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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD Student in Aeronautical and Space Engineering

Sapienza University of Rome [11/2023 - Current]

Master Science Degree in Space and Astronautical Engineering

Sapienza University of Rome [2020 - 16/10/2023]

Final grade: 110 cum Laude

Thesis: In Orbit Testing of Attitude Determination and Control System of WildTrackCube-SIMBA CubeSat

Bachelor Degree in Aerospace Engineering

Sapienza University of Rome [2017 - 2020]

Final grade: 110 cum laude

Thesis: Indirect Optimization of a Finite Time Impulsive Rendezvous Manoeuvre

Scientific High School Diploma

Liceo Scientifico Marcello Malpighi [2011 - 2017]

Final grade: 100

PROJECTS

S5Lab Activities

[09/2021 - Current]

The main activities conducted as part of the research group of the Sapienza Space Systems and Space Surveillance Laboratory (S5Lab) are:

- CubeSat monitoring and operations (WildTrackCube-SIMBA, Ledsat, Greencube)
- Participation at observation campaign, with particular focus on Ledsat

RETINA Mission | REXUS Programme

[10/2023 - Current]

The RETINA mission aims to demonstrate the functionality of innovative technologies using a sub-orbital launch. The mission comprises four different experiments: a low-cost real time navigation unit, an AI module for attitude estimation, an innovative thermal cooling system for space applications in a microgravity environment and a flexible time triggered ethernet (FTTE) for real-time communication.

Role and Activities:

- Attitude Payload Engineer
- Participation to Selection Workshop at ESTEC (7-11 November 2022)

NIBBIO | Research Project

[07/2022 – Current]

NIBBIO is a research project supported by the Italian Space Agency (Agenzia Spaziale Italiana - ASI) for the development of hybrid navigation systems.

Role and Activities:

- Student coordinator
- IMU sensor test and integration
- Attitude estimation through Kalman filter

GREENCUBE 3U CubeSat | Research Project

[09/2021 – Current]

Greencube is a 3U CubeSat developed by Sapienza University of Rome (S5Lab research group) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI), with the participation of the ENEA (Alternative Energy National Agency) and the University of Naples Federico II. Its objective is the autonomous cultivation of microgreens in orbit. The CubeSat was launched on 13/07/2022 with the VEGA-C maiden flight.

Role and Activities:

- CubeSat assembly and integration
- Environmental test campaign for qualification and acceptance to launch
- Technical report writing

LEDSAT 2 | Student Project

[07/2022 – 12/2022]

LEDSAT 2 is a 3U CubeSat for the extension of LED based technology for ground-based satellite tracking and Space Traffic Management.

Role and Activities:

- Student System Engineer
- Participation to 'Fly Your Satellite!' 4th edition Selection Workshop
- Participation to 'Fly Your Satellite Design Booster' program
- Participation to training week at ESTEC (7-11 November 2022) and Selection Workshop (6-7 December 2022)

LOOPS-M (IGLUNA 2021) | Student Project

[09/09/2020 – 25/07/2021]

LOOPS-M is a project developed for the IGLUNA 2021 program and its objective is the development of a Lunar Operative Outpost for the Production and Storage of Microgreens and interactive Virtual Reality simulation of a Lunar greenhouse.

Role and Activities:

- Design, development and integration of micrometeorite shield based on the model of Stuffed Whipple Shield
- ANSYS hypervelocity impact simulation
- Student technical documentation writing

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Italian**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

Hindi

LISTENING B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Path of Excellence Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering - Sapienza University of Rome

[10/2020]

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) / CATIA V5 (CAD) / Matlab / C programming / ANSYS / Global Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) / FreeFlyer / Git (Github / Gitlab) / Visual Studio Code, Visual Studio / Arduino

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Good knowledge of orbital dynamics

Good knowledge of space systems and space mission life-cycle

Good knowledge of CubeSat Design Specification

Hands-On experience in Cubesat assembly and environmental testing

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

73rd International Astronautical Congress

[Paris, France, 18/09/2022 – 22/09/2022]

72nd International Astronautical Congress

[Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 24/10/2021 – 28/10/2021]

PUBLICATIONS

LOOPS-M Project: Structural and Bioregenerative Systems for a sustainable lunar greenhouse

[2021]

Paper Code: IAC-21,A3,IP,38,x66536

The GreenCube CubeSat mission: Development and Qualification of an autonomous Microgreens Cultivation System and demonstration of CubeSat propulsion in MEO

[2021]

Paper Code: IAC-21,B4,9-GTS.5,5,x66431

[Shared CubeSat Bus Approach for the design and development of the Sapienza S5Lab nano-satellites](#)

[2022]

[Designing greenhouse subsystems for a lunar mission: the LOOPS - M Project](#)

[2022]

Autonomous cultivation system for nano platforms: the GreenCube mission

[2022]

Paper Code: IAC-22,B4,6B,4,x73614

Microgreens growth tests and space qualification for the GreenCube CubeSat cultivation laboratory

[2022]

Paper Code: IAC-22,B4,9-GTS.5,7,x73619

First in-orbit operations for the WildTrackCube-SIMBA and LEDSAT 1U CubeSats

[2022]

Paper Code: IAC-22,B4,3,12,x73652

Early identification and attitude reconstruction of LED-equipped satellites for Space Traffic Management and improved trackability

[2022]

Paper Code: IAC-22,A6,4,7,x73755

Internet-of-Things sensor applications on the Sapienza S5Lab CubeSats: from wildlife monitoring to inter-satellite link research

Paper Code: IAC-23,B4,6B,10,x79893

Advances in spaceborne LED payloads attitude determination and autonomous units design for Space Traffic Management

Paper Code: IAC-23,A6,4,1,x79847

Lessons learned from the GreenCube 3U CubeSat operations in Medium Earth Orbit

Paper Code: IAC-23,B4,3,2,x79650

11/12/2023

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