

Curriculum vitae of Stefano Di Gennaro

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Personal Information

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Education

Philosophy Doctor in System Engineering (from April 1989 to July 1992), University of Rome “La Sapienza”. Defense: July 10, 1992

“Laurea” Degree (from November 1983 to November 1987) in Nuclear Engineering, specialization ‘Automatic Control’, University of Rome “La Sapienza”. Defense: November 9, 1987 (summa cum laude). This degree includes the B.Sc. (3 years) and the M.Sc. (2 years) degrees

Academic Positions

Tenured Full Professor: Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics – DISIM (April 3, 2023 – present)

Tenured Associate Professor: Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics – DISIM (July 1, 2012 – March 31, 2023)

Tenured Associate Professor: Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Engineering Faculty, University of L’Aquila (November 1, 2005 – June 30, 2012)

Untenured Associate Professor: Department of Electrical and Information Engineering, Engineering Faculty, University of L’Aquila (November 1, 2002 – October 31, 2005)

Tenured Assistant Professor: Department of Electrical Engineering, Engineering Faculty, University of L’Aquila (October 19, 1993 – October 31, 2002)

Untenured Assistant Professor: Department of Electrical Engineering, Engineering Faculty, University of L’Aquila (October 19, 1990 – October 18, 1993)

He is also with the **Center of Excellence DEWS** – Design of Embedded controllers, Wireless interconnect and System-on-chip, University of L’Aquila, from 2001 to the present

Member of the National Association SIDRA (Società Italiana dei Docenti e Ricercatori di Automatica), from 2020 to the present

Member of the I-RIM (Istituto di Robotica e Macchine Intelligenti), from 2020 to the present

Affiliated at the CINI National Lab in Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems (AIIS CINI, Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per l’Informatica), from 2020 to the present

National/International Acknowledgements

Italian Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Automatic Control obtained in 2014

Italian Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Automatic Control obtained again in 2020

French Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Automatic Control obtained in 2014 (N. qualification: 14161264005)

Academic Leader at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, September–October 2008

Best Paper Award for the paper “Super Twisting Sliding Mode Controller for PMSM fed with Multilevel Inverter for E–transportation”, Vidhi Patel, Concettina Buccella, Stefano Di Gennaro, Carlo Cecati, 2020 IEEE 9th International Power Electronics and Motion Control Conference (IPEMC2020–ECCE Asia)

Best Contribution Award at the 2020 Automatica.it workshop

*Positions in other
Institutions*

Visiting Fellow at the Department Comb–Mephis of the ENEA – Casaccia, from October 1986 to December 1987

Visiting Fellow at the Department of Computer and System Science “Antonio Ruberti” of the University of Rome “La Sapienza”, from September 1987 to July 2011

Visiting Fellow/Professor at the École Supérieure d’Électricité (Supélec), Laboratoire des Signaux et Systèmes, C.N.R.S., Paris, France, March–April 1991, July 1993, July 1997, July 1998, from September 2011 to July 2012

Visiting Fellow at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, U.S.A., from September 1993 to January 1994, and from December 1994 to January 1995

Visiting Fellow at the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados del IPN (CINVESTAV), Unidad Ciudad de Mexico, D.F., Mexico, from August to September 1993, and November 1994

Visiting Fellow at the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Berkeley University, from October to November 1998

Visiting Fellow/Professor at the Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del IPN (CINVESTAV), Unidad Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, from 1998 to the present (various periods)

Visiting Professor at the Universidad de Guadalajara, Centro Universitario de la Ciénega (CUCI), Ocotlán, Jalisco, Mexico, from 2013 to the present (various periods)

Visiting Professor at the École de Technologie Supérieure (ETS), Montréal, Québec, Canada, August 2008, and from July to August 2009

Visiting Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Departamento de Electrónica y Mecatrónica, September–October 2008

Visiting Professor at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus León, Guanajuato, Mexico, September 2008

Visiting Professor at the École Nationale Supérieure de l’Electronique et de ses Applications (ENSEA), Laboratoire d’Électronique et Commande des Systèmes, Cergy, France, from 2012 to the present (various periods)

Visiting Professor at the Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut–Cambrésis (UVHC), Laboratory of Industrial and Human Automation, Mechanics and Computer Science (LAMIH), France, May 2012, June 2014, July 2017

Visiting Fellow at the ENEA – Casaccia RC, from 2011 to 2015 (multiple visits)

Visiting Fellow at the ENEA – Frascati RC, from 2015 to the present (multiple visits)

Teaching Experiences

As Assistant Professor at the University of L’Aquila

Control Systems, from 1990 to 1998 (~30 hrs/year)

Fundamentals of Control Systems, from 1998 to 2001 (~30 hrs/year)

Modeling and Control of Environment Systems, from 1995 to 1996 (~30 hrs/year)

As Temporary Lecturer in Italy

Control Systems, University of L'Aquila, Diploma Universitario in Electrical Engineering, from the A.Y. 1994/1995 to the A.Y. 1998/1999 (60 hrs/year)

Systems Theory, University of Cassino, Curriculum in Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, from the A.Y. 1994/1995 to the A.Y. 1996/1997 (90 hrs/year)

Engineering and Technology of Control Systems, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Control Engineering, from the A.Y. 1998/1999 to the A.Y. 2001/2002 (90 hrs/year)

Hybrid & Embedded System Control and Design, University of L'Aquila, Master Siemens in "Design and Management of Advanced Systems and Devices for Telecommunication", Faculty of Engineering, A.Y. 2004/2005 (30 hrs)

Spacecraft Attitude Control, Master in Aerospace Engineering, Telespazio, Fucino, A.Y. 2001/2002 (10 hrs)

As Associate or Full Professor at the University of L'Aquila

Control Systems, from 2001 to 2004 (~30 hrs/year)

Engineering and Technology of Control Systems, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Control Engineering, from the A.Y. 2002/2003 to the present (90 hrs/year, and 60 hrs/year since the A.Y. 2018/2019)

Nonlinear Systems, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Control Engineering, from the A.Y. 2012/2013 to the present (60 hrs/year)

Control Systems I, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Control Engineering, from the A.Y. 2004/2005 to 2006/2007 (60 hrs/year)

Control Systems, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Mathematical Engineering, from the A.Y. 2007/2008 to the A.Y. 2011/2012, and in the A.Y. 2017/2018 (45 hrs/year)

Control Systems and Laboratory, University of L'Aquila, Postgraduate School, from the A.Y. 2000/2001 to the A.Y. 2008/2009 (~24 hrs/year)

Control of Energy Systems, University of L'Aquila, Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Control Engineering, from the A.Y. 2021/2022 to the present (20 hrs/year, and 30 hrs/year since the A.Y. 2022/2023)

As Lecturer abroad

Control Engineering, M.Sc. on Electric Engineering, CINVESTAV campus Guadalajara, held at the Nayarit Technological University, August 2006 (40 hrs)

Courses as 'Academic leader' (Error Detection of Hazardous Events in the Air Traffic Control; Mechatronic in Modern Vehicles; Attitude Control of Vehicles; Control Problems for New Generation Vehicles; High Performance Attitude Control of Spacecraft; Digital Control of Induction Motors), B.Sc. on Electrical and Mechatronics Engineering, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, September–October 2008

Courses as 'Academic leader' (Error Detection of Hazardous Events in the Air Traffic Control; Attitude Control of Vehicles), B.Sc. on Electrical and Mechatronics Engineering, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus León, Guanajuato, Mexico, September 2008

Nonlinear Control, M.Sc. in Automatique et Electronique Industrielle (AEI), module “Automatique et Diagnostic”, École Nationale Supérieure de l’Électronique et de ses Applications, Cergy–Pontoise, France, November 2019 – January 2020 (28 hrs)

Diagnostic, M.Sc. in Automatique et Electronique Industrielle (AEI), module “Automatique et Diagnostic”, École Nationale Supérieure de l’Électronique et de ses Applications, Cergy–Pontoise, France, November 2019 – January 2020 (20 hrs)

Digital Control, M.Sc. in Automatique et Electronique Industrielle (AEI), module “Contrôle des Systèmes Mécatroniques”, École Nationale Supérieure de l’Électronique et de ses Applications, Cergy–Pontoise, France, A.Y. 2019/2020 (26 hrs/year), 2020/2021 (26 hrs/year), 2021/2022 (20 hrs/year)

Other Didactic Activities

Tutor at the University of L’Aquila for the course of *Control Systems*, Consorzio Nettuno, from 2001/2002 to 2004/2005

Lecturer in the course of *Systems Theory*, University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Curriculum in Electronic Engineering, from 1988/1989 to 1990/1991 (~20 hrs/year)

Lecturer in the course of *Digital Control*, University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Curriculum in Electronic Engineering, from 1990/1991 to 1992/1993 (~15 hrs/year)

Lecturer in the course of *Spacecraft Control*, Curriculum in Aerospace Engineering, University of Rome “La Sapienza”, from 2005/2006 to 2010/2011 (~10 hrs/year)

Institutional Roles

Institutional Roles as Coordinator of International M.Sc. Courses

Didactic coordinator for the International *M.Sc. Curriculum in Computer and Systems Engineering* (2018–2021)

Didactic coordinator (reelected for the second term) for the International *M.Sc. Curriculum in Computer and Systems Engineering* (2021–2022)

Didactic coordinator for the International *M.Sc. Curriculum in Control Systems and Automation Engineering* (2022–present)

Member of the Department Board at the Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics – DISIM (2012–present)

Didactic coordinator for the International *M.Sc. Curriculum in Computer and Systems Engineering E–PiCo (Electric Vehicle Propulsion & Control)* for double/multiple/common degree (2019–present) (Cf. International Teaching & Project Coordination section)

Member of the Promoting Committee of the new Master Science Course in Control Systems and Automation Engineering (starting in the A.Y. 2022/2023) at the University of L’Aquila

Institutional Roles for Research

Member of the Board of the *Center of Excellence DEWS – Design of Embedded controllers, Wireless interconnect and System–on–chip DEWS*, University of L’Aquila (2005–present)

Coordinator and research leader of the research workpackage on *Automotive* of the Center of Excellence DEWS (2005–present)

Delegate of the Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics (DISIM), University of L’Aquila, for the engineering area for the Founding Committee of the Inter–Departmental *Center for Transports and Sustainable Mobility CITraMS* (2018)

Member of the Technical–Scientific Board of the *Inter–Departmental Center for Transports and Sustainable Mobility CITraMS* at the University of L’Aquila (2019–2002, 2022–present)

Member of the Management Board of the *Research and Training Center for the Seismic Engineering CERFIS* at the University of L’Aquila (2019–present)

Other Institutional Roles in Didactic Boards

Member of the Didactic Board of the *Curriculum in Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of L'Aquila*, from 1991 to 1993

Member of the Didactic Board of the *Curriculum in Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of L'Aquila*, from 1993 to 2012

Member of the Didactic Board of the *Curriculum in Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of L'Aquila*, from 1996 to 2002

Member of the Didactic Board of the *Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Engineering, Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics, University of L'Aquila*, from 2007 to the present

Member of the Board of Professors of the Doctorate in *Ingegneria Elettrica e dell'Informazione*, up to 2012

Member of the Board of Professors of the Doctorate in *Information and Communication Technology*, from 2012 to the present

Institutional Roles for Internationalization

Coordinator of the Socrates Exchange Program between the *University of L'Aquila and the Université Paris Sud, France*, from 2005 to 2007

Erasmus Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the *Faculty of Engineering*, from 2011 to 2012

Erasmus Delegate of the Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics, University of L'Aquila, from 2012 to 2015

Erasmus Delegate of the *Curriculum in Information Engineering, Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics, University of L'Aquila*, from 2015 to 2021

Erasmus Delegate of the *Curriculum in Computer Science and Automatic Engineering, Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics, University of L'Aquila*, from 2015 to 2021

Proposer and contact person for the Erasmus agreements with

1. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2014–2021 between the University of L'Aquila and the École Nationale Supérieure de l'Electronique et de ses Applications (ENSEA), Cergy, France
2. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2014–2020 between the University of L'Aquila and the École Centrale de Lille, Lille, France
3. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2014–2021 between the University of L'Aquila and the Université de Valenciennes et du Hainau–Cambresis, Valenciennes, France
4. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2018–2021 between the University of L'Aquila and the École Centrale de Nantes (ECN), Nantes, France
5. Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme – Bilateral Agreement for the academic years 2014/15–2016/17 with the Université de Paris–Sud (Paris XI), Paris, France
6. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2017–2021 between the University of L'Aquila and the Université de Paris–Sud (Paris XI), Paris, France
7. Erasmus+ Inter-institutional agreement 2021–2027 between the University of L'Aquila and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico

Institutional Roles as Delegate for Internationalization

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student and researcher exchange between the *University of L'Aquila and the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados del I.P.N., Unidad Guadalajara, Mexico*, (2004–present)

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student and researcher exchange between the *University of L'Aquila and the Universidad de Guadalajara, CUCI, Ocotlán, Mexico*, (2014–present)

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student and researcher exchange between the *University of L'Aquila and the École de Technologie Supérieure (ETS), Montréal, Québec, Canada* (2007–2012, 2013–2018, 2019–present)

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student exchange with the “Écoles” and Universities of the *Multilateral Cooperation Agreement Italy–France* for the double B.Sc./M.Sc./Ph.D. degree (2004–present)

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student and researcher exchange between the *University of L'Aquila and the École Centrale de Nantes (ECN), Nantes, France* (2018–present)

Delegate of the University of L'Aquila for the student and researcher exchange between the *University of L'Aquila and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico*, (2022–present)

Institutional Roles for International Coordination

Representative of the Internationalization Commission for the *B.Sc. Curriculum in Information Engineering and for the M.Sc. Curriculum in Computer and Systems Engineering* (2015–2021)

Representative of the DISIM Internationalization Commission (2018–2021)

Research & Project Coordination

Management of research teams and projects (main activities)

Coordinator and Principal Investigator of the following projects:

“**Active Control of Mechanical Structures**”, Main Research Project of the University of L'Aquila. Lifespan: 2001–2002. Size: 8 persons, € 31,200.00. Role: **Unit principal investigator**

“**Nonlinear control of dynamic systems and applications**”, Research Project between CNR (National Research Council, Italy) and CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Mexico). Lifespan: 2002–2004. Size: 4 persons, ~€ 7,000.00. Role: **Project leader of the Italian unit**

“**Nonlinear Control of Hybrid Dynamic Systems and Applications**”, Executive Program of Scientific and Technological Agreement between Italy (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy) and Mexico (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Mexico), SAAP3. Lifespan: 2007–2009. Size: 4 persons, ~€ 7,000.00. Role: **Project leader of the Italian unit**

“**Nonlinear control of dynamic and hybrid systems, and applications**”, Research Project between CNR (National Research Council, Italy) and CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Mexico). Lifespan: 2006–2008. Size: 4 persons, ~€ 7,000.00. Role: **Project leader of the Italian unit**

“**Analysis of Control Architectures for Yaw and Lateral Stability of a Vehicle**”, Research Contract with the Research Center of Ford Aachen, Dept. of Vehicle Electronics & Controls, Ford Forschungszentrum Aachen GmbH, Germany. Lifespan: 2008–2009. Size: 6 persons, € 25,000.00. Role: **Project leader**

“**Project 1.3.2.a – Nuclear Fission: Analysis and Verification Methods of Nuclear Pressurized Water Reactors of Evolutive Generation**” (Ministry of Economic Development), Research Contract PAR2010 “Analysis of the Supervision, Control and Protection Systems in Pressurized Water Reactors of New Generation” with the ENEA–Casaccia RC. Lifespan: 2010–2011. Size: 5 persons, € 90,000.00. Role: **Project leader**

“**Project 1.3.1 – New Nuclear Fission: International Collaborations and Competences Developments in Nuclear Field**” (Ministry of Economic Development), Research Contract PAR2011 “Study, design and realization of supervisory, control and protection systems for performance and safety improvements of novel nuclear plants” with the Research Center of ENEA–Casaccia. Lifespan: 2011–2012. Size: 5 persons, € 40,000.00. Role: **Project leader**

European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2017 “AQUAS” – Aggregated Quality Assurance for Systems, H2020–ECSEL–2016–1–RIA–two stage (Research and Innovation Action). Lifespan: 2017–2020. Size: 6 persons, Unit budget: € 292,500.00. Role: **Person responsible for Task 3.1** (personal budget: € **56,628.00**). Duration: May 2017 – April 2020 (11 months).

“Coordination of Autonomous Unmanned Vehicles for Highly Complex Performances”, Executive Program of Scientific and Technological Agreement between Italy (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy) and Mexico (Mexican International Cooperation Agency for the Development), SAAP3. Lifespan: 2018–2021. Size: 8 persons. Budget: € **95,709.00**. Role: **Project leader of the Italian unit**

European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2018 “Comp4Drones” – Framework of key enabling technologies for safe and autonomous drones’ applications, H2020–ECSEL–2018–2–RIA (Research and Innovation Action). Lifespan: 2019–2022. Size: 10 persons. Total budget: € 28,590,748.75 (estimated project cost); Requested EU Contribution: € 8,456,516.97; Unit budget: € 450,000.00 (Financed: € **292,500.00**). Role: **Project leader for the local unit**

National Project PON–AIM (Attraction and Mobility of Researchers; “PON Ricerca e Innovazione 2014–2020”, “AIM Attrazione e Mobilità Internazionale”); Budget financed: € **185,033.73**. Role: **Project leader**

Management of research teams and projects (minor activities)

Coordinator and Principal Investigator of the following projects:

“Control of internal combustion engines with individual air–fuel ratio estimation with a single sensor”. University research project. Lifespan: 2001. Size: 5 persons, ~€ 2,600.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Robust control of internal combustion engines”, University research project. Lifespan: 2002 Size: 5 persons, ~€ 2,800.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Regulation of hybrid systems with application to the control of internal combustion engines”, University research project. Lifespan: 2004. Size: 2 persons, ~€ 2,300.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Regulation of hybrid systems and control of internal combustion engines”, University research project. Lifespan: 2005. Size: 2 persons, ~€ 2,200.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Attitude control of ground vehicles”, University research project. Lifespan: 2006. Size: 2 persons, ~€ 2,000.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Robust regulation in vehicle attitude control”, University research project. Lifespan: 2007. Size: 2 persons, ~€ 1,800.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Observers and controllers for vehicle attitude control”, University research project. Lifespan: 2008. Size: 3 persons, ~€ 2,500.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Observers and controllers for vehicle attitude control”, University research project. Lifespan: 2009. Size: 2 persons, ~€ 1,600.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Control of systems with distributed sensor networks”, University research project. Lifespan: 2010. Size: 3 persons, ~€ 2,400.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Control of systems with distributed sensor networks”, University research project. Lifespan: 2011. Size: 3 persons, ~€ 2,400.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Control of systems with distributed wireless sensor networks”, University research project. Lifespan: 2012. Size: 3 persons, ~€ 2,200.00. Role: **Project leader**

“Cyber Physical Systems: Drone formation control for structure analysis”, University research project. Lifespan: 2015–2016. Size: 3 persons, € 8,088.00. Role: **Project leader**

Further research coordination activities

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between the University of L'Aquila and the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados del I.P.N., Unidad Guadalajara, Mexico (2004–2009, 2010–2014, 2014–2019, 2019–present)

Italian Coordinator of the University of L'Aquila of the Multilateral Cooperation Agreement Italy–France for the double B.Sc./M.Sc./Ph.D. degree (2004–2008, 2009–2014, 2015–present)

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Cooperation between the University of L'Aquila and the École de Technologie Supérieure (ETS), Montréal, Québec, Canada (2007–2012, 2013–2018, 2019–present)

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between the University of L'Aquila and the Universidad de Guadalajara, Ocotlán, Mexico (2014–2019, 2019–present)

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between the University of L'Aquila and the École Centrale de Nantes (ECN), Nantes, France (2019–present)

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between the University of L'Aquila and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico (2022–present)

Italian Coordinator of the Agreement for Scientific Cooperation for the double Ph.D. degree between the University of L'Aquila and the Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados del I.P.N., Unidad Guadalajara, Mexico (2009–2014, 2014–2019, 2019–2024)

Advisor and Italian Co-Advisor of Ph.D. students of the Doctorate in Electrical and Information Engineering (up to 2012) and of the Doctorate in Information Engineering and Science (since 2012 to the present), University of L'Aquila, and of the Doctorado en Ciencias, Especialidad en Ingeniería Eléctrica, CINVESTAV campus Guadalajara, Mexico (2009–present)

Proponent of European/National projects (not financed)

Proposed European H2020 Project “Smart MOBILE CYber physical system” (call H2020ICT–2014–1; topic: ICT–01–2014; type of action: RIA; proposal number: SEP–210163722; proposal acronym: SMOCY, Total Budget: € 7,998,296.00; Unit budget: € **475,048.00**). Role: **Project leader of the local Italian unit**. Not financed

Proposed European H2020 Project “Future Automated Cargo Terminal” (call H2020–MG–2014_SingleStage_B). Role: **Project leader of the local Italian unit**. Not financed

Proposed European H2020 Project “Enabled Modelling, simulatioN, Analytics and forecasting TEchnologies” (call H2020–FoF–2015; topic: FoF–08–2015; type of action: RIA; proposal number: 680408; proposal acronym: EMANATE, Total budget: € 3,993,035.00; Unit budget: € **233,783.00**). Role: **Project leader of the local Italian unit**. Not financed

Proposed European H2020 Project “Future Automated Container Terminal” (call H2020–ICT–2015; topic: ICT–24–2015; type of action: RIA; proposal number: SEP–210268571; proposal acronym: FACT, Total budget: € 6,698,722.00; Unit budget: € **609,312.00**). Role: **Project leader of the local Italian unit**. Not financed

Proposed European FP7 Project “Advanced Mediterranean European Smartgrids Cooperation” (call FP7 EraNetMed (2015); topic: ERANETMED_ENERG–11–228; Call Identifier and Sub-theme: JC–Energy–2014 – Smart Micro–grids; proposal acronym: AMEDEUS, Total Budget: € 1,195,467.00; Unit budget: € **492,740.00**). Role: **Project coordinator and project leader of the local Italian unit**. Not financed

Proposed European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2017 “TOMATO”. Lifespan: 2017–2020. Size: 4 persons, Unit budget: € **120,000.00**. Role: **Investigator**. Not financed

Proposed National Research Project “Hub for City”. Lifespan: 2018–2020. Size: 50 persons, (Total Budget: € 1,935,000.00; Unit budget: € **400,000.00**). Role: **Project leader for the local control unit**. Not financed

Proposed European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2018 “Trasit”. Lifespan: 2019–2022. Size: 10 persons, ~€ 450,000.00. Role: **Country coordinator of the Italian consortium, and Project leader for the local unit**. Not financed

Proposed European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2018 “Tomato”. Lifespan: 2019–2022. Size: 10 persons, ~€ 450,000.00. Role: **Country coordinator of the Italian consortium, and Project leader for the local unit**. Not financed

International Teaching & Project Coordination

National Project Leonardo da Vinci – Action 1, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation & Ministry of Education, University and Research (MAECI & MIUR). Lifespan: 2019. Budget: € 8,000.00 (co-financed € 4,000.00). Aim: **Teaching mobility for double Ph.D. degree** University of L’Aquila – Universidad de Guadalajara, CUCI, Ocotlán, Mexico. Role: **Person responsible of the local unit**

European Project Erasmus+ “Electric Vehicle Propulsion & Control – E–PiCo”. Lifespan: 2019–2025. Size: 3 persons. Total budget: € 3,025,000.00; Unit budget: € 176,000.00 (estimated over the lifespan). Role: **Project leader for the local unit**. (Cf. Institutional Roles for Research, Teaching Coordination, & Internazionalization section)

Dissemination/ Organization

Guest speaker on “Nonlinear Techniques for Control Problems arising in Automotive Applications”, 3rd International Conference on Control, Engineering & Information Technology – CEIT 2015 May 25–27, 2015, Tlemcen, Algeria

Program Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd International Conference on Control, Engineering & Information Technology – CEIT 2015, May 25–27, 2015, Tlemcen, Algeria

Plenary lecturer on “Event–Triggered Real–Time Techniques for Digital Implementation of Controllers for Spacecraft Structures”, 5th International Conference on Control, Engineering & Information Technology – CEIT 2017, December 17–19, 2017, Sousse, Tunisia

General Chair, and Local Organizer of the 5th International Symposium on Environment–Friendly Energies and Applications – EFEA 2018, September 24–26, 2018

Local organizer of the Plenary Meeting of the European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2017 “AQUAS” Meeting, Rome, April 9–11, 2019

Member of the Technical Committee of the DroneSE workshop – Drones System Engineering, for the European Project ECSEL–JU RIA–2018 “Comp4Drones”, HiPEAC Conference, January 18–20, 2021, Budapest, Hungary

Member of the Program Committee of the 2021 18th International Conference on Electrical Engineering, Computing Science and Automatic Control – CCE2021, Mexico City, Mexico, November 10–12, 2021

Technology developments

Patent for the industrial invention with the Magneti Marelli Powertrain S.p.A. “Control Method of an Electromagnet Actuator for the Command of a Engine Valve”. Inventors: Scacchioli Analisa, Gaviani Giovanni, Di Benedetto Maria Domenica, Di Gennaro Stefano (Italian Patent no. B02005A000209, Bologna, Italy, April 1, 2005)

Participant in European Projects

European Project “**Hybridge** – Distributed Control and Stochastic Analysis of Hybrid Systems Supporting Safety Critical Real–Time Systems Design” (5th Frame Program IST–2001–IV.2.1 (iii) (Distributed Control), funded by the European Commission under contract number IST–2001–32460)

European Project “**Hycon** – Hybrid Control: Taming Heterogeneity and Complexity of networked Embedded Systems” and “Hycon Network of Excellence” (6th Frame Program, contract number FP6–IST–511368)

European Project “**iFly** – Safety, Complexity and Responsibility based design and validation of highly automated Air Traffic Management” (6th Frame Program FP6–2005–Aero–4 (Priority 1.3.1.4.g Aeronautics and Space), funded by the European Commission under contract number TREN/07/ FP6AE/S07.71574/037180)

European Project “**Hycon2**” (7th Frame Program, Grant agreement no: 257462 for: Network of Excellence, Project full title: “Highly–complex and networked control systems”)

European Project “**Marea** – Mathematical approach towards resilience engineering in ATM” (7th Frame Program)

Other Activities

Member of the Editorial Board of the IET Control Theory and Applications, from 2007 to 2013

Guest Editor of the Special Issue “Multilevel Power Converters Control and Modulation Techniques” of the journal *Energies*

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Publications

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Summary of the research activity

The research activity fits into the context of the nonlinear control. It was carried out striving to follow the most recent developments in the sector, and has concerned both methodological and applicative arguments. *See the summary of the research activity*

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Summary of the research activity

In the following it is synthetically described the research activity of Stefano Di Gennaro.

Methodological topics

- Hybrid and discrete event systems;
- Digital control and regulation of discrete–time and sampled continuous–time nonlinear systems;
- Stabilization of nonlinear systems with uncertainties;
- Stabilization of nonlinear systems with delays;

Applicative topics

- Control of spacecraft structures;
- Control of synchronous and induction electric motors;
- Control of automobile powertrain;
- Active vehicle attitude control;
- Nonlinear control of nuclear reactors.

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I. Hybrid and discrete event systems systems. Main results:

1. Necessary conditions and some sufficient conditions for the existence of a reduction of temporized hybrid systems (timed automata) to finite state automata [I.4];
2. Observability of hybrid systems, observability recovery from (minimal set) output information (from continuous signals), critical observability, and decidability and complexity analysis of the verification problem for hidden Markov models [I.23], [B.1], [C.40], [C.46], [R.7], [R.8];
3. Fault diagnosis problem for nonlinear systems via a fuzzy sliding–mode observer approach [I.24];
4. Synthesis of optimal controllers via bisimulation construction [I.18];

5. Abstraction procedure to translate a hybrid automaton into a timed automaton to verify observability and diagnosability properties, with application to electromagnetic valves for camless engines [I.28];
6. Verification of hybrid automata diagnosability with measurement uncertainty [I.41];
7. Observability of continuous–time switched linear systems [I.29], [I.37];
8. Observer synthesis for switched dynamical systems [C.87];
9. Reset observers with discrete/continuous measurements for fuzzy nonlinear systems [I.30];
10. Tracking through singularities using a robust differentiator [I.36];
11. Self triggered control for nonlinear systems [I.31], [R.13], [I.34], [R.13];
12. Event–triggered observers and observer–based controllers for linear and nonlinear systems [C.100], [C.101], [R.19], [C.109], [I.47], [I.51], [C.111];
13. Impulsive observers and observer–based controllers for a class of uncertain nonlinear systems [I.59], [I.60];
14. Event–triggered control for systems on non–uniform time domains [I.65], [I.71];
15. Nonlinear state feedback regulation of electromagnetic valves for camless engines [I.20];
16. Design of event–triggered controllers for nuclear reactors [C.99];
17. Event–triggered control design for an antilock braking system [C.106].
18. Event/self–triggered control for multi–agent systems [I.34], [I.65], [C.83], [C.136];

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II. Digital control and regulation of discrete–time and sampled continuous–time nonlinear systems. Main results:

1. Nonlinear discrete–time regulation for MIMO systems, existence conditions in terms of zero dynamics, and approximate solutions [I.1];
2. Linear and nonlinear regulation of sampled nonlinear systems, with existence of the (exact or approximated) digital solutions under assumptions related to the existence of robust solutions to the continuous problem [I.2];
3. Nonlinear digital multirate controller for asymptotic tracking of a reference attitude trajectory for rigid spacecraft [I.7];
4. Robust regulation of a discretized nonlinear system ensuring a ripple–free behavior in the intersampling time [I.10];
5. Introduction of the generalized immersion for the solution of the robust regulator problem [I.17];
6. Nonlinear state feedback regulation of electromagnetic valves for camless engines [I.20];
7. Hybrid control of induction motors via sampled closed representations [I.21];
8. Digital sliding mode control scheme for discrete time nonlinear systems and application to for induction motors [I.22].
9. Stabilization for the class of continuous time nonlinear systems which are discretized in closed form (strict feedforward form) via a fuzzy logic approach [I.25];
10. Fuzzy nonlinear ripple free regulator solving the sample–data structurally stable regulation problem for the case of nonlinear or generalized immersion [I.27];
11. Discrete–time field oriented control for induction motors [C.110];
12. Enhanced discrete–time modeling via variational integrators and digital controller design for ground vehicles [I.43];
13. Digital controllers for active control of ground vehicles [I.56], [I.68];
14. Robust Quantized sampled–data stabilization for nonlinear systems [I.73], [I.75], [C.132], [C.133];
15. Robustification of sampled–data dynamic output feedback stabilizers [I.74];

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Works: [I.1], [I.2], [I.7], [I.10], [I.17], [I.20], [I.21], [I.22], [I.25], [I.27], [I.43], [I.56], [I.68], [I.73], [I.74], [I.75], [B.2], [C.2], [C.16], [C.29], [C.37], [C.41], [C.42], [C.47], [C.48], [C.50], [C.51], [C.55], [C.58], [C.64], [C.72], [C.75], [C.79], [C.81], [R.10], [C.110], [C.132], [C.133].

III. Stabilization of nonlinear systems with uncertainties. Main results:

1. Event-triggered observers and observer-based controllers for linear and nonlinear systems with uncertainties (see point I.12);
2. Impulsive observers for a class of uncertain nonlinear systems [I.59], [I.63], [I.60], [I.65], [C.125];
3. Robust quantized sampled-data stabilization for a class of Lipschitz nonlinear systems with time-varying uncertainties (see point IV.6).

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Works: [see point I.12], [I.59], [I.60], [I.65], [C.125], [see point IV.6].

IV. Stabilization of nonlinear systems with delays. Main results:

1. Stabilization of systems modeled via approximated representation (Euler, Runge-Kutta, Takagi-Sugeno, etc.) of the sampled system dynamics [C.69];
2. Stabilization of neutral stochastic systems [C.102], [C.118];
3. Quantized sampled-data static output feedback control of the glucose-insulin system [I.67], [C.122], [C.137];
4. Converse Lyapunov-Krasovskii theorem for the global asymptotic local exponential stability of nonlinear time-delay systems [I.63], [C.124];
5. Design of sampled-data dynamic output feedback stabilizers by Lyapunov-Krasovskii functionals for nonlinear systems with state-delays, is presented [I.72];
6. Robust Quantized Sampled-Data Stabilization for a Class of Lipschitz Nonlinear Systems with Time-Varying Uncertainties [I.73], [C.131];
7. Event/self-triggered control for multi-agent systems (see point I.18).

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Works: [I.63], [I.67], [I.72], [I.73], [C.69], [C.73], [C.76], [C.102], [C.118], [C.122], [C.124], [C.128], [C.129], [C.130], [C.131], [C.137].

V. Control of spacecraft structures, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Multi-Agent Systems. Main results:

1. Nonlinear adaptive control of flexible spacecraft [C.1];
2. Active (piezoelectric actuators) vibration suppression with output controllers in flexible spacecraft attitude tracking [I.5];
3. Adaptive robust tracking for flexible spacecraft in presence of environmental disturbances [I.6];
4. Nonlinear digital multirate controller for asymptotic tracking of a reference attitude trajectory for rigid spacecraft [I.7];
5. Attitude output feedback control for spacecraft with flexible appendages in presence of parametric uncertainties and/or environmental disturbances [I.11];
6. Global state feedback and semiglobal output feedback of infinite dimensional large space structure with flexible elements [I.12];
7. Attitude tracking via structurally stable regulation of rigid spacecraft with parameter uncertainties [C.33];
8. Passive output dynamic control of spacecraft with flexible appendages [I.14];
9. Active (piezoelectric) output dynamic controller for flexible spacecraft in presence of disturbances and parameter variations [I.16];
10. Control of aerial vehicles [B.3], [C.78], [C.116], [I.61], [I.62], [C.134], [C.135];
11. Leaderless Consensus Tracking of Nonlinear Multi-Agent Systems [C.133];
12. Event/self-triggered control for multi-agent systems (see point I.18).

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VI. Control of synchronous and induction electric motors. Main results:

1. Robust feedback control of a synchronous motor with model and parameter uncertainties, and load disturbances [I.3];
2. Adaptive output feedback control of synchronous motors [I.8];
3. Nonlinear H^∞ control of a permanent magnet synchronous motor subject to parameter variations [I.9];
4. Hybrid control of induction motors via sampled closed representations [I.21];
5. Digital sliding mode control scheme for discrete time nonlinear systems and application to for induction motors [I.22];
6. Sensorless high order sliding mode control of induction motors [I.33];
7. Structurally stable regulation for synchronous motors [C.29];
8. Super-twisting sensorless control of permanent magnet synchronous motors [C.68];
9. Discrete-time field oriented control for induction motors [C.110];
10. Control of Synchronous motor for automotive applications [C.120], [C.123].

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Works: [I.3], [I.8], [I.9], [I.21], [I.22], [I.33], [C.5], [C.7], [C.13], [C.15], [C.20], [C.22], [C.23], [C.27], [C.29], [C.30], [C.37], [C.38], [C.41], [C.49], [C.64], [C.68], [C.72], [C.110], [C.120], [C.123].

VII. Control of automobile powertrain. Main results:

1. Estimation technique for injector characteristics based on a set of measurements, carried out using sensors present in classical cars [I.15];
2. Nonlinear state feedback regulation of electromagnetic valves for camless engines [I.20];
3. Abstraction procedure to translate a hybrid automaton into a timed automaton to verify observability and diagnosability properties, with application to electromagnetic valves for camless engines [I.28];
4. Nonlinear output feedback regulation of electromagnetic valves for camless engines [C.50].

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Works: [I.15], [I.20], [I.28], [C.47], [C.48], [C.50], [R.9].

VIII. Active vehicle attitude control. Main results:

1. Nonlinear active control of vehicles [I.26], [I.49], [I.58], [I.69];
2. Enhanced discrete-time modeling via variational integrators and digital controller design for ground vehicles [I.43];
3. Digital controllers for active control of ground vehicles [I.56], [I.68];
4. Dynamic nonlinear controller for lateral and yaw velocity for vehicles with non negligible roll dynamics [I.38], [I.46];
5. Adaptive integrated vehicle control using active front steering and rear torque vectoring [C.61];
6. Nonlinear adaptive tracking for ground vehicles [C.62];
7. Smart management of actuator saturation in integrated vehicle control [C.74], [C.84], [I.48];
8. Dynamic control applied to the laboratory antilock braking system [I.35], [I.39], [I.45], [I.76], [C.95], [C.106], [C.126];
9. Nonlinear adaptive controller applied to an antilock braking system with parameters variations [I.50];
10. Tyre-road friction coefficient estimation based on smart tyre lateral deflection measurements [C.93];
11. Mechatronic design and implementation of a bicycle virtual reality system [I.57];
12. Integrated active control of electric vehicles [C.120];
13. Active attitude control of ground vehicles with partially unknown model [C.121], [I.70];
14. Quantized sampled-data attitude control of ground vehicles [I.75].

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Works: [I.26], [I.38], [I.39], [I.43], [I.45], [I.46], [I.50], [I.48], [I.49], [I.56], [I.57], [I.58], [I.68], [I.69], [I.70], [I.75], [I.76], [C.51], [C.57], [C.61], [C.62], [C.63], [C.71], [C.74], [C.84], [C.86], [C.95], [I.35], [C.93], [C.95], [C.106], [C.120], [C.121], [C.126].

IX. Autonomous driving. Main results:

1. Vehicle reference generator for collision-free trajectories in hazardous maneuvers [I.54], [I.55], [C.114].

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Cuauhtemoc Acosta Lúa (Universidad de Guadalajara, CUCI, Ocotlán).

Works: [I.54], [I.55], [C.114].

X. Nonlinear control of nuclear reactors and energy management. Main results:

1. Nonlinear control of pressurized water reactors [I.66], [C.77];
2. Digital nonlinear control for pressurizers in a pressurized water reactor [C.81], [C.88], [C.98], [C.99];
3. Control of physical processes in experimental facilities of nuclear plants using hardware-in-the-loop simulations [C.85], [C.89], [C.92];
4. Backstepping control for multilevel STATCOM [C.119].

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Mauro Cappelli, (Department of Fusion and Nuclear Safety, ENEA, Frascati); Bernardino Castillo (Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del I.P.N., Guadalajara).

Works: [I.66], [C.77], [C.80], [C.81], [C.82], [C.85], [C.92], [C.88], [C.89], [C.99], [C.98], [C.119], [R.14], [R.15], [R.16], [R.17], [R.18], [R.1], [T.1].

XI. Biologic applications. Main results:

1. Automated classification of EEG signals for the detection of epileptic seizures using wavelet transform and statistical pattern recognition [I.32];
2. Detection of epileptiform activity in EEG signals based on time-frequency and nonlinear analysis [I.40];
3. Stabilizability analysis of the behavior of a chaotic system representing tumor dynamics using a Lyapunov approach [C.90], [C.94];
4. Quantized Sampled-data static output feedback control of the glucose-insulin system (see point IV.3);

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Jean-Pierre Barbot (École Nationale Supérieure de l'Electronique et de ses Applications, France), and Dragoljub Gajic (University of L'Aquila).

Works: [I.32], [I.40], [see point IV.3], [C.90], [C.94].

XII. Robotic exoskeleton for rehabilitation. Main results:

1. Control of exoskeleton robot for passive rehabilitation [C.112], [C.113].

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Maarouf Saad (École de Technologie Supérieure, Quebec, Canada).

Works: [C.112], [C.113].

XIII. Optimization of new materials. Main results:

1. Modelling and optimization of methylene blue adsorption from aqueous solution using bentonite clay [C.91];

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Dragoljub Gajic (University of L'Aquila).

Works: [C.91].

XIV. Production and energy optimization in stainless steel industry. Main results:

1. Production and energy optimization [C.96], [C.97], [C.103], [I.53];
2. Early bearing fault detection and diagnosis [C.104], [C.107], [C.108], [I.42], [I.52];
3. Modeling using artificial neural networks [C.105], [I.44].

These works have been carried out in collaboration with: Dragoljub Gajic (University of L'Aquila).

Works: [I.42], [I.44], [I.52], [I.53], [C.96], [C.97], [C.103], [C.104], [C.105], [C.107], [C.108].

List of the Supervision Activities for Research

Postdoctoral Research Grants

1. Type: Research grant for senior researcher. Grant: **€ 97,812,00**. Period: 3 years (2020–2023).
Project description: Development of intelligent control techniques for agents in partially structured scenarios. The project aims at the development of intelligent control techniques for agents in partially structured scenarios. The major emphasis will be given to collaborative drones in applications such as precision agriculture and applications with industrial or, anyway, engineering interest. Also, the transport sector, vehicular or aerial, will be analyzed for collaborative and synergic actions. These research activities will be contextualized in the framework of future research projects, national or international. Furthermore, it will regard research dissemination actions, both in the classic contexts of congresses, journals, etc., and higher education contexts.
Collaborations: Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del IPN, Unidad Guadalajara, Mexico; Universidad de Guadalajara, Centro di Ocotlán, Mexico.

Research Grants

1. Type: Research grant for young researcher. Grant: **€ 25,800.00**. Period: 2 year (2020–2021–2022).
Project description: FPGA implementation of digital controllers for applications for drones.
Collaborations: partners of the Comp4Drones project.
2. Type: Research grant for young researcher. Grant: **€ 24,000.00**. Period: 18 months year (2020–2022).
Project description: Observability and observer synthesis for commuting systems in the scale time domain.
Collaborations: Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, Valenciennes, France.
3. Type: Research grant for young researcher. Grant: **€ 16,300.00**. Period: 14 months (2019–2020).
Project description: Electronic System–Level HW/SW Co–Design.
Collaborations: partners of the Comp4Drones project.
4. Type: Research grant for young researcher. Grant: **€ 12,000.00**. Period: 1 year (2019–2020).
Project description: FPGA implementation of digital controllers for applications for drones and vehicles.
Collaborations: partners of the Comp4Drones project.
5. Type: Research grant for young researcher. Grant: **€ 21,600.00**. Period: 20 months (period: 2020–2021).
Project description: Explainable End–to–End Autonomous Vehicles.
Collaborations: partners of the Comp4Drones project.

Ph.D. Theses

1. Nabil Karania (started 11/2020). Co–tutored (double degree). Subject (provisional title): Active Photovoltaic Control for Smart Grids.
2. Subham Dey (started 11/2019). Co–tutored (double degree). Subject (provisional title): Observability and observer synthesis for systems with commutations evolving in the non–uniform temporal domain.
3. Luis Alfonso Álvarez Canabal (started 9/2019). Co–tutored (double degree). Subject (provisional title): Hybrid Regulation: Application for Permanent–Magnet Synchronous Motors.
4. Horacio de Jesús García Vázquez (started 9/2019). Co–tutored (double degree). Subject (provisional title): Impulsive observers for agent coordination.
5. Ulises Larios Navarro (started 9/2020). Subject (provisional title): Regulation for agent coordination.
6. Oscar David Jaramillo Zuluaga Ph.D. (started 9/2017). Co–tutored (double degree). Subject: On the Problem of Designing Impulsive Observers for a Class of Uncertain Nonlinear Systems.
7. Salvador Martín Baragano, Ph.D. (started 9/2015). Subject: Control of Wind Turbines. Presentation: The high–order sliding mode technique is exploited for the control of a wind turbine with a permanent magnet synchronous generator. The wind turbine is subject to the variation of all the parameters appearing in its mathematical model. Furthermore, the wind velocity is assumed not available for measurement. This is a situation of interest in practical applications, where only the nominal parameter values can be considered known. Moreover, in practical cases, the wind velocity can not be measured with accuracy since, even in the presence of appropriate sensors, the wind velocity field is perturbed by the turbine itself. The problem solved in this work regards the tracking of the reference angular velocity corresponding to the wind velocity. In this case, a compensation of the perturbative terms due to the parameter uncertainties and the wind estimation error have to be appropriately compensated in order to obtain an accurate tracking. For, an estimator of the wind velocity is used, along with high–order sliding mode estimators in order to obtain high performance of the turbine.

8. Riccardo Cespi, Ph.D. (2014–2018). Co-tutored (double degree). Subject: Neural Network Based Inverse Optimal Control of Ground Vehicle. Presentation: an active controller can force a vehicle to track a desired reference, ensuring safe driving conditions in the case of adhesion loss and hazardous maneuvers. In this context, a nonlinear discrete-time inverse optimal control based on a neural network identification can be designed using a Recurrent High Order Neural Network (RHONN), trained by a modified version of the Extended Kalman Filter. This RHONN ensures the stability of the identification error, while the controller ensures the stability of the trajectories tracking errors. The lateral velocity and yaw rate references are generated by a dynamic system mimicking the vehicle to be controlled. This approach avoids the identification of the Pacejka's lateral parameters of the tyres, so simplifying the input control determination. Moreover, an optimal control can be used to optimize the actuator effort and power, usually bounded. Test maneuvers, performed through the full vehicle simulator CarSim, show the correctness, quality and performances of both the identifier and the controller.
9. Tarek Kabbani, Ph.D. (2014–2017). Subject: Vehicle to vehicle communication control. Presentation: An automated trajectory planning can incorporate the logical decision-making phase of a Cooperative Collision Avoidance (CCA) system, to avoid design errors caused by traditional methods. The temporal logic expressive language of linear temporal logic (LTL) is used to write specifications and automatically synthesis a logical controller strategy for the vehicle, or in another words, a specification-correct controller automaton. The trajectory is represented by a sequence of acceptable states respecting the specification. Later this automaton is implemented by an optimal controller to generate a reference to be followed by the vehicle using another discrete-time controller. The performance of this approach can be tested in the so-called 'elk test scenario', showing satisfactory results.
10. Humberto Valadez Rangel, Ph.D. (2013–2017). Co-tutored (double degree). Subject: Control of nonlinear systems with digital controls over a network. Presentation: The problem of the stabilization of dynamic systems is one of the most important topics of control theory. The convergence of rigorous techniques of non-commutative algebra, geometries and control, allowed developing a set of elegant and efficient tools, which can be used to study networked control systems. In practice, networks are digital, and sliding-mode control variations provides a viable option for the implementation and solution for the stabilization problem of networked nonlinear control systems. The fundamental mathematical tool that can be used is based in the Lie algebraic result known as exponential theorem, or Campbell–Baker–Hausdorff–Dynkin formula, used in many fields of mathematics. The control variation can be seen as a sample data controller whose trajectories are concatenations of smooth curves. These trajectories are well approximated by an associated infinitesimal system. At the sample times the system trajectory coincides with those of the infinitesimal system. Hence the strategy of control consists of stabilizing the infinitesimal system which implies stability of the original sample-data nonlinear system for small sample times. Conditions can be provided for the control variation under variable transmission sequence, so that the networked control system stabilization problem is solved by control variation.
11. Lucien Etienne, Ph.D. (2012–2015). Co-tutored (double degree). Subject: Control of Networked Systems: Application to Active Vehicle Control. Presentation: A problem arising in the design of high performance controllers is the presence of a wireless channel used for feedback. It is necessary to consider the wireless channel and compensate the effects due to the communication imperfections (packet drops, variable sampling/transmission intervals, variable communication delays). Variable sampling can also be used to consider stability properties and constraints due to band-limitations of the communication channels, possible limited power of the batteries powering the wireless sensors in the infrastructure, power aware control algorithms to reduce energy consumption, transmission of the continuous-time signals over the network.
12. Dragoljub Gajic, Ph.D. (2012–2015). Co-tutored. Subject: Development of a new technique for detection of epileptiform activities in EEG signals as well as their classification. Presentation: The proposed technique consists of four main steps: preprocessing, feature extraction from a few sub-bands and domains of interest, dimension reduction in feature space, and classification by quadratic classifiers. The proposed technique was tested on the EEG data sets recorded at the University Hospital Bonn, Germany and an overall accuracy of 98% was achieved. The results confirmed that the proposed technique has a potential for detection of epileptiform activities and classification of EEG signals, and thus could further improve the diagnosis of epilepsy. Other activities: 1. Production and energy optimization in stainless steel industry (development of an advanced system for production and energy optimization in melt shop, with optimal coordination between different production stages as well as identification of new energy saving opportunities in melt shop – in close cooperation with ABB Corporate Research Center in Germany and the stainless steel plant in Terni, Italy where the method was successfully tested); 2. Optimization of new materials (optimization of new materials for thermal energy storage and waste water treatment in cooperation with the Faculty of Technology, University of Nis, Serbia).
13. Graciela Sandoval Castro, Ph.D. (2006–2009). Co-tutored (double degree). Subject: Control of Sampled Systems with Delays. Presentation: This thesis presents a novel approach for compensating input time-delays for linear and nonlinear systems, using a digital predictor-based controller. In the linear case, the problem of stabilizing a sampled continuous system by means of this digital controller is addressed. The predictor is capable of compensating the delay of sampled and continuous model as well. In the nonlinear case, the digital predictor-dynamics controller is designed making use of an approximated representation

of the sampled system dynamics. The conditions under which such a controller ensures the stability, are the existence of a stabilizing controller when delay is zero, and the “closeness” of the exact and approximated sampled dynamics.

14. Cuauhtemoc Acosta Lúa, Ph.D. (2005–2008). Co-tutored. Subject: Output Feedback Regulation of Electromagnetic Valves for Camless Engines. Presentation: Conventional internal combustion engines use mechanical camshafts to command the opening and closing phases of the intake and exhaust valves. The lift valve profile is designed in order to reach a good compromise among various requirements of the engine operating conditions. In principle, optimality in every engine condition can be attained by camless valvetrains. Electromagnetic valves appear to be promising, although there are some relevant open problems. In fact, in order to eliminate acoustic noises and avoid damages of the mechanical components, the control specifications require sufficiently low impact velocities between the valve and the constraints (typically the valve seat), so that “soft-landing” is obtained. In this thesis, the soft-landing problem is translated into a regulation problem for the lift valve profile, by imposing that the valve position tracks a desired reference, while the modeled disturbances are rejected. The submanifold characterized by the zeroing of the tracking error and the rejection of the disturbance, is determined. Finally, the stabilization problem of the system trajectory on such a manifold is solved. The problem of output regulation is solved using measurable outputs, since in practice one wants to avoid the use of valve position and velocity sensors. In fact, one of the main problem of camless engines is due to the fact that the valve position and velocity sensors cannot be placed inside the engine, due to limitations of space and, especially, to the price of the sensors. Moreover, for similar reasons one wants to avoid the use of pressure sensors in the cylinders.
15. Alessandro D’Innocenzo, Ph.D. (2004–2006). Co-tutored. Subject: Observability and temporal properties of hybrid systems: analysis and verification. Presentation: The verification of some structural properties of hybrid systems are discussed. Hybrid systems have both discrete and continuous aspects in their dynamics, and are very useful in the analysis of embedded system, to design a digital controller (where the continuous plant satisfies some prescribed specifications). Their great expressive power has to be paid by the lack of strong theoretical results about their behavior, and consequent difficulties in verifying the properties of the closed loop system. In fact, formal verification of properties where the state space is semi-exhaustively searched are complicated by the very large size of the state space. The problem of formal verification for hybrid systems is addressed, in particular, the properties of observability and observability, and general properties expressible by means of temporal logic formulae (e.g. reachability, safety, and more complex properties such as liveness).

M.Sc. Theses (last 10 years)

1. Maksym Lynnyk, M.Sc. degree (2023). Subject: To be defined.
2. Luca Anastasio, M.Sc. degree (2023). Subject: Integration of DPDK for real-time communication in the orbit feedback system of the Elettra synchrotron.
3. Jimena Jimenez Hernandez, M.Sc. degree (2022). Subject: Analysis of electrical safety requirements for electric vehicles and implementation of electrical risk safety measures.
4. Yucheng Li, M.Sc. degree (2022). Subject: Control of automated driving in motion planning.
5. Ivan Permiakov, M.Sc. degree (2022). Subject: Optimal control of electric vehicle fleet charging: multi-objective and meta-heuristic algorithms for weight tuning of the cost function for charging schedule.
6. Gildardo Mejía Álvarez, M.Sc. degree (2021). degree (Co-tutored, Cinvestav–Guadalajara 2020). Subject: Application of impulsive observer for structurally stable regulation.
7. Davide Finocchi, M.Sc. degree (2020). Subject: Development of a simulative environment of the dynamics of collaborative drones. Industrial stage at Tekne S.r.l., Italy.
8. Ulises Larios Navarro, M.Sc. degree (Co-tutored Cinvestav–Guadalajara, 2019). Subject: Landing control of drones on mobile surfaces.
9. Massimo Di Felice, M.Sc. degree (2018). Subject: Stabilizability of tumor dynamics.
10. Oscar David Jaramillo Zuluaga, M.Sc. degree (Co-tutored Cinvestav–Guadalajara, 2017). Subject: Robust impulsive observers for nonlinear systems.
11. David Antonio Martínez Carrillo, M.Sc. degree (Co-tutored Cinvestav–Guadalajara, 2017). Subject: Accident avoidance strategies for vehicles.
12. Gerardo de Jesus Díaz, M.Sc. degree (Co-tutored Universidad de Guadalajara–Ocotlán, 2017). Subject: Formation control of drones.
13. Carlos López Cortés, M.Sc. degree (Co-tutored Cinvestav–Guadalajara, 2017). Subject: Vision-based control of drones.
14. Luca Michele Gallo, M.Sc. degree (2015). Subject: Design and implementation of control algorithms for cooperative collision avoidance for robotic systems.
15. Pierangela Pasqualucci, M.Sc. degree (2014). Subject: Fault tolerant and self reconfiguring controllers for avionic systems.

16. Andrea Franceschini, M.Sc. degree (2013). Subject: Active attitude control of ground vehicles with wireless smart tire sensors and performance evaluation in CarSim.
17. Corrado Marinelli, M.Sc. degree (2013). Subject: Stochastic fault tolerant and self reconfiguring controller applied to avionic systems.

B.Sc. Theses (last 10 years)

1. Andrea Ferella, B.Sc. degree (2020). Subject: Cooperative Payload Transportation Using Aerial Vehicles.
2. Davide Di Rico, B.Sc. degree (2020). Subject: Tokamak Plasma Control for Nuclear Fusion Experiments.
3. Catriel de Biase, B.Sc. degree (2020). Subject: Navigation of autonomous systems.
4. Luca Visconti, B.Sc. degree (2020). Subject: Navigation of autonomous systems.
5. Luca Anastasio, B.Sc. degree (2019). Subject: Water level controller for the primary circuit of a PWR: digital implementation on FPGA.
6. Lorenza Mammarella, B.Sc. degree (2018). Subject: Control of drone via video image feedback.
7. Giulio Silvagni, B.Sc. degree (2018). Subject: Implementation of controllers for drone aggressive maneuvers.
8. Davide Dionisi, B.Sc. degree (2018). Subject: Implementation of digital controllers for drones.
9. Pasquale Di Giacinto, B.Sc. degree (2017). Subject: Control of synchronous and asynchronous wind turbines.
10. Bello Cataldo, B.Sc. degree (2016). Subject: Fault diagnosis in vehicular string stability.
11. Riccardo Poscente, B.Sc. degree (2015). Subject: Controller design for the cooperative collision avoidance.
12. Caruso Federica, B.Sc. degree (2015). Subject: Models of protocols for the management of critical situations in vehicular transport.

Summary of the Socio–Economic Impacts and Transfers

Action 1. Consulting contract between Selenia Communications and the Dipartimento di Ingegneria Elettrica e dell'Informazione, University of L'Aquila, in the frame of Project "Studio e Realizzazione di una Rete Autoadattiva ad Alta Sopravvivenza basata su Sensori Decisionali" of the Italian Ministry of the Economic Development. Size: ~30 persons, ~€ 800.000,00.

Framework: Multi–partner industrial research project.

Interlocutors: Ing. Giuseppe Ocera (manager of the design group 'Analog and radio–frequency sub–systems' Selenia Communications, former Marconi–Selenia Communications).

Personal role: Report on the potentials, characteristics, and use of RAM Plus™(Release 5.24, from ISA Software; RAM Plus is an ATM simulator, also used by Eurocontrol, providing a comprehensive range of ATM fast–time simulation capabilities) entitled "Techniques and Technologies for Surveillance" (October 2005), in the WorkPackage "Simulation and Test Environments".

Action 2. Consulting contracts between the ENEA–Casaccia and the Center of Excellence DEWS, University of L'Aquila, in the frame of the project "Piano Triennale della Ricerca e Sviluppo di Interesse Generale per il Sistema Elettrico Nazionale 2009–2011" of the Italian Ministry of the Economic Development. Global size: unknown, ~70.000.000,00 €/year.

2.a. "Project 1.3.2.a – Nuclear Fission: Analysis and Verification Methods of Nuclear Pressurized Water Reactors of Evolutionary Generation", Research Contract PAR2010 "Analysis of the Supervision, Control and Protection Systems in Pressurized Water Reactors of New Generation" with the Research Center of ENEA–Casaccia, from 2010 to 2011. Size: 5 persons, € 90.000,00.

2.b. "Project 1.3.1 – New Nuclear Fission: International Collaborations and Competences Developments in Nuclear Field", Research Contract PAR2011 "Study, design and realization of supervisory, control and protection systems for performance and safety improvements of novel nuclear plants" with the Research Center of ENEA–Casaccia, from 2011 to 2012. Size: 5 persons, € 40.000,00.

Framework: Industrial/Academic research project of the Italian Ministry of the Economic Development

Interlocutors: Ing. Massimo Sepielli (Head of Nuclear Department (UTFISST) in ENEA).

Personal role: Principal investigator.

Objective and impact: Production of deliverables. The action has fulfilled the demanded consultancy.

Action 3. Development agreement between Ford Forschungszentrum Aachen GmbH and the Center of Excellence DEWS, University of L'Aquila, named "Analysis of Control Architectures for Yaw and Lateral Stability of a Vehicle", Research Contract with the Research Center of Ford Aachen, Dept. of Vehicle Electronics & Controls, Ford Forschungszentrum Aachen GmbH, Germany, from 2008 to 2009. Size: 6 persons, € 25.000,00.

Framework: Industrial research project.

Interlocutors: Ing. Gilberto Burgio (Global Vehicle Dynamics, Ford Research & Advanced Engineering Europe).

Personal role: Principal investigator.

Objective and impact: Production of deliverables. The action has fulfilled the demanded consultancy.

Action 4. Research agreement between Magneti Marelli S.p.A. and the Center of Excellence DEWS, University of L'Aquila, "Control and Optimization Nonlinear Techniques Applied to Engine Control Systems", from 1996 to 2005. Size: 5 persons, ~€ 20.000,00 per year.

Framework: Industrial research project.

Interlocutors: Ing. Giovanni Gaviani (V.P. Business Development & Marketing)

Personal role: Investigator.

Objective and impact: Production of deliverables. The action has fulfilled the research activity.

Action 5. Consulting contract between Indesit Company and the Dipartimento di Ingegneria Elettrica e dell'Informazione, University of L'Aquila, in the frame of the Project EROD Indesit Company – University of L'Aquila "Sensorless control of a permanent magnet motor for washing machine". Size: 6 persons, ~€ 30.000,00.

Framework: Industrial research project.

Interlocutors: Ing. Alessio Beato, Ing. Danilo D'Antonio (Indesit Company).

Personal role: Investigator.

Action 6. Supervision of Ph.D. student at ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni, Italy.

Framework: Ph.D. Thesis in industry.

Personal role: Co-Advisor of Dragoljub Gajic, Ph.D. student (started in 2012).

Objective and future impact: Energy savings in steel industry by integrated production. The research should create new methods and improve existing methods to optimally integrate the production across the steel plant with the aim of cutting down the total energy requirements and emissions, by means of optimal coordination control and identification between the melt shop and hot rolling mill.