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REPORT OF ACTIVITY - Synthesis -

Phase II / 2015

Identification, on-line estimation and validation via real-life experiments of bioprocess models

The project ADCOSBIO follows the recent research trends in order to apply the research results to bioprocesses in food industry, particularly to bread production and to related wastewater treatment processes. Bioprocess modelling and control can be successfully achieved using interdisciplinary approaches from control engineering, biochemistry, applied mathematics and information technology. The bioprocesses are complex nonlinear systems, characterized by modelling uncertainties, interconnections, delays, and lack of cheap and reliable instrumentation. In the project these interdisciplinary approaches will be used to develop advanced monitoring and control systems.

The main research objectives of ADCOSBIO project are as follows:

1. Analysis and modelling of processes in food industry;
2. Development of novel estimation and identification techniques for bioprocesses;
3. Design of advanced control techniques for three classes of bioprocesses;
4. Implementation of advanced control systems for processes in food industry.

Within the second phase of the project (II/2015), several researches from the first and second objectives and partially from the third one were achieved, by means of specific research activities, in accordance with the project plan.

Activity II.1

Validation of proposed models through laboratory experiments, by using the available pilot bioreactors and related equipments

Obtained results:

- Experimental models of the bioprocesses. Fermentation processes models were experimentally validated by using two laboratory bioreactors (Biostat A plus - Sartorius and New Brunswick BioFlo115 - Eppendorf). Also, models of wastewater treatment processes were validated by using a pilot station and a SIMBA simulator (for an urban wastewater treatment station).

Activity II.2

Data collection, analysis, tests and comparisons for the industrial processes implemented at partner P1

Obtained results:

- Technical documentation concerning the process analysis – wheat grinding, flour processing and bread production process, and for the wastewater process, at partner P1 (Scientific report).

Activity II.3

Novel distribution-based identification techniques and artificial intelligence identification approaches for fermentation bioprocesses and activated sludge wastewater treatment processes

Obtained results. Set of novel identification algorithms for bioprocesses:

- Distribution-based multi-level off-line identification algorithm for bioprocess parameters;
- PSO (*Particle Swarm Optimization*) identification algorithm for bioprocess parameters.

Activity II.4

Analysis and comparisons concerning the state observers for bioprocesses

Obtained results. Set of novel on-line estimation procedures for bioprocesses:

- Design procedure of state exponential observers;
- Design procedure of asymptotic observers;
- Novel design procedure for on-line estimation by using interval observers;
- Design procedure of Sliding Mode Observers for linearized bioprocesses.

Activity II.5

Synthesis and implementation of combined and hybrid estimation algorithms for bioprocesses in food industry

Obtained results:

- Combined and hybrid estimation techniques: combined estimation of yield coefficients and of reaction rates; solutions for hybrid estimation of reaction rates and state variables, with applicability to yeast fermentation and wastewater treatment bioprocesses (Scientific report).

Activity II.6

Experiment-based iterative tuning and evolutionary optimization-based tuning of controllers for control loops in food industry

Obtained results. Intelligent tuning algorithms for controllers (Scientific report):

- Controller design for time delay systems by using the shape coefficients method;
- Intelligent tuning of controllers in structures with many freedom degrees, intelligent PID control and optimal control;
- Experiment-based iterative tuning of controllers;
- Operating modes of digital controllers used in food and biotechnological plants.

Activity II.7

Dissemination of research results

Obtained results:

- Publishing of five papers in ISI (WoS) indexed journals, some of them under review the last year: *Asian Journal of Control* (Wiley) [Pet15], *BioMed Research International* [Sel15], *Computers in Industry* (Elsevier) [Răd15], *Combustion Science and Technology* (Taylor & Francis) [Rom15b] (accepted), *International Journal of Biomathematics* (under review) [Rom15c];
- Participation with 10 papers at scientific conferences: INISTA 2015 [Stî15], ICSTCC 2015 [Luc15], [Mar15b], ICCG 2015 [Mar15a], [Şen15a], SACI 2015 [Şga15], [Voi15] (all IEEE Xplore indexed), ICAT 2015 [Rom15a], [Şen15b] (selected for publication in journals), CNIC 2015 [Rom15d], plus a paper from 2014, extended to a Springer chapter (in press) [Şen16].

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Conclusions

The research objectives of the second phase of the project were achieved. The research results consist of: experimental validation of bioprocess models, data analysis from industrial processes, novel identification algorithms and on-line estimation techniques for bioprocesses, achievement of combined and hybrid estimation techniques, and intelligent tuning algorithms for digital controllers. Scientific reports were completed and the research results were disseminated via the publication of scientific papers (five in ISI indexed journals and 10 presented at conferences). By using the results of the first two phases, in the next year advanced control techniques for bioprocesses will be developed, in different control system structures. These techniques will be implemented, tested and validated on processes in food industry.