

Emerging Information Infrastructures: Cooperation in Disasters

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What does disaster have to do with CI?

A disaster scenario represents the extreme case of many critical infrastructures broken!

Two different worlds?







Existing Infrastructures

- Characteristics
 - Correctly functioning most of the time
 - o Information infrastructures: Large scale and resilience built in
 - Power and telecom: Well-managed and partially contained subsystems
- Things are changing...



Existing Infrastructures: challenges and outlook

Challenge	Emerging solution
Complexity and interdependencies	Modelling and risk analysis
Transition from managed to unmanaged	Peer-to-peer technologies, self- managing systems
Heterogeneity	Standardised protocols, overlay networks, software defined radio
Organised threats with economic motives or adversary disruptions	Hardening, intrusion tolerance, diversity, partial rejuvination

Existing infrastructure collapses

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Chaotic & surprising

Network: lack of

resources



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Communication culture clashes

Disaster Response Infrastructure Role

- Provide common operational picture
- Support matching needs and resources

Heterogeneous Actors











Our Hypothesis

- Hastily formed networks can have a role to play
- Use commodity hardware and massively distributed software
- Have built-in mechanisms for
 - When batteries are in short supply
 - Mobility changes connectivity
 - Dealing with overload and urgency
 - Detecting and responding to abuse

Disaster Response Networks: Challenges

Challenge	Emerging solution
Disconnectivity as a norm	Store-and-forward techniques, delay- tolerant networks (DTN)
Resource constraints	Quality-of-service techniques, prioritisation, optimisation
Infeasibility to centrally manage	Distributed gossip-style protocols
Heterogeneity	Overlay networks, DTN bundles
Security: less organised opportunistic threats or adversary disruptions	Reputation-based systems, selfish- resistant protocols, intrusion detection



Conclusion

- Migration from well-managed, mostly centralised, infrastructures to hybrid decentralised self-* variants.
- Disaster infrastructures represent an extreme end of this spectrum.
- Being aware of the similarities and differences makes sense for finding a good path towards insightful migration.



Ongoing Project

- Hastily Formed Networks with Heterogeneous Users
 - Financed by Swedish Emergency Management Agency (2008-2011)
- http://www.ida.liu.se/~rtslab/HFN



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Theme

Critical infrastructures: Migration from existing technologies to future platforms

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