

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Coordination and control of interacting dynamic systems, control and optimization, dynamic optimization, hybrid systems, systems engineering, control architectures, unmanned and autonomous/semi-autonomous air and ocean-going vehicles.

Current Academic Employment

Assistant Professor and Director of Underwater Systems and Technologies Laboratory, Departamento de Engenharia Electrotécnica e de Computadores da Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto (FEUP), Porto, Portugal.

Visiting Positions

Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley (UCB), 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. Funding: Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento and Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian.

Visiting Researcher at the Center for Intelligent Robotics for Space Exploration (established by NASA), at the Rensselaer's Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, US, 1992. Worked under the supervision of Prof. George Saridis. Funding: Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento and Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian.

Education

PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Universidade do Porto, Portugal.

M. Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Universidade do Porto, Portugal.

Engineering Degree in Electrical Engineering (5 years program), Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, 1987.

Awards

2018 - IEEE RAS Most Active Technical Committee Award, 2018, Technical Committee on Multi-Robot Systems (member).

2014 – Best demo award at ACM WUWNET 2014 com a apresentação “SUNRISE project: The Internet of Underwater Things” por Daniele Spaccini; Roberto Petroccia; Chiara Petrioli; Ricardo Martins; João Borges de Sousa; Renato Caldas; Tommaso Arzilli; Davide Lamanna; Alessandro Galizia; Enrico Renzi.

2008 – Outstanding teaching award, Porto University.

2006 BES Innovation National Award – Awarded by the Espírito Santo Bank for the design of the Light Autonomous Underwater Vehicle.

2003-2004 Luso-American Foundation Scholarship - Portuguese Studies Program from the University of California at Berkeley.

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2003 - Arca Prize – Prize for the best technological realizations Respectful to Environment – Actions for raising critical awareness. Second prize with the work entitled “Networks of Vehicles and Sensors for Environmental Applications”.

2003 - Best paper in 3º Festival Nacional de Robótica ROBÓTICA 2003. Lisboa, Portugal, 2003 - S. Loureiro Fraga, J. Borges Sousa, F. Lobo Pereira, “Geração de Trajectórias para Sistemas Diferencialmente Planos”.

Selected Projects

EU Marine Robots. Marine robotics research infrastructure network (2018-2020). H2020 project (Coordinator). The partners are: University of Porto (PO); University of Bremen (DE); Associação do Instituto Superior Técnico para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento (PO); University of Genoa (IT); Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing; University of Zagreb (CR); University of Girona (SP); University of Limerick (IRL); Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands (SP); Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (NATO); Heriot-Watt University (UK); Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NOR); Marine Institute (IRL); Distretto Ligure delle Tecnologie Marine (IT); Natural Environment Research Council (UK); and, Institut Français de Recherche pour l'exploitation de la Mer (FR). UMR addresses the call topic INFRAIA-02-2017: Integrating Activities for Starting Communities by mobilizing a comprehensive consortium of most of the key marine robotics research infrastructures which, in turn, will mobilize stakeholders from Member States, Associated Countries and other third countries to achieve the following main objective: to open up key national and regional marine robotics research infrastructures (RIs) to all European researchers, from both academia and industry, ensuring their optimal use and joint development to establish a world-class marine robotics integrated infrastructure.

FireRS - wildFIRE Remote Sensing (2016-2018). Interreg Sudoeste project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The partners are: University of Vigo in Spain (leader); Laboratoire d'analyse et département des systèmes (LAAS) in France; and, LSTS in Portugal. The project aims to provide emergency agencies and / or coordination centers with an innovative tool for detecting and managing fire using new technologies. The new platform created in FireRS will provide almost real-time information, GPS positioning, fire perimeter, infrared images, propagation prediction, performance protocols, etc. The set consists of ground sensors, a dedicated picosatellite, a local and remote ground station as well as a mission control center.

ENDURANCE - Long endurance AUV (2017-2019). This is a project funded by the Portuguese Innovation Agency to extend the endurance of the LAUV to several days through the co-design of the mechanical systems and the software controllers. The project is led by Oceanscan Marine

Systems and Technologies a spin-off from the LSTS. The new vehicle will advance the state of the art with innovations in active power management, intelligent onboard and offboard planning and execution control, adaptive sampling, and launch and recovery systems.

Networked Ocean – Networked ocean and air vehicles for communications and data collection in remote oceanic areas EEA project. Project led by LSTS with partners from Portugal - Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera and Marinha Portuguesa and Norway - Centre for Autonomous Marine Operations and Systems – Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Norwegian Defence Research Establishment - Division for Air and Space Systems. The project concerns the development and demonstration at sea of a networked vehicle system for persistent communications and data collection in remote oceanic areas. The system is composed of a long endurance autonomous surface vehicle (ASV), long endurance autonomous underwater vehicles (AUV), long range unmanned air vehicles (UAV), helikites, and control stations. The ASV is both a communications hotspot and a docking base (for AUVs), operating 24/7 in remote ocean areas. The ASV supports smart routing protocols for direct communications, via persistent UAV relays, or delayed data transfer to control stations. The control stations provide advanced planning and execution control capabilities, as well as dissemination of data. The system supports interoperability protocols to allow expansion to vehicles from third parties.

MarineUAS – Marie Curie Initial Training Network (2015-2018). Project led by Norwegian University of Science and Technology with partners from Portugal (LSTS and IST), Spain (Catec and University of Seville), Norway (Norut and Maritime Robotics) Czech Republic (Honeywell). Marine UAS is an EU-funded doctoral program to strategically strengthen research training on autonomous Unmanned Aerial Systems for Marine and Coastal Monitoring. It is a comprehensive researcher training program across a range of partners in several countries designed to have high impact on the training of individual researchers and their knowledge, skills and their future careers. MarineUAS has established a unique cooperative environment. It takes benefit of the partners' extensive and complementary knowledge, field operational experience, and experimental facilities.

Bringing Together Research and Industry for the Development of Glider Environmental Services Bridges – H2020 Project (2015-2019). Project led by Armines from France with 19 partners from Europe. The main objective of BRIDGES (Bringing together Research and Industry for the Development of Glider Environmental Services) in accordance with expected increase ocean industrialization, is to perform research on cost-effective, robust, re-locatable and easily-deployed autonomous platform with multiple sensing, surveying and monitoring capabilities to support long-term in-situ exploration and protection services of the coastal and deep ocean.

SUNRISE – FP7 project (2013-2017). Project led by University of Rome “La Sapienza” (Italy) with partners from Portugal (LSTS), Italy (NATO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation), Germany (EvoLogics), Netherlands (University of Twente), Turkey (SUASIS), United States (University of Buffalo), and Italy (NexSe). The SUNRISE objectives are to develop: 5 federated underwater (UW) communication networks (CommsNet), based on pilot infrastructures already designed, built & deployed by consortium partners; a software-defined open-architecture modem & protocol stack that will empower open collaborative developments; standard platforms for simulation, emulation & replay testing to estimate CommsNet performance at a fraction of current at-sea experiments, validated by tests conducted on the SUNRISE infrastructure over a variety of applications & environments; and, a user-friendly interface for diverse users to interact with SUNRISE systems to conduct trials & benefit from databases of CommsNet performance data gathered over long periods from the SUNRISE infrastructure. Principal investigator from LSTS.

Netmar (<http://project-netmar.eu>) – Interreg project (2012-2015). Project led by LSTS with partners from Portugal (Porto harbor, Portuguese Navy and Portugal harbors association), Spain (Tecnalia, Puertos de Galicia and University of Coruña), Ireland (University of Limerick, Shannon-Foynes Port Company and National Maritime College of Ireland), France (ENSTA) and the United Kingdom (University of Southampton, UK Maritime Coastguard Agency and UK Oilspill Association). The project addresses the demonstration, evaluation and dissemination of new

robotic systems, sensors and networking technologies in maritime incidents endangering human life, the environment and economic activities. Project coordinator.

Noptilus (www.noptilus-fp7.eu) – FP7 project (2011-2015). Project led by Centre for Research and Technology (GR) with partners from Portugal (LSTS , Porto harbor and Oceanscan Marine Systems and Technology), Greece (Telecommunication Systems Institute), Netherlands (Delft University of Technology), Switzerland (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich) and the United Kingdom (Imperial College). The project concerns the automatic detection and recognition of both static and dynamic underwater features and patterns, and arbitrarily-close-to-the-optimal, real-time, scalable, cooperative, and distributed, fully-autonomous multi-AUV Planning, Assignment and Navigation. Principal investigator from LSTS.

SafePort – NATO funded project (2011-2014). Project undertaken by a Portuguese Consortium (including LSTS) in cooperation with the Portuguese Navy to develop a decision support system for harbor protection. Principal investigator from LSTS.

Necsave – European Defense Agency project (2013-2017). Project led by LSTS with partners from Portugal (Porto Harbor, Oceanscan Marine Systems and Technology, Portuguese Navy and Air Force), Italy (Calzoni S.R.L.), Spain (University Complutense de Madrid), Belgium (Royal Military Academy) and the Netherlands (TNO). The project addresses testing and evaluation of unmanned vehicle systems for littoral warfare. Project coordinator.

SeaconII – unmanned underwater vehicles program (2013-2015). Research program undertaken by the Portuguese Navy and LSTS with funding provided by the Portuguese Ministry of Defense. Principal investigator.

Control for Coordination C4C – FP7 project (2008-2011). Project led by CWI (Netherlands) with partners from Portugal (LSTS, Porto harbor and Oceanscan Marine Systems and Technology), Greece (Center for R & D Hellas), Netherlands (Delft University of Technology, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, Océ, Rijkswaterstaat RWS, and Trinité Automatisering B.V. TRI), Cyprus (University of Cyprus), Italy (University of Verona) and Belgium (University of Gent and PSA Hesse Noord Natie HNN). The aim of the project was to design and to evaluate controllers for the five case studies (Underwater vehicles, Aerial vehicles, Control of road traffic at the network level, Automated off-road guided vehicles and Control of distributed complex machines) and to formulate control theory for the coordination of distributed systems. Principal investigator from LSTS.

PITVANT, Portuguese Air Force Unmanned Vehicles Program. Principal Investigator. The team is tasked with developing advanced UAV systems for the Portuguese Air Force. Partners: Portuguese Air Force Academy. Funding: Ministry of Defense. 2008-20015.

Seacon, Unmanned submarines for training and technology development. Principal Investigator from Porto University. The team is tasked with delivering three autonomous underwater vehicles for training and advanced mine warfare capability building by the Portuguese Navy. Partners: Portuguese Navy. Funding: Ministry of Defense. 2008-2010.

Operations

Led the operational deployments at sea (Atlantic and Pacific) with multiple autonomous underwater, surface and air vehicles since 2005.

Publications (last 10 years)

Book chapters

1. A. Rucco, A. Pedro Aguiar, F.A.C.C. Fontes, F. Lobo Pereira, J. Borges de Sousa, "A Model Predictive Control-Based Architecture for Cooperative Path-Following of Multiple

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles", in "Developments in Model-Based Optimization and Control", (Eds.: S. Olaru, A. Grancharova, F. L. Pereira), Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, Springer, 2016.
2. I. Prodan, S. Olaru, F.A.C.C. Fontes, F. Lobo Pereira, J. Borges Sousa, C. Stoica Maniu and S.-I. Niculescu "Predictive Control for Path Following. From Trajectory Generation to the Parametrization of the Discrete Tracking Sequences", in "Developments in Model-Based Optimization and Control", (Eds.: S. Olaru, A. Grancharova, F. L. Pereira), Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, Springer, 2016.
 3. F. Lobo Pereira, F.A.C.C. Fontes, A. Pedro Aguiar and J. Borges de Sousa, "An Optimization-Based Framework for Impulsive Control Systems", in "Developments in Model-Based Optimization and Control", (Eds.: S. Olaru, A. Grancharova, F. L. Pereira), Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, Springer, 2016.
 4. J. Borges de Sousa, "Networked Vehicle Systems: A glimpse at future capabilities for safer seas", NETWORK of experts on the legal aspects of MARitime SAFETY and security (MASAFENET), IS 1105 COST ACTION, Proceedings of Open Conference Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection in Europe: Multiple layers in regulation and compliance, Porto, 23 May 2014.
 5. J. Borges de Sousa and F. Lobo Pereira, "On the future of ocean observation", O mar no futuro de Portugal: Ciência e visão estratégica, Edição do Centro de Estudos do Atlântico, Coordenação: Pedro Borges Graça e Tiago Martins, 2014.
 6. J. Borges de Sousa, P. McGillivray, J. Vicente, M. Nunes Bento, J. Passos Morgado, M. Madruga Matos, R. Bencatel, and P. Mónica de Oliveira, "Unmanned Aircraft Systems for maritime operations", Handbook of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Eds. Valavanis, K.P., & Vachtsevanos, G.J.). Springer Verlag, New York, 2014.
 7. M. Madruga Matos, J. Caetano, J. Passos Morgado, and J. Borges de Sousa, "UAS Training - the Pitvant experience", Handbook of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Eds. Valavanis, K.P., & Vachtsevanos, G.J.). Springer Verlag, New York, 2014.
 8. J. George, P. B. Sujit, D. Ghose, and J. Borges de Sousa, "Decentralized coalition formation algorithms", Handbook of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Eds. Valavanis, K.P., & Vachtsevanos, G.J.). Springer Verlag, New York, 2014.
 9. J. Borges de Sousa and F. Lobo Pereira, "Coordination challenges in networked vehicle systems: are we missing something?", Coordination Control of Distributed Systems, Springer Verlag, 2014.
 10. F. Lobo Pereira, J. Borges de Sousa, R. Gomes, and P. Calado, "A model predictive control approach to AUV's motion coordination", Coordination Control of Distributed Systems, Springer Verlag, 2014.
 11. J. Estrela da Silva, F. Lobo Pereira, and J. Borges de Sousa, "Dynamic optimization techniques for the motion coordination of autonomous vehicles", Coordination Control of Distributed Systems, Springer Verlag, 2014.
 12. J. Borges de Sousa and J. Estrela da Silva, "Cooperative path planning in the presence of adversarial Behavior", in From physics to control through an emergent view, Edited by Luigi Fortuna, Alexander Fradkov, Mattia Frasca, World scientific series on nonlinear science, series B, Vol. 15, ISBN-13 978-981-4313-14-8, 2010.
 13. J. Estrela da Silva and J. Borges de Sousa, "Models for simulation and control of underwater vehicles", New Approaches in Automation and Robotics, Editor: Harald Aschemann, Publisher: I-Tech Education and Publishing, Vienna, Austria, May 2008, ISBN: 978-3-902613-26-4, pp. 197-207, 2008.

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2. Mason Thammawichai, Sujit P. Baliyarasimhuni, Eric C. Kerrigan, and J. Borges de Sousa, "Optimizing Communication and Computation for Multi-UAV Information Gathering Applications", IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems. 2017.
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5. Lara L. Sousa, Francisco López-Castejón, Javier Gilabert, Paulo Relvas, Ana Couto, Nuno Queiroz, Renato Caldas, Paulo Sousa Dias, Hugo Dias, Margarida Faria, Filipe Ferreira, António Sérgio Ferreira, João Fortuna, Ricardo Joel Gomes, Bruno Loureiro, Ricardo Martins, Luis Madureira, Jorge Neiva, Marina Oliveira, João Pereira, José Pinto, Frederic Py, Hugo Queirós, Daniel Silva, P.B. Sujit, Artur Zolich, Tor Arne Johansen, João Borges de Sousa, Kanna Rajan, "Integrated monitoring of Mola mola behaviour in space and time", PLOS-1, August 5, 2016
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8. S. Kaarthik, P. B. Sujit, S. Rathinam, D. Lucani, and J. Borges de Sousa, "Algorithms for Collecting Data from Cooperating Sensor Motes using Unmanned Vehicles", International Journal of Systems Science, 2014.
9. R. Bencatel, J. Borges de Sousa, and A. R. Girard, "Atmospheric flow field models applicable for aircraft endurance", Progress in Aerospace Sciences, Elsevier, 2013, vol. 61, N. 0, pages 1-25.
10. I. Prodan, S. Olaru, R. Bencatel, J. Borges de Sousa, Cristina Stoica, and Silviu-Iulian Niculescu, "Receding horizon flight control for trajectory tracking of autonomous aerial vehicles", Control Engineering Practice journal, Elsevier, 2013.
11. C. Fuchs, S. Ferreira, J. Borges de Sousa, and G. M. Gonçalves, "Adaptive consoles for supervisory control of multiple unmanned aerial vehicles", Human-Computer Interaction. Interaction Modalities and Techniques, Lecture Notes in Computer Science Volume 8007, 2013, pp 678-687.
12. P. B. Sujit, S. Saripalli, and J. Borges de Sousa, "UAV path following: a survey and analysis of algorithms for fixed wing UAVs", IEEE control systems, January 2014; 34(1), pp.:42-59.
13. P. McGuillivary, J. Borges de Sousa, and R. Martins, "Connecting the dots. Networking maritime fleets of autonomous systems for science and surveillance", Marine Technology Reporter, October 2012.

14. P. Sujit, D. Lucani, and J. Borges de Sousa, "Bridging cooperative sensing and route planning of autonomous vehicles", IEEE Journal on Selected Areas of Communications Special Issue Communications Challenges and Dynamics for Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles, Volume: 30, Issue: 5, Page(s): 912-922, 2012.
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2. J. Braga, F. Balampanis, A. Pedro Aguiar, J. Borges de Sousa, I. Maza and A. Ollero, "Coordinated Efficient Buoys Data Collection in Large Complex Coastal Environments using UAVs", Proceedings of the OCEANS 2017 MTS/IEEE Anchorage, 2017.
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147. A. Ferreira, R. Martins, E. R. B. Marques, J. Pinto, A. Martins, J. Almeida, J. Borges de Sousa and E. Pereira da Silva, "Swordfish: an autonomous surface vehicle for network centric operations", Proceedings of the IEEE OCEANS'2007 Conference, Aberdeen, Scotland, 2007.
148. J. Borges de Sousa and G. M. Gonçalves, "Mixed initiative control of unmanned air and ocean going vehicles: models, tools and experimentation", RTO AVT-146 Symposium Platform Innovations and System Integration for Unmanned Air, Land and Sea Vehicles, Florence, Italy, May 2007.
149. R. Girard and J. Borges de Sousa, "Modeling team adversarial actions in SEAD operations", RTO AVT-146 Symposium Platform Innovations and System Integration for Unmanned Air, Land and Sea Vehicles, Florence, Italy, May 2007.

Talks

"Mobile connectivity and mobile locality in networked systems: are we missing something", Plenary Lecture at Control 2018 - 12th UKACC International Conference on Control, Sheffield, UK, September 2018.

Unmanned air vehicle: From vehicles to systems", plenary session ACNAAV 2015, Workshop on Advanced Control and Navigation for Autonomous Aerospace Vehicles, Seville, Spain, June 2015.

Large scale multi-vehicle operations in remote areas: coupling controls, computations, communications, and power management, ICode Thematic Day, Optimization and decision making in large scale systems - Applications to Transportation Systems, CentraleSupélec – Gif Campus, France, May, 26, 2015.

Networked Autonomous Systems for Persistent Ocean Observations, NTNU OCEAN, Knowledge for a sustainable ocean, Tyholt, Trondheim, Norway, May 4–7, 2015.

Experiments in autonomy and multi-vehicle systems: reports from the field, University of Agder, Norway, March 2013.

Sistemas de veículos não tripulados: I&D e desenvolvimento de capacidades, Instituto de Altos Estudos Militares, Lisbon, October 2014.

O projecto NETMAR: experiência e lições aprendidas, Universidade da Corunha. Coruña, Spain, October 2014.

Design and operation of networked maritime vehicle systems", Urals University, Ekaterinbug, Russia, September 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for oceanographic field studies", Universidade do Algarve, Portugal, May 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for new observation and intervention capabilities, ABB Research, Oslo, Norway, March 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for maritime operations: design and implementation, Royal Institute Of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, March 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for maritime operations: design and implementation, NASA-Ames, California, US, January 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for maritime operations: design and implementation, National Technical University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, January 2014.

Networked vehicle systems for science and surveillance, DOER Marina, Alameda, California, US, January 2014.

Towards a sustained presence in the oceans, Lisbon Atlantic Conference, Lisbon, December 2013.

O futuro da observação dos oceanos, Centro de Estudos Estratégicos do Atlântico, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade de Lisboa, November 11th, 2013.

Developing a National Ocean Policy for Moçambique: Balancing Protection of Africa's Largest Marine Protected Areas with Pirates, Shipping and Oil & Gas Development, Center for Ocean Solutions, University of Stanford, October 2013.

Control and computation challenges in networked vehicle systems, Department of Computer Science, University of Southern California, October 2013.

Looking to the future of autonomous oceanographic field measurements: capabilities=f(vehicles, networks, interactions), MBARI, October, 2013.

An overview of the NECSAVE project, An overview of the Noptilus project and An overview of the C4C project, EDA/FP7 meeting on Unmanned Maritime Systems, Brussels, 2013.

Networking ocean and air vehicles: challenges and opportunities, ICAUV 2012 International Conference on Autonomous Unmanned Vehicles, February 24-25, 2012, Bangalore, India.

An overview of the NECSAVE project, An overview of the Noptilus project and An overview of the C4C project, EDA/FP7 meeting on Unmanned Maritime Systems, Brussels, 2012.

Coordination challenges in networked vehicle systems: are we missing something? Workshop on the Control of Cyber-Physical Systems, October 20-21, 2012 University of Notre Dame London Centre.

Networking operations with autonomous underwater and air vehicles, Workshop Vehiculos autónomos submarinos: Nuevos avances tecnológicos. Ejercicio "AUV 2011", Centro de Alto Rendimiento Infanta Cristina, Murcia, Spain, November 2011.

Networking vehicles systems at Porto University, MBARI, February 3rd, 2011.

Networking vehicles and systems for a persistent presence in the ocean, Marine & Environmental Sensing Technology Workshop: Gaps & Opportunities National Centre for Sensor Research, Dublin City University, March 29th, 2011.

An update on research and development at the Underwater Systems and Technologies Laboratory at Porto University, Mechanical Engineering Department, University of California at Berkeley, 2010.

Networking vehicles and systems, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of California at Berkeley, 2010.

Towards a sustained presence in the ocean: sensor systems on networked vehicles, Department of Automatic Control, University of Lund, 2010.

Sensor systems on networked vehicles, 25th Intelligence Sensing Programme, London, UK, October, 2008.

Sensor systems on networked vehicles, Marinera project, Dublin, Ireland, October, 2008.

Sensor systems on networked vehicles, Portuguese Ministry of Defense, Lisbon, October, 2008.

Research and development at the Underwater Systems and Technologies Laboratory at Porto University, Centro de Instrução Tática Naval na Base Naval de Lisboa, MWC – CITAN Bilateral meeting Portuguese and Royal Navy, October, 2007.

Networking vehicles and systems, Naval Undersea Research Center, La Spezia, Italy, November, 2007.

Dynamic optimization techniques in the coordination and control of network vehicle systems, invited talk at the workshop Modeling and control of physical networks, satellite event of Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC) 2007, Pisa, Italy, April, 2007.

Research and development at the Underwater Systems and Technologies Laboratory at Porto University, Civil Engineering Department, University of California at Berkeley, March 2007.

Academic Activities

Instruction

Undergraduate Courses (Porto University):

- Department of Mechanical Engineering: Programming languages (Spring 1990)
- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering: Mathematical Analysis I (1991-93, 2001-04), Mathematical Analysis II (Spring 1990-93, 2000-16), Circuits and Systems (Spring 1990), Numerical Analysis (Spring 1990, Fall 1998), Mathematical Analysis III (1997, 1998, 2003-5), Optimal Control (Spring 1991, 1992, 1993), Optimization Methods (Fall 1991, 1992), Probabilities and Statistics (Fall 1990), Logistics (2003), Methods and Analysis of Production Systems (2002-5), Systems Engineering and Project Management (2005-2013).

Graduate Courses:

- Departamento de Engenharia Electrotécnica e de Computadores, Porto University: Hierarchical and Decentralized Control (Spring 1991), Mobile Robots (Fall 1994), Hybrid Systems (Spring 08, Spring 09, Spring 16).
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, TK 8109 Advanced Topics in Guidance and Control, Fall 2014.
- Dynamic optimization for control and reach set computation. Part of the 291E Civil Engineering Course, University of California at Berkeley, (April 2004).

Short Courses (University of California at Berkeley):

- Differential Games: The Krasovskii-Subbotin Framework. Short course, University of California at Berkeley, July 1999.
- Dynamic optimization for control and reach set computation. Short course, University of California at Berkeley, April 2003.

University Committees

Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto: Member of the Departamento de Engenharia Electrotécnica e de Computadores Advisory Board. 1998-1999.

Cooperation and leadership

Chief scientist on the Schmidt Ocean Institute Cruise Exploring Fronts with Multiple Robots, May 28th – June 17, 2018.

Launched the University of Porto Oceans Distinguished Lecture Series in May 2015.

Member of the presidential delegation that visited Norway, May 2015.

Established a collaborator agreement with the NASA-Ames (2016). This cooperation concerns ocean observation and life sciences.

Established a collaborator agreement with the Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera (2015). This cooperation concerns the ocean operations with unmanned vehicles.

Established a collaborator agreement with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2013). This cooperation concerns the coordination and control of networked unmanned air and ocean vehicles.

Established a collaborator agreement with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (2013). This cooperation concerns the coordination and control of networked vehicles and deliberative on-board planning.

Porto University representative for the cooperation with the Portuguese Air Force (2008-) and the Portuguese Navy (2009-). This cooperation concerns the coordination and control of networked submarines and air vehicles.

Member of the panel, appointed by the Portuguese government, to write the report “A strategy for the ocean”, 2003.

Established a joint research program between Porto University and UC-Berkeley for advancing the application of hybrid systems theory to the coordinated control of multiple autonomous underwater vehicles.

Led the setup of the Underwater Technology Laboratory at Porto University in 1997. Research addresses the application of recent advances in hybrid controller synthesis and related software tools to the coordinated operation of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles for Coastal Oceanography.

Led the setup of the Laboratory of Enterprise Engineering at Porto University in 1996. Research addresses the application of concepts from Systems Engineering and Control to the organization and coordination of SMEs and business processes.

Other Professional Activities

Advisory boards

Member of the Advisory Committee of Swedish Marine Robotics Center of Excellence (started in 2016).

Expert groups

Member of the Expert group on the evolution of the Copernicus Security Service, 2017.

Member of the International Evaluation Committee of the Aeronautics and Information Systems Division, FOI, Sweden, 2015.

Conferences and workshops

Chair of the 2018 IEEE OES Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Symposium, Rectory Building, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, November 2018.

Chair of the International Program Committee of the IFAC Workshop Navigation, Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles, Girona, 2015.

Chair of the International Conference Oceans: challenges and opportunities, Porto, 2013.

Member of the Programme Committee of the International Workshop Research, Development and Education on Unmanned Aerial Systems, RED-UAS 2013, Compiègne, France.

Member of the International Program Committee 2013 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems May 28-31, 2013, Grand Hyatt Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Chair of the IFAC Workshop Navigation, Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles, Porto, 10-12 April, 2012.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of Second International Conference on Autonomous and Intelligent Systems, AIS 2012.

Member of the Programme Committee of the International Workshop Research, Development and Education on Unmanned Aerial Systems, RED-UAS 2011, Sevilha, Spain.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of Second International Conference on Autonomous and Intelligent Systems, AIS 2011, June 21 - 23, 2011, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of the International Conference on Autonomous and Intelligent Systems, AIS 2010, June 21-23, 2010.

Co-chair of the 2nd UTEN Workshop 2010 - Marine and Bio-Science Research Collaboration & Network Building for Commercialization, University of Algarve, September 27-28, 2010.

Chair of the NATO Lecture Series Multisensor Fusion: Advanced methodologies and applications, Porto, 6- 7 June 2011.

Chair of the workshop "Oportunidades e desafios na observação dos oceanos", Porto, July 2009.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of ROBOCOMM, the Third International Conference on Robot Communication and Coordination, (2009).

Member of the International Technical Program Committee of 2008 IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering, Washington DC, August 23-26, 2008.

Member of the Committee do IFAC Workshop on Navigation, Guidance and Control of Underwater Vehicles, NGCUV 2008, University of Limerick, Ireland, April 8-9, 2008.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of ROBOCOMM, the First International Conference on Robot Communication and Coordination (2007).

Editor

Associate Editor, IEEE Journal of Ocean Engineering. 2017-.

Associate Editor, IEEE Robotics and Automation Conference, 2016, 2017.

Associate Editor, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Hamburg, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Associate Editor, International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Member of the editorial board of the book *Coordination Control of Distributed Systems* to be published by Springer Verlag in 2014.

Member of the editorial board of *Unmanned Systems Journal*, World Scientific,

Referee

IEEE Control Systems Magazine. 1999, 2002.

Automatica. 1999, 2000, 2005.

IEEE Transactions of Systems, Man and Cybernetics, 2000.

IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 2002.

IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology, 2006.

IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering, 2006.

IEEE Control Systems Magazine, 2006.

Journal of Field Robotics, 2006, 2009.

Journal of Field Robotics, 2006, 2009-2013.

Professional organizations

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Member of the Oceanic Engineering Society.

International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC)

Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) – member of the Maritime Advisory Committee.

Associação Portuguesa de Controlo Automático.

International Society for Dynamic Games.