## Innovation in geotechnical instrumentation to realize performance based design



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## Examples of distributed strain/displacement sensors

Distributed fiber optics - Embedded sensor for life-long monitoring

- Fibre optics 30-100με
- Fibre optics 0.03-0.1 mm resolution (for 1 m gauge length)

### Computer Vision and LIDAR

- Fixed system 0.1 mm resolution
- Not Fixed system 3-5 mm resolution









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- Utterberry sub millimeter resolution











"Innovations have more chance of adoption if their benefits are mapped" Dr Keith Bowers, London Underground Limited



## Crossrail – New London Underground Line in London

- 118 km from east to west
- 37 stations

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- 9 new stations (8 sub-surface)
- Increase London's rail-network capacity by 10%







## Monitored Section of the Royal Mail Tunnel Crossrail – Liverpool Street Station – C510







Constructed: 1917 - 1923 Made of cast iron Suspended: 2003



• Site Overview















### Low frequency motion















#### Shear LPDT Orientation



Layout of Sensors & Location of Sensors 11, 34-40

# 120 Wireless Sensors to monitor movements of 60 joints



























## **Bond Street – LUL Station**



The two case studies show that the cast-iron tunnels are more tolerable to bending (i.e. can accommodate smaller Radius of Curveture (ROC))



## Distributed Sensing providing "Continuous Strain/temperature/vibration Profile" along the fibre optic cable





- Distance range ≈10-30km
- Readout resolution = 0.05m
- Gauge length resolution = 0.2-1m
- Strain Resolution = 10-30me





- 1. Send light through the fibre and detect the back scattered light
- 2. Identify the location of back scattering from the time interval
- 3. Measure Frequency shift due to strain ( $\Delta F$ )
- 4. Translate  $\Delta F$  to strain:  $\epsilon = f(\Delta F)$
- 5. Obtain the strain profile:  $\varepsilon(x)$  over the whole length of the cable

# Sensing cables



(a-d) Strain/acoustic sensing (e-f) Temperature sensing



## Robustness

### Fujikura Reinforced Fibre Optic Cable







FUJIKURA SM 4 Reinforced





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### **Sprayed concrete lining** Performance during cross passage opening







### **Tunnel lining**

Bending and axial performance during construction and in long term







In January this year, New York Governor Cuomo announced a plan to prevent the 15-monthlong L-train shutdown set to begin in April.



in 2012, Hurricane Sandy filled the tunnel with salt water, from the Avenue D Fan Plant to the North 7th Street Fan Plant...

The Canarsie Tunnel, which opened in 1924, has shown deterioration after flooding from Hurricane Sandy in 2012.



### A pile loading test...



#### A building construction at the Isle of Dog, London





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### No disturbance to actual construction operations





Conventional Strain Gauge System

**Distributed FO system** 






# Mechanism of O-cell testing













## <u>Axial strain</u> <u>Instrument comparison</u>













#### **Vertical Displacement Profiles**





#### **PROBLEMS WITH PILE CONSTRUCTION**

- Construction can be challenging
  alignment
  - concrete quality and placement
  - soil collapse
- Visible inspection not possible
- Repair and rework is very difficult
- Not all anomalies are defects/detrimental



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Find the pile radius which match the temperature profile  $(20 \times 4 \times 50 = 4000 \text{ data sets})$ 

Cedric Kechvarzi











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#### Deployment of Post Grouting Technique to improve Drilled Shaft End-Bearing Resistance



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# Abbey Mills Shaft Fibre Optics Monitoring







Research Council

Innovate UK





# **Shaft F Details**

- Abbey Mills shaft:
  - 30m ext. diameter
  - 70m deep
- Diaphragm walls:
  - 20 panels
  - 1.2m thick
  - 84m deep







# Peck (1969) Clough and O'Rourke (1990)











## **Original design considerations**

- Reference Design PLAXIS analysis – 7mm
- Reference Design modified New & Bowers – 13mm
- Hard to justify approach taken without any empirical data
- Potential cost and risk implications Tideway Tunnel





# Fibre Optics Installation









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Thermal Integrity FO monitoring of 100 Panels and 74 Piles, replacing other methods such as sonic logging.













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## **American River Levee Upgrade Project**

- Sacramento Metropolitan area remains one of the most at risk areas for flooding in the United States.
- Levees constructed in the previous flood control project (1850-1950), Sacramento River Flood Control Project, were constructed of poor materials
- Flows in either the American or Sacramento Rivers will probably stress the network of levees to the point of failure.



FO Monitoring of cement bentonite cut-off wall, currently upgraded.





US Army Corps of Engineers



## 51 km Smart Tunnel Singapore's Deep Tunnel Sewerage System (DTSS)



## Smart Road Corridors by Meso-Scale In-Pavement Distributed Infrastructure Sensing



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#### Subject Areas:

## Infrastructure sensing

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## **Best Practice Guides for Monitoring Civil Infrastructure**



Distributed Fibre Optic Strain Sensing for Monitoring Civil Infrastructure A practical guide

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### **Distributed Fibre Optics Sensing**





### Wireless Sensor Networks



# Summary

- Innovation in sensors as part of Internet of Things
  - Exciting opportunities for Geotechnical Engineering to understand the real performance of infrastructure and construction.
- For example, distributed fibre optics (especially embedded) can give useful strain data that no other sensors can give.
- Monitoring system should be an integral part of the construction package
  - Quality Control
  - Maintenance
  - Reuse
- This leads to Performance-design, construction and maintenance.



