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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

May 1996 Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering

State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook
Stony Brook, New York
(Specialization: thermal sciences)

Thesis Title: A New Experimental Technique for Measuring the Diffusion Coefficient in Binary Liquid Solutions.

Advisor:

Dr. Thomas F. Irvine, Jr., Late Professor Emeritus
Department of Mechanical Engineering
SUNY Stony Brook
Stony Brook, New York

Co-Advisor:

Dr. Narinder K. Tutu
Department of Advanced Technology
Brookhaven National Laboratory
Upton, New York

May 1991 Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

SUNY Stony Brook
Stony Brook, New York

August 1988 Professional Engineering License

The University of the State of New York
License Number 064924

May 1981 Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

SUNY Stony Brook
Stony Brook, New York

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 1996 – Present

CURRENT TITLE: Professor

Gonzaga University

Spokane, Washington

Professor: September 2024 – Present.

Associate Dean: August 2023 – June 2024.

Interim Associate Dean: August 2022 – June 2023.

Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering: January 2016 – August 2022, June 2004 – December 2009.

Rank Appointments: Professor, September 2005; Tenure, September 2003; Associate Professor, September 2000; Assistant Professor, September 1996.

Responsibilities: Teaching undergraduate lecture and laboratory courses, pursuing a research program for professional development, student advising, advising the Gonzaga University Student Chapter of the ASME (Sep. 1996 – May 2004), providing academic service to the university and to the community, and discharging all administrative duties of department chair and of the associate dean.

Regular Teaching Assignments: Thermodynamics I and II; Fluid Mechanics; Heat Transfer; Instrumentation Systems (lecture and lab); and Mechanical Measurements (lecture and lab).

Other Courses Taught: Computational Fluid Mechanics/Heat Transfer (also taught a graduate-level version of this course at the Università di Roma Tor Vergata in Rome, Italy, in the summer of 2003, as part of their joint graduate program with the University of Illinois at Chicago); Advanced Heat Transfer; HVAC; Mechanical Design and Cooling of Electronic Systems; Thermal Science (survey course for non-mechanical engineering majors); Mechanical Engineering Design (i.e., Senior Design); Instrumentation Systems Lab; and Mechanical Measurements Lab.

Notable Committee Assignments: Served on the university's Rank and Tenure committee and on the analogous school-level committee; served on two university academic vice president search committees; served on the school's dean search committee; chaired multiple faculty search committees; chaired the university's research council; chaired the school's assessment committee; served on the university safety committee.

Noteworthy administrative accomplishments: Led the Department of Mechanical Engineering in developing a long-term vision that targeted excellence, and in planning, budgeting, and managing its implementation, with one outcome being the construction of faculty research laboratories; guided the department through two ABET accreditations, including writing the self-studies; created a study-abroad curriculum for mechanical and civil engineering students that allows them to attend the Gonzaga-in-Florence program for one semester while still completing their degree in four years; wrote a successful proposal to the university's Academic Council for creating a new program in engineering management that includes concentrations in each of the engineering disciplines offered at the university; wrote a successful proposal to the university's Academic Council for creating a new undergraduate program in biomedical engineering; wrote successful facility proposals that constructed and equipped a new manufacturing processes (teaching) laboratory, and that expanded the school's machine shop and purchased capital equipment; managed and developed the mechanical engineering laboratory, including purchasing equipment, creating laboratory exercises, and developing its infrastructure; proposed and chaired a new school-wide committee that generated a standard assessment methodology for all of the engineering programs.

September 2016 – Present

RadMax Technologies, Inc.

TITLE: Consulting Engineer

Spokane, WA

Responsibilities: Analysis and design concept generation for adapting the RadMax rotary technology to wet expanders and to wet compressors for use in vapor-compression refrigeration cycles and in Rankine power cycles.

January 1996 – June 1996

SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale

September 1994 – June 1995

Automotive Engineering Technology Department

TITLE: Visiting Instructor

Farmingdale, New York

September 1995 – December 1995

TITLE: Adjunct Instructor

Responsibilities: Teaching lecture and laboratory courses, and serving on committees. Regular courses taught: Diesel Engines (theory & lab), Engineering Measurements (theory & lab), Project Seminar (i.e., design project for last semester students), Introduction to Computer Programming, and Introduction to Computer Graphics (AUTOCAD). Other course taught: Statics.

June 1995 – May 1996

Brookhaven National Laboratory

June 1993 – September 1994

Upton, New York

June 1992 – August 1992

TITLE: Guest Jr. Research Associate

Responsibilities: Thesis research (see "Educational Background" section above for thesis title and for advisors' names and affiliations); designing and writing a general purpose data acquisition program using ASYST programming language to allow users to set-up KEITHLEY 500A data acquisition hardware without

programming knowledge; composing a user's manual with detailed operational descriptions and instructions for the software package; supporting research activities as required.

September 1991 – May 1993
TITLE: Graduate Teaching Assistant

SUNY Stony Brook
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Stony Brook, New York

Responsibilities: Teaching recitation classes in Heat Transfer and Thermodynamics; grading exams, projects, and homework; consultations with students.

August 1989 – August 1991
TITLE: Mechanical Engineer

Capobianchi Engineers
Huntington Station, New York

Responsibilities: Design of HVAC, sprinkler, and plumbing systems for commercial, residential, institutional, and industrial buildings in New York City and New York State; performing all necessary calculations, including cooling and heating loads, sizing air conditioning units, fans, pumps, piping, etc.; performing site inspections; filing and obtaining approvals from the building department having jurisdiction.

August 1988 – August 1989
TITLE: Mechanical Engineer

Microwave Power Devices, Inc.
Hauppauge, New York

Responsibilities: Electronic packaging of RF amplifiers for military and commercial applications; thermal, structural, and geometric analysis; supervising designers; supervising environmental testing; interfacing with customers; proposal writing; composing technical reports; providing manufacturing support.

March 1987 – August 1988
TITLE: Project Engineer

Modern Fabrication & Technology, Inc.
Yaphank, New York

Responsibilities: Developing software to permit graphical programming of CNC punch presses using AutoCAD CAD software, including generating routines in AutoLISP and composing a post-processor in BASIC to extract, optimize, and translate the CAD information into G-Code (CNC) language; training staff members in the use of AutoCAD and the special programs; designing custom parts and mechanisms for customers and for in-house projects; customer interface and technical support; providing manufacturing support.

January 1985 – March 1987
TITLE: Mechanical Engineer II

Airborne Instruments Laboratory Division
Eaton Corp.
Deer Park, New York

Responsibilities: Electronic packaging of airborne tactical radar jamming equipment; designing mechanical devices to facilitate electrical adjustment of RF components; proposal writing; development of a computer program to perform automated geometric analysis of formed semi-rigid cables; supervising environmental testing; composing qualification by similarity reports and environmental test reports; providing manufacturing support.

July 1983 – January 1985
TITLE: Mechanical Engineer

Dorne & Margolin, Inc.
Bohemia, New York

Responsibilities: Electronic packaging of RF components and antennas for airborne applications; performing stress, dynamic, thermal, and tolerance analysis; composing test procedures, environmental test reports, and qualification by similarity reports; supervising environmental testing; generating process specifications required to assure proper control of critical manufacturing processes; providing manufacturing support.

January 1982 – July 1983

Grumman Aerospace Corp.

TITLE: Assistant Structural Design Engineer

Bethpage, New York

Responsibilities: Designing aircraft structural components using mainframe-based CAD software; performing tolerance analysis to assure fit of mating components; generating structural repair procedures; providing manufacturing support.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications and Conference Proceedings:

- M. Capobianchi and R. Cangelosi, "Efficiency of Thick, Cylindrical Pin Fins", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, <https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4070840>, February 2026 (in print).
- M. Capobianchi and R. Cangelosi, "Exact Insulated-Tip Fin Length Correction for Tip Convection Compensation", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, Vol. 146, July 2024, 074501-1–6.
- M. Capobianchi, R. Cangelosi, and P. McGah, "Heat Transfer in Fully Developed, Laminar Flows of Dissipative Pseudoplastic and Dilatant Fluids in Circular Conduits", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Heat and Mass Heat Transfer, Vol. 143, March 2021, 031801-1–13. A summary of this paper was also featured online in Advances in Engineering (<https://advanceseng.com/>), citation link: <https://advanceseng.com/heat-transfer-laminar-flows-dissipative-pseudoplastic-dilatant-fluids-circular-conduits/>.
- M. Capobianchi and P. McGah, "Developing Region Solution for High Reynolds Number Laminar Flows of Pseudoplastic and Dilatant Fluids in Circular Ducts", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Fluids Engineering, Vol. 139, Issue 4, April 2017, pp. 041202-1–11.
- P. McGah and M. Capobianchi, "A Modification of Murray's Law for Shear-Thinning Rheology", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, Vol. 137, May 2015, pp. 054503-1 — 054503-6.
- M. Capobianchi and A. Aziz, "Laminar Natural Convection Between a Vertical Surface with Uniform Heat Flux and Pseudoplastic and Dilatant Fluids", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Heat and Mass Heat Transfer, Vol. 136, September 2014, pp. 092501-1–9.
- M. Capobianchi and A. Aziz, "Laminar Natural Convection from an Isothermal Vertical Surface to Pseudoplastic and Dilatant Fluids", Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Heat and Mass Heat Transfer, Vol. 134, December 2012, pp. 122502-1–9.
- M. Capobianchi and A. Aziz, "A Scale Analysis for Natural Convective Flows over Vertical Surfaces", International Journal of Thermal Sciences, Vol. 54, 2012, pp. 82-88.
- M. Capobianchi and D. Wagner, "Heat Transfer in Laminar Flows of Extended Modified Power Law Fluids in Rectangular Ducts", International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, Vol. 53, January 2010, pp. 558-563.
- M. Capobianchi, "Similitude Considerations in Internal Flows of Pseudoplastic and Dilatant Fluids: Pressure Drop and Heat Transfer in Parallel-plate Conduits", Proceedings of the 20th International Symposium on Transport Phenomena (ISTP-20), Victoria, British Columbia (Canada), July 7-10, 2009.
- M. Capobianchi, "Pressure Drop Predictions for Laminar Flows of Extended Modified Power Law Fluids in Rectangular Ducts", International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, Vol. 51, March 2008, pp. 1393-1401.
- M. Capobianchi, V. Labay, F. Shi, and G. Mizushima, "Simulating the Electrical Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices in the Presence of Thermal Interactions", IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems, Vol. 25, No. 10, October 2006, pp. 2231-2241.
- M. Capobianchi, J. Voight, and S. Surapaneni, "Modeling Electro-Thermal Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices", Advances in Electronic Packaging - 1999, Volume 1, EEP-Vol. 26-1, D. Agonafer, M. Saka, and Y.-C. Lee, Editors, ASME, New York, 1999, pp. 915-922, presented at the Pacific Rim / ASME International Intersociety Electronic and Photonic Packaging Conference (InterPACK 99), Lahaina, Maui, Hawai'i, June 13-19, 1999.

- M. Capobianchi, T.F. Irvine, Jr., N.K. Tutu, and G.A. Greene, "A New Technique for Measuring the Fickian Diffusion Coefficient in Binary Liquid Solutions", *Experimental Thermal and Fluid Science*, Vol. 18, 1998, pp. 33-47.
- M. Capobianchi, A New Experimental Technique for Measuring the Diffusion Coefficient in Binary Liquid Solutions, Ph.D. Thesis, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, May 1996.
- L.S. Wang and M. Capobianchi, "Irreducibility of Irreversibility by Unrestrained Quasistatic Changes in a Thermodynamic System", *Thermodynamics and the Design, Analysis, and Improvement of Energy Systems*, AES Vol. 30 (HTD Vol. 266), H.J. Richter, Editor, ASME, New York, 1993, pp. 115-125, presented at the ASME Winter Annual Meeting, November 28 – December 3, 1993, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- S. Park, T.F. Irvine Jr., and M. Capobianchi, "Experimental and Numerical Study of Friction Factor for a Modified Power Law Fluid in a Rectangular Duct", *Proceedings of the Third World Conference on Experimental Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics, and Thermodynamics*, Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 31 – November 5, 1993, Vol. 1, Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., New York, 1993, pp. 900-908.
- M. Capobianchi and T.F. Irvine Jr., "Predictions of Pressure Drop and Heat Transfer in Concentric Annular Ducts with Modified Power Law Fluids", *Wärme-und Stoffübertragung (Heat and Mass Transfer)*, Vol. 27, No. 4, 1992, pp. 209-215.

Chapters in Textbooks and Handbooks:

- The CRC Handbook of Thermal Engineering, 2nd Edition, R. P. Chhabra, Editor, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 2018 (the chapters below are complete rewrites and updates of those in the 1st edition listed below):
 - A. K. Gupta, R. P. Chhabra, T.F. Irvine, Jr., and M. Capobianchi "Non-Newtonian Flows".
 - S. W. Patel, R. P. Chhabra, T.F. Irvine, Jr., and M. Capobianchi, "Convection Heat Transfer in Non-Newtonian Fluids".
- The CRC Handbook of Mechanical Engineering, 1st and 2nd Editions, F. Kreith, Editor, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1998 (1st Edition) and 2005 (2nd Edition): T.F. Irvine Jr. and M. Capobianchi, "Non-Newtonian Flow" and "Non-Newtonian Fluids-Heat Transfer".
 - The "Non-Newtonian Flow" chapter also appears in the following handbooks:
 - Fluid Mechanics, Frank Kreith, Editor, CRC Press LLC, Boca Raton, Florida, 2000.
 - The Handbook of Fluid Dynamics, Richard W. Johnson, Editor, CRC Press LLC, Boca Raton, Florida, 1998.
 - The CRC Handbook of Thermal Engineering, 1st Edition, F. Kreith, Editor, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1999.
 - The "Non-Newtonian Fluids-Heat Transfer" chapter also appears in the following handbook:
 - The CRC Handbook of Thermal Engineering, 1st Edition, F. Kreith, Editor, CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 1999.
- International Encyclopedia of Heat and Mass Transfer, G.F. Hewitt, G.L. Shires, and Y.V. Polezhaev, Editors, CRC Press LLC, Boca Raton, Florida, 1997: T.F. Irvine Jr. and M. Capobianchi, "Triangular Ducts, Flow and Heat Transfer".

Editorships:

- Update Editor (one revision), The Mechanical Engineering Handbook CRCnetBASE, which is the CD ROM version of The CRC Handbook of Mechanical Engineering (F. Kreith, Editor-in-Chief), CRC Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida, 2001 (since superseded by 2nd Edition of The CRC Handbook of Mechanical Engineering).

Invited Lectures at Conferences and Workshops:

- "Simulating the Electrical Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices in the Presence of Thermal Interactions", presented at the First ASME-ATI (Associazione Termotecnica Italiana) Joint Workshop on Thermal and Fluid Dynamics, Villa Mondragone, Frascati, Italy, June 30, 2003.

- “Measuring the Fickian Diffusion Coefficient in Binary Liquid Solutions Using the Decaying Pulse Technique”, presented at the Thomas F. Irvine Jr. Symposium in Thermal and Fluid Sciences, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, November 17, 2001.
- “Modeling the Electrical Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices in the Presence of Thermal Interactions Using Saber”, presented at the 2000 Analogy Saber Simulator Users Resource (ASSURE) Conference, Portland, Oregon, May 10-12, 2000.
- “Modeling the Electrical Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices in the Presence of Thermal Interactions”, presented at the Bi-Weekly Seminar Series of the Washington State University (WSU) Center for Advanced Multiphase Materials Processing (CAMMP), WSU College of Engineering and Architecture, Pullman, Washington, March 10, 2000.
- “Modeling Electro-thermal Behavior of Integrated Circuit Devices”, presented at the 1999 Analogy Saber Simulator Users Resource (ASSURE) Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, May 19-21, 1999.
- “Modeling Thermal and the Electro-Thermal Behavior of Power Integrated Circuits”, presented at the 1998 ASSURE Conference, Mt. Hood, Oregon, March 18-20, 1998.

Invited Lectures to Industry:

Invited lectures to industry on my research on electro-thermal co-simulation of integrated circuit devices:

- Synopsys, Inc. (previously Analogy, Inc.), Hillsboro, Oregon, September 12, 2005, and June 3, 2004; Analogy Inc., Beaverton, Oregon, July 29, 1999, and July 23, 1998.
- The Boeing Company, Phantom Works Group, Kent Washington, October 1, 2001; Electronic Systems and Missile Defense Space and Communications Group, December 6, 1999, October 21, 1998, and April 13, 1998.
- The Crane/Interpoint Corporation, Redmond, Washington, December 6, 1999; Crane/Eldec Corporation, Lynwood, Washington, April 13, 1998.
- Texas Instruments Inc., Dallas, Texas, August 2, 1999, May 29, 1998, and November 17, 1997.

Other Presentations:

Presented six status reports on my research on electro-thermal co-simulation of integrated circuit devices to the industrial advisory board of the National Science Foundation Center for the Design of Analog-Digital Integrated Circuits (NSF CDADIC), July 1997 through February 2000 (NSF CDADIC is an industry-university research consortium sponsored by the NSF Industry-University Cooperative Research Center program).

GRANTS AND MONETARY AWARDS

- \$300,000 award from the PACCAR Foundation to build a new laboratory for teaching manufacturing processes and systems, and to expand the existing machine shop. April 2002.
- \$100,000 award from The Boeing Company to purchase new machine shop capital equipment. April 2002.
- \$225,000 award from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust to purchase equipment for the new manufacturing processes and systems laboratory. March 2002.
- One-year, \$20,000 award from NSF CDADIC to develop a software model for electro-thermal co-simulation of integrated circuit devices packaged in multi-chip modules. July 1999.
- Two-year, \$50,000 award (i.e., \$25,000 per year) from NSF CDADIC to develop a methodology for modeling the electro-thermal behavior of integrated circuit devices. September 1997.
- Various small grants for supporting undergraduate student research assistants: McDonald Work Awards (institutional), \$18,665; and The Boeing Corporation, \$1,200. June 2000 onward.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Invited Reviews of Works of Other Professionals:

- Asia-Pacific Journal of Chemical Engineering, June 2021.
- ASME Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, November 2020 and August 2025.
- Journal of Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics: November 2019.
- Entropy, August 2018.
- ASME Journal of Fluids Engineering: December 2017 and November 2016.
- Heat and Mass Transfer (Wärme-und Stoffübertragung): May 2017, August 2011, and January 2007.
- Fluids: May 2016.
- Zeitschrift für Naturforschung A: August 2015.
- ASME-ATI-UIT 2015 Conference on Thermal Energy Systems: Production, Storage, Utilization and the Environment, December 2014.
- Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering: January 2014.
- Journal of Process Mechanical Engineering 1: February 2013.
- Meccanica: March 2010.
- Nonlinear Analysis, Modeling and Control: November 2008.
- Oxford University Press (one chapter of a new thermodynamics textbook): December 2005.
- 2004 ASEE Annual Conference: February 2004.
- International Journal of Thermophysics: January 2003.
- IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems: June 2001 and August 2000.

Other Professional Service:

- Served on the scientific committee for the ASME-ATI-UIT 2015 Conference on Thermal Energy Systems: Production, Storage, Utilization and the Environment, that was held in Naples, Italy, in May 2015. The conference was organized under the auspices of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Associazione Termotecnica Italiana (ATI), and the Unione Italiana di Termofluidodinamica (UIT), and was co-sponsored by The International Centre for Heat and Mass Transfer (ICHMT).
- Department of Defense (DoD): Served on the Mechanical Engineering Review Panel for the DoD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program from 1998 through 2010, chairing the panel from 2000 through 2010.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Served as a review panelist for the NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program in 2009 and 2010.
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers: Served as Region VIII Senior Representative to the Student Sections Committee from 2001 through 2004, and as Region VIII Representative to the Mechanical Engineering Department Heads Executive Committee from 2004 through 2006.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Awarded the 2002 ASME Student Section Advisor Award, a national-level award recognizing my work as the Gonzaga student section faculty advisor, at the ASME International Congress and Exposition, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2002. I was also the ASME Region VIII nominee for the same award the prior year.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Council on Undergraduate Research.
- Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers.