



## Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Seminar

### Robot-assisted Bridge Inspection and Maintenance

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#### Abstract

Recent developments in robotics, measurement science, and the Internet of Things can potentially revolutionize the way and process that civil infrastructures are managed. In this grand yet challenging transition era, automation and informatics are two emerging concepts that will boost a wide range of innovations in civil engineering. In this presentation, new developments and potential applications of nondestructive evaluations, sensing systems, imaging systems, data analytics, and climbing and flying robots will be introduced and reviewed in the context of bridge inspection and maintenance. Sensing and imaging systems and robots can be integrated into the current practice of visual inspection in a systematic framework to transform the current ad-hoc approach to a data-driven management of bridges. Some of the culture and policy challenges in leveraging sensing, imaging, and computer simulation tools for managing existing infrastructures will be discussed.

#### About the speaker:



Dr. Chen received his Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1992 and joined Missouri University of Science and Technology (S&T) in 1996 after over three years of bridge design, inspection, and construction practices with Steinman Consulting Engineers in New York City. Since 1996, Dr. Chen has authored or co-authored over 400 technical publications in structural health monitoring (SHM), structural control, structural and robotic dynamics, computational and experimental mechanics, life-cycle assessment and deterioration mitigation of infrastructure, multi-hazards assessment and mitigation, transportation infrastructure preservation and resiliency including over 180 journal papers, 5 book chapters, and 27 keynote and invited presentations at international conferences. He chaired the 9th International Conference on Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure (SHMII-9), St. Louis, Missouri, August 4-7, 2019. He received one patent on distributed coax cable strain/crack sensors and two patents on enamel coating of steel reinforcing bars for corrosion protection and steel-concrete bond strength. He received the 2019 SHM Person of the Year award, the 1998 National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the 2004 Academy of Civil Engineers Faculty Achievement Award, and the 2009, 2011, and 2013 Missouri S&T Faculty Research Awards. In 2016,

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