Towards Cyber Physical Systems in Construction

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Agenda

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Pingbo Tang’s research explores the remote sensing (e.g., LiDAR, Photogrammetry) and information modeling technology (e.g., Building Information Modeling) to support spatial analyses needed for effective management of construction job sites, constructed facilities, and civil infrastructure systems. His recent research efforts examined sensing and modeling methods for comprehending the Human-Cyber-Physical-Systems (H-CPS) in accelerated construction and facility management (e.g., nuclear plant outage control).
Pingbo Tang

Dr. Tang has published more than 60 peer-reviewed articles in these areas. The National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE), Salt River Project (SRP), DPR Construction, and Phoenix Government have funded his research efforts. He holds memberships of several professional organizations, which include: TRB (Committee on Bridge Management, AHD35), ASCE (the Vice Chair of the Data Sensing and Analysis (DSA) committee), IABSE, ASPRS, and ASTM International (Committee E57: 3D imaging systems). He is serving as an associate editor of ASCE Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering, as well as a reviewer of multiple top journals and conferences in the general area of IT and Computing in Civil and Construction Engineering. He won one of the best paper award recipients of Construction Research Congress, ASCE, 2009 (within the domain of “Operation and Management”), the best poster award of Construction Industry Institute's 2011 Annual Conference, the 2013 Recent Alumnus Achievement Award of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Carnegie Mellon University, and the National Science Foundation CAREER Award in 2015.
Robert (Bob) Arnold

Robert (Bob) Arnold is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Director, Office of Transportation Management. This office is responsible for National programs focused on the reduction of roadway congestion. Its focus is mainly with recurring congestion in such areas as pricing, active traffic management, and traveler information. His office also manages connected vehicle programs; specifically Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) deployment activities. As part of the implementation of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act he is responsible for the management of the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment and Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives grant programs.

As a member of the Agency’s Senior Executive Service Bob is responsible for contributing to the development of overall strategic planning, policy development, and developing legislative proposals for the Administration.
Robert (Bob) Arnold

Bob is currently serving as the Acting Associate Administrator for Operations which beyond the Transportation Management office responsibilities directs a staff that provides national leadership and advocacy for the development and implementation of strategies and programs to reduce congestion and improve the efficiency and reliability of both freight and passenger movement on the highway system.

Prior to taking this Operations position Bob was the Agency’s New York Division Administrator from February 2001 until September of 2007. The Agency’s Division offices work primarily with the various State Departments of Transportation to ensure the State's highway system is an integrated, effective, and efficient part of the National transportation system. He has also held positions with FHWA as the Assistant Division Administrator in New Jersey, District Engineer in New York, Field Operations Engineer in Oklahoma, Construction Engineer in the Agency’s western Region, and as an Area Engineer in Baltimore, Maryland.

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VR and Collaborative Technologies for Design, Planning, and Monitoring
Mechdyne – Integrated Technology Partner
Agenda

• 3D/VR Technologies
  – Clarification/Definition
  – The “Reality Spectrum”
  – Applications
  – Considerations
• Non-3D Collaboration
• Sample Applications
What Makes Something VR and Not “Only 3D”? 

- 3D Stereo
- Viewer Perspective
- Immersive and Wide Field of View (FOV)
- Interaction / Navigation
- Collaborative
- Realistic Rendering
- Scale 1:1
VR and Collaborative Systems
VR = HMD
VR ≠ HMD
Large Immersive VR Displays Since 1992
HMD VR Considerations

- Typically a single person experience
- Multi-user possible with additions
- Does not promote collaboration
Augmented Reality

- “Holograms”
- Real world augmented with virtual models and data
- Multi-user, individual viewpoints better
- Limited scale to objects
- Limited FOV

Source: University of Calgary Agile Surface Engineering Lab. Video available.
Data Challenges

- Infrastructure planning and engineering
- Instrumented cities / urban informatics
- Daily and emergency operations

» Multiple sensors
» Multiple data sources
» Intuitive visual presentation
» Rapid analysis
» Informed decision making
Design and Simulations

- Transportation routes
- Traffic studies
- Pedestrian studies
- Structural engineering
Training and Testing

- Driver training or test driving planned roads
- Pedestrian routes/issues
- 2D vs. HMDs vs. immersive
- Is 3D beneficial?
- Is 1:1 scale crucial?
- Is FOV/peripheral vision crucial?
Task - Intuitive View/Share

- Multi-user, hands-on data interrogation
- Intuitive data access
- Remote platforms
- View/share in one or between displays
- Presentation tool
Task - Intuitive View/Share

Source: Vizworx Inc.
Video available
Decision Making

- Longer work sessions
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- Multiple data sources
- Core information
- Contextual information
Decision Making

- Hybrid displays
- Simultaneous 2D & 3D in shared workspace
- 3D model - related 2D data for context
Content (is King)

- VR Compatibility considerations
- Google Earth
- ESRI Data
- SketchUp
- Game engines – Unity, Unreal
- Video sources
- 2D/3D/Hybrid
- In-house or outsource model development expertise
“Serious Gaming” for Planning

- Using simulation engines for urban modeling
- Set goals/objectives
- Key benefit – ability to reset
- Team analysis & decision making
- Team learning tool
- Team dynamics improvement

Source: “Serious Gaming” for urban planning and greencitystreets.com
Drone Data – virtual overlays on real world

Images Courtesy

Fovea Aero Systems
Example: City of Calgary Transit Planning

- Multi-layered data
- Interactive surfaces for analysis and community engagement
- Remote devices for in the field validation
- Passing of data between users and devices

Source: Vizworx Inc.
Example: Monash University

Transportation Network Research
Example: University of Calgary Agile Lab

Emergency Operations Room of the Future

- Real-time sensor feeds
- Access and evacuation
- Highly interactive surfaces and connected displays
- User positions monitored
- Experimentation with augmented reality
ROI Considerations

Justification Required

Considerations
Users/Audience
Value of Subject
Value of Results
Value of Time

Test Plan
Credit Card

Layers of Approval

HMD

Decision Room

Investment

• Business Plan
• Use Cases
• Department Input
• Staffing Plan
• Maintenance Plan
• Other….

VR and Collaborative Systems

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Human-Cyber-Physical-Systems Engineering for Robust Shutdown Control of Civil Infrastructures

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Outline

- Motivation – What is shutdown control? Why Human-Cyber-Physical-Systems (H-CPS) Engineering is critical for robust shutdown control of civil infrastructures and transportation facilities?
- A framework for diagnosing and controlling H-CPS behaviors in infrastructure shutdowns
- Technologies for supporting the diagnosis and control of H-CPS in shutdowns
  - Virtual world – Simulation for workflow diagnosis with human errors in the loop
  - Physical word – Video analysis and mobile sensing; Communication technologies; natural language processing
- Conclusion and H-CPS roadmap for complex transportation and civil infrastructure project control
What is a shutdown?

Stop the service of civil infrastructures, such as transportation networks or electricity infrastructures for maintenance with a very busy schedule.

For example, shutdown of a nuclear reactor for maintenance activities:

• About 20 days
• More than 2,000 workers
• More than 2,000 tasks
• Cost $1.5 million for one day’s delay.

In transportation, some Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) project can be shutdowns

http://www.flickr.com/photos/iowadot/sets/72157628416564269/

Shutdown Example: NPP Outage Control

Additional needs of inspection (data collection) for understanding delays, violations of safety policies, or unexpected sequences of activities and field conditions.

Physical World

Inspection

Discoveries (e.g., additional girders to be replaced, unexpected observations of the cooling system)

Scheduling

Updated schedule and resource allocation

Execution

Control

Safety Management

Productivity Management

Digital World
Human Factors in Shutdowns of Civil Infrastructures

- Human behavior and cognitive task analysis in schedule updating
- Human-behavior and cognitive task analysis in schedule updating
- Human-environment interaction (including cognitive ergonomics)
- Site Layout Analysis (Space Coordination, Workspace Design)
- 4D-modeling and process design subject to spatiotemporal constraints
- Task
- Workspace
- Scheduling
- Human behavior
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Human-CPS Engineering for Robust Shutdown Control

Computer system (models)

- Human factor model
- Modeling, simulation & decision making
- As-is site condition model
- Schedule
- BIM

Physical world (data & information)

- Human
- Real-world workflow
- Tasks
- Work-space

Close-loop control

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Importance of robust H-CPS for shutdown control

• Management team is suffering from the huge amount of manual work about maintaining the safety and productivity of the entire schedule and interwoven workflows.
  - Inspection
  - Field communication
  - Transportation of people and resources
  - etc...

• Every three hours, a 20+ people group meeting for outage control
  - Large amounts of human hour investments into coordination.
  - Inconsistencies and collaboration failures still occur.
Challenges of diagnosing and controlling H-CPS behaviors

• Field documentation and meeting minutes could hardly capture some spatiotemporal details
• Lack of information on detailed spatiotemporal interactions between human, equipment, facility, and materials cause difficulties in diagnosing delays and human errors
  • How delays occur with accumulation of small handoff problems?
  • How miscommunication and human errors happen?
  • How errors and delays influence each other?
  • How small errors and delays escalate into accidents or serious delays and wastes?
A framework for diagnosing and controlling H-CPS behaviors in shutdowns

**Research Focus 1: Automatic Multi-Sensor-Based Workflow Performance Analysis**

- Real-Time Productivity and Status of Activities
- Real-Time Relationships among Activities
- As-Planned Schedule
- As-Planned Spatiotemporal Constraints for Safety

**Research 2: Automatic Multi-Sensor-Based Human Performance Analysis**

- Real-Time Human Interactions
- As-Planned Human Interactions
- As-Planned Trajectories

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**Object/Human Tracking in Multiple Data Sources**

- Real-Time Trajectories of Human Individuals

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**Comparing Real-Time Information Against As-Planned Models and Spatiotemporal Constraints**

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**Outputs for Supporting Outage Coordination of Advanced Outage Control Center (AOCC)**

- Outage Schedule Updates
- Safety Alarms of Irregular Spatiotemporal Relationships
- Abnormally Long Human Interactions
- Unexpected Trajectories of Individuals
Technologies for diagnosing and controlling H-CPS behaviors in civil infrastructure shutdowns

- Simulation of schedules and motions in the digital world
  - Schedule simulation that improve engineers' preparation for uncertainties in schedules
  - 4D simulation of field operations for identifying “clashes” between objects and activities

- Automatic data collection and analysis in the physical world
  - Automatic video analysis - Human motion analysis; Work order status tracking
  - Communication technologies – mobile device (e.g., Smart Watch), sociometric badges
  - Natural language processing for automatic analysis of work orders and event reports
  - Localization and tracking technologies – GPS, RFID, WiFi

- Human and team behavior modeling and prediction methods
Schedule simulation considering handoff processes and shared resources …

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Communication and decision protocols can cause schedule updates at “handoffs”, sometimes generate “discoveries” and new tasks.
Simulation for vulnerability analysis of the schedule and predicting impacts of human errors

Mistake 2: After the crane operator finish Task 1 in site C, she didn’t report to the OCC coordinator. She went to Site A for Task 5 instead.

Mistake 1: after Site A finished Task 3, the OCC coordinator forgot to send electrician to site A for task 4. The electrician went to Site C for Task 2 instead.

1.5 hour of delay for this 2-hour lab experiment
Large Petri-Net simulation
Simulation can do more for outages ...

- **Future study**: 4D simulation for designing more resilient and reliable schedules

(Visual5D.com, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uHzLV3gf78](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uHzLV3gf78))
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Automatically capturing spatiotemporal details in H-CPS of NPP outages – computer vision

- Human tracking based on Kinect and camera
- Anomaly analysis
- Human behavior monitoring
- As-planned workflow
- Historical data
- Nuclear power plant
- Human misbehavior
- Workflow deviation
H-CPS abnormality analysis through automatic human counting & tracking

• Estimate the transportation time of different group of workers
  ▪ Identify each individual human in the camera view
  ▪ Label all humans to different groups
  ▪ Locate different groups
• Identifying waiting and idling status
• Identifying the collaboration status between teams
  ▪ Well collaborated
  ▪ Quarreling
  ▪ Having difficulties
Communication Technologies

• Using mobile devices for updating the status of work orders
• Using sociometric badges for capturing communication patterns and identifying anomalous communications that deviate from normal communication needs of certain tasks


(Ben Waber, http://www.slideshare.net/MassTLC/ben-waber-people-analytics)
Natural language processing for automatic event report analysis

On 09/11/2008 the station experienced a loss of normal off-site power (LONOP) and a resultant reactor scram (ENS#44484). The Shutdown Checklist for the scram was approved to commence on 09/12/08 at 21:39. During a normal shutdown the Control Rod Drive (CRD) [AA] Reference Leg backfill system would be isolated prior to starting a CRD pump [P]. The backfill system was not completely isolated due to the individual performing the checklist having a question on how to safely access the valve [V]. The procedure was stopped and the individual brought the question to the lead operator. The checklist was set aside and not completed. The Control Room Reactor Operator did not notify the Control Room Supervisor (CRS) or Shift Manager (SM) of the safety concern or that the valve (CRD-141) was not closed. On 09/17/08 at 09:33 the Station experienced another LONOP due to the loss of 1R transformer [XFM] with the 2R transformer isolated (ENS#44498). At 11:29 normal shutdown cooling was restored. Another Operating Lead sent an operator to close CRD-141 however vibration monitoring equipment was in the way. Again the CR Lead operator did not notify the CRS or SM of the difficulty in isolating CRD-141.

On 09/20/2008 at 21:35 while in the process of placing the CRD system in service with #12 CRD pump, the plant experienced a Reactor Water Low-Low Level signal. Actual Reactor Water Level remained at 64 inches throughout the event. (Initial investigation revealed that the transient was caused by a pressure surge through the Reference Leg Backfill system following the start of the #12 CRD pump.

The procedure for starting a CRD pump was reviewed. The procedure did not address the position of CRD-141 or have a precaution about the effect of starting a pump with CRD-141 open. The isolation of the Reference Leg Backfill System is only addressed in the shutdown procedure and the shutdown checklist. Due to the complexity of some shutdowns the need to startup the CRD system may occur before the shutdown checklist steps have been completed.
Localization Technologies

- Wifi
- GPS
- RFID
- Other localization technologies

Triangulation localization of RFID tags
With 10 meter level accuracy

(Kiziltas, et. al, 2008)
At the end of the day, understanding groups of human individuals in shutdowns!

- Interactive Team Cognition
- Team cognition is an activity, not a property or a product;
- Team cognition should be measured and studied at the team level;
- Team cognition is inextricably tied to context.

(Cooke et al, 2013)
Conclusions and Future Work

• Tight schedules and packed workspaces of shutdown projects of civil infrastructures and transportation facilities pose unique challenges of process monitoring and control

• Automatic spatiotemporal data collection and analysis is critical for understanding workflow and human performance in civil infrastructure shutdowns

• Multiple technologies are available for enabling a computational framework for automatic shutdown control and diagnosis Human-Cyber-Physical-Systems behaviors in shutdowns

• Further studies will focus on improving and integrating automation technologies based on the H-CPS framework proposed

• H-CPS is critical for complex transportation and civil infrastructure projects (large civil infrastructure/facility construction and maintenance under stringent time and resource limits, such as accelerated bridge construction)
Thank you!

Human-Cyber-Physical-Systems Engineering for Robust Shutdown Control of Civil Infrastructures

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Will the New Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Technologies Impact Transportation Safety and Mobility?
Encouraging the Safe and Responsible Deployment of Automated Vehicles
The Evolution of Connected to Automated Vehicles

The path toward connected vehicles will ultimately lead to automated vehicles.

- **Connected Vehicle**
  Communicates with nearby vehicles and infrastructure; Not automated

- **Connected Automated Vehicle**
  Leverages autonomous automated and connected vehicles

- **Autonomous Vehicle**
  Operates in isolation from other vehicles using internal sensors
Areas Specific to Construction

Vehicle to Vehicle

• Safety
  – On Road Transportation to Work Site
  – Work Zone: Entering
  – Work Site Traffic

• Mobility
  – Work Zone: Exiting

Vehicle to Infrastructure

• Safety
  – Work Zone Operation
  – Worker Detection (V2P)

• Mobility
  – Energy Efficiency
  – Equipment Automation
  – Equipment & Material Coordination
Areas Specific to Construction

Automated / Autonomous

• Safety
  – On Road Transportation to Work Site
  – Obstacle detection (sensors)
  – Follow-on Truck

• Productivity
  – Earthmoving
  – Onsite Materials Handling
  – 24/7 Operations
Autonomous Attenuator Truck

Could also be used to send out connected vehicle message warning of workers ahead
Worker Detection (V2P)

Vests with “connected” sensors can be embedded into highway construction workers’ safety vest. These are now about the size of a cellphone but in the future can shrink to the size of a pack of gum.
Mixed traffic; wouldn’t be the first time
Design

Enhancements
Lower lane widths
Increased capacity without larger footprint
Fewer signs

Accommodations
Refuge areas
Improved markings
Roadside equipment maintenance / operations
Mixed fleets
Sample Deployment Concept
Improving the Efficiency of Road Maintenance

- Improve Snow Removal
  - Enhanced Maintenance Decision Support System

- Improve Management of Work Zones
  - Work Zone Traveler Information

- Improve Situational Awareness
  - Probe-based Pavement Maintenance

Synergies among applications increase benefits and reduce costs

Source: U.S. DOT
Roadblocks to Success

• Sustainable Deployment
• Cost to Consumer, Roadway Owners & Contractors.
• Maintenance and Operation Costs
• Adoption Rate in Fleet (V2V) & Operators (V2I)
• New Vector for Cyber-Security Threats
• Public Acceptance
Cyber-Security Dimensions of Threat

• Malicious attack
  – External
  – Internal

• Non-malicious operational error

• Improper firmware updates

• Lack of system reliability / maintenance

• Untrustworthy practices by the operator
Public Acceptance

DATA
Basic Safety Message

SECURITY
Public Key Infrastructure

PRIVACY
Certificate Management
Security System

TRANSPARENCY
What it does & how it's used
V2I Deployment Guidance/Products Website
http://www.its.dot.gov/V2I

National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse

National Operations Center of Excellence
http://www.transportationops.org/

Vehicle to Infrastructure Deployment Coalition
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