

Giuseppe Loianno | Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth: 11/03/1985, Nationality: Italian

Professional Experience

New York University	New York, USA
○ Assistant Professor, Tandon School of Engineering	September 2018–present
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, USA
○ Research Scientist, Lecturer and Team Leader, GRASP Lab	July 2015–August 2018
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, USA
○ Postdoctoral Researcher, GRASP Lab Advisor: Prof. Dr. V. Kumar	June 2014–June 2015

Education

Academic Qualifications

University of Naples "Federico II"	Naples, Italy
○ <i>Ph.D. in Computer and Control Engineering, PRISMA Lab</i> Thesis: "The Role of Vision Algorithms for Micro Aerial Vehicles" Advisors: Prof. Dr. B. Siciliano, Prof. Dr. V. Lippiello	2011–2014
University of Naples "Federico II"	Naples, Italy
○ <i>Master (Laurea Specialistica) in Automation Engineering, 110/110 cum laude</i> 2007–2010 Thesis: "Control of Micro Aerial Vehicles using a Vision System based on Optical Flow" Advisors: Prof. Dr. B. Siciliano, Prof. Dr. R. Siegwart, Prof. Dr. D. Scaramuzza Master Thesis in Control and Aerial Robotics ETH Zürich at ASL (Autonomous System Lab)	
University of Naples "Federico II"	Naples, Italy
○ <i>Bachelor (Laurea Triennale) in Automation Engineering, 110/110 cum laude</i> 2004–2007 Thesis: "Grasping Problems in Robotics" Advisors: Prof. Dr. Bruno Siciliano, Prof. Dr. Luigi Villani	

International Experiences.....

Visiting Ph.D. student at the University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, USA
◦ <i>GRASP Lab</i>	<i>April 2013–March 2014</i>
Visiting Ph.D. student at KTH	Stockholm, Sweden
◦ <i>Automatic Control Laboratory</i>	<i>August 2012</i>
Internship and Master Thesis at ETH Zürich	Zürich, Switzerland
◦ <i>Autonomous System Lab</i>	<i>October 2009–March 2010</i>
Exchange Period at KTH	Stockholm, Sweden
◦ <i>Master Student Exchange Program</i>	<i>August 2008–March 2009</i>

Current Projects and Leadership

Project Investigator.....

Grant Writing Experience

- Project Investigator (co-PI), "[DCIST CRA Distributed and Collaborative Intelligent Systems and Technology Collaborative Research Alliance](#)", Abu Dhabi, 2017
- Project Investigator (PI), "[The Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge \(MBZIRC\) 2019](#)", Abu Dhabi, 2019
- NYU Wireless grant 2019
- Nokia research award 2019
- Tepco grant 2019
- Project Investigator (PI), "[The Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge \(MBZIRC\) 2017](#)", Abu Dhabi, 2017
- [MAST](#) Project Investigator (co-PI), "Robust estimation, planning and control for fast navigation in 3-D indoor environments"
- [MAST](#) Project Investigator (co-PI), "Vision-Based Cooperative Control for Aerial Robots"
- [MAST](#) Project Investigator (co-PI), "Air Ground Mapping of Feature Rich 3-D Indoor Environments with RGB-D Sensors"
- Qualcomm grant
- Tepco grant

Other Research Fundings.....

- [Terraswarm](#)
- [ONR SMART](#)
- [NSF Printable Robots](#)
- [FLA DARPA grant](#)

Publications

Patents

- G. LOIANNO, Y. Mulgaonkar, and V. Kumar, "**Description Systems, devices and methods for on-board sensing and control of Micro Aerial Vehicles**", accepted, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, D. Thakur, W. Liu, J. Wang, and V. Kumar, "**Unmanned Aerial Systems for Exploring Hazardous Environments**", provisional filed, pending, 2017.

Book Chapters

- J. Cacace, A. Finzi, V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO, and D. Sanzone, "**Aerial Service Vehicles for Industrial Inspection: Task Decomposition and Plan Execution**", Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, Springer-Verlag, Heidelberg, Germany, 2013.

International Journal Papers

1. J. Cacace, A. Finzi, V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO, and D. Sanzone, "**Aerial Service Vehicles for Industrial Inspection: Task Decomposition and Plan Execution**", Applied Intelligence, Springer, 2014.
2. J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, J. Polin, K. Sreenath, and V. Kumar, "**Toward autonomous avian-inspired grasping for micro aerial vehicles**", Bioinspiration and Biomimetics, vol. 9, no. 2, p. 025010, June 2014.
3. G. LOIANNO, G. Cross, C. Qu, Y. Mulgaonkar, J. A. Hesch, and V. Kumar, "**Flying Smartphones: Automated Flight Enabled by Consumer Electronics**", IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine, June 2015.
4. R. Tron, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, K. Daniilidis, and V. Kumar, "**A Distributed Optimization Framework for Localization and Formation Control with Applications to Vision-Based Measurements**", IEEE Control Systems Magazine, 2016.
5. J. Thomas, M. Pope, G. LOIANNO, E. W. Hawkes, M. A. Estrada, H. Jiang, M. R. Cutkosky, and V. Kumar, "**Aggressive Flight for Perching on Inclined Surfaces**", Journal of Mechanisms and Robotics, 2016.
6. J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, K. Daniilidis, and V. Kumar, "**Visual Servoing of Quadrotors for Perching by Hanging from Cylindrical Objects**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, January, 2016.
7. M. Saska, T. Baca, J. Thomas, J. Chudoba, L. Preucil, T. Krajnik, J. Faigl, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**System for Stabilization of Micro Aerial Vehicle Swarms using onboard Visual Relative Localization**", Autonomous Robots, 2016.
8. M. Saska, V. Vonásek, J. Chudoba, J. Chudoba, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, and, V. Kumar, "**Swarm Distribution and Deployment for Cooperative Surveillance by Micro-Aerial Vehicles**", Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems, 2016.
9. G. LOIANNO, C. Brunner, G. McGrath, and V. Kumar, "**Estimation, Control and Planning for Aggressive Flight with a Small Quadrotor with a Single Camera and IMU**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters and ICRA, 2017.
10. G. LOIANNO, Y. Mulgaonkar, C. Brunner, D. Ahuja, A. Ramanandan, M. Chari, S. Diaz,

and V. Kumar, "**Autonomous Flight and Cooperative Control for Reconstruction using Aerial Robots Powered by Smartphones**", The International Journal of Robotics Research, IJRR, accepted, 2018.

11. A. Santamaría-Navarro, G. LOIANNO, J. Solà, V. Kumar, and J. Andrade-Cetto, "**Autonomous Navigation of Micro Aerial Vehicles using Fast and Low-cost Sensors**", Autonomous Robots, minor revision, 2017.
12. J. Thomas, J. Welde, G. LOIANNO, K. Daniilidis, and V. Kumar, "**Autonomous Flight for Detection, Localization, and Tracking of Moving Targets with a Small Quadrotor**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2017 and IROS 2017.
13. T. Ozaslan, G. LOIANNO, J. Keller, C. J. Taylor, and V. Kumar , "**Autonomous Navigation and Mapping for Inspections of Penstocks and Tunnels with MAVs**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2017 and IROS 2017.
14. K. Mohta, S. Liu, M. Watterson, . . . , G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**Estimation, Control and Planning for High Speed Flight with a Quadrotor using On-board Sensing**" Journal of Field Robotics, 2017.
15. G. LOIANNO and V. Kumar, "**Cooperative Transportation using Small Quadrotors using Monocular Vision and Inertial Sensing**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters and ICRA, 2018.
16. A. Weinstein, A. Cho, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**VIO-Swarm: A Swarm of 250g Quadrotors**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters and ICRA, 2018, accepted.
17. G. LOIANNO, V. Spurny, T. Baca, J. Thomas, D. Thakur, T. Krajnik, A. Zhou, A. Cho, M. Saska, and V. Kumar, "**Localization, Grasping, and Transportation of Magnetic Objects by a team of MAVs in Challenging Desert like Environments**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters and ICRA, 2018.
18. T. Baca, S. Petr, V. Spurny, D. Hert, R. Penicka, M. Saska, J. Thomas, D. Thakur, G. Loianno, and V. Kumar, "**Autonomous Landing on a Moving Vehicle with an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle**", Journal of Field Robotics, 2018.
19. V. Spurny, T. Baca, M. Saska, R. Penicka , T. Krajnik, J. Thomas, D. Thakur, G. Loianno, and V. Kumar, "**Cooperative Autonomous Search, Grasping and Delivering in a Treasure Hunt Scenario by a Team of UAVs**", Journal of Field Robotics, 2018.
20. G. LOIANNO, D. Scaramuzza, and V. Kumar, "**Special Issue on High-Speed Vision-Based Autonomous Navigation of UAVs**", Journal of Field Robotics, 2018.
21. T. Ozaslan, G. LOIANNO, J. Keller, C. J. Taylor, and V. Kumar , "**Spatio-Temporally Smooth Local Mapping and State Estimation inside Generalized Cylinders with Micro Aerial Vehicles**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2018 and IROS 2018.
22. J. Svacha, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar , "**Inertial Yaw-Independent Velocity and Attitude Estimation for High Speed Quadrotor Flight**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2019 and ICRA 2019.
23. L. Yuan, C. Reardon, G. Warnell, and G. LOIANNO , "**Human Gaze-Driven Spatial Tasking of an Autonomous MAV**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2019 and ICRA 2019.
24. T. Nguyen, S. S. Shivakumar, I. D. Miller, J. Keller, E. S. Lee, A. Zhou, T. Özaslan, G.

LOIANNO, J. H. Harwood , J. Wozencraft, C. J. Taylor, and V. Kumar, "**MAVNet: An Effective Semantic Segmentation Micro-Network for MAV-Based Tasks**", IEEE RA-L Robotics and Automation Letters, 2019 and IROS 2019.

International Conference Papers and Workshops

1. V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO and B. Siciliano "**MAV Indoor Navigation Based on a Closed-Form Solution for Absolute Scale Velocity Estimation Using Optical Flow and Inertial Data**", IEEE International conference on Decision and Control December 2011, Orlando, Florida.
2. V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO, and B. Siciliano "**MAV Indoor Obstacles Avoidance Based on the Online Computation of the Absolute Depth Map Using Optical Flow and Inertial Data**" Accepted to: IFAC SYROCO International Symposium on Robot Control September, 2012 Dubrovnik Croatia
3. J. Cacace, A. Finzi, V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO, and D. Sanzone, "**Aerial Service Vehicles for Industrial Inspection: Task Decomposition and Plan Execution**" , 26th International Conference on Industrial, Engineering and other Applications of Applied Intelligent Systems, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2013. **Nomination for the Best Paper Award**
4. J. Cacace, A. Finzi, V. Lippiello, G. LOIANNO, and D. Sanzone, "**Integrated Planning and Execution for an Aerial Service Vehicle**", 23rd International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, Workshop on Planning and Robotics, Rome, Italy, June 2013.
5. J. Thomas, J. Polin, G. LOIANNO, K. Sreenath, and V. Kumar, "**Avian-Inspired Grasping for Quadrotor MAVs**", RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference, Workshop on Aerial Mobile Manipulation, 24-28 June 2013, Berlin, Germany.
6. F. Cordella, F. Di Corato, G. LOIANNO, L. Zollo, and B. Siciliano, "**Robust Pose Estimation Algorithm for Wrist Motion Tracking**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 3-7 November 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
7. G. LOIANNO, V. Lippiello, C. Fischione and B. Siciliano, "**Visual and Inertial Multi-Rate Data Fusion for Motion Estimation via Pareto-Optimization**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 3-7 November 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
8. G. LOIANNO, J. Thomas, K. Mohta, K. Sreenath, and V. Kumar, "**From autonomous grasping and navigation to cooperative localization for micro aerial vehicles**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop From Remotely-Controlled to Autonomous Collaborative Robots, 3-7 November 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
9. G. LOIANNO, J. Thomas, K. Mohta, S. Shen, K. Sreenath, and V. Kumar, "**Vision based navigation, grasping and localization for micro aerial vehicles**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop Vision-based Closed-Loop Control and Navigation of Micro Helicopters in GPS-denied Environments, 3-7 November 2013, Tokyo, Japan.
10. G. LOIANNO, V. Lippiello, and B. Siciliano, "**Fast Localization and 3D Mapping using a RGB-D Sensor**", IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics, 25-29 November 2013, Montevideo, Uruguay.
11. J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, K. Sreenath, and V. Kumar, "**Toward Image Based Visual Servoing for Aerial Grasping and Perching**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on

Robotics and Automation, 31 May-7 June 2014, Hong Kong, China.

12. M. Saska, J. Chudoba, L. Precil, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, A. Tresnak, V. Vonasek, and V. Kumar, "**Autonomous deployment of swarms of micro-aerial vehicles in cooperative surveillance**", International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Orlando, USA, 2014.
13. M. Saska, J. Chudoba, L. Precil, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**Plume Tracking by a Self-Stabilized Group of Micro Aerial Vehicles**", Modelling and Simulation for Autonomous System Workshop, Rome, 2014.
14. R. Tron, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, J. Polin, V. Kumar, and K. Daniilidis, "**Vision-based Formation Control of Aerial Vehicles**", RSS Robotics Science and Systems, Distributed Control and Estimation for Robotic Vehicle Networks, Berkeley, USA, July 2014.
15. G. LOIANNO, J. Thomas and V. Kumar, "**Cooperative Localization and Mapping of MAVs using RGB-D Sensors**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, 26-30 May 2015, Seattle, USA.
16. J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, M. Pope, E. W. Hawkes, M. A. Estrada, H. Jiang, M. R. Cutkosky, and V. Kumar, "**Planning and Control of Aggresive Maneuvers for Perching on Inclined and Vertical Surfaces**", International Design Engineering Technical Conferences & Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC/CIE), 2015.
17. G. LOIANNO, Y. Mulgaonkar, C. Brunner, D. Ahuja, A. Ramanandan, M. Chari, S. Diaz, and V. Kumar, "**Smartphones Power Flying Robots**", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 28 September-2 October 2015, Hamburg, Germany.
18. A. Belenguer, G. LOIANNO, V. Kumar, and J. Civera, "**Visual-Inertial Direct SLAM**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Stockholm, 2016.
19. G. LOIANNO, M. Watterson, and V. Kumar, "**Visual Inertial Odometry for Quadrotors on SE(3)**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Stockholm, 2016.
20. G. LOIANNO and V. Kumar, "**Vision-based Fast Navigation of Micro Aerial Vehicles**", SPIE conference, Baltimore, April 2016.
21. J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, K. Daniilidis and V. Kumar, "**The Role of Vision in landing, Perching and Grasping for MAV**", SPIE conference, Baltimore, April 2016.
22. G. LOIANNO, Y. Mulgaonkar, C. Brunner, D. Ahuja, A. Ramanandan, M. Chari, S. Diaz, and V. Kumar, "**A Swarm of Flying Smartphones**", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 10-14 October 2016, Daejeon, South Korea.
23. R. Tron, J. Thomas, G. LOIANNO, K. Daniilidis, and V. Kumar, "**Bearing-Only Formation Control with Auxiliary Distance Measurements, Leaders, and Collision Avoidance**", IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control 2016, Las Vegas, USA.
24. T. Baca, G. LOIANNO, M. Saska, "**Embedded Model Predictive Control of Unmanned Micro Aerial Vehicles**", IEEE 21st International Conference on Methods and Models in Automation and Robotics (MMAR), Miedzyzdroje, Poland, 2016.
25. M. Saska, T. Baca, V. Spurny, G. LOIANNO, J. Thomas, T. Krajnik, P. Stepan, and V. Kumar, "**Vision-based high-speed autonomous landing and cooperative objects**

grasping - towards the MBZIRC competition", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop High-Speed Autonomous Navigation of UAVs, 10-14 October 2016, Daejeon, South Korea.

26. W. Liu, G. LOIANNO, K. Mohta, K. Daniilidis, and V. Kumar, "**Semi-Dense Visual-Inertial Odometry and Mapping for Quadrotors with SWAP Constraints**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, 2018.
27. J. Svacha, K. Mohta, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**Inertial Velocity Estimation for Quadrotors**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2018.
28. J. Svacha, K. Mohta, G. LOIANNO, and V. Kumar, "**Inertial Velocity Estimation for Quadrotors**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2018.
29. T. Baca, D. Hert , G. Loianno, V. Kumar and M. Saska, "**Model Predictive Trajectory Tracking and Collision Avoidance for Reliable Outdoor Deployment of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**", IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2018.
30. G. Loianno, D. Thakur, W. Liu and V. Kumar, "**Nuclear Environments Inspection with Micro Aerial Vehicles: Algorithms and Experiments**", International Symposium on Experimental Robotics, 2018.
31. V. Wuest, V. Kumar, and G. LOIANNO, "**Online Estimation of Geometric and Inertia Parameters for Multirotor Aerial Vehicles**", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, 2019.
32. D. Thakur, G. LOIANNO, L. J. Lipschitz, A. Zhou, and V. Kumar, "**Autonomous INspection of a Containment Vessel using a Micro Aerial Vehicle**", IEEE/SSRR International Symposium on Search, Safety and Rescue Robotics, 2019.

Invited Talks

- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", Robotics Science and Systems Conference, Perception and Control for Fast and Agile Super-vehicles Workshop, Freiburg, March 2019.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Autonomous Agile Physical Interaction**", Robotics Science and Systems Conference, Aerial Interaction and Manipulation: Unsolved Challenges and Perspectives Workshop, Freiburg, March 2019.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", University of Maryland College Park for the Robotics and Computer Vision seminar, March 2019.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", International Symposium on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Abu Dhabi, March 2019.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", NYC Media Lab Event Panel, New York, November, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", AI: What Future Can We Build Together?, Philadelphia, November, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", Google New York, November, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Autonomous Agile Human-friendly Drones**", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop on Vision-based Drones: What's Next?, Madrid, Spain, October, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Agile Autonomous Navigation and Physical Inter-**

action", New York University, January, 2018.

- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Agile Autonomous Navigation and Physical Interaction**", University of California San Diego, January, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Agile Autonomous Navigation and Physical Interaction**", Temple University, January, 2018.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Agile Autonomous Navigation, Transportation and Physical Interaction**", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop on Vision-based Agile Autonomous Navigation of UAVs, Vancouver, Canada, September, 2017.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Research Challenges and Opportunities for Autonomous Inspection of Penstocks and Agile Navigation with MAVs**", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Workshop on Perception and Planning for Robotic Inspection, Vancouver Canada, September, 2017.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Vision-based Fast and Aggressive Navigation with MAVs**", IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Perception, Control and Planning for Agile Autonomous Agents Workshop, Las Vegas, December 2016.
- G. LOIANNO, "**MBZIRC competition: Challenges, Results and Social Impacts of the 2017 competition**", Workshop Challenges in Robot Competitions, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Daejeon, October, 2016.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Vision-based Fast Localization and Environment Interaction with MAVs**", Vision-based High Speed Autonomous Navigation of UAVs, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2 October 2015, Hamburg, Germany.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Fast Autonomous Navigation and Physical Interaction**", Temple University, Sbarro Research Center, Philadelphia, March 2016.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Flying Robots: Fast Autonomous Navigation and Physical Interaction**", University of Southern California, Los Angeles, February 2016.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Aerial Manipulation of Suspended Payloads**", Aerial Manipulation and Load Transportation Workshop, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Seattle, 2015.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Fast Localization and Environment Interaction with MAVs**", Vision-based Control and Navigation of Small Lightweight UAVs workshop, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2 October 2015, Hamburg, Germany.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Vision-based Navigation, Planning and Control of Micro Aerial Vehicles**", University of Maryland College Park, April 2015.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Smartphones Power Flying Robots**", RSS Robotics Science and Systems, Workshop on Resource-efficient Integration of Planning and Perception for True Autonomous Operation of Micro Air Vehicles (MAVs), Berkeley, July 2014.
- G. LOIANNO, "**Visual Navigation, 3D Mapping and Reconstruction for MAVs**", University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 2013.

Awards

- G. LOIANNO, [NIAF National Italian American Foundation Young Investigator Award](#), 2018, Washington D.C., USA.
- G. LOIANNO, **Best Reviewer Award**, Conference Editorial Board (CEB) , ICRA 2016, Stockholm, Sweden.
- G. LOIANNO, [Cover of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine](#), vol. 22, issue 2, USA.
- G. LOIANNO, Nomination for the **Best Paper Award** at the 26th International Conference on Industrial, Engineering and other Applications of Applied Intelligent Systems, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2013.
- G. LOIANNO, Recognition from the Undersecretary of Defense, August 2016, USA.
- G. LOIANNO, [Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge](#), 1st place in Challenge 3, 2nd place in Challenge 1 and 3rd place in the Grand Challenge

Media Coverage

Realization of the first autonomous flying robots based on the smart phone Google Tango. The system has been shown at the Google headquarter in Mountain View, California, during an event organized for the RSS conference, held in Berkeley, California in July 2014

[IEEE Spectrum](#), [Techcrunch](#), [International Business Times](#), [MIT Technological Review](#), [Tom's Hardware](#), [DamnGeeky](#), [DIY Drones](#), [Geek](#), [Engadget](#), [SingularityHub](#), [SlashGear](#), [9to5Google](#), [Fédération Professionnelle du Drone Civil](#), [Brazilian Television](#), [Vision Systems](#), [Infocrowler](#), [Veoz](#), [Slashgear](#), [Intorobotics](#)

Realization of the first fully autonomous flying robots based on an app that can run on any android phone. The system has been first showcased at the CES 2015 in Las Vegas with more than 200 demos in 4 days

[MIT Technological Review](#), [Technical Philly](#), [Breaking News](#), [HPlusMagazine](#), [IEEE Spectrum](#), [Innovaticias](#)

Realization of the first small 250g quadrotor able to generate aggressive maneuvers with just a single camera and IMU

[IEEE Spectrum](#), [Popular Science](#), [Popular Mechanics](#), [Quartz](#), [Penn News](#), [Gizmodo](#).
Winner of Challenge 3 at the Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge
[MBZIRC](#), [Heise](#), [UPenn](#)

World First Biggest Autonomous Quadrotor Swarm without GPS

[IEEE Spectrum](#), [Digital Trends](#)

Microdrones Cooperate to Transport Objects can be the Future of Warehouse Automation

[IEEE Spectrum](#), [IEEE Spectrum](#), [Digital Trends](#), [La Nacion](#)

Eye-Tracking Glasses Are All You Need to Control This Drone
[IEEE Spectrum](#), [DigitalTrends](#), [DroneLife](#), [TheDrive](#), [DIYPhotography](#)

Student Mentoring

Undergraduate Students

- Brian Chirikjian, University of Pennsylvania (Mechanical Engineering)
- Sadat Shaik, University of Pennsylvania (Computer Science)
- Zhengyi Luo, University of Pennsylvania (Computer Science)
- Tanmay Chordia, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton and Engineering)

Master Students

- Kshitij Jindal, NYU (Master Mechanical Engineering)
- Liangzhe Yuan, University of Pennsylvania (Master Computer Science)
- Aaron Weinstein, University of Pennsylvania (Master Mechanical Engineering)
- Alex Zhou, University of Pennsylvania (Master Mechanical Engineering)
- Adam Cho, University of Pennsylvania (Master Mechanical Engineering)

Ph.D. Students

- Guanrui Li, NYU (Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Yang Zhou, NYU (Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Brigid Blanshee, NYU (Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Elijah S. Lee, University of Pennsylvania (Ph.D. Computer Science)
- EJames Svacha, University of Pennsylvania (Ph.D. Electrical Engineering)
- Sebastian Verling, ETH Zurich (Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering)
- Wenxin Li, University of Pennsylvania (Ph.D. Computer Science)

Community activities

Editor

Lead Editor Special Issue, "[High Speed Vision-Based Autonomous UAVs](#)", Journal of Field Robotics, 2017.

Lead Editor Special Issue, "[Special Issue on Future Challenges and Opportunities in Vision-based Drone Navigation](#)", Journal of Field Robotics, 2019.

Workshops Organization

- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Challenges in Vision-based Drones Navigation](#)", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, September 2019, Macau, China.
- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Vision-based Drones: What's Next?](#)", IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation, May 2019, Montreal, Canada.
- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Vision-based Drones: What's Next?](#)", IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, September 2018, Madrid, Spain.

- Lead Organizer of the "[2nd International Symposium on Aerial Robotics](#)", Philadelphia, 2018.
- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Vision-based Agile Autonomous Navigation of UAVs](#)", attendance over 200 people, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, September 2017, Vancouver, Canada.
- Lead Organizer of the "[International Symposium on Aerial Robotics](#)", Philadelphia, 2017.
- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Vision-based High Speed Autonomous Navigation of UAVs](#)", attendance over 200 people, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 11–14 October 2016, Daejeon, South Korea.
- Lead Organizer of the Workshop, "[Vision-based Control and Navigation of Small Lightweight UAVs](#)", attendance over 150 people, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, 2 October 2015, Hamburg, Germany.
- Co-Organizer of the Tutorial "[Aerial Robotics](#)", at ICRA 2016, Stockholm, Sweden.

Program Committee and Conference Services

- Program Chair IEEE/SSRR 2019.
- Chair [IEEE Technical Committee Aerial Robotics and Unmanned Aerial Systems](#), 2018, 2019.
- Associate Editor IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation 2019, 2020.
- Demo Chair IEEE/SSRR 2018.
- Session Chair, "[UAV-Vision](#)" at IROS 2016, Daejeon, South Korea.
- Session Chair, "[Unmanned Aerial Systems 3](#)" at IROS 2015, Hamburg, Germany.
- [Program Committee](#) of the Intelligent Robotics and Multi-Agent Systems (IRMAS) technical track on the 32nd ACM Symposium on Applied Computing - SAC, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- [Program Committee](#) of the RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference, 2016.
- [Program Committee](#) of the IEEE International Symposium on Search, Safety and Rescue Robotics 2015, 2016, 2017.
- [Program Committee](#) of the RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Reviewer for Conferences and Journals Manuscripts

- IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology 2015, 2016, 2017
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine
- IEEE/RSJ Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- IEEE Conference on Decision and Control 2012, 2016
- ISER International Symposium on Experimental Robotics
- IEEE DCOSS International Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems 2012
- Journal of Field Robotics 2013, 2014
- International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications 2014
- International Journal of Robotics Research 2013
- IFAC World Congress 2014
- IEEE Transactions on Robotics 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

- IEEE International Symposium on Safety and Rescue Robotics 2015, 2016
- Autonomous Robots Springer 2015, 2016
- IEEE/ICRA International Conference on Robotics and Automation 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- IEEE Multi-Conference on Systems and Control 2016
- RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference 2016, 2017, 2018
- IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering 2016
- IEEE Transactions on Mechatronics 2016
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters 2016, 2017, 2018

Professional Society Membership

- IEEE member
- IEEE-RAS member

Conferences and Schools

Conferences and Workshops attended

- IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control, December 2011, Orlando, Florida
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Tokyo, Japan, November 2013
- IEEE/ICAR International Conference on Advanced Robotics, Montevideo, Uruguay, November 2013
- RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference Berkeley, California, July 2014
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Seattle, USA, May 2015
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Hamburg, Germany, September 2015
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2016
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Daejeon, South Korea, October 2016
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Singapore, May 2017
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Vancouver, Canada, September 2017
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Brisbane, Australia, May 2018
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Madrid, Spain, October 2018
- RSS Robotics Science and Systems Conference Freiburg, Germany, June, 2019
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Montreal, Canada, May 2019

Summer Schools and Project Meetings

- DCIST CRA meeting, April 2019, Los Angeles, USA
- DCIST CRA meeting, April 2018, Philadelphia, USA
- Summer Schools SIDRA on Control Theory, July 2010, 2011, 2012, Bertinoro Italy

- Summer School on Micro Aerial Vehicles, July 2011, Zürich
- BRICS research camp, November 2011
- Review Meetings AIRobots project Enschede, The Netherlands 2011, Bologna, Italy 2012, Zürich, Switzerland, 2013
- Robust Control
- Game Theory and Analysis of Competitive Dynamics for Industrial Systems
- MAST project meeting, March 2014, 2015, 2016

Teaching Experience

- Teaching assistant control and robotics classes, 2010–2013, University of Naples "Federico II", Italy.
- Instructor MEAM 620 Robotics, University of Pennsylvania, USA, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.
- ECE-GY9253/ME-GY-7933, NYU, "Robot Localization and Navigation", Spring 2019.
- ECE-GY5223/ME-GY-6923, NYU, "Sensor-based Robotics", Fall 2019.

Technical and Personal skills

- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in: Very good knowledge of MATLAB/Simulink, C/C++, Python, Matlab, TeX
- **Industry Software Skills:** Good knowledge of the following languages and programs, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Comsol Multiphysics, Embedded Systems, PLC, and excellent knowledge of the following operating systems, middle-ware, libraries and hardware devices: Windows, Ubuntu, MacOs, ROS, OpenCV, TooN, Vicon, Optitrack.
- **General Business Skills:** Good presentation skills, Works well in a team.
- **Languages:** Italian (mother tongue), French (mother tongue), English (Proficiency), German (Beginner).
- **Hobbies:** Travel and be in Contact with new Cultures, Ideas, Wine Tasting, Theater and Music, Sport, Skiing, Play Cards and Videogames.

Certificates

- **Delf/Dalf (Diplome d'Études en Langue Française):** École Francaise de Naples, Naples, Italy.
- **Participation at the regional session of “Physics Olympic Games”:** Italy.
- **American Study Center:** English Classes, American Study Center, Naples, Italy.
- **Goethe Institut Naples:** German Courses, Naples, Italy.

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