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## RESEARCH INTERESTS:

My research addresses real-world challenges in aerospace through collaboration with both control theorists to develop innovative solutions and engineers to implement them in industrial aerospace applications. Recent work explores safe control strategies, including the development of reference governors for nonlinear systems with uncertain dynamics. A funded CubeSat mission will demonstrate the application of these techniques to the fuel sloshing mitigation problem.

## EMPLOYMENT:

### Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA

#### Assistant Professor:

1/2019-present

- PI or co-PI of several research projects funded by the NSF, ONR, AFRL\SDL or DOE\ARPA-E,
- PI of the first Rutgers CubeSat mission (UNP cycle 1, NS-11 and NS-12),
- Advanced Control Laboratory director. Development of new control methods and demonstrations on satellite or drone test benches,
- Co-PI of the Rutgers Net-Zero Wind Energy Test (WET) Center.

### ONERA, the French Aerospace Lab, Toulouse, FR

4/2010-12/2018

#### Research Scientist:

- Awarded a French DoD fellowship to visit Pr. Ilya Kolmanovsky (**University of Michigan's Aerospace Department**). Developed advanced reference governors techniques for uncertain controlled systems during this research visit (September 2017 - August 2018),
- Led the \$3M VISIOLAND project (VISIOn based control solutions for automatic Landing of aircraft or UAVs),
- Worked on many applications to aerospace systems (satellite, space launchers, civil and combat aircraft, UAVs) with many industrial and academic partners such as AIRBUS, DASSAULT Aviation, ESA, CNES, ASTRIUM, LAAS-CNRS, L2S-CNRS,
- Developed a back-up/low-weight/low-cost solution to perform bio-inspired lunar landing,
- Developed advanced Backstepping-based control laws for control of nonlinear uncertain flexible systems,
- Developed a novel control method based on a subtle Output to Input Saturation Transform (OIST) to take into account state constraints in combination with anti-windup loops,
- Proposed a novel anti-collision algorithm embedded on a fleet of three UAVs,

- Developed novel robust anti-windup solutions in the presence of a time-varying parameter with application to visual servoing.

**DGA-LRBA, French DoD, Vernon, FR**

**9/2003-3/2010**

**Expert Engineer in Rocket Guidance, Navigation and Control:**

- Worked on advanced nonlinear control solutions with industry partners such as Airbus Defense and Space, MBDA and SAGEM,
- Was responsible for the road map "Guidance, Control and Optimization",
- Prepared in parallel a Ph.D. at L2S-CNRS.

**EDUCATION:**

**INP Toulouse, Habilitation (French accreditation to supervise research) 12/2019**

Habilitation Thesis: « *Nonlinear Control and Observation of Aerospace Systems* »,

Committee: T. Ahmed-Ali, J-M. Biannic, S. Caux, F. Cazaurang, B. Clement, I. Fantoni and A. Marcos.

**University of Paris Saclay, L2S-CNRS, Ph.D., Physics**

**9/2003-2/2007**

Thesis: « *Contribution to design and analysis of nonlinear sampled-data control systems* »,

Committee: A. Astolfi, C. Moog, C. Prieur, J. Daafouz, T. Ahmed-Ali, F. Lamnabhi-Lagarigue.

**Ecole Centrale Nantes, M.S., Control Engineering**

**6/2003**

**ENSTA Bretagne, Engineering Degree**

**9/2003**

**PRIZES AND AWARDS:**

**2021 Rutgers Provost Award for “Excellence in Teaching Innovations”**

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**JOURNAL PAPERS (\* INDICATES MY STUDENTS / VISITING STUDENTS)**

[J40] R. Schieni\*, M. Malisoff and L. Burlion, “*Theory for Speeding Up Reference Governors using Interval Contractors*,” submitted to Automatica, in revision.

[J39] A.K. Shakya\*, M. Fogel\*, G. Pillai, L. Burlion, and S. Chakrabarty, “*Spill-Free Liquid Container Handling using Deep Reinforcement Learning Agents in Feedback Control*,” submitted to Neural Computing and Applications.

[J38] G. Magnani\*, J-M. Biannic, M. Cassaro, E. Evain, and L. Burlion, “*Slosh attenuation via Reference Governor-based adaptive control for space operations under actuators constraints*,” submitted to IFAC Journal of Systems and Control, in revision.

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- [J33] L. Wang, R. Bergua, A. Robertson, J. Jonkman, T. Ngo, T. Das, D. Sarker, F. Fabregas Flavia, R. Harries, M. Fowler, E. Lenfest, J. López Muro\*, L. Burlion, and O. Bilgen, “*Experimental validation of models of a hull-based tuned mass damper system for a semisubmersible floating offshore wind turbine platform*,” Journal of Physics: Conference Series, vol.2626-012067, 2023.
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- [J31] L. Burlion, R. Schieni\* and I. Kolmanovsky, “*A Reference Governor for linear systems with polynomial constraints*,” Automatica, vol.142, 2022.
- [J30] L. Burlion, V. Gibert\*, M. Malisoff and F. Mazenc, “*Controls for a nonlinear system arising in vision-based landing of airliners*,” International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control, vol 31(4), pp.1227-1244, 2021.
- [J29] I. Rubio Scola, G. Guijarro Reyes, L. Garcia Carrillo, J. Hespanha and L. Burlion, “*A Robust Control Strategy with Perturbation Estimation for the Parrot Mambo Platform*,” IEEE Trans. on Control Systems Technology, vol. 29(4), pp.1389-1404, 2021.
- [J28] T. Cunis\*, J-P. Condomines, and L. Burlion, “*Stability and control synthesis for deep-stall recovery using sum-of-square*,” AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics, vol. 43(8), pp.1498-1511, 2020.
- [J27] T. Cunis\*, J-P. Condomines, and L. Burlion, “*Local stability analysis for large polynomial spline systems*,” Automatica, vol.113, 2020.
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- [J25] L. Burlion, M. Malisoff, F. Mazenc, “*Stabilization and Robustness Analysis of Saturating Integrators arising in Vision Based Landing of Aircraft with Sampling*”, Systems & Control Letters, vol 135, 2020.
- [J24] M.M. Nicotra, D. Liao-McPherson, L. Burlion and I.V. Kolmanovsky, “*Spacecraft Attitude Control with Nonconvex Constraints: An Explicit Reference Governor Approach*,” IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control, vol 65(8), pp. 3677-3684, 2020.
- [J23] T. Ahmed-Ali, E. Fridman, F. Giri, M. Kahelras, F. Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue and L. Burlion, “*Observer design for a class of parabolic systems with large delays and*

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- [J21] F. Mazenc, L. Burlion and M. Malisoff, "*Backstepping design for output feedback stabilization for a class of uncertain systems*," Systems & Control Letters, vol.123, pp.134-143, 2019.
- [J20] F. Mazenc, L. Burlion and M. Malisoff, "*Stabilization and robustness analysis for a chain of saturating integrators with imprecise measurements*," IEEE Control Systems Letters, vol.3(2), 2019.
- [J19] T. Cunis\*, L. Burlion and J-P. Condomines, "*On Piece-wise Polynomial Modeling for Control and Analysis of Aircraft Dynamics beyond Stall*," AIAA Journal of Guidance, Control and Dynamics, vol.42(4), pp. 949-957, 2019.
- [J18] L. Burlion, J-M. Biannic and T. Ahmed-Ali, "*Attitude tracking of a flexible spacecraft under angular velocity constraints*," International Journal of Control, vol.92(7), pp. 1524-1540, 2019.
- [J17] V. Gibert\*, F. Plestan, L. Burlion, J.Boada and A. Chriette, "*New scheme for visual estimation of deviations based on sliding mode and high gain approaches: application to the landing of a civil aircraft*," Control Engineering Practice, vol.75, pp.17-25, 2018.
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- [J14] E. Chambon\*, L. Burlion and P. Apkarian, "*Time-response shaping using Output to Input Saturation Transformation*", International Journal of Control, vol. 91(3), pp.534-553, 2018.
- [J13] P. Bidaud, L. Burlion, H. de Plinval, T. Loquen, J. Marzat and C. Pralet, "*Dealing with complexity through advanced control techniques*", in a special issue celebrating the 70th birthday of ONERA, Vol.12(13), AL12-13 (the electronic Journal of Onera, on-line accessible), 2016.
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- [B4] E. Chambon\*, P. Apkarian and L. Burlion, "*Flexible launch vehicle control using robust observer-based controller obtained through structured  $H_\infty$  synthesis,*" in "Advances in Aerospace Guidance Navigation and Control: selected papers of the 3rd CEAS Specialist Conference on Guidance, Navigation and Control," Springer, pp.23-38, 2015.
- [B3] H. de Plinval and L. Burlion, "*Nonlinear visual servoing control for VTOL UAVs with field of view constraint,*" in "Advances in Aerospace Guidance Navigation and Control: selected papers of the 3rd CEAS Specialist Conference on Guidance, Navigation and Control," Springer, pp.531-548, 2015.



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- [C74] C. Stoica, S. Bertrand, and L. Burlion, "Feedback on Drone Arenas-based Remote international Teaching – DARETeach," in Proc. of the 2024 IFAC Workshop on Aerospace Control Education (WACE), 2024, pp. 135-140, 2024.
- [C73] M. Fogel\*, S. Terracina\*, and L. Burlion, "The Rutgers SPICESat Mission: An Educational Case Study," in Proc. of the 2024 IEEE Aerospace Conference, pp. 1-11, Big Sky, MT, USA, 2024.
- [C72] J. López Muro\*, J-P. Condomines, O. Bilgen and L. Burlion, "Control Oriented Modeling of a Floating Offshore Wind Turbine," in Proc. of the 2023 CCTA Conference, pp. 208-213, 2023.
- [C71] R. Schieni\*, C. Zhao, M. Malisoff and L. Burlion, "Reference Governor Design in the Presence of Uncertain Polynomial Constraints," in Proc. of the 2023 American Control Conference, pp.1428-1433, 2023.
- [C70] G. Magnani, A. de Souza, M. Cassaro, J-M. Biannic, H. Evain and L. Burlion, "Command governor-based adaptive control for constrained linear systems in presence of unmodelled dynamics", in Proc. of the 2023 American Control Conference, pp.2387-2392, 2023.
- [C69] M. Maadani\*, J. López Muro\*, Z. Soriano\* and L. Burlion, "Control Allocation of Over-Actuated Tilt-Rotor Quadcopters with Aerodynamic Interactions", in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2023.
- [C68] R. Schieni\*, J. Barreira\*, C. Zhao\*, M. Malisoff and L. Burlion, "Quadrotor Flight Envelope Protection while Following High-Speed Trajectories: a Reference Governor Approach", in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2023.
- [C66] M. Fogel\*, M. Jadeja\*, and L. Burlion, "SPICESat: A Nanosatellite Mission to Explore the Propellant Sloshing Problem", in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2023.
- [C65] G. Magnani, J-M. Biannic, M. Cassaro, H. Evain and L. Burlion, "Reference Governor Based Solution for Satellite Attitude Control with Sloshing and Actuation Constraints", in Proc. of the 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference for Aeronautics and Space Sciences, (EUCASS 2022), Lille, France, 2022.

- [C64] C. Zhao\* and L. Burlion, “*Geometric Model Free Control Tracking Control on SE(3)*”, in Proc. of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IFAC Symposium on Automatic Control in Aerospace (ACA 2022), pp. 387-393, 2022.
- [C63] M. Simsek, R. Schieni\*, L. Burlion and O. Bilgen, “A Hybrid Position Feedback Controlled Bistable Metamaterial Concept”, 10th European Nonlinear Dynamics Conference (ENOC 2022), Lyon, France, 2022-07-17, 2022.
- [C62] C. Zhao\*, M. Fogel\* and L. Burlion, “Control of propellant slosh dynamics in observation spacecraft using Model Free Control and pressure sensors”, in Proc. of IEEE CCTA conference, Trieste, pp. 191-196, 2022.
- [C61] R. Schieni\* and L. Burlion, “A Reference Governor for Control of Bistable Structures with Polynomial Constraints”, in Proc. of the IEEE CCTA conference, Trieste, pp. 191-196, 2022.
- [C60] J. López Muro\*, X. Du\*, J-P. Condomines, O. Bilgen and L. Burlion, “Wind Turbine Tower Thickness and Blade Pitch Control Co-Design Optimization”, in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2022.
- [C59] M. Higgins\* and L. Burlion, “Implementation of a Learning-Based Explicit Reference Governor for Constrained Control of a UAV”, in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2022.
- [C58] R. Schieni\*, M. Simsek, T. Cunis, O. Bilgen and L. Burlion, “Control of Bistable Structures Using a Modified Hybrid Position Feedback Controller”, in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2022.
- [C57] B. Lai\*, T. Cunis and L. Burlion, "*Nonlinear Trajectory Based Region of Attraction Estimation for Aircraft Dynamics Analysis*", in Proc. of the AIAA Scitech Forum, 2021.
- [C56] X. Du\*, L. Burlion and O. Bilgen, "*Control co-design for rotor blades of floating offshore wind turbines*", in Proc. of the ASME 2020 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), Volume 7A: Dynamics, Vibration, and Control. Virtual, 2020.
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- [C23] G. Sabiron\*, L. Burlion, T. Raharijaona and F. Ruffier, "*Optic flow-based nonlinear control and optimal guidance for lunar landing*", in proc of IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics, ROBIO 2014, pp. 1241-1247, 2014.
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- [C21] L. Burlion, H. de Plinval and P. Mouyon, "*Backstepping based Visual Servoing for Transport Aircraft Automatic Landing*", in Proc. of IEEE Multi conference on Systems and Control, MSC 2014, pp. 1461-1466, 2014.
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- [C12] G. Sabiron\*, P. Chavent, L. Burlion, E. Kervendal, P. Fabiani, T. Raharijaona and F. Ruffier, "*Toward an autonomous lunar landing based on low-speed optic flow sensors*", in Proc of Euro GNC 2013, pp.993-1011, 2013.
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- [C10] J-M. Biannic, L. Burlion, S. Tarbouriech and G. Garcia, "*On dynamic inversion with rate limitations*", American Control Conference, pp. 191-196, 2012.
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- [C5] T. Ahmed-Ali, L. Burlion and F. Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue, "*On the stabilization of sampled-data systems by using higher order approximations of the exact discretized systems*", in Proc. of IMACS World Congress, 2005.
- [C4] L. Burlion, T. Ahmed-Ali and F. Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue, "*On the design of Lyapunov functions for state-dependent impulsive dynamical systems*", in Proc. of the IFAC World Congress, pp. 379-384, 2005.
- [C3] L. Burlion, T. Ahmed-Ali and F. Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue, "*Stabilization of switching systems: a viability approach*", in Proc. of the 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Mathematical Theory of Networked Systems, (MTNS 2004), 2004.
- [C2] L. Burlion, T. Ahmed-Ali and F. Lamnabhi-Lagarrigue, "*On the stability of a class of nonlinear hybrid systems*", in Proc. of the 6<sup>th</sup> IFAC-Symposium on Nonlinear Control Systems (NOLCOS 2004), 2004.
- [C1] L. Burlion, T. Ahmed-Ali and N. Seube, "*Glider's roll control based on Backstepping*", in Proc. of the IFAC Conference on Control Applications in Marine Systems (CAMS 2004), 2004.

## **PATENT:**

[\[P1\]](#) US Patent 20,160,026,189, "*Method and system for automatic autonomous landing of an aircraft*", J. Boada-Bauxell, V. Gibert, L. Burlion, A. Chriette, F. Plestan.

## **RECENT PRESENTATIONS:**

10-2024: ME Seminar speaker, "Learning Aerospace Control Engineering by working on a Cubesat Mission to Mitigate Sloshing," University of Maryland Baltimore County, MA.

08-2024: PI project presentation, "Interval Observers for Enhanced Shipboard Landing and Formation Control for Naval Aircraft," Office of Naval Research, Arlington, VA.

07-2024: IFAC WACE, "Engaging Students in Control Engineering through Sloshing Experiments," Bertinoro, Italy.

05-2024: ECE Seminar speaker, "Drones Flight Envelope Protection Using Reference Governors," NYU.

08-2023: PI project presentation, "Interval Observers for Enhanced Shipboard Landing and Formation Control for Naval Aircraft," Office of Naval Research, Arlington, VA.

06-2023: Guest Speaker, "Protecting Quadrotor Flight Envelope: A Reference Governor Approach for Uncertain Polynomial Constraints," UC Riverside, CA.

03-2023: Seminar speaker, "Reference Governors for Linear Systems with Uncertain Polynomial Constraints and Disturbances," CentraleSupélec, University of Paris Saclay, France.

03-2023: Seminar speaker, "Reference Governors for Systems with Polynomial Constraints," Tel Aviv University, IL.

03-2023: Guest Speaker "Reference Governors for Linear Systems with Uncertain Polynomial Constraints and Disturbances," Ensta Bretagne, France.

12-2022: Invited Speaker, FEANICESSES Workshop, "Quadrotor Flight Envelope Protection while Following High-Speed Trajectories: a Reference Governor Approach," ENAC, the French School of Aviation, Toulouse, France.

01-2022: Panelist representing Rutgers at the Innovation Chat of James Barrood on the "future of drones," Podcast series.

03-2021: Seminar speaker, "Aerospace systems control using reference governors," University of Minnesota, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Department seminar series.

10-2020: Seminar speaker, "DAReTeach: *Drone Arenas-based Remote international TEACHing*," Rutgers Global Collaborative Education Lab (GCEL) Symposium.

05-2019: Seminar speaker, "Advanced nonlinear control methods to push aerospace systems to their limits," invited talk, Louisiana State University Mathematical Department seminar series.

## COMMITTEES:

**IFAC TC 7.3 (Aerospace):** Member since 2014.

**IEEE CSS TCAC (Aerospace Control):** Member since 2019.

**IEEE RAS TC (Aerial Robotics and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles):** Member since 2022.

Member of the IPC (international Program Committee) for the IFAC Automatic Control in Aerospace (ACA) 2022.

Member of the IPC for the ICINCO (International Conference on Informatics in Control, Automation and Robotics) 2023 and 2024.

## MEMBERSHIPS:

**AIAA Senior Member**

**IEEE Senior Member**

**Vertical Flight Society Member**

## EDITORIAL BOARDS:

**Associate Editor for Control Engineering Practice**, from January 2024.

Guest editor for the special issue “**New Trends in Spacecraft and Launch Vehicles Control**” of Control engineering Practice, July 2023-September 2024.

Member of the IEEE CSS Technology Conferences Editorial Board since 2022.

Guest editor for the special issue “Latest Developments in Offshore Wind Technologies”, Energies, May 2023-June 2024.

Associate editor for the conferences “Ubiquitous Robotics” 2020 and 2021.

Frontiers in Control Engineering: review editor since 2023.

## RESEARCH GRANTS:

### In progress

- **SPICESAT 2** (Sloshing Platform for In-Orbit Controller Experimentation)

Funded by AFRL\SDL (UNP-12)

Period: 01/2025-03/2027

- **Collaborative Research: Designs and Theory for Interval Contractors and Reference Governors with Aerospace Applications**

Funded by NSF

Period: 08/2023-07/2026

- **Interval Observers for Enhanced Shipboard Landing and Formation Control for Naval Aircraft**

Funded by ONR

Period: 01/2022-06/2025

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- **Establishment of the Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute (RCEI) with the Launch of the Flagship Net-Zero Wind Energy Test (WET) Center Project**

Funded by Rutgers

Period: 07/2023-06/2026

### **Completed**

- **SPICESAT** (Sloshing Platform for In-Orbit Controller Experimentation)

Funded by AFRL\SDL (UNP-11)

Period: 01/2022-03/2024

- **RU/TAU research collaboration** (Advanced Time Delay Control Methods for Aerospace Autonomous Systems)

Funded by Rutgers and Tel Aviv University

Period: 06/2022-06/2023

- **Batteries Sharing for Autonomous Vehicles** (Team Science Initiative Project)

Funded by Rutgers\SOE

Period: 01/2021-06/2023

- **ATLANTIS** (Computationally Efficient Atmospheric-Data-Driven Control Co-Design Optimization Framework with Mixed-Fidelity Fluid and Structure Analysis)

Funded by Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E).

Period: 03/2020-02/2022.

- **DARETeach** (Drone Arenas-based Remote International Teaching)

Funded by the FACE Foundation. Collaboration with CentraleSupélec.

Period: 10/2020-09/2021.

### **FORMER PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS BEFORE 2019:**

- **Constrained control solutions for drones' dependency**

Funded by the French DoD\DGA, sabbatical year grant at the University of Michigan. Period covered: 09/2017-08/2018.

- **CONVEX** (Non-linear control for upset recovery of a fixed-wing MAV)

Funded by ONERA. Collaboration with ENAC, the French School of Aviation. Period: 09/2016-08/2019.

- **DROPTER** (Drone reconfiguration in the event of unforeseeable situations)

Funded by ONERA. Period: 09/2017-12/2018.

- **Railway inspection using drones (Pre project)**

Funded by DGAC. Period: 01/2017-07/2017.

- **COSOR** (Orbital robotic systems control)

Funded by CNES and ONERA. Collaboration with CNES. Period: 09/2016-12/2018.

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- **VISIOLAND** (VISION based LANDING solutions)

Funded by ANR. Collaboration with Airbus (Flight control department) and Ircsyn.  
Period: 11/2013-11/2017.

- **R&T CNES: "Adaptive control of a flexible satellite"**

Funded by CNES. Collaboration with Greyc CNRS. Period: 01/2014-12/2014.

- **SMAC** (Systems Modeling Analysis & Control)

Funded by ONERA. Period: 01/2012-12/2015.

- **Autonomous Exploration of Highly Confined Environments by Compact Micro Air Vehicles**

Funded by the University of Toulouse, FR, IDEX  
Period: 01/2014-12/2014.

- **Design of a bio-inspired autopilot for safe and soft lunar landing**

Funded by the European Space Agency and ASTRIUM  
Period: 01/2011-09/2014.

- **Clean Sky ITD SFWA**

Funded by European Commission. Collaboration with AIRBUS (Load control department).  
Period: 01/2011-12/2014.

- **NICE** (Nonlinear Innovative Control designs and Evaluations)

Funded by European Defence Agency (EDA) Collaboration with Dassault Aviation (Flight control department), LAAS-CNRS and University of Tor Vergata. Period: 04/2010-09/2012.

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## **TEACHING:**

- Special topic: Drones II: control and coordination (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023 and 2024), Rutgers-MAE 606.
- Advanced Control I (Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024), Rutgers-MAE 504.
- Aircraft flight Dynamics (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2024), Rutgers-MAE 471.
- Vehicles Dynamics (Fall 2019, Fall 2021), Rutgers-MAE 451.
- Introduction to linear control systems (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)  
Tutoring, Isae Supaero, 2nd year (equiv. MSc 1st year).
- Linear filtering and signal processing (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

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Tutoring, Isae Supaero, 2nd year (equiv. MSc 1st year).

- Introduction to flight dynamics (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

Tutoring, Isae Supaero, 2nd year (equiv. MSc 1st year).

- Kalman filtering (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

Tutoring, Enseeiht, 3rd year (equiv. MSc 2nd year).

- Mathematical analysis (Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

Tutoring University Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, L1 (equiv. Undergraduate 1st year).

## STUDENT SUPERVISION:

### Doctoral Theses, main or co-advisor:

- [1] G. Sabiron, "Design of a GNC Solution based on Bio-Inspired Optic Flow Sensors adapted to low speed measurement for an Autonomous Soft Lunar Landing", Ph.D., 2014.

External funding: ESA, Airbus Defence and Space.

- [2] E. Duraffourg, "Nonlinear control with flexible modes, aerospace applications", PhD, 2014.

- [3] V. Gibert, "Observability analysis and robust nonlinear observers design for vision-based landing of a transport aircraft on an unknown runway", Ph.D., 2016.

External funding: Airbus.

- [4] E. Chambon, "Frequency and time-domain constrained control of linear systems. Application to a flexible launch vehicle", Ph.D., 2016.

- [5] T. Cunis, "Modeling, Analysis, and Control for Upset Recovery - from System Theory to Unmanned Aircraft Flight", Ph.D., 2019.

- [6] A. Bourdelle, "Attitude control of a satellite in presence of sloshing", Ph.D. 2021.

External funding: French Space Agency "CNES".

- [7] R. Schieni, "Reference Governors for Systems with Polynomial Constraints: Theory and Extensions", Ph.D., Rutgers University, 2022.

External funding: Middlesex Community College.

- [8] C. Zhao, Ph.D. candidate, in progress

- [9] J. Lopez Muro, Ph.D. candidate, in progress.

External funding: DoE\ARPA-E.

- [10] M. Fogel, Ph.D. candidate, in progress

- [11] A. Melal, Ph.D. candidate, in progress

### Postdoctoral researcher, main or co-advisor:

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- [1] C. Chauffaut, 2015.
- [2] R. Hamrah, 01/2021-06/2021.
- [3] X. Du, 2020-2021.
- [4] M. Maadani, 10/2021-06/2023.

### **Master Theses, supervisor:**

- [MS1] N. Jacob, M.S, "Nonlinear model predictive control of a missile", 2007.
- [MS2] M. Archen, M.S, "Control of large scale uncertain nonlinear flexible systems", 2011.
- [MS3] D. Hernandez, M.S, "Transportation of cable suspended load using two rotary wing UAVs", 2012.
- [MS4] E. Chambon, M.S, "Nonlinear energy-based control method for fixed wing UAV automatic landing", 2013.
- [MS5] B. Espivent, M.S, "Vision based automatic landing of a fixed wing UAV", 2014.
- [MS6] M. Fogel, M.S, "Applying Machine Learning to the Satellite Sloshing Problem", Rutgers University, January 2022.
- [MS7] M. Jadeja, M.S, "Integrating Controls and CFD for the satellite sloshing problem", Rutgers University, January 2024.
- [MS8] A. Modasiya, M.S, "Towards Robust-Safe Control of Multi-Rotor UAVs", Rutgers University, May 2024.  
External funding: ONR.
- [MS9] N. Kartashov, M.S, in progress
- [MS10] M. Alexeev, M.S, in progress
- [MS11] T. Leiser, M.S, in progress
- [MS12] S. Srikanth, M.S, in progress

### **Graduate projects, supervisor:**

- [1] S. Duverger and C. Issanchou "Modeling and nonlinear control of an automated wind kite", 2014.
- [2] A. El-Mourabit and B. Pontin, "*Virtual constraints for kite-based systems control*", 2014.
- [3] D. Sutton, M. Eng, "Small Quadcopters & Advanced Control: dynamic thrust stand", 2021.
- [4] J. Barreira, M. Eng, "Simultaneous and autonomous control of multiple quadcopters from Matlab", 2021.
- [5] J. Brennan, M. Eng, "Drone Conversion: Fixed Wing Drone to Tiltrotor Drone", 2022.
- [6] K. Leiton, M. Eng, "Tricopter/Fixed Wing Hybrid Aircraft Drone Capable of Vertical Takeoff and Landing", 2022.
- [7] R. Chen, M. Eng, "Flight Testing and Aerodynamic Optimization of a Fixed Wing Tilt-Rotor Tricopter Capable of VTOL", 2023.
- [8] M. Abdalla, M. Eng, "Effects of Fluids on Spacecraft", May 2024.

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- [9] A. Scalia, M. Eng, in progress
- [10] C. Diaz, M. Eng, in progress
- [11] M. Correia, M. Eng, in progress