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Professional Profile

Dr. Souri's expertise is in microelectronics and computing systems. His professional activities involve advising industrial and legal clients as well as government entities on science and technology matters addressing issues related to intellectual property, product reliability, and failure analysis. He has led complex investigations involving electronics, computer communications, and software controls for safety-critical applications in the medical device, automotive, aviation and process controls industries.

Dr. Souri's experience in the area of microelectronics systems includes technical investigations into computer memories, device physics, integrated circuit (IC) fabrication processes, and esoteric semiconductor material systems for solid-state lighting. He also has broad experience with power electronic devices, circuit protection, IC packaging, and printed circuit board assemblies and display technologies as used in various industries including consumer appliances.

In computing systems, Dr. Souri has worked extensively with embedded controls systems for automotive applications, computer hard disk drives and for drug delivery and implantable devices. He also has expertise in telephony, secure mobile and Internet communications, microprocessor architectures particularly for mobile computing and has analyzed audio/video/image processing software and developed digital asset delivery technologies.

Dr. Souri received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at Stanford University on 3-Dimensional integration of ICs and has taught several courses on IC fabrication, optical fiber communications, TCP/IP networking, and communications protocols and implementation of systems on 3-D chips. He also read Engineering Science at Balliol College, Oxford, where he specialized in photorefectance microscopy of semiconductor materials. His current research interests include: cloud computing, information security and privacy; financial portfolio optimization, and trading algorithms and software.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, 2003

M.S., Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, 1994

M.A., University of Oxford, UK, 2007

B.A., Engineering Science, University of Oxford, UK, *honors*, 1992

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Prior Experience

Founder, Merenga Inc., 2000-2002

Co-Founder and Engineering Manager, arcadiaOne, Inc., 1999-2000

Research Engineer, Circuit Protection Division, Raychem, 1996-1997

Research Scientist, Corporate Research & Development, Raychem, 1994-1996

Professional Affiliations

Institution of Engineering and Technology — IET (member)

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (senior member)

Oxford University Society (life member)

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Patents

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