

# Davi V. Q. Rodrigues

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, USA, Sept 2023 - present

- Research interests include the design of microwave/millimeter-wave circuits and systems and signal processing algorithms for applications in smart home technology, smart living solutions, healthcare, structural health monitoring, security, autonomous vehicles, and smart robotics

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA, May 2023

- Dissertation: Structural Health Monitoring, Smart Living, and Healthcare Applications Using Active and Passive RF Sensing Technologies
- Advisor: Dr. Changzhi Li

**M.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA, 2021

**B.S. in Communications Engineering**, Military Institute of Engineering, Brazilian Army, Brazil, 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Articles in referred journals*

- [1] D. Rodriguez, **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, A. Mishra, M. A. Saed, and C. Li, "Quadrature and Single Channel Low-Cost Monostatic Radar Based on a Novel 2-Port Transceiver Chain," IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques (accepted).
- [2] V. G. Rizzi Varela, **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, L. Zeng, and C. Li, "Multi-Target Physical Activities Monitoring and Classification Using a V-Band FMCW Radar," IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement, vol. 72, pp. 1-10, 2023, Art no. 8500910, doi: 10.1109/TIM.2022.3227998.
- [3] D. Tang, V. G. Rizzi Varela, **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Rodriguez, and C. Li, "A Wi-Fi Frequency Band Biomedical Passive Radar Sensor," IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, 2022, doi: 10.1109/TMTT.2022.3193408.
- [4] D. Tang, **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, M. C. Brown, and C. Li, "Dual Null Detection Points Removal and Time-Domain Sensitivity Analysis of a Self-Injection-Locked Radar for Small Amplitude Motion Sensing," IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, vol. 70, no. 9, pp. 4263-4272, Sept. 2022, doi: 10.1109/TMTT.2022.3186299.
- [5] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Zuo and C. Li, "A MODWT-Based Algorithm for the Identification and Removal of Jumps/Short-Term Distortions in Displacement Measurements Used for Structural Health Monitoring," IoT, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.3390/iot3010003>.

- [6] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "A Review on Low-Cost Microwave Doppler Radar Systems for Structural Health Monitoring," *Sensors*, no. 8, pp. 2612, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.3390/s21082612>.
- [7] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Zuo and C. Li, "Wind-Induced Displacement Analysis for a Traffic Light Structure Based on a Low-Cost Doppler Radar Array," *IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement*, vol. 70, pp. 1-9, 2021, Art no. 6503909, doi: 10.1109/TIM.2021.3098380.
- [8] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Zuo, Z. Tang, J. Wang, C. Gu and C. Li, "Adaptive Displacement Calibration Strategies for Field Structural Health Monitoring Based on Doppler Radars," *IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement*, vol. 69, no. 10, pp. 7813-7824, Oct. 2020, doi: 10.1109/TIM.2020.2982233.
- [9] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Rodriguez, J. Wang and C. Li, "Smaller and With More Bars: A Relay Transceiver for IoT/5G Applications," *IEEE Microwave Magazine*, vol. 21, no. 1, pp. 96-100, Jan. 2020, doi: 10.1109/MMM.2019.2945151.

### ***Articles in referred conference proceedings***

- [1] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "Tracking Driver's Foot Movements Using mmWave FMCW Radar", in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Topical Conference on Wireless Sensors and Sensor Networks (WiSNeT)*, 2023 (accepted).
- [2] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Rodriguez, V. Pugliese, M. Watson and C. Li, "Gas-Liquid Two-Phase Flow Monitoring Using Sub-THz Radar Imaging", in *Proc. IEEE 23<sup>rd</sup> Wireless and Microwave Technology Conference (WAMICON)*, Melbourne, FL, USA, 2023, pp. 133-136, doi: 10.1109/WAMICON57636.2023.10124898.
- [3] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and T. Singh, "Radar-Based Detection Utilizing Active-Tag-Enhanced Intelligent Reflective Surfaces for Indoor Scenarios", in *Proc. SPIE Radar Sensor Technology XXVII*, 1253508 (14 June 2023); <https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2662926>.
- [4] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "A Microwave Passive Topology Based on Simultaneous Injection-Locking and Injection-Pulling for Passive Indoor Sensing Applications," in *Proc. International Microwave and Antenna Symposium (IMAS)*, Cairo, Egypt, 2023, pp. 107-110, doi: 10.1109/IMAS55807.2023.10066911.
- [5] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Tang, and C. Li, "A Novel Microwave Architecture for Passive Sensing Applications," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Radio and Wireless Symposium (RWS)*, 2022, pp. 57-59, doi: 10.1109/RWS53089.2022.9719929.
- [6] V. G. R. Varela, **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, and C. Li, "Separation of Simultaneous Multi-Person Noncontact Physical Activity Signals Using Frequency-Modulated Continuous-Wave Radars," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Topical Conference on Wireless Sensors and Sensor Networks (WiSNeT)*, 2022, pp. 5-7, doi: 10.1109/WiSNet53095.2022.9721355.
- [7] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "RF-Tag-Referenced Structural Displacement Measurements with Multiple moving interferers," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Topical Conference on Wireless Sensors and Sensor Networks (WiSNeT)*, 2022, pp. 14-17, doi: 10.1109/WiSNet53095.2022.9721376.
- [8] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Rodriguez, V. Pugliese, M. Watson and C. Li, "Air Bubble Detection Based on Portable mm-Wave Doppler Radars," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S International Wireless Symposium (IWS)*, 2021, pp. 1-3, doi: 10.1109/IWS52775.2021.9499644.
- [9] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "Hand Gesture Recognition Using FMCW Radar in Multi-Person Scenario," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Topical Conference on Wireless Sensors and Sensor Networks (WiSNeT)*, 2021, pp. 50-52, doi: 10.1109/WiSNet51848.2021.9413794.

- [10] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues** and C. Li, "Noncontact Exercise Monitoring in Multi-Person Scenario with Frequency-Modulated Continuous-Wave Radar," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Biomedical Conference (IMBioC)*, 2020, pp. 1-3, doi: 10.1109/IMBioC47321.2020.9385031.
- [11] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, D. Rodriguez, and C. Li, "Liquid Aerosol Detection Based on Sub-THz Portable Doppler Radars," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Asia-Pacific Microwave Conference (APMC)*, 2020, pp. 504-506, doi: 10.1109/APMC47863.2020.9331483.
- [12] **D. V. Q. Rodrigues**, Z. Tang, J. Wang, D. Zuo and C. Li, "Structural Health Monitoring of a Traffic Signal Support Structure Based on 5.8-GHz Doppler Radar with Median Filter and Revised Circle Fitting," in *Proc. IEEE MTT-S Radio and Wireless Symposium (RWS)*, 2020, pp. 187-190, doi: 10.1109/RWS45077.2020.9050044.

## **PATENTS**

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- [1] US Patent Application 63/299,942: Microwave Architecture for Passive Sensing Applications, Publication Date: January 15, 2022.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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- **Panelist for IMS Project Connect - IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium (2023)**
- **Member of the Technical Program Committee of the IEEE MTT-S Radio Wireless Week (2021-present)**
- **Member of the Technical Program Committee of the IEEE Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers (2022-present)**
- **Reviewer:** IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques; IEEE Open Journal of Antennas and Propagation; IEEE Microwave and Wireless Technology Letters; IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement; IEEE Sensors Journal; IEEE Journal of Electromagnetics, RF, and Microwaves in Medicine and Biology; IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics; IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters; IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering; IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems; Sensors; Remote Sensing; ACM Transactions on Internet of Things; Scientific Data; Scientific Reports

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- [1] "Noncontact Vital Signs Detection Using a 2.45-GHz Ambient Wireless Sensing System," *Signal Processing and Systems for Radar-Based Vital Sign Monitoring*, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers, Pacific Grove, CA, USA, November 2, 2022.
- [2] "Structural Health Monitoring, Smart Living, and Other Applications Using Active and Passive RF Sensing Technologies," *Understanding Series*, Uhnder, Inc., Austin, TX, USA, June 2, 2022.
- [3] "Structural Health Monitoring & Smart Living Applications Using Radar Technology," *Texas Tech University Graduate Seminar*, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA, October 22, 2021.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

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- **Research Assistant**, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA, Aug 2018 – May 2023
  - Worked on the design of wireless sensors and signal processing algorithms for various radar-based applications, including smart home technology, smart living solutions, healthcare, structural health monitoring, security, and autonomous platforms
  - Nine journal articles and 10 conference papers were published
  - One US patent application was generated
- **mmWave Systems Developer**, Advanced Wireless Technology R&D Group, Office of the CTO, Dell Technologies, Remote-Texas, USA, Aug 2022 – Nov 2022
  - Conducted research on wireless communications and wireless sensing assisted by intelligent reflective surfaces
  - Three US patent applications were generated, and three papers were submitted
- **RF Design Engineering Intern**, Cardiac Rhythm Management Division, Abbott Laboratories, Los Angeles, California, USA, Feb 2022 – Jul 2022
  - Involved with the design of antennas and microwave systems for next-generation implantable medical devices
  - US patent application on various antenna concepts for leadless pacemaker was generated
- **Radar Systems Engineering Intern**, Uhnder, Inc., Austin, Texas, USA, May 2021 – Aug 2021
  - Involved with the design and evaluation of signal processing algorithms for the mitigation of radar interference among digital code modulation (DCM) radars
  - Wrote a report for a US patent application and a conference paper
- **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of the Engineer Officers' Branch**, Brazilian Army, Rio de Janeiro/Porto Alegre, Brazil, Jan 2017 – Aug 2018
  - Served in the Brazilian Southern Military Command, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, as the assistant manager for IT services
  - Instructor on the basic training of ~ 100 new cadets
- **Instructor at Grupo Salta Educacao**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mar 2013 – Jan 2018
  - Lectured Mathematics and Physics to students for college- and high-school-level nationwide admission exams
- **Student at the Brazilian Naval High School**, Brazilian Navy, Angra dos Reis, Brazil, Jan 2009 – Dec 2011
  - Teacher Assistant of Physics
  - Named Student-Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Company of Students, the third highest leadership position among ~700 students at the military school

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- PhD Student of the Year, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Texas Tech University, 2023

- Horn Distinguished Professors Graduate Achievement Award, Texas Tech University, 2023
- IEEE MTT-S Tom Brazil Fellowship Award, 2022
- Cadence Diversity in Technology Scholarship, 2022
- IEEE MTT-S IMS High-Sensitivity Motion Sensing Radar Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Davi V. Q. Rodrigues, Daniel Rodriguez, Prateek Nallabolu), 2021
- Best Student Paper Award – Honorable Mention, IEEE MTT-S International Wireless Symposium (IWS), 2021
- Best Student Paper Award Finalist, IEEE MTT-S Radio Wireless Week (RWW), 2021
- Best Student Paper Award, IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Biomedical Conference (IMBioC), 2020
- Best Paper Award in Antenna Category, IEEE MTT-S Asia-Pacific Microwave Conference (APMC), 2020
- IEEE MTT-S IMS Adaptive Relay Transceiver Competition 1<sup>st</sup> place (Davi V. Q. Rodrigues, Daniel Rodriguez, Jing Wang), 2019
- IEEE MTT-S IMS High-Sensitivity Motion Sensing Radar Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Davi V. Q. Rodrigues, Daniel Rodriguez, Jing Wang), 2019
- IEEE MTT-S Project Connect Scholar, 2019
- Silver Medal at the Mathematics Olympiad of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012
- Brazilian Naval High School Award/Admiral Octavio Antonio Garnier Award/Honorable Merit Award, Brazilian Navy, 2011
  - Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>/229 students at the end of the three-year course
- Gold and Bronze Medals at the Brazilian Mathematics Olympiad of Public Schools, 2009/2010
  - Around 18 million Brazilian students attempt the first round of this nationwide mathematics contest every year (<https://americasquarterly.org/article/why-the-worlds-top-mathematicians-are-coming-to-rio/>)
- Silver (2x) and Bronze Medals at the Brazilian Physics Olympiad, 2009/2010/2011
- Class leader at the Brazilian Naval High School, Brazilian Navy, 2009
  - Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>/~10,000 candidates at the nationwide entrance selection