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**Seminar on**  
***Application of Some Approaches for the  
Modeling and Monitoring of Complex Nonlinear Systems***

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**ABSTRACT**

The need to develop data-based, high-fidelity, reduced-order, and reduced-complexity, mathematical models of complex, uncertain, nonlinear systems arises in many important areas, spanning the fields of applied mechanics, infrastructure systems, Micro-Electro-Mechanical devices, biological systems, etc. This presentation will provide an overview of some promising data-driven nonparametric system identification techniques that are shown to be capable of reliably detecting and quantifying nonlinearities in uncertain systems. Results from several examples (analytical models, a nonlinear laboratory testbed structure with uncertain parameters, a biological system, and a full-scale structure) are used to demonstrate the range of validity of the proposed modeling approach. It is shown that, if the topology of the target system can be exploited, then the proposed data processing methodology is capable of confidently detecting the presence of nonlinearities, accurately locating the structural section where the nonlinear effects were observed, and of providing an estimate of the features and severity of the nonlinearity.

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