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Education

- 2020 PhD in Mechanics
EPFL École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland.
Thesis: *Surface roughness evolution in adhesive wear processes*
Advisor: Prof. J.-F. Molinari (Computational Solid Mechanics Lab)
- 2014 BSc - MSc in Civil Engineering – Structural curriculum
University of Padova, Padova, Italy (Grade 110/110)
Thesis: *Modeling avalanche behavior and ductile fracture in disordered media*
Advisor: Prof. B. Schrefler (Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department)

Professional Experience

- 2021- Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology (MA), USA
- 2014-16 Research assistant (part-time)
Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department, University of
Padova, Padova, Italy
- 2014-15 Civil engineer, W.E.I. 'N Venice, Venice, Italy.

Publications

Peer-review journals

- 2021 Brink, T., **Milanese, E.** & Molinari, J.-F. Effect of wear particles and roughness on nanoscale friction. *Physical Review Materials* 6, 013606 (2021).
[doi:10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.6.013606](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.6.013606)
- 2020 **Milanese, E.**, Brink, T., Aghababaei, R. & Molinari, J.-F. Role of interfacial adhesion on minimum wear particle size and roughness evolution. *Physical Review E* 102, 4 (2020). [doi: 10.1103/PhysRevE.102.043001](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.102.043001)

- 2020 **Milanese, E.** & Molinari, J.-F. A mechanistic model for the growth of cylindrical debris particles in the presence of adhesion. *International Journal of Solids and Structures* 203, 1-16 (2020). [doi: 10.1016/j.ijsolstr.2020.06.040](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijsolstr.2020.06.040)
- 2019 **Milanese, E.**, Brink, T., Aghababaei, R. & Molinari, J.-F. Emergence of self-affine surfaces during adhesive wear. *Nature Communications* 10, 1–9 (2019). [doi: 10.1038/s41467-019-09127-8](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-09127-8)
- 2019 Peruzzo, C., Cao, T. D., **Milanese, E.**, Favia, P., Pesavento, F., Hussain, F. & Schrefler, B.A. Dynamics of fracturing saturated porous media and self-organization of rupture. *European Journal of Mechanics-A/Solids* 74, 471–484 (2019). [doi: 10.1016/j.euromechsol.2018.12.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euromechsol.2018.12.004)
- 2018 Molinari, J.-F., Aghababaei, R., Brink, T., L. Frérot, & **Milanese, E.** Adhesive wear mechanisms uncovered by atomistic simulations. *Friction* 16, 245–259 (2018). [doi:10.1007/s40544-018-0234-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40544-018-0234-6)
- 2017 Cao, T.D., **Milanese, E.**, Remij, E.W., Rizzato, P., Remmers, F., Joris, J.C., Simoni, L., Huyghe, J.M., Hussain, F. & Schrefler, B.A. Interaction between crack tip advancement and fluid flow in fracturing saturated porous media. *Mechanics Research Communications* 80, 24–37 (2017). [doi: 10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.09.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.09.011)
- 2017 **Milanese, E.**, Yilmaz, O., Molinari, J.-F., & Schrefler, B.A. Avalanches in dry and saturated disordered media at fracture in shear and mixed mode scenarios. *Mechanics Research Communications* 80, 58–68 (2017). [doi: 10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.08.002)
- 2016 **Milanese, E.**, Yilmaz, O., Molinari, J.-F., & Schrefler, B.A. Avalanches in dry and saturated disordered media at fracture. *Physical Review E* 93, 043002 (2016). [doi: 10.1103/PhysRevE.93.043002](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.93.043002)
- In preparation **Milanese, E.** & Cattania, C. Heterogeneous coseismic stress state describes off-fault fracture orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence.

Contributions to books

- 2022 **Milanese, E.**, Tao, N., Peruzzo, C., Zaccariotto, M., Galvanetto, U., Mishuris, G.C. & Schrefler, B.A. Forerunning and bridging in dry and saturated fracturing solids. In Aldakheel, F., Hudobivnik, B., Soleimani, M., Wessels, H., Weißenfels, C. & Marino, M. (eds.), *Current trends and open problems in computational mechanics*, 343-353 (Springer, Cham, 2022). [doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-87312-7_33](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87312-7_33)
- 2018 **Milanese, E.**, Cao, T.D., Simoni, L. & Schrefler, B.A. Fracturing in dry and saturated porous media. In Oñate, E., Peric, D., de Souza Neto, E. & Chiumenti, M. (eds.), *Advances in Computational Plasticity*, 265-288 (Springer, 2018). [doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-60885-3_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-60885-3_13)

Awards and fellowships

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| 2021-2014 | Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) Postdoc.Mobility.
Eccezionalità (“outstanding”) grade for my M.Sc. thesis, University of Padova, Italy. |
| 2013-14 | LLP-Erasmus Scholarship - Visiting student, Computational Solid Mechanics Laboratory, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland. |

Invited talks

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| 2022 | Caltech, Seismolab seminar |
| 2018 | Science of wear international workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China |

Contributions to conferences

Talks

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| 2022 | <i>Modeling damage in the proximity of rough interfaces: The 2019 Ridgecrest earthquake sequence</i> , Friction and Wear across Scales Workshop, Ascona, Switzerland (August 15-18). |
| 2018 | <i>Fractal surfaces in adhesive wear processes</i> , 6th European Conference on Computational Mechanics, 7th European Conference on Computational Fluid Dynamics, Glasgow, United Kingdom (June 11-15).
<i>Continuum versus discrete approach in modeling of wear processes</i> , 6th European Conference on Computational Mechanics, 7th European Conference on Computational Fluid Dynamics, Glasgow, United Kingdom (June 11-15). |
| 2017 | <i>The role of hardness in the surface roughness evolution during adhesive wear processes</i> , International Conference on Computational Contact Mechanics., Lecce, Italy (July 5-7). |

Posters

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| 2022 | <i>Heterogeneous coseismic stress state describes off-fault fracture orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence</i> , SCEC Annual Meeting, Palm Springs (CA), USA (September 11-14). |
| 2021 | <i>Origins of roughness evolution and its effects on the slip response of rate-and-state faults</i> , AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, USA (December 13-17). |

- 2019 *Origins of roughness evolution and strategies for its implementation on rate-state faults*, SCEC Annual Meeting, USA (online, September 12-17).
Emergence of self-affine surfaces under adhesive three-body wear conditions, Emergence of surface and interface structure from friction, fracture and deformation workshop, CECAM-EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland (July 24-27).
Emergence of self-affine surfaces under adhesive three-body wear conditions, Modeling tribology: friction and fracture across scales workshop, CECAM-EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland (January 28-30).

Teaching and supervision of junior researchers

At Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (MA), USA:

- 2022 Mechanisms of Faulting and Earthquakes (I taught 1 lecture)
 Special Seminar in Geophysics (2 lectures + seminars organization)
 Supervision of 1 undergraduate research project

At École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland:

- 2021- Videomaking for science communication (lecturer)
 2017-20 Supervision of 6 undergraduate and 2 graduate semester projects
 2018 Numerical modeling of solids and structures (teaching assistant)
 2017 Continuum mechanics (teaching assistant)
 Calculus (teaching assistant)
 2016 Numerical modeling of solids and structures (teaching assistant)
 Continuum mechanics (teaching assistant)

Professional and university service

- Reviewer for *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Wear*, *Tribology Letters*, *Sensors*, *Powder Technology*, and *Scientific Reports*.
 2021- MIT Creative Arts Council member

Outreach

- 2021- [SciFilmIt](#). Co-founder. Events organization to teach science communication to scientists with filmmaking science films. Switzerland.
 2020 [NCCPE Engage Festival](#). Invited panelist (*What works? Art science*)

- research collaborations* session) UK National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE). United Kingdom.
- 2020 CERN Science Communication Hackathon (2nd jury award).
- 2020 [Falling Walls x Berlin Science Week – Science Film Rules with SciFilmIt](#). Public online lecture on science filmmaking. Berlin, Germany.
- 2019 [Imagine Science Film Festival](#). Film evaluation. New York, USA.
- 2019 [Pint of Science Festival](#). Invited speaker. Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2019 Hello Tomorrow Global Summit. Science short films screening. Paris, France.
- 2018-19 [SNSF AGORA – Exposure Science Film Hackathon](#). Implementation of 200'000 CHF (~180'000 USD) grant for the organization of science filmmaking. Switzerland.
- 2018 EPFL ACCES Visualization Contest (Dynamic Category, 2nd prize)
- 2018 Exposure Science Film Hackathon. Film production ([Searching for love](#)) Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2018 [Symbiosis competition at Imagine Science Film Festival](#). Film production [Wearing well](#) (password: contact). New York, USA.
- 2017 Exposure Science Film Hackathon. Organizing team. Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2016 Exposure Science Film Hackathon (1st prize). Short science film production ([Better together - Of love, life, and emergent properties](#)). Lausanne, Switzerland.

Computational skills

Tools: Fractal analysis, molecular dynamics, finite elements, boundary elements

Programming: Python, MATLAB, bash, C++, Fortran, GitHub

Modelling: LAMMPS, Akantu and Strand

O.S.: Linux, Windows

Processors: LaTeX, gnuplot, MS Office, Google Docs suites

CAD, graphics: Rhinoceros, AutoCAD, Inkscape

Other: Adobe Premiere Pro and Davinci Resolve (film editing), Slack, Notion (management)

Language skills

Italian (native)

Spanish (basic)

English (fluent)

German (basic)

French (proficient)

Professional Memberships

American Geophysical Union

Italian Chartered Engineers Association (Ordine degli Ingegneri)