

Curriculum Vita

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Education:

- 1) Certificate M.P.C. in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry/ University of Paris (Paris/ France)/ 1963.
- 2) Diploma in Mechanical Engineering/ EPUL (University of Lausanne-Engineering School/ Lausanne/ Switzerland)/ 1968.
- 3) Doctor of Technical Sciences/ EPFL (Federal Technical University of Lausanne/ Lausanne/ Switzerland) 1972.
- 4) Certificate of Postgraduate Studies in Physical Metallurgy/ EPFL/ Lausanne/Switzerland/ 1972.

Career History:

1) Assistant II	EPFL	Lausanne/Switzerland	1970-71
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3) Professor	SYST (Group of Technical Schools of the Hellenic Army)	Athens/Greece	1973-78
4) Professor	Higher School of Engineers	Athens/Greece	1974-75
5) Engineer	Public Petroleum Corporation	Athens/Greece	1976-77
6) Engineer	Bureau of Military Works of the Hellenic Army	Athens/Greece	1977-78
7) Consulting Engineer	Independent	Athens/Greece	1978-today
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9) Lecturer	NTUA	Athens/Greece	1982-88
10) Assistant Professor	NTUA	Athens/Greece	1988-98
11) Prof. (Assoc.)	NTUA	Athens/Greece	1998-03
12) Professor	NTUA	Athens/Greece	2003-today

Present Position(s):

- 1) Professor of Dynamics of Mechanical Structures & Construction of Vehicles at the National Technical University of Athens /Greece
- 2) Director of Vehicles Laboratory of the National Technical University of Athens /Greece

Organizational Membership:

1) Member of TEE (Hellenic Technical Chamber)	1972 - today
2) Vice-president of the Hellenic Institute for Electric Vehicles	1993 - today
3) President of the Leica Hellenic Club of Photography	1996 – today
4) Société Suisse des Ingénieurs et des Architectes	1970-2000
5) American Society for Testing & Materials	1970-1983
6) American Society for Heating Refrigeration & Air conditioning	1977-1993
7) Society of Automotive Engineers International	1990-1999
8) International Advisor, Society of Automotive Engineers International	1994-1999
9) New York Academy of Sciences	1994-1999
10) Chief Academician Secretary of the Euro-Mediterranean Academy of Arts & Sciences	2010-today

Honours/Awards/Prizes:

- 1) Patent by the Hellenic Patent Office for a vehicles suspension system.
- 2) International Patent (PCT) for gears and a differential (with Theodore and Vassilis Tsiriggakis)
- 3) Diploma of Honour of the Union of Hellenic Writers (1996)
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10 books or lecture notes and around 120 scientific papers in International Journals or in the Proceedings of International Symposia (listed here-after).

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- 2) A. Kanarachos & **C. N. Spentzas**: An artificial damping method for the determination of the steady state of harmonically excited non-linear systems, *J. of Sound and Vibration*, Vol. 120, Nr. 3, pp. 597-608, **1988**.
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- 5) A. Kanarachos, N. Koutsidis & **C. N. Spentzas**: Static analysis of thin-walled structures using polynomial and exact solutions: Application to thin-walled pipes, *Thin-Walled Structures*, Vol. 12, pp. 89-112, **1991**.
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- 10) **K. N. Σπέντζας**: "Ηλεκτροκίνητον Όχημα: Το μεταφορικόν μέσον του 21ου αιώνος," *Τεχνικά Χρονικά TEE*, Τεύχος 2, σελ. 23-19, **1995**.
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