

# Felipe Rocha

## DSc. Comp. Modelling

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## Education

2019 | DSc. Computational Modelling  
LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil | GPA:3.83/4  
2014 | MSc. Computational Modelling  
LNCC, Petropolis, Brazil | GPA:3.9/4  
2012 | B.E. Mechanical Engineering  
UFRN, Natal, Brazil | GPA:8.8457/10

## Computing Skills –

B - Basic, F- Fluent  
Languages: Fortran 77/90 (F),  
Python (F), C/C++ (F), Matlab (B).  
Extensions and Libraries :  
Numpy/Scipy (F), OpenMP (B), MPI  
(B), Petsc (B), pytest (B).  
Other: Linux (F), Latex (F), Paraview  
(F), Bash (B), Git (B), Slurm (B).

## Relevant Coursework

Scientific Computing: Numerical  
Methods; Numerical Solution of  
Differential Equations; Numerical  
Analysis of Finite Element Methods;  
Optimisation Methods;

Mathematics: Real Analysis;  
Functional Analysis; Variational  
Calculus; Probability and Statistics.

Computational Mechanics:  
Continuum Mechanics; Computational  
Transport Phenomena; Advanced  
Variational Formulations for the  
Human Cardiovascular System.

Computer Science: Data Structures ;  
Software Design ; Object-oriented  
Programming Languages; Parallel  
Processing.

## Foreign Languages

Portuguese (Native), English (C1,  
IELTS: 6.5, TOEFL: 89), French  
(B1-B2) , Spanish (B1-B2), German  
(Very basic, mainly reading).

## Research and Projects

**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-Feb'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 with special scholarship (PSDE/CAPES) by the Brazilian Government.

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), being one semester of academic courses and one semester of research project. (Funded by a special scholarship (Brafitec/CAPES, Brazilian Government) that fosters collaboration with French Engineering Schools.)

## Relevant Complementary Education

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

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.

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## Specific Comments to the Position Application

Solid background on the numerical analysis and scientific computing: Starting in my undergraduate studies but further developed during my Masters and PhD period, numerical analysis and scientific computing have always been the core of my coursework.

Good coding skills: I start programming since the first day of University (literally). Firstly, I learned C/C++, including object-orientation paradigm. Secondly, I was introduced to more high level languages such as Matlab and Python, the latter being my preferable choice now. Later on, during my graduate studies, I had the opportunity to sharpen my skills taking more advanced courses on computer science (see coursework on the left panel). Finally, during my Masters and PhD project, I developed in-house finite element solvers using modern Fortran (core) and Python (as configuration language).

Solid mechanics expertise: Having a background in Mechanical Engineering, I have studied the broad range of theories in mechanics, but specially Nonlinear Solid Mechanics (in both geometrical and constitutive sense) has been the topic of my utmost interest. This is the main reason why of the expertise chosen at ENSAM and also guided me in my Masters and PhD projects (both at LNCC). In these latter, I studied soft tissues in cardiovascular solid mechanics.

Machine Learning: Since middle of last year, when I have read Oishi, A. and Ayagawa, G. (2017) *Computational mechanics enhanced by deep learning*, CMAME, I became interested to ML. It was the first time that I realised the wide range of applications of ML to my current research field, which is computational mechanics/scientific computing. Since I finished my PhD project (April 2019), I took an online course at AI (from COPPE/UFRJ, Brazil) and now I am attending to an introductory ML course at LNCC, both at graduate level.

## Published Works

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. Multi-scale modelling of damage-driven strain localisation in fibrous tissues (resubmitted after major revision). *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*, 2019.
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 submission process). *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 2019.

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:

- 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 multi-scale 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

## 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.