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C. V. SUMMARY

Professor Liu's professional interest is in creating innovative capability, quality and productivity for manufacturing processes and products through research and education. He is currently working on new aspects of integrated additive manufacturing at nano and micro scales. See I (a) below. Based on the economic and societal impact of his past research, he received several major awards at professional society and national levels. His areas of contributions include: (1) manufactured surface integrity and fatigue life; (2) sensor-based online modeling, prediction and adaptive compensation of machine tool error; (3) single-step superfinish hard machining process; (4) CAD/CAM Integration and (5) surface enhancement with nano/micro features. Academically, he has published over 170 refereed research papers and has been recognized as a pioneer and leader the area of surface integrity and performance. He has also developed a new graduate course on "Structured Engineering Innovation" (see attachment), which can ensure functional and system designs for achieving higher objectives of the design. This course has attracted high interest from industry. The highlight of his work is provided in the following.

I. HIGHLIGHT

I (a) CURRENT RESEARCH:

Dr. Liu's current research includes three areas:

- (1) Additive manufacturing systems based on laser melt layer construction,
- (2) Additive nano-manufacturing based on laser induced chemical deposition, and
- (3) Fatigue crack initiation modeling of a manufactured component.

The work in the first area includes the study of the thermal-mechanical-microstructure-propertyfatigue relationship of laser melt additive process. The materials include alloys and nanoenhanced metal matrix composites. His group has invented the method of creating graphenereinforced nano-composites by laser sintering/melting layer by layer. See http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1359645414005564 He is currently working on on-line process modeling for feedback control for ensuring quality and reliability. The work in the second area has led to a novel, generic and scalable nano-manufacturing process, see http://pin.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/12/30/1740349913515202, and a flexible nano-manufacturing system. Current research work include high rate generic methods for integrating the unit process and subassemblies for heterogeneous nanomaterials, and the study of the effect of processing on the structure, morphology and performance of nanomaterials, including self-powered nano/micro systems. One provisional patent is granted. The SnO₂ porous nanotube-arrays made as battery anodes are seen with excellent test result. The work in the third area has resulted in a crystal plasticity based methodology for fatigue crack initiation life prediction, which is a dominate part of fatigue life. See https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260411321. (4.1.110) In this work, a multi-scale computational methodology based on a crystal plasticity constitutive model was developed to

predict the micromechanical behavior of polycrystalline metals and the resultant damage formation during fatigue loadings.

I (b) RESEARCH RECOGNITION:

Professor Liu is widely recognized for his pioneering contributions in the fields of Surface Integrity. He is considered a pioneer leading to the establishment of the field of Manufactured Surface Integrity. His early research on the integrity of machined surfaces, which covers all high precision components for engineered products, resulted in over 70 refereed papers in this field [see papers in section 4.1]. His contributions have been progressively recognized by SME Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award (1981), ASME Blackall Award (1984), ASME William T. Ennor Award (2008), S. M. Wu Research Implementation Award, NAMRI (2011), and a number of invited keynote speeches.

This field has been growing, evidenced by the establishment of a global focused interest group at the International Institute of Production Research (CIRP) in 2007, and it is still expanding since.

In the last 8 years, he has extended the frontier of surface integrity research by including surface integrity variables in modeling **fatigue prediction**. Four of his journal papers have been identified by ScienceDirect as among the top 25 **most downloaded papers**. Recently, he has published a model for predicting fatigue crack initiation life based on crystal plasticity.

Detailed research works are discussed in II below. Details of honors and awards see section III.

II. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Liu's research can be classified as in the following areas: (a) surface integrity and fatigue life of manufactured components; (b) sensor-based online modeling, prediction, planning and adaptive control for improving machine tool accuracy; (c) finish/superfinish hard machining process; (d) CAD/CAM integration, and (e) surface enhancement with nano/micro sized features and others.

II (a) Surface Integrity and Fatigue Life of Manufactured Components:

Dr. Liu was among the first few on record to recognize the importance of manufacturing processes on surface integrity and the fatigue performance of structural components in the 1970's. He was the one who first identified the root mechanism affecting the variables of the integrity of a machined surface, which was the dynamic thermo-elasto-plastic process of chip removal, leading to the alteration of the residual stresses, microstructures, micro-hardness and surface finish. This has laid a foundation for further scientific studies of the surface integrity in machining beyond direct experimental measurement, and extended the chip removal model below the machined surface. He continued his pioneering research in this field by further extending it for modeling the fatigue performance. This has resulted in the formation of a focused interest group in CIRP, a global production/manufacturing research institution headquartered in Europe, with about 200 researchers participating in 2007.

For his innovative research in the area of surface integrity, he was awarded 2008 **ASME Ennor Award** (the most prestigious in manufacturing research) with the following citation:

"... for his seminal research on the integrity and fatigue performance of finish machined surfaces leading to significant impact on cost, reliability and safety for load-carrying components made of hardened steels."

Currently Dr. Liu is developing a new area of research for modeling, predicting and improving the fatigue life of manufactured components. He and his student have found that the fatigue life of manufactured components is dominated by the effect of manufacturing, due to the residual stresses and micro-structures induced/altered by the processes. By properly selecting and controlling the processes used, not only the average value but also the variance of the fatigue life can be greatly improved. Examples from his research on superfinish hard turning showed that

fatigue life could be varied by 50 times, depending on the process selected. See Figure 1.

The fatigue variance can also be reduced to 10% of the original. His research also showed that the safety factor required for 95% reliability of a component produced by conventional processes (grinding) could be 200 times larger than the one required for a carefully selected process, superfinish machining.

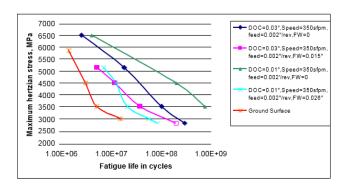


Figure 1. Fatigue life as affected by manufacturing conditions [Agha and Liu 2000]

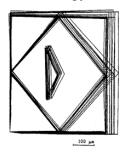
Fatigue life predictions of manufactured components have not being accurate because of, among others, the following reasons: (1) the fact that Paris law cannot be applied in the range of very small cracks; (2) the life before the small crack is a major part of the fatigue life of an engineered component; and (3) the variables of manufactured surface integrity have not been implemented in fatigue models. After making progresses in resolving the above issues, Dr. Liu was able to develop models that could predict rolling contact fatigue life at a more accurate level so the cost for extensive testing can be greatly reduced. It is envisioned that these models will be particularly useful for designing new load-carrying components coupled with the design of manufacturing processes for better system reliability. Four papers published by Professor Liu and Y. Choi, his PhD student, in 2006, 2008, 2008 and 2009 have been declared by ScienceDirect as the Top 25 most downloaded articles in a specific quarter. (Selected among all the articles published in the journals). These four papers offered a new generation of modeling methodology for predicting fatigue life of manufactured components carrying Hertzian load.

Recently a crystal plasticity based methodology for fatigue crack initiation life prediction was published. (see 4.1.110) In this work, a multi-scale computational methodology based on a crystal plasticity constitutive model was developed to predict the micromechanical behavior of polycrystalline metals and the resultant damage formation during fatigue loadings.

II (b). Sensor-Based Online Modeling, Prediction and Adaptive Control for Machine Tool Error Compensation [4.1.14]:

In search of cost-effective methods for enhancing machine tool accuracy, Dr. Liu pioneered in developing theory and software methods for compensating machine tool errors. [I.1.44] His project

funded by and collaborated with NIST received (jointly with the NIST team) an IR 100 Award [4.1.14]. Started in 1985, he was funded by the Office of Naval Research (\$1.3 million) for developing this idea further. Dr. Liu worked with 7 other faculty members and 15 graduate students. Under his direct supervision, he graduated 5 Ph.D. and 2 M.S. students in this area. The methodology developed has shown a capability for improving the accuracy of a CNC machine tool



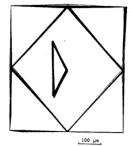


Figure 1.1 Workspace distortion without compensation (left) and with compensation (right)

up to 10 times. See Figure 1.1. Thus making it feasible for using turning and milling processes as alternatives for grinding and superfinishing. The Saginaw Machine Tool Company and the GM Windsor Plant are among the companies that adopted this methodology. In Europe, a CNC controller company has also implemented this method into their software. Foxcon of Taiwan is recently applying this methodology to improve the accuracy of over 10,000 machine tools.

II (c). Single-step Superfinish Hard Machining Process:

Dr. Liu was the first who proposed the development of single-step superfinish hard machining to replace the conventional soft machining, hardening, grinding and superfinishing. He has proven its feasibility. Since 1996, Dr. Liu has been cumulatively funded by NSF and industry with about \$1.56 millions for studying the basic issues and for developing a process design methodology for **Single-step Superfinish Hard Turning**, a new production concept initiated by him. The primary aim of this study was to develop the enabling technologies for improving the processes used. He was able to reduce the number of processes required. See Figure 2. Using the simplified process,

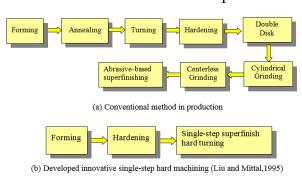


Figure 2. Process simplification for manufacturing bearing races.

fatigue life and manufacturing cost can be simultaneously reduced. The structure of the research was, at the first time, to develop, link and integrate the models from process mechanics and thermal damage to fatigue prediction of machined parts. It has been shown that this new process has the potential of improving the fatigue life of a component made of hardened steel over one order of magnitude as compared with that produced by the conventional processes. See Figure 1. This

technology has resulted in a basic patent issued to Purdue. This new processing technology will affect engineered products with over \$10 billion annual sales. He has 8 Ph.D. and 4 MS students graduated in this area. This research was reported in *INDUSTRY WEEK*, *IE HORIZON* and other national and international magazines.

For his innovative research in finish/superfinish hard turning and machine tool error modeling and compensation, he was awarded the prestigious **North American Manufacturing Research Institute S. M. Wu Research Implementation Award** in 2011.

II (d). CAD/CAM Integration:

This area of research was mainly proposed to and supported by Purdue ERC of Intelligent Manufacturing Systems. He has graduated 7 Ph.D.'s in this area. Some of these students have influenced the national standards with the support of NIST. His own major contribution was the conception and development of the first successful new methodology based on machined features for a fully automated process planning system based on the geometric data from a solid modeler as the input, and generating all possible NC programs as the output. This had been a persisting problems solved by his team. [4.1.28 &47] Other contributions include the following:

- 1. The development of a new 2-D intelligent engineering drawing system, which offers unique representations of "all" engineering components.
- 2. A method for representing design tolerances and manufacturing requirement in 3-D solid modelers. [4.1.22,36,36]
- 3. Methods of knowledge management and idea generation in mechanical design. [4.1.45]
- 4. A new methodology based on machined features for computable representation, classification and retrieval of conceptual and geometric designs with good manufacturability. [4.1.28 &47] Now feature-based representation is widely used in 3-D geometric modelers for CAD/CAM integration.

II (e) Surface enhancement with nano/micro sized features and others

Dr. Liu was funded by NSF for studying the performance of coating of Nano/micro cBN particles on cutting tools. This program has been expanded to surface enhancement with metal matrix nanocomposite by laser sintering/melting process. His group has invented the method of creating

carbon nanotubes-reinforced and graphenereinforced nano-composites by laser sintering/melting layer by layer. (4.1:113 and 114). See Figure 3. This new nano metal matrix composites construction method will minimize the lingering problem of nano aggregation. This innovative method of including nano-enhancement in metals is a way for nanocomposites new by manufacturing for small lot size at low cost and high rate.

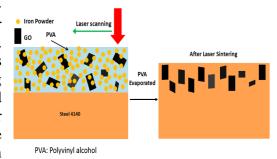


Figure 3 Integrating Single Layer Graphene-Oxides by SLS

Dr. Liu has also contributed to industrial research resulting in significant commercial impact. While working in industry, Dr. Liu conducted a study of the effect of mechanical energy on detergency, leading to significant advances in the science and engineering of clothes washing systems. The economic and performance impact of this study has given his company a major competitive advantage in product design, which has become the **dominant design in last 25 years**. This experience has offered a new perspective for him in teaching product and process innovation at Purdue.

He published a pioneering paper that applied Artificial Intelligence to Manufacturing Engineering [4.1.7-Don, et al 1984] and identified **INTELLIGENT MANUFACTURING** as a new frontier.

Later he led a project entitled "Intelligent Process Planning, Verification and Execution for Integrated Manufacturing Systems" with total funding of \$699,094 from NSF/Purdue Engineering Research Center, supporting 3 faculty members and 9 Ph.D. students.

III. Awards, Honors and Distinctions

- 1981- Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award*, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, (One of five awarded.)
- 1984- Blackall Machine Tool and Gage Award*, ASME. 1984. (One award offered annually for best paper in manufacturing science and engineering)
- 1985- IR 100 Award*, 1985 (for one of most significant technological advances, co-recipient).
- 1985- Purdue Vice-President for Research Award.
- 1985- Certificate of Appreciation, ASME.
- 1986- Certificate of Appreciation, ASME.
- 1986- Purdue Research Foundation Award.
- 1987- Certificate of Appreciation, ASME.
- 1987- Certificate of Appreciation, Governor Orr, State of Indiana.
- 1989- Offered (through a national search) the position of Fluke Distinguished Professor of Manufacturing Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1989.
- 1990 Invited by Prime Minister P. C. Hau to attend the 4th National Forum of Science and Technology, Taiwan, R0C.
- 1991/1994- Industrial Technology Committee, Asian-Pacific Asso. of Science and Technology.
- 1992- Fellow, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1992 present.
- 2001- Selected (through a national search) as the first candidate for an offer for Hardyman Chair of Mechanical Engineering, University of Kentucky, 2001.
- 2001- Listed in "Who is Who in America: Science and Engineering", Marquis Publishing Co.
- 2008- ASME William T. Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award* (society achievement award, recognizes innovative research leading to substantial economic/societal benefits).
- 2011- SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINNEERS/NAMRI S. M. Wu Research Implementation Award* (an institute award "recognizes original research leading to a significant commercial/societal impact").
- 2012- Keynote Speaker, "Nanomaterials and Engineered Surface Enhancement", The 4th International Conference on Advanced Manufacturing,

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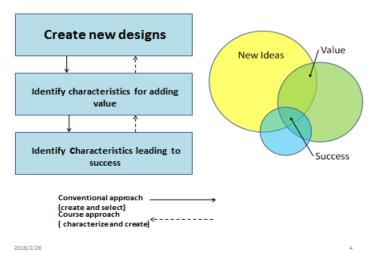
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APPENDIX: A NEW COURSE ON INNOVATIVE DESIGN IE59000 (Spring 2015, Spring 2016) Structured Engineering Innovation

Course background and motivation:

In all engineering disciplines, functional design courses are key for training students to become engineers. However, among the numerous functional designs based on specific functional needs, only a small fraction is likely to add value for specific system needs. Among these designs adding value, even a smaller fraction will enable success for the objectives set for a system. Therefore, there is a strong need in adding a new approach for teaching engineering design to ensure that the students can design for adding value and leading to success.

The objective of this course is to satisfy this need by teaching a new methodology developed by the instructor. This methodology systematically teaches the characteristics that a design must have in order to add value and lead to success. These characteristics are applied as guidance in new design process, shown in dotted arrows in the figure below.



These characteristics include the following requirements: strategic, functional, geometric, material, processing, production and quality. When these profiles are systematically applied, the approach becomes a structured and effective method of seeking design innovations that can add value, lead to success and even changing the game of competition, for a product, a process, a service, a system or a technology. This course was offered first time last Spring Semester, enrolled with 46 professional students from industry as a distance course and 15 students on campus. The learning from the class was effective, which was reflected in favorable class feedback (see a sample below).

Course Description:

Innovation is broadly defined in this course as: new ideas, designs, methods, products, processes, services and systems that add value and lead to success for a set of defined goals/objectives.

Thus we are not only interested in enhancing the creation of new designs but also to ensure that new designs will add values and lead to success for the predefined goals/objectives. Next waves of major economic opportunities for an enterprise and/or an individual will most likely come from innovation. Innovation can change the game of competition, and is created usually by the activity of design. The objective of this course is to address this central issue of wealth creation and business survival by teaching a structured approach for achieving successful engineering innovation/design. In this course, we will provide an opportunity for the student to acquire the understanding of industrial innovation and a structured process leading to successful innovative design, thereby to enhance his/her own career and wealth. We plan to introduce several innovation structuring and creation methods newly developed by the instructor, based on the instructor's own experiences in industry and academia, for competitive new product, process and research designs. We will also facilitate the students to study structured and case-enhanced approaches for product and manufacturing innovation, including extending them to service area. Our preliminary plan is to cover the following: (1) a review of the instructor's own experiences in product and manufacturing innovations and lessons learned about structured innovation, (2) strategy based innovative designs, (3) manufacturing based innovative designs (4) materials based innovative designs, (5) function based innovative designs, (6) structures, drivers and causes leading to product, process, service and technology innovations, and (7) dynamics of industrial innovation. Practical examples may include innovations in electric cars, jet engines, commercial aircrafts, industrial equipment, mobile phones, laundry products, bearings, cutting tools, machining processes, 3-D printing/additive manufacturing, nanomanufacturing, nanotechnology applications and in related systems. Topics may include: "innovation structure of Tesla", "product strategy: Boeing 787 Dreamliner vs Airbus Jumbo A-380X", "innovation driver: how innovations in new materials have driven by jet engines", "enhancing competitiveness: how Harley Davison was rebuilt through innovation", "new product development: developing a competitive consumer product evolved to become industry standard", "Innovative R&D: R&D leading to a revolutionary processes for making load-carrying components", "industrial competition and innovation", etc.

The major homework for the student is to develop a term paper/case study and present it in power point slides with voice explanations. Video recording may be required. There are also small exercises used for illustrating some methods for developing innovative ideas.

About the instructor: Professor Liu is recognized by several important awards for a number of research innovations: (1) by SME/NAMRI Wu Research Award, for having created "single step finish/super-finish hard machining, leading to a new market and a science base for engineering a new generation of processes, machine tools, cutting tools and manufacturing systems"; (2) by ASME Ennor Award "for his seminal research on surface integrity and fatigue performance of manufactured surfaces", (3) by IR100 Award for his research leading to significant accuracy enhancement with software for machine tools. Currently he is working on a new high rate scalable method of making nanomaterials and a new modeling approach for predicting fatigue initiation life including multi-scale mechanisms. He is a pioneer for creating the concept of the existing global supply-chain based manufacturing structure, now a key competitive factor for industry. He developed an innovative process for making high quality bearings, which is been applied by several major US bearing suppliers and users. He also served as a research engineer in industry where he developed a dominant product. He has published over 170 peer reviewed research papers, and taught courses on Design, on

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