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Introducing the Report

“It’s not the walls that make a school, but the spirit living inside.”
King Ferdinand I, 1923

The needs for a modern society, in the context of a competitive global market, require highly skilled human resource development. In this context, the role of universities in the innovation process has increased continuously over time because the development of new products or technologies depends more and more on the findings of scientific research.

Established in 1920, shortly after the union of Romanian territories, in a European context marked by the redefinition of states and by the aftermath of World War I, the Polytechnic School in Timisoara – as it was originally called – was the answer to one of the requirements of the Romanian society of the time, namely the formation of engineers.

The mission of the Politehnica University of Timisoara is to offer nationally competitive and internationally recognized opportunities for Learning, Research, and Innovation at the highest levels of excellence. As a resource of knowledge for the public, the university builds partnerships with other educational institutions, community organizations, government agencies, and the private sector to fulfill the requirements for competences of the societal environment through superior professional training for students and graduates.

The present Research Report of Politehnica University of Timisoara gathers the main results obtained through the research activities carried out within the university in 2017, Politehnica being renowned as a remarkable actor on the stage of scientific research, both at national and international level. Our research activity is facilitated by the existence of twenty-six research centres specialized in fields that are capital for the sustainable development of any modern society. Each of these research centres brings together various prestigious researchers, whom, by their effort and vision, provide PUT with the incentives needed to contribute to the progress of our society.

Most of the research activity carried out by our institution is financed through external sources, obtained either from national and international calls for projects, or through agreements with private companies. This represents a confirmation of the superior quality of the research, but also of the prestige and professional deontology of the researchers affiliated to our institution. Politehnica’s reputation as an institution of advanced research is also emphasized by the patents obtained by its researchers, by the medals and prizes obtained in both national and international competitions, and by the collaborations with important research centres and institutes from Romania and from abroad.

Each year we select the most talented young researchers for our doctoral school, providing them with the opportunity to transform their knowledge and ideas into the innovations of tomorrow. Many of them take part in peer learning programs and consolidate in this way the relationship between our university and similar partner institutions. They strive for becoming doctors in science.

This report is divided into twelve sections, each one presenting a specific component of the research activity performed within the institution.

The first section focuses on the research infrastructure, which comprises the twenty-six research centres hosted by the university. The order in which they are presented is given by the research fields. The research centres, respectively teams of researchers, on different themes, are highly important for our university since they manage to put into practice the scientific research strategy of the university successfully, within the framework of numerous grants and contracts won by competition. The research results are materialized in papers, patents and products, all bringing for the University prestige, as well as important funds.

The second section of the Research Report is dedicated to the Scientific Excellence Awards. These prestigious awards celebrate those colleagues who have made a significant contribution in their field of research and continue to inspire future generations to get involved in science.

The third and fourth sections include the research projects implemented by the university. The third section includes the projects supported by public funds, both national and international, while the fourth one includes the projects supported by private funds awarded by companies. For the purposes of this report, we have chosen the most relevant projects for our the most representative projects for our research strategy.

The innovative capacity of the Politehnica University of Timisoara is supported by teachers and scientific researchers through patents and utility models invented, presented in the fifth section.

Politehnica University of Timisoara recognizes scientific excellence by conferring the honorary degrees of Doctor Honoris Causa and Honorary Professor to distinguished Researchers for their contribution to the development of PUT of continuous support, as shown in section six of this Report.

Sections seven and eight include habilitation theses and PhD theses held in 2017 in our University.

Section nine presents an overview of the most relevant scientific conferences that brought together scholars and professionals from Romania and from abroad. The conferences hosted by our university encouraged the dialogue, facilitated the exchange of ideas, and offered a great opportunity for new collaborations.

The tenth section gathers the scientific journals that have been published by our institution. This category includes journals specialized in various fields, such as computer science, chemistry and environmental engineering, electronics and communications, economics and social sciences, electrical engineering, mathematics and physics, hydrotechnics, physical education and sport, modern languages, etc.

The dissemination of the research results and findings is an integral part of the research process and the career in academia. Section eleven presents the most relevant scientific researches that have been published in 2017. It comprises the results obtained by our researchers, namely the papers that obtained recognition from some of the most prestigious journals, from both Romania and abroad.

And finally the twelfth section comprises a collection of books written by our researchers, most of them published under Politehnica Publishing House.

Through research we generate ideas, through ideas we generate innovation and through innovation we contribute to the improvement of the quality of life; this is why research is our priority.

RESEARCH CENTRES



Research Institute for Renewable Energy

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Research Centre for Computers and Information Technology

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Research Centre for Automatic Systems Engineering

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Research Centre for Power Systems Analysis and Optimization

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Research Centre for Intelligent Signal Processing

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Research Centre for Multimedia

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Research Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering

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Research Centre for Inorganic Materials and Alternative Energies

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Research Centre for Organic, Macromolecular and Natural Compounds' Chemistry and Engineering

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Research Centre for Mechanics of Materials and Structural Safety

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Research Centre for Hidrotechnical Engineering and Environmental Protection

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Research Centre for Processing and Characterization of Advanced Materials

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Research Centre for Complex Fluid Systems Engineering

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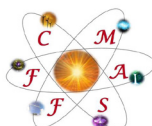
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SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Elsevier's Scopus Awards Romania 2017 Award for Excellence in Global Contribution Radu-Emil PRECUP, Mircea-Bogdan RĂDAC & Ștefan PREITL

The Elsevier Scopus Award for Excellence in Global Contribution is awarded to a specific research program that contributes significantly to a scientific field or matter of global importance, in accordance with Romania's currently publicized research strategies. The awardee is chosen using the SciVal metric "Competencies," which is measured at the national level.

Data from Elsevier's Scopus and SciVal are used to identify the nominees and determine the winning research program. All currently available data from all Romanian programs are collected and analyzed for this award.

The winners of the Elsevier Scopus Award for Excellence in Global Contribution are Radu-Emil PRECUP, Mircea-Bogdan RĂDAC and Ștefan PREITL, Politehnica University of Timisoara, for research in area of Control and Systems Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Electrical and Electronic Engineering.



The Winners of Scopus Awards Romania 2017 event took place on October 26th, 2017, in Iasi, Romania.



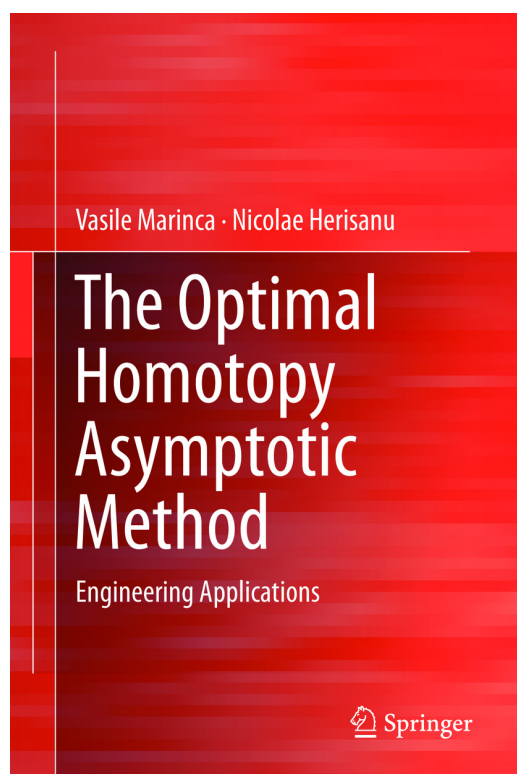
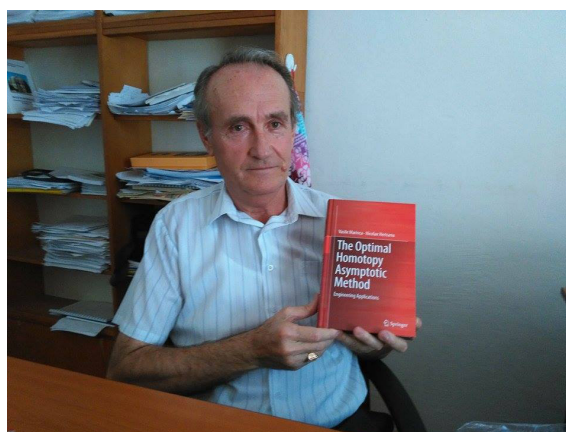
Romanian Academy 2017 "Aurel Vlaicu" Award Prof. Vasile MARINCA, PhD & Prof. Nicolae HERIȘANU, PhD

On December 15, 2017, the Romanian Academy awarded the "Aurel Vlaicu Award" to Prof. Vasile Marinca and Prof. Nicolae Herisanu for the monograph "The Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method. Engineering Applications", published by the famous publisher SPRINGER Verlag in 2015.

The method developed in this book was proposed for the first time in the scientific literature by the two authors in 2008 and received up to now more than 600 citations from other authors.

The entire monograph is based on the scientific research done by the two authors, being presented in detail 41 case studies related to various fields of research, such as technical mechanics, mechanical vibration, fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, electrical engineering, and so on.

Explicit analytical solutions are obtained for nonlinear dynamical systems specific to the above mentioned fields and these solutions are validated by comparisons with numerical solutions, a very good accuracy being emphasized in each case.



Date of award ceremony: December 15, 2017, at 10 am, Hall of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest

Web: <http://www.acad.ro/bdar/galeriiFoto/foto2017-1215St78.php>

It is to remark that up to now, this monograph is present in more than 200 university libraries worldwide, according to the international catalog WorldCat (www.worldcat.org).

Politehnica University of Timisoara CLAAS Award for EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH Assist. Prof. Emanoil LINUL, PhD

CLAAS award for
EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
in the academic year 2016-2017



Emanoil Linul – Assist. Professor, PhD.
Department of Mechanics and Strength of Materials,
Politehnica University of Timisoara



- He is 33 years old;
- In the years 2016, 2017 he published 14 scientific papers in the ISI circuit, 12 papers in ISI indexed Journals and 2 papers in ISI Proceedings, 9 being located in the first two quartiles (6 in Q1 Journals, 3 in Q2 Journals).
- He is first author/correspondent author at 6 out of 14 mentioned papers.
- He has $H_{index} = 9$ - WOS and over 200 citations highlighted in WOS;
- He has $H_{index} = 9$ - Scopus and over 250 citations highlighted in Scopus;
- He has $H_{index} = 11$ - Google Scholar and over 390 citations highlighted in Google Scholar;
- He has published in the entire research activity 40 scientific papers in the ISI circuit, of which 31 in ISI Journals;
- He leads, as a Director, a research project obtained in the internal competition Research Development Projects - Young Researchers;
- Scientific areas of interest are: fracture mechanics, composite materials, porous and cellular materials;
- Received Awards and Distinctions:
 1. A Research Trophy + plaque signed by the Rector of UPT;
 2. A Grant of 1000 EURO to support research activities.



Politehnica University of Timisoara Award for EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH Assoc. Prof. Claudiu ALBULESCU, PhD

The Prize for "Excellence in Research" for the results obtained during the academic year 2016-2017

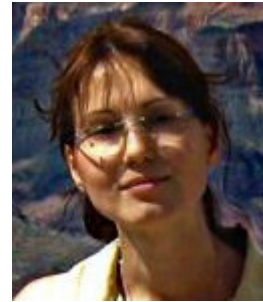
At the end of the year, Politehnica University of Timisoara awarded the "Excellence in Research" prizes to young people who achieved remarkable results during the academic year 2016-2017. As principal investigator, Claudiu Albulescu successfully finalized in 2017 a research grant for young research teams, awarded by UEFISCDI. During the academic year 2016-2017 he published 18 articles in journals and conference proceedings, indexed by Thomson Reuters. Claudiu Albulescu is currently Associate Professor at the Management Department, Faculty of Management in Production and Transports, from the Politehnica University of Timisoara. He is also associated research at CRIEF (University of Poitiers). His research fields are related to macroeconomics and monetary economics, banking and finance, energy economics, financial management and entrepreneurship.



IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2017) BEST PAPER AWARD Lecturer Codruța Orniana ANCUȚI, PhD & Lecturer Cosmin ANCUȚI, PhD

The team consisting of Codruta O. Ancuti (UPT, ETC, MEO), Cosmin Ancuti (UPT, ETC, MEO), Christophe DeVleeschouwer (University Catholique of Louvain) and Rafael Garcia (University of Girona) has been awarded with “Best Paper Award” for the paper “Locally Adaptive Color Correction for Underwater Image Dehazing and Matching” presented at CVPR workshop NTIRE 2017

(<http://www.vision.ee.ethz.ch/ntire17/>).



Codruta Orniana Ancuti
Senior Researcher / Lecturer

I completed my Ph.D. at Hasselt University (Belgium) in 2011. Starting with 2013 I am a Lecturer at UPT. My main interest of research is image understanding and visual perception. The goal of perceptually validated approaches is to enable computers to acquire images and extract important features comparable with the human visual system and beyond. I am currently a research fellow at University of Girona (ViCOROB group), where I pursue my research on underwater image enhancement.



IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2017) has been held at Honolulu Convention Center, Hawaii, US and had had an attendance of more than 5000 researcher and industry partners.

CVPR is the premier annual computer vision event comprising the main conference and several co-located workshops and short courses. With its high quality and low cost, it provides an exceptional value for students, academics and industry researchers.



Cosmin Ancuti
Senior Researcher / Lecturer

I am lecturer at UPT and research fellow at University Catholique of Louvain, Belgium. Prior to joining UPT, I was a senior researcher at University of Hasselt, Belgium. My main research interests are image processing and computer vision.

4th International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Social Sciences and Arts SGEM 2017 BEST SPEAKER AWARD Assoc. Prof. Mariana CERNICOVA-BUCĂ, PhD

Assoc. Prof. Mariana Cernicova-Bucă, PhD, from the Faculty of Communication Sciences (UPT), obtained the Best Speaker Award for the paper "Placing Romania on the Map" at the 4th International SGEM Conference on Social Sciences and Arts, which took place in Albena, Bulgaria in August 22-30, 2017 (<http://sgemsocial.org/>).

The Conference Proceedings Volumes (ISSN 2367-5659) are subject to indexing in ISI Web of Knowledge, Clarivate Analytics, ELSEVIER products Mendeley, CrossRef, EBSCO, ProQuest, RSCI, Google Scholar, CiteUlike, CrossRef Citedby Linking, British Library and host over 1,300 papers presented on site.

The conference is organized under the aegis of 18 national academies from three continents. The "Best speaker award", bearing a diploma and an engraved crystal trophy, is awarded at the proposal of the section moderators in which the papers are presented. The titles are presented to the laureats at a festive ceremony, at the end of the multidisciplinary conference.



International Exhibitions (I), (II), (III) Medals, prizes and diplomas Ștefan PAVEL

1. The International Exhibition of Research, Innovation and Inventions "Pro Invent" the 15th edition, March 22-24, 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (I)
2. The International Exhibition of Inventions and Innovations "TRAIAN VUIA" Timișoara the 3rd edition, 7-9 June 2017 (II)
3. The Innovation and Research Exhibition UGAL INVENT, 19-20 October 2017, Galati, Romania (III)

1. Installation for decontamination of residual water in the dental unit

A / 00658 / 05.09.2013

RO129343 (A0);(A8) / 30.05.2014

Pavel Ștefan, Talpoș Niculescu Șerban, Streian Felicia, Găină Paulina Ioana, Doboși Ioan Silviu, Bratu Emanuel Adrian, Borza Ioan

- The Diploma and the Golden Medal (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence and the Silver Medal (III)

2. Lighting installation for the "ceramic chamber" compartment of the dental laboratory

RO 2013 00033

Pavel Ștefan, Talpoș-Niculescu Șerban, Streian Felicia, Găină Paulina Ioana, Doboși Ioan Silviu, Bratu Emanuel Adrian, Borza Ioan

- The Diploma and the Silver Medal (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

3. Compressed air installation for dental units

RO 2013 00050

Pavel Ștefan, Borza Ioan

- The Diploma and the Bronze Medal (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

4. Electrical installation for air disinfecting in dental units

RO 2014 00031

Pavel Ștefan, Suci Silviu Cristian, Borza Iconia Ecaterina, Hogeia Elena, Dumitrașcu Victor, Vlad Daliborca Cristina, Adam Andrei, Lăcătușu Eugen-Florin, Jifcu Deian Adrian, Tutelcă Ancuța Letiția

- The Diploma of Excellence and the Golden Medal (I)
- The Diploma and the Golden Medal (II)
- SPECIAL PRIZE ("Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timișoara) (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

5. Portable device for air disinfecting from closed areas

U/00045/16.07.2015

Pavel Ștefan

- The Diploma and The Silver Medal (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

6. Portable device for pain or discomfort signaling during dental medical act

RO 2015 00055

Pavel Ștefan

- The Diploma of Excellence and the Golden Medal with Special Mention (I)
- The Diploma and the Bronze Medal (II)
- The Diploma of EXCELLENCE & INCDMTM TROPHY (III)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

7. Mobile installation for child support during pediatric radiology

U/00021/08.06.2016

Pavel Ștefan, Popoiu Călin Marius, Mocan Marian Liviu, Doboși Ioan Silviu, Șerban Dan Andrei

- The Diploma of Excellence and the Golden Medal with Special Mention (I)
- The Diploma and the Golden Medal (II)
- SPECIAL PRIZE with Medal ("Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timișoara) (II)
- The EXCELLENCE Diploma (University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Banat "Regele Mihai I") (II)
- The Bronze Medal (III)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

8. Electric lighting installation for dental aesthetics

U/00018/28.04.2017

Pavel Ștefan, Krems Cristina, Mocan Marian Liviu, Doboși Ioan Silviu

- The Diploma and the Golden Medal (II)
- The Diploma of Excellence (III)

European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation - EUROINVENT

GOLD MEDAL & DIPLOMA

Floriana Daniela STOIAN, Sorin HOLOTESCU & Oana Maria MARINICĂ

PATENT TITLE: Planar transformer with magnetic nanofluid

Patent number: RO131757-A0/2017 awarded by OSIM

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Short description: in OSIM Bulletin, Section Patents, no.3/2017 (in Romanian)

Event: European Exhibition of Creativity and Innovation, EUROINVENT,

May 25th, 2017, Iasi, Romania

Award: Gold medal



American Romanian Academy of Arts and Science MENTION Assist. Prof. Delia Gabriela CĂLINOIU, PhD

Conference Title: the 41st Congress of the American Romanian
Academy of Arts and Science

Conference Date: 19-22.07.2017

Conference Location: CRAIOVA, ROMANIA

Organizer(s): UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA

Web:

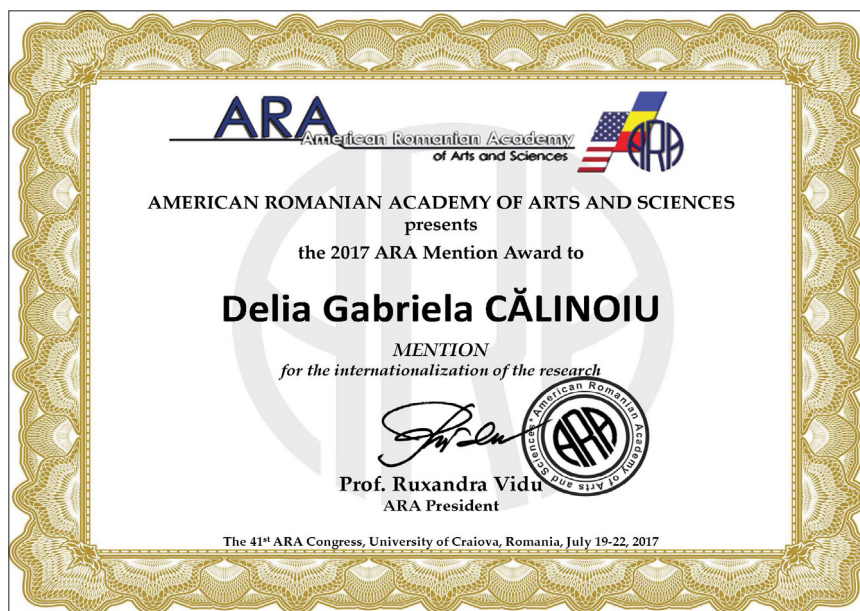
<http://www.americanromanianacademy.org/41st-congress-2017>

Short Description. Topics:

The areas of activity that ARA is presently involved in include:
environment, engineering, biology, applied mathematics, physics,
economy, literature, linguistics, history, politics, law, philosophy.

Publication of papers: (Published papers by:)

Publication of papers with title: "The importance of the aerosol
monitoring in renewable energy".



EXECUTIVE UNIT FOR FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION - UEFISCDI AWARDS - ARTICLES

Through these awards UEFISCDI aims to increase quality, impact and international visibility of Romanian research by recognizing and rewarding significant results published in prestigious journals from international senior scientific stream.

Within this competition can participate the researchers affiliated to institutions in Romania, authors of scientific articles published in journals indexed by Clarivate Analytics Science Citation Index Expanded ("Science"), Social Sciences Citation Index ("Social Sciences") or Arts & Humanities Citation Index ("Arts & Humanities").

More information at <http://uefiscdi.gov.ro/Public/cat/471/Premierea-rezultatelor-cercetarii.html>

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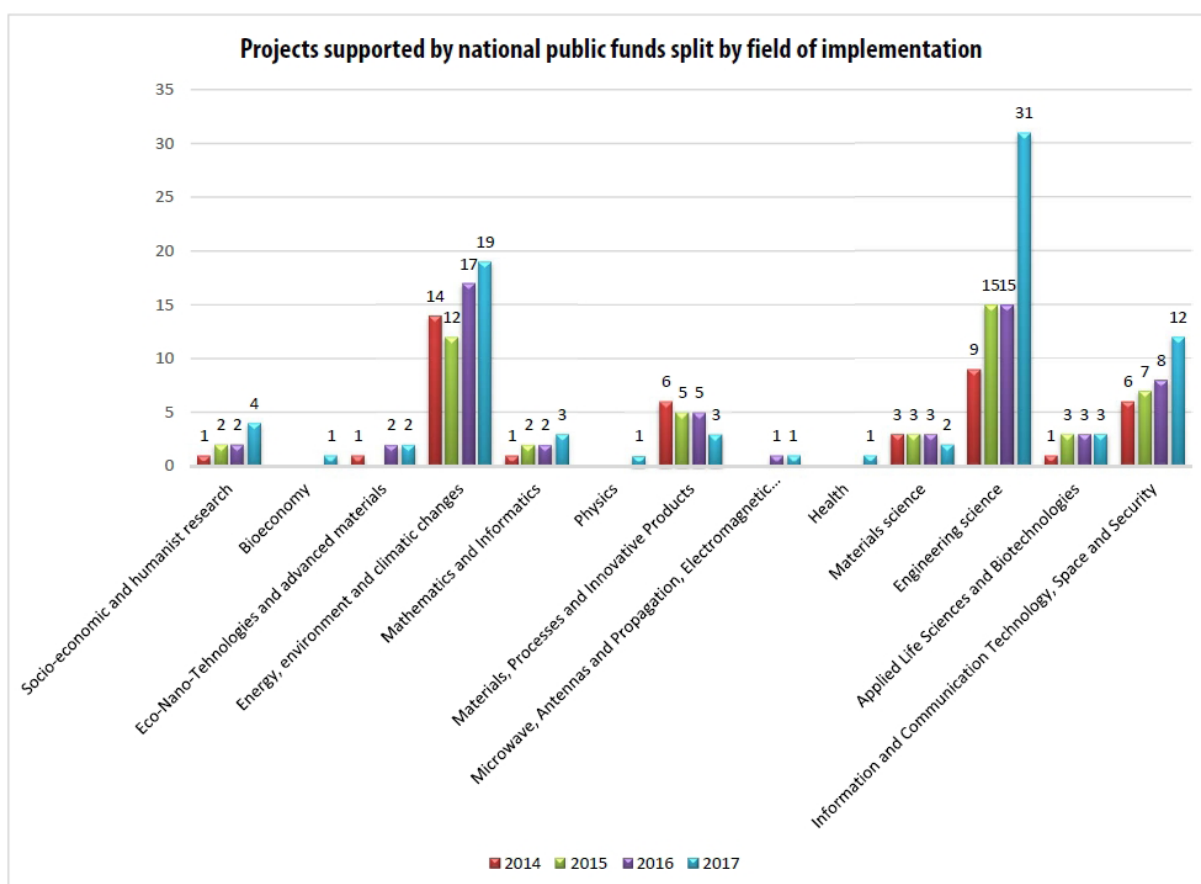
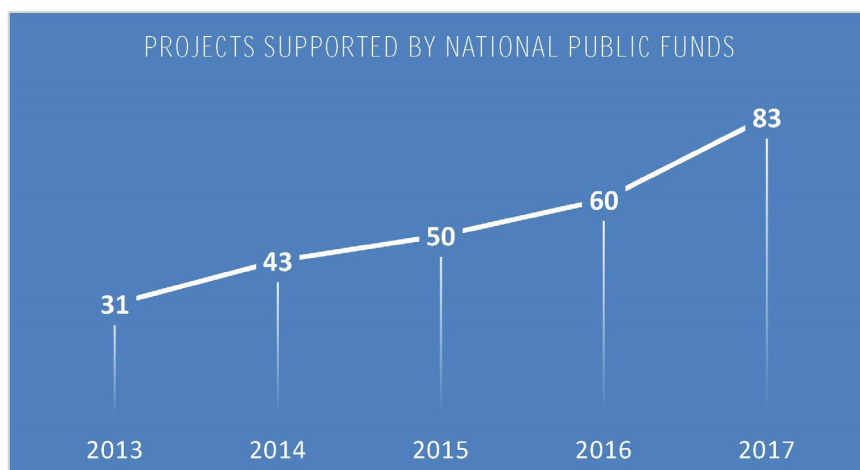
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PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL PUBLIC FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PUT 2017

Fields	Total number of projects	Number of projects presented
Socio-economic and humanist research	4	2
Bioeconomy	1	1
Eco-Nano-Tehnologies and advanced materials	2	2
Energy, environment and climatic changes	19	14
Mathematics and Informatics	3	1
Physics	1	-
Materials, Processes and Innovative Products	3	3
Microwave, Antennas and Propagation, Electromagnetic Compatibility, Metamaterials	1	-
Health	1	-
Materials science	2	1
Engineering science	31	7
Applied Life Sciences and Biotechnologies	3	3
Information and Communication Technology, Space and Security	12	10
Total	83	44

EVOLUTION OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL PUBLIC FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PUT 2013 - 2017



NEW PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES OF CONTROL SYSTEMS USING EXPERIMENT-BASED TUNING

Goal of the project

- Development of advanced control structures for automotive and mechatronics applications.
- Improvement and development of new Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy models and control solutions for a wide range of industrial processes, mechatronics, mobile robots and automotive applications.
- Optimal tuning of fuzzy models for automotive and mechatronics applications.
- Improvement and development of control algorithms for mobile robots.

Short description of the project

Advanced control structures and optimal tuning of fuzzy models for a wide range of industrial processes are offered.

Project implemented by

Department of Automation and Applied Informatics of UPT as the P2 partner, coordinator: University of Craiova, P1 partner: Moara Calafatului, P3 partner: "Lower Danube" University of Galati, director: Prof. Dr. Eng. Dan Selisteanu (University of Craiova).

Implementation period

2014-2017

Main activities

- Development and experimental validation of simple T-S fuzzy models, evolving fuzzy models and advanced controllers (2-DOF, predictive and fuzzy) for processes in automotive and mechatronics: anti-lock braking systems, nonlinear DC drive servo systems, magnetic levitation systems.
- Continuous development of the nRobotic platform for path planning and collision avoidance of mobile robots in missions.
- Modeling, simulation, analysis and development of: T-S PD + I fuzzy controllers, 2-DOF linear and fuzzy controllers, hybrid T-S fuzzy controllers for speed and position control of brushless DC drives with variable parameters and inputs.
- Optimal tuning of parameters of T-S fuzzy models using nature-inspired algorithms: charged system search, grey wolf optimization, gravitational search algorithms.

Results

Results in 2017:

- 2 papers published in Clarivate Analytics Web of Science (WoS) journals with impact factors.
- 2 papers published in conference proceedings indexed in WoS.
- 2 papers published in conference proceedings indexed in international databases.
- More than 50 independent citations in 2017.

Applicability and transferability of the results

- Nature-inspired evolutionary-based optimization algorithms in modeling and control design.
- Cost-effective solutions for control problems in mechatronics, electrical drives, automotive and robotics.
- Tools for the modeling, optimization and design of fuzzy control systems.
- Real-time programming and operating systems for control and robotics.

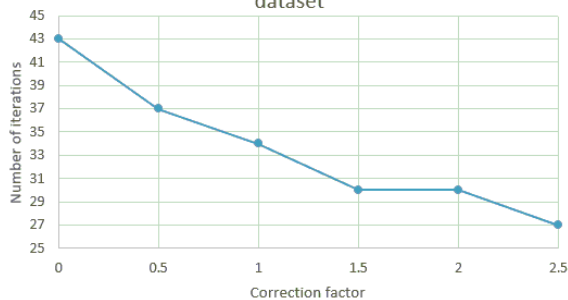
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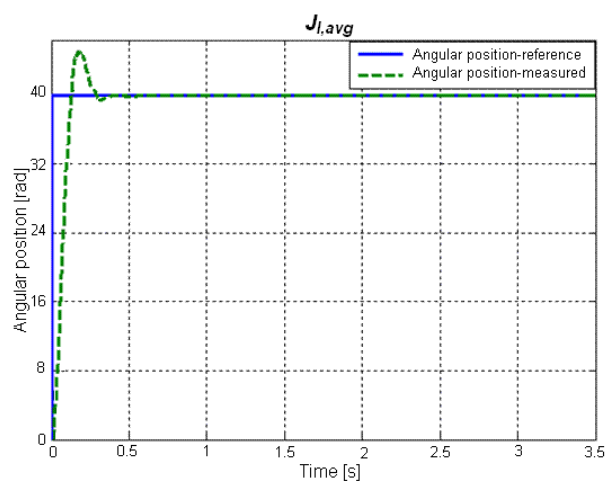
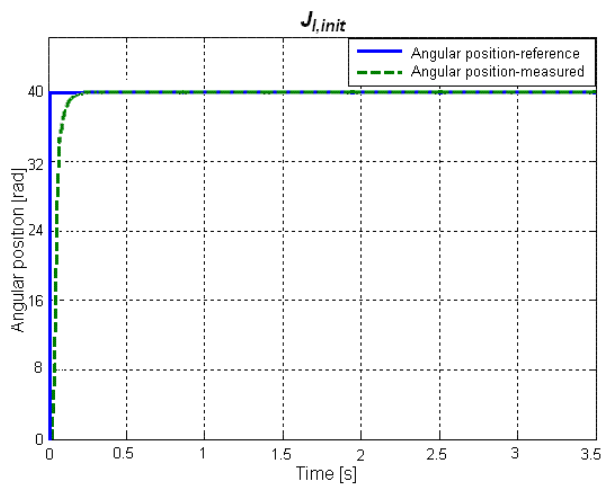
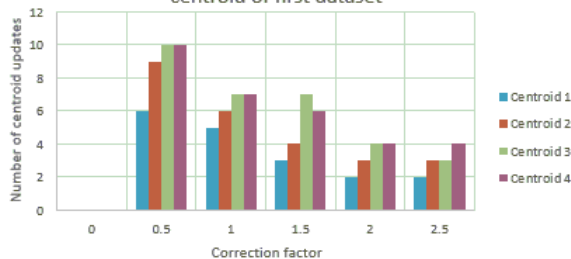
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Effect of centroid update approach applied to first dataset



Number of centroid updates applied to every centroid of first dataset



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ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEM OF A BIOREFINERY PLANT (BIOCON)

Goal of the project

- Enhancement and development of data-based (data-driven) techniques and algorithms for improving control system performances using experimental data.
- Enhancement and development of nature-inspired algorithms in optimization of control system performance.
- Development of optical character recognition (OCR) applications.
- Development of new fuzzy control solutions for a wide range of industrial processes.

Short description of the project

Enhance existing techniques, develop new ones for data-based control system performance improvement.

Project implemented by

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Implementation period

2014-2017

Main activities

- Application of Iterative Feedback Tuning (IFT) to controller tuning for nonlinear control systems.
- Model-Free Adaptive Control strategies applied to aerodynamic systems.
- An experiment-based approach to Reference Trajectory Tracking optimal control problem with constraints.
- Validation of iterative techniques on laboratory equipment: liquid level control, motion control systems with motor actuation (speed and position control).
- Enhancement of control systems performance by fuzzy control, IFT and nature-inspired optimization algorithms.
- PI and fuzzy controller tuning to ensure a reduced process parametric sensitivity.
- Improve the training algorithm of Convolutional Neural Networks using mixed Back-Propagation and nature-inspired optimization algorithms.

Results

Results in 2017:

- 2 papers published in Clarivate Analytics Web of Science (WoS) journals with impact factors.
- 2 papers published in conference proceedings indexed in WoS.
- 2 papers published in conference proceedings indexed in international databases.
- More than 30 independent citations in 2017.

Applicability and transferability of the results

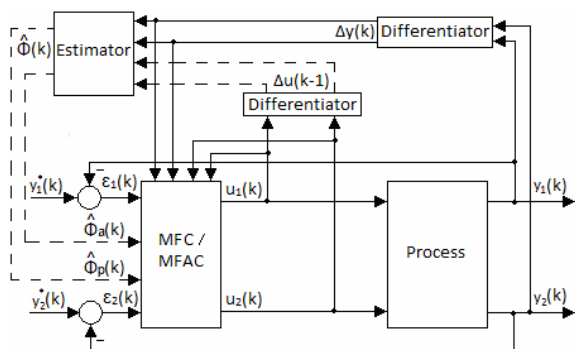
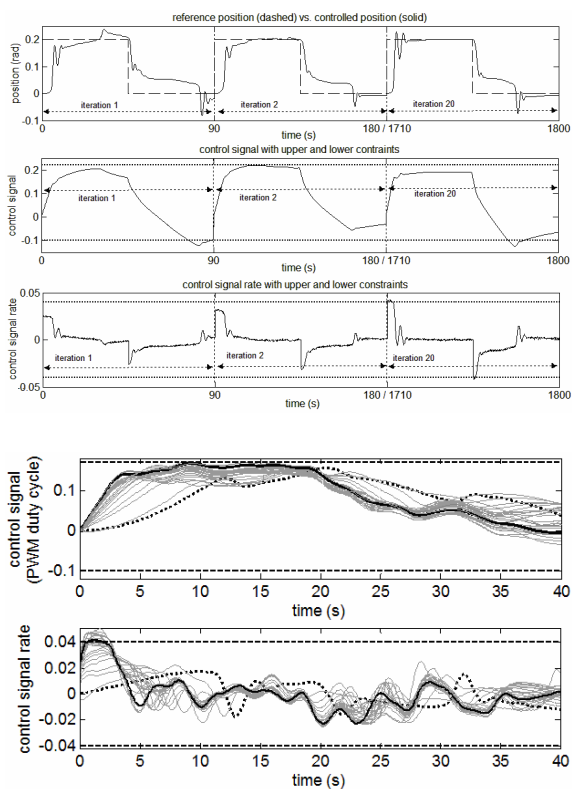
- Control systems with a reduced parametric sensitivity.
- Tools for the computer-aided design of controllers.
- Computer-aided techniques in iterative data-based control.
- Nature-inspired optimization algorithms in control design and image processing.
- Tools for the systematic development of fuzzy control systems.

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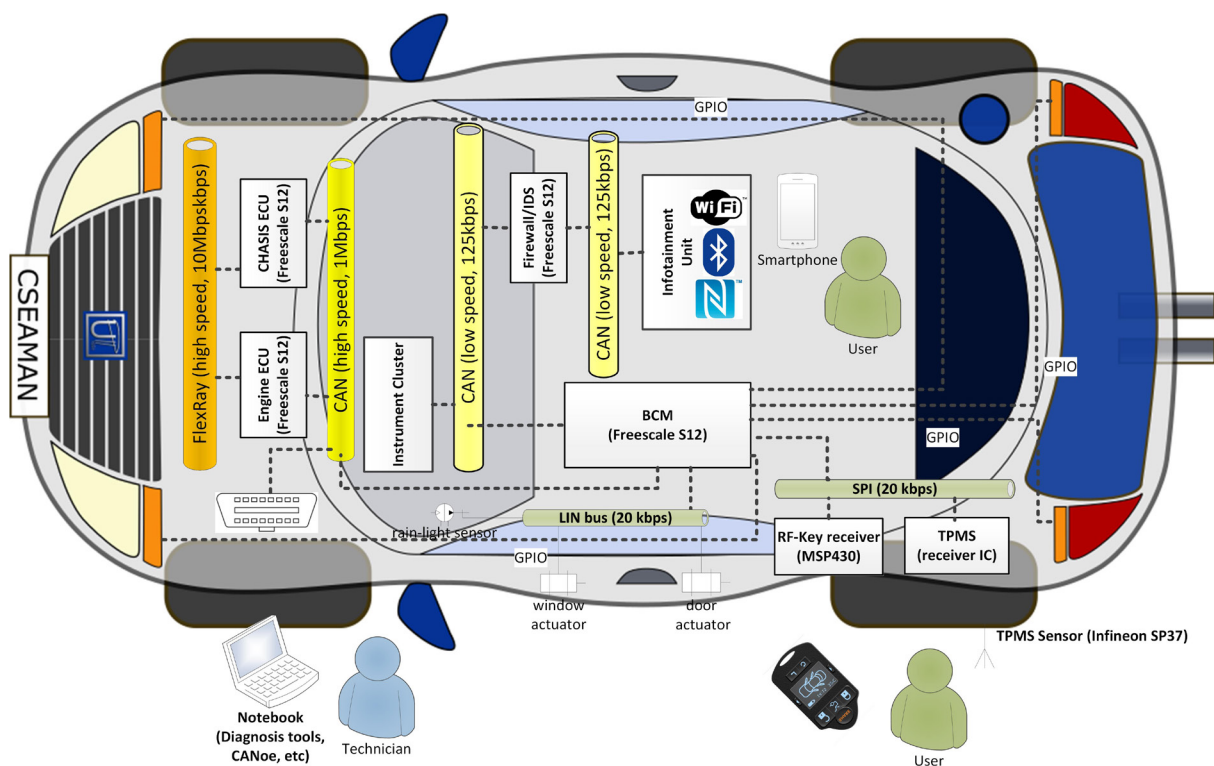
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CSEAMAN - CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECURITY FOR AUTOMOTIVE EMBEDDED DEVICES AND NETWORKS

Goal of the project:

The design and analysis of cryptographic security solutions for automotive embedded devices and networks



Short description of the project:

The project aims at the design and analysis of cryptographic security solutions with applications in the automotive domain. Our main challenge is to accommodate cryptographic security on automotive-grade devices with low computational and memory resources that communicate over in-vehicle networks with constrained bandwidth. We focus both on wired and wireless channels that open cars to outsiders and bring a complex adversarial setup. Existing security sub-systems in cars (e.g., wireless keys, TPMS units) are also within reach.

Project implemented by

Research Group on Embedded Systems and Security, Department of Automation and Applied Informatics, Faculty of Automatics and Computers (UPT)

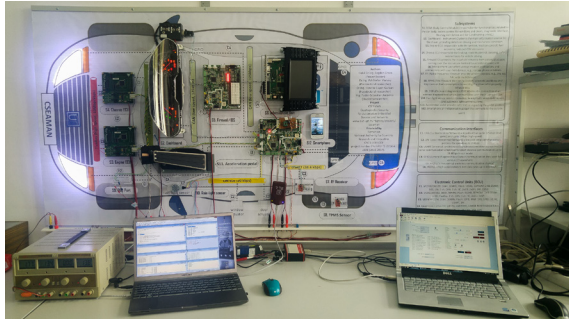
Implementation period:

Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017

Main activities:

- Implementation and security analysis of cryptographic functions on automotive grade embedded devices, e.g., AUTOSAR compliant cryptographic libraries,
- Design and analysis of cryptographic protocols for wired in-vehicle networks, e.g., CAN bus, J1939, FlexRay, etc.
- Design and analysis of cryptographic protocols for wireless in-vehicle connectivity, e.g., RF keys, TPMS systems, etc.
- Implementation of an experimental platform for security critical subsystems inside the car: communication buses linking various ECUs with potentially insecure third-party devices (e.g. infotainment units)
- Risk analysis and security implications within new automotive paradigms: optimized traffic flows, vehicle-to-vehicle communications, etc.

Results:



- An experimental model for in-vehicle networks and subsystems
- Comprehensive performance analysis of cryptographic functions on automotive-grade controllers
- Analysis of fingerprinting and randomness extraction mechanism from SRAM state
- Design of new security solutions for wireless vehicle access

- Design of new security solutions for the CAN bus
- Security analysis and fixes for the J1939 commercial-vehicle bus protocol
- Analysis of traffic models with adversarial vehicle behavior
- Risk analysis and security implications for attacks on BCM units and vehicle instrument clusters

Applicability and transferability of the results:

Various applications in the automotive industry for securing critical vehicular systems and networks, e.g., wireless keys, CAN bus, ECU fingerprinting, etc.

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LEARNING TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING CONTROL SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE USING MODEL-FREE APPROACHES (LTIPERFORM)

Goal of the project:

The main objective of this proposal is to develop the necessary tools, algorithms and theoretical framework in order to induce the learning-predictive behavior for control systems using model-free control approaches. Several reference input-controlled output behaviors are memorized as primitive tasks inside a library. The primitives are used in predicting the optimal behavior of the control system when a new complex task is to be executed. A planning mechanism similar to a brain will be built in order to achieve this task.

Short description of the project:

The proposed techniques endow control systems with learning and planning features.

Project implemented by

Department of Automation and Applied Informatics of Politehnica University of Timișoara
<http://mbradac.info/te2015.html>

Implementation period:

2015-2017

Main activities:

- Improvement of data-based (or data-driven) techniques and their combination for obtaining improved capabilities.
- Development and validation of a primitive-based learning and planning strategy for feedback control systems.
- Validation of the proposed theoretical approaches on real-world processes such as laboratory equipments.
- Dissemination of research results in highly visible journals and conferences.

Results:

Results in 2017:

- 3 papers published in Thomson Reuters Web of Science journals with impact factors;
- 6 papers published in conference proceedings (to be) indexed in international databases (ISI, IEEE Xplore, INSPEC, Scopus, DBLP);

Applicability and transferability of the results:

Owing to the generality of the proposed theoretical framework, the primitive-based learning and planning approach for achieving optimal behavior can be applied to various (feedback) control systems such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, biological, or combinations of the above, in order to enhance them with optimal behavior ability in situations or scenarios never seen before. Thus, they imitate the living organisms. The results also connect several perspectives from the areas of feedback control and machine learning.

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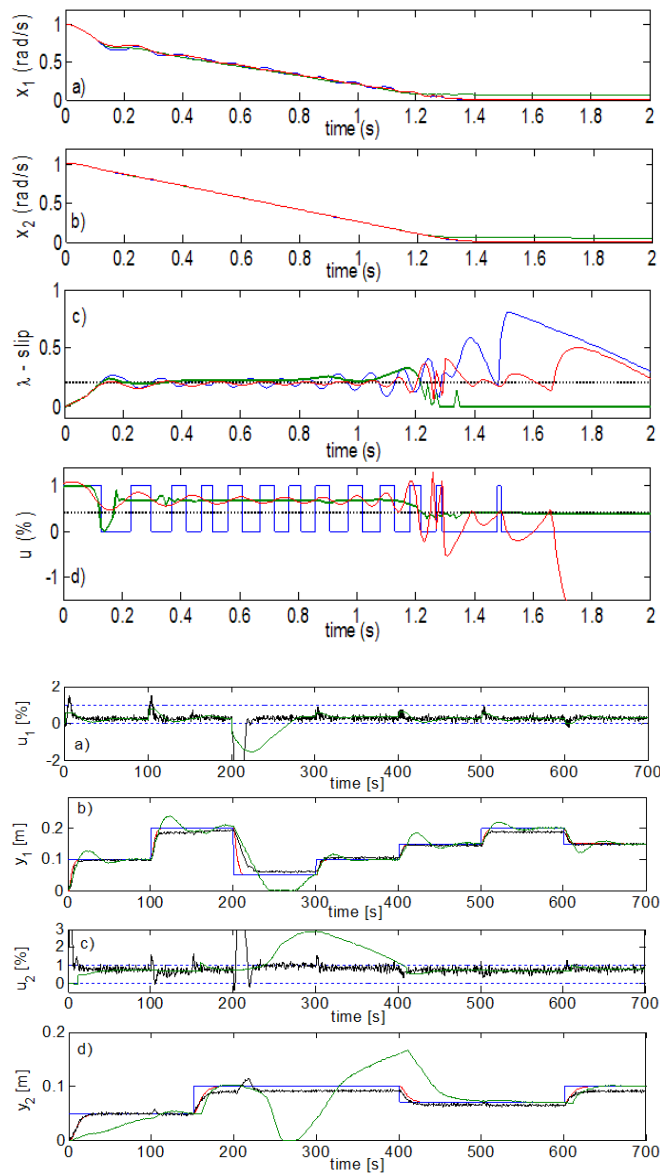
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TIME AND ENERGY EFFICIENT FRAMEWORK FOR INTER-OPERATION OF SMART DEVICES (TEEFIOS)

Goal of the project

Development of an integrated real-time and energy efficient inter-operation framework for networks of smart sensors and devices - TEEFIOS.

Short description of the project

- Wireless networks of sensors and smart devices (WSN) are an extremely interesting topic, at the confluence of engineering fields with enormous impact on worldwide society: digital networks, wireless communications, and miniature embedded digital devices.
- Aware of the severe requirements and challenges raised by current applications in this area, we propose a new paradigm - Time and Energy Efficiency (T: or TEE).

The main proposed objectives focus on three distinct layers:

- (a) T:Node, a hardware-software environment and methodology for designing and assessing real-time behavior and efficient energy consumption of embedded devices,
- (b) T:YNet, a system for the development and analysis of TEE communication in wireless ad-hoc networks, and
- (c) T:PIlot, a methodology for the power management of the entire network. An integrated set of tools, benchmarks and databases will also be created to help advanced developers and researchers in the WSN area apply the TEE paradigm to applications with high impact.

Project implemented by

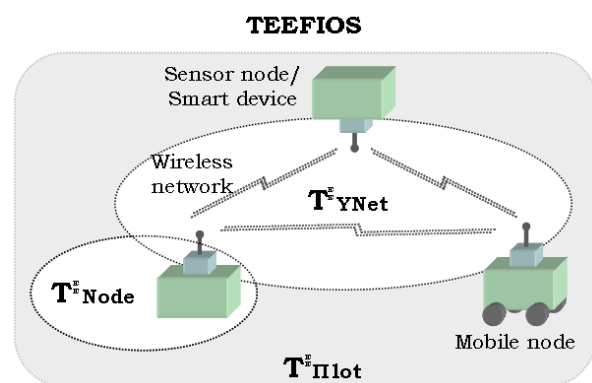
- DSPLabs - Digital Signal Laboratories Timisoara, Department of Computer and Software Engineering, Politehnica University of Timisoara.

Implementation period

01.10.2015 - 30.09.2017 (24 months)

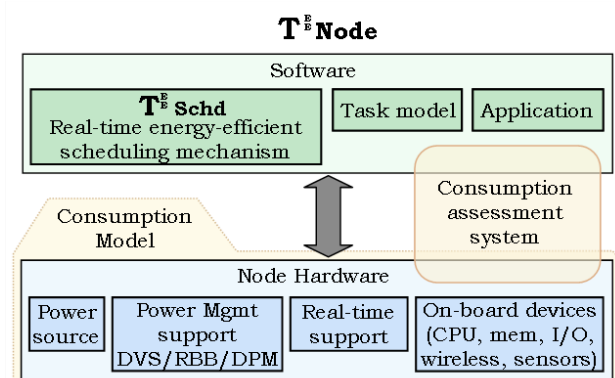
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Main activities

- Energy consumption model and taxonomy for smart devices;
- Energy optimization real-time scheduling mechanism for smart devices;
- Methodology for node-level energy consumption assessment;
- Real-Time MAC protocol for ad-hoc wireless networks;
- Flexible real-time wireless module for smart devices;
- Framework for real-time communication in WSNs;
- Global power management methodology for networks of smart devices;
- Case studies to validate the TEEFIOS framework;
- Integrated set of databases and web-based tools;
- Information exchange, results dissemination and publication.



Results

- Integrated set of consumption models for smart devices;
- T:Schd, a real-time scheduling technique which optimizes energy consumption;
- Hardware/software methodology for the consumption evaluation of smart devices;
- Database with the energy efficiency evaluation and classification results for different types of smart devices;
- Real-time MAC protocol for ad-hoc wireless networks;
- Functional prototype of a flexible real-time wireless module for smart devices;
- A framework and a set of metrics for the evaluation of real-time wireless communication applications;
- A simulation testbed to evaluate the scalability of time and energy efficient WSN applications;
- T:Plot, a global power management methodology for networks of smart devices;
- A collection of case studies that demonstrate the validity of the proposed framework and its individual components;
- An integrated set of web and database tools for public-level information and access to the TEEFIOS framework services.

Applicability and transferability of the results

- The real-time and energy efficient interoperation framework, along with the associated tool set and databases, will be of valuable use to the advanced developers and researchers in the field of wireless sensor/smart device networks.
- The results of this project will help them apply the TEE paradigm to applications with high impact in scientific, social, economic and environmental areas, such as: disaster recovery, smart buildings and structures, environment monitoring, smart energy grids and metering, robotic collectives, industrial process control, smart vehicles and transportation, security and surveillance.

Fields of interest

- Real-time systems;
- Energy efficiency;
- Sensors and smart devices;
- Wireless communication;
- Ad-hoc networks.

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INTERNET OF THINGS MEETS COMPLEX NETWORKS FOR EARLY PREDICTION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Goal of the project

To address the problem of COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) management in a big population of individuals, using a personalized medicine approach that relies on big data gathering and modeling, according to the complex network paradigm. Our scope is to demonstrate a solution that consists of a mobile and cloud computing integrated system for COPD early detection, monitoring, and management.

Short description of the project

COPD is defined as the irreversible clinical condition which reduces pulmonary capacity; if diagnosed in an early phase, its evolution can be controlled. Unfortunately, the early detection of COPD is a difficult task. Capitalizing on recent research results which indicate the Internet of Things solutions as useful in monitoring and managing respiratory disorders, we propose a prototype system for early detection and evolution prediction of COPD. As such, we build a sensor network that gathers multiple physiological signals, and a mobile application that extracts the multi-fractal spectra as signal signatures. Then, the mobile system integrates the physiologic signatures with individual clinical data. On the server side, we collect the integrated data from a population of individuals, to build a complex network model of patients. To this end, we employ modularity clustering and network layout tools to build prediction models for both early detection and evolution prediction of COPD. The prediction model is instantiated as a smartphone application and tested to assess its predictive capacity.

Project implemented by

The research group lead by Mihai Udrescu and affiliated to Advanced Computing Systems and Architectures Lab, Politehnica University of Timișoara, and the Pulmonology Research Group from "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy lead by Ștefan Mihăicuță.

Implementation period

3.01.2017 – 30.06.2018

Main activities

Designing and implementing the mobile software that records anthropometric and clinical data, building a prototype sensor network for collecting physiological signals, implementing the software for multifractal analysis of gathered physiological signals, finding correlations between parameters and data using a complex network model, implementing a software COPD-stage predictor based on the physiological signals.

Results

1. Methodology for processing medical data based on complex network analysis, which allows for identification of clinically-relevant patient phenotypes. The proposed methodology is published in: Mihaicuta, S., Udrescu, M., Topirceanu, A., & Udrescu, L. (2017). Network science meets respiratory medicine for OSAS phenotyping and severity prediction. *PeerJ*, 5, e3289.
2. Experimental hardware/software platform for gathering and integrating anthropometric, clinical data with physiological signals from COPD patients.





Applicability and transferability of the results

Active diagnosis and monitoring systems using a wearable sensor network with application in monitoring respiratory disorders.

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EXPERIMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF A SELF-ADAPTIVE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Goal of the project

At present, all attempts to optimize traffic flow completely ignore the fact that traffic has a predominant social footprint and would therefore potentially benefit from using specific tools to better understand its dynamics and predict its patterns (and thus introduce intelligence). We therefore aim towards designing a distributed, hierarchical, self-adaptive decision-making that would respond quickly to traffic changes based on optimization carried over communities and superior estimation of its patterns.

Short description of the project

Our systems will: provide local optimizations, allow traffic lights to be networked, and provide global optimizations of traffic flow using decentralized, distributed control.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University of Timisoara

Implementation period

Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2018

Main activities

- Collecting data for urban traffic flow by using semi-permanent sensors
- Modelling existing transport infrastructure with respect to measured traffic values
- Software implementation of algorithms described in Cristian Cosariu's PhD thesis
- Porting the bio-inspired algorithm corresponding to a single node to an embedded platform for implementation on a traffic controller
- Comparative simulation with a before-after analysis of the main quality indicators of the traffic
- High-level description for the architecture and communication framework for adjacent intersections
- Validation by simulation with special tools for the described protocol
- Extensive testing of the embedded platform under realistic operating conditions to achieve 1 year availability
- Participation to at least 2 international conferences

Results

- Development and online publication of the project's website
- Procurement of hardware and software required for the implementation of the project
- Technical documents with actual traffic values for road segments
- Architectural diagrams and specifications of proposed protocol with validation through simulation
- Source code and standard description of proposed methodology, available online on the project's website

Conference papers:

1. Gabriel Baban, Alexandru Iovanovici, Cristian Cosariu, Lucian Prodan.. Determination of the Critical Congestion Point in Urban Traffic Networks: A Case Study. 2017 IEEE 14th International Scientific Conference on Informatics, Poprad, Slovak Republic, November 14 - 16, 2017, doi 10.1109/informatics.2017.8327215.
2. Gabriel Baban, Alexandru Iovanovici, Cristian Cosariu, Lucian Prodan.. High Betweenness Nodes and Crowded Intersections: An Experimental Assessment by Means of Simulation. IEEE 12th International Symposium on Applied Computational Intelligence and Informatics (SACI 2018), May 17-19, 2018, Timisoara, Romania.

Applicability and transferability of the results

Our algorithm quickly reacts to traffic dynamics based on local heuristics. Real traffic situations simulated using the Vissim software showed a decrease in waiting times and queue lengths at local intersection level. The algorithm can be mapped efficiently onto embedded devices, current TRL-3 standing.

Our SIGS methodology recreates the road network by changing lane directions by using genetic algorithms and also has a current TRL-3 standing.

Intersections will exchange local traffic values and allow genetic algorithms to provide optimizations, which brings this at TRL-2. This will provide distributed, self-adaptive optimization of traffic.

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PARKING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TPAK

Goal of the project

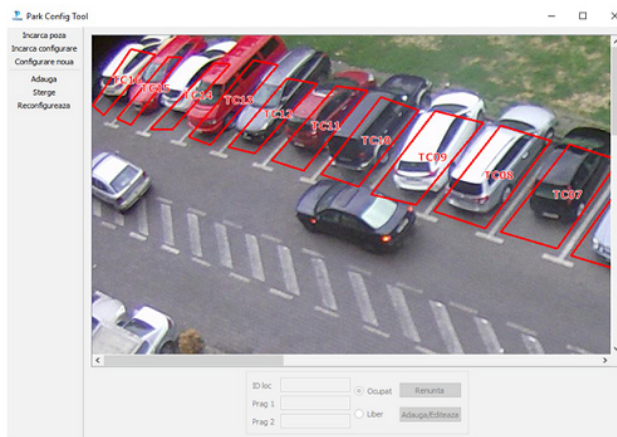
The objective of the "Parking Assistance System for TPAK" project was to extend the services offered to the clients of Piconet company, which is the national leader of city surface parking management systems. The aim was to develop a robust method for monitoring the parking occupancy based on processing of images captured by surveillance cameras. This method has to adapt to harsh weather conditions and to changing in illumination due to some natural causes as clouds or artificial as night lighting.

Short description of the project

The project work result was a working prototype implementing the proposed method able to process the information provided by parking surveillance cameras. The method combines image processing algorithms with statistical information collected by the company, and with learned data.

Project implemented by

Universitatea Politehnica din Timisoara



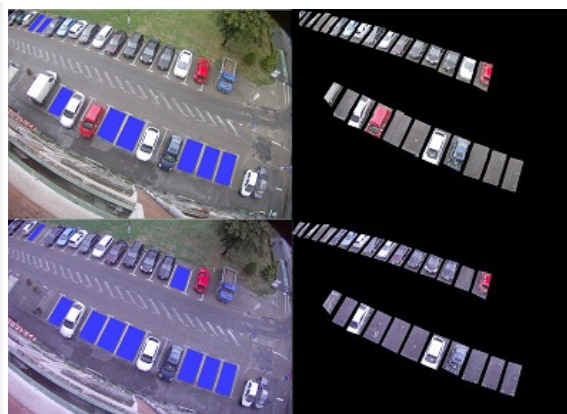
Implementation period

25/07/2017 – 31/12/2017

Main activities

Activity 1. Developing a robust method to monitor the state of parking places in public car parks by processing information from surveillance cameras.

Activity 2. Implementing a prototype of the monitoring system to validate the method in a real use case on Timisoara Central parking.



Activity 3. Developing a method for estimating the time of parking space occupancy.

Activity 4. Extending the prototype of the monitoring system to allow validation of it.

Activity 5. Developing and documenting a methodology for installing and configuring the prototype of the monitoring system.

Results

- A method to monitor the status of parking occupancy for a surface parking lot.

- A prototype to validate the method implemented in C++ using the OpenCV open source library.

- A method for estimating the time of parking space occupancy.

- An extension of the first prototype in order to validate this method.

- Research report describing the proposed approach and a Web page to document the project and the obtained results.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The results will be used to extend the services offered by Piconet company for its clients represented by the drivers searching for a public parking space. It will be integrated in the company monitoring system and will be offered to new clients interested in extended services. The company also planned to implement a mobile application capable to offer online information on free parking places based on this monitoring system.

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DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN GREEN SPACE MONITORING TECHNIQUE WITH REMOTE SENSING AND ITS APPLICATION

Goal of the project

City is the important area of earth's surface material, energy, and information exchanging; also it is the center in national, regional political, economic, scientific and cultural aspects. Remote sensing imagery enables rapid and efficient quantification urban eco-environment and it gives a new insight for urban environmental research. A wide range of urban remote sensing applications is available.

With the availability of super high resolution remotely sensed imageries and multi-source remote sensing data, there is a great need to transform remote sensing data into useful information that we need for urban studies. High resolution remote sensing data make a clear potential to help humans to make a better understanding of their living places, to measure the biophysical parameters of urban vegetation, to model the environmental process in urban areas, to map the urban features quickly, to update the urban land covers, etc.

Short description of the project

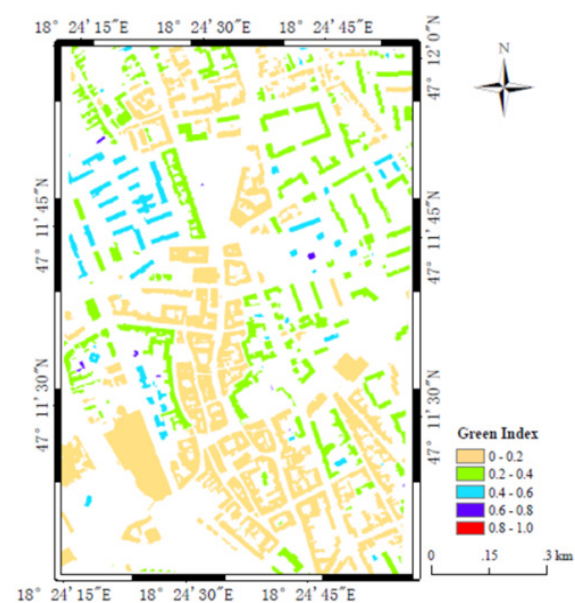
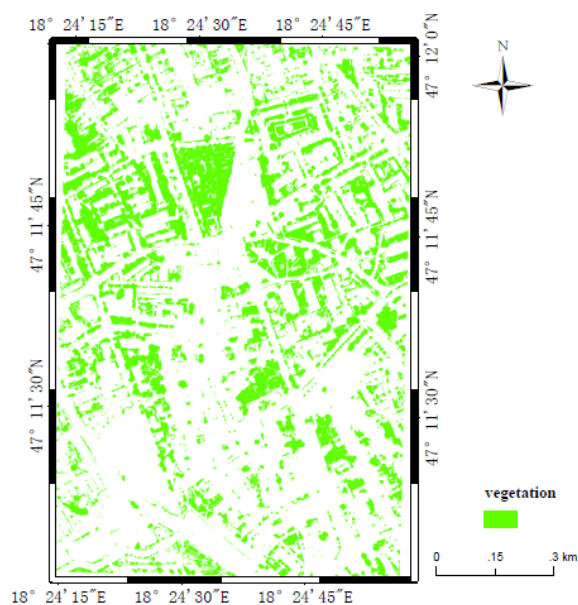
In the scientific literature, there are studies on the urban green space monitoring based on modeling the proximity of buildings to green space with remote sensing using multi-source satellite images. The study achievement would provide reference for the measurements of green space, serve the urban eco-environment quality monitoring. At the same time, it was of great theory and practical significance to improve utility efficiency of satellite data and eco-environment monitoring precision. The project would build up stable demonstration for scientific and technology cooperation and exchanging between Romania and China, and make cooperation deeper and more durative.

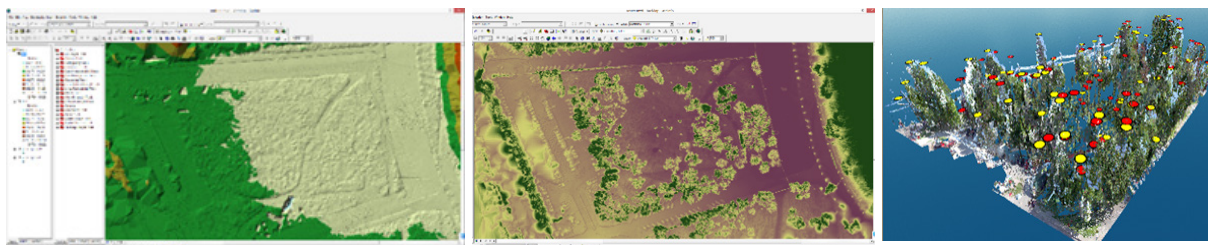
Project implemented by

- Chinese Academy of Science, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, Prof. Meng Quinyan
- Politehnica University of Timisoara, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Assoc. Prof Sorin Herban

Implementation period

October 2016 – December 2017





Main activities

- Techniques for multi-source remotely sensed data fusion;
- Development of new classification algorithms for urban mapping using high resolution remotely sensed data;
- 3D modeling of urban features based on high resolution remotely sensed data;
- Development of an urban green space evaluation model;
- Studying the urban green space parameters quantitative retrieval technology;
- Generation of the Normalized Height Model (NHM);
- Collection of LiDAR data on urban areas;
- Collection of DEM (Digital Elevation Model) on urban areas;
- Generation of DSM (Digital Surface Model) from LiDAR data;
- Generation of the Normalized Height Model by subtracting the DEM from the DSM;
- Image segmentation algorithms;
- Design of a robust segmentation algorithm for urban feature segmentation;
- Segmentation accuracy assessment;
- Extraction of Urban Buildings;
- Building mapping;
- Generation of Building Height model;
- 3D modeling of urban trees using LiDAR;
- Urban green mapping;
- Tree detection and the 3D modeling of the urban trees;
- Urban green mapping using Multi-spectral images;
- Machine learning techniques for classification of urban green;
- Shadow detection and removal;
- Accuracy assessment.

Results

Develop an evaluating system for measuring the quality of the urban environment using remote sensing technology.

Probe the relations between green space and other environmental elements based on the space-time multi-scale urban green space model.

Demonstrate the urban green space monitoring technology among different cities.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The project is expected to exchange the GIS & RS technologies in evaluating urban eco-environment of both countries to validate that the established urban eco-environmental model can be suitable for both countries.

The expected results will provide the local governments with the change direction of local urban ecological environment, and be benefit for the environmental management or policies. It will help the sustainable urban development works.

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NOVEL NANOMATERIALS BASED STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATIVE SENSING SYSTEMS APPLIED IN SAFETY AND QUALITY CONTROL OF NATURAL JUICE

Goal of the project

The main goal of the project is to contribute greatly exploratory research in developing new electrode materials with advanced properties linked to the original exploitation of certain electroanalytical techniques envisaging smart strategies for food quality control and safety.

Short description of the project

This research proposal envisage an important contribution to food quality control and safety through elaboration of new strategies for qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the potentially harmful compounds (residues of pesticides and preservatives) from natural juices, by involving well-controlled nanomaterials in the development of innovative detection systems with improved electroanalytical performances. Detection systems will be based on new glassy carbon sensors modified with carbon nanostructures and metallic nanoparticles that will allow the elaboration of selective/simultaneous detection protocols for preservatives and pesticides, potentially present in juices. Sensor surface modification with membrane will permit selective access of target analytes only to carbon nanostructures, allowing a specific concentration on the electrode surface.

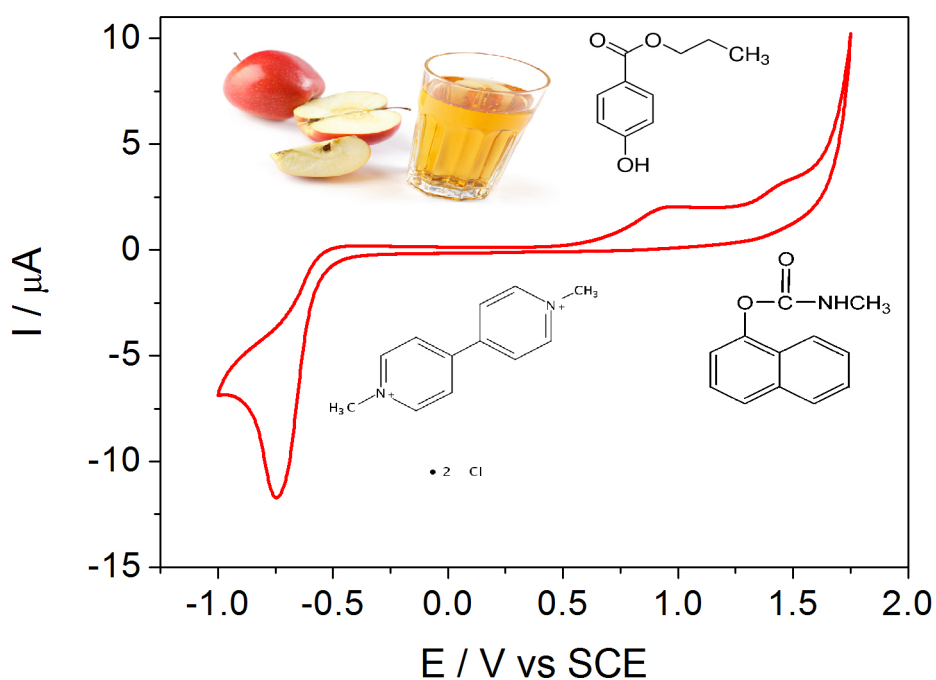
Expected performance of detection strategies proposed by project open the perspective of practical applications in the direction of their use by regulatory bodies for food quality control or even by natural juices producers, either before processing of the potentially contaminated fruits with pesticide residues, either on the production flow or final product quality evaluation/monitoring.

Project implemented by

Faculty of Industrial Chemistry and Environmental Engineering

Implementation period

01.10.2015 - 30.09.2017



Main activities

- i. Obtaining new sensors based on nanostructured carbon by modifying classic glassy carbon (GC) electrode with CNT/CNF/graphene/fullerene characterized by structural, morphological and electrochemical specific properties suitable for electrochemical detection applications.
- ii. Sensors functionalization with metallic nanoparticles (Cu/Ag/Au/Pt) by advanced electrochemical (multiple-pulsed amperometry – MPA, chronoamperometry – CA and cyclic voltammetry - CV) with morpho-structural and electrochemical properties characteristic to the electrochemical detection applications.
- iii. Elaboration of procedure/detection schemes for target analytes from preservatives and pesticide residues categories based on obtained new sensors and their optimization.
- iv. Development of detection techniques with intermediate preconcentration step on electrode surface for harmful compounds at trace levels from test sample, exploiting adsorbent properties of nanostructures carbon.
- v. Elaboration of simultaneous and/or selective detection procedures/schemes of selected target analytes, by sensors modification with selective membranes.
- vi. Procedures checking through detection strategies elaboration for specific applications in juices quality control and safety.

Results

- New sensors modified with nanostructured carbon (carbon nanotubes (CNT), carbon nanofibers (CNF), fullerenes and graphene) and/or metallic nanoparticles (Cu / Ag / Au / Pt) for natural juices safety and quality control applications.
- Protocols for selective/ simultaneously detection of preservatives and pesticides potentially present in natural juices.

Applicability and transferability of the results

New sensors modified with nanostructured carbon (carbon nanotubes (CNT), carbon nanofibers (CNF), fullerenes and graphene) and/or metallic nanoparticles (Cu / Ag / Au / Pt) for natural juices safety and quality control applications.

Protocols for selective/ simultaneously detection of preservatives and pesticides potentially present in natural juices.

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DEVELOPMENT OF NANOSTRUCTURED MAGNETIC COMPOSITES USED AS NANO-ADSORBENTS AND NANO-CATALYSTS WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

Goal of the project:

Developing new efficient synthesis variants of oxide nanoparticles in order to obtain nanomaterials, magnetic nanostructures based on iron oxides ($\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$, Fe_3O_4 , ferrites spinels MFe_2O_4) with tailored properties for their use as nano-adsorbents and nano-catalysts for remediation of water.

Short description of the project:

Water pollution by heavy metals and organics has become a serious problem because of their extremely hazardous effects on humans and the ecological systems.

The present project is focused on the developing of nanostructured magnetic materials based on iron oxides (magnetite, maghemite, spinel ferrites) with special properties (magnetic properties, specific surface area and morphology) that can be used as high performance nano-adsorbents and nano-catalyst for the removal of inorganic (metals ions: Cd(II), Pb(II), Cr(VI), Cu(II), Co(II), Zn(II)) and organic (dyes and phenols) pollutants from wastewaters. In order to achieve this we will develop new, original versions of the two unconventional synthesis methods of nanopowders and nanocomposites: solvothermal method and thermal decomposition of precursors. In order to develop high performance nanostructured magnetic oxides (iron oxides and ferrites) with high specific surface area, porosity and adequate magnetic properties composites like magnetic oxides/carbon will be synthesized by these methods, using different common carbon precursors in order to obtain low cost final materials. Also, the functionalization of surface will be performed with different organic modifiers in order to make the nanoparticles specific for certain applications.

Finally, the obtained iron oxides based magnetic nanostructures materials (oxides, ferrites and composites) will be tested as nanoadsorbants and catalyst for the removal of water pollutants.

Project implemented by

University Politehnica Timisoara

Implementation period:

01.10.2015-30.09.2017

Main activities:

I. Synthesis of magnetic oxide nanopowders (Fe_xO_y , MFe_2O_4) by new, original variants of solvothermal method and of thermal decomposition of the precursors and powders characterization.

A.I.1 Study of the influence of organic solvents' nature on the structure and morphology of the oxide particles obtained by solvothermal

method. Determination of the most appropriate solvent for the synthesis of a series of solvents which have not been reported in the literature.

A.I.2 Study of the influence of polyols nature and polyol: metal nitrates ratio and of the presence of surfactants on the structure, morphology, magnetic properties of nanopowders synthesized by the method of decomposition of precursors.

A.I.3 Characterization of materials obtained by thermal analysis, FT-IR spectroscopy, X-ray diffractometry, specific surface area and porosity measurements, Mosbauer spectroscopy, X-ray diffractometry, SEM, TEM electron microscopy, magnetic measurements.

A.I.4 Writing scientific report and disseminate the results through participation in an international conference. Making the project web page

II. Synthesis of the nanocomposites type $\text{Fe}_x\text{O}_y / \text{C}$ and $\text{MFe}_2\text{O}_4 / \text{C}$ by original synthesis methods and their characterization

A.II.1 Study of the influence of process parameters: temperature and autoclaving time on the structure, morphology and properties of synthesized nanocomposites

A.II.2 Study of the influence of organic solvents' nature on the structure and morphology of the oxide particles obtained by solvothermal method. Determination of the most appropriate solvent for the synthesis of a series of solvents which have not been reported in the literature

A.II.3 Study of the influence of initial oxide precursor: carbon precursor ratio on the carbon content of the composite.

A.II.4 Study of the influence of carbon precursor nature on the carbon content of composites with carbon and their morphology

A.II.5. The obtaining of composites by thermal decomposition of precursor method: influence of decomposition atmosphere, calcination temperature and time and of the presence of other carbon precursors in addition beside the polyol used as a reductant.

A.II.6 Characterization of the obtained nanocomposites by thermal analysis, FT-IR, X-ray diffractometry, the specific surface area and porosity measurements, Mössbauer spectroscopy, X-ray diffractometry, electron microscopy, SEM, TEM, magnetic measurements.

A.II.6 Writing scientific report and disseminate the results through participation in an international conference and publication of an ISI

article.

III. Testing of magnetic powders synthesized as adsorbent materials and catalysts for removal of inorganic and organic pollutants in water

A.III.1 Testing of oxide nanopowders Fe_3O_4 , Fe_2O_3 , MFe_2O_4 compared to the corresponding nanocomposite $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$, $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{C}$, $\text{MFe}_2\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ as a metal ion adsorbents: Cd (II), Cr (VI), Pb (II), Cu (II), Ni (II), Co (II)

A.III.2 Testing of oxide nanopowders Fe_3O_4 , Fe_2O_3 , MFe_2O_4 compared to the corresponding nanocomposites $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$, $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{C}$, $\text{MFe}_2\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ as adsorbents for organic contaminants: colorants and phenolic compounds.

A.III.3 Testing of functionalized oxide powders as adsorbents for inorganic and organic pollutants studied. Study on the influence of nature of surface functional groups on pollutant removal efficiency

A.III.4 Testing of Fe_xO_y and MFe_2O_4 magnetic powders as catalysts for catalytic oxidative degradation of organic pollutants: dyes and phenolic compounds

A.III.5 Study the possibility of regeneration of the adsorbent material by controlled desorption of adsorbed species in different solvents or by changing the pH.

A.III.6 Study of adsorbent material reuse on its performance (maximum capacity of adsorption of pollutant removal efficiency). Proposing a technological schemes for use in remediation of water nanopowders

A.III.7 Preparing final scientific report. Dissemination of results: patent proposal preparation and submission and publication of 2 ISI papers..

Results:

Published papers:

1. Stoia M., Istrate R., Pacurariu C., Investigation of magnetite nanoparticles stability in air by thermal analysis and FTIR spectroscopy, *Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry* (2016) 125, 1185–1198
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2. Eliza Muntean: 25-th Symposium on Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry - Eugen Segal, Bucuresti, Romania, Ferbruarie, 2016

Stoia M, Muntean Eliza, Pacurariu C, Study on thermal evolution of MnFe₂O₄/C composites synthesized by solvothermal method

3. Muntean Eliza: "New trends and strategies in the chemistry of advanced materials with relevance in biological systems, technique and environmental protection" 9th Edition, June 09-10, 2016

Muntean E., Stoia M., Pacurariu C. Solvothermal synthesis of manganese ferrite nanopowders using different surfactants

Applicability and transferability of the results:

This project will develop innovative and original solutions, both in terms of getting nanomaterials used as nano-adsorbents or nanocatalysts in wastewater treatment processes and in terms of regeneration of adsorbents / catalysts and their reintroduction in the process of treatment the waste water, so as to minimize the impact on the environment.

The project aims to find effective solutions as easy to achieve as practical and cheap for treatment of effluents loaded with ions of heavy metals and organic pollutants (dyes and phenols) using as adsorbents the magnetic oxide nanopowders to be obtained.

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SOLAR LIGHT- ACTIVATED NANO-TiO₂ DOPED WITH SILVER-COVERED ACTIVATED CARBON AND ZEOLITE BASED PHOTOCATALYTICALLY-ASSISTED FILTERING SYSTEM FOR WATER TREATMENT (WATICAZ)

Goal of the project:

The WATICAZ project scope is to develop an innovative water treatment unit characterized by enhanced performance consisted of the photocatalysis-assisted filtering system (PFS) as experimental demonstrator at laboratory scale for the treatment of real drinking water source. This system should exhibit the bifunctional adsorptive and photocatalytic characteristics that can be exploited either as filtering system with the possibility of solar photocatalytic regeneration (SPR) or as advanced oxidation unit to remove/degrade a large range of contaminants from water.

Short description of the project

The photocatalytic-assisted filtering unit using (doped)TiO₂-covered activated carbon/zeolite operated under UV/solar irradiation is developed.

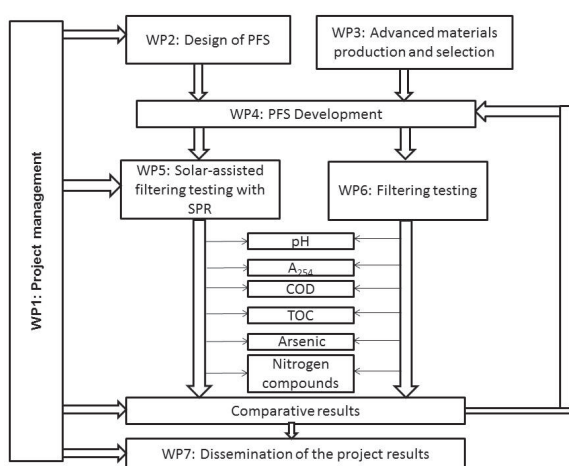
Project implemented by

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Implementation period

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Main activities

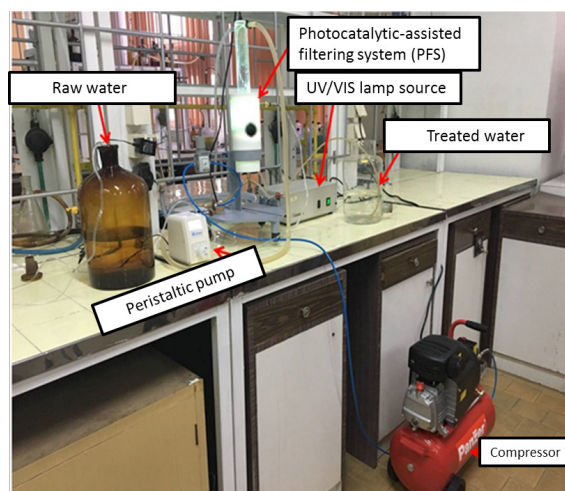


Project flow chart with work packages (WPs)

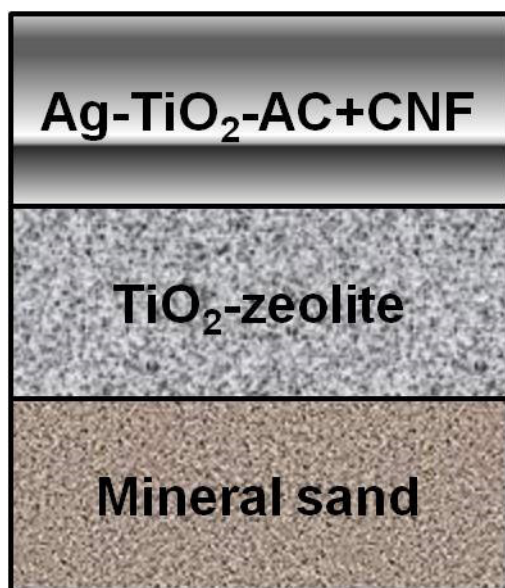
The main work packages and tasks are:

- Project management;
- Design of photocatalysis-assisted filtering system (PFS);
- Filtering materials production and selection (*Synthesis of the filtering materials characterized by the photocatalysis activity; Characterization of filtering materials by XRD, SEM, AFM, BET, DRUV-VIS*);
- (Solar-assisted) filtering testing (with solar photocatalytic regeneration - SPR) (*Filtering column filling; Functional and operational testing of (solar irradiation photocatalysis-assisted) filtering system; Filtering material regeneration under solar irradiation; Morpho-structural characterization of materials after its usage; Validation by testing for the treatment of the real drinking water source*);
- Dissemination of the results.

Results



Photocatalysis-assisted filtering unit



Layers of materials in filtering column

Applicability and transferability of the results

Drinking water and wastewater treatment plants

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ADVANCED MATERIALS BASED ON COMBUSTION-SYNTHESIZED MAGNETIC IRON OXIDES NANOPARTICLES AND THEIR CYTOTOXICITY DESIGNED FOR CANCER TREATMENT

Goal of the project:

- Obtaining of magnetic iron oxides nanoparticles using the combustion synthesis method and monitoring the influence of several working parameters: fuel type (EDTA, citric acid, glucose), oxidant/fuel molar ratio (fuel-rich compositions), ignition procedure (heating mantle, microwave field), working atmosphere (in air/no air), carbon and organic residues presence.
- Preparation of colloidal suspensions.
- The assessment of the toxicological profile/biological activity of the iron oxide colloidal suspensions on normal/tumour liver and kidney cell lines.

Short description of the project

The project presents the preparation of iron oxides with via combustion synthesis and testing their selective cytotoxicity.

Project implemented by

Department of Applied Chemistry and Engineering of Inorganic Compounds and Environment,
Faculty of Industrial Chemistry and Environmental Engineering,
Politehnica University Timisoara

Implementation period

July 2017–December 2019

Main activities

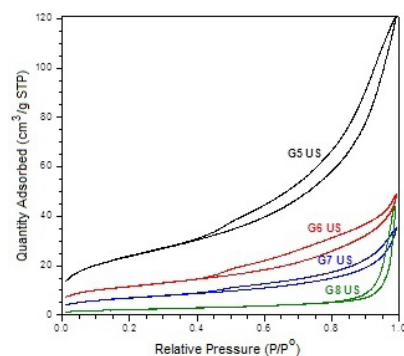
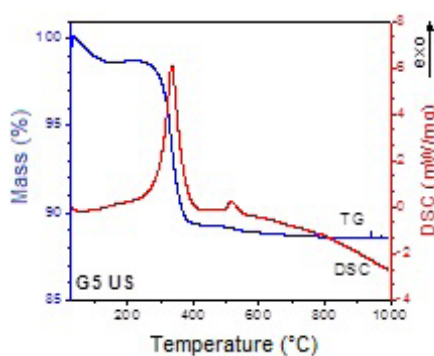
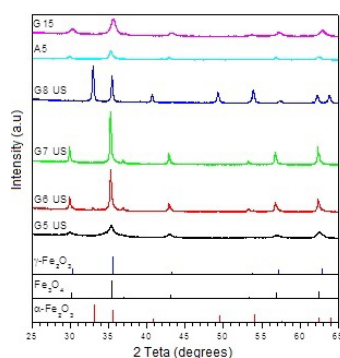
Combustion synthesis of magnetic iron oxides nanoparticles. The influence of several parameters on the powders characteristics were pursued:

- nature of the fuel: glucose, citric acid, EDTA, TWEEN 80, hexamethylenetetramine
- reaction conditions: presence and absence of air
- carbon and organic residues presence and chemical oxidation removal using H_2O_2

Characterization of magnetic iron oxides nanoparticles:

- combustion reactions evolution was assessed by TG-DSC thermal investigations
- the phase composition of the synthesized compounds was investigated by XRD
- specific surface area (BET)
- FTIR spectroscopy

The obtained results were centralized and interpreted for recipes optimization.



Results:

Synthesis protocols and recipes for 31 samples prepared by combustion synthesis. It was established the influence of different fuels (glucose, citric acid, EDTA, TWEEN 80, hexamethylenetetramine) and of the reaction conditions on the synthesis of iron oxides with magnetic properties.

Applicability and transferability of the results

These researches open an entirely new perspective on the potential use of combustion-synthesized iron oxide nanoparticles in cancer therapy by selective cytotoxicity.

The results will be subjected to a patent application.

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BIOCATALYST- CLICK CHEMISTRY DOWNSTREAMING TANDEM BASED INNOVATIVE KIT FOR OPTICALLY PURE FINE CHEMICALS SYNTHESIS

Goal of the project:

Development of an innovative kit for efficient and cost-effective sequential continuous flow large-scale (multigram) preparation of optically pure chiral building blocks useful for synthesis of pharmaceutical compounds and agricultural chemicals, based on the tailor-made immobilized lipases mediated kinetic resolution of various racemic substrates and a subsequent click chemistry-type downstreaming of the reaction mixture.

Short description of the project

A chemo-enzymatic process which integrates several innovative steps in both biocatalytic and down streaming parts was set up. The use of an immobilized biocatalysts-click chemistry tandem allowed to design easily scaled-up continuous flow procedures for industrial manufacturing of the target compounds.

Project implemented by

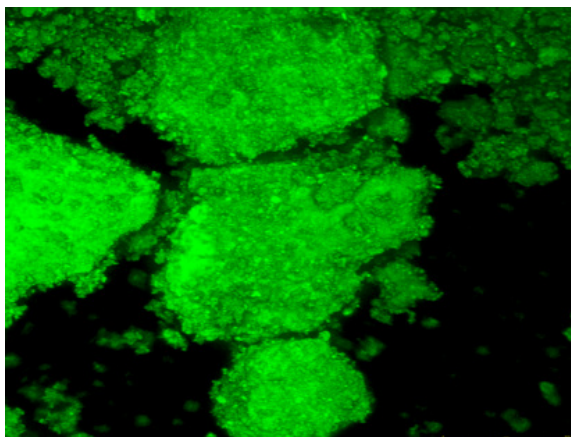
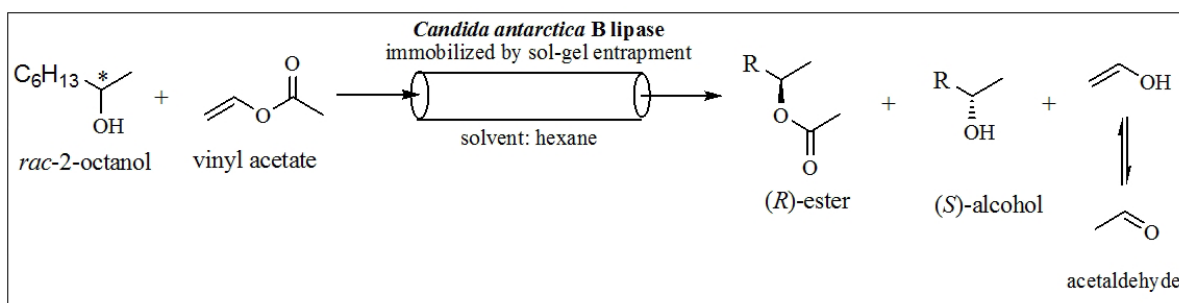
- University Politehnica Timișoara - Project leader
- University "Babes-Bolyai" Cluj Napoca - Project Partner 1
- Natural Ingredients R&D S.R.L. - Project Partner 2

Implementation period

01.07.2014 - 30.09.2017

Main activities

1. Synthesis of various precursors: (hetero)aryl-ethanols, amines, hydroxy- and amino acids, as well as various propargylic esters as O- and N-acylating agents for enzymatic kinetic resolution (EKR).
2. Development of optimal EKR and click-chemistry type down streaming procedures.
3. Immobilization of lipases.
4. Development of the continuous flow procedure, on model substrates and newly synthesized substrates.



Fluorescence image of the sol-gel immobilized lipase

Results

Racemic compounds holding a secondary OH group were subjected to lipase mediated kinetic resolution in the presence of an ester having a terminal ethynyl group. Click methodology was used to separate the enzymatic acylation reaction products, also at preparative scale, under the optimal reaction conditions identified on the analytical scale. Heteroaromatic compounds were synthesized with high optical purity (93-99%) and yields between 90-95%. The effectiveness of sol-gel immobilized enzyme preparations in enzymatic kinetic resolution reactions was tested in a continuous system for both aliphatic and aromatic substrates. The reactions were optimized by factorial experimental programs using the Box-Behnken method.

For the enzymatic kinetic resolution of rac-2-chloromandelic acid lipase from *Candida antarctica* A proved to be the most active, immobilized by entrapment in sol-gel matrices based on ternary mixture of silanes combined with adsorption on Celite.

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Applicability and transferability of the results

The application of tailor-made biocatalysts in industrial processes increases the economic benefits compared to the synthetic solutions. The productivity, stability, enantiomer selectivity and reusability of the enzymes increase by immobilization. The immobilized biocatalysts can be used in continuous bioreactors, under harsher conditions. The results will be scaled-up by the industrial partner, but they are available for all companies interested in fine synthesis of optically active compounds.

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RECYCLABLE MULTILAYER MAGNETIC BIOCATALYST FOR SYNTHESIS OF NATURAL ESTERS

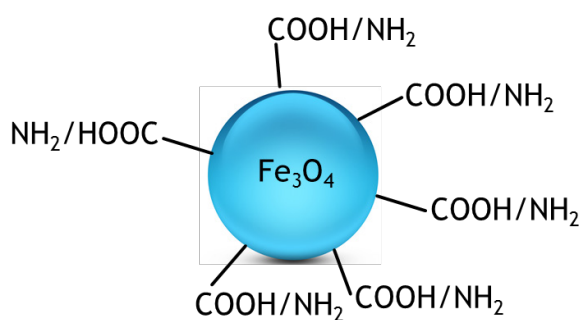
Goal of the project:

The main goal of the project is to develop a demonstration model for a new biocatalyst containing a designed magnetic core and hybrid layers (organic and silica) that allow the immobilization of enzymes. The validation of the model will be accomplished through the effectiveness of the product in a specific reaction, to demonstrate that such a biocatalyst is stable, reproducible, recyclable and able to synthesize esters that are accepted as naturals according to the EC regulations (Regulation no 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and subsequent amendments).

Short description of the project

The key objective is a comprehensive evaluation of the magnetic manipulation efficiency of enzyme functionalized magnetic nanocomposites obtained by applying cost-effective preparation procedures and manifold advanced characterization and testing techniques. The chemical composition, structure, size distribution, magneto- responsiveness and size, as well as the enzyme loading capability will be designed to fulfill the requirements for efficient biocatalysis and easy recovery of the enzyme even from viscous media, avoiding the contamination of the product and allowing its recognition as "food-grade".

An innovative multilayer technology will accomplish the demonstrative model. The immobilization of lipase on controlled-size magnetic core nanoparticles will be combined with stabilization of the hybrid composite through a sol-gel silica shell. The size and magnetic properties of the core particles will be adjusted to allow the optimal catalytic efficiency.



Project implemented by

- University Politehnica Timișoara-Project leader
- National Institute for Research and Development of Isotopic and Molecular Technologies INCDTIM Cluj-Napoca - Project partner

Implementation period

30.01.2017- 29.06.2018

Main activities

The objective of the project is to develop a demonstration model for a new biocatalyst containing a designed magnetic core and hybrid layers (organic and silicon) that allow the immobilization of enzymes, as well as the validation of the model through its effectiveness in a specific reaction of aroma ester synthesis.

Stage 1 (2017, 12 months) – Development of a new multilayer magnetic biocatalyst

Stage 2 (2017, 12 month) – Synthesis of natural esters in repeated cycles using the multilayer magnetic biocatalyst

Results

The research carried out in this stage was focused on:

- development of a new multilayer magnetic catalyst by preparation of various magnetic nanoparticles;
- immobilization studies of *Candida antarctica* B lipase on these supports;
- investigation of the resulted biocatalysts in esterification reactions. Magnetic clusters functionalized with amino and carboxyl groups were obtained, and their structural, morphological and their magnetic characteristics were determined by instrumental methods, like as XPS spectroscopy. A second direction was the production of single-core magnetic nanoparticles stabilized by coating with various surfactants. These nanoparticles were thoroughly characterized by FT-IR, TEM, and XPS.

For both multi-core and single-core magnetic particles, the hydrodynamic diameters and zeta potential values have been also determined. The investigations concerning lipase immobilization included the influence of the nature and concentration of the binding agent (carbodiimide or glutaraldehyde), as well as finding of the optimal reaction conditions for covalent binding. The hydrolytic and esterification activities of the obtained biocatalysts were assayed on standard substrates.

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Applicability and transferability of the results

This custom-made immobilized lipase will be able to catalyze the synthesis of natural esters from natural acids and natural alcohols. There is a high demand for food aroma esters recognized as naturals and the biocatalytic way is the best possibility to synthesize them. Superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (IONPs) in highly stable ferrofluid formulations will be used to fabricate functionalized magneto-responsive nanobeads for lipase immobilization, resulting in manifold reusable nanoparticle systems of high catalytic efficiency.

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SEISMIC PROTECTION OF ENGINEERING STRUCTURES THROUGH DISSIPATIVE BRACES OF NANO-MICRO MAGNETO-RHEOLOGICAL FLUID DAMPERS – SEMNAL-MRD

Goal of the project:

The goal of the project is to develop a seismic protection system, which uses magneto-rheological fluid (MRF) dampers, acting as semi-active structural control system. Particular objectives are:

- To develop nano-micro MRF compatible with application in seismic MR dampers;
- To design and built a 10tf capacity MR damper;
- To provide type tests, based on EN 15129-2009: Anti-seismic devices, aimed to validate, calibrate and model the damper;
- To design, execute and test a brace-damper assembly in order to validate the integration of damper and brace, including connections;
- To propose structural application schemes for implementation in practice of semi-active control brace-MRD systems.

Short description of the project:

There are three strategies for the seismic protection of structures:

- (i) reduce seismic demands,
- (ii) enhance structural damping,
- (iii) use active or semi-active structural control.

The current project involves the third approach focusing on semi-active systems. Semi-active devices have properties that can be adjusted in real time but cannot inject energy into the controlled system. Many of them can operate on battery power alone, proving advantageous during seismic events when the main power source to the structure may fail. The most promising devices suitable for implementation into a semi-active control appear to be magneto-rheological (MR) dampers, which succeed in overcoming many of the expenses and technical difficulties associated with other types of semi-active devices.

Response characteristics of MR devices can be changed by varying the magnetic field through different current inputs. In addition to its small power requirement, the MR damper can transfer large forces at low velocities. Currently there are MR dampers with capacities up to 200 kN and research results proved the possibility to obtain capacities up to 400-500 kN.

Project implemented by

The Research Centre for Mechanics of Materials and Structural Safety – CEMSIG, Politehnica University of Timișoara.

Implementation period:

01.07.2014 – 30.09.2017

Main activities:

The activities of the project were divided in four stages (I/2014, II/2015, III/2016, IV/2017). All stages are completed.

As part of stage IV/2017, the main activities were:

- (i) testing of MR damper of 10tf capacity,
- (ii) testing of the brace-damper assembly,
- (iii) numerical modelling of single- and multi-degree of freedom systems.

The MR damper was tested under different loading conditions. Experimental investigations were performed on two buckling restrained braces (BRBs), under both monotonic and cyclic loading conditions. In addition, tests were performed also on the brace-damper assembly, since the dampers in structural systems will be coupled with braces. A control unit was used for the control of the magneto-rheological damper.

Results:

The results of the fourth stage (IV/2017) comprised:

- (i) several testing phases of the MR damper and adjustments for the improvement of the response;
- (ii) experimental and numerical investigations of the buckling restrained braces;
- (iii) experimental investigation of the brace-damper assembly.



The experimental tests have demonstrated the functionality of this system, but in order to optimize the way it works - there are several aspects of detail to be solved. The functionality of the hybrid system has been demonstrated in the sense that it has highlighted how the dampers work in a first phase, then by electronic control at the work capacity, the damper was blocked and the buckling restrained brace was operating.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

Considering the seismicity of Romanian territory and the effectiveness of the dissipative devices targeted in the project (once under fabrication, the implementation in new and existing structures would be quite easy), the national market potential is very large. On the other hand, this market can comprise all the Balkan's area, including Turkey and Greece, with development potential towards neighboring Asian Countries.

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IMPLEMENTATION INTO ROMANIAN SEISMIC RESISTANT DESIGN PRACTICE OF BUCKLING RESTRAINED BRACES (IMSER)

Goal of the project:

The project aimed at developing a set of typical buckling restrained braces in view of their pre-qualification. Both “conventional” and “dry” devices were considered, with capacities corresponding to typical steel multistorey buildings in Romania. This should lead to a wider adoption of buckling restrained braced frames in design practice, which currently is precluded by the proprietary character of braces, need for their experimental qualification and lack of experience.

Short description of the project:

The project developed, investigated numerically, tested and prequalified a set of buckling-restrained braces.

Project implemented by

- Politehnica University of Timisoara (coordinator);
- SC Popp & Asociații SRL, Bucharest;
- SC HYDOMATIC SISTEM SRL, Timisoara.



Implementation period:

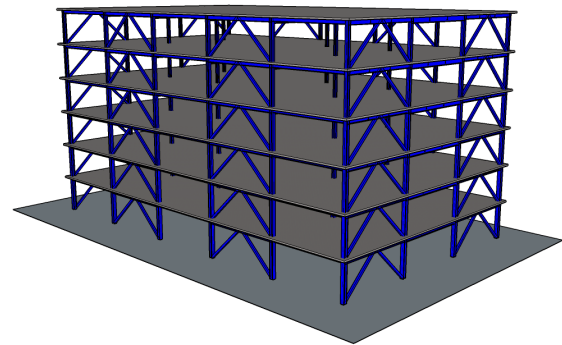
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Main activities:

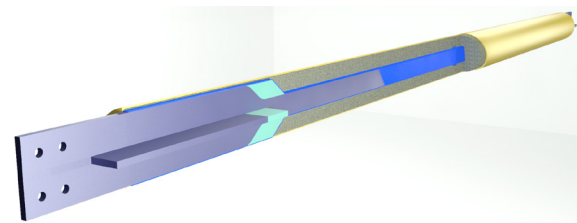
- Development of two different types of BRB prototypes: “conventional” and “dry”, followed by a prequalification testing program on a set of BRBs of different capacity.
- Transfer of the “know-how” on design and production of two types of BRBs to the industrial partner, who will be able to set up quantity production of these devices.
- Development of design guidelines for buckling restrained braces (at the device level). It allows production of generic BRBs by local producers at more competitive prices than imported ones.
- Development of design guidelines and design examples for steel BRB frames (at system level).
- Dissemination of the project outcomes to practising engineers.

Results:

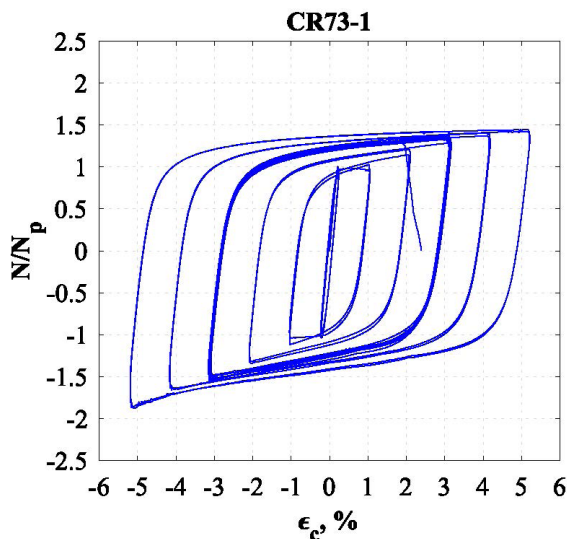
- Prototype structures (MRFs, BRBFs, D-BRBFs, and CBFs), located in Bucharest and Timisoara were designed. Two typical BRB capacities were selected (300 kN, respectively 700 kN).



- Seismic performance evaluation of structures was performed using nonlinear static analyses for different seismic performance levels.
- Different BRB concepts were analysed and numerically tested.



- 14 BRB specimens were manufactured and tested experimentally under cyclic loading. Their performance was assessed in terms of force adjustment factors and cumulative inelastic deformations.



- Design guidelines were developed for prequalified BRBs and for steel buckling-restrained braced frames.
- Two workshops were organised (in Timisoara and Bucharest) in cooperation with the Association of Structural Engineers (AICPS), Politehnica University of Timisoara (UPT) and Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest (UTCB) for dissemination of project results.



- Research reports and design guidelines developed within the project are available at <http://www.ct.upt.ro/centre/cemsig/imser.htm>.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

Prototype BRBs were fabricated within the project by one of the partners (SC Hydomatic Sistem SRL). Design guidelines for buckling restrained braces (device level) and for steel structures using BRBs (system level) were developed. Moreover, BRBs were prequalified for capacities in the range of 150-840 kN. It allows structural designers to easily apply this modern structural system in practice. On the other hand, the developed procedure for design of BRBs allows local manufacturing of these devices.

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EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION OF THE RESPONSE OF A FULL SCALE FRAME BUILDING SUBJECTED TO BLAST LOAD - FRAMEBLAST

Goal of the project

The main goal of the FRAMEBLAST project is to provide an accurate validation of the response of a full scale building structural frame system under internal and external blasts in laboratory environment. The structure is subjected to internal and external blasts from different charge weights and locations (standoff, height above ground), resulting in different loading scenarios.

Short description of the project

Explosions produced in urban areas by the detonation of high explosives are low-probability, but high-risk events. When they occur in the immediate vicinity of buildings, the explosions can affect their structural integrity (local/global failure) and harm people (injuries, death). Because the blast threat can only be mitigated, the risk can be reduced by reducing the exposure and vulnerability (enhanced local strength, allow the development of alternate load paths to prevent progressive collapse).

Project implemented by

The project is implemented by a partnership between POLITEHNICA UNIVERSITY TIMISOARA, project coordinator Prof.dr.ing. Florea Dinu and NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINE SAFETY AND PROTECTION TO EXPLOSION INSEMEX Petrosani, represented by dr.ing. Attila Kovacs. External experts from TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY of CLUJ-NAPOCA and URBAN-INCERC Cluj-Napoca are also involved.

Implementation period

2017-2018

Main activities

- Preliminary analysis, design and fabrication of full scale experimental model
- Experimental tests on full-scale building model under internal blast. Explosive charges are detonated in different locations to acquire information about blast pressure decay and interaction with the structure
- Experimental tests on full-scale building model under external blast. First explosive charges are detonated in different locations to acquire information about blast pressure decay and interaction with the structure. Second test series use increasing explosive charges (charge weight / standoff distance) to cause the column in proximity to fail.
- Validation of a numerical model using Extreme Loading for Structures (Applied Science International, LLC, ASI).
- The development of a procedure to apply structural identification to components of a full-scale building structure with structural damage resulting from the blast pressure.

Results

1. Construction phase
 - The structure components were brought to the construction site and assembled on-site using bolted connections
 - Preliminary internal blast testing were performed using small charge weights (121 g cartridge of explosive)

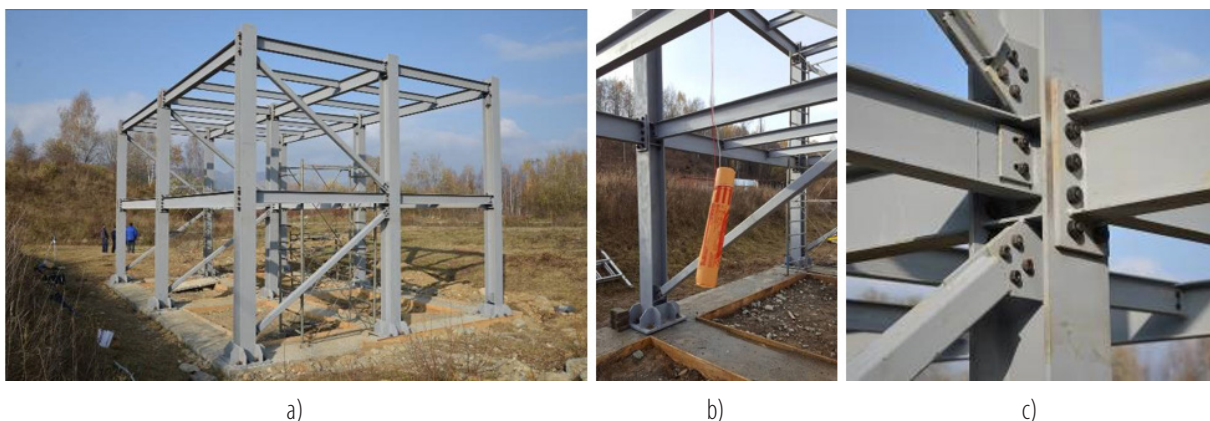


Fig. 1 Views with the experimental model:
a) general view; b) view from inside with the position of a test blast charge; c) detailed view of a connection.

2. Experimental modal analysis to assess the dynamic properties of the structure (Bruel & Kjaer vibration measurement technology and equipment)
- Experimental modal analyses (EMA) were carried out using hammer excitation and 11 accelerometers
 - The modal parameters were verified using the Modal Assurance Criterion (MAC)

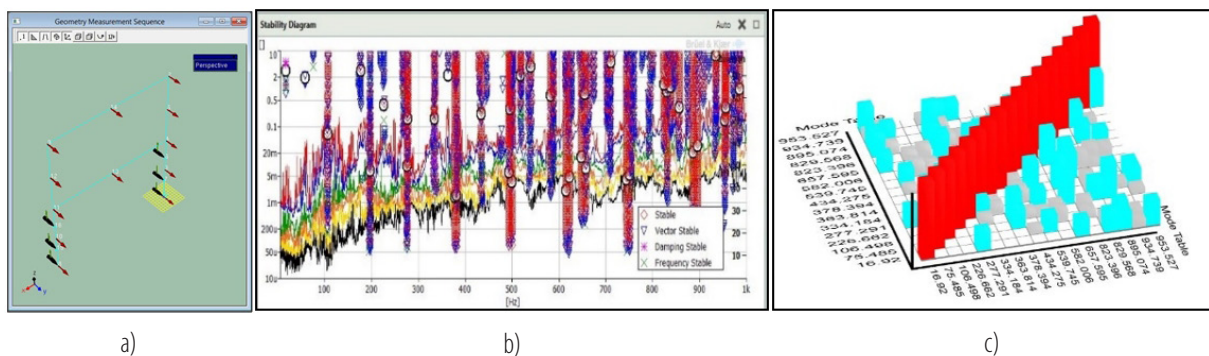


Fig. 2 Modal parameter identification: a) position of the accelerometers and MTC hammer; b) stability diagram; c) modal assurance criterion MAC

3. Preliminary numerical testing using models calibrated against bunker tests
- Blast tests performed on two identical 3D specimen were extracted from a typical moment resisting steel frame structure
 - They allowed to make a preliminary calibration of the numerical model of a full scale building structural frame system
 - Numerical simulations were performed to evaluate the consequences of close-in detonations on the structural elements



Fig. 3 Numerical simulations using ELS:

- a) 3D view of the model tested against external blast; b) relevant blast test inside bunker; c) - d) simulation of local damage for two blast loads

Applicability and transferability of the results

- Experimental validation of an integrated building system in laboratory environment represents the bridge from the scientific research to practical application (structural engineering).
- Experimental database and numerical models are used to upgrade the existing codes for structural design and prevention measures

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FAST WELDING COLD-FORMED STEEL BEAMS OF CORRUGATED SHEET WEB (WELLFORMED)

Goal of the project

The main aim of the project is to test and validate a NEW technological solution for built-up cold-formed steel beams (CWB), with corrugated sheet webs and built-up cold-formed steel flanges, using Spot welding (SW) or Cold Metal Transfer (CMT) connecting technologies.

Short description of the project

The advances in cold-formed steel structures require not only material savings but also high efficiency of production and manpower reduction. The WELLFORMED research project proposes to study a new technological solution for built-up beams made of corrugated steel sheets for the web and thin-walled cold-formed steel profiles for the flanges, connected by SW or CMT welding. Within the research project, the experimental work includes tensile-shear tests on the lap joint spot-welded specimens, were different combinations of steel sheets with various thicknesses were tested and, tests on full scale beams in bending. The study intends to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed solutions, to assess their performance and to enlarge the knowledge by using numerical simulations for the optimization of the current solution and to define the limits of applicability of the solution.

Project implemented by

CEMSIG - The Research Center for Mechanics of Materials and Structural Safety - Research and Technical Development unit of Politehnica University Timisoara, at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Steel Structures and Structural Mechanics.

Implementation period

03.01.2017-02.07.2018

Main activities

- design and fabrication of experimental program;
- experimental program on welded connections (SW and CMT) and optimisation of fastening technology;
- experimental program on full scale CWB beams, using SW or CMT connecting technologies;
- numerical investigation of beams and parametric investigations:
 - calibration of numerical models by experimental tests;
 - optimization of technical solutions;
 - design and numerical analysis of specimens with larger spans;
- design guidelines and recommendations for fabrication.

Results

- experimental results on tensile-shear tests on the lap joint spot-welded and CMT specimens (280 small specimens), were different combinations of steel sheets with various thicknesses were tested;
- experimental program on 5 full scale CWB beams, 2 using SW and 3 CMT connecting technologies.

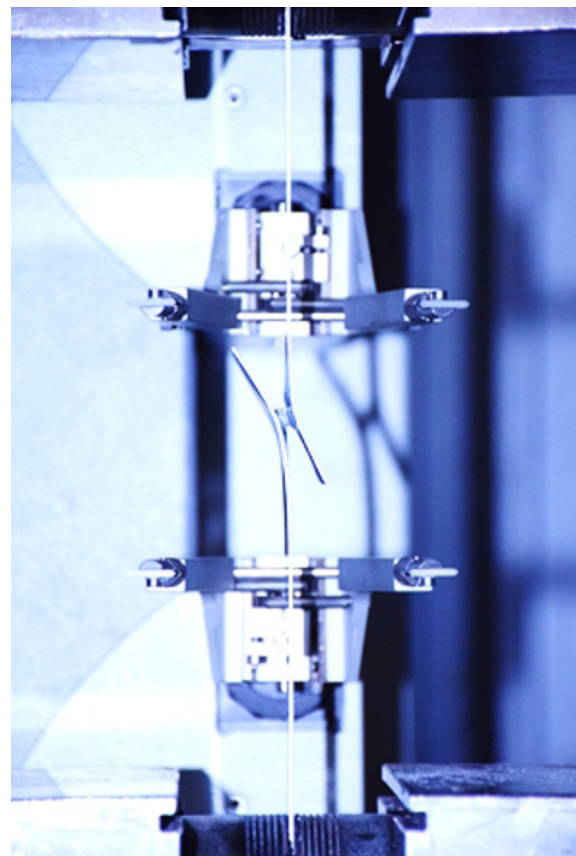


Fig. 1: Full button pull-out failure mode



Fig. 2: SW1 CWB Beam during the test

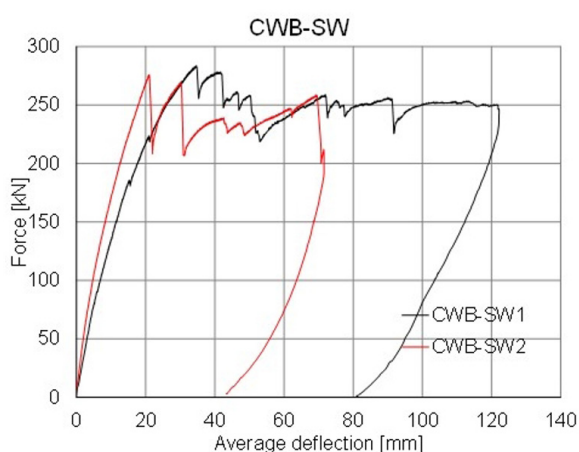


Fig. 3: Force-deflection curve for the full scale built-up beams

Applicability and transferability of the results

The new technical solution is composed of 100% of cold-formed steel components, having high protection to corrosion, due to the fact that all components are galvanised. The solution allows for easy prefabrication, reduced erection time, mass production and high-precision quality control. All of these characteristics are expected to be interesting both for manufacturers and contractors, making steel competitive. Design guidelines and recommendations for fabrication will be provided.

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MICRO-SCADA SYSTEM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION, BASED ON A LORAWAN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Goal of the project

The project is intended to support activities of experimental development, consisting in combining and using the knowledge and multidisciplinary skills with the main aim of: designing, installing, commissioning, testing and validating a product - commercially usable prototype - consisting of a SCADA micro-system based on a LoRaWAN communications network. The project results will be the subject of the technology transfer from the service provider (UPT) to the beneficiary (MEL) in order to initiate its own capacity to develop similar systems.

Short description of the project

The project includes activities for the design, installation, commissioning and testing of a final product - *a commercially usable prototype*: the functional SCADA micro system, based on a LoRaWAN communication network, with functions of optimizing the operation of the electrical network distribution from Straja Skiing Domain.

Project implemented by

SC MELIOR ELECTRO ENERGY SRL DEVA – beneficiar;
Politehnica University Timișoara, Power Engineering Department – research service provider.

Implementation period

25.07.2017 - 24.12.2017

Main activities

The SCADA micro system was designed as modules and components whose structures and functions are:

1. Universal radio communication module type W-COM01.LN4SEM;
2. Supply and extension I/O remote wiring module type 4DI4DO / 2RI - PS24 / 10;
3. High gain directive antenna kit for ISM band - EU 868 MHz;
4. Witness energy meter type CST 0410 - ACSMRQCL;
5. LoRa Bus for SCADA nicosistem- Reactive Power Acquisition / Compensation Command;
6. RS232 / Ethernet Module - Server Device.

The optimal configuration of the system result:

- CDA bus - LoRaWAN access role; will be done with a RS232 / Ethernet Server Device (Network Server role);
- The Application Server (Central Control Unit) will be a computer in AIO configuration and will also be installed in the CDA bus;
- CDA buses (access point) and Conx bus (Enel - 20 kV cable beginning connection point) will be connected via the radio network,
- The Conx bus will be connected to the 20/0.4 kV transformers: PT1, PT2, PT2A.

Results

The results of the research activities carried out by the service provider will materialize in the design documentation, installation, commissioning and testing of a final product - a commercially usable prototype: a functional SCADA micro system based on a LoRaWAN communications network for the management of the electrical distribution network from Straja Skiing Domain. The main functions of the system are as follows:

- Conx bus: LoRaWAN's central node role, manages multicast messages for synchronized acquisition, provides a secure radio link with CDA (Ethernet access point); collects data from the CST0410 witness meter;
- CDA bus: access point role in the LoRaWAN network - private; uses the RS232 interface to connect to the Network Server; execution role for switching the B1 and B2 coils;
- PT1 and PT2 buses: will contain future energy meters to register the consumers connected to them.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The results will be the subject of a technology transfer (know-how) from the research service provider (UPT) to the beneficiary (MEL) in order to initiate its own capacity to develop similar systems for the market, which will contribute to the development company and increasing its competitiveness.

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Analysis and Optimization of the Electrical Power Systems Regimes

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INTELLIGENT DEVICE FOR CAPACITOR BANKS PROTECTION AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF HARMONIC CONDITIONS WITHIN THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS

Goal of the project

Within the project was developed and tested an intelligent device for capacitor banks protection against the effects of harmonic conditions within the electrical distribution networks.

Installing a capacitor bank in a bus of an electrical network containing harmonics leads to the amplification of the harmonic conditions and to the risk of exceeding the admissible operating limits for the capacitor bank, regarding the current and voltage values, provided by the standards. The amplifications of harmonic currents or voltages can damage the capacitor. These risks can be predicted by real-time determination of the network harmonic impedance seen in the compensation bus.

Implementation of such an intelligent system will produce mainly two positive effects:

- Increasing the operational safety of the electric installations by reducing the number of capacitor bank failures.
- Reducing the costs for consumers by reducing the direct costs caused by the need to replace the damaged capacitors, and the indirect costs caused by the increased consumption of reactive power due to their out of service.

Short description of the project

The intelligent device is based on a microcontroller and its operating principle is to determine in real time the harmonic impedance and, based on its values, to anticipate the harmonic conditions effects on the capacitor bank.

Results

- The main outcome of the project is a functional experimental model and its documentation of implementation for an intelligent device for capacitor banks protection against the effects of harmonic conditions within the electrical distribution networks.
- A patent application has been filed within the project

Project implemented by

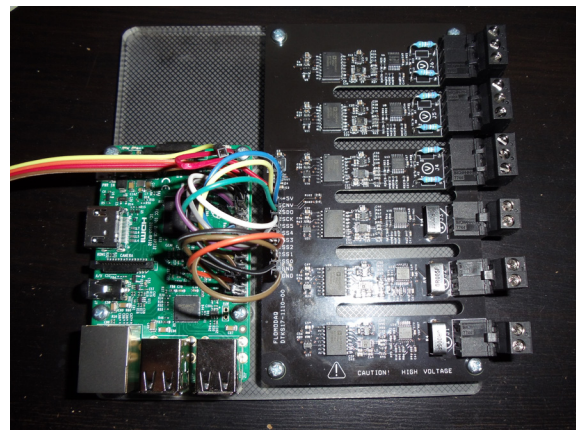
Politehnica University Timisoara – Research Service Provider
S.C. Energomecanica Serv S.R.L. – Beneficiary

Implementation period

25.07.2017 – 31.12.2017

Main activities

- Elaboration of the intelligent device execution documentation
- Construction and commissioning of the intelligent device
- Testing the device operation
- Optimizing the device operation
- Protection of intellectual property rights



Applicability and transferability of the results

The project was carried out under *Check of Innovation* financing instrument which means that since from the beginning of the project the applicability and transferability of the results has been ensured. The beneficiary of the main result of the project, the intelligent device, is actually the beneficiary of the project, S.C. Energomecanica Serv S.R.L., which is an energy provider on an industrial platform. The device can also be replicated for any consumer that uses capacitor banks for power factor improving.

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TESS - THERMO-ELECTRIC HYBRID SOLAR SYSTEM

Goal of the project

The project relates to a solar thermal - electric hybrid, which produces hot water and electricity using thermoelectric modules.

Short description of the project

The system is composed of thermoelectric modules, and solar concentrator photovoltaic cells that convert heat to increase efficiency and reduce losses by convection, using a vacuum chamber that allows the positioning unit conversion at any position and allows adjusting the amount wastewater heat transferred by replacing hexagonal mirror solar concentrator photovoltaic.

Project implemented by

Department of Applied Electronics, Politehnica University Timisoara

Implementation period

03.01.2017 – 31.03.2018

Main activities

Mechanical system implementation
Full working prototype
Experimental validation
Final stage

Results

- 2 published Journal papers (Thomson Reuters WoS) IF>1.5, Q2 and Q3
- 2 ISI Journal papers (under review)
- 8 ISI conference papers
- 2 patents

Applicability and transferability of the results

- Effective solution for domestic use
- Tool for complex modeling, simulation and measurement
- Real time flow control

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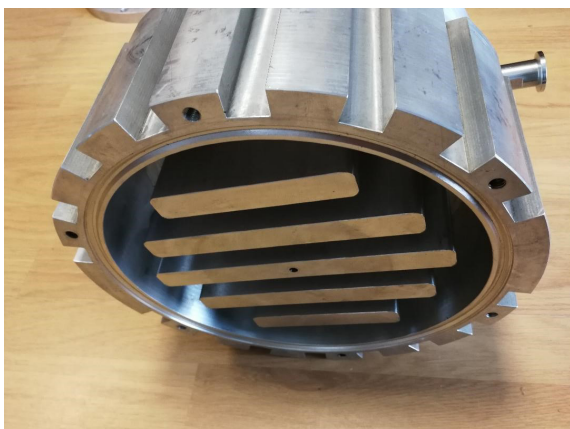
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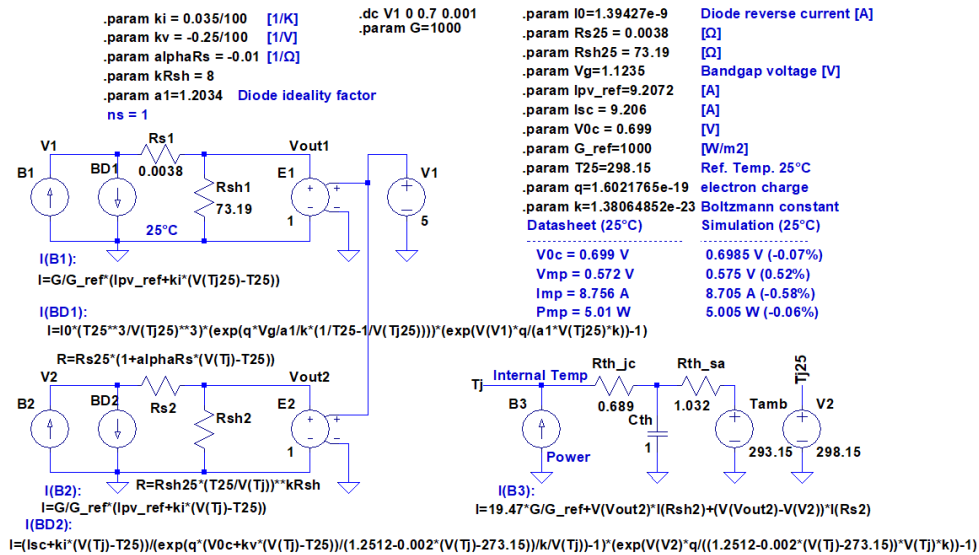
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INTELLIGENT CONTROL SYSTEM FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING BASED ON WATER FLOW CONTROL IN THE SECONDARY COOLING

Goal of the project:

The primary objective of the research which will be made in this project is the development and implementation of the leading structure for the continuous casting process (on the secondary cooling zone) leading to eliminate quality defects and throw-outs, by adjusting the flow of the secondary cooling water. In the context of this objective it is proposed the synthesis and the development of some leading solutions for the continuous casting process using fuzzy logic, allowing to control flow of the secondary cooling water, by distribution areas. This necessity is imposed by the fact that nowadays control systems are rigid and are limited at a rigid repartition of the flow water in each area. An intelligent system has the capacity to eliminate this disadvantage of the nowadays systems by having the possibility to modify in real time this repartitions of the water flow taking into consideration what happens in the installation.

Short description of the project:

Leaving from the installations geometry with 3 cooling areas it was create 3 fuzzy regulators for each area separately, each one having 3 inputs. After the 3 fuzzy regulators was done was designed a fuzzy adaptive system which correlates the three cooling areas so that the water flow to be the same. For example if the water flow is lowed in the first area it will automatically increase the water flow in the second and third area so that it will be the same value of the water flow but the repartition on each area will be different.

Project implemented by

The proposed solution was implemented in the continuous casting process within S.C. Arcelor Mittal S.A. Hunedoara. The Continuous Casting Plant within the "Continuous Casting" section of the S.C. Arcelor Mittal S.A. Hunedoara is designed and manufactured by Manesman company and comprises five yarns for pipe billets with diameter $\Phi 180$ mm, $\Phi 200$ mm, $\Phi 250$ mm, $\Phi 270$ mm, $\Phi 310$ mm or blanks for re-rolling with dimensions 240x270 mm, 310x280 mm.

Implementation period:

01.10.2015 - 30.09.2017

Main activities:

1. Analysis of the existing charts and databases. Practically, any continuous casting plant has a database containing the occurred events, the current operating mode and the casting recipes applied to various types of steel grades, all these leading to providing the data required to correctly approach the steps listed below.
2. Fuzzy Intelligent Systems Design. We must define the input and output variables and design the rules required to build the fuzzy controllers for each cooling area.
3. Testing and validation by simulation of the designed fuzzy controllers. Dissemination of results.
4. Realization of sensor interface for the process-driven data acquisition.
5. Software implementation of the fuzzy controllers on a PLC S7 300. The PLC is integrated in the wiring diagram of the continuous casting process. Modification of the SCADA system for observing the corrections made by the newly implemented systems.
6. PLC integration in the continuous casting plant, testing and validation of the proposed solutions, dissemination of the obtained results.

Results:

Experiments have shown that the proposed Fuzzy solution is extremely efficient and much higher than current flow control solution, and can be implemented relatively easily on any continuous casting installation without requiring any significant changes from the hardware point of view of the existing installation.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

Experiments were performed for 3 different profiles of the semi-finished product, namely $\Phi 180\text{mm}$, $\Phi 200\text{ mm}$, $\Phi 250\text{ mm}$, but the same mark 20MN10. On a PLC identical to the laboratory used in the "Continuous Casting" Section of S.C. Arcelor Mittal S.A. Hunedoara, the completely created program (the classical / fuzzy method) was transferred. In the first phase, the PLC only had the role of recording, storing and processing the data in order to validate its proper operation, without being able to control the flow, cooling by the classical method. After validation of the proper operation, the PLC was connected to the system (making the connection with valves), then 3 sets of castings were made using the software.

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PERFORMANT POWER TRAIN FOR HYBRID AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITH DUAL ROTOR SINGLE STATOR AXIAL SYNCHRONOUS MACHINE AND SINGLE INVERTER - HELSAX

Goal of the project:

The project goal of bilateral cooperation between the UPT-TUIASI and UTM proposed, is of major scientific and practical importance in reducing pollution from vehicles classic using hybrid vehicles or electric drive systems performance, and aims to develop and enhance knowledge of joint research teams from Romania and Moldova, as well as enhance mobility of researchers, exchange of experience and mutual access to research infrastructure of medium and high scale, existing in the three universities.

The basic priority of the collaboration is to develop, during the implementation of the joint project, of a scientific project for participation in competitions announced by Horizon 2020 of the European Union and other international programs.

Short description of the project:

It proposes an international original solution in which the two electrical machines (generator and motor) and static converters related are replaced by a single synchronous permanent magnet machine having axial air gap, a central stator with slots on both sides and two different windings supplied from a single PWM inverter having two output frequencies, and two independent rotors.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University of Timisoara (UPT),
Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi" Iași (TUIASI) and
Technical University of Moldova (UTM)

Implementation period:

September 2016 – March 2018

Main activities:

The aim is to exploit the potential of joint research of the two teams for creating a system of electric drives for hybrid vehicles and electrical overall dimensions and low weight; reduce carbon emissions from vehicles; have a static converter that is simple and inexpensive; broadcast transmission system using differential electric vehicles; control of the two rotors so that they can operate in the same mode or in different modes at the same rotational direction or in opposite directions at the same speed value at slightly different speeds or at much different speeds. Specific objectives: increasing electrification of the vehicle; reducing vehicle weight; increasing the speed of operation of the electrical machine rotors for reducing the size of the actuator; sizing model for which the design (impose conditions of power, size, weight); design model for the electric drive system and the stand of experimental tests; increasing efficiency

for the electric drive system; the practical design of the machine, inverter and battery accumulators; exhibition experimental test setup; implementation and testing of the various experimental control solutions; creating an intelligent system for managing production and electricity consumption per vehicle. Expected results: a much easier vehicle with an electric drive system; low inertia rotor at high speeds; a compact electric drive system with high torque and simple control; an inverter that manages various operation modes with different speeds equal to or in the same direction or in opposite directions of the two rotors.

Results:

The work plan in 2016 was based on regular meetings of members of both teams alternately in Romania and Moldova. First visit was in Moldova, by a team from Romania. On this occasion the Romanian members met the team members from Moldova, visited research labs, they did contact with their scientific concerns. During this movement, a conference occurred, in order to launch the project in Chisinau, where teachers and students from the Technical University of Moldova and specialists in electrical engineering enterprises in Chisinau, Balti and Tiraspol were invited .

Then followed a visit by a team from UTM to Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Energetics in Timisoara and the Faculty of Engineering Hunedoara. On this occasion contact were established with all members of the project team from Romania, were visited research laboratories of the two faculties, and there was group discussions between members of both teams according to scientific areas of joint research. One conference was organized in order to launch the project in Timisoara, where teachers and students at the University Politehnica Timisoara and specialists of enterprises of Timisoara and Arad with automotive profile were invited. There was a travel team from Chisinau to visit industrial companies in the automotive industry in Hunedoara and Deva (Lisa Draexlmaier Hunedoara, Sews Deva).

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The motors excited by permanent magnets in a variety of designs, gaining more ground in the competition with the DC classics, because of high technical and economic achievements, especially under current conditions, in association with improved electronic supply sources and assisted computer systems that are more and more competitive. Obtaining reasonable torque values for a wide range of variation of speed, drive systems through simple procedures, are no longer a difficulty that cannot be solved. Using motors excited by permanent magnets and brushless fractional number of slots per pole and phase engines in particular, as actuators in servo-drives for low power and area, has expanded compared to the classic DC due to the progress of power electronics and information technology, without which one can not conceive an elastic system containing modern drive controllable speeds in wide range. With integrated systems for the electric drive, having adequate topologies actuators as execution elements, through the use of more evolved control algorithms and integrating functionality at both hardware and software, may lead to dynamic and superior performances, more precise control of speed or position, high electromagnetic torque, higher energy efficiency and high accuracy while simultaneously reducing overall system cost consistently. The project results will contribute to community social objectives to combat climate change. The main contribution is to reduce emissions of CO₂ and emissions of greenhouse gases. The project proposes new technologies and contributes to sustainable economic development.

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Research Center

UPT members of the research team are also members of the University's two research centers: the Institute for Renewable Energy and Research Centre for the intelligent control of power conversion and storage.

Research team

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Informbusiness Chișinău laboratory for experimental work.



Helsax project launch conference in Chisinau.



Helsax project launch conference in Hunedoara.

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INNOVATIVE, ECOLOGIC AND EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES FOR JOINING METALLIC AND POLYMERIC MATERIALS USED IN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY BY FRICTION STIR WELDING (INOVA-FSW)

Goal of the project

The project is focused on studying the possibilities of using Friction Stir Welding (FSW) for joining dissimilar material (metallic and polymeric) for automotive industry. Solid state welding process, like FSW, avoid the precipitation of secondary phases in the welded joint, resulting a high quality welded joint, even between materials impossible/difficult to weld with fusion welding processes. The main goal of the project is to obtain welding technologies for joining Al-Cu, Al-Steel, as well as different polymeric materials.

Short description of the project

The project studies the possibility to join, by FSW, Al-Cu, Al-steel and different types of polymeric materials.

Project implemented by

The partners in this project are: University Politehnica Timisoara (UPT), National R&D Institute for Welding and Material Testing – ISIM, Timisoara, University of Pitesti and Renault Technologie Roumanie (part of the Renault Group). The last partner will also implement the results of the project.

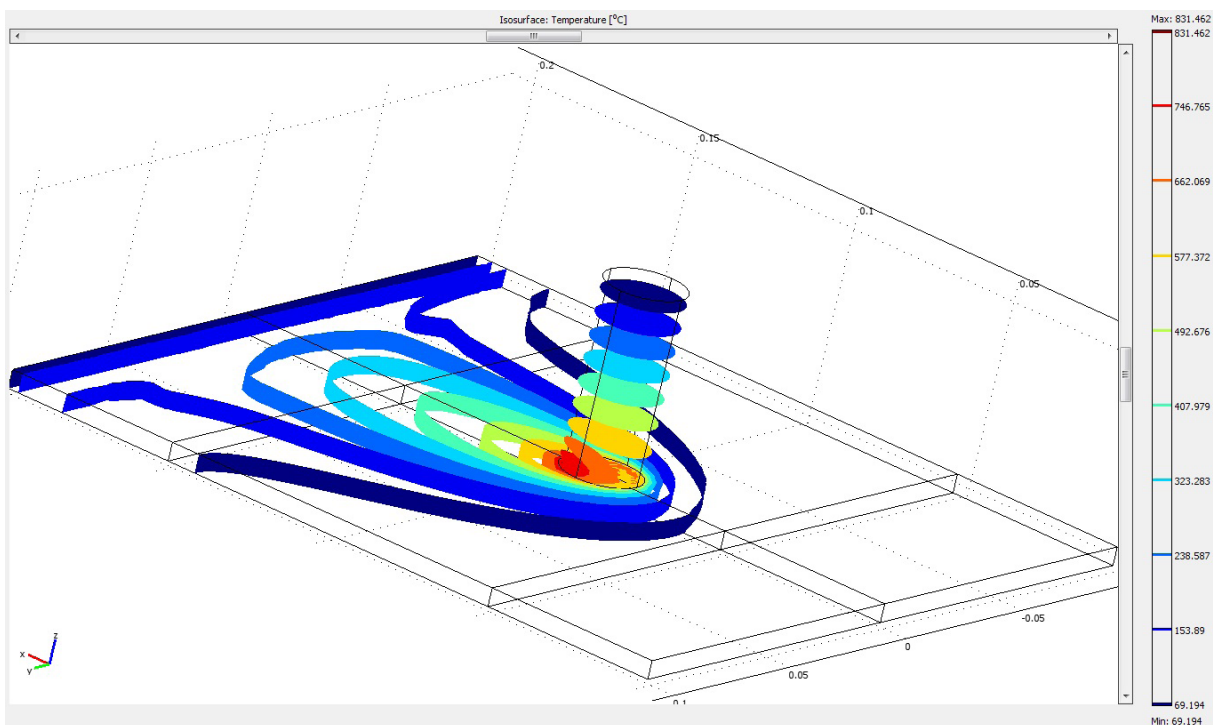
Implementation period

14.07.2014 – 30.09.2017

Main activities

The main activities of the project:

- defining the materials for the welding tools, technological parameters, testing procedures and quality specifications;
- experimental studies for joining Al (and aluminum alloys) with Cu (and copper alloys) and different polymeric materials;
- experimental studies for joining Al (and aluminum alloys) with steel;
- numerical modeling of FSW welding of dissimilar materials;
- testing of welded joints, optimization of the welding procedures (building a data base with results);
- dissemination of the results.



Results

The project results are materialized in more than 10 FSW technologies (tested and certified), for joining aluminum alloys with copper alloys, aluminum alloys with steel and also different polymeric materials. Also, there were 6 scientific papers that were published, based on the results of this project.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The result of the project will be transferred and applied mainly at the partner Renault Technologie Roumanie (part of the Renault Group), but they are available to all industrial entities working mainly in automotive industry.

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Research Centre

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT-BASED RESEARCH CONCERNING INDUSTRY-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION IN AN OPEN INNOVATION CONTEXT (UNIINOI)

Goal of the project

In the present competitive climate, knowledge and innovation are seen as the main distinguish factors of the organizations' success and as the basis of their competitive advantages. Following a long tradition of research in the field of innovation, open innovation is an approach in which the boundaries of innovation are shifting from a situation where organizations conduct research and development activities mainly internally, to a widespread collaboration and external knowledge source, in order to support achieving and sustaining continuous innovation of their product, services or processes. Furthermore, universities are seen among the most important partners with whom business organizations can cooperate for quantitative empirical evidence concerning the development, evolution and sustainability of Industry-University relations in Open Innovation. Despite the intensive efforts from both sides for the development of bilateral collaborations in the research and innovation field there are still space and resources for increasing the knowledge processed between these actors.

Short description of the project

The project activities are focuses on designing a feasible strategy (based on a model and an associated methodology) for the UNlinOI together with the definition of a set or a system of key performance criteria in order to characterize this process. The validation of the whole proposed approach for the increasing of the UNlinOI is developed in the case of Romanian universities and industrial organizations. All partners in the project will support the design and validation process of the model and methodology designed solutions..

Project implemented by

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Implementation period

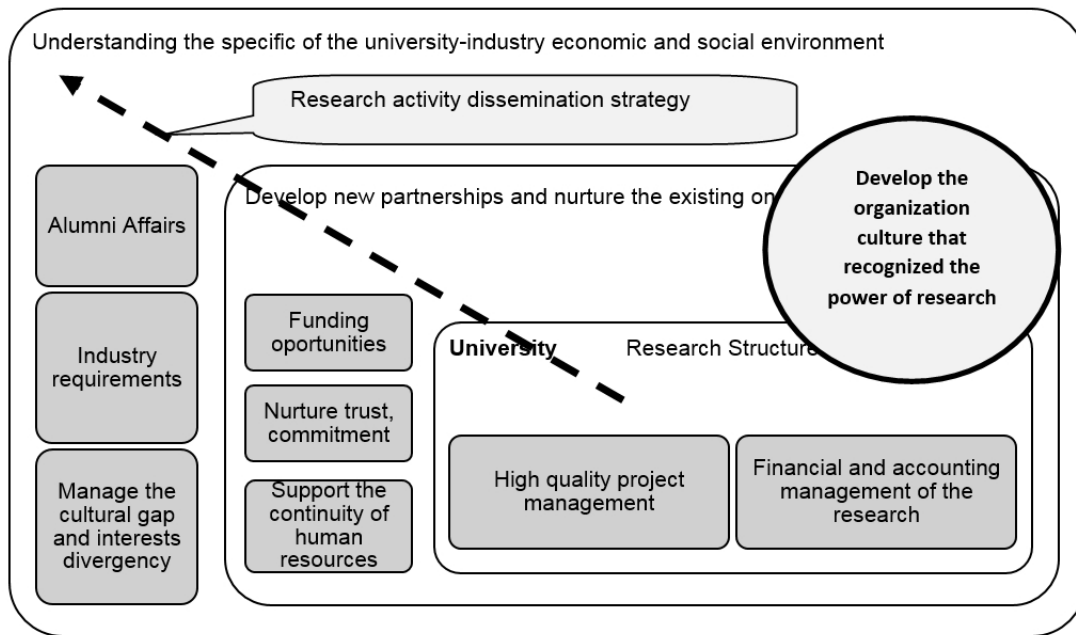
2014-2017

Main activities

Stage I - The development of the collaborative research environment (2014)
Stage II - The development of an Open Innovation environment between Industry-University (2015)
Stage III - The development of a model for the performance measurement of Industry-University collaboration in Open Innovation (2016)
Stage IV - The development of a methodology (associated with the previous designed model) for the performance measurement of Industry-University collaboration in Open Innovation (2017)

Results

During the project implementation there have been developed the ontology of UNlinOI (Fig. 1) using an appropriate software application for the knowledge map design and visualization. The ontology representation has a tree structure that include the description of each considered item as: motivation factors, barriers, channels for the knowledge transfer, benefits and disadvantages (dimensions of the proposed ontology considered as sub-ontologies). The ontology of UNlinOI allows the analysis and optimization of the different knowledge transfer processes, activities or interdependences by considering different items depicted in each sub-ontology. Therefore, each item has been detailed, for its complete characterization using relevant, actual references and existing regulations, norms for research and development activities in Romania.



The proposed model (or framework) for the UNlinOI

Applicability and transferability of the results

1. The projects' research results could be transferred in universities practices in order to define the strategy with its industrial partners in the local and regional areas (derived from a business model). In addition, the results could be useful for the internal procedures development and for the definition of a scientific framework in order to strength and intensify UNlinOI (including the development of future joint projects);
2. The research results could be easy transfer to industrial entities in order to foster UNlinOI;
3. Project's research results were transferred in the didactical process (master level) and enriched the knowledge bases of our didactical and PhD students' projects.

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THE IMPACT OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STABILITY ON INVESTMENTS, INNOVATION PROCESS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY IN THE EU (ISIHA)

Goal of the project

The aim of the project is to analyze the relationship between economic and financial stability on the one hand, and investment, innovation and entrepreneurship on the other hand, with a focus on the EU countries. The purpose is to see how the degradation of macroeconomic conditions and firms' access to finance influence their investment behavior and the entrepreneurial activity. For this purpose we use firm-level statistics (AMADEUS database) and perform sectorial comparison at EU level.

Short description of the projects

The economic and financial stability plays an important role in promoting investment, in influencing the entrepreneurs' decisions and in enhancing the national innovativeness capacity. These aspects, extremely important for the European strategy for economic recovery and job creation are not sufficiently explored in the literature, while their empirical investigation is practically inexistent.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University of Timisoara

Implementation period

01.10.2015 – 30.09.2017

Main activities

1. We develop the research on three directions:

- analyze the link between stability and investments, considering the sectorial particularities of the investments' determinants, using FDI and firm-level data.
- investigate the role of the stability in enhancing the national innovativeness capacity.
- explore the relationship between the economic stability and the entrepreneurial activity, to see which are the economic sectors where the entrepreneurial decision is sensitive to the evolution of the macroeconomic fundamentals.

2. Manipulation of AMADEUS statistics for firms' financial statements

3. Econometric analyses and generation of results

4. Dissemination of results in international conference

5. Collaboration with international researcher and research stages for young researchers involved in the project

6. Publication of empirical findings in high-ranked journals

Results

Publications:

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Applicability and transferability of the results

The findings have practical implications for investment and financial managers of companies operating in different economic fields. The results have also practical implication for fiscal and monetary authorities, helping them to identify the elements that enhance the investment and the entrepreneurial activity, in order to sustain the economic growth and job creation. Further, relying on a sectorial analysis, the findings give a complete understanding about the determinants of investment and entrepreneurship, specific to each industry.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY HARVESTING HYBRID SYSTEM BY PHOTOVOLTAIC AND PIEZOELECTRIC CONVERSION, DC/DC TRANSFORMATION WITH MEMS INTEGRATION AND ADAPTIVE STORAGE

Goal of the project

The design, building and testing of the prototype of a hybrid system for energy harvesting from the ambient through photovoltaic conversion, DC/DC transformation with MEMS integration and adaptive storage, will be carried out. A key novel component is the planar power micro-transformer for high frequency, with hybrid magnetic nanofluid/ferrite core and windings fabricated in MEMS technology, a part of the DC/DC converter. A second key component is the photovoltaic cell, which relies on novel solutions.

Short description of the project

A prototype with wireless sensors powered by the harvesting system was designed, built and tested. In this endeavor, there was prepared a dedicated magnetic fluid to be used as core of a micro-transformer, designed accordingly and tested. Further, an experimental model of the energy harvesting hybrid system was elaborated, designed and tested. Finally, a prototype for the harvesting device was designed and tested for a particular application.

The 2017 year research aimed to complete the third main activity. Politehnica University team (P1) was responsible for measuring the electrical properties of the magnetic nanofluid samples used in all tests and participating to the planned testing activities and dissemination.

Project implemented by

- National Institute for R&D in Electrical Engineering ICPE-CA Bucharest (Coordinator),
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- Romanian Academy – Timisoara Branch (Partner 2),
- Politehnica University of Bucharest (Partner 3),
- SYSCOM PROCESS CONTROL LTD (Partner 4).

Results

The main result of the project will be the integration of an innovative photovoltaic conversion system and an original DC/DC converter, which utilizes a planar, spiral, MEMS, hybrid (magnetic nanofluid/ferrite) cored micro-transformer in an efficient device for energy harvesting. Regarding the use of a magnetic nanofluid core micro-transformer for the DC/DC converter, from the manufacturing point of view, it is expected that once the appropriate magnetic nanofluid characteristics are established, it will offer an easier way of obtaining the transformer core compared to a solid one. From the operating point of view, it is expected that by replacing the solid core with a liquid core will result in a better heat dissipation and reduction of the thermal stresses in the micro-transformer, leading to a longer life-cycle, maintaining or even improving the electric characteristics. The results obtained in 2017 were disseminated through:

Implementation period

July 1st, 2014 – September 30, 2017

Main activities

The main activities are as follows:

(I) elaboration of the experimental model of the energy harvesting hybrid system by photovoltaic conversion and DC/DC transformation with MEMS integration;

(II) design and testing of the experimental model of the energy harvesting hybrid system by photovoltaic conversion and DC/DC transformation with MEMS integration;

(III) design and testing of the prototype of the energy harvesting hybrid system by photovoltaic conversion and DC/DC transformation with MEMS integration.

[1] Lucian Pîslaru-Dănescu, Gabriela Telipan, Floriana D. Stoian, Sorin Holotescu, Oana Maria Marinică, Chapter: Nanofluid with Colloidal Magnetic Fe₃O₄ Nanoparticles and Its Applications in Electrical Engineering, published in book "Nanofluid heat and mass transfer in engineering problems", Editor Mohsen Sheikholeslami Kandelousi, ISBN 978-953-51-3008-6, InTech Open, Croatia, 2017, DOI: 10.5772/65556.

[2]. Oana Maria Marinică, Study of Static Magnetic Properties of Transformer Oil Based Magnetic Fluids for Various Technical Applications Using Demagnetizing Field Correction, Journal of Nanomaterials, Volume 2017, Article ID 5407679, 9 pages, Hindawi, doi.org/10.1155/2017/5407679.

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Applicability and transferability of the results

The product can bring added value for further development as an end-product to the industrial partner. Possible applications are characterized by their placement in hard to reach places, isolated and without local and/or conventional sources. Among these are applications for industrial automation, monitoring of various parameters in industry (pressure transducers mounted in the gas distribution networks, device multiparameter probes mounted in drinking water distribution networks and others), in agriculture (humidity and soil temperature sensors), for surveillance and monitoring of perimeters.

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VALORIZATION OF ENERGETIC POTENTIAL FOR AGRO-INDUSTRIAL RESIDUES THROUGH BIODEGRADATION PROCESSES AND CATALYTIC COMBUSTION OF OBTAINED BIOGAS

Goal of the project

Determination of the best recipes with the help of mathematical apparatus (mathematical modeling) in accordance with the experience accumulated so far, for obtaining biogas with the best characteristics in terms of quality and quantity; testing at laboratory level (volumes between 1 and 6 liters) for substrates identified as being the most suitable for anaerobic fermentation process; for the existing pilot installation there will be made modifications for process optimization through increasing the control degree for process parameters and improvement of material homogeneity during the residence time inside the reactors. The obtained experimental values will be compared with the ones obtained from modeling processes and corresponding conclusions will be traced; biogas capitalization in catalytic firing processes.

Short description of the project

The proposed project highlights the way different biodegradable materials can be capitalized with emphasis on agricultural, municipal and industrial residues, using anaerobic fermentation processes with biogas production. The project structures in an interdisciplinary manner lifecycle of degradable resources mentioned above, from the point of origin to the exploitation of obtained biogas using catalytic combustion. It will be used a two-pronged approach to capitalize biodegradable materials: theoretical, using mathematical models for determining the characteristics of the anaerobic fermentation process and experimental, through laboratory determinations to characterize the substrates and obtained biogas using combustion tests in order to identify the most suitable catalysts in this regard. The purpose of the project involves a novel contribution in a direction which is currently under development at national level by providing relevant information impacting the quality of life by increasing regional and local autonomy in the context of valorization the renewable energy resources. The degree of novelty for the project also involves developing an experimental pilot for testing liquid substrates in anaerobic fermentation processes, which can have further industrial applications.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University Timisoara,
Mechanical Engineering Faculty,
Department of Mechanical Machines Equipment and Transportation

Implementation period

01.10.2015 – 30.09.2017

Main activities:

- Establishing the substrates which will be further used in experimental determinations;
- Mathematical modeling;
- Experimental tests on existing installations;
- Catalytic elements synthesis for further use in biogas combustion processes;
- Tests over the optimization possibilities for biogas combustion using catalytic elements;
- Comparison of experimental and modeling determinations.

Results

- 2 papers published in ISI journals (Web of Knowledge);
- 2 papers published in BDI indexed journals;
- participation to at least 2 national/international conferences;
- publishing of a book or a book chapter with the obtained results.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The project underlines the need to develop new methods of valorization for the non-usable biodegradable part through interdisciplinary approach which has as a main purpose determining the exploitation possibilities for the residual materials which originate from agriculture or municipal /industrial environment through chemical conversion processes with impact on biogas production.

Through developing and application of models for determining the best residual material sorts which are to be used in anaerobic fermentation processes and their application at pilot scale, it can be open a new research direction relative to the used models for semi - industrial or industrial scale for solving, at least partially, the energetic demand from renewable sources.

This aspect can help in regards to increased degree of energetic independence at local and regional levels with impact on life quality for the involved population of the respective areas from two points of view: reduced price for gas through input of renewable energy and increased work opportunities in case of developing respective installations in this purpose.

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MITIGATION OF DECELERATED SWIRLING FLOW FROM CONICAL DIFFUSERS USING PULSATING WATER JET

Goal of the project:

The fundamental problem addressed in this project is studying a new control method of decelerated swirling flow. The main goal of this project is to evaluate numerically and experimentally the performance of a new flow control method with pulse water injection. The first goal of the project is to mitigate the low frequency plunging oscillations using axially-injected pulsation jets. The second goal is to minimize the injected discharge during this control. This project attempts to deliver answers to the following questions: Is the pulse water injection a valid control method from experimentally point of view? What is the pulse jet parameters which allow the mitigation/elimination of the VR and the maximum pressure recovery in the cone and what is the optimal jet's discharge value? Are there any technical and economical limits of this method? Which are the advantages (if any) of this method with respect to the previous ones (the jet and hydrodynamic feedback)? Which are the disadvantages (if any) of this method with respect to the previous ones (the jet and hydrodynamic feedback)? An existing test rig from Politehnica University of Timisoara is going to be used for experimental investigation of this method (Fig. 1).



Short description of the project:

The new control method consists in injecting a pulsating axial water jet in order to mitigate the low frequency plunging oscillations. The idea of using pulsating jets is yielded by the measured pressure's low-frequency oscillation in the conical diffusers of hydraulic turbines which are operated at part load. These regimes are imposed by the power network requirements. The fixed blade turbines e.g. Francis type, operating at part load present a high level of swirling

flow at the inlet of draft tube. When swirling flow from draft tube is decelerating, it becomes unstable giving rise at helical vortex (or vortex rope). Vortex rope is the main cause for the occurrence of pressure fluctuations in draft tube of hydraulic turbines operating at part load. Mitigating the vortex rope phenomenon is an open problem for modern Francis hydraulic turbines. Numerous techniques have been examined for reducing these effects, with success varying widely. Two types of pressure fluctuations associated with the draft tube surge are identified in the literature. The first is an asynchronous pressure fluctuation due to the precession of the helical vortex around the axis of the draft tube. The second type is synchronous fluctuations who give rise to power fluctuations. Consequently, these low-frequency pressure oscillations will be mitigated using the pulsating axial jet control method.

Project implemented by

Politehnica University Timisoara, Research Center for Engineering of Systems with Complex Fluids

Implementation period:

01.10.2015-30.09.2017

Main activities:

- 1) Objective I: 3D numerical analysis of swirling flow using pulsating jet injection method,
- 2) Objective II: Manufacturing and implementing on the rig of Rotating Pulsating Jet Device,
- 3) Objective III: Experimental campaign for pulsating jet parameters optimization,
- 4) Objective IV: Validation of experimental vs. numerical data.

Results:

The results for 2016 are presented in the list of papers:

1. C. TANASA, T. CIOCAN, S. MUNTEAN and R. SUSAN-RESIGA, (2016), Numerical Assessment of Decelerated Swirling Flow with Vortex Rope from Conical Diffuser Using Pulsating Water Jet, 19th International Seminar on Hydropower Plants, Vienna, 09-11, November.
2. SUSAN-RESIGA Romeo-Florin, MUNTEAN Sebastian, TĂNASĂ Constantin, BOSIOC Ilie Alin, CIOCAN Tiberiu, POPESCU Constantin, (2016), ECHIPAMENT PENTRU CONTROLUL INSTABILITĂȚILOR CURGERILOR CU VĂRTEJ DIN DIFUZORUL CONIC AL TURBINELOR HIDRAULICE, patent application no. A0038/12.05.216 - in romanian.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

A new control method is promoted in this project which attempt to improve the flow control and mitigate the axial pressure pulsations revealed by previous investigations. The decelerated flow control using pulsating jets is a new idea. This new control method will mitigate the low frequency pressure pulsations. These plunging oscillations are dangerous due to the waves traveling along to hydraulic passage. This project will evaluate numerically and experimentally the performance of a new decelerated flow control method: using pulse water injection. Decelerated flow control is a problem experienced by hydraulic turbines when operating far from their best efficiency point as a request from energy market demands. Operating in such a regime (if even possible) causes severe vibrations, efficiency decrease, material fatigue, breaks blades etc. Implementation of a decelerated flow control system able to eliminate vibrations leads to maintenance and operation costs decrease. The method which will be tested on the experimental test rig will be proposed for using in real power plants from the national company SC Hidroelectrica SA Romania, which is partner in different contracts in the field of hydraulic machinery with our institution.

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INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF COLTERM BY OPTIMIZING VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL TECHNOLOGY OF LARGE POWER CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS FOR HEATING

Goal of the project

The objective of this project is to integrate the new modern assemblies pump–electric motor–converter with variable speed control technology in the transport network of the thermal energy from Timisoara and the efficient operation of the entire transport network of the thermal energy.

Short description of the project

The objectives of this project are the integration of the two modern assemblies in the transport network of the thermal energy from the city of Timisoara together with the efficient operation of the entire heating network. To achieve these objectives an experimental investigation will be carried out for the designated pumps from the transport system of the thermal energy from the two CET in order to obtain characteristic curves of operation.

Project implemented by:

The project is implemented by a team from the Politehnica University Timișoara.

Implementation period

30/09/2016 – 30/09/2018

Main activities

There are three main activities.

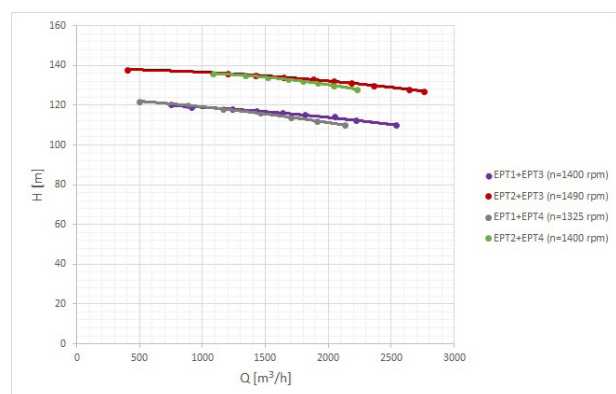
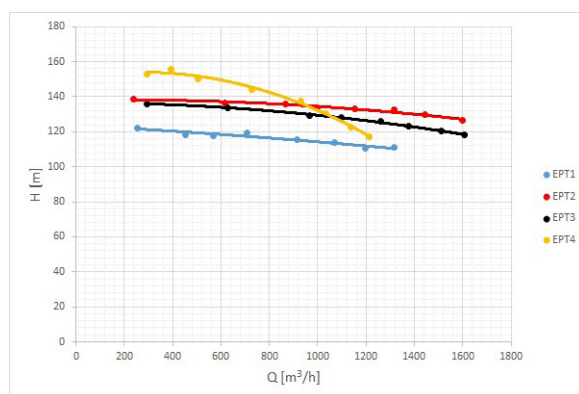
The first one is to determine a protocol for experimental investigation of centrifugal pumps and to apply it on a couple of pumps from the Laboratory of Hydraulic Machines.

The second one is to investigate the pumps from CET Centru and establish the best operating pattern for these pumps.

The third one is to investigate the pumps from CET Sud and establish the best operating pattern for these pumps.

Results

The estimated results of this project are the operating patterns of the centrifugal pumps from CET Centru and CET Sud and the best efficient operating pattern of these pumps. Until now, the pumps from CET Centru were investigated and the results are presented in the next three figures. In the first figure, we have the operating curves of the four centrifugal pumps from CET Centre. In the second figure, we have the best operating pattern for these four pumps.



Applicability and transferability of the results:

The best operating patterns of the centrifugal pumps from CET Centru and CET Sud will help Colterm to operate these pump at best efficiency in order to supply the necessary domestic hot water and thermal energy for the citizens of Timisoara. By doing this, Colterm will optimize the cost with electric energy.

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IONOSPHERIC PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS AND WIDEBAND COMMUNICATIONS USING HF SDR SENSORS FOR INFORMATIONAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN ROMANIA

Goal of the project

The project aims to implement software and hardware solutions that integrate ionospheric sounding algorithms in a network of SDR (Software Defined Radio) sensors in order to develop and validate a HF (High Frequency) ionospheric prediction model for the territory of Romania.

Short description of the project

The project targets a systemic approach of the communication network through the implementation, development and integration of recent technological solutions from the perspective of providing information support for the management of interventions in disaster areas where communication infrastructure does not exist or is damaged. Project results can be applied not only in the rapid resolution of remote communications in emergency situations, but also can be extended to other applications in the HF communications range, such as encrypted data communication links for the government or the military.

Project implemented by:

- Land Forces Academy "Nicolae Bălcescu", Sibiu - coordinator
- Interactive Systems & Business Consulting, Bucharest - partner
- Politehnica University Timișoara - partner
- Technical University of Cluj-Napoca - partner

Implementation period

21.11.2014 - 30.09.2017

Main activities

- Building a SDR sensor network for ionospheric sounding
- Elaboration of an application for HF propagation predictions in Romania.
- Development of broadband HF communications by the implementation of adaptive systems



HF antenna

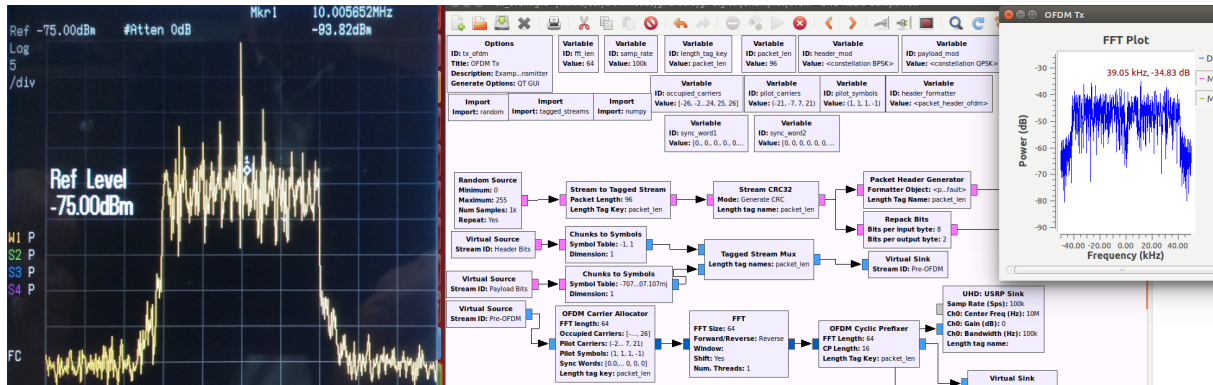
Results

The main deliverables of the project are:

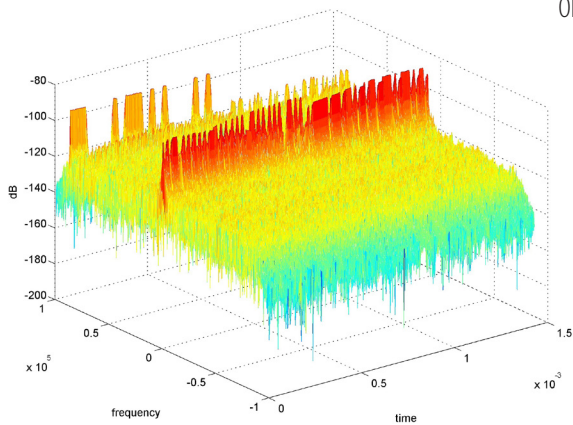
- an ionospheric model which is specific for Eastern Europe;
- algorithms for the automatic identification and classification of waveforms in order to increase the transfer rate and to implement techniques for dynamically accessing the HF resources;
- SDR solutions for local monitoring and collaborative spectrum sensing in the HF range;
- a HF radio network on the territory of Romania which allows high transfer rates in collaborative environments, by automatically adapting to specific conditions of ionospheric propagation at high angles of elevation.



Experimental setup

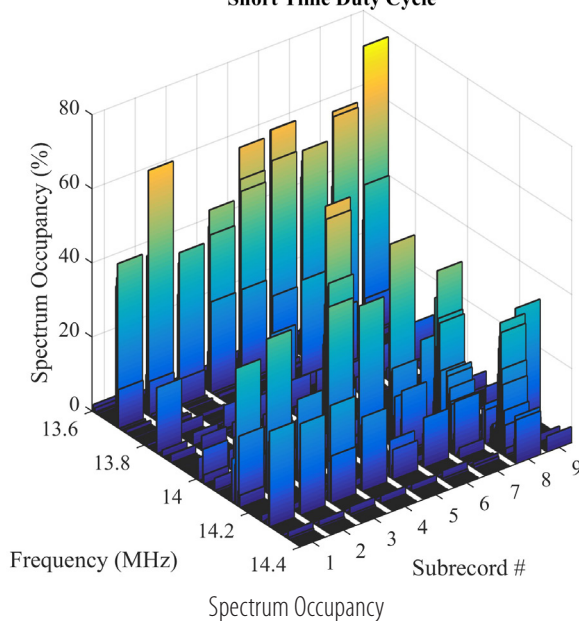


OFDM signal



Time-Frequency representation of the HF signal

Short Time Duty Cycle



Applicability and transferability of the results

- creating an integrated software application for HF propagation predictions adapted to the propagation particularities of our country
- implementing the ionospheric measurement capability for HF radio stations with SDR architecture
- measurement and modeling of Spectrum Occupancy in the HF range
- implementing algorithms for the adaptation of broadband waveforms to the ionospheric channel status
- implementing an integrated system for monitoring the ionosphere

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AFFORDABLE AUTONOMOUS UNDERWATER VEHICLE (AUV) FOR SEARCH, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN TURBID UNDERWATER

Goal of the project:

Developing an underwater enhancing technique that can work in real-time for affordable Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)

Short description of the project:

Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) are devices able to follow a predefined route or is computing and adjusting the route as a result of sensor measurements. They were developed and used successfully on various applications; such as oceanographic surveys, bathymetric measurements, underwater maintenance and inspections activities (e.g. of the hydroelectric dams, bridges, sea wind turbines and oil sea platforms structure). Taking advantage of the latest advances in hardware and software, an ever-increasing number of underwater studies rely on AUVs that offer increased operational range and reduce potential hazards compared to classical methods involving divers or manned submersibles.

However, the existing AUVs performances are currently very limited due to the poor underwater visibility. In general the existing restoration techniques are too computationally expensive for AUVs. This project proposes a radically novel paradigm that provides the basis for more direct, interactive and efficient underwater studies, while reducing the associated costs. The technologies developed in the context of this project will allow the scientists to directly study, in an immersive way and in real-time, the environment surveyed by the AUVs, while allowing remotely interacting with the vehicle in a natural and intuitive manner.

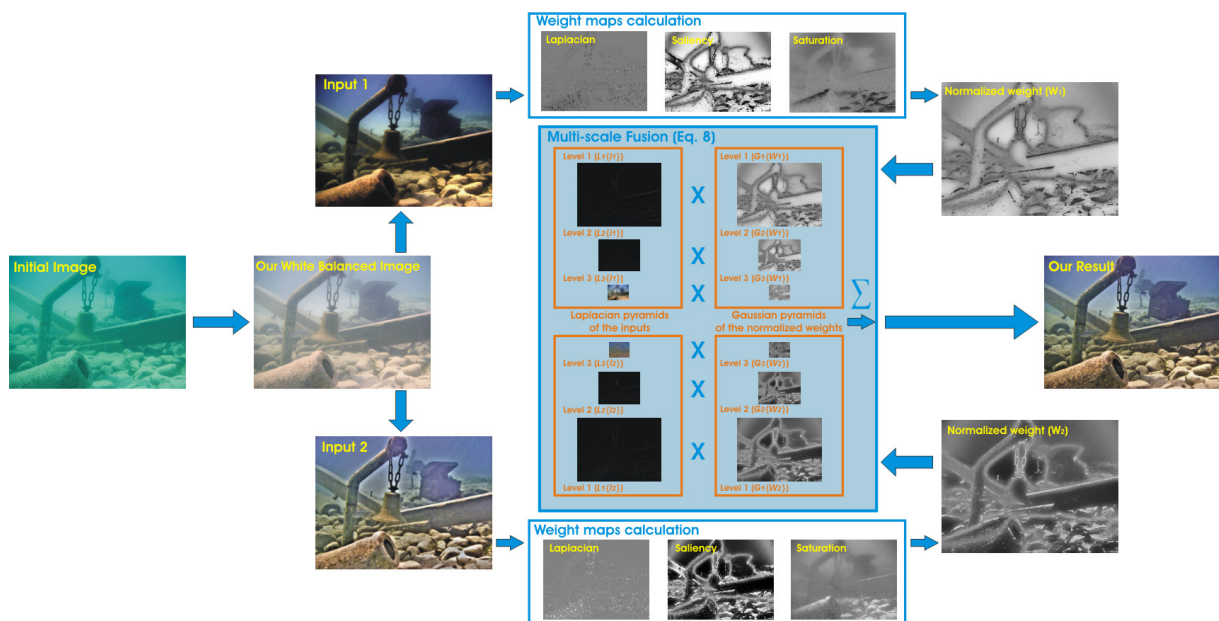


Figure 1: Overview of the proposed method.

Project implemented by

University Politehnica Timisoara, Romania

Implementation period:

January 2017- June 2018

Main activities:

The main activities of the project:

- identification of specific requirements of underwater imaging technique to be implemented on a specific hardware platform;
- design of an exploration path for specific functionalities;
- designing and recording of specific underwater image scenarios;
- implementation of the underwater imaging technique;
- optimize and integrate the underwater enhancing technique;
- publish the results;

Results:

- Developing an effective underwater enhancing technique
- 2 WOS/ISI papers and 1 BDI paper
- 1 ISI journal (IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, Q1, impact factor 4.8)

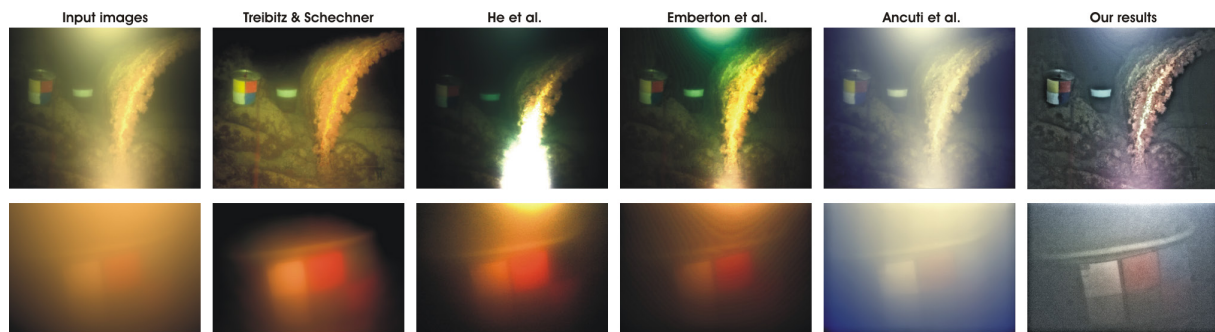


Figure 2: Underwater dehazing of extreme scenes characterized by non-uniform illumination conditions. Our method performs better than earlier approaches of Treibitz and Schechner, He et al., Emberton et al. and Ancuti et al

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The outcome of this project may be applied in the field of underwater imaging and in the AUV's industry.

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TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE FOR FATIGUE STRENGTH EVALUATION OF STEERING WHEELS SKELETON

Goal of the project

- Interconnection of the expertise of the project team from University Politehnica Timisoara with the quality assurance requirements of TRW Company for the steering wheels.
- Transfer of knowledge regarding the static and dynamic characterization of Magnesium alloys.
- Intensification of the cooperation between University Politehnica Timisoara and TRW Company for understanding of mechanical behavior and for the implementation of a methodology to assess the durability of steering wheel skeletons.

Short description of the project

The project propose a transfer of knowledge from the experts from University Politehnica Timisoara in order to implement the methodology to determine the fatigue strength of steering wheel skeleton.

Project implemented by:

Universitatea Politehnica Timisoara and TRW AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY SYSTEMS SRL (Economic partner)

Implementation period

30/09/2016-29/09/2018

Main activities

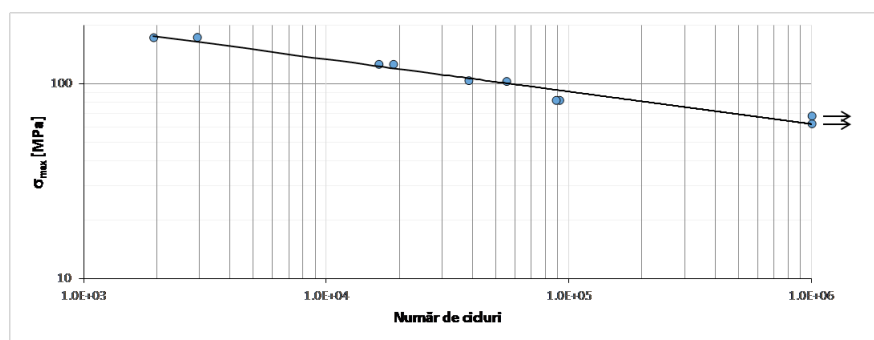
- Interconnection of the expertise of the project team from University Politehnica Timisoara with the quality assurance requirements of TRW Company for the steering wheels.
- Mechanical characterization and determination of static and dynamic properties of Magnesium alloys used for steering wheels.
- Elaboration of material models for Magnesium alloy AM50. Numerical estimation of durability of steering wheel skeletons.
- Practical training of master students from University Politehnica Timisoara on modern equipment of TRW company.

Results

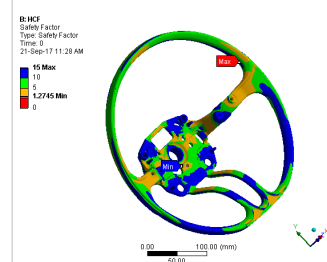
The TRW company will implement a methodology to evaluate the fatigue strength for the steering wheels skeleton made of Magnesium alloys and will be able to perform in-house tests at the Timisoara branch.

After the project implementation the TRW company will receive a methodology to assess the static and dynamic characteristics of Magnesium alloys. Also, will be developed the methodology to assess the fatigue strength of steering wheels skeletons. Very important results are represented by fatigue curves for Magnesium alloy, which could be useful in the design stage to perform numerical durability studies.

Participation at two international conferences ARTENS - Sibiu 2016 and ICSID - Dubrovnik 2016. Publication of the paper FATIGUE ANALYSIS OF MAGNESIUM ALLOYS COMPONENTS FOR CAR INDUSTRY, Authors L. Marsavina, L. Rusu, D. Serban, R. Negru, A. Cernescu, ACTA UIVERSITATIS CIBINIENSIS – TECHNICAL SERIES Vol. LXIX 2017, p. 47-51



Fatigue curve on tensile loading for AM50 Magnesium alloy



Safety factor under fatigue loading

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The TRW company will implement a methodology to evaluate the fatigue strength for the steering wheels skeleton made of Magnesium alloys and will be able to perform in-house tests at the Timisoara branch. After the project implementation the TRW company will receive a methodology to assess the static and dynamic characteristics of Magnesium alloys. Also, will be developed the methodology to assess the fatigue strength of steering wheels skeletons. Very important results are represented by fatigue curves for Magnesium alloy, which could be useful in the design stage to perform numerical durability studies.

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TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE FOR DASHBOARD AND HEAD-UP DISPLAY OPTIMIZATION THROUGH TESTING AND MODELLING OF ADVANCED MATERIALS

Goal of the project

The goal of the project is the determination of strain rate and temperature variation in mechanical properties of several advanced materials used in vehicle instrument clusters and Head-Up displays. With the gathered experimental data, non-linear material models are to be developed for the use in finite element analysis of various components during the product design stage.

Short description of the project

This project deals with the mechanical characterization and numerical simulations of advanced materials used in the automotive industry

Project implemented by:

This project is implemented by Universitatea Politehnica Timișoara with the support of Continental Automotive Romania.

Implementation period

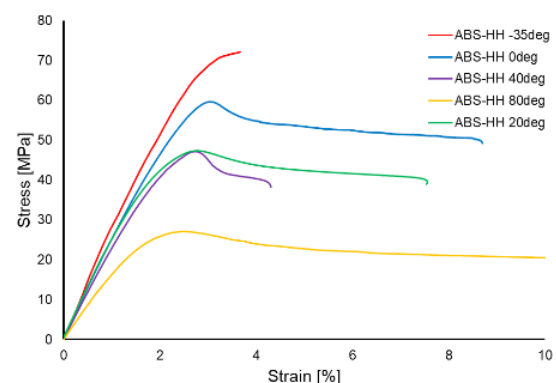
01/10/2016 – 31/03/2018

Main activities

01. Determination of the mechanical and thermal properties of the investigated materials
 - Static tests (determination of the influence of strain rate and temperature)
 - Fatigue tests
 - DMA tests
02. Development and evaluation of constitutive models used in simulations
 - Development of constitutive models based on the gathered experimental data
 - Evaluation of the developed material models through experiment replication
03. Implementation of the constitutive models in product simulations
 - Analysis of simulation results and comparison with experimental data
 - Identification of optimal models from an accuracy and simulation time standpoint
04. Development of procedures for facilitating the introduction of new materials
 - Establishment of a test benchmarks
 - Proposal of easy-to-calibrate material models for simulating new materials

Results

In this project, the experimental procedures determined the mechanical properties of 5 materials. The strain rate influence on the tensile and flexural properties was investigated in the range of 2 – 200 mm/min test speed, showing a noticeable influence on the strength and stiffness of the materials. The materials were also tested in a temperature range of -35 °C to 80 °C, showing significant variation in strength, stiffness and also in behavior (Figure 1).



Other experimental procedures included DMA tests and the determination of the Poisson ratio.

The gathered experimental data was used to calibrate elastic-plastic material models for finite element analysis simulations. Temperature and strain-rate dependency was integrated in the models, the material evaluation showing good agreement with the experimental results.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The aim of the Bridge Grant was to directly aid companies through the transfer of knowledge, all results being delivered to the project partner:

- The experimental results were supplied to Continental Automotive Romania, the data being used in the material selection process in product design.
- The proposed material models will be used by Continental Automotive Romania in numerical analyses of newly designed components.

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CENTRALIZING AND OPTIMIZING SCADA IN THE WATER SECTOR (CASCADA)

Goal of the project

The knowledge transfer to Aquatim through software and hardware modules and strategies for centralizing and optimizing SCADA for the water sector.

Short description of the project

The general purpose of CASCADA is the knowledge transfer to the economic operator through software and hardware modules and strategies to solve stated problems in centralizing and optimizing SCADA for the water sector. The project proposes the ICOM module (Interface, Conversion, Optimization, Modularity) as instrument in solving both interfacing and protocol conversion problems and the development of non-invasive optimization modules of controlling groups of objectives already in function in the water sector. Also, in order to improve effectiveness, the project addresses the IGSS SCADA implementation strategy in Aquatim control center and the existing communication system. CASCADA wants to train Aquatim in SCADA/automation/communications new technologies and to practically apply the concepts in a SCADA analysis of three existing objectives of the operator.

Project implemented by

University Politehnica Timisoara

Implementation period

30.09.2016-30.09.2018

Main activities:

The activities are foreseen to implement the following three objectives:

- 1) Realizing and testing the ICOM module;
- 2) Optimizing the IGSS control center;
- 3) Direct knowledge transfer in new technologies.

Results

CASCADA, through the ICOM module will solve the SCADA integrability problems of the economic operator, respectively will provide an instrument, independent of local equipment and SCADA solutions, to answer integrability and functioning optimization issues for groups of interdependent objects as technological flow but independent regarding their implementations. Therefore, due to SCADA correlations of groups of objects (integrations on higher SCADA levels and creating control algorithms for group of objects), the economic operator's systems will be more stable and efficient, respectively the impact of the incidents will be reduced. Optimizing the IGSS control center will provide the possibility to

maximally use the resources available through licensing, an increased communication speed through systematizing the internal Aquatim network, respectively an adequate web based access conferred by the WebNavIGSS module.

CASCADA will impact also the quality of the future investments of the economic operator through opening perspectives to new technologies and optimal solutions, with increased efficiency and reduced costs.

The implemented activities will strengthen the entrepreneurial abilities of researchers and the connection between the academic environment and the industry requirements.

Applicability and transferability of the results

As a bridge grant, the project is strongly industry oriented, with significant practical value and focused on the knowledge transfer to an economic operator.

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MESSAGE PASSING ITERATIVE DECODERS BASED ON IMPRECISE ARITHMETIC FOR MULTI-OBJECTIVE POWER-AREA-DELAY OPTIMIZATION

Goal of the project

The DIAMOND project proposes to exploit the robustness of modern decoders to arithmetic inaccuracies, for improving their latency and power consumption. The project focuses on Low-Density Parity-Check (LDPC) codes widely used in modern communication systems, and targets the design of message-passing iterative decoders using imprecise arithmetic units. We aim at harnessing the inaccuracies produced by imprecise computational units, while benefiting of their significant reductions in area, latency and power consumption.

Short description of the project

The project investigates the possibility of optimizing LDPC decoding architectures by employing imprecise and approximate techniques at different levels: message representation, processing unit and architecture.

Project implemented by

- Universitatea Politehnica Timisoara (UPT) – Romanian partner
- CEA-LETI, Grenoble – French coordinator partner
- ETIS Laboratory – French partner

Implementation period

March 2014 – March 2017

Main activities:

DIAMOND project have analyzed the impact of the introducing impreciseness and approximations in LDPC decoding architecture on the decoding performance, cost and throughput. The main activities involved:

1. Development of LDPC decoding techniques using imprecise message representation
2. Analysis and development of imprecise processing units
3. Development of imprecise stopping criteria for layered decoding
4. Development of proof-of-concept decoders using the imprecise techniques at different levels.

Results

The main results of the DIAMOND project include:

1. Imprecise message representation techniques – these include the development of the modified offset min-sum (MOMS) LDPC decoding, as well as the non-subjective finite alphabet iterative decoding of LDPC codes.
2. Imprecise processing units – the main developments have consisted in a novel check node unit using one-hot representation of messages, and a novel version of self-correcting min-sum (SCMS), that allows the implementation of this SCMS based LDPC decoder with a similar cost as the Min-Sum based ones.
3. Imprecise early termination criteria for layered LDPC decoders

In order to provide a wide range of proof-of-concept decoding architectures, for which a wide range of architecture and code parameters can be analyzed, an integrated environment for the architecture generation, verification and implementation – TEDI – has been developed.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The DIAMOND project aims at optimizing LDPC decoding architectures used for forward error correction in both wireless communications and data storage. Several steps for economic and industrial results dissemination have been undertaken. On one hand, a simplified version of the LDPC decoding architecture generator has been made publicly available on the webpage dbyalick.cs.upt.ro. On the other hand, the proposed stopping criteria for layered LDPC decoding architectures has been considered for a joint patent application between the project partners.

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DIVIDEND - DISTRIBUTED HETEROGENEOUS VERTICALLY INTEGRATED ENERGY EFFICIENT DATA CENTRES

Goal of the project

DIVIDEND aims to optimize heterogeneous data centers, combining CPUs, GPUs, and task-specific accelerators, as a unified entity to the application developer and let the runtime optimize the utilization of the system resources during task execution. DIVIDEND embraces heterogeneity to dramatically lower the energy per task through extensive hardware specialization while maintaining the ease of programmability of a homogeneous architecture.

Short description of the project

DIVIDEND provides cross layer energy monitoring and management in data centers that use heterogeneous CPU, GPU and FPGA based processing. We aim to provide energy optimization using a vertical based integration from different abstraction layers: hardware, operating system, compiler and application.

Project implemented by

- University of Edinburgh – Coordinator
- University of Lancaster
- Queens University of Belfast
- Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
- Universitatea Politehnica Timișoara
- INRIA Paris,
- Advanced Micro Devices, Paris

Implementation period

May 2015 – May 2017

Main activities:

The main activities performed in UPT are related to the development and integration of energy monitoring of dedicated FPGA accelerators into the Distributed Heterogeneous System Architecture (DHSA) concept. The UPT research represents the first approach to use the FPGA accelerators in hybrid architecture with full access to the system shared memory, as well as complete queuing support for DHSA. We aim at providing efficient acceleration for irregular parallel application using the proposed approach.

Results

The DIVIDEND project has provided a complete integration of FPGA based application accelerators into the DHSA systems, by offering the required hardware, as well as driver and operation system level support. Furthermore, energy accounting for dedicated FPGA hardware accelerators for distributed applications is offered. Therefore, an energy aware FPGA acceleration in distributed HSA based heterogeneous CPU-GPU-FPGA systems has been developed.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The DIVIDEND project developed the first approach that provides an energy cost for an application that has been executed in the distributed data center, composed of a heterogeneous computation platform consisting of CPUs, GPUs, or FPGAs. Therefore, for each user which runs applications on a data-center, a cost for the execution of each task can be offered. Therefore, the DIVIDEND project offers an energy aware application execution framework on distributed data-centers.

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ECO-EFFICIENT RECOVERY OF WASTES FROM HOT DIP GALVANIZING PROCESS AS ANIONIC CLAYS APPLICABLE FOR REMOVAL OF UNDESIRABLE COMPOUNDS FROM WATER

Goal of the project

The main objective of the project is the synthesis of anionic clays (layered double hydroxides) from wastes of hot dip galvanizing process (zinc ash and sludge from wastewater treatment) and the utilization of these materials in removal processes (adsorption or photocatalysis) of undesirable compounds from water (i.e. phenols, dyes, chromate). Another objective is to gain significant research experience for the project team.

Short description of the project

By treatment of industrial wastes some layered double hydroxides (LDH) will be prepared. The correlation between the chemical characteristics of precursors of LDH obtained from wastes and the performances of LDHs in removal processes of undesirable compounds from water will be clarified.

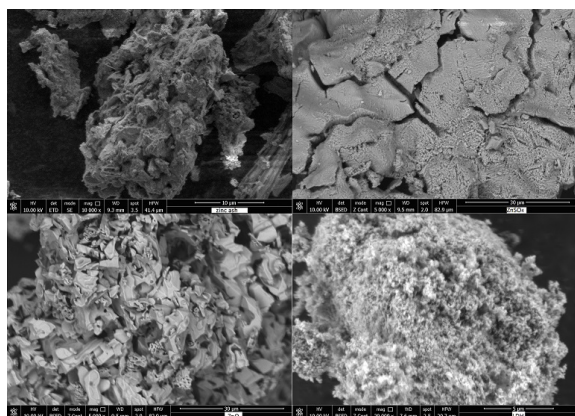


Figure 1. SEM images of zinc ash and product obtained after zinc ash treatment ($ZnSO_4$, ZnO and LDH)

Project implemented by

Faculty of Industrial Chemistry and Environmental Engineering

Implementation period

01.10.2015 – 30.09.2017

Main activities:

1. The influence of the working parameters of wastes treatment process on the chemical characteristic of the obtained metal solutions;
2. The influence of the chemical characteristics of solution precursors on the morphological and surface properties of the synthesized LDH;
3. The performances of the synthesized LDH in the sorption and photocatalytic processes for removal of undesirable compounds from water.

Results

1. Method for valuable metal recovery from wastes of hot dip galvanizing process.
2. New method for anionic clay synthesis from metal ions recovered from wastes of hot dip galvanizing process.
3. Method for removal of undesirable compounds from water by anionic clays synthesized from wastes of a "dirty industry".

Applicability and transferability of the results

By applying this approach, the wastes of a "dirty industry" (hot dip galvanizing process) are treated and a valuable product is added, keeping in mind that the anionic clays have multiple utilizations at industrial scale as plastic additives, as flame retardant and as anions scavengers. The project has an interdisciplinary character presenting an integrated concept of industrial wastes treatment and waters depollution.

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SYNERGIC GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR TREATMENT OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM POLLUTED WATERS

Goal of the project

The first major objective of this project will be to study the influence of co-presence of sand, MnO_2 and sand coated with manganese oxides on Cr(VI) efficiency of removal with metallic iron. The second major objective of this project is to study the immobilization of exhausted reactive mixtures containing Fe, Cr, sand and MnO_2 in vitreous matrices. The Cr, Fe and Mn immobilization in the glass matrix will be analyzed in order to convert the resulting glasses into marketable glazes or bulk glass products.

Short description of the project

The proposed theme is integrated in the thematic area of water and wastewater treatment, with the aim of water reuse, waste recovery and protection of environment quality.

Project implemented by

University Politehnica Timisoara

Implementation period

01.10.2015–30.09.2017

Main activities:

1. Batch treatability experiments. Will be performed using a Berzelius flask containing Cr(VI) solution. Determined amounts of reactive materials are added to the solution and flask contents will be mixed continuously. Aliquots will be periodically extracted and analyzed.
2. Continuous long term column treatability experiments. Will be performed using an experimental setup comprising: columns with reactive material filling; peristaltic pump used to pass the Cr(VI) aqueous solution through the column; storage tank for the Cr(VI) solution. The Cr(VI) solution will be passed through the column packed with reactive material filling. Column effluent samples will be withdrawn at regular time intervals and analyzed.
3. Experiments regarding the synthesis of glasses from wastes. The exhausted reactive materials will be mixed with glass powders and borax and then melted in an electric furnace. In order to obtain bulk glass products the melt is press-quenched between two stainless steel blocks and annealed to remove stress. The granular frits are obtained after pouring the melts in cold water. The glaze slurry is prepared using the obtained frits (95%) and kaolin (5%) as suspension material. The terracotta plates glazed by immersion are dried and then fired at 980°C for 30 min. For the porous glass synthesis a foaming agent (SiC) was added together with the waste glass powder and the exhausted reactive mixtures. The raw materials are mixed together and then uniaxial pressed into cylindrical samples. The samples, dried at 80°C for 12 hours are treated at 900°C for 10 minutes.

Results

The assessment of sand co-presence on Cr(VI) removal with metallic iron.

The assessment of MnO_2 co-presence on Cr(VI) removal with metallic iron.

The assessment of MnO_2 and sand mixtures co-presence on Cr(VI) removal with metallic iron

The immobilization of exhausted reactive mixtures containing sand, Fe and Cr in vitreous matrices.

Applicability and transferability of the results

Treatment of waters polluted with Cr(VI).

Conversion of wastes into marketable glazes or bulk glass products

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EXPERIMENTAL MODEL FOR AN AUTOMATIC CAPACITIVE COMPENSATOR DESIGNED FOR IMPROVING THE POWER FACTOR AND FOR LOAD BALANCING IN LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS - CAEREDJT

Goal of the project

The project is intended to finance industrial research activities, needed to put in practice under the form of an experimental model of research findings of a group of academics from UPT, concerning the network load balancing electric phase through cross unbalanced capacitive compensation. In electrical networks, inductive load variation implies variation of the capacitive compensation, thus the need for building an unbalanced capacitive automatic compensator, to track the load variation.

Short description of the project

The automatically unbalanced capacitive compensator proposed by this project is an innovative product, so achieving a functional experimental model involves overcoming a number of scientific and technical challenges, the most important being: control and single-phase switching of the capacitor batteries steps, the construction algorithm and implementation of a programming language for PLC process control, process optimization for automatic compensation.

Project implemented by

- Politehnica University of Timisoara – Lead partner
- S.C. ICPE S.A. Bucharest – Project partner

Implementation period

01.07.2014 - 30.09.2017

Main activities

1. Conducting studies and analysis on the alternative constructive solutions and developing the technical documentation for the construction of the experimental model.
2. Manufacturing of the experimental model and the analysis, control and monitoring systems.
3. Testing the model and proving its functionality and its utility
4. Dissemination of results and protect the intellectual property rights.

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Applicability and transferability of the results

The results of the project are useful for unbalanced electrical loads supplied at low voltage level, and also for the Distribution system operator (DSO).

Results

- The main outcome of the project will be a functional experimental model and its documentation of implementation for a capacitive compensator designed to improve power factor and load balancing in networks of low voltage power distribution.
- It will underpin the design and construction in a later stage, of a prototype of a capacitive automatically balance high power compensator (tens of kVA) for increasing network performance of low-voltage power distribution and utilization facilities connected to it, by reducing reactive power flow and load balancing.
- The results of the research will be disseminated in scientific papers in professional journals or communication conferences.
- New technical solutions brought by this automatic capacitive compensator, as regard to the structure, order, sizing, automatic control algorithm, will be the subject of intellectual property protection activities.

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Analysis and Optimization of the Electrical Power Systems Regimes

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NOVEL TECHNIQUE TO ENHANCE THE SECURING LEVEL OF SECURITY PAPER USING THE SUPERPARAMAGNETIC FINGERPRINT OF MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLE DISPERSIONS - NANOMAGSECURITY PAPER

Goal of the project

The continuous diversification of the paper securing techniques is one of the most important ways to erect fences against forgery attempts. The project aims to expand the diversity of high tech means for paper securing. The general objective of the project is to elaborate a new paper securing technique based on the superparamagnetic fingerprint of magnetic nanoparticles made of oxide compounds

Short description of the project

The objective is to elaborate a new paper securing technique based on the superparamagnetic fingerprint of the magnetic nanoparticles.

Project implemented by

- Romanian Academy – Timisoara Branch (Project Coordinator)
- SC CEPROHART SA (Partner 1)
- SC ROSEAL SA Odorheiu Secuiesc (Partner 2)
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- National Institute of R&D for Izotopic and Molecular Technologies Cluj-Napoca (Partner 4)
- Politehnica University of Timisoara (Partner 5).

Implementation period

July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2017

Main activities

- elaboration of superparamagnetic paper assortments with
 - low security level, using poly-disperse magnetic nanoparticles
 - high security level, using bi-disperse magnetic nanoparticles
 - white color, using core-shell (core/magnetic, shell/polymer) particles
- elaboration and testing the authentication method by static and dynamic magnetometry

Results

- methods for synthesis and characterization of oxide magnetic nanocomposites
- methods for elaboration and validation of magnetic loaded papers
- first instance validation of magnetic loaded papers

Financed through/by

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Applicability and transferability of the results

The new method of securing paper using the superparamagnetic nanoparticles can be transferred to SC Ceprohart SA Braila. The transfer will contribute to:

- diversification of the product made in the national paper industry with simple brown paper secure and secure complex white paper,
- orientation of national industry to obtain a special paper grade with high complexity,
- increase the security level of specialty papers, difficult to fake on the internal market
- reduce the imports of security paper
- increase output and thus sales of security paper from Ceprohart.

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MAGNETIC NANOFUID ROTATING SEAL SYSTEMS FOR HIGH PERIPHERAL SPEEDS - HISPEED NANO MAG SEAL

Goal of the project

The project technical objective is to achieve at experimental model scale new leakage-free MNF sealing systems for high peripheral speeds (up to $30 - 70 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) in the sealing area, designed to equip gas turbo-compressors.

Short description of the project

The project proposes the development of seals with magnetic nanofluid (MNF), which has significant advantages compared to conventional mechanical seals: hermetic sealing, exceptionally long lasting operation without intervention (5 years), minimal wear (only viscous friction), virtually zero contamination, optimal torque transmission, wide operating range (10^{-8} mbar - 10 bar), relatively simple and cost efficient execution.

Project implemented by

- SC ROSEAL SA Odorheiu Secuiesc (Project coordinator)
- Romanian Academy – Timisoara Branch (Partner 1)
- National Institute of R&D for Izotopic and Molecular Technologies Cluj-Napoca, Politehnica University of Timisoara (Partner 2)
- Politehnica University of Timisoara (Partner 3)
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Implementation period

July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2017

Main activities:

- laboratory and micropilot scale synthesis of magnetic nanofluids with carboxylic stabilizers and magnetizations between 400-1000 G
- conception, design and implementation of new experimental models of sealing systems with magnetic nanofluid for high peripheral speeds
- testing and performance evaluation of new experimental models sealing systems with magnetic nanofluid, designed for high peripheral speeds

Results

- methods for synthesis and characterization of high magnetization nanofluids with carboxylic stabilizers
- experimental models for new sealing systems
- experimental models for sealing systems – innovative version with magnetic nanofluids with carboxylic stabilization

Applicability and transferability of the results

The expected results will facilitate design and low cost industrial scale production of an original sealing system with stable MNF at high temperatures ($160 - 180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$), for high peripheral speeds (up to $30 - 70 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) in the sealing gap. They have some important advantages compared to conventional mechanical seals: hermetic sealing, high reliability, relatively simple construction, low execution cost. These performances indicate the market towards ROSEAL Co. is heading, namely the gas turbo-compressors in fertilizer and petroleum refining industry.

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DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-FRIENDLY COMPOSITE MATERIALS BASED ON GEOPOLYMER MATRIX AND REINFORCED WITH WASTE FIBRES

Goal of the project

The project is an answer for a specific challenge regarding waste management, recycling and urban mining. The goal of the project is to prepare a broad spectra of advanced and progressive new composite materials based geopolymer matrices and reinforced with natural waste fibres. The application of these new materials will be the construction industry with a high potential of commercial utilization and potential replacement of conventional materials.

Short description of the project

This project deals with the development of new composite materials for construction industry, based on waste products.

Project implemented by:

Project coordinator: Cracow University of Technology.

Partners: Nigde University Turkey, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Riga Technical University Latvia, Babeş-Bolyai University, Catholic University of Uruguay Damas Antonio Larrañaga, Politehnica University of Timișoara.

Implementation period

02/01/2017 – 31/12/2019

Main activities

- WP1. The selection of waste materials for hydrothermal alkalization and therefore to be turned into new materials based on geopolymer matrix for construction applications
- WP2. The selection of waste materials (natural fibres) as a fillers and therefore turned into new composites for construction application
- WP3. Optimization of properties using computer methods for the new materials and structural elements
- WP4. The research into the application of new materials – comparison of the functional properties of the materials
- WP5. Analysis of practical applications of new materials for construction application and testing prototype components in laboratory as well as validated it in relevant environment

Results

The year 2017 had deadlines for the first two Work Packages. WP1, coordinated by Nigde University, dealt with the identification of waste materials for the composite material matrices. Each participating partner performed a survey of possible waste material candidates available in their region (recycled clay bricks and volcanic ash in Peru, fly ash in Turkey, Argentina and Romania, paper mill sludge and rice husk ash in Uruguay and granulated rubber from waste tyres in Poland).

WP2, coordinated by Babeş-Bolyai University, dealt with the identification of waste natural fibres as reinforcements for the composites. As with WP1, each participating partner proposed waste materials available in their region (mostly hemp and flax fibres).

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The new composite materials that will be developed in this project will be tested and their properties compared with conventional construction materials. If the mechanical and thermal behaviour is comparable between the two categories, the newly developed materials will be proposed for replacing traditional materials in each specific region where the waste products are available.

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Research and Development Projects for Young Researchers

INTERNAL COMPETITION OF POLITEHNICA UNIVERSITY OF TIMISOARA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS PCD-TC-2017

Domain - Computers and Information Technology

POPA Călin-Adrian

Project title - Complex-Valued Deep Neural Networks

Abstract - Three types of complex-valued deep neural networks will be proposed: convolutional networks, deep belief networks, and long short term memory networks, which will be applied for real-valued and complex-valued image recognition and time series prediction.

Domain - Automation and Applied Informatics

BOJAN-DRAGOS Claudia-Adina

Project title - Practical applications of tensor product model transformation-based adaptive control

Abstract - The proposed control techniques combine the advantages of both paradigms involved in the design: simplicity and wide applicability.

Domain - Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Food Engineering

CIOPEC Mihaela Elvira

Project title - New materials chemically modified used for arsenic adsorption from water

Abstract - In full accordance with the principles of sustainable development, the project present an integrated concept of arsenic removal from water using new materials chemically modified by doping with crown ethers and iron ions.

Domain - Electronics, Telecommunications, Nanotechnologies

POP-CALIMANU Ioana-Monica

Project title - Multiphase converters for solar energy conversion and battery charging in electric vehicles

Abstract - Two systems for energy conversion are proposed: a solar energy conversion system and a battery-charging system in electric vehicles, both based on two new dc-dc multiphase converter families.

Domain - Electrical Engineering, Powers Systems Engineering

SIMO Attila

Project title - LoRa - intelligent infrastructure for communications and decision support in power systems

Abstract - The goal is to create a LoRa pilot infrastructure and to develop performant algorithms for: forecasting electricity consumption, forecasting generated power (photovoltaic) and consumption pricing.

Domain - Civil Engineering and Equipments, Cadaster and Geodesy

TESILA Clara Beatrice

Project Title - Optimizing risk reduction strategies for geomorphological hazards by 3D modeling

Abstract - Natural hazards, especially landslides, are complex phenomena both regarding their generating causes and also the effects they produce; thus representing a risk factor to be determined and quantified. 3D modeling of geospatial data characteristic to landslides acquired using terrestrial laser scanning technology is useful for monitoring and determining the risk potential of certain areas as well as for managing the destructive effects of geomorphologic hazards on the environment and to optimize their forecasting and post-factum approaches. Nowadays, about 80% of national or local decisions in different areas of activity, such as demography, territorial planning, hazards, infrastructure etc. involves geospatial or georeferenced data. The geodetic engineer participates to the acquisition, manipulation, visualization and analysis of geospatial data characteristic of hazards in order to adopt the most appropriate methods of protecting and preserving the environment in order to adapt to climate change. The project aims to optimize risk reduction strategies for geomorphological hazards by their 3D modeling in the context of Romania's susceptibility and poor management of local authorities who are insufficiently prepared to manage such situations.

Domain - Mechanical Equipment (Mechanical Engineering, Motor Vehicle Engineering, Transportation Engineering)

STOICA Virgil

Project Title - Reducing Fuel Consumption of an ICE by recovering lost energy

Abstract - We propose the construction of an experimental test bench with an internal combustion engine for testing, dissipated thermal energy recovery solutions, and reintroduction into the engine cycle.

Domain - Mechanical Equipments (Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Transportation Engineering)

LINUL Emanoil

Project Title - Mechanical characterization of advanced composite structures with aluminum foam core

Abstract - The proposed project is part of a research direction of innovative materials dealing with the development, mechanical characterization and structural integrity assessment of new advanced composite structures. The obtained composite structures presents exceptional mechanical properties, specialized for applications in the transport field and generally applications requiring lightweight rigid structures. The ultimate goal of these materials is to reduce the weight of the products and to increase the exploitation safety.

Domain - Materials Engineering, Industrial Engineering

CODREAN Cosmin

Project Title - Obtaining and characterization of bulk amorphous steels

Abstract - In this project we aim to obtain and characterize bulk amorphous steels from the Fe-Cr- (Mo, Mn) - (Y, Ga) -C- (B, Si, P) family by copper mold casting and using ferro-alloys as raw materials.

Domain - Mechatronic and Robotic

ZABAVA Eugen Sever

Project Title - Innovative electronic devices for configuring and reusing packagings.

Abstract - The basic idea of this project is to create and develop a mechatronic device to reconfigure a packaging of conventional materials that, until its recycling, can be reused for another purpose.

Domain - Mathematics, Physics

LAZUREANU Cristian-Virgil

Project title - The study of Hamilton-Poisson systems and their integrable deformations using the energy-Casimir mapping

Abstract - We study the connections between the dynamics of Hamilton-Poisson systems and the corresponding energy-Casimir mapping. We consider some classes of integrable systems and integrable deformations of known dynamical systems.

Domain - Economic Sciences and Business Administration

TAUCEAN Ilie Mihai

Project Title - Research and Didactic Laboratory: "Lean and Sustainability"

Abstract - The project aims at creating a Research and Didactic Lab, named "Lean and Sustainability", by using and developing enterprise games to physically simulate the processes of an enterprise, focusing on lean and sustainability concepts. The two concepts, considered together, unitary and complementary, propose a modern approach to the strategy of eliminating all the losses of any organization, being an interdisciplinary topic research.

Laboratory activities that will be proposed / developed will help students understand these concepts more easily (using the business games method), which are also modern tools used by enterprises where they will be hired as graduates. Laboratory activities will be used in existing disciplines but also in new courses to be proposed under the new master / license programs.

It is proposed to research enterprises needs to determine the issues related to the use of lean / sustainability tools and to create a new tool combining the benefits of both concepts.

"Lean and Sustainability" is a generous research theme that can be approached and developed within the "Economic Engineering Research Center".

Domain - Humanities, Social Sciences, Physical Education

SIMON Simona-Cristina

Project Title - Multilingual explanatory dictionary of educational terms (Romanian, English, German, French)

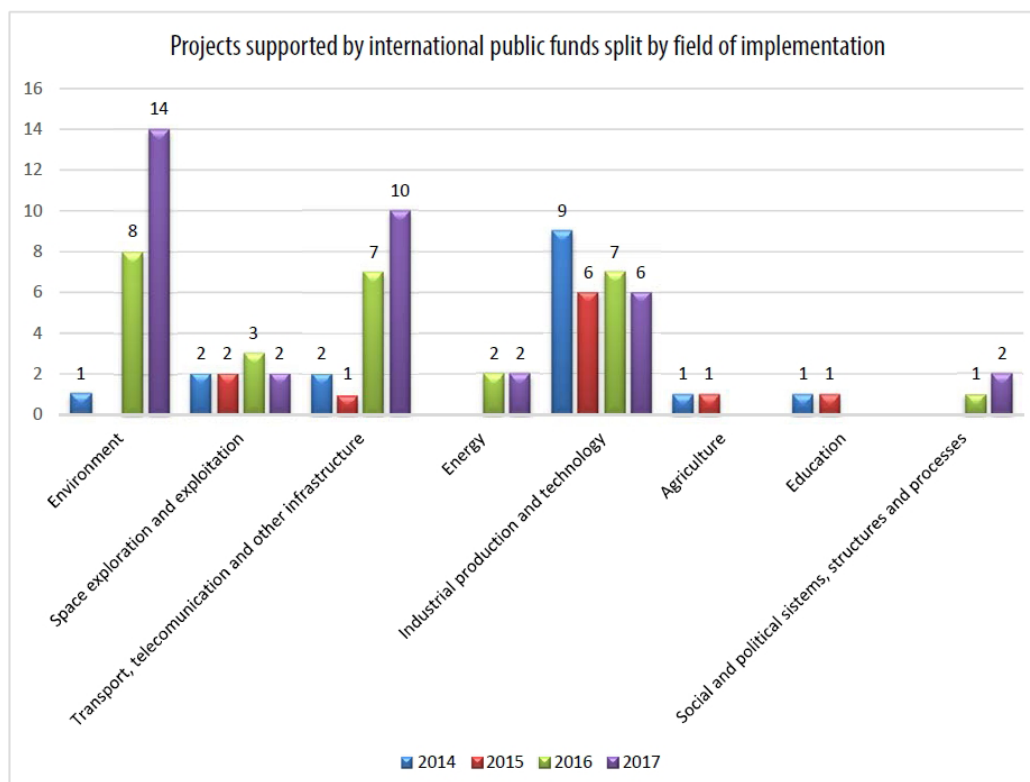
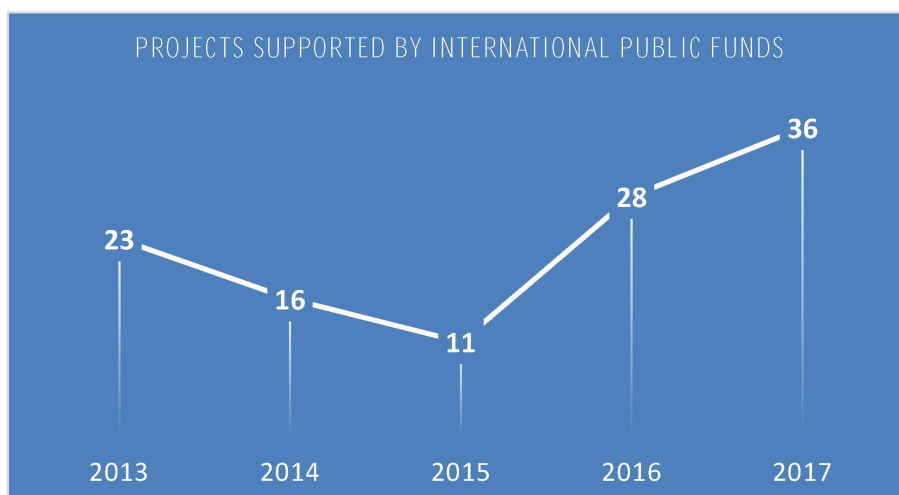
Abstract - The research aims at compiling an explanatory dictionary of the most frequently used educational terms that will be defined in Romanian, and translated into English, German, and French as well, thus supporting the internationalisation of UPT.

International Research Projects

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PUT 2017

Field	Total number of projects	Number of projects presented
Environment	14	-
Space exploration and exploitation	2	2
Transport, telecommunication and other infrastructure	10	1
Energy	2	-
Industrial production and technology	6	6
Social and political systems, structures and processes	2	-
Total	36	9

EVOLUTION OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC FUNDS IMPLEMENTED BY PUT 2013 - 2017



MICRO AND NANOSCALE DESIGN OF THERMALLY ACTUATING SYSTEMS – MIDAS

Goal of the project

A strong partnership has been organized to develop the research on shape memory alloys as materials for actuation, with well-known institutions, aiming to tackle a multitude of issues based on proven qualifications of the partners: powder metallurgy, severe plastic deformation, welding and joining, specific characterization techniques and development of applications.

Short description of the project

The Micro and Nanoscale Design of Thermally Actuating Systems – MIDAS was successful in joining research partners from four continents in the effort to develop actuating materials belonging to the shape memory alloy group.

Project implemented by

Project Coordinator: Politehnica University Timisoara, Romania (UPT)

EU Partners:

Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal (FFCT)
 Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain (UIB)
 Cranfield University, UK (CU)
 Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, Portugal (LNEG)

Partners outside EU:

Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil (UFF)
 University of Waterloo, Canada (WU)
 Indian Institute of Science, India (IISc)
 Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS)
 University of Science and Technology Beijing, China (USTB)

Implementation period

1.01.2014–31.12.2017

Main activities

- WP 1 – MA Structural optimization by Mechanical Alloying
- Coordinating unit: LNEG; Partners: FFCT, UFF, UPT, USTB
- WP2 – SPD Phase control by Severe Plastic Deformation
- Coordinating unit: FFCT, IISc, UFF, RAS, USTB
- WP3 – CHR Micro and nanoscale characterization
- Coordinating unit: UIB, Partners: FFCT, UPT, LNEG, UFF, IISc, RAS, USTB
- WP4 – WJ Welding and joining techniques
- Coordinating unit: CU; Partners: WU, UPT, FFCT
- WP5 – (AD) Applicative design for smart materials integration
- Coordinating unit: UPT; Partners: RAS, LNEG, Nova.id, IME

Results

Achievements: Materials processed via mechanical alloying technology ; Optimized technology based on experimental loops; Processed materials using SPD techniques; Microstructural maps of manufactured alloys and structures; Phase transformation parameters for the alloys and structures; Joints made out of shape memory alloys with similar and dissimilar compositions; Technological paths for different joining techniques used; joint applications for funding; prototypes; patent applications

Transfer of knowledge: Structural control by; X-Ray Diffraction; Electron microscopy (SEM, TEM) and specific sample preparation; Phase transitions (DSC, XRD, internal friction, optical microscopy); Ultrasonic, friction and electric welding; Powder metallurgy technology; Laser; Advanced design of SMA; Application development; Mechanical Testing.

Details: <http://midas.nanophys.ru/>

Applicability and transferability of the results:

The MIDAS Project has a very high relevance for ERA because it connects through research and training important actors from Europe in the development of advanced materials at micro and nanoscale manufactured via various techniques extremely qualified partners from the world.. The partnership developed encourages collaborations in the benefit of all the partners who are themselves involved in strengthening ERA via their current activities. By the training offered in the institutions an increase of the attractiveness highly qualified people develop interesting subjects of research and could contribute to the expansion our educational interest in other countries. The MIDAS Project is in full consonance with the interest of the doctoral schools of the partners, it is expected to provide significant skills needed to develop activities in the micro and nanoengineering fields, thus increasing their chances to get a high-tech job and contribute to the development of the region.

Further opportunities to develop lasting collaboration identified during the collaboration, such as:

- Recruitment of early stage researchers for postdoctoral stages that would expand their knowledge in partners institutions.
- Identification of new patentable ideas based on the expertise of the partners.
- Stimulation of cultural interest and evaluation of opportunities to expand the institutional collaboration to other groups involved in other fields of research.

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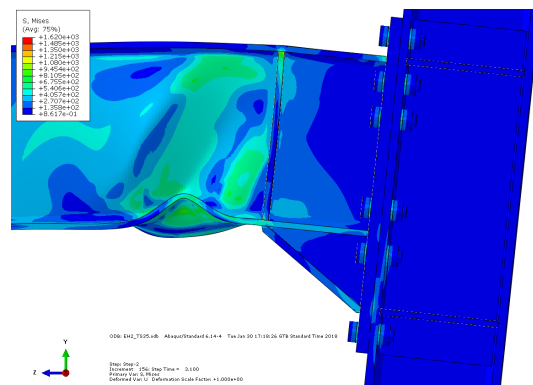
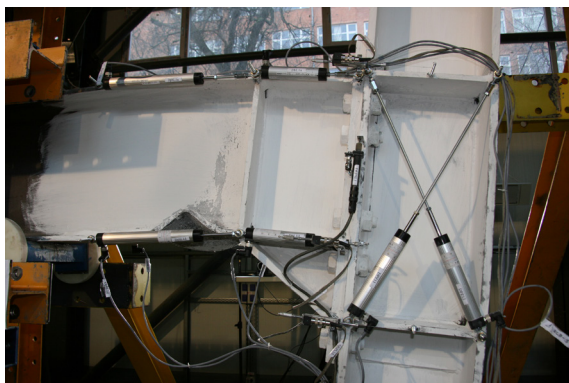
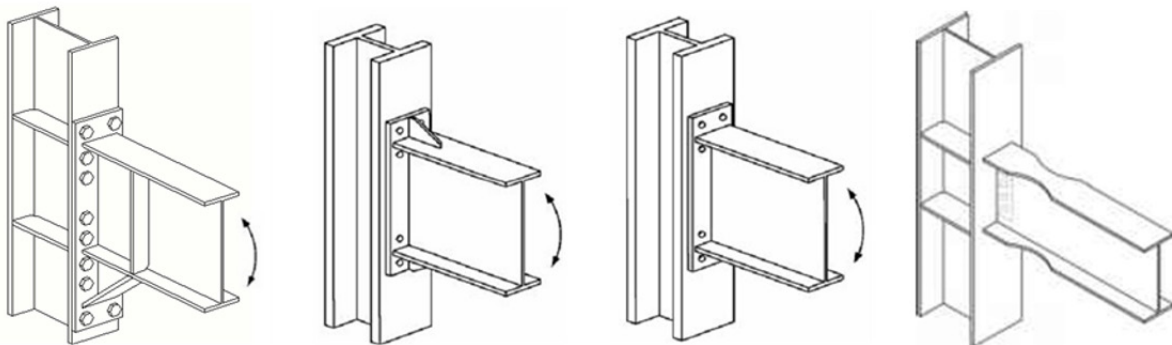
VALORISATION OF KNOWLEDGE FOR EUROPEAN PRE-QUALIFIED STEEL JOINTS

Goal of the project

Seismic prequalification criteria for certain steel joint typologies were developed during the previous RFCS project, EQUALJOINTS. The current project aims to valorize, disseminate and extend the prequalification criteria for practical applications to a wide audience by producing informative documents, design guidelines and organizing seminars and workshops.

Short description of the project

The project aims the implementation of the prequalification criteria of the steel moment resisting beam-to-column joints in the future versions of design codes.



Project implemented by

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UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI SALERNO (UNISA)
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UNIVERSITAT POLITECNICA DE CATALUNYA (UPC)
RHEINISCH-WESTFAELISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE AACHEN
(RWTH AACHEN)

Implementation period

01.07.2017 – 30.06.2019

Main activities

- Development of informative documents for the 4 beam-to-column joints qualified within the EQUALJOINTS project and translation of these documents from English to 11 additional languages
- Development of recommendations and criteria to be used in setting up limits of applicability between EN 1993:1-8 and EN 1998-1. A set of requirements within EN 1090-2 are defined. The documents are drafted as pre-normative design recommendation in English which are translated 11 additional languages
- Development of guidelines for design and analysis of seismic resistant steel structures accounting for the behaviour of beam-to-column joints. In addition, examples for different structural systems are presented which show the influence of different joint typologies.
- Enhancement of the EQUALJOINTS Matlab software for analytical prediction of the cyclic response of joints, allowing an easy application by users in practice. Moreover, an EQUALJOINTS-app for mobile phone is developed.
- Preparation of the material to be disseminated in English and translation in the mother tongue of the places where seminars/workshop will be taken.
- Organization of workshops and seminars where the pre-normative design guidelines will be disseminated. In addition, the materials will be available in printed forms and downloadable from the project website.

Results

The prequalification criteria for the 4 typologies of steel moment resisting beam-to-column joints from the EQUALJOINTS project (3 bolted connections and 1 reduced beam section – dog-bone) are being considered for the implementation in the next version of the design codes. The dissemination materials will be available in printed form and downloadable from the project website.

Applicability and transferability of the results

- Use of the new versions of design codes with simplified procedures for designing steel moment resisting beam-to-column joints.
- The rotational capacity and ductility demand of the joints required by the current codes are assured using the prequalification seismic design criteria.
- Increased structural safety against the seismic hazard in large parts of Europe.
- Improvement in life cycle costs and sustainability due to the reduction of losses caused by seismic hazards.

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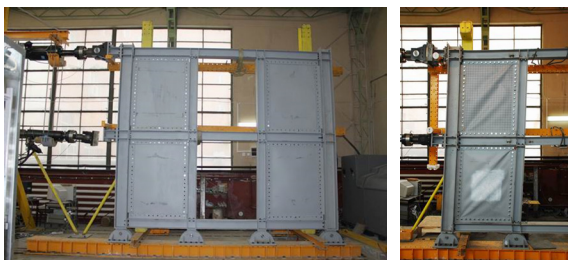
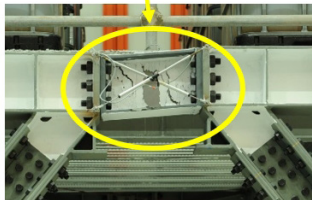
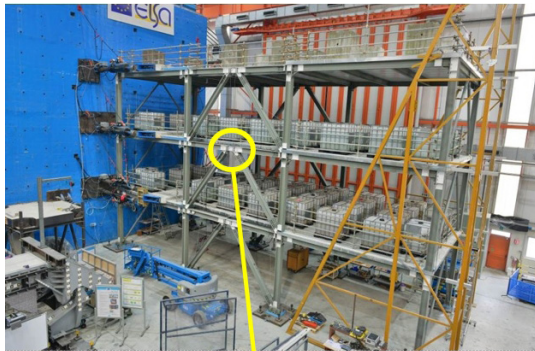
VALORIZATION OF INNOVATIVE ANTI-SEISMIC DEVICES (INNOSEIS)

Goal of the project

As a result of three RFCS-, one EU- and two nationally funded research projects, 12 innovative replaceable steel-based devices have been developed that improve the response of structures during earthquakes by enhancing their energy dissipation capacity. This project aims at transferring the relevant knowledge from research to practice by the production of several documents and the organization of seminars and workshops.

Short description of the project

UPT is responsible for valorization of removable bolted links and replaceable shear panels concepts.



Project implemented by

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Implementation period

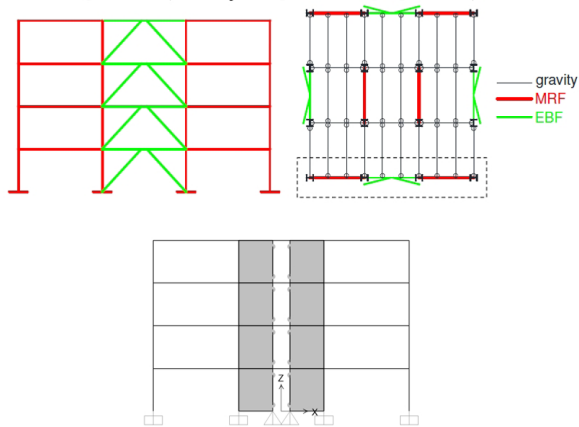
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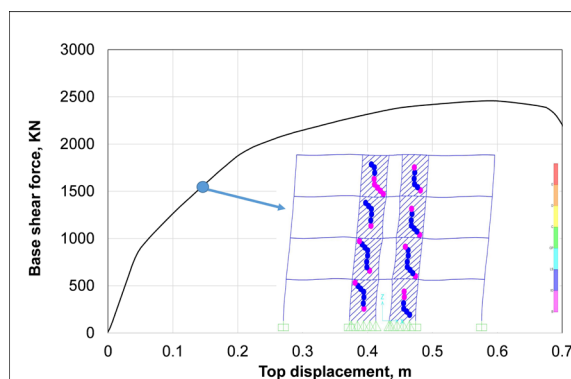
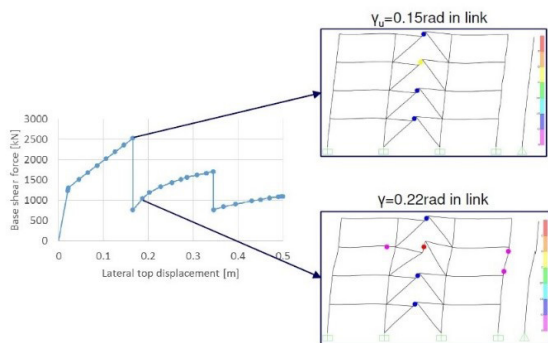
- Collection and critical review of materials available for the anticipated devices. Information brochures were produced separately for each innovative device and then put together to form a single volume.
- Production of a document that defines a methodology for reliably quantifying values of the behavior factors q for use in seismic design.
- Clarification of cases in which devices must be qualified in accordance with EN 15129 for anti-seismic devices.
- Detailed case studies of buildings in which the innovative devices are employed.
- Seminars, workshops and other dissemination actions.

Results

Four stories buildings, in which replaceable bolted links and replaceable shear panels are employed, were designed by UPT, in two different design cases: moderate seismicity case considering Medium Ductility Class and high seismicity case considering High Ductility Class.



In order to verify the re-centering capability and to assess the seismic performance and feasibility of these structures, static nonlinear (pushover) analyses were performed.



Technical documentations that describe 12 innovative systems and design guidelines to apply them were developed within the project, emphasized by case studies. These documents were distributed during the project workshop organized within 15CONMET (Iasi, Romania) and are also available on the project website (<http://in-noseis.ntua.gr/>).



Applicability and transferability of the results

- Promotion of innovation in the design of buildings in seismic areas
- Enhancement of structural safety against the governing natural hazard in large parts of Europe.
- Improvement in life cycle costs and sustainability due to the reduction of seismic losses.
- Contribution to the increase in market share for steel, especially in areas of moderate to high seismicity where steel is underrepresented.
- Provision of more alternatives for architectural and structural design of new and existing buildings by increasing the number of code-approved structural systems for steel and composite structures.

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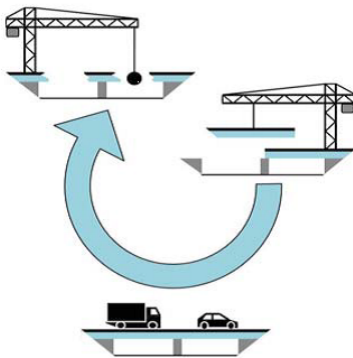
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VALORISATION OF KNOWLEDGE FOR SUSTAINABLE STEEL-COMPOSITE BRIDGES IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT - SBRIPLUS

Goal of the project

Within the RFCS project SBRI, a holistic approach to assess steel-composite bridges by combining Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), Life Cycle Costs (LCC) and Life Cycle Performance (LCP) was developed and applied to some representative bridges. This project aims at the valorisation, dissemination and extension of the developed method for advanced applications and further bridge types. To reach a wide audience among engineers and authorities, two Design Manuals and a software tool will be disseminated in the frame of several seminars across Europe.



Sketch of the life-cycle of a bridge

Short description of the project

The aim of SBRIplus project is to promote the developed knowledge and design methodologies by combining the LCA, LCC and LCP analyses along the entire life-cycle of bridges.

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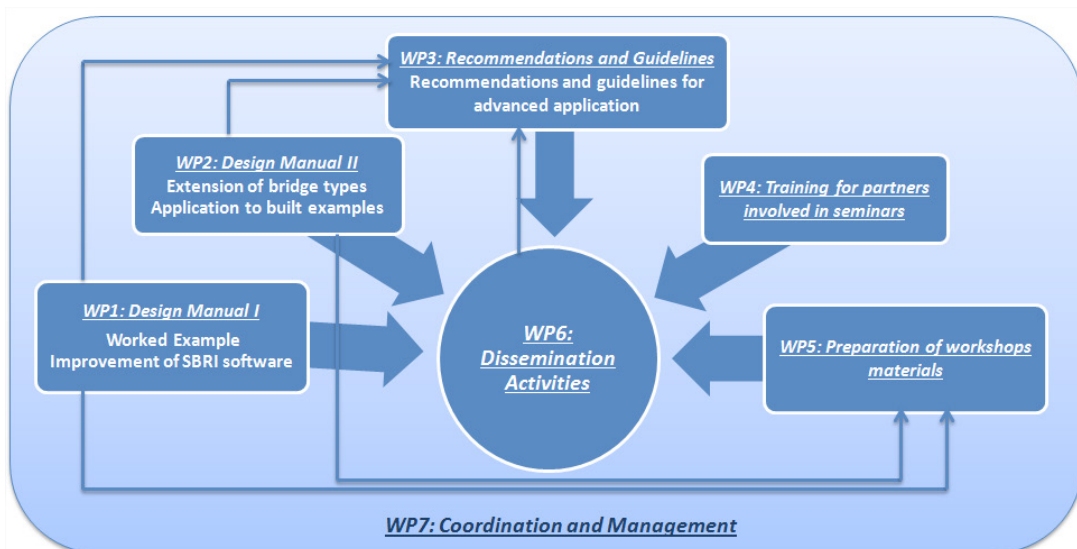
ArcelorMittal Belval & Differdange S.A., Luxembourg

Implementation period

01.07.2016 – 31.06.2018

Main activities

1. Explanation of methodology and background by elaboration of worked examples and improvement of the SBRI-tool;
2. Extension of bridge types by advanced application to innovative bridges across Europe demonstrating the flexibility and applicability of the methods developed;
3. Dissemination activities (11 European languages, organization of 13 workshops);
4. Providing of recommendations for advanced applications and guidelines for bridge authorities;
5. To provide recommendations summing up and concluding the analyses and being the bases for guidelines to be elaborated for bridge authorities.



The 7 Work Packages (WPs) of the SBRIplus project

Results

Two design manuals will be prepared and translated in 11 European languages and distributed within the planned dissemination activities. The first Design Manual includes background information on the methodology and worked examples for easy application with the help of the improved software tool. By analyses of built examples, the SBRI method will be applied to innovative bridge solutions, the results and the conclusions being shown in the second Design Manual.

The seminars around Europe will offer the opportunity to present not only the results of the SBRIplus project, but also the advanced application to innovative solutions in addition to national regulations and practice.



The location of the seminars around Europe

Applicability and transferability of the results

As bridges are an integral part of the European-wide traffic infrastructure, being of vital importance for society, the amount of steel used in the construction of steel and steel-composite bridges represents an important market for the steel industry. The application of a sustainable life cycle design of bridges causes an increased steel consumption. As currently the decisive criteria at tender stage are the minimum construction costs, the needed and promoted shift to a sustainable life cycle decision making, brings the steel-composite bridges forward. The advantages of low environmental inputs, low life cycle costs and low user costs for the entire life cycle are combined in sustainable steel-composite structures. The major objective of the proposal is to valorize and transfer the knowledge gained in the SBRIplus project into practice and thus to make it available to a broad audience along engineers, authorities, bridge operators and designers.

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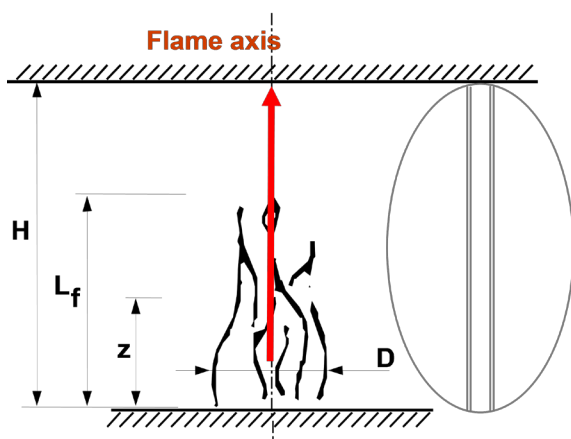
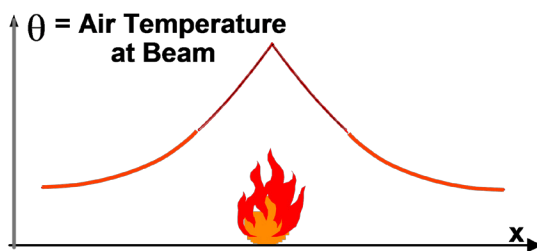
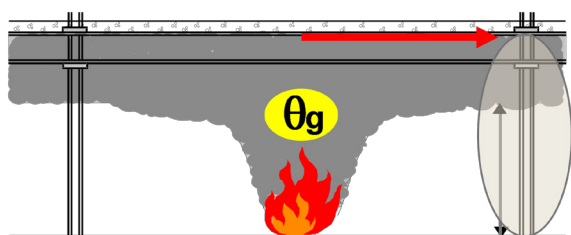
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TEMPERATURE ASSESSMENT OF A VERTICAL MEMBER SUBJECTED TO LOCALISED FIRE - DISSEMINATION

Goal of the project

LOCAFI+ represents the valorisation project of the RFCS project LOCAFI the main objective of which was to provide designers with scientific evidence that will allow them designing steel columns subjected to localised fires.



Short description of the project

The project aims to disseminate the methodology for the fire design of columns under localised fire in several European countries, by means of national seminars.

Project implemented by

ArcelorMittal Luxembourg (coordinator)

Implementation period

1.07.2017-31.12.2018

Main activities

- Development of nomograms for a wide range of different localised fires
- Development of the design guide for practitioners
- Preparation of the PowerPoint presentations for the workshops
- Adaptation of OZone software
- Translation activities and preparation of document with legal context and adapted design examples
- Preparation/ organization of the seminars
- Design of the Internet website with documents available online

Results

An important number of seminars will be organised across Europe to present the simplified method developed within LocaFi project which will be implemented in the latest version of the European standard EN1991-1-2, its background (experimental tests, numerical investigations), user-friendly software and case studies.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The analytical models developed within the LocaFi project were introduced in a user friendly software and in an advanced calculation model for fire design, in order to offer a large utilization of the procedure for the construction market.

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PROVISIONS FOR GREATER REUSE OF STEEL STRUCTURES - PROGRESS

Goal of the project

The PROGRESS project will provide methodologies, tools and recommendations on reusing steel-based components from existing and planned buildings. The project particularly targets the design for deconstruction and reuse of envelopes, load-bearing frames, trusses and secondary elements of single-storey buildings framed in steel. This building type has broad applicability as industrial, commercial, sports, exhibition, warehouse facilities, and shows most potential in suitability for reuse and viability for circular economy business models. The whole life benefits of reusable single-storey steel buildings will be quantified from environmental and economic viewpoints. The outcomes will be extensively disseminated in particular among manufacturers, designers, contractors and researchers.



Short description of the project

The main objective of the proposal is to develop products, systems, methods and protocols that facilitate reuse of various components of steel-framed single-storey buildings. The proposed project addresses both deconstruction and reuse of existing buildings and how new buildings can be designed, constructed and documented to facilitate future reuse. Its scope includes: (a) primary structures (frames), (b) secondary structures, (c) envelope components and hybrid multi-material systems.

Project implemented by

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd., (VTT, Finland)

Implementation period

01.07.2017-30.06.2020

Main activities

- review of the experiences from the successful reuse and deconstruction projects collected by the project partners and from the practitioners in the building industry;

Table 1. Reuse scenarios

	In-situ	Same site		Different site	
		Same configuration	Different configuration	Same configuration	Different configuration
Entire primary structure	A	B	C	D	E
Elements of the primary structure	N/A	N/A	F	N/A	G
Individual elements	N/A	N/A	H	N/A	I

- propose methods for the assessment of suitability of materials and elements for the reuse, including recommendations for their modification/adaptation to fit in the new design;
- propose technical recommendations for the increase of reusability of the components to be provided on component and building design levels.
- propose novel hybrid solutions for envelopes of single-storey buildings, either new buildings or renovation projects, that improves the thermal performance of the entire building, service life of envelopes and reusability of solutions themselves;
- propose a methodology to quantify and declare the environmental benefits of reused elements, resulting in recommendations on the circularity and LCA methodology;
- provide benchmark for demolition, classification and testing/verification protocols developed on a real deconstructed building including the laboratory tests to identify mechanical and chemical properties of the materials;
- design case studies to cover the most common reuse situations.

Results

The outcomes of the project will include recommendations to:

- Reduce the technical barriers to reuse through establishing the quality verification procedures for the structural elements and envelopes of deconstructed low-rise buildings to be reused;
- Simplify the implementation of reusable components through recommendations for design for deconstruction and reuse, and for design using reclaimed elements as well as for safe and efficient deconstruction activities;
- Support the product manufacturers', facility owners' and designers' decision making by recommended methodology to calculate the environmental impact and cost of steel components reusing;
- Develop an online reused steel trading portal to co-ordinate the supply and demand for reused steel-based components;
- Develop novel types of hybrid solutions for envelopes in order to improve the thermal performance of a building, extend the service life of an envelope and maximize the reuse potential of components.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The majority of existing steel low-rise buildings can be deconstructed into elements such as cold-formed or hot-rolled sections, sheets, panels, frames or truss girders. These components have very high reuse potential, but require verification of the material quality, dimensions and tolerances in order to be included in new building projects. The future reuse of modern buildings, however, may be different, because those structures are increasingly designed as systems and their design information can be easily maintained for instance as a building information model (BIM).

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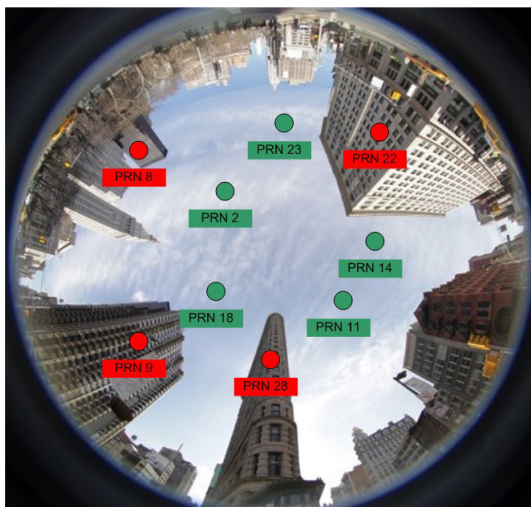
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IMAGE FUSING TECHNIQUES (IMFUSING)

Goal of the project

The Line of Sight (LoS) of a satellite could be disrupted by obstacles, reducing the accuracy of the information provided to a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receiver. The first objective of the project is to eliminate or weight the signals coming from these satellites. To simplify the identification of satellites having a direct LoS with the GNSS receiver, this project proposes, as a supplementary sensor, to use a fish eye camera.



Original image.
The satellites were marked at Thales-Alenia.



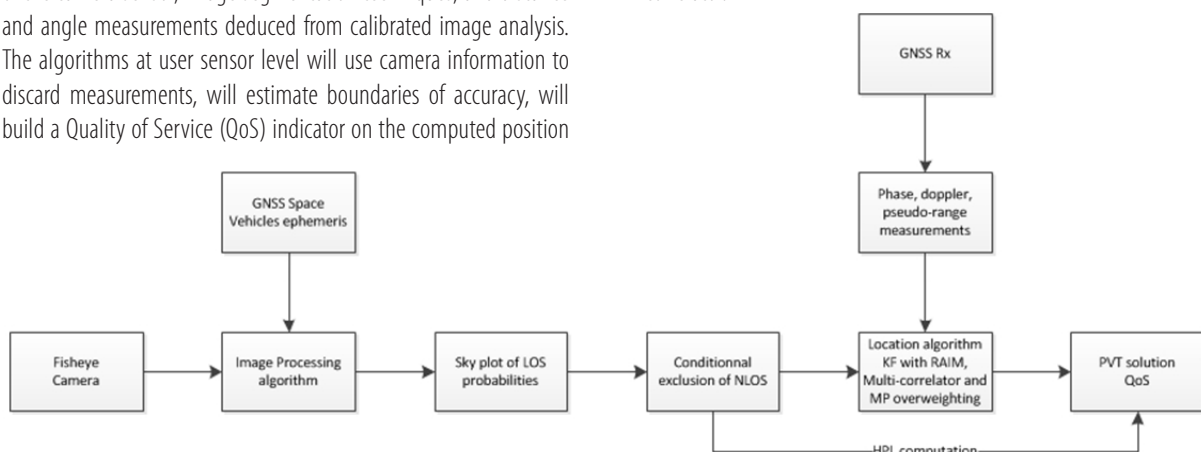
Segmentation result (the non sky region is colored in black) obtained applying an original segmentation method developed in our research team.

The segmentation of the image provided by the fish eye camera permits to identify the satellites that are not on the LoS of the GNSS receiver

Short description of the project

To provide sufficient information to the GNSS receiver, at the image processing level, the algorithms conceived will include the calibration of the camera sensor, image segmentation techniques, and distance and angle measurements deduced from calibrated image analysis. The algorithms at user sensor level will use camera information to discard measurements, will estimate boundaries of accuracy, will build a Quality of Service (QoS) indicator on the computed position

and will authenticate the position. The algorithms at tracking loop level will use camera information to adjust the GNSS receiver correlator.



IMFUSING algorithm architecture final solution

Project implemented by

UPT as contractor and Thales-Alenia Space France as subcontractor

Implementation period

October 1 2014 – January 15 2018

Main activities

Phase I 01/10/2014–31/08/2015: State of the art analysis (already validated),

Phase II September 1 2015 – January 15 2018

01/09/2015–30/06/2016: Core technical development (already validated)

01/12/2015–15/03/2017: Test campaign (validated)

15/12/2016–31/07/2017: Performance analysis (validated)

01/06/2017–15/01/2018: Dissemination and exploitation (validated)

01/02/2018–31/07/2018: 6 month support period.

Results

Satellite localization often suffers in terms of accuracy due to various reasons. One possible source of errors is represented by the lack of means to eliminate NLoS satellite related data. IMFUSING proposes a method for fusing existing GNSS data with new information, extracted by using roof mounted cameras and adequate image processing algorithms. The roof mounted camera is used to robustly segment the sky regions. The localization approach can benefit from this new information as it offers a way of excluding the NLoS satellites. The output of the camera module is a probability map. One can easily decide which satellites should not be used for localization, by manipulating this probability map. Our approach is validated by extensive tests, which demonstrate the improvement of the localization itself (HPE) and a moderate degradation of protection levels involved in the localization (HPL).

Deliverables: Report on the State of the art in Image-GNSS fusion, Preliminary Design Review Report, Critical Design Review Report, Test Review Board Report, Executive Summary Report, MATLAB codes for developed algorithms.

Dissemination: Scientific paper in a scientific journal, Technical Note on synthesis of the study.

A first dissemination result:

Naforniță C., David C., Isar A., Preliminary results on sky segmentation, Proceedings of 2015 International Symposium Signals Circuits and Systems, 9-10 July 2015, Iasi, Romania, pp. 1-4, 10.1109/ISSCS.2015.7203933, Print ISBN: 978-1-4673-7487-3

Scientific paper at an international conference:

C. David, V. Gui, G. Carrié and others, "IMFUSING – GNSS Localization in Constraint Environment by Image Fusing Techniques". Proc. 6th CEAS Conference, October 2017, Bucharest, Romania

Applicability and transferability of the results

The subject was evaluated at the start at technology maturity level 1 (Scientific Research), and it is aimed to conclude the project at technology readiness level (TRL) 3 (Laboratory Experiments).

Financed through/by

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STUDY FOR A MONITORING STATION FOR EGNOS TO SUPPORT SERVICES IN EASTERN EUROPE

Goal of the project

The objective of the study is the automatic reporting of EGNOS performance over Romania as well as the assessment of corrections transmitted by other SBAS.

Short description of the project

Due to its geographical location, Romania is an ideal candidate for system performance monitoring at the border of EGNOS service area. Receivers placed in most parts of Romania will be able to track, in addition to EGNOS, also the Russian Federation's System for Differential Corrections and Monitoring (SDCM) and India's GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation system (GAGAN). UPT implemented within ESA regulatory framework and based on ECSS standards, all activities related to: an automatic reporting of EGNOS performance over Romania and assessment of other SBAS visible from Romania.



EGNOS Ranging and Integrity Monitoring Stations (RIMS) Sites

Project implemented by

UPT as contractor and Thales-Alenia Space France, Pildo Labs Spain as subcontractors

Implementation period

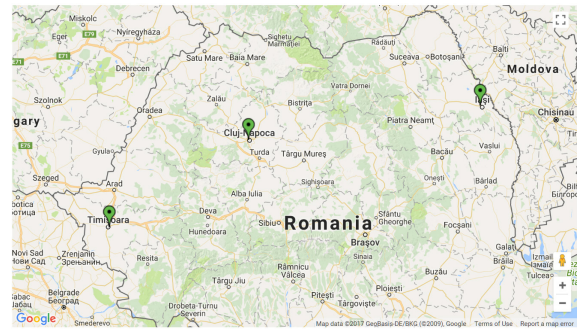
Sep 19 2016 – Mar 19 2018; 1 year of warranty after end of contract

Main activities

- Management;
- Site Ranking;
- Site Selection;
- Deployment;
- Automatic Reporting & Performance Comparison;
- Communication

Results

UPT deployed a monitoring site network, in Timisoara, Cluj-Napoca and Iasi, for the EGNOS service and all GNSS systems within Romania and archived the data for remote access by the Agency.

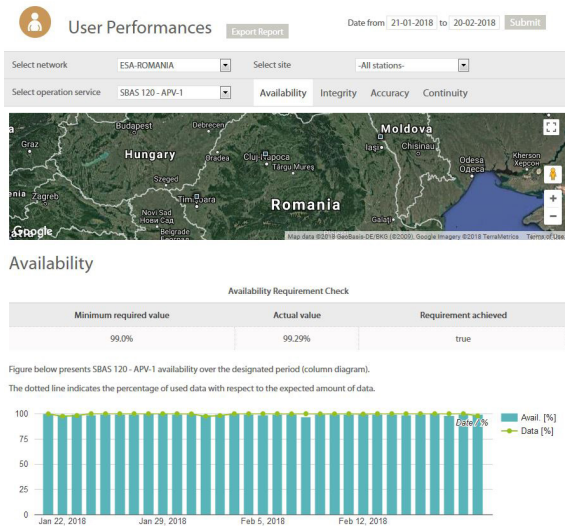


The three stations deployed at UPT-Timisoara, UTCN-Cluj and TUIASI-Iasi.

The respective locations were chosen at technical universities (UTCN and TUIASI), with whom UPT has signed hosting agreements. The user performances are monitored using the owl, a cloud service offered by Pildo Labs. The data is collected by PildoBoxes.

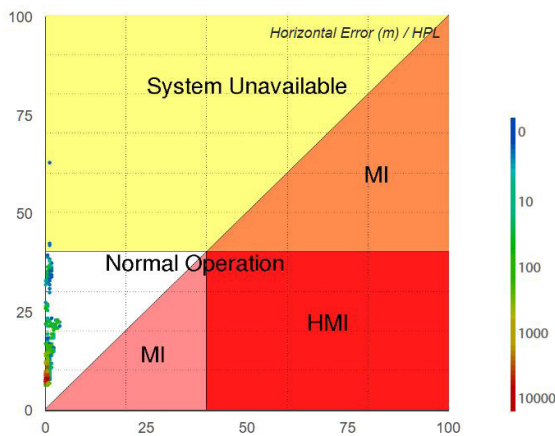


The antenna deployed at UPT.



User Performances monitored using the owl cloud service: availability (SBAS 120- APV 1). This is the probability of the system being available for any given user at any given time.

Stanford Plot Horizontal



Integrity Stanford plot for UPT station (SBAS 120 – APV 1). Integrity is the system's ability to provide warnings to the user when the system is not available for a specific operation.

Deliverables: Site Selection Justification Document, Volume Simulation Plan, Service Volume Simulation Report, Hardware Deployment Plan, Hardware Deployment Report, Project Management Plan, Executive Summary Report, Financial Report, Final Report, Contract Closure Summary.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The subject was evaluated at the start at technology maturity level 1 (Scientific Research) and is aimed to conclude the project at technology readiness level (TRL) 6: Model demonstrating the critical functions of the element in a relevant environment.

Financed through/by

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LINKING TRANSNATIONAL, MULTIMODAL TRAVELLER INFORMATION AND JOURNEY PLANNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY MOBILITY IN THE DANUBE REGION

Goal of the project

There is a huge cross-border travel demand within the EU leading to hundred millions of cross-border trips every year by EU residents and further several hundred million trips by international tourists. More than 100 providers of traveller information services exist in Europe covering different levels, from local to regional, national and pan-European. The goal is to work on the inter-linking of existing services in order to enable transnational journey planning that goes beyond the territory covered by the single systems and offers travellers one seamless journey planning result.

Short description of the project

The objective is to develop a decentralised system architecture that enables distributed journey planning.

Project implemented by

An international consortium of journey planner- and transport operators in the frame of the INTERREG project "LinkingDanube" from Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia and Romania (with two partners, UPT and Electronic Solutions Ltd.)

Implementation period

01.01.2017 – 30.06.2019

Main activities

In particular the main objective is to develop a decentralised system architecture that enables distributed journey planning. By developing and establishing a common interface at each of the involved systems, the exchange of requests and results (not data) will be facilitated. The multiple responses of the involved systems have to be merged by means of an intelligent journey planner algorithm. The involved systems will engineer an application programming interface (open API) that allows bi-directional communication of the enquirer system (the system requesting information from other systems) and the responding systems. A common exchange specification will be developed that all participating systems will implement. Besides the method of implementing common gazetteers and exchange points within the distributed system will be one of the crucial points.

Results

The actual development work of LinkingDanube will be done both on national level in a decentralised adaption of the national journey planners as well as on central level in setting up a central entity. In the end this means that national services will be able to "plug into" a common interface and provide seamless information from multiple

systems to cross-border travellers. After implementation and testing, the technical feasibility will be demonstrated for the respective regions in relevant use cases.

The pilot action will demonstrate, test and validate the developed concept and demonstrate how integrated journey planning helps to connect citizens and commuters across borders and rural regions to major hubs. In this way the demonstrations will be the basis for further large-scale implementation.

Applicability and transferability of the results:

A central focus of LinkingDanube is the development of a concept for transnational multimodal journey planners in order to integrate the advantages of hub-to-hub-routing with local routing for cross-border regions and the elaboration of technical specifications for interface and data exchange. This concept shall build on existing structures in the partner countries, enhancing existing journey planners instead of creating a completely new structure and is completely transferable.

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PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE FUNDS

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE FUNDS CONTRACTED BY PUT 2017

Field	Total number of projects	Number of projects presented
Environment	41	2
Transport, telecommunications and other infrastructures	26	1
Energy	1	1
Industrial production and technology	42*	2
Health	1	-
Technological and engineering sciences	3	-
Total	114	6

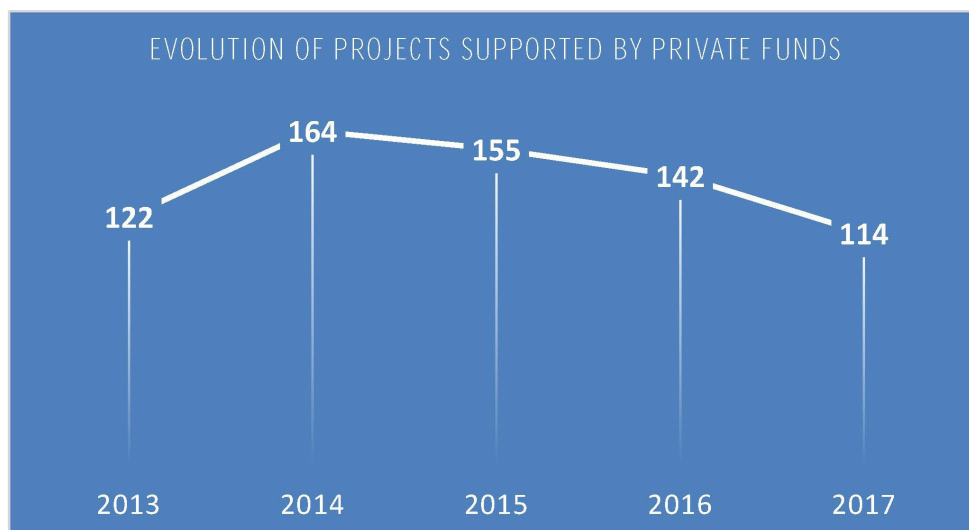
* *National Private Funds: 41 projects;*
International Private Funds: 1 project.

EVOLUTION OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY PRIVATE FUNDS CONTRACTED BY PUT 2013 - 2017

A series of inter-institutional collaborations have crucially influenced PUT's ranking classification exercise between 2013 and 2017.

Two main categories of institutional collaborations are to be noted: inter-university collaborations and collaborations with enterprises. Each of them has clearly established, mutually-shared objectives: mutual support, know-how transfer, and cooperation objectives for a common output.

PUT has always maintained a close relationship with the community, with the external environment, this relationship being its own reason to exist. Beyond the actual research and formal education, the research accomplished through technological transfer has been a constant concern for the University departments, faculties and management structures, which is reflected in the number of contracts with private companies.



This chapter presents a selection of the research contracts with third parties.

SOFTWARE VALIDATION OF CAMERA SYSTEMS

Goal of the project

The goal of the project was to implement new methods that allow automation tests for embedded software of stereo camera systems. The stereo camera system is called ECU (electronic control unit).

Automation tests are tests that are implemented in a suitable environment (for instance CANoe) and which generate a final verdict, passed or failed, without any intervention of the test engineer.

Main activities. Results

Two of these tests are presented in the following paragraphs.

The first test involves the Power Mode Control component. Thus, the power module of the camera system generates more voltages in a predefined order. Each voltage has a transition from zero Volts to the final value. This value must be within a required range. If the final value is outside of this range the software must report a so-called DEM (Diagnostic Event Manager) event.

The software test must simulate that after the voltage transition, the final value is outside the range and then it has to check if the DEM event was generated.

The test was implemented in CANoe. The following devices are controlled by CANoe: the external power supply of ECU, the DEDITECH equipment and the ECU (error memory). DEDITECH is a special equipment that mainly contains a DAC (digital to analog converter) and a switch with two positions. Thus, it allows either the voltage generated by the internal power supply of the ECU (ATIC), or the voltage generated by DAC to be connected to the microcontroller of the ECU. The aim of this project was to identify a method which can detect the transition of the voltage that must be integrated in CANoe among the existing test. Thus, in this project the LeCroy oscilloscope, which is GPIB compatible, was employed to detect the transition.

The second test involves the Heater component and is presented below.

The Heater is a device that is mounted between the camera and the windscreen of the car. It has the function of heating the surrounding area to prevent occlusion of the camera due to snow or ice that can be outside on the windscreen.

The heater actually represents an 8 ohms resistor that is periodically connected (this time is called Ton) or disconnected (Toff) to the 12V voltage of the car. The values of the Ton and Toff depend on the exterior temperature Text. They have larger values for smaller

temperatures (for instance Ton = 500 sec and Toff = 600 sec for Text = -37 degrees) and smaller values for higher temperatures. This test must verify if the dependence of the two times on the temperature is according to the requirements.

Thus this test is made by increasing the external temperature in steps of two degrees from the minimum value of -37 degrees to the maximum value of 51 degrees to cover the entire range and measure the Ton and Toff at the same time.

Implementation period

6.01.2017-31.12.2017

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MICRO-HYDRO POWER PLANTS INTEGRATION IN THE ROMANIAN POWER SYSTEM. CASE STUDY FOR CARAS-SEVERIN AREA

Goal of the project

Power system analysis and optimization for the micro-hydro power plants' integration in the Caras-Severin area of the Romanian Power System (Enel Banat Distribution Operator).

Short description of the project

The renewable energy sources represent an important issue for the Romanian and EU energy policy and sustainable development strategy. The projects refer to micro-hydro power plants integration in the Caras-Severin area of the Romanian Power System (Enel Banat Distribution Operator). The analysis has been performed for the North-Western, Western, Central and South-Western part of the Romanian Power System. Various operating condition, with the consumption forecast for 2020 and 2025, were considered, taking into account all the renewable energy sources (wind, solar, biomass, hydro). The medium voltage network for the interest area has been modelled in detail.

Project implemented by

S.C. Cons Electrificarea Instal S.R.L., Timisoara

Implementation period

2016-2017

Main activities

- power system data base validation;
- Enel Banat distribution network modelling; operating condition computing and analysis;
- power consumption and renewable energy generation forecast;
- power flow computing for various operating condition of the North-Western, Western, Central and South-Western part of the Romanian Power System (peak and unloaded type operating condition for 2016, 2020, 2025 years);
- contingency analysis, in the presence / absence of the renewable energy sources.



Results

- power flow corresponding to 2016 year and forecasted 2020 and 2025 years;
- power flow corresponding to the medium voltage electrical network (Enel Banat Timisoara area);
- voltage value without / with the new generating units;
- quick / slow maximum voltage variation value for critical buses;
- transformer loading without / with the new producers;
- power flow through the power system elements and loading level;
- integration solution validation and system reinforcement recommendations.

Applicability and transferability of the results

Knowledge transfer to other renewable power plants developers and designers, or to the electrical distribution network operators (Enel, CEZ, EON, Electrica in Romania).

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ROBOTIC CELL FOR EXTRACTING WINE BOTTLES FROM CARDBOARD BOXES AND DEPOSE THEM IN SHUTTLES OF AUTOMATIC STORAGE

Goal of the project

Development of a robotic cell automatizing the storage process for later delivery by order through internet. The first application is loading sealed cardboard boxes with wine bottles, feed them one by one on a cutting line, cut the top of the box, extract the bottles one by one and put them on a rotary conveyor, then tilt the bottle in the last station, get it sideways with a vacuum gripper and lay it in a shuttle on cardboard supports previously inserted by the same robot.

Short description of the project

Wine bottle boxes are loaded, the top is cut, extracted bottles are put on rotary conveyor, tilted and laid in shuttle.

Project implemented by

SC Acord Exclusive SRL Timisoara

Implementation period

May-November 2017

Main activities

The wine bottle storage module has a storage capacity of $2 \times 12 = 24$ boxes with 6 wine bottles 750ml each, weighing $8\text{kg} \pm 10\%$ with the dimensions $170\text{mm} \times 250\text{mm} \times 310\text{mm}$.

The Top cutting line may be configured manually to cut cardboard boxes with 220mm up to 280mm length, 150mm up to 200mm width and $300\text{mm} \pm 10\%$ height.

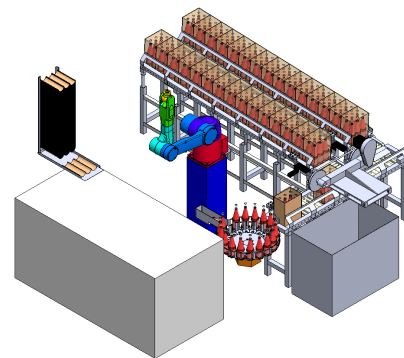
The rotary table storage module has 24 Positioning devices for a 0,75l wine bottles.

The Cardboard support storage and delivery module stores 48...54 supports to ensure the cell functioning for 30 minutes.

Results

The cell was developed with the technical assistance of the Research team and the financial support from the client.

The cell was tested on an experimental environment at the client's facility, and delivered to the end client



Applicability and transferability of the results

The cell may be further developed for other types of goods, as tetra packs, bottles of other dimensions, cans and other goods in food and beverage industry, as well as goods of other kind.

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IMAGE PROCESSING SOLUTIONS FOR EQUIPMENT TESTING IN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Goal of the project

The main goal of the project is to design and implement image processing solutions for equipment testing in the automotive industry. The project was divided into two themes, each one having as final result a functional experimental model. The themes are: fault detection using image processing and counting modules using image processing.

Short description of the project

1. Fault detection using image processing

The developed experimental model represents a low-cost hardware-software solution, based on image processing, that detects faults (e.g. pins, connectors, clips) on specific boards.

The main implemented functions are:

- Detection of wrong clips disposal or damaged clips;
- Detection of cracks on boards;
- Detection of crooked pins;
- Detection of missing pins;
- Detection of extra pins;
- Reporting of the whole process;
- Collecting and marking faults, data aggregation on the master equipment, creating logs, user and board selection, debug procedure, etc. within the graphical user interface;
- Managing existing boards configuration;
- Learning new boards configuration;
- Reading barcodes;
- Data exchange between the four micro-computers and communication with the higher-level traceability application.

2. Counting modules using image processing

The goal of the experimental model is to provide a solution, based on image processing, for counting the boards placed by the operator in a packaging box, after the process of testing correct pins/parts/connectors disposal. The developed hardware-software system is also providing a solution for relevant data integration in a higher-level traceability application and to store relevant images over a prescribed period.

Project implemented by

University Politehnica Timisoara,
Department of Automation and Applied Informatics

Implementation period

06/09/2017-30/12/2017

Financed through/by

Hella Romania S.R.L.

Results

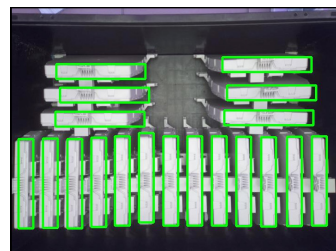
1. Fault detection using image processing

The developed experimental model was tested and validated in several scenarios. The developed experimental stand is depicted in fig. 1, and fig. 2 shows the four micro-computers and cameras mounted within the experimental model.



2. Counting modules using image processing

The developed experimental model was tested and validated in several scenarios. The resulting image of one full packaging box, after boards detection and counting using the developed solution is depicted in fig. 3.



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ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK TECHNICAL LOSSES FORECAST

Goal of the project

Distribution network real technical losses evaluation for e-Distributie Banat Distribution System Operator. Power flow computing for various operating condition of the Western and South-Western part of the Romanian Power System has been performed.

Short description of the project

An algorithm is proposed for technical losses forecast.

Project implemented by

Servelect Cluj-Napoca & e-Distributie Banat Distribution System Operator

Implementation period

2017

Main activities

The study was conducted for e-Distributie Banat Distribution System Operator. Quantitative and qualitative on-field measurements are provided and discussed, followed by the technical losses computing based on the provided algorithm. Different necessary scenarios for the distribution network operator have been taken into consideration highlighting the optimal operating conditions.

Results

- algorithm used for technical losses evaluation;
- 2 approaches have been developed, comparative analysis has been performed;
- electrical distribution network simulation model;
- technical losses' reduction methods.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The algorithm used for technical losses evaluation is able to be applied in case of any distribution network operator. Also, based on the achieved experience, other (or similar) technical losses reduction methods could be highlighted in case of other distribution operators.

Financed through/by

Servelect Cluj-Napoca, total value: 11900 RON

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Regiunea REGIUNE1

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6	45,450	0.84%	5,418,600	5,373,150	

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2	37,291	10,571	8,509	7,267	10,944
3	43,798	10,229	8,923	8,420	16,226
4	40,523	11,435	9,320	8,385	11,382
5	43,415	12,234	6,933	6,333	17,915

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6	45,413	12,776	9,454	8,456	14,726

Factor de Corelație: 1.000

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MONITORING THE QUALITY OF WASTES FROM TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESS

Goal of the project

The project objective is to monitoring the quality of wastes from technological process.

Short description of the project

During the project various parameters of wastes are analyzed periodical from samples collected by the beneficiaries. The values of the analyzed parameters was commonly agreed upon by the beneficiaries and the execution team.

The analysis of the main parameters for the monitoring the quality of wastes is required for their according to law.

Project implemented by

Faculty of Industrial Chemistry and Environmental Engineering.
Department of Applied Chemistry and Engineering of Inorganic Compounds and Environmental.

Implementation period

November 13, 2017 until November 14, 2018

Main activities

The main activities of the project are:

- Analysis of volatile compounds (COV) from solid and liquid waste.
- Leaching testes for sludge to be placed in a class of waste.
- Analysis of the following parameters: Cr^{3+} , Cu^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cd^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , pH and humidity of the sludge.
- The main parameters are analyzed once a month in according to the project plan.

Results

1. The volatile compounds (VOC) from waste were analyzed.
2. The concentration of heavy metals in the sludge was determined.
3. Sludge leaching testes were made.

Applicability and transferability of the results

- Improved university–industry relationships.
- Updating curricula in accordance with the economic realities of the local area.
- The results are consistent with the legislative framework in force. Adoption by the university of new mechanisms and management techniques resulted from the project activities.

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Research Centre

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DETERMINATION ON CONCRETE QUALITY IN A STRUCTURE USING NON-DESTRUCTIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE METHODS

Goal of the project

The in-situ characteristics of concrete may be obtained by using non-destructive and destructive tests methods. Scope of the investigation in this project was to evaluate the design compressive strength of reinforced concrete walls and columns by combination of these methods.

Short description of the project

The load bearing capacity of reinforced concrete structural elements as walls, columns, beams and slabs are in a function of the reinforcement and concrete quality. In some situations, when there is doubt about the reliability of control and compliance results, or they are unavailable results, or these results are inappropriate, as well as the structure is damaged or deteriorated, in-situ tests are performed. There are two available test methods. The non-destructive methods are used because they are not impairing the performance of the elements or members under test, and when are applied are cause localized surface zone damage. The most common procedures are using surface hardness method by Schmidt rebound hammer and the ultrasonic pulse velocity method. The destructive methods require sample extraction, most commonly in the form of cores drilled from the concrete, which may be used in the laboratory for strength and other physical tests. The method and the number of determinations, the position of these and the investigated parameters were established previously together with the beneficiary and were correlated with the available norms and codes. The results of these tests are in the of form of reports, containing bulletins.



Project implemented by

VOX TECHNOLOGY PARK S.R.L.
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Implementation period

12.05.2017 - 12.07.2017

Main activities

- Establishing the required number of investigations, the test methods and positions for determinations, together with the beneficiary and correlated with the available norms and codes
- Non-destructive testing using combined method of Schmidt

rebound hammer and the ultrasonic pulse velocity more than 120 zones.

- Extraction of concrete core samples in more than 11 positions.
- Preparation of core samples, by cutting to the right length and correcting using resins
- Experimental testing of the core specimens.
- Elaboration of research report and the corresponding test bulletins.

Results

The most relevant result consists in:

- obtaining of the characteristic compressive strength of concrete elements with Schmidt rebound hammer and ultrasonic pulse velocity, as well as with combined method.
- obtaining characteristic compressive strength of concrete core specimens, as well as data resulting from visual inspection related to the type, size and distribution of the aggregates, holes, defects, cracks and material compaction.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The experimental results obtained within the project are introduced in an advanced calculation model for structural assessment, considering the real behavior of concrete material. Results could be used to improve design and construction practice.

Financed through/by

VOX TECHNOLOGY PARK S.R.L. through research project BC48/2017

Research Centre

Research Centre for Retrofitting of Constructions – RECO,
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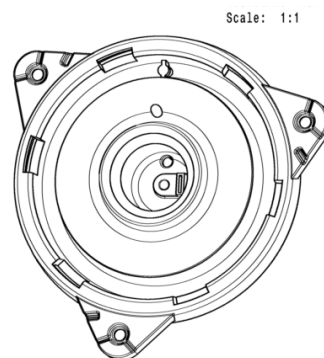
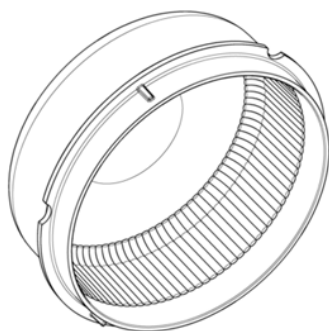
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RESEARCH ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Goal of the project

To transfer knowledge to the technical staff in order to improve the quality of their products by understanding the geometrical product specification method (GPS) and developing better understanding of plastics materials and processing by injection.



Short description of the project

Using the GPS method to the lighting plastic injection parts.

Project implemented by

Design Department of HRO-SA & HRO-AM, S.C. Hella Romania S.R.L., Timișoara & Lugoj

Implementation period

14.02.2017-31.12.2017

Main activities

Analysing the specifications for the parts and making drawings according to the ISO standards using the GPS method. Transferring knowledge for a better understanding of plastics and processing by injection, in connection with product design and manufacturing technology, highlighting solutions for avoiding the errors that cause product failure and the often met problems at the injection forming.

Results

Transfer of geometrical product specification and tolerance analysis methods to technical staff for improving the quality of technical documentation in the design phase and during the injection process of the products. Improve the level of professional knowledge of the engineers working in plastics injection, with focus on plastic parts performance, quality assurance and manufacturing efficiency.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The results of the project are applicable in the Hella company for improving the quality of their products and for increase the productivity. The experience accumulated with this project is very useful for monitoring and optimizing different products in other companies.

Financed through/by

S.C. Hella Romania S.R.L.

Research Centre

Integrated Engineering Research Center

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STUDY ON AIR QUALITY AT FARM LOCATION, BASED ON MEASUREMENTS AND ANALYSIS OF HARMFUL DISPERSION

Goal of the project

Environmental laws are part of those tools that combine the rational management of natural sources with pollution prevention and control. Presently, every European country has a large number of laws (at least 100), regulating the protection of each component of the environment. They try to prevent or limit the effects of environmental degradation caused by pollution phenomena. Their character is very complex and imperative – encompassing in large part obligations to DO AND or NOT TO DO.

Short description of the project

The purpose of the research focuses on a study for the emission inventory from the breeding area for calves and lambs of SC Barak Development SRL farm and their influence upon the vicinity. It is both an experimental research as well as an analysis by numerical modeling of the dispersions for the main pollutants produced by the cattle and sheep breeding in the Grabat village, in three variants of research: (i) the current situation (Situation I – for which one accomplished on-line measurements, used as proof of the present situation but also for the validation of the simulation), (ii) the authorized situation (Situation II) and (iii) the extension of the production capacity to 10000 calves and 8000 lambs heads (Situation III).

Project implemented by

The project is necessary for the private company SC BARAK DEVELOPMENT SRL

Implementation period

May 2017–September 2017

Main activities

1. Analysis of the potential polluting sources inside the farm and outside of it
2. Establishing the three situations for the dispersion analysis
3. Identification of the main pollutants to be analyzed, as specific for animal breeding farms: NO_x, PM, Non metal volatile organic compounds, benzene, methane.
4. Measuring on site, in 4 points of the air quality, with the RENAR accredited measuring system
5. Establishing of a dispersion model for the sources located in the farm and neighborhood
6. Validation of the dispersion according the results from the on line measurements and Dispersion modeling results for Situation I
7. Dispersion modeling for Situation II (approved situation already for the next future)
8. Dispersion modeling for Situation III (future planned extension/development of the farm)

9. Identification of the pollutant concentrations in special points, located in the village (nearest house)
10. Conclusions and Recommendations

Applicability and transferability of the results

The applicability of the research consist of the complex analysis of possible strategies, assuring the local authorities that the farm, due to its activity is not polluting over the standard limits, and does not represent a danger. Also one revealed that the farm has to take measures, especially for the next situations (strategies of developing), by taking account of applying special models for the basins and other deposits needed in its activity as young animal.

Financed through/by

Contract BC 65/14.07.2017 cu ordered by SC BARAK DEVELOPMENT SRL for LACIEDIN (accredited RENAR lab of UPT)

Research Centre

Research Center for Machinery and Thermal Equipment, Transport and Pollution Control, http://www.upt.ro/Informatii_centrul-de-cercetari-pentru-masini-si-echipamente-termice-tr_109_ro.html through LACIEDIN, meaning the RENAR accredited lab of the UPT (Accreditation according SR EN ISO/CEI 17025:2005, Certificat NB LI 1151 from 05.10.2017) for fuel analysis, environmental control and dispersion of pollutants www.mediu.ro

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DESIGN AND VALIDATION OF THE MIXING SYSTEM IN A CHEMICAL REACTOR FOR CONVERSION FROM DOF TO DOTP PRODUCTION

Goal of the project

The project was aimed at designing a new mixing rotor for a chemical reactor, in order to satisfy the new operating conditions and requirements for a two-phase liquid-solid fluid instead of the single-phase (liquid) initial design.

The project started with a preliminary numerical analysis of the existing two-blade rotor working with a liquid-solid mixture. The results showed a severe and unacceptable sedimentation of the solid phase, which would lead in poor chemical reaction kinetics.

A new mixing solution was therefore required, and this project was set to provide such a solution by replacing the existing rotor with a new one, while maintaining the same rotation speed and mechanical power.

Short description of the project

The project had several tasks, including assessment of the existing rotor, design of a new rotor, technical drawings for the new rotor, numerical and in-situ performance validation.

Project implemented by

The project was implemented by an interdisciplinary team (Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering) from the Politehnica University Timișoara and Oltchim S.A. Rm. Vâlcea.

Implementation period

April-December 2017

Main activities

The first task of the project was to assess the existing mixing solution, and to establish the hydrodynamic requirements for a new mixing rotor that prevents sedimentation of the solid phase. This was done using advanced three-dimensional two-phase flow numerical simulation. Then, using the modern inverse design approach, a three-blade rotor was designed.



The new mixing solution installed and tested in-situ.

The new rotor performance was validated using numerical simulation. It was found that a two-rotor solution, provide the required homogeneous liquid-solid mixture, while completely avoiding sedimentation.

Results

The hydrodynamically designed rotor was further simplified technologically, while preserving the mixing performance, resulting in the solution manufactured at SC Popeci Utilaj Greu, Craiova.

Applicability and transferability of the results

The complex methodology for analysis and design of mixing rotors for liquid-solid chemical reactors can be further extended and applied for other operating conditions and reactor geometries.

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Research Centre

Research Centre for Complex Fluid Systems Engineering

Research team

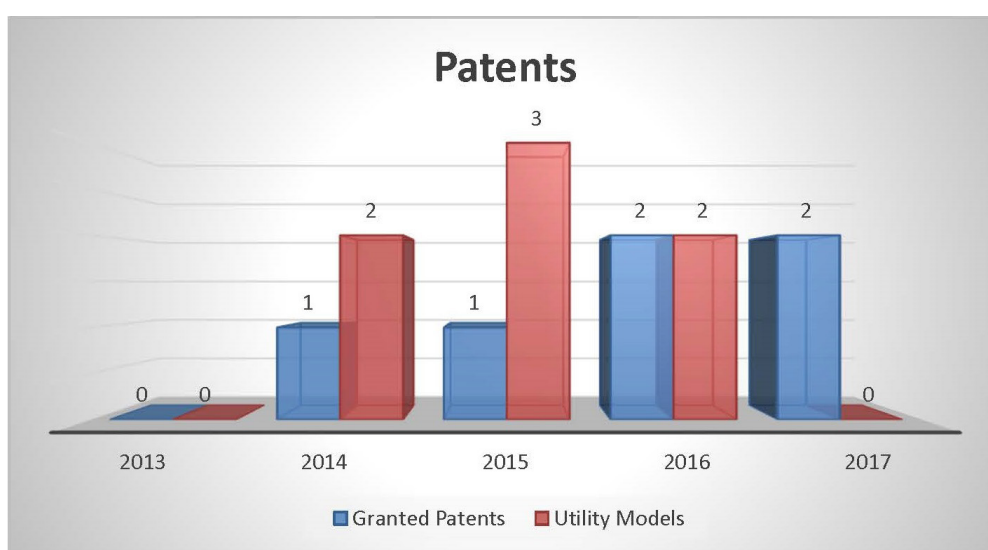
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PATENTS

EVOLUTION OF PATENTS UNDER AFFILIATIONS OF PUT 2013 - 2017



The innovative capacity of the Politehnica University of Timisoara is supported by teachers and scientific researchers through patents and utility models invented, presented in this section.

Granted Patents

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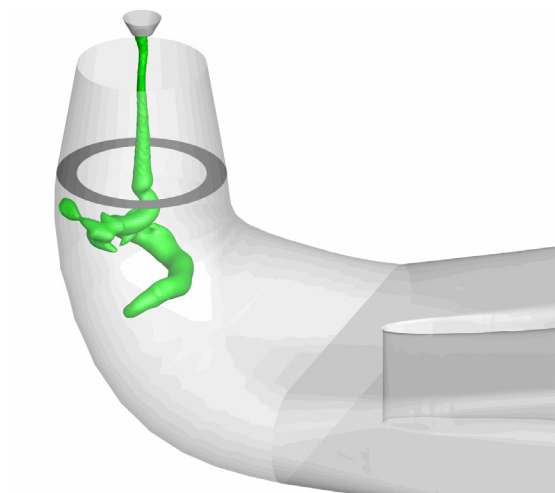
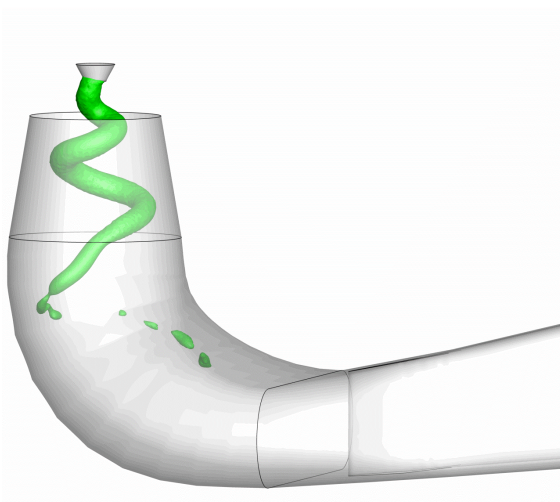
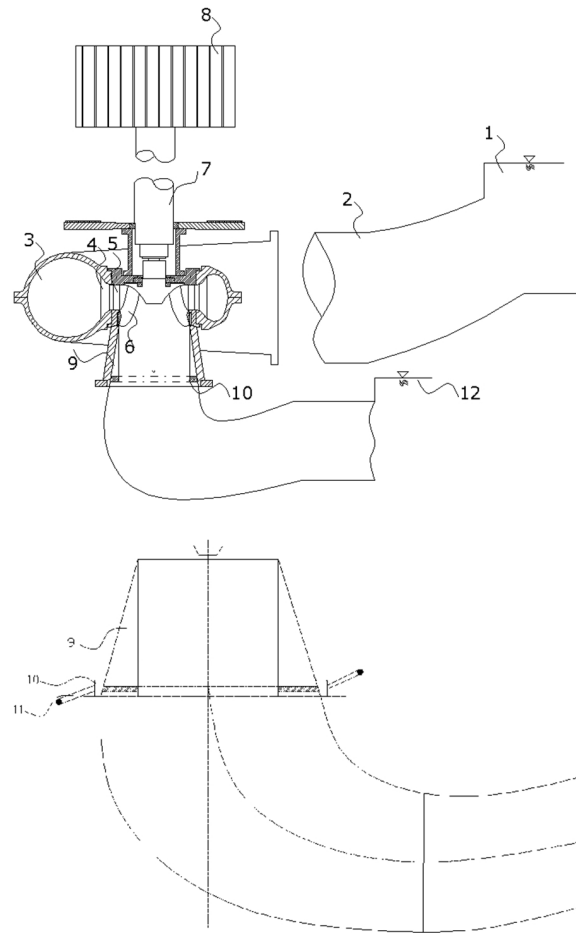
METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR CONTROLLING THE SWIRLING FLOW THROUGH THE CONICAL DIFFUSER OF HYDRAULIC TURBINES



The invention relates to a method and an equipment for controlling the swirling flow through the conical diffuser of hydraulic turbines. The claimed method provides for the elimination of self-induced flow instability, the elimination of pressure fluctuations and vibrations by carrying out a progressive and controlled necking of the cross-section of a water jet flowing through a conical diffuser effected by an operator or an automation mechanism, the controlled necking being carried out in the lower region of the turbine conical diffuser, the cross-section being adjusted based on the principle of closing-opening of a circulation diaphragm which keeps in all positions the circular shape of its cross section, with the centre in the turbine main axis.

The claimed equipment for carrying out the method comprises a penstock (2) which takes over the water from an upstream lake (1) and directs it into a turbine spiral chamber (3), the water passing through a stator (4), and a directing apparatus (5) which guides the water to a rotor (6) and, due to the power generated by the rotor (6), a shaft (7) rotates a generator (8) which produces electricity, at the output of the rotor (6), the water passing through a conical diffuser (9), whose role is to convert the water kinetic energy into potential energy and, when the turbine operates at one point away from the maximum efficiency point.

The rope vortex occurs, with its associated pressure fluctuations, which are harmful to the turbine, but when an adjustable-retractable diaphragm (10) is introduced and manually adjusted by means of a handle (11) or by a servo-mechanism of an automation, the rope vortex disappears along with said pressure fluctuations, further on the water being discharged into a downstream lake (12), the diaphragm (10) being adjusted to various openings, by some diaphragm shutter elements (13).



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PATENT NO. 127098 / 2017

PROCEDURE FOR ARSENIC REMOVAL FROM WATERS AND WASTE IMOBILIZATION IN VITREOUS MATRIX



It is well known that arsenic is a chemical element which arrives into the environment from a variety of natural and anthropogenic sources. Long term exposure leads at appearance of a large number of health problems, such as: skin affections, bladder, kidney and lungs cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory affections and in some cases can lead at diabetes. The underground sources of drinking waters represent one of the most important sources of arsenic intoxication. Into the underground water arsenic can be found as As(V) and most frequent as As(III). From this two forms the last one present higher toxicity. Present invention is related to a method of decontaminating waters with arsenic content using sludge adsorbent material containing iron and to a valorisation of exhausted adsorbent as frites, glass or ceramic glazes. The novelty of this patent is represented by a new approach, when a nonconventional material is used as adsorbent during arsenic removal from drinking waters. This new adsorbent material is represented by a sludge containing iron ions obtained as secondary product from neutralization of wastewaters containing higher quantities of metallic oxides, especially iron one. This approach, presents two different advantages, firstly representing a suitable solution for an economical problem, reducing the usage degree of natural resources, and secondly is eco-friendly by using as adsorbent sludge obtained as secondary product from other industrial process.

In conformity with present invention the sludge with higher content of iron (approximately 33%) is used as adsorbent material during purification of waters with arsenic (III) content between 10 and 700 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. As result, was obtained a waste product with higher toxicity and an arsenic content between 0.01 and 0.2%. Such waste product can be used for production of coloured glasses, or frites with higher content of Fe_2O_3 .

Immobilization of arsenic waste resulted from such adsorption by inclusion into the vitreous matrix represents a new solution as also a responsible attitude, sustaining the durable development of human society.

As conclusion present invention resolves such desideratum by using the principle of close technology, by valorisation of arsenic containing waste by immobilization into the vitreous matrix, for production of glasses or ceramic decorative glazes, protecting in this way the environment.

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EVOLUTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF PUT 2013 - 2017

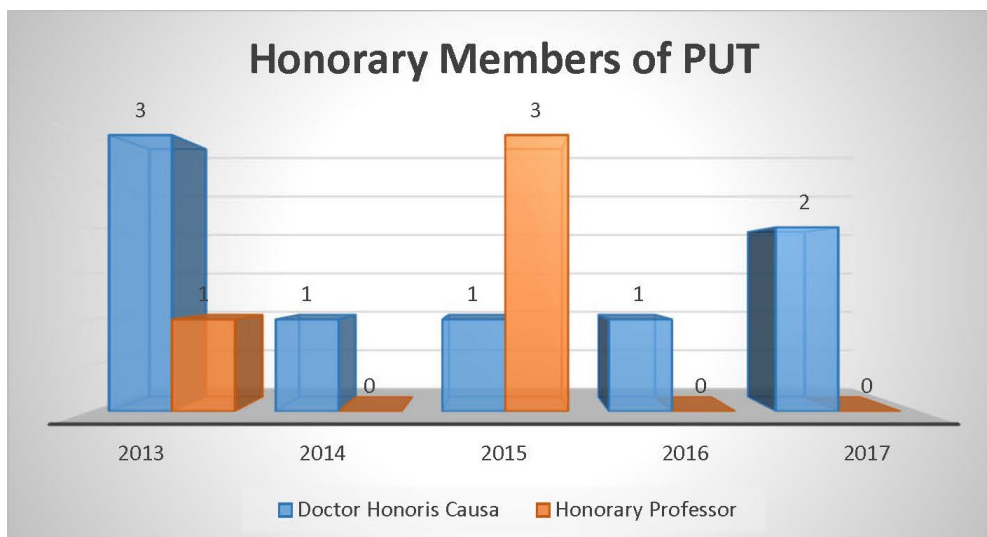
The conferring of honorary degrees is one way in which the University recognizes individuals distinguished by accomplishments consonant with the overarching mission of the University.

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Politehnica University of Timisoara recognizes scientific excellence by conferring the honorary degree of Doctor Honoris Causa and Honorary Professor to distinguished Researchers for their contribution to the development of PUT and continuous support.

The University strives for a robust pool of honorary degree recipients enriched by individuals from all backgrounds of engineering.

We also find it rewarding to honor individuals who have not already been publicly recognized by a number of other institutions.



DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

Prof. Dr. Tudor BOMPA – York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Senate of the Politehnica University of Timișoara has gathered in a festive meeting today, in order to award the academic title of DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA to Professor Tudor BOMPA, „Professor Emeritus” of the prestigious York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, known throughout the world as one of the top specialists, namely the one who has revolutionized training methods for athletes.

The researcher, born in Romania, has set up the “Tudor Bompa Institute” in order to promote his patented methods worldwide. For the Politehnica University of Timișoara, it is a great joy that the Professor who enjoys such wide national and international recognition should from now on add his name to the gallery of exceptional people who have been awarded this meritorious distinction. The title of Doctor Honoris Causa is the highest distinction that the University Senate may award, in recognition of personal value, but also, in this case, as a thankful recognition of the recipient’s attachment to the city of his days as a young teacher within the Polytechnic Institute of Timișoara, during the 60’s.

Professor TUDOR BOMPA was born on 23 December 1932 in the town of Nasaud, in Northern Transylvania. He attended his first school classes in his hometown, and in 1949 he moved to the Sports School in Cluj-Napoca, under the patronage of the local “Victor Babeș” University. During his junior years, he was part of the national athletics team, and won several silver and bronze medals at the National Championships, in the pentathlon, javelin and discus competitions. He attended the courses of the Institute of Physical Culture and Sports, a prestigious sports academy in the Romanian capital city, Bucharest, which he graduated at the age of 24, in 1956. In Bucharest, he activated within the Central Army House Club, with which he won six national titles at rowing and a silver medal in 1958 at the European Championship. As a student, but mainly after graduation, between 1960 and 1970, he served as Director of the Central Army House Sports Club, as university assistant professor at the Polytechnic Institute of Timișoara and the University of Bucharest, and as Athletic Director at Politehnica Timișoara Sports Club. Starting in 1960, he laid the foundations of new training methods for performance athletes, which were first published in the journal “Studies and Research” Politehnica Timișoara, T. BOMPA being part of the editorial board.

In 1970, at the age of 38, TUDOR BOMPA moved to Canada, where he continued his professional development, as follows:

He attended Master’s studies at York University, in Toronto, Canada, between 1972 and 1974.

He attended the doctoral studies program at New York State University, Buffalo, between 1975 and 1979.

He was conferred the Ph.D. degree in 1979 with the thesis: “Mechanical analysis of the action of the arms”, the work having a strong multidisciplinary nature within the field of biomechanics.

He was conferred the Ph.D. degree also by the Free University of Brussels, Belgium.

Since 2004, TUDOR BOMPA has been a member of the academic staff of York University, in Toronto, Canada, within the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, in the following teaching positions:



Assistant Professor (1971-1979), Associate Professor (1980-1992), University Professor (1993- present).

In 1998, for outstanding career merit, the prestigious York University of Toronto awarded him the title of “Professor Emeritus.”

In the following years, T. BOMPA has been training high-performance athletes, and achieved prestigious results in international sports by revolutionizing training methods. As characterized by the American Bodybuilding Magazine (2003): “Tudor Bompa is known to many as the man who single-handedly revolutionized Western training methods. After more than 40 years of work in the arena of international sports, he’s widely considered one of the world’s leading specialists when it comes to periodization, planning, peaking and strength and power lifting. Name your favorite coach and very likely he’s been strongly influenced by Tudor Bompa’s work.

As he is known all over the world, the British magazine “PeakPerformance” (2012), states that: “Tudor Bompa was called the “father” of periodization (planned training) and I am certain that there are few athletes in the world who do not owe their success (even if they do not realize), in one way or another, to the theories of the former Romanian. He is one of the world’s leading specialists. “The system and training methods of the distinguished specialist are proven by the performance of” Bompas champions”, who won 11

medals (4 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze) in the Olympic Games and World Championships; 3 medals (2 gold) in the Pan American Games; 22 medals in National Championships (in Canada and Romania).

Two outstanding results have crowned his permanent, uninterrupted concerns in the development and application of his methods in order to achieve the highest level of performance:

Mihaela Penes, Romanian junior, javelin, Olympic champion in Tokyo in 1964.

TUDOR BOMPA managed the physical training of young Mihaela Penes, for a year and a half in the years 1963-1964. Thus, the 17-year-old unknown, who was not taken into account after a 51-meter qualification, became Olympic champion in Tokyo with a 60.54-meter throw in the first attempt. She was the "bomb" of the Olympics, "the wonder of Tokyo," who shocked the world.

Ben Johnson, Canadian Sprinter, Olympic Champion at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, 100 meters.

T. BOMPA's best known "product" is the Canadian Sprinter Ben Johnson. In 1988, at the Seoul Olympics, in the "race of the century", while competing with American sprinter Carl Lewis, Johnson arrived first in the 100 meter competition, with a new world record of 9.79 seconds. This was the peak of the confrontation between the two world speed titans.

Prof. Dr. TUDOR BOMPA made his studies known through publications and scientific research in the field of sports.

Thus, T. BOMPA published 15 books (8 in English), all "best sellers", translated into 18 languages: Chinese, Russian, Japanese, Italian, French, Spanish, etc., and sold in about one million copies. Most of these books are used as textbooks in universities, training institutions, certification programs, and continuing education in over 180 countries of the world. Dr. Bompa's concepts can be found in his many books, the most famous of which are:

- "Periodization: Theory and Methodology of Training", often called the "Bible" of training;
- "Periodization of Training for Sports", the most popular force training book in the world.

Besides books, he has published over 100 research papers and works on training methods. As a highly respected training specialist, Dr. TUDOR BOMPA has made presentations in over 35 countries of the world.

As T. BOMPA states, "I would not go so far as to say that I am the" father "of modern training, but I can say that my work has greatly influenced modern training. The training plan we have prepared with Ben Johnson for the Seoul Olympics has become the "Bible" in everything that has meant the world sprint.

Alongside the journalistic activity through books and scientific papers, 22 research grants are also mentioned in T. BOMPA's professional biography.

A special initiative put into practice was that he set up the "Tudor

Bompa Institute".

Together with his disciples, the American Karl Koch and the Italian Carlo Buzzichelli, the distinguished coach has laid the foundations of the Institute that nowadays bears his name, in order to promote the patented methods of the Romanian specialist throughout the world, methods that brought him numerous awards and positions in international sports organizations, as, for example:

- Director, Research and Development, Amerfit, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Responsible for the research, design and monitoring of the training of American professional and amateur athletes

- Member of the Scientific Sports Committee, United States, for the Athletics Team between 1996 and 1999, and for the Volleyball Team, between 1994 and 1995.

- Special consultant for the Canadian athletics, swimming, biking and basketball teams, for their training program for 1988 the Olympic Games.

- Member of the scientific sports committees of the following organizations: The Canadian Amateur Basketball Association (1985-1987); - The Canadian Association of Athletics (1984-1986); The Canadian Federation of Target Shooting and Squash (1985-1988).

- Corresponding Member, International Council of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (U.N.E.S.C.O.) 1978-1982.

- Delegate Member, Annual Convention of the International Rowing Federation, 1978 (Hamilton, New Zealand), 1977 (Amsterdam), 1975 (Nottingham), 1967 (Vichy), 1965 (Moscow), 1974 (Amsterdam).

Prof. TUDOR BOMPA Ph.D has received 23 distinctions and awards from prestigious institutions, governments and states: The United States of America (2014); The Iranian Government (2007); The Argentinian Ministry of Education (2006); The University of Nuevo Leon, Mexico (2006); The President of Brazil (2005); Sapienza University, Italy (2004); The Portuguese Ministry of Education (1999); The Australian Council of Sports (1993); The Spanish Olympic Committee (1989); The Canadian Olympic Committee (1985); Hamilton City Hall, New Zealand (1979).

In Romania, he was awarded the title of "Master of Sports" in 1956, and of "Citizen of Honor" of his hometown, Nasaud, in 2012.

Although he is less known in Romania, which he sadly acknowledges, TUDOR BOMPA is famous in the international sports world.

It much remains unsaid in order to sketch a complete image of the achievements of Professor TUDOR BOMPA, but more can be found in the prestigious title brochure, drafted by the members of the Specialty Commission. Based on the unequivocal conclusions presented in the file, the Senate of the Politehnica University of Timisoara unanimously expressed the will to award the title of DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA, thus honoring a personality who has distinguished himself through scientific work, actual outstanding results and a highly professional career.

DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

Prof. Dr. Eng. Frede BLAABJERG – Aalborg University, Denmark

Born in 1963, in Denmark, Prof. Frede Blaabjerg has received his higher education and became a Ph.D. in power electronics at Aalborg University in 1995, where he is today a full Professor, after serving as Dean of Engineering-Science-Medicine Faculties (8000 students) from 2006-2013 and the Director of international Ph.D. School since 2005.

He published as an author/coauthor more than 1000 scientific papers 380 (800) in journals (conferences) in Web of science and edited 4 books, all in power electronics.

As a recognition of this prodigal activity, he earned 17 IEEE awards and has +14500 de citations in Web of science (h index 56) , +47000 in Google scholar (h index 104).

He held more than 500 lectures nationally and internationally. In addition, as a IEEE Distinguished Lecturer for two societies (PELS and IAS) he presented 45 lecturers on 4 continents, with more than 3000 attendants in all.

Based on his exceptional contribution to the massive penetration of wind energy in the Danish electric power system, Prof. Frede Blaabjerg earned National Research Award "Villum Jahn Rasmussen" (750000 euro) for 2014.

He became an IEEE Fellow in 2003.

The research activities and achievements that place him among the first 10 contributors in power electronics worldwide have been accompanied by:

- the exquisite leadership of the Aalborg University Ph.D. School from 2005; he has supervised himself 70 Ph.D. students so far.
- the reform as Dean of Engineering-Science-Medicine Faculties (2006-2013) at Aalborg University which today has diligent students from more than 60 countries (it had few foreign students in 2006);
- tripling the number of pages (with quality enhancement) of the first journal of power electronics (IEEE Transactions on PE) as Chief Editor for 7 years, from 2008 ; today the journal publishes more than 600 pages/issue (12 issues per year);
- the effort in the Danish National Research Guidance Institutions, since 2000 till today;
- the contribution as IEEE-PELS Vicepresident since 2015;
- the quality of Vicepresident of Technical Academy of Technical Sciences since 2015.



We mention here with great satisfaction Prof. Frede Blaabjerg's uninterrupted cooperation since 1997, with University Politehnica Timisoara (Prof. Ion Boldea and his younger associates), Faculty of Electrical and Power Systems Engineering.

Practically 24 Ph.D. students from UPT had at least one three month stage at Aalborg University; many joint papers at ISI Conferences and in IEEE prestigious Journals have resulted; UPT benefited many power electronics donations from Aalborg University and from Danfoss via Prof. F. Blaabjerg, who himself visited Romania 3 times (2 times at UPT).

We mention also Prof. Frede Blaabjerg modesty, honesty, compassion and generosity so visible in the 20 years of his cooperation with UPT.

In view of his outstanding scientific, didactic, managerial and professional activities at the world level and its fruitful cooperation of almost 20 years with UPT, the Senat of UPT has decided the bestow on Prof. Frede Blaabjerg from Aalborg University, Denmark the title of "Doctor Honoris Causa".

Our heartfelt congrats, Prof. Frede Blaabjerg.

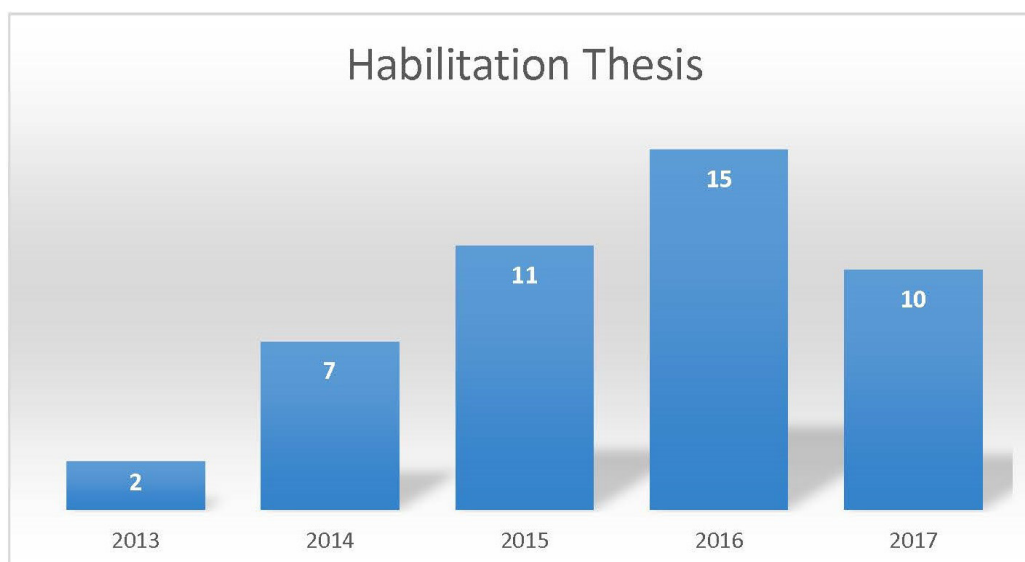
HABILITATION THESIS

EVOLUTION OF HABILITATION THESIS IN PUT 2013 - 2017

Habilitation (from Latin *habilis* "fit, proper, skillful") is the highest academic qualification a scholar can achieve by his or her own pursuit.

In this chapter we present the habilitation thesis supported by teachers from Politehnica University of Timisoara, both at PUT and, also, at other universities.

The habilitation thesis are presented in chronological order, according to institution where they were sustained.



MODELING, SIMULATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH ON TECHNICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

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Abstract

In order to optimize the functional design of a MFS one must take into account the antagonistic conditions: minimal or zero leakage and reduced friction and wear implying appropriate tribological conditions in the interface.

It is important for the operating conditions of a machine that the appropriate conditions of a machine that the appropriate sealing solution is chosen as well as the imposed conditions of the design and working are summarizing the contribution made by the author in the thesis are:

- the comparison of the limitative parameters which facilitates the chosen of the optimal solution of sealing
- the defining of the intensity of the power loss through friction in the contact area of the MFS, that can give a quantitative appreciation of the operating limits of a MFS.
- the analytical assessment of the flow-friction depending under a hydrostatic or hydrodynamic regime.
- modeling of the surface dynamic contact in the primary seal of a MFS
- the establishment of the theoretical relations of the thermo hydrodynamics of a MFS in a steady non-isothermal regime finite element analysis
- identifying the factors that influence the performance of a MFS
- mechanical and thermal modeling through computer simulations (with axially symmetric elements) of two types of MFS (EF and EF-S 103x45.4x13.3 19) manufactured by SC ROSEAL, taking into account 15 different pairs of friction materials for the primary seal of the MFS.
- the results allow the determination of other parameters (heat transfer coefficient, correction rate, etc.) that are not found in literature.
- the hypothesis of linearity of the heat flow (literature data are not confirmed)
- the effect of heat circulation in both rings simultaneously
- development of the relationship: temperature distribution-rotating rings-heat flux in the gap-geometry of the gap.

The results of modeling and computer simulation, effective in terms of input / output, being faithful to the experimental, have advanced



the accuracy of modeling and their application to other pairs of materials can be considered as valid for assessment / optimization and selection of the optimal solution of a MFS.

♦ experimental design and test equipment and establishing the experimental program;

♦ attempt under research three different seals Front (EFS 103-S; 19 x 45.4 x 13.3 EF, EF 15 x 25.7 x 12.8) and three fluids to be sealed (water at 80° C detergent, industrial water at 80° C, water with antifreeze) that confirm the results of analytical modeling research.

Theoretical issues raised during the preparation of this thesis was initiated through a cooperation agreement with SC ROSEAL S.A. – Odorheiu Secuiesc and recovered within the National Council of University Research annual research projects: “Methods and devices for testing mechanical transmissions and their components” code 280/1998.

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THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH ON STRUCTURES AND HISTORICAL BUILDING USING ADVANCES SURVEY ENGINEERING METHODS

Author: Sorin HERBAN

Abstract

Present thesis summarises the research activity of the candidate after defending the PhD Thesis at The Politehnica University of Timisoara and confirmed by The Ministry of Education and Research, on the basis of Order no. 5764, dated 28.11.2006.

The research activity and achievements presented in the habilitation thesis, is developed in a few of main thematic directions that are coverage by the author.

The first one is - Contribution to applying topographic methods for studying and monitoring terrain and constructions, which continues and diversifies with new subjects, the topic of the PhD Thesis or others subjects related to this.

It should be noted that the activity of the candidate in the field of special surveying engineering and applying topographic methods for studying and monitoring terrain and constructions (20 years of research in this field), from the beginning, from September 1996, until the defending of PhD Thesis, and for the post-thesis period, is in line with the fields of research of the department of Overland Communication Ways, Foundation and Cadastre and especially with the team from Terrestrial Measurements and Cadastre from Faculty of Civil Engineering, Politehnica University of Timisoara, but also with private companies and departments from EU universities.

The new subjects of research in the post-thesis period can be synthetized in four distinguish them, developed in the present thesis, each of them related to the following aspects:

- Developing methods and models to evaluate and determine the real deformations of terrain and structures.
- Reverse Engineering and Laser Scan Technology applied to Cultural Heritage domain, Development of 3D Models for Cultural Heritage sites;
- Using Open Source and Low-Cost solutions and GIS Platforms for different users to architectural and cultural applications;
- Educational platforms for e-learning processes.

The results of my scientific research are materialized mainly in speciality scientific articles and books. Therefore, I have always focused on this aspect, considering that not only the quantitative



aspect of the work is important, but also the quality and the value of the material published. It can be seen in the list of the scientific papers attached that I collaborated with colleagues from other Romanian and EU universities to contribute at enriching the literature in domain of applied Geodesy related to Civil engineering domain.

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NEW MATERIALS USED FOR ARSENIC REMOVAL FROM WATER

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Abstract

Present habilitation thesis was structured in two different parts, and was prepared based on 31 research papers and one national patent. I am the leading author of 17 of these papers and the coauthor of 14. Of these papers, 18 are indexed in Clarivate Analytics, 12 are indexed in different other international databases, and one is a book chapter published by an international book publisher.

First part of habilitation thesis is briefly presenting my main professional, scientific, and academically achievements from the moment I defended my PhD thesis (2002) until now. During this period, I worked into the chemical engineering and in environmental protection areas. In this chapter are firstly presented the main aspects regarding the arsenic content into the worldwide natural waters as also in our country, natural and anthropic arsenic sources and the effects of his presence onto the human health, emphasizing all personal contributions. All these studies were focused on arsenic presence in West Romania ground waters, which represent a real problem. High risks associated with consumption of arsenic contaminated water made me identify new extraction materials and processes. New arsenic removal strategies emerged. Because current technology used for arsenic removal processes are quite expensive and generate too much waste and byproducts, we focused on obtaining, describing and testing new environmental friendly materials, technologies and methods. Clean technologies, such as the adsorption would recover or eliminate the arsenic from waters. Exhausted inorganic materials due to arsenic removal were immobilized in vitreous matrix used to produce decorative glazes. Organic materials used for arsenic removal were regenerated and reused for several times. Based on experimental studies can conclude that all studied material present good adsorption properties, and can be used for arsenic retention from waters in dynamic or also in static regime. Adsorption process is better described by the pseudo-second order kinetic model, is spontaneous, endotherm, and has a physical or chemical nature. Also, it was revealed that the contact surface and also the presence of iron ions present a high importance into the arsenic adsorption on studied materials.



In second part of habilitation thesis are presented the further objectives regarding didactic career, research, and further development of academic career. Present habilitation thesis contains 306 references.

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REHABILITATION OF EXISTING CONCRETE AND/OR MASONRY STRUCTURES IN SEISMIC REGIONS. A PERMANENT CHALLENGE FOR CIVIL ENGINEERS

Author: Sorin DAN

Abstract

The assessment of the protection level of constructions generally and particularly of reinforced concrete and/or masonry structures has become a constant preoccupation of all the specialists involved in design, construction and monitoring of structures.

The habilitation thesis presents research and case studies connected to the structural rehabilitation aspects as follows:

- Introduction to: durability problems; behaviour at seismic actions; repair and strengthening of existing structures.
- Rehabilitation of existing concrete and masonry structures: experimental research; case studies.

The vulnerability of existing structures under seismic motions may be due to structural system weaknesses and specific detailing. Structural weaknesses are characterised by various irregularities and discontinuities or by general structural vulnerabilities. Specific detailing of existing structures is function of building materials: reinforced concrete; steel; masonry; wood. The rehabilitation solutions adopted in the case of deterioration of building component parts depend on the structural material.

EXISTING REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES are strengthened in order to increase its strength, stiffness and ductility. In case of reinforced concrete framed structures, these goals are to be achieved by jacketing of beams, columns and joints. The jacketing is performed by reinforced concrete, steel profiles, carbon fibres CFRP, etc. CFRP may be used for increasing ductility and slightly increased stiffness. Experimental studies were performed on the RC jacketing strengthening method. Different techniques for increasing the bond between the old (existing) and new (jacketing) concrete layers were studied and presented in the thesis.

Experimental studies were also performed for strengthening of reinforced concrete framed structures in seismic zones by using Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRP). The main system's advantages as rehabilitation solution are: increase of load-carrying capacity; structures designed at gravity loads will be able to withstand seismic loads.

The reinforced concrete structures' rehabilitation case studies presented are: Western University of Timisoara; tanks supporting



structure; office building; Palace Building; apartment house affected by a gas explosion; reinforced concrete silos; industrial building; frame structure at the Timisoreana Brewery; block of flats.

EXISTING MASONRY STRUCTURES present some important vulnerability in seismic zones: the overall lateral stiffness values along the two main axes are different; lack of seismic joints to divide building parts having different dynamic characteristics; lack of reinforced concrete straps at each level; defects of wall connections at corners, crossings and ramifications as well as the presence of cracks; inadequate bearing capacity at normal forces on the walls.

Experimental research was performed on modern rehabilitation solution known as Near-Surface-Mounted Reinforcement (NSMR), which implies that steel bars/rods mainly of CFRP are bonded in sawn grooves in the masonry or concrete cover. The main advantages of this technology are: no requirement for surface preparation work, no change of the existing structure dimensions.

The masonry structures' rehabilitation solutions presented are: Banatul Museum, Timisoara – by classic solution; historical structures – by modern solution; tower structure – by modern solutions.

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NETWORK SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Abstract

Since the beginning of the new Millennia, we have witnessed the emergence of the New Science of Complex Networks, which encompasses multiple elements from physics, mathematics, and computer science. Specifically, Complex Networks describe the structure and behavior of complex systems that can be modelled as graphs, namely mathematical structures consisting of objects, nodes, or vertices, which are connected by lines, links, or edges. As opposed to conventional graph theory, complex networks have many nodes (up to several millions) and complex irregular interconnection topology. The field of Complex Networks bridges the gap between complexity and algorithmic models, which in turn pave the way for innovative computer applications in fields such as biology, medicine, economy, social sciences, or physics.

The overarching field of Information Technology includes various approaches where computer algorithms and applications are used for the advancement of biology, medicine, pharmacology, or social physics. Indeed, the last decade has witnessed significant progress in personalized or precision medicine, based on big data techniques and computer technologies such as Complex Network Analysis, Machine Learning (including Deep Learning). Moreover, the advance in social system physics has gain a lot of momentum since the global dissemination of Online Social Networks.

Our approach to using complex networks in information technology is twofold. First, we propose new computer-based models for simulating the dynamics of opinion in social networks. Further, we validate our tolerance-based opinion diffusion model against social behavior detected in real-world data from Twitter, Facebook and Yelp. We also analyze and confirm our hypotheses by providing a comprehensive probabilistic interpretation of our tolerance-based computational model. Second, we apply a dual complex network clustering, which relies on both modularity classes and force directed network layouts, to advance the fields of network medicine and network pharmacology. In the case of network medicine, we cluster networks of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome patients, to generate patient phenotypes that can be effectively used for managing patients according to precision medicine principles. In the case of



network pharmacology, we use our dual clustering methodology to extract pharmaceutical properties for available drugs, only from information on drug-drug interactions. To this end, we build a drug-drug interaction network and process it, by algorithmically defining functional drug communities; analyzing the generated drug communities leads to recovering previous drug repositioning examples, as well as to proposing new important repositionings. Our future research will focus on applying complex networks in computer engineering. As such, we provide an extensive overview on how network analysis can be used to optimize multi-core communication in Network-on-Chip (NoC) systems. Indeed, our initial assessment proves that – from a conceptual standpoint – fractal topologies can provide a low power, reliable and performant communication infrastructure for NoCs.

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NANOSTRUCTURED OXIDE MATERIALS AND FUNCTIONALIZED MATERIALS WITH APPLICATIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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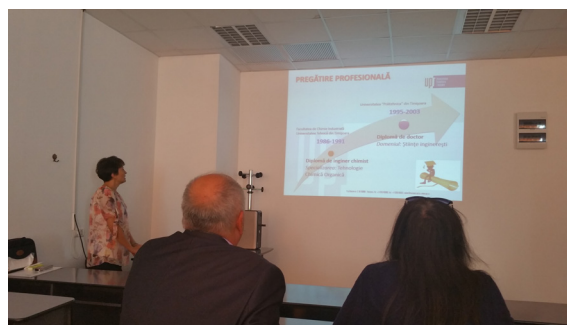
Abstract

The habilitation thesis is structured in two parts, and is based on 28 personal scientific papers (14 as lead author), of which 24 published in ISI ranked journals and 4 published in journals indexed in other international databases.

In the first part of the thesis are presented the main professional, scientific and academic achievements obtained after the candidate defended the PhD thesis in 2004.

The scientific research activity that is the subject of this thesis was directed towards the synthesis and characterization of two types of materials: nanostructured oxide materials and materials functionalized by impregnation with various extractants. Some of the materials obtained have been tested in environmental applications. These have been successfully used for the adsorption of dyes and metallic ions from dilute aqueous solutions, in view of applying these processes either for treating wastewater or for recovering valuable chemical species.

For the synthesis of nanostructured oxide materials, the thermal decomposition of carboxylate complexes (precursor) was used. This method produces oxide powders with nanometric particles at relatively low temperatures, with a yield of practically 100 %. Carboxylate precursors were obtained by the redox reaction between metal nitrates and polyols. The decomposition of carboxylates at relatively low temperatures (300-350°C) led to single/mixed oxide mixtures with high reactivity. By calcining them at suitable temperatures, the oxide systems with the desired compositions were obtained. With this new method, several spinel oxide systems with nanometric particles were prepared: ferrites MFe_2O_4 ($M = Co, Cu, Ni, Zn$), maghemite $\gamma-Fe_2O_3$ and zinc aluminate $ZnAl_2O_4$. $ZnO-Zn_2SiO_4-SiO_2$ nanocomposites having different compositions and properties were prepared by the sol-gel method modified by an original procedure, involving the thermal decomposition of Zn (II) carboxylates dispersed in the pores of silica gel. Cobalt, copper, nickel and zinc ferrites have been tested for adsorption of Congo red dye from aqueous solutions, and have proven to be materials with remarkable adsorbent properties.



In view of improving their adsorbent properties, magnesium silicate and Amberlite XAD7 resin have been functionalized with extractants containing nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur functional groups (tetrabutylammonium dihydrogen phosphate, tetraethylammonium bromide, sodium β -glycerophosphate, and thiourea), which are considered "green", being environmentally friendly. The so-functionalized materials were used for the adsorption from aqueous solutions of rare metals ions: Eu (III), La (III) and Nd (III). Experimental results have shown that these are effective adsorbent materials, with remarkable efficiency. Moreover, these materials have the advantage that they have been obtained by easy and non-polluting methods.

In the second part of the habilitation thesis are presented the plan of evolution and development of the professional, scientific and academic career, the proposed objectives and the future research directions.

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FROM NANOSCALE EFFECTS TO MACROSCOPIC QUANTITIES BEHAVIOR: EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS ON TWO-PHASE MEDIA

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Abstract

This thesis presents the contributions to the main research themes that continued and developed from my PhD studies, starting 1998. These main research themes are: (i) study of the liquid – vapour phase transition control by electric fields and (ii) magnetic nanofluids: heat transfer control by magnetic fields and thermal properties.

The first theme was approached in 1999, with the aim of understanding the basics of phase-change phenomena at nanoscale and how manifest at macroscopic scale in change of measurable quantities. In order to accomplish these goals, I used molecular dynamics method to study the near-critical point phase transition in either two-dimensional or three-dimensional systems, of hundreds up to one thousand molecules, interacting via Lennard – Jones potential. The study was extended to the effects of external electric fields on the structure and thermodynamic properties of these molecular systems. The results of this study matched the macroscopic observations of the electric field effect on the liquid – vapor phase transition in microgravity.

The second theme is comprising the main results in terms of my scientific contributions to three subsequent research topics concerning the use of a special class of smart materials in heat transfer related problems, which were studied in a multidisciplinary team, at the Research Center for Complex Fluid Systems Engineering, Politehnica University Timisoara, in framework of several national and international projects. The first topic envisaged the possibilities of using magnetic nanofluids as cooling agents in microgravity thermal management systems. A fundamental study was carried out with respect to the dependence of characteristic parameters of nucleate boiling with the applied magnetic field and the magnetic nanofluid magnetic properties. The second topic envisaged also fundamental aspects regarding the natural convection in water based magnetic nanofluids, in view of their use in cooling applications for automotive engineering. The third topic had both fundamental aspects as well as application-oriented, the targets being related to the use of transformer oil based magnetic nanofluids in electric transformers,



either as cooling and insulating medium in power transformers or as magnetic liquid core in high frequency planar transformers. The results of the research reported in this thesis were disseminated in 9 ISI articles and 7 ISI proceedings papers. Also, part of the scientific contributions to the second theme are included into two national patents awarded by OSIM.

The full abstract at:

http://www.upt.ro/img/files/2016-2017/abilitare/stoian/Rezumat_habilitation_thesis_en_Stoian.pdf

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PROCESSES AND MATERIALS IN ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY SYSTEMS

Author: Andrea KELLENBERGER

Abstract

The habilitation thesis entitled "Processes and materials in electrochemical energy systems" presents the main scientific, professional and academic achievements of the author after defending the PhD thesis at the Politehnica University Timisoara, together with future plans for evolution and development of the research and university career. The main research directions of the author are part of the broad area of electrochemical energy systems, with special emphasis on electrocatalysis of hydrogen evolution reaction and electrochemical synthesis of conducting polymer films and study of charge transport mechanism within such films. The entire research activity is reflected in 71 publications, of which 29 papers published in ISI ranked journals (h-index 11), author and co-author of 3 books, co-author of 1 national patent, project leader of 3 research grants and member of 1 international and 10 national research projects. The electrocatalysis of hydrogen evolution reaction is a research direction initiated in the Laboratory for Electrochemistry, Corrosion and Electrochemical Engineering of UPT. The investigations aimed at accelerating the hydrogen evolution reaction by using electrocatalysts added in the solution. These catalysts, also called proton carriers, have the ability to increase the proton concentration in the electric double layer from the metal-solution interface by transporting protons from the bulk of the solution to the interface. Various aromatic or aliphatic amines were investigated as proton carriers, since the ability to carry protons is given by the lone pair of electrons of the nitrogen atom. The originality of our work reside in that we have shown that the catalytic effect of the proton carriers is manifested not only for electrode materials with high hydrogen overpotential, such as copper, but, more important from a practical point of view, even for electrodes with low hydrogen overpotential, namely gold and platinum. Also, we have explained the catalytic effect of the amines based on their molecular parameters obtained by modeling, the most important being the dipole moment and the surface coverage degree. Thus, the highest catalytic effect was obtained for amines with a low surface coverage, which is equivalent to a larger number of molecules present at the interface, so an



increased proton concentration, and respectively for a large dipole moment, which indicates a favorable orientation of the molecules at the interface, namely with the nitrogen atom and the attached proton directed towards the metal, where the charge transfer is greatly facilitated. Considering the expertise in electrocatalysis of hydrogen evolution reaction, our research group is partner and work package leader in a HORIZON 2020 project approved for financing from 2018: "Novel modular stack design for high pressure PEM water electrolyzer technology with wide operation range and reduced cost".

The full abstract at:

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NEW GENERATION OF MATERIALS WITH APPLICATIONS IN METAL IONS REMOVAL FROM WATER

Author: Elvira Mihaela CIOPEC

Abstract

Habilitation thesis entitled “New generation of materials with applications in metal ions removal from water” summarizes scientific and research activity carried out after defending my PhD thesis. Habilitation thesis was structured into three main parts: Part one – Scientific, professional and academic achievements; Part II – Proposal of professional, scientific and academic career evolution and development and Part III – References, based on 31 Thompson Reuters (ISI) indexed research papers plus 10 papers indexed in other national and international data bases. First part of habilitation thesis is shortly presenting my main professional, scientific and academic achievements from the moment when I defended my PhD thesis (2007) until present. Research directions developed and deepened during postdoctoral period are conducted in close relation with chemical engineering and environmental protection areas. Main objective of the scientific and research activity, in which I was involved was represented by preparation of a new generation of materials used in environmental protection, and especially for metal ions removal from water by using adsorption. Starting from the fact that metal ions water pollution represents one of the greatest environmental problem, a major concern is represented by their removal from water, which impose development of physical, chemical, physical-chemical and biological methods in order selective elimination of pollutants. The most eloquent method forms the economical and efficiency point of view is adsorption. Starting from these premises habilitation thesis follows the projection and development of an experimental model for production of new generation materials, whose adsorptive properties are improved through functionalization with nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur. Two functionalization methods were used: physical (impregnation) using SIR- Solvent-Impregnated-Resin methods and chemical (synthesis) using „One–Pot” Kabatachnik–Fields reaction.

Into studies performed, in addition to classical material bearing by impregnation, also studied and mentioned in research papers, was developed a new functionalization method in dynamic regime, on the column. After obtaining and characterization of materials, these



were tested to establish their adsorption capacities for metal ions removal from water.

In this sense were performed thermodynamic, kinetic and equilibrium studies.

From studies presented was demonstrated that all obtained materials present representative performance for metal ions removal from water by adsorption and the process efficiency is higher in the case of materials obtained by the physical functionalization method – Solvent- Impregnated- Resin- SIR.

Second part of habilitation thesis present the development plan of didactic, research and academic career.

The references are included in the third part of habilitation thesis, these are 186.

The full abstract at:

http://www.upt.ro/img/files/2016-2017/abilitare/ciopec/Mihaela_Ciopec-Teza_abilitare_ro.pdf

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINUOUS AND DISCRETE DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

Author: Gheorghe TIGAN

Abstract

The results described in the habilitation thesis are grouped in four sections.

1) The first section describes the results we obtained on periodic, homoclinic and heteroclinic orbits in several three-dimensional differential systems, namely in Chen, Lu, T and Shimizu-Morioka systems. For the first three systems we used a method based on Lyapunov-like functions and showed that the systems under some constraints of their parameters have neither homoclinic nor closed orbits but they have heteroclinic orbits. We showed that the Chen system has two symmetrical homoclinic orbits. For the T system we studied also periodic orbits arising from Bautin bifurcation. For the Shimizu-Morioka system used a different method, namely a method based on detecting the traces left by the separatrices of a saddle point on certain surfaces. With this method we could prove the existence of homoclinic orbits in the Shimizu-Morioka system.

2) In the second section we give details about the results we obtained on nonsmooth dynamical systems. We have studied a two-dimensional discrete non-smooth system (map), which is continuous but non-differentiable with respect to one of the variables. The map generalizes in some sense the so-called Nordmark map, which is related to one-dimensional impact oscillators near grazing points. Examples of impact oscillators range from simple to complex phenomena such as, a ball bouncing on a vibrating table and a charged particle moving in strong magnetic fields in tokamaks.

3) The third section presents the results we obtained on perturbed Hamiltonian systems. We studied firstly a one-and-a-half degrees of freedom perturbed Hamiltonian system with a quartic unperturbed part and broad perturbation spectrum. An approximate interpolating Hamiltonian system was firstly studied. We pointed out results on the behavior of the Poincaré-Birkhoff dimerised chains in their routes to reconnection when the perturbation parameter varies. A discrete system associated to the full Hamiltonian system was constructed and studied.



4) In the fourth section we present details on the results we obtained on degenerate fold-Hopf bifurcations. We studied degenerate with respect to parameters fold-Hopf bifurcations in three-dimensional differential systems. Such degeneracies arise when the transformations between parameters leading to a normal form are not regular at some points in the parametric space. The fold-Hopf bifurcation (or zero-Hopf) occurs in smooth differential systems of minimum dimension three and having minimum two independent parameters. The hallmark of the bifurcation is that at certain values of the parameters the linearized system has an eigenvalue equals to zero and two purely complex eigenvalues. We obtained new generic results for the dynamics of the systems in such a degenerate framework.

The full abstract at:

<http://iosud.utcluj.ro/teze-de-abilitare.html>

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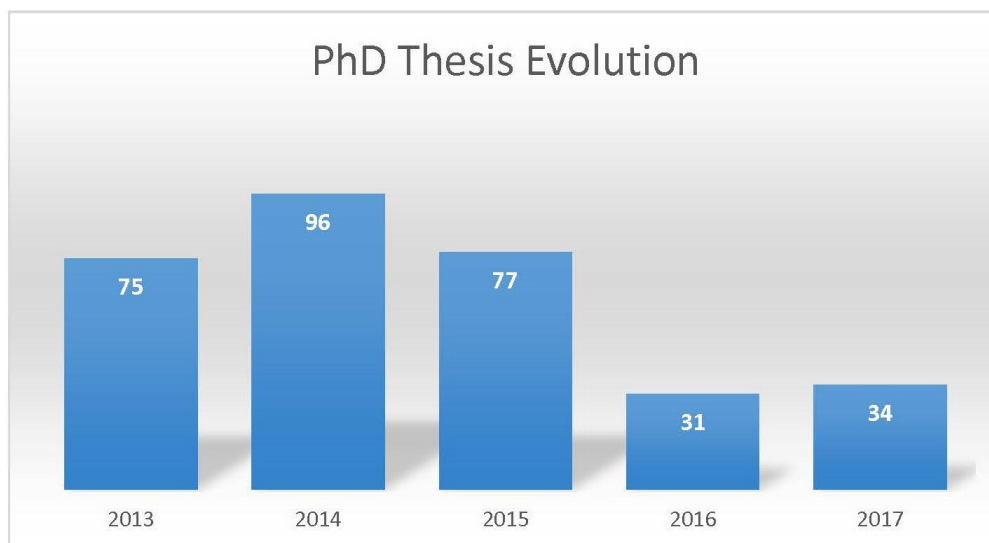
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PhD THESIS

EVOLUTION OF PhD THESIS DEFENDED IN PUT 2013 - 2017

PhD students of PUT are those with a high degree of personal motivation that stems from their natural curiosity and love of intellectual pursuits. It is expected that after they obtain their degree they will metamorphose into scholars for whom also the temptation of researching new and exciting subjects is irresistible, or at least preferable to all other choices.

Doctoral programs usually encompass intensive training in research methods, including interviewing, surveys, questionnaires, clinical trials and laboratory experiments; later, those skills are put into practice when the doctoral candidate conducts fieldwork for his dissertation. Skills gained in qualitative and quantitative research methodology and statistical analysis are transferable to non-academic research environments, particularly for industrial research. In addition, employers outside of academia seek individuals with sound research skills to carry out projects at think tanks and research institutes in both the private and government sectors.



In this chapter we present a list of the PhD Thesis defended in Politehnica University of Timisoara during 2017.

Architecture

Mihai-Corneliu POPOVICI-DONICI
PhD adviser prof. T. O. GHEORGHIU

Arhitectura neolitică și eneolitică timpurie din cultura Vinca, cultura Banatului și grupului cultural Foeni, reconstituiri arhitecturale din siturile de la Uivar, Parța și Foeni
(Early neolithic and eneolithic architecture in the Vinca culture, Banat culture and the Foeni cultural group. Architectural recasts for the Uivar, Parța and Foeni sites)

Cristian MĂRĂCINEANU
PhD adviser prof. S. M. BICA

Contribuții cu privire la eficiența energetică a construcțiilor rezidențiale noi în contextul dezvoltării durabile
(Contributions regarding the new residential constructions energy efficiency in the context of sustainable development)

Maria TĂMĂȘAN
PhD adviser prof. S. M. BICA

Muzealizarea - o modalitate de punere în valoare a patrimoniului medieval din mediul rural. Propuneri pentru județul Arad
(Musealisation - a way of highlighting the medieval heritage in rural areas. Proposals for Arad county)

Daniela NEGRÎȘANU
PhD adviser prof. T. O. GHEORGHIU

Locuirea ca introiecție a familiei
(Dwelling as an introjection of the family)

Irina FEIER
PhD adviser prof. C. DUMITRESCU

Malluri demallabile reziliență în arhitectura comercială
(Demallishable malls resilience in commercial architecture)

Ștefana BĂDESCU
PhD adviser prof. T. O. GHEORGHIU

Locuirea colectivă în spațiul urban contemporan. Antecedente, realități actuale, perspective
(Collective housing within the contemporary urban space precedents, presentday context perspectives)

Computers and Information Technology

Ildikó-Angelica SZŐKE
PhD adviser prof. V. STOICU-TIVADAR

Contribuții la compresia imaginilor medicale digitale
(Contributions to the digital medical images compression)

Florica BALOG
PhD adviser prof. H. CIOCĂRLIE

Schema de distribuție a datelor în cazul stimulărilor numerice paralele de înaltă performanță alicate pentru controlul energiilor eoliene la viteză variabilă a vântului
(Data distribution scheme in case of the high performance parallel numeric simulations applied for the wind systems control at variable wind speed)

Răzvan-Mihai ACIU
PhD adviser prof. H. CIOCĂRLIE

Infrastructuri integrate pentru procesare distribuită
(Integrated frameworks for distributed computing)

Ioan VIRAG
PhD adviser prof. L. STOICU-TIVADAR

Contribuții la procesul de vizualizare și manipulare al imaginilor pseudo-holografice
(Contributions to the visualization process and manipulation of pseudo-holographic images)

Systems Engineering

Loredana GHIORGHIONI (GHORMEZ)
PhD adviser prof. O. PROȘTEAN

Modelarea, identificarea și conducerea sistemelor cu arc electric. Aplicații privind cuptorul cu arc electric
(Modeling, identification and controlling of the systems with electric arc. Applications regarding the electric arc furnace)

Chemical Engineering

Roxana - Georgeta ISTRATIE
PhD adviser prof. C. PĂCURARIU

Materiale avansate obținute prin metode neconvenționale cu aplicații în industrie și protecția mediului
(Advanced materials obtained by unconventional methods with application industrial and environmental protection)

Monica Mariana PARASCHIVA IHOȘ
PhD adviser prof. R. PODE

Degradarea electrochimică avansată a compușilor farmaceutici de tipul antiinflamatoarelor nesteroidiene - poluanți emergenți din apă, utilizând anodi cu dimensiuni stabile
(Advanced electrochemical degradation of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs-emergent pollutants from water, using dimensionally stable anodes)

Chemistry

Alexandra-Carmen GRIGORIE
PhD adviser prof. M. ȘTEFĂNESCU

Sinteza și caracterizarea unor compuși oxidici nanocristalini simpli, micști și în amestec cu SiO₂ din azotați metalici și polioli
(Synthesis and characterization of simple, mixed and in mixture with SiO₂ nanocrystalline oxide compounds from metal nitrates and polyols)

Civil Engineering and Building Services

Dorin RADU
PhD adviser prof. R. BĂNCILĂ
PhD adviser prof. A. SEDMAK

Evaluarea critică a structurilor metalice cilindrice tip curbe subțiri (Shell)
(Engineering critical assessment of the cylindrical shell steel structures)

Mircea MĂRGINEAN
PhD adviser prof. D. DUBINĂ

Studiul robusteții structurilor în cadre metalice prin aplicarea scenariilor de cedare a stâlpilor
(Robustness of moment steel frames under column loss scenarios)

Lothar BECKER-DAUGHERTY
PhD adviser prof. M. MARIN

Consecințele tehnice ale exploatării miniere din Saarland, Germania
(Technical consequences of mining in Saarland, GERMANY)

Remus V. CHENDEȘ
PhD adviser prof. C. BOB

Determinări experimentale privind reutilizarea betoanelor rezultate din demolarea construcțiilor
(Experimental research on recycled concrete aggregates)

Mihai FOFIU
PhD adviser prof. V. STOIAN

Reabilitarea panourilor din beton armat prefabricate folosind lamele din CFRP aplicate pe exterior
(Retrofitting the precast RC wall panels using externally bonded CFRP laminates)

Electrical Engineering

Simona ILIE
PhD adviser prof. D. TOADER

Optimizarea unei centrale termosolare cu lentilă Fresnel și motor Stirling
(Optimization of a thermosolar power plant with Fresnel lens and Stirling engine)

Engineering and Management

Andra Elena BADEA
PhD adviser prof. G. PROȘTEAN

Considerații privind colaborarea verigilor lanțului logistic. Cazul proiectelor din resurse de energii regenerabile, în regim izolat
(Considerations regarding supply chain collaboration. The case of renewable energy resources projects, in isolated regime)

Francisco Xavier PUJOL
PhD adviser prof. M. L. MOCAN

Cum să devii o fabrică de nivel mondial: eficiență operațională, productivitatea angajaților și cultură organizațională puternică în industria auto competitivă
(How To Become a World Class Manufacturing Plant: Operational Efficiency, Employee Productivity And Strong Organizational Culture In The Competitive Automotive Industry)

Materials Engineering

Lavinia Mădălina MICU
PhD adviser prof. I. MITELEA
PhD adviser prof. I. BORDEAȘU

Comportarea la eroziune prin cavitație a oțelurilor inoxidabile Duplex
(Cavitation erosion behavior of Duplex stainless steels)

Carmen-Valentina IRINA-MOISESCU
PhD adviser prof. I. GROZESCU

Oxizi și nanocompozite core/shell cu diferite configurații, în sistemul TiO₂-ZnO, pentru aplicații în energetică solară
(Oxides and different configurations of TiO₂-ZnO based core/shell nanocomposites for the use in solar energetics applications)

Dragoș Toader PASCAL
PhD adviser prof. V. A. ȘERBAN
PhD adviser prof. W. BRANDL

Dezvoltarea unor straturi funcționale compozite de tip WC-Co-NiP prin metoda brazării în vid
(Development of high temperature vacuum brazed WC-Co-NiP functional composite coatings)

Cristian GHERA
PhD adviser prof. I. MITELEA
PhD adviser prof. I. BORDEAȘU

Rolul tratamentelor duplex în creșterea rezistenței la cavitație a oțelurilor pentru aparatura sistemelor hidraulice
(The role of duplex treatment to increasing the cavitation erosion resistance for steels used in manufacturing hydraulic equipment)

Industrial Engineering

Daniel CARSENTI
PhD adviser prof. C. D. DUMITRESCU

Aspecte privind relația: Strategie - Managementul calității - Performanțele produsului (cu aplicație la compania NETAFIM)
(Aspects of the relationship: strategy - quality management - product performances (with application to the NETAFIM COMPANY))

George Cătălin CRIȘAN
PhD adviser prof. D. ȚUCU

Optimizarea sistemelor de securitate și sănătate în muncă specifice IMM din agricultură
(Optimising of the safety and health systems at work specific to the SME in agriculture)

Mechanical Engineering

Ștefan-Eusebiu KATONA

PhD adviser prof. I. BORDEAȘU

PhD adviser prof. I. MITELEA

Eroziunea cavitațională a oțelurilor inoxidabile cu transformare martensitică indirectă
(The cavitation erosion of stainless steels with indirect martensitic transformation)

Bianca-Cristina LENGYEL

PhD adviser prof. N. FAUR

Cercetări privind durabilitatea înlocuitorilor de piele
(Researchs on the durability of leather substitutes)

Doru Ionuț PETRESCU

PhD adviser prof. L. BERETEU

Studii și cercetări privind optimizarea sistemelor eoliene
(Research and studies regarding the optimization of wind systems)

Geza Mihai ERDODI

PhD adviser prof. L. BERETEU

Cercetări în dinamica agregatelor aeroelectrice
(Research regarding the dynamics of aeroelectric aggregates)

Cornelia Laura SĂLCIANU

PhD adviser prof. I. BORDEAȘU

PhD adviser prof. I. MITELEA

Curgerea în vanele fluture și eroziunea prin cavitație a componentelor din oțeluri inoxidabile austenitice
(The flow by the butterfly valves and the cavitation erosion to components by austenitic stainless steels)

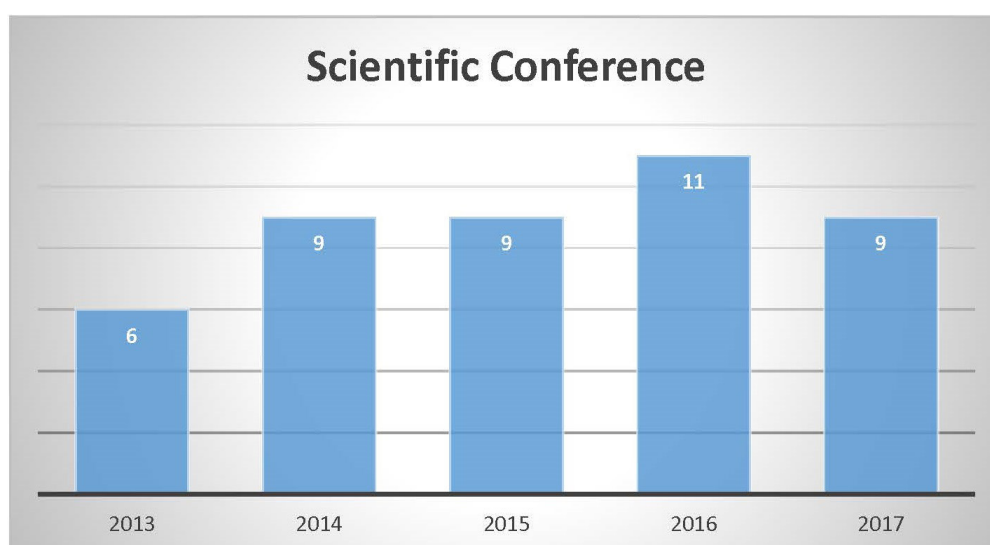
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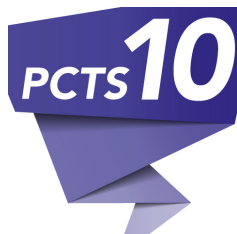
PhD adviser prof. V. DOLGA

Demonstratoare mecatronice pentru robotică
(Mechatronics demonstrators for robotics)

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

EVOLUTION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES 2013 - 2017





PCTS10 – Professional Communication and Translation Studies

March 30–31, 2017, Timisoara, Romania

Organizer: Department of Communication and Foreign Languages, Politehnica University of Timișoara

<http://sc.upt.ro/ro/pcts10>

The international conference Professional Communication and Translation Studies has been organized by the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages since 2001. The conference aims to develop the exchange of ideas on the following topics: Communication and public relations: theoretical and didactic problems and solutions; Linguistic insights into professional communication; Translation theory and translation didactics: their roles in communication; Foreign language teaching.

The 10th anniversary edition of the conference aimed to continue the exchange of ideas on the impact of new technologies on communication, to highlight the evolution of humanities and social sciences in conjunction with technological innovation, and to identify (new) trends in the language industry in the post web 2.0 era.

Selected papers were published in the volume Professional Communication and Translation Studies (peer-reviewed, indexed by CEEOL, EBSCO, Google Scholar, Index Copernicus, MLA, ULRICH'S and WorldCat) and in the Scientific Bulletin of Politehnica University of Timisoara, Transactions on Modern Languages (peer-reviewed, indexed by CEEOL, EBSCO, ERIHPLUS, Europeana, Google Scholar, MLA, ULRICH'S and WorldCat). Languages of publication: English, French and German.



International Conference on Applied Sciences ICAS2017

May 10–12, 2017, Hunedoara, Romania

Organizers: University Politehnica Timisoara & University of Banja Luka

in cooperation with: Academy of Romanian Scientists,
Academy of Sciences Republic of Srpska,
Academy of Technical Sciences of Romania – Timisoara Branch,
General Association of Romanian Engineers – Hunedoara Branch

<http://www.fih.upt.ro/v4/ICAS2017/index.htm>

The conference is focused on several fields of application, operation and influence of the applied sciences and technologies on industry.

Topics of the conference covers a comprehensive spectrum of issues from:

1. Materials Science: Metallic Materials, Composite Materials, Metal Alloys, Metallurgy, Heat Transfer, and others ...
2. Mechatronics: Mechanical Engineering, Robotic Systems Engineering, Control Engineering, Reliability, and others ...
3. Electrical Engineering: Circuits and Systems, Signal Processing, Electric Motors, and others ...
4. Computers Engineering: Modeling and Simulation, Computational Methods in Engineering, Software Engineering, Data Bases, and others ...
5. Fundamental Sciences: Numerical approximation and analysis, Interdisciplinary applications of mathematics and physics, Chemistry, and others ...

Publication of papers:

- Proceedings of ICAS2017: published in IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering vol. 294 (2018)
- Proceedings of ICAS2016: published in IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering vol. 163 (2017)

indexed by Thomson Reuters – Web of Sciences and Scopus

- Proceedings of ICAS2015: published in IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering vol. 106 (2016)

indexed by Thomson Reuters – Web of Sciences and Scopus

Participation is open to all persons interested in this conference. For registered speakers who have no possibility to travel at the conference location, there has been organized a Video-conference session.



14th International Conference "Acoustics and Vibration of Mechanical Structures" – AVMS-2017

May 25 – 26, 2017, Timisoara, Romania

Organizers: a) University Politehnica Timisoara – Acoustics and Vibration Laboratory
b) Romanian Academy, Branch of Timisoara
– Center for Fundamental and Advanced Technical Research
c) University of Nis, Serbia, Noise and Vibration Laboratory
d) Romanian Acoustical Society
e) AGIR, Branch of Timisoara

www.mec.upt.ro/meca/avms/main.php

• AVMS-2017 Conference was intended to serve as a platform for researchers, engineers, academicians, as well as professionals from industry to present and discuss their latest research results in the field of noise and vibration.

• AVMS-2017 conference focuses on Noise and vibration control Noise and vibration generation and propagation; Effects of noise and vibration; Condition monitoring and vibration testing; Nonlinear acoustics and vibration; Analytical, numerical and experimental techniques for noise and vibration; Modeling, prediction and simulations of noise and vibration; Environmental and occupational noise and vibration; Noise and vibration attenuators; Regulations requirements and quality assurance systems related to acoustics/vibration; Biomechanics and bioacoustics

Publication of papers:

Accepted papers after review were published by "Springer Proceedings in Physics", ISSN 0930-8989

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-69823-6>



The 17th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies – ICALT 2017

July 3 – 7, 2017, eLearning Center, Timisoara, Romania

Organizers: IEEE Computer Society

IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technologies

www.ieee-icalt.org, <http://icalt.elearning.upt.ro/>

The 17th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies (ICALT2017) was held in Timisoara, Romania.

ICALT is an annual international conference on Advanced Learning Technologies and Technology-enhanced Learning organized by the IEEE Computer Society and the IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technology. After its kick-off as IWALT in Palmerston North, New Zealand (2000), ICALT has been held in Madison, USA (2001), Kazan, Russia (2002), Athens, Greece (2003), Joensuu, Finland (2004), Kaohsiung, Taiwan (2005), Kerkade, The Netherlands (2006), Niigata, Japan (2007), Santander, Spain (2008), Riga, Latvia (2009), Sousse, Tunisia (2010), Athens, Georgia, USA (2011), Rome, Italy (2012), Beijing, China (2013), Athens, Greece (2014), Hualien, Taiwan (2015) and Austin, Texas, USA (2016).

Publication of papers:

Conference Proceedings were published by the IEEE Computer Society Conference Publishing Services, as a volume "IEEE 17th International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies".

ICALT 2017 received 252 papers from 53 countries. All submissions were peer-reviewed in a double-blind review process by an international panel of at least three international expert referees and decisions were taken based on assessing research quality. The quality of the submissions this year turned out to be very high. A total of 55 papers were accepted as full papers in the ICALT conference; that is a 28.40% acceptance rate. Furthermore, 85 papers were selected for presentation as short papers, 40 as posters and 7 papers were selected for the Doctoral Consortium.



19th Central and Eastern European NMR Symposium & Bruker Users' Meeting - CEUM 2017

September 5 - 8, 2017, Timișoara, Romania

Organizers: Bruker Biospin
Politehnica University of Timisoara
Research Institute for Renewable Energy

<http://ceum2017.upt.ro/>

The Central and Eastern European NMR Symposium and Bruker Users' Meetings is an annually symposium and in 2017 took place in Timisoara, for the second time in Romania. As previous meeting of these series, this symposium was focused on the recent progress in NMR spectroscopy, offering multiple opportunities to exchange information about novel aspects and applications of experimental NMR technique.

Over 90 Scientists from 11 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Serbia and Romania participated at this meeting.

Publication of papers:

The scientific results were presented as 17 oral presentations and 32 poster presentations and 41 of them were published as abstracts in the Book of Abstracts of the Conference.



21st International Conference on System Theory, Control and Computing (ICSTCC 2017)

October 19 - 21, 2017, Timișoara, Romania

Organizers: Faculty of Automation, Computers and Electronics from University of Craiova; Faculty of Automatic Control and Computer Engineering from "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iasi; Faculty of Control Systems, Computers, Electrical and Electronics Engineering from "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati; Faculty of Automation and Computers, Department of Automation and Applied Informatics and Department of Computers and Information Technology from Politehnica University of Timisoara

<http://www.icstcc2017.ac.tuiasi.ro/>

ICSTCC 2017 has featured several kinds of presentations, including invited talks, contributed papers, posters and special sessions. The outcome of ICSTCC 2017 is a better understanding of some leading research areas, as already System Theory, Control and Computing have demonstrated.

ICSTCC 2017 has welcomed papers on the following topics:

- Automation and Robotics: Linear and Nonlinear Control System Design, System Identification and Process Modelling, Robust and Adaptive Control, Robotics and Intelligent Control, Applications and Case Studies in Automation and Robotics, Embedded Systems;
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The four keynote speakers delighted the audience with lively presentations on challenges in educating the millennials (by Ronny Adhikarya, World Bank and ex-United Nations Representative, USA); on the leader as synergy-broker (by Gyula Bakácsi, Corvinus University, Hungary); on strategic thinking in turbulent times (by Constantin Brătianu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania); and on the use of management within a multinational company (by Samuel Cires from Heraeus Romania).

Attention was focused on, but not limited to: crisis management, management of innovation, business process management, entrepreneurship and innovation, financial management and financial governance, strategic management, organizational development and change management, logistics and supply chain, operations management, quality management, sustainable management, management in third sector organisations and social entrepreneurship, quantitative and qualitative methods in management, global management, responsible leadership.

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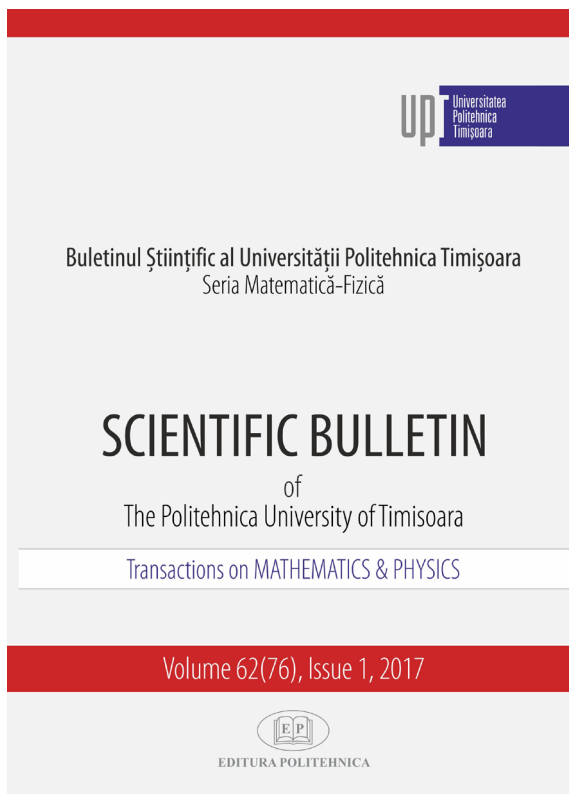
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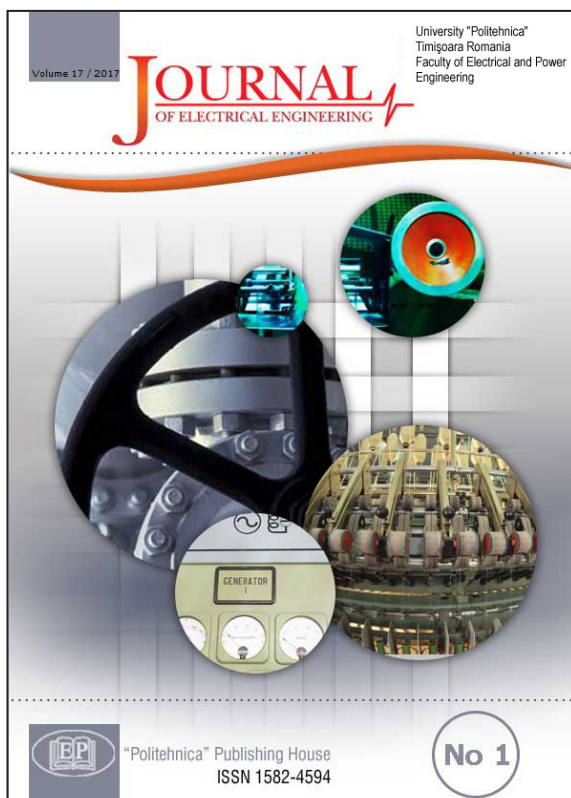
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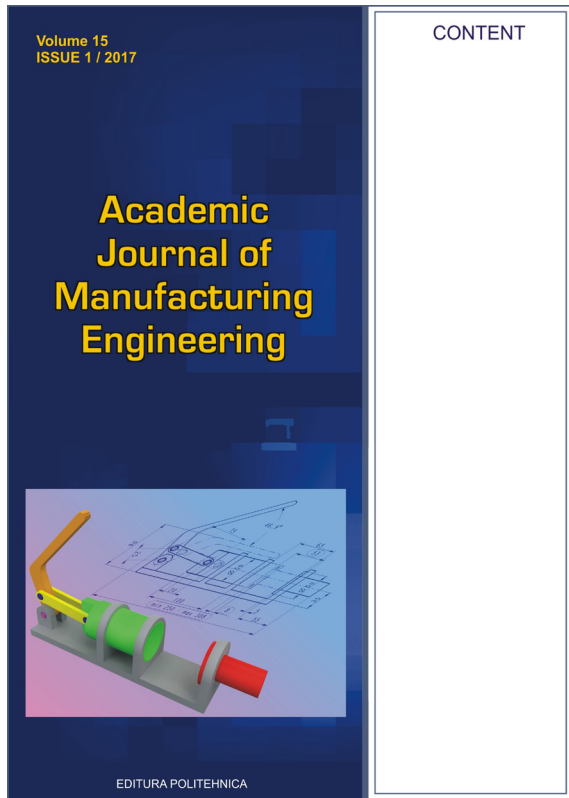
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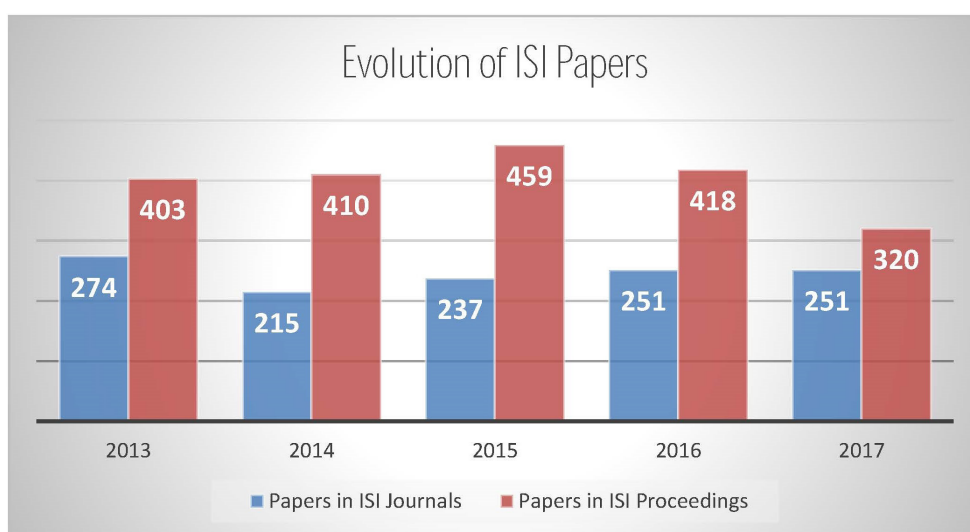
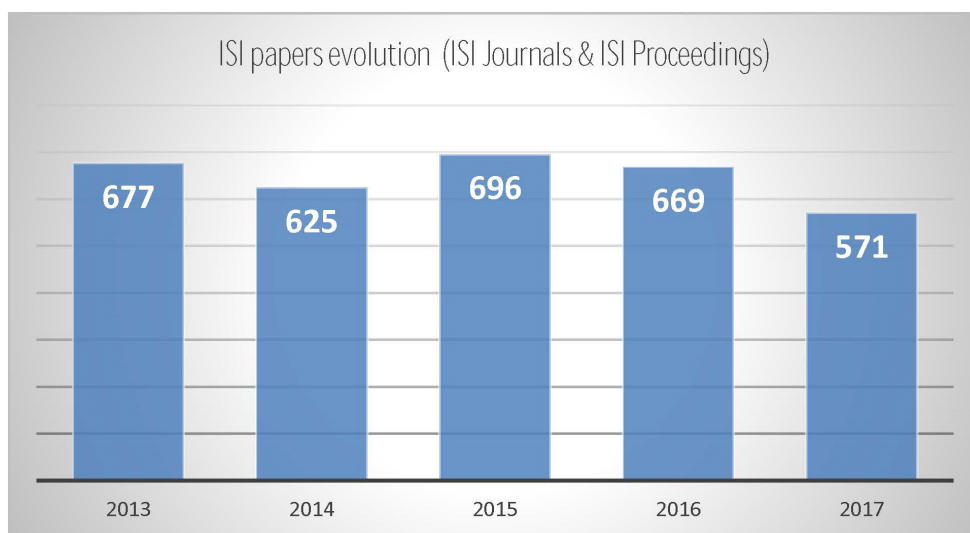
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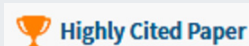
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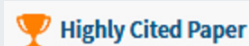
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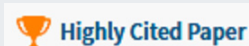
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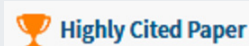
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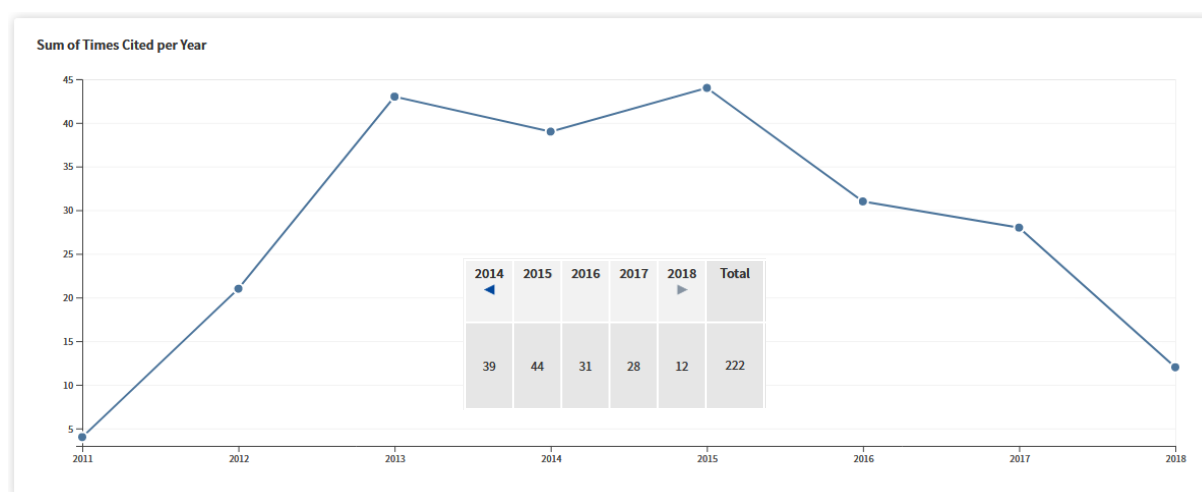


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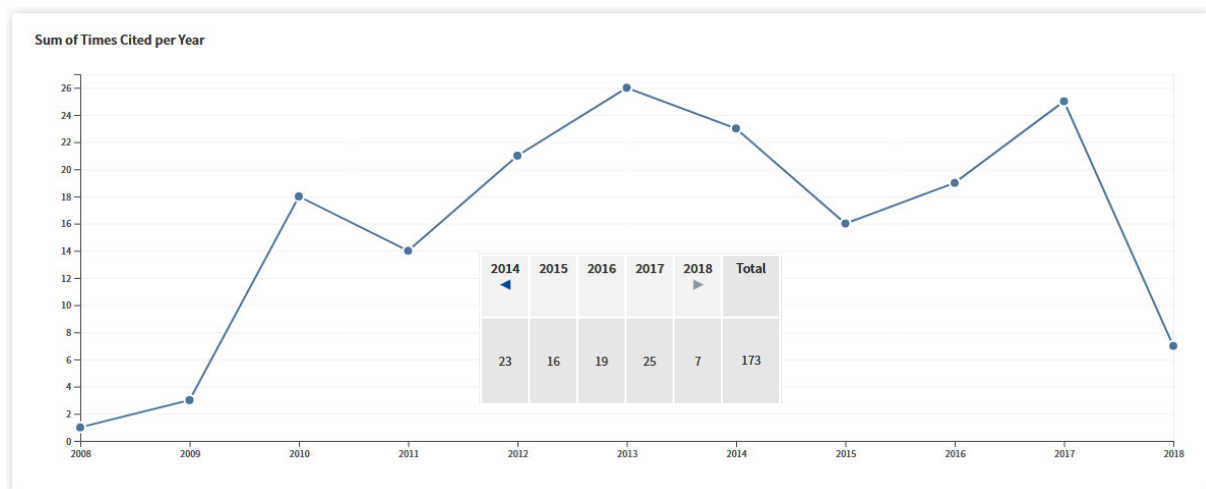
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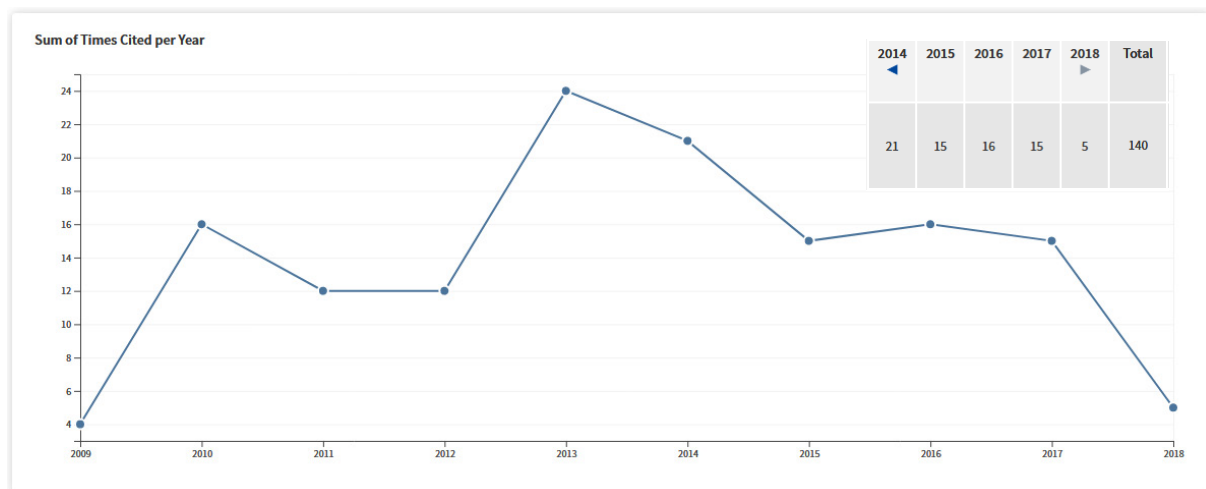
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parameters are compared with numerical results and a very good agreement was found. This method provides us with a convenient way to control the convergence of approximation series and adjust convergence regions when necessary. The results reveal that the proposed method is explicit, effective and easy to use.

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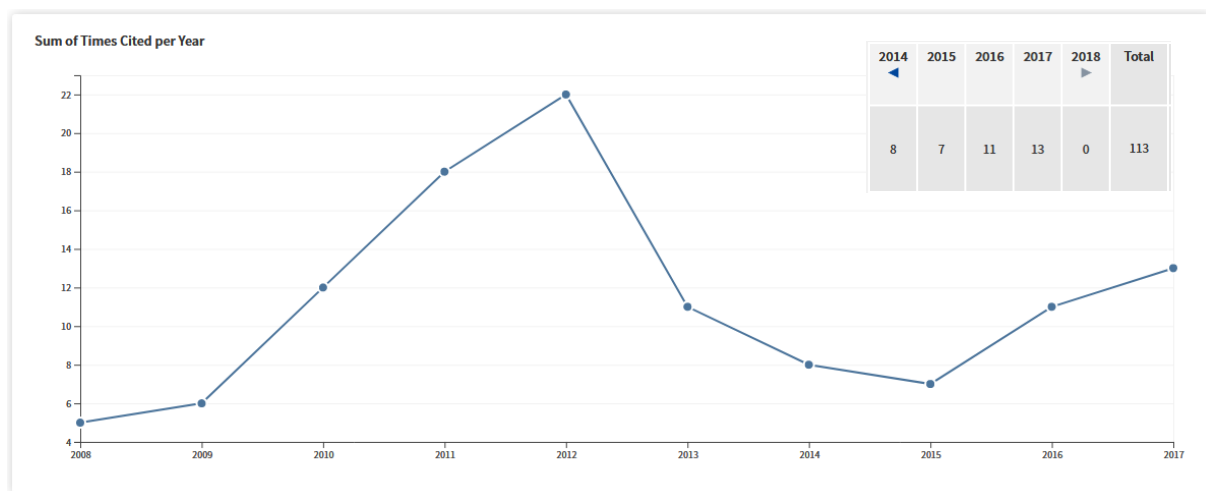
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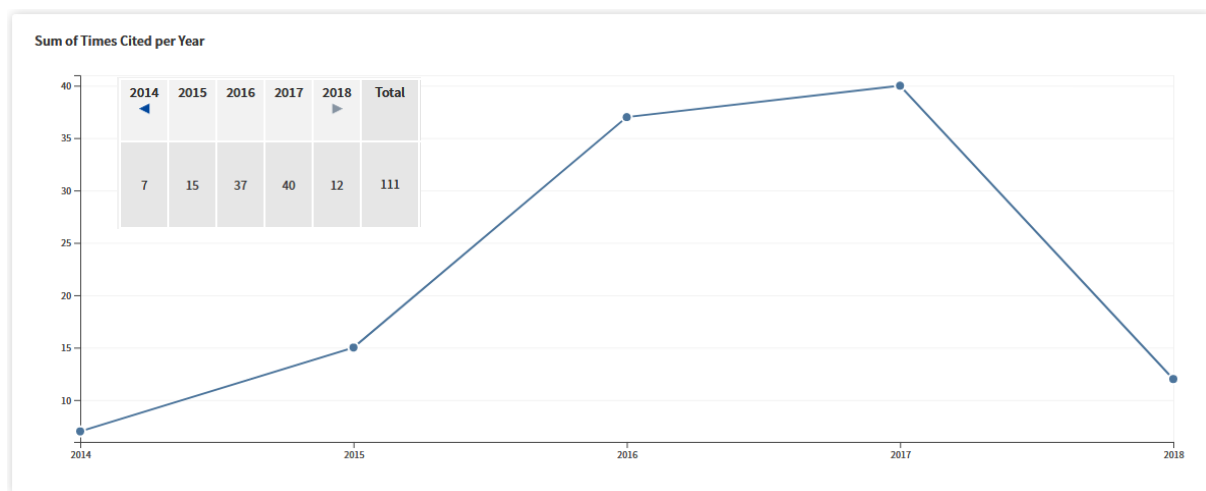
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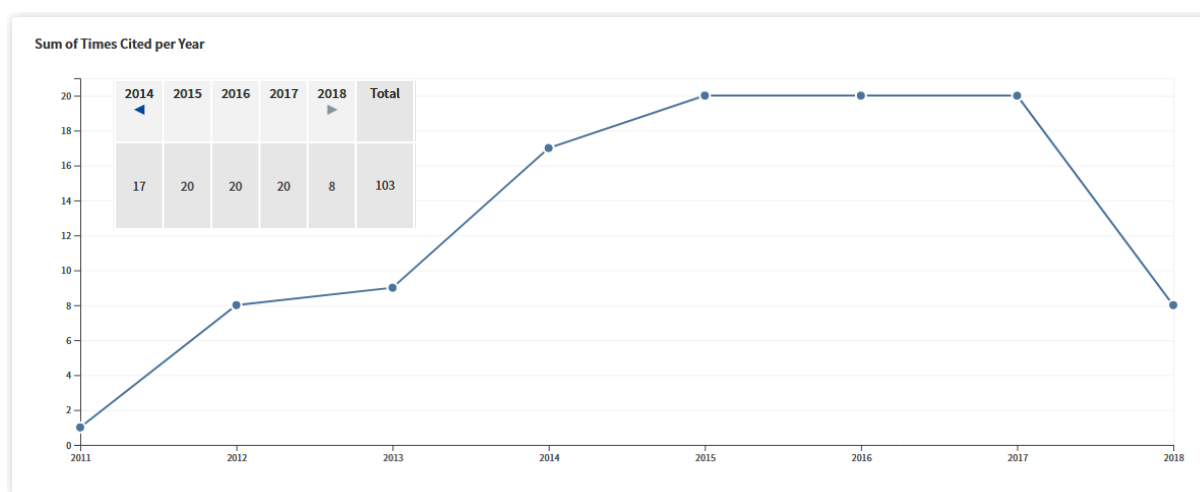
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Abstract: A large number of ground-source heat pumps (GSHP) systems have been used in residential and commercial buildings throughout the world due to the attractive advantages of high energy and environmental performances. The GSHPs are proven renewable energy technology for space heating and cooling. This paper provides a detailed literature review of the GSHP systems, and their recent advances. The operation principle and energy efficiency of a heat pump are defined first. Then, a general introduction on the GSHPs and its development, and a detailed description of the surface water (SWHP), ground-water (GWHP), and ground-couplet (GCHP) heat pumps are performed. The most typical simulation and ground thermal response

test models for the vertical ground heat exchangers currently available are summarized including the heat transfer processes outside and inside the boreholes. Also, some information about a new GWHP using a heat exchanger with special construction, and the possibility to obtain the better energy efficiency with combined heating and cooling by GCHP are presented. The various hybrid GCHP systems for cooling or heating-dominated buildings are well described. Finally, the energy, economic and environmental performance of a closed-loop GCHP system is also briefly reviewed. It is found that the GSHP technology can be used both in cold and hot weather areas and the energy saving potential is significant.

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Abstract: This work presents investigations on the total removal of chromium from Cr(VI) aqueous solutions by reduction with scrap iron and subsequent precipitation of the resulted cations with NaOH. The process was detrimentally affected by a compactly passivation film occurred at scrap iron surface, mainly composed of Cr(III) and Fe(III). Maximum removal efficiency of the Cr(total) and Fe(total) achieved in the clarifier under circumneutral and alkaline (pH 9.1) conditions was 98.5% and 100%, respectively. The optimum precipitation pH range which resulted from this study is 7.6-8.0. Fe(total) and Cr(total) were

almost entirely removed in the clarifier as Fe(III) and Cr(III) species: however, after Cr(VI) breakthrough in column effluent, chromium was partially removed in the clarifier also as Cr(VI), by coprecipitation with cationic species. As long the column effluent was free of Cr(VI), the average Cr(total) removal efficiency of the packed column and clarifier was 10.8% and 78.8%, respectively. Our results clearly indicated that Cr(VI) contaminated wastewater can be successfully treated by combining reduction with scrap iron and chemical precipitation with NaOH.

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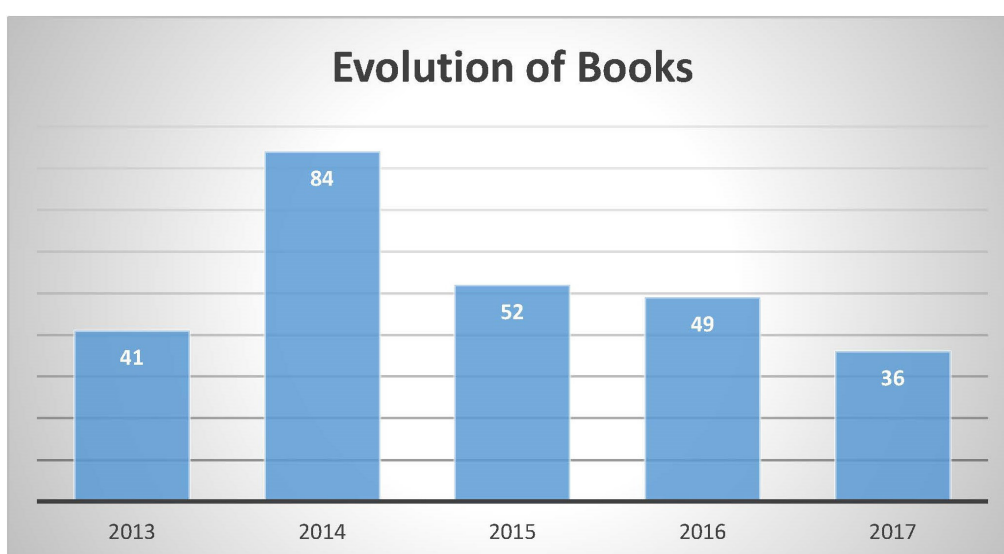
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BOOKS

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In this chapter we present the books written by our professors and researchers, published at Romanian publishers as well as at international prestigious publishers.

Books in highlight

DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES FOR BUILDING IN SEISMIC AREAS: EUROCODE 8: DESIGN OF STRUCTURES FOR EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE. PART 1: GENERAL DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES FOR BUILDINGS

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Short description of the context

This volume elucidates the design criteria and principles for steel structures under seismic loads according to Eurocode 8-1. Worked Examples illustrate the application of the design rules. Two case studies serve as best-practice samples.

Purpose and Motivation of the book

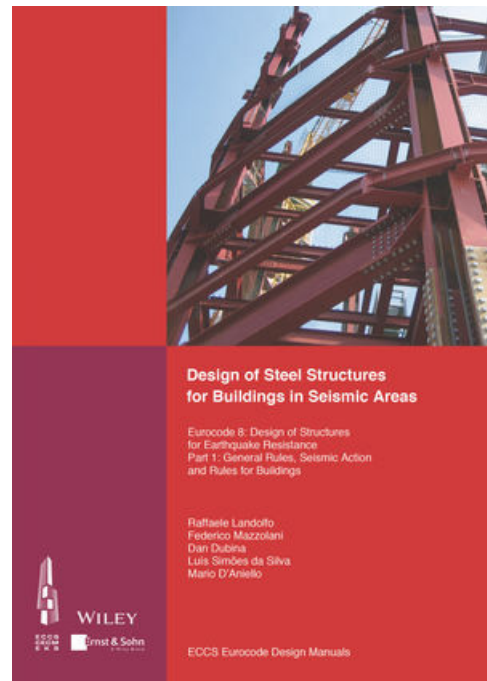
This book is developed with a constant reference to Eurocode 8 or EN 1998-1:2004; it follows the organization of that code and provides detailed explanations in support of its rather dry expression. Of course, there are many other seismic design codes, but it must be stressed that there is nowadays a strong common thinking on the principles and the application rules in seismic design so that this book is also a support for the understanding of other continents codes.

Summary

Chapter 1 explains the principles of seismic design and their evolution throughout time, in particular the meaning, goals and conditions set forward by capacity design of structures and their components, a fundamental aspect of seismic design.

Chapter 2 explains the general aspects of seismic design: seismic actions, design parameters related to the shape of buildings, models for the analysis, safety verifications. Methods of analysis are explained in an exhaustive way: theoretical background, justifications of limits and factors introduced by the code, interest and drawbacks of each method, together with occasionally some tricks to facilitate model making and combination of load cases.

Chapter 3 focuses on design provisions specific to steel structures: ductility classes, requirements on steel material, structural typologies and design conditions related to each of them; an original insight on design for reparability is also included.



Chapter 4 provides an overview about the best practice to implement the requirements and design rules for ductile details, particularly for connections in moment resisting frames (MRF), concentrically braced frames (CBF) and eccentrically braced frames (EBF), and for other structural components like diaphragms.

Chapter 5 describes the guidance provided for design assisted by testing by EN 1990 and the specific rules for tests, a necessary tool for evaluating the performance characteristics of structural typologies and components in the plastic field and in cyclic/dynamic conditions.

Chapter 6 illustrates and discusses the design steps and verifications required by EN 1998-1 for a multi-storey Moment Resisting Frame.

Chapter 7 and 8 do the same respectively for buildings with CBF's and EBF's.

Chapter 9 presents three very different examples of real buildings erected in high seismicity regions: one tall building, one industrial hall and one design using base isolation. These examples are complete in the sense that they show the total design, where seismic aspects are only one part of the problem. These examples are concrete, because they illustrate practical difficulties of the real world with materials, execution, positioning . . .

MICROACTUATORS AND MICROMECHANISMS BOOK SERIES: MECHANISMS AND MACHINE SCIENCE, VOL.45

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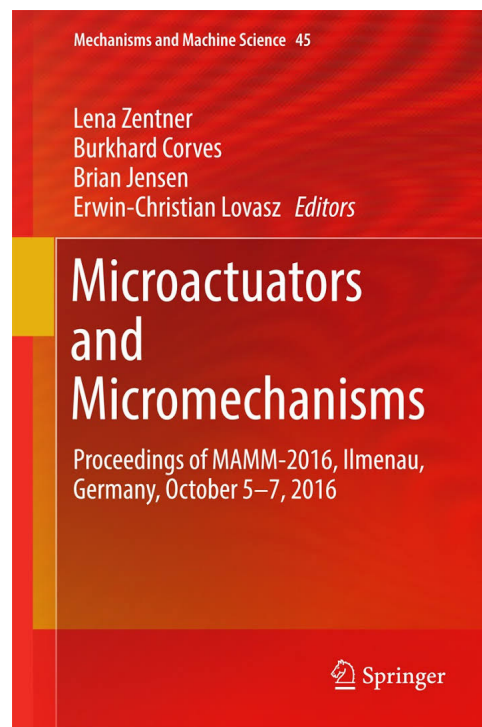
This volume contains twenty-two contributions from researchers from ten countries, represented at the 4th Conference on Microactuators and Micromechanisms, which was held in 2016 in Ilmenau, Germany. The aim of the conference was to provide a special opportunity for a know-how exchange and collaboration in various disciplines concerning systems pertaining to micro-technology. This Conference was organized under the patronage of IFToMM (International Federation for the Promotion of Mechanism and Machine Science).

Purpose and Motivation of the book

This book brings together investigations which combine theoretical and experimental results related to such systems as capsule micromechanisms, active micro catheters, nanotube vascular stents, mechanisms for micromilling, different compliant mechanisms including grippers and compliant systems with actuators and sensors, microrobots based on vibrations, tactile sensors, tooth brackets, compliant valves, and space reflectors.

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This volume presents the proceedings of the Joint International Conference of the XII International Conference on Mechanisms and Mechanical Transmissions (MTM) and the XXIII International Conference on Robotics (Robotics '16), that was held in Aachen, Germany, October 26th-27th, 2016. .

Purpose and Motivation of the book

It contains applications of mechanisms and transmissions in several modern technical fields such as mechatronics, biomechanics, machines, micromachines, robotics and apparatus. In connection with these fields, the work combines the theoretical results with experimental testing. The book presents reviewed papers developed by researchers specialized in mechanisms analysis and synthesis, dynamics of mechanisms and machines, mechanical transmissions, biomechanics, precision mechanics, mechatronics, micromechanisms and microactuators, computational and experimental methods, CAD in mechanism and machine design, mechanical design of robot architecture, parallel robots, mobile robots, micro and nano robots, sensors and actuators in robotics, intelligent control systems, biomedical engineering, teleoperation, haptics, and virtual reality.



Summary

- MTM - Mechanisms - Analysis and Synthesis
- MTM - Dynamics of Mechanisms and Machines
- MTM - Mechanical Transmissions
- MTM - Micromechanisms and Microactuators
- MTM - Computational and Experimental Methods
- MTM - Terminology

- Robotics - Mechanical Design of Robot Architecture
- Robotics - Mobile Robots
- Robotics - Parallel Robots
- Robotics - Sensors and Actuators in Robotics
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