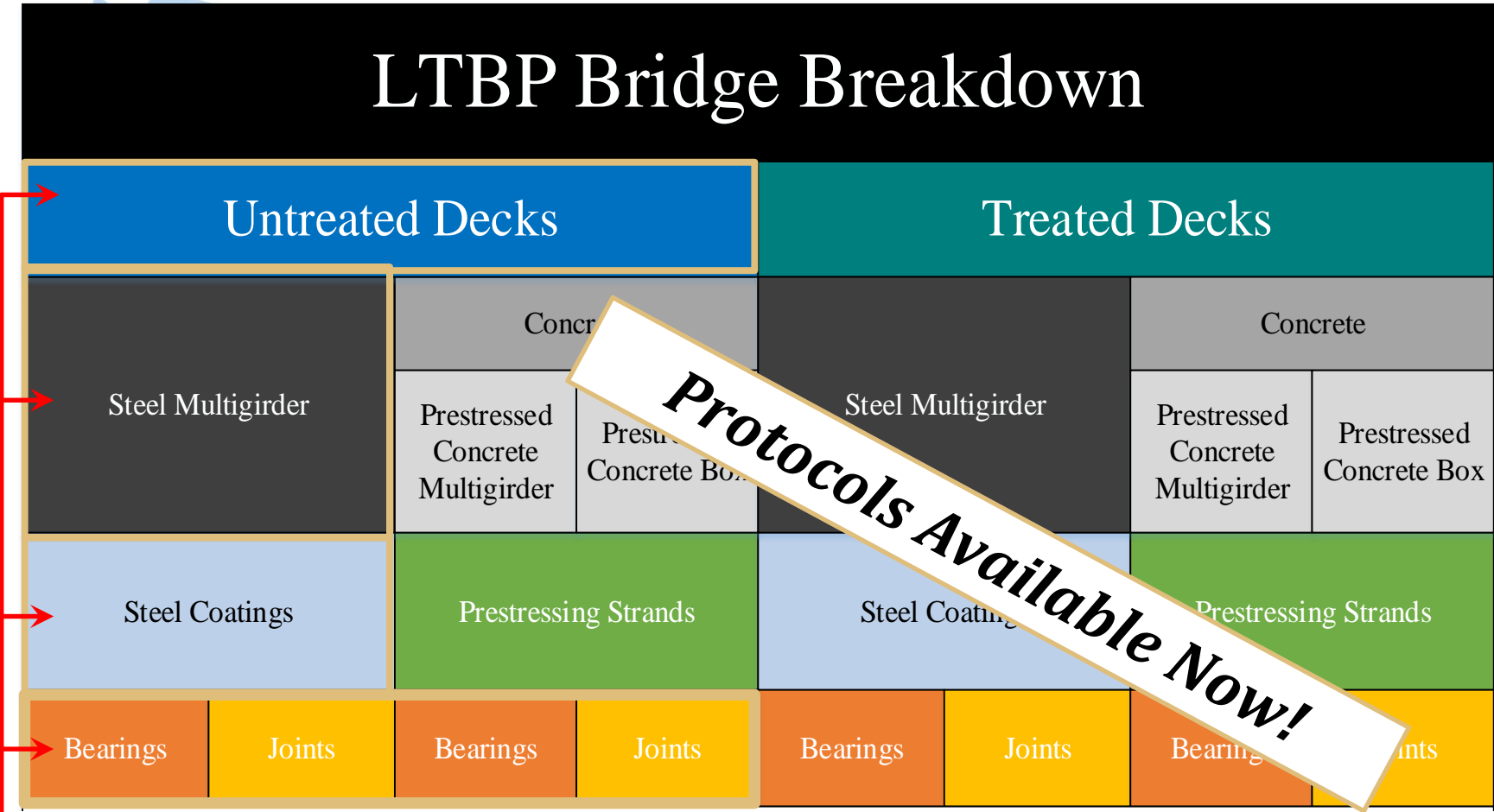


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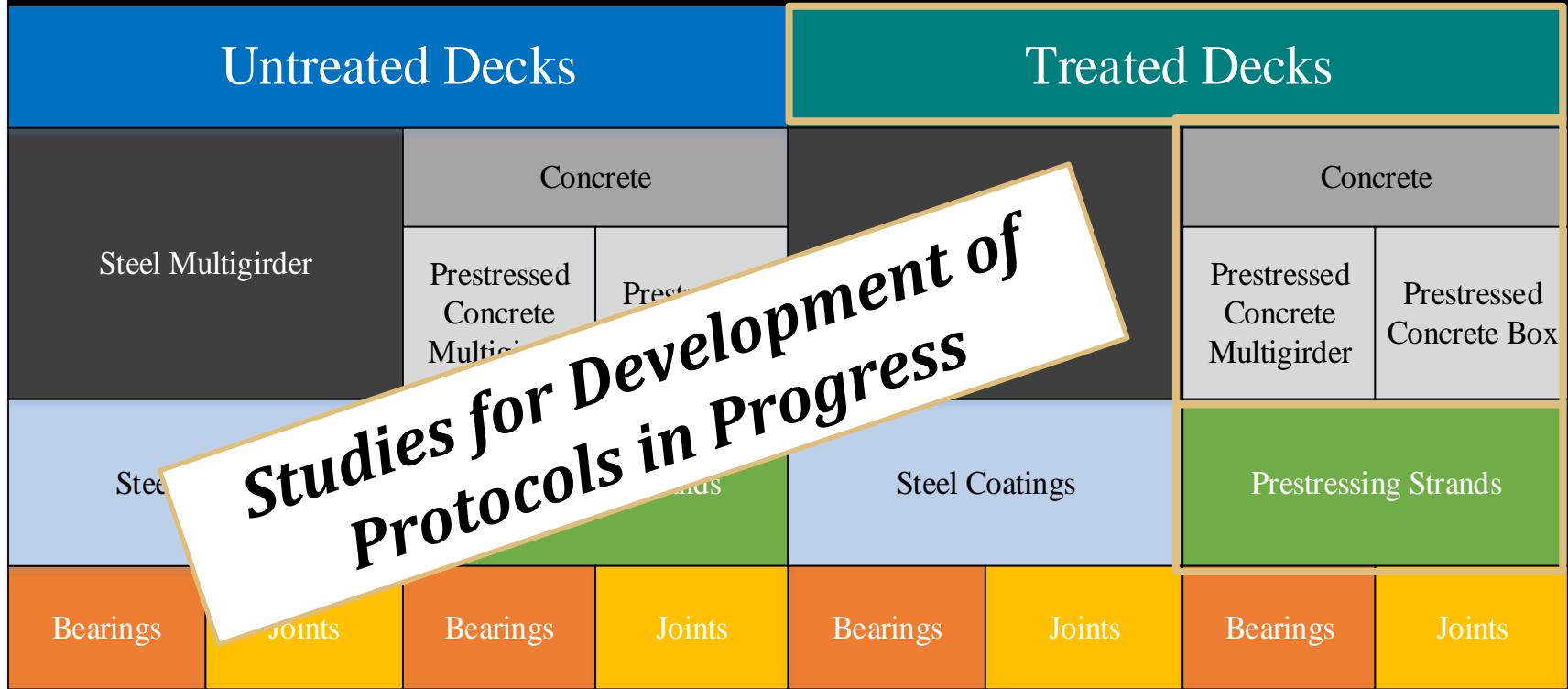


Refocus Field Efforts



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Untreated Decks				Treated Decks			
Steel Multigirder		Concrete		Steel Multigirder		Concrete	
		Prestressed Concrete Multigirder	Prestressed Concrete Box			Prestressed Concrete Multigirder	Prestressed Concrete Box
Steel Coatings		Prestressing Strands		Steel Coatings		Prestressing Strands	
Bearings	Joints	Bearings	Joints	Bearings	Joints	Bearings	Joints

Realign Field Efforts





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Status Update

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Questions?

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