# Changes in IT and Strategies for Civil Engineering How Big Data is Affecting Your Life and Civil Engineering

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### 2012 Horizon Report – Technologies to Watch

- Within next 12 months:
  - Mobile Apps
  - Tablet Computing
- Within 2~3 years:
  - Game based learning
  - Learning analytics
- Within 4~5 years:
  - Gesture based computing
  - The Internet of Things

http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2010-Horizon-Report.pdf

# **Top Issues Affecting University IT**

- Big Data
- Research Funding
- Online Education
- Mobility
- Cloud
- Globalization





# Value to Industries Impacted by Civil



# Who Will Benefit Most From Big Data

Example: US economy

 Size of bubble indicates relative contribution to GDP



<sup>1</sup>For detailed explication of metrics, see appendix in McKinsey Global Institute full report Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity, available free of charge online at mckinsey.com/mgi.

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

# **NCB-Prepared: Across Data and Time**

Incident

### Data Generated by the Incident



# **Sequence of Alerts**

Advanced Analytics with multiple data sets had alert 60 days earlier



### University Data Mart – Vision



# **Existing NC State Databases**

- Student data (courses, demographics, grades, etc)
- Faculty and Staff (demographics and employment information)
- Door and gate security (approved locations you can enter (if electronic))
- Library access (books, reservations, etc)
- Room reservations (both classes and adhoc)
- Fiscal (budgets and expenditures for units)
- Facilities
- Motorpool info (fleet inventory, reservations, etc.)
- Property insurance
- Bookstores
- Hazardous materials tracking
- Surplus and inventory management
- Asset management (capital and non-capital)

- Maxient (Office of Student Conduct)
- Student Health system
- All Campus Card
- Ticket Central (Ticketing systems for ArtsNCState)
- MySoft in ComTech (Phone & Network)
- Remedy (Help Desk requests and IT service)
- Transportation Ticketing system
- Research Grant Proposal system PINS
- Software Licensing Access
- Anti-Virus Information
- Advancement data (donor profiles, giving records, etc.)
- Conference services
- Research (grants and effort reporting in addition to proposals)
- Teaching licensure tracking
- Athletics Data

# **NC-NGN - Joint RFP for 1 Gig bandwidth**

Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Cary, Durham, Raleigh, Winston/Salem & Duke, NC-State, UNC-CH & Wake Forest

- Facilitate Industry to build 1-Gb fiber to business, homes & MDUs



# Hunt Library – High Tech Collaboration



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# Research Focus



# So How Does This Relate to Civil Engineer?

- Civil Engineering is highly data intensive
- Big Data is found in two forms:
  - Structured (we are most used to this)
  - Unstructured (Text, video, pictures, twitter, comments, observations, …
- We need to be part of the revolution

### Barge Impact Tests at St George Island Bridge

Barge Impact Tests were conducted at St. George Island Bridge during March / April 2004. A total of 15 impact tests were conducted





Courtesy of UF Structure Research Group, Gary Consolazio et al.

# Validation of Coupled Vessel Impact Analysis (CVIA) Models of FB-Multipier



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# Data management



Upload of soil boring data

# Sustainability (performance monitoring)

 Imote 2 + SHM-A smart sensors >> real-time data collection >> database >> structural performance analysis upon extreme event



#### Tanker strikes San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

By By GARANCE BURKE and PAUL ELIAS | Associated Press - Tue, Jan 8, 2013





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The 752-foot Overseas Reymar rammed the tower on Monday afternoon as it headed out to sea, according to the Coast Guard and state transportation officials.



# Old Way of Handling Big Data - Caltrans Experience

- □ 30,000 project files
- 2 million documents
- 300 projects/year
- 80 years of data
- Difficult to access information







### NC STATE UNIVERSITY DIGGS Example – See http://diggsml.org



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# What is happening here in North Carolina? NC STATE CIVIL ENGINEERING

### Smart Grid Management: A Big Data Problem



Trade-Off : Real time Implementation vs. Accuracy

### Time-sensitive big data

Sensor measurements

Layer

System

Power

- Storage gauge
- Utility price
- Fault event
- Over 963 million distributed sensors and controllable devices by 2020
- Penetration of 68.4 million PHEVs/PEVs to the market by 2023
- Over 76 million MWh energy storage capacity

### Incorporating Sensors in Undergraduate Education: Remote Monitoring of Geostructural Health

Post-construction monitoring of large geo-structures is increasingly frequent.



- Two earth dams and a large load frame on the NCSU Centennial Campus have been instrumented for monitoring
- Pore water pressures, dam movement, and strains in the steel superstructure are monitored
- Data are transmitted wirelessly, uploaded to a database and posted to the project website



# **Virtual Project Management**

- TEAM (Tele-Engineering and Management) Laboratory
  - "Project Command Center"



Project Command Center

### **Information Engineer:**

collects cost, schedule, quality, and safety data to populate the dashboard, conduct virtual tours

**Purpose:** Oversees project operations (cost, schedule, safety, quality monitoring) and monitors high risk activities

**Specific Tasks:** performs virtual inspections in areas of safety and quality; monitors large, heavy lifts; tracks performance metrics; serves as knowledge expert hub; sets up virtual meetings with clients, banks, insurance companies, and designers

### **Technologies Used for Virtual Construction Management**



Video/Audio Capture

Signal Transmission

Reception/Real time Interaction

### Lean Construction:

### A Production Management Based Approach to Project Delivery



- Cause of delay in construction activity?
- Frequency and severity of those causes?
- How does my delay impact my neighbors Causes of variation that pose greatest risk and who should be responsible for what?



- Identified the frequency and severity of causes for delay
- Investigated how the trades are connected and affected by delay in the trade social network
- Help contractors increase *value* and *reduce waste* in project delivery process

### Structural Health Monitoring and Prognostics: Technologies for Nondestructive Evaluation



Application of vibration based damage detection for rapid assessment of scour in coastal bridges.

Detecting cracks to prevent leakage. Electrically based sensor systems for inspecting concrete pipes



# **Traffic Operations**

- Developing methods for monitoring system mobility and reliability
- Preparing a national guidebook for travel time reliability monitoring
- New methods are being developed for both freeways and signalized arterials



# **Coastal Engineering**

Goal: Generate knowledge on coastal processes, hazard identification and response strategies

Approach: Develop and utilize 1) geospatial techniques for 3-D time dependent, remotely sensed data, 2) numerical models to better understand and visualize solutions to coastal problems

Impact: Long (decadal) and short (storm) term hazard identification and enhance the resilience of coastal environments Methods: Coastal hydrodynamics, sediment transport, numerical models, high performance computing.



# Water and Wastewater Treatment

Goal: Optimize the efficiency of water and wastewater treatment processes Approach: Use validated **Computational Fluid** Dynamics model coupled with global search optimization algorithms Impact: UV disinfection systems that enhance microbial inactivation using less electrical power Methods: CFD, Optimization, laboratory analytical measurements



# Sewer Collection System Sustainability

Goal: Understand and eliminate fat, oil, and grease (FOG) related sanitary sewer overflows Approach: Biological and analytical techniques. Consider interactions of wastewater and concrete Impact: Enhanced grease interceptor designs that remove more FOG from restaurant discharges Methods: CFD, microbiological molecular techniques, FTIR



# Technology does not drive change it enables change.

~ Source Unknown~