

First biocomposite bridge in public infrastructure

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Province of Fryslân in metrics

- 5.749 km² surface
- 650.000 inhabitants
- 820 km waterways
- 123 fixed bridges
- 55 moveable bridges
- 6 aqueducts
- 19 locks



Sustainable and circular ambitions Province Fryslân

- practice what we preach
- learning: increasing knowledge in own organisation
- storytelling: sharing best practices and inspiring examples



Challenge

- finishing a multi-million infrastructural project with a “landmark”
- connect such a landmark to our circular ambition
- a drive to decrease our Carbonfootprint
- use new (building) materials?

and maybe start a change of a “movement”

key condition: cooperation with good partners

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- Yorkshire Gateway Masterplan
- Witteveen+Bos Engineering Consultants
- Hereford Walking and Cycling study
- ±1250 general road study, widening



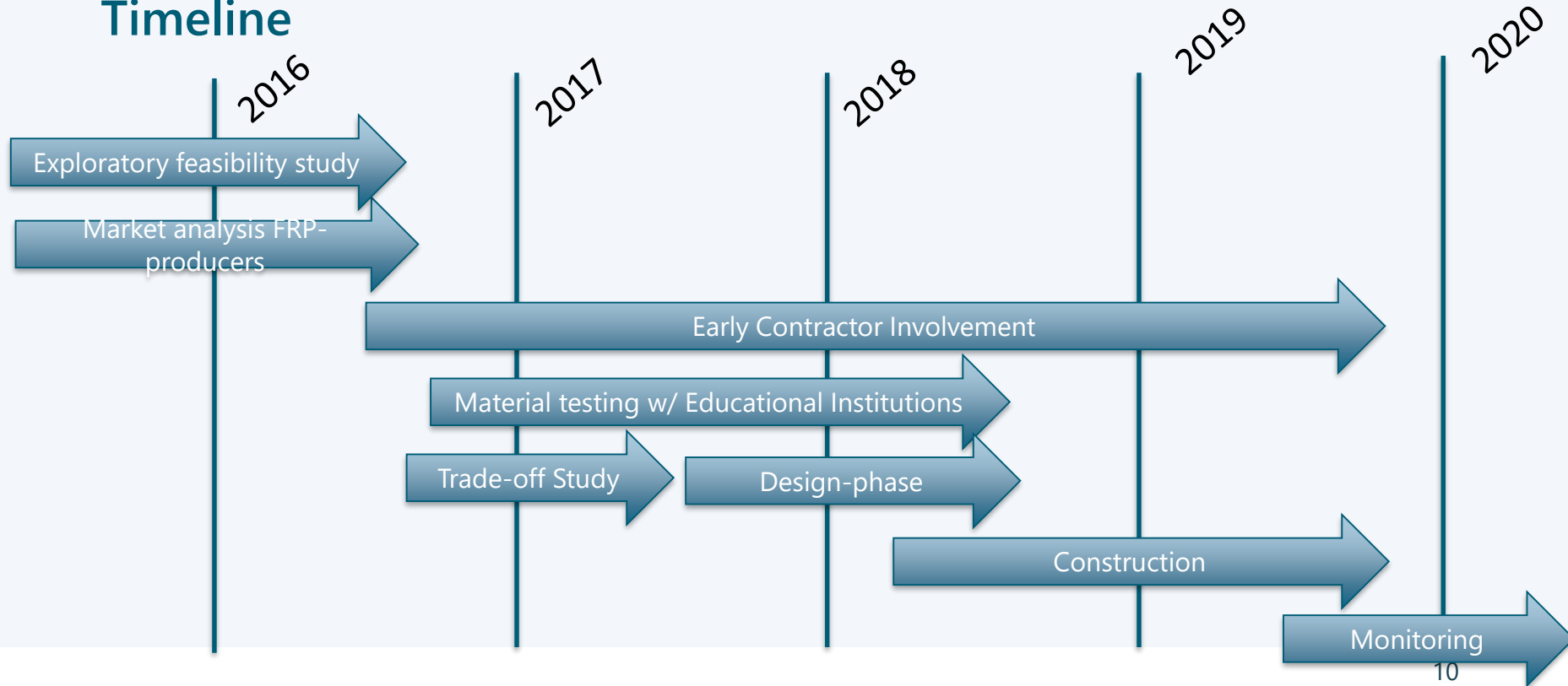


The old situation

- build in 1960's of steel (moveable deck) and concrete
- for motorized traffic;
- in 2010 downgraded to bicycle/pedestrian bridge

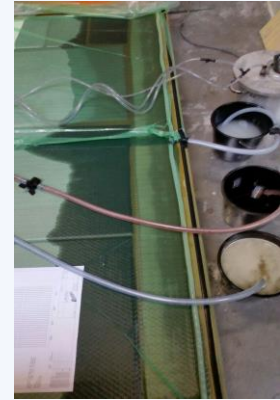


Timeline



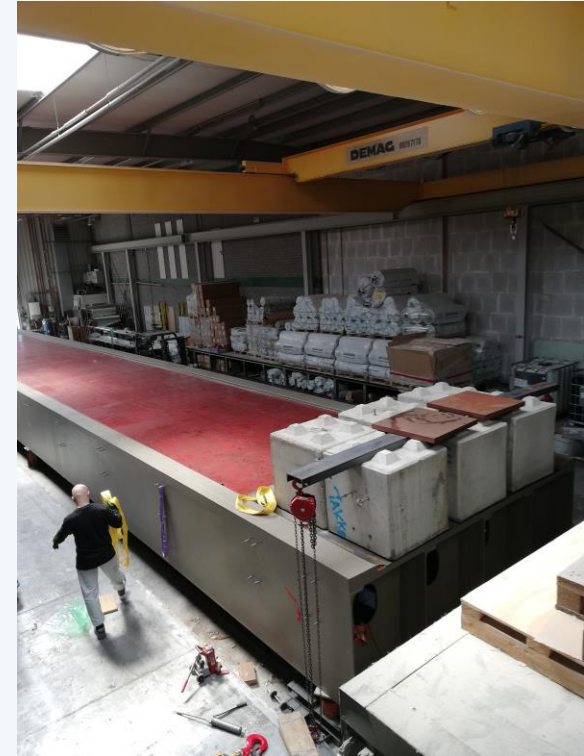
Material testing

- fatigue
- expansion coefficient
- hot-wet testing
- pressure
- humidity
- creep

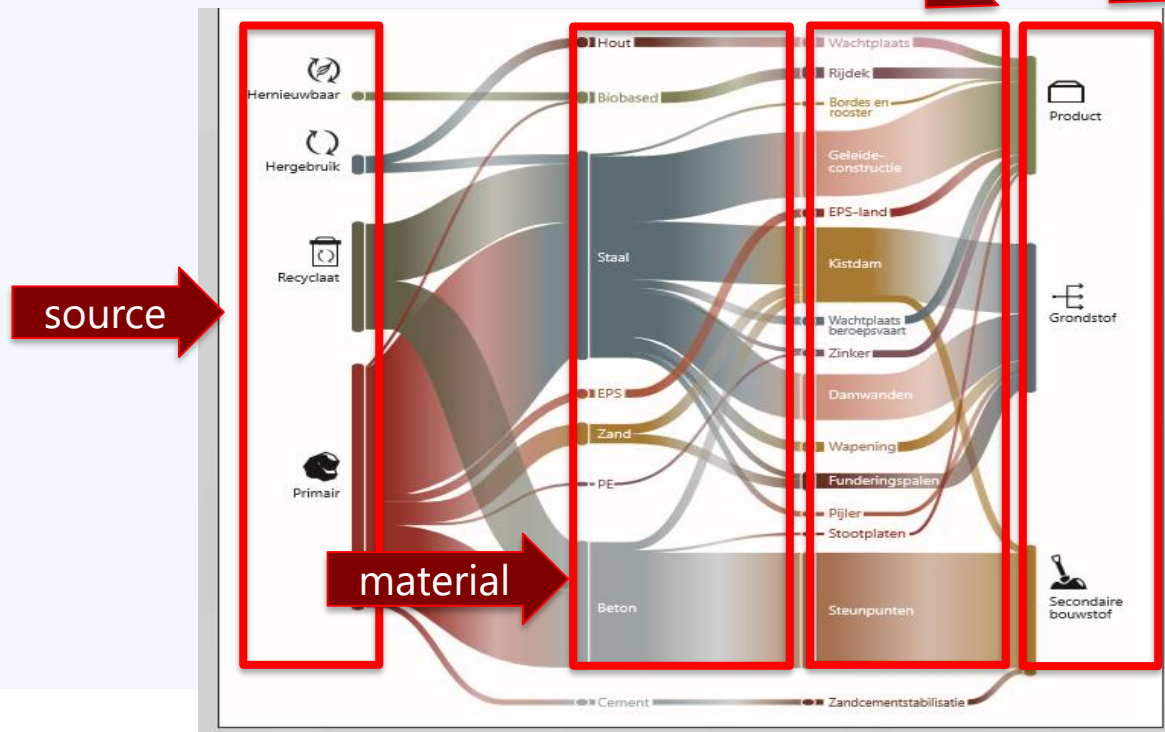


Result

- total span bio-composite– 66 m.
- free span 22 m bio-composite
- flax fiber 100% natural
- total bio-content of deck is 80%



Measuring bio-based composites



Monitoring

- SMART-bridge monitoring (moisture, creep, deformation, fatigue) to gain and share knowledge on biocomposites
- other data collection in scheme

Engineering
monitoring plan

Data management

Acces of the
information

Management and
maintenance

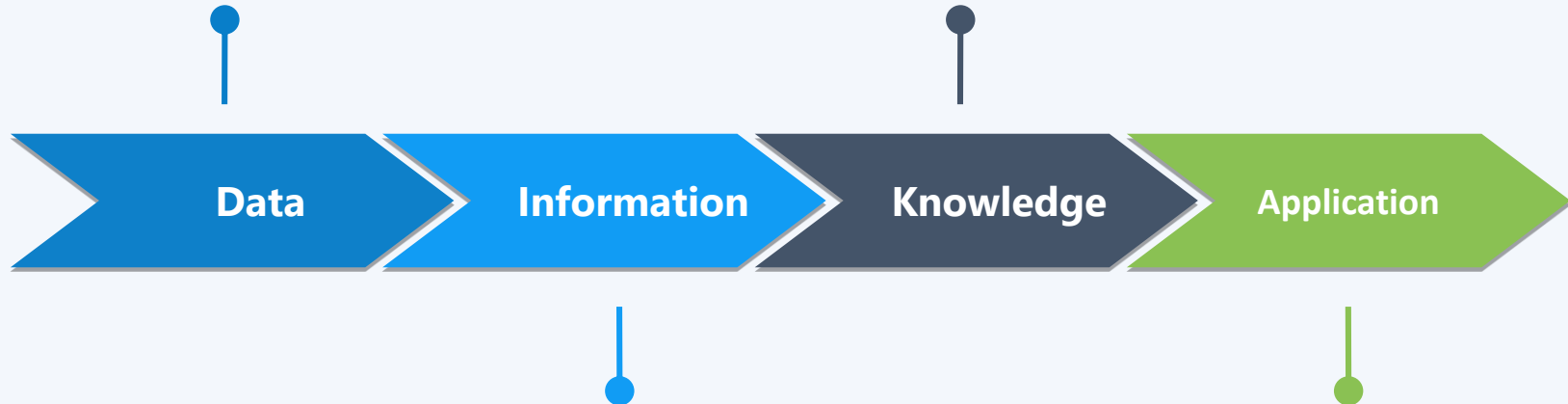
Data driven workflow

RAW SENSOR DATA

Discrete en objective sensor data

INTELLIGENT MODELLING

Insights, understanding, experience material, artificial intelligence & machine learning



DATABASES

Data met predefined correlations

ANALYSING EN PREDICTING CONDITIONS

I.e. structural health monitoring, recognizing issues and planning maintenance

Weather station:

- Relative humidity
- Precipitation
- Wind + direction
- Temperature + direction

Bridge operation
PLC data

Deck (movable)
Equipped with optical sensors

SENSOR



Deck (Fixed)
Equipped with optical sensors

SENSOR



Camera
Traffic counts



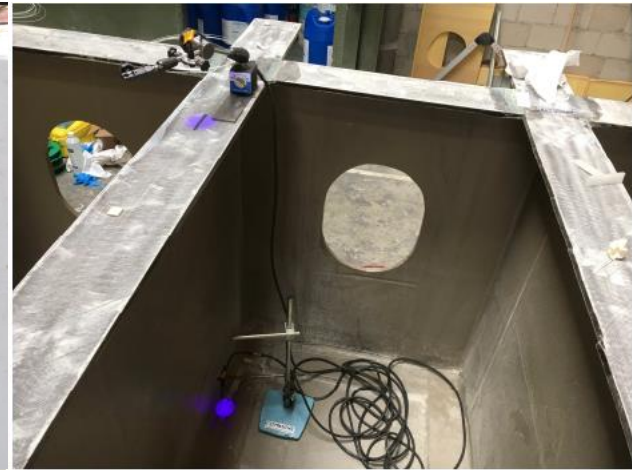
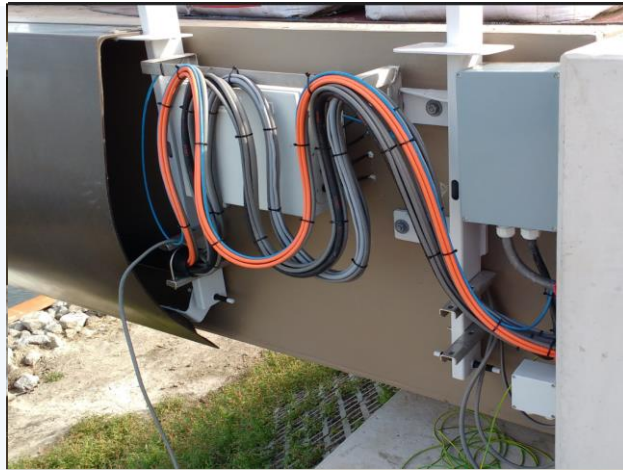
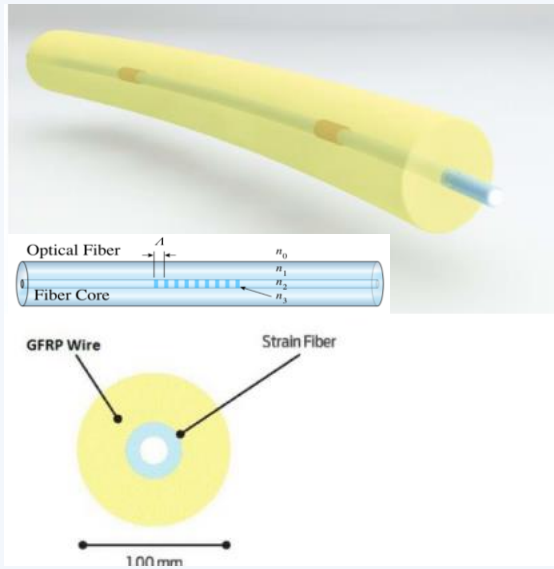
Data acquisition unit

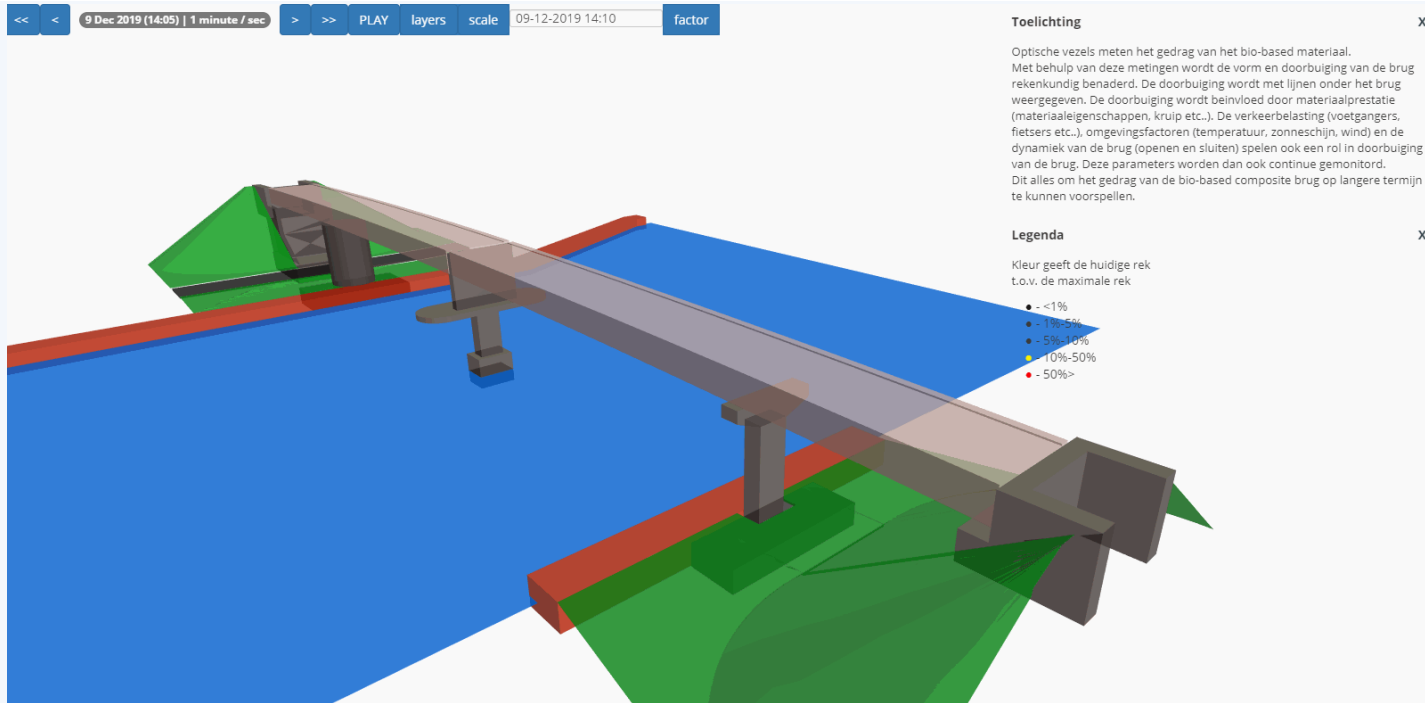


Sensors

- FBG = Fibre Bragg grating sensors
- Ws = Wind speed (m/s)
- Wr = Wind direction (rad clockwise 0=north)
- T = Temperature (graden Celsius)
- Lv = Humidity (%)
- Ld = airpressure (mBar)
- Rm = Rainfall (mm/24hour)
- Uvm = uv (W/m²)
- AO = bridge opening (cumulative count)
- DUm = Operative hours motor (cumulative count hours)
- Dufo = Operative hours frequency (cumulative count hours)
- TLO = Duration opening/closure(UTC time)
- POn = Position opzetwerk noord (angle RAD, 0-90 DEG)
- KOn = force opzetwerk noord (0-43800 N/m)
- POz = Positie opzetwerk zuid (angle RAD, 0-90 DEG)
- KOz = force opzetwerk zuid (0-43800 N/m)

> 200 sensors places in and between the decks





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We were “launching customer”.

Who will be next client?



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