

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### PhD candidate in Aeronautics and Space Engineering

*Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"* [ January 2022 – December 2024 ]

**Level in EQF** : EQF level 8

**National classification** : Third Cycle

#### Conference Papers and Journal Publications:

- **D. Cavalieri**. Theoretical and Numerical Modeling of Multicomponent Transcritical Diffuse Interfaces Under LRE Conditions. *Aerotecnica Missili & Spazio* (102) 45-57 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42496-022-00136-3>.
- **D. Cavalieri** et al. A Pressure-Based Numerical Framework for Highly Stratified Transcritical Real-Fluids Simulations. *AIAA SCITECH 2023 Forum* (2023). <https://dx.doi.org/10.2514/6.2023-1666>.
- **D. Cavalieri** et al. Unsteady RANS simulations with uncertainty quantification of spray combustor under liquid rocket engine relevant conditions. *AIAA SCITECH 2023 Forum* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2023-2148>.
- **D. Cavalieri** et al. Assessment of phase-separation phenomena in LREs cryogenic flows. *Aerospace Europe Conference 2023 – 10th EUCASS – 9th CEAS* (2023).
- **D. Cavalieri** et al. Impact of non-ideal fluid modeling on droplet evaporation for aerospace applications. *10th Symposium on Turbulence, Heat and Mass Transfer* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1615/ichmt.thmt-23.880>.
- **D. Cavalieri** and P. E. Lapenna. Pressure effects on turbulent pseudo-boiling rate. *10th Symposium on Turbulence, Heat and Mass Transfer* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1615/ichmt.thmt-23.1120>.
- L. Lucchese, J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Impact of chemical modeling on the numerical analysis of a LOx/GCH4 rocket engine pintle injector. *Acta Astronautica* (218) 240-250 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actaastro.2024.02.038>.
- L. Lucchese, J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Pintle Injector Performance Sensitivity to the Radial Injection Arrangement. *AIAA SCITECH 2024 Forum* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-1393>.
- M. Blandino, J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Turbulence Closure Assessment in URANS of a Cold-Flow Lab-Scale Swirled Burner, *AIAA SCITECH 2024 Forum* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-0591>.
- D. Schintu, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Efficient multiphysics simulations of LRE combustion chambers using tabulated chemistry. *9th Edition of the 3AF International Space Propulsion Conference* (2024). hdl: 11573/1714467.
- J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Large Eddy Simulations of Conventional and Alternative Aviation Fuel Spray Breakup, *AIAA Aviation 2024 Forum* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2024-3689>.
- A. Remiddi, P. E. Lapenna, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Data-driven modeling of resolved and filtered thermo-diffusively unstable hydrogen-air flames. *Proceedings of the Combustion Institute* (40) 105713 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.proci.2024.105713>.
- **D. Cavalieri** et al. Evaluation of non-ideal fluid modeling for droplet evaporation in jet-engine like conditions. *Flow, Turbulence and Combustion* (2024) (Accepted for publication). <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4508461/v1>.
- L. Lucchese, J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Effect of Radial Mass Flow Rate Partition on LOx/GCH4 Pintle Injector Configurations. *Journal of Propulsion and Power* (2024) (Accepted for publication).
- J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. BayeSAF: Emulation and Design of Sustainable Alternative Fuels via Bayesian Inference and Descriptors-Based Machine Learning. *Fuel* (2025) (submitted for publication).
- M. Blandino, J. Liberatori, **D. Cavalieri** et al. Multicomponent HyChem kinetic mechanism generation using Trust-Region Bayesian Optimazion. *13th Mediterranean Combustion Symposium* (2025) (submitted).

## Work Experience:

- January 2022 - now

**Development of CFD combustion models within the OpenFOAM toolbox, AVIO S.p.A**

*LOX/CH<sub>4</sub> combustion characterization of a pintle-injector liquid rocket engine thrust chamber under subcritical conditions*

PI : Prof. M. Valorani

- January 2024 - now

**Development of liquid-phase thermodynamic and evaporation models within the OpenFOAM toolbox, AVIO S.p.A**

*HTP-RP1 vaporization and combustion characterization of shear-coaxial LRE combustion chambers*

PI : Prof. P.P. Ciottoli

## Teaching Activities:

- November 2023 - November 2024

**Tutor in Aerospace Propulsion**

*Course in Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering*

- January 2022 - now

**Combustion Thesis Co-Supervisor**

*Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering*

## Master's Degree in Space and Astronautical Engineering

*Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"* [ 2019 – 2021 ]

**Final grade** : 108/110 - **Level in EQF** : EQF level 7

**National classification** : Second Cycle

**Thesis** : Theoretical and numerical modeling of transcritical diffuse interfaces  
under LRE conditions. Advisor: Prof. F. Creta

## Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering

*Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"* [ 2014 – 2018 ]

**Final grade** : 92/110 - **Level in EQF** : EQF level 6

**National classification** : First Cycle

**Thesis** : Design, construction and bench-testing of a Lab-Scale solid rocket motor  
Advisor : Prof. D. Bianchi

## High School Diploma (nuclear industrial engineer)

*Istituto tecnico industriale G. Marconi* [ 2008 – 2013 ]

**Final grade** : 94/100

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s):

**Italian**

### English

**LISTENING**: C1 **READING**: B2 **WRITING**: B1

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION**: B2

**SPOKEN INTERACTION**: B1

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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Working knowledge with the following OS: Mac, Windows, Unix-based / Programming skills in: Python, MATLAB, C++, Wolfram Mathematica / Working knowledge with the following CFD softwares: OpenFOAM, Ansys FLUENT / Converge  
Working knowledge with the following CAD softwares: Autodesk Fusion360 / Working knowledge with the following CFD post-processing softwares: Tecplot, ParaView / Working knowledge with the chemical kinetics software Cantera/ CEA

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