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My portfolio

Research Interests

• Nonlinear control • Optimal control • Data driven control • Control of energy conversion systems

Professional Experience

2023 - · · · Tenured

- **Tenured Associate Professor,** Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), Islamabad, Pakistan
 - Teaching at graduate & undergraduate levels
 - Supervision/Co-supervision of MS and Ph.D. theses and undergraduate projects
 - Head of Control and Energy Systems Research group

2014 - 2023

- Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, CUI
 - Teaching at graduate & undergraduate levels
 - Supervision/Co-supervision of MS and Ph.D. theses and undergraduate projects
 - Head of Control and Energy Systems Research group

2020 - 2021

Doctoral Researcher, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal

Research Project: FCT UPWIND- A Multi-Kite System to Harvest High Altitude Wind Power

- Modelling and parametrization of the induction machine (IM)
- Development of observer based rotor flux-oriented control of the IM
- Development of a robust cascade control of the ground station module of the airborne wind energy system (AWES) in all operational phases
- Development of the supervisory controller for the AWES

2015 - 2016

- **▼ Visiting Scholar,** Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA
 - Development of a simplified time domain model of underground coal gasification (UCG) process
 - Development of the model based control of the UCG process based on Sliding Mode Control theory
 - Implementation of the developed controller on the actual process model
 - The stability of the zero dynamics, which guarantees the overall stability of the closed loop system

2012 - 2014

■ Professional Researcher, Control & Signal Processing Research Group, Capital University of Science & technology, Islamabad, Pakistan

Research Project: ICT R & D Funds-Simulation and Control of the UCG process

- Development of the one-dimensional packed bed reactor model for Thar gasifier
- Numerical solution of the developed model
- Computer simulation of the numerical solution techniques
- Parameter estimation for the UCG process
- Model validation with actual field trials
- · Robust control system design for obtaining a desired calorific value of the product gas mixture

Professional Experience (continued)

- 2008 2012 Lecturer, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, CUI
 - Teaching at undergraduate level
 - Supervision of undergraduate projects
 - Designed and conducted labs for Electric Machines and Control System
- 2007 2008 **Design Engineer,** Public Sector Organization, Islamabad, Pakistan
 - Integration and testing of electronic modules

Education

2012 – 2016 Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, COMSATS University Islamabad. Thesis title: Modeling and Control of Underground Coal Gasification.

2009 – 2011 M.Sc., Computer Engineering, University of Engineering & Technology Taxila.
Thesis title: Dynamic Modeling and Nonlinear Controller Design for UCG.

2003 – 2006 **BS.**, Electrical Engineering, University of Engineering & Technology Taxila.

Publications

Journal Articles

- A. Ahmed, **A. A. Uppal**, and **Q.** Ahmed, "Electric vehicle range maximization using mpc based active battery cell balancing **(under review)**," *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, Jul. 2024.
- Y. CW., S. Riaz, A. A. Uppal, and J. Iqbal, "Fuzzy fault-tolerant controller with guaranteed performance for mimo systems under uncertain initial state," *International Journal of Control, Automation and Systems*, vol. 22, pp. 2038–2054, Jun. 2024. ODI: 10.1007/s12555-023-0327-5.
- S. B. Javed, A. A. Uppal, M. R. Azam, and Q. Ahmed, "Model-based quantitative analysis of power losses aware active cell balancing networks with load (accepted for publication)," *IEEE Transactions on Transportation and Electrification*, Aug. 2024.
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- A. A. Uppal, S. B. Javed, and Q. Ahmed, "Power losses aware nonlinear model predictive control design for active cell balancing," *IEEE Control Systems Letters*, vol. 7, pp. 3705–3710, Dec. 2023. ODI: 10.1109/LCSYS.2023.3342550.

- S. Bano, M. R. Azam, A. A. Uppal, S. B. Javed, and A. I. Bhatti, "Robust p53 recovery using chattering free sliding mode control and a gain-scheduled modified utkin observer," *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, vol. 532, p. 110 914, 2022, ISSN: 0022-5193. ODI: 10.1016/j.jtbi.2021.110914.
- U. Javaid, J. Iqbal, A. Mehmood, and **A. A. Uppal**, "Performance improvement in polymer electrolytic membrane fuel cell based on nonlinear control strategies—a comprehensive study," *PLOS ONE*, vol. 17, no. 2, pp. 1–20, Feb. 2022.

 **DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0264205.
- S. B. Javed, V. I. Utkin, A. A. Uppal, R. Samar, and A. I. Bhatti, "Data-driven modeling and design of multivariable dynamic sliding mode control for the underground coal gasification project thar," *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, vol. 30, no. 1, pp. 153–165, 2022. ODI: 10.1109/TCST.2021.3057633.
- M. Khattak, A. A. Uppal, Q. Khan, *et al.*, "Neuro-adaptive sliding mode control for underground coal gasification energy conversion process," *International Journal of Control*, vol. 95, no. 9, pp. 2337–2348, 2022. ODI: 10.1080/00207179.2021.1909745.
- H. Muazzam, M. K. Ishak, A. Hanif, **A. A. Uppal**, A. Bhatti, and N. A. M. Isa, "Virtual sensor using a super twisting algorithm based uniform robust exact differentiator for electric vehicles," *Energies*, vol. 15, no. 5, 2022. ODOI: 10.3390/en15051773.
- I. U. Rehman, S. B. Javed, A. M. Chaudhry, M. R. Azam, and **A. A. Uppal**, "Model-based dynamic sliding mode control and adaptive kalman filter design for boiler-turbine energy conversion system," *Journal of Process Control*, vol. 116, pp. 221–233, 2022, ISSN: 0959-1524. ODI: 10.1016/j.jprocont.2022.06.006.
- Y. M. Alsmadi, I. U. Rehman, A. A. Uppal, V. Utkin, I. Chairez, and M. Ibbini, "Super-twisting-based sliding mode control of drum boiler energy conversion systems," *International Journal of Control*, vol. 95, no. 7, pp. 1888–1897, 2021.

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- S. B. Javed, **A. A. Uppal**, R. Samar, and A. I. Bhatti, "Design and implementation of multi-variable H_{∞} robust control for the underground coal gasification project thar," *Energy*, vol. 216, p. 119 000, 2021, ISSN: 0360-5442. \mathfrak{O} DOI: 10.1016/j.energy.2020.119000.
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- A. A. Uppal, M. C. R. M. Fernandes, S. Vinha, and F. A. C. C. Fontes, "Cascade control of the ground station module of an airborne wind energy system," *Energies*, vol. 14, no. 24, 2021, ISSN: 1996-1073. ODI: 10.3390/en14248337.
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Conference Proceedings

- M. R. Azam, A. Ahmed, **A. A. Uppal**, and Q. Ahmed, "Nonlinear model predictive control design for active cell balancing and thermal management (**accepted for presentation**)," in 2024 IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (CCTA).
- **A. A. Uppal**, S. B. Javed, and Q. Ahmed, "Power losses aware nonlinear model predictive control design for active cell balancing (accepted for presentation)," in *American Control Conference* 2024.
- S. B. Javed, A. A. Uppal, M. R. Azam, K. Shehzad, and Q. Ahmed, "Model-based quantitative analysis of a capacitive cell balancing technique using soc estimator," in 2022 IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (CCTA), 2022, pp. 670–675. ODI: 10.1109/CCTA49430.2022.9966110.
- A. A. Uppal, S. S. Butt, A. I. Bhatti, and H. Aschemann, "Integral sliding mode control and gain-scheduled modified utkin observer for an underground coal gasification energy conversion process," in 2018 23rd International Conference on Methods and Models in Automation and Robotics (MMAR), 2018, pp. 357–362. ODI: 10.1109/MMAR.2018.8486053.
- G. Murtaza, A. I. Bhatti, Q. Ahmed, and A. A. Uppal, "Nonlinear robust control of atkinson cycle engine," in 20th IFAC World Congress, 2017, pp. 3685–3690. ODI: 10.1016/j.ifacol.2017.08.562.
- M. Azam, A. Bhatti, A. Arshad, and M. Babar, "Sensitivity analysis of wnt signaling pathway," in *Proceedings of 2013 10th International Bhurban Conference on Applied Sciences & Technology (IBCAST)*, 2013, pp. 122–127. ODOI: 10.1109/IBCAST.2013.6512143.
- A. Arshad, A. I. Bhatti, R. Samar, Q. Ahmed, and E. Aamir, "Model development of ucg and calorific value maintenance via sliding mode control," in 2012 International Conference on Emerging Technologies, 2012, pp. 1–6. ODOI: 10.1109/ICET.2012.6375477.

Funded Projects

- Optimal Control of Active Cell Balancing Network for Lithium-ion Battery Pack Accepted in NESCOM (RAC), Pakistan, PI: Ali Arshad Uppal
- Design and Development of Intelligent Battery Pack for Range Extension of Electric Scooter Submitted in PSF-TUBITAK Competitive Research Grant, PI: Ali Arshad

Student Supervision

MS Students

- Mr. Imran Ahmed, COMSATS University Islamabad (2021–2023)
 Supervisor: Dr. Rizwan Azam, co-supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal
- Mr. Afaq Ahmed, COMSATS University Islamabad (2021–2023)
 Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal co-supervisor: Dr. Syed Bilal Javed
- Ms. Sara Sarfraz, COMSATS University Islamabad (2019–2021)
 Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal, co-supervisor: Dr. Qudrat Khan
- 4. Ms. Shehar Bano, COMSATS University Islamabad (2018–2020) supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal, co-supervisor: Dr. Rizwan Azam
- Ms. Fajar Mukhtar, COMSATS University Islamabad (2018–2020)
 supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal, co-supervisor: Dr. Syed Bilal Javed
- 6. Mr. Sohail Ahmed, COMSATS University Islamabad (2018–2020) Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal
- 7. Mr. Bilal Arif, COMSATS University Islamabad (2018–2020) Supervisor: prof. Shahid A. Khan, co-supervisor: **Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal**
- 8. Mr. Mutahir, COMSATS University Islamabad (2016–2018) supervisor: prof. Shahid A. Khan, co-supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal
- Mr. Imtiaz Ur Rehman, COMSATS University Islamabad (2016–2018)
 Supervisor: prof. Shahid A. Khan, co-supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal
- Mr. Fahad Imtiaz, COMSATS University Islamabad (2014–2016)
 Supervisor: Dr. Adeel Mehmood, co-supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal

Ph.D. students

- Mr. Muhammad Shakeel, COMSATS University Islamabad (2019–present)
 Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal
- Mr. Azmat Ullah, COMSATS University Islamabad (2019–present)
 Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal, co-supervisor: Dr. Rizwan Azam
- Dr. Usman Javed, COMSATS University Islamabad (2016–2023)
 Supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad, co-supervisor: Dr. Adeel Mehmood
- 4. Dr. Qudsiya Irum, COMSATS University Islamabad (2016–2022) Supervisor: Prof. Shahid A. Khan, co-supervisor: **Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal**
- Dr. Syed Bilal Javed, Capital University of Science & Technology, Islamabad (2016–2021)
 Supervisor: Dr. Raza Samar, co-supervisor: Dr. Ali Arshad Uppal

Teaching Experience

■ Graduate courses at COMSATS University Islamabad

- Intelligent Control Systems (ECI761) in Spring 2022
- Nonlinear Systems and Controls (ECI760) in Fall 2021 and Fall 2022
- Linear Control Systems (ECI660) in Fall 2019
- Linear Systems Theory (ECI665) in Spring (2017, 2018 and 2019) and Fall 2017
- Robust Control Systems (ECI765) in Fall 2018

■ Undergraduate courses at COMSATS University Islamabad

- Control Systems (EEE325, CPE325) in Fall 2023, Spring 2023, and from 2011–2021
- Electric Machines (EEE371) in Spring 2023, and from 2008–2011
- Electronics-I (EEE231) in Fall 2022

Presentations & Workshops

Presentations

- 1. Model Predictive Control Design for Targeted Drug Therapy to Recover p53 in Cancer Treatment, in Portuguese Meeting on Optimal Control, 2021
- 2. **AI Based Control of Industrial Processes**, in IEEE 2021 International Conference on Digital Futures and Transformative Technologies, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (SEECS), National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan, 2021 (Guest speaker)
- 3. Sliding mode control of the underground coal gasification energy conversion process, in Symposium on Control Systems, SEECS, NUST 2019 (Guest speaker)
- 4. **Development of a simplified control-oriented model of the underground coal gasification process**, at Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA, 2015
- 5. Development of a one-dimensional packed bed model of the underground coal gasification process for Thar coal gasifier, at UCG Project Thar, Tharparkar, Pakistan, 2013

■ Workshops

- 1. **ETeX-The Way of Scientific Writing**, at the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, COMSATS University Islamabad on 17 October 2022
- 2. **Typesetting in Lag**, at Capital University of Science & Technology, Islamabad on March 13 2018, July 17 2019 and August 5 2021, respectively

Maple

Computer Skills

• MATLAB/Simulink • C++

• Mathematica • Lagrangian • Lagrangian • MS Office

Awards & Achievements

2022 Senior Member IEEE

2020–2021 Postdoctoral Scholarship from FEUP, University of Porto, Portugal

Awards & Achievements (continued)

International Research Support Initiative Program Scholarship from higher education commission, Pakistan

2014–2015 Research Productivity Award from COMSATS University Islamabad

2012–2013 **Ph.D. Scholarship** from UCG project Thar, Pakistan

2012–2016 In-house Ph.D. Scholarship from COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan

2010–2011 MS Scholarship from UCG project Thar, Pakistan

Merit MS Scholarship from Center of Advanced Studies in Engineering, University of Engineering & Technology, Taxila, Pakistan

Community Services

Academic Reviewer for the Journal of process control, IEEE Control Systems Letters, IEEE Transactions on (Industrial Informatics, Mechatronics, Transportation & Electrification), International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, Energy Conversion and Management, American Control Conference, IEEE Access, and various journals of MDPI.

References

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