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## “Topology Optimization of Multi-Component Structural Assemblies”

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University of Tokyo, Mechanical Engineering, B. Eng. with Honor, 1990.

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1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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Outstanding Achievement Award, Design and Systems Division, Japan Soc. of Mech. Engrn., 2011; Senior Member, IEEE, 2007; Outstanding Achievement Award, Mech. Engg. Dept, 2007; Best Paper Awards finalist: Conf. on Automation Science and Engineering, 2006; EcoDesign: International Symp. on Environmentally Conscious Design and Inverse Manufacturing, 2005; Best Paper Award, Tools and Methods of Competitive Engineering, 2004; CAREER Award, National Science Foundation, 1999.

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**Venue: Room 221 (Engg. Bldg. II) \*No registration required**

After nearly three decades of continuous development, structural topology optimization techniques are matured to the point that problems with industry-level complexity can be solved with a personal computer. However, its widespread industry adaptation is still limited since the optimized results often require manual design modifications due to poor manufacturability. In particular, it is often the case that an optimized topology must be decomposed to multiple components with simpler geometries, since manufacturing as a single piece is either impossible or uneconomical. The resulting decomposed topology is no longer optimal since the decomposition introduces the joints that have different mechanical properties from the base material. This talk intends to provide a historical overview of topology optimization techniques for designing multi-component structural assemblies including oversights in earlier approaches. Recent attempts for extending to multi-material and 3D printed structures will also be discussed.

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