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**“Intelligent Control of Nonlinear  
Hysteretic Electric  
Throttle Using Brushless DC Motor”**

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## ABSTRACT

The nonlinear hysteretic system (NHS) is very common in our physical systems, such as magnetized iron or the thermostat have this undesirable and yet inevitable property. The hysteresis is often used specifically to represent rate-independent state, as shown in Figure 1. A new intelligent control methodology, which is based on the fuzzy logic approach, will be proposed in this talk. In fact we will concentrate on the intelligent control of the nonlinear hysteretic electric throttle (ET) adopted in modern automobiles. **This control task is very important because it concerns lots of real human lives who are driving automobiles every day.** An electric throttle is a brushless-dc-motor-driven valve that regulates air inflow into the combustion system of the engine. The closed-loop throttle control system, as shown in Figure 2, should ensure fast and accurate reference tracking of the valve plate angle while preventing excessive wear of the throttle components by constraining physical variables to their normal-operation domains. These high quality control demands are hard to accomplish since

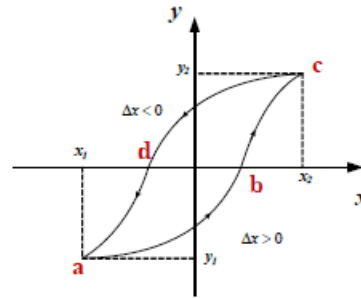


Figure 1. The Nonlinear Hysteresis System

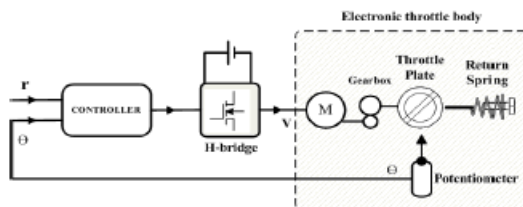


Figure 2. The closed-loop control of ET

the plant is burdened with strong nonlinear effects of friction, spring and limp-home nonlinearity. In this talk, the ET is treated as a Nonlinear Hysteresis System (NHS) with rate dependency and its property is shown in Figure 1. The NHS shown in Figure 1 is input/output bounded, i.e.,  $x_1 \leq x(t) \leq x_2$  and  $y_1 \leq y(t) \leq y_2$ . In Figure 1, when the input force  $x(t)$  increases, i.e.,  $\Delta x(t) > 0$ , the ET will operate from close to open, which is  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  in Figure 1. When  $x(t)$  decreases, i.e.,  $\Delta x(t) < 0$ , the ET will operate from open to close, which is  $c \rightarrow d \rightarrow a$  in Figure 1. Not only the theoretical aspects will be discussed, but also the real hardware implementation of our new methodology using advanced microcontrollers will be shown in this talk. For conclusion, we can say that the intelligent controller synthesis is performed in real time by solving an intelligent control problem of the electric throttle. The following Figure 3 shows the real-time implementation results.

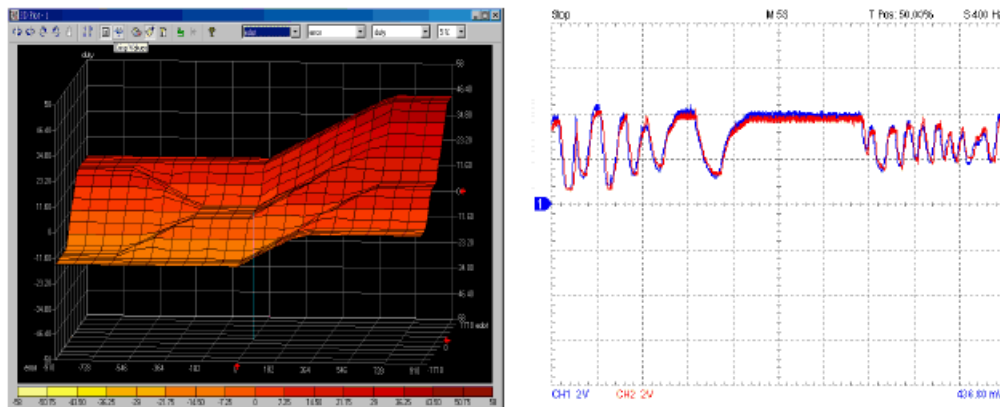


Figure 3. The 3D plot of Fuzzy Logic Controller with tracking performance

## REFERENCE

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