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Professional experience:

- 2020 – today Freelance Academic Editor
- 2019 – today City, University of London, Researcher and Visiting Fellow
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- 2017 – today Cranfield University, Researcher and Visiting Fellow
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- 2016 – 2017 Lecturer in Autonomous Systems
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Education:

- 2017 PhD in Defence and Security; research topic “3D Automatic Target Recognition for Missile Platforms”, Cranfield University, UK
The main topic of the PhD, funded by MBDA UK, was the design and development of missile seekers architecture and novel 3D target detection and recognition schemes appropriate for time-critical future missile systems.
- 2012 MSc in Guided Weapons Systems, Cranfield University, UK

Projects involved:

- 2019 - 2020 “Planetary RObots Deployed for Assembly and Construction Tasks (Pro-ACT)” funded by H2020
- 2017-2018 “*Integrated 3D Sensors (I3DS)*”, in cooperation with Thales Alenia Space and funded by H2020.
- 2017-2018 “*Robotics & Remote Sensing for HMA & ERW Survey: Southeast Asia Feasibility Study with LMIC Collaborator Engagement*” awarded by GCRF UK (Global Challenge Research Fund)
(Co-I)
- 2017-2018 “*Infrared-Simultaneous Localization And Mapping for Planetary Rovers*” for space rover applications awarded by UK-Space
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- 2017-2018
(Co-I) *“Unmanned Auto-Return Urban Driving for Small Electronic Vehicles”* in cooperation with TMSUK UK and funded by EPSRC. This project aims to develop navigation algorithms for autonomous vehicle driving in GPS-limited areas by exploiting visual and laser means.
- 2016-2017
(Co-I) *“Pothole Identification and Management Autonomous System”* awarded by EPSRC. This project aims to develop deep learning algorithms to detect road corruption automatically.
- 2016-2017 *“An Active Learning Framework for Threat Object Detection”*, awarded by the Home Office UK, to investigate Artificial Intelligence based algorithms for automatic aviation threat detection
- 2016 (Co-I) *“Target tracking development programme”* in cooperation with General Dynamics UK. This project aimed to develop a robust algorithm for visual-based target tracking.
- 2015 *“Feasibility and performance of 3D ATR for missile systems”* in cooperation with SAGEM as part of the MCM ITP project. This project investigated the capabilities of the 3D ATR algorithms for autonomous systems and specifically missile systems. Trials included several simulated but highly credible ground-to-ground and maritime missile engagement scenarios. Although the scenarios simulated the missile under various altitudes, headings, distance to the target, and sensor resolutions, notable recognition performance was achieved.
The MCM ITP (Materials and Components for Missiles, Innovation and Technology Partnership) is a UK MoD and DGA sponsored research fund open to all Anglo-French companies and Academic Institutions.

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- [14] O. Kechagias-Stamatis, N. Aouf, and D. Nam, "3D Automatic Target Recognition for UAV Platforms," in *2017 Sensor Signal Processing for Defence Conference (SSPD)*, 2017, pp. 1–5.
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