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Education

I am currently completing a PhD program at University of Valladolid (Spain) that is in cooperation with the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Switzerland). For one year, I have researched for the PhD at Osaka University (Japan).

2008 to date PhD student in Process and Systems Engineering,
University of Valladolid, Spain

I have completed an international program between Grenoble Institute of Technology (France), Karlsruhe University (Germany) and Gdansk University of Technology (Poland). I have completed part of my education at each institution and I have been awarded a Master's degree from each of the institutions. I have worked on my Master Thesis "Modelling and control of the String2 LHC Prototype at CERN" at University of Valladolid (Spain).

2007 M.Sc. ("Master Recherché") in Control Engineering
*École Nationale Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Électriciens de Grenoble (ENSIEG)
Grenoble Institute of Technology (INPG), France*

2007 M.Sc. ("Ingénieur Diplômé") in Control Engineering
*École Nationale Supérieure d'Ingénieurs Électriciens de Grenoble (ENSIEG)
Grenoble Institute of Technology (INPG), France*

2007 M.Sc. ("Diplomingenieur") in Control Engineering
*Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
Karlsruhe University, Germany*

2007 M.Sc. (Magister Inżynier) in Control Engineering
*Faculty of Electronics, Telecommunications and Informatics
Gdansk University of Technology, Poland*

2002 "Technician in Electronics"
*secondary school diploma awarded after 5 years of technical studies in
electronics*

Employment

- 2008 to 2013 Doctoral Student and Unpaid Associate in Industrial Controls & Electronics Group at Engineering Department and in Cryogenics Group at Technology Department at European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland
First principles modelling, simulation and application of real time optimization to state estimation and control of the Super fluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN
- 2007 to 2008 MSc Final Project and researcher position in Systems Engineering and Automatic Control Department, University of Valladolid, Spain
First principles modelling and simulation of the Superfluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit at the Large Hadron Collider Prototype "String2"
- 2006 Internship in System and Software Design Team, ATENA Engineering GmbH (Assystem Group), Munich, Germany
Rapid Prototyping using Matlab/Simulink and dSPACE RTC/Control Desk and other activities related to development of hardware and software for an HIL simulation of the "A400M" aircraft turbine engine
- 2004 to 2005 Student job at Institute of Algorithms and Cognitive Systems, Karlsruhe University, Germany
Perl programming for a data mining project

Languages

I have been an official CERN guide giving presentations and guiding tours in Polish, English, French, German and Spanish. I have studied and worked for 1.5 years in Germany, 1 year Spain, 1 year in Japan and I have been living for more than 5 years in France and French speaking part of Switzerland.

- Polish: mother-tongue
- English: good communication skills
- German: good communication skills; DSH-3 certificate in 2005
- French: good communication skills; TCF-4 certificate in 2007
- Spanish: good communication skills; EOI-2 certificate in 2007
- Japanese: basic knowledge

Research Experience

- 2007 to date PhD Project: Non-linear Model Predictive Control (NMPC) for the Superfluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit at the Large Hadron Collider; see: <http://www.rafal-noga.com/lhc-nmpc/>
System analysis; development of first principles, numerical models of the distributed parameters system to be used in simulation and online optimization; development, prototype implementation and experimental validation of Moving Horizon State Estimators and Non-linear Model Predictive Controllers for the LHC cryogenic system

Additional skills and knowledge

- ✓ Computer science:
 - C, Perl, Matlab, Mathematica: good programming skills
 - Numerical methods for solving ODE's, parabolic PDE's, linear and nonlinear optimization problems: user's knowledge
 - C++, Java, MS Visual Basic: basic programming skills
 - Web applications: basic programming skills in PHP, Perl, MySQL, XML-XLS, Flash, HTML, CSS, Java-Script
 - MS Office 2003&2007 and LaTeX : good skills in creation and edition of professional documentations, presentations and scientific publications
 - MS Windows operating systems: good user knowledge
- ✓ Physics:
 - Thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and superfluid helium cryogenics: good knowledge
- ✓ Systems and Control:
 - System analysis, modelling, simulation and control design using Matlab/Simulink, Mathematica and EcosimPro: good skills
 - First principles based modelling with focus on optimization for low computing cost and numerical robustness: good knowledge
 - Distributed parameter systems: good skills in modelling and analysis
 - Numerical simulations: good skills in design and implementation
 - Non-linear Model Predictive Control: good knowledge of optimal control setup, development and implementation of optimization algorithm, controller simulation and tuning
 - SCADA panels development in PVSS II: basic skills
- ✓ Electronics:
 - Analogue and digital electronic circuits development: some years of experience in the past in design, simulation, realization and testing using Pads, Protel 99 SE and PSpice
 - Microprocessor systems development: some years of experience in the past with 8051 and Atmel AVR microcontrollers programmed in assembler, C and Basic
- ✓ Licensed motorcycle and car driver, certified inland skipper, certified glider pilot

Honors and Awards

2009 to 2010	Research Student at Osaka University for "FrontierLab@OsakaU" and scholar of Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
2005 to 2007	Scholar at the German-French University

Extracurricular activities

Leisure and occasional sailing, swimming, running, hiking, snowboarding, bicycle and motorcycle riding, travelling, paragliding, gliding, model plane building, electronics and do-it-yourself projects

Referees

References are available upon request

Proceedings contribution

R Noga, T Ohtsuka, C de Prada, E Blanco, and J Casas. Simulation Study on Application of Nonlinear Model Predictive Control to the Superfluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit; In Proceedings of the 18th IFAC World Congress, 2011

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R Noga, T Ohtsuka, C de Prada, E Blanco, and J Casas. Nonlinear Model Predictive Control for the Superfluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit of the Large Hadron Collider; In Proceedings of the 2010 IEEE International Conference on Control Applications, 2010

R Noga, C de Prada. First principles modeling of the Large Hadron Colliders (LHC) Super Fluid Helium Cryogenic Circuit; In Proceedings of 20th European Modelling and Simulation Symposium (EMSS08), 2008