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Ferat Sahin was born in Istanbul, the most beautiful city in Turkey, on October 12, 1971. He expressed a very special interest in Electronics at very young age, and decided to become an Electrical Engineer after an experiment about the electricity in Physics class in the last year of secondary school. He continued his education in a technical high school majoring in electronics. He blew his first capacitor when he was trying to repair a hand radio in his senior year in high school. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics and Telecommunications in October 1992, at Istanbul Technical University and went on to pursue a Master of Science degree in the same field. After one year, he decided to continue his study in the U.S. and came to Virginia Tech. His extracurricular interests include soccer, basketball, photography, saz (a Turkish musical instrument), social organizations. He is currently the president of Turkish Student Association at Virginia Tech.