



POWER ELECTRONICS GROUP



DEPARTMENT OF
INFORMATION
ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA



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PERSONNEL - 31/12/2007 (1987)



- Research/Teaching Personnel
 - 93 Professors (54): 40 full (19), 29 associate (19), 24 (16) assistant
 - 106 (38) PhD students and Research Fellows
- Staff
 - 14 (8) Units of Administrative Personnel
 - 16 (10) Units of Technical Personnel
- Students
 - 256 Students "5 years curriculum" (old system)
 - 3352 (2279+1073) Students "3+2 years curriculum" (new system)



TEACHING ACTIVITY



- Department faculty teach most disciplines of Information Engineering curricula:
 - Automation Engineering
 - Bioengineering
 - Electronics
 - Computer Engineering
 - Telecommunications
 - Information Engineering
- Department faculty teach also classes in several other undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the Colleges of:
 - Engineering
 - Humanities
 - Communication Science
 - Economics
 - Natural Sciences
 - Medicine and Surgery
 - Psychology
 - Political Sciences
 - Statistics and Demography



POST-GRADUATE TEACHING



- PhD School (Courses) in “Information Engineering” curricula:
 - Information and Communication Sciences & Technologies
 - Bioengineering
- Other PhD programs with DEI faculty involved:
 - Energy Management
 - Hydrodynamics and Environmental Modeling
 - Mechatronics
 - Clinics Methodology
 - Space Sciences and Technologies
- Master programs
 - Telecommunications Techniques and Economics
 - Applied Optics



RESEARCH AREAS



- Microelectronics
- Multimedia
- Telecommunications and Technology
- Operations Research
- Photonics
- **Power Electronics**
- Robotics
- Signal and Image Processing
- Sound and Music Computing
- Systems and Control
- Telecommunications
- Applied computation theory
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bioengineering
- Computer Systems and Networks
- Industrial Electronics
- Information Management Systems
- Instrumentation and Measurement
- Laser and quantum Electronics

**The Department hosts the
Centre for Science and Application of Advanced
Computational Paradigms**



RESEARCH LABORATORIES (1)



- Algorithms
- Data Bases
- Structural Bio-informatics
- High Performance Computing
- Real time Systems Analysis Center
- Internet Services and Information Systems
- SW Photonics
- Electromagnetic Fields
- Electromagnetic Compatibility and Electronic Measurements
- Autonomous Intelligent Systems
- Computer Vision and Autonomous Navigation 1
- **Power Electronics**
- Microelectronics
- Microelectronics - Clean room
- Microelectronics - Reliability Test
- Microelectronics - Design and Test
- (Information Management Systems, Microprocessors)



RESEARCH LABORATORIES (2)



- Radio Systems 1 - 2 - 3
- CESP (Communication Engineering)
- Telecommunications
- SIGNET (Networking)
- Teleport
- Digital Signal and Image Processing
- Multimedia Technology and Telecommunications
- Biological Signal Processing
- Musical Informatics
- Computational Sonology
- (Quantum Electronics)
- Regional Center LUXOR
 - Optics
 - X Rays
 - Spectroscopy UV
 - UV/SoftX



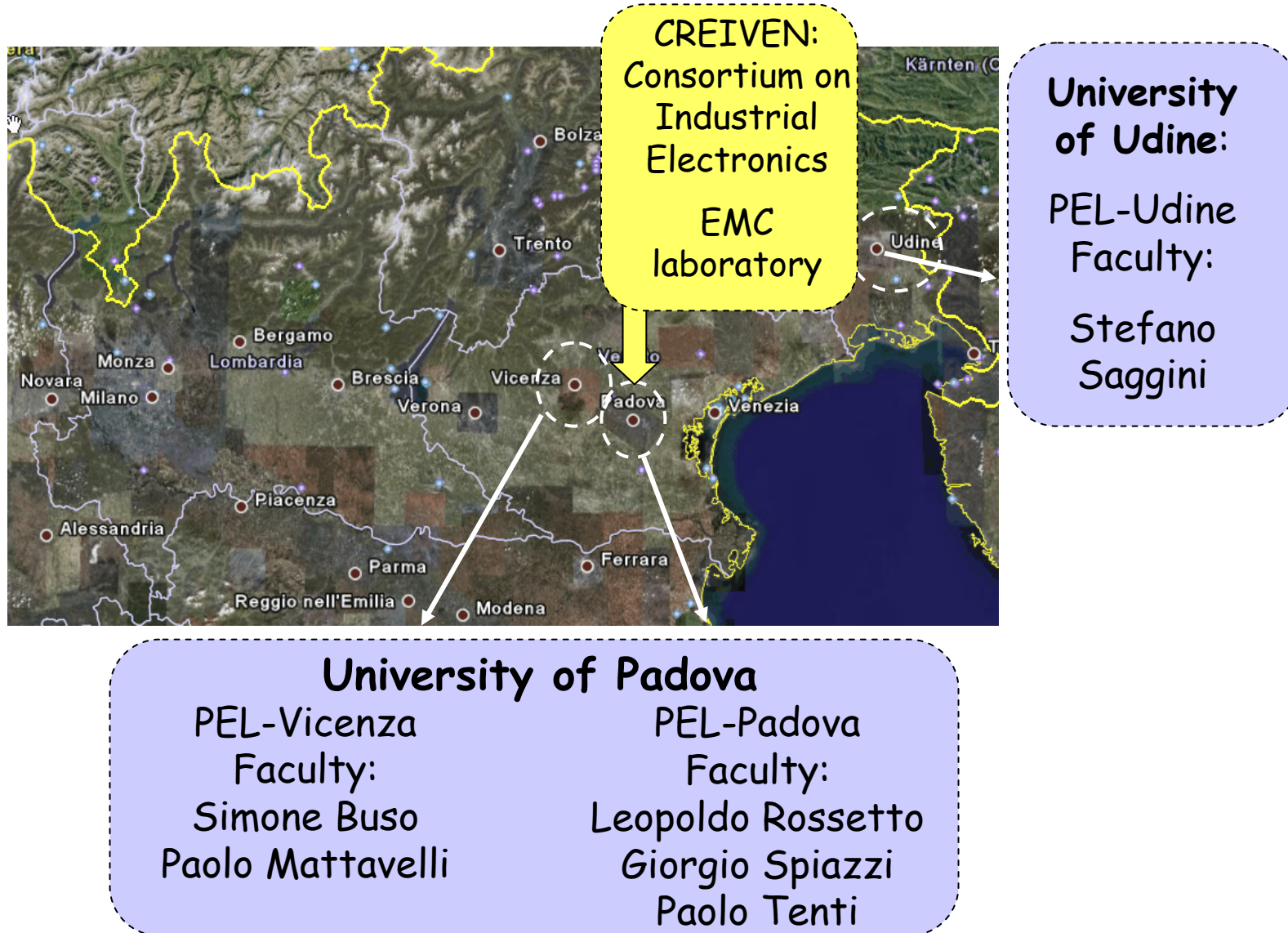
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT



- Department Advancement Fund
- 3% of every research fund acquired by faculty, not taxed otherwise, is collected by the Department to develop initiatives of general interest (new labs, young researcher prize, distinguished lectures, PhD school support, ...)
- Strategic Development Initiative
- The Department supports professor positions in research areas identified as strategic for Department development. A budget is set apart for this scope and assigned, on an open-contest basis, from an *ad-hoc* Department Committee where every research area is represented.



POWER ELECTRONICS LAB NETWORK





MAIN RESEARCH AREAS



Switch-mode power supplies:

- Single-phase power factor correction circuits
- Three-phase inverters and controlled rectifiers
- Soft-switching converter topologies and control



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Switch-mode power supplies:

- Digital control techniques for dc-dc converters, inverters and rectifiers
 - Multisampling techniques
 - Event-Based control Techniques
 - Time-Optimal Control for Fast Dynamic Response
 - Autotuning Techniques based on Relay-Feedback and Model Reference
 - Efficiency Optimization
 - Digital Hysteretic Control
 - Mixed-signal Control Techniques



MAIN RESEARCH AREAS



Renewable Energy:

- Photovoltaic applications
 - 3 kW_{pk} photovoltaic generator available
- Fuel Cells
 - 7 kW_{pk} PEM Fuel Cell available
- Energy harvesting and scavenging for distributed sensors

Power Quality issues:

- Active Power Filters
- Distributed Harmonic Compensation
- Uninterruptible Power Supplies
- ...



MAIN RESEARCH AREAS



Consumer electronics:

- Hi-Fi audio amplifiers

Lighting: switching power supplies for

- High intensity discharge (HID) lamps
- High-brightness LEDs
- Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamps (CCFL) using piezoelectric transformers
- Standard and Compact Fluorescent Lamps



MAIN RESEARCH AREAS



Electromagnetic compatibility:

- EMC related aspects in power electronic systems (study of mitigation techniques, EMI filter design, etc.)
- Immunity analysis of power integrated circuits
- Investigation of advanced signal-processing techniques to EMC analysis of SMPS

Integrated projects with CREIVEN consortium (EMC lab.): www.creiven.it