



2024 Global Seminar in Taiwan: How Shaky Structures Become the Safest in Taiwan

SE 164 Sensors & Data Acquisition and SE 167 Signal Processing

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- ❖ B.S. in Civil Engineering, Johns Hopkins University
- ❖ Director, ARMOR Lab
- ❖ Instructor, *SE 164 – Sensors and Data Acquisition*
- ❖ Interesting facts:
 - ❖ Went to GK-12 (Taipei American School) in Taipei, Taiwan
 - ❖ Engineering Duty Officer, U.S. Navy Reserve
 - ❖ Co-founder of JAK Labs



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- ❖ Adjunct Professor, Structural Engineering
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- ❖ Instructor, *SE 167 – Signal Processing & Spectral Analysis*
- ❖ Interesting facts:
 - ❖ Born and raised in Taipei, Taiwan
 - ❖ Three amazing grand children (Jacob 10, Peter 9, Olive 7)
 - ❖ Father of Prof. Ken Loh



Taiwan?

Just the basics...



Why Teach in Taiwan?

Its history...and our history...is perfect for this two-course sequence

Multi-hazard Vulnerability in the U.S.



2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami



2011 Tohoku Tsunami

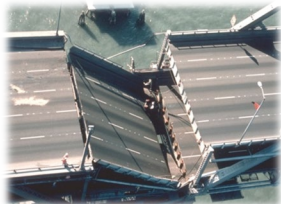


2014 & 2015 Polar vortex winters

- Infrastructure and property damage
- Jeopardize public safety
- Loss of lives
- Socioeconomic losses



2012 Hurricane Sandy



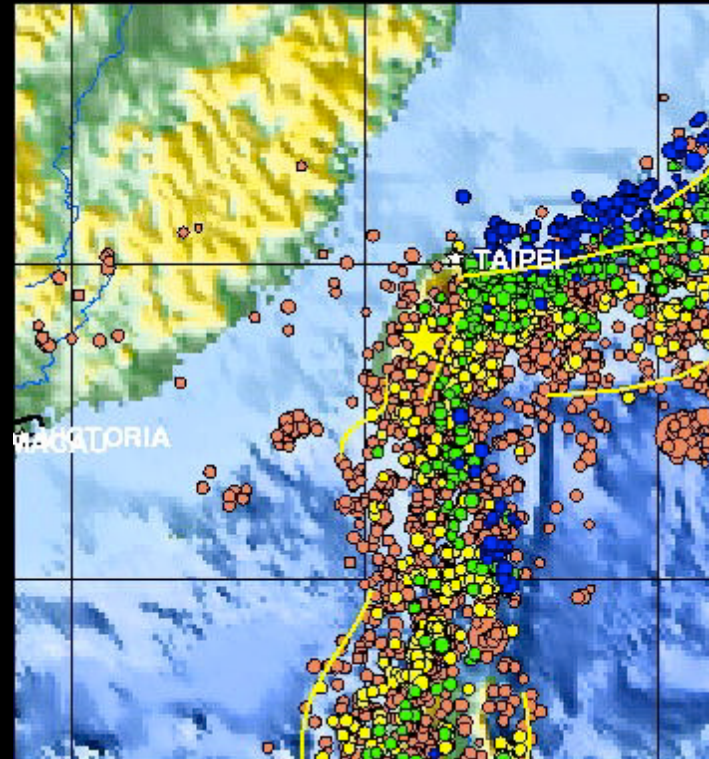
1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake



1994 Northridge Earthquake



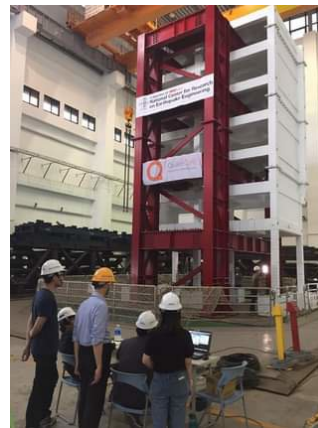
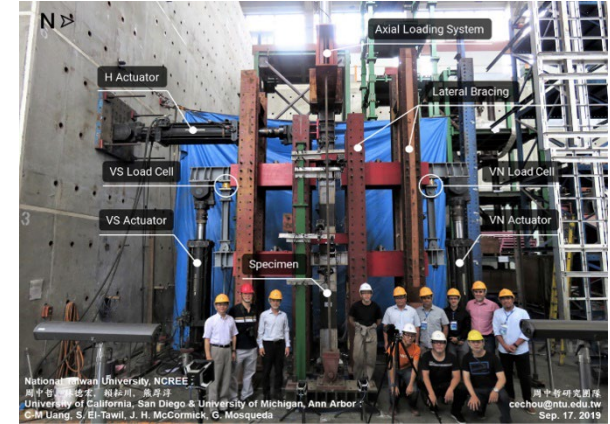
2005 Hurricane Katrina



They Learned – And Advanced



- National Center for Research on Earthquake Engineering (NCREE) in Taiwan
 - ❖ Most advanced testing facilities and engineering capabilities, capable of full-scale testing





What are we teaching?

Background and Course Information



Civil



Geotechnical



Automotive

Structure:

Materials + Geometry + Function

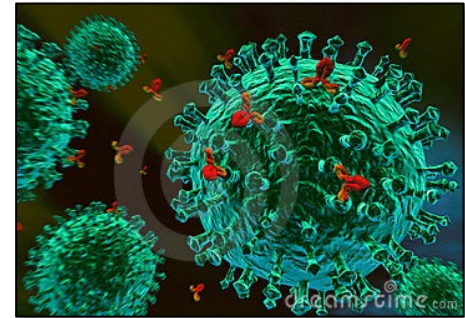
Aerospace



Marine

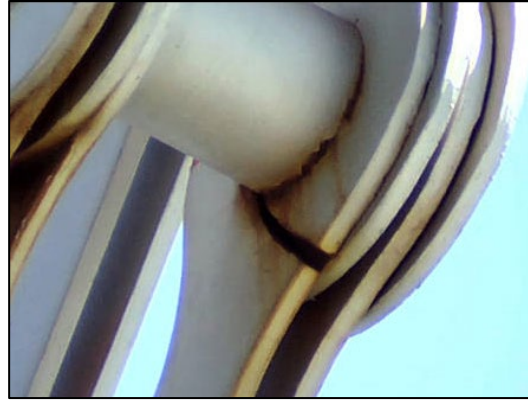


Biological





Environment



Repeated loading



Impulse-type events



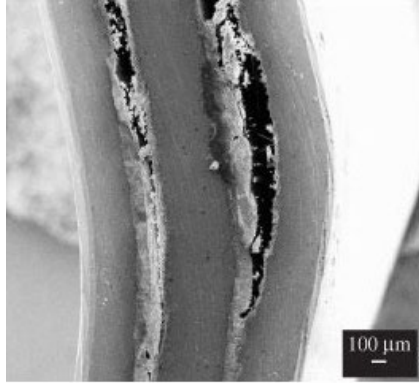
Natural disasters



Extreme events



Manmade



Delamination



Fiber-matrix cracking

Undetected damage



Propagation



Composite rudder failure in-flight

Structural Damage

Structural Failure

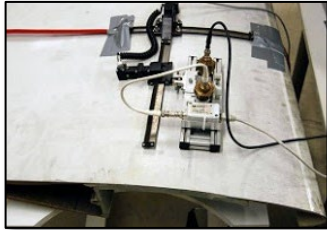


Timely Intervention

- How can we generate, in a **scalable** manner, **appropriate data streams** that contain rich information about **spatially distributed structural properties** and **damage characteristics** suitable for **structural health diagnostics** and **decision-making**?

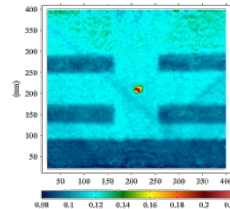
1. SENSING

F. Lanza di Scalea & K. Loh



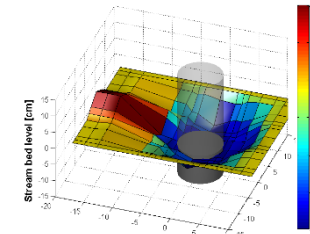
2. DETECTION

C. Farrar, F. Lanza di Scalea,
C-H. Loh, K. Loh & M. Todd



3. DIAGNOSIS

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- What are current and emerging sensors that we can use to understand how our built environment is interacting with the natural environment?
- Topics:
 - ❖ Sensor classification and characteristics
 - ❖ Fundamentals of electric circuits
 - ❖ Resistive, capacitive, and inductive sensing mechanisms
 - ❖ Piezoelectricity and thermoelectricity
 - ❖ Analog sensor interfaces
 - ❖ Analog-to-digital converters (ADC), aliasing, and signal conditioning
 - ❖ Data transmission and wireless sensor networks
 - ❖ Radio frequency identification (RFID) and emerging technologies

- How do we use real-world data, process them to reveal relevant features, and extract knowledge about our structures and potential damage?
- Topics:
 - ❖ Random data and Fourier Transforms
 - ❖ Signal convolution and correlation, and sampling theorem
 - ❖ Discrete-, Fast-, and Short-Time Fourier Transforms
 - ❖ Power spectral density and input-output relationships in the frequency domain
 - ❖ Low-pass filter and time-domain analysis
 - ❖ Time-domain signal decomposition
 - ❖ Hilbert Transform
 - ❖ Time-frequency analysis
 - ❖ Digital filters
 - ❖ Online structural system identification

- Specialization in SHM/NDE equips you with interdisciplinary knowledge in sensing technologies, data interrogation, and modeling and analysis
 - ❖ Encompasses structural, civil, mechanical, aerospace, and marine engineering
 - ❖ Supports “design-to-retirement” life cycle management of systems
- One-year M.S. program (36 units):

Requirement	Thesis option	Comprehensive option
Core courses:	SE 263 – NDE (4) SE 265 – SHM Principles (4)	SE 263 – NDE (4) SE 265 – SHM Principles (4)
Capstone experience:	No requirement	SE 296 – Independent Study (4)
Thesis research:	SE 299 – Graduate Research (8)	No requirement
Sensing Technology focus area	One course (4)	One course (4)
Data Interrogation focus area	Two courses (8)	Two courses (8)
Modeling & Analysis focus area	Two courses (8)	Two courses (8)
Technical elective:	No requirement	One course (4)
Total Units:	36	36
Graduate seminar:	Three quarters of SE 290 (3)	Three quarters of SE 290 (3)

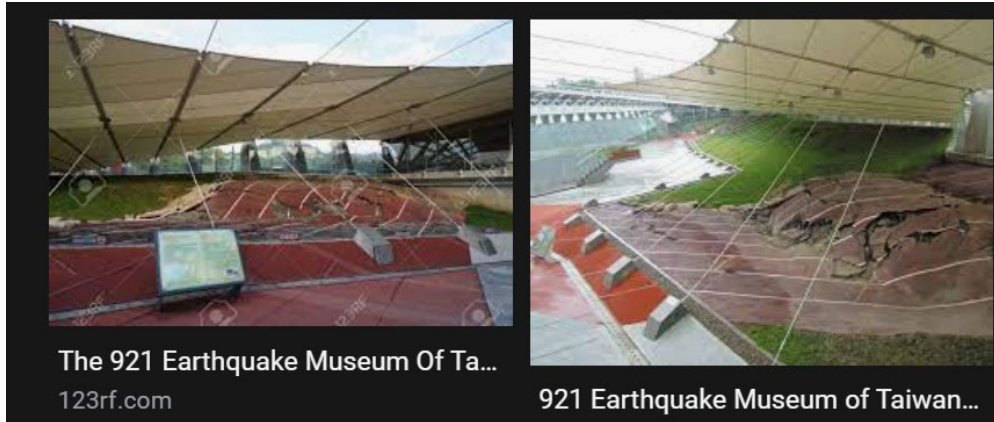
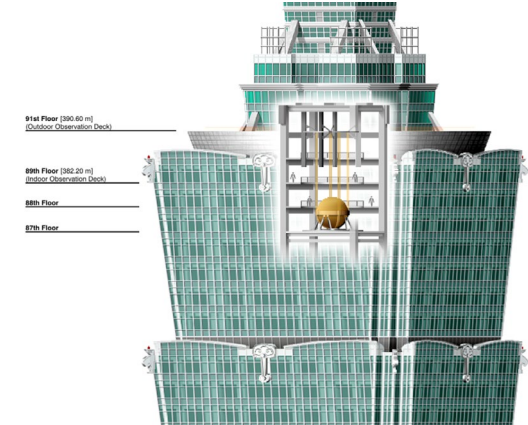
Technical tours and museums



NTU Civil Engineering building adjacent to NCREE



Taipei 101 and tuned mass damper



The 921 Earthquake Museum Of Ta...
123rf.com

921 Earthquake Museum of Taiwan...

921 Chi-Chi Earthquake Museum



Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (tsmc)



Beyond Studying

Living, experiencing, socializing, eating, and having fun

- Application details:

- ❖ Application Period: Opens on **November 1, 2023**
- ❖ Application Deadline: Closes on **March 1, 2024 or until full**
- ❖ Space is limited – program is capped at 28 students

- Financial aid and scholarships:

- ❖ Funding options: <https://studyabroad.ucsd.edu/students/programs/global-seminars/funding.html>



Questions?

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