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Biosketch

Cristian Secchi was born in Montecchio Emilia (RE) on February 4th, 1975. He graduated in Computer Science (with majors in Robotics and Automation) from the University of Bologna in 2000 and he received a Ph.D. in Information Engineering from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in 2004. He has been appointed as a Research Associated in 2005, as Associate Professor in 2014 and as Full Professor in Robotics in 2019 at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Currently he is the Chair of the Laurea Degree in Technologies for Smart Industries and he is the vice-president of the Council of the School of Engineering of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. His main research interests are related to

- **Robotic systems for the interaction with humans.** Design and implementation robotic systems capable of safely and effectively moving and interacting with the environment and with human operators. Teleoperation and shared control architectures, medical robotics, physical human robot interaction, collaborative robotics, multi-robot systems.
- **Advanced control design and applications.** Nonlinear automatic control strategies for the regulation of robotic system and automatic machines. Energy based control and energy based strategies for modeling physical systems (e.g. port-Hamiltonian systems).

He is author or co-author of more than 300 scientific articles published on conference proceedings and on international journals. He is author of one book on energy based control for interactive robotic system and he contributed to nine books on robotics and automation. He is inventor of three international patents, two on robotics and the other on automatic machines. In 2006 his Ph.D. thesis on interactive robotic interfaces has been selected as one of the three finalists for the Euron Georges Giralt PhD Award for the best PhD thesis on robotics in Europe. In terms of bibliometric indexes, On February 16, 2025, Google Scholar reports 10170 citations (5684 since 2020), with indices $h=49$ (37 since 2020) and $i10=174$ (117 since 2020). At the same date, Scopus reports 268 documents, 7046 citations and $h=41$.

He coordinated and participated to several national and European projects and to several research activities funded by industries. He contributed to the project both from a theoretical and from a technological point of view. The research project CROW (Coordination of AGVs in Automatic Warehouses) project has been selected as a finalist for the 2010 EUROP/EURON Technology Transfer Award for the best Technology transfer project in Europe. He is one of the founders and Director of the ARSControl lab, the Automation, Robotics and Systems Control laboratory of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia where researches on robotics and control systems have been and are actively carried on. In particular, several teleoperation systems have been implemented, fixed and mobile base collaborative manipulators prototypes have been designed and prototyped, collaborative medical robotic systems have been developed and tested by surgeons, multi-robot systems have been deployed and tested in several application fields (e.g. agricultural, search and rescue). Furthermore, several applications have been developed in collaboration with industrial partners.

He has served as an Associate Editor of IEEE the Robotics and Automation Magazine (2005-2008), for the IEEE Transactions on Robotics (2012-2017) and for the IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (2015-2017), International Journal of Robotics Research (2023-).

He is Senior Editor of the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots Conference from 2019. He served as Associated Editor in the program Committee of the main robotic conferences (ICRA, IROS, RSS) and of the main conference on energy based modeling and control (LHMNLC).

He founded and chaired the IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics. He is a member of the IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Multi-Robot Systems, IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Collaborative Automation for Flexible Manufacturing and IEEE Technical Committee on Control. He is an IEEE Senior member for the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society and for the IEEE Control Systems Society.

Education

04/2004. Ph.D in Information Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Control of Interactive Robotic Interfaces: a port-Hamiltonian Approach”.

05/2001. Professional Degree Certificate

07/2000. Laurea Degree in Computer Engineering with majors in robotics and automation, University of Bologna.

Positions

University Employment

12/2019-. Full Professor of Robotics and Automatic Control, Department of Sciences and Methods of Engineering, University fo Modena and Reggio Emilia

12/2018 -. Chair of the Laurea course in Smart Industrial Engineering.

2018-. Coordinator of ROBOMORE, the multidisciplinary robotic group that joins all the robotics labs at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

11/2014-11/2019. Associate Professor of Robotics and Automatic Control, Department of Sciences and Methods of Engineering, University fo Modena and Reggio Emilia

01/2008 - 10/2014. Tenured Research Associate, Department of Sciences and Methods of Engineering, University fo Modena and Reggio Emilia

01/2005 - 12/2007. Research Associate, Department of Sciences and Methods of Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

05/2004-12/2004. Post-doctoral Researcher, Department of Sciences and Methods of Engineering, University fo Modena and Reggio Emilia.

01/2001 - 12/2003. Ph.D. student at the Department of Information Engineerinrg of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Other Employments

12/2014. Visiting Scientist at Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR, Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany) invited by Dr. Jordi Artigas. Research target: comparative evaluation of bilateral teleoperation system.

06/2010. Visiting Scientist at Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics (Tuebingen, Germany) invited by Dr. Paolo Robuffo Giordano. Research target: Shared control for a group of quadrotor.

04/2005. Visiting Scientist at the Control Engineering Group, Twente University (Enschede, The Netherlands) invited by Prof. Stefano Stramigioli and by Prof. Arjan van der Schaft. Research target: Dirac structures and contact geometry for position error compensation in bilateral teleoperation systems.

12/2001 - 03/2002. Visiting Scientist at the Control Engineering Group, Twente University (Enschede, The Netherlands) invited by Prof. Stefano Stramigioli and by Prof. Arjan van der Schaft. Research target: sampled port-Hamiltonian systems with applications to haptic interfaces.

09/2000 - 12/2000. Visiting Scientist at the Control Engineering Group, Delft University of Technology (Delft, The Netherlands) invited by Prof. Stefano Stramigioli. Research Target: Intrinsically passive control of complex bilateral teleoperation systems.

Academic Committees

2023-. Member of the Steering Committee of the Industrial Innovation Engineering Doctoral School of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2023-. Vice-President of the School of Engineering Council of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2022-. Member of the Enrollment Committee of the Department of Sciences and Methods for Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2022. Member of the selection committee for an Associate Researcher (junior) position at the University of Bologna.

2022. Member of the National Research Doctorate in Robotics and Intelligent Machines.

2022. Member of the School of Engineering Council of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2021-. Member of the University School for Technical Formation (SUPER) for coordinating the activities of applied science formation in the Emilia-Romagna Region.

Membro della Scuola Universitaria per le Professioni Tecniche (SUPER) per il coordinamento delle attività delle lauree professionalizzanti nella regione Emilia-Romagna.

2021. Member of the selection committee for a Full Professor in Automatic Control position at the University of Genova.

2020. Member of the selection committee for an Associate Researcher (Junior) position at the University of Pisa.

2021. Member of the committee “Polo Digitale” for the institution of a master degree in digital technologies at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2020 -. Member of the Emilia-Romagna working group on “Lauree professionalizzanti-ITS meccatronica”.

2020. Member of the working group for the institution of a university bachelor degree on “Bioengineering for systems and devices for people” in collaboration with the University of Verona, the University of Trento and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2020. Member of the committee for revision of the bachelor’s degrees at the Department of Sciences and Methods for Engineering.

2020. Member of the selection committee for an Associate Researcher (Senior) position at the University of Verona.

2017-2018. Chair of the Committee for the opening ceremony of the courses.

2018. Member of the Research Doctorate on Industrial Innovation Engineering Admission Committee of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2016. Member of the Committee for the opening ceremony of the courses.

2014 - 2021. Tutor for the Mechatronics Engineering course.

2011,2012,2015. Expert member of the committee for the Engineer professional qualification at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2011 -2014. Member of the Committee for the italian language test for foreign students at the School of Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2006 -. Member of the Council of the Research Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2005-2011. Member of the Committee for the placement test for the school of Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Teaching Activity

2022-. “Industrial and Collaborative Robotics”, MSc course in Digital Automation Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2021- . “Collaborative Robotics Laboratory”, BSc course in Engineering for Smart Industries, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2021. - “Control of Industrial Robotic Systems” MSc course in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2014-2021. “Automatic Control” BSc course in Management Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2018. “Robotics” for the “Master on Integrated Services Design and Management” at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2018. “Control Systems” for the “Master on Automotive” at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2016. “Control Systems” for the “Master on Automotive” at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2015. “Motion Control for Automatic Machines” for the “Master on Adaptive Manufacturing” at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2004 - 2020. “Control of Industrial Robots” MSc course in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2005-2011. “Automatic Control” BsC course in Industrial Managemenet and e-Business Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2009-2011. “Digital Control” MSc course in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2006-2008. “Control Systems” MSc course in Automotive Engineering and Mechanic Engineering, Univerisity of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2005-2009. “Engineering and Technologies for Control Systems”, MSc course in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2003-2004 “Systems Theory”, MSc course in Mechatronics Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Scientific Activity

Publications

Cristian Secchi is Author of 296 scientific publications of which 77 articles on journals, 181 peer reviewed papers presented at international conferences, 9 chapters in a book and 18 papers presented at national conferences. He is author of one book on energy based control for interactive robotic system and he contributed to 9 books on robotics and automation. He is inventor of 2 international patents, one on collaborative robotics and the other on automatic machines. On February 16, 2025, Google Scholar reports 10170 citations (5684 since 2020), with indices $h=49$ (37 since 2020) and $i10=174$ (117 since 2020). At the same date, Scopus reports 268 documents, 7046 citations and $h=41$.

Honours and Awards

08/2024. The paper “A constraint based control architecture for Urban Autonomous Vehicles” by Filippo Bernabei and Cristian Secchi has been awarded with the Roman Kaszynski Award for Young Author Best Paper at the 28th International Conference on Methods and Models in Automation and Robotics (MMAR).

07/2024. The paper “Selective Clamping for Robot-Assisted Surgical Procedures” by Gabriele Furnari, Marco Minelli, Stefano Puliatti, Salvatore Micali, Cristian Secchi and, Federica Ferraguti has been awarded with the Best Student Paper Award for the 46th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.

12/2023. The paper “Sequence-Based Imitation Learning for Robot-Assisted Surgical Operations” by Gabriele Furnari, Cristian Secchi and Federica Ferraguti has been selected among the six best papers presnetd at the conference 2023 Orsi Innotech Surgical AI day.

12/2023. The project “Design and validation of a MPC algrothm based on energy tanks for the control of collaborative robotis” developed by Diletta Sacerdoti under my supervision, has been awarded with the UCIMU Prize 2023 - Intelligent factory category. UCIMU (Italian Association of Constructor of Automatic Machines) awards every year the best projects on various application sectors.

12/ 2022. The project “Safe and efficient control architecture for mobile collaborative robots in complex industrial enviroment” developed by my PhD student Andrea Pupa has been awarded by the Italian Prize on Mechatronics, that awards the best industrial research projects on mechatronics.

10/2021. The paper “A Human-Centered Dynamic Task Planning Approach for Human-Robot Collaboration” by Andrea Pupa and Cristian Secchi, has been selected as a finalist for the best paper award at the 2021 I-RIM 3D conference

12/2020. The paper “Constrained Control for Optimal Collaborative Applications” by Federico Benzi and Cristian Secchi, has been selected as a finalist for the best paper on Planning and Control for Robotic Systems at the 2020 I-RIM 3D conference

03/2020 The PhD thesis “Energy-based Control for Simulation of Multi-body Dynamics using Robotic Facilities” by my PhD student Marco De Stefano has been selected for Georges Giralt Ph.D. Award (finalist), awarding the best Ph.D. thesis on robotics in Europe published in 2019.

- 10/2019.** The paper “Adaptive admittance control for a safe and efficient human-robot interaction” by Federica Ferraguti, Chiara Talignani Landi, Lorenzo Sabattini, Marcello Bonfé, Cesare Fantuzzi and Cristian Secchi has been selected as a finalist for the best interactive presentation at the 2019 I-RIM 3D conference.
- 05/2019.** The paper “Energy-shared two-layer bilateral teleoperation architecture” by M. Minelli, F. Ferraguti, N. Piccinelli, R. Muradore and C. Secchi has been one of the two recipients of the best poster award in the workshop “Next Generation Surgery: Seamless integration of Robotics, Machine Learning and Knowledge Representation within the operating rooms”, held during the 2019 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation.
- 08/2017.** Federica Ferraguti has been awarded with the I-RAS “Fabrizio Flacco Young Author Best Paper Award” with the paper “An Energy Tank-Based Interactive Control Architecture for Autonomous and Teleoperated Robotic Surgery” written during her PhD and co-authored by myself.
- 06/2017.** Elevated to the grade of IEEE Senior Member.
- 2017.** The project “SOSTINNOVI - Sustainability and innovation in the wine growing field”, has been selected as a finalist for the prize “Io penso Circolare” organized by the national newspaper “La Stampa”.
- 2014.** Best Reviewer Award for the International conference Robotics: Science and Systems 2014 (RSS2014)
- 2013.** The Experiment “Traffic Control of AGVs in Automatic Warehouses” (TRAFCON) that I have coordinated has been selected among the best 15 experiments funded by the research program “European Clearing House for Open Robotics Development” (ECHORD), FP7-GA 231143
- 2011.** Best Paper Award (finalist) , Automatica.it 2011 National Conference (Pisa, 2011), for the paper “Decentralized and Passivity based Teleoperation of a Group of UAVs with Time-Varying Topology” by C. Secchi, P. Robuffo Giordano and A. Franchi.
- 2010.** 2010 EURON/EUROP Technology Transfer Award (finalist) for the best technology transfer project in Europe with the project “Coordination of AGVs in Automatic Warehouses” together with Cesare Fantuzzi, Roberto Olmi and Elettric80 s.p.a.
- 2006.** Best paper Award at the IFAC Symposium on Robot Control (SYROCO), for the work “Variable delay in scaled port-Hamiltonian telemanipulation” by C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli and C. Fantuzzi.
- 2006.** Georges Giralt Ph.D. Award (finalist), awarding the best Ph.D. thesis on robotics in Europe published in 2004.
- 2005.** Best paper award (nominated), IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), for the work “Transparency in port-Hamiltonian based Telemanipulation” by C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli and C. Fantuzzi.

Research Projects

- 2023-2025.** Principal Investigator for the project “Mobile multi-robot systems for the manipulation of deformable object” (SiMOD), PR-FESR EMILIA ROMAGNA,. Budget: 697.125 kEUR, Local: 128.050 kEUR
- 2022-2025.** Principal Investigator in the project “Ecosystem for sustainable transition in Emilia-Romagna - Spoke3: Green manufacturing for a sustainable economy”, National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4, Component 2 Investment 1.4, funded from the European Union - NextGenerationEU. Budget: 12.013 MEUR (overall), Local: 1.848 MEUR (local).
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- 2022-2023.** Coordinator of the project “IMplementation of a data-driven robotic production line” (MINION), FAR - University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Budget: 15 kEUR.
- 2018-2022.** Technical Coordinator the European Project “RObot enhanced SenSing, INtelligence and actuation to Improve job quality in manufacturing” (ROSSINI), H2020 RIA FoF-818087. Budget: 7.978 MEUR (overall), 626.2 kEUR (local)
- 2018-2021.** Principal investigatore in the european project “Smart Autonomous Robotic Assistant Surgeon” (SARAS), H2020 RIA ICT-779813. Budget: 4.225 MEUR (overall), 447.5 kEUR (local)
- 2018-2019.** Principal Investigator of the Experiment “Collaborative robot aMPLifying and Extending huMAN capabiliTies” (COMPLEMENT), funded within the project “Smart integrated Robotics system for SMEs controlled by Internet of Things based on dynamic manufacturing processes” (HORSE), H2020 IA FoF-198773. Budget: 199 kEUR (overall), 46.2 kEUR (local).
- 2016-2018.** Coordinator of the robotics research in the project “SOSTINNOVI - Sustainability and innovation in the wine growing field”, POR-FESR 2014-2020 ASSE 1 - Emilia Romagna Region. Budget: 50 kEUR
- 2015-2017.** Coordinator of the Experiment “TIREBOT - A TIRE workshop roBOTic assistant”, “European Clearing House for Open Robotics Development” (ECHORD++), EU-FP7 ICT-601116. Budget: 501 kEUR (overall), 227 kEUR (local).
- 2011-2014.** Principal Investigator in the project “ISUR - Intelligent Surgical Robotics”, EU-FP7 STREP ICT-270396. Budget (local): 99 kEUR.
- 2010-2012.** Coordinator of the Experiment “TRAFCON - Traffic Control of AGVs in Automatic Warehouses”, “European Clearing House for Open Robotics Development Plus Plus” (ECHORD, EU-FP7 ICT-231143). Budget: 451 kEUR (overall), 288 kEUR (local).
- 2015-2017.** Researcher in the project “SYMPLEXITY - Symbiotic Human-Robot Solutions for Complex Surface Finishing Operations”, EU H2020-EU.2.1.5 - Advanced manufacturing and processing.
- 2013-2015.** Researcher in the project “ADAPTIVE - Adaptive approaches for the digiral factory”, Cluster Fabbrica Intelligente, MIUR.
- 2012-2015.** Researcher in the project “PAN-ROBOTS - Plug and navigate robots for smart factories”, EU-FP7 STREP NMP-314193.
- 2011-2012.** Researcher in the project “DIRO - Mobile Robotics District”, Emilia Romagna Region.
- 2005-2007.** Researcher in the project “MOOM - Object-Oriented Methods for Mechatronic Systems”, PRIN 2005, MIUR.
- 2003-2005.** Researcher in the project “OASYS - Open Source Software for the Automation adn the Distributed systems”, PRIN 2003, MIUR

Industrial Research Project

- 2024.** Coordinatore of the project “Modeling and Control for Agricultural Systems” funded by TOPCON (Concordia sul Secchia, Italy).
- 2023.** Coordinatore of the project “Dynamic modeling of Agricultural Tractors” funded by TOPCON (Concordia sul Secchia, Italy).
- 2017.** Coordinator of the project “Development of a robotic application for visual servoing for the manipulation of hospital waste” funded by I-TI (Reggio Emilia, Italy).
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- 2017-2019.** Coordinator of the project “ATLAS - E’Cosi AuTonomous cLeAning System”, funded by E’ COSI’ (Forli, Italy)
- 2017.** Coordinator of the project “ROBOTeach: Design of a teach by demonstration programming strategy” funded by I-TI (Reggio Emilia, Italy).
- 2012-2013.** Coordinator of the project “REMOCAL - Development of a robotic calibration system for the R.E.M.O. device” funded by CORGHI s.p.a. (Correggio, Italy)
- 2007-2009.** Coordinator of the project “CROW - CoorDinatiOn of AGVs in Automatic Warehouses” funded by Elettric80 s.p.a. (Viano, Italy)
- 2020.** Researcher for the project “Atelier CNA HUB 4.0: companies towards Industry 4.0”, coordinated by CNA Reggio Emilia, Italy.
- 2010-2012.** Researcher in the project “Development of a methodology for the design of an automatic machine by SysML” funded by Tetra Pak Carton Ambient s.p.a. (Modena, Italy)
- 2008-2010.** Researcher in the project “Modeling and control of a system for paper unwrapping in an automatic machine for packaging” funded by Tetra Pak Carton Ambient s.p.a. (Modena, Italy)
- 2007-2012.** Researcher in the project “Development of a preemptive maintenance system for an automatic machine for packaging” funded by Tetra Pak Carton Ambient s.p.a. (Modena, Italy)
- 2006-2007.** Researcher in the project “Analysis and development of a robotic systems for composing mosaics”, funded by the Tecno Effe s.n.c. (Fiorano, Italy)
- 2005.** Researcher in the project “Analysis and simulation of an automated production line” funded by Tetra Pak Carton Ambient s.p.a. (Modena, Italy)
- 2005.** Researcher in the project “Analysis and simulation of an automated production line” funded by Tetra Pak Carton Ambient s.p.a. (Modena, Italy)

Editorial Activities, Service and Conference Organization

Editorial Activity

- 2022-2024.** Program Chair of the 2024 European Robotics Forum, March 13-15, 2024, Rimini, Italy.
- 2022-.** Associate Editor for the International Journal of Robotics Research.
- 2015 - 2017.** Associate Editor for the IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters.
- 2012 - 2017.** Associate Editor per la IEEE Transactions on Robotics.
- 2005 - 2008.** Associate Editor per the IEEE Robotics & Automation Magazine
- 2018.** Guest Editor of the Special Issue “From research to industry: Safety in collaborative robotics and human-robot interaction”, published on Robotics and Computer Integrated Manufacturing (August 2019).
- 2013.** Guest Editor of the “Special Issue on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Nonlinear Control”, published on the European Journal of Control (number 6, volume 19, December 2013).
- 2010.** Guest editor of the “Special Issue on Design and Control Methodologies in Telerobotics” published on the Elsevier Mechatronics journal (number 7, volume 20, October 2010).
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- 2025.** Senior Editor del Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2025.
- 2024-2027.** Member of the International Program Committee (IPC) for the 9th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2027
- 2024.** Senior Editor del Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2024.
- 2023.** Member of the International Program Committee (IPC) for the 8th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2024
- 2023.** Senior Editor del Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2023.
- 2022.** Member of the Program Committee of the SIDRA 2022 Conference.
- 2022.** Senior Editor del Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2022.
- 2021.** Senior Editor del Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2021.
- 2020.** Senior Editor of the Conference Editorial Board for the IEEE Ubiquitous Robots (UR) 2020.
- 2024.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2025.
- 2023.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2024.
- 2022.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2023.
- 2021.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2022.
- 2021.** Member of the Program Committee of the SIDRA 2021 Conference.
- 2021.** Associate Editor for the 6th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2021
- 2021.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2021.
- 2020.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2020.
- 2020.** Member of the Program Committee of the SIDRA 2020 Conference.
- 2018.** Associate Editor for the 6th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2018
- 2018.** Member of the International Program Committee (IPC) for the 5th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2018
- 2015.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2015.
- 2015.** Member of the Program Committee (PC) for the conference Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2015.
- 2014.** Member of the Program Committee (PC) for the conference Robotics Science and Systems (RSS) 2014.
- 2013.** Associate Editor of the Conference Editorial Board of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2013.
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- 2012.** Associate Editor for the 'IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2012.
- 2012.** Associate Editor for the 4th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2012
- 2010.** Member of the International Program Committee (IPC) of the 1st International Conference on Applied Bionics and Biomechanics (ICABB), 2010

Scientific Associations

- 2019-.** Member of the Italian Instituto for Robotics and Intelligent Machines (I-RIM)
- 2017-.** Member of the IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Multi-robot systems.
- 2017-.** Member of the IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Collaborative Automation for Flexible Manufacturing.
- 2007-.** Member of the IEEE-RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics.
- 2006-.** Member of the 'IFAC Technical Committee on Human Machine System.
- 2000-.** Member of the IEEE
- 2000-.** Member of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
- 2000-.** Member of the IEEE Control Systems Society

Service

- 2019.** Member of the Young Author Best Paper Award Committee of the Italian chapter of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
- 2018.** Member of the Young Author Best Paper Award Committee of the Italian chapter of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
- 2018.** Member of the Technical and Scientific Committee for the Robotics Innovation Prize organized by the international fair MECSPE and by the italian journal "Automazione Integrata"
- 2017.** Organizer and member of the Award Committee of the first "Robotics Made in Italy" Video Contest" of the IEEE Robotics & Automation Society Italian Chapter
- 2016.** Member of the Young Author Best Paper Award Committee of the Italian chapter of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
- 2007-2012.** Founder and chair of the IEEE Technical Committee on Telerobotics.
- 2015.** Member of the Best Student Paper Award Committee of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2015.
- 2022-.** Member of the working group on Robotics 4.0 for I-RIM, the Italian Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines.
- 2016-.** Coordinator of the Scientific and Technical Committee "GTTS6: Evolutionary and Adaptive Production Systems" of the Italian Cluster for the Intelligent Factory.
- 2018-.** Member of the regional working group for the development of the AI&HMI topic for the european S3 platform on Industrial Modernization
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Conference organization

- 2024.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “Robot Safety in Times of AI: Data, Decision, and Multimodal Interaction ”, held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), October 2024.
- 2021.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “Embodied AI in robotic surgery: Outcomes of the EU funded SARAS project”, held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR), Lubljana (Slovenia), December 2021.
- 2019.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “Next Generation Surgery: Seamless integration of Robotics, Machine Learning and Knowledge Representation within the operating rooms”, held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Montreal (CA), May 2019
- 2017.** Organizer of the “Passivity and port-Hamiltonian” Track at the “2017 SIDRA Summer School”, July 6-8, 2017, Bertinoro (Italy).
- 2015.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “Cooperative vehicles and robotic systems for industrial applications” held in correspondance of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Hamburg (Germany), September 2015
- 2014.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “Advanced Robotics for Industrial Logistics” held in correspondance of the European Robotics Forum, Rovereto (Italy), March 12-14, 2014
- 2012.** Member of the National Organizing Committee (NOC) of the 4th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Non Linear Control (LHMNLC), 2012
- 2012.** Organizer and co-chair of the “Workshop on Haptic Teleoperation of Mobile Robots: Theory, Applications and Perspectives”, held in correspondance of the the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), St. Paul (MN, USA), May 2012
- 2011.** Organizer and co-chair of the “Symposium on Telerobotics” held in correspondance of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), San Francisco (CA, USA), May 2011
- 2011.** Organizer of the Tutorial “Control Issues in Haptic Teleoperation” h in correspondance of the WorldHaptics Symposium, Istanbul (Turkey), June 2011
- 2010.** Organizer and co-chair of the invited session “Advanced teleoperation control architectures” at the ‘IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Robots (IROS), Taipei (Taiwan), Ocyober 2010
- 2010.** Organizer of the “Telerobotics Summer School”, Munich (Germany), July 26-30, 2010.
- 2008.** Organizer and co-chair of the invited session “Port- and energy-based methods in robotics. Modelling, simulation and control” IFAC World Congress, Seoul (South Korea), July 2008.
- 2008.** Organizer and co-chair of the Workshop “New Vistas and Challenges in Telerobotics” held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Pasadena (CA, USA), May 2008.

Research Evaluation

Project Evaluation

- 2022.** Project Reviewer for the Starting Grant Programme of the European Research Council (ERC)
- 2022.** Project Reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation.
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2019. Scientific Experts for “Basic Research” and “Competitive Industrial Research and Social Innovation Research”. Registered to REPRISE (list of the scientific experts at MIUR, the Italian ministry for university and research).

2019 Project Reviewer for the Czech Science Foundation.

2017. Project Reviewer for the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT) and the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW)

2015-. Reviewer for the Robotics books proposed to Elsevier

2014. Project Reviewer for the Helmholtz Associations’ Junior Research Group Program per il Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR) - Germany

2014. Project Reviewer for the Consolidate Programme of the European Research Council (ERC)

Reviewer for Journals and Conferences

Cristian Secchi has been a reviewer for major conferences and journals about robotics and automation among which:

IEEE Transactions on Robotics

IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering

IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems

Elsevier Mechatronics

IEEE Transactions on Control Systems and Technology

Elsevier Automatica

IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control

IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics

IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)

IEEE/RSJ International Conference Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)

IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)

IEEE/ASME International Conference on Advanced Intelligent Mechatronics (AIM)

IFAC World Congress

IEEE American Control Conference (ACC)

PhD Committee

2024. Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Data-Driven Model Predictive Control with Reinforcement Learning Algorithms” by Hoomaan MoradiMaryamnegari, PhD candidate at the University of Bolzano under the supervision of Prof. Angelika Peer.

2024. Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Exploiting flexible links in surgical applications: from interaction control to needle insertion” by Chiara Zandona’, PhD candidate at the University of Verona under the supervision of Prof. Andrea Calanca.

2024. Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Advancing Loco-Manipulation and Interaction of Quadruped Manipulators: Integrating Control, Perception, and Planning” by Mattia Risiglione, PhD Candidate at the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) under the supervision of Dr. Claudio Semini and of Dr. Victor Barasuol.

- 2023.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Geometric methods for designing optimal filters on Lie groups” by Damiano Rigo, PhD candidate at the University of Verona under the supervision of Prof. Riccardo Muradore.
- 2023.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Robust Trajectory Planning Algorithms for Robotic Tasks with Parametric Uncertainties” by Pascal Brault, PhD candidate at the University of Rennes (France) under the supervision of Dr. Paolo Robuffo Giordano..
- 2022.** Chair of the PhD Committee in Industrial Innovation Engineering of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (Italy) for the evaluation of the PhD theses of the PhD candidates graduating in 2022.
- 2020.** Chair of the PhD Committee in Information Technology of the University of Parma (Italy) for the evaluation of the PhD theses of the PhD candidates graduating in 2020.
- 2019.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Grasping and Manipulation with Soft Robotic Hands” by Maria Pozzi, PhD candidate at the University of Siena (Italy) under the supervision of Prof. Domenico Prattichizzo.
- 2019.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “A general Framework for Shared Control in Robot Teleoperation with Force and Visual Feedback” by Davide Nicolis, PhD candidate at the Politecnico di Milano (Italy) under the supervision of Prof. Paolo Rocco.
- 2017.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “A game theoretic approach for multi-robot coordination to guarantee security in critical scenarios From theory to real applications” by Simone Nardi, PhD candidate at the University of Pisa (Italy) under the supervision of Prof. Lucia Pallottino.
- 2017.** Member of the PhD Committee in Automation and Operation Research of the University of Bologna (Italy) for the evaluation of the PhD theses of the PhD candidates graduating in 2017.
- 2016.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Towards a safe interaction between humans and industrial robots through perceptual algorithms and control strategies” by Matteo Ragaglia, PhD candidate at the Politecnico di Milano (Italy) under the supervision of Prof. Paolo Rocco.
- 2016.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Online Coordination and Composition of Robotic Skills: Formal Models for Context-aware Task Scheduling” by Enea Scioni, candidate for a joint PhD title between the University of Ferrara (Italy) and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), supervised by Prof. Marcello Bonfanti and by Prof. Herman Bruyninckx.
- 2015.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Consensus Control in Robot Networks and Cooperative Teleoperation: An Operational Space Approach” by Carlos Iván Aldana López, PhD candidate at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, supervised by Prof. Luis Basañez and by Prof. Emmanuel Nuño Ortega.
- 2014.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Planning and Control for Robotic Tasks with a Human-in-the-Loop” by Carlo Masone, PhD candidate at the Stuttgart University (Germany), supervised by Prof. Frank Allgower.
- 2012-2015** Member of the supervisory committee of Enea Scioni, candidate for a joint PhD title between the University of Ferrara (Italy) and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), supervised by Prof. Marcello Bonfanti and by Prof. Herman Bruyninckx.
- 2008.** Member of the PhD Committee for the thesis “Nonlinear bilateral control of teleoperators with transmission time delays” by Emmanuel Nuño Ortega, PhD candidate at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, supervised by Prof. Luis Basañez.
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- 2008.** Member of the PhD Committe for the thesis “Frictional Contact in Interactive Deformable Environments” by Davide Zerbato, PhD candidate at the University of Verona, supervised by Prof. Paolo Fiorini.
- 2008.** Member of the PhD Committe for the thesis “Perception-motivated parallel algorithms for haptics” by Stefano Galvan, PhD candidate at the University of Verona, supervised by Prof. Paolo Fiorini.
- 2023.** Reviewer of the PhD Thesis “Geometric methods for designing optimal filters on Lie groups” by Damiano Rigo, PhD candidate at the University of Verona under the supervision of Prof. Riccardo Muradore.
- 2023.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “A ROS-based software architecture for a versatile collaborative dual-armed autonomous mobile robot for the manufacturing industry” by Simone Comari, PhD candidate at the University of Bologna under the supervision of Prof. Marco Carricato.
- 2022.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “The Three-Dimensional Single-Bin-Size Bin Packing Problem: Combining Metaheuristic and Machine Learning Approaches” by Gabriele Ancora, PhD candidate at the University of Bologna under the supervision of Prof. Claudio Melchiorri.
- 2021.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “Control Methodologies for Assistive Robots operated via Brain Computer Interface” by Giuseppe Gillini, PhD candidate at the University of Cassino and of Southern Lazio (Italy) under the supervision of Prof. Filippo Arrichiello.
- 2018.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “Repetitive Control Systems: Stability and Periodic Tracking beyond the Linear Case” by Davide Chiaravalli, PhD candidate at the University of Bologna under the supervision of Prof. Claudio Melchiorri.
- 2018.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “Haptic control of mobile manipulators interacting with the environment” by Davide Chiaravalli, PhD candidate at the University of Bologna under the supervision of Prof. Claudio Melchiorri.
- 2018.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “A Predictive Approach to Online Trajectory Planning of Robot Manipulators” by Marco Faroni, PhD candidate at the University of Brescia under the supervision of Prof. Antonio Visioli.
- 2014.** Reviewer of the PhD thesis “Time Domain Passivity Control for Delayed Teleoperation” by Jordi Artigas Esclusa, PhD candidate at Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, supervised by Prof. Rafael Aracil Sandoia and by Prof. Gerd Hirzinger
- 2011.** Reviewer of the PhD Committe for the thesis “Control Architecture for Multifingered Haptic Devices Applied to Advanced Manipulation” by Jorge Barrio, PhD candidate at the Universidad Politecnica di Madrid, supervised by Prof. Manuel Ferre.

Supervision

M.Sc. and B.Sc. Students

Cristian Secchi supervised around more than 200 M.Sc. and B.Sc theses (starting from January 2005) of students graduating in Mechatronics and Management Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Around half of the theses have been in cooperation with industries.

Ph.D. Students

- 2024-.** Andrea Pioli. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Non linear control for human robot interaction”.
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- 2024-.** Italo Almirante. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Control of multi-robot systems for manipulation and transportation”
- 2023-.** Filippo Bernabei. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Control of Connected Autonomous Vehicle”.
- 2021-2024.** Davide Ferrari. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Physical and non-Physical Communication in Human Robot Collaboration”.
- 2019-2022.** Federico Benzi. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Control and interaction with a mobile collaborative robot”.
- 2019-2022** Andrea Pupa. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Safety aware control architecture for human robot collaboration”.
- 2018-2021.** Marco Minelli. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Autonomous Robotic Surgery”.
- 2016-2019.:** Chiara Talignani Landi. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Towards Safe and Efficient Human-Robot Collaboration for Industrial Applications”.
- 2016-2019.:** Giuseppe Riggio. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Communication and Interaction for Mobile Robots: from Lab to Industry”.
- 2015-2018.:** Nicola Battilani. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Human-Machine cooperation: applications to robotics and industrial automation”.
- 2015-2018.:** Marco De Stefano. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Energy-based Control for Simulation of Multi-body Dynamics using Robotic Facilities”.
- 2013-2016.:** Dr. Valerio Digani. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Traffic Coordination for AGV Systems: an Ensemble Modeling Approach”.
- 2012-2015.:** Dr. Federica Ferraguti. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “Interaction Control for Autonomous Robotic Surgery”.
- 2011-2014.:** Dr. Alessio Levratti. Doctorate School in Industrial Innovation Engineering at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the thesis: “New Estimation and Control Techniques for Real World Mobile Robots”.
- 2008-2011.:** Dr. Roberto Olmi, co-supervised with Marcello BonfÃ©. Doctorate in Science of Engineering at the University of Ferrara (I). Title of the thesis: “Traffic Management of Automated Guided Vehicles in Flexible Manufacturing Systems”.

Research Associate and Post-docs

- 2024.** Dr. Andrea Pioli, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Study and design of robotic manipulation strategies for deformable objects within the SIMOD project”.
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- 2024.** Dr. Italo Almirante, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Study and design for interaction control strategies for human-robot collaboration in complex scenarios within the project ROSSINI”.
- 2024.** Dr. Andrea Pupa, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Collaborative Robotics for Sustainable Manufacturing”.
- 2024.** Dr. Marco Minelli, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Robotic Systems for the Interaction”.
- 2023.** Dr. Diletta Sacerdoti, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Advanced interaction control for collaborative robotic systems”
- 2023-2024.** Dr. Marco Minelli, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Control of Robotic System for Sustainable Manufacturing”
- 2023.** Dr. Andrea Pupa, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Collaborative Robotics for Sustainable Manufacturing”
- 2022-2023.** Dr. Marco Minelli, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Development of an autonomous surgical assistant”
- 2021.** Dr. Guglielmo Gabrielli, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Machine learning techniques for an efficient collaborative robotics”
- 2020-2021.** Dr. Mattia Galli, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Development of a robotic system for assisting the surgeon in medical applications”
- 2020,** Dr. Davide Ferrari, research associate a at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Visual servoing for a collaborative robot on a mobile platform”
- 2019** Dr. Andrea Pupa, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Smart Autonomous Robotic Assistant Surgeon”
- 2018.** Dr. Marco Minelli, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research Topic: “Smart Autonomous Robotic Assistant Surgeon”
- 2018-2021.** Dr. Filippo Bertoncelli, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Multi robot coordination strategies for robotic surgery”
- 2018-2019.** Dr. Claudio Santo Longo, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic:: “Development of a control architecture for the safe interaction between human and robot in collaborative applications”
- 2018-2019.** Dr. Mattia Bertuletti, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic:: “Fault detection and diagnosis for collaborative robots ”
- 2017-2018.** Dr. Damjan Miklic, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Control of an AGV system for automatic warehouses”.
- 2017-2018.** Dr. Andrea Jacopo Ronga, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic:: “Multi-robot systems for agriculture”.
- 2015-2016.** Dr. Mehran Zareh, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Decentralized techniques for maximizing the robustness in multi-agent systems”
- 2015-2016.** Dr. Alessio Levratti, post-doc at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Research topic: “Development of a robotic assistant for tire workshops”
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2011-2012. Dr. Dino Giuseffi, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
Research Topic: “Experimental evaluation of a traffic control strategy for AGVs in automatic warehouses”

2012. Dr. Lorenzo Sabattini, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
Research topic: “Open systems for tractor autonomous operations”

2010-2011. Dr. Davide Ronzoni, research associate at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
Research topic: “SLAM for laser guided vehicles in automated warehouses”

Invited Talks

2024. “Energy Based Control for a robustly stable and flexible interaction”, Plenary Talk at the 8th IFAC Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Nonlinear Control, Besançon (F), June 10th, 2024.

2023. “Energy Based Control for a robustly stable and flexible interaction”, invited Talk for the workshop “Perception Unleashed: Achieving Safety, Efficiency, and Awareness in Human-Robot Collaboration” held in correspondance of the IRIM-3D conference, organized by the Italian Institute of Robotics and Intelligent Machines (IRIM), Rome, October 21st, 2023

2023. “Energy Based Control for a robustly stable and flexible interaction”, University of Rennes, April 26th, 2023

2021. “A robustly stable and efficient teleoperation architecture for tele-surgery” invited talk for the Workshop on “Embodied AI in robotic surgery: Outcomes of the EU funded SARAS project” held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR), December 7th, 2021.

2020. “Control Techniques for Human-Robot Interaction”, invited talk for the “Workshop on tactile integration for humans and artificial systems” held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (ROMAN), September 2nd, 2020

2020. “Shared control for human-robot interaction: an energy based perspective.”, invited talk for the “Workshop on Shared Autonomy: Learning and Control” held in correspondance of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), June 4th, 2020.

2020. “Robotics for manufacturing at the time of COVID-19”, invited talk for the online Workshop online “Arrivano i nostri... robot” organized by the italian chapter of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, 28 Maggio 2020

2019. “Collaborative Robotics: New synergies between man and robot in the factory of the future”, Reggio Emilia Chamber of Commerce, October 30th, 2019

2019. “Flexible and Safe interaction control: an energy-based approach”, University of Siena, April 18th, 2019

2019. “From Robotic Awareness to the ROSSINI Architecture: A path towards an effective human robot collaboration”, one of the Entrepreneurs Talks of the IITKAM Colloquium on Artificial Intelligence - Key Driver of Economic Development, organized by the Italian Trade Organization for Germany at the Hannover Messe, Hannover (D), April 2nd, 2019.

2018. “On the Use of Energy Tanks for Multi-Robot Interconnection”, invited Talk for the workshop “Robotics for logistics in warehouses and environments shared with humans” held in correspondance of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Madrid (E), October 5th, 2018

- 2018.** “Energy-based shared control for multi-robot systems”, invited Talk for the workshop “Haptic-Enabled Shared Control of Robotic Systems: A Compromise Between Teleoperation and Autonomy” held in correspondence of the ‘IEEE/RSJ International Conference on intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Madrid (E), October 1st, 2018
- 2018.** “New Synergy between man and robot for the factory of the future”, invited talk for the Workshop “Co-bots for industry 4.0 and beyond”, held in correspondence of the International Robotics Festival, September 29th, 2018, Pisa.
- 2018.** “Collaborative Robotics - From research to industrial applications”, invited talk during the workshop “Collaborative Robots (in italian: Robot Collaborativi)” organized by the Modena Industrial Association, September 19th, 2018, Modena
- 2018.** “Collaborative Robotics: applications and lessons learned”, invited talk during the congress “Assembly 4.0 and Collaborative Robotics (in italian: Assemblaggio 4.0 e Robotica Collaborativa)” organized by Tecniche Nuovem, September 18th, 2018, Milano.
- 2018.** “A variable admittance control strategy for stable physical human robot interaction”, University of Technology of Sydney, Sydney, May 18th 2018.
- 2018.** “Collaborative Robotics: State of the art and future challenges (in italian: Robotica Collaborativa: Stato attuale e sfide future)”, invited talk during the workshop “The man and the enabling technologies (in italian: L’uomo e le Tecnologie Abilitanti)” held in correspondence of the MECSPE Fair, March 23rd, 2018 Parma (Italy).
- 2018.** “Touching the Untouchable: Bilateral Teleoperation Systems”, Invited Talk for the PhD course “Human-Robot Collaboration for Professionals and Daily Life” organized by the Politecnico di Milano, March 21st, 2018
- 2017.** “Playing with Energy: Disembodied passivity based control for robotic interaction”, University of Pisa (I), December 5, 2017.
- 2017.** “Beyond motion: Passivity and port-Hamiltonian for robot interaction control”, Invited Talk during the Summer School “SIDRA 2015 Summer School” organized by the Italian Society of Automatica (SIDRA). July 6-8, 2017, Bertinoro (I).
- 2016.** “Between cooperation and co-existence: new paradigms of cooperative robotics (in Italian “Tra cooperazione e coesistenza: nuovi paradigmi di robotica collaborativa)”, invited talk during the conference “Connection Space: Innovation (in Italian, “Spazio di Connessione INNOVAZIONE)” , September 28th 2016, Forlì (I).
- 2016.** “TIREBOT: A TIRE workshop roBOTic assistant: PR and IP management”, invited talk at the second Kick-off meeting of the ECHORD++ project, May 4th, 2016, Palma de Mallorca (ES).
- 2016.** “Human-robot Interaction: between co-existence and cooperation (in Italian “Interazione Uomo-Robot: tra coesistenza e cooperazione)”, invited talk during the conference “Factory 4.0 - the relation between man and machine (in Italian, “ Fabbrica 4.0 - Il rapporto uomo macchina)”, organized by BPR Group s.p.a., April 8th 2016, Bondanello (I).
- 2016.** “Cooperative robotics for inspection and manipulation”, invited talk at the Robot Forum, MECSPE international fair. March 16th 2016, Parma (I).
- 2016.** “Cooperative Robots for Factory 4.0 (in Italian, “Robot Cooperativi per la Fabbrica 4.0)”, invited talk for the conference “Factory 4.0” organized by the Reggio Emilia Industrial Association. March 8th, 2016, Reggio Emilia (I).
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- 2015.** “Cooperative Assembly: between cooperation and co-existence (in italian “Assemblaggio cooperativo: tra cooperazione e coesistenza)””, invited talk at the conference “Cooperative Robotics in the Factory (in italian “LA ROBOTICA COLLABORATIVA IN AZIENDA)””, organized by T2I. October 30th, 2015, Schiavon (I).
 - 2015.** “Control of multiple robots via passivity and graph theory: Multi-Robot Teleoperation”, Invited Talk during the Summer School “SIDRA 2015 Summer School” organized by the italian society of Automatica (SIDRA). July 13-17, 2015, Bertinoro (I).
 - 2015.** “Tele-operated control of robots: Passivity based strategies”, Invited Talk during the Summer School “SIDRA 2015 Summer School” organized by the italian society of Automatica (SIDRA). July 13-17, 2015, Bertinoro (I).
 - 2015.** “Shared control in semi-autonomous surgery: A two layer approach”, invited Talk at the workshop “Cognitive Surgical Robotics”. Hamlyn Symposium on Medical Robotics 2015, June 20th, 2015, London (UK).
 - 2015.** “Decentralized connectivity maintenance for asymmetrically connected multi robot systems”, invited talk at the workshop “Taxonomies of interconnected systems : Asymmetric interactions in distributed robotics”. IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2015, May 26th 2015, Seattle (WA, USA).
 - 2015.** “TIREBOT: A TIRE workshop roBOTic assistant”, invited talk at the Peccioli RIF Opening, February 9th 2015, Peccioli (I).
 - 2014.** “Disembodying passivity in bilateral teleoperation”, Institute talk at the German Aerospace Center (DLR). December 2nd, 2014, Oberpfaffenhofen (Germany).
 - 2014.** “Conducting multi-robot systems: gestures for the passive teleoperation of multiple slaves”, Invited talk at the workshop “Telerobotics for Real-Life Applications: Opportunities, Challenges, and New Developments”. IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2014, September 18th, 2014, Chicago (USA).
 - 2014.** “Passivity Based Teleoperation of Multi-Robot Systems with Time Varying Topology”, Invited talk at the workshop “Crossing the Reality Gap: Control, Human Interaction and Cloud Technology for Multi- and Many- Robot Systems”. IEEE International Conference of Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2014, June 1st, 2014, Hong Kong (PRC).
 - 2013.** “Fluid Slaves: Passivity based teleoperation of a group fo UAVs with variable topology”, Invited Talk during the “Summer School on Telerobotics” organized by the IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics. July 8-12, 2013, Tokyo (Japan).
 - 2013.** “A port-based approach for telerobotics”, Invited Talk during the “Summer School on Telerobotics” organized by the IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics. July 8-12, 2013, Tokyo (Japan).
 - 2012.** “Passivity based teleoperation of a group of UAVs with variable topology”, Invited Talk at the “Workshop on Haptic Teleoperation of Mobile Robots: Theory, Applications and Perspectives”, IEEE International Conference of Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2012. May 14th, 2012, Saint Paul (MN, USA).
 - 2010.** “Telerobotics: Extending Action and Perception”, Invited talk at the University Roma Tre. December 2nd, 2010, Rome (Italy).
 - 2010.** “A port-Hamiltonian approach to bilateral teleoperation ”, Invited Talk during the “Summer School on Telerobotics” organized by the IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Telerobotics. July 26-30, 2010, Munich (Germany).
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- 2010.** “Being there without being there: the challenge of telerobotics”, Invited talk at the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics. June 23rd, 2010, Tuebingen (Germany).
- 2008.** “Modeling and Control of Bilateral Teleoperation Systems through the port-Hamiltonian approach”, invited talk at the Institute of Automatic Control Engineering of the Technische Universität München (TUM). December 18th, 2008, Munich (Germany).
- 2004.** “Sampled Data Systems Passivity and Applications to Haptics Interfaces”, invited talk at the Department of Computer Science, University of Verona. November 9th, 2004, Verona (Italy).
- 2000.** “Geometric Grasping and Telemanipulation”, Invited talk at the Department of Electronics, Computer Science and Systems (DEIS), University of Bologna. December 14th, 2000, Bologna (Italy) Dipartimento di Elettronica Informatica e Sistemistica (DEIS), Università degli Studi di Bologna, il 14 Dicembre 2000
- 2000.** “Geometric Grasping and Telemanipulation”, invited talk at the Delft University of Technology. November 30th, 2000, Delft (NL).

Publications

Books

- [B1] C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli, C. Fantuzzi, “Control of Interactive Robotic Interfaces: a port-Hamiltonian approach”, Springer Tracts in Advanced Robotics (STAR), Springer, ISBN:3540497129, Marzo 2007
- [B2] C. Secchi and L. Marconi (Editors), “European Robotics Forum 2024: ERF - 15th European Robotics Forum - Volume 1”, Springer Proceedings in Advanced Robotics, ISBN: 978-3-031-76423-3, January 2025
- [B3] C. Secchi and L. Marconi (Editors), “European Robotics Forum 2024: ERF - 15th European Robotics Forum - Volume 2”, Springer Proceedings in Advanced Robotics, Springer, ISBN: 978-3-031-76427-1, Springer Proceedings in Advanced Robotics, Springer, January 2025

Patents

- [P1] M. Cocconcelli, L. Bassi, D. Borghi, R. Rubini, C. Secchi, “Predictive Rolling Bearing Maintenance”, International Patent number WO 2010100253 (A1), September 10th, 2010
- [P2] C. Fantuzzi, C. Secchi, F. Ferraguti, C. Talignani Landi, M. Nalli, “A Method for the superficial treatment of an artefact”, Italian Patent Number 102016000097482(A1), September 2016. International Paper Number WO2018060925(A1), September 2018
- [P3] F. Ferraguti, C. Secchi, S. Puliatti, G. Bianchi, “A method for controlling the spatial position of a surgical needle”, Patent Number 102024000010648, May 10th, 2024

Journals

- [J1] S. Stramigioli, C. Secchi, A. J. van der Schaft, C. Fantuzzi, “Sampled Data Systems Passivity and Sampled port-Hamiltonian Systems”, IEEE Transactions on Robotics, 21(4):574-587, August 2005
- [J2] C. Secchi, M. Bonfé, C. Fantuzzi, “On the use of UML for modeling mechatronic systems”, IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering, 4(1):105-113, January 2007
- [J3] M. Bonfé, C. Fantuzzi, C. Secchi, “Behavioral inheritance in object-oriented models for mechatronic system”, International Journal on Manufacturing Research, 1(4):421-441, February 2007
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- [J4] M. Bonfè, C. Fantuzzi, C. Secchi, S. Simani, “Modelli orientati agli oggetti per sistemi con dinamiche ibride”, *Automazione e Strumentazione*, Anno LV, n. 4, VNU Business Publication, April 2007
 - [J5] C. Secchi, M. Bonfè, C. Fantuzzi, R. Borsari, D. Borghi, “Object-Oriented Modeling of Complex Mechatronic Components for the Manufacturing Industry”, *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, 12(6):696-702, December 2007
 - [J6] C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli, “Discussion on “On preserving passivity in sampled-data linear systems””, *European Journal of Control*, 13(6), December 2007
 - [J7] C. Secchi, Bonfè M., C. Fantuzzi, Borsari R., Borghi D., Authors’ reply to “Comments on Object-Oriented Modeling of Complex Mechatronic Components for the Manufacturing Industry”, *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, 13(4):487-489, August 2008
 - [J8] C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli, C. Fantuzzi, “Transparency in port-Hamiltonian based Telemanipulation”, *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, 24(4):903-910, August 2008
 - [J9] C. Secchi, S. Stramigioli, C. Fantuzzi, “Variable Delay in Scaled Port-Hamiltonian Telemanipulation”, *Elsevier Mechatronics*, 18(7):357-363, Settembre 2008
 - [J10] D. Botturi, M. Vicentini, M. Righele, C. Secchi, “Perception-centric Force Scaling in Bilateral Teleoperation, Special Issue on Design and Control Methodologies in Telerobotics”, *Elsevier Mechatronics*, 20(7):802-811, October 2010.
 - [J11] R. Olmi, C. Secchi, C. Fantuzzi, “Coordination of Industrial AGVs, *International Journal of Vehicle Autonomous Systems*”, 9(1/2):5-25, January 2011
 - [J12] L. Sabattini, C. Secchi, C. Fantuzzi, “Arbitrary shaped formations of mobile robots: Artificial Potential fields and coordinate transformation”, *Autonomous Robots* 30(4):385-397, May 2011
 - [J13] M. Franken, S. Stramigioli, S. Misra, C. Secchi, A. Macchelli, “Bilateral Telemanipulation with time delays: A two-layer approach combining passivity and transparency”, *IEEE Transactions on Robotics* 27(4):741-756, August 2011.
 - [J14] L. Bassi, C. Secchi, C. Fantuzzi, M. Bonfè, “A SysML based methodology for manufacturing system modeling and design”, *IEEE Transactions on Mechatronics* 16(6):1049-1069, December 2011.
 - [J15] M. Cocconcelli, L. Bassi, C. Secchi, R. Rubini, C. Fantuzzi, “An algorithm to diagnose ball bearing faults in servomotors running arbitrary motion profiles”, *Mechanical Systems and Signal Processing*, 27:667-682, February 2012
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