New hands-on SHM software sessions!
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Los Alamos Dynamics, **Structural Dynamics Consultants (www.la-dynamics.com)**

Announces a Three-Day Short Course:

Structural Health Monitoring Using Statistical Pattern Recognition!

Palo Alto, California, September 7-9, 2013

Structural Health Monitoring Using Statistical Pattern Recognition will introduce engineers to the field of damage assessment (detection, location, severity) in structures as determined from changes in their measured dynamic response. In addition to the historical motivation and development of the methods, the course will cover the theory, application, and computerized implementation of this technology **with hands-on software exercises.** Many real-world examples and results will be presented from the fields of aerospace, civil, and mechanical engineering. The application of statistical pattern recognition techniques will be emphasized throughout the course.

Course Material Provided: notebook, CD with color copy of notes, software, data sets and **reference book: *Structural Health Monitoring: A Machine Learning Perspective***

Course Goals:

- Describe structural health monitoring in terms of statistical pattern recognition paradigm.
- Understand how this technology has emerged from aerospace, civil and mechanical engineering applications.
- Understand the sensing technology used for SHM and new sensing technologies being developed specifically for SHM.
- Understand the primary data features used to identify ,locate and quantify damage.
- Discuss the practical implementation issues, including the influence of operational and environmental variability on the SHM process
- Understand different statistical classification tools that can be used in the SHM process.
- Understand the concepts of optimal SHM system design and performance assessment
- **Reinforce lecture material through "hands-on" examples using SHMTools software analyzing experimental data sets**

This course is designed for those who seek a thorough understanding of the analytical techniques for SHM as well as an appreciation for practical implementation issues.

Topics Covered (see course outline & instructor bios at www.la-dynamics.com)

1. Introduction
- Motivation for SHM,
- Relation between NDE & SHM
- Fundamental axioms
- Statistical pattern recognition paradigm
- Historical overview

2. Operational evaluation
- Define System Specific Damage
- Economic/life-safety justification
- Evaluate sources of variability

3. Data Acquisition
- Sensor network components
- Sensor performance metrics
- Signal conditioning issues
- Sensor network paradigms

4. Emerging Sensing Technology
- Fiber Optic Sensors
- Acoustic Emissions
- Embedded Systems
- Telemetry
- MEMS
- Multifunctional Materials

5. Intro to Statistical Inferencing
- Supervised/unsupervised learning
- Outlier detection
- Group classification
- Regression modeling
- Review of basic statistics

6. SHMTools Hands-on Exercises
- SHMTools/mFUSE overview
- Interfacing with data acquisition system
- Introduction to SHM process building
- Analyzing experimental data sets

7. Damage Sensitive Features
- Feature selection criteria
- Feature vs metric
- Waveform/image comparisons
- Model parameters (linear/nonlinear)
- Residual errors

8. Statistical Classification Methods
- Control Charts
- Novelty detection
- Hypotheses testing
- Neural network classifiers

9. Data Normalization
- Influence of environmental & operational variability
- Testing methods
- Modeling of environmental effects
- Machine learning approaches

10. SHM System Design
- Sensor optimization
- Detector design
- System design framework
- Probability of detection
- Sensitivity analysis

The instructors will assume a basic knowledge of structural mechanics, dynamics and mathematics obtained in a bachelor's aerospace, civil or mechanical engineering curriculum