

# Structural Health Monitoring of Civil Infrastructure: *from Research to Engineering Practice*

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# Outline

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- ◇ Background and Motivation
- ◇ Enabling Wireless Smart Sensor Technology
  - High-fidelity Hardware
  - Service-oriented Software Framework
- ◇ Full-scale Implementations
- ◇ Future Directions
- ◇ Conclusions

# Why Monitor Infrastructure?

## □ To detect and localize damage

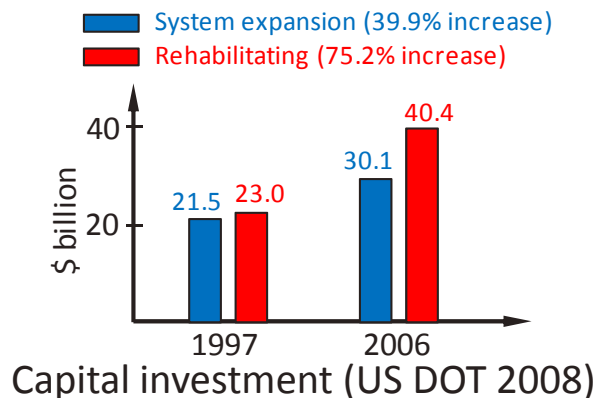
- Deteriorating structures
- Lessons from catastrophic bridge collapses
- Limits in visual inspection
- SHM reduce inspection cost, while providing increased public safety
- Lifetime monitoring of future construction projects



Corrosion



Fatigue (Bay Bridge in CA, 2009)



Sung-su bridge collapse in Korea (1994)



I-35 bridge collapse in MN (2007)

## Why Monitor Infrastructure?

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- ◇ To validate the structural designs and characterize performance (e.g., develop database)
- ◇ To assist with infrastructure maintenance
- ◇ To design appropriate retrofit measures
- ◇ Improve seismic risk assessment
- ◇ To monitor and control the construction process
- ◇ To characterize loads in situ
- ◇ Assess load carrying capacities
- ◇ To assist with emergency response efforts, including building evacuation and traffic control

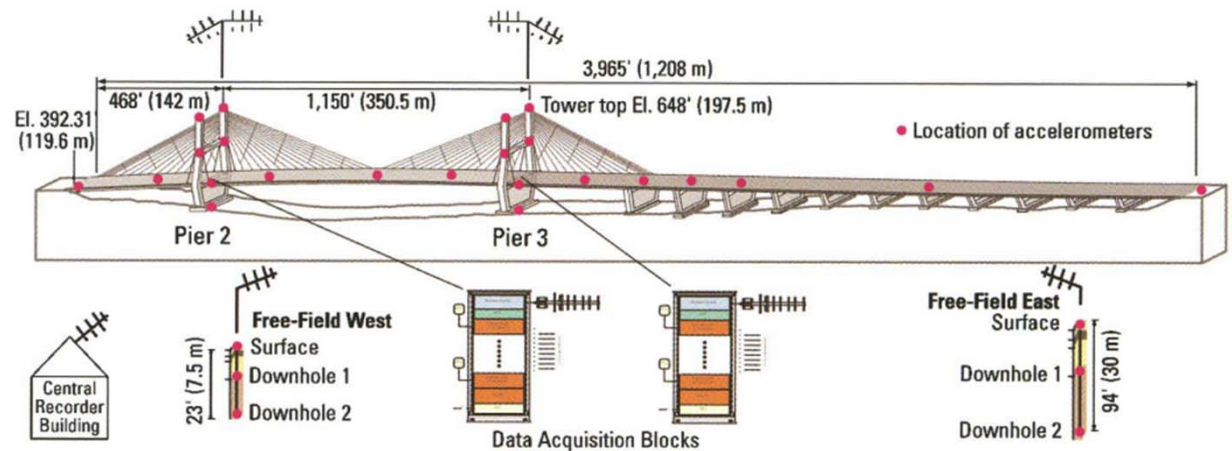
# Structural Health Monitoring

## □ Limitation of traditional methods

- Dense arrays of sensor are required to effectively monitor structures
- Wired monitoring systems are expensive, with much of the cost derived from cabling and installation
- Centralized data collection is not challenging for monitoring large civil infrastructure



Cabling & instrumentation for 400 wired strain sensors



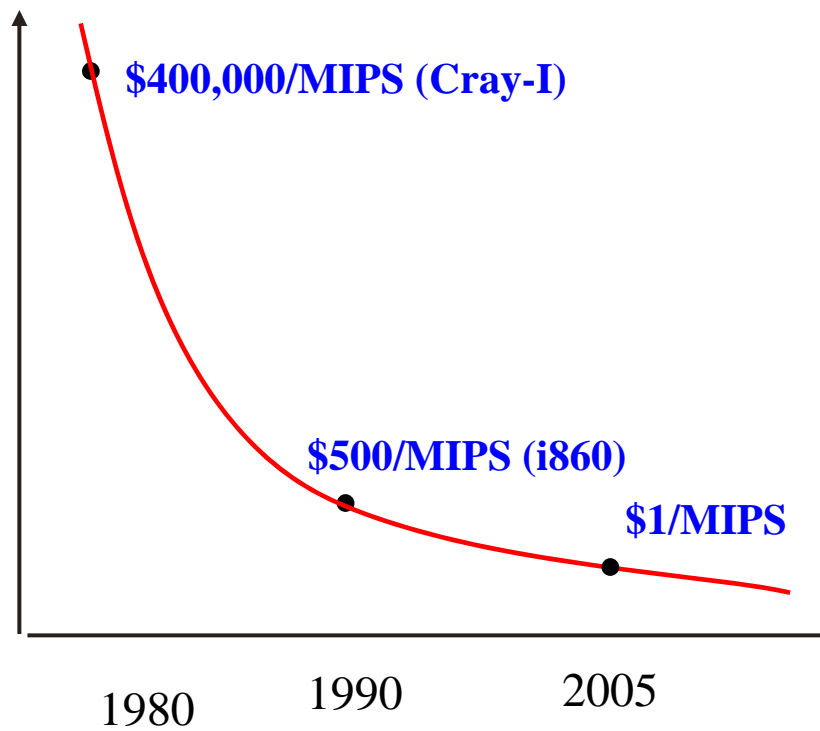
Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge SHM system: \$1.3M for 86 sensors, ~\$15k/sensor (Caicedo et al. 2002; Celebi et al. 2004)

# Enabling Wireless Smart Sensor Technology

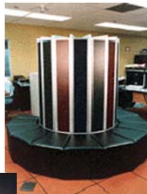
- \* low cost
- \* ease of installation
- \* accurate data



# Computers are Faster and Cheaper



# Where Computing is Done



Number Crunching  
Data Storage



productivity  
interactive

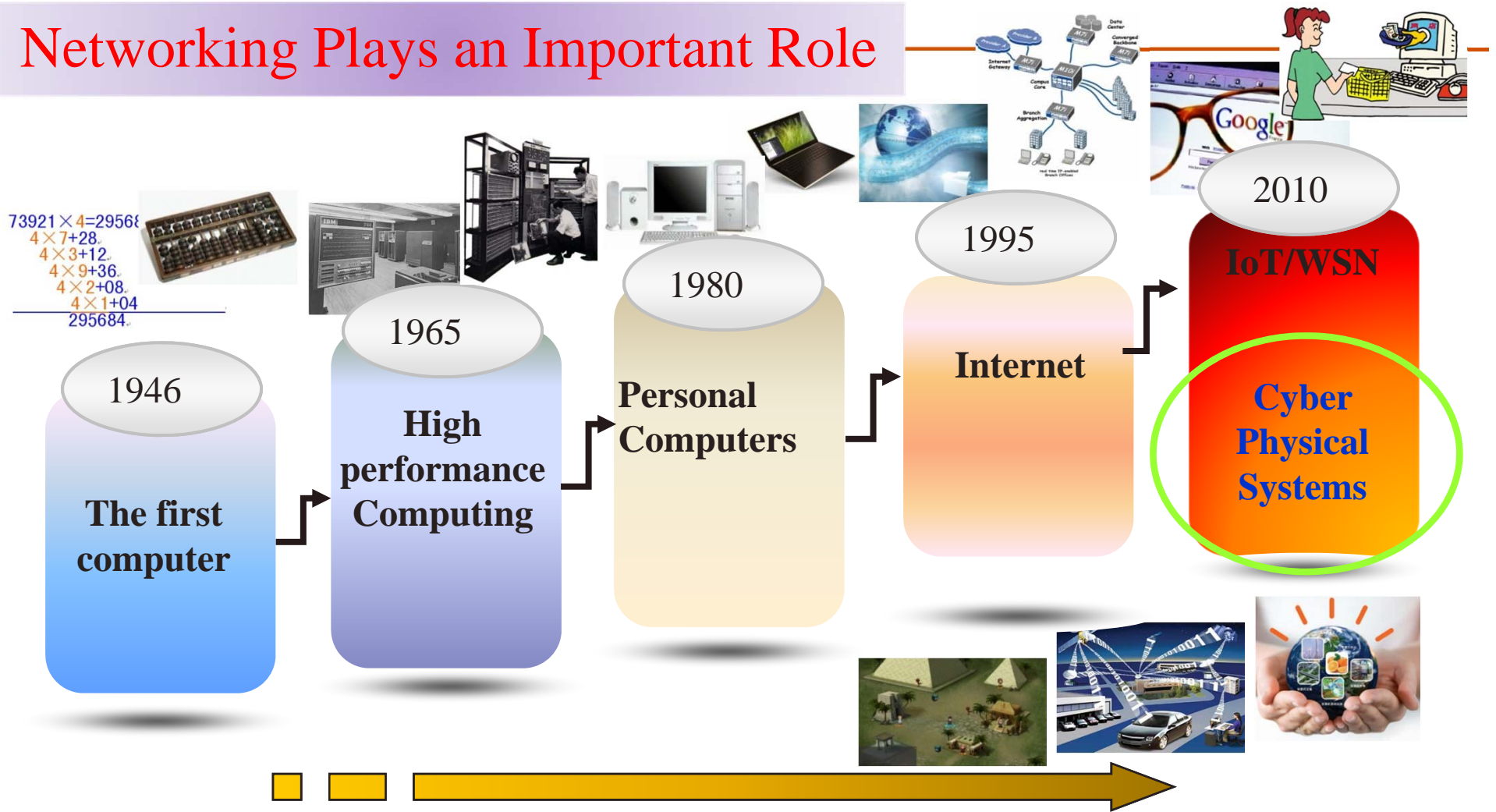


streaming  
information  
to/from physical  
world

year



# Networking Plays an Important Role



## Vision of the Future: *Internet of Things*

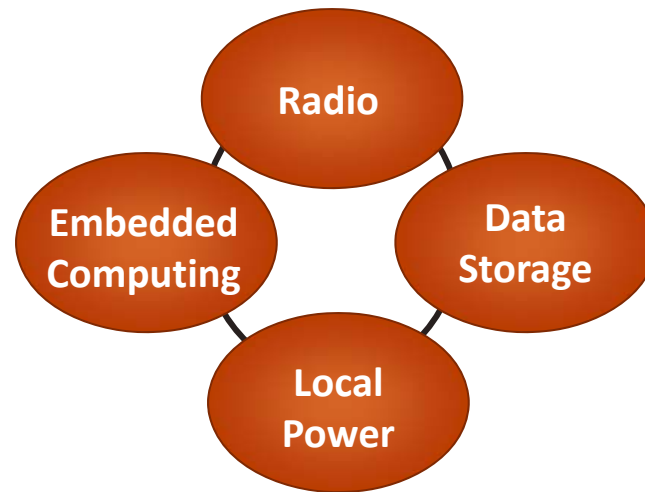
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- ◇ Vast networks of sensors, installed in the urban environment, can serve as the eyes and ears of a first line of defense against various vulnerabilities
- ◇ Different types of sensors can be envisioned, each reporting information that provides insight to the status of critical infrastructure in real-time
- ◇ **Wireless Smart Sensors** will act as the fundamental building block for such sensor networks
  - **Low costs** allow for dense deployment as needed
  - **Modularity** provides inherent flexibility for use in both permanent and temporary applications

## Smart Sensors

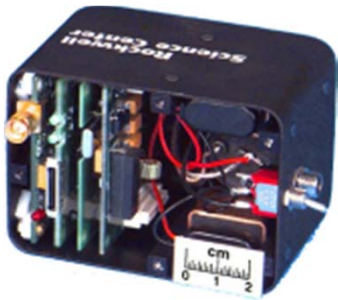
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◇ But... what is a *smart sensor*?

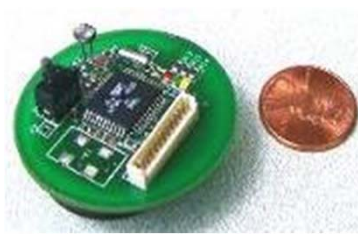


◇ First open source hardware and software platforms developed at Berkeley in the late 1990s as part of DARPA's Smart Dust project (Mica family of smart sensors).

# Historic Decade of Smart Sensors



WINS 1 (1999)



SmartDust  
WeC (1999)



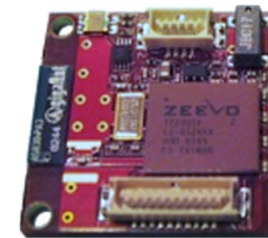
BTnode rev3 (2004)



U3 (2002)

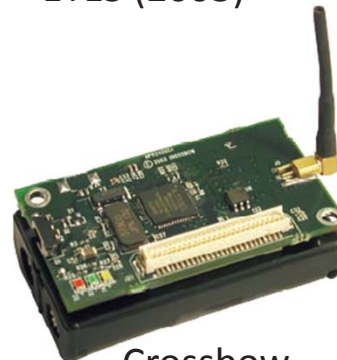


EYES (2003)



Intel Imote (2004)

Prototype by  
Prof. Lynch  
(2002)



Crossbow  
Mica2 (2004)



Imote2 (2006)

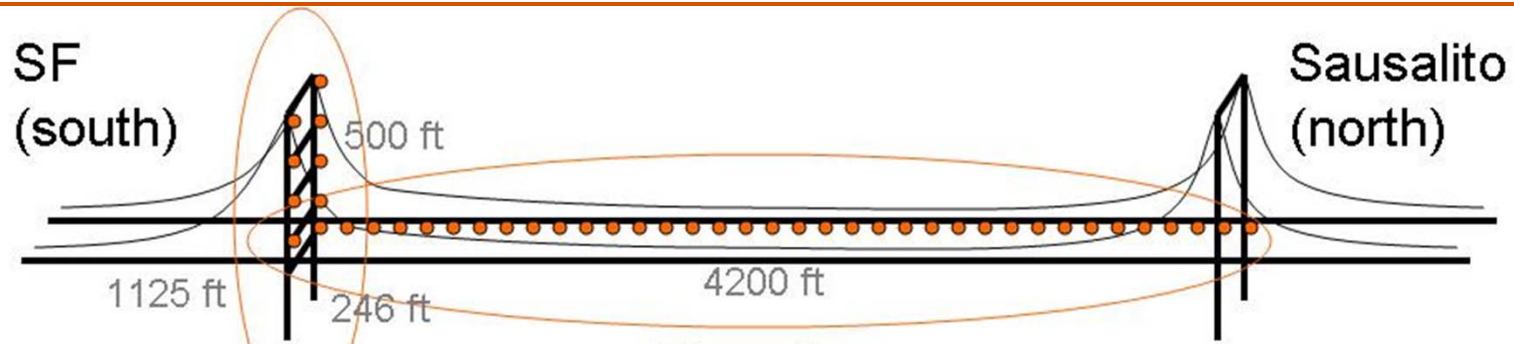
## Full-scale Implementations to Bridges (selected)

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<b>Alamosa Canyon (Lynch <i>et al.</i> 2003)</b>	Wireless system proof-of-concept	WiMMS (prototype)	7	Accel. (14)	<b>Short-term</b>	Independent FFT	Modal frequencies
<b>Ben Franklin (Galbreath <i>et al.</i> 2004)</b>	Demonstration of wireless system with remote programming	Microstrain SG-Link	10	Strain + Temp. (10)	<b>Continuous Medium-term</b>	None	Streaming real-time strain time histories
<b>Guemdang (Lynch <i>et al.</i> 2006)</b>	Wireless sensor prototype and embedded computing validation	WiMMS (prototype)	14	Accel. (14)	<b>Short-term</b>	Independent FFT and peak picking	Modal frequencies, ODS
<b>Golden Gate (Pakzad <i>et al.</i> 2008)</b>	Test wireless sensor network requiring multi-hop communication	MicaZ	64	Accel. (128) Temp. (64)	<b>Medium-term</b>	None	Modal analysis after central data collection
<b>Gi-Lu (Weng <i>et al.</i> 2008)</b>	Test for health monitoring of cable-stayed bridge	WiMMS (prototype)	12	Accel. (12)	<b>Short-term</b>	None	Modal analysis and cable tension force

# Smart Sensor Monitoring of the Golden Gate Bridge (2008)



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Requires **12 hours** to transmit **80 seconds** of data back to the base station!



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<b>Stork</b> (Meyer <i>et al.</i> 2010)	Validation of long-term field test using wireless sensor network	Tmote Sky	6	Accel. (6)	Long-term	None	Cable tension force
<b>Ferriby Road</b> (Hoult <i>et al.</i> 2010)	Evaluation of the potential of wireless sensor network	MicaZ	7	Crack (3) Inclin. (3) Temp (7) Humid.(6)	Long-term	None	Crack growth and inclination of deck
<b>New Carquinez</b> (Lynch <i>et al.</i> 2010)	Wireless system proof-of-concept	Narada/ Imote2	30	Accel. (14)	Long-term	SSI Modal Analysis	Mode Shapes

**Despite the fact that smart sensors have been readily available for nearly a decade, full-scale implementations are still limited.**



# What's Been Lacking?

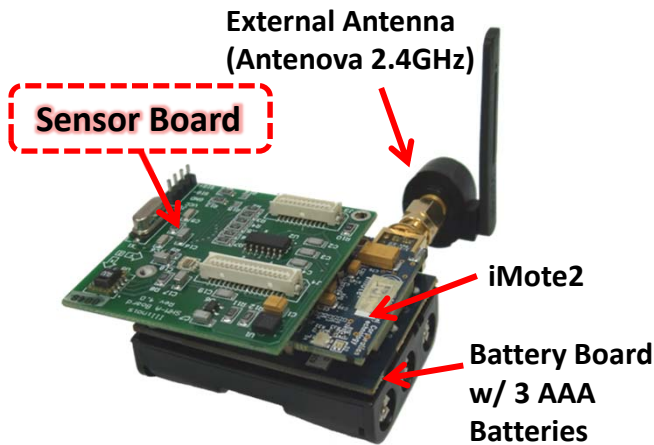
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- ◇ Hardware
  - Platform with computational capacity for high-data rate applications and distributed computing
  - Sensor hardware that to produce high-fidelity data that is appropriate for SHM
  
- ◇ Software
  - Middleware services to acquire high-fidelity data
  - Application software to implement distributed SHM
  - Flexible software that supports network and application scalability
  
- ◇ Full-scale implementation considerations
  - Communication performance evaluation
  - Autonomous network operation
  - Power management
  - Fault tolerance

# High-fidelity Hardware



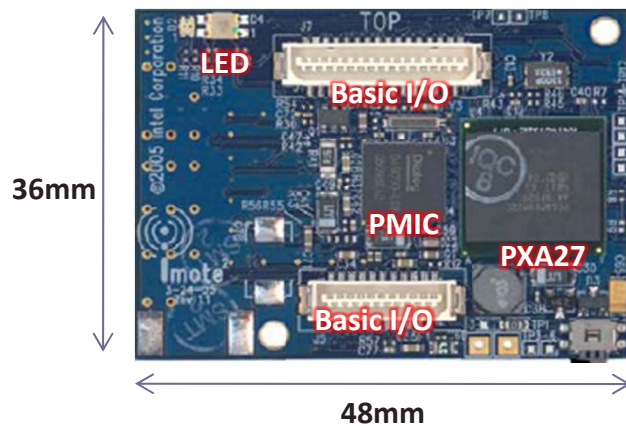
# Imote2 with Sensor Boards



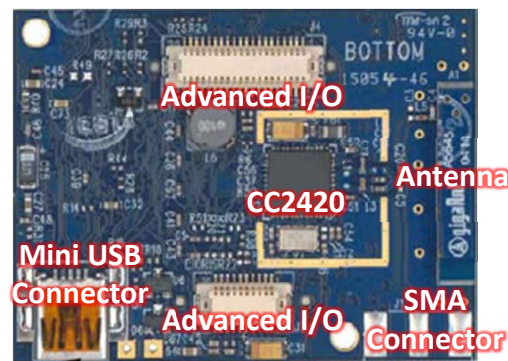
From MEMSIC (2010)

	MicaZ	Telos	iMote2
Microprocessor	Atmel ATmega128L	TI MSP430	Intel XScalePXA271
Clock speed (MHz)	7.373	8	<b>13-412</b>
Active Power (mW)	24	10	<b>44 @ 13 MHz</b>
Non-volatile memory (bytes)	128 K (Flash) + 512 K (EEPROM)	48K (Flash)	<b>32 M (Flash)</b>
Volatile memory (bytes)	4 K	1024K	<b>256 K + 32 M (SDRAM)</b>
Dimensions (mm) / Weight (g)	58*32*7 / 18	65*31*6 / 23	36 *48*9 / 12

## Imote2 and Basic Sensor Board

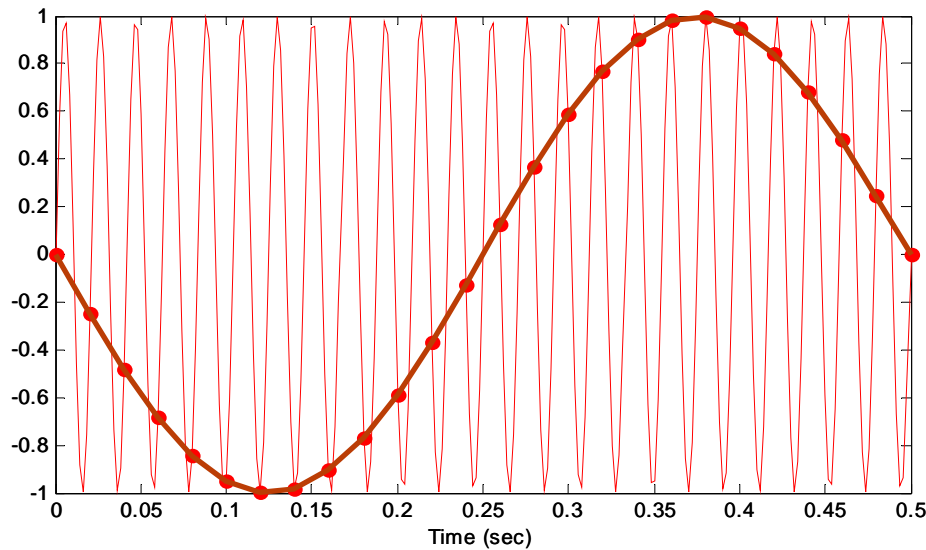


Imote2: Top and Bottom



Basic Sensor Board

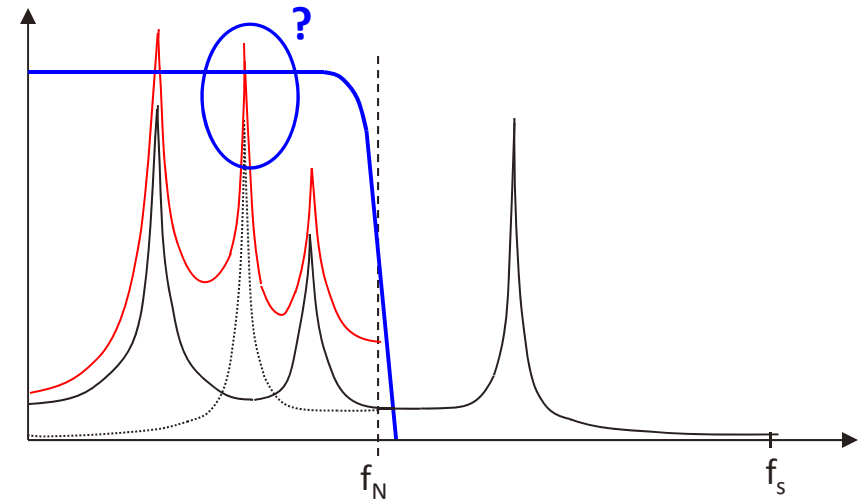
# Aliasing



- ◇ Consider a 48 Hz signal
- ◇ What if the signal is sampled at 50 Hz?
- ◇ The resulting measured signal has an apparent frequency of 2 Hz

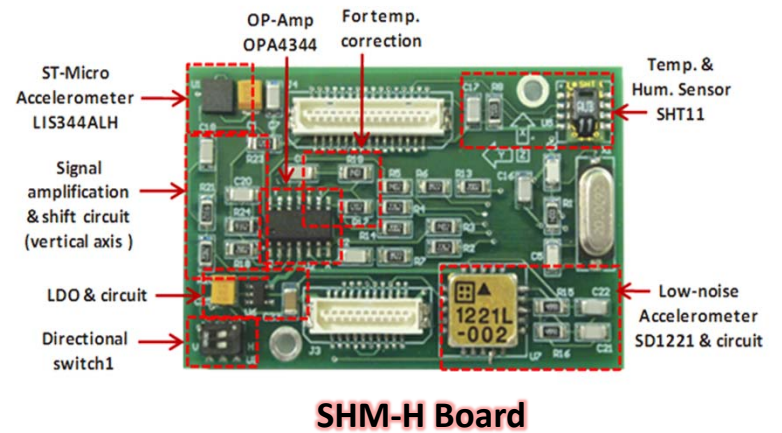
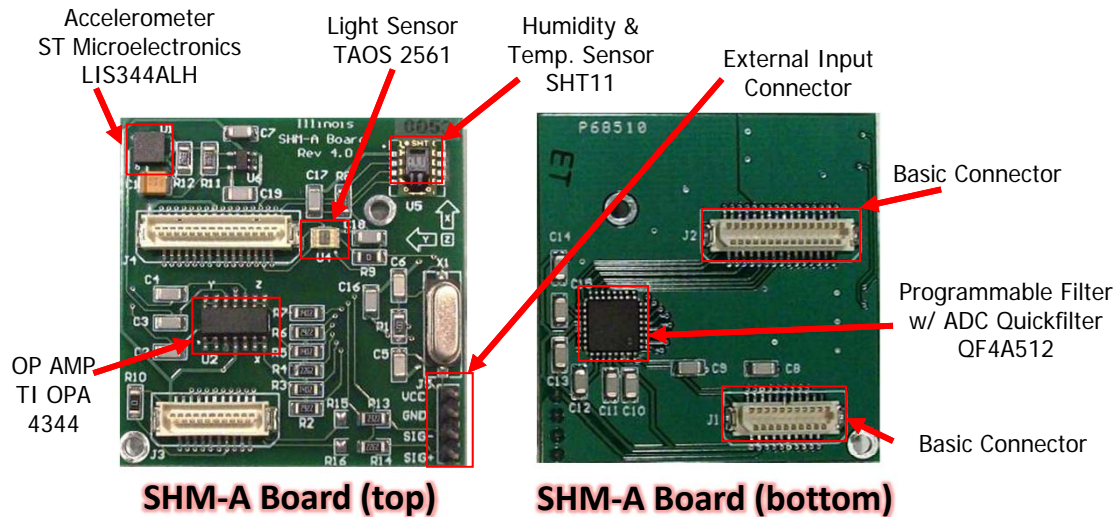
- ◇ Cannot have significant energy above the Nyquist frequency ( $f_s/2$ )
- ◇ Anti-aliasing filters must be used in dynamic measurements to preserve signal integrity

## Aliasing



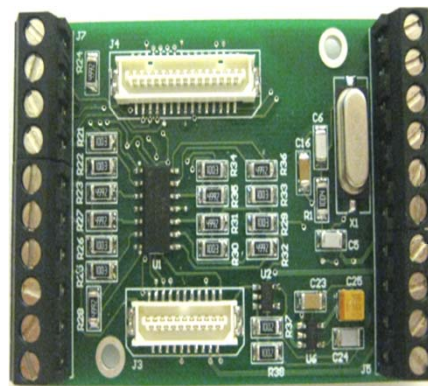
# Multifunctional Sensor Boards

## SHM-A and SHM-H Board

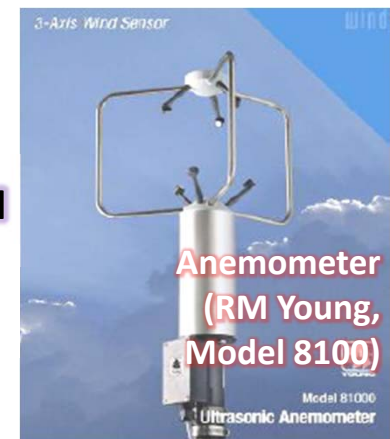


## SHM-DAQ Board

- **Data Acquisition** using commercial voltage-output sensors
- Output Voltage: -5 to 5 V  
0 to 5 V

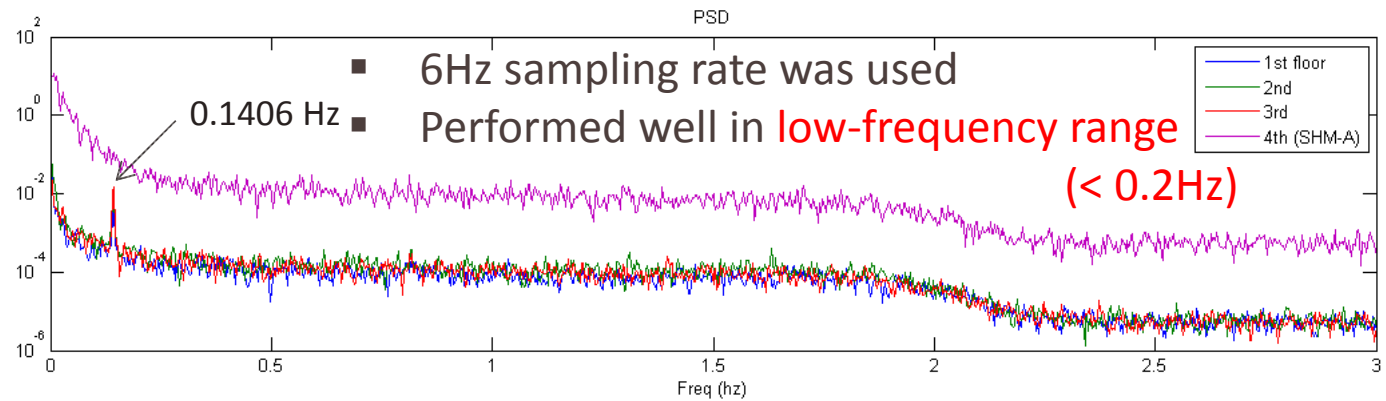
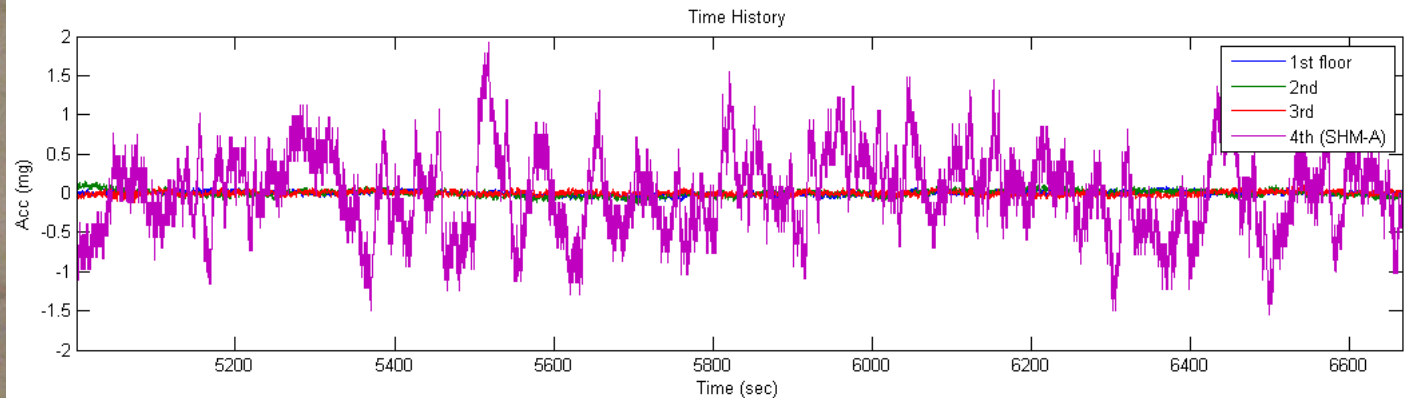
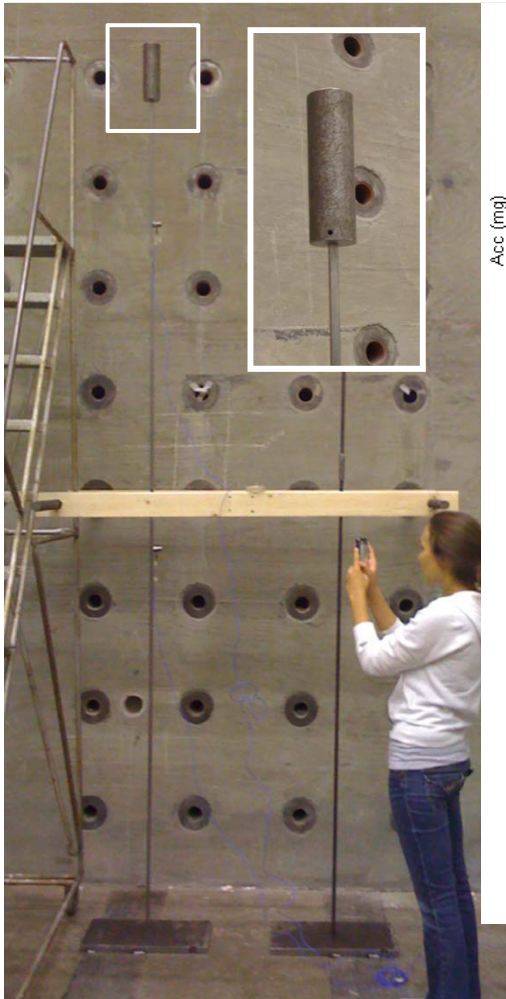


Interfaced  
Voltage



# High-sensitivity Accelerometer board (SHM-H board)

□ Pseudo-static test: slender column with lumped mass on top

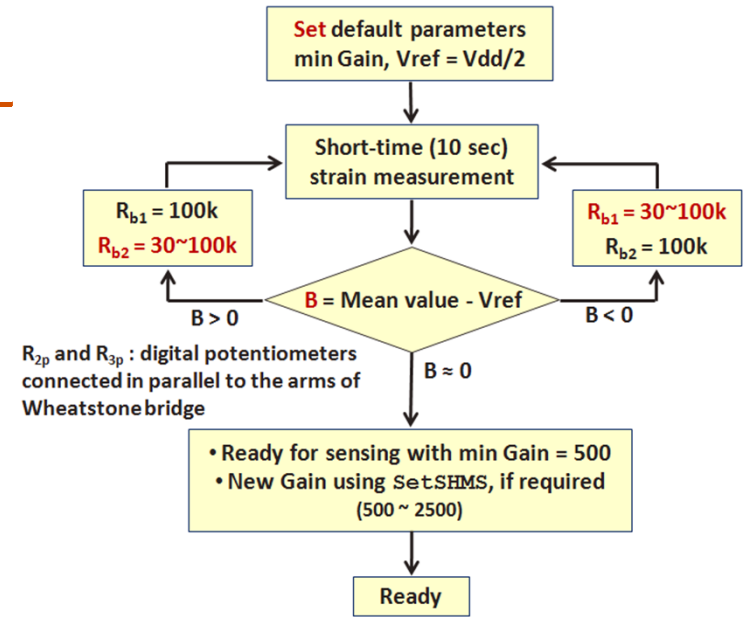


FC analysis (1st floor):  
0.14Hz, 4.42Hz, 14.57Hz

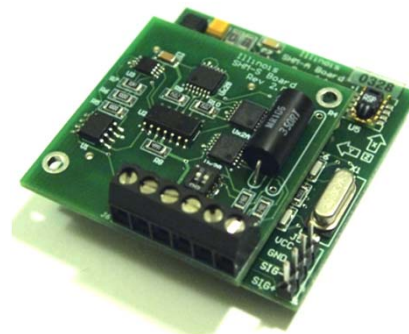
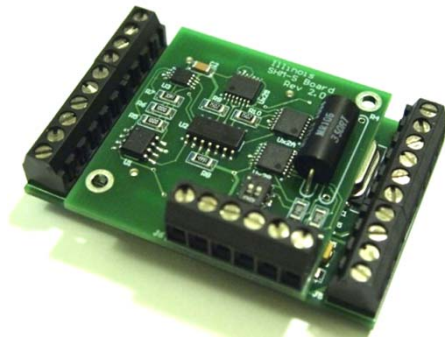
# Strain monitoring using SHM-S board

## Strain sensor board for Imote2 platform

- High-throughput synchronized strain monitoring
- High precision auto-balanced Wheatstone bridge
- Up to 2500 times gain
- 0.3  $\mu$ -strain resolution at 20Hz B/W
- Stacked use with SHM-A or SHM-DAQ board
- Both foil-type strain gage and magnetic strain sensor can be used with SHM-S board



RemoteCommand SHMSAutoBalance



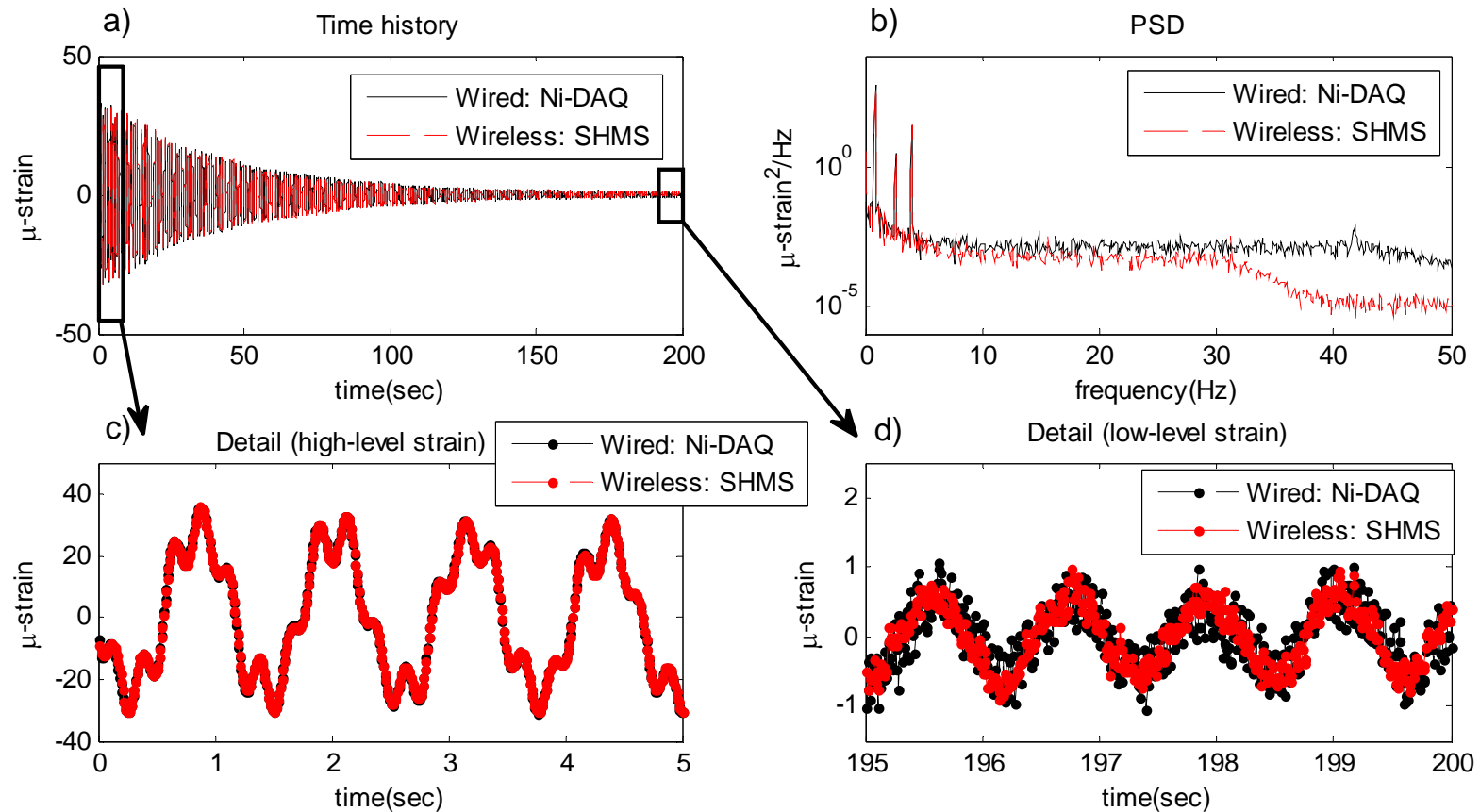
SHM-S board: top, stacked on SHM-DAQ and stacked on SHM-A



Tokyo Sokki magnet strain checker

# High-precision Strain sensor board (SHM-S board)

## □ SHM-S vs. Ni-DAQ (foil type)





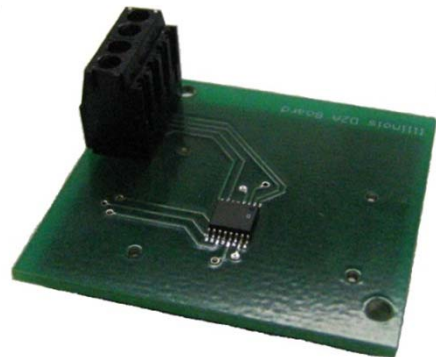
# Pressure and D2A Sensor Board

## **SHM-D2A Board**

- 16bits, Digital to Analog conversion of 4 channels

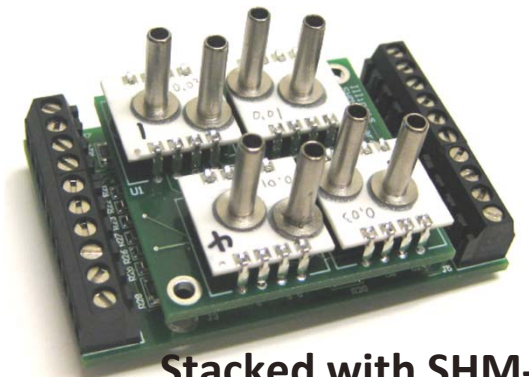
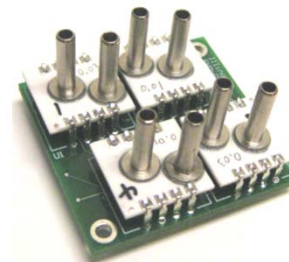


TI-DAC8565



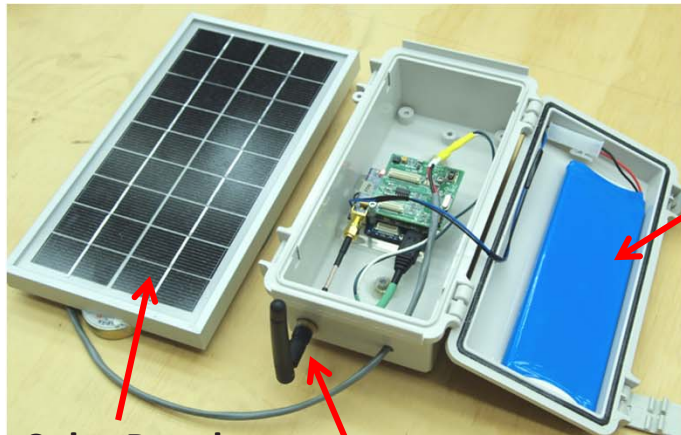
## **SHM-P Board**

- Measure wind/air pressure



Stacked with SHM-DAQ Board

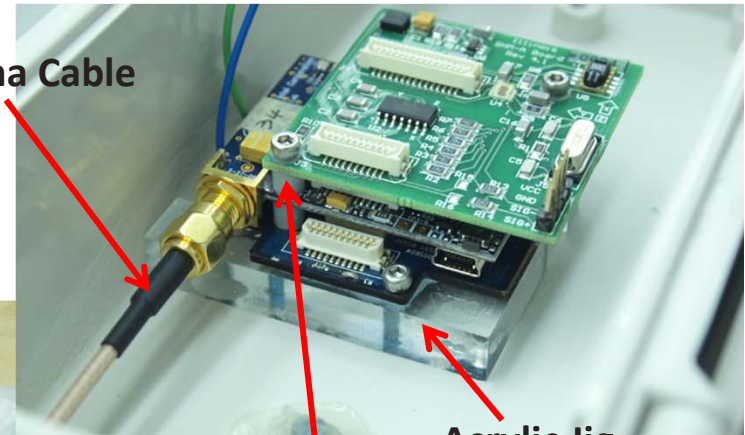
# Imote2 Sensor Enclosure



Solar Panel

External 5dBi Antenna

Rechargeable Battery



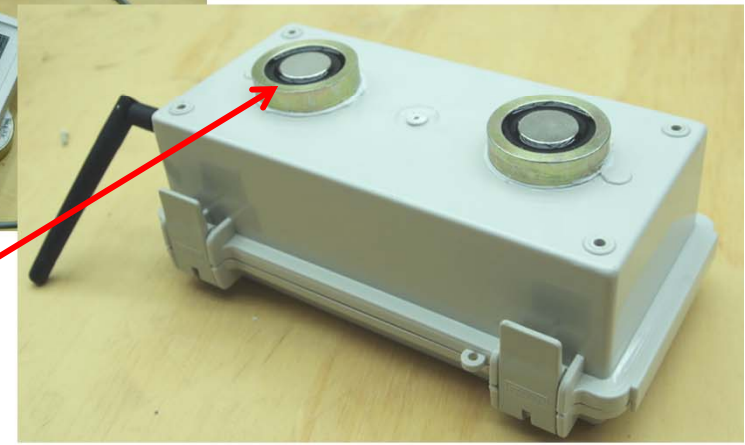
Antenna Cable

Bolt & Spacer

Acrylic Jig



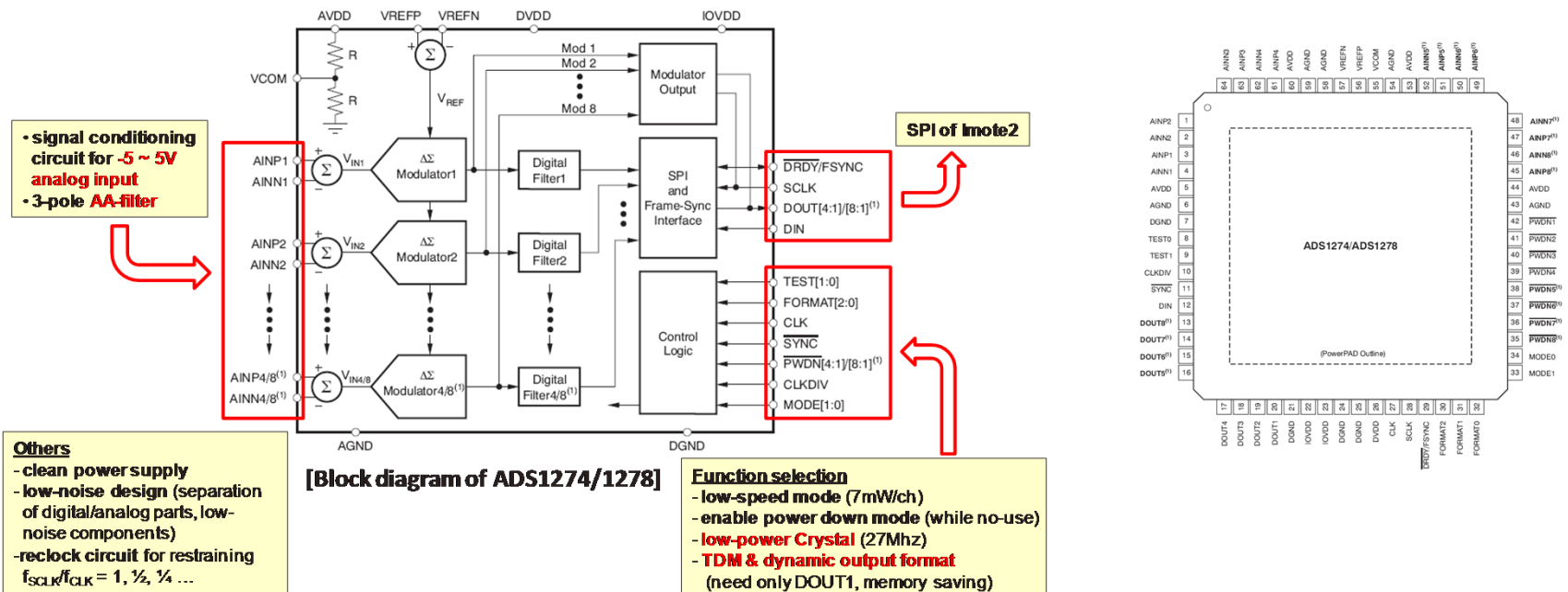
Uni-directional magnet



# Future Hardware Enhancement

## □ 24-bit DAQ (TI ADS1274, Delta-sigma type ADC)

- Delta-sigma noise shaping technology
- Low-power consumption suitable for wireless sensor application
- Support full capabilities of low-noise/high-sensitivity sensors
- Make it easy to implement/design new external sensor boards

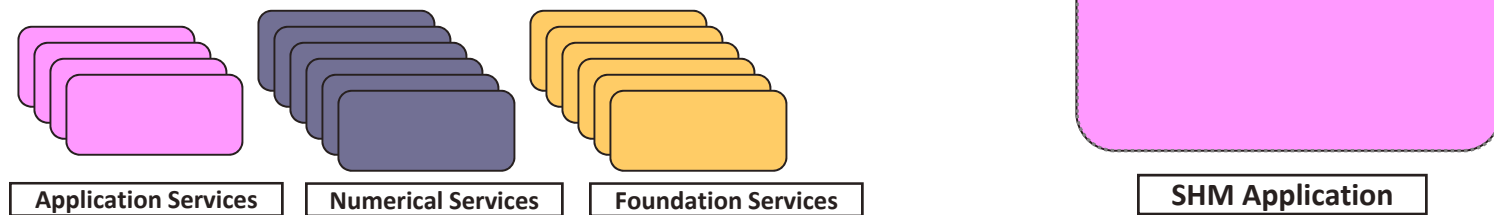


# Service-oriented Software Framework



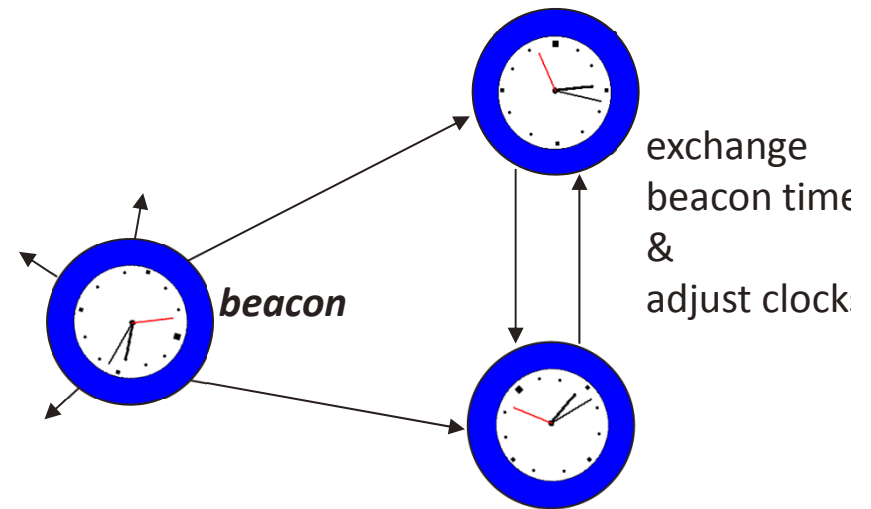
# Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)

- ◇ Previous smart sensor applications:
  - Significant effort to create very specific applications
  - Difficult to modify for other applications, even with extensive CS knowledge
- ◇ **Service-Oriented Architecture** simplifies SHM software development
  - Applications are comprised of manageable, modular **services** that exchange data in a common format
  - The **middleware framework** connects the services by providing communication and coordination



# Time Synchronization

- ◇ Each sensor has its own local clock which drifts over time
- ◇ Synchronization errors can be reduced to  $\sim 20\mu\text{s}$
- ◇ Not the whole story...



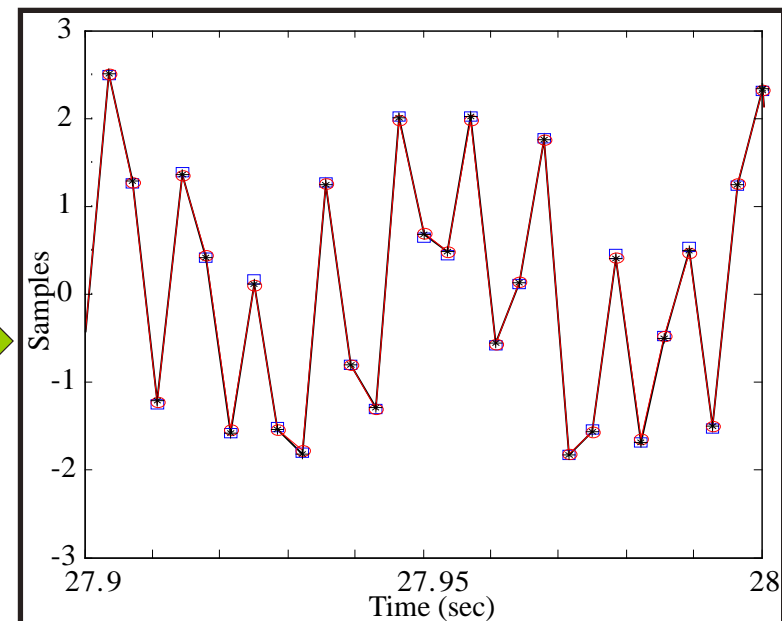
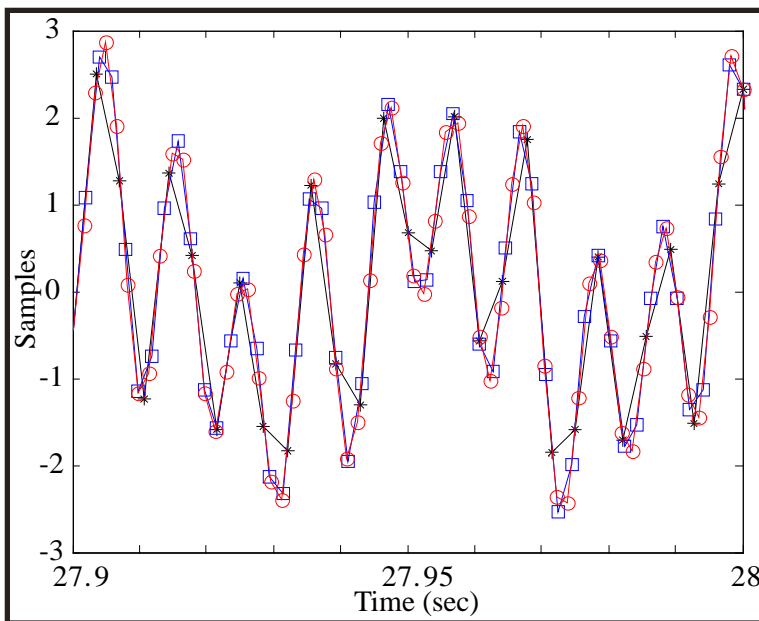
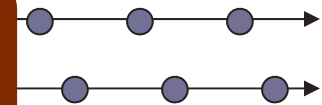
# Synchronized Sensing Service

## ◇ Uncertainty in start of acquisition

- Independent processors

Resampling middleware service achieves synchronized sensing

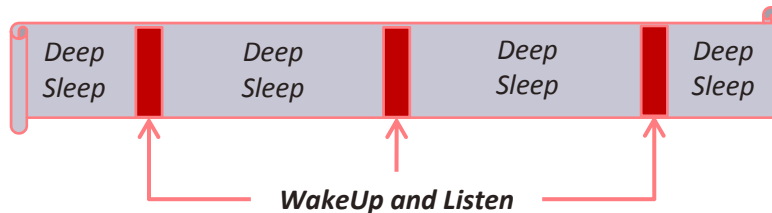
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# Power Management and Energy Harvesting

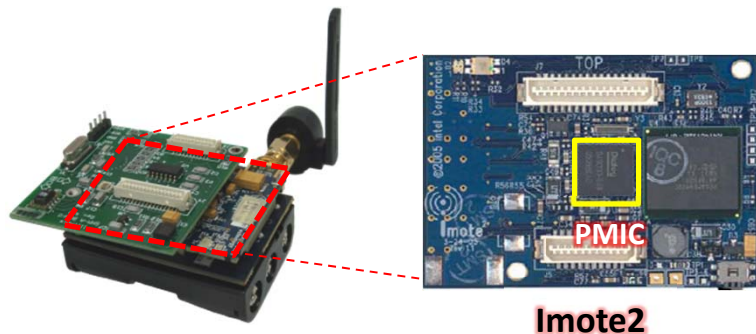
## Effective Power Management with Autonomous Operation

- SnoozeAlarm:
- ThresholdSentry:
- AutoMonitor:



## Energy Harvesting

- Solar panel (or Micro wind turbine) + Rechargeable Battery
- PMIC charger manipulates voltage and current for fast and stable charging.



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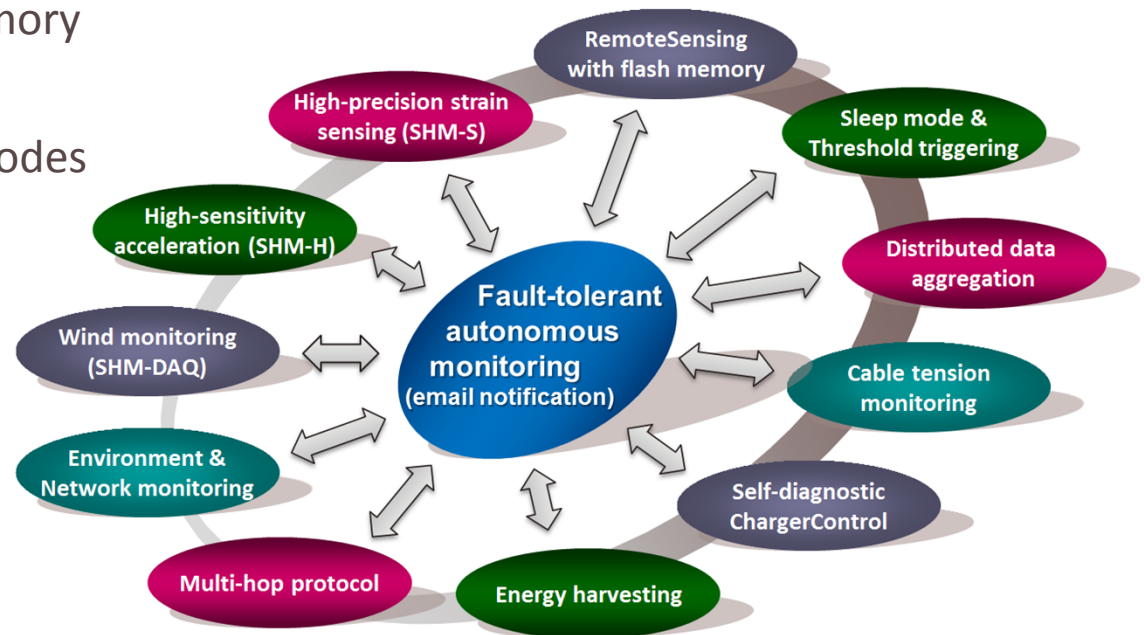




# ISHMP Services Toolsuite

## Fault tolerant WSSN

- Skipping of unresponsive nodes
- Data storage in non-volatile memory
- Monitoring of sensor power
- Exclusion of low-power sensor nodes
- Watchdog timer and etc...

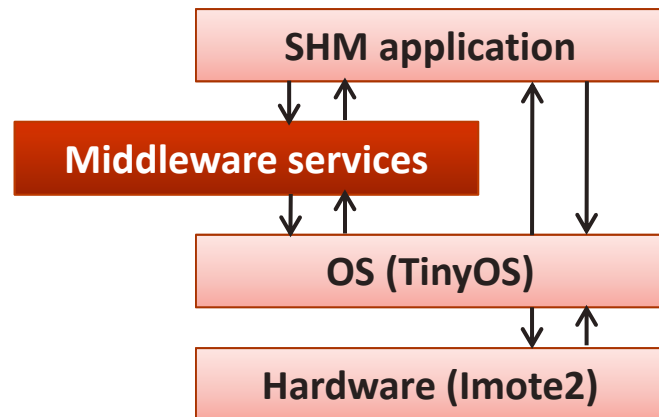


## Enhanced operation

- Autonomous resuming of AutoMonitor
- ThresholdSentry for multi-hop communication
- Email notification of structural response and network anomalies

# Illinois Structural Health Monitoring Project (ISHMP)

## □ ISHMP Service Toolsuite



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ILLINOIS SHM PROJECT

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### *Foundation Services*

- Reliable communication
- Time synchronization
- Numerical library (e.g. FFT, SVD, etc.)

### *Network Services*

- Network data acquisition
- Decentralized data aggregation (DDA)
- Multi-hop communication

### *Application Services*

- Correlation function estimation
- Eigensystem realization algorithm (ERA)
- Stochastic subspace identification (SSI)
- Frequency domain decomposition (FDD)

### *Tools and Utilities*

- Test applications for Toolkit components
- Radio and antenna testing

# Full-scale Implementation





# **US-Korea-Japan Collaborative Project** **on SHM Test-bed Using Wireless Smart Sensor Network** *(September 2008 – 2012)*

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**Japan : Y. Fujino & T. Nagayama (U. of Tokyo)**



2nd Jindo Bridge	
Type	Cable-stayed bridge
Spans	70+344+70 = 484m
Girder	Steel box (12.55m width)
Design velocity	70 km/hr
Designed by	Yooshin cooperation (2000, Korea)
Constructed by	Hyundai construction (2006, Korea)

# Deployment in 2009 (70 Nodes)

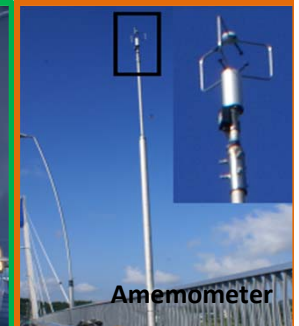
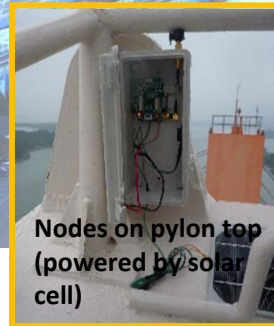
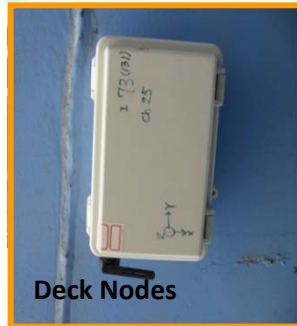
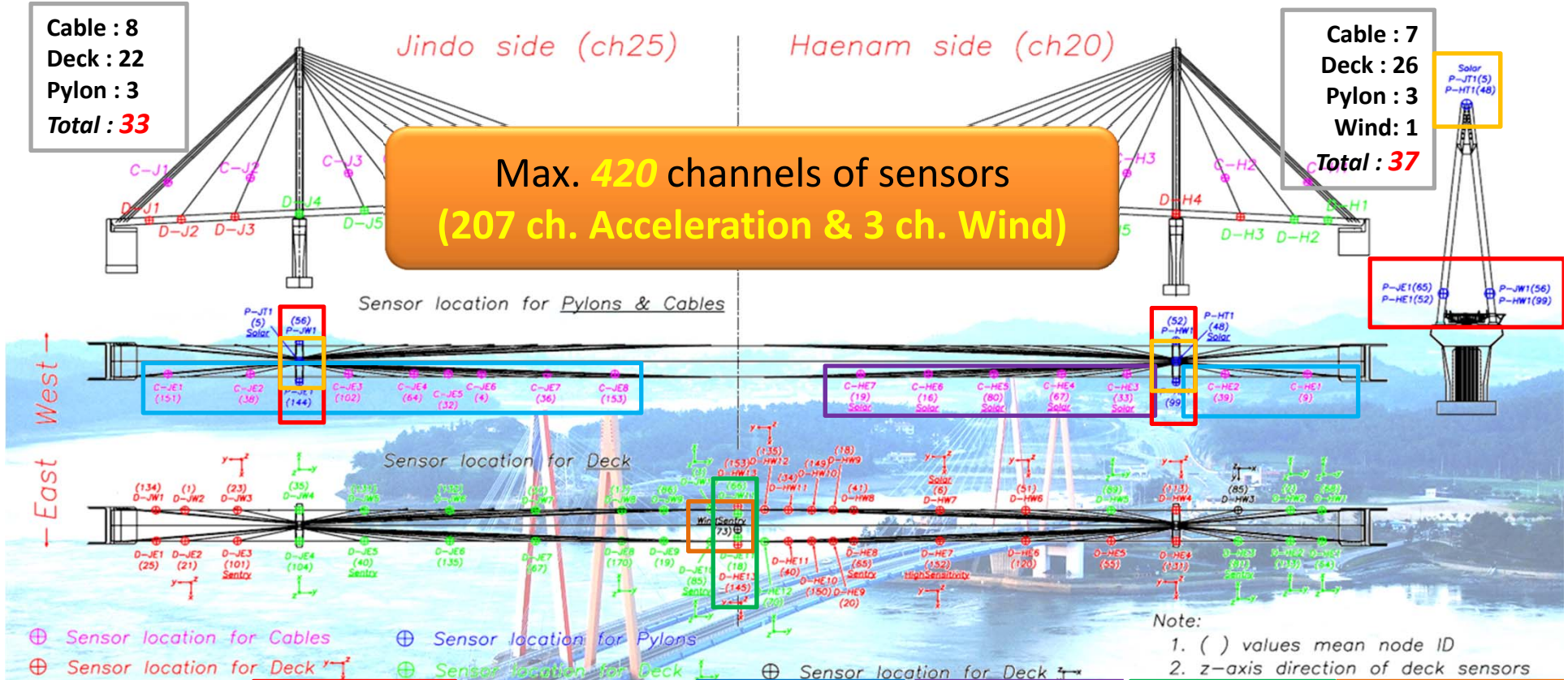
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Deck : 22  
Pylon : 3  
Total : **33**

Jindo side (ch25)

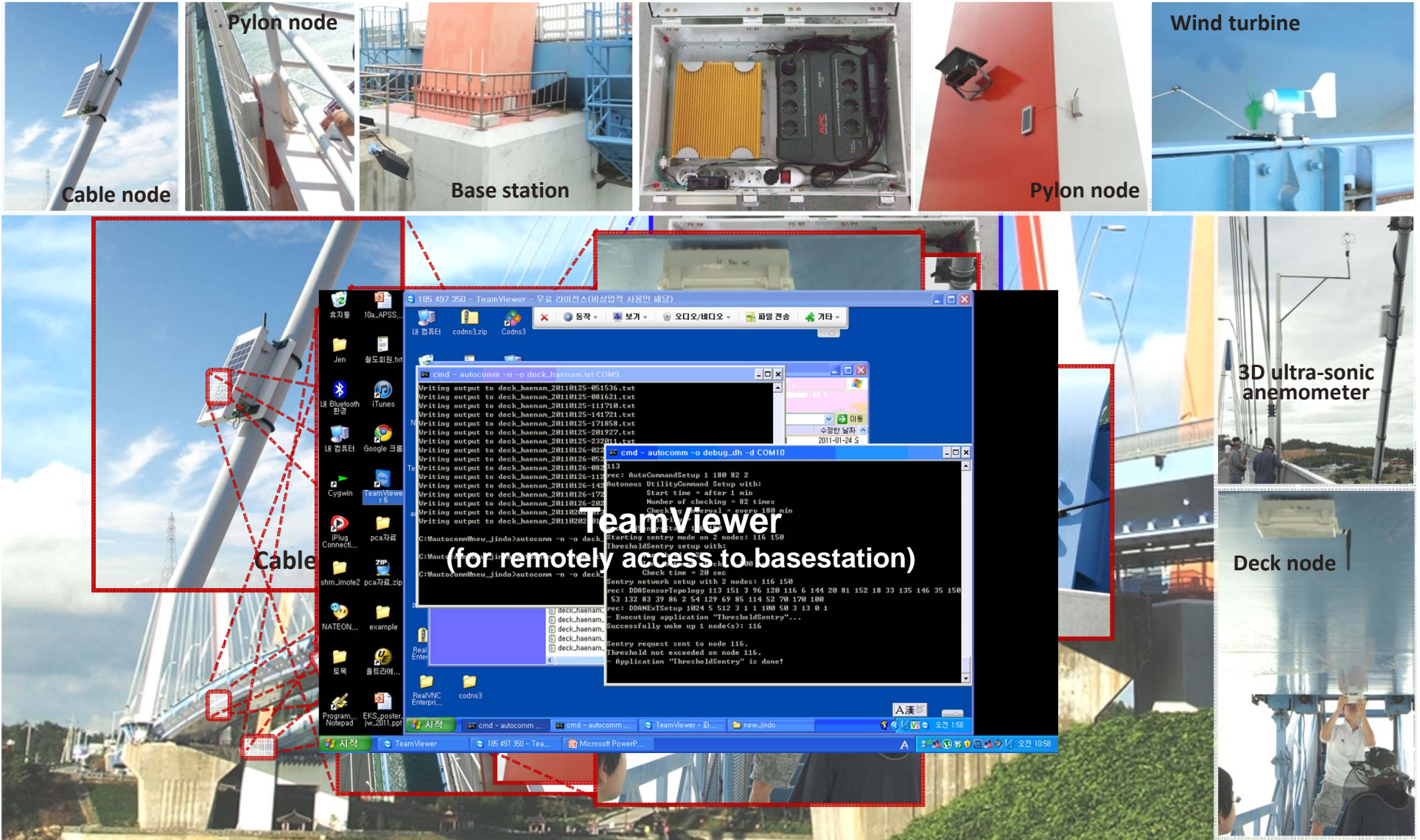
Haenam side (ch20)

Max. 420 channels of sensors  
(207 ch. Acceleration & 3 ch. Wind)

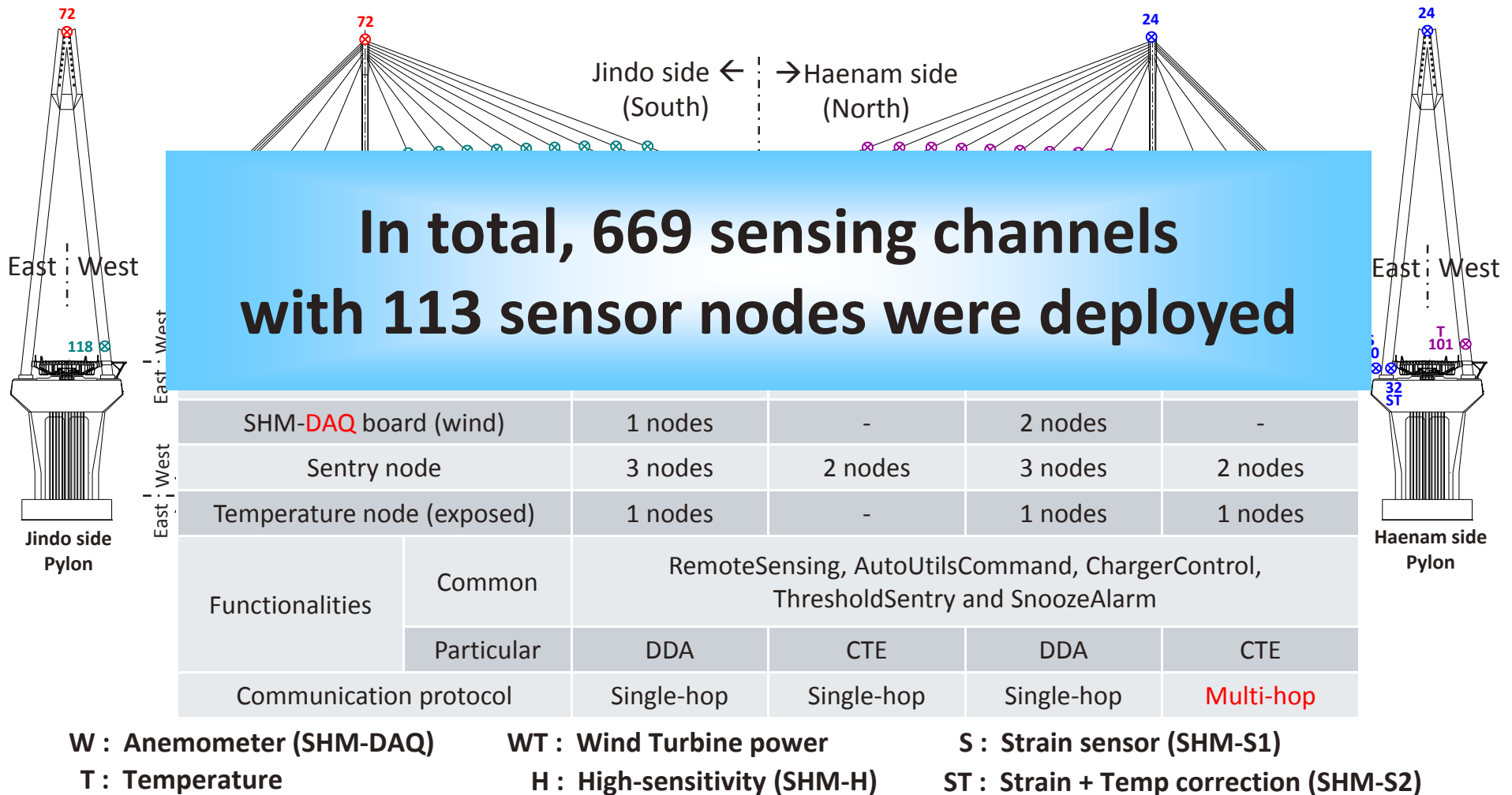
Cable : 7  
Deck : 26  
Pylon : 3  
Wind: 1  
Total : **37**



# Deployment in 2010

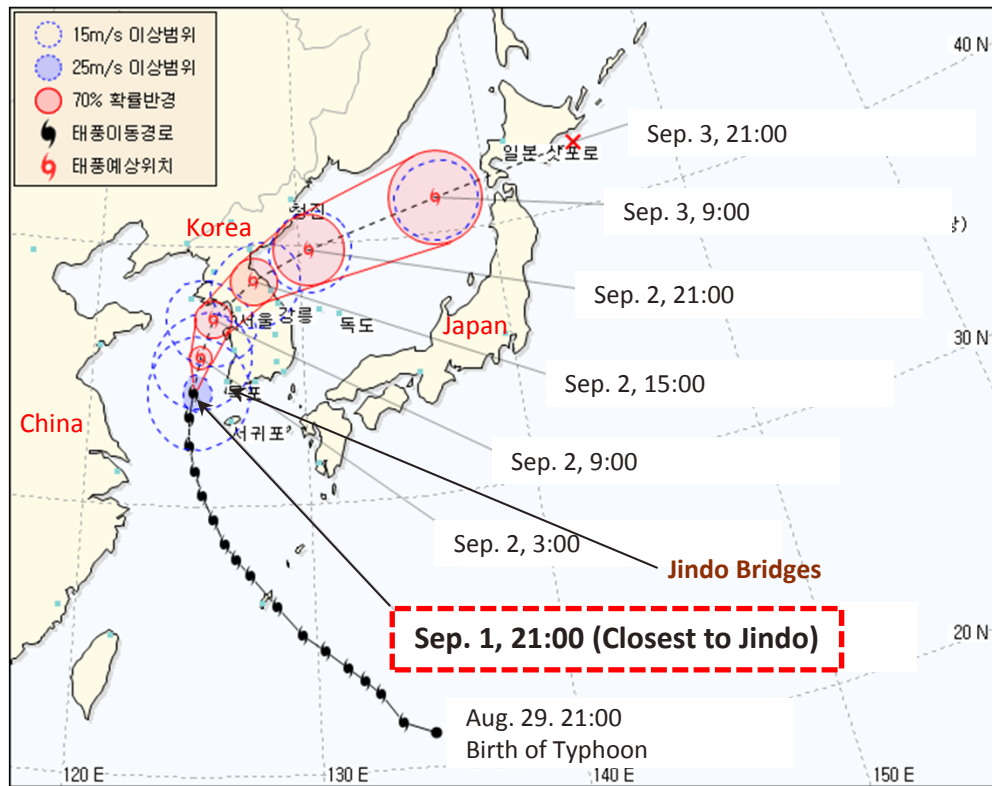


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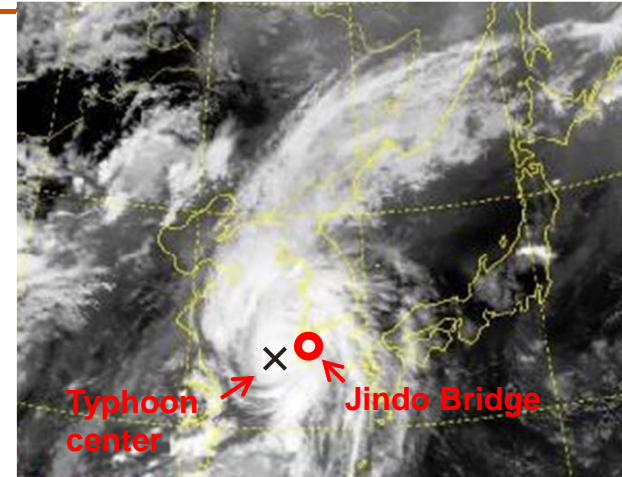


# Evaluation

## □ Typhoon Kompasu (2010.09.01)



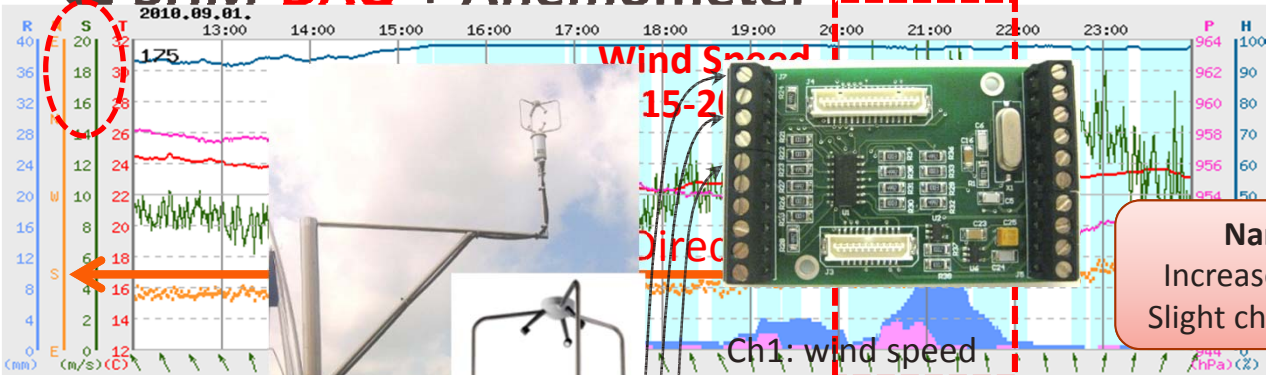
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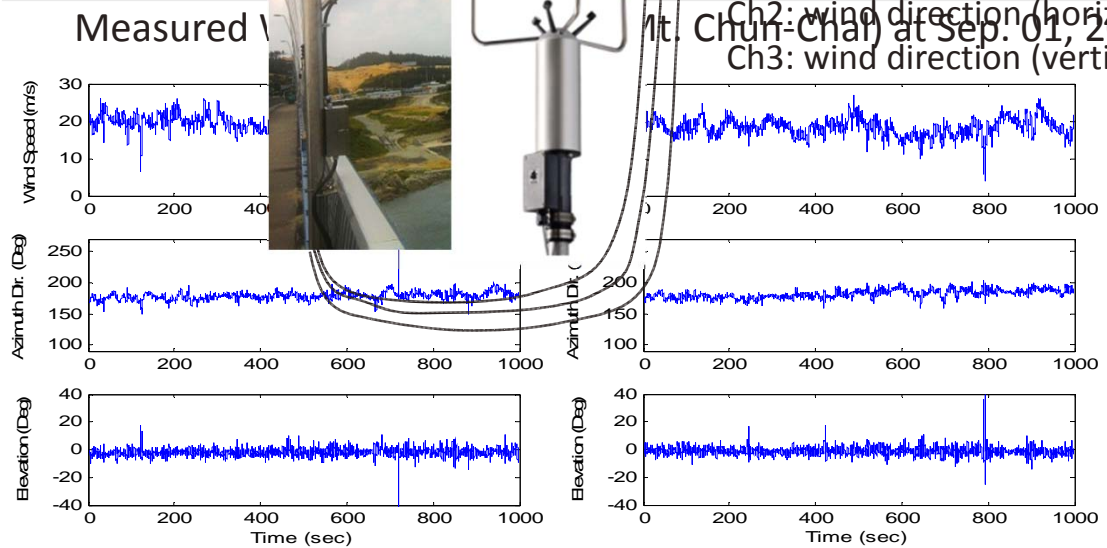
# Evaluation: Wind Monitoring

## SHM-DAO + Anemometer



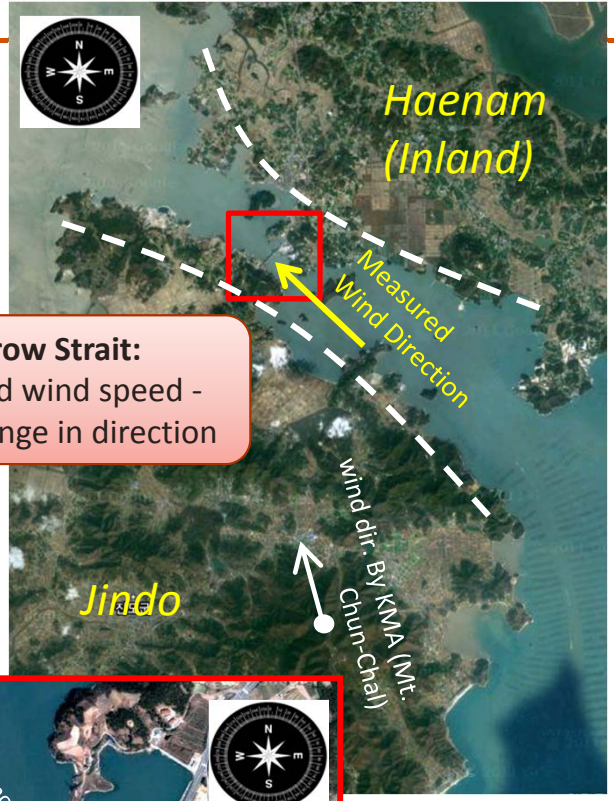
Ch1: wind speed  
Ch2: wind direction (horizontal)  
Ch3: wind direction (vertical)

**Narrow Strait:**  
Increased wind speed -  
Slight change in direction

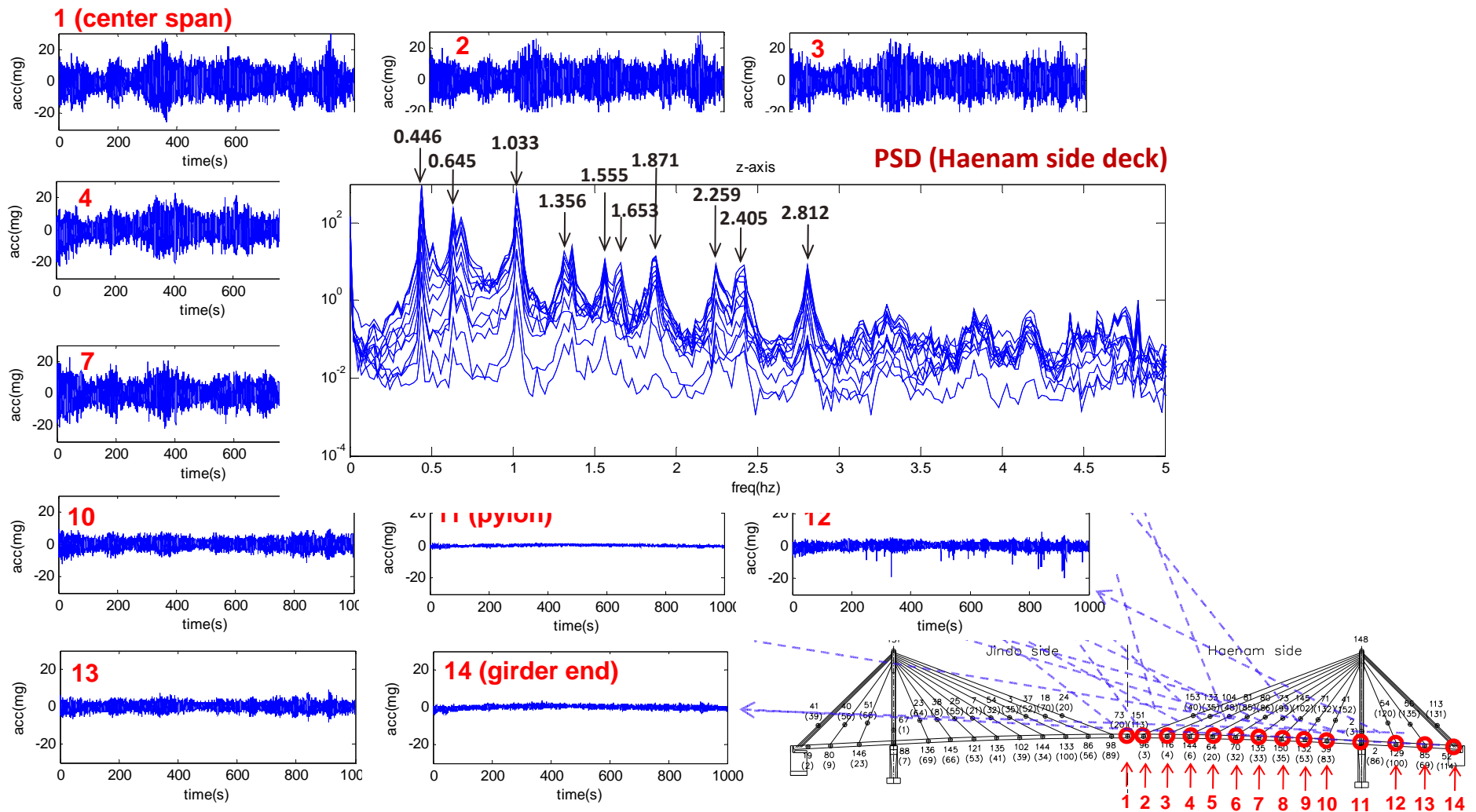


Anemometer:  
Jindo-side (at 21:14)

Anemometer:  
Haenam-side (at 21:12)



# Evaluation: Acceleration Responses

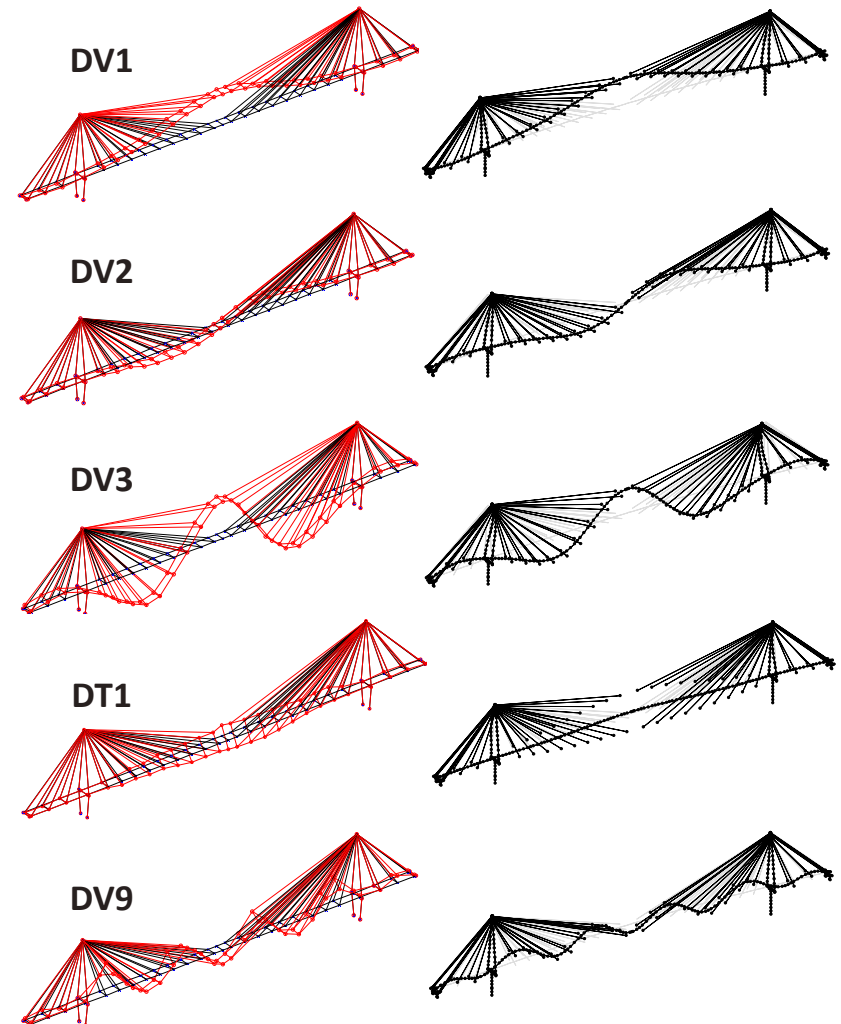


# Evaluation: System ID

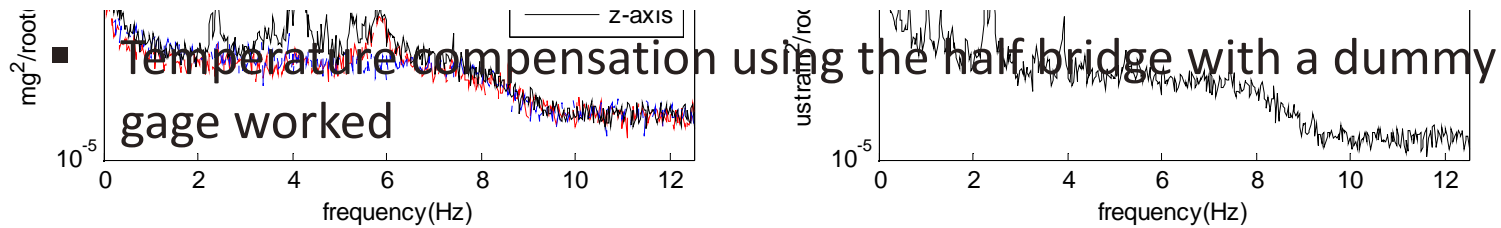
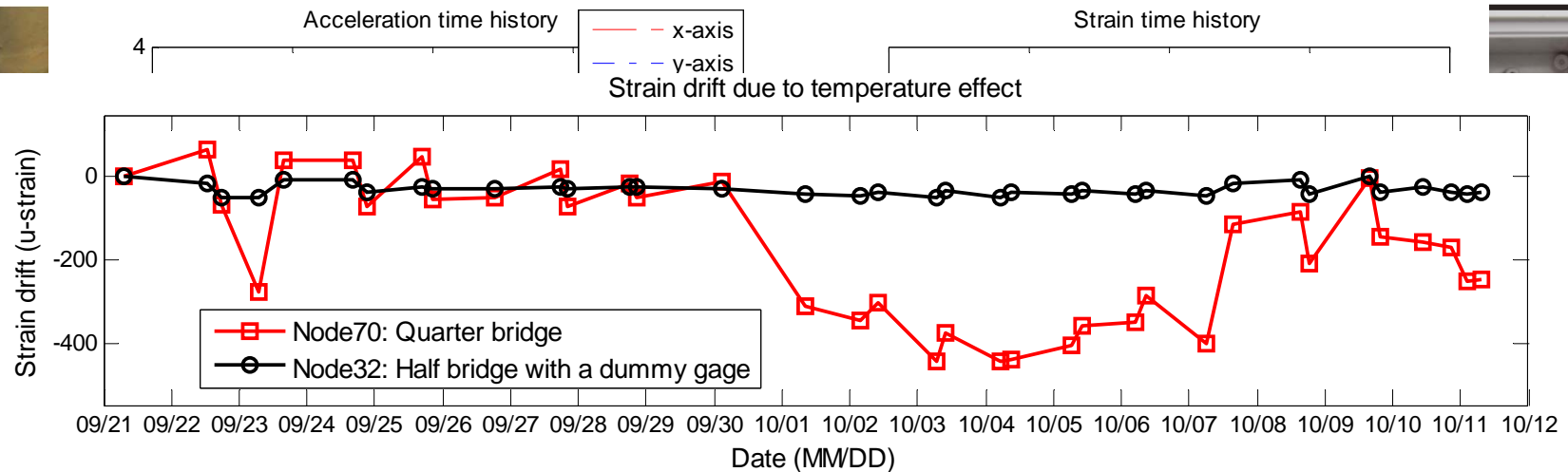
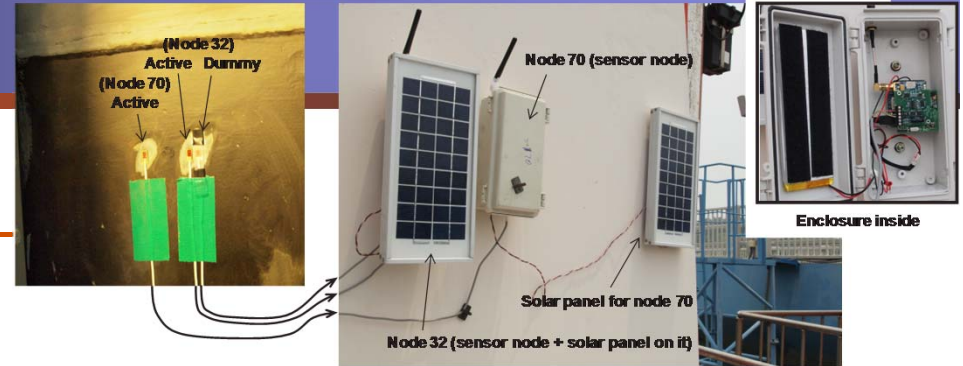
- NExT & ERA method
- Identified frequency range: 0~3Hz
- 1000 seconds data at 25Hz sampling

Identified natural frequencies (Hz)

Mode Name	Wired System (2007)	FE analysis	WSSN (During Kompasu)		
			Haenam	Jindo	Avg.
DV1	0.440	0.442	0.446	0.446	0.446
DV2	0.659	0.647	0.645	0.647	0.646
DV3	1.050	1.001	1.033	1.033	1.033
DV4	1.367	1.247	1.356	1.342	1.349
DV5	1.587	1.349	1.555	1.549	1.552
DV6	1.660	1.460	1.653	1.635	1.644
DT1	-	1.789	1.798	1.802	1.800
DV7	1.856	1.586	1.871	1.870	1.871
DV8	2.319	2.115	2.259	2.261	2.260
DV9	2.808	2.561	2.812	2.813	2.813

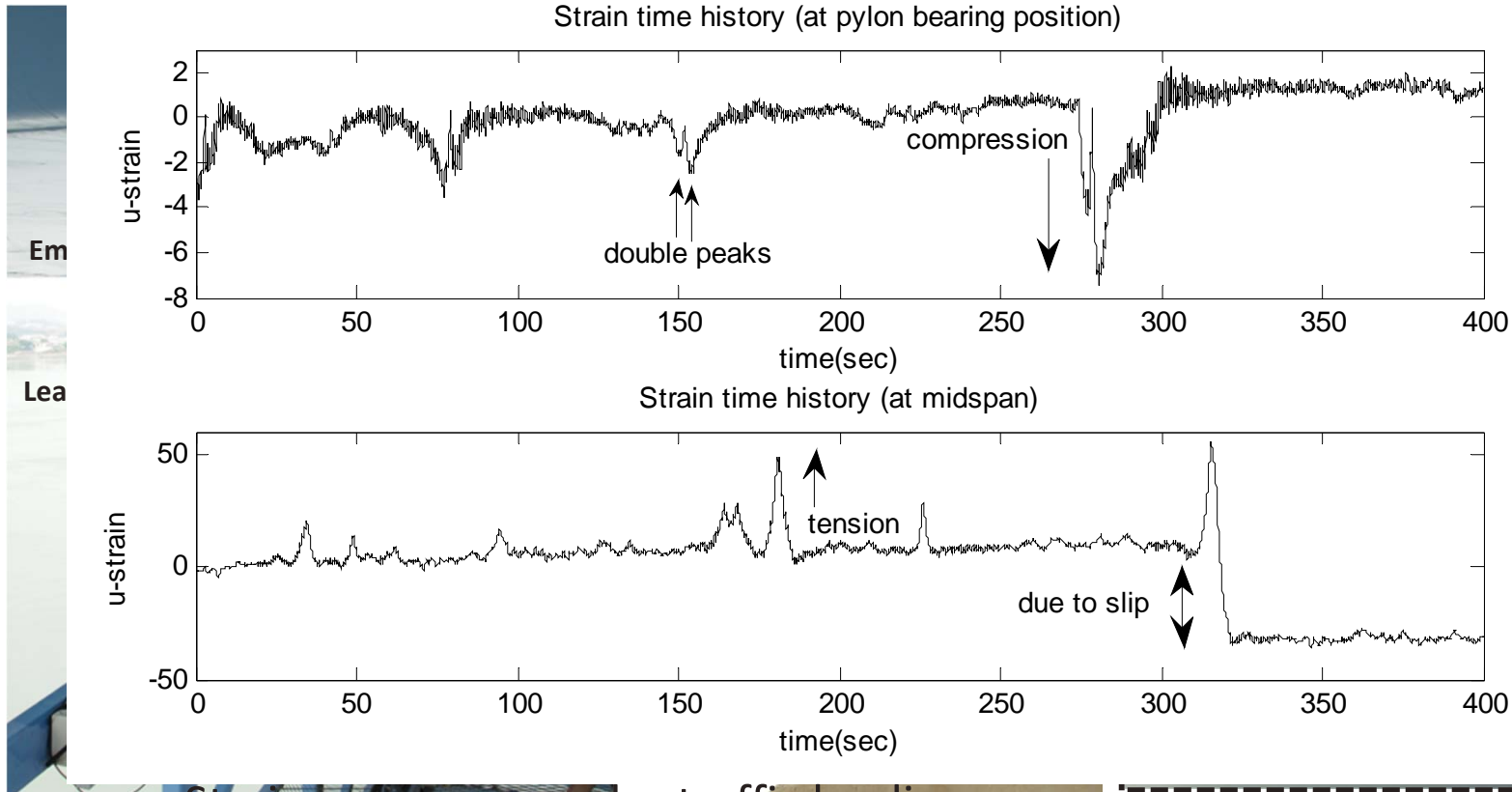
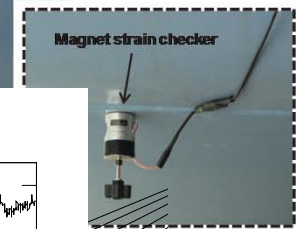
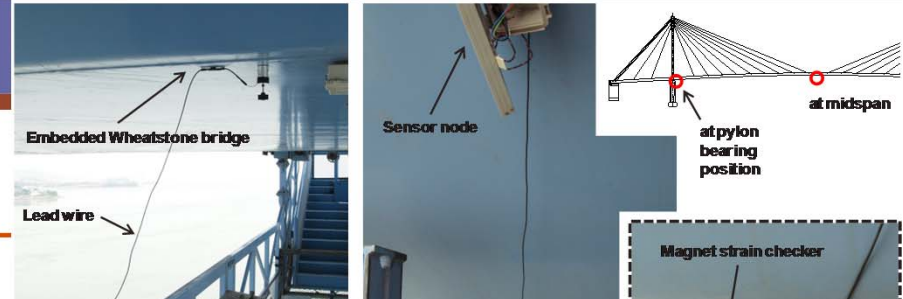


# Evaluation: Pylon Strain



- Synchronized acceleration & strain sensing at 25Hz
- For pylon, strain measurement was more informative

# Evaluation: Girder Strain

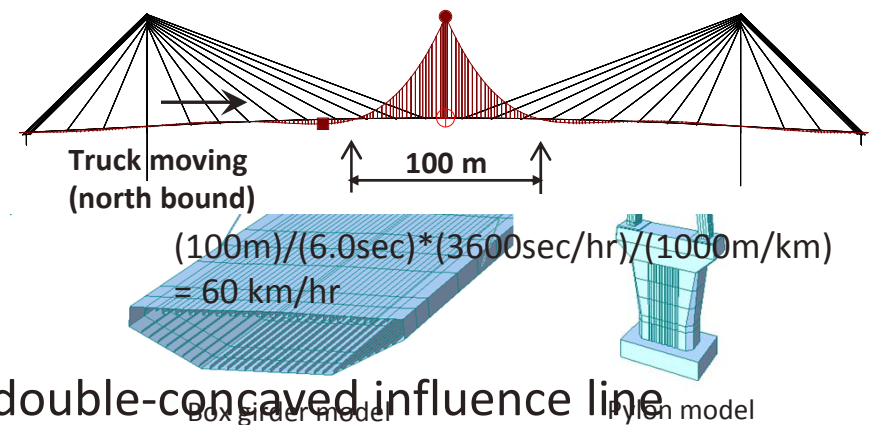
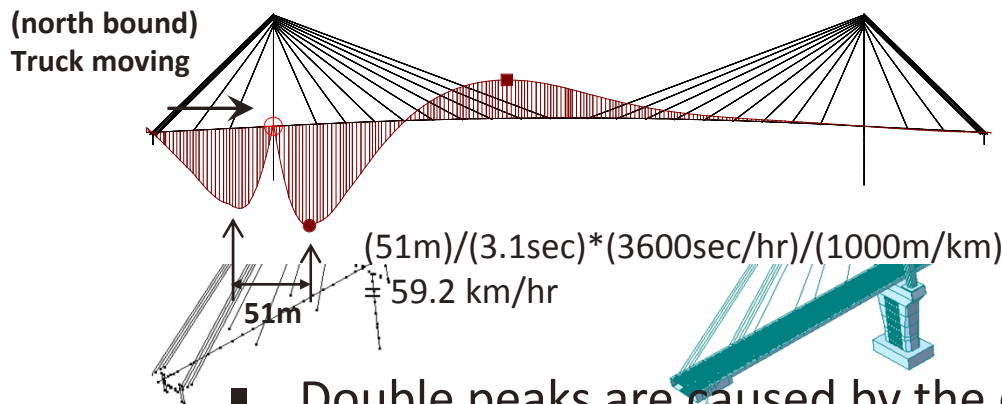
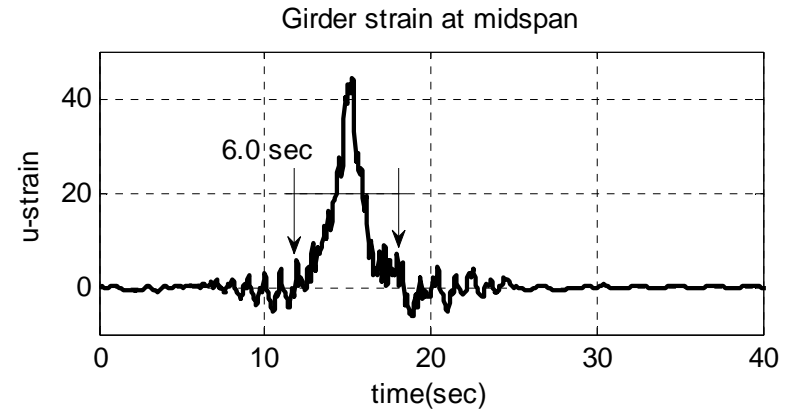
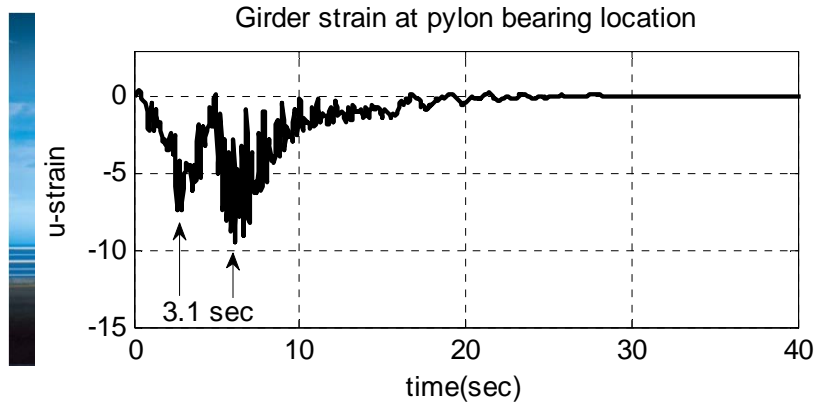


- Strain responses under traffic loadings
- Compressive strain at pylon bearing and tensile strain at midspan
- **Double peaks (?)** in the strain measurements at pylon bearing location

Using magnet strain checker with SHM-S

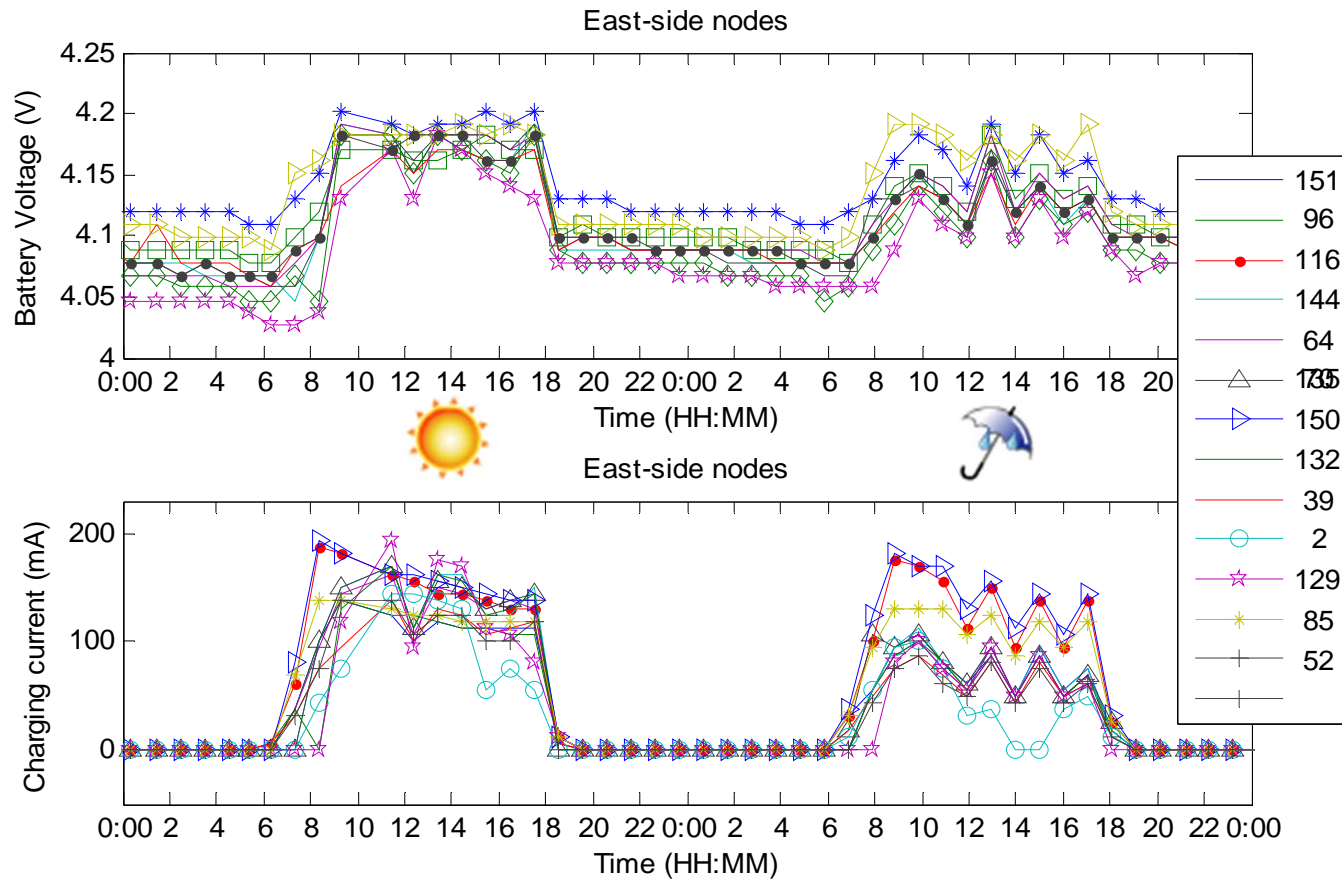
# Evaluation: Strain Analysis

## Truck loading simulation using FE model



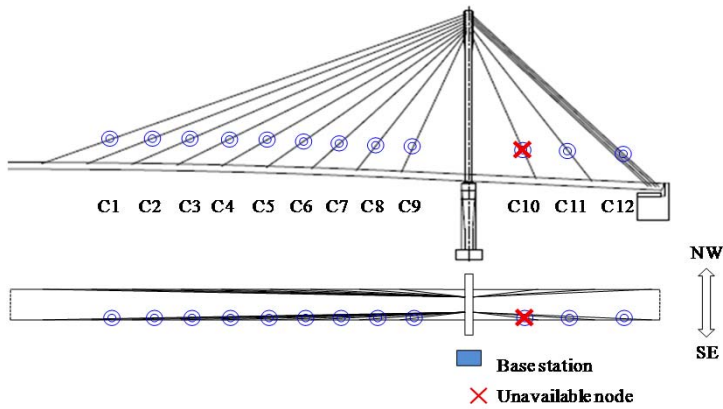
- Double peaks are caused by the double-concaved influence line
- Can be utilized for estimation of vehicle's speed, moving direction, and weight (Bridge Weigh-in-motion using MIDAS/CIVIL)

# Evaluation: Battery Monitor

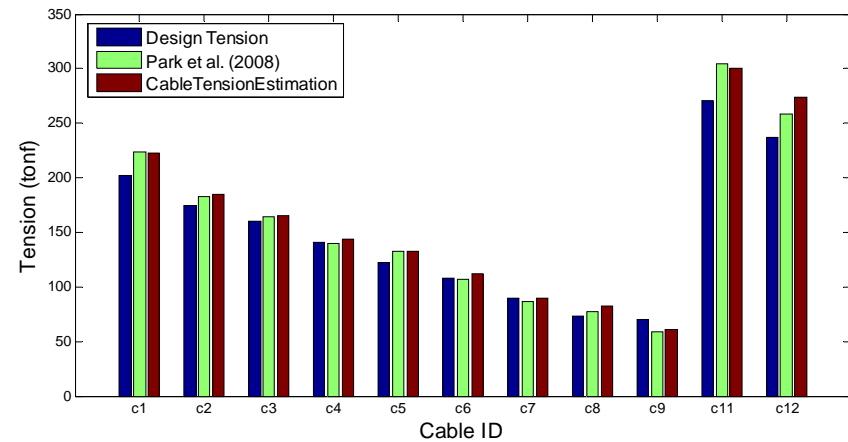


# Evaluation: Cable Tension and Temperature

## Cable tension estimation

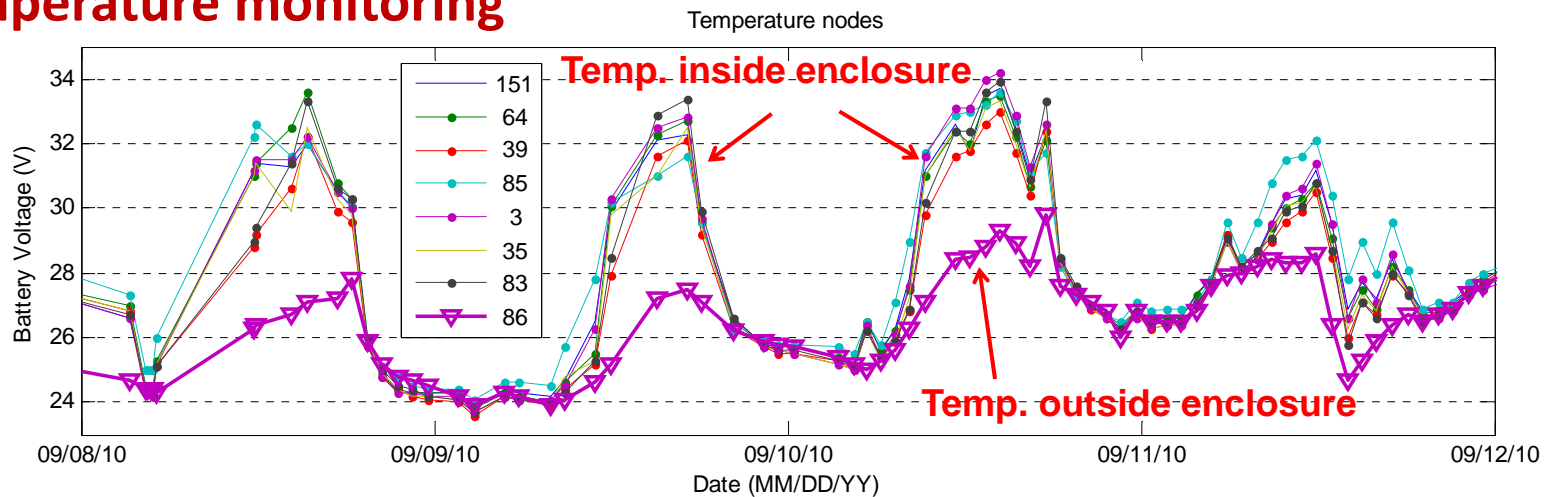


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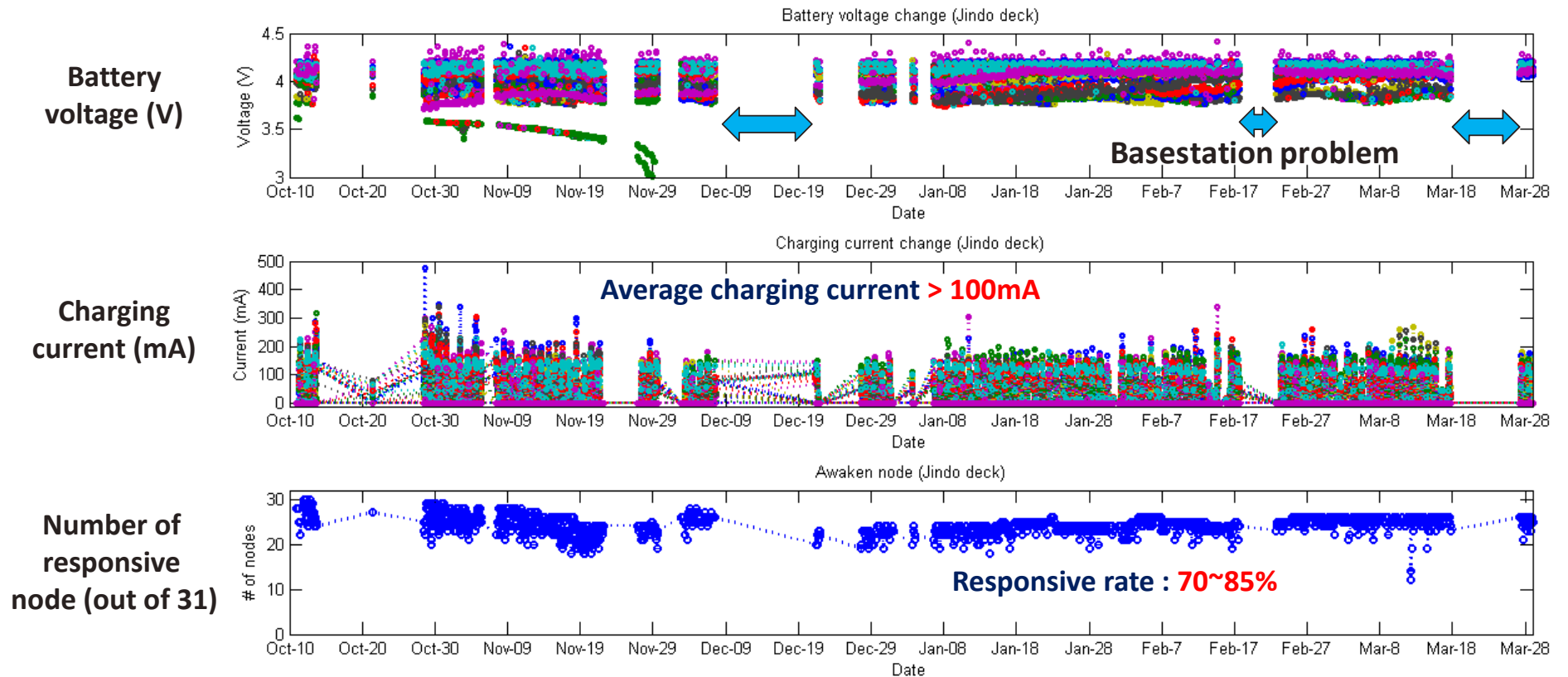
[ Cable tension comparisons ]

## Temperature monitoring





# Evaluation: Long-term performance of Jindo-side WSSN



# Deployment Achievements

## • Hardware

- 669 sensors at 113 nodes
- High-sensitivity accelerometer board
- Solar panel with rechargeable battery
- Wind-induced energy harvesting

## • Software

- Multi-hop reliable data transfer and printing
- Fault tolerant operation
- Remote software updates
- Better user interface



**World's largest deployment to date of wireless sensors for civil infrastructures monitoring.**

**World's first long-term deployment.**



## • Analysis

- Modal analysis with system synchronization
- Vibration-based tension estimation
- Multi-scale structural health monitoring (Modal information + Cable tension force)
- Wind-vibration correlation analysis

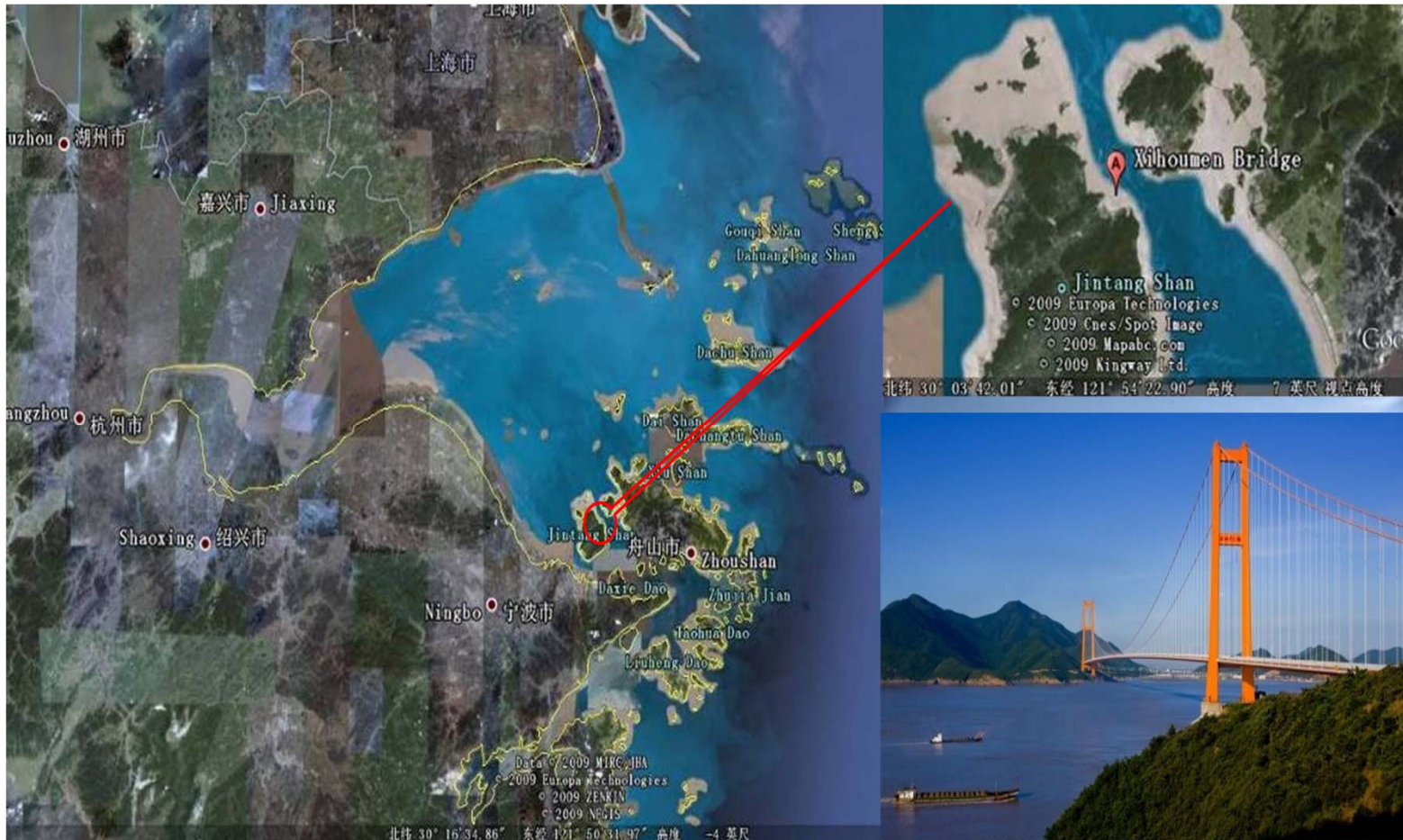
- International collaboration for test-bed
- Web-based data repository and sharing

# Next Steps



# Wind Load and Wind Effects on Xihoumen Bridge

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# Wind Load and Wind Effects on Xihoumen Bridge



SHM-DAQ board

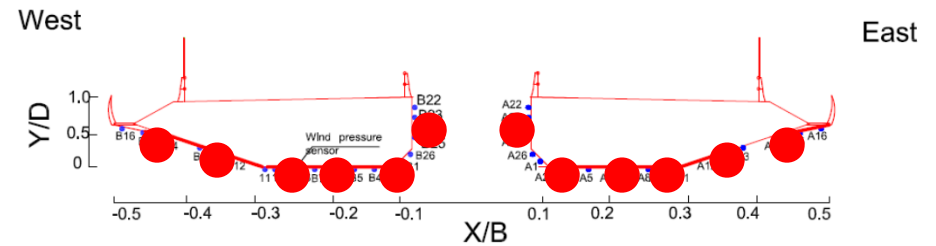


KAVLICO P992  
Low-level pressure sensor

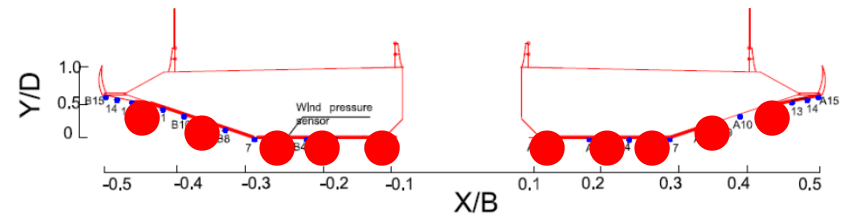
Add 32 wireless pressure modules  
(P992 connected to SHM-DAQ)

Range:  $\pm 250$ -500Pa

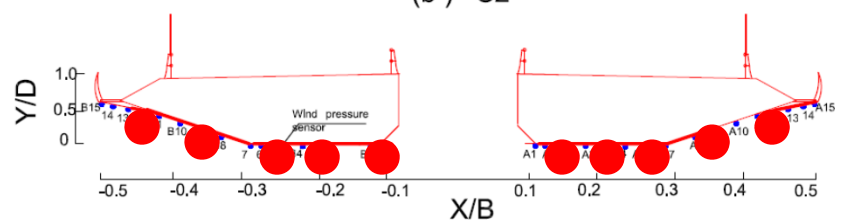
Accuracy:  $\leq 0.5\%$  of full span



(a) S1

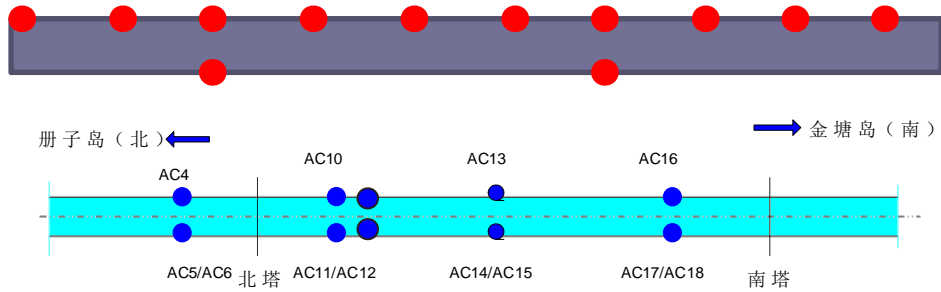


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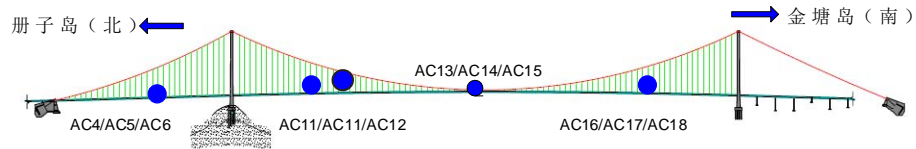


(c) S3

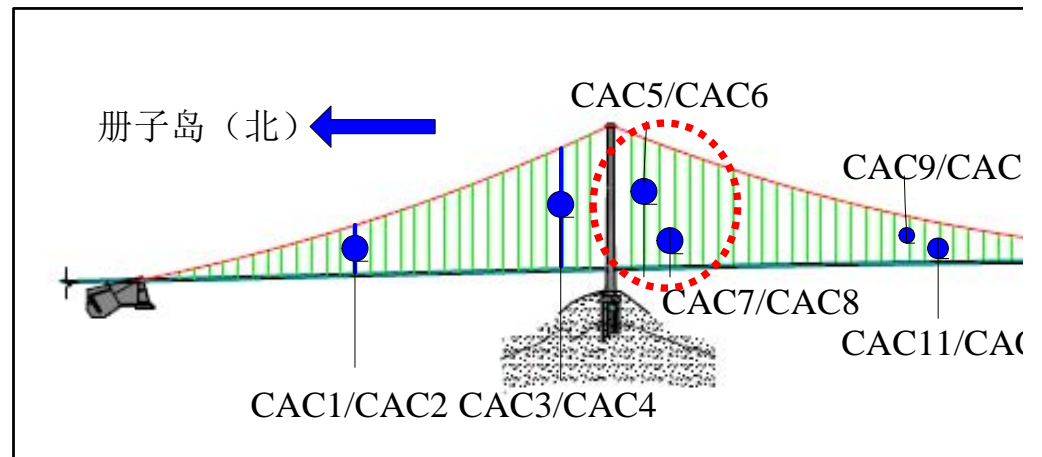
# Wind Load and Wind Effects on Xihoumen Bridge



Add 12 bidirectional wireless accelerometers in ten sections



Add 10 bidirectional wireless accelerometers



# Campaign Monitoring for Management of Railroad Assets



# The Future





# Cyberinfrastructure for Smart Structures

## Bridges



- Structure Monitoring
- Hurricane & Earthquake Monitoring
- Traffic Monitoring
- Emergency Response

## Tunnels



- Deflection Monitoring
- Leakage Detection
- Fire Detection
- Traffic Monitoring
- Emergency Response

## Cloud Services

## Dams



- Pressure Monitoring
- Leakage Detection
- Deflection Monitoring
- Emergency Response

## The Other Infrastructure



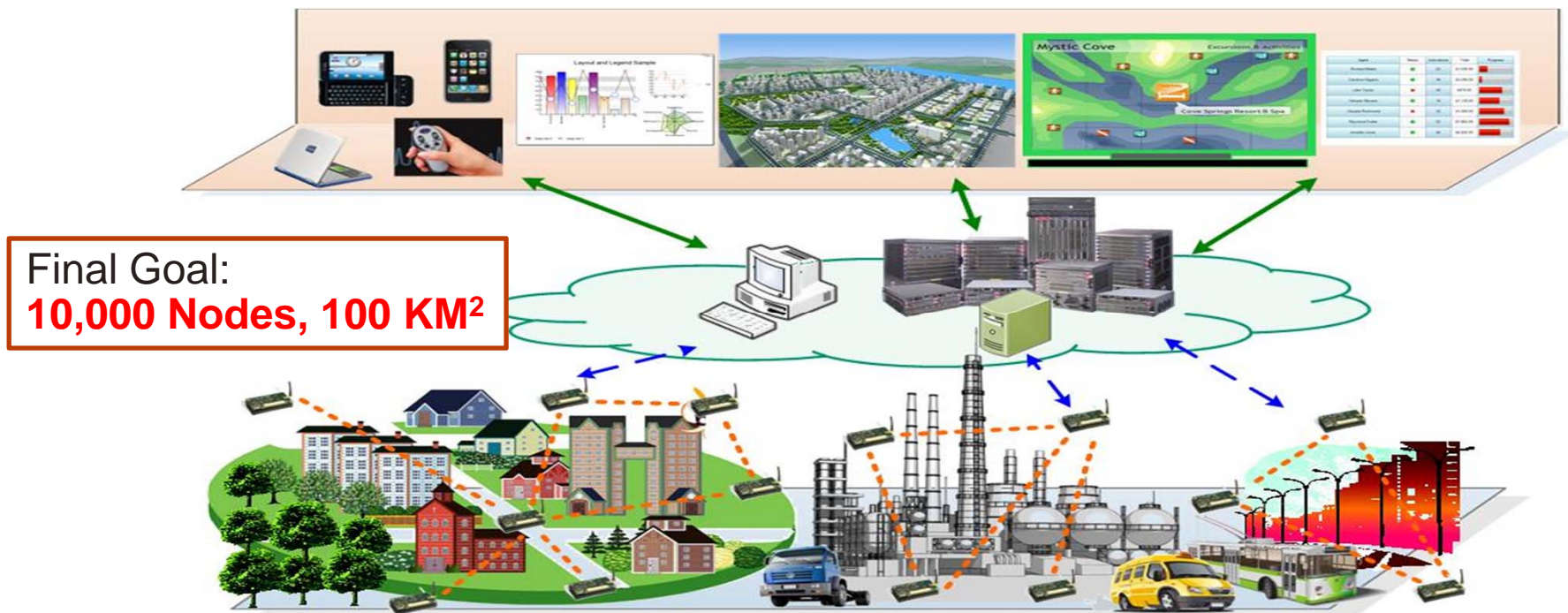
- Structure Monitoring
- Hurricane & Earthquake Monitoring
- Load Rating
- Emergency Response

- WSN applications for structural monitoring
- Repository of structure data and monitoring algorithms
  - Repository of models

# CitySee: City-wide Urban Sensing

(Courtesy of **Prof. Yunhao Liu** of Tsinghua U.)

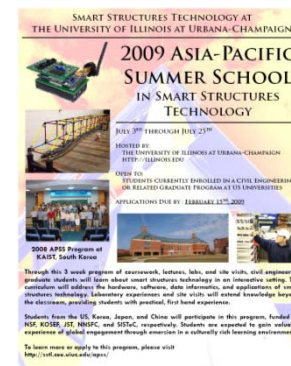
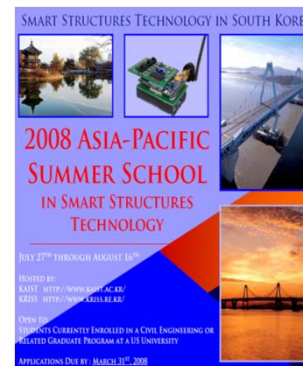
- ◇ Objective: **20 KM<sup>2</sup>** urban area in Wuxi
  - **4000+** sensor nodes with temperature/humidity and light sensors
  - **500+** nodes with CO<sub>2</sub> sensor



# Asia-Pacific Summer School on Smart Structure Technology

## Goals of APSS Program

- To enhance students' understanding of the **cross-disciplinary technological developments** on the emerging subjects of **smart structure technologies**
- To develop the **cross-cultural human-network and understanding** for the **future cooperation** in their professional career development.
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  - Japan : Y. Fujino (U. of Tokyo)
  - China : L. Sun (Tongji U.)



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❖ **6th APSS at KAIST, Korea, 2013**



# Concluding Remarks



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- ◇ This paper discusses **recent advances and field validation of a state-of-the-art WSSN framework** developed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- ◇ **The open source ISHMP Services Toolsuite** a wide variety of services and fault-tolerant features
- ◇ **Full-scale WSSNs** are realized for the purpose of SHM and the evaluation as well as the data analysis show high practicality of wireless SHM systems for civil infrastructure
- ◇ **Tremendous potential and a level of maturity of WSSN** for SHM has been demonstrated through full-scale deployment on the Jindo Bridge in Korea
- ◇ **Education of the next generation** of engineers in smart structures technology is of high importance

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