



# HKIE Technical Seminar

## Traffic Control and Surveillance System (TCSS) Infrastructure, Challenges and Trends

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# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## WHAT



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## WHAT

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Centralized Computerized  
Integrated System Traffic

Design & Implement Control  
and Surveillance

System Traffic  
Freeway



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## OBJECTIVES



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## OBJECTIVES

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Traveling time

Accident Response Time

Congestions

Traffic Mobility

Accidents

Road Capacity

Fuel consumption

Information

Air pollution

Road Safety



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

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# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

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- ➡ Surveillance
- ➡ Lane Management
- ➡ Traffic Information Dissemination
- ➡ Tunnel Management
- ➡ Bridge Management
- ➡ Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- ➡ Speed Enforcement

# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

### ➤ Surveillance

- CCTV System
- Overheight Vehicle Detection System
- Vehicle Detection System and Automatic Incident Detection System
- Emergency Telephone System
- Lane Management
- Traffic Information Dissemination
- Tunnel Management
- Bridge Management
- Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- Speed Enforcement





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

- Surveillance
- Lane Management
  - Lane Use Signal
  - Traffic Plans
- Traffic Information Dissemination
- Tunnel Management
- Bridge Management
- Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- Speed Enforcement



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

- Surveillance
- Lane Management
- Traffic Information Dissemination
  - Variable Speed Limit Sign
  - Prismatic Sign
  - Fully Variable Message Sign
  - Radio Re-broadcast System and Public
- Tunnel Management
- Bridge Management
- Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- Speed Enforcement





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

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- Surveillance
- Lane Management
- Traffic Information Dissemination
- Tunnel Management
  - 15 Tunnels with TCSS
  - 100% Surveillance Coverage
  - Contra-Flow Operation 
  - Environmental Monitoring System (NO2, CO, Visibility)
- Bridge Management
- Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- Speed Enforcement

# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

➤ Surveillance

➤ Lane Management

➤ Traffic Information Dissemination

➤ Tunnel Management

➤ Bridge Management

➤ Tsing Ma Bridge & Kap Shui Mun Bridge firstly opened in 1997

➤ Weather Management

➤ Centralized Traffic Monitoring

➤ Speed Enforcement





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

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- Surveillance
- Lane Management
- Traffic Information Dissemination
- Tunnel Management
- Bridge Management
- **Centralized Traffic Monitoring**
  - **Traffic Management and Information Centre (TMIC)**
  - **ETCC in Transport Department**
  - **ETCC in Police and Highway Department**
- Speed Enforcement

# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## HOW

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- Surveillance
- Lane Management
- Traffic Information Dissemination
- Tunnel Management
- Bridge Management
- Centralized Traffic Monitoring
- **Speed Enforcement**
  - **By Police**
  - **By MOM Operator**
  - **Future integrate into TCSS**





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## WHO

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# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## WHO

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Government

Planning new route



Government +  
TCSS Consultant

Control & Management Concepts



TCSS Consultant +  
TCSS Contractor

Design & Construction



TCSS Contractor +  
MOM Contractor

Operation & Maintenance





# Traffic **C**ontrol and **S**urveillance **S**ystem

## WHERE and WHEN

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- ➔ [1989] Eastern Harbour Crossing
  - ➔ [1990] Shing Mun Tunnel
  - ➔ [1991] Tate's Cairn Tunnel
  - ➔ [1997] Lantau Fixed Crossing and Route 3
  - ➔ [1997] Western Harbour Crossing
  - ➔ [1998] Tai Lam Tunnel and Route 3 (Country Park)
  - ➔ [2001] Kai Tak Tunnel
  - ➔ [2002] Tseung Kwan O Tunnel
  - ➔ [2002] Tsing Yi North Coastal Road
  - ➔ [2003] Aberdeen Tunnel
  - ➔ [2007] Deep Bay Link
  - ➔ [2007] Lion Rock Tunnel
  - ➔ [2008,2010] Route 8
  - ➔ [2010] Cross Harbour Tunnel





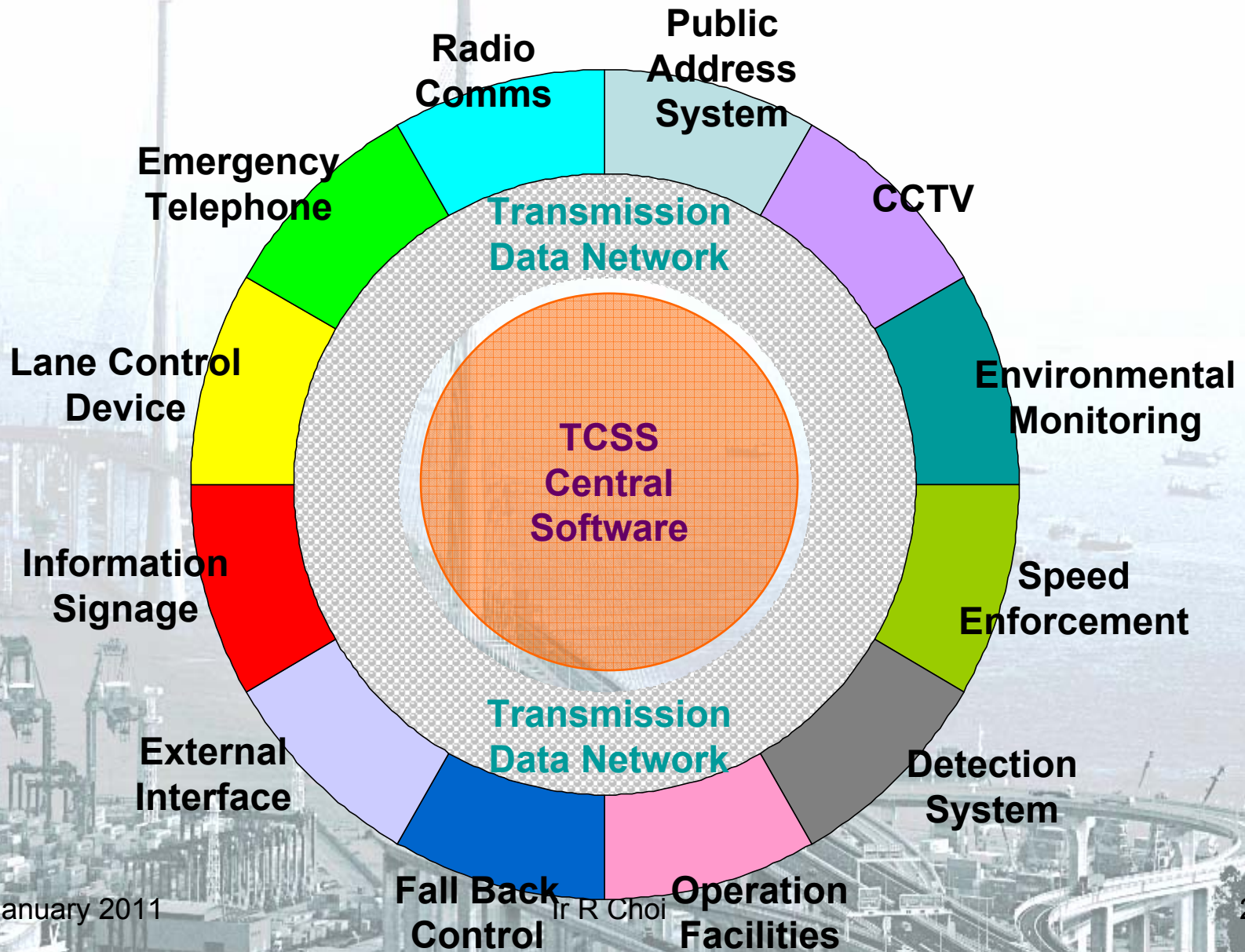
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# ENGINEERING

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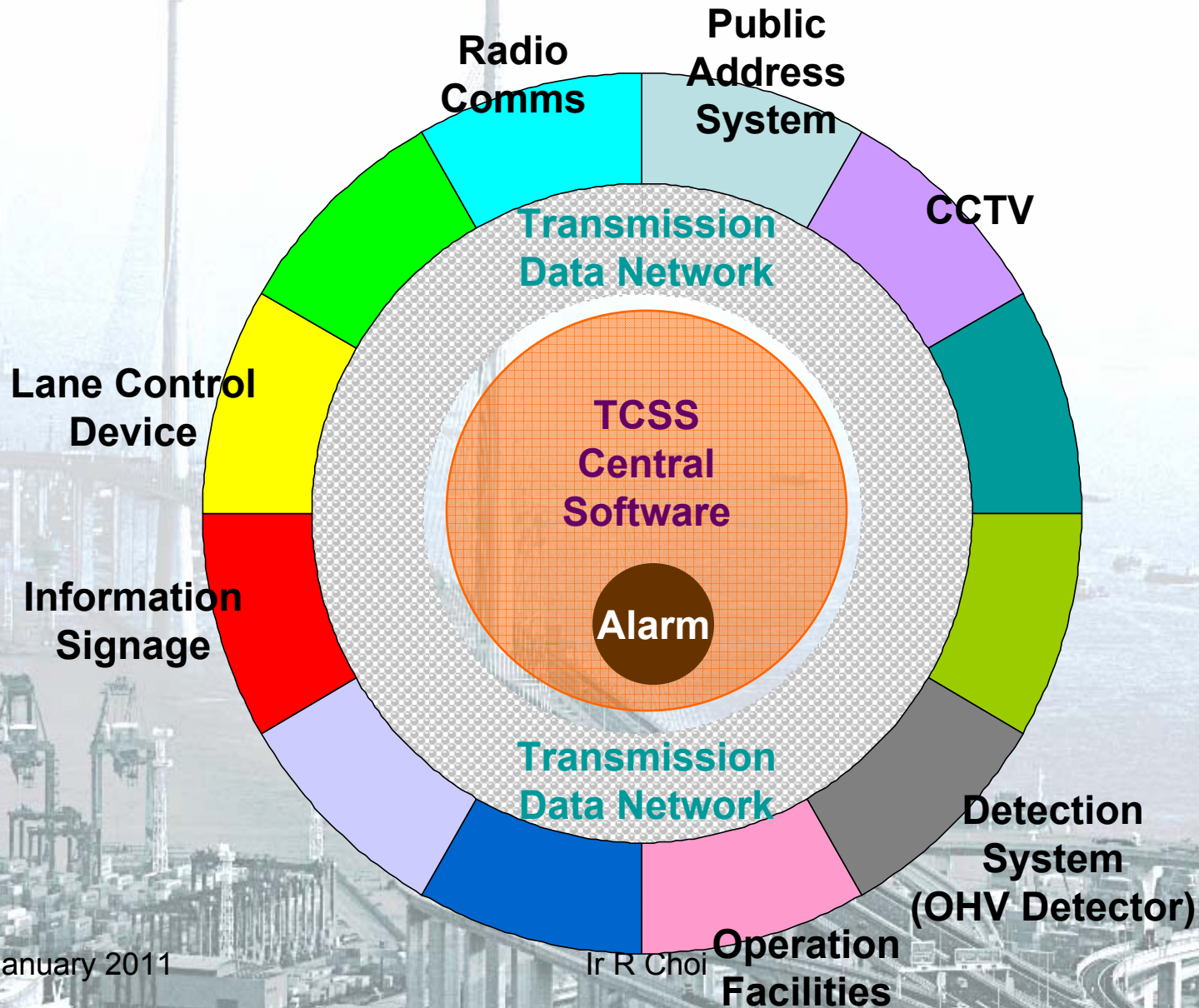
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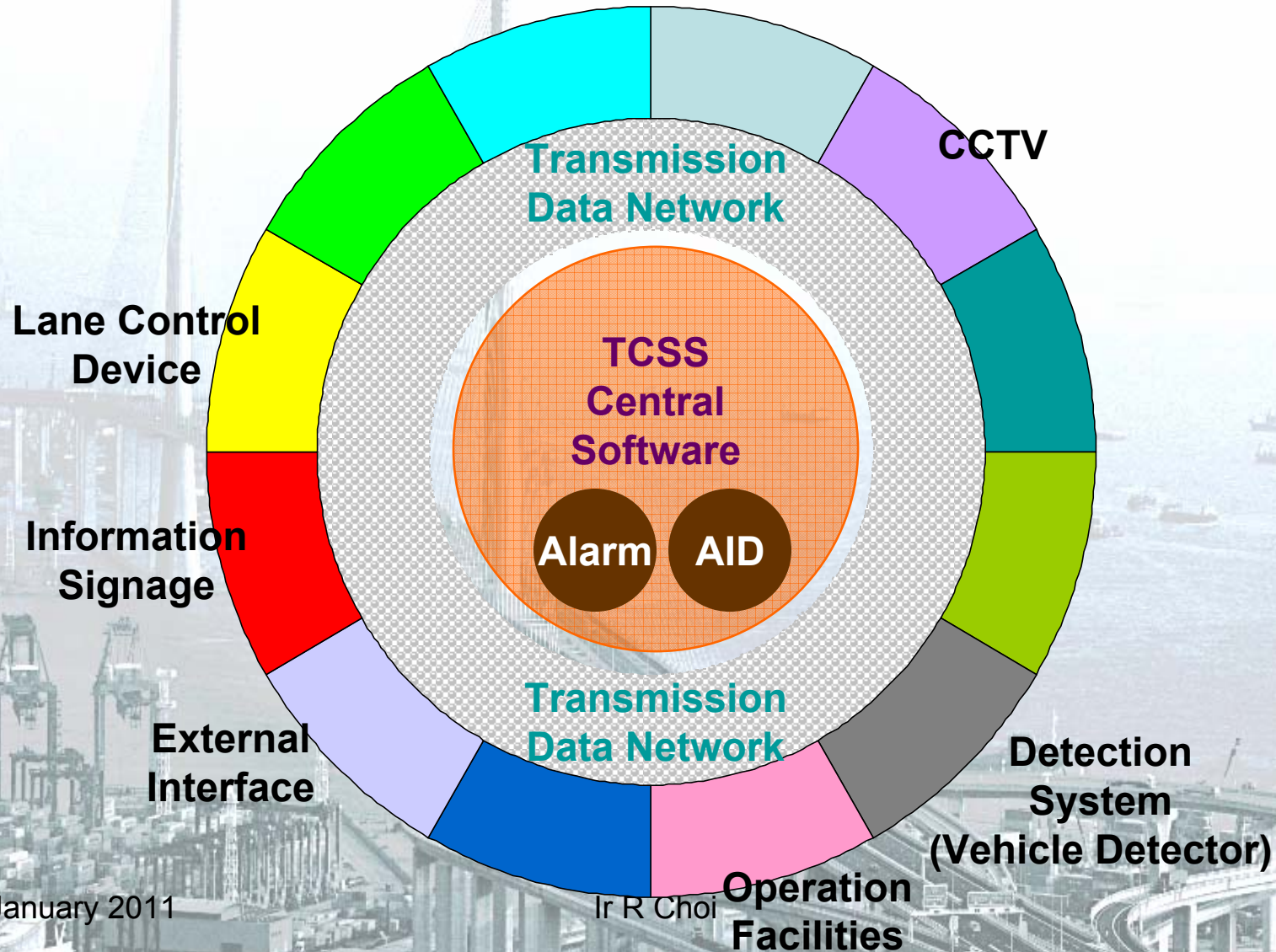




# Example: Overheight Vehicle

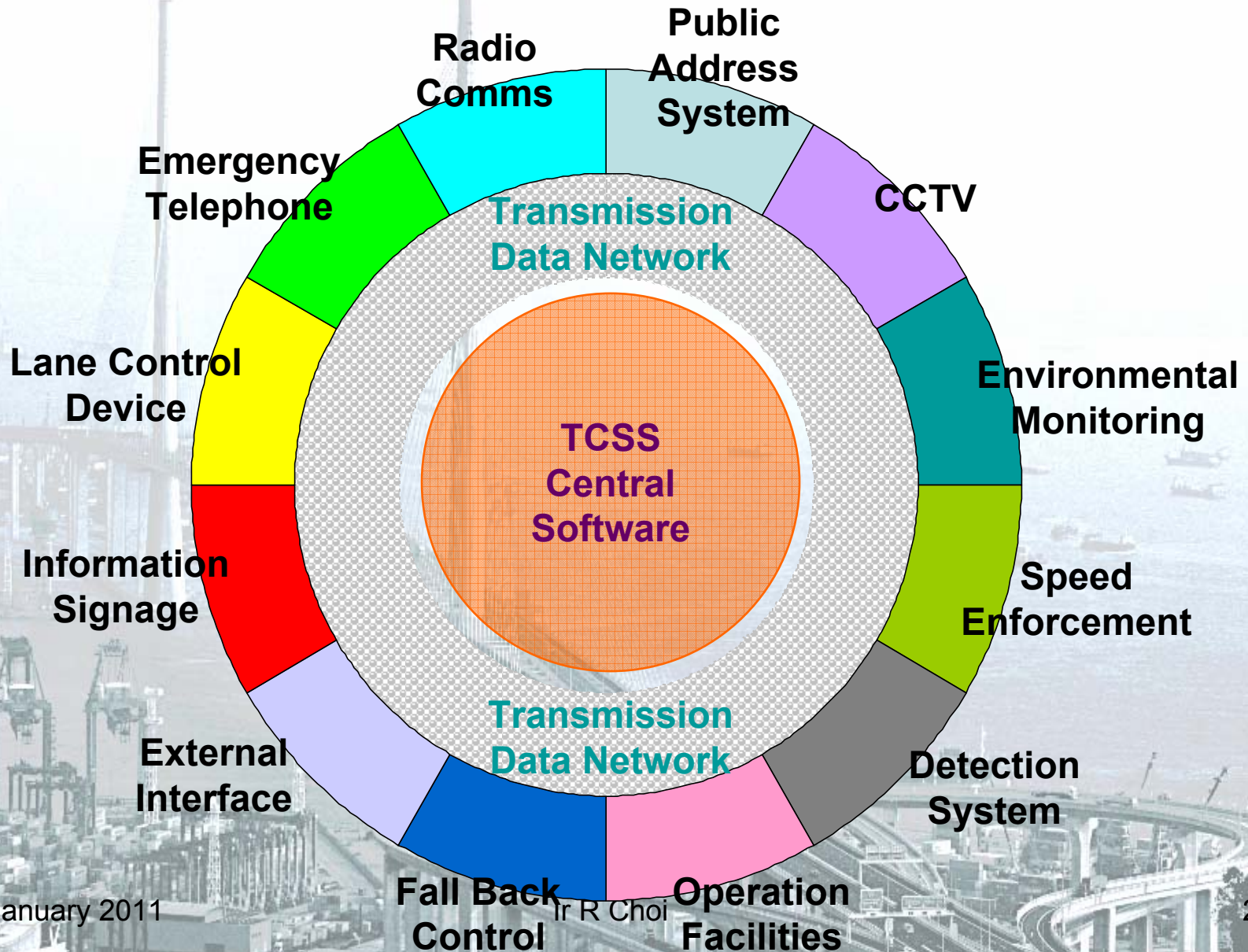


# Example: Congestion





# Example: Central Software Failure



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## CCTV Surveillance Development

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Analogue System → Digital System

Tape Recording → HDD Recording

Individual Network → Integrated Network

Local Surveillance → Public Broadcast

Limited monitoring points → Multiple monitoring points

Operation Concern → Public Concern (Privacy Zone)



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## CCTV Surveillance

### Future

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- Less Data Rate but Higher video quality
- Larger system size
- Rely more on Video Analytic and Auto-Detection
- Less Operator Patrol
- Video repeat to Public (TV, Internet, Mobile Phone)



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Vehicle Detection and Automatic Incident Detection Development

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Pavement Invasive Detector → Non-Pavement Invasive Detector

Radio Frequency Detector → Video Imaging Detector

Detection rely on single detector → System-wide detectors

Detection based on variables → intelligent algorithms

Constant logic → Adaptive Logic



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Vehicle Detection and Automatic Incident Detection

### Future

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- Integrate with CCTV System, share camera
- Integrate with JTIS
- Traffic Condition for General Public



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Lane Use Signal and Info Signage Development

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Light Source: Halogen → LED

Routine Maintenance → Maintenance Free

Proprietary Protocol → Standard Protocol



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Lane Use Signal and Info Signage

### Future

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- More effective employment of LUS (educated public)
- Widely use of Fully Variable Message Sign
- Introduce new kinds of signs (eg. Speed Map)
- More ad-hoc informative message
- Quantity of signs increases



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System Transmission Data Network Development

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Copper → Fibre Optic

Purely wired communication → Accept wireless communication

Individual Network → Integrated Transmission

Low Bandwidth → High Bandwidth

Serial Data Transmission → Ethernet Transmission

Proprietary Protocol → Open Protocol / Standard Protocol



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Transmission Data Network

### Future

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- Demand on bandwidth increases  
(Operational demands and technical demands)
- Single, Integrated Network
- No longer limited to independent LAN
- Security Issues
- Flexible for Expansion and Integration
- Wireless Communications



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## TCSS Central Software Development

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Single Redundancy level → Multi-level redundancy

Schematic Graphical User Interface → Map-based GUI 

Un-Editable Database → scaleable and Expandable

Sub-systems: Individual GUI → Integrated GUI

Pre-defined Traffic Plan → Rule-based Traffic Plan



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## TCSS Central Software

### Future

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- More Automation, less human interfere
- Single System for multiple sites
- Operation Control share among on-site and off-site centres
- Off-site maintenance





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Voice Communications

(Radio Comm + Emergency Telephone + Public Address System)

## Development

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Analogue System → Digital System

Individual Network → Integrated Network

Open area ET → Tunnel only ET

Voice Archive no compression → compression

No Redundancy → Redundant PABX and self healing





# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Voice Communications

(Radio Comm + Emergency Telephone + Public Address System)

### Future

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- Voice Sub-systems merge into a single voice system
- Digital, Encrypted Voice System
- Integrated with Mobile Phone
- Emergency Telephone System – fade out



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# CHALLENGE

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# Traffic Control and Surveillance System **CHALLENGE**

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- ➡ Environmental
- ➡ Maintenance
- ➡ Public Awareness

# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Environmental

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### ➡ Energy Saving

Use of LED, multi-level dimming

### ➡ Equipment Saving

Integrated system design, common network, common workstation

### ➡ Material Saving

Replace copper by fibre, integrate data transmission, 3 in 1 signal head

### ➡ Upgrade and Expand

Modular design, standard protocol



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Maintenance

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### ➡ Maintenance and Repair

Public monitor on faulty equipment

Public rejection on road works

### ➡ Maintenance Free

Lubricate, replace consumable parts

### ➡ Cost

Maintenance Cost, traffic impact, accident cost

# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Public Awareness

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### ➡ Privacy Issue

Example: Electronic Road Pricing

Example: Journey Time Indication System

TCSS: Surveillance Camera

### ➡ Road Works

More concerns and voice on TTA

### ➡ Information dissemination

### ➡ Public Expectation vs Technical Limitation



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

## Hong Kong

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- TCSS in Hong Kong since 1989
- Quietly serve Hong Kong Traffic: the most effective and efficient road network around all neighbouring cities
- Benchmark and Model for many other cities
- New TCSS to come

Central-Wan Chai By-pass, Tuen Mun Road Widening,  
Tolo Highway Widening, Central Kowloon Route

- Expand and Connect to neighbouring cities

Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge



# Traffic Control and Surveillance System

# THANK YOU