

Lunch hour seminar:

The Collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge



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ABSTRACT: Over 60 years ago, during its first year of operations, the Tacoma Narrows bridge collapsed due to wind. This event was filmed and that film made it the most famous collapse in history. However the reason for the collapse remained unsolved until 2001. Many absurd theories were promulgated, including in many physics textbooks. This talk will discuss the bridge and the reasons for its collapse, which have been clarified over the past decade.

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