# intelligent spatial computing for the underworld

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user data analysis, qualitative research



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# Visuo-Spatial Thinking



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### with Mehul Bhatt, Jakob Suchan, Vasiliki Kondyli







## London Olympics 2012 Aquatic Center







"Doors must not open **onto areas** where a person might **be located** while occupied with some activity."









### Contemporary CAAD Tools



ArchiCAD., Graphisoft









not all regions of "empty space" are equal ...



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visibility



movement



function



light and shadow

3D visibility

boom positions, track-based crane



#### crane lift-operation space



Martijn Trebbe, Timo Hartmann, and André Dorée. "4D CAD models to support the coordination of construction activities between contractors." *Automation in construction* 49 (2015): 83-91.

# uncertainty space of position of utilities (dynamic)



update after test trenchs...











### some examples in subsurface construction







# /IWCCE 2017 (June 25-27, 2017)

Decision Support for Test Trench Location Selection with 3D Semantic Subsurface Utility Models P. Racz<sup>1</sup>, L. Syfuss<sup>2</sup>, C. Schultz<sup>2</sup>, M. van Buiten<sup>1</sup>, L. olde Scholtenhuis<sup>1</sup>, F. Vahdatikhaki<sup>1</sup>, and A. Dorée<sup>1</sup>

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#### ABSTRACT

Subsurface utility construction work often involves repositioning of, and working between, existing buried networks. While the amount of utilities in modern cities grows, excavation work becomes more prone to incidents. To prevent such incidents, excavation workers request existing 2D utility maps, use detection equipment and dig test trenches to validate their accuracy and completeness. Although test trenches are of significant importance to reveal information about subsurface conditions, the process of determining their location, number and size is not explicated by experts to date. This study therefore aimed to explicate the reasoning and logic behind the selection of utility test trenches, and to formalize this in a semantically-rich utility model. To this end, we conducted interviews with experienced excavator operators. We then derived heuristics and rules that the experts used to determine trench locations. Such rules related to, for example, the layout of the excavation site, and the type of utilities, and accuracy of available data. Based on these rules, we integrated various incomplete sources of data, and



# no depth, no diameter



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## Paulina Racz semi-structured interviews, workshops







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Identified 135 locations, ranked top 30 (~3.5 sec)

## **Diego Armando Morales**

- 1. **Rule1**: Any element located to at least 0.6 meters from the walls of the excavation must be removed.
- 2. **Rule2**: In a vehicle zone a water pipe with medium/high complexity, must be at least to 1.2 meters horizontally from both electricity or communication pipes.
- Rule3: In a vehicle zone a water pipe with medium/high complexity, must be at least to 0.5 meters vertically from both electricity or communication pipes.
- 4. Rule4: Pipe material allowed depending on the distribution network
- 5. Rule5: External minimum diameter pipe allowed in main network.
- 6. Rule6: External maximum diameter pipe allowed in main network.
- 7. Rule7: Actual minimum diameter pipe allowed in main network.
- 8. Rule8: Actual maximum diameter pipe allowed in main network.
- 9. Rule9: minimum depth pipe allowed in main network.
- 10. Rule10: maximum depth pipe allowed in main network.
- 11. Rule11: Manual excavation method, workers distribution.
- 12. Rule12: Excavation fenced location.
- 13. Rule13: Maximum width allowed in a trench.
- 14. Rule14: Equipment location checking position.
- 15. Rule15: Dug soil piled perimeters limit.
- 16. Rule16: Dug soil piled point checking.
- 17. Rule17: Vehicle construction path distance checking.
- 18. Rule18: Type of soil classification (a, b, c).
- 19. Rule19: Type of soil trench classification regardless slope structure
- 20. Rule20: Overlaid soil layer level organization by height, upper soil, lower soil. Layer structure.
- 21. Rule21: Trench located in multiple layers.
- 22. Rule22: A specific location has a single soil classification inside other soil classification.
- 23. Rule23: Embankment structure in trenches with overlaid soil layers.
- 24. Rule24: Embankment structure in trenches with overlaid soil layers when trench intersects a single layer
- 25. Rule25: Embankment structure in trenches with single soil layers
- 26. Rule26: Embankment structure in trenches with single soil layers when trench intersects a overlaid layer
- 27. Rule27: Time limit to reused soil as fill material.
- 28. Rule28: Reused soil as fill material checking location.

# Colombian construction practices



removing obstacles

#### depth constraints





### placing workers

#### placing fence posts



#### vehicle path constraints



### placing dug soil piles



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