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- Self-constructing and autonomous systems
- Optical communication
- In-home networking
- Signal processing

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- a detailed curriculum vitae + list of publications (with impact factor and a reference to the publications related to the thesis);
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