



# *Effective Use of Data for Assessment and Management of Complex Structures*

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# Commodore Barry Bridge

- Maintained by Delaware River Port Authority
- Other DRPA Bridges – Benjamin Franklin, Walt Whitman, Betsy Ross Bridges
- Longest cantilever through truss bridge in the U.S. (4<sup>th</sup> longest in the world)
- In-depth inspections once every two years



# Original System

- Combination of paper and very limited computer databases
- Standard and special inspection forms
- Programs not integrated – manual entry of data in multiple locations (also certain data submitted to PennDOT and NJDOT systems)
- Narrative data kept in printed folders or computer hard drives



# Previous Problems

- Increased the potential for typing errors from redundant entry of data
- Time-consuming task of manually retrieving data from multiple hard copies and databases
- Each biennial inspection report is ~2,000 pages
- Nearly impossible to try to manually do complex queries from paper reports
- In case of emergency – needed a better plan to obtain data
- Needed to centralize data to one location for easy access

# Hundreds of Pages of this

2008 Biennial Inspection of Commodore Barry Bridge  
Inspection Field Notes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is a notch in top surface of the L2 inside connection plate to truss lateral diagonal bracing top flange (Photo 54).</li> </ul>
L4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate corrosion at connection between lower diagonal lateral bracing and bottom chord at panel point 4 and splices between FB and FB bracket to lower chord connection.</li> </ul>
L6:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three (3) 1" long tack welds on backer bar at end of FB connection to lower cord.</li> </ul>
L9:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two (2) 1" long tack welds on top of weld between backer bar of lower diagonal lateral bracing and lower chord at L9.</li> </ul>
L10:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate corrosion on splice plate and several splice bolts at L9-L10 at panel point 10.</li> <li>- Heavy corrosion on few interior bottom plate splice bolts at L9-L10 to L10 chord splice.</li> </ul>
L12:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four open <del>misdrilled</del> holes on truss vertical member flange connection to L12 at flange thickness transition.</li> <li>- One missing bolt on L11-L12 to L12 chord splice for drainage from truss chord interior mid-depth plate.</li> <li>- Moderate to heavy rust on all interior bolts and plates at L11-L12 to L12 truss chord splice including the underside of the truss chord interior mid-depth plate.</li> <li>- Heavy to severe corrosion on several truss chord bottom plate interior splice bolts.</li> </ul>
L13:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>Weephole</del> on outside of truss bottom chord at L13 has heavy corrosion around the perimeter with heavy rust stains.</li> <li>- 8" long vertical weld along backer bar at west side of FB13 to L13 connection plate and L13 inside gusset plate.</li> </ul>
L14:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>Ponding</del> water and water stains on top surface of L14-L15 chord member. One missing bolt at mid-depth of L14-L15 outside web splice plate to L15 with moderate corrosion along <del>hole</del> perimeter. Hole is actually leaking with rust stains.</li> </ul>

Inspection Field Notes

SUPERSTRUCTURE - THRU TRUSS SPANS  
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One missing bolt / open hole on truss vertical connection to outside gusset plate. Note that there is no hole in the far side plate at this location.</li> </ul>
L15:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>Ponding</del> water up to 1/2" on top surface of bottom chord at L15 between inside and outside gusset plates on both sides of vertical.</li> </ul>
L16:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One missing bolt on outside L15-L16 to L16 truss chord splice for drainage from truss chord interior mid-depth plate.</li> </ul>
<u>South Truss:</u>	
L0:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heavy <del>spalling</del> of concrete pad on top surface of bottom chord at L0.</li> </ul>
L2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate to heavy corrosion on five interior bottom splice plate bolts at L2-L3 to L2 truss chord splice.</li> </ul>
L3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vertical backer bar on west side of FB3 connection to L3 inside gusset plate terminates two-thirds up floor beam connection plate and a weld continues from that point to top.</li> </ul>
L9:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One (3/4") tack weld between truss bracing member connection plate backer bar and inside gusset plate at L9.</li> </ul>
L10:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderate to heavy rust on few interior truss chord L9-L10 to L10 bottom plate splice bolts.</li> <li>- Water stains and evidence of <del>ponding</del> water on top surface of bottom chord between gusset plates on east side of truss vertical at L10.</li> </ul>
L11:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>Weephole</del> on outside gusset plate has heavy corrosion around perimeter with heavy rust stains (Photo 51).</li> </ul>
L12:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One missing bolt on outside L11-L12 to L12 chord splice for drainage from interior mid-depth plate.</li> <li>- Moderate to heavy rust on all interior bolts and plates at L11-L12 to L12 truss chord splice including the underside of the truss chord interior mid-depth plate.</li> </ul>

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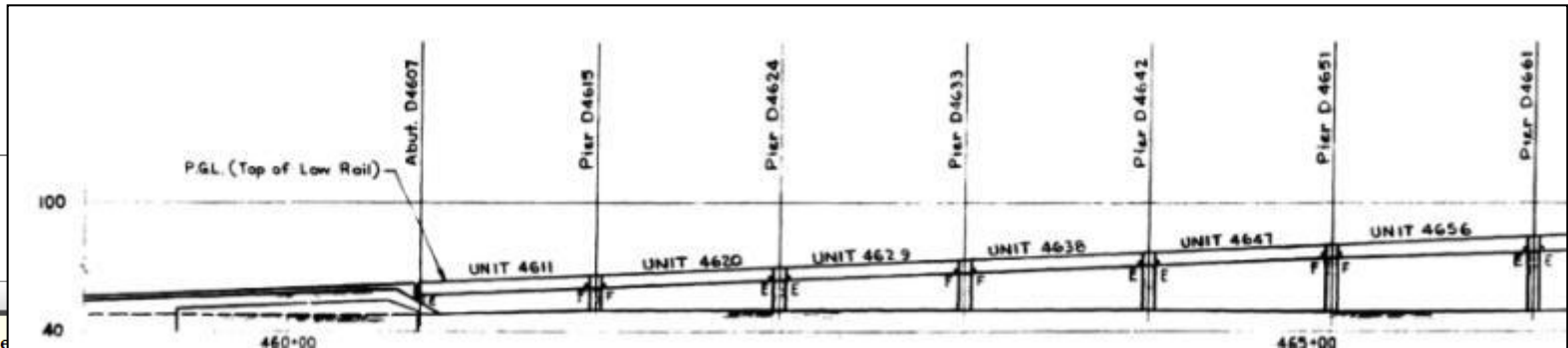
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# DC Metro – 2D Approach



Main Administration

Minnesota Avenue Aerial



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12/08/2009	Minnesota Avenue Aerial Structure	<a href="#">Minnesota Avenue Aerial Structure</a>	Webb, Gerald	Bridge		Approved on 6/24/2010	✖

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12/07/2009	1117700	<a href="#">Span 2467 OB</a>	None	Limones, Jose	Bridge		Approved on 6/24/2010	✖

# Inspection Software

## StructureSuite Collector

*For high quality data collection on complex structures.*



BridgesInspect Collector - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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### SI&A Form 6 - Condition Ratings

(90) Inspection Date 4/15/2003

(91) Inspection Frequency 24

(92) Critical Feature Inspection N N N

(93) Critical Feature Inspection Date

(58) Deck 5

(59) Superstructure 9

(60) Substructure 9

(61) Channel and Channel Protection 8

(62) Culverts N

(332) Posting Signs N

(340) Inspection Classification W

Deck

5 - Fair Condition

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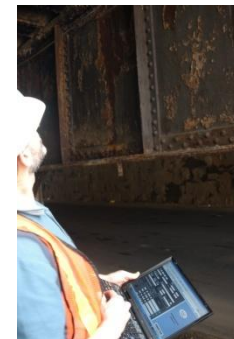
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# Project Approach

- Customize the core system and products for DRPA
- Establish consistent, high quality, and reliable format for collection and management of data
- Allow for pictures, sketches, interactive manuals, and any other resources to be attached to every component
- Integrate with existing business processes
- Develop an easy-to-use system for DRPA and its Consultant



# Commodore Barry Bridge

- An advanced inspection system which integrated data from a variety of sources was used on the latest inspection to assist in the data overload
- Fully supports inspection forms and required information
- Ability to allow all other information to be linked and stored in one Place
- Field data collection module available on tablets for on site entry



# Web Based – Central Repository

BridgeInspect Manager - Windows Internet Explorer

https://drpa.bridgemanage.com/main.aspx

BridgeInspect Manager

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**StructureSuite**

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[Deck: E16](#)  
[Spans: Deck](#)  
[Superstructure: E2](#)

*Most Recent Inspection Reports Approved:*



[Commodore Barry Bridge](#)

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## Central Repository

- All bridge data in a single location with easy to use and powerful modules for past, current, and future info/tasks.
- Information automatically flows in from inspection sources
- Users can directly add files, historic data, or day-to-day maintenance accomplishments into the system

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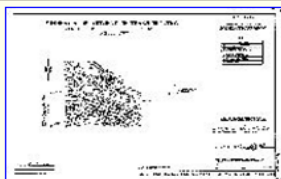
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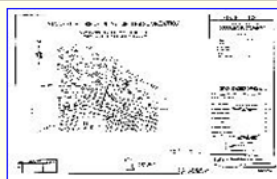


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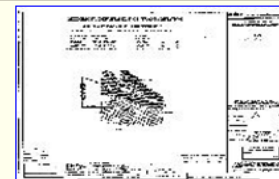
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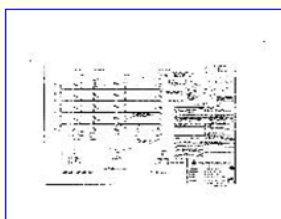
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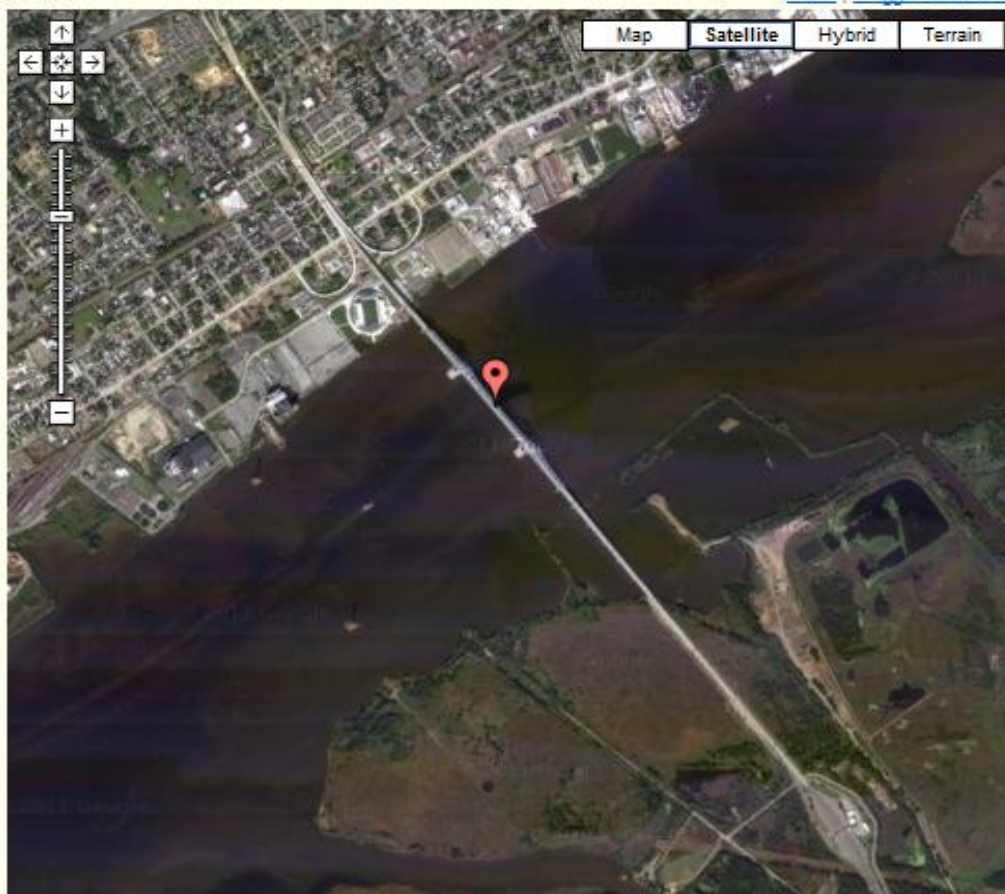
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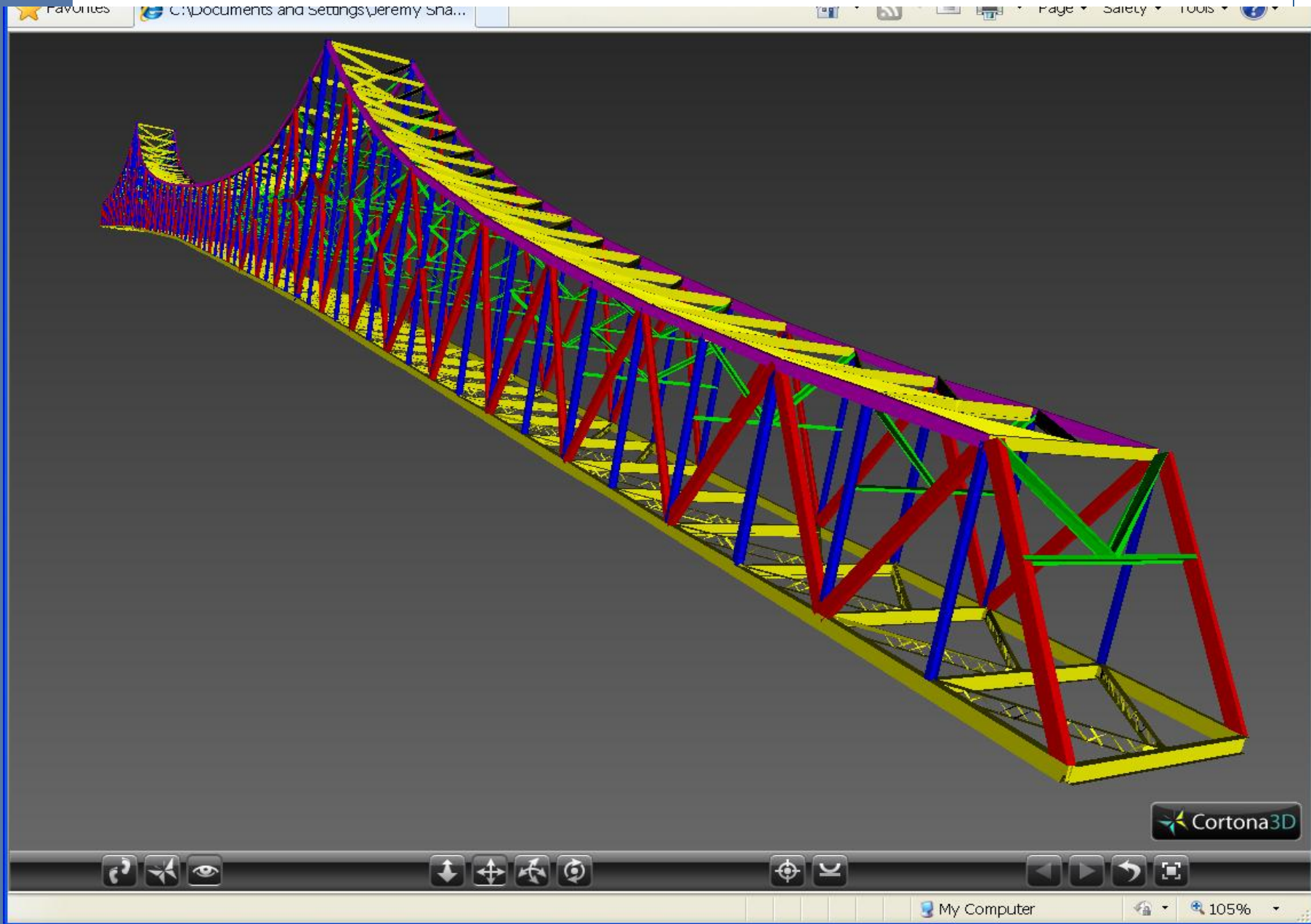
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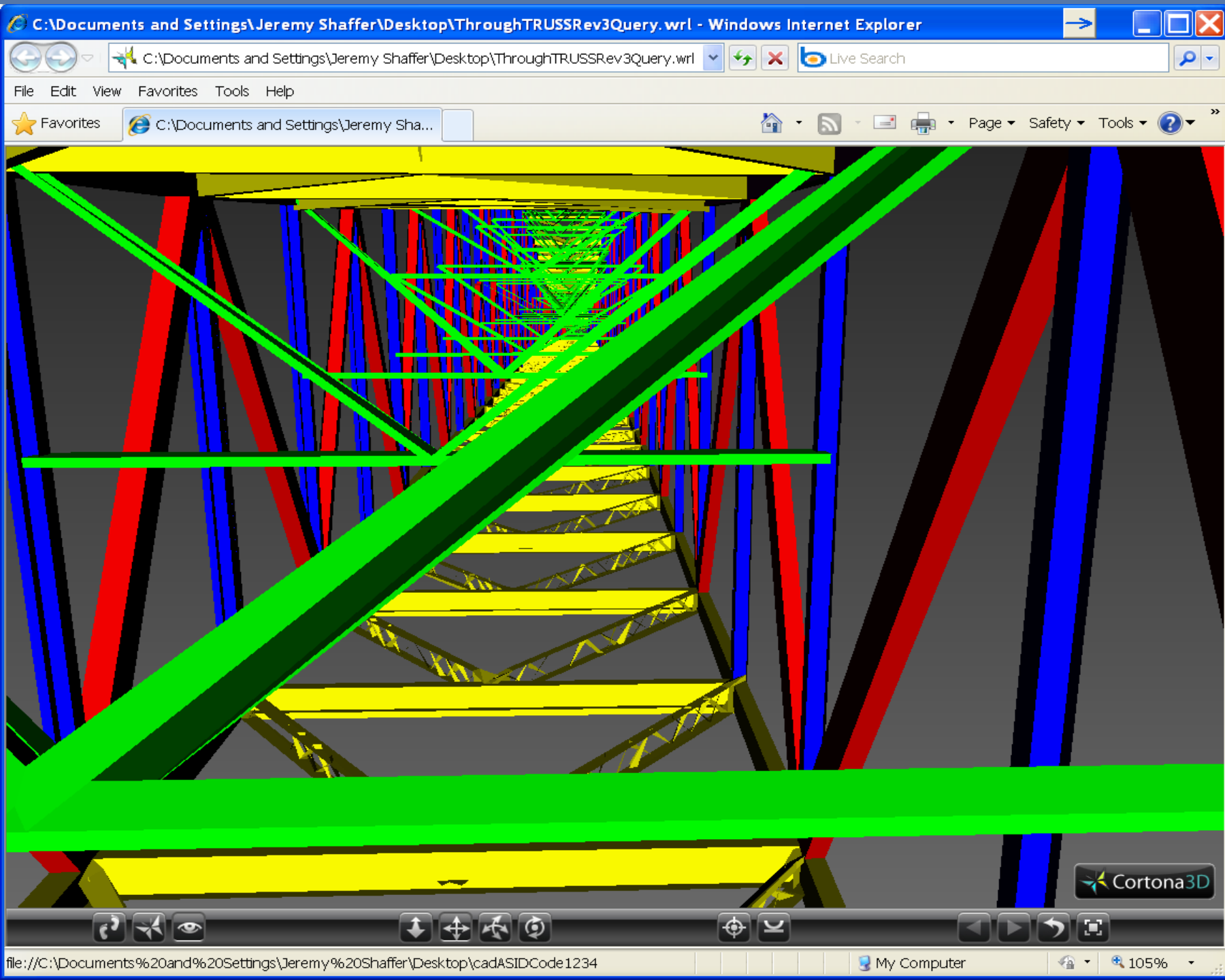
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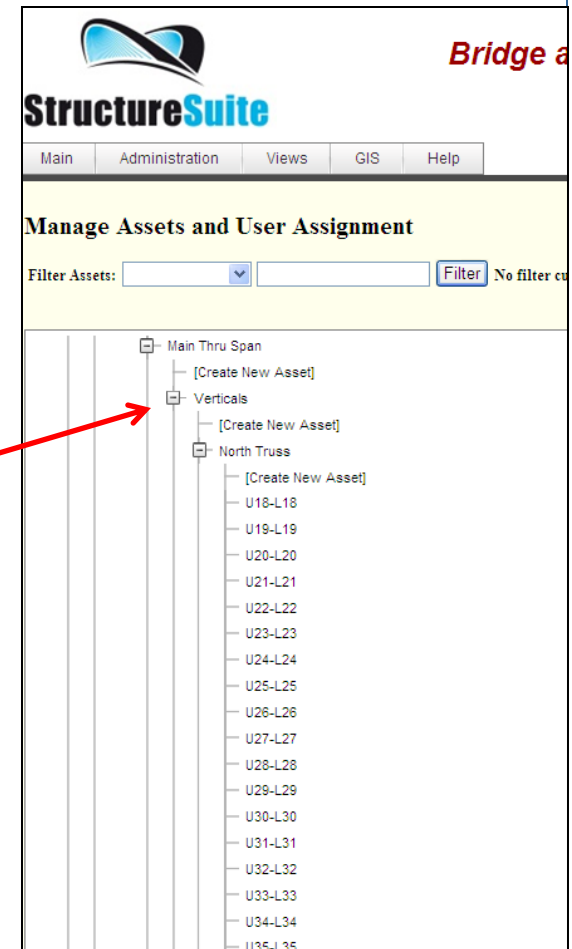
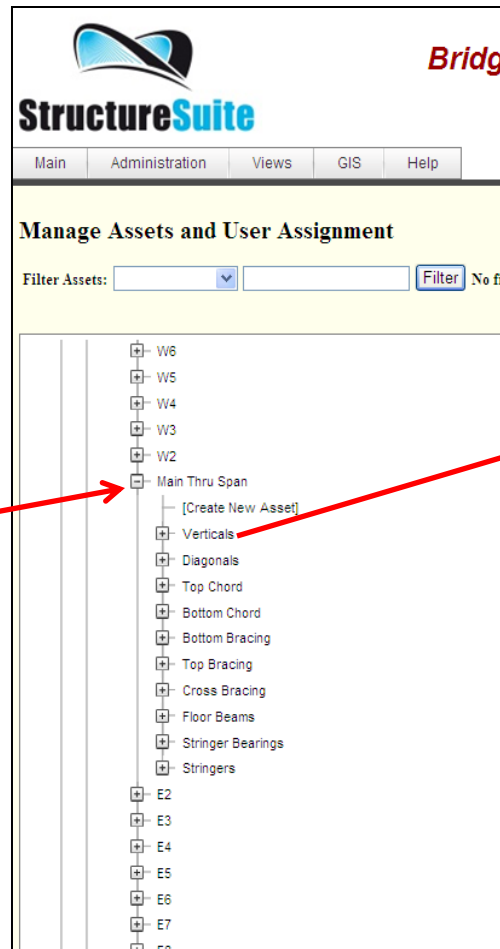
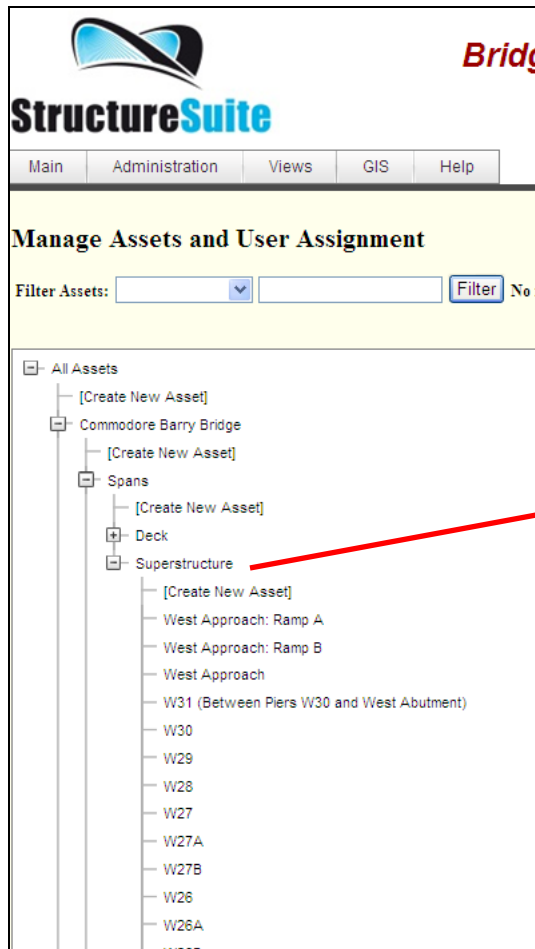
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- 3D Solid Model
- Represent only the details that user cares about
- Utilize color for different layers – condense to single color for search results
- Ability to turn on/off layers
- Information all driven off database and web-interface

# Drill down into detail of bridge to add ratings, comments, pictures

User drilling down to bridge, span, superstructure, main span, verticals, north truss and specific parts



# Bridge and Span have a Detailed Page Created

- Complex bridges can have enormous amounts of data that needs to be organized.
- Specialized data collection for different component types
- All pictures, sketches, and other electronic files stored in one easy to use place
- All historic data available


# Inspection Entry Example (specific steel chord)


**U27-L27 (Verticals > North Truss)**

Add Components to Group

Delete Component

Rating	7 - Good Condition (some minor problems) ▼
Remarks	<div>-Southeast retrofit rod has numerous scrapes and gouges in the wrapping near the top.</div>

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Select New Picture/File

# Create, Tag, and Prioritize Maintenance Needs

L2-L4 (Bay L2-L4 > West Truss > Bottom Chord)

Add Components to Group Delete Component

### Comments/Maint Needs

Create New Comment/Maint Need Show Completed Items


#### In Progress Items:


Delete

Status Active

Maintenance Number	S0502BB
Priority Code	3
Comments	
Maintenance Recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> No Maintenance Required Blast-clean and paint the 12" x 6" area of paint failure with moderate surface corrosion.
Work To Be Performed By	Contractor

Select New Picture/File

Condition Photo: 



# Commodore Barry Bridge

- Allows for full searching using ad-hoc query tool to return the exact dataset you are interested in
- Provides visualization of data in 3D model and other output formats
- Problem areas and component relationships can be seen quickly and easily
- Dramatic improvement over past paper booklets

# Special Searching Criteria

- Search by entire structure, span or specific component type
- Ability to drill down into the specific parts of the asset tree to the desired level
- Can combine fields and criteria as needed to make simple or complex queries using boolean logic



# Field Selections in Queries

Reports Administration Help Find an asset

where field '58 - Deck (Rating)' = ''

☒ Add Criteria Field to Displayed Columns

Return results that match All of the fol

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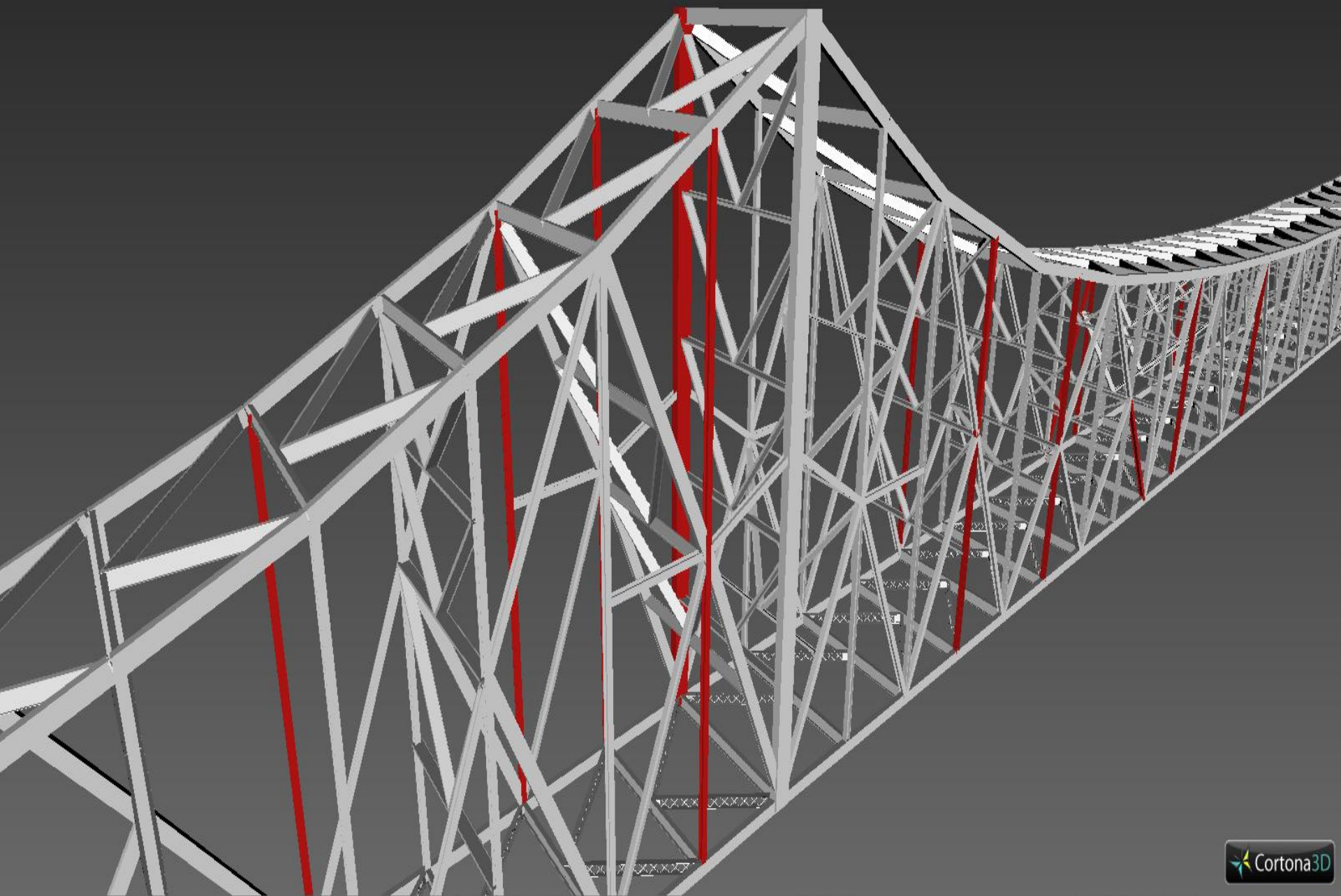
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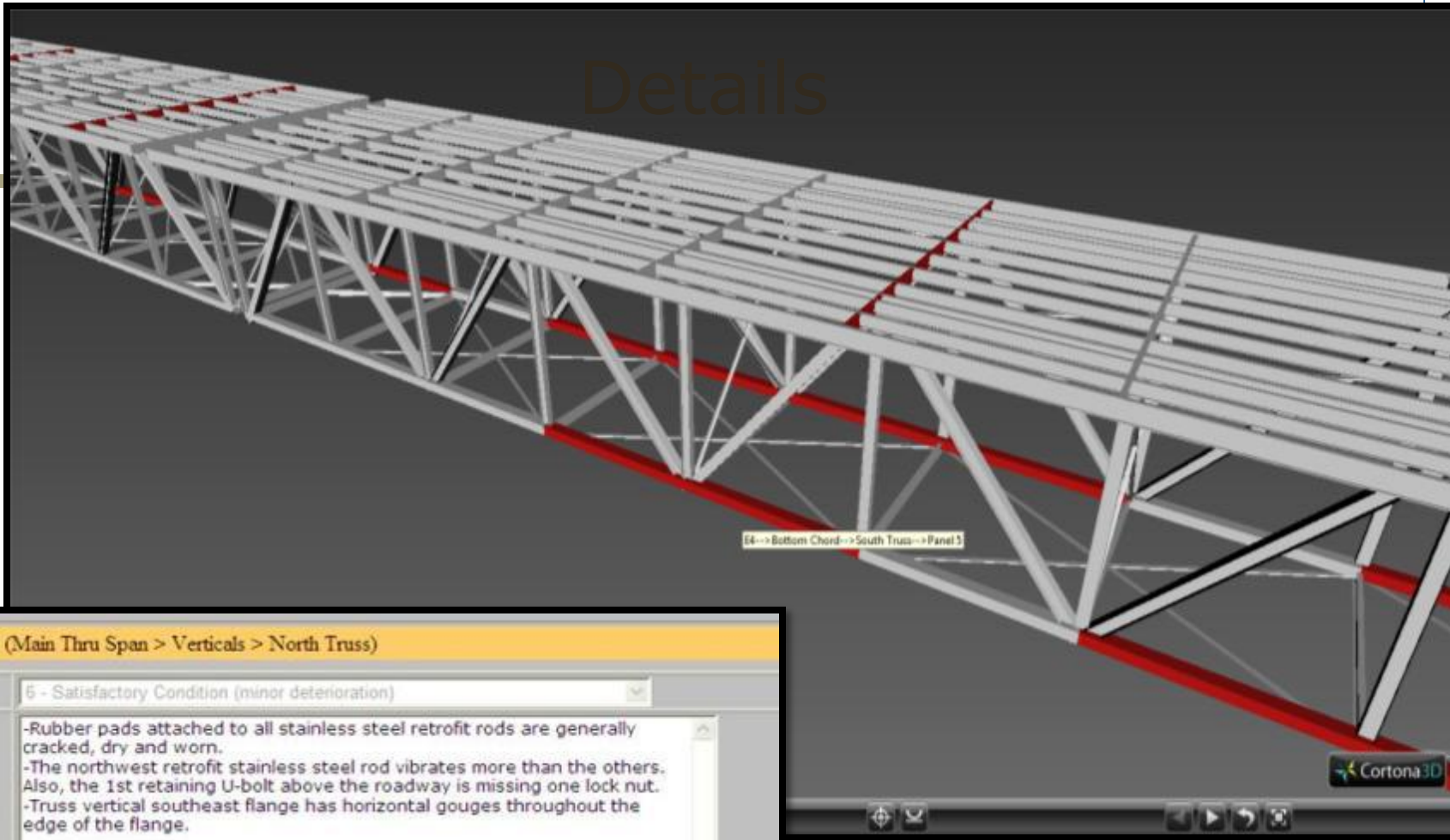
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## Details



### U45-L45 (Main Thru Span > Verticals > North Truss)

Rating: 5 - Satisfactory Condition (minor deterioration)

#### Remarks

- Rubber pads attached to all stainless steel retrofit rods are generally cracked, dry and worn.
- The northwest retrofit stainless steel rod vibrates more than the others. Also, the 1st retaining U-bolt above the roadway is missing one lock nut.
- Truss vertical southeast flange has horizontal gouges throughout the edge of the flange.

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Photo: 65

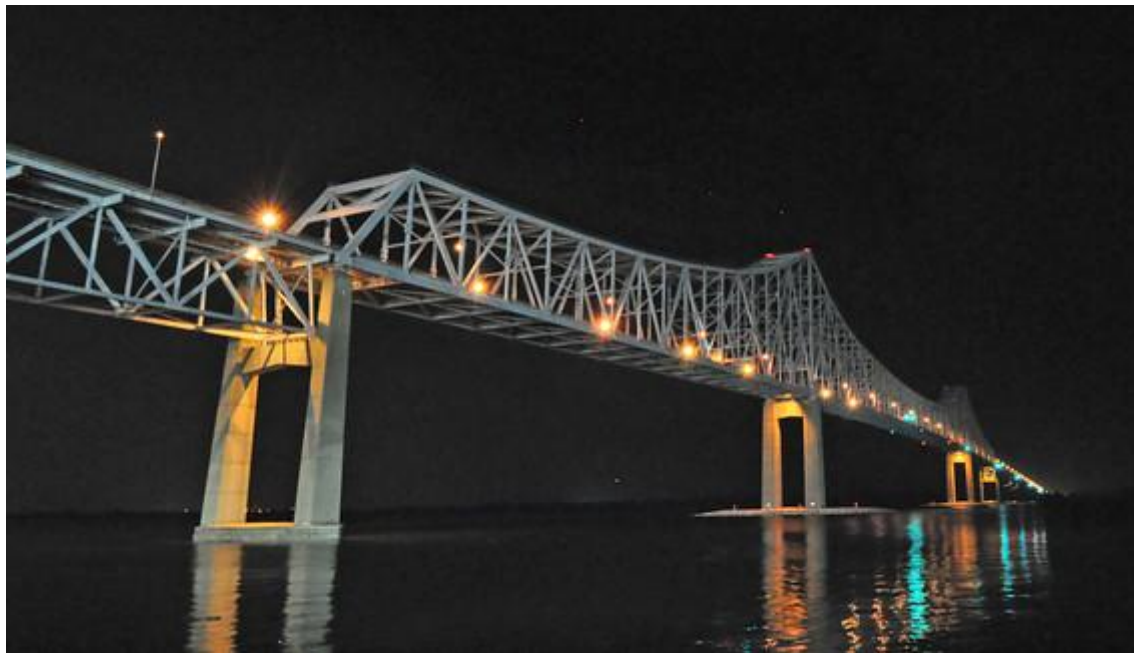


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# Video Demonstration

- ***3D Visualization of the Commodore Barry Bridge***



# Thoughts on 3D detailed modeling for large bridges

- Very powerful approach for complex bridges
- Relatively straight-forward to do
- Still supports traditional paper output
- Able to summarize data and generate traditional SI&A / Pontis style reports
- Not applicable for all bridges, but most agencies have a handful that would see huge benefits from this approach



# Questions

