Operational Controls

Description: A study of the principles of industrial measurement and control with emphasis on practical applications for gas turbine and industrial control. Methods of sensing, measuring, and transmitting data from industrial processes, feedback, automatic control systems, closed loop systems, controllers, control modes, and control configurations will be investigated. Mechanical, electronic, analog, and digital control mechanisms, including PLC's will be discussed.

Text: Instrumentation (with workbook). Kirk, Weedom, and Kirk. American Technical Publishers, 2010

Grading: Weekly Quizzes - 40%; Exams - 20%; Final Exam - 30%; Homework - 10%

Learning Objectives: To provide the student the understanding of operational controls from an application, rather than the theoretical end. The student, at the completion of the course, shall be able to:

- Define process control and identify key variables, control elements and static & dynamic performance characteristics.
- Understand types of temperature measurement devices including applications and calibration.
- Identify mechanical and electrical pressure measurement devices, including operation and calibration.
- Identify level instrumentation, including applications and calibration.
- Understand considerations in measuring level conditions including boiler and corrosive fluids.
- Identify properties of fluids that affect flow and the selection of flow measurement devices.
- Demonstrate the proper use flow measurement devices.
- Define the terms analysis, analyzer, and analyzer sampling system.

- Identify the proper analyzers for gas, liquid, and solid analysis.
- Apply measurement sensors and switches to liner and rotary applications.
- Discuss transmission methods, requirements, and applications.
- Define automatic control including process dynamics, strategy, tuning, and configuration.
- List and describe types of control valves, actuators, positioners, and dampers.
- Discuss Variable speed drives and power controllers,
- Describe the factors used to establish a safety process.
- Compare continuous and batch processes.
- Explain the use and operation of lead-lag air-fuel ratio control
- Describe common multivariable processes.

STCW Required Learning Objectives:

- OICEW-A4.1 Basic construction and operation principles of automatic control systems
- OICEW-A5.1 Operational characteristics of control systems
- OICEW-B1.1 Basic configuration and operation principles of sequential control circuits and associated devices
- OICEW-B1,2 Flowchart for automatic and control systems
- OICEW-B1.2 Functions, characteristics and features of control systems for machinery items
- OICEW-B1.3 Various automatic control methodologies and characteristics
- OICEW-B1,3 Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) control characteristics
- OICEW-B1.3 Associated system devices for process control
- OICEW-B1.3 Configuration and operation principles of control systems
- OICEW-B2.5 Function and performance tests of electrical and electronic monitoring systems
- OICEW-B2.5 Function and performance tests of electrical and electronic automatic control devices
- OICEW-B2.5 Function and performance tests of electrical and electronic protective devices

Schedule:

SECTION	Subject	
1	Introduction to Instrumentation	
March 1	Overview of Instrumentation	
	 Fundamentals of Process Control 	
	• P&ID's	
2	Temperature Measurement	
March 7	 Temperature, Heat, and Energy (review) 	
	 Thermometers: Thermal expansion, electrical, infrared. 	
	 Practical temperature measurement and calibration 	
3	Pressure Measurement	
March 14	 Pressure, Pascal's Law, pressure scales and units. 	
	 Mechanical & Electrical Pressure Instruments 	
	 Practical pressure measurement and calibration. 	
4	Level Measurement	
March 21	 Mechanical and Electrical Level Instruments 	
	 Ultrasonic, Radar, and Laser Level Instruments 	
	 Nuclear Level Instruments 	
	 Practical Level Measurement and Calibration 	
5	Flow Measurement	
March 28	• Fluid Flow	
	 Differential and Mechanical Flowmeters 	
	 Magnetic, Ultrasonic, and Mass Flowmeters 	
	 Practical Flow Measurement 	

Gas Analyzers
 Humidity and Solids Moisture Analyzers
Liquid Analyzers
Electrochemical and Composition Analyzers
Position Measurement
Mechanical and Proximity Switches
 Practical Position Measurement
Gas Turbine Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT)
o Liquid Fuel Gas Turbine Valves
 Gas Turbine Fuel Gas Valves Gas Turbine Inlet Guide Vanes
Gas Turbine Inlet Guide Vanes Gas Turbine Rotary Variable Differential Transformer
Transmission and Communication
Transmission and Communication Transmission Systems
Digital Communications
Industrial and Wireless Networks
Practical Transmission and Communication
Automatic Control
Automatic Control and Process Dynamics
Control Strategies
Controller Tuning
Digital and Electric Controllers
Final Elements
Control Valves
Regulators and Dampers
Actuators and Positioners
Variable Speed Drives and Electric Power Controllers
Safety Systems
Safety Devices and Equipment
Electrical Safety Standards
Safety Instrumented Systems
I&C Applications
General Control Techniques
Temperature Control
Pressure and Level Control
Flow Control
 Analysis and Multivariable Control
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Gas Turbine Applications
 Emergency Systems – DC Circuits
Gas Turbine Trip Circuits
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Gas Turbine Overspeed Circuits
Gas Turbine Start Up Permissives
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 Vibration Measurement Seismic (accelerometer)

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