


# Mohsen Sadr

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## Scientific appointments

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- July 2023 - present: Postdoc, Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland  
Collaborator: Dr. Andreas Adelman
- Dec 2021 - June 2023: Postdoc, Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Cambridge, USA  
Collaborator: Prof. Nicolas Hadjiconstantinou
- Oct 2020 - Nov 2021: Postdoc, Swiss Plasma Center, EPFL, Switzerland  
Collaborator: Prof. Laurent Villard

## Education

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- 2017 - 2020: Ph.D. (Dr. rer. nat.) in Applied Mathematics, RWTH Aachen University, Germany  
“*Efficient Monte Carlo description of multi-phase and multi-scale fluid flows in kinetic theory*”  
Advisers: Prof. Manuel Torrilhon & Dr. M. Hossein Gorji
- 2014 - 2017: M.Sc. in Simulation Sciences, RWTH Aachen University, Germany  
“*On the Fokker-Planck description of dense flows*”  
Advisers: Prof. Manuel Torrilhon & Dr. M. Hossein Gorji
- 2009 - 2013: B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, KN Toosi University of Technology, Tehran, Iran  
“*Modeling losses of axial flow compressors by fundamental methods*”  
Adviser: Prof. Ali Ashrafizadeh

## Peer-reviewed publications

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1. **Mohsen Sadr** and Nicolas G. Hadjiconstantinou. Variance reduced particle solution of the Fokker-Planck equation with application to rarefied gas and plasma dynamics. *Journal of Computational Physics*, page 112402, 2023. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112402](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112402).
2. **Mohsen Sadr** and Nicolas G. Hadjiconstantinou. A variance-reduced direct Monte Carlo simulation method for solving the Boltzmann equation over a wide range of rarefaction. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 472:111677, 2023. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2022.111677](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2022.111677).
3. Fabian Mies, **Mohsen Sadr**, and Manuel Torrilhon. An efficient jump-diffusion approximation of the Boltzmann equation. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 490, 2023. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112308](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112308).
4. **Mohsen Sadr**, Alexey Mishchenko, Thomas Hayward-Schneider, Axel Koenies, Alberto Bottino, Alessandro Biancalani, Peter Donnel, Emmanuel Lanti, and Laurent Villard. Linear and nonlinear excitation of TAE modes by external electromagnetic perturbations using ORB5. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion*, 64, 2022. doi: [10.1088/1361-6587/ac73eb](https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6587/ac73eb).
5. **Mohsen Sadr**, Marcel Pfeiffer, and M. Hossein Gorji. Fokker-Planck-Poisson kinetics: multi-phase flow beyond equilibrium. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 920, 2021. doi: [10.1017/jfm.2021.461](https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2021.461).
6. **Mohsen Sadr**, Qian Wang, and M. Hossein Gorji. Coupling kinetic and continuum using data-driven maximum entropy distribution. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 444:110542, 2021. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2021.110542](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2021.110542).
7. **Mohsen Sadr**, Manuel Torrilhon, and M. Hossein Gorji. Gaussian process regression for maximum entropy distribution. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 418, 2020. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2020.109644](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2020.109644).

8. **Mohsen Sadr** and M. Hossein Gorji. Treatment of long-range interactions arising in the Enskog-Vlasov description of dense fluids. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 378, 2019. doi: [10.1016/j.jcp.2018.11.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2018.11.005).
9. **Mohsen Sadr** and M. Hossein Gorji. A continuous stochastic model for non-equilibrium dense gases. *Physics of Fluids*, 29, 2017. doi: [10.1063/1.5004409](https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5004409).
10. Peter Donnel, Jean Cazabonne, Laurent Villard, Stephan Brunner, Stefano Coda, Joan Decker, Moahan Murugappan, and **Mohsen Sadr**. Quasilinear treatment of wave-particle interactions in the electron cyclotron range and its implementation in a gyrokinetic code. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion*, 63(6):064001, apr 2021. doi: [10.1088/1361-6587/abf53f](https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6587/abf53f).
11. Sima Farazi, **Mohsen Sadr**, Seongwon Kang, Martin Schiemann, Nikita Vorobiev, Viktor Scherer, and Heinz Pitsch. Resolved simulations of single char particle combustion in a laminar flow field. *Fuel*, 201, 2017. doi: [10.1016/j.fuel.2016.11.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fuel.2016.11.011).

## Preprints

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1. Tony Tohme, **Mohsen Sadr**, Kamal Youcef-Toumi, and Nicolas G. Hadjiconstantinou. MESSY estimation: Maximum-entropy based stochastic and symbolic density estimation. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research (in review)*, 2023. doi: [10.48550/arXiv.2306.04120](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2306.04120)

## Awards & Honors

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- Part of the team that won EUROfusion project grant (consortium of national fusion research institutes, EU) for the project titled “Theory, Simulation, Validation and Verification of Burning Plasma” for 2021-2025.
- Won the national Walter Benjamin scholarship (2020) offered by German research foundation (DFG) for the proposal titled “Multi-scale description of multi-phase fluid flows using data-driven closures”.
- Won the international grant from German academic exchange service (DAAD) in 2019 for the proposal titled “Assessment of Fokker-Planck-Poisson approach for near critical multiphase flows”.

## Contributed Talks & Posters in Conferences

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- 4th Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning, Providence, USA, June 2023  
Poster: “*MESSY Estimation: Maximum Entropy based Stochastic and Symbolic density Estimation*”
- 19th European Fusion Theory Conference, virtual, October 2021  
Posters: “*Convolution based particle solution to Fokker-Planck type equations*”  
“*Excitation of TAE modes by an electromagnetic antenna using the global gyrokinetic code ORB5*”
- 9th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Valencia, Spain, July 2019  
Poster: “*Monte-Carlo particle methods for non-equilibrium multiphase flows*”
- 10th International Conference on Multiphase Flow, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 2019  
Talk: “*Stochastic particle approach for non-continuum multiphase flows: a study on inverted temperature gradient*”
- 3rd European Conference on Non-Equilibrium Gas Flows, Strasbourg, France, February 2018  
Talk: “*A Fokker-Planck description of dense fluid flows*”

## Relevant Skills

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- Programming Knowledge: C, C++, Fortran, Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenMP, MPI & MATLAB
- Languages: English (professional), German (basic) & Farsi (native)

## Extracurricular Activities

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- Secretary of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) in Aachen (2017-2018)

## Lecturing Assistant

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### **ETH, Switzerland**

- 2023/24: Introduction to Computational physics
- Monte Carlo methods
  - Variance reduction
  - Multi Level Monte Carlo

## Teaching Assistance

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### **EPFL, Switzerland**

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|----------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 2020/21: | Computational physics 1          | 2021: | Computational physics 2        |
|          | - Numerics of nonlinear dynamics |       | - Advection-diffusion equation |
|          | - Analyzing chaotic systems      |       | - Schrödinger equation         |

### **RWTH Aachen University, Germany**

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|-------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 2019: | Mathematical Foundations 4     | 2018/19: | Mathematical Foundations 5     |
|       | - Fundamental solution of PDEs |          | - Finite element methods       |
|       | - Fourier transformation       |          | - Hyperbolic conservation laws |
| 2018: | Mathematical Foundations 2     | 2017/18: | Mathematical Foundations 1     |
|       | - Numerical integration        |          | - Linear algebra               |
|       |                                |          | - Iterative solvers            |