
Advances in Infrastructure Delivery and Stewardship – R&D Perspective

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Outline

- A Research Perspective on Infrastructure:
 - A nervous system for our infrastructure:
 - Why is this needed?
 - Implications for the Measurement Science needs?
- Challenges as per Workshop Baseline Document
- Some relevant project activity related to these challenges
- Summary

A Research Perspective:
Nervous systems for our infrastructure systems?

An Infrastructure Nervous System...

- **Senses** the usage, condition, and contextual environment of each infrastructure component within a system
- Able to **recognize “pain”** within the system, such as excessive stress, damage due to impact or corrosion, loss of support
- Maintains a **memory** over time and space (for future)
- Maintains a **model of its current behavior**
- **Alerts decision makers** about need for early action and **assists them** in exploring effective actions

...Leads to Better Management of Infrastructure

- In Jan 2006, a bridge collapsed onto I-70
- Interstate 70 was closed for several days
- The bridge had been recently inspected and given a rating of 4 out of 10



- Extensive corrosion damage to the pre-stressing cables and reinforcing bars in the concrete beam is believed to have contributed to the failure.
- The extent of this damage was not detected during visual inspection.
- More recently: I-35, I-95, Birmingham Bridge...

And bridges are the best of the infrastructure class....

Subject	2001	2005	2009
	Grade	Grade	Grade
Bridges	C	C	C
Dams	D	D	D
Drinking Water	D	D-	D-
National Power Grid	D+	D	D+
Navigable Waterways	D+	D-	D-
Roads	D+	D	D-
Solid Waste	C+	C+	C+
Transit	C-	D+	D
Wastewater	D	D-	D-
5 yr Investment Needs = \$2.2 Trillion			

Source = ASCE.ORG website

...Leads to More Sustainable Operations

- “If you can't measure it, you can't manage it”
 - Peter Drucker
- There are many claims being made about energy savings, water conservation practices, emissions reductions, etc.
- How do we know that a LEED Silver building will operate in an environmentally sustainable manner?
- How do we know that a high efficiency furnace continues to operate with high efficiency?
- We must measure the environmental performances over time and space to know how well the building is performing
 - E.g., energy usage, water usage, air quality, temperature, humidity

...Leads to More Informed Future Design Activity

- Each instance of infrastructure will maintain detailed records of:
 - As designed and as-built records
 - Construction challenges associated with the designs
 - usage, performance and deterioration over time
 - Compliance with existing codes
- Collections of data about such instances provides:
 - extensive information useful for future design activity
 - High quality, contextual deterioration models
 - Sections of codes that may need more attention and study

... Leads to More Informed Delivery Process

- Sensing during the construction process provides
 - Detection of deviations between as-designed and as-built info
 - More accurate as-builts
 - Support for commissioning
 - Continuous determination of productivity measures
 - More accurate and more timely cost control information

In Workshop Baseline Document, some needs:

- Cost-effective, field deployable sensing systems:
 - Inspection and monitoring
 - During construction and O&M
- Predictive models of system condition and performance
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Model-based Sensor-Assisted Construction Engineering and Management

Researchers: Burcu Akinci (CEE)

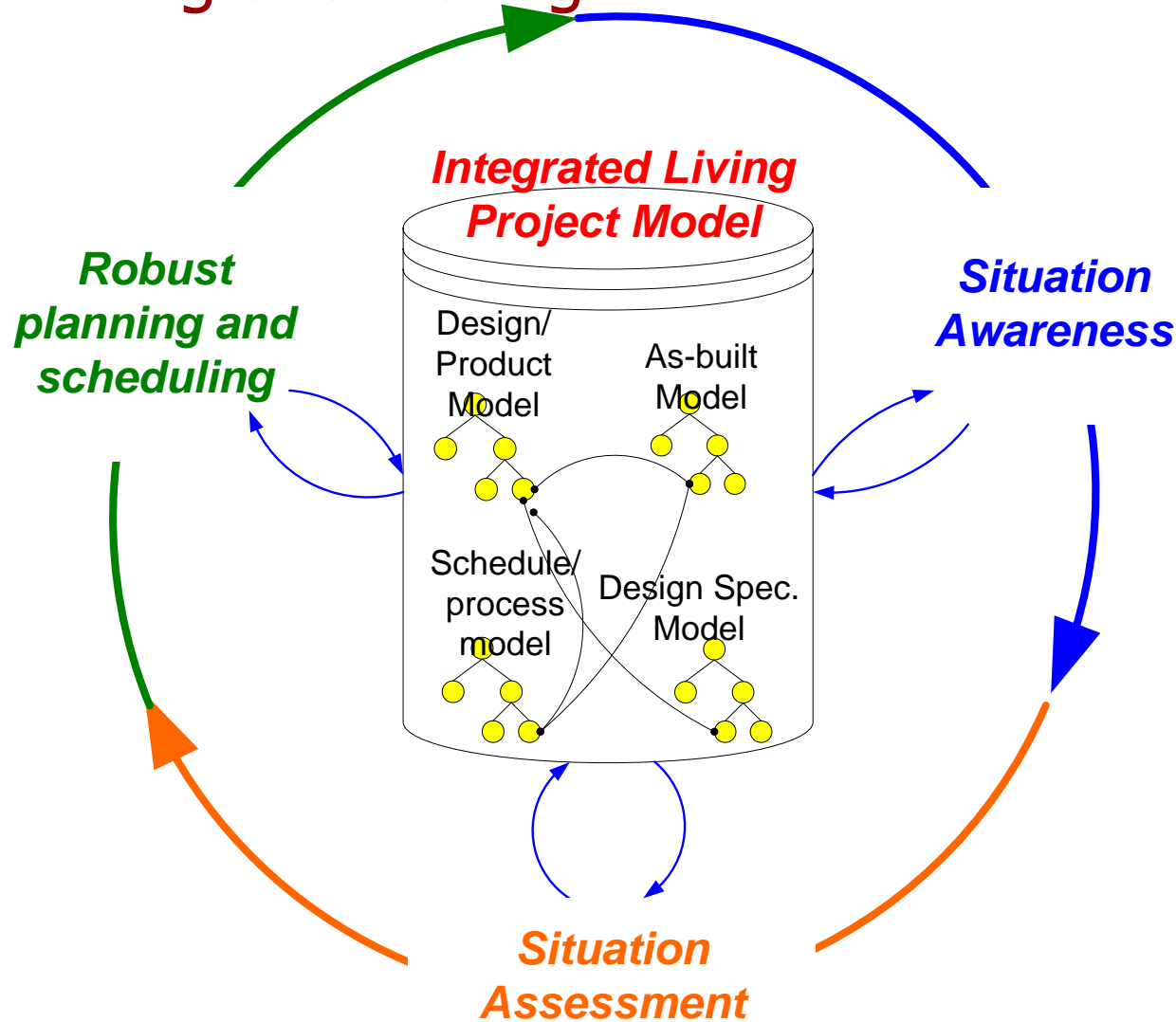


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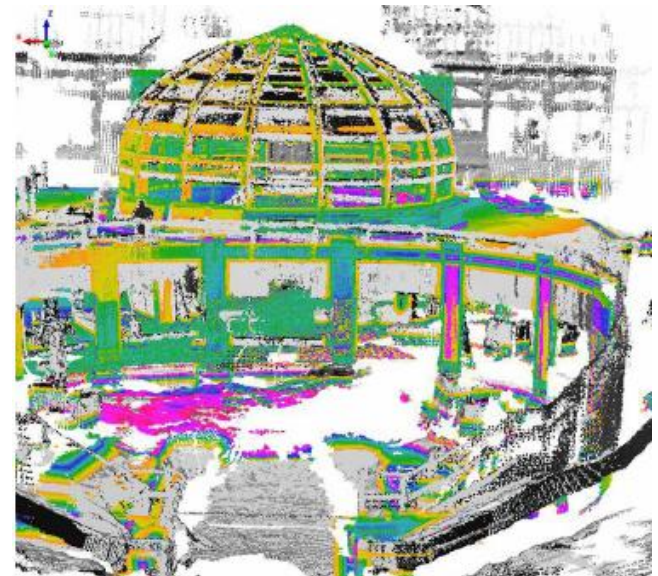
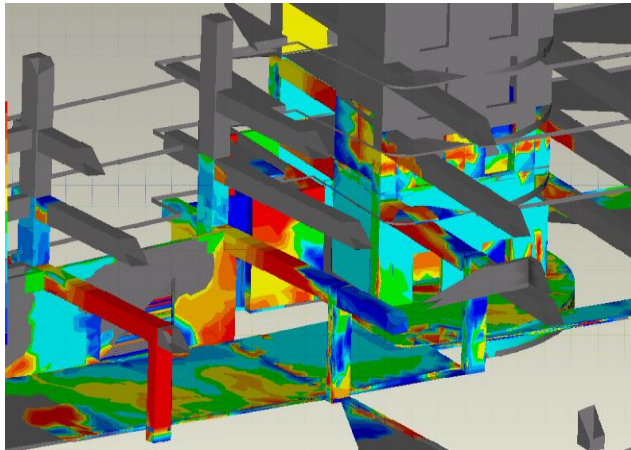
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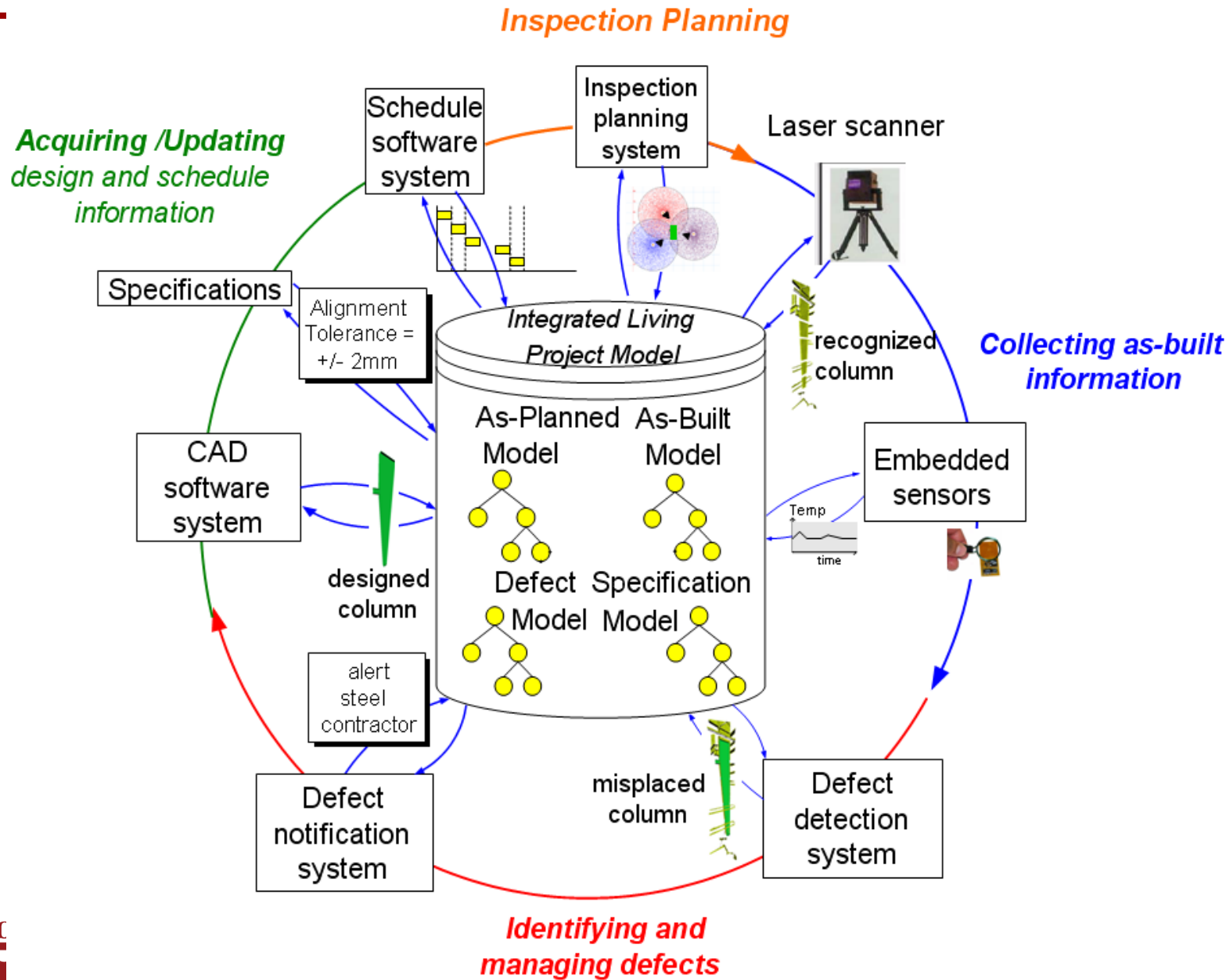


Advanced Sensor-Based Deviation Detection

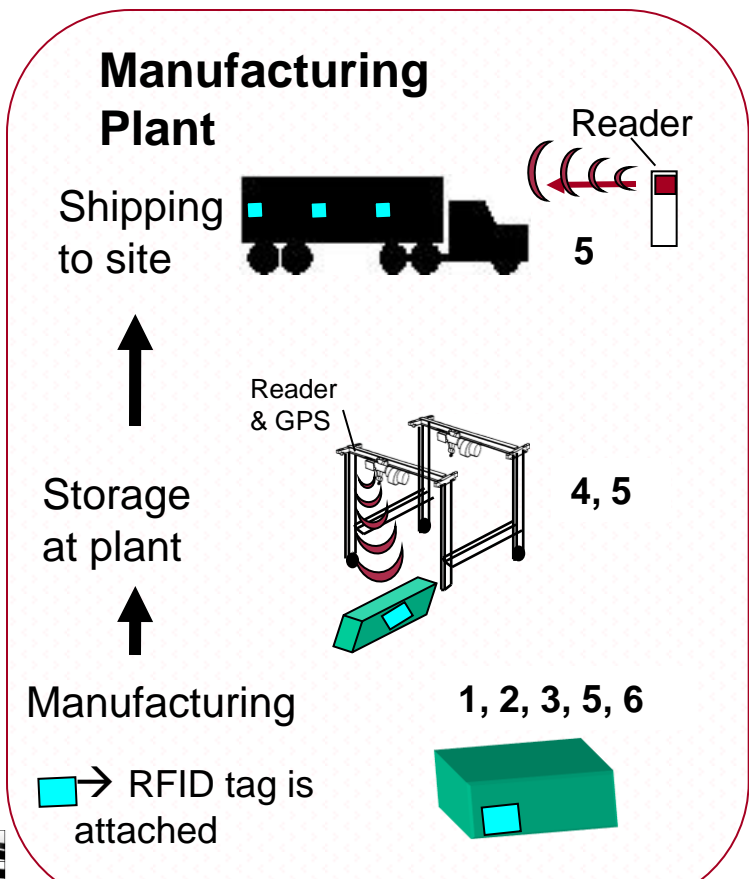
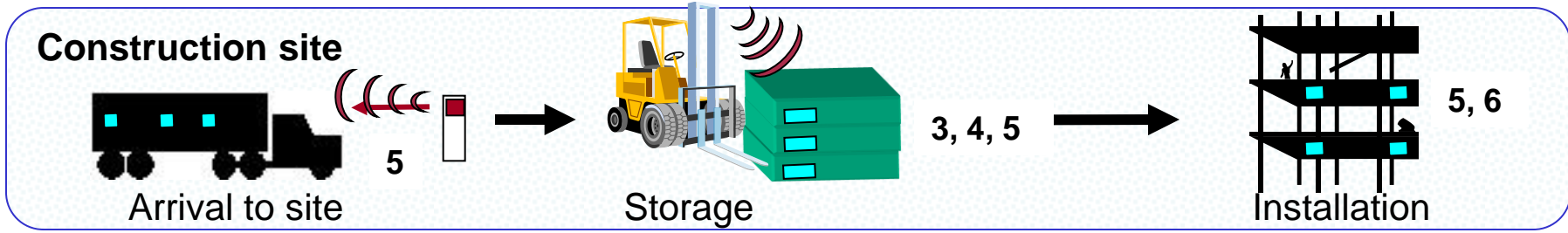
- Construction deviations and defects occur frequently
 - Constitutes 8-12% of construction cost, when detected late (Burati and Farrington 1987; Josephson and Hammerlund 1998).
 - Defects detected in maintenance constitute 8% of construction cost. (Burati and Farrington 1987; Josephson and Hammerlund 1998).
 - 54% of the construction defects, attributed to human factors like unskilled workers or insufficient supervision of construction work (Opfer 1999)
- Current site inspection approaches need to be improved
 - in increasing the situation awareness
 - in identifying deviations and defects



Advanced Sensor-based Defect Detection and Management on Construction Sites

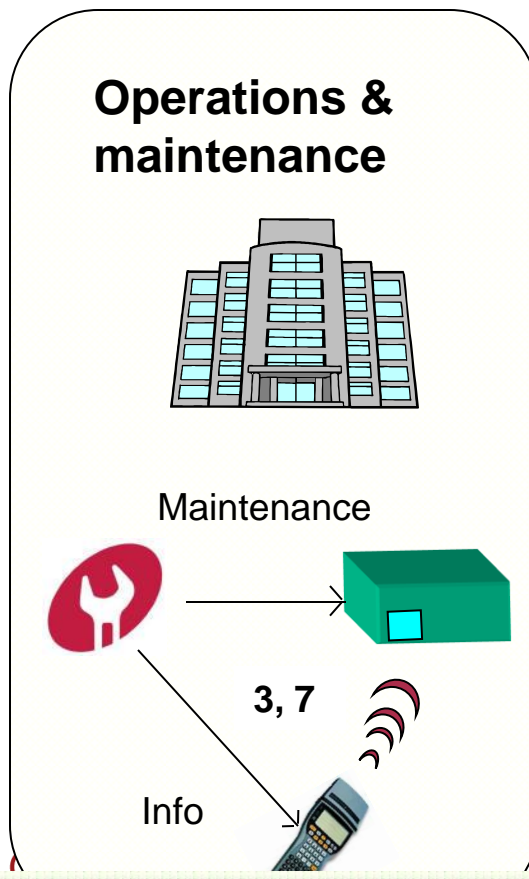


Automated material tracking and capturing product history



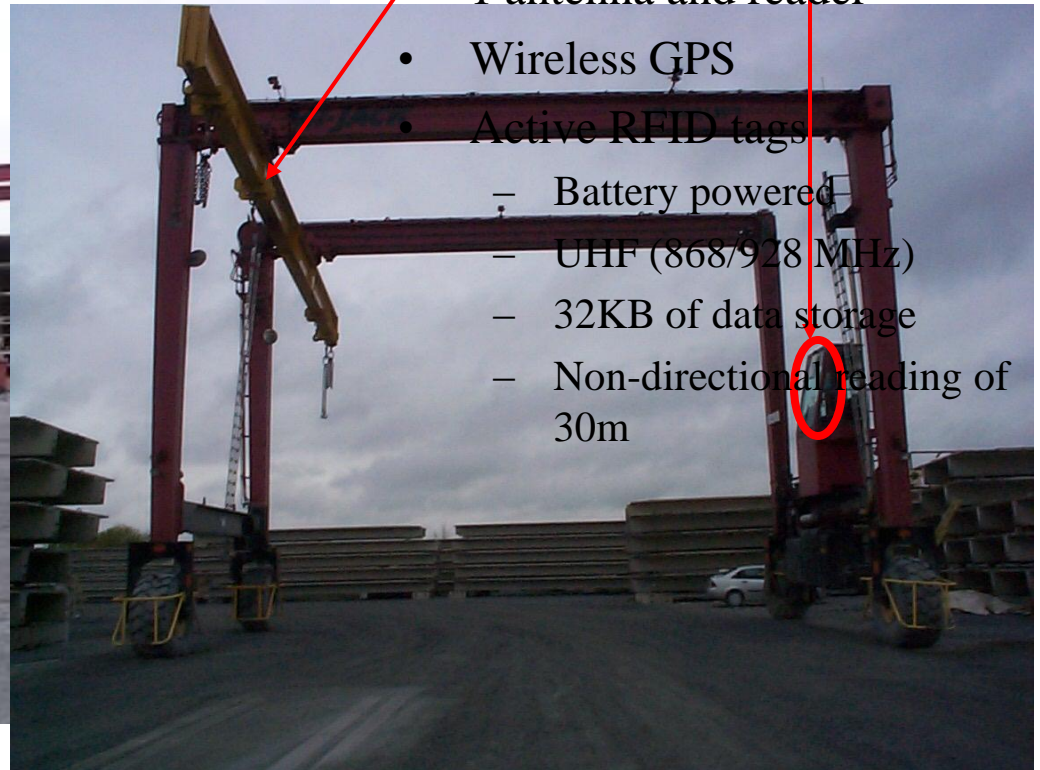
Information Items that are transferred

1. Manufacturing info
2. Storage & handling manual
3. Inspection info
4. Storage & location info
5. Status info
6. Final location at the structure
7. Maintenance info



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 Engineer Research and Development Center
 Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Implementation at a material supplier



- 1 antenna and reader
- Wireless GPS
- Active RFID tags
 - Battery powered
 - UHF (868/928 MHz)
 - 32KB of data storage
 - Non-directional reading of 30m

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Piezoelectric Sensing and Time Reversal Signal Analysis for Monitoring Condition of Natural Gas Pipelines

**Researchers: Moura (ECE), Oppenheim (CEE), Soibelman (CEE),
Garrett (CEE), Sohn (CEE- KAIST)**

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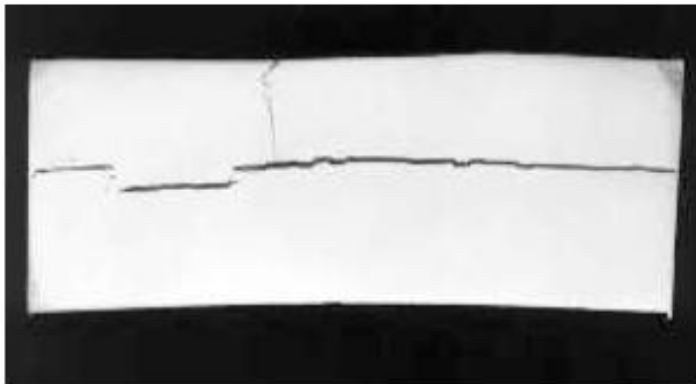
Types of Damage in Gas Pipelines



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

(a) Metal Loss; (b) Gouging; (c) Metal anomalies; (d) Buckling

Source: www.battelle.org/pipetechnology/MFL/Links/DefectTypes.htm

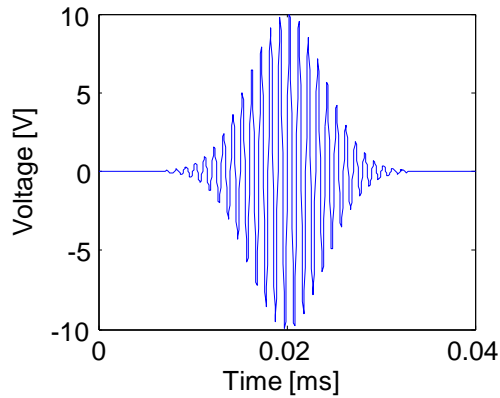
Objectives

- Demonstrate that a combination of piezoelectric sensors and time reversal signal processing can:
 - interrogate the steel walls of a natural gas pipeline
 - identify the existence of, location and extent of damage in the walls of that pipe

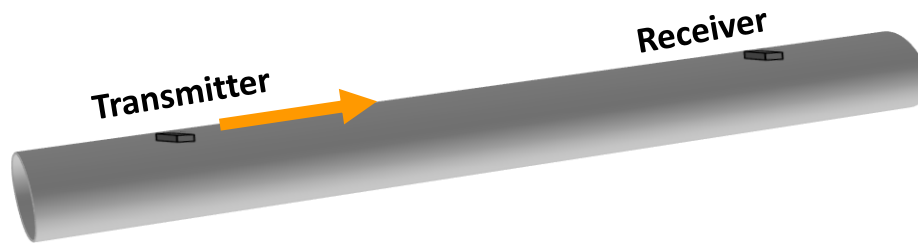
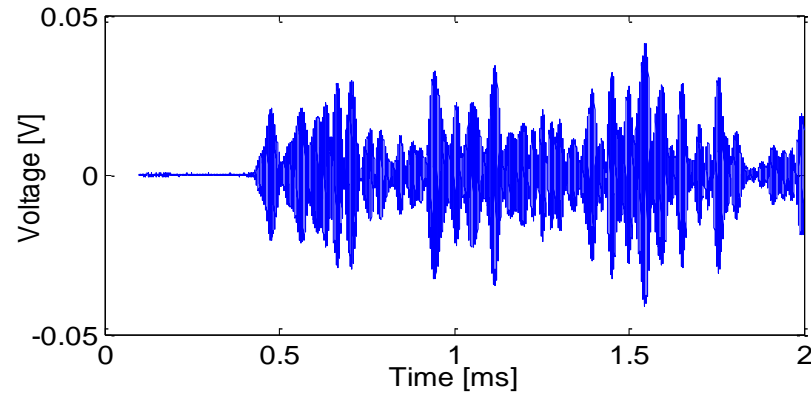


Guided Waves in Pipes

Excitation

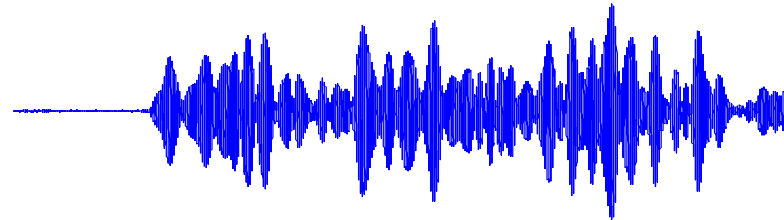


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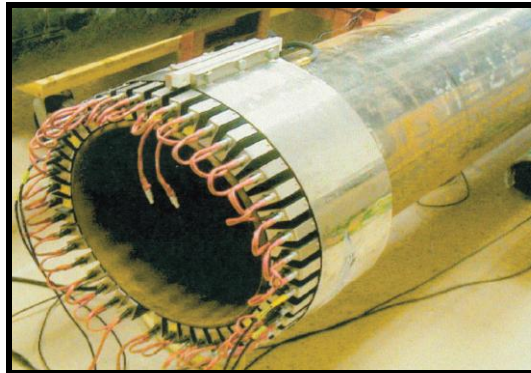
**Multi-modal
Dispersive
Multi-path**

Potential Solutions



Multiple modes and Dispersion

Adverse effects



Collar sensing device

Teletest system from Plant Integrity Ltd.
<http://www.plantintegrity.co.uk/>

Advantages

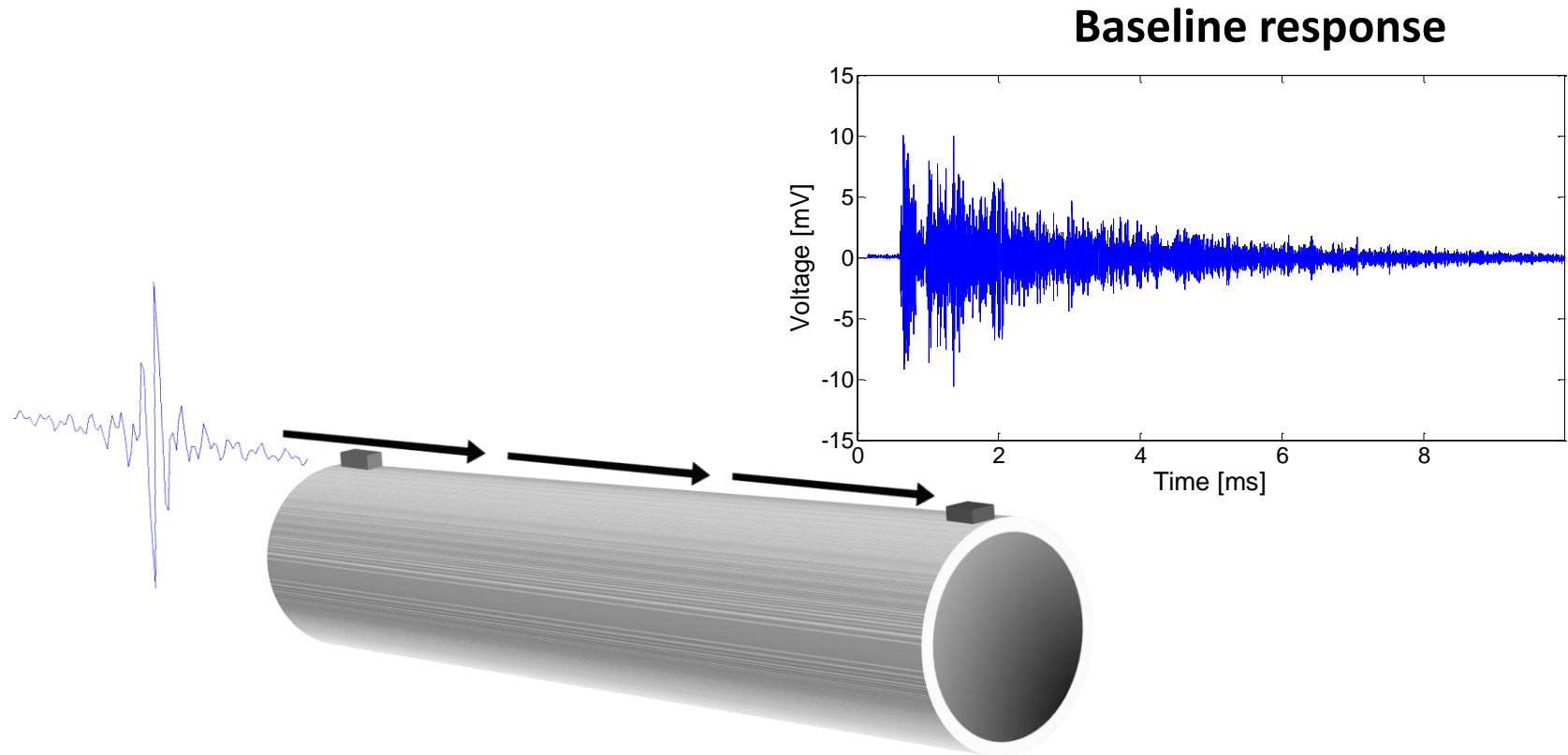


Time Reversal techniques

PZT wafer (Lead Zirconate Titanate)

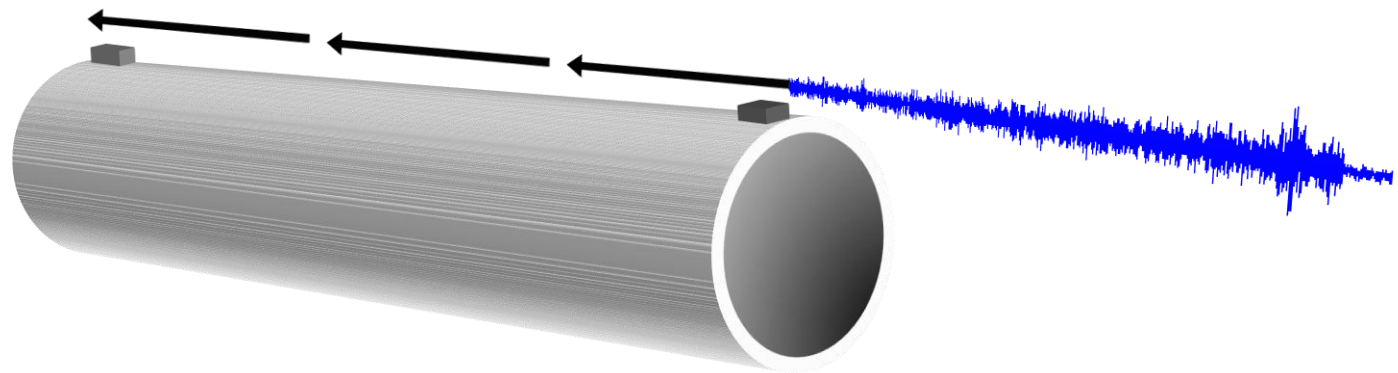
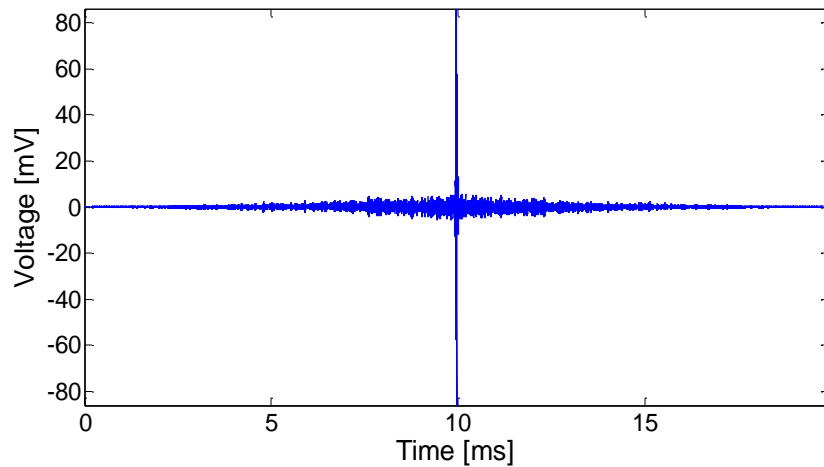
Time Reversal Change Focusing

Transmit excitation, receive baseline signal



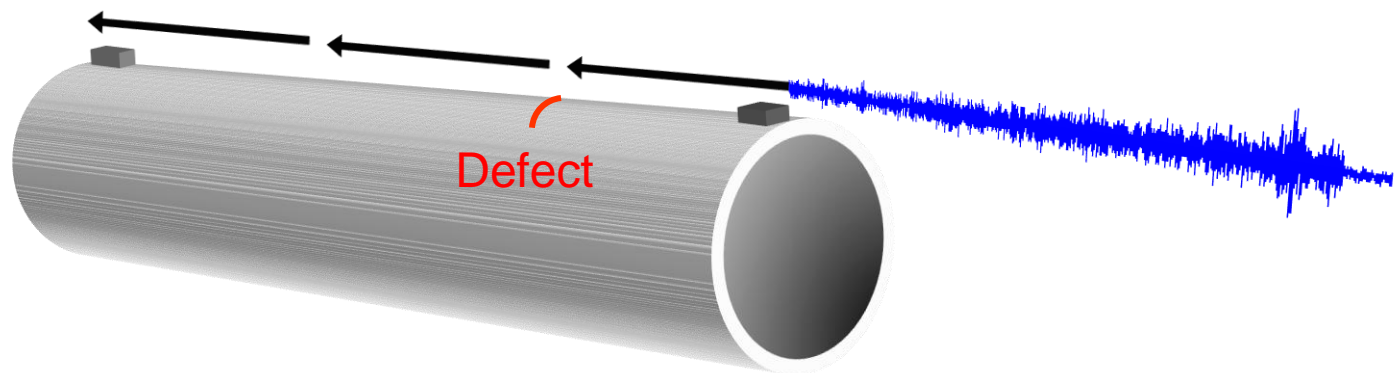
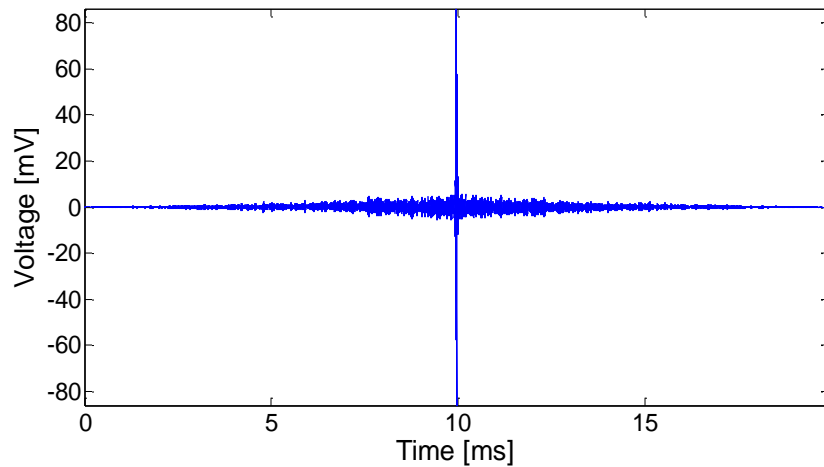
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Back-transmit difference between baseline and signal received



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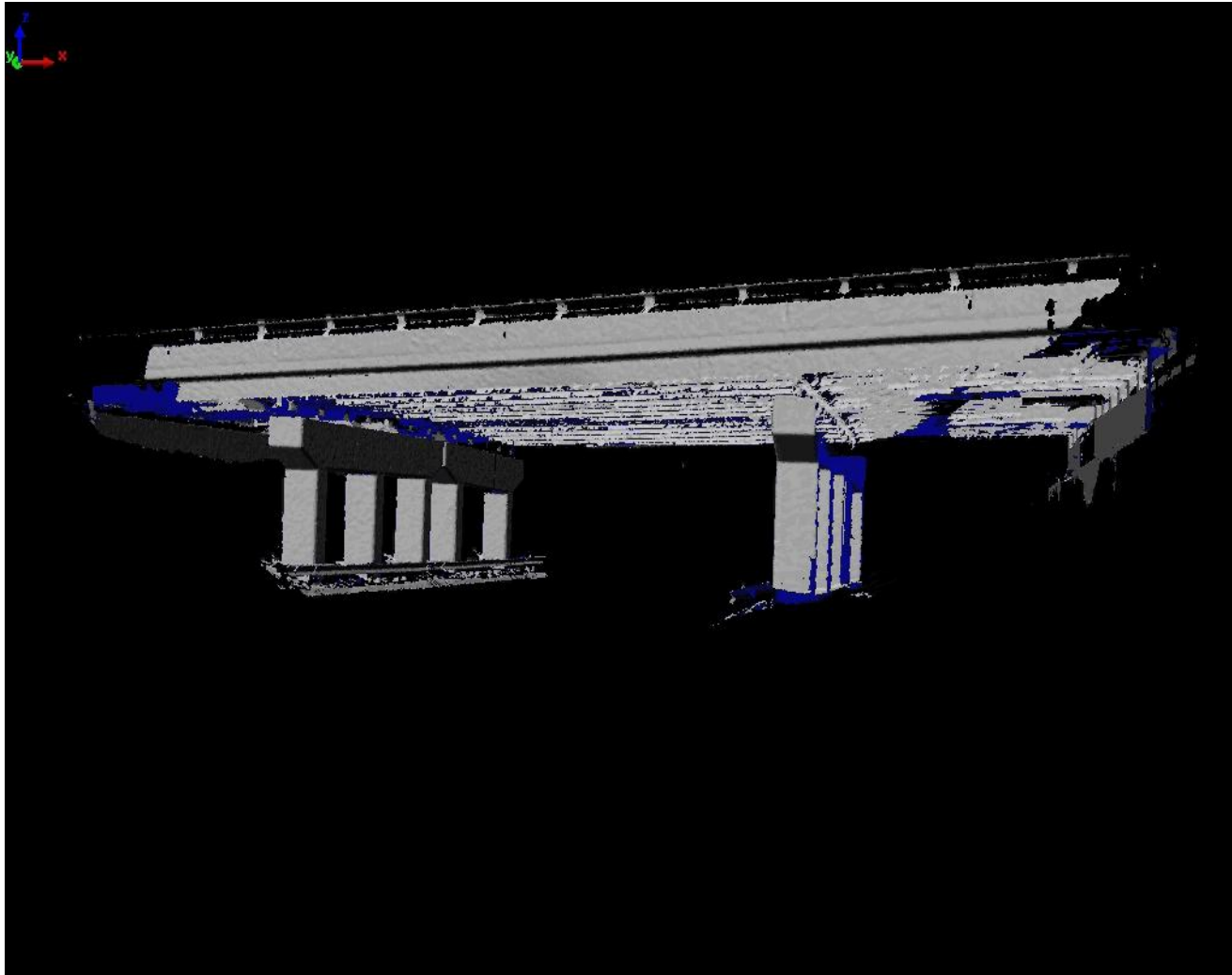
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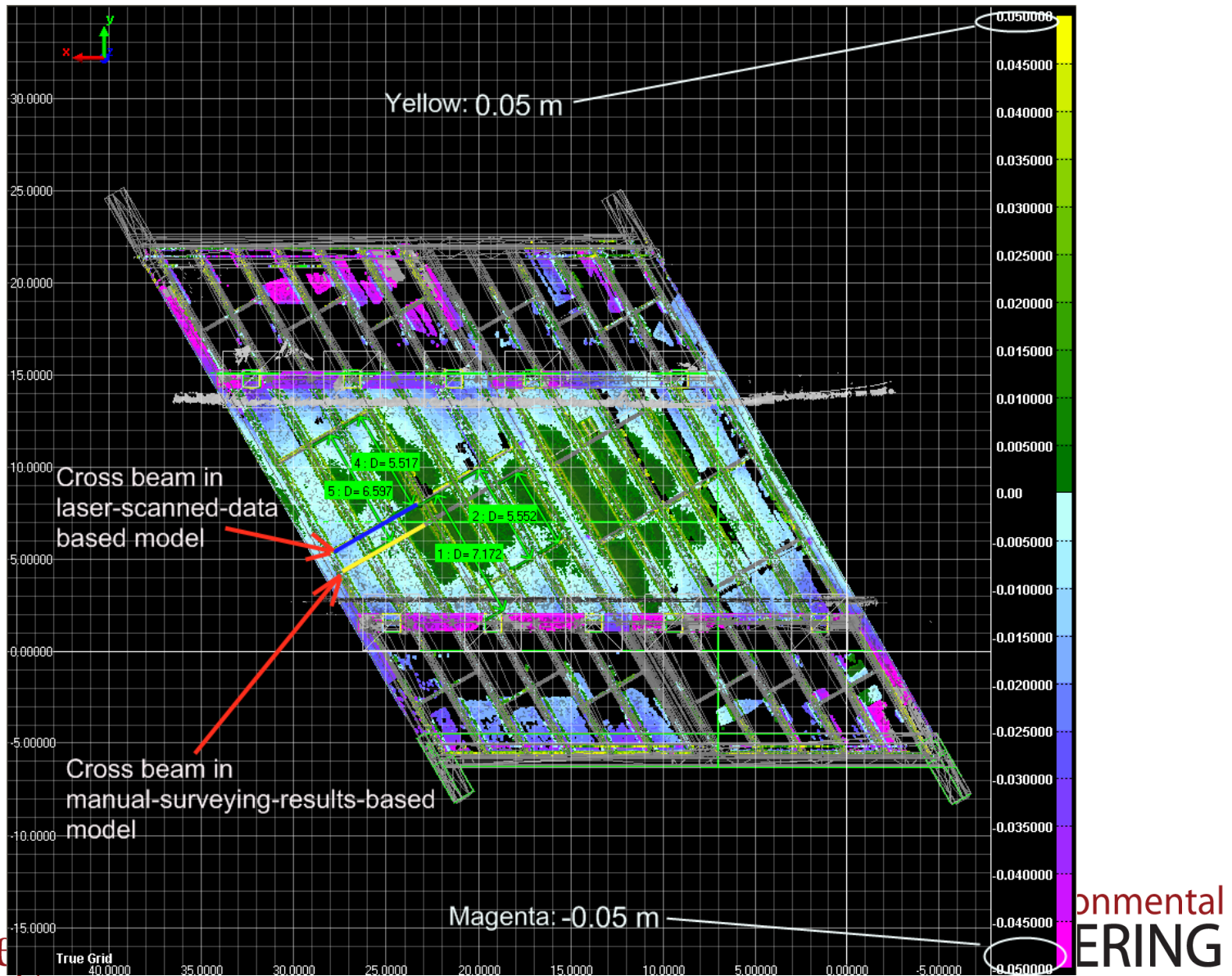
LIDAR Support for Bridge Inspection

Researchers: Akinci (CEE), Huber (CMU Robotics), Earls (PITT)
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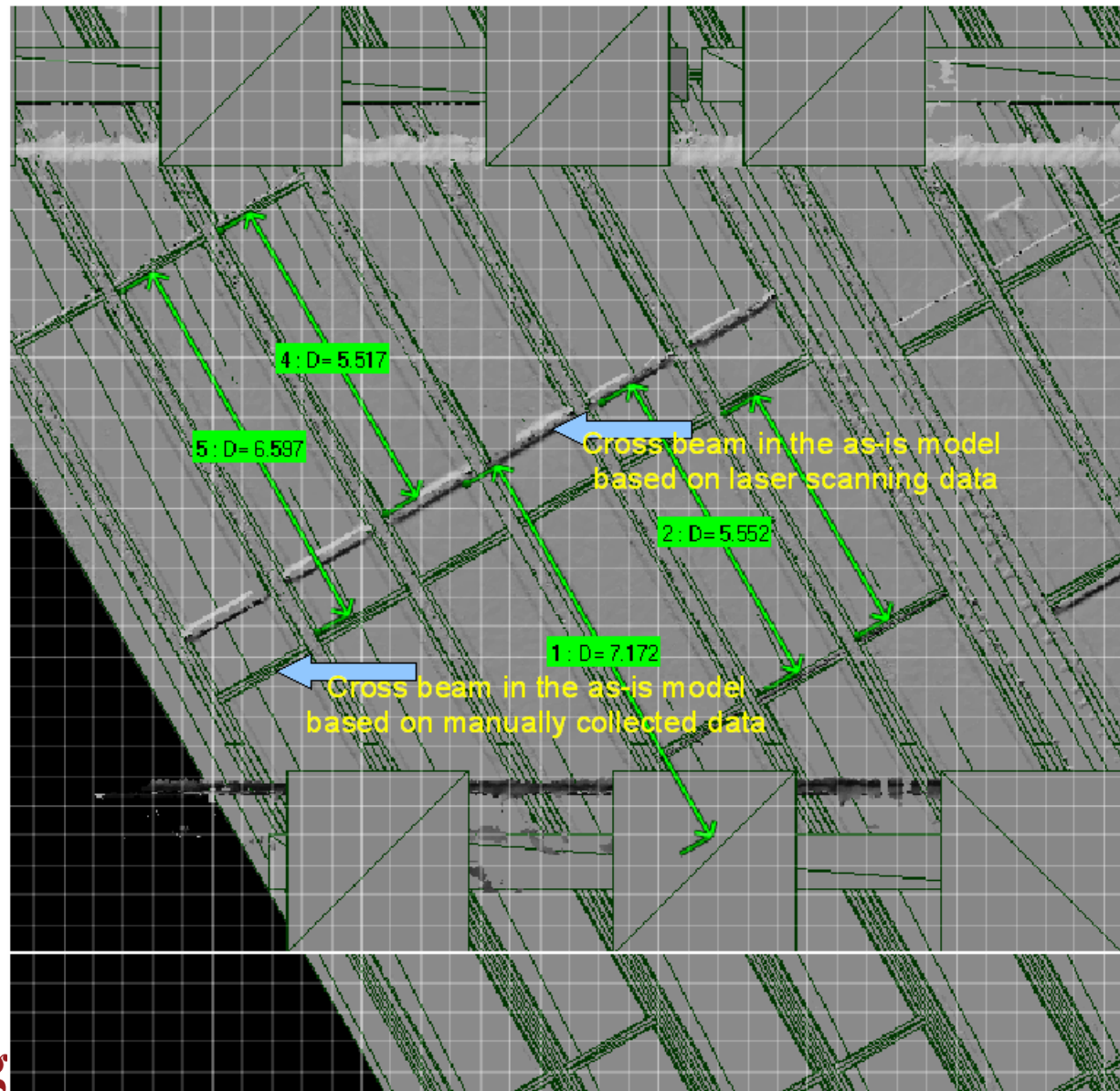
Bridge Inspection Using Lidar Sensing



Assessment of bridge conditions over time



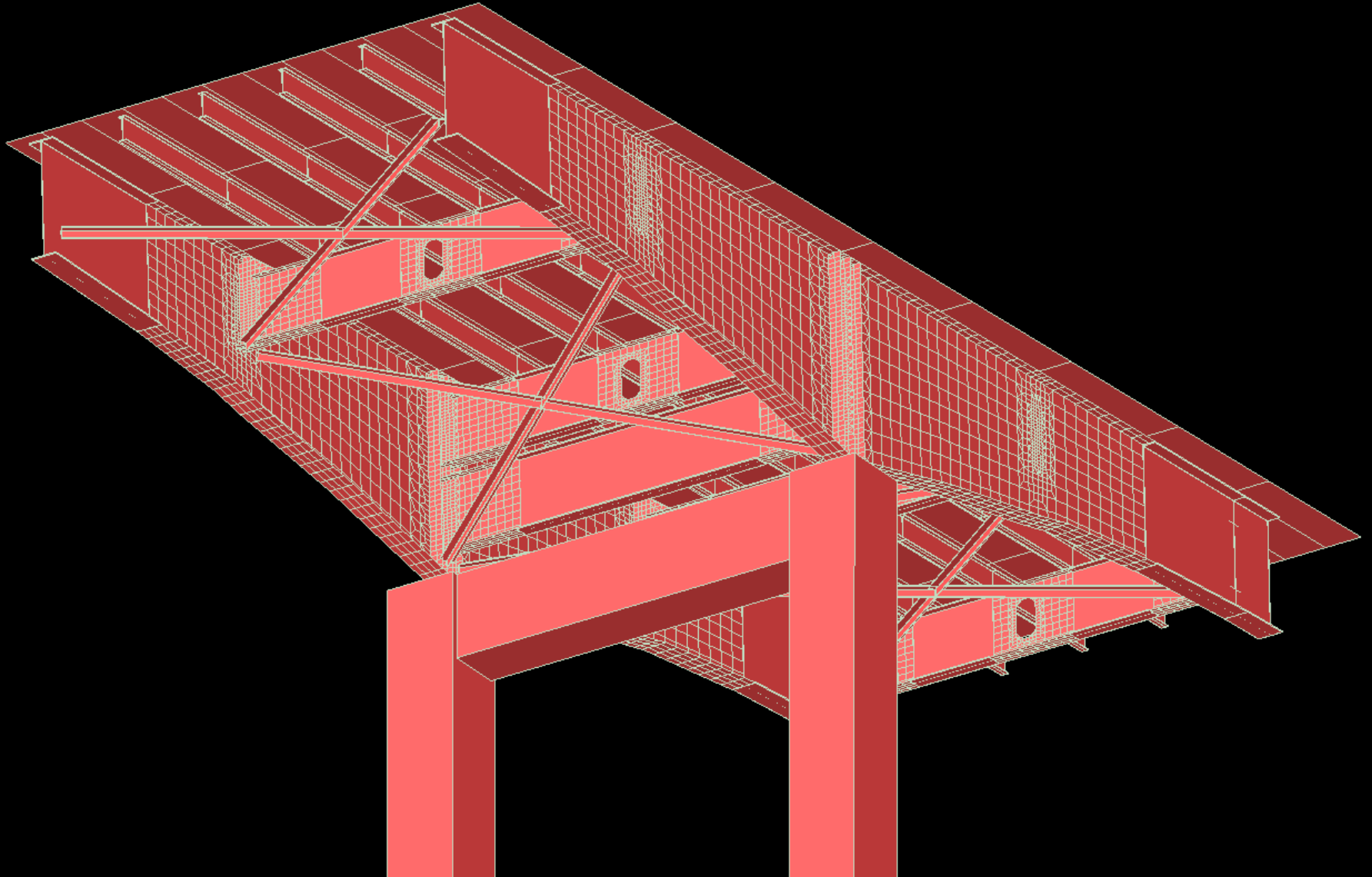
Assessment of bridge as-builts



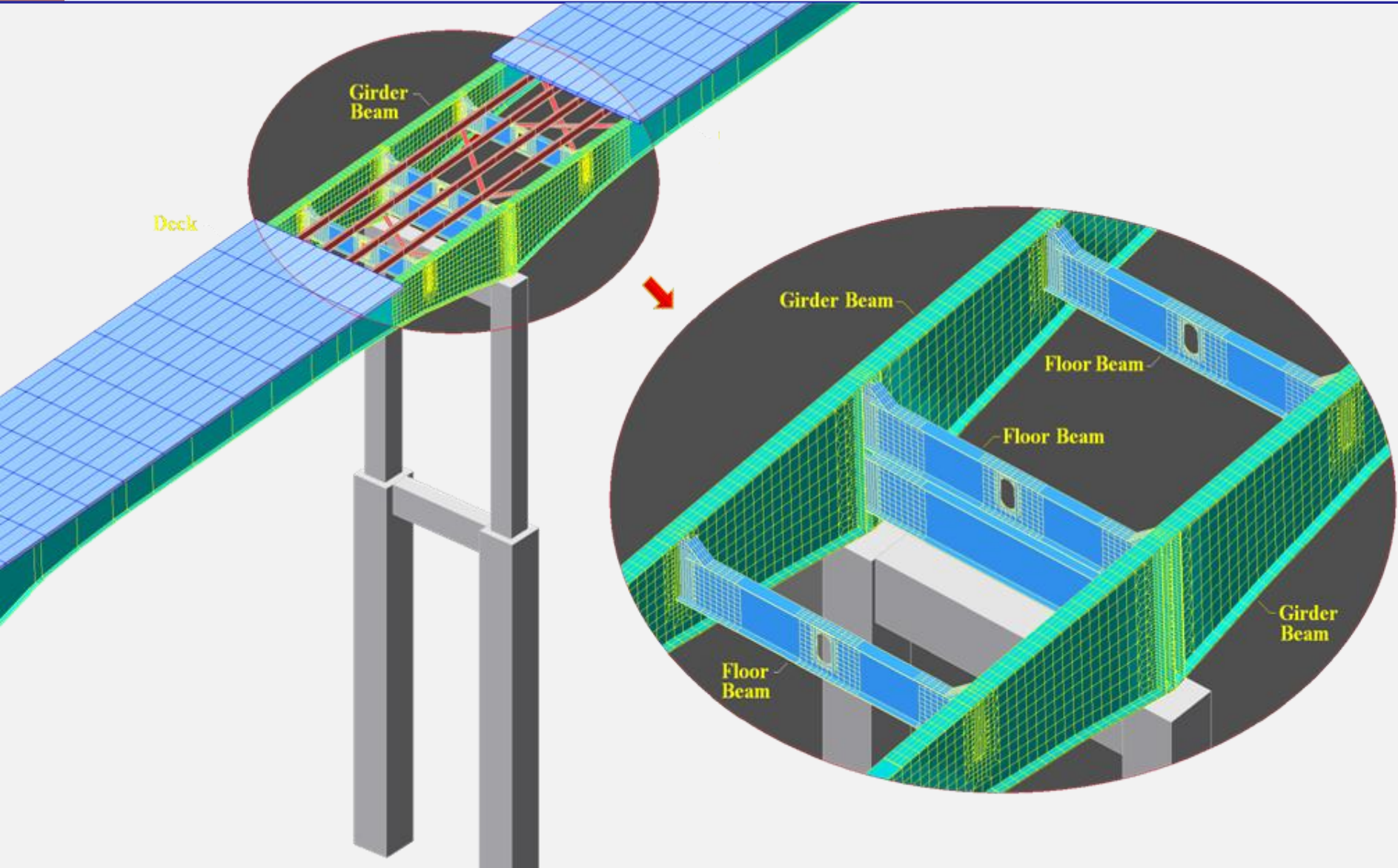
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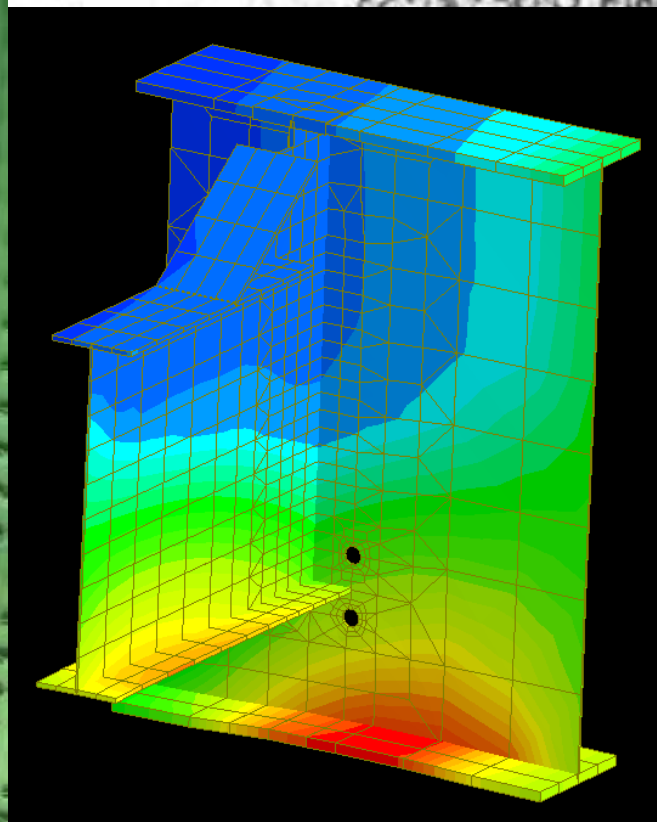
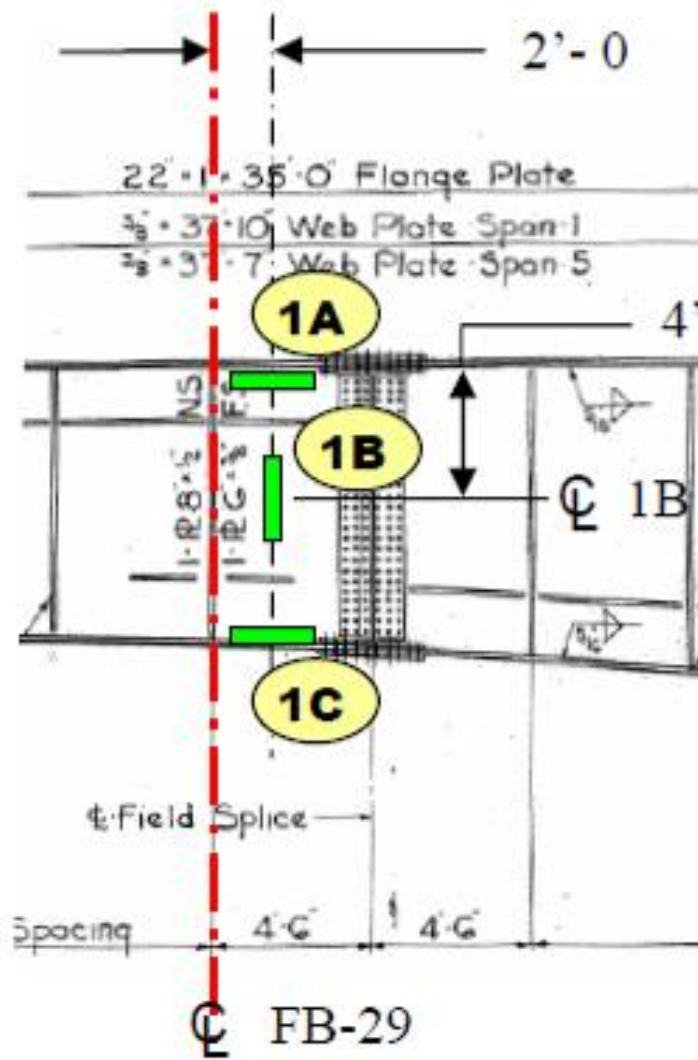
Precise Global Modeling



Focus on Points of Interest



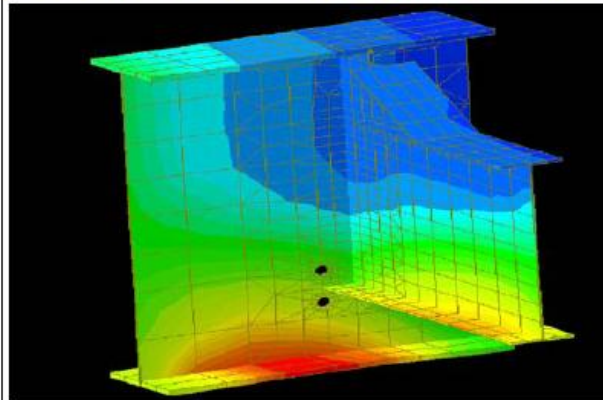
Precise Sensor Locations



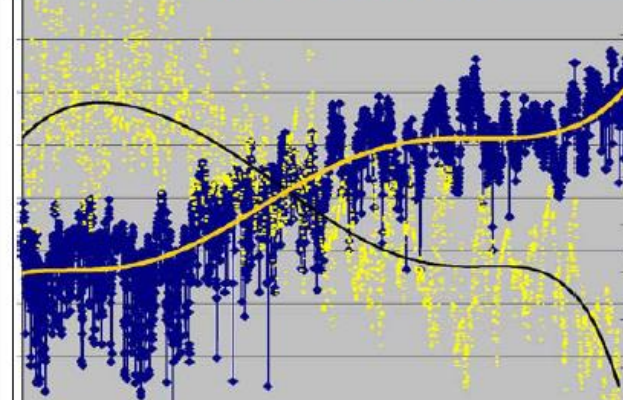
SITE IMAGES



FINITE ELEMENT MODEL DISPLAY



LOAD EVENT HISTORY



Global A
Plan View

Global B
Lt. Elevation

Global C
Rt. Elevation

Sensor Selector



Local Detail A
Exp. Bearing

Local Detail B
Fixed Bearing

Local Detail C
Point of Load

Sensor ID: Clark SG-1

REAL TIME SYSTEM RESPONSE

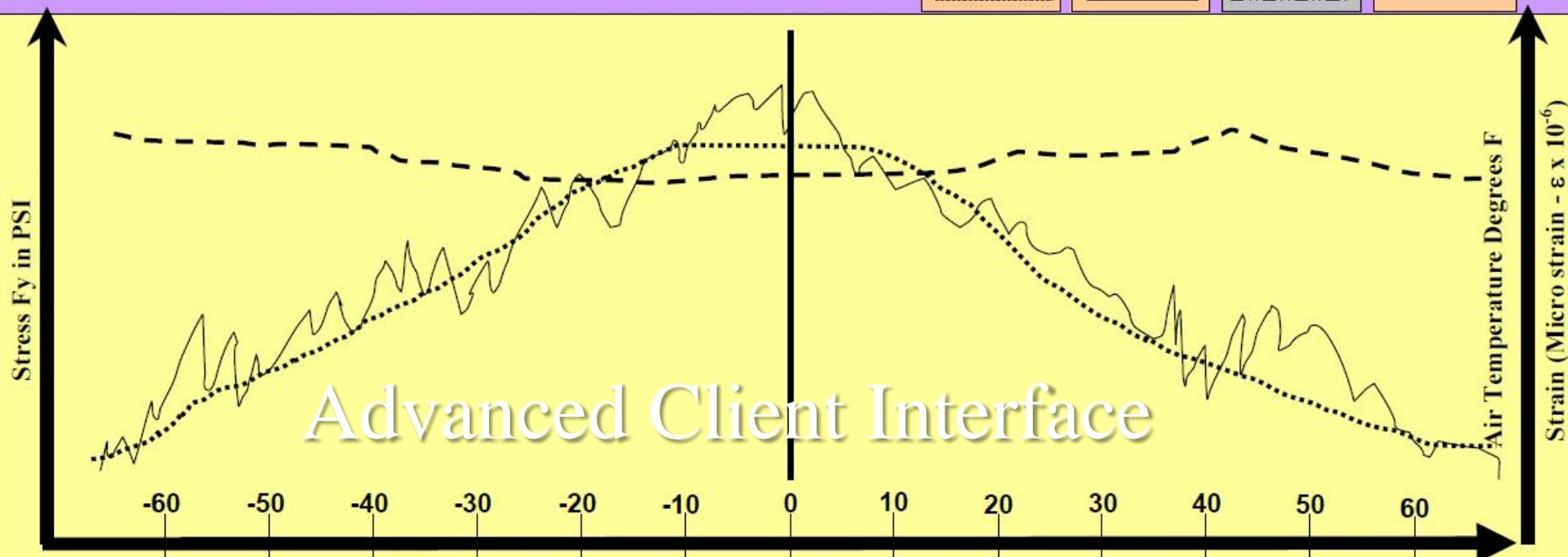
[CLOCK TIME 08:00:42]

Predicted

Actual

Adjusted

Air Temp.



Advanced Client Interface

ELAPSED TIME

Seconds

Minutes

Hours

Days

Months

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Spatial Data Mining To Improve Understanding and Management of Water Main Breaks

**Researchers: Soibelman (CEE), Garrett (CEE)
Oliviera (CEE) and Rajagopalan (CEE)**

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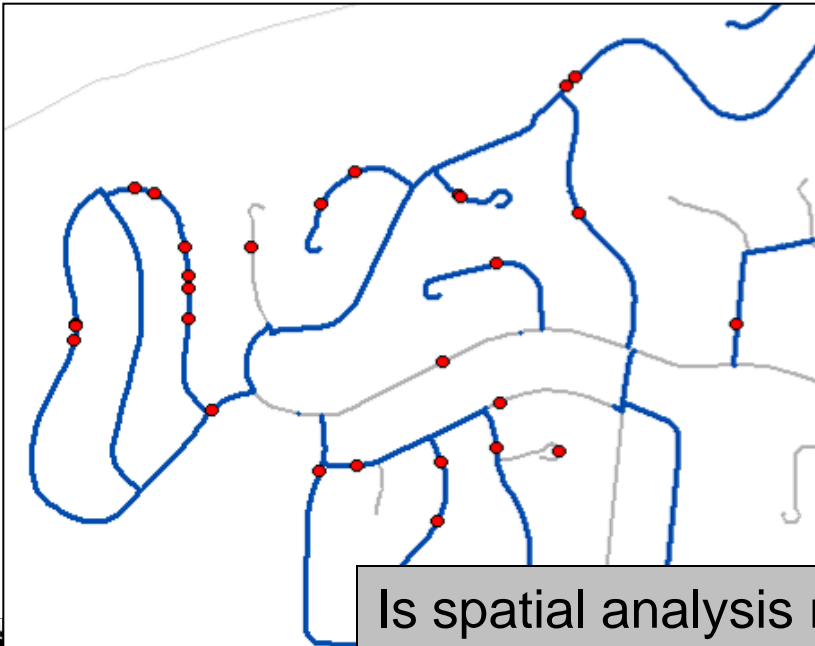
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Motivating context

- Consider two similar groups:
 - cast iron pipe, 6" diameter, installed before 1967
- Same pipe characteristics, but different behavior



Is spatial analysis relevant? Consider two factors:

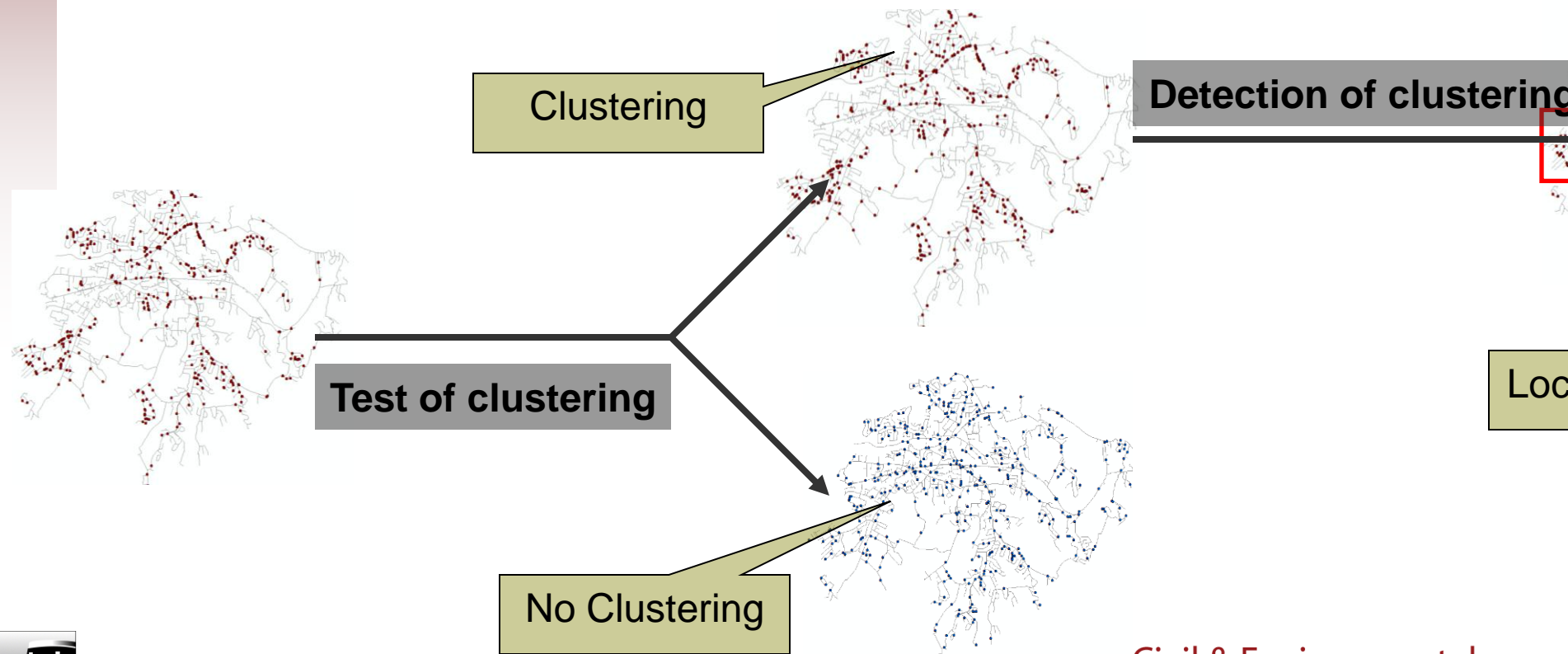
- Environmental factors vary over space
- Interaction between breaks/leaks

Spatial analysis of water main breaks

- The sort of questions that can be asked about spatial analysis of pipe break events:
 - Are breaks clustered?
 - Where?
 - What factors may cause clusters?
- How to perform exploratory spatial data analysis (ESDA) in order to identify significant spatial factors and interdependencies that explain deterioration?

Exploratory spatial data analysis (ESDA) example

Is there any clustering tendency?
Where are the clusters?
How large are the clusters?
What causes the clusters?

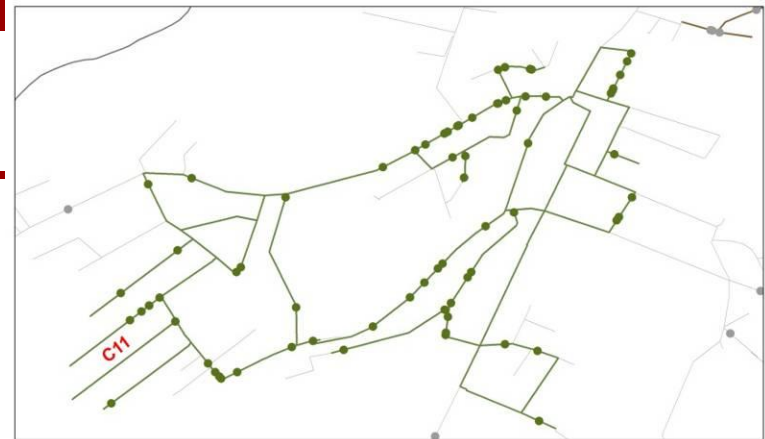
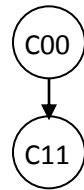


Using Clusters to Decide to Repair or Replace

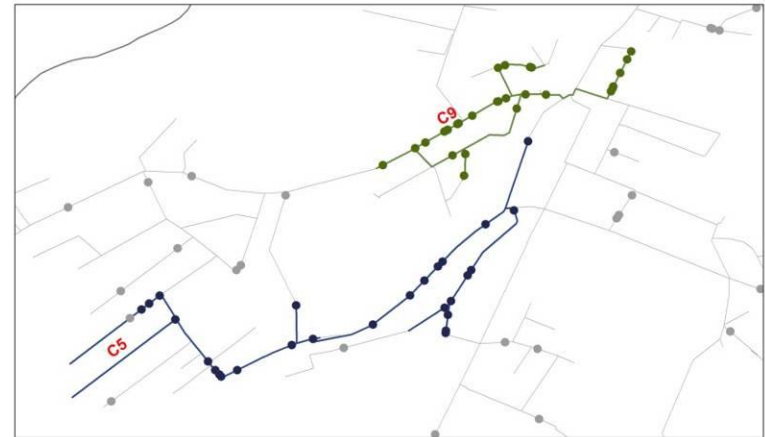
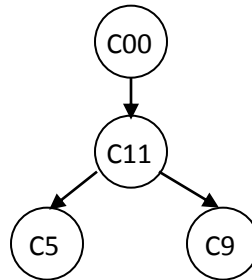
- Deterioration model includes not only temporal aspect, but also the spatial dimension of failure
- Cluster analysis can provide insight to
 - Decision making process for repair and replacement of pipe segments
 - Long term rehabilitation planning
- Using spatially referenced data (such as soil, traffic, businesses affected) to assess impact of failure locally
 - Availability of spatially referenced data from sources like Census, DOT
 - GIS used as a platform for data integration
 - Locality specific cost that includes both Utility and User cost (sum of which is total social cost)

Spatial Analysis

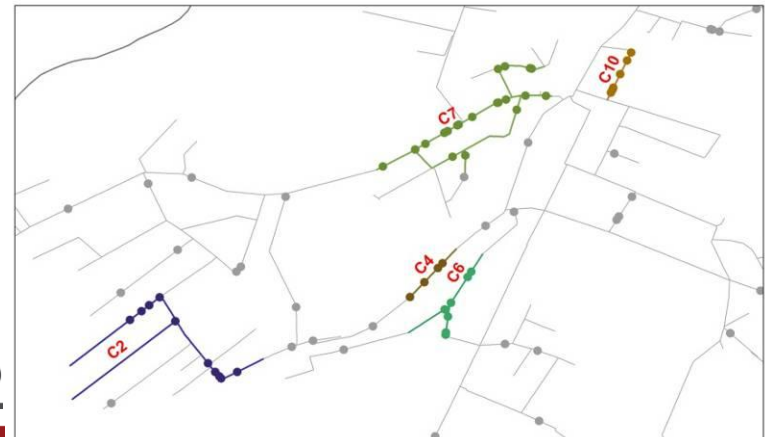
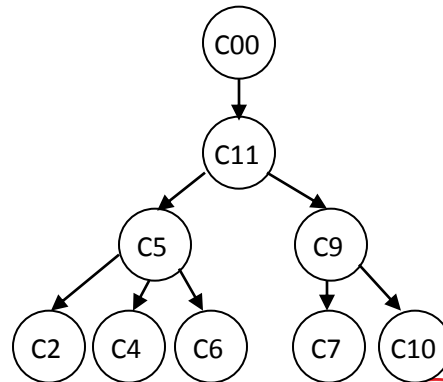
Identify areas with higher breakage than surrounding areas



Spatial Clusters defined by local density of breakage

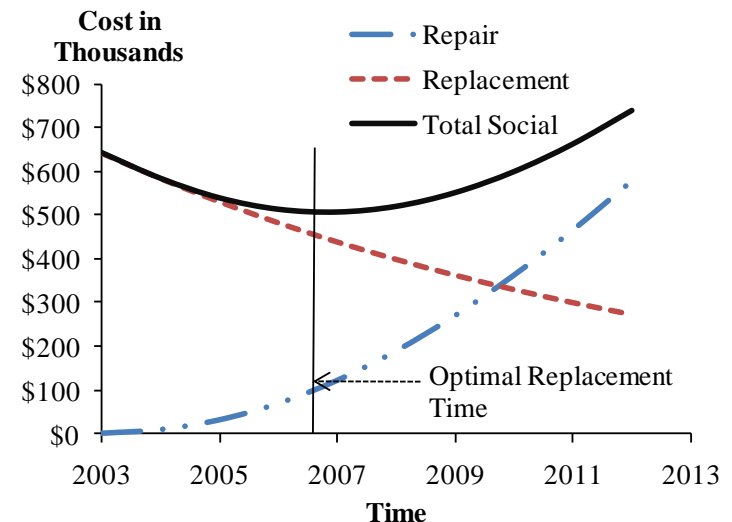
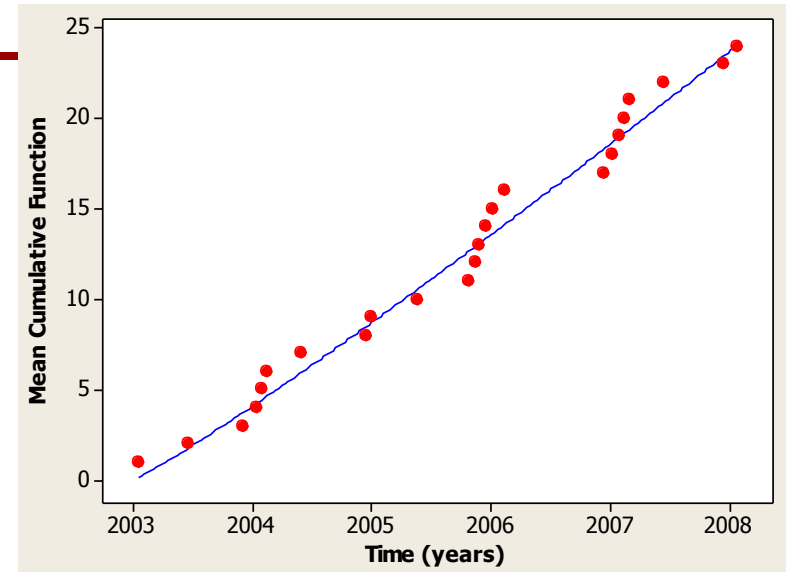


Hierarchy of clusters with higher breakage rate at subsequent levels of hierarchy



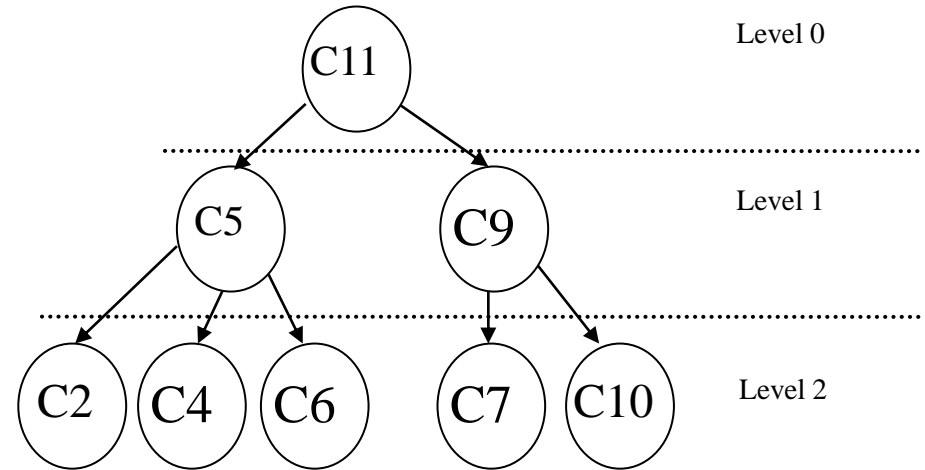
Temporal Analysis

- Calculate the rate of failure for each cluster (group of pipe segments) using data about failure rates for each cluster
- Calculate the optimal replacement time for each cluster, where optimal replacement time defined as time at which lowest total social cost was achieved



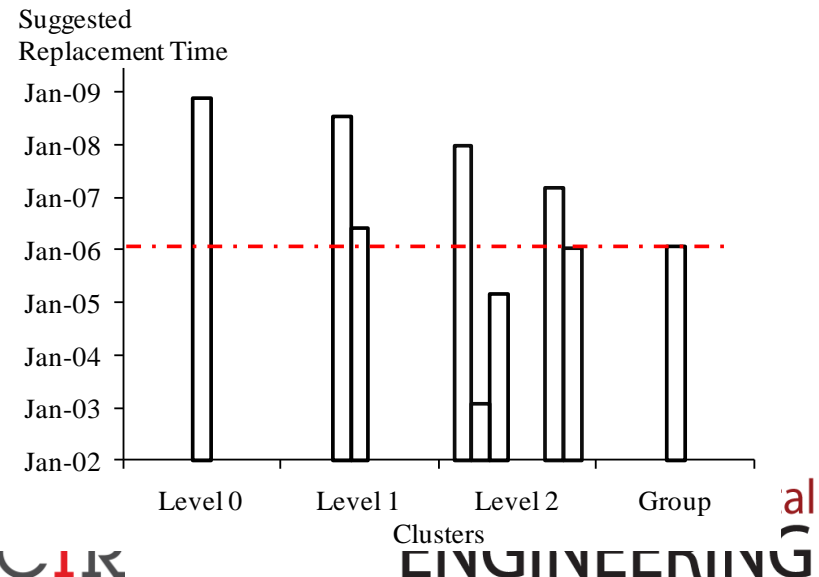
Cluster analysis vs conventional approach

Group	Total Length	Total (Social) Replacement Cost	Clusters
	34,498	\$1,601,425	
Level 0	39,810	\$1,770,825	C11
Level 1	17,316	\$1,003,560	C5 C9
Level 2	11,645	\$1,170,416	C2 C4 C6 C7 C10



The chart on the right compares the replacement time for clustering with conventional approach for grouping pipes

Delayed suggested replacement time indicates avoidance of unnecessary pipe segment replacements



Summary

- The future delivery, maintenance and operation of our facilities and infrastructure must include “nervous systems” consisting of:
 - Cost-effective, field-deployable sensor networks
 - Distributed data repositories and automated mining techniques
 - Intelligent decision support applications that make use of this data to build usable models for diagnosis and prediction
- We need much more and better information about the use, state and condition of our infrastructure so as to better deliver, operate and manage them

Thank you! Questions?



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