

# Kai Virtanen

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal information:

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### Education:

- *Doctor of Technology*, Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Engineering Physics and Mathematics, August 23, 2005, Accepted with distinction  
Major: Systems and Operations Research  
Minor: Mathematics  
Thesis title: Optimal Pilot Decisions and Flight Trajectories in Air Combat
- *Master of Science*, Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Information Science, January 30, 1996, Accepted with distinction  
Major: Systems and Operations Research  
Minor: Energy Economics  
Thesis title: Visual Interactive Aircraft Trajectory Optimization

### Academic career:

- July 2017 – Present: *Professor of Practice* in the joint professorship of Operations Research at Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, School of Science, Aalto University and at Department of Military Technology, National Defence University, Finland
- November 2013 – June 2017: *Professor of Practice*, Aalto University, School of Science, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, Espoo, Finland
- August 2011 – Present: *Adjunct Professor*, National Defence University, Department of Warfare, Helsinki, Finland
- January 2010 – Present: *Docent*, Aalto University, School of Science, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, Espoo, Finland
- January 2012 – October 2013: *University Lecturer*, Aalto University, School of Science, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, Espoo, Finland
- January 2010 – December 2011: *Teaching Research Scientist*, Aalto University, School of Science, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, Espoo, Finland
- January 2007 – December 2009: *Teaching Research Scientist*, Helsinki University of Technology, Systems Analysis Laboratory, Espoo, Finland
- April 1996 – December 2006: *Research Scientist*, Helsinki University of Technology, Systems Analysis Laboratory, Espoo, Finland
- September 2001 – February 2002: *Visiting Researcher*, University of South Australia, School of Mathematics, Adelaide, Australia
- June 1995 – March 1996: *Research Assistant*, Helsinki University of Technology, Systems Analysis Laboratory, Espoo, Finland
- September 1994 – May 1995: *Teaching Assistant*, Helsinki University of Technology, Systems Analysis Laboratory, Espoo, Finland

- June 1994 – August 1994: *Research Assistant*, Helsinki University of Technology, Systems Analysis Laboratory, Espoo, Finland
- *Project Manager* in the following research projects, Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis:
  - 2021 – 2024: Finnish Air Force, *Improving Tactical Use of Aircraft Fleet 4*
  - 2023 – 2024: Finnish Defence Forces, *Defence Forces Research Programme: Situational Awareness and Sensor Fusion*
  - 2021 – 2023: Finnish Defence Forces, *Defence Forces Research Programme: Decision Support for Joint Operations*
  - 2021 – 2022: Ministry of Defence, *Effects of Wind Power Farms on Military Readiness*
  - 2017 – 2020: Finnish Air Force, *Improving Tactical Use of Aircraft Fleet 3*
  - 2013 – 2016: Finnish Air Force, *Improving Tactical Use of Aircraft Fleet 2*
  - 2014 – 2015: Finnish Air Force, *Modeling of Anti-Aircraft Defense Capability against Projectiles*
  - 2014 – 2015: Finnish Air Force, *Simulation-Optimization of Maintenance Systems*
  - 2010 – 2012: Finnish Air Force, *Improving Tactical Use of Aircraft Fleet*
  - 2010: Finnish Air Force, *Optimization of Flight Routes and Base Locations*
  - 2010: Finnish Defence Forces, *Center of Gravity Analysis using Bayesian Networks*
  - 2007 – 2009: Finnish Air Force, *Modeling of Air Operations*
  - 2000 – 2007: Finnish Air Force, *Dynamics and Strategy of Flight*
  - 2000 – 2007: Finnish Air Force, *Analysis of Maintenance Systems under Uncertain Operating Conditions*
  - 1999 – 2001: Patria Finavitec Ltd, *Target Selection Algorithms*

**Research interests:**

- Simulation including simulation-optimization and simulation metamodeling
- Dynamic optimization and games
- Human behavior and performance in complex systems
- Military operations research including combat modeling and simulation
- Multicriteria and spatial decision analysis including Bayesian networks and influence diagrams

**Language skills:**

Finnish (Native), English (Good), Swedish (Moderate)

**Military service:**

1990-1991: Finnish Defence Forces; Rank: Senior Lieutenant

**Professional activities:**

- Reviewer for
  - Annals of Operations Research
  - Environmental Modeling and Assessment
  - Ergonomics
  - European Journal of Operational Research
  - Group Decision and Negotiation
  - IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems
  - IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
  - IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering
  - IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics
  - Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics
  - Journal of Military Studies
  - Journal of Operational Research Society
  - Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications
  - Mathematical Problems in Engineering
  - Operations Research
  - OR Spectrum
  - Simulation Modelling Practice and Theory
  - Socio-Economic Planning Sciences
- Reviewer of research projects for *Israel Science Foundation* (ISF)
- Member of international programme committee: ASTEC, *Asian Simulation Technology Conference*, 2010 – 2015

- Chairman of *the Systems Analysis Section of the Scientific Advisory Board for Defence (MATINE)*, 2016 – Present, Member 2013 – 2015
- Member of
  - *Finnish Operations Research Society (FORS)*
  - *International Society of Dynamic Games (ISDG)*
  - *International Society on Multiple Criteria Decision Making*
- Representative of Aalto University and Helsinki University of Technology at *the Consortium of Finnish Virtual University Network for Teaching Mathematical Modeling*, 2002 – 2015
- Supervisor: *Finnish Doctoral Education Network in Systems Analysis, Decision Making and Risk Management*, 2005 – Present
- Deputy member of *Master's Programmes Committee of Engineering Physics, Mathematics and Operations Research*, School of Science, Aalto University, 2015 – Present
- Member of *Research Council*, National Defence University of Finland, 2017 – Present

**Decorations, awards and grants:**

- Best Paper Award Year 2017 of Journal of Aviation Psychology and Applied Human Factors, 2017
- The Operations Researcher of the Year 2015 nominated by the Board of Finnish Operations Research Society
- Medal for Military Merits, 2013
- Systems Analysis Laboratory Research Group, Department of Mathematics and Systems Analysis, School of Science, Aalto University; Teacher of the Year 2011
- Systems Analysis Laboratory, Helsinki University of Technology; Teacher of the Year 2007 and 2008
- Helsinki University of Technology; Award for PhD, 2005
- Emil Aaltonen Foundation, 2000
- Finnish Foundation for Technology Promotion, 1999
- Wihuri Foundation, 1997

**Teaching experience:**

- Courses lectured (Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology)
  - “*Systems Analysis Laboratory I: Selected topics on System Dynamics, Systems Thinking, and Time Series Analysis*,” 2003-2021
  - “*Systems Analysis Laboratory II: Selected topics on Control Theory and Dynamic Optimization*,” 2003-2021
  - “*Studio Course on Methods of Physics and Mathematics*,” 2015-2021
  - “*System Identification*,” 2007-2016, 2018, 2020
  - “*Simulation*,” 2016
  - “*Introduction to Statistical Analysis*,” 2006-2014
  - “*Dynamic Optimization*,” 2000-2003
- Classes and exercise sessions organized in Senior staff officer course (National Defence University)
  - “*Introduction to Operations Research and Operational Analysis*,” 2018, 2020
  - “*Supporting Decision Making with Modeling and Simulation in Finnish Air Force*,” 2018, 2020
  - “*Introduction to Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis*,” 2020
  - “*Thesis Seminar*,” 2019, 2020, 2021
  - “*Research Methods in Military Studies: Modeling and Simulation*,” 2017, 2019
  - “*Research Methods in Military Studies: Value Tree Analysis and Analytic Hierarchy Process*,” 2017, 2019
  - “*Implementation and Facilitation of a War Game for Testing and Evaluation of Air Capabilities*,” 2019
- Classes and exercise sessions organized in Advanced course on military technology and economy (National Defence University)
  - “*Operational Analysis in Finnish Defence Forces*,” 2018-2020
  - “*Introduction to Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis including Value Tree Analysis*,” 2018-2020
  - “*Utilization of Value Tree Analysis in Development of Military Concepts and Capabilities*,” 2018-2020
  - “*Introduction to Optimization including Linear, Integer and Mixed-Integer Programming*,” 2020, 2021
  - “*Use of Modeling and Simulation in Selection of Weapons Systems*,” 2019

- Classes and exercise sessions organized in Staff officer course (National Defence University)
  - “*Multi-Criteria Evaluation of Courses of Action*,” 2018-2021
- Classes and exercise sessions organized in Master’s course in military sciences (National Defence University)
  - “*Research Methods in Military Studies: Introduction to Military Operations Research and Operational Analysis; Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis; Optimization*,” 2021
  - “*Introduction to Value Tree Analysis*,” 2020
  - “*Utilization of Value Tree Analysis in Planning of Military Concepts*,” 2020
  - “*Linear, Integer and Mixed-Integer Programming*,” 2019
  - “*Value Tree Analysis and Analytic Hierarchy Process*,” 2019
- Seminars organized (Helsinki University of Technology)
  - “*Seminar on Optimization: Bayesian Networks and Influence Diagrams*,” 2005
  - “*Seminar on Optimization: Influence Diagrams and Belief Networks*,” 1999
- Supervision of web-based courses (Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology)
  - “*Mathematical Modelling*,” 2000-2021
  - “*Web-based Courses in Systems Analysis*,” 2005-2006, 2014-2020
  - “*Multicriteria Optimization*,” 2000-2001
- Teaching assistant (Helsinki University of Technology)
  - “*System Identification*,” 2005
  - “*Systems Research Seminar*,” 2000-2001
  - “*Dynamic Optimization*,” 1997-1999
  - “*Seminar on Optimization: Fuzzy Mathematical Models*,” 1997
  - “*Graduate Seminar on Applied Mathematics: Stochastic Dynamic Optimization*,” 1996
  - “*Mathematical Modelling*,” 1995
  - “*Applied Probability*,” 1994
- Visiting lectures
  - “*Multi-Criteria Evaluation of Course of Actions*,” National Defence University, 2010-2017
  - “*Supporting Decision Making with Modeling and Simulation in Finnish Air Force*,” National Defence University, 2013-2016

#### **Supervision of theses:**

- Doctoral theses in Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology
  - Sampsu Ruutu, 2019; Tuomas Lahtinen, 2018; Jirka Poropudas, 2011, awarded the “*Doctoral Dissertation of the Year in the Doctoral Programme in Science*” prize of 2011, School of Science, Aalto University; Janne Karelähti, 2008; ongoing: Mikko Harju, Pekka Laitila, Ville Mattila, Juha Mäntysaari, Heikki Puustinen
- Three Doctoral theses ongoing in National Defence University; Pre-examination of one thesis
- Twelve Senior staff officer course theses in National Defence University
- Ten Staff officer course theses in National Defence University
- Master’s theses in Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology
  - Tuomas Suominen, 2021; Nina Gunell, 2019; Verner Lauksio, 2019; Visa Linkiö, 2018; Eero Rantala, 2018; Riku Hyttiäinen, 2017; Pekka Laitila, 2013; Heikki Puustinen, 2013; Mikko Harju, 2013; Juho Kokkala, 2010; Jouni Pousi, 2009; Jaakko Sotkasiira, 2006; Jirka Poropudas, 2005; Tiia Järvenpää, 2003; Ville Mattila, 2002; three theses ongoing
- Three Master’s theses in National Defence University; four theses ongoing
- Approximately 70 Bachelor theses and Special assignments in Aalto University or Helsinki University of Technology; four theses ongoing

#### **Conference presentations:**

- 10th Military Science Days, Helsinki, Finland, November 3-4, 2021, “*Victory of Combat using Modeling – Use of Live-Virtual-Constructive Simulation in Testing and Evaluation of Air Combat Tactics, Techniques and Procedures*”
- 6th Nordic Military Operational Analysis Conference, Kjeller, Norway, October 29, 2019, “*Live-Virtual-Constructive Simulation Framework for Testing and Evaluation of Air Combat Tactics, Techniques and Procedures*”
- 9th Military Science Days, Helsinki, Finland, May 24-25, 2018, “*Victory of Combat using Modeling – Air Force Case: Planning of Air-to-Surface Operations*”
- 21st Conference of International Federation of Operational Research Societies, Québec City, Canada, 17-21 July, 2017, “*Spatial Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis with Incomplete Preference Information*”

- 9th EUROSIM Congress on Modelling and Simulation, Oulu, Finland, September 12-16, 2016, "Simulation Metamodeling using Dynamic Bayesian Networks with Multiple Time Scales"
- 4th Nordic Military Analysis Seminar, Helsinki, Finland, June 1-2, 2015, "On Modeling, Simulation and Optimization of Military Air Operations"
- Winter Simulation Conference 2014, Savannah, GA, USA, December 7-10, 2014, "Optimizing Locations of Decoys for Protecting Surface-based Radar against Anti-Radiation Missile with Multi-Objective Ranking and Selection"
- 25th European Conference on Operational Research, Vilnius, Lithuania, July 8-11, 2012, "Simulation Metamodeling using Bayesian Networks"
- 21st International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, Jyväskylä, Finland, June 12-17, 2011 "Utilization of Multi-Criteria Influence Diagrams in Simulation Metamodeling"
- 20th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, Chengdu, China, June 21-26, 2009, "Maintenance Scheduling of Fighter Aircraft Fleet with Multi-Objective Simulation-Optimization"
- 20th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, Chengdu, China, June 21-26, 2009, "Multiple Criteria Optimization and Analysis in the Planning of Effects-Based Operations (EBO)"
- INFORMS Annual Meeting 2008, Washington, DC, USA, October 12-15, 2008, "Game Theoretic Approach to Air Combat Simulation"
- 2nd Nordic Military Analysis Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden, November 17-18, 2008, "Games and Bayesian Networks in Air Combat Simulation Analysis"
- Winter Simulation Conference 2007, Washington, DC, USA, December 9-12, 2007, "Flight Time Allocation for a Fleet of Aircraft through Reinforcement Learning" (poster presentation)
- 46th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, December 12-14, 2007, "Identifying the Guidance Law of an Air-to-Air Missile using Bayesian Reasoning" (poster presentation)
- INFORMS International, Hong Kong, China, June 25-28, 2006, "A Multistage Influence Diagram Game for Maneuvering Decisions in Air Combat"
- European Simulation and Modelling Conference 2005, Porto, Portugal, October 24-26, 2005, "Simulating Pilot's Decision Making by an Influence Diagram Game"
- 11th International Symposium on Differential Games and Applications, December 18-21, 2004, Tucson, Arizona, USA, "Multistage Influence Diagram Game for Maneuvering Decisions in Air Combat"
- 1st Nordic Military Operational Research Symposium, Helsinki, Finland, October 26-27, 2004, "Influence Diagram Game Modeling of Maneuvering Decisions in One-on-One Air Combat"
- 1st Nordic Military Operational Research Symposium, Helsinki, Finland, October 26-27, 2004, "Optimal Pilot Decisions and Flight Trajectories in Air Combat"
- Finnish Operations Research Society - 30th Anniversary Conference, Helsinki, Finland, November 13, 2003, "Optimal Maneuvering and Flight Trajectories in Air Combat" (in Finnish)
- 1st Bayesian Modeling Applications Workshop of the 19th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Acapulco, Mexico, August 7, 2003, "Influence Diagram Modeling of Decision Making in a Dynamic Game Setting"
- 10th International Symposium on Differential Games and Applications, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 8-11, 2002, "An Influence Diagram Approach to One-on-One Air Combat"
- AIAA Guidance, Control, and Navigation Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 6-9, 2001, "Modeling Pilot's Sequential Maneuvering Decisions by a Multistage Influence Diagram"
- 9th International Symposium on Differential Games and Applications, Adelaide, Australia, December 18-21, 2000, "Team Optimal Signaling Strategies in Air Combat"
- 4th Noon2nooN Seminar on Decision Sciences and Applications, Helsinki, Finland, December 16-17, 1998, "Modeling Pilot Decision Making by an Influence Diagram"
- AIAA Modeling and Simulation Technologies Conference, Boston, MA, USA, August 10-12, 1998, "Modeling Pilot Decision Making by an Influence Diagram"
- EUROSIM'98 Simulation Congress, Espoo, Finland, April 14-15, 1998, "A Decision Analytic Approach to Flight Simulation"
- IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, Orlando, Florida, USA, October 12-15, 1997, "VIATO - Visual Interactive Aircraft Trajectory Optimization"
- 10th European Simulation Multiconference, Budapest, Hungary, June 2-6, 1996, "Interactive Aircraft Trajectory Optimization and Simulation"