

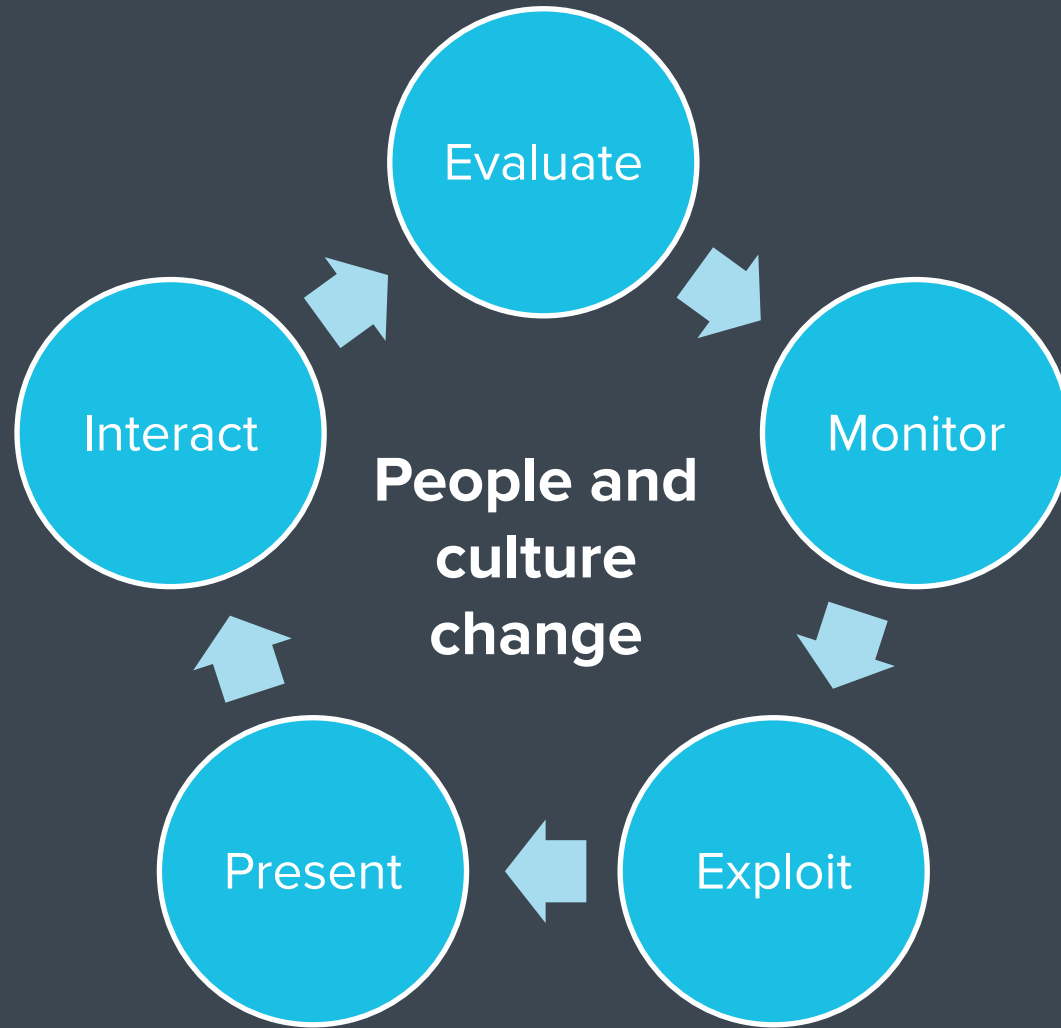


REALIZING THE VALUE OF S&C

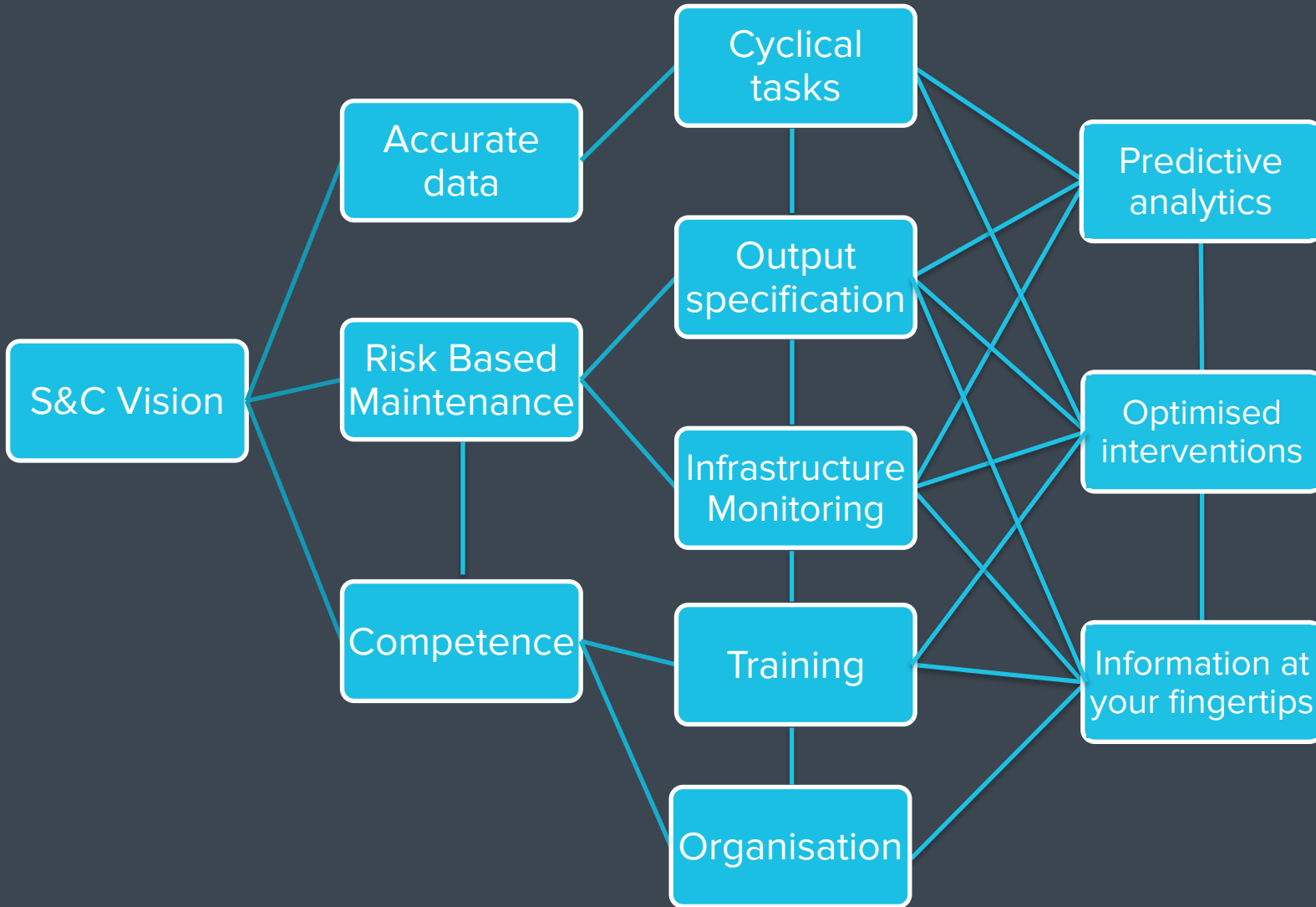
PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE IN REAL-LIFE OPERATIONS

Permanent Way Institute





**How data can
improve asset
management and
maintenance**



S&C Management and Maintenance

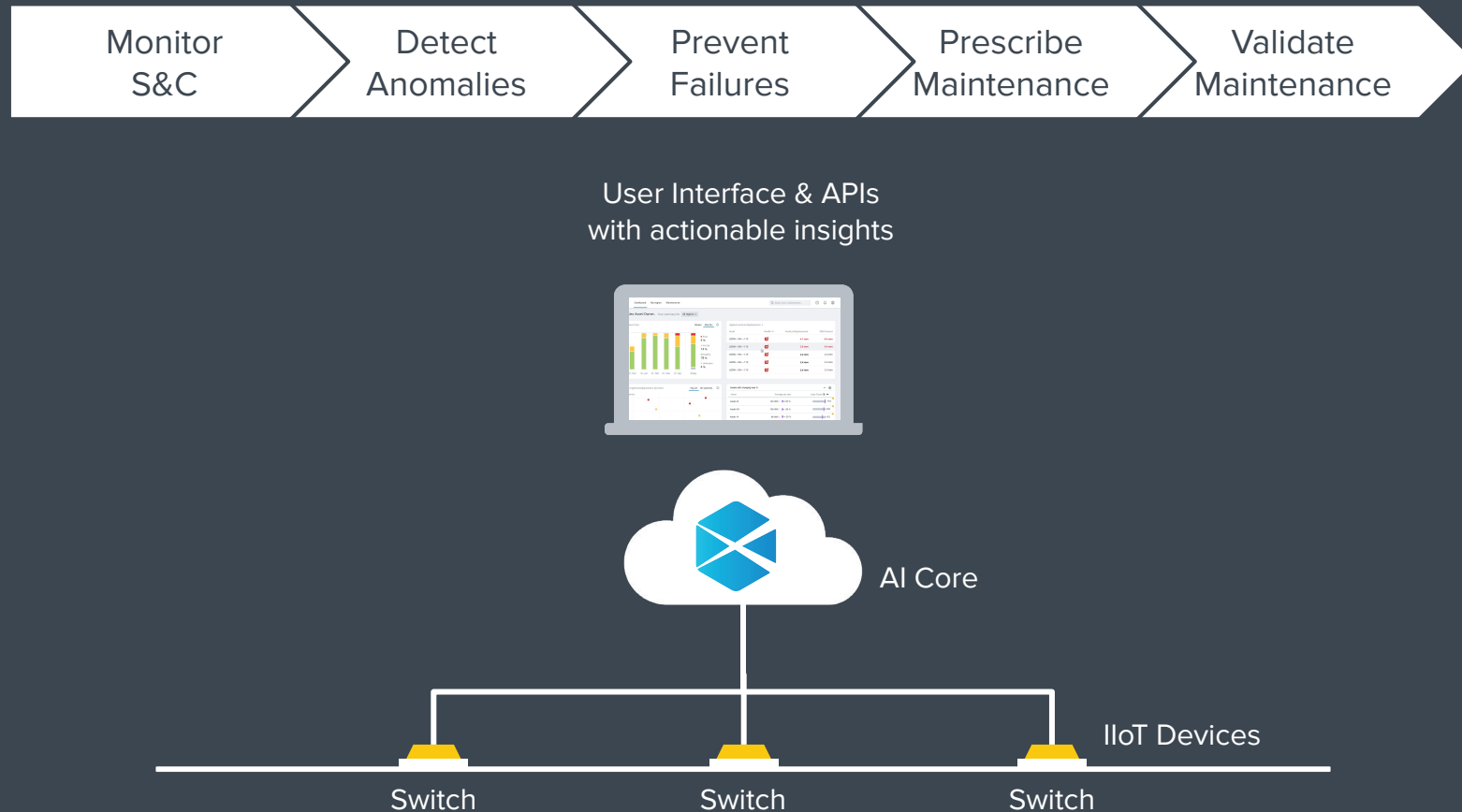
Getting it right is complicated and difficult....

....but the benefits of doing so are huge

How can the supply chain and NR collaborate to create a holistic S&C maintenance and management solution?

	Trackbed	Crossing	Blades	Point Operating Equipment	Heating
Monitor	Trackbed health monitoring	Crossing health monitoring	Blade health monitoring	Point Operating Equipment health monitoring	Heating health monitoring
Inspect	Usage-based inspection planning				
Maintain	Trackbed maintenance optimization	Crossing maintenance optimization	Blades maintenance optimization	Point Operating Equipment maintenance optimization	Heating maintenance optimization
Renew	S&C component renewal planning				

KONUX combines artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things to deliver a Predictive S&C Maintenance Solution



Our device has proven itself in the field for over 4 years

1000 S&C currently monitored across 10+ railways

Network Rail full product acceptance certificate obtained August 2021

25mph to 215mph train speeds supported

Operates between -33°C to +70°C

4+ year battery life (monitored and managed by KONUX)

Can be fitted to any S&C type - fully autonomous

Unique and mature feature set

Pipeline for delivery of new features each quarter



Displacement monitoring - remotely monitor assets under load

NR/L2/TRK/1054 Clause 9 Track Condition:

- Where voiding is identified, record it.
- Where practicable, void meters should be used to measure voiding.
- Lift and pack any voids over 7 mm within the specified timescales.

NR/L2/TRK/001/mod05 Clause 13.4 Voiding in S&C:

- Voiding within three metres of switch toes shall not exceed 7mm.
- Adhere to the enhanced limits (4mm) in NR/L3/TRK/3406 where modular joints are fitted.

Summary at frog

Vertical displacement ? **2.0 mm**

Trend (mm per month) ? **+ 0.2 mm ↗**

90d forecast ? **2-5 mm**

Vertical displacement at frog ?



My Region (23 assets)

Region ▼

Trackbed health Load

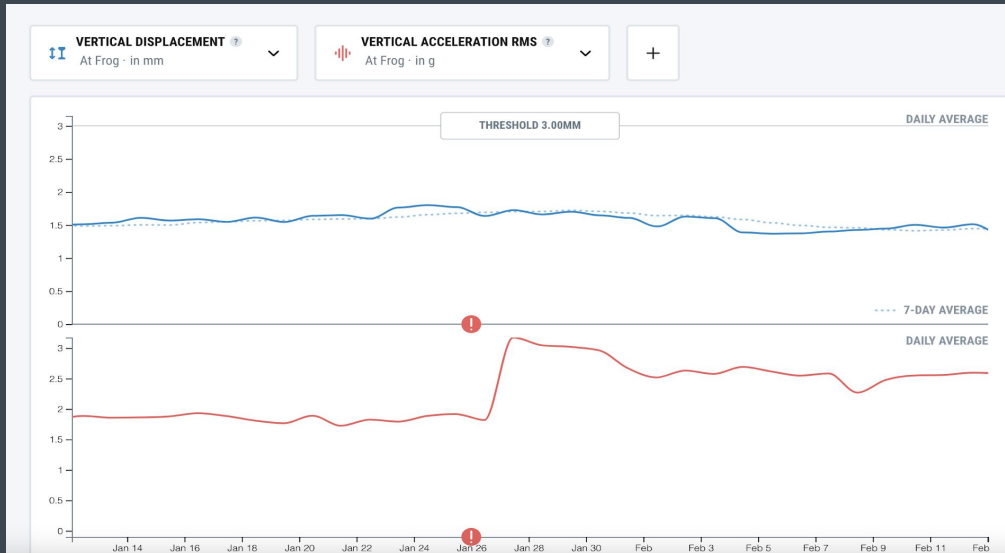
Switch	Health ?	Trackbed section ?	Vert. displacement ▼ ?	Trend (mm per month) ?	90d forecast ?
Asset 3 LA-003-right		• at crossing	5.2 mm	+ 0.1 mm →	5-6 mm
Asset 1 LA-001-left		• at crossing	5.2 mm	+ 0.6 mm ↑	5-6 mm
Asset 2 LA-002-right		• at crossing	5.1 mm	Collecting data	Collecting data
Asset 5 LA-005-left		• at crossing	2.8 mm	i + 0.4 mm ↗	i -3 mm
Asset 6 LA-006-right		• at crossing	2.8 mm	i + 0.1 mm →	i 2-4 mm
XY-130 12号岔		• at crossing • at Blade Tongue	2.7 mm 1.1 mm	+ 0.1 mm → 0.0 mm →	i 0-6 mm 1-2 mm
Asset 8 LA-008-left		• at crossing	2.7 mm	0.0 mm →	2-3 mm
Asset 4 LA-004-left		• at crossing	2.4 mm	i + 0.3 mm ↗	i 2-3 mm
Asset 11 LA-011-right		• at crossing	2.2 mm	+ 0.1 mm →	2-3 mm
Asset 10 LA-010-right		• at crossing	2.2 mm	0.0 mm →	2-3 mm

Trackbed Monitoring & Forecasting

- 90 day forecast to enable forward planning
- Optimize maintenance plans to maximise productivity
- Understand degradation rates and act accordingly

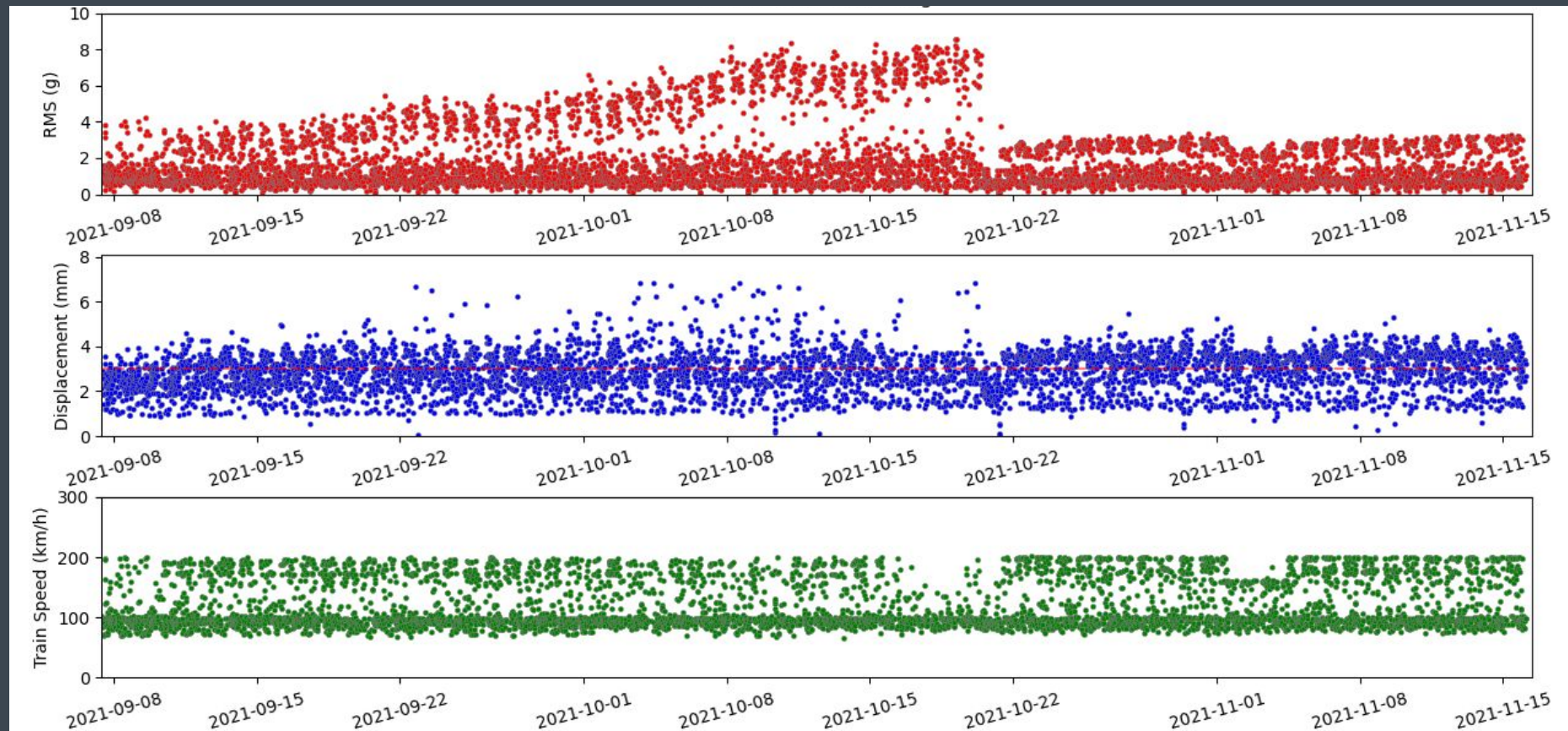
Vertical Acceleration Insights - Squat Identification

- The system can differentiate between trackbed displacement and switch and crossing deformation
- Site with history of costly delays (1 delay ~ £500k) mostly caused by voiding
- KONUX system identified increased acceleration values
- Detailed crossing inspection identified 2 squats along with poor quality weld resulting in high spots
- Squat too deep to repair so crossing planned for replacement



Crossing breakout (not in UK)

- Acceleration increasing over a period of 6 weeks but KONUX insights not acted upon
- Visual inspection confirmed there was a breakout at the crossing on 20th October
- Weld repair performed 21st October => Following intervention acceleration dramatically improved



Trackbed maintenance (9 activities) ?

[How to add maintenance activities?](#)

Region ▼

Time period Last 12 months ▼

Evaluation ▼

Maintenance effectiveness

5

Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

Activities to review

01/13/2022



Possible tamping detected

[Asset 4 · at frog](#)

Review

December 2021

12/10/2021



Possible tamping detected

[Asset 3 · at frog](#)

Review

12/09/2021



Possible tamping detected

[Asset 7 · at frog](#)

Review

February 2022



02/21/2022

Trackbed maintenance

[Asset 2 · at frog](#)

02/01/2022

Trackbed maintenance

[Asset 9 · at frog](#)

January 2022



01/20/2022

Trackbed maintenance

[Asset 5 · at frog](#)

01/17/2022

Trackbed maintenance

[Asset 4 · at frog](#)

01/12/2022

Trackbed maintenance

[Asset 4 · at frog](#)

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Trackbed maintenance

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Trackbed maintenance

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November 2021

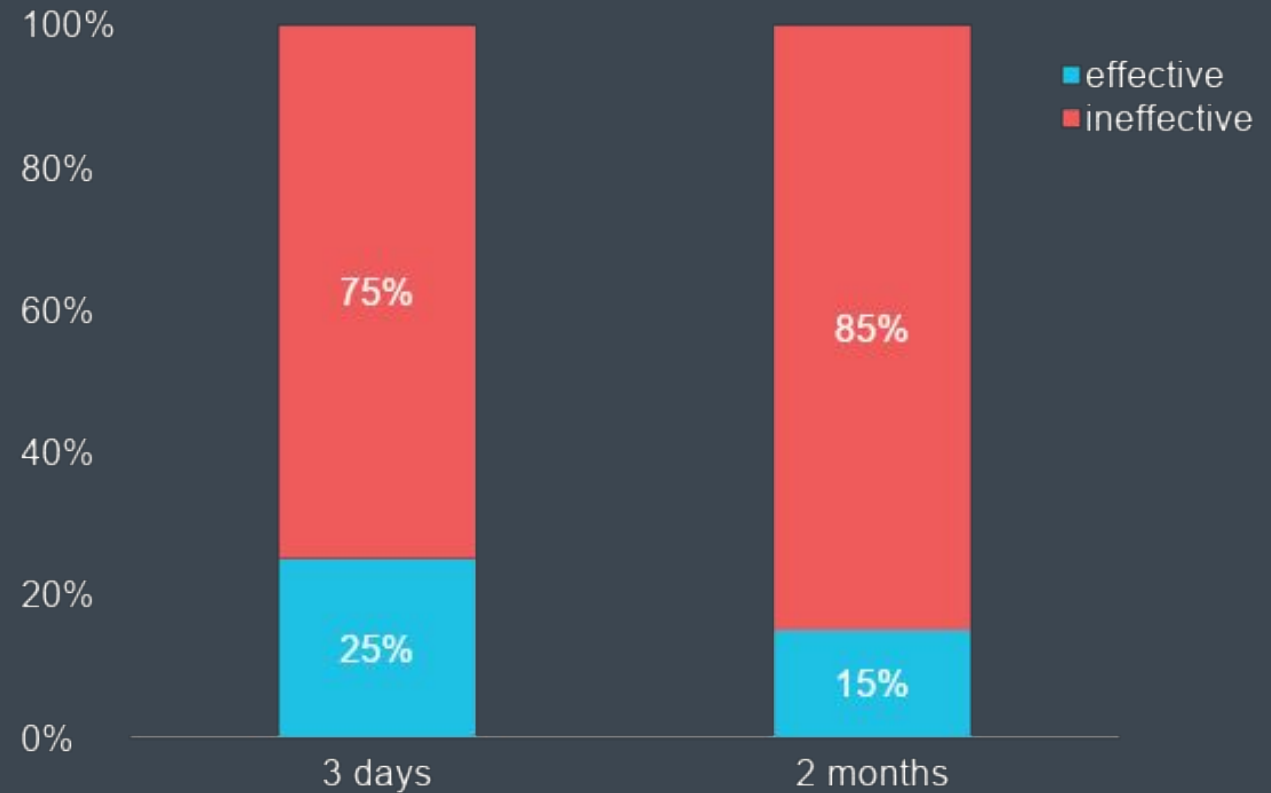
Maintenance Quality Check

- Evaluate the impact of different maintenance interventions
- Resolve the root cause and sustain the fix
- Identify training needs
- Understand the outcome of tamping at the crossing and switch toes



We analyzed the impact of 100+ crossing tamps

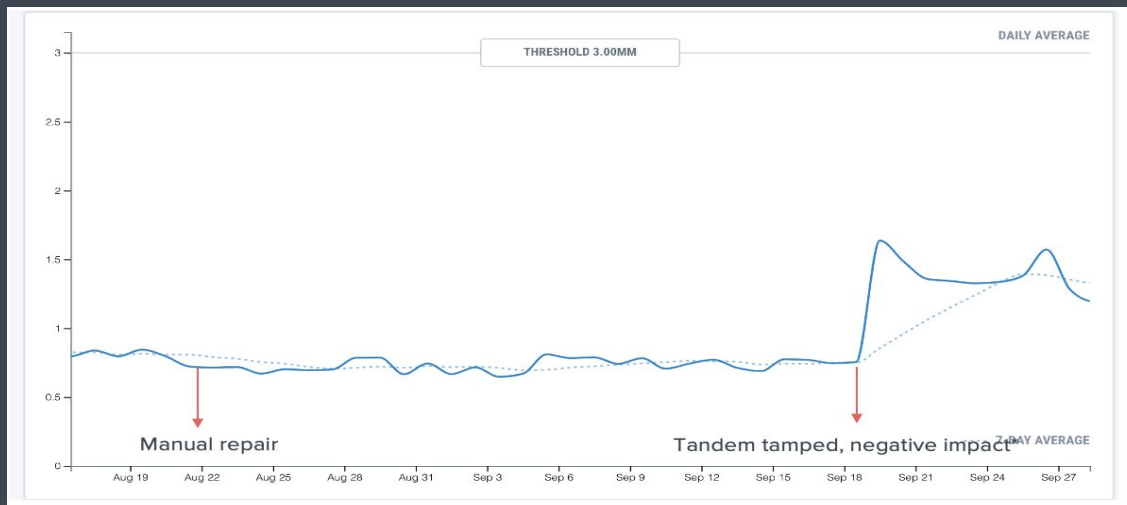
Trackbed maintenance effectiveness after 3 days and 2 months



*Effective = at least 15% reduction of vertical displacement; vertical displacement below 3 mm; sustained for 60+ days

Marshgate, East Coast: Manual vs tandem tamping

- 22/08/21 Manual Tamping (using Cobra TT / Kango Ballast Packer x4 Duff Jacks)
- 19/09/21 Machine Tandem Tamping (completed with design)



2456B, crossing

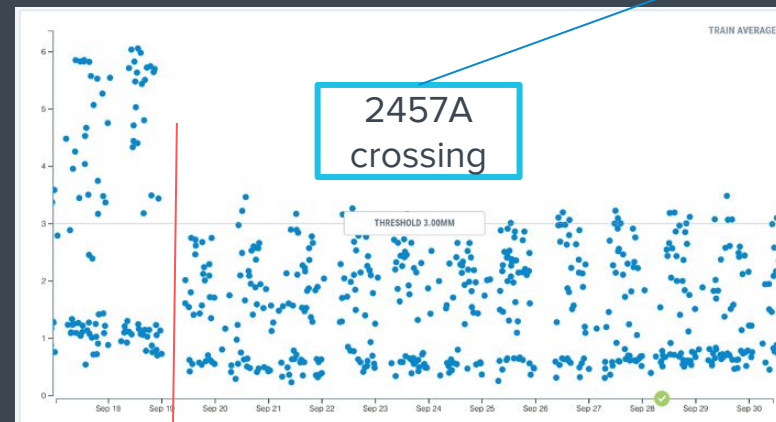
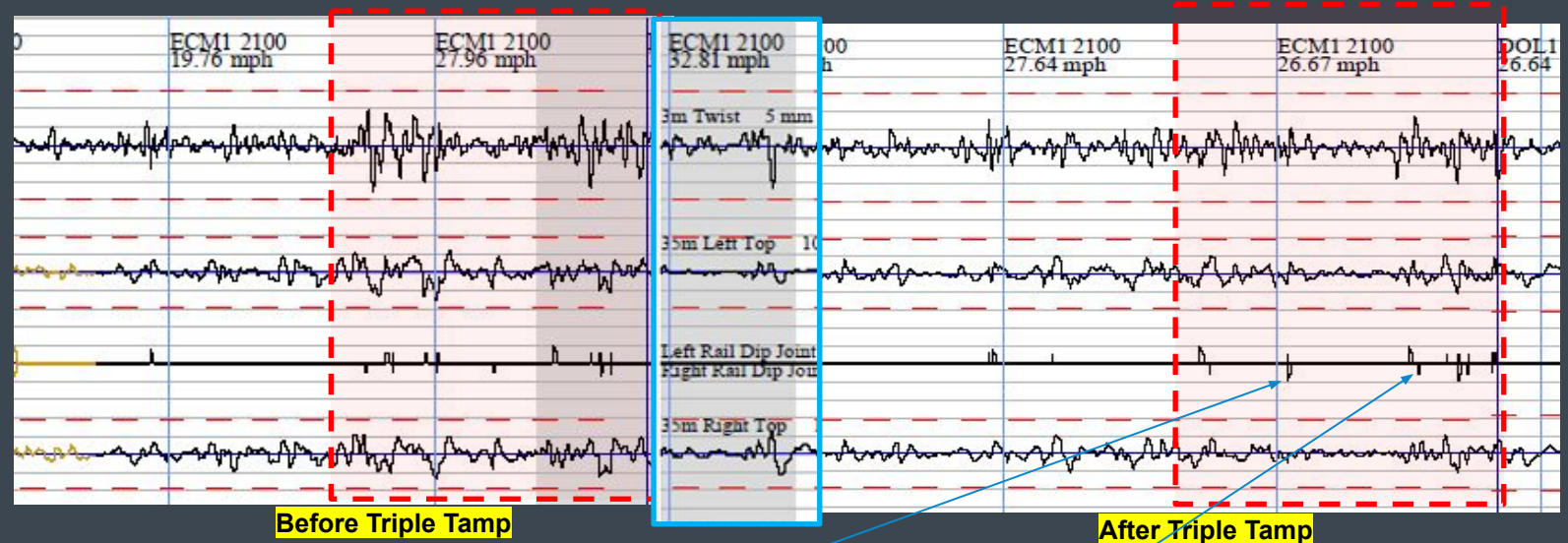


2457B, crossing

Doncaster - Marshgate Junction

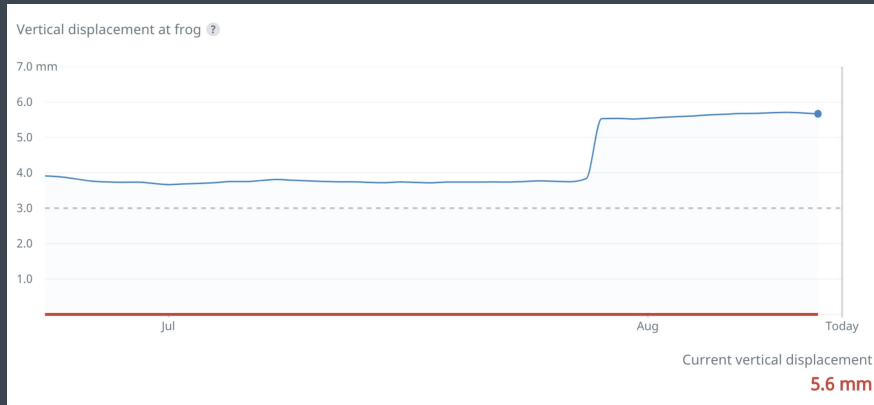
Design triple tamp at difficult to access location

- Best SD at site for many years
- Some assets increased displacement, some reduced
- could the job have been planned differently to achieve the best possible outcome?

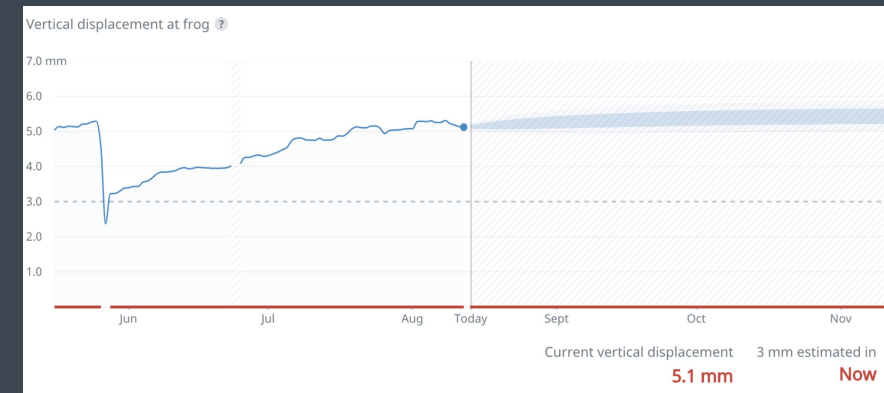


Examples of ineffective tamping

Increased displacement



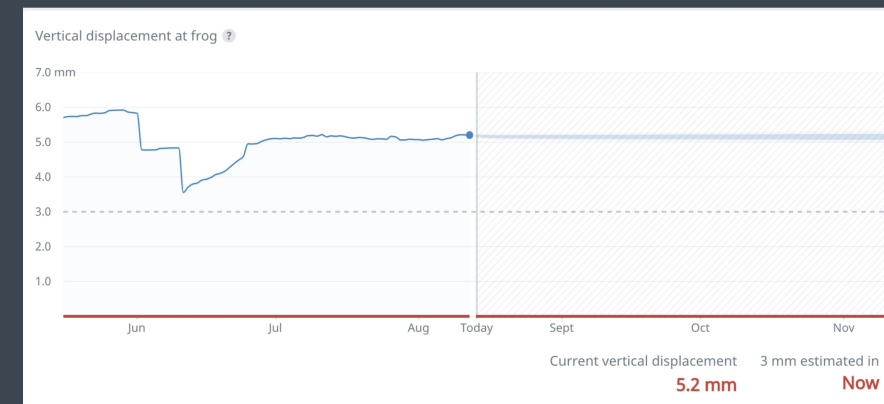
Fix is not sustainable



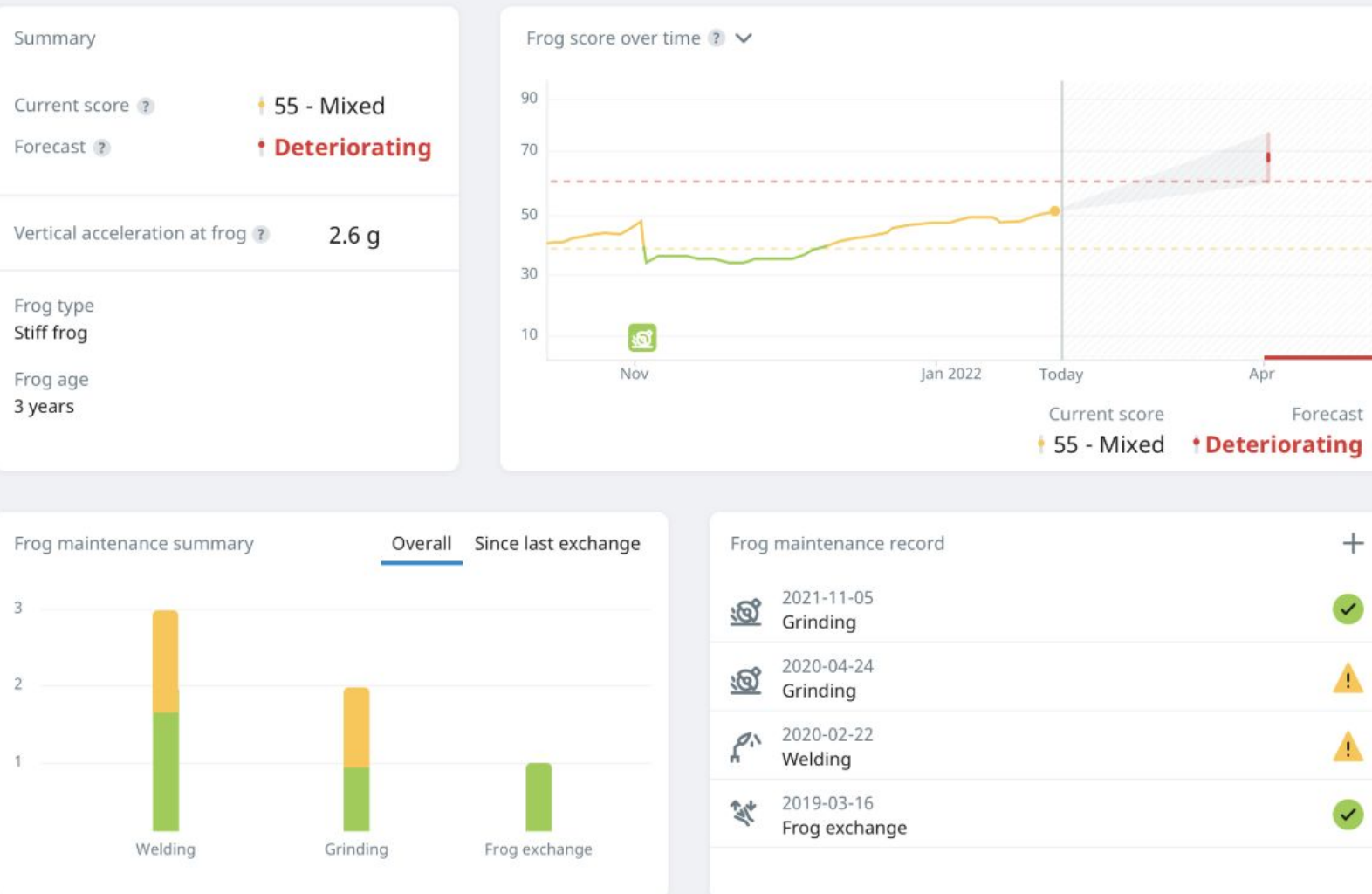
Unnecessary maintenance



Multiple interventions



Crossing Health - New Model 3.0



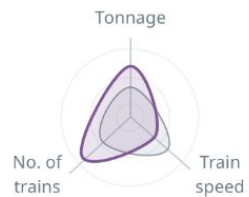
- Artificial Intelligence model for recognition of **deteriorated crossings** (worn/deformed transition zone from crossing nose to wing rail, lipping, breakouts, flaking, spalling) and **crossings with high risk of accelerated degradation**
- Provides **health state of a crossing daily** (red/green or grey for unknown)
- Trained with **large amount of data**. The model output granularity and accuracy depends on amount and quality of training data

Load and traffic

KONUX Load Factor



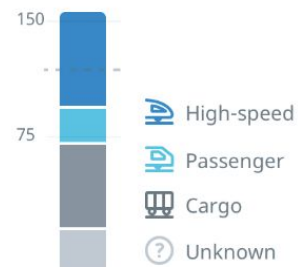
The KONUX Load Factor unites **tonnage**, **number of trains** and **speed** into one single load metric. [Learn more](#)



This asset is among the **30 % most loaded switches** in the network. [See overview](#)

Traffic mix

153 trains per day
39 % more than expected.



Top 5 train types

ICE 2	9 %
Power+6 Wagons	8 %
ICE 1	8 %
ICE T (411)	5 %
ICE 4	4 %

Load category 3 Expected tonnage 120 000 t per day Expected trains 110 per day Allowed speed 230 km/h

Current tonnage

166 000 t per day +40 %
38 % more than expected.



Tonnage last 12 months
45.3 Mt

Maximum train speed

200 km/h
13 % slower than the allowed speed.

Traffic by speed range

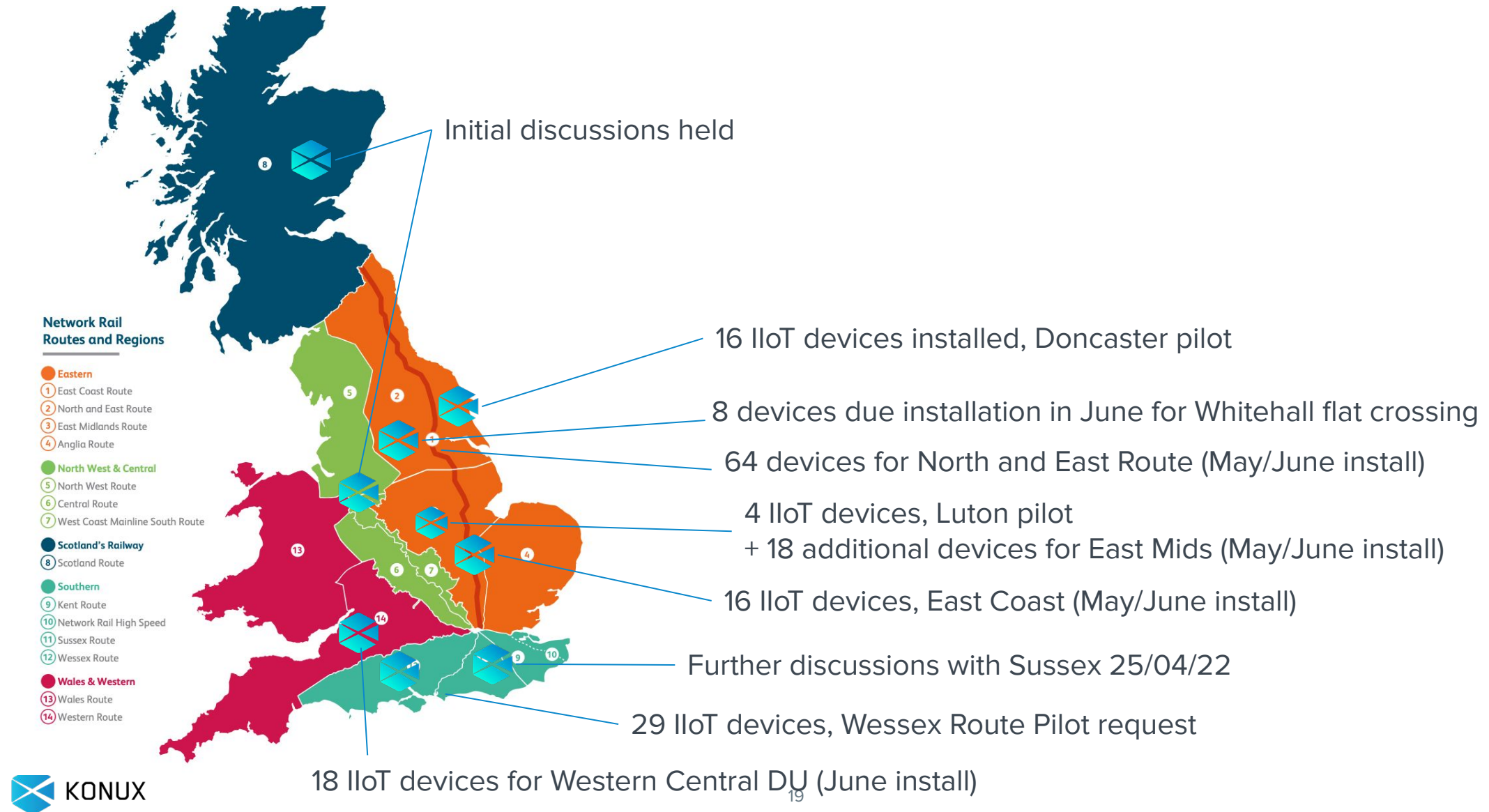


Train Classifier & Load-based insights

Optimize your inspection and maintenance plans twitch the knowledge about:

- Train number, type and speed
- Load Factor
- Load and speed trends over time

KONUX within Network Rail



Benefits case

↓ 20% DELAY MINUTES



Estimated improvement on S&C failure minutes per annum

↑ 25 % CROSSING LIFETIME



Estimated a 25% improvement on half set and crossing replacements per annum

↑ 25 S&C LIFETIME



Estimated a 25% improvement in the extension of asset life

OPTIMIZED MAINTENANCE



We have reviewed and proposed a number of Maintenance volumes that could change as a result of this system. This could be achieved through changing the engineering approach or by having a greater understanding of actual traffic loading. We are keen to work with Network Rail to verify these savings.

The S&C Alliance

We want to support Section Managers and Engineers to:

- Understand failure modes and how they can be prevented
- Use best practice and best value solutions to maximise asset life
- Remotely monitor and inspect to understand asset condition
- Optimise maintenance regimes
- Removing recurring and long term failures

We believe that by working together we will generate much greater value for the industry than by working independently.

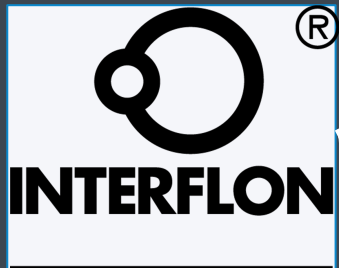


150+ years S&C expertise

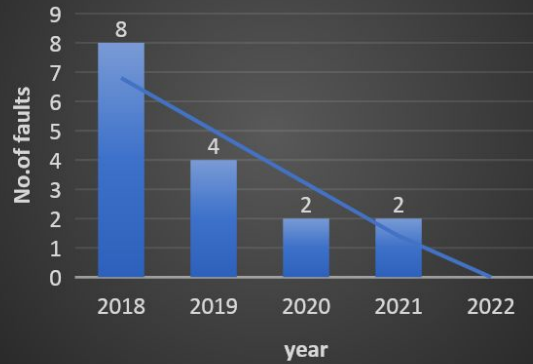


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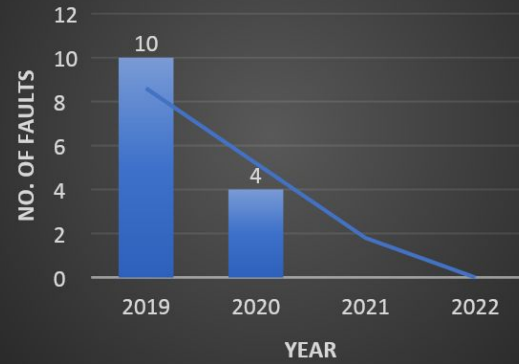




Cluster Column chart to demonstrate the number of faults from 2018 to present for 2477B

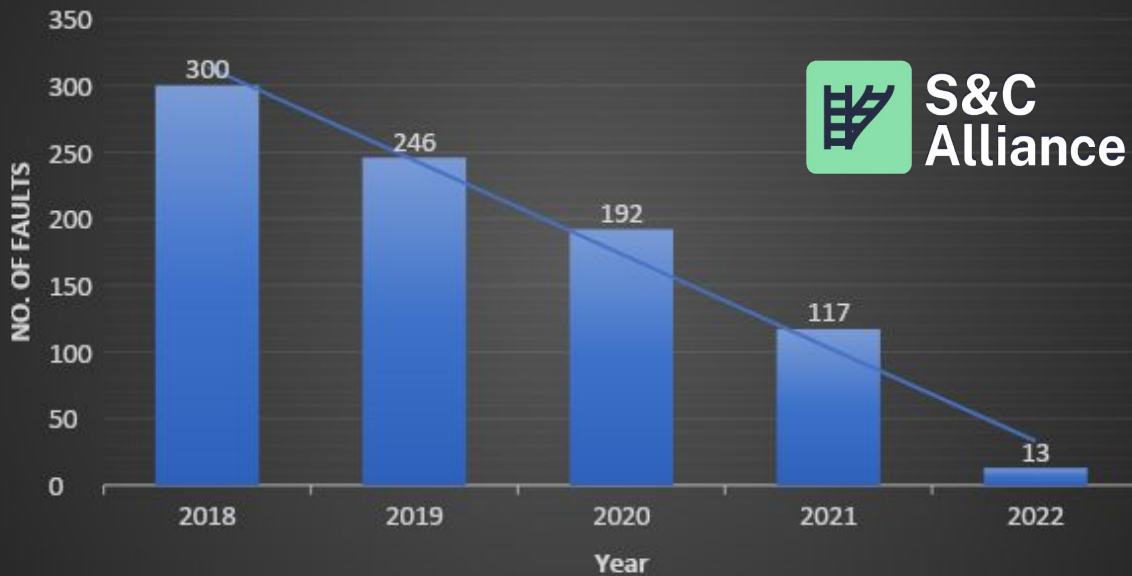


Cluster Column chart to demonstrate the number of faults from 2019 to present for 2038B



What happens
when you get it
right

Cluster Column chart to demonstrate the number of Switch Defects from 2018 to present



LET'S DEVELOP FURTHER TOGETHER!

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