

**Experimental & Computational Simulation  
Of Wind Pressures & Forces on Buildings**

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**NatHaz Glass Damage in Super Typhoon Mangkhut**

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**Wind vs. Earthquakes**

- Wind
  - Loads: shape & profile dependent
  - Lacks transfer function from wind fluctuations to loads
  - Direction dependence
  - Response normally linear
  - Time history analysis requires an ensemble of surface pressure time histories
  - Response generally limited to lower modes
  - Near source events like downburst or tornado and far field ABL flows
- Earthquakes
  - Loads: mass distribution dependent
  - Loads dependent on mass and rel. ground acceleration
  - Direction dependence
  - Response can be nonlinear
  - Time history analysis uses available suite of ground motion time histories
  - Response requires often higher modes
  - Near source and far field ground motions

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**Playing with the Winds:  
A Structural Engineer's Nightmare**

Microburst

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**Communities wiped**

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**Turbulence Spectrum**

Schematics of turbulence flow and its distortion as it passes around a building making it mathematically intractable

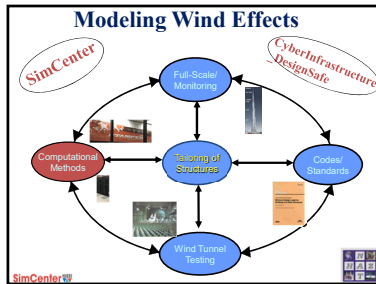
**Hurricanes & Tornadoes**

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**Environmental Loads**

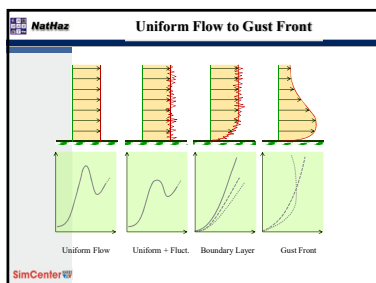
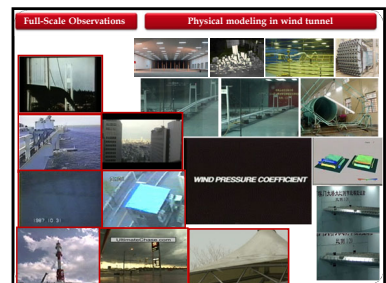
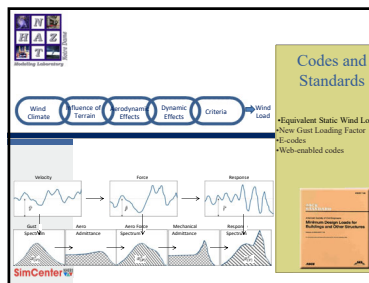
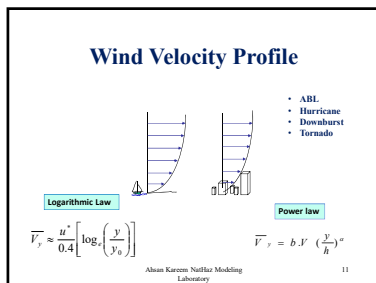
Kareem, 1978

WIND PRESSURE COEFFICIENT



### Wind Codes and Standards

- Most of wind codes and standards offer:
  - reductive formats and simplifications
- Gust loading factor approach (e.g., Davenport 1967)
  - Considering dynamic buffering actions on structures
  - Alongwind response
- Acrosswind and torsional response?
  - Acrosswind – e.g., ALE; AS/NZS, ASCE-7 (commentary)
  - Empirical formula based on limited number of data
- A better way to overcome or complement conventional codes and standards procedure to account for more accurate aerodynamic loading effects on structures?



### Length Scale & Temporal Scale

$L = UT \rightarrow \lambda_L = \lambda_U \lambda_T$  *example*

length scale:  $\lambda_L = \frac{L_{model}}{L_{full-scale}} = \frac{1}{300}$  (generally based on turbulence scale)

velocity scale:  $\lambda_U = \frac{U_{model}}{U_{full-scale}} = \frac{1}{3}$  (wind tunnel & instruments abilities)

temporal scale:  $\lambda_T = \frac{T_{model}}{T_{full-scale}} = \frac{1/300}{1/3} = 1/100$

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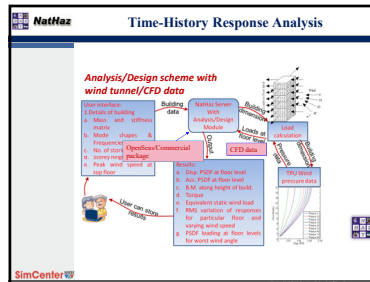
### Structural Wind Loads and Responses

- Force base balance technique
- Integration of pressures
- Aeroelastic model



Source of Database-enabled Design

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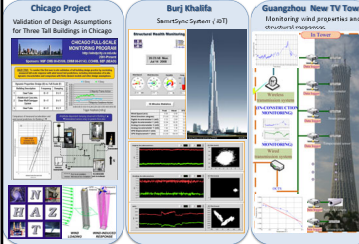


### A Living Laboratory

Chicago Project: Validation of Design Assumptions for Three Tall Buildings in Chicago

Burj Khalifa: SensorSync System (IoT)

Guangzhou New TV Tower: Monitoring wind properties and structural performance



### HFBB



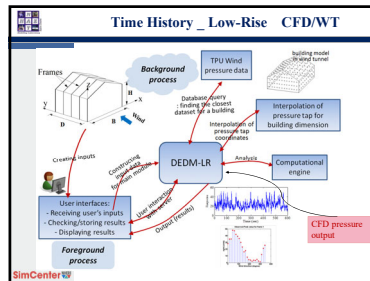
STRESS REQUIRED

Model Force

Base Stress

$$S_{FF}(f) = \frac{1}{H^2} S_{MM}(f) \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\sigma_F}{\sigma_P} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\pi f_s S_{FF}(f_s)}{4 \beta \sigma_P^2}}$$

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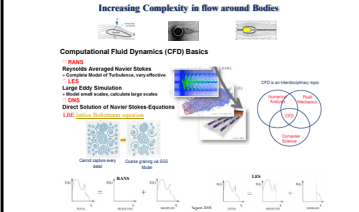


### Computational tools in Wind Engineering

Increasing Complexity in flow around Bodies

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Basics

- RANS: Reynolds Averaged Navier Stokes
- LES: Large Eddy Simulation
- DNS: Direct Numerical Simulation

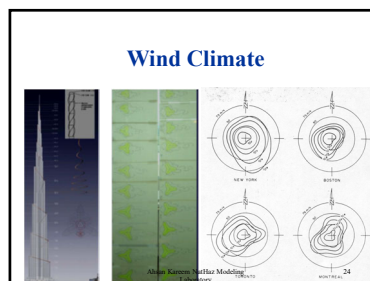


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### Digital Wind Approach—Cyberbased Data-enabled Design Framework

- A hybrid combination of Wind-Tunnel acquired data, stochastic simulation or CFD simulations with structural models to create real-time digital simulation of building response
- Ability to include nonlinear analysis, PGWD
- Model damping devices in the structural system for their performance assessment
- Ability to explore structural system with fixed profile or multiple profiles

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A theory (CFD !) is something nobody believes, except the person who made it. An experiment is something everybody believes, except the person who made it.

Albert Einstein

(Quoted in "The Advancement of Science and its Discontents, 1986")

