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Theoretical Aspects of Parallel-Hierarchical Multi-Level Transformation of Digital Signals

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Abstract — The features analysis of structural-functional organization of networking model of parallel-hierarchical transformation of the information environments and corresponding masks generation methods is realized in the given research. On the base of research carried out the method of optimized masks formation while information coding in parallel-hierarchical transformation is proposed. The software package, characterized by increased efficiency of direct and reverse parallel-hierarchical transformation is developed.

Index Terms — image processing, information coding, parallel processing; parallel-hierarchical transformation.

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A sectioning method for classification of laser beam spots with parallel calculations on FPGA

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Abstract — A sectioning method to solve a problem of control of the shape of laser beam spots in implementing FSO-based satellite communication is discussed in this paper. A mathematical rationale and a possibility to use the form factor to solve the task posed, as well as experimental results are described. In order to increase performance, a possibility of multisequencing of this method is described. Requirements of the technical implementation are given, and a structural chart of the FPGA (PLD)-based implementation of this method is developed.

Index Terms — optical image processing, free space optic, FPGA, image classification, parallel processing

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Simulation of Fermentation Bioreactor Control for Ethanol Production

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Abstract — Today's concerning about global warming and the rapid depletion of coal, gas and crude oil reserves enforced the study of alternative fuels as bioethanol. Bioethanol can be blended at low concentrations with gasoline or diesel for use in today's vehicles, and is considered to be a sustainable transportation fuel. Present paper deals with aspects regarding the simulation of fermentation bioreactor process and fermentation bioreactor control for ethanol production. The bioreactor model was implemented in Matlab Simulink and the results of simulation using different control strategies are presented comparatively.

Index Terms — bioethanol production, continuous fermentation bioreactor, bioreactor modeling and simulation, bioreactor control.

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Integrating RFID readers for data acquisition in SCADA systems

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Abstract — with the rapid development of automation industry, the large companies realized the potential of SCADA software systems (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition). Therefore, the use of these systems has become quite common. Also, the capability of devices to be used in SCADA systems came as a requirement for device manufacturers. This paper proposes a way of using RFID readers for data acquisition in a SCADA system.

Index Terms - data acquisition, EDS, RFID, SCADA, tag

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Analysis of the induction railway traction motor in regenerative braking

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Abstract — Electric railway traction is an important component of the national economy being based on a series of advantages: the cheapest method of traction, free from flux gases, reduced cost maintenance, reduced starting time compared to thermal motor railway traction, high starting torque with excellent dynamics by regenerative braking is possible the energy feedback to the national electric grid.

Index Terms — induction traction motor, motor/generator operation, modeling and simulation, regenerative braking, power converters

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The Iterative Algorithm of Tuning Controllers to the Models Object with Inertia and Astatism

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Abstract — This paper proposes an iterative algorithm of tuning the typical controllers P, PI, PID to the model objects with inertia second order and astatism. The proposed algorithm is using the maximal stability degree method for tuning controllers. As the result of this study the algorithm of tuning controllers and the procedure of determining the system's performance in dependence of maximal stability value proposed.

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Greenhouse Temperature Control System

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Abstract — This paper proposes to control the temperature regime in the greenhouse using the universal controller OWEN TPM 151. The tuning controller was performed using the maximal stability degree method. As a result of this study, the algorithm of tuning controllers and the procedure of determining the system's performance in dependence of maximal stability value are proposed. The control object was identified using the System Identification Toolbox from MATLAB. The obtained results were compared with results obtained using the auto-tune regime from OWEN TPM 151 controller.

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Servomechanism with Reduced Sensitivity by Uncertainty

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Abstract — The reason for using servo systems in contrast to open loop systems includes the need for improved transient response times, reduced steady state errors and reduced sensitivity to load parameters. Improving the transient response time generally means increasing the system bandwidth, and faster response times means quicker settling allowing for higher machine throughput. Reducing the steady state errors relates to servo system accuracy. Finally, reducing the sensitivity to load parameters means the servo system can tolerate fluctuations in both the input and output parameters. Examples of output parameter fluctuation include a change in load inertia or mass.

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A GMDH Neural Network Approach to the Actuator Fault Diagnosis

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Abstract — A real system often consists of multiple actuators and sensors, which cause the problem to clearly identify which of them was faulty. To solve such a challenging problem, the system outputs and inputs estimator based on a dynamic GMDH neural network in the state-space representation is proposed. In particular, the methodology of calculation of the adaptive thresholds for the diagnosed system inputs and outputs is presented. This result enables to perform robust fault detection and isolation of the sensors and actuators simultaneously. The final part of the paper presents an application study, which confirms the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

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Optimal Control System Synthesis Based on Multi-controllers Architecture

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Abstract — This paper offers a solution to the problem of optimal control system synthesis based on uniform multi-controller architecture. For this purpose the equations that describe the control system are decomposed into a set of homogeneous equations with the same complexity and the search for the minimum value of the functional optimization is done as a sequential iterative search using a set of one-dimensional equations. In order to ensure maximum efficiency, computational power of the optimal solutions management, is uniformly distributed on a set of computing architecture controllers. AVR ATmega16 microcontrollers and industrial network standard I^2C series were used to study the behavior of the control system. In the design process there where developed: math models, the structure of the control system, data protocol, the behavioral algorithm and the circuit of the control system based on four microcontrollers. The functionality of the system and convergence of the results were verified with environment design Proteus 7.6.

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Power Spectral Density of MB 810 Code

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Abstract — The MB 810 is a new line code which is DC-free and has the spectrum bounded within Nyquist band. Due to its complexity, no spectral analysis was successful so far.

The present paper investigates its spectral properties and determines an explicit formula for the coding factor and power spectral density for the equiprobable case (p = 1-p = 0.5), where p is the probability of a mark at the coder input. No closed-formula was obtained yet for a generic value of p, taking into account the big complexity of the encoding circuit (12 states, each with 256 possible inputs).

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Integration of a CAN bus in an Onboard Computer for Space Applications

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Abstract — The integration of CAN bus networks in space applications has gained interest over the past years because of its high reliability and cost effectiveness. The bus has already been integrated in some low earth orbit satellites with commercial off-the-shelf components, but the harsh environment in deep space demands a more reliable solution. That is why a radiation hardened design of a CAN transceiver and a CAN controller is being investigated. The transceiver is constructed with a radhard RS-485 transceiver and the CAN controller is implemented in a radhard FPGA by means of VHDL IP cores. For this paper, a CAN IP core from Gaisler Research is selected and implemented in an FPGA. Eventually, this design was successfully tested in simulations of a VHDL test bench as well as in a hardware test bench. These tests proved the fitness of the CAN controller for use in deep space applications.

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Enhanced Network Based Model for Measuring Online Games Quality of Experience

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Abstract— This paper describes an enhanced network based model for measuring online games quality of experience. The proposed model is in line with existent model currently used for telecommunications network planning assessment. Most of the existent game quality assessment models take into consideration mainly network impairments, therefore the measured games quality of experience is only correlated with the network impairments. In addition to the traditional network-based parameters such as delay, jitter and packet loss, the model described in this paper, is using new parameters based on end-user assessment. The aims are to estimate game quality as perceived by an online game player. In order to validate and calibrate the proposed model a subjective game quality assessment is also developed. Two 5-point scales are introduced: a game-quality scale and a game playing-effort scale. The mean average of each scales termed, as Mean Opinion Score (MOS), will indicate the game quality of experience (MOSGQE) and the playing-effort required (MOSGPE). Reported evaluation results indicate a high level of correlation when compared with other algorithms. Comparative results have been carried out for three online games.

Keywords: Online game quality of experience measurement, objective/subjective game quality assessment, end-user experience estimation.

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The Design and Implementation of HF RFID Loop Antenna for Metallic Environments

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Index Terms-RFID, Metal environments, tag, loop antenna

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Energy-Detection Based UWB Demodulator with a Supplementary Integration Block

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Abstract — In this paper it is investigated the non-coherent demodulation of the 2PPM modulated UWB signal, based on energy-detection. This type of demodulation leads to a simple receiver architecture, low power consumption and the benefit of multipath energy capture. However, this technique is very sensitive to noise and channel interference. To minimize this drawback, optimizations have been proposed with respect to the reduction of the integration windows size and bandwidth of input matched filter.

Instead of reducing the integration windows size, the adding of a second integration block is proposed. In this way, a similar effect is obtained by progressive accumulation of energy, the front-side useful signal having a better gain in comparison to later noise signal.

The simulations show an improvement in bit error rate performance relative to the basic method of energy-detection.

Index Terms — ultra-wideband communications, pulse-position modulation; non-coherent detection, ultra-wideband; non-coherent; energy detection; bit-error-rate.

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Remote Cardiac Arrhythmia Monitoring System Using Wireless Sensor Networks

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Abstract — In this paper is described the realization of a cardiac arrhythmia monitoring system using wireless sensor networks. The proposed system is able to measure and transmit to a central monitoring station the heart rate (HR). The system can be used for long-time continuous patient monitoring, as medical assistance of a chronic condition, as part of a diagnostic procedure, or recovery from an acute event. The HR are continuously measured using a custom developed devices and then transferred to central monitoring station via a wireless sensor network (WSN). The central monitoring station runs a patient HR monitor application that receives the HR from WSN and activates the alarms when a heart rate arrhythmia is detected. A user-friendly Graphical User Interface was developed for the HR monitor application to display the received measurements from the monitored patients. A prototype of the system has been developed, implemented and tested.

Index Terms — cardiac arrhythmia, heart rate, low power, remote patient monitoring, wireless sensor networks

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Introducing ACE in distributed systems for monitoring and process control

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Address Space Analysis for Middleware Application based on OPC UA

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Abstract — One of the most difficult requirements of applications in automation industry is data transfer. This data transfer is done through a middleware. The researchers have studied various solutions for the transfer of information to be provided in a reliable manner by another application. This paper presents a middleware architecture made for monitoring and controlling industrial processes.

Index Terms — address space; informational model; hierarchical types; middleware application; OPC specifications.

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Modified Advanced Encryption Standard

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Abstract — Information security becomes an important issue of the communication networks. Different cryptographic algorithms are used to ensure the confidentiality of the transmitted information: public-key algorithms, such as RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman), IDEA (International Data Encryption Algorithm) or El-Gamal, and secret-key algorithms, such as DES (Data Encryption Standard), TDES (Triple DES) and AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) [1]. Some of them works binary (DES, TDES), RSA uses decimal numbers; others are defined on finite algebraic fields. The most powerful is considered to be AES, which uses 128, 192 and 256-bit encryption keys. The known attacks against AES are not yet successful but it is a matter of time till breaking AES will be possible. Computing technology evolves quickly and all known encryption algorithms are intensively studied by the cryptanalysts in order to develop efficiently attack methods. So, it is necessary to make AES more robust and one way to do this is to increase the encryption key length to 384, 512, 768 and 1024 bits. This involves larger data structures and also larger algebraic fields. We propose and present the modified AES algorithm, defined on GF (256), on data matrices of 8*6, 8*8, 8*12 and 8*16 bytes.

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An Original Movement Monitoring System for the Elderly using a WSN protocol

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Abstract — In order to build a new low power application for detecting and identifying people inside a living area, a new Passive Infrared (PIR) - ZigBee system has been designed. The system works on the well-known Infrared detection principle connected through a WSN network. This paper presents the working principle and the logical diagram implementation for the entire network programming components and the whole system. The system must function with very low power consumption and has to be modular and easy to set up. This article shows also how the PIR - ZigBee combination can detect irregular behavior of the person. The system will be coupled to a device that can learn the habits of the individual. All the requirements are followed by the logical diagram.

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Performance analysis of TCP and UDP using Opnet Simulator

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Abstract — the transport layer protocols provide connection-oriented sessions and reliable data delivery services. This paper seeks to reflect a comparative analysis between the two transport layer protocols, which are TCP/IP and UDP/IP, as well to observe the effect of using these two protocols in a client server network. The similarities and differences between TCP and UDP over the Internet are also presented in our work. We implement a network structure using Opnet Modeler and finally, based on the practical results obtained we present the conclusions-showing the difference between these two protocols and how they work.

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An Overview on WiMAX Security Weaknesses/Potential Solutions

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Abstract — Nowadays anyone from anywhere in the all world can access all types of data with a high level of QoS. The wireless industry continues to change day by day, tending to use the equipment more easily and safely and with a connection speed that tends to be higher and higher. But this mobility has its price. Intruders or illegitimate users can access important data and data is money. For this reason technologies used in data transmission need extra data security. Even if WiMAX technology has complex authentication and authorization methods and very strong encryption techniques is still vulnerable on different attacks or threats like jamming, scrambling or water torture attacks.

This paperwork is an overview of most threats involved in infrastructure and WiMAX deployment and the security solutions needed to overcome them.

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High Performance Wideband CMOS CCI with High Voltage Swing

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Abstract -- In this study, low-voltage, high performance and wideband CMOS first generation current conveyor (CCI) is proposed. The proposed CCI has very low equivalent impedance on port X. It also has high voltage swings on input and output ports and wideband current and voltage transfer ratios. Furthermore, two novel grounded inductance simulator circuits are proposed as application examples. It is shown that the simulation results are in very good agreement with the expected ones.

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Mobile System for Monitoring of Gas Emission on Landfill Sites

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Abstract — Gas emissions (gas migrations) that occur due to processes in the landfill site can be harmful to the environment or surroundings. General tendency is to use gas emissions from the landfill as an energy source (natural gas) or burned and converted into harmless compounds. Thus, system for monitoring of gas concentration at landfill site should be installed. In this paper one such system is presented. System is prototype solution for monitoring processes inside of boreholes on a landfill site. Measured concentration of gases in function of well depth can be useful for observation and future exploitation. Integration of microcontroller inside sensing process allows automatic monitoring and support for management of the outer actuators and alarms. The measurement data are collected and displayed in specialized software and stored on a standard LAS (Log ASCII) format.

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Low-Voltage Two NMOS IVB-Based Voltage-Mode First-Order All-Pass Filter With Tuning

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Abstract — In this paper, a new voltage-mode first-order all-pass filter suitable for low-voltage operation is presented. The circuit is composed of two n-channel metal-oxide semiconductor field effect transistors (NMOS)-based inverting voltage buffer (IVB), single capacitor, and three resistors. Replacing one of resistors by NMOS-based voltage-controlled resistor, the pole frequency of the filter can be controlled electronically. The theoretical results are verified by SPICE simulations using TSMC 0.13 μ m level-7 CMOS process parameters, where ±0.65 V supply voltages of the IVB is used.

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Micromagnetic analysis of magnetization behavior in Permalloy nanoparticles for data storage applications

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Abstract — This paper is focused on the analysis of simulation results for the magnetization behavior in Permalloy nano-objects. Various shapes and sizes are considered and hysteresis phenomena and vortex formations are analyzed at different orientations of the applied field. The study was motivated by the recent advances in micro and nano-scale technologies which pushed the current paradigm of magnetic recording towards its physical limits. A deeper understanding of magnetization behavior in nano-objects is thus required in order to develop novel devices that feature higher capacity for data storage devices. The analysis is performed by using the Nmag simulation environment which is a finite-element micromagnetic simulation package based on Python scripts running on a Linux virtual machine.

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Considerations regarding the spectral efficiency of orthogonal frequency division multiplexing

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Abstract — This paper presents briefly the fundamental mechanisms underlying the generation and demodulation of the OFDM signal, starting with the reasons that required the implementation of multi-carrier systems in the first place – i.e. the mitigation of Inter Symbol Interference (ISI) - and ending with the analytical and functional description of the main blocks in the OFDM transmitter and receiver.

The role of IFFT and FFT in the generation and demodulation of OFDM signal is also described to some detail, as this is too often not fully understood by students and engineers.

Eventually, the paper presents a simple and realistic method to calculate the spectral efficiency of OFDM systems, with an example for the practical implementation of IEEE 802.11a systems. The spectral efficiency of OFDM systems is characterized by the maximum data rate for a given bandwidth, and by the minimal requirements for SNR and C/I, for a given modulation type and data rate.

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Surface Impedance Boundary Conditions – Application to Computer-Aided Electromagnetic Design

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Abstract — Surface impedance boundary conditions (SIBCs) have been successfully used for over 70 years in both analytical and numerical computation. Currently, its importance in computer-aided design of electromagnetic devices has become prominent. High frequency SIBCs have been particularly successful because of the minimal penetration of electromagnetic fields in conductors and lossy dielectrics. SIBCs based on the skin depth have also been used albeit these have been limited to first order (Leontovich) condition. A general method of derivation of SIBCs of arbitrary order is presented and shown to apply to low frequency power structures. The SIBCs are universally applicable and the order of the SIBC allows control of errors in design. Whereas low order SIBCs apply to classical flat surfaces and perpendicular diffusion, higher order conditions take into account curvatures and lateral diffusion of fields as well. Results shown include transmission line parameters, eddy current testing and other power applications in which they contribute to speed and accuracy of the design.

Index Terms — Boundary element methods, Diffusion processes, Numerical analysis, Surface impedance boundary conditions

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Image Enhancement Methods Approach using Verilog Hardware Description Language

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Abstract — Given the importance of digital image processing based on hardware implementations in order to achieve higher performance, this paper discusses basic image enhancement techniques with their implementation and results using a hardware description language, Verilog. The use of HDLs to provide signal processing results is a quite new technique replacing the classical simulations and offering a direct connection to hardware VLSI implementations. This paper is providing an innovative method for simulation followed by immediate implementation possibility. The present HDL approach is applied to image processing and accordingly an overview of underlying principle and concepts, along with common algorithms usually used for image enhancement are described.

The paper focuses on image enhancement in the spatial domain, with particular reference to point processing methods like: contrast manipulation, brightness manipulation, inverting images, threshold operation.

Index Terms — Digital image processing, Image enhancement, FPGA, Hardware design languages, Verilog.

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Digital Systems Synthesis based on Direct Translation of Petri Net Model

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Abstract — This paper describes a digital system design method based on direct translation of a Petri net model into an FPGA circuit netlist. A proposed CAD tool allows digital system specification, modeling validation and synthesis using ordinary Petri nets. The digital system synthesis is based on Hardware Petri nets that are composed of two kinds of processing elements (Places and Transitions) and data flow path between them. The use of Hardware Petri nets in CAD tools allows the automation of the FPGA implementation process and substantially reduces the design time and cost.

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Hardware realization of Spectral Gamma Ray Probe

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Abstract—This paper presents hardware realization of spectral gamma ray probe. This tool measures mineral composition of formation by detecting energy of gamma rays radiated in the disintegration of the radionuclide in the formation. Advantages on this probe is increased number of measurement channels and improved pile-up rejection system (pulses overlap). This probe can detect short lived radioactive isotopes in formation. Probe was realized and tested in laboratory conditions, as well in field boreholes.

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Emotional Speech Classification for Romanian Language - Preliminary Results

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Index Terms — classification rate, emotional speech database, Romanian language

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Software for modeling spatial and temporal evolution of river-type systems

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Abstract - The paper discusses the problem of dynamic modeling of river - type systems using software packages. iThink, Simulink, Surface-water Modeling System (SMS) are analyzed. The research results are applied to modeling hydrodynamics and pollutants transport on a sector of the river Prut in the Ungheni town.

Index Terms - continuity equation, Navier-Stokes equations, two-dimensional dispersion of pollutants, software packages, Surface-water Modeling System (SMS)

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Gait in Parkinson's Disease - signal processing and modeling

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Abstract — The Parkinson is placed on the second position of the most frequent neurodegenerative illnesses, after Alzheimer and consist of slowly and progressive neurons damage.

Parkinson's Disease (PD) is characterized by motor dysfunction, including tremor, speech disorders, rigidity, slowness, and postural instability.

The time series specific to gait signals in Parkinson Disease were firstly analyzed, by tools derived from linear and chaotic analysis. We investigated the gait time series data with tools derived from chaotic analysis such as correlation dimension, recurrence quantification analysis, recurrence plot, and Lyapunov exponent as well. This paper emphasized the importance of nonlinear dynamics specific parameters in Parkinson gait analysis.

By analyzing gait, or other signals (tremor, hand recognition, speech) for patients with PD, this paper brings an approach over the most important information used for signals modeling and for PD Expert Systems.

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Heuristic Clustering Algorithm for Nonlinearly Separable Data

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Abstract—There are several types of clustering algorithms that can differ significantly in their notion of what constitutes a cluster. In this paper we propose a new heuristic clustering algorithm based on distance connectivity and having the complexity $O(n^3 \log n)$. Although this order of complexity is high the algorithm has the advantage that it can be used for nonlinearly separable data. Besides this, the number of clusters is not required as input parameter. The experimental results show these advantages.

Index Terms—cluster, algorithm, hierarchical, distance, connectivity, nonlinear, separable

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Anti-counterfeiting ISO 15693 RFID Solutions Involving Authentication and Traceability Using Symmetric and Asymmetric Cryptography

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Abstract — When dealing with subjects as anti-counterfeiting of goods using authentication and traceability it seems that RFID technology has all the advantages over traditional barcode technology. While in shops and supermarkets it seems that the barcode technology is still a winner and hard to replace due to it's current spread and low cost advantages, the RFID solutions seems to be more adequate for supply-chain management specific issues. Current RFID solutions for supply-chain management are using the new EPC Gen2 RFID standard that uses UHF and is not available to ISO15693 or any other RFID standard. In this paper we will describe how an anti-counterfeiting solution can be implemented using the ISO15693 standard and symmetric/asymmetric cryptography.

Index Terms — RFID, anti-counterfeiting, authentication, traceability, cryptography.

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A Bio Inspired Alternative to Huffman Coding

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Abstract — In the domain of data compression, the Huffman algorithm is one of the most used and referenced algorithm. Since it was published in 1952 by its author David A. Huffman until today, it is still used in a large area of fields. It was constantly changed during the time to improve performance in accordance to the field demands. We are proposing in this article a new approach to generate the Huffman codes and also to encode and decode data information. The proposed Huffman algorithm will use the Artificial Bee Colony algorithm to generate the codes. It shows that by using the bio inspired algorithm, the performance of the encode process is significantly better. By this approach we eliminate the drawbacks of using the tree data structure to generate the Huffman codes in terms of lookup time by using the Artificial Bee Colony.

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Multi-Agent Scheduling using Constraint Satisfaction Problem

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Abstract — In multi-agent systems, allocating resources to each activity of the agents is very important. The allocation of resources must be done so that all agents can accomplish their given tasks and at the same time a resource must not be allocated to more than one agent. The decision making process whose goal is to allocate optimally resources to certain tasks in a given timeframe is named scheduling. This paper presents the comparison of two scheduling problem implementations, which extend the traveling salesman scenario. The first implementation was realized using ASP (Answer Set Programming) system DLV, the second one using the CP (Constraint Programming) solver Choco.

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A Study about the Statistical Parameters Used in the Emotion Recognition

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Abstract — The purpose of this research is to find a set of relevant parameters for the emotion recognition. In this study we used the recordings from the emotion database SROL which is part of the project "Voiced Sounds of Romanian Language". The database was validated by human listeners. The recognition accuracy of the correct expressed emotion (neutral tone, joy, fury and sadness) for the entire database was 63.97%. We used for the classification of input data the Recurrent Fuzzy C-Means (FCM) algorithm. We compared the cluster position with the statistical parameters extracted from vowels in order to establish the relevance of each parameter in the recognition of the emotions.

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Distributed Systems and Artificial Intelligence in Programming (Proof of Concept)

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Abstract — In order to edify the application of a organization methodology for a computing system in a network, that is logically maintained through the guidance of the Open Systems Interconnection Model, the theoretical formulation and implementation of Amdahl's Law depicted in this paper, is mentioned with its redundancy with computer topologies. The Goal of the present work is to present the contexts which impose the resolution of state of the art problems solved with methodologies defining the programming scope and application.

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A new access control method for cryptographic processing using logical approaches

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Abstract — In this paper we use modal mathematical tricks or whiffs constructed in logic methods using the Hellenic philosophical language and definitions to explain mandatory access control for a system working in a toxic environment. The methods followed here are: A) Text cryptography as Hellenic language mixed with English. B) Public key cryptography (PKC) and C) channel cryptography using error control coding and modulation coding. Also in this paper we provide an example for software model system implementation for access mandatory control.

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The Design and Implementation of an HF RFID System for Warehouse Management

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Introduction— Using the RFID systems within the management of warehouses has allowed the performance of accurate inventorying with low error rates. Besides these strong points, data about the products location or trace within a warehouse can be achieved by using RFID systems. This paper emphasizes an original proposed architecture of shelves that uses HF RFID, in order to identify, monitor and track the products within a warehouse. In order to reduce the implementation costs, a multiplexer is proposed and implemented, so that it allows the connection of 16 antennas to one RFID reader. The advantages of such architecture are emphasized, as well as a series of tests that have been carried out.

Method— The effectiveness and automation of processes applied within warehouses has been more and more emphasized lately. Considering the moment when entities are located for a short period of time within the warehouses, their controlling and inventorying might face crucial issues. Using the RFID systems in such cases will bring a series of advantages, among the most important strong point is represented by reducing the processing times and data validation. If such systems are used in warehouses of large areas, the costs of implementation and maintenance will be as reduced as possible for the entire system. The architecture of a smart shelves system, used on identifying, monitoring and tracking of products within a warehouse is formed of:

- RFID readers, which operates on 13.56 MHz and uses tags compatible to the ISO 15693 and ISO 18000-3 standard;
- multiplexers, by whom the connection of more antennas to one reader is possible fact that brings to reducing the implementation costs;
- antennas that operate in the proximity of metallic environments;
- the software application used in order to view data received from readers, and the automatic generating of reports, respectively.

Results—An essential issue of the intelligent shelves systems is represented by achieving a reading volume as higher as possible, taking into account the sizes of entities included within the warehousing locations. The advantages of the proposed architecture are the following:

- automatic identification and tracking of products;
- reducing the necessary time of inventorying;
- drastically reducing the implementation costs, by decreasing the number of readers;

Conclusion—The paper describes a method used to determine the magnetic field generated by a rectangle loop antenna when it is positioned in the proximity of a metallic environment. The implemented antenna provides a maximum detection range of up to 25 cm and proves to be very efficient when it is positioned in the vicinity of metallic environments.

Another important advantage is emphasized by the reduction of the implementation costs with 75% for such architecture, for a large size warehouse. Inventorying is carried out in a faster and more accurate way, thus achieving information about the location of entities within a warehouse. An essential part in reducing the implementation costs for such architecture is represented by using the proposed multiplexer model.

Index Terms-RFID, Metal environments, tag, loop antenna, warehouse management.

RFID Data Flow Monitoring using OPC Servers

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Introduction— RFID applications for high-capacity storage require a large number of readers. They must be connected to the enterprise intranet using an internal network of switches organized in one or more levels, or using VPN. In the context of doctoral research is proposed a simulation model used to analyze RFID network traffic which is organized into blocks that are based on real-world testing on a small number of equipments. PhD. thesis research takes into consideration the tasks that have been done for ATPROD project. The informatics system built in ATPROD project must assure identification, tracing and authentication of trade mark products, at high performances and at a very low cost.

Method—The present paper proposes a system architecture for managing a local network infrastructure with a large number of RFID tags. This architecture uses as main components RFID readers, eBox 2300 (or eBox PDX) embedded systems that runs OPC (OLE for Process Control) classic servers with Windows CE, switches and a router with firewall facilities. Low costs and small size of the entire assembly, with Windows CE real-time operating system, were the basic attributes in implementation the mentioned architecture.

Results— To analyze the traffic generated by RFID tags in an Intranet LAN network is used the architecture described in Figure 1a. The eBox embedded systems generate a 96 bit file, equivalent to an RFID UHF tag. This file is written in the object dictionary and from there periodically is sent to the reader client, which using a sniffer can see this informations. Figure 1b relates the traffic generated by three OPC servers. All the traffic generated from the server is visible to the transport layer of DCOM, which is DCE/RPC.

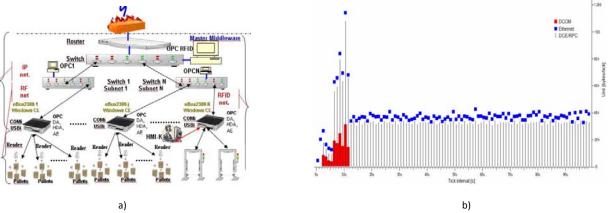


Figure 1. a) RFID System Architecture b) Network traffic for three OPC servers

Conclusion— The present paper describes a structure of an architecture used to simulate an RFID network for a warehouse management. Because in a real world such a network design requires high resources, and the results may not be accurate, such an approach is crucial. OPC servers with Windows CE are very flexible and they represents the main part of this approach. The traffic obtained for this simulated network is relatively constant in a timeframe and depends on the number of readers connected. If those are in large numbers and in that network exists other devices that in some periods of time can generate large amount of traffic, the final result may be a network congestion.

Index Terms-OPC Servers, RFID network, RFID traffic analyze, DCOM, Windows CE

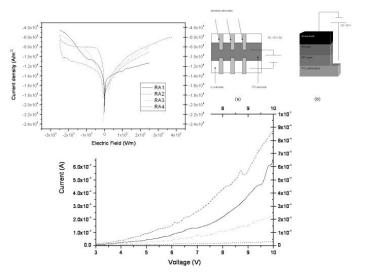
Study of organic light-emitting devices based on new phenanthroline derivatives and poly(pphenylenevinylene)

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Introduction—The film-forming properties, as well as the optical, electrical and electroluminescent characteristics of a series of recently synthesized soluble pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,10]phenanthroline derivatives (RA compounds) are preliminary investigated. The examined materials are promising candidates for organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) manufacturing. In experiments various device structure and thickness have been studied, with poly(*p*-phenylenevinylene) (PPV) as hole transporting layer and RA derivatives as emitting layer. All devices show clear rectification behavior with a turn-on voltage between 3 V and 7 V. The best results were obtained for the OLED based on a 50 nm PPV/50-60 nm RA structure, emitting in the yellow-green with a luminance of 0.56 cd·m⁻², for a double layer device.

Method— The thin films were obtained by spin-coating using solutions of the phenanthroline derivatives of various concentrations, at various speeds to optimise the film thickness. Indium-Tin-Oxide (ITO)-coated glass has been used as substrates. The film thickness was measured by surface profiler, and further confirmed by ellipsometric measurements. The UV-VIS absorption and photoluminescence (PL) spectra of the films were obtained using luminescence spectrometer. Single layer EL cells were fabricated by spin-coating the organic materials onto an ITO-coated glass substrate, and an aluminium electrode was vacuum-deposited at a chamber pressure of 1×10^{-6} Torr onto the organic layer. The emitting area of EL cells was $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$. The luminance-current-voltage characteristics have been measured using a luminance spectrometer, and a current-voltage (I-V) measuring unit. On one substrate, six individual OLED samples have been prepared simultaneously. EL measurements were made under forward bias (ITO positive) and the emission was registered in the forward direction through the transparent ITO.

Results— The current density versus electric field characteristics for the device structures are measured (see figure). All examined structures show a clear rectification. It is indication of good injection efficiencies. The shape of respective curves can be influenced by the by the use of aluminium as the cathode electrode. Devices have a turn-on voltage of around 4 V. They were seen to emit in the yellow-green with a luminance of 0.50 cd·m⁻² and 0.56 cd·m⁻², respectively. It can improve the electron injection as the holes can accumulate at the PPV/RA interface. This could decrease the turn-on voltage, and consequently improve the power efficiency.



Conclusion— The soluble phenanthroline derivatives and PPV are promising candidates for use in organic light-emitting devices, despite the fact that several parameters still need to be optimised to get efficient devices. The characteristics of single layer (ITO/PPV/organic-RA compounds/Al) organic light-emitting devices have been studied.

Index Terms— phenanthroline derivatives; electroluminescence, film-forming properties, emissive layer, OLED.

Contributions concerning the use of Wavelet Transform in defining the main electric power quantities towards increasing energy efficiency to industrial customers

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Introduction—Electric power components definitions contained in the IEEE Standard 1459–2000 for unbalanced single-phase/three-phase systems with nonsinusoidal situations are represented in the frequency domain based on Fourier transform (FT). However, FT suffers from the high computational effort especially when the number of phases increases and it is unable to provide information concerning time content because it provides only an amplitude-frequency spectrum. To overcome these limitations, definitions of power components are reformulated in the wavelet domain using the discrete wavelet transform (DWT) which preserves the information concerning time and frequency and also reduces the computational time and effort by dividing the frequency spectrum into bands or levels.

Method— The process of calculating the wavelet coefficients at everyscale and position involves a high computational effort. In wavelet packet decomposition (WPT), the computational burden increases as the number of decomposition levels increases. To overcome this limitation, the frequency spectrum is divided into a limited number of selected subsets of scale based on powers of two called dyadic scales when calculating the wavelet coefficients thus obtaining the DWT.

In DWT, the original waveform is decomposed into approximation "A" and detail "D" at the first stage then successive decompositions are performed on the approximation only with no further decomposition for the details, hence obtaining the multiresolution analysis (MRA). With careful choice of the number of decomposition levels and suitable choice of the wavelet family along with suitable mother wavelet the problem of spectral leakage can be reduced. The number of levels depends on the harmonic order contained in the original waveform that is required to be calculated separately.

Results—The results obtained from applying the IEEE Standard definitions and the DWT-based definitions to balanced and unbalanced single-phase/three-phase systems under nonsinusoidal operating conditions, indicate that the DWT-based definitions are very accurate and the problem of spectral leakages can be reduced by suitable choice of the mother wavelet and the wavelet family. The reformulated definitions could be very useful for setting tariffs and evaluating the electric power quality especially in case of transients and nonstationary waveforms where frequency-domain-based approaches fail.

The advantage of using the DWT for formulating power components is to represent these components in a time-frequency spectrum to preserve time and frequency information. Also calculating these components at levels or bands has the effect of reducing the computational burden and saving time. Moreover the computational effort is reduced when using DWT since the calculations is performed into frequency bands and their number decrease as the number of decomposition level decrease which is very important when the number of phases increase.

Conclusion—In this paper, definitions of electric power components contained in the IEEE Standard 1459–2000, which were based on the frequency domain, are reformulated in the time-frequency domain using the DWT which preserves time and frequency information. The DWT is successfully applied to formulating the electric power components definitions for unbalanced single-phase/three-phase systems with nonsinusoidal situations.

Index Terms—wavelet transform (WT), power quality, electric power components, nonsinusoidal conditions, multiresolution analysis (MRA).

Contributions concerning the development of middleware applications

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Introduction — With the continued need for large scale production of various products, researchers have developed a range of equipment and automation applications. In the industrial automation, the data exchange between applications (or applications and peripherals) has an important role. Because of that, researchers have tried different solutions for the exchange of information to be made in a reliable manner by another application.

The objectives underlying the research "*Contributions concerning the development of middleware applications*" are: Achieving an integrated and distributed acquisition system for storage, processing and access to information; The data transfer must be the most reliable mode by another application; Analysis of information and specific interactions of the main applications; Providing facilities for continuing education of specialists in these fields and the formation of new professionals by involving research.

Method — A SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system is developed within the research laboratory, so as to monitoring and controlling the industrial processes; this system includes two applications: a data server, on which the acquisition of data within local industrial networks is accomplished, and a HMI (Human Machine Interface) application that allows the graphical visualization of data taken from the data server. The data exchange between the two applications (within a local network or within the Internet network) is performing by means of a middleware. As middleware, an OPC Data Access was tested, OPC Alarm & Events, for the data exchange within a local network, and also an ACE CORBA, in the view of data exchange within the Internet network.

The data server has a defined interface, by which new drivers for the local industrial networks can be added, without the recompilation of the data server. The devices of local industrial networks are described by the help of some EDS (Electronic Data Sheet) text files. These files are organized within a database of devices, by adding a new type of devices and assuming only the writing the EDS description file.

Results — The address space is a remarkable improvement of the OPC Unified Architecture, to the old specifications. Through this model, providers may expose a rich and extensible data model using object oriented techniques.

Application developed for the case study, consists in an OPC client ported on the embedded system eBox-2300SX.

Conclusion — Application development presented before, will continue with performing different tests to analyze the network overload performance and data traffic. Also, we will try to use the proposed architecture with RFID tags and readers to make a complete inventory of existing products from a different container or warehouse, with lower costs.

Index Terms — Address space, hierarchical types, informational model, middleware application, OPC specifications.

Contributions to the development of transcranial magnetic stimulation devices and the methods of diagnostics and concomitant therapies

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Introduction— Transcranial electromagnetic stimulation (TMS) presents a useful non-invasive modern technique for investigation and treatment of neurological diseases. The technique of TMS is based on the phenomenon of electromagnetic induction. Intense pulses of current flow through a coil located at the surface of the head. This current creates a time-varying magnetic field, which induces an electric field in the brain. Magnetic nerve stimulators consist of two distinct parts: a high current pulse generator producing discharge currents and a stimulating coil producing magnetic pules. TMS has numerous applications in the study, diagnosis and therapy of the brain. The parameters used in TMS varies between different studies.

Method— A very important role in this research area is the focus of stimulation. So far three types of magnetic stimulation have proven effective in medical applications: single pulse stimulation, double pulse stimulation and repetitive stimulation. Each of them has its usefulness in a particular field. Considering that a very important role in this research area is the focus of stimulation, computer assisted design should be very helpful. By combining TMS with other analysis methods such as electromyography, the results of research for motor disabilities significantly increases.

Results— There are two types of electromagnetic stimulator: single-pulse devices and repetitive (rTMS) devices. There are many designs of Transcranian electromagnetic stimulators. It is important to understand which one is better depending on the area of its application. I proposed to make a comparation between the three comercial equipment of stimulators : Tamas, Neuro-MS and Magstim 200.

Conclusion— Multiple central collaborative studies are necessary to establish optimum stimulation parameters, such as stimulus frequency, intensity, number of stimuli, train duration, intertrain interval, coil type, and stimulation sites for treatment of neurogical diseases. With study going on, it is probable that rTMS will be an effective therapeutic tool and be widely used in clinical practice. Even TMS is in the research stage, it has proven it's effectiveness in the most of the applications. However it is clear that TMS begins to be crucial in future neurological treatment of diseases. Further research is needed to decide in which area TMS may be best used, but the research undertaken so far is very encouraging.

Index Terms—TMS, therapeutic tool, nerve stimulators, medical applications, neurology.

Contributions to Cyberinfrastructure Development for Remote Visualization and Control of Research and Education Equipment

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Introduction— This research presents the framework of cyberinfrastructure and the state of the art in this area of research, as well as a case study of a remote laboratory using iLab shared architecture. References have been made to the cyber-tools and methods, such as high-performance computing, communication technologies, and simulation models, enabling progress in cyberinfrastructure development. The goal of cyberinfrastructure is to unite various distributed-knowledge communities in an integrated collaboration environment that will provide broad access to multiple scientific resources. Here, we present the main requirements for cyberinfrastructure development and the key components of a working cyberinfrastructure.

Method—To meet the creating of a local Cyberinfrastructure a preliminary study was conducted to assess the ability of the hardware component level: medium for data communications – video communications; and of the high performance computing. To this end was rated the transmission capacity on video streams from a building outside the "Ştefan cel Mare" University of Suceava and a university laboratory. To highlight these elements we present a case study conducted using a video server and dedicated software. For the testing of the high performance computing resources we tested the performance of our IBM cluster computer. In order to help with this new paradigm in research collaboration we have developed a new software tool called Cybertek for instrument sharing. Together with a research team from Technische Universität Ilmenau, Ilmenau, Germany, headed by Dr.-Ing. Heinz- Dietrich Wuttke we have implemented iLab Shared Architecture (ISA) and integrated in it a client connected to a Lift Combined Virtual / Remote Laboratory as a part of a case study involving research and eLearning integration into the learning environment at Technische Universität Ilmenau.

Results— This study comes to the aid of creating a Cyberinfrastructure at the "Ştefan cel Mare" University of Suceava as well as to the development of Cyberinfrastructure around the world. The result of the research helps by setting some minimum boundaries for a fluent video communication between two users, one from within the University and another from outside of it, and the capacity for high performance computing of our Cyberinfrastructure, as well as resource provisioning for Cybertek scientific collaboration tool. Together with the research team from Technische Universität Ilmenau, we have succefully implemented ISA with the integration of a new client, and now researchers and students from all over the world can run their experiments on the Lift Combined Virtual / Remote Laboratory.

Conclusion— The main purpose of the Cyberinfrastructure is to gather and integrate resources often geographically scattered in a framework for high grade research that is functioning smoothly. Our research and studies help students and researchers reach their scientific goals and enhance the overall research productivity to generate more breakthroughs in their research paradigms.

Index Terms- cyberinfrastructure, e-learning, iLab, simulation, collaboration tools.

Contributions to automatic meter reading using power line communications

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Introduction— Power Line Communications (PLC) is the technology that uses as the communication medium the electric power lines. Most used power lines are Low Voltage (LV) and Medium Voltage (MV) in narrowband and broadband applications. Broadband applications use the 2-30 MHz frequency band for high speed data transfer network applications and narrowband use the 3-500 kHz frequency band for meter reading and last mile power equipments. An Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system can be implemented in an entire structure of a power network of distribution and supply using the LV, MV and HV (high voltage) power lines. Solutions developed to date, using PLC communication, mainly use LV and MV power lines. Power Line Communications are settled by the international standard IEEE P1901 which has been published at the beginning of the year 2011. A standard that settles the narrowband PLC will be published as IEEE P1901.2. For its development two proposals have been sent to the project group: PRIME and PLC-G3.

Method— The research focuses on PLC communication over the outdoor power grid with the use of LV and MV power lines. The main aspect studied is the communication between the two power grid segments through power transformers without the use of bypass equipments. For this purpose a series of field tests have been made with the use of LV PLC modem, and comparative studies have been made of last generation proposed protocol as PLC-G3 and PRIME and early used ones with results presened by other authors. Based of the necessity of an AMR system, a PLC architecture has been proposed that uses the LV and MV power lines only. Future work will focus on improving PLC communication between multiple segments of the grid over multiple power transformers.

Results— Advantages of the proposed architecture are: the ability to easily expand AMR system because communication is achieved through the existing grid structure, the architecture allows integration of a large number of meters manageable by a single concentrator, standalone operating system can be made when a segment of the power grid is damaged, the architecture can be extended for control and supervision of problems that can occur in the power grid, monitoring of transformer and distribution lines, low cost because the power network is used and no third parties solution are necessary, reducing travel costs for meter reading by human operators, low error rate in automatic generation of invoices to customers.

Conclusion— In this presentation a state of the art in narrowband PLC was made and presented field test on transformer communication issue. We have analyzed possibilities of using the power grid for an AMR system that use only PLC technology for data transfer and tested proposed protocols for this purpose. Power line communication is a good candidate for future Smart Grid and can ensure communication between grid segments although with some difficulties in particular cases. Last presented results of field tests at international IEEE symposiums and present result show the potential of the use of OFDM for meter reading. The proposed architecture is a possible future implementation of an AMR PLC system that can ensure communication with power, water and gas meters from a command center connected to a LV power line through a PLC modem.

Index Terms-AMR, architecture, Narrowband, PLC, transformer

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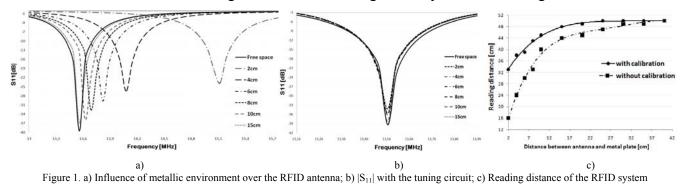
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Introduction—RFID systems are sensitive to metallic environments in the proximity of the reader antenna. These environments produce shifting of the resonance frequency, causing performances degradation for the entire RFID system (decreasing of the transmitted power that is send to the tag which causes diminution of the reading distance). In order to limit these effects, we must ensure innovative solutions to bring the resonance frequency of the RFID antenna circuit all the time to its working frequency. These solutions can be taken into account when it's necessary to implement a HF RFID system that can offer good performances even if the metallic environments in the proximity of the antenna are constantly changing.

Method—One of the most reliable solutions is using ferrite as absorbing material. This kind of material is used especially for RFID tags, acting as a barrier between the metal surface and the tag. Thus, the appearance of eddy currents produced by a magnetic field is drastically reduced, making possible the communication with the reader. For the RFID reader antenna, one of the most approached solution assumes implementing a "static" antenna pattern with a metal plate as a support on one side. This pattern is tuned to the system resonance frequency once when the system is first implemented, offering some kind of immunity from the metallic environments. Another solution, which is proposed by the authors, assume to implement a tuning system (that can be automatically or manually) for the RFID antenna circuit which always ensure to this the 13.56MHz frequency.

Results—Figure 1.a presents the influence of the metal plate on the circuit resonance frequency. Thus, the resonance frequency is shifted up, reaching 15.12MHz for only 2cm between the antenna and the metal plate. Figure 1.b shows the experimental results for the $|S_{11}|$ parameter when is used a tuning circuit. We can observe that for any distance between the metal plate and the RFID antenna no shift in the resonance frequency is detected. Figure 1.c depicts the reading distance when the reader antenna is in the proximity of the metallic environment. This reading distance is taken with and without the tuning circuit. We can see that the reading distance increases significantly when the tuning circuit is used.



Conclusion—Test results show that using a tuning circuit the reading distance for the RFID tags will increase significantly, although the reader antenna is closed to the metallic environment. Using the proposed solution at a small distance between the RFID reader antenna and the metal plate (2cm), is obtained a reading distance of 75% from the reference reading distance, which is 50cm, towards only 25% when this circuit is not used.

Index Terms—13.56MHz RFID system, automatic tuning circuit, metallic environments, matching unit, HF antenna.

Contributions in data servers development for distributed applications

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Introduction— One of the biggest challenges in distributed systems is communication between objects situated on different platforms or written in different programming languages. This is the reason why OPC (OLE for Process Control) specifications have been defined, based on the DCOM standard (Distributed Components Object Model). This standard was developed by Microsoft to describe the object model required to implement applications in a distributed environment built on the client - server principle. Another standard developed to guide and facilitate the integration of separately developed systems into a single heterogeneous distributed environment is CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture), developed by a consortium of over 700 developers, called OMG (Object Management Group).

My main objective in the PhD thesis is to develop a server based on CORBA standard by adapting OPC Data Access specifications. Server-client communication will be achieved using TAO middleware (The ACE ORB) which is based on the templates contained in the ACE framework (ADAPTIVE Communication Environment).

Method— To demonstrate the portability of the OPC DA specifications from DCOM to CORBA, a data server will be developed based on the OPC specifications. Although both DCOM and CORBA middleware describe interfaces that can be accessed by clients through an interface description language (IDL), the definitions found in the DCOM IDL files use the data types of the C programming language, while in CORBA IDL files are used only data types that are common to many programming languages. This enhances interoperability between objects written in different programming languages. In order to obtain the necessary files in the servant implementation, the IDL file will be compiled using the TAO_IDL compiler, a real-time implementation of the CORBA standard based on the ACE components. The IDL file contains the object's interface and the functions that can be called by the client. After obtaining the IDL files, the servant will be implemented in C++ using ACE framework.

Conclusion— Introducing the ACE programming environment in distributed systems for monitoring and process control offers a new solution in data server development. Because it is based on the CORBA specification, using the ACE components offers several benefits to distributed software developers, such as increased portability, the ability to pass through the firewall, reusable patterns and components, etc.

Index Terms—ACE, CORBA, distributed systems, OPC, SCADA.

Advanced Modeling and Simulation Techniques using High Performance Computing

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Introduction— An important concept in computer science has been represented by the virtual reality, which signifies a sum of all efforts used to simulate the real world. The high progress of computer technology has determined the simulation of complex systems of high accuracy. The purpose of a simulation system consists in issuing a series of predictions concerning the behavior and performance of real word systems. Such system will be built in accordance to a set of information about parameters or variables specific to the progress of a simulation system. The system's complexity and physical phenomena that characterize the proposed simulation system will certainly require intensive computing resources and advanced computing methods.

The main objective of this project is to design and to develop a simulation environment for the propagation of high energy particles through a multilayered medium with applicability in medical science. Our work is concentrated in developing a dose calculation system for radiotherapy treatment planning using a parallel Monte Carlo method. This system will be optimized to exploit the HPC resources provided by the IBM cluster from our HPC laboratory. For the radiotherapy treatment planning procedure to achieve results with a high accuracy it needs to model a huge number of events that involve large-scale computational resources and significant amounts of time.

Method—The most important part of this project is to develop a CBEA-based Monte Carlo algorithm optimized to be executed on IBM Roadrunner cluster from our HPC Laboratory. In its simplest definition, Monte Carlo method achieves a mathematical model of the system evolution based on probabilistic laws. The Monte Carlo method offers a great accuracy of solution, but has a big disadvantage: the method is high time-consuming. For this reason, the majority of research in this area has focused on the development the techniques based on high performance computing. Currently, we are working on a parallel Monte Carlo algorithm optimized for Cell/B.E processors which is based on a well known Monte Carlo model – MCML (Monte Carlo modeling of light transport in multi-layered tissues).

Results—The first experiments showed us encouraging results on the IBM Roadrunner cluster comparing with similar results of GPU-accelerated Monte Carlo methods. The challenge that remains is to reduce the computational time of the simulation to achieve a higher performance, but maintain the accuracy. In this scope, we design few optimization strategies concerning the load-balancing problem, optimizing the memory usage or the Monte Carlo variance reduction techniques.

Conclusion— The originality of the project is emphasized by optimizing the Monte Carlo simulation method on the CBEA-based clusters and using the computing resources towards the radiation propagation.

Index Terms-modeling, simulation, Monte Carlo, High Performance Computing, Cell/B.E.

Analysis of hybrid pattern recognition system with HMM and SVM methods

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Introduction— Our main area of research is the design and analysis of statistical learning algorithms for pattern recognition. In the last years, parallel computing has produce a tremendous impact on a variety of areas ranging from computational simulations for scientific and engineering applications to commercial applications in data mining. The cost benefits of parallelism, coupled with the performance requirements of applications, imply compelling arguments in favor of parallel computing.

Markov chain is a kind of probabilistic finite state automaton, where input can go from one state to another with a probability. The Markov property makes the assumption that the probability of a state transition only depends on the previous state. HMM is Markov chain with outputs produced after a state transition. Three fundamental algorithms of hidden Markov Model: forward, Viterbi and Baum Welch is the object of our study.

The support vector machine is a robust tool for data mining classification. The algorithm which is based on the structural risk minimization principle, find a separating hyperplane with maximum margins to separate patterns.

Probabilistic model such as Hidden Markov Models (HMM) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier are representing the main objective. By combining the two above classifiers, in order to realize a pattern recognition system, we could obtain a better classification performance.

Method— Our study presents an overview of Hidden Markov Models and Support Vector Machine classifiers and illustrate their into a pattern recognition system. The goal is to highlight the method in which HMM and SVM can be merged together.

Results— Parallel algorithm that implement message passing are tested on an IBM Cluster BladeCenter HS21 with 56 Intel Xeon processors quad core at 2.33 GHz. Very good results of testing matrix – matrix multiplication was obtained. Data mining cases that we are studying (HMM, SVM) needs parallel matrix multiplication. The utilization of a cluster computer to parallelize HMM and SVM algorithms working as part of the pattern recognition system is the scope on this project.

Conclusion— We propose to identify/develop parallel data mining algorithms in order to get a performance enhacement using HPC resources. High performance computing had very complicated programming environments and it is necessary to develop some applications.

Index Terms-HMM, SVM, data mining, parallel, MPI.

New Human Computer Interface for Simulation of Assembly Operations in Virtual Environments

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Introduction - Designing of a human computer interface for assembly simulation requires the conception and development of several instruments which allows interaction with the virtual environment. To improve the current practices in virtual assembly simulation, we have developed a user gesture interface, capable to provide intuitive interaction for selection, manipulation and control of any virtual component and to express the constrained behavior for the manipulated components. This interface it is in accordance with the current tendency in technology development. The user can interactively learn an assembly task by simulating the real process through hand gesture. During assembly or disassembly the user is able to find details about components and observe the relationships between components. The merit of this interface lies in its ability to express all the functionality of an assembly simulator using and interpreting in an intuitive way the specific human gestures.

Method—The interface design is composed by three components: the input tool - user hand, the tools for selection and manipulation - hand posture and the assembly command - hand gestures. The input tool is referring the instrument which allows the communication between the user and the application. For the hand detection we build a supervised classifier, based on Haar features and AdaBoost algorithm. Inside the virtual environment we map the real hand through a cursor. The selection and manipulation tools permit for the object inside virtual environment to be grabbed, rotate, positioned and released. We propose to use the hand posture like instrument for the operation of selection and manipulation. Hence, based on the Hu image moments like features extracted from the hand shape, we developed a posture classifier. The last step in the assembly process is to validate the assembly command. The hand trajectory is extracted and recognized using a gesture classifier based on Hidden Markov Models.

Results— The accuracy of detection module hit almost 90%, good results taking into account the working environment and the low cost device. The evaluation for the posture classifier provided an average accuracy rate of almost 90%, with the maximum value for the selection posture \approx 95%. For testing the gesture for assembly command we use a total number of 1600 gestures. The mean recognition rate hit 94%, with the best value for fix gesture, 96%, and a low value for replace gesture 88%.

Conclusion— Throughout this paper we have presented the development of a vision-based human computer interface used in an assembly simulation environment. The solution we propose is based on image processing for selection and manipulation operation. The assemblies' commands are based on a 3D HMM-based classifier for gesture recognition. The interface we propose has support for operation of assembly, disassembly, replace or delete components from a product. Our interface is an efficient method for assembly operations and a competitive approach for the current assembly simulation techniques.

Index Terms-assembly simulation, gesture recognition, interface, hand posture, virtual environment .

The Design and Development of a Street Lighting Monitoring and Control System

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Introduction—Increasing the efficiency and automation of street lighting systems is a very important issue. The energy consumption of a public lighting system in a Romanian town accounts for about 20% of the total energy consumption of that town. Energy saving and environmental protection have lately become highly debated topics. Public lighting is designed to meet the needs of local communities, such as: increasing comfort, the quality of life and increasing road traffic safety. The on-off street lamp command depending on chronological time is more often insufficient and even inflexible. Thus, for increased efficiency, one must consider other factors as well, such as: the presence of daylight and the road or pedestrian traffic in that specific area. After taking these factors under consideration, such a system should also adequately adjust the luminosity level so as to ensure the safety of road traffic and maintain an optimum energy consumption level. The traditional street lamp control systems have photoelectric cells that may malfunction and thus endanger the proper functioning of the entire lighting system, most likely because of improper installation, calibration or impurity build-up.

Method—In order to reach a high performance level in a street lighting monitoring and control system, some important aspects must be taken into account such as:

- performance evaluation of the state-of art street lighting control systems,
- selection of the adequate communication protocol, so that the implementation costs to be low,
- selection of the street lighting lamps in order to reach an optimum energy consumption,
- selection of the network topology to achieve the highest number of nodes,
- assessing the coexistence problem of the IEEE 802.15.4 sensor networks with other devices that function within the same 2.4 GHz band,
- design and implementation of an original street lighting control system.

Results—Our research results show that in order to integrate a high number of devices installed in a relatively large geographical area is recommended to use a WSN (Wireless Sensor Network) communication protocol (IEEE 802.15.4-based) such as ZigBee or JenNet. Another important advantage of using WSN is that specifically addresses low-cost, low energy consumption and low transfer of highly reliable data. As a result of the simulations that have been conducted, the data reveals that the tree topology is much cheaper and efficient than the mesh topology from throughput point of view. After doing a carefully cost efficiency study, the LED based street lamps were selected and integrated in our system. One of the main problems that occurred during the development process is the coexistence problem, of the (WSN) IEEE 802.15.4 sensor networks with IEEE 802.11g (Wi-Fi) wireless networks and ad-hoc Bluetooth networks that function within the same 2.4 GHz band. Our measurements show that the performance level can critically decrease, because of that we propose some separation distances limits and channel allocation requirements in order to increase the performance level. Furthermore, the street lighting control system integrates a vehicle detection algorithm in order to achieve the energy-efficiency goal.

Conclusion—The issues related to the efficiency, and the automation level of the lighting system must be further addressed. The main advantages of the proposed system mainly consist in a significant reduction of the energy consumption costs by at least 20% and of the maintenance costs by at least 5%. Finally, the proposed system achieves the energy savings and environmental protection goals.

Index Terms—WSN, street lighting control, IEEE 802.15.4, vehicle detection, monitoring architecture

The Design and Development of an Movement Monitoring System using a WSN Protocol

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Introduction— In this poster we present an implementation of the combination between two different kinds of technology, like PIR and ZigBee. The passive infrared intrusion detection system is a quite old and used technology invented in the beginning of the 80's. By now, it has got pretty cheap, because it is used on massive scale on house alarm systems and in industry. Nowadays, PIR is also used to measure surface temperature (as a sensor in industry). The ZigBee however, is not as old as the PIR technology. ZigBee devices work on batteries and last up to years using primary cells (this means low cost) without any kind of chargers, so we deduce: low cost and easy installation also. The ZigBee standard offers many new wings among which ZigBee Health Care also. This can enable health and fitness monitoring for the project.

One of the motives of using ZigBee is that this technology is low cost, just like passive infrared.

The SOC (System on Chip) is a very good innovation, because there are many ways of using it. These sensors combine sensing, signal processing, decision capability and wireless networking capability in a very small and low cost power system.

The system should have to detect and localize persons inside a living area.

Method— There are other systems that use PIR and wireless detection. They have been tested many times. Still ZigBee offers one major benefit, which is low power consumption. The innovation of this article is the use of passive infrared with ZigBee detection, unlike the active infrared used before. There is also the SOC technology that will help a lot in this future project.

There's a good opportunity on using this mix for the future of detection and localization. We intend to make a low cost system that has very low power consumption, and can be easily installed by people with little calification.

Results— Our implementation has reached to the stage where it could successfully localize and supervise one person inside a living area. The next step is to do the same with more persons inside a building. That means porting the programing system onto a PC so that the computing increases.

Conclusion— This poster highlights the benefits of mixing two different kinds of technologies, that of ZigBee and that of PIR in order to implement a new movement monitoring system. The logical diagram of this system is opening a way to building a high sensitivity server that shall manage different persons inside a living area. The diagram could be upgraded to some other working processes, like extracting reports for different kind of results from the database (information about the evolution of a person/patient).

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There is one major benefit on using this combination: low power consumption. This will generate more benefits like: cutting the costs with service (that doesn't have to be too often), easy installation. Because the technology is not expensive, we will have cheap systems for sale.

The system can also be implemented with other passive systems like RFID and is considering satisfying a wide area of activities, like healthcare institutions, old age institutions and also of private houses or even business centers.

Index Terms-detection system, PIR, logical diagram, low power, ZigBee.

Computer Network Security

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Introduction—Since the inception of the Internet in the early 80s, the Internet Protocol sustained its rapid growth. It is a robust protocol that supported the evolution of today's Internet network architecture and transported transparently the application data.

The rapid growth of today's Internet, witch expanded to be a mega network and, with the rapid adoption of the technologies such as 3G/4G/LTE wireless devices and other wireless appliances, and the diversity of applications and electronic transactions, some of which requires a high level of assurance, brought a series of security problems. Because the early Internet was fairly friendly, it lacked the security mechanisms in the original architecture.

Threats to data privacy are powerful tools in the hands of attackers that could use the vulnerabilities of a network to corrupt, destroy, and steal sensitive information or simply disrupting the normal activities and operation. Threats to data privacy concern business and private users alike. To prevent such threats, security measures should be deployed so that that would protect personal and sensitive data, and a privacy framework should be adopted.

Method—Important new techniques have been developed to overcome some of the security deficiencies (IPSEC, SSL, firewalls, etc.). To address some security issues and the rapid depletion addresses of IPv4 the Network Working Group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) introduced in 1998 a new protocol called Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). This protocol solves some of the problems that affect the IPv4 networks, including the small address space and the lack of security. Even thought, there have been great improvements and innovations in the network security field since the inception of the Internet, no one can guarantee more than 99.999% protection.

Results—IPv6 security is in many ways the same as IPv4 security. The basic/underling mechanisms for transporting packets across the network infrastructure is mostly unchanged, and the upper-layer protocols that transport the payload, the actual application data, are mostly unmodified. However, because IPv6 mandates the inclusion of IP Security (IPsec), it has often been stated that IPv6 is more secure than IPv4. Although this may be true in an ideal environment, in reality the same problems that plague IPv4 IPsec deployment will affect IPv6 IPsec deployment. Therefore, IPv6 is usually deployed without cryptographic protections of any kind.

We analyzed and compared security attacks that affected IPv4 protocol with the ones that IPv6 protocol brings. Even though, IPv6 protocol solves some of them and improves local network security, the underling problems still remains; distant attacks are still present and can be carried out.

Conclusion—Based on the analysis results of how different threats and risk influence different network protocols and different topologies, we will try to find a security model that can help alleviate some of the issues. This model must be able to respond to the security policies needs of a company and in some instances must impose some the policies.

Index Terms—computer network, security, Internet Protocol, network attacks, cyber threats