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Introduction

I am currently postdoctoral fellow in the Applied Mathematics department at Ecole Polytechnique Fédéral de Lausanne since Dec'2019, working mainly with Reduced Models and Machine Learning applied for numerical solution of PDEs, under supervision of Prof. Annalisa Buffa and Prof. Simone Deparis. I earned my PhD and Master in Computing Modelling at National Laboratory for Scientific Computing (LNCC), Brazil, both under supervision of Prof. Pablo Blanco and Prof. Raúl Feijóo. In this period, I was also visitor student at the Zienkiewicz Centre for Computational Engineering, Swansea, United Kingdom, working with Prof. Eduardo de Souza Neto. My Bachelor background is in Mechanical Engineering, earned at Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Brazil, with an exchange period at École d'Arts et Métiers Paristech, France. My other main research interests are: constitutive modelling of soft tissues with emphasis in softening and failure mechanisms; computational homogenisation and multi-scale modelling; continuum mechanics with emphasis in nonlinear solid mechanics; numerical methods with emphasis in Finite Element Method.

Research Dissertations

Thesis (Jan'15-Apr'19) Multiscale Modelling of Fibrous Materials: from the elastic regime to failure detection in soft tissues
Supervisors: Prof. Pablo Javier Bland and Prof. Raul Feijoo.
Institution: National Laboratory for Scientific Computing (LNCC), Petropolis, Brazil.

Master (Mar'13-Dec'14) Basics Aspects of Multi-Scale Modelling of Biological Tissues [In Portuguese]
Supervisors and Institution : as above.

Final Project(Aug'12-Dec'12) Development of a Computational Dynamics Software for Multiple Rigid Bodies Analysis [In Portuguese]
Supervisors: Prof. Wallace Bessa.
Institution: Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), Natal, Brazil.

Final Project(Dec'11-Jul'12) Modelling and Numerical Simulation of the Machining Process in an Automobile Part [In French]
Supervisors: Prof. Philippe Lorong and Prof. Jérôme Duchemin.
Institution: Arts et Métiers Paristech (ENSAM), Paris, France.

Short- and Long-term Academic Visits

Sep-Out'19 Prof. Sidarta Lima, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil
I gave a short course on Mixed Formulations to Darcy's Equation to his group of graduate students and expanded their in house solver to Raviart-Thomas element. I was funded by Petrobras during this time.

Sep-Fev'18 Prof. Eduardo de Souza Neto, Swansea University, Swansea, UK
I visited the Zienkiewicz Centre for Computational Engineering (ZCCE) as part of the sandwich exchange program during my PhD. During this period, under supervision of Prof. de Souza Neto, expert in the domain of Computational Plasticity and Constitutive Multiscale theories, we developed and implemented a novel micromechanical inelastic model for networks of fibres. I was funded by PSDE/CAPES.

Apr'17 Prof. Anne Robertson, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA
I spent 20 days observing mechanical experiments in living tissues (arteries) and collaborating with microscopic modelling of collagen tissues.

Jun-Jul'15 Prof. Pablo Sanchez and Prof. Alfredo Huespe, Centro de Investigación de Métodos Computacionales (CIMEC), Santa Fe, Argentina
As part of my thesis, I spent a month collaborating and learning from two experts in the domain of computational fracture mechanics field.

Aug-Jul'12 Arts et Métiers Paristech (ENSAM), Paris, France
I took part of undergraduate studies in a sandwich exchange program in France. I was enrolled in the third (last) year, which consisted in a masters degree in "Prototypage Virtuel" (Computational Solid Mechanics) including a final research project. (Funded by Brafitec/CAPES).

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Publications

Peer-reviewed journal:

1. Felipe Figueredo Rocha, Pablo Javier Blanco, Pablo Javier Sánchez, and Raúl Antonino Feijóo. Multi-scale modelling of arterial tissue: Linking networks of fibres to continua. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 341:740–787, 2018
2. Felipe Figueredo Rocha, Pablo Javier Blanco, Pablo Javier Sánchez, Eduardo de Souza Neto, and Raúl Antonino Feijóo. Damage-driven strain localisation in networks of fibres: A computational homogenisation approach. *Computer and Structures* (in press), 2021.
3. Pablo Javier Blanco, Pablo Javier Sánchez, Felipe Figueredo Rocha, Sebastian Toro, and Raúl Antonino Feijóo. A consistent multiscale mechanical formulation for media with randomly distributed voids (in preparation). *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 2021.
4. Felipe Figueredo Rocha, Simone Deparis, Pablo Antolin, Annalisa Buffa. Enhancing defective Multi-scale Solid Mechanics formulations via Machine Learning (in preparation). *Journal of Computational Physics*, 2021.

Complete articles in conference proceedings:

1. F.F. Rocha, P.J. Blanco, R.A. Feijóo, P.J. Sanchez, and A.E. Huespe. A multi-scale approach to model arterial tissue. In *Ibero-Latin American Congress on Computational Methods in Engineering (CILAMCE)*, Rio de Janeiro, 2015.

Extended Abstracts in Conferences:

- F.F. Rocha; P.J. Blanco ; P.J. Sánchez; R.A. Feijóo. On the constitutive modeling for fibrous tissues. In: International Conference on Computational and Mathematical Biomedical Engineering, 2017, PITTSBURGH. International Conference on Computational and Mathematical Biomedical Engineering Proceedings, 2017.

Abstracts in Conferences:

- F.F. Rocha; P.J. Blanco; de Souza Neto, E.; P.J. Sánchez, R.A. Feijóo. An computational homogenisation approach to assess the strain localisation due to damage in fibre networks. XVI International Conference on Computational Plasticity. Fundamentals and Applications, Barcelona, Spain, 2021, CIMNE (To be held).
- P.J. Blanco, P.J. Sánchez, F.F. Rocha, Toro, S.; R.A. Feijóo. Multiscale formulation for materials with randomly distributed voids: minimally constrained and more restrictive multiscale sub-models. In: XII Argentine Congress on Computational Mechanics, 2018, San Miguel de Tucumán. Mecánica Computacional. Santa Fé: Asociación Argentina de Mecánica Computacional, 2018. v.XXXVI. p.1683 - 1683
- F.F. Rocha; P.J. Blanco; de Souza Neto, E.; P.J. Sánchez, R.A. Feijóo. Towards post-critical multiscale modelling of damage in biological fibrous tissues. In: XII Argentine Congress on Computational Mechanics, 2018, San Miguel de Tucumán. Mecánica Computacional. Santa Fé: Asociación Argentina de Mecánica Computacional, 2018. v.XXXVI. p.1875 - 1875
- F.F. Rocha, P.J. Blanco, P.J. Sánchez, R.A. Feijóo. A Multiscale Approach to Study Softening Mechanisms in Arterial Tissue In: EMI2017-IC - 2017 EMI International Conference, 2017, Rio de Janeiro. EMI2017-IC - 2017 EMI International Conference Proceedings. , 2017.
- Toro, S., F.F. Rocha, P.J. Sánchez, P.J. Blanco, A.E. Huespe, R.A. Feijóo. Modelado Multiescala de Materiales: Análisis de Condiciones de Borde en Micro-Estructuras con Poros y/o Inclusiones que Alcanzan la Frontera del RVE In: Congreso sobre Métodos Numéricos y sus Aplicaciones, 2017, La Plata. Anais do ENIEF 2017. La Plata: Asociación Argentina de Mecánica Computacional, 2017. v.XXXV. p.1309 -1309.

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Other Attended Conferences

- (8-10 Jan'2020) International Workshop on Scientific Machine Learning, University of Cologne, Germany.
- MSML2020, (20-24 Jul'2020) Mathematical Scientific Machine Learning Conference, Online, Princeton University (Online Event).
- mathml2020, (3-7 Aug'2020) LMS-Bath Symposium on the Mathematics of Machine Learning, Online, University of Bath (Online Event).

Invited Talks

- EAMC 2021 (2021), LNCC Galerkin convida Mr. Deep para um café (in Portuguese).
- Postgraduation Seminar (2021), LNCC Aprendizado de Máquina em Computação Científica com Aplicações à Solução Numérica de EDPs (in Portuguese).

Relevant Complementary Education

2020 (16h, listener) (MATH-631) Mathematical foundations of neural networks, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2019 (36h, listener) Introdução ao Aprendizado de Máquina, LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil.

2018 (4h) Python for HPC, LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil.

2015 (6h) New Formulations of Finite Element Method, LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil.

2014 (32h) Biomech. Summerschool: Trends of Modelling, TUGraz, Graz, Austria.

2014 (4h) Topological Asymptotic Analysis, LNCC, Petropolis-RJ, Brazil.

2014 (7h) Object-Oriented Finite Element Method, LNCC, Petropolis-RJ, Brazil.

Teaching Experiences

Spring 2021: Analysis II (EPFL): Teaching assistant.

Spring 2020: Numerical Analysis (EPFL): Teaching assistant.

Jun'-Sep'2018: Numerical Methods (LNCC): I worked as a tutor for students pursuing MS and PhD degrees in Computational Modelling at LNCC.

Mar'-May'2018: Introduction to Modelling: See comments above.

Mar'-Oct'2017: Preparation for the Brazilian Mathematics Olympiads: I worked as a online tutor for distinguished high-school students of public schools.

Supervision

2020-actual, Co-supervisor, PhD Thesis Ronaldo Dias dos Santos Junior, Computational and Mathematical Modelling of Polymer Injection in Oil Reservoirs (in preparation), UFRN, Natal-RN, Brazil.

Reviewer

2021 National Congress of Applied and Computational Mathematics, CNMAC 2021 (Online Event), Brasil.

2021 Academic Meeting on Comp. Modelling, EAMC 2021, LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil.
2020-actual Engineering Computations.

Participation in Examination Boards

2020, Bachelor's Final Project Henrique Ribeiro da Silva, Dinâmica dos Fluidos Computacional: Uma aproximação paralelizada via Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics, CEFET, Petropolis-RJ, Brazil.

Achievements

2017 - "Aluno nota 10" (LNCC): scholarship awarded to the best PhD student.

2014 - "Aluno nota 10" (LNCC): scholarship awarded to the two best MS students.

2012 - Summa cum Laude (UFRN): higher GPA of its undergraduate class.

2006 - Silver Medal: on the Brazilian Mathematics Olympiads of Public Schools.