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# The Los Alamos Dynamic Summer School: A 25-year Pipeline and Education Program



**Lectures & Tutorials**

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Research**

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**Charles R. Farrar  
Engineering Institute Leader**

**Los Alamos Dynamics  
Summer School**

# The LADSS is part of the Engineering Institute

- **THE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE( EI)** is a research and education collaboration between LANL and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Jacobs School of Engineering started in 2003.
- **MISSION:** Develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach for
  - conducting mission-driven, multidisciplinary engineering research and
  - recruiting, revitalization and retention of the current and future staff necessary to support LANL's diverse technology portfolio.
- **TECHNICAL FOCUS:** multidisciplinary engineering science that integrates advanced **predictive modeling, novel sensing systems and new developments in information technology.**



# The EI Research and Education Components

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- Since 2003 LANL and Univ. of California have invested G&A, programmatic funds and UC Fee in the Engineering Institute (EI) to support:
- **Los Alamos Dynamic Summer School (LADSS),**
- Judicial Science School
- Athena Scholars Program
- A joint LANL/UCSD multi-disciplinary graduate degree program,
- TAMU distance-learning MS Engineering programs
- Joint LANL/UCSD multi-disciplinary research projects,
- Engineering research support to Los Alamos line organizations,
- Workshops
- Short courses: 1. Structure Health Monitoring; 2. Model Verification and Validation
- International collaborations



# The idea for the LADSS originated during LANL's Structural Dynamics 2000 Workshop & my time on the postdoc committee



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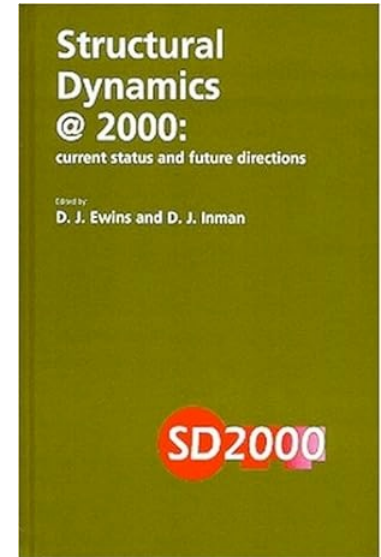
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# Summer School Motivation

- Recruitment of talented young engineers into engineering and computer science fields is a critical need for the economic competitiveness **and national defense (see SD 2000 publication)**.
- Approx. 40% of graduate engineering degrees are awarded to foreign nationals (percentage is higher if you look at Ph.D. graduates). **This demographic poses significant problem for U.S. defense industry.**
- The LADSS is a proactive approach to recruiting for LANL and other DOE- NNSA labs (Sandia and Lawrence Livermore)
- It has also been a graduate student recruiting program for the Univ. of California San Diego



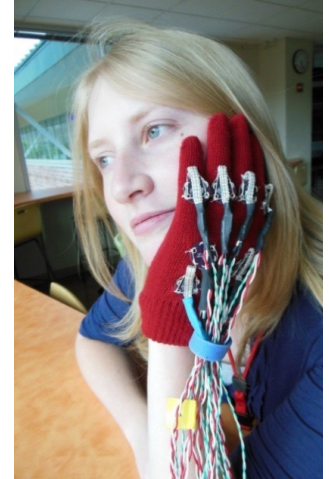
# The Los Alamos Dynamics Summer School

Since 2000, 15-21 top-performing undergraduate engineering students from around the U.S. enter our 10-week program

- Mean undergrad GPA approx. **3.7/4.0**, **80+ student have obtained NSF or NDESG grad fellowships**
- Week long (1-hr/day) lectures (e.g. signal processing), Guest seminars on various research topics, tours and field trip.
- Students work on team research projects, produce conference paper, present paper the following February at an International Conference.
- **Our Goal: Motivate US citizens to attend graduate school!** Hopefully, many will return to LANL after they complete their graduate degrees.



*Vibration control of mechanically-cooled germanium detector*

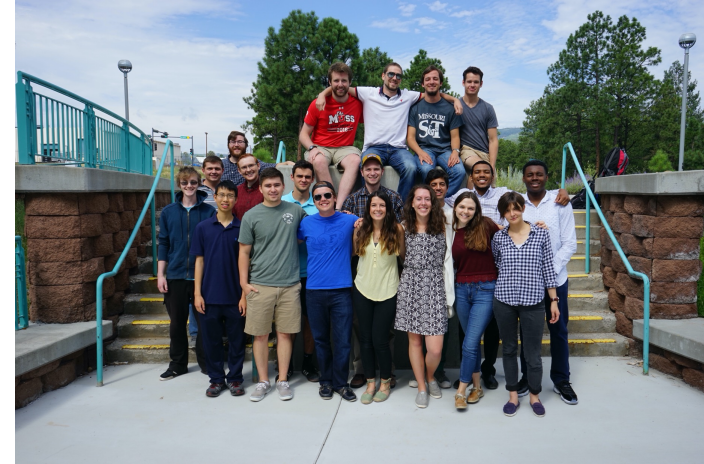


*Vibro-tactile, haptic human-computer interface for damage detection*



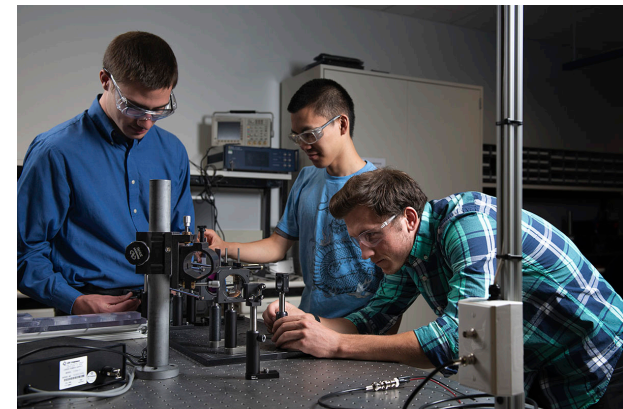
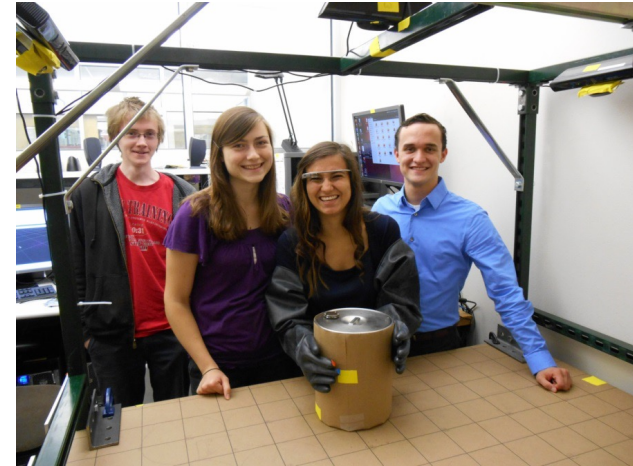
# Summer School Goals

- **Students' goal is to produce conference paper at the end of the 10-week school.**
- Provide a graduate school-like experience and motivate top U.S. citizen undergraduate students to attend engineering graduate school.
- Develop students oral and written communications skills.
- Expose students to interesting, multi-disciplinary, research.
- Make students aware of graduate education opportunities with LANL/UCSD Eng. Institute (24 former LADSS students are/were grad students at UCSD)
- Make students aware career opportunities at LANL.
- Keep in mind that LANL hires BS, MS and Ph.D.-level engineers who are almost exclusively US citizens



# Format

- **Ten-week research project with experimental and analytical component (define by LANL R&D Engineers)**
- Weekly lectures on various subjects related to dynamics
- Guest seminars on research and programmatic activities
- Professional development lectures(e.g. writing a conference paper, effective presentations, applying to grad school, applying for grad fellowships)
- Some external guest seminar speakers will spend time reviewing projects with each group as their schedules permit.
- Tours of some LANL facilities (e.g. linear accelerator, super computing center, environmental testing facilities)
- Prepare International Modal Analysis Conference (IMAC) papers
- Students will present papers at IMAC in Jan 29 – Feb 1, 2024 in Orlando, FL



# Each week there is a lecture series each morning

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Week 8 – Nonlinear Systems

Week 7– Introduction to Machine learning

Week 6 – Model Verification and Validation

Week 5 – Controls

Week 4 – Open

Week 3 –Dynamic Systems

Week 2 – Sensors and Data Acquisition (morning)  
– Signal Processing (afternoon)

Week 1 – Probability & Statistics

# Most weeks there are two guest seminars (every student must ask a question!)

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Satellite Engineering



Weapons Testing



Offshore Wind Turbines



Aerospace Structural Dynamics

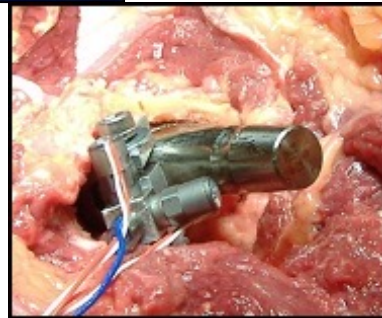
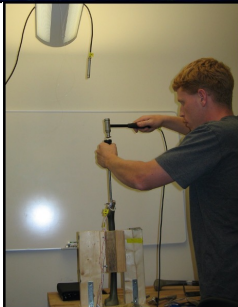


# Unique Research Projects

**Goal:** Develop a sensor that will give a surgeon an indication that the femoral component of an artificial hip is fully seated.

**Mentors:** Dr. R. Michael Meneghini, Indiana Univ. Orthopedics Department  
Prof. Phil Cornwell, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

**Ten cadavers donated by UCSD's Anatomy Lab for validation study**





# Does Anyone Read the LADSS Papers?

<b>Ten Most Cited LADSS IMAC Papers</b>		<b>Citations</b>
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**The LADSS has produced 121 IMAC papers that have been cited on average 3.7 times per paper**

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Average number of citations per paper (01-12-2021):	
	<b>50</b>

# Metrics 2000-2023

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- 439 students to date, approx. 100+ working on or have completed Ph.Ds, almost all have completed MS
- 8 alumni are university professors
- 81 students receive NSF or NDSEG fellowships
- 148 conference papers (mostly presented at the Society for Experimental Mechanics IMAC conference).
- 21 refereed journal papers have resulted from the students' research
- **LADSS H-index = 18**
- 58 students have been hired at LANL
  - More students have been hired at other DOE-NNSA laboratories

# Recruiting Pipeline:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Degree</u>
1. Aaron Feizy*	E-14	BS AE   Texas A&M	30. Shannon Danforth*	E-14	PhD ME   Michigan
2. Aleck Tilbrook*	E-14	BS ME*   Liberty	31. Ian Cummings*	ISR-2	PhD EE   Michigan Tech
3. Allison Davis*	E-1	MS EE*   Wyoming	32. Katrina Sweetland*	E-1	PhD ME*   Tennessee
4. Cole Zemelka* (UCSD MS)	Q-18	MS Structural*   <b>UCSD</b>	33. Lindsey Gaspar*	E-1	MS ME   Illinois
5. Joseph Lahmann*	NSEC-EI	PhD ME*   Cincinnati	34. Robert Migliori*	AOT-IC	MS Physics   Mississippi
6. Sarah Johnson*	E-14	BS ME   Clemson	35. Mike Maestas*	E-1	MS ME   NMSU
7. Skylar Callis*	XCP-8	BS CE & Math   Michigan Tech	36. Nick Martinez*	M-3	MS ME   New Mexico
8. Cole Maxwell*	NSEC-EI	MS ME*   Stanford	37. Garrison Flynn*	E-14	PhD CE   Clemson
9. Jabari Allen*	MPA-11	BS CompE   Florida A&M	38. Dustin Harvey*	E-14	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
10. Samuel Hinerman* (UCSD MS)	W-11	MS SE*   <b>UCSD</b>	39. John Heit	E-14	MS ME   Utah
11. Troy Sims*	Q-6	BS EE   New Mexico Tech	40. Scott Ouellette*	E-14	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
12. Wilson Vogt*	PT-5	BS ME   Montana State	41. Colin Haynes*	E-14	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
13. Anand Iyer*	E-14	PhD ME*   Colombia	42. Stuart Taylor*	Q-20	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
14. Christopher Whitworth*	E-14	MS ME   UT-Dallas	43. Brandon Stone* (UCSD MS)	W-13	MS SE   <b>UCSD</b>
15. Jonathan Acosta*	E-1	MS ME   NM State	44. Ted Lyman*	A-3	PhD ME   Duke
16. Nadim Bari*	E-1	MS ME   Michigan	45. Logan Ott*	ISR-5	BS Eng   Fort Lewis
17. Caleb Schelle* (UCSD MS)	E-14	MS SE   <b>UCSD</b>	46. Colton Lake*	ER-ES	BS CE   New Mexico Tech
18. Erica Jacobson* (Grad Fellowship)	NSEC-EI	PhD SE*   <b>UCSD</b>	47. Erik Moro	XTD-SS	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
19. Greta Colford*	E-14	PhD AE*   Michigan	48. Eric Flynn* (EI Postdoc, SOS-ASI)	ISR-6	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
20. John Pederson Jr*	ISR-5	PhD AE*   Cal Tech	49. David Mascareñas* (EI Postdoc)	E-1	PhD SE   <b>UCSD</b>
21. Samuel Myren*	E-14	MS Statistics   Virginia Tech	50. Nathan Miller*	W-13	MS ME   Colorado State
22. Thomas Roberts*	W-13	MS ME   Utah	51. Miles Buechler*	W-13	MS ME   Virginia Tech
23. Alan Williams* (Grad Fellowship)	AOT-AE	PhD ME*   <b>UCSD</b>	52. Andrew Thien*	W-13	MS ME   Cincinnati
24. Andre Green*	E-1	BS CS   New Mexico	53. Isaac Salazar	W-13	MS ME   Texas A&M
25. Brian West* (UCSD MS)	ISR-2	MS SE   <b>UCSD</b>	54. R. Jason Hundhausen	W-13	MS ME   Purdue
26. David Alexander IV*	E-6	PhD Material Eng   UTEP	55. Dave Allen	W-13	MS ME   Virginia Tech
27. Peter Fickenwirth* (UCSD MS)	E-14	MS. SE   <b>UCSD</b>	56. Daniel Stinemates	W-13	MS ME   Georgia Tech
28. Martin Ward*	E-1	MS ME   UT Austin	57. Jeni Wait	W-13	MS CE   Southern California
29. Milo Prisbrey*	MPA-11	PhD ME   Utah	58. Amanda Rutherford	W-13	MS EM   Virginia Tech

\* By name indicates the person is still employed at LANL (48/58).

\* By degree means the person is still in the process of completing their degree.

# How is the LADSS funded?

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- **LADSS Costs: Student Fellowships, Program Leader, Mentor time, Lab Materials, Conference Travel.**
- **2000 – 2002:** DOE had an education programs office that provided funding (approx. 50%) through a competitive grant program and ESA Division (predecessor to W, E & Q Divisions) provided the other 50%.
- **2003 – 2006:** DOE terminated its education programs funding and ESA Division funded the LADSS 100%.
- **2006 – present:** With the contract transition to LANS the LADSS formally became part of the Engineering Institute and funding has come from DDSTE and ALDW.



# How can you get involved?

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- Encourage prospective engineering students to apply:
  - <https://ladss.lanl.gov/>
- Suggest a research project and be a mentor:
  - Program Leader: Adam Wachtor
    - [ajw@lanl.gov](mailto:ajw@lanl.gov)

# The Most Important Metric

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- Eight marriages between former LADSS students (nineth pending?)

