

# Preface to the second edition

The new edition of the book reflects the fact that both the theory and the applications have evolved over the last twelve years. Some topics have been removed, others expanded, and new codes were added.

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We have not included references to scientific literature, industry standards, or internet resources. As both theory and applications have diversified, we can no longer point to a few useful starting points for further studies, but the interested reader should have no difficulty in searching for additional information about specific subjects.

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