



# Smart Infrastructure - better decisions faster and cheaper for the benefit of the ultimate customer

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# **Infrastructure Challenges**





### Implications for.....









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#### The opportunity of Digital Abundance

Climate change

**Resource limitation** 

**Population concentration** 

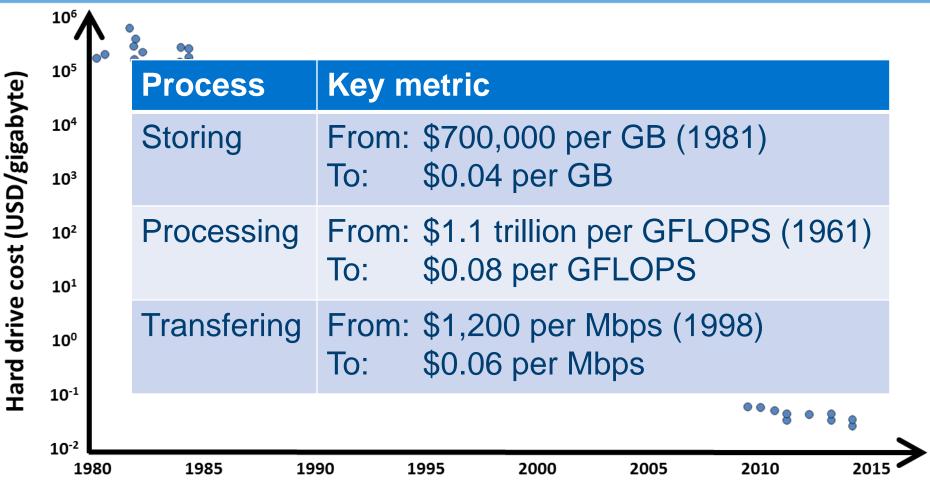
Investment constraint



## **Digital abundance**



#### **Digital Abundance**



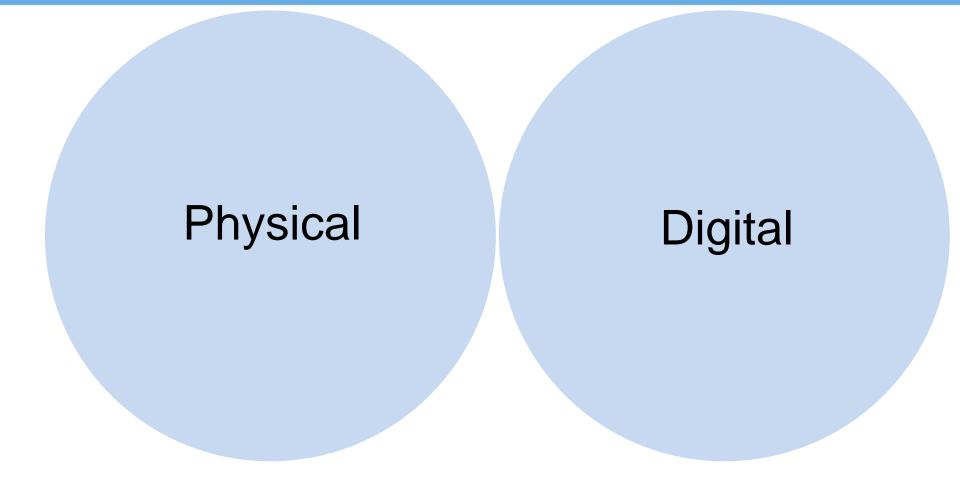
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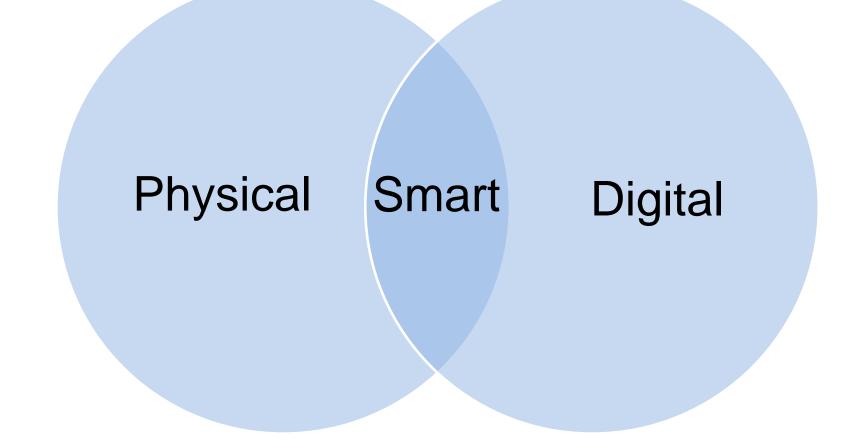
# Digital abundance inevitably leads to a digital revolution





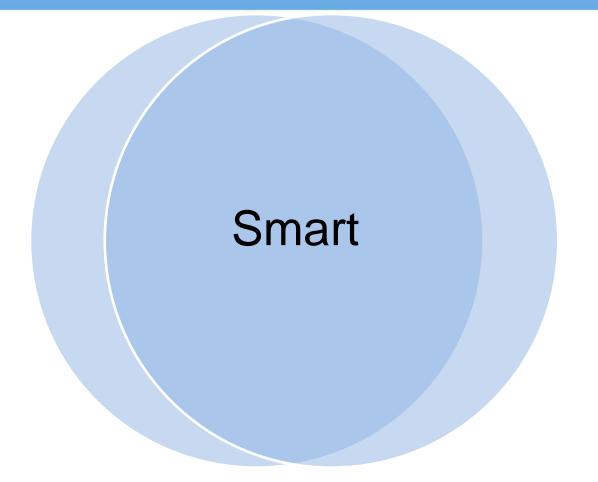






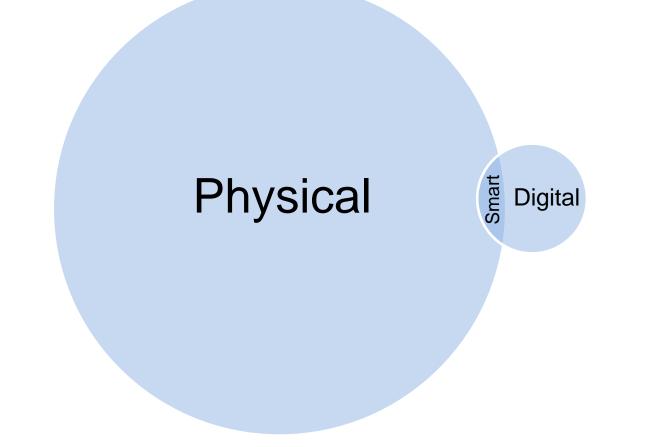








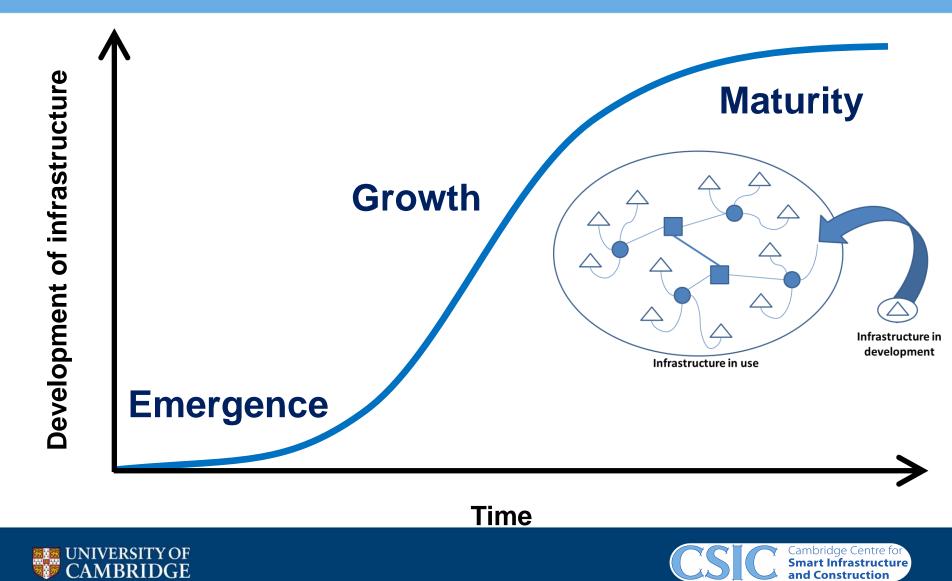








#### **Infrastructure Maturity**



#### Time for a shift in thinking



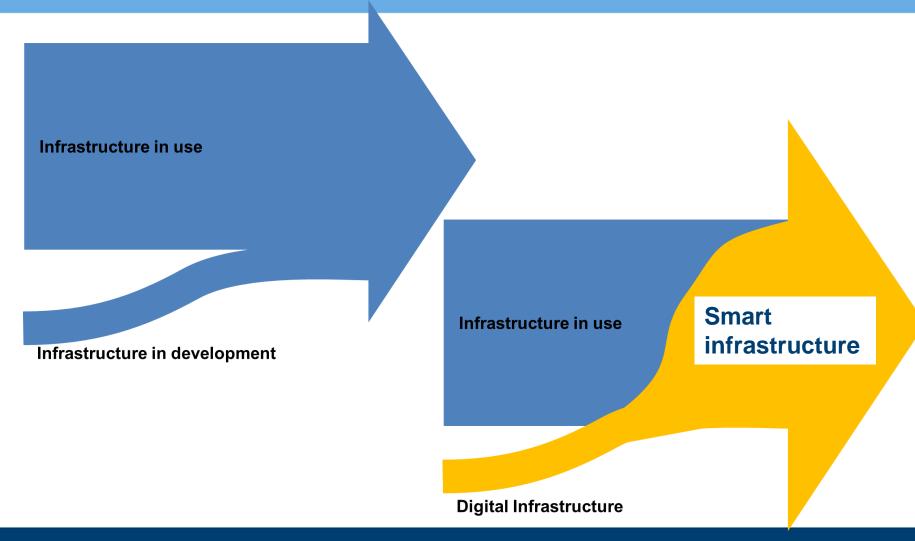
**Maturity** 

# **Outcome per** (whole life) £ for the ultimate customers





#### A Smart Way of Adding Value







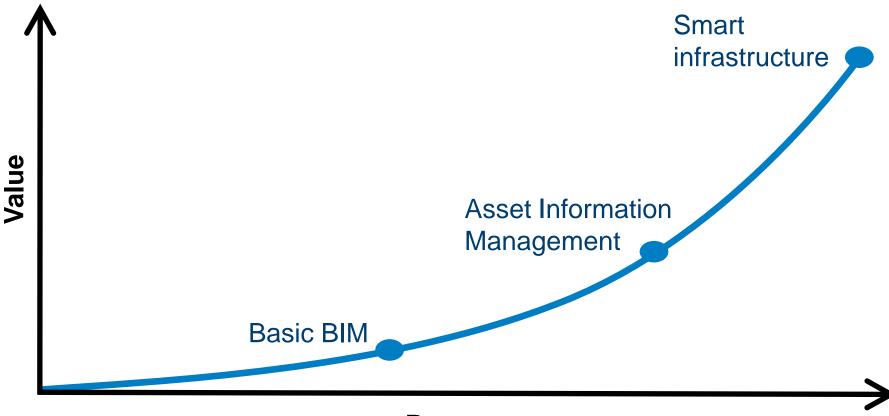
#### **Ripe for Transformation**

# Infrastructure is an information-driven industry





#### **Transformation in Information**



Progress





#### What might 'smart infrastructure' look like?

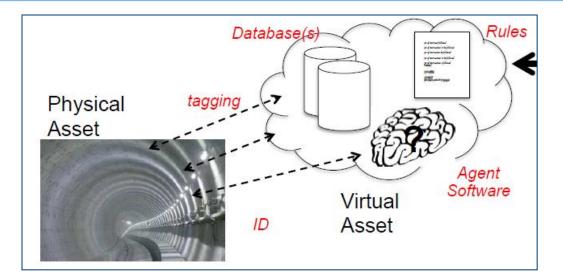


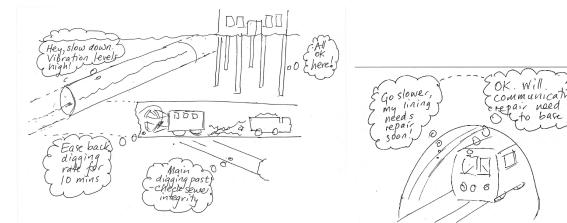




#### What does smart infrastructure look like?

- Smart technologies embedded in infrastructure & the equipment it interacts with
- A communication backbone which allows real time data aggregation and analysis
- Dashboards / interfaces which enable data integration for informed decision making for construction, operation and asset management









# **'Smart infrastructure'**

# responds intelligently to changes in its environment,

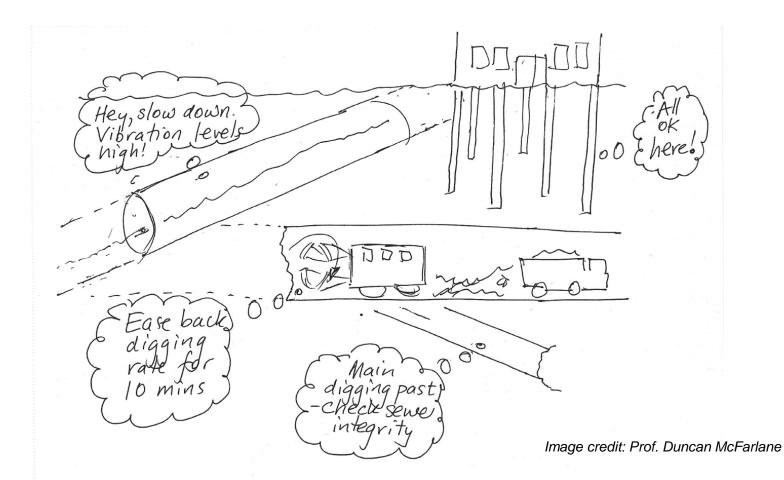
with the ability to influence and direct its own delivery, use, maintenance and support.

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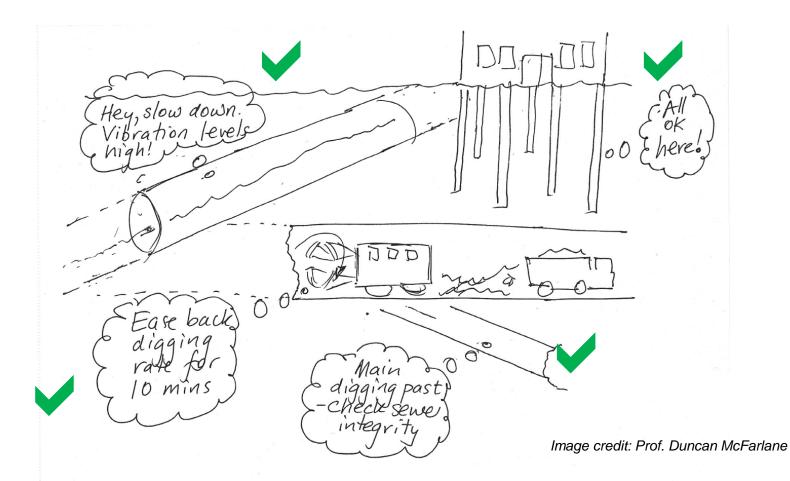
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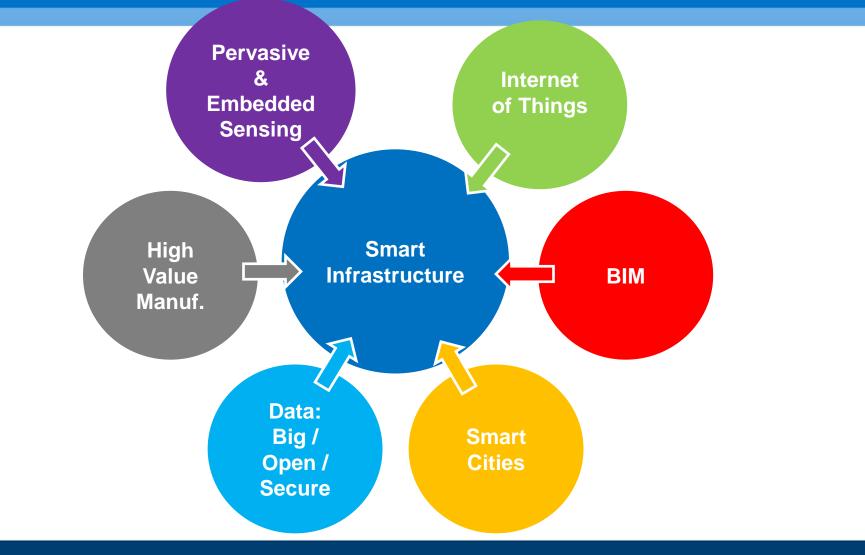
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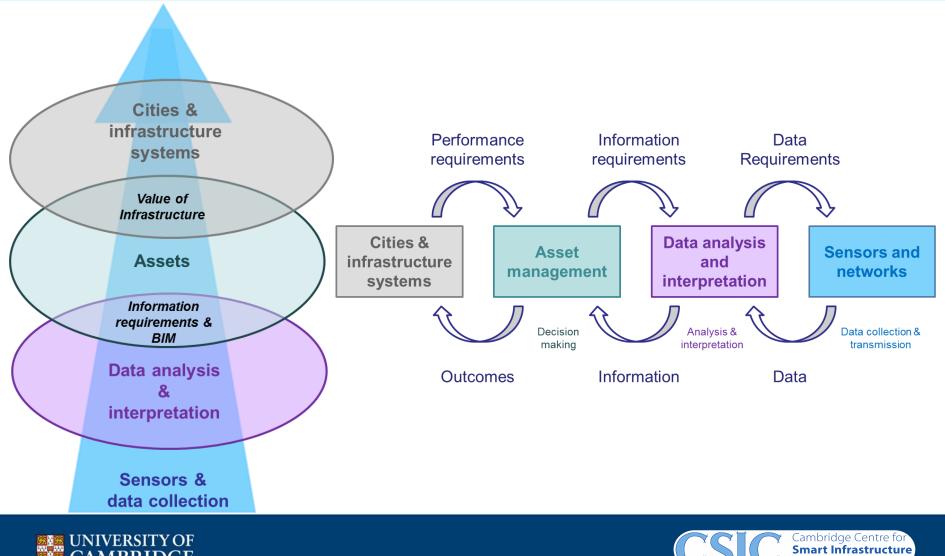
#### **Smart Infrastructure ..... Not an isolated subject!**







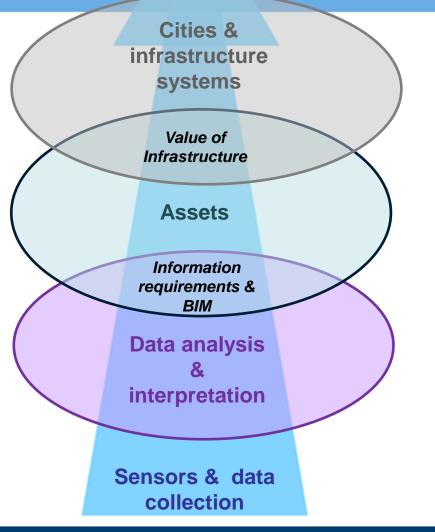
#### Four scales of challenge



and Construction



#### **Smart Infrastructure - Research Challenges**



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#### CITY-SCALE SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS

- What economic value does our infrastructure create?
- How does our infrastructure best serve our communities?
- What form should our infrastructure take?

#### LIFETIME VALUE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

- How do we operate, manage & maintain our assets to deliver best whole life value?
- How do we futureproof our assets against changing requirements & against shocks?
- What decisions? Supported b what information?

#### EFFICIENT ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION IN REAL TIME

- How do we best design, construct & monitor our structures to deliver the performance we need?
- What data do we need to do this, & how do we interpret it?

#### **ROBUST SENSOR SYSTEMS**

- What sensors do we need?
- How can we make them robust?
- Reliable, robust systems for data collection
- Standards to enable interoperability



#### **Smart Infrastructure Challenges: Big Data**

#### Variety

- Position 1D, 2D, 3D
- Location m to 10's km
- Scale mm to km
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Acceleration
- Images ...

#### Veracity

- As data generated e.g. faulty sensors
- Over time confidence in data over decades

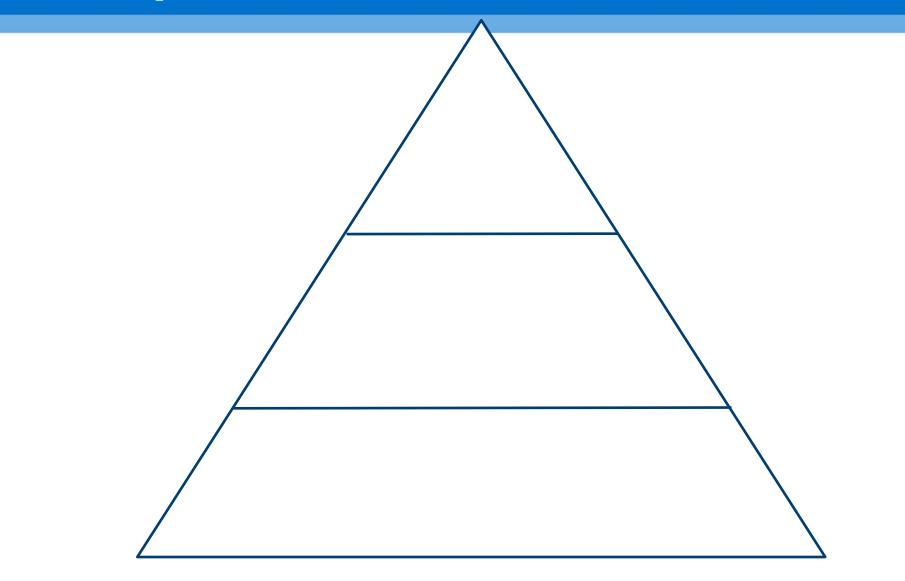
#### (Variety in) Velocity

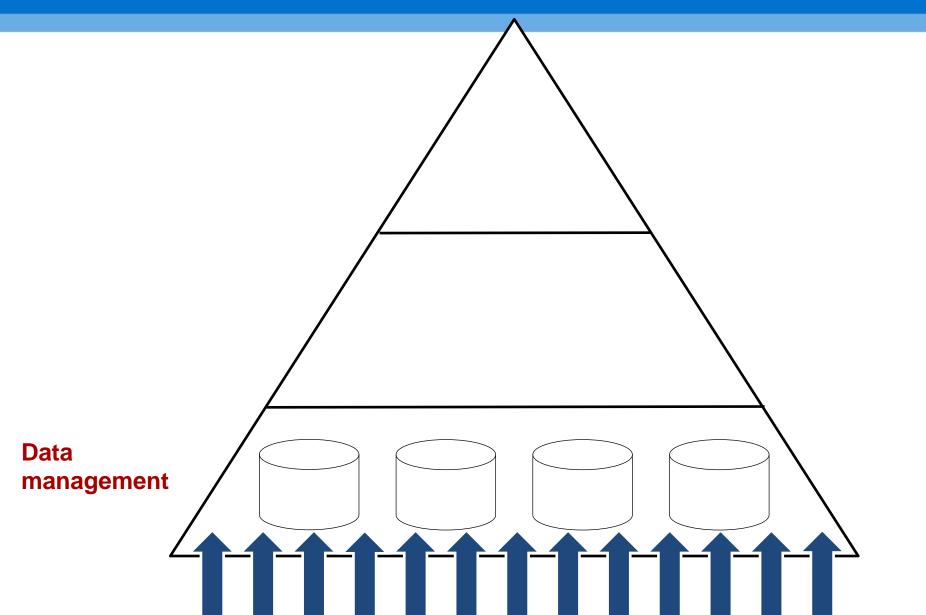
- Sub second
- Minute
- Week
- Month
- Year

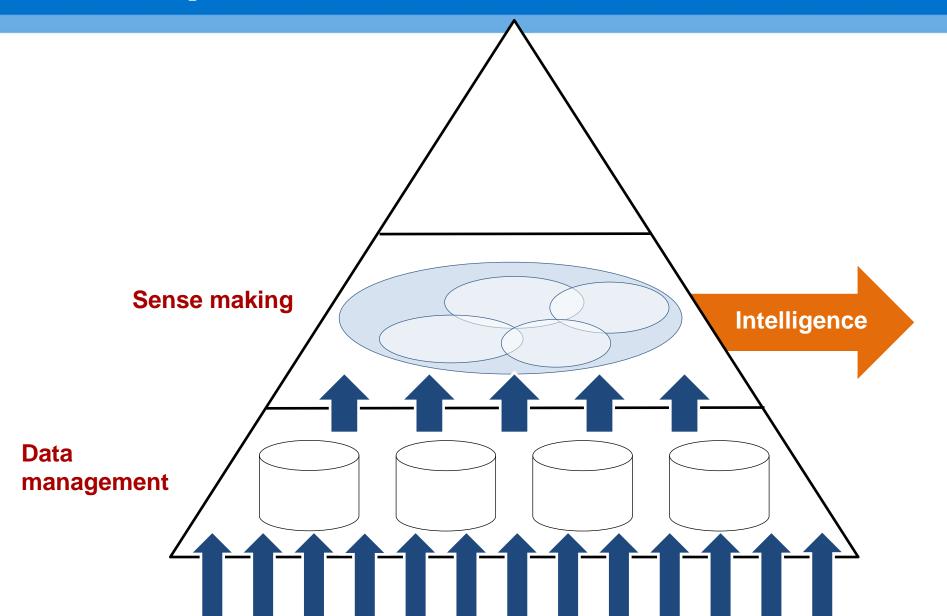
#### Purpose

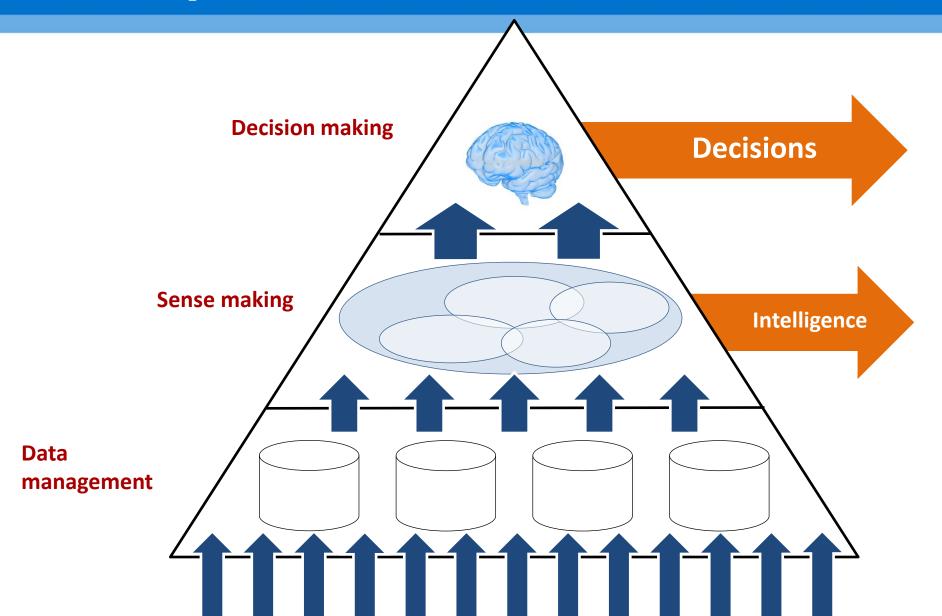
- Responsive (immediate)
- Reflective (months years)
- Long term (10yrs 100+)

Design > Construction > Operation > Maintenance > Replacement







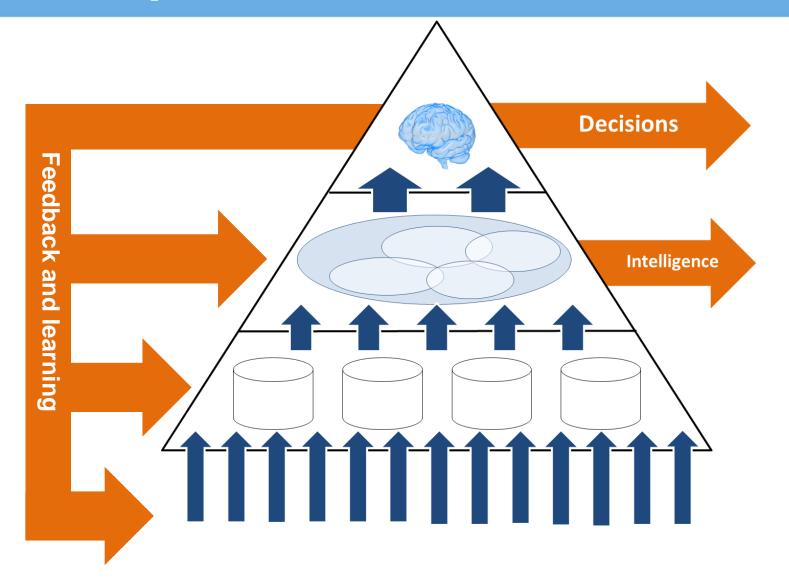


# **Decision Timescales**

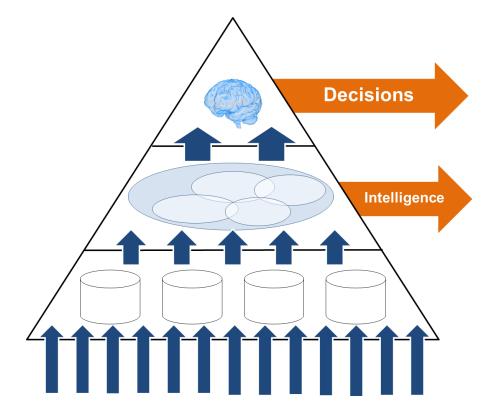
Timescale	Decision type
Millisecond to second	Automatic operation
Second to hour	Manual operation
Hour to day	Reactive maintenance
Week to month	Planned maintenance
Year to decade	Investment







# **Value Proposition**



Improved outcome per (whole life) £ for the ultimate customers

#### The opportunity?

The challenges facing infrastructure:

- Ageing assets
- Increased loading
- Climate change
- Limited budgets

require innovative solutions to address them

We could lead in this space:

- Experience of adapting existing assets and extending life
- World leading 'digital' industry
- Excellent research base





The opportunity?

# The digital revolution is coming to infrastructure

# We can lead, or we can follow...





#### **Thought piece contributors**











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