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This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-conference proceedings of the Second International Conference on Learning and Intelligent Optimization, LION 2007 II, held in Trento, Italy, in December 2007. The 18 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 48 submissions for inclusion in the book. The papers cover current issues of machine learning, artificial intelligence, mathematical programming and algorithms for hard optimization problems and are organized in topical sections on improving optimization through learning, variable neighborhood search, insect colony optimization, applications, new paradigms, cliques, stochastic optimization, combinatorial optimization, fitness and landscapes, and particle swarm optimization.

This work discusses research in theoretical and practical aspects of security in distributed systems, in particular in information systems and related security tools. Topics include XML-based management systems, security of multimedia data, and technology and use of smart cards.

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This volume presents one of the clinical foundations of vasculopathies: the biological markers and risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease. A detailed biological and clinical framework is provided as a prerequisite for adequate modeling. Chapter 1 presents cardiovascular risk factors and markers, where the search for new criteria is aimed at improving early detection of chronic diseases. The subsequent chapters focus on hypertension, which involves the kidney among other organs as well as many agents, hyperglycemia and diabetes, hyperlipidemias and obesity, and behavior. The last of these risk factors includes altered circadian rhythm, tobacco and alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, and diet. The volumes in this series present all of the data needed at various length scales for a multidisciplinary approach to modeling and simulation of flows in the cardiovascular and ventilatory systems, especially multiscale modeling and coupled simulations. The cardiovascular and respiratory systems are tightly coupled, as their primary function is to supply oxygen to and remove carbon dioxide from the body's cells. Because physiological conduits have deformable and reactive walls, macroscopic flow behavior and prediction must be coupled to nano- and microscopic events in a corrector scheme of regulated mechanisms. Therefore, investigation of flows of blood and air in anatomical conduits requires an understanding of the biology, chemistry, and physics of these systems together with the mathematical tools to describe their functioning in quantitative terms.

The book looks at water availability and water demand in various sectors till 2050, presenting a methodology to prioritize options both on the demand and on the supply side, with a special focus on renewable energy desalination.

Making statistical modeling and inference more accessible to ecologists and related scientists, *Introduction to Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling for Ecological Data* gives readers a flexible and effective framework to learn about complex ecological processes from various sources of data. It also helps readers get started on building their own statisti

This volume contains the large majority of the papers presented at the Cooperative Effects Meeting which was held as part of the US Army Sponsored Symposium on New Laser Concepts at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, from November 30 through December 2, 1976. The motivation for the meeting was to bring together a representative cross-section of research scientists active in related areas of cooperative effects in matter-radiation field interaction and coherent pulse generation and propagation. An emphasis was placed upon the rapidly developing areas of superradiance and superfluorescence, with a balance between theory and experiment in regard to the choice of speakers. This meeting came at a very fortunate time when new experimental results in metal vapors and gases have just recently been realized. Also represented on the program were areas dealing with new laser concepts such as the free electron laser and two photon amplifier. A few supplemental papers are included in this volume which were authored by participants at the meeting, but were not present on the agenda, primarily due to limited time. These were included because of their relation to the content of papers which were presented and/or were the subject of discussion among attendees. The meeting consisted of eleven invited papers and two work shop sessions, each with a panel. The order of the papers in this volume generally follows the order of their presentation on the agenda.

However, the supplemental papers have been inserted where appropriate. *Analog and Power Wafer Level Chip Scale Packaging* presents a state-of-art and in-depth overview in analog and power WLCSP design, material characterization, reliability and modeling. Recent advances in analog and power electronic WLCSP packaging are presented based on the development of analog technology and power device integration. The book covers in detail how advances in semiconductor content, analog and power advanced WLCSP design, assembly, materials and reliability have co-enabled significant advances in fan-in and fan-out with redistributed layer (RDL) of analog and power device capability during recent years. Since the analog and power electronic wafer level packaging is different from regular digital and memory IC package, this book will systematically introduce the typical analog and power electronic wafer level packaging design, assembly process, materials, reliability and failure analysis, and material selection. Along with new analog and power WLCSP development, the role of modeling is a key to assure successful package design. An overview of the analog and power WLCSP modeling and typical thermal, electrical and stress modeling methodologies is also presented in the book.

Design and manufacturing is the essential element in any product development lifecycle. Industry vendors and users have been seeking a common language to be used for the entire product development lifecycle that can describe design, manufacturing and other data pertaining to the product. Many solutions were proposed,

the most successful being the Standard for Exchange of Product model (STEP). STEP provides a mechanism that is capable of describing product data, independent from any particular system. The nature of this description makes it suitable not only for neutral file exchange, but also as a basis for implementing, sharing and archiving product databases. ISO 10303-AP203 is the first and perhaps the most successful AP developed to exchange design data between different CAD systems. Going from geometric data (as in AP203) to features (as in AP224) represents an important step towards having the right type of data in a STEP-based CAD/CAM system. Of particular significance is the publication of STEP-NC, as an extension of STEP to NC, utilising feature-based concepts for CNC machining purposes. The aim of this book is to provide a snapshot of the recent research outcomes and implementation cases in the field of design and manufacturing where STEP is used as the primary data representation protocol. The 20 chapters are contributed by authors from most of the top research teams in the world. These research teams are based in national research institutes, industries as well as universities.

general chair: George G. Lendaris, Portland State University program chairs: Stephen Grossberg, Boston University Bart Kosko, University of Southern California Formed in 1987 in response to the extraordinary international interest in neural network research, INNS includes among its founders many of the most distinguished leaders of the field. The World Congress on Neural Networks was held to bring together academic scientists, students, industrial commercializers and financiers in an open forum for the advancement of the full spectrum of significant neural network research and development, from biology through technology.

This book contains a selection of the best papers given at an international conference on advanced computer systems. The Advanced Computer Systems Conference was held in October 2006, in Miedzyzdroje, Poland. The book is organized into four topical areas: Artificial Intelligence; Computer Security and Safety; Image Analysis, Graphics and Biometrics; and Computer Simulation and Data Analysis.

The packaging of electronic devices and systems represents a significant challenge for product designers and managers. Performance, efficiency, cost considerations, dealing with the newer IC packaging technologies, and EMI/RFI issues all come into play. Thermal considerations at both the device and the systems level are also necessary. The Electronic Packaging Handbook, a new volume in the Electrical Engineering Handbook Series, provides essential factual information on the design, manufacturing, and testing of electronic devices and systems. Co-published with the IEEE, this is an ideal resource for engineers and technicians involved in any aspect of design, production, testing or packaging of electronic products, regardless of whether they are commercial or industrial in nature. Topics addressed include design automation, new IC packaging technologies, materials, testing, and safety. Electronics packaging continues to include expanding and evolving topics and technologies, as the demand for smaller, faster, and lighter products continues without signs of abatement. These demands mean that individuals in each of the specialty areas involved in electronics packaging—such as electronic, mechanical, and thermal designers, and manufacturing and test engineers—are all interdependent on each others knowledge. The Electronic Packaging Handbook elucidates these specialty areas and helps individuals broaden their knowledge base in this ever-growing field.

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A cutting-edge review of the latest findings on the complexities of platelet function and the various means of inhibiting platelet clot formation. The authors delineate an up-to-date picture

of platelet biology and describe methods for assessing platelet function, including the commonly used platelet aggregation, thromboxane production, procoagulant function, platelet function under flow, and the expression of platelet activation markers. The focus is both on the technology and the outcome of research on platelets, including the fast developing fields of proteomics and genomics and their application to platelet research. The clinical applications of the various methods for the assessment of platelet function in vivo, as well as antiplatelet therapy, are fully discussed.

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For over 40 years, students, designers, and manufacturing practitioners have used the Fundamentals of Tool Design to gain an in-depth understanding of all the factors that impact tool success. Fully illustrated, readers will find practical design examples, cost analysis calculations, process data, operating parameters, and tips and techniques--all of the concrete knowledge needed to spark innovation and resolve complex tooling challenges.

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