

## CURRICULUM VITAE of Silvia LASALA

### ■ Personal information

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### ■ Current position

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From 2018 Associate professor at **Université de Lorraine, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Industries Chimiques - Laboratoire Réactions et Génie des Procédés.**

**Keywords of main current research activities:** Energy process design and optimisation; Energy efficiency; Power plants; Heat pumps; Thermodynamic cycles; Thermodynamic and transport properties of fluids; Equations of state development and implementation; Reaction and molecular design; Working fluids for thermodynamic cycles.

### ■ Education

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- 2024 **Habilitation to direct research** “Towards an improved thermodynamic modelling and enhanced efficiency of energy conversion systems”. Diploma obtained in March, 2024. ENSIC-LRGP, University of Lorraine, Nancy, France.
- 2016 **Ph.D. in “Energy and Nuclear Science and Technology”, cum laude (with honours)**  
Ph.D. thesis entitled “Advanced cubic equations of state for accurate modelling of fluid mixtures. Application to CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems”  
Energy Department, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.  
Name of PhD Supervisor: Professor P. Chiesa
- 2012 **Master in “Energy Engineering”, mark: 110 cum laude (with honours)**  
Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy)
- 2010 **Bachelor in “Energy Engineering”, mark: 110 cum laude (with honours)**  
Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy)

### ■ Previous positions

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- 2016 Postdoctoral researches funded by Air Liquide investigating, mainly, the modelling of the thermodynamics and the kinetics of the reaction ortho-H<sub>2</sub>=para-H<sub>2</sub>, in **hydrogen liquefaction** processes; 2) the optimal selection of working fluids for power cycles.  
LRGP - Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France.
- 2011 Six-month internship with the aim to model the **interactions between combustion instabilities, combustor acoustics and flame characteristics** in rich-burn and lean-burn aerospace engines.  
Combustion & Casings department, Rolls-Royce, Derby, United Kingdom.

### ■ Prizes and fellowships

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- 2024 Elected member of the network “Femmes de Tech” of the *Académie des Technologies*
- 2023 Prize “**Médaille de Bronze**” of the CNRS.
- 2022 Prize “**Susanne Zivi**” conferred by the *Académie de Stanislas* to award young researchers of University of Lorraine. Nancy, France.
- 2017 Fellowship: \$9000 awarded by the *Knowledge Centre on Organic Rankine Cycles (KCORC)* to support postdoctoral researches on ORC technologies.
- 2017 Prize: Ph.D. thesis awarded by the *European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE)* with the **second prize “Excellence Award in Thermodynamics and Transport Properties”**, at 29th European Symposium on Applied Thermodynamics, Bucarest, Romania.
- 2016 Prize: Ph.D. thesis awarded with “**Ermanno Grinzato**” prize, by *Associazione Italiana Proprietà Termofisiche (AIPT)*, at XXII congress of AIPT, Bologna, Italy.

## ■ Research grants

### • Current grants I obtained as Principal Investigator (Coordinator)

Project Title	Funding source	Amount	Period
<b>Carboxylic acids as REACTIVE refrigerants to make heat pumps efficient (CREATIVE)</b>	<b>ERC Proof of Concept (Individual Project)</b> funded by European Union (Programme Horizon Europe)	<b>150 k€</b>	June 2025- November 2026
<b>Reactive fluids for intensified thermal energy conversion (REACHER)</b>	<b>ERC Starting Grant (Individual Project)</b> funded by European Union (Programme Horizon Europe)	<b>1.5 M€</b>	April 2022 – March 2027
<b>Fluides réactifs pour intensifier la conversion de l'énergie thermique</b>	<b>ANR-JCJC (Individual Project)</b> funded by the French Council of Scientific Research (ANR) <i>I had to decline this funding because it overlaid with the ERC Starting Grant.</i>	<b>300 k€</b>	February 2022 – January 2026

### • Current grants as Partner (CNRS) for which I am the Scientific Responsible

Project Title	Funding source	Amount	Period
<b>Revolutionizing energy production plants efficiency (SPARTA)</b>	<b>Collaborative National project</b> Programme France2030	7.1 M€ (total budget) <b>1.7 M€</b> (our -partner CNRS- budget in the project)	September 2024 – December 2028
<b>Next REnewable multi-GENERation technology enabled by TWO-phase fluids machines (REGEN-BY-2)</b>	<b>Collaborative European project</b> funded by European Union (Programme H2020)	5.4 M€ (total budget) <b>225 k€</b> (our -partner CNRS- budget in the project)	September 2020 – August 2024 (delayed to May 2025)

### • Proposals submitted as Scientific Responsible currently under evaluation

Project Title	Funding source	Amount	Period
<b>REHEAT</b>	<b>Collaborative National project</b> (Programme France2030 – PEPR SPLEEN)	1.5 M€ (total budget) <b>300 k€</b> (our -partner CNRS- budget in the project)	4.5 years project

## ■ Summary of the scientific production

36 papers; 3 patents; 4 chapters in books + 1 edited book; 35 oral communications.  
N. of citations = 1028, h-index = 17 (source: Google Scholar).

## ■ Other activities

- Supervision activity: 4 postdocs; 6 PhD students; more than 10 research internships.
- Member of 10 doctoral committees.
- Expert evaluator for the European Commission (for Marie-Curie fellowships, H2020 and Horizon Europe programmes).
- Chair-person of the next European Conference of Thermophysical Properties (ECTP2026), held in Chantilly (France) from the 21 to the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2026).
- Involved in different communication activities (Nuit des chercheur(e)s 2022, Pint of Science 2023, Journée du mariage 2022, Show Industrie 2024).