Claus Danielson Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering School of Engineering, University of New Mexico

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As an Assistant Professor in mechanical engineering, I focus on reliable autonomy for safety-critical cyber-physical systems, with applications in intelligent manufacturing and autonomous space logistics and assembly. My research advances the mathematical foundations of autonomy, optimization, and machine learning, resulting in novel algorithms with rigorous mathematical guarantees for stability, safety, and performance. These contributions support trustworthy, autonomy, which I have apply to diverse in domains such as autonomous vehicles, robotics, green energy, adaptive optics, and cancer treatment. The impact of my work is reflected in a strong publication record, student mentorship, and enhanced research capacity at UNM.

I take immense pride in the impact my scholarly contributions have had on both my field and the broader academic community. Since becoming an Assistant Professor five years ago, I have published 22 journal papers 20 peer-reviewed conference papers, and filed 2 patents. Additionally, I have presented 14 non-peer-reviewed papers to disseminate my research to a broader audience. My leadership in the academic community is reflected in my role as chair or co-chair for 17 conference sessions and in delivering 19 invited talks at prestigious universities and organizations. The impact of my research is further evidenced by the growth of my h-index from 3 to 21, and a 400% increase in my citation count since joining UNM. My expertise has been recognized by the *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)*, which granted me the title of Senior Member. I have contributed to the academic community by serving as a frequent reviewer for countless high-impact journals and conferences, ensuring that my expertise contributes to the ongoing advancement of my field. Additionally, I served as an associate editor for the *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, which is the leading experimental journal in my field and previous served as associate editor for the *IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications*. These accomplishments highlight the originality, quality, and significance of my work, as well as the recognition it has received from my peers.

Beyond my research accomplishments, I am a dedicated and effective mentor. I have had the privilege of mentoring 1 post-doctoral scholar, 6 doctoral students, and 7 master's students, 3 of whom have gone on to pursue PhDs. My mentorship approach emphasizes both technical skills and the development of soft-skills, helping students become leaders in their fields. My commitment to fostering both the technical and personal development of my students is evidenced by the fact that 5 of my 7 graduated students have earned degrees with distinction. The effectiveness of my mentorship is further demonstrated by my students' publishing success; for the most recent *American Control Conference*, my students submitted 6 papers with a 100% acceptance rate, moreover 4 of those papers were selected for joint publication in the *IEEE Letters of the Control Systems Society*, a high-impact journal in the field of autonomy and controls. Beyond academia, several of my students have secured prestigious industry positions, underscoring the effectiveness of my mentorship. These accomplishments not only highlight the strength of my research, but also my ability to inspire and guide students towards successful research careers.

I have built a thriving, self-sustaining research lab supported by significant external funding, including two NSF grants (one as PI), two Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) grants totaling ~\$52M, two AFRL grants (as PI), and an LDRD grant with Sandia National Laboratories. My work in autonomous spacecraft led to three consecutive USSF Summer Faculty Fellowships (2021–2023). I have also mentored several self-funded graduate students from Sandia, COSMIAC, and the Nigerian government, reflecting both my research leadership and mentorship appeal. Recently, I helped secure an NSF NRT grant, Responsive and Resilient AI for Autonomous Systems (RAISE), to advance convergent research and transform STEM graduate education. These accomplishments underscore my contributions to strengthening UNM's research portfolio and national standing.

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PERSONAL

Degrees

Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- School: University of Washington
- Dates: Fall 1998 Winter 2003

Masters of Science In Mechanical Engineering

- School: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Dates: Fall 2004 Spring 2006
- Thesis: Extremum Seeking Control for Adaptive Optics
- Advisor: John Wen (Center of Automation Technology and Systems (CATS))

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

- School: University of California, Berkeley
- Dates: Fall 2008 Spring 2014
- Dissertation: Symmetric Constrained Optimal Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications
- Advisor: Francesco Borrelli (Predictive Control Lab)
- Dissertation Committee: Francesco Borrelli, Kameshwar Poolla, Clair Tomlin
- Qualifying Exam Committee: Andrew Packard (Chair), Kameshwar Poolla, Clair Tomlin, Ian Agol

Positions at UNM

- 1. Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of New Mexico
 - Dates: Fall 2020 Present

Positions at other Institutions or Organizations

- 1. Principal Research Scientist, Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratory
 - Dates: Fall 2014 Fall 2020
- 2. Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley
 - Dates: 2009-2014
- 3. Principal Space Systems Engineer, General Dynamics
 - Dates: 2007-2008
- 4. Principal Project Engineer and Owner, Sequoia Technologies
 - Dates: 2005-2007

Licenses, Registrations, and Certificates

Professional Memberships

Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), 2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

Name of Award / Honor	Date	Brief Description of Significance
Nominated for UNM Early Career Research Award	2025	This prestigious honor is awarded to the most promising tenure-track faculty at the early stages of their careers. Recipients are recognized for initiating nationally prominent research programs and demonstrating exceptional potential for future impact in their fields.
Air Force Research Laboratories, Summer Faculty Fellowship Program	2023	The U.S. Department of the Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Program is a prestigious, competitive initiative that fosters high-impact collaborations and advances critical national research objectives.
Air Force Research Laboratories, Summer Faculty Fellowship Program	2022	The U.S. Department of the Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Program is a prestigious, competitive initiative that fosters high-impact collaborations and advances critical national research objectives.
Air Force Research Laboratories, Summer Faculty Fellowship Program	2021	The U.S. Department of the Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Program is a prestigious, competitive initiative that fosters high-impact collaborations and advances critical national research objectives.
Nominated for Best Student Paper Award at the Modeling, Estimation, and Control Conference	2021	For paper "A predictive controller for drivability and comfort in multi-motor electric vehicles"
Senior Member Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	2018	Senior membership recognitions exceptional technical and professional excellence for those who have made significant contributions to the field and demonstrated leadership, innovation, and sustained performance in their area of expertise.
Nominated for ASME Energy Systems Best Paper Award	2016	For paper "A reconfigurable plug-and-play model predictive controller for multi-evaporator vapor compression systems"
Nominated for Best Student Paper Award at the American Control Conference	2015	For paper "Model predictive control for treating cancer with ultrasonic heating"
Frank and Margaret Lucas Scholarship Fund Fellowship	2014	Funds the top graduate student in the Mechanical Engineering department at University of California, Berkeley
UC Berkeley Graduate Division Award	2012	Analogous to valedictorian for Berkeley-ME graduate students
Second place for the UC- Dissertation-Year Fellowship	2012	Awarded for the best dissertation over all fields over all universities in the entire University of California system
Federal Special Service or Act Award	2003 2004 2005	For exceptional service or contributions that significantly benefit the public or the agency. These monetary awards recognize outstanding achievements related to official employment.

TEACHING Teaching summary table of all courses taught at UNM

				Enrollment		Studen	t Evalua	ations
Year	Semester	Course Number	Course Title (If course is co-taught, include name and affiliation of co-instructor)	UG	Grad	Return Rate (%)	Mean Q.1	Mean Q.2
2020	Fall	ME-482 ME-582	Robot Engineering	8	0	50	3.50	4.25
2021	Spring	ME-380 ECE-345	Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems (cross-listed with ECE)	38 2	0 0	32 0	4.33 NA	4.25 NA
2021	Fall	ME-461 ME-561	Model Predictive Control	0	13	69	4.89	5.00
2022	Spring	ME-380 ECE-345	Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems (cross-listed with ECE)		0 0	30 0	4.27 NA	4.54 NA
2022	Fall	ME-482 ME-582	Robot Engineering	12	13	50 80	4.00 4.10	4.10 4.50
2023	Spring	ME-380 ECE-345	Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems (cross-listed with ECE)	38 7	0 0	39 43	4.07 4.67	4.33 5.00
2023	Fall	ME-461 ME-561	Model Predictive Control	0	14	93	4.77	4.82
2024	Spring	ME-380 ECE-345	Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems (cross-listed with ECE)	54 2	0	80 0	4.26 NA	3.79 NA
2024	Fall	ME-480 ME-580	Dynamic System Analysis	1	19	47	4.76	4.44
2025	Spring	ME-380 ECE-345	Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems	44 18	0 0	23 39	3.90 4.57	4.00 3.86
2025	Fall	ME-480 ME-580	Dynamic System Analysis	0	16			

EvaluationKit Q1 = Rate the instructor's overall effectiveness (5 - highly effective, 1 - highly ineffective)EvaluationKit Q2 = How comfortable do you feel approaching the instructor with questions? (5 - very comfortable)

Course/Curriculum/Program Development & Teaching Innovations

• <u>Program Development: RAISE Program</u> Responsive and Resilient AI for Autonomous Systems (RAISE) is an NSF National Research Traineeship that establishes a new interdisciplinary graduate program at UNM. It offers cutting-edge research and graduate education in autonomous systems, providing MSc and PhD students with a unique opportunity to integrate AI and machine learning with a human-centric approach in autonomous systems.

- o Dates: 2024 Present
- <u>Teaching Innovations: Culturally Responsive Pedagogy</u> As part of the broader impacts of one of my NSF grants, I partnered with the UNM School of Education to develop pedagogy that is culturally relevant across different engineering disciplines. I have applied these techniques in my Introduction to Controls course, which is cross-listed between mechanical (ME-380) and electrical (ECE-345) engineering.
 - O Dates: 2022 Present
- Course Development: ME-380 / ECE-345 Analysis and Design of Mechanical Control Systems

 Although my course largely follows the structure of the textbook, I create my own homework and exam questions. As noted in my teaching statement, students often consider this their hardest class due to the abstract nature of the subject. To make it more accessible, I design questions based on practical applications while highlighting that the abstract nature of controls is its strength, enabling use across diverse fields, from engineering to social sciences and business. Crafting these assignments involves distilling complex real-world problems into engaging, pedagogically effective projects that maintain their intellectual depth.
 - O Dates: Winter 2020 Present
- <u>Course Development: ME-480/580 Dynamic System Analysis</u> I am actively developing this course, as this is only my second semester teaching it. Like the introductory controls course, I create my own homework and exam questions based on practical applications. However, for this course, I'm also developing my own structure and course notes, which I plan to eventually compile into a textbook.
 - O Dates: Summer 2024 Present
- <u>Course Development: ME-482/582 Robotics</u> When I initially developed this course, I largely followed the structure of the robotics course I took as a graduate student, which focused on the kinematics and dynamics of robots. However, I have continued to develop this course, integrating more of my research in robot motion planning into the curriculum.
 - o Dates: Summer 2020 Fall 2022
- <u>Course Development: ME-447/547</u> (Previously listed as ME-461/561) As an advanced course at the forefront of my field, I continually refine the curriculum. Recently, I updated one of the modules to teach zonotopes instead of polytopes, as zonotopes are becoming the standard approach for set-based methods. I first began developing this course while a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley and refined it as an industrial short course for Mitsubishi Electric Company (see below).
 - o Dates: Fall 2014 Fall 2023

Short Courses and Workshops Taught

- Workshop: Data Driven Invariance Workshop, 64th Annual IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 8, 2025. Workshop organizer and speaker. Other speakers from Duke, Georgia Tech, Berkeley, Waterloo, CU Boulder, Michigan, ETH Zurich, and University of Brussels. https://sites.google.com/view/cdc25-data-driven-invariance/home?authuser=0
- Short-Course: Model Predictive Control for Industry, Advanced Technology Center, Mitsubishi Electric Company, Osaka Japan, Summer 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

Publication Metrics

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Metric Value		Improvement	
Citations	1286	Increased 990 since 2020	
h-index	22	Increased 18 since 2020	
i10-index	40	Increased 34 since 2020	

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Since Joining UNM

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- 2. A. Kashani^{G*} and C. Danielson, "Model-free data-driven control for nonlinear systems," in *The University of New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference*, 2025
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- 3. A. K. Strong^{G*}, A. Kashani^G, C. Danielson, and L. Bridgeman, "Learning continuous piecewise affine barrier functions for nonlinear lipschitz systems," in *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2025

Invited conference/symposium/colloquium/seminar series presentations

- "Robust Data-Driven Control for Manufacturing Processes", Materials & Manufacturing Division, Digital Manufacturing Group, Air Force Research Laboratories, Wright-Patterson AFB, May 2025
- 2. "Constrained Control in a Data-Driven Paradigm", New Mexico State University, September 2023
- 3. "Motion Planning and Extreme-Scale Optimization", University of Washington, January 2023
- 4. "Spacecraft Attitude Control using the Invariant-Set Motion-Planner", Aerial and Space Robotics Workshop, June 2022
- 5. "Spacecraft Attitude Control using Invariant Sets", University of Minnesota, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, February 2022
- 6. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", Duke University, Thomas Lord Department of Mechanical Engineering and Material Science, January 2022
- 7. "Control for Systems with Constraints", New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Mechanical Engineering, October 2021
- 8. "Moving from Industry to Academia", Dynamics System and Control Conference, Industrial Session, October 2020
- 9. "Invariant-set Motion-Planner and its application to Autonomous Driving", AI Accelerator Summit, June 2020
- 10. "Algorithms for Real-Time Optimization and Control", University of Arizona, January 2020
- 11. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", University of New Mexico, January 2020
- 12. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", Washington State University, November 2019
- 13. Google Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) cloud discussion panel, Moderator, October 2019
- 14. , "Invariant-set Motion-Planner and its application to Autonomous Driving" , AI Accelerator Summit October 2019
- 15. "Alternative Research Career Paths", Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, Industrial Panel, October 2019
- 16. "Motion Planning for Autonomous Driving", Industrial Session, Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, October 2019
- 17. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", Colorado School of Mines, April 2019
- 18. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", University of Massachusetts, Lowell, April 2019
- 19. "Constrained Control: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications", University of Kentucky, January 2018

Contributed conference/symposium presentations

- A. Kashani^G and C. Danielson, "Model-free data-driven control for nonlinear systems," in *The University of New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference*, 2025
- A. Kashani^G, G. Azeez^G, and C. Danielson, "Direct data-driven control of constrained dynamical systems," in *ASME 2024 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition*, 2024
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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Title	Co-Inventors	Date Filed	Application Status (Provisional or Issued)	Patent Number	Impact (e.g., Licensed and/or product in market, etc.)
Robust Data-Driven Run- to-Run Control via One- Step Constrained Optimization for Automated Serial Sectioning	R. Oakley C. Danielson	Feb 2025	Pending	1 atent Number	in market, etc.)
A System and Method for Enforcing Operational Hard- Constraints for An Air Conditioner	C. Danielson G. Azeez A. Kashani,	April 2024	Pending		
System and method for controlling motion of a vehicle technical field	S. Di Cairano C. Danilson D. Chen	Oct 2021	Issued	US11,731,655	Product in market
Extremum seeking control system and a method for controlling a system	C. Danielson A. Chakrabarty	March 2021	Issued	US11,899,409	
Extremum Seeking Control with Stochastic Gradient Estimation	A. Chakrabarty C. Danielson S. Bortoff C. Laughman,	March 2021	Issued	US 1,467,544	
System and method for feasibly positioning servomotors with unmodeled dynamics	A. Chakrabarty C. Danielson Y. Wang	July 2020	Issued	US11,392,104	
System and method for wheel-slip prevention in railway vehicles with pneumatic brakes	C. Danielson S. Di Cairano	Jan 2020	Issued	US11,584,341	Product in market

Receding horizon state	H. Ahn	July 2019	Issued	US11,124,196	
estimator	C. Danielson				
System and method for data-driven control of constrained system	A. Chakrabarty R. Quirynen C. Danielson W. Gao	March 2019	Issued	US11,106,189	
Symmetry Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers	C. Danielson	July 2018	Issued	US10,795,330	
System And Method for Controlling Motion of Vehicle with Variable Speed	K. Berntorp C. Danielson A. Weiss S. Di Cairano	June 2018	Issued	US11,091,158	Product in market
System And Method for Generating a Controller for Multi-zone Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System	C. Danielson	July 2017	Issued	US10,488,068	
System And Method for Controlling Lateral Motion of Vehicle	K. Berntorp A. Weiss C. Danielson S. Di Cairano	March 2017	Issued	US10,994,729	Product in market
Methods And Systems for Path Planning Using a Network of Safe-sets	C. Danielson A. Weiss K. Berntorp S. Di Cairano	Nov 2016	Issued	US10,012,988	Product in market
Train Automatic Stopping Control with Quantized Throttle and Braking"	C. Danielson S. Di Cairano	August 2016	Issued	US10,093,331	Product in market
System And Method for Controlling Multi-zone Vapor Compression System	D. Burns J. Zhou C. Danielson S. Di Cairano	June 2016	Issued	US10,094,598	Product in market
Model Predictive Control with Uncertainties	S. Di Cairano C. Danielson	June 2015	Issued	US10,281,897	

Only domestic patents listed. Most of the issued patents above were also patented in Japan, China, and the European Union.

Other major entrepreneurial activities

1. Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) MDA23-T002 Phase II, "Missile Defense Agency AI-Informed Algorithms Combined with Differential Game Theory to Support Swarm-on-Swarm Engagements" in collaboration with *Stellar Science*, Missile Defense Agency, not awarded.

- 2. Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Grant FA8650-07-M-1210: "Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)-Based Adaptive Optics" during start-up *Sequoia Technologies*, Department of Defense Air Force. Amount: \$100,000.00, June 2007 April 2008
- 3. Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Grant FA8650-08-C-1415: "Miniaturized Long-Range Free Space Optical Communication Systems for Mobile Platforms" during start-up *Sequoia Technologies*, Department of Defense Air Force. Amount: \$740,958.00, May 2008 September 2010

Other industry and government interactions

Air Force Research Laboratory Summer Faculty Fellow (SFFP), Kirtland Air Force Base, (2021, 2022, 2023).

MENTORING

Mentoring of postdoctoral researchers and visiting scholars

Name	Last Degree Date	Prior Affiliation	Position Title Dates	Research Project	Funding PI
Shirin Panahi	PhD 2020			Symmetry exploiting optimization algorithms	Start-up

Mentoring of PhD and Master's Students

Committee Chaired (graduated)

Student Name	Degree and Program	Graduation Date (Degree progress if not yet graduated)	Names of Thesis Committee Members	Thesis Title	Source of Funding & PI
Ali Kashani*	PhD, ME	Spring 2025	C. Danielson M. Oishi R. Fierro W. Wan	Data-Driven Constrained Control	NSF NSF
Scott Shore	PhD, ME	Spring 2023	C. Danielson C. Christodoulou J. Russell S. Lane	Extremum Seeking Control Algorithms for Extremely High Frequency Antenna System Pointing	COSMIAC
Damian Gallegos*	MS, ME	Summer 2022	C. Danielson J. Madison M. Oishi	Run-to-Run Control via Constrained Optimization of a Mechanical Serial- Sectioning System	Sandia
Ganiyu Azeez	MS, ME	Fall 2023	C. Danielson P. Vorobieff M. Oishi	Reference Governor for Air Conditioner	NSF LDRD Nigerian- Government

Rhianna Oakley*	MS, ME	Fall 2024	C. Danielson T. Khraishi A. Polonsky	Robust Data-Driven Run-to- Run Control via One-Step Constrained Optimization for Automated Serial Sectioning	Sandia SSTI
Trazon Jimerson*	MS, ME	2025	C. Danielson M. Oishi R. Fierro	Graph Based Planning with Guarantees	NSF AFRL
Zachary Bernius*	,	Summer 2024	C. Danielson M. Oishi K. Armijo	Tuning of Real-Time Optimization of Heliostat Concentrated Solar Power	Sandia

^{*} Denotes graduated with distinction

Committee Chaired (in progress)

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Teo Brandt	PhD (in progress), ME	Comprehensi ve Exam Passed	C. Danielson R. Fierro W. Wan S. Phillips	TBD	SURI SSTI NSF
Rhianna Oakley		Qualifying Exam Passed	TBD	TBD	SSTI AFRL
Trazon Jimerson	`	Pre- Qualifying Exam	TBD	TBD	RAISE
Daniel Garcia	`	Pre- Qualifying Exam	TBD	TBD	COSMIAC
Alex Atcitty	MSc (in progress), ME		TBD	TBD	AFRL RAISE
Steven Kao	MSc (in progress), ECE		TBD	TBD	Start-up

Committees Served

Student Name	Degree and Program	Graduation Date (Degree progress if not yet graduated)	Name of Thesis Committee Chair	Names of Thesis Committee Members	Thesis Title
Adam Thorpe	PhD, ECE	Spring 2023		C. Danielson E. Tsiropoulou	Data-Driven Stochastic Optimal Control Using Hilbert Space Embeddings of Distributions

Elijah Wyckoff	MS, ME	Summer 2022	F. Moreu	F. Moreu C. Danielson R. Fierro	Augmented Reality (AR) for Human Control of Engineering Tasks
Georgia Kaufman	MS, ECE	Spring 2023	M. Oishi	M. Oishi C. Danielson G. Balakishnana R. Fierro	Data-driven Porosity Prediction for Directed Energy Deposition
Isaac Seslar	MS, ECE	Summer 2021	M. Oishi	M. Oishi C. Danielson R. Fierro K. Lang	Airborne Counter-Uncrewed Systems with Runtime Assurance Control
Isabella Aldred	MS, ECE	Fall 2021	A. Bidram	A. Bidram R. Fierro C. Danielson	Smart-grid
Jean-Elie Pierre	PhD, ECE	Fall 2023	R. Fierro	R. Fierro X. Sun M. Pattichis C. Danielson	Securing The Skies: Safety- Constrained Decentralized Multi-UAV Coordination with Deep Reinforcement Learning
Jee Won Choi	PhD, ECE	Fall 2021	A. Bidram	A. Bidram R. Fierro C. Danielson	Frequency and Voltage Control of Microgrids using a Distributed Finite-Time and Event-Triggered Strategy
Kaveh Malek	PhD, ME	Fall 2024	F. Moreu	F. Moreu C. Danielson A. Mueen C. Farrar	Integration of Pattern Recognition, Convolutional Networks, and Robotics Fundamentals with Wearable Immersive Platforms
Paul Onor	MS, ECE	Spring 2022	M. Oishi	M. Oishi R. Fierro C. Danielson	Stochastic Optimal Shared Control with Non-Gaussian Processes
Riley McCarthy	MS, ME	Fall 2023	R. Fierro	R. Fierro C. Danielson Sandia	Control of Quadrotors
Vignesh Sivaramakrishnan	PhD, ECE	Fall 2024	M. Oishi	M. Oishi R. Fierro A. Bidram C. Danielson P. Tsiotras	Theory and algorithms to learn, propagate, and exploit uncertainty for stochastic optimal control of dynamical systems

Longsen Gao	PhD, ECE			Adaptive and Predictive
		2023	C. Dameison	Control for On-Orbit
			A. Bidram	Servicing
			M. Oishi	

Mentoring of Undergraduate Students, High School Students, and Teachers

Name	Program / School	Mentoring Years	Research Project	Source of Funding & PI
Christian Talamantes	ECE	2027	Sandia National Laboratories, Laboratory Directed Research and Development, Vulnerability, Reliability, Survivability of Solid-State Transformers with respect to Electromagnetic Pulse and Physical Attacks	Sandia
Kevin Maresca	ME	2021	Motion planning for cars	Start-up
Wilder Parks	ME	2024	Hardware/Software Interfacing for Autonomous Vehicles	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Kevin Duron	ME	2022	Motion planning for cars	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Joshua Gabbard	ME	2024	Hardware/Software Interfacing for Autonomous Vehicles	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Yubei Shu	ME	2024	Hardware/Software Interfacing for Autonomous Vehicles	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Joy Lantz	ECE	2024	Data-Driven Control of Solid- State Transformers	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Rick Wolfley	CS	2023	Motion Planning for Autonomous Vehicles	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Caleb Shaw	ME	2022	Advanced Control for Energy Systems	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services
Si Hyun Jung	CS	2022	Advanced Control for Energy Systems	UNM SOE Engineering Student Services

Student Mentoring Activities

• Faculty Mentor, UNM Engineering Student Success Center (ESS), STEM Mentoring Program, 2020-Present

- Award on Recommendation: Trazon Jimerson, RAISE Fellowship, 2 years of dunding for PhD (tuition, fees, stipend)
- Award Recommendation: Alex Atcitty, RAISE Fellowship, 1 year of funding for Masters (tuition, fees, stipend)
- Award on Recommendation: Rhianna Oakley, Year-Round Intern, Sandia National Laboratories, 2 years of funding for Masters (stipend)
- Award on Recommendation: Zachary Bernius, Year-Round Intern, Sandia National Laboratories, 2 years of funding for Masters (stipend)
- Award on Recommendation: Haden Harper, Year-Round Intern, Sandia National Laboratories, 2 years of funding for Masters (stipend)
- Award on Recommendation: Bryan Medina De La Paz, Student Grant Award (Travel), IFAC Modeling Estimation and Control Conference (MECC) 2025, Funds conference registration
- Award on Recommendation: Ali Kashani, Student Grant Award (Travel), IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC) 2022, funds travel to conference
- Award on Recommendation: Ali Kashani, Poster Competition, ASME 2024 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, 2024, funds for travel
- Award on Recommendation: Ali Kashani, UNM Doctoral Conference Presentation Award, 2022, funds for travel

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

External to UNM:

1. Agency/Title of Grant	National Science Foundation, NRT-AI Responsive and Resilient AI for Autonomous Systems Engineering (RAISE)
2. Duration of Funding	June 2024 – May 2029
3. Total amount of award	\$2,001,573
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Co-Principal Investigator, \$23,406 (0.2 months of summer salary to review applications)
13 L 0-invectionators	Meeko Oishi (Principal Investigator), Melanie Moses, Rafael Fierro (Co-Principal Investigators)

1. Agency/Title of Grant	Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), Space Strategic Technical Institute (SSTI) for In-Space Operations
2. Duration of Funding	April 2025 – March 20230 (early terminated)
3. Total amount of award	\$47,000,000 (\$1,216,000 to UNM)
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator, \$608,000
5. Co-investigators	Rafael Fierro (UNM), Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Southwest Research Institute, University of Texas Austin, University of Texas El Paseo, Carnegie Mellon University

II A general Little of Grant	Air Force Research Laboratories, Spacecraft Attitude Motion Planning with Dynamic Keep-Out Zones
2. Duration of Funding	May 2024 – Dec 2024
3. Total amount of award	\$120,000

4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Principal Investigator, \$60,000
5. Co-investigators	None
1. Agency/Title of Grant	Air Force Research Laboratories, Spacecraft Attitude Motion Planning with Dynamic Keep-Out Zones
2. Duration of Funding	Jan 2024 – Present
3. Total amount of award	\$60,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Principal Investigator, \$60,000
5. Co-investigators	None
1. Agency/Title of Grant	National Science Foundation, Data-Driven Invariant Sets for Provably Safe Autonomy
2. Duration of Funding	August 2023 – July 2026
3. Total amount of award	\$670,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Principal Investigator, \$310,927
5. Co-investigators	Leila Bridgeman (Duke) Co-Principal Investigator
1. Agency/Title of Grant	Sandia National Laboratories, Laboratory Directed Research and Development, Vulnerability, Reliability, Survivability of Solid-State Transformers with respect to Electromagnetic Pulse and Physical Attacks
2. Duration of Funding	April 2024-March 2026
3. Total amount of award	\$1,275,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator, \$44,000
5. Co-investigators	Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico State University
1. Agency/Title of Grant	Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Gift
2. Duration of Funding	2023, 2021
3. Total amount of award	\$10,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Principal Investigator, \$10,000
5. Co-investigators	None
1. Agency/Title of Grant	Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), Space University Research Initiative, Breaking the Launch-Once Use- Once Paradigm.

2. Duration of Funding	April 2022 – March 2027
3. Total amount of award	\$4,950,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator, \$294,635
5. Co-investigators	Rafael Fierro (UNM-ECE), Carnegie Mellon University, Texas A&M

II /\ cancy/ I ifla of (\rangle ranf	National Science Foundation, Negotiated Planning for Stochastic Control of Dynamical Systems
2. Duration of Funding	August 2021 – July 2024
3. Total amount of award	\$750,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator, \$245,863
5. Co-investigators	Meeko Oishi (UNM-ECE), Behcet Acikmese (University of Washington)

Internal to UNM:

None

Pending proposals

	National Science Foundation, CAREER Exploiting Symmetry for Extreme-Scale Constrained Dynamical Systems
2. Duration of Funding	August 2026 – July 2031
3. Total amount of award	\$599,623
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Principal Investigator, \$599,623
5. Co-investigators	None

1. Agency/Title of Grant	National Science Foundation, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers, Multiscale Architecture Polymeric Materials for Biomanufacturing
2. Duration of Funding	TBD
3. Total amount of award	TBD
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator
5. Co-investigators	TBD

1. Agency/Title of Grant	National Science Foundation, EPSCoR Collaborations for
	Optimization Research Ecosystems, A Statewide Consortium for

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	Drone Technology, STEM Education, and Community Engagement in New Mexico
2. Duration of Funding	January 2026 – December 2029
3. Total amount of award	\$1,200,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Senior Personnel, \$117,030
5. Co-investigators	Fernando Moreu (UNM-Civil), New Mexico State University, New Mexico Institute of Technology

1. Agency/Title of Grant	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing USA Institute, Promoting Resilient Industry with Manufacturing and Emerging Artificial Intelligent (PRIME-AI)
2. Duration of Funding	April 2025 – March 2030
3. Total amount of award	\$70,000,000
4. Your role & amount for which you are directly responsible	Co-Principal Investigator, \$575,381 (cost-share limited)
5. Co-investigators	Xiang Sun (UNM-ECE), Christos Christodoulou (UNM-ECE), Michael Devetsikiotis (UNM-ECE), Rafael Fierro (UNM-ECE), Oregon State University, Arizona State University, University of California Berkeley, University of Daytona, University of Utah.

SERVICE

Service to the Department

- Mechanical Engineering Qualifying Exams:
 - o Mathematics Qualifying Exam: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 - o Controls Qualifying Exam: 2023, 2024
- Accreditation Committee, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
 - Designed homework and exam questions to assess the ABET learning outcomes below. Gathered data and drafted reports that assess success of learning outcomes, providing both qualitative and quantitative assessment.
 - 1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.
 - 2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
 - 4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
 - Meeting with ABET representative during 2024 re-accreditation process.
 - o Dates: Fall 2020 Present
- Faculty Search Committee 2022, Mechanical Engineering Department.

Service to the School and University

- University of New Mexico Sandia National Laboratories Collaborations Roadmaps
- External board member, Amrita University (UNM's sister school in India), Board of Studies for the Bachelors of Technology Automation and Robotics Program

Service to the Discipline / Profession

- Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF), 2025
- Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology, October 2024 Present.
- Associate Editor, IEEE Control Systems Society, Conference Editorial Board, 2019 2024.
- Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF), 2024
- Panelist, Department of Energy (DoE), 2023
- Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF), 2022
- International Programming Committee Member, *Nonlinear Model Predictive Control Conference*, 2018, 2021 (held every 3 years).
- Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF), 2020
- Panelist, Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), 2018
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Energy Systems Technical Committee
 - Organize special sessions at annually at the American Control Conference (ACC) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, the Dynamic Systems and Control Conference (DSCC) 2019, 2020, the Modeling Estimation and Control Conference (MECC) 2021, 2022.
 - o Judge for annual best paper award at the American Control Conference (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Conference Chair or Co-Char:
 - o Co-Chair, "Optimal Control I", American Control Conference, 2025, Denver Colorado United States
 - o Co-Chair, "Adaptive Control I", American Control Conference, 2025, Denver Colorado United States
 - o Co-Chair, "Constrained Control I", American Control Conference, 2024, Toronto Canada
 - o Co-Chair, "Robotics", American Control Conference, 2023, San Diego California United States
 - Co-Chair, "Optimization and Model Predictive Control I", Conference on Control Technology and Applications, 2022, Trieste Italy,
 - Co-Chair, "Battery Modeling and Estimation", American Control Conference, 2022, Atlanta Georgia United States
 - o Co-Chair, "Hybrid Systems I", *American Control Conference*, 2020, Denver Colorado United States (held online)
 - o Co-Chair, "Networked Control Systems III", *American Control Conference*, 2019, Philadelphia Pennsylvania United States
 - Co-Chair, "Machine Learning I", IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2018, Miami Florida, United States
 - Chair, "Tuesday Morning Regular Session 2 (Optimization)", Nonlinear Model Predictive Control Conference, 2018, Madison Wisconsin United States
 - o Co-Chair, "Tuesday Morning Regular Session 1 (Optimization)", *Nonlinear Model Predictive Control Conference*, 2018, Madison Wisconsin United States
 - Co-Chair, "Predictive Control for Linear Systems", American Control Conference, 2017, Seattle Washington United States
 - o Chair, "Switched Systems I", *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control*, 2016, Las Vegas Nevada United States
 - Chair, "Friday Afternoon Regular", Nonlinear Model Predictive Control Conference, 2015, Seville Spain
 - o Co-Chair, "Linear Systems I", IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2015, Osaka Japan

- o Chair, "Predictive Control for Linear Systems", *American Control Conference*, 2015, Chicago Illinois United States
- o Chair, "Predictive Control I", American Control Conference, 2014, Portland Oregon, United States.
- Journal Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, IEEE Transactions of Control Systems Technology, Automatica, Acta Astronautica, Optimal Control Applications and Methods, International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control, International Journal on Intelligent Robotics and Applications
- Conference Reviewer: American Control Conference, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, European Control Conference, Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, Nonlinear Optimal Control Symposium, Nonlinear MPC Conference, Conference on Control Technology and Application, IEEE/ASME Modeling Estimation and Control Conference.

Service and Engagement to the Community / Public

None

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Training: Responsible Conduct of Research Training, Spring 2025
- Workshop: Technical Communication without Jargon, Spring 2024
- Training: Streamlyne Training, Spring 2023
- Workshop: Early Career Lunch and Learn: Implementing your Research Strategic Plan, Spring 2023
- Workshop: DOE and EPSCoR Track 4 Early Career Grant Workshop, Spring 2023
- Workshop: Handling Student Academic Dishonesty Incidents, Fall 2022
- Networking Event: Combat Dining-In, Military and DoD Civilian Networking Opportunity, Summer 2022
- Webinar: Naval STEM HBCU/MI Program, Fall 2022
- Webinar: Naval STEM HBCU/MI Program, Spring 2022
- Workshop: CAREER Workshop Series, Summer 2022
- Workshop: CAREER Workshop Series, Summer 2022
- Workshop: CAREER Workshop Series, Spring 2022
- Workshop: NM EPSCoR Early Career Leadership Workshop, Spring 2022
- Workshop: Broader Impacts, Fall 2020
- Workshop: NSF CAREER Workshop, Fall 2020
- Workshop: Successful Grant Writing, Fall 2020