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# Safety and Compliance Management System Using Computer Vision and Deep Learning

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Abstract. With the advancement in the Deep Learning and Computer Vision-based methodologies, the safety and productivity analysis of the construction entities (workers, equipment, and structures) on-site can potentially be improved. Construction industry is majorly the most dangerous sectors with respect to occupational safety and health because of the chaotic and dynamic environment at construction sites. The study of safety and compliance monitoring measures at construction by using the computer vision and deep learning-based approaches is the key focus of this paper. Safety and compliance are acclamatory to each other and are very essential for managing the safe conditions at construction. Manual monitoring of the compliant and unsafe conditions at the site is a challenging job and thus, a smart framework for automated monitoring is necessary for the assurance of a safe and healthy environment. A framework for safety and compliance management system is presented in this paper for enhancing the safer work culture along with the measures. This paper examines the prior literature on computer vision as per the safety and compliance constraints for (I) Understanding the existing SOTA (state-of-the-art) methods and their respective outcomes (II) Finding the challenges and limitations in the currently employed approaches and (III) Providing the potential directions for a future line of work. The purpose is to build a culture of safety using Computer Vision and Deep Learning.

#### 1. Introduction

Safety is a prime requirement of an individual. Construction workers face the highest probability of death on job site because of the nature of work at the construction site. In fact, construction workers are almost 5 times more likely to die on the active project site than any other industry worker. As per the records from the International Labor Organization [1], around 318,000 work-related casualties occur every year and out of all the casualties, construction industry contributes a substantial part. Every day, 950 people dies and across 72,000 workers get hurt due to work-related accidents [2][3]. For India, construction is the biggest employer of the nation after the agriculture sector, it provides employment to more than 50 million individuals, and contributes towards national GDP by almost 9%, however, its workforce is extremely unsafe in comparison with any other industrial sectors of the country [4]. The main reason for these occupational accidents is the falls, person getting stuck in the equipment, noxious atmosphere, electrocution, and collisions. Numerous of these injuries can be avoided if workers always wear proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) during work, PPE includes helmets for avoiding head injuries, safety glasses and vests, hand gloves for hand protection, safety glasses for eye protection, and boots such as steel toe boots etc. To avoid these occupational accidents, compliance monitoring is essentially required, so that, the workers who are not using proper



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protocols of safety, for example, Not wearing proper PPE (Vest, hardhats, harness etc.) and workers who are constantly violating norms, such workers need more attention for reducing accidents at construction. Safety must be the prime focus at every construction site and for complimenting the safety, compliance measures would further ensure the safe work culture. Safety is defined as liberty from any kind of danger, risk, injury, or loss which could harm an individual in a physical or psychological way and on contrast compliance is the act of obeying, accepting, and surrendering to laws that are essential for the safety of the individual [5]. With the introduction of smart safety framework using computer vision (CV) and deep learning (DL), safety at construction could be achieved in an enriched way. The present paper reviews the recent work on safety and compliance monitoring in the construction industry.

Most used practices involve site observations and inspections for finding the risk involved in the ongoing projects at construction [6], however, these manual inspections are not only ineffective in terms of time and cost but also less accurate [7][8]. These limitations make the construction environment more difficult to be managed as the worker's environment keeps on changing over time and the expert safety officer might not always be present at sites and consequently making the manual inspection processes unreliable for regular practice [9]. With the currently employed technologies in the construction industry, CV based detection and tracking methods have a huge role in the monitoring of complex large-scale sites. With the assimilation of CV and DL Models, continuous and automated monitoring of the unsafe acts/measures can be accomplished with better accuracy and reduced cost. Image features can automatically be extracted and applied to learn from the training data with the combination of CV and DL Methods. CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks) is one of the most widely implemented DL methods, as it has been able to beat other DNNs (deep neural networks) very accurately and reliably in the areas such as classification, detection, and segmentation of the objects in a digital images and videos [10][11]. CV helps in providing a rich set of information about the chaotic scene at construction by capturing the digital data that expedite the understanding of the complex situations/tasks at the site, for instance, location, project entities behavior and the conditions at the site can be monitored in an effective and timely manner. These developments convey the technical as well as operational benefits above other sorts of sensing methods such as RFID [12][13], GPS [14] and UWB that involves the installation of sensors to all the construction entities which needs to be tracked and moreover, it provides very less information, such as, location [15][16][17]. Consequently, CV has been sourced to multiple areas in construction such as, progress monitoring [18][19], performance analysis [20], defect monitoring, and documentation in an automated way [21]. CV has an extensive scope in the monitoring of safety and compliance measures that addresses the limitation of the manual inspection practices and creating prospects for automating the tasks of risk identification and evaluation [21][22] by the extraction of useful information from the image and videos [12] and despite these advances in CV, these practices are less frequently applied to actual practice by the engineers. This suggests the requirement of further study about the more advanced and improved methods that could be adopted to make construction safer and healthier.

The paper is organized in 8 sections in a way that, section 2 briefly discusses an overview of CV techniques along with the DL. Then, Section 3 reviews safety monitoring using vision-based techniques. Section 4 focuses on monitoring of compliance measures, next, section 5 and 6 provides the details about collection of data set and SOTA methods employed based on the prior work in the construction sector using CV and DL and Section 7 outlines the brief discussion about the challenges and future scope of the computer vision research towards the goal of advanced automated construction. Lastly, section 8 delivers a crisp conclusion.

#### 2. Overview of Computer Vision and Deep Learning

Computer Vision (CV) is an artificial Intelligence (AI) field having potential of extricating valuable information from the digital data such as images or videos. CV lies at the intersection of many other fields such as Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Psychology and Physics. Computer Vision imitates the visual system of the human eye. Computer Vision along with Deep Learning produces outstanding accuracy and optimized results in visual recognition. DL lies within Machine Learning (ML) that has networks capable of learning from the unsupervised data.

For performing a computer vision task, the main process is to do the feature extraction in an image and for that, detection of the edges, corners, color, and object is the initial step. "For the feature extraction from a raw image, the conventionally used algorithms are, SIFT (Scale-Invariant Feature Transform),

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SURF (Speeded-Up Robust Features) and BRIEF (Binary Robust Independent Elementary Features) [23], however, in case the image clarity is not so good and the number of classes for the classification goes higher, these conventional algorithms face difficulty in the feature extraction." With the Deep Learning (DL) approaches, these challenges of the feature extraction can be overcome. In Figure 1, working of deep learning algorithms with the computer vision have been presented. In 2012, one of the most influential papers beat the earlier SOTA methods to image recognition in a famous ImageNet CV contest that proves the significance of applying DL approach with CV. The boom began with the CNNs and the various models of "ConvNets" and near to 100% accuracy in the tasks of image classification can be reached with the ConvNET architectures. Thus, DL is playing a major tool for the CV [24].



Figure 1. Computer Vision along with the Deep Learning (a) Standard flow of Computer Vision, (b) Deep

## Learning flow [23]

The power of the DL Methods to learn useful features by its own from the training data, which is annotated, makes it very useful in CV, especially the usages of CNNs for the tasks of image classification and object detection methods.

#### 2.1 Techniques in Computer Vision for the Constructional Intelligence Five Computer Vision techniques are discussed briefly.

2.1.1 Image Classification. In Image classification, a collection of a training dataset of labelled images is feed into the computer for processing of data. The computer studies images and learns about the visual appearance of the images. Extension of the image classification tasks to multiple frames leads to action recognition and then combining the prediction from each frame.

2.1.2 Object Detection. Object Detection is the task of identifying objects in an image, labelling them and outputting boundary boxes. This Technique varies with the methodology used. "Object detection when applied on each and every frame of a video turn into an object tracking task" [25].

2.1.3 Object Tracking. This technique refers to tracking one or more moving objects in any given scene. This technique is traditionally been applied to monitor real-world interactions. Object tracking is applied to the frames of the video.

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2.1.4 Semantic Segmentation. Segmentation is an essential part of the Computer Vision that divides the entire image into a group of pixels that can be labelled and classified. To be more specific, semantic segmentation attempts to understand the part that each pixel plays in each image.

2.1.5 Instance Segmentation. This technique categorizes all the various instance classes. For instance, a complex scene with many overlapping objects and backgrounds, then the classification of all the objects has been done, also the identification of their differences and how these objects are related to each other, these all need to be evaluated.

#### 3. Computer Vision based framework for the monitoring of Safety at construction

Safety and compliance are complementary yet different from each other. As per the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) which is United States Department of Labor, Compliance is a key for the for the prevention of injuries and accidents at the work [26]. For addressing the problem, previous research has been studied for getting the insight into reasons behind occupational accidents of the construction workers. J. Seo et al., 2015 [27] proposed a framework for ensuring the health and safety monitoring of the workers at construction. The earlier procedures and conditions that lead to these injuries suggests that more attention towards the safety and compliance area is required and with the help of proper safety and compliance measures, these accidents can potentially be avoided [28][29].



Figure 2. Framework for the Safety and Compliance Management System

A framework for the Safety and Compliance Management System to assure the safer conditions at construction has been presented in Figure 2. According to the formulated framework, firstly, an image data set is created using image sensing devices (shown in Figure 2), the data set formed comprised on 3 techniques of CV: (I) Object detection approach; (II) Object tracking; and (III) Action recognition technique in accordance with the unsafe and complaint conditions. Object detection is used for the identification of

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conditions/situation-based risks and it is a prerequisite for the next methodologies that is object tracking and action recognition. Location can be tracked using the object tracking algorithms and thus location-based unsafe and complaint acts can be monitored. Action recognition techniques are applied with the help of sequential images to detect what the construction-related entities (e.g., worker and equipment) are doing to check the unsafe acts which could violate the safety and compliance protocols.

#### 3.1 Safety conditions and actions

As per the OSHA [26], different conditions are acknowledged, wherein the safety is hampering in construction. Computer vision could absolutely help us in automated monitoring of such acts, thereby assuring the overall safety in construction.

3.1.1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Personal protective equipment also termed to as "PPE", is an equipment for the protection against personal injury and illnesses at the workplace. These illnesses and injuries are the outcome of various workplace hazards, for example, radiological, chemical, electrical hazards etc. [30][31]. In Figure 3, various types of PPE are presented and a brief overview of the methods, data source and objectives for the safety monitoring are given in Table 1.



**Figure 3**. Types of PPE [30][31]

PPE includes hand protection gloves, safety glasses and work boots, ear protection, harness, helmets, safety vests, respirators, and complete bodysuits.

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Author	Data Set	Model Used	Objective	Reference
Name and				
Year				
Qi Fang et al., 2018	20,000 Plus Images: training Set including steeplejacks, workers, anchorages with and without webbing	<ul> <li>Deep Learning Based occlusion mitigation Method</li> <li>R-CNN model using localization and segmentation techniques</li> <li>SSD for object detection at different scales</li> <li>YOLO Method. (You Only Look Once) Version-3</li> <li>Acoustic scene classification (ASC) classifier</li> </ul>	Falling prevention for Steeplejacks	[32]
Daeho Kim et al., 2019	COCO benchmark Data Set ImageNet Data Set	<ul> <li>DNN, YOLO-V3</li> <li>Image rectification Method – Measurement of distance using 2D Image from UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)</li> </ul>	Struck-by accidents between the excavators and other heavy machineries	[33]
Yu Zhao et al., 2019	visual object classes (VOC) dataset and ImageNet dataset	<ul> <li>YOLO V3 Algorithm – Real Time detection</li> <li>Kalman filter</li> <li>Hungarian matching algorithms</li> </ul>	PPE - Helmets and colored vests detection to avoid accidents	[34]
Clive Q.X. Poh et al., 2018	Image and Video Data	<ul> <li>ML Techniques – Logistics regression (LR), K- Nearest Neighbors (K-NN), Boruta feature selection, decision tree (DT), Random forests (RF) and Support vector machines (SVM)</li> </ul>	Risky site classification for safety	[35]
SangUk Han et al., 2013	Image and video using - VICON and Kinect	• Vision framework for detection of unsafe behavior, motion templates, 3D skeleton extraction from videos	behavior- based safety management	[36]
Milad Memarzadeh et al.,2013	8000 annotated video data set	<ul> <li>(HOG+C) Histograms of Oriented Gradients and Colors</li> <li>Sliding window at multiple scales</li> <li>Binary SVM classifier</li> </ul>	Detection of equipment and worker	[37]

## Table 1. An Overview of safety Monitoring using Computer Vision

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Nipun Nath al,2020	D. et	crowdsourcing and web-mining for data Set creation instances of workers	<ul> <li>SSE</li> <li>YO</li> <li>R-F</li> <li>con</li> <li>Reti</li> </ul>	D (Single Shot Detector) LO V3 CN (Region-based fully volutional network) inaNet	Real Time detection of PPE	[38]

*3.1.2 Falling from heights.* Usage of Body harnesses or specialized body net for the avoidance of falling accidents. CV framework can be implemented to check for the harness.

*3.1.3 Ladders and Stairways.* Around 24,882 injuries and more than 36 fatalities every year due to falling on the stairways and ladders used in construction. To avoid an accident due to ladder and stairways, the placement of the ladder should be proper, safe, and long enough to reach the work area. Likewise, stairways ought to be free from dangerous objects and resources. Reese and Edison also identified unsafe conditions regarding the personal damage, property damage or equipment failure etc [39].

*3.1.4 Trench collapse*. Trench collapse leads to lots of fatalities every year. With the usage of protective equipment while entering any deep and big trenches could avoid accidents cases

3.1.5 Collapse of Scaffolds. Almost 2.3 million construction workers often work on scaffolds framework at the same time. If we protect these workers from scaffold-based accidents, then it would prevent an approximate 4,500 injuries and 50 fatalities every year. Scaffold must be strong enough to carry its own wright as well as 4 times the maximum projected load. Scaffold must be on solid footing to avoid any collapse situation.

*3.1.6 Sloping / Motion Injuries.* Based on the type of the soil type, allowable slopes are different. Sloping must be taken vigorously for the avoidance of accidents due to motion injuries. Figure 4 conveys the safety conditions.



Figure 4. Various actions for Safety (a) Scaffolding (b) Stairways (c) Harness for fall protection (d) Sloping [26]

Adhering to these safety requirements encourages self-assurance and faith and saves the lives of thousands of workers.

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#### 3.2 Defect monitoring

Defects must also be monitored on regular basis, which would not just enhance the safety of workers but also the safety of freshly built structures. In Table 2 below, we reviewed previous work on the defect monitoring for the safety of the site and workers.

Data Resource	Model Used	Description	Reference
Image data collected from Camera, mobile phone and copyright images	<ul> <li>Convolutional neural networks (CNN)</li> <li>VGG-16</li> <li>ResNet-50</li> <li>Inception models</li> <li>Transfer Learning – classifier</li> </ul>	Detecting defects such as mould, deterioration, and stain	[40]
500 Image Data Set Training and Testing ML classifier	Image Processing Algorithms SVM and least squares SVM	Walls Defects detection using Image Processing and ML Methodologies	[41]
4000 + crack images 3800 Training Images 400 Testing Images	<ul> <li>YOLO -V3 based Method</li> <li>Darknet 53 Network and binary cross entropy loss for class prediction</li> </ul>	Crack detection on pavements Accuracy 88 %	[42]
Image Data Set	<ul> <li>Spalled areas detection in length and depth form</li> <li>Entropy-based thresholding algorithm</li> </ul>	concrete spalling measurement	[43]
Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology (MNIST Data set) - 99.5% accuracy ImageNet., AlexNet, GoogleNet Video Data Set – Using UAV	<ul> <li>Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation algorithms</li> <li>Clustering algorithms (k- means algorithm)</li> <li>Optical flow algorithms</li> <li>Gaussian mixture model (GMM),</li> </ul>	Detection of structural damage 99.5% accuracy with MNIST Data set	[44]
	Data Resource	Data ResourceModel UsedImage data collected from Camera, mobile phone and copyright images•Convolutional neural networks (CNN)WGG-16.ResNet-50Inception models•Transfer Learning – classifier500 Image Data Set Training and Testing ML classifierImage Processing Algorithms SVM and least squares SVM4000 + crack images 3800 Training Images 400 Testing Images 400 Testing ImagesImage Processing Algorithms SVM and least squares SVM4000 + crack images 3800 Training Images 400 Testing Images•YOLO -V3 based Method •Darknet 53 Network and binary cross entropy loss for class predictionImage Data Set•Spalled areas detection in length and depth form •Entropy-based thresholding algorithmsModified National Institute of Standards and Technology (MNIST Data set) - 99.5% accuracy ImageNet., AlexNet, GoogleNet Video Data Set - Using UAV•Object Detection and semantic Segmentation algorithms•Optical flow algorithms (GMM),•Optical flow algorithms	Data ResourceModel UsedDescriptionImage data collected from Camera, mobile phone and copyright images•Convolutional neural networks (CNN) •VGG-16 •ResNet-50 •Inception models •Transfer Learning – classifierDetecting defects such as 

Table 2. Overview on the Defect Monitoring using Computer Vision

Defect Monitoring is an essential element to keep the safe environment in construction for both the staff as well as the structure itself.

#### 4. Computer Vision Based Framework for Compliance Monitoring

OSHA has also provided the guidelines for the control and prevention of COVID-19 spread at the workplace [46] that majorly includes (I) social distancing that involves limiting work in the occupied areas, limit

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physical contact, break and lunchtimes in shifts. (II) Usage of face masks and shields, hand gloves as per the work requirement, and eye protectors are mandatory while at the site. (III) Proper sanitization and cleanliness must be promoted for a healthier environment.

#### 4.1 Compliance parameters and Measures

Some general actions and compliance measures to make construction safe as well as progressive by using computer vision and deep learning models have been presented.

#### 4.1.1 For Pandemic Management (Covid-19)

#### • Social Distance Monitoring Using automated framework of Computer Vision

Social Distance is the primary means to control the COVID-19 spread till we find the vaccine, thus, with the object detection and object tracking techniques, CV tool could be implemented for assuring the social distancing. Also, Camera Calibration is another aspect of measuring social distance. It is a universal approach that calculates the distance between 2 objects in an image. The approach converts the video into a birds-eye view or a top view for calculating the distance.

#### • Face Mask Detection

Training the face mask detector model with the dataset of construction workers with and without face mask could help in automated detection of violation of the face mask compliance at site. Further, Personal Protective Kit (PPE) for Face, head, eye, hand, and foot must always be mandatory at the construction site to avoid Covid-19 spread.

#### • Daily health monitoring

With the Thermal Imaging Cameras, daily checking of the temperature of the construction workers can be observed. Thermal Vision Cameras generates alarms automatically in case of any violations.

#### • Sanitization using drones

Drones are the most used tool during the corona crisis for the sanitization of the coronavirus on a massive scale.

4.1.2 Failure to use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Wearing proper PPE would certainly avoid a huge number of accidental cases in construction [47]. Recently Nipun D. Nath et al., [38] presented 3 models based on DL for the real time verification of PPE, developed on YOLO architecture. Safety helmets and jackets are detected on real-time in their research. 3 approaches were used (I) Detection using ML model (e.g., DT and NNs) (II) Using Single CNN framework (III) Using classifiers based on CNN (ResNet-50, VGG-16, and Xception,)

For real-time detection, the result of the second approach achieved the best performance (mean average precision of 72.3%) and most suitable for running in lightweight gadgets.

4.1.3 Exclusion Zones. Around 32 million workers work in a hazardous condition such as exposure to chemicals. Workers must be aware of all the exposed chemically exposed zones. For keeping a healthy environment for the workers, compliance can play a greater role. Workers must not be allowed to enter these exclusion zones without proper PPE [48].

4.1.4 Transport, earth-moving and handling of materials. The transport equipment and the material handling equipment must be of proper design and in good form. These equipment's must be operated by only well-trained workers to avoid accidents [49].

4.1.5 *Electric Safety*. All the electrical tools must be checked on a regular basis and if there arises any fault condition that must be taken out and reported immediately. Also, Safety alarm System might be attached for receiving any such fault information at various electric spots.

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#### 4.2 Performance monitoring

Performance of the workers could be taken as one of the compliance measures for the progress monitoring of the construction site. This would ensure the progress of the structure on time. In Table 3 and Table 4, the prior work and respective methodologies used for the performance and compliance monitoring in construction have been specified. Han and Lee [50] introduced a framework for computer vision that would track unsafe behaviors, focusing on four fragments comprising (I) Extraction of Unsafe behaviors from the safety documents and historical data (II) Using the experimental work for the collection of motion templates for unsafe actions (III) 3D skeleton extraction from video recordings; and (IV) Unsafe behaviors detection on real time using video data.

Author's Name and Year	Data Resource	Model Used	Description	Reference
Hesam Hamledari et al. ,2017	Video Data – Quadcopter (UAV) Image Data - smartphone Image Data -Publicly accessible sources	<ul> <li>SFM (structure from motion) technique</li> <li>HOG</li> <li>Approaches based on color</li> <li>Otsu Method</li> </ul>	Progress Monitoring	[51]
Peddi et al.,2009	Image Data - Time Lapse	•Object tracking techniques for BIM Elements	Appearance- based assessment	[52]
J. Gong et al., 2011	Video Data	<ul> <li>Object detection and tracking</li> <li>Activity identification algorithm- SVM</li> </ul>	Analyze equipment for material handling	[53]
Jie Gong et al.,2011	Image and Video Data Set	<ul> <li>Object detection and tracking techniques</li> <li>Background subtraction</li> <li>Color-based recognition method</li> <li>cascade of simple features- based method</li> <li>Mixture of Gaussian Models</li> <li>Kalman Filter and Particle Filter</li> </ul>	Productivity analysis of workers	[54]
J. Teizer et al., 2009	2D Images	• Tracking techniques for construction workers	Automated monitoring of project performance	[55]

#### Table 3. Prior Work on the Performance Monitoring using Computer Vision

Table 4. Prior	Work on the	Compliance	Monitoring	using Comp	uter Vision
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Author Name	Data Sources	Model Used	Objective	Reference

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Nipun D. Nath et al., 2020	Image and Video Data	YOLO V3 Model Object Detection techniques	Real Time Detection of PPE Violation	[38]
S.Du et al., 2011	2D Images	Object detection techniques for Hardhat	Failure to wear proper PPE	[56]
J. Teizer et al., 2009	2D Images	Tracking techniques for construction workers	Automated monitoring of project performance	[55]
M.W. Park et al, 2011	2D Images	Tracking Methods for workers and construction equipment	Comparison of Vision tracking techniques	[57]
M. Memarzadeh et al., 2013	3D Images	Detection and Tracking Techniques of construction entities	Avoidance of accident due to close distance of Equipment and worker while in idle state	[58]
S.J. Ray et al., 2012	3D Images	Image Classification and action recognition	Monitoring risky posture of worker	[59]
S.Han et al, 2012	3D Images and Videos	Image Classification	Ladder climbing unsafe action	[60]
S. chi et al., 2011	2D Images	Detection techniques	Performance monitoring	[61]
Qi Fang et al, 2018	100,000 construction worker image Data	Faster R-CNN Method	Hardhat compliance	[62]

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#### 5. Data Collection

Computer Vision research relies on 2 major factors (I) collection of data (digital data and time-lapse images) (II) analyzing the collected data. The principle of CV is "to analyze what you look over" [63]. The data collection is an extremely crucial phase in CV so that it can be analyzed properly and effectively. The image sensing devices for the data collection has been provided in Figure 5. Data Set "Pictor-v3" using web mining and crowdsourcing for the verification of PPE using YOLO architecture [38]. Depth based Cameras to examine unsafe acts and conditions for construction workers [62] Examples: Kinect and VICON [64].

There are several open access data sets available (as mentioned in the Table 1), For Example, MS-COCO, Open Images Dataset, Visual QA, ImageNet, Street View House Numbers (SVHN), CIFAR-10, MNIST, Fashion-MNIST etc.

The data collection is shown in figure 5.

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Figure 5. Data Collection [27].

#### 6. Methods

Most utilized methods for the classification and detection of the images are SVM (Support Vector Machines) and DL using CNNs and RNNs (Recurrent Neural Networks) to extract features automatically. Also, the best algorithms for the real-time detection, are YOLO [65], SSD [66], and RetinaNet and R-FCN [67] (region-based fully convolutional network) in terms of performance [38].

YOLO - V3 particularly is the fastest and accurate in comparison with other algorithms [68] such as SSD and R-FCN. The computational load of YOLO V3 is less (unlike R-CNN) which makes YOLO –V3 faster in detecting the construction entities. YOLO uses maximum suppression (NMS) technique [69][70][71] to avoid the redundancy in the output phase. With NMS Technique, bounding boxes having lower confidence level but having a higher percentage of overlapping will be removed and thereby, providing one bounding box for one object. The performance of an Object detection algorithm in CV can be measured using 3 metrics (I) Precision curves (II) DET (Detection Error Tradeoff curves) (III) MAP (Mean Average Precision). In Equation (1), the formula for recall and precision is given.

Here, TP implies "True positive", FN implies "false negative' and FP implies "false positive" [72].

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
(1) [72]

For Instance, IoU (Intersection over union) describes the overlap amongst ground truth (G) and the predicted box (P) given in Equation (2)

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$$IoU = \frac{intersection}{union} = \frac{G \cap P}{G \cup P}$$
(2) [38]

Cameras for recording the images and videos on-site for the verification PPE compliance. Regular RGB is more suitable for practical usage rather than RGBD cameras due to limitation of view range [73] for detection. Prior methods include Video surveillance methods such as edge detection [74], motion detection, color feature and facial features [75] and Histogram of Oriented Gradient (HOG) [76] based ML algorithms such as k-NN and SVM [77].

#### 7. Discussion

Object Detection is the fundamental technique in CV and with the addition of DL, it becomes more prevailing. The evolution of CV techniques from 2012 to 2019 is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. Computer Vision Techniques evolution from 2012 to 2019 [78]

Alex-Net [78] Boosted Cascade [79][80], Histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) [81], CVPR [82][83][84], Regions with CNN features (RCNN) [85], Spatial Pyramid Pooling Network (SPP-Net) [86], Fast RCNN [87], Faster RCNN [88], You Only Look Once (YOLO) [89], Single Shot Detector (SSD) [90], Pyramid-Networks [91] and Retina-Net [92].

One of the major challenges in the detection and tracking approaches based on CV is their susceptibility towards poor light conditions, blurriness, and occlusion situations. Further computer hardware is a major factor while doing the testing i.e., the execution speed varies with respect to the computer hardware. Size of data set is also one of the challenging situations, researchers with limited data set are reliant on the usage of data augmentation techniques, chooses a small sample to undertake their trial work, that makes it hard for the comparison and metric evaluation such as precision and recall.

Privacy is also another issue, which makes compliance management challenging at sometimes. This paper involves the theoretical study of the safety and compliance measures, practical implementation of the same could be performed in future research for providing thorough results.

Ontology and CV techniques can be integrated for overcoming the semantic gap in the future line of research. "Ontology is an approach, popular for having computer-oriented and logic-based features. it is applied for modelling information which would help in providing the domain knowledge by the explicit definition of classes, instances, and relationships" [93][94][95]. The framework of ontology and CV techniques could be formed by developing spatial relationships between objects, which could automatically be detected using CV techniques [96].

Due to the capability of Deep Learning for automatically extracting features, DL is gaining immense popularity for methods of object classification and detection, however, DL works on the correlation between the input and output states and is unable to identify the causality. For instance, the monitoring of safety conditions demands

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not just the necessity of identifying the individuals and operating conditions, but it also needs the interactions of the individuals which must be evaluated for the absolute safe workplace. Till this date, the interactions have not been analyzed, which could be again considered as a future area of research [97][98]. Moreover, new algorithms are required for the identification of several jobs concurrently.

#### 8. Conclusion

Progress often takes the front seat, however, without a safe and healthy workforce, it is challenging to move forward. Computer Vision techniques in civil engineering have been perceived as a key segment for improved monitoring in terms of safety and compliance conditions. In this paper, various conducts using which safety and compliance monitoring could be achieved efficiently and progressively using computer vision framework along with deep learning have been discussed. A safety and compliance management framework with the featured conditions and measures to control the unsafe acts has been proposed. In Addition, with the compliance monitoring, not only the productivity but also, safety can be assured for both workers as well as new structures. Various techniques of computer vision and deep learning have been reviewed, furthermore, challenges and feasible areas for the future line of work are discussed. The notion is to form a healthier and progressive environment with the usage of appropriate safety and compliance techniques at construction.

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