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Preface

This year the 16th WSEAS International Conference on Circuits (part of CSCC '12) and the 16th WSEAS International Conference on Systems (part of CSCC '12) were held in Kos Island, Greece, July 14-17, 2012. The conferences provided a platform to discuss network theory and applications, nanostructures and nanotechnologies, molecular electronics, optoelectronic devices, nonlinear circuits, sensors, semiconductors, superconductivity circuits, circuits in power technology, logic synthesis, systems theory, dynamical systems, modelling, non-linear systems, remote sensing, wavelets, optimization, finite elements etc. with participants from all over the world, both from academia and from industry.

Their success is reflected in the papers received, with participants coming from several countries, allowing a real multinational multicultural exchange of experiences and ideas.

The accepted papers of these conferences are published in this Book that will be sent to international indexes. They will be also available in the E-Library of the WSEAS. Extended versions of the best papers will be promoted to many Journals for further evaluation.

Conferences such as these can only succeed as a team effort, so the Editors want to thank the International Scientific Committee and the Reviewers for their excellent work in reviewing the papers as well as their invaluable input and advice.

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Keynote Lecture 1

Energy, Environment and Importance of Power Electronics



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Abstract: Power electronics technology has gained significant maturity after several decades of dynamic evolution of power semiconductor devices, converters, PWM techniques, electrical machines, motor drives, advanced control, and computer simulation techniques. With the maturing trend of the technology, 21st century will find tremendous emphasis on power electronics applications in every corner of industrial, residential, commercial, transportation, aerospace, military and electric utility systems. There will be increasing emphasis on application-oriented R&D in modularization, modeling, analysis, simulation, design, and experimental evaluations. Power electronics has now established as a major discipline in electrical engineering, and is gradually tending to merge as a high tech frontier technology with power engineering. In the 21st century, we expect to see the tremendous impact of power electronics not only in global industrialization and efficient energy systems, but also in energy conservation, renewable energy systems, and electric/hybrid vehicles. The resulting impact in mitigating climate change problems due to man-made environmental problems is expected to be considerable. There are ambitious predictions that renewable energy alone with adequate energy storage can supply all the energy needs of the world, and 90% of the automobiles will be electric by the end of the century. It appears that the role of power electronics in our society will tend to be as important and versatile as computers and information technology today. In fact, there is trend of merger of power electronics with computers, information technology and power engineering in the future “Smart Grid” to emerge as a complex interdisciplinary technology. The presentation will begin with the discussion of global energy scenario, climate change problems due to burning of fossil fuels, and the consequences and remedial measures of global warming problems. The importance of power electronics relating to energy saving, renewable energy systems (wind, photovoltaic and fuel cells), bulk energy storage and electric/hybrid vehicles will be discussed in detail. The fuel cell and battery EVs will be compared, and the concept of Smart Grid will be discussed. Several example applications on HVDC wind park, FACT system, DTC drive system, axial flux PM machine EV drive, fuzzy control of wind generation system and neural network based feedback signal estimation will be discussed before coming to conclusion and future scenario of the technology.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Bimal K. Bose held the Condra Chair of Excellence (Endowed Chair Professor) in Power Electronics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville since 1987, where he was responsible for teaching and research program in power electronics and motor drives. Concurrently, he was Distinguished Scientist (1989-2000) and Chief Scientist (1987-1989) of EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute)-Power Electronics Applications Center for promoting power electronics in USA. Prior to this, he was a Research Engineer in the GE Corporate Research and Development (now GE Global Research Center), Schenectady, NY for 11 years (1976-1987), an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY for five years (1971-1976), and a faculty member of Bengal Engineering and Science University for 11 years (1960-1971). He is specialized in power electronics and motor drives, specially including power converters, ac drives, PWM techniques, digital control, electric/hybrid vehicle drives, renewable energy systems, A-I applications, and has made many pioneering research contributions in these areas. He has been a power electronics consultant in large number of industries. He authored/edited 7 books in power electronics, holds 21 U.S. Patents for his inventions, and large number of research publications. He has given advanced tutorials, keynote addresses and invited seminars extensively throughout the world. He is a recipient of IEEE Power Electronics Society Newell Award (2005), IEEE Millennium Medal (2000), IEEE Meritorious Achievement Award (1997), IEEE Lamme Medal (1996), IEEE IAS Outstanding Achievement Award (1993), IEEE IES Mittelman Award (1994), IEEE Region 3 Outstanding Engineer Award (1994), GE Silver Patent Medal (1986), Calcutta University Mout Gold Medal (1970), IEEE Fellow (1989) and Life Fellow (1996), and many other awards for his research accomplishments. The IEEE Industrial Electronics Society Magazine published a special issue (June 2009) “Honoring Dr. Bimal Bose and Celebrating His Contributions in Power Electronics” with his photo on the cover page. He received B.E. degree in 1956, M.S. degree in 1960 and Ph.D. degree in 1966.

Keynote Lecture 2

Current Video Coding Standards: H.264/AVC, Dirac, AVS China and VC-1



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Abstract: Video coding standards: H.264/AVC, DIRAC, AVS China and VC-1 are presented. These are the latest standards and are adopted by ITU-T/ISO-IEC, BBC, China standards organization and SMPTE respectively. Besides presenting these standards, research potential and as well projects (both at UG and grad levels) are emphasized. These are available by accessing the database for research and projects in [18]. Web/ftp sites for accessing standards documents, software, test sequences, conformance bit streams, industry activities etc are provided.

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Keynote Lecture 3

Program Analysis beyond Closed-form Expressions for Maximum Parallelization



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Abstract: Program analysis techniques and accurate data dependence testing enable a compiler to perform safe automatic code optimization and parallelization. It has been shown that factors, such as loop variants and nonlinear expressions, limit program analysis, dependence testing, and parallelization. The NLVI-Test and the PLATO library have been introduced as a new tool to enable exact data dependence testing on nonlinear expressions. Apart from this work, analyses that utilize the Chains of Recurrences formalism have been shown to improve a dependence test's ability to analyze expressions. In this work we present techniques for applying the NLVI-Test ideas in conjunction with Chains of Recurrences analysis, to couple the benefits of both. In addition, we develop a "Parallelization Index" which describes the upper bound of the total parallelization obtainable in a compiler infrastructure. We perform an experimental evaluation of our techniques on several scientific benchmarks. Our experiments show that our techniques result in higher numbers of total parallel loops discovered, and moreover, that we consistently expose a majority of the obtainable parallelism.

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Keynote Lecture 4

Folding and Unfolding Related Issues, Especially Decompositions, in Data Processing



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Abstract: Many branches in science and engineering deal with data composed of huge number of elements. Neuroscience, signal processing and similar issues are amongst these types of applications where each data vector contains hundreds of thousands or millions of elements. These types of data vectors can be partitioned to sets having rather small number of elements at the expense of dimensionality increase. Thus certain arrays having more than two indices appear after this partitioning. Their processing is generally based on the expressing of those arrays in terms of rather simple arrays which can be processed more easily. This is somehow decomposition of the arrays to rather simple arrays. This issue is one of the core topics of multilinear algebra. There have been many attempts to get efficient decomposition methods by using folding and unfolding operations.

The general tendency is to use the tensor concept to consider the multilinear algebraic entities. However, a multiindex entity need not be adjacently considered to a tensor even though a tensor can be characterized by a multiindex array depending on the coordinate system in which the considered tensor is represented. We prefer to use the folded arrays to this end. Folded arrays (folarrs) and especially their specific forms, folded vectors (folvecs) and folded matrices (folmats) are very harmonious to the conceptual structure of the ordinary linear algebra. Thus the decomposition of folmats becomes the basic issue.

One way is the use of spectral representation for the decompositions of the folmats. To this end the eigenvalue problems of the folmats should be brought to the scene. On the other hand a complete analogy to the singular value decomposition of ordinary matrices is possible for the singular value decompositions of the folmats. What we need is to consider a folmat as a transforming agent from a specific type folmat to another type folmat even though type conservation is possible.

Spectral decomposition, singular value decomposition, reductive array decomposition, high dimensional model representation, enhanced multivariance product representation will be the main foci for folmat decompositions in the presentation.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Metin Demiralp was born in Turkiye (Turkey) on 4 May 1948. His education from elementary school to university was entirely in Turkey. He got his BS, MS degrees and PhD from the same institution, İstanbul Technical University. He was originally chemical engineer, however, through theoretical chemistry, applied mathematics, and computational science years he was mostly working on methodology for computational sciences and he is continuing to do so. He has a group (Group for Science and Methods of Computing) in Informatics Institute of İstanbul Technical University (he is the founder of this institute).

He collaborated with the Prof. Herschel A. Rabitz's group at Princeton University (NJ, USA) at summer and winter semester breaks during the period 1985–2003 after his 14 month long postdoctoral visit to the same group in 1979–1980. He was also (and still is) in collaboration with a neuroscience group at the Psychology Department in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in last three years (with certain publications in journals and proceedings).

Metin Demiralp has more than 90 papers in well known and prestigious scientific journals, and, more than 200 contributions to the proceedings of various international conferences. He gave many invited talks in various prestigious scientific meetings and academic institutions. He has a good scientific reputation in his country and he is one of the principal members of Turkish Academy of Sciences since 1994. He is also a member of European Mathematical Society. He has also two important awards of Turkish scientific establishments.

The important recent foci in research areas of Metin Demiralp can be roughly listed as follows: Probabilistic Evolution Method in Explicit ODE Solutions and in Quantum and Liouville Mechanics, Fluctuation Expansions in Matrix Representations, High Dimensional Model Representations, Space Extension Methods, Data Processing via Multivariate Analytical Tools, Multivariate Numerical Integration via New Efficient Approaches, Matrix Decompositions, Multiway Array Decompositions, Enhanced Multivariate Product Representations, Quantum Optimal Control.

Keynote Lecture 5

Human Control Strategies for Multi-Robot Teams



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Abstract: Expanding human span of control over teams of robots presents an obstacle to the wider deployment of robots for practical tasks in a variety of areas. One difficulty is that many different types of human interactions may be necessary to maintain and control a robot team. We have developed a characterization of human-robot tasks, and appropriate human robot interaction models, based on complexity of control that helps explicate the forms of control likely to be needed and the demands they pose to human operators. In this paper we use research from two of these areas to illustrate our taxonomy and its utility in characterizing and improving human-robot interaction.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Katia Sycara is a Professor in Robotics in the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University and holds the Sixth Century Chair in Computing at the University of Aberdeen, UK. She is the Director of the Laboratory for Advance Agents and Robot Technology & Semantic Technologies. She holds a B.S in Applied Mathematics from Brown University, M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin & PhD in Computer Science from Georgia Institute of Technology. She holds an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Aegean (2004). Dr. Sycara is a Fellow of the Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Fellow of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE), & the recipient of the 2002 ACM/SIGART Agents Research Award. She has served as member of the Scientific Advisory Board of France Telecom, panel evaluation for Siemens, Sandia Labs and others. Dr. Sycara has given numerous invited talks, & has authored or co-authored more than 400 technical papers dealing with Multi-Agent and Multi-Robot Systems, Game Theory, Agents Supporting Human Teams, Human-Agent Interaction, Negotiation, Web Services, Machine Learning & the application of these techniques to crisis action planning, scheduling, manufacturing & e-commerce. Her students have won multiple best paper awards (AAMAS, 2005, 2006, ACHI 2008, BRIMS, 2004, 2005). Her robot team has won various awards in the Robocup Rescue competitions. Dr. Sycara has led successful multimillion dollar research effort funded by DARPA, DDR&E, NASA, AFOSR, ONR, ARO, AFRL, NSF & industry. She is a founding member & served as member of the Board of Directors of the International Foundation of Multiagent Systems (IFMAS). She is a founding member of the Semantic Web Science Association, & serves as the US co-chair of the US-Europe Semantic Web Services Initiative. She has founded the journal "Autonomous Agents & Multiagent Systems" and served as Editor in Chief (1998-2008); she is on the Editorial Board of six additional journals.

Plenary Lecture 1

Lightning Protection for Power Apparatuses



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Abstract: This paper proposes a new technology for protecting power apparatuses against overvoltage or overcurrent caused by lightning surge. Surge Protective Devices (SPDs) are used for protecting apparatuses against overvoltage or overcurrent caused by lightning surge. SPDs are mainly divided into two categories. One is clamping type and the other is switching type. Typical clamping type SPD is a variable resistor (varistor). Typical switching type SPD is a Gas-filled Discharge Tube (GDT). Both varistors and GDTs have problems when using them alone. This paper proposes a lightning surge response improvement by combinations of both varistors and GDTs in order to solve the problems of them. It is that three or more GDTs are connected in series and two or more varistors are connected in parallel. Problems of both them can simultaneously be solved by reducing the operating voltage with high response time. A disconnecter for an overvoltage protector is equipment that disconnects a circuit when the overvoltage protector may fail in a short circuit mode. The disconnecter and the overvoltage protector are connected in series. A fuse or a circuit breaker is normally used as a disconnecter. However there are problems with both methods. A fuse is not recyclable once it goes out. Even a circuit breaker is resettable, a lightning surge current causes switchgear of circuit breaker to open unnecessary. This malfunction spoils the overvoltage protective function which eliminates a lightning surge current into an instrument. If the problem which a switchgear of circuit breaker comes floating can be solved, even when a lightning surge current flows through it, an instrument can be protected by the overvoltage protector. This paper presents several approaches preventing circuit breaker type disconnectors from the malfunction.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: He was born in Yamanashi; Japan in 1952. He received his BS in Electrical engineering from Yamanashi University (1975), his MS in Electrical engineering from Yamanashi University (1977), and his Ph.D. from Tokyo University (1999).. His field is all EMC aspects such as lightning protection, noise reduction, earthing systems. He served 20 years in R&D center of NTT (Nihon Telegraph and Telephone public corporation). He was leader of EMC Department. Then He became professor of Polytechnic University. He published many books such as Recent Lightning Protection (ISBN4-542-30397-7) 2006, Electrical Engineering (ISBN4-87563-022-0) 2003, Earthing & Lightning Protection (ISBN4-88552-147-5) 2002. He obtained the best paper award for the 9th WSEAS International Conference (EHAC '10) University of Cambridge, UK, February 20-22, 2010, Electromagnetic Force Analyzed Results on Switchgear of Disconnecter for Overvoltage Protector, pp.135-140 Hitoshi Kijima, Tomooki Hasegawa. Recent papers are as follows. [1] H. Kijima, K. Takato, K. Murakawa, Lightning protection for gas-pipelines installed under the ground, International Journal of systems and applications, engineering & development, Issue 1, vol. 5, pp117-126, 2011 [2] H. Kijima, T. Hasegawa, Electrical force analyzed results on switchgear of disconnecter for overvoltage protector, WSEAS Transactions on power systems, Issue 1, vol. 5, pp32-41, 2010 [3] H. Kijima, M. Shibayama, Circuit breaker type disconnecter for overvoltage protector, WSEAS Transactions on power systems, Issue 5, vol. 4, pp167-176, 2009 [4] H. Kijima, A Development of Earthing-Resistance-Estimation Instrument International Journal of geology, Issue 4, vol. 4, pp112-116, 2009.

Plenary Lecture 2

Description of Continuous and Discrete Systems by Means of State Space Energy Approach, Theory and Results



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Abstract: It is familiar that there are two basic approaches to system modeling. The first one consists in using mathematical formulas and physical principles (a causality principle, different forms of conservation laws, power balance relations, etc.) in order to describe appropriate system behavior. It has successfully been used in many fields of science and engineering so far. However, there are also situations where physical laws are not known or cannot be expressed in a proper mathematically exact form. In that case the second basic so called cybernetic approach to system modeling can be turned. It is based on identification methods working in terms of experimentally gained data. It is possible to divide the identification methods into two groups: parametric and non-parametric, respectively. If any prior information about a system structure is not available then one of non-parametric procedures has to be chosen for system identification. On the other hand, imagine that a physical structure of an investigated system would be known. In such cases some of available parametric methods can be used and consequently more adequate results from the physical correctness point of view should be obtained. Unfortunately, any reliable explicit knowledge about a physical system structure is more likely an exception than a rule. Therefore, a system structure is mostly chosen ad hoc only behalf of heuristic arguments. Subsequently it has to be verified whether obtained quantitative results are not in conflict with obvious qualitative expectations concerning regular system behavior and/or results of additional experiments performed on a real system. The lecture is organized as follows: The first part is devoted to the problem of physical correctness of systems models and new concept of the state space energy is introduced and a generalized form of the theorem called the Lyapunov-Tellegen/s principle is presented. In the second part there are demonstrated some of application concerning problem of the state space energy including continuous and discrete-time systems and also chaotic systems. The nonlinear stability analysis by means of the proposed state space energy based method is also discussed. Results of simulation examples will also presented.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Milan Stork received the M.Sc. degree in electrical engineering from the Technical University of Plzen, Czech Republic at the department of Applied electronics in 1974. He specialized in electronics systems and control in research institute in Prague. Since 1977 he worked as lecturer on University of West Bohemia in Plzen. He received Ph.D. degree in automatic control systems at the Czech Technical University in Prague in 1985. In 1997, he became as Associate Professor. From 2007 he is full professor at the Department of Applied Electronics and Telecommunication, faculty of electrical engineering on University of West Bohemia in Plzen, Czech Republic. He has numerous journal and conference publications. He is member of editorial board magazine "Physician and Technology". His research interest includes analog/digital linear, nonlinear and chaotic systems, control systems, signal processing and biomedical engineering, especially cardiopulmonary exercise systems.

Plenary Lecture 3

On Partial Differential Equations to Diffusion-Based Population and Innovation Models



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Abstract: Multiple circumstances and diffusion mechanisms in biological and economic modeling involve partial differential equations (PDEs). Functional PDEs (with discrete delays) may be even more adapted to real world problems. Some PDEs are already attached to basic concepts such as a marginal rate of substitution or an elasticity of substitution, from which we can infer the form of utility or production functions. Other PDEs are inherent to the resolution process of a problem, such as the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman PDE for solving continuous-time control problems (e.g. Stackelberg differential games), and the Fokker-Planck PDE of parabolic type to obtain the probability density function of solutions in an uncertain random environment (e.g. to determine the probability that a particle will be found in a given region). In the modeling process, PDEs (with even more complications) may also formalize behaviors, such as the logistic growth of populations with migrations, and the adopters' dynamics of new products in innovation models. In biology, these events are then related to the variations in the environment, the population densities and overcrowding, the migrations and spreading of humans, animals, plants and other cells and organisms. In economics and management science, the diffusion processes of technological innovations in the Marketplace (e.g. the mobile phone) is a major subject. Moreover, these innovation diffusion models refer mainly to epidemic models. This contribution introduces to this powerful modeling process with PDEs and reviews the essential features of the dynamics in ecological and economic modeling. The computations are carried out by using the software Wolfram Mathematica ® 8.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Andre A. Keller (Prof.) is at present an associated researcher in mathematical economics at CLERSE a research unit UMR8019 of the French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) by the Université de Lille 1, Sciences et Technologies. He is also participating to the group 'Dynamique et Complexité' which is supported by the Fédération de Physique et Interfaces. He received a PhD in Economics (Operations Research) in 1977 from the Université de Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne. He is a WSEAS Member since 2010 and a Reviewer for the journals Ecological Modelling (Elsevier) and WSEAS Transactions on Information Science and Applications. He taught applied mathematics (optimization techniques) and econometric modeling, microeconomics, theory of games and dynamic macroeconomic analysis. His experience centers are on building and analyzing large scale macro-economic models, as well as forecasting. His research interest has concentrated on: high frequency time-series modeling with application to the foreign exchange market, on discrete mathematics (graph theory), stochastic differential games and tournaments, circuit analysis, optimal control under uncertainties. His publications consist in writing articles, books and book chapters. The book chapters are e.g. on semi-reduced forms (Martinus Nijhoff, 1984), econometrics of technical change (Springer and IISA, 1989), advanced time-series analysis (Woodhead Faulkner, 1989), stochastic differential games (Nova Science, 2009), optimal fuzzy control (InTech, 2009). One book is on time-delay systems (LAP, 2010). One another book is on nonconvex optimization techniques (WSEAS Press, forthcoming 2012).

Plenary Lecture 4

Grids of the Future-Transition to Smart Grids



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Abstract: Believe the electric power system is undergoing a profound change driven by a number of needs. there's the need for environmental compliance and energy conservation. we need better grid reliability while dealing with an aging infrastructure and we need improved operational efficiencies and customer service. the changes that are happening are particularly significant for the electricity distribution grid, where "blind" and manual operations, along with the electromechanical components, will need to be transformed into a "smart grid." this transformation will be necessary to meet environmental targets, to accommodate a greater emphasis on demand response, and to support plug-in hybrid electric vehicles as well as distributed generation and storage capabilities.

It is safe to say that these needs and changes present the power industry with the biggest challenge it has ever faced. on one hand, the transition to a smart grid has to be evolutionary to keep the lights on; on the other hand, the issues surrounding the smart grid are significant enough to demand major changes in power systems operating philosophy.

With emerging requirements for renewable portfolio standards (RPS), limits on greenhouse gases, and demand response and energy conservation measures, environmental issues have moved to the forefront of the utility business. The RPS mechanism generally places an obligation on electricity supply companies to provide a minimum percentage of their electricity from approved renewable energy sources.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. Shahram Javadi received his B.Sc. from Amirkabir University, M.Sc. from K.N.T. University of Technology and Ph.D. from I.A.U., Science and Research Branch in Electrical Engineering. He has been in charge of faculty member at Technical and Engineering Faculty in I.A.U., Central Tehran Branch (1996-Now) and has taught courses in the Electrical Engineering Department. He has also served as Visiting Professor at the ISEL, Institute /Superior of Engineering of Lisbon since 2008 while he is currently Professor and Director Research of I.A.U., Central Tehran Branch, IRAN.

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Plenary Lecture 5

A Concept on Thermal Equilibrium Establishment and Its Use in Heat Treating Industry



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Abstract: Heat treating of materials is connected with two or three thermal equilibrium establishment and evaluation of transition time from an initial thermal equilibrium to another one. For example, a system of steel components during batch quenching first is heated to austenitizing temperature T_0 (800°C – 900°C) and then is transferred to liquid medium with temperature T_m . After cooling in liquid is finished, the third equilibrium establishment follows when system is subjected to deep cryogenic treatment. In both cases transition time is the main technological parameter which should be properly determined to be a right recipe. In the plenary lecture the equations for cooling time evaluation of steel parts of any configuration are proposed. Also, a new idea on thermal equilibrium establishment is discussed which is based on analyzing parabolic and hyperbolic heat conductivity equations. According to the main postulate of thermodynamics, the thermal equilibrium is always realized and its time of appearing is a finite value. According to classic parabolic heat conductivity equation, the thermal equilibrium is established when time is infinity. The contradiction can be solved by taking into account thermal fluctuations which destroy exponential law of cooling (heating) and lead to finite time of equilibrium establishing. In the presentation, it is shown that thermal equilibrium is realized in certain (finite) time which depends very slightly on initial temperature and in many cases is almost the same. However, transition time considerably depends on size of system, its configuration, thermal properties of material, properties of liquid, and its agitation. The correlations on this subject are provided to calculate system's transition time from one thermal equilibrium to another. The results of investigations are used for the new technologies development which increase wear resistance of tools and service life of machine components.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. Kobasko received his Ph.D. from the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. He is a leading expert on quenching and heat transfer during the hardening of steels. He was the Head of the laboratory of the Thermal Science Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. He is Director of Technology and Research and Development for IQ Technologies, Inc., Akron, Ohio and supervisor of Intensive Technologies, Ltd, Kyiv, Ukraine. The aim of both companies is material savings, ecological problem-solving, and increasing service life of steel parts. He is an ASM International Fellow (FASM). Dr. Kobasko is the author and coauthor of more than 270 scientific and technical papers, several books and more than 30 patents and certificates. He received the Da Vinci Diamond Award and Certificate in recognition of an outstanding contribution to thermal science.

Dr. Nikolai Kobasko was Editor-in-Chief and Co-Editor of the WSEAS Transactions on Heat and Mass Transfer; and is currently a member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Mechanics (NAUN) and the Journal of ASTM International (JAI).

Plenary Lecture 6

Method for Determining the Residual Stress-Strain State of Welded Structures through the Wavelet Transform



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Abstract: The method refers to the technical field relating to the use of technology and non-destructive methods for the determination of residual stress-strain state induced in the welded structures.

Currently, for the determination of residual stress-strain state induced in the welded products, different methodologies are used which are distinguished in two main categories: destructive and nondestructive methods.

It has been developed a non-destructive method for determining the stress-strain state of welded structures which allows to identify and then point-out the areas (cluster) of the welded skin showing frequency bands emissivity related to the different thermal conductivity of the material that, due to thermoplastic important variations during the welding step, modify the morphology of its grains, and, consequently, the surface emissivity.

The proposed methodology allows to evaluate in real time, by means of non-destructive technique, the residual stress-strain state in the welded structures, using the wavelet transform.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Vincenzo Niola is professor of Applied Mechanics at Naples University Federico II since 31 march 1987. After he got an University Degree in Mechanical Engineering, he started in January 1978 didactics activity as helper at course of Applied Mechanics and Machines et as member of their committee of examination. Since September 1979 he carried on that collaboration as owner of a scholarship from C.N.R. (National Research Council). Since December 1981 to March 1987 he was a researcher carrying on the practice course for Applied Mechanics, taking a part at examination meeting and working as proposer in many degree thesis. Since 1981 to 1984 he carried on his didactics activity as university teacher for Bioengineering course of locomotive apparatus at Orthopaedy and Traumatology specialization school of 2th Department of Medicine and Surgery of Naples University. Since 31 March 1987 is professor of Applied Mechanics at Naples University Federico II, and since A.A. 86/87 to A.A. 92/93 he carried on the Applied Mechanics and Machines course for electronic engineers, and since A.A. 93/94 to today carry on the Applied Mechanics course for computer science engineers. Since A.A. 88/89 to 89/90 he carried on as supply teacher the Applied Mechanics course for building engineers at Salerno Engineering University. By A.A. 94/95 to A.A. 97/98 he carried on as supply professor Tribology course at Naples University Federico II. By A.A. 2001/2002 he holds the chair of Applied Mechanics for University Degree of "Orthopaedic Technician" at 2th Department of Medicine and Surgery of Naples University. Since A.A. 2005/2006 is professor of Tribology and of Complements of Mechanics. During this years Prof. Vincenzo Niola has been the chairman of his courses examination meetings, and was proposer of many degree thesis.. During his activity Prof. Vincenzo Niola was owner of financings from MURST and (in past and present) cooperate scientifically with research corporation and national industries (MERISINTER, MONTEFLUOS, INDESIT, ALENIA, C.I.R.A.). He's scientific member of Naples research unit for PRIN 2003. He's fellow of Italian Association of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (AIMETA). He's member of IFToMM Linkages on cams committee. He belongs to the International Scientific Committee of the "World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society (WSEAS)". He is President of the WSEAS Italy Chapter on the "Analysis of the Mechanical Systems". He was been Chairman and "invited author" in some session of Internatinal Conferences. He's author of more than 150 national and international papers. Is author of two chapters in the international books. In the past he focused his research activity on:

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- Robot dynamics

- Funicular Railways
- Static and dynamic behaviour of rotors on lubricated journal bearings
- Industrial robot calibration
- Analysis of Mechanical systems by means Wavelet Transform.

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Plenary Lecture 7

Dual Rotor Single Inverter and Single Stator PMSM for HEVs



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Abstract: Electric propulsion systems on HEVs (hybrid electric vehicles) are part of ICE vehicle electrification, to reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ pollution and (or) increase human safety and comfort. The axial flux permanent magnet (AFPM) machine, also called the disc-type machine, is an attractive alternative due to its pancake shape, compact constructions and high power density. AFPM motors are particularly suitable for electrical vehicles, pumps, fans, valve control, centrifuges, machine tools, robots and industrial.

The present paper reviews in terms of topology and performance, what was done so far on electric propulsion systems for HEVs.

The actual e - continuously variable transmission (e-CVT) solution for the parallel Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) requires two electric machines, two inverters, and a planetary gear. A distinct electric generator and a propulsion electric motor, both with full power converters, are typical for a series HEV.

In an effort to simplify the planetary-gear e-CVT for the parallel HEV or the series HEV we hereby propose to replace the basically two electric machines and their two power converters by a single, axial-air-gap, electric machine central stator, fed from a single PWM converter with dual frequency voltage output and two independent PM rotors.

The proposed topologies, main key design equations, the magneto-motive force analysis, optimal design and quasi 3D-FEM validation, vector control strategy and PWM independent control for two shaft are the core of the presentation.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Sorin Ioan Deaconu, IEEE member from 2007, was born in Orastie, Romania, in 1965. He received the B. S. degree in electrical engineering in 1989 and Ph.D. degree in electrical machines in 1998 from Polytechnic University of Timisoara, Romania.

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Plenary Lecture 8

A General Fuzzy Framework for Representing a System and Measuring its Performance



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Abstract: We develop a general model for representing several processes in Mathematics Education, Artificial Intelligence and Management (e.g. learning, mathematical modelling, problem-solving, case-based reasoning, etc) involving fuzziness and uncertainty. To each of the main stages of these processes we correspond a fuzzy subset of the set of the linguistic labels of negligible, low intermediate, high and complete success respectively at this stage and we use the total possibilistic uncertainty, i.e. the sum of strife and non specificity, as a measure of the system's performance (e.g. students' capacities, CBR system's effectiveness, etc). Examples and classroom experiments are also presented illustrating the use of our model in practice. Other fuzzy measures of a system's performance are also mentioned and used. These measures include the Shannon's entropy - properly adapted in terms of the Dempster-Shafer mathematical theory of evidence for use in a fuzzy environment - connected to the system's probabilistic uncertainty and the associated information. They also include the "centroid" method, in which the centre of mass of the graph of the membership function involved provides an alternative measure of the system's efficiency.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Michael Gr. Voskoglou (B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Phil. , Ph.D. in Mathematics) is currently Professor of Mathematical Sciences at the Graduate Technological Educational Institute of Patras, Greece. He is the author of 8 books (7 in Greek and 1 in English language) and of about 240 papers published in reputed journals and proceedings of conferences of 22 countries in 5 continents, with many references from other researchers. He is also a reviewer of the AMS and member of the Editorial Board or referee in several mathematical journals. His research interests include Algebra, Fuzzy Sets, Markov Chains and Mathematics Education.

Plenary Lecture 9

A System of Systems Approach for Improved Autonomy of Unmanned Systems



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Abstract: There is an urgent need to improve the autonomy, safety, survivability and availability of such critical assets as unmanned systems that are subjected to internal and/or external threats in the execution of a mission. Design for autonomy is taking central stage in the operational needs process development and implementation by responding to significant and urgent safety situations. The industrial and commercial sectors are faced with such needs and challenges. We propose an intelligent strategy for the design of autonomous systems that builds upon concepts from Prognostics and Health Management (PHM) and Fault Tolerant Control (FTC) or reconfigurable control.

The “game changing” aspects of the proposed framework for improved autonomy and its constituent modules are summarized below:

- A rigorous methodology for on-line Remaining Useful Life (RUL) estimation of ailing components will be applied to health management for critical systems with performance guarantees.
- A decision-making module that assesses the integrity of the ailing components and enacts the proper mitigation methodology based on current mission objectives.
- A novel prognostics-based control methodology that utilizes Model Predictive Control and an optimization scheme to trade off system performance for increased RUL, in an attempt to extend the useful life of a degrading asset until its mission is completed.
- Performance and effectiveness metrics to support the optimum design and validation of design for autonomy algorithms.
- A rigorous treatment of trust, risk, confidence and uncertainty management to resolve possible human-automation conflicts and assist the decision making process.
- The integrated integrity management architecture may be implemented on-platform and run in real time. Generic aspects of the approach will be readily applied to other air systems.

We will discuss in this presentation the design for autonomy framework with emphasis on system requirements to monitor their own performance, detect and predict the evolution of fault modes and reconfigure the available control authority in order to safeguard the system integrity in the execution of a mission.

Brief Biography of the Speaker: Dr. George Vachtsevanos is Professor Emeritus at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Vachtsevanos directs the Intelligent Control Systems laboratory at Georgia Tech where faculty and students conduct research in intelligent control of complex manufacturing, industrial and aerospace systems, reliability and safety of large-scale systems/processes and unmanned systems. Faculty and students in the laboratory began research in diagnostics in 1985 with a series of projects in collaboration with Boeing Aerospace Company funded by NASA and aimed at the development of fuzzy logic based algorithms for fault diagnosis and control of major space station subsystems. Dr. Vachtsevanos and his research team were involved in a series of programs since 1985 in diagnostics and more recently in prognostics funded by government and industry. His research has been supported over the years by ONR, NSWC, the MURI Integrated Diagnostics program at Georgia Tech, the U.S. Army’s Advanced Diagnostic program, General Dynamics, General Motors Corporation, the Academic Consortium for Aging Aircraft program, the U.S. Air Force Space Command, Bell Helicopter, Fairchild Controls, among others. The innovative technologies have relied on both data-driven and model-based algorithms from the domains of soft computing, Dempster-Shafer theory, Bayesian estimation techniques and physics-based modeling architectures. He has been developing innovative diagnostic and prognostic technologies for NASA, ONR, DARPA, and other government agencies. The application domains range from automotive electrical storage and distribution systems, to high power amplifiers, environmental control systems, and critical engine and drive system aircraft components. Of

special note are two programs in prognosis of critical aircraft components sponsored by DARPA, the first one in collaboration with Northrop Grumman and other participants and the second with Pratt and Whitney. Dr. Vachtsevanos has developed and has been administering an intensive four-day short course on "Fault Diagnostics/Prognostics for Equipment Reliability and Health Maintenance." The group's research activities in intelligent control and CBM/PHM have been recognized by the community for establishing the foundation for these emerging technologies. More recently, Dr. Vachtsevanos has been investigating the coupling between control and CBM/PHM technologies. Under sponsorship by government and industry his research group is developing innovative fault-tolerant control methodologies aimed to utilize prognostic information and improve the reliability and safety of critical systems.

He has published over 300 technical papers and is the recipient of the 2002-2003 Georgia Tech School of ECE Distinguished Professor Award and the 2003-2004 Georgia Institute of Technology Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award. He is the lead author of a book on Intelligent Fault Diagnosis and Prognosis for Engineering Systems published by Wiley in 2006.

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