





### **Earth System Science Programme**

#### Programme Introduction

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# Why study Earth System Science?







- ❖ 想瞭解**地球系統如何運作**
- ❖ 想擁有良好數理基礎,又可應用科學知識參 與解決21世紀的一些重大環境問題(如全球環 境變化、氣候轉變、空氣及水污染、自然與 地 質災害、能源開發等)



If you want to...

- Understand how the Earth system operates
- Acquire good quantitative skills and apply scientific principles to solve some of the most pressing environmental problems (e.g. global and environmental climate changes, air and water pollution, natural and geological hazards, energy/ resources exploration...)

### ESSC Curriculum | 課程大綱



學習和研究地球系統中各圈層的運作過程,

以及它們之間的相互作用對地球環境所產生的影響。

Study mechanisms of all "spheres" of the Earth system,

and their interactions shape the Earth's environment.

### ESSC Curriculum | 課程大綱



這些系統部份包括大氣圈、水圈、冰雪圈、岩石圈和生物圈等。透過學習這些部份的運作情況,可以瞭解及參與減輕自然和人為的環境威脅。

The system consists of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, geosphere and biosphere. Via studying their processes, we understand and help mitigate natural and manmade environmental threats.

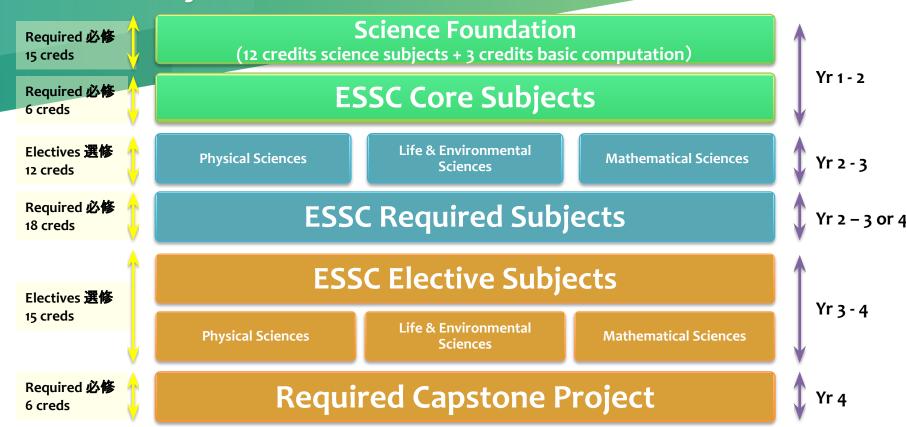
### Curriculum Design | 課程理念



Building upon traditional science disciplines, including, e.g., **geology** (地質學), **meteorology** (氣象學), and **oceanography** (海洋學), we aim to establish an exciting **interdisciplinary** programme in Earth System Science (地球系統科學是一個橫跨傳統學科的嶄新課程).

We aim to equip students with a solid foundation in basic sciences (physics, chemistry, biology), quantitative skills (statistics, computation), and practical knowledge of the Earth System, so that they are prepared to participate in tackling the various environmental challenges facing us today.

#### ESSC Major : 72 credits University : 123 credits



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#### **ESSC Core Subjects**

Climate System Dynamics 氣候系統動力學

Solid Earth Dynamics 固體地球動力學

#### **Supporting Science Subjects**

**Physical Sciences** 

Life & Environmental Sciences

**Mathematical Sciences** 

#### **ESSC** Required/Elective Subjects

#### **Atmospheric Science**



#### Advanced Scientific Tools and Skills

Quantitative Methods for ESSC 地球系統科學計量方法

Numerical Method and Modelling 數值系統模型

Time Series & Statistical Analysis 時間序列與統計分析

Remote Sensing 遙感原理與應用

and more ...

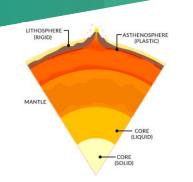
#### **Geophysics and Geology**



### Geophysics Stream (地球物理組)

Advance Geoscience Field Trip 野外地質考察(北京大學合作)

Integrated Geoscience Field Trip 地球科學野外綜合考察(台灣)



- Geophysics focuses on studying the Earth using gravity 重力, electromagnetic 電磁力 & seismic methods 地震波
- Students will acquire solid physical and mathematical foundations and quantitative understanding of the solid Earth, including:
  - surface and internal structures mountain formations
  - geohazards and mitigation
  - exploration of mineral and natural resources

Petrology 岩石學

Continuum Mechanics 連續介質力學

Seismology 地震學

Physics of the Earth 地球物理學

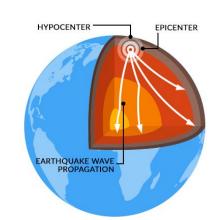
Geomorphology 地貌學

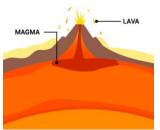
Structural Geology 構造地質學

Hydrogeology 水文地質學

Volcanology 火山地質學

Marine Geophysics and Geology 海洋地質與地球物理學 Applied Geophysics 應用地球物理學





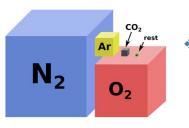
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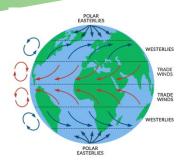
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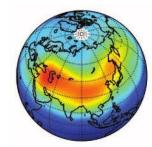
# Atmospheric Science Stream (大氣科學組)



Atmospheric science is the study of the dynamics and chemistry of the atmosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere that surround the Earth.

This encompasses the interactions between various parts of the atmosphere as well as interactions with the oceans and freshwater systems, the biosphere and human activities.





Physics and Chemistry of Aerosol 氣溶膠物理與化學概述

Tropical Meteorology 熱帶氣象學

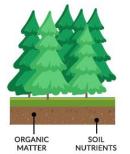
Air Pollution and Engineering 大氣污染科學與工程

Land-Atmosphere Interactions and Boundary Layer Meteorology 地氣相互作用及邊界層氣象學 Ocean and Climate 海洋與氣候

Atmospheric Chemistry 大氣化學

Ecosystem and Climate 生態系統與氣候

Atmospheric Dynamics 大氣動力學



PLANT GROWTH

PLANT/ANIMAL
LITTER

DECOMPOSITION



ADOES BI

Urban Climatology 都市氣候學

#### Seismology 地震學

Professor YANG Hongfeng & Professor WONG Teng Fong Earth System Science Programme

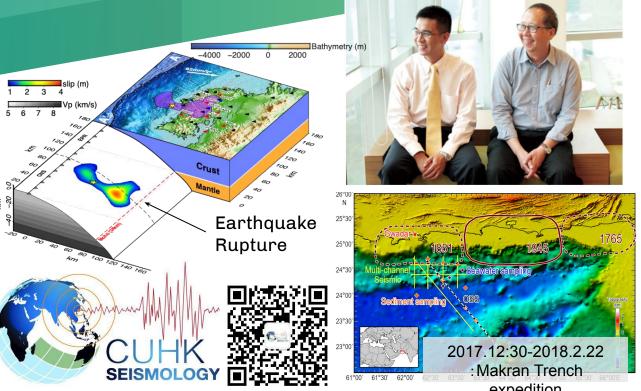


Photo by Tommy Cho

#### 中巴科学家给莫克兰海沟"CT扫描"



1月26日,香港中文大学杨宏峰教授在"实验3"号科考船上工作。 東克兰海沟是阿拉伯板块、印度板块和欧亚板块的汇聚地带。近一周, 中国和巴基斯坦科学家正在进行首次北印度洋联合考察,在莫克兰海沟连续 开展多道地震实验。





#### Remote Sensing in Earth Science 遙感應用於地球科學

### Professor LIU Lin Earth System Science Programme



格陵蘭冰川專家劉琳警告 地球數十年內 進入新狀態



#### Q 放大圖片/顯示原圖

全球暖化加劇,氣候轉變愈來愈明顯,長年被嚴寒冰封的極地,影響尤其巨大,北 極海冰最快在15年後的夏天完全消離,而擁有全球第二大冰蓋的格陵蘭,其冰川的 消離速度也不斷加劇,有美國科學家團隊對比數十年的數據,網結當地冰川變化已 建無法遊轉水平,如果不控制,預計在3000年當地冰川將完全融化。 極地離香港 海海







#### Volcano Geophysics 火山地球物理學



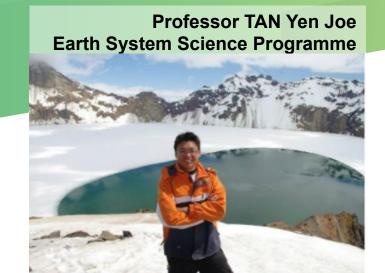




Lava formed glassy pillow-like structures on the seafloor during a 2015 eruption on Axial Seamount off the Oregon coast.

PHOTOGRAPH BY UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

#### Underwater Volcano Offers Rare Look at Eruption in Real Time





# Atmosphere-Biosphere Interactions

大氣圈與生物圈的關係

**戴沛權教授**主力結合高性能地球系統模擬及創新的多元統計方法,深入了解農業、陸地生態系統與大氣環境之間的相互作用,並以跨學科

角度解決與之迫切相關的環境問題

- 氣候、植被與土地利用的變化 會怎樣影響天氣現象及空氣污 染的程度?
- 如何改善農業、森林管理模式 及人類飲食習慣來緩減空氣污 染和氣候變化?

Director of the Observatory presented the Research Award for Young Scientists 2015 on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization

世界氣象組織青年科學家研究獎

首位香港得獎者



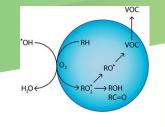


**Earth System Science Programme** 

**Professor Amos TAI** 

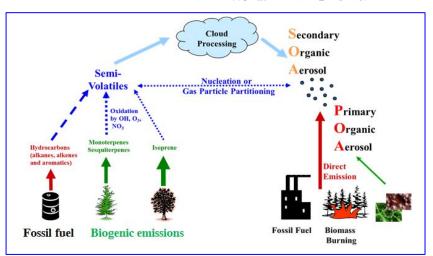


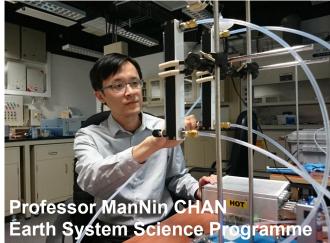
#### Atmospheric Science: Research in Aerosols 大氣科學: 氣溶膠研究



**陳文年教授主力研究大氣懸浮粒子的來源、其形成方式和化學成份,並探究浮質結構的改變。他的實驗室除了運用不同的光譜技術來分析氣溶膠的成份外,也會利用科學分析技術去即時偵測它們的成份。簡單來說,就是先把氣溶膠轉化為氣態,經離子化後就可以分析它的成份。** 

知道氣溶膠的成份後就可以對症下藥,作針對性的減排了!











#### **Professor Francis TAM Earth System Science Programme**

環保意識:減碳救地球防止風暴增強







圖3之1-譚志勇(呂瑋宗攝)







[明報專訊] 經歷過「天鴿」和「山竹」,不少人覺得吹襲本港的風暴愈來愈猛烈,真有其事 「香港是個小地區,研究風暴不能只看本港,要把視野擴闊至中國沿岸,甚至整個四太平 洋和地球。」香港中文大學理學院地球系統科學課程副教授讀志勇說,藝港的熱帶氣旋主要在 西太平洋形成,區域內熱帶風暴或以上強度等級的熱帶氣旋風力,在1975至2015年期間確實有 增強趨勢,平均最大風力由1975年約每秒50至55米,到2015年增加至每秒65至70米(見圖)。





## Admission 入學要求

### Two Paths to Join 兩種途徑選讀這個嶄新獨特的 本科主修課程



- 已有明確主修意向的同學, 可以直接透過「地球系統科學」收生計劃 (\$\gamma S4633) 修讀ESSC 大氣科學 / 地球物理學
- 同學亦可透過「理學」大類收生計劃(JS4601)主修ESSC

#### Applicants could join us via

- JUPAS 4633 Earth System Science Programme Atmospheric Science / Geophysics
- JUPAS 4601 CUHK Science Broad-based Admission Scheme ESSC Major

# Admission Requirements for JUPAS Applicants - 2021 Entry

JS4601 SCIENCE						
Core Subjects			Elective Subjects			
C	Е	М	L	1	2	Requirements
3	3	2	2	3	3	1st Elective: Any one from Biology / Chemistry / Physics / Combined Science or Integrated Science / M1 or M2 2nd Elective: Any one subject in Category A

#### JS4633 Earth System Science (Atmospheric Science / Geophysics)

Core Subjects					Elective Subjects			
	C	E	М	L	1	2	Requirements	
	3	4	4	2	4	3	1st Elective: Any one from Physics / M1 or M2 / Chemistry / Geography / Combined Science 2nd Elective: Any one from Physics / M1 or M2 / Biology / Chemistry / Geography / Combined Science or Integrated Science	

## Programme Selection Principle: Best 5



### STEM人才培育 STEM Talent Scheme



- Obtained at least THREE stars in THREE STEM-related elective subjects in HKDSE (e.g. 5\*5\*5\*/ 5\*\*5\*3 / 5\*\*5\*\*5\*\*)
- STEM-related elective subjects:
  - Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics Extended Module I or
     II/Combined Science/Integrated Science/Information and Communication
     Technology/Design and Applied Technology
- Special consideration will be given to applicants who do not fulfill Programme's minimum requirement. Admission interview may be needed.

### Admission Statistics 2020 Entry

- JS4633 Earth System Science Programme (Atmospheric Science/Geophysics)
- Median of Score of Best 5 HKDSE Subjects 27
- Admission Grades

Subject	СНІ	ENG	МАТН	LS	M1/M2	Best Elective	2 <sup>nd</sup> Best Elective	3 <sup>rd</sup> Best Elective
Median	3	5	4	5*	-	5*	5	5
Lower Quartile	5	5	5*	4	-	5	5	-

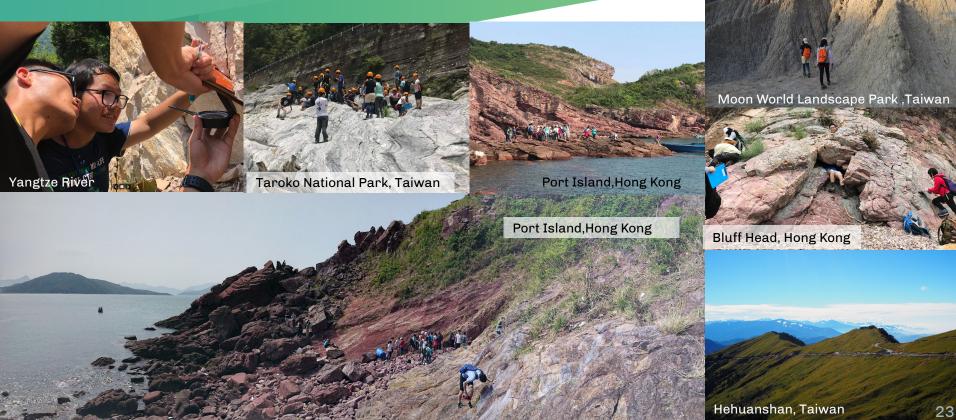
- 1st Elective: Any ONE from Physics / M1 or M2 / Chemistry / Geography / Combined Science
- 2nd Elective: Any ONE from Physics / M1 or M2 / Biology / Chemistry / Geography / Combined Science / Integrated Science

#### **Admission Scholarships**

HKDSE Best 5 Score	Scholarships offered by the ESSC Programme
>=33	\$25,000 (one-off)
>=31 or 29 (including one 5** in BIO/CHEM/PHY/M1 or M2)	\$10,000 (one-off)

The University and Colleges also offer admission scholarships for outstanding students. 大學及書院亦會為成績優異的學生提供入學獎學金。

Diversified Teaching Modules | 多元教學 Local and Overseas Field Study



**Laboratory & Experimental Study** 



**Seismometer** and a monitor showing real time ground velocities (ground movement) recorded





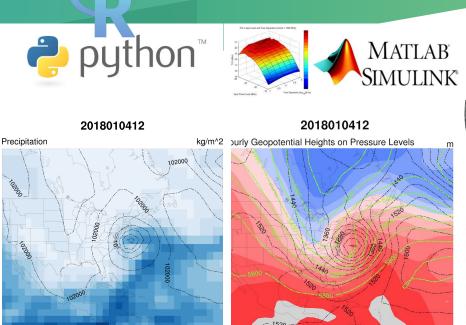
**Weather in a Tank** for geophysical fluid dynamics (GFD) experiment using a rotating tank

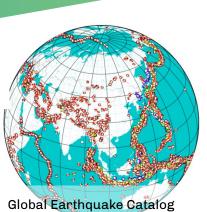


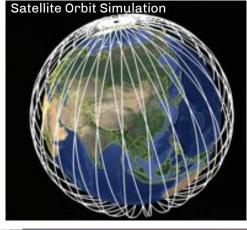
Petrographic Microscope for identifying

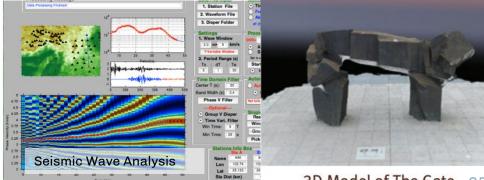
**Petrographic Microscope** for identifying rocks and minerals in thin sections

**Computer Simulation & Visualization** 





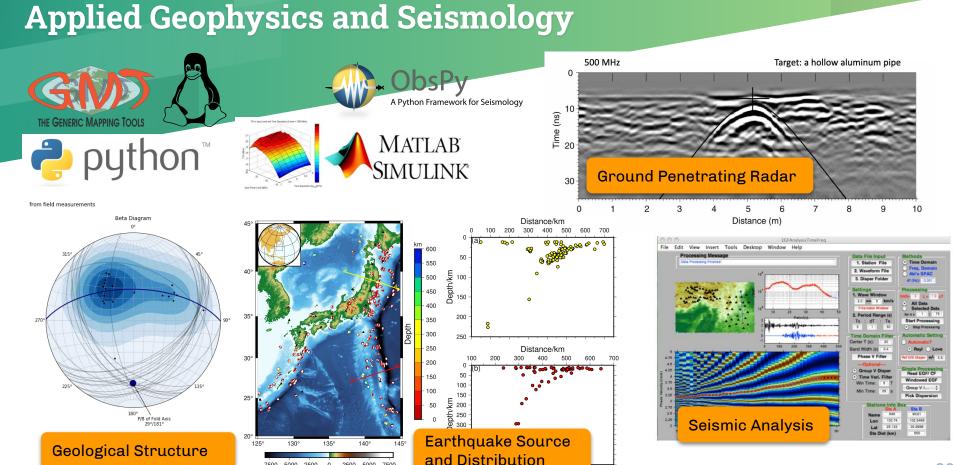




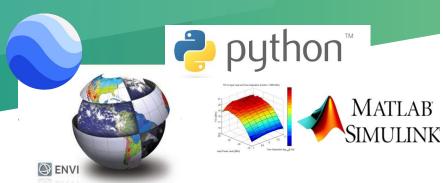
Visualization of Extratropical Cyclone

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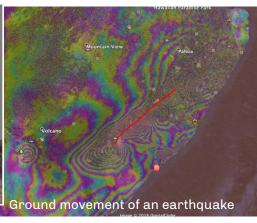
3D Model of The Gate 25

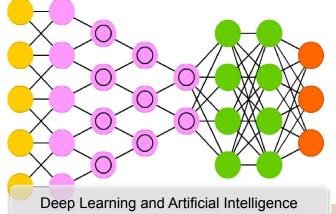


**Remote Sensing** 









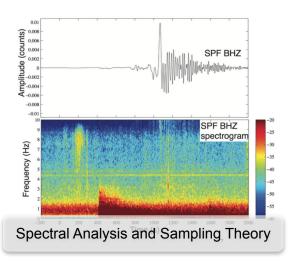


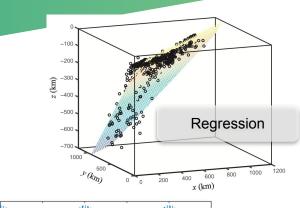


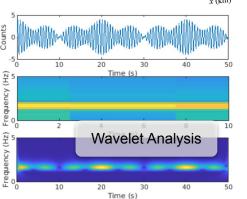
# Diversified Teaching Modules | 多元教學 Data Analysis and Numerical Modeling

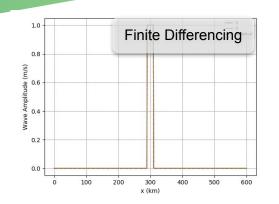


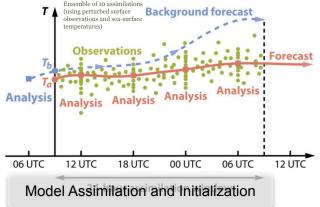












### Diversified Teaching Modules | 多元教 **Elearning Module**

https://cuhkesscelearn.wixsite.com/home







Video Resource

Rocks & Minerals Gallery

**KEEP Courses** 

Interactive Modules

#### Volcanoes (click here to start)



'Volcanoes' is one of the significant features on

Earth. This module introduces volcanoes, with

detailed explanations in their composition,

formation, eruptive style, type, etc. We will also

study some tectonic settings and magma. There

will be interactive games and videos.

Course(s): ESSC2010



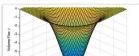
Petrology (click here to start)

This course will introduce you to the study of Course(s): FSSC4120

igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks of the earth's crust and mantle. We will investigate the origin of the major groups of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with an emphasis on the physical and chemical processes that give rise to these different rock types. In addition, corresponding tectonic settings and paleo-environments for these rocks will be studied. You will learn how to classify rocks based on rock-forming minerals in hand specimen and thin sections, as well as their textures and

**Geophysical Fluid** Dynamics

(click here to start)



#### HK Geology (click here to start)



geological phenomenon in Hong Kong. A number of locations will be introduced, including the Bluff Head, Po Toi Island, Tung Ping Chau, High Island and Lai Chi Chong. The format is to watch the geological field trip videos and answer questions. Course(s): ESSC1000, ESSC2010, ESSC3100

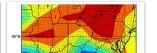
In this course, students can learn typical

A light-coloured, coarse-grained, igneous rock, consisting of essential quartz (at least 20%), alkali feldspar, mica (biotite and/or muscovite), with or more commonly without amphibole, and accessory apatite, magnetite, and sphene. Hypersolvus granites are characterized by one type of alkali feldspar, usually microperthite, whereas subsolvus granites are characterized by two types of alkali feldspar; microperthite and albite. Granite can be formed by partialmelting of old continental crust, on a local scale by in situ replacement of continental crust (granitization), by fractional crystallization of basalt magma, or by a combination of these processes. — A Dictionary of Geology and Earth





**Getting Started with Python** Programming in Earth System Science (click here to start)



# Extracurricular Activities Exchange



2017 ESSC x Physics US Study Tour



Arctic Geology
Arctic Geophysics



Paul YEUNG 2020 University of Bergen Exchange





### Student Exchange Programme

- List of University that ESSC students have been admitted though Student Exchange Programme:
  - University Centre in Svalbard (Norway)
  - University of Bergen (Norway)
  - KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden)
  - University of Gothburg (Sweden)
  - Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico)
  - Queen's University (Canada)
  - American University (USA)
  - Boston College (USA)
  - University of California, Irvine (USA)

- University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
- University College Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Australian National University (Australia)
- University of Helsinki (Finland)
- University of Hawaii, Manoa (Hawaii)
- Peking University, Beijing (China)
- Hanyang University (Korea)
- Nagoya University (Japan)

and more...

# **Extracurricular Activities Internship Opportunites**





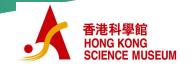














2019 Hong Kong Observatory Internships (9 ESSC students)



#### HKO, EPD, ClusterTech Limited

- Geophysical Research, Weather Forecast, Pollution
   Chemistry Modeling, Measuring Equipment Operations
- Model Simulation, Data Mining, AI

#### CEDD, Jacobs, CM Wong & Associated Limited, CH2M, ESRI

- Geotechnical and geoscience

#### **Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology**

- Research Institute

Hong Kong Science Museum Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change - 賽馬會氣候變化博物館

### Extracurricular Activities Internship Opportunites

- List of companies offering internship to ESSC students:
  - Geotechnical Engineering Office
  - EGS (Asia) Limited
  - CH2M
  - CM Wong & Associate Limited
  - Esri
  - Hong Kong Observatory
  - Environmental Protection Department
  - Hong Kong Science Museum

- List of companies collaborating Final-Year Projects with ESSC:
  - Geotechnical Engineering Office
  - Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited
  - Fugro (Hong Kong) Limited
  - Hong Kong Observatory

### **Extracurricular Activities**

#### **Undergraduate Research Programme**

#### Students are always welcome to join Summer or Year Long Research Internships



Prof. Man Nin CHAN 陳文年

Ph.D., Environmental Science and Engineering, California Institute of Technology Research Fields

- Aerosol physics and chemistry
- Multiphase, heterogeneous oxidative chemistry and kinetics
- · Chemical ageing of organic aerosol
- Ambient pressure soft ionization (Direct Analysis in Real Time, DART)

Email mnchan@cuhk.edu.hk



Prof. Yen Joe TAN 陳衍佐 Ph.D., Geophysics, Columbia University Research Fields

- Volcanic eruption dynamics
- Induced and triggered earthquakes Email vit@stanford.edu
- Seismic imaging and monitoring with ambient noise
- · Machine learning and data science



Prof. Lin LIU 劉琳

Ph.D., Geophysics, University of Colorado at Boulder Research Fields

- · Cryosphere geophysics · Remote sensing

· Geodesy and near surface geophysics

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Deep Learning applications in Earth system science



Prof. Teng-fong WONG黃庭芳 Ph.D., Geophysics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Research Fields

- Experimental rock deformation
- Earthquake mechanics Email tfwong@cuhk.edu.hk
- · Rock physics applied to energy resources
- · Environmental hydrogeology



Prof. Amos P. K. TAI 裁沛權

Ph.D., Engineering Sciences (Environmental Science and Engineering), Harvard University Research Fields

- Atmosphere chemistry and physics
  - Air pollution, climate change, and land use change
- · Interactions between climate, ecosystems, and atmospheric composition
- Impacts of global environmental change on public health, agriculture and poverty

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- Subduction zone dynamics and megathrust earthquakes
- High-resolution imaging of crustal fault zones and subsurface structure
- Earthquake detection and location Email hyang@cuhk.edu.hk
- · Earthquake source mechanics

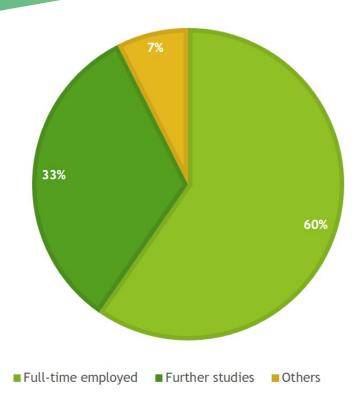


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- Company / Industry
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  - Assistant Geologist, Project Engineer, Software Engineer, Data Scientist, Data Analyst, Editor
- Education
  - Junior Research Assistant in University
  - Teacher in Primary School and Secondary School
- Further Studies
  - MPhil or PhD Programme in Hong Kong or overseas such as UK, USA, Australia, Germany and Switzerland, etc.
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