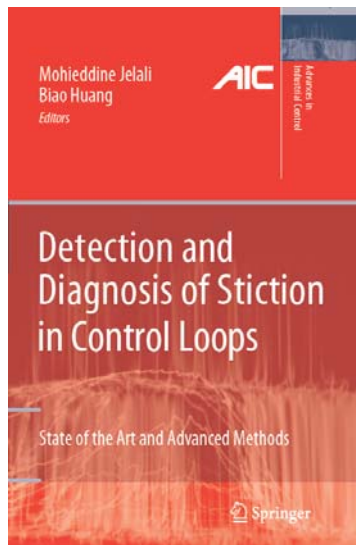


Detection and Diagnosis of Stiction in Control Loops

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The presence of non-linearities, such as stiction and deadband, places limits on the performance of control valves. Indeed, in the process industries, stiction is the most common valve problem, and over the last decade numerous different techniques for overcoming it have been proposed.

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- oscillation detection in control loops;
- stiction detection and diagnosis; and
- stiction quantification and diagnosis of multiple faults.

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