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Personal

Birth April 25th, 1983, Cantú (Italy)
Citizenship Italian

Interests

I create innovative methods for the discretization, optimization, and uncertainty quantification of complex (bio)mechanical systems.

Positions

2015–present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Università della Svizzera Italiana*, Lugano, CH.
2012–2015 **Vehicle Dynamics Engineer**, *McLaren Racing Ltd*, Woking, UK.
2007–2007 **Physics Programmer**, *Craft Animations AB*, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Education

2012 **PhD in Applied Mathematics**, *Georg-August University*, Goettingen, Germany.
2008 **MSc in Engineering Mathematics**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milan, Italy.
2007 **MSc in Engineering Physics**, *Royal Institute of Technology*, Stockholm, Sweden.
2005 **BSc in Engineering Mathematics**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milan, Italy.

Awards and grants

2016 *Multilevel Methods and Uncertainty Quantification in Cardiac Electrophysiology*
SNF project grant as Scientific Collaborator
Swiss Graduate Program DADSi Data Analytics and Data-driven Simulations
Participation in proposal writing
2005 *Top Industrial Managers for Europe (T.I.M.E.)*
EU scholarship for student mobility aimed at a double master in engineering

Research projects

2017–present *FASTER - Forecasting and Assessing Seismicity and Thermal Evolution in geothermal Reservoirs* - Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing (PASC)
PI: Thomas Driesner (ETH Zurich). Co-PIs: Stefan Wiemer (ETH Zurich), Rolf Krause (USI Lugano), Domenico Giardini (ETH Zurich)
2017–present *HPC-PREDICT - High-Performance Computing for the Prognosis of Adverse Aortic Events* - Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing (PASC)
PI: Dominik Obrist (Uni Bern). Co-PIs: Sebastian Kozerke, Ender Konukoglu (ETH Zurich), Thierry Carrel, Hendrik von Tengg-Kobligk (Uni Bern), Rolf Krause (USI Lugano)
2106–present *HEARTFUSION: Imaging-driven Patient-specific Cardiac Simulation* - SNF
PI: Rolf Krause (USI Lugano). Co-PI: Zheng Guoyan (Uni Bern)

- 2106–present *Multilevel Methods and Uncertainty Quantification in Cardiac Electrophysiology* - SNF
PI: Helmut Harbrecht (Uni Basel). Co-PI: Rolf Krause (USI Lugano)
- 2015–present *Center for Computational Medicine in Cardiology*
PIs: Rolf Krause (USI Lugano) and Angelo Auricchio (Cardiocentro Ticino)

Administrative responsibilities

- 2017–present *Graduate program in Data Analytics and Data-driven Simulations (DADSi)*
Committee: Rolf Krause, Antonietta Mira (USI)
- 2016–present *Graduate program in Foundations in Mathematics and Informatics for Computer Simulations in Science and Engineering (FoMICS)*
Committee: Rolf Krause, Olaf Schenk (USI)

Supervised students

- 2017–present Seif Ben Bader, PhD candidate within the project *Multilevel Methods and Uncertainty Quantification in Cardiac Electrophysiology*
Toby Simpson, PhD candidate within the project *HEARTFUSION - Imaging-driven Patient-specific Cardiac Simulation*

Industrial experience

- 2016–present *Algo4U Sagl - Co-founder*
Development of customized algorithmic and software solutions for Life Sciences, MedTech, Engineering, Simulation, Optimization, and Data Analytics.
- 2015–2016 *PUPAx - Phase Unwrapping Parallel Accelerator*
PIs: Rolf Krause (USI Lugano) and Paolo Pasquali (Sarmap SA)
- 2012–2015 *Vertical dynamics and suspensions* at McLaren Racing (Woking,UK)
Optimization of Formula 1 suspensions design via Simulink modeling and sensitivity analysis. Ensuring state-of-the-art simulation correlation with telemetry data, using rig tests and trackside analysis.

Organization of scientific events

- 2017 FoMICS school in *Fluid-structure interaction* - Main organizer
CSCS-DADSi school in *Accelerating Data Science with HPC* - Co-organizer
FoMICS prize for PhD students at PASC17 - Co-organizer and panel member
6th Workshop on *Parallel-in-Time methods* - Co-organizer
- 2016 FoMICS school in *Uncertainty quantification* - Main organizer

Teaching

- 2017 Bachelor course in *Optimization* - Substitute lecturer (4 hours)
- 2017 Bachelor course in *Optimization* - Substitute lecturer (16 hours)
- 2009 Master course in *Partial Differential Equations* - Teaching assistant

Publications

- In review A.Q., S. Pezzuto, and R. Krause, *Uncertainty quantification in cardiac electrophysiology: fast patient-specific methods for clinical practitioners.*
- A.Q. and R. Krause, *kFEM: adaptive meshfree finite element methods using local kernels on arbitrary subdomains.*

- 2017 A.Q., M. Favino, and R. Krause, *Quasi-quadratic elements for nonlinear incompressible elasticity*, Computational Mechanics.
- 2016 A.Q. and R. Krause, *Towards a multigrid method for the minimum-cost flow problem*, Technical Report (available on arXiv).
A.Q., *A framework for creating low-order shell elements free of membrane locking*, Int J Numer Meth Eng, Vol. 108, issue 1, pp. 55–75.
- 2012–2015 More than 20 technical reports authored at McLaren Racing Ltd on the modeling and analysis of F1 suspension dynamics (covered by NDA).
- 2012 A.Q., *Membrane locking in discrete shell theories*, PhD Thesis, Advisors: Prof. M. Wardetzky and Prof. G. Lube.
- 2008 A.Q., *Simulation of collision deformations*, MSc Thesis, Advisors: Prof. J. Hoffman and Prof. F. Nobile.
- 2005 A.Q., *An inverse technique for sedimentary basins*, BSc Thesis, Advisor: Prof. F. Saleri.

Conference contributions

- 2017 *Uncertainty Quantification in Cardiac Electrophysiology*, poster
SPEEDUP 2017, Bern - Best poster award
QUIET 2017, Trieste
Quasi-quadratic elements for nonlinear incompressible elasticity, talk
Swiss Numerical Analysis Day 2017, Basel
- 2016 *PUPAx - Phase Unwrapping Parallel Accelerator*, talk
Space Technologies Studies 2016, Lausanne
- 2010 *Towards a Nonlinear Shearable Shell*, talk
Workshop for non-standard numerical methods for PDEs, Pavia
Discrete Cosserat Shells, poster
Symposium on Geometry Processing

Software contributions

- 2016–present *SLOTH* at ICS (USI Lugano)
Development of a Python library for uncertainty quantification and data assimilation, aimed at high-performance multilevel and multifidelity Monte Carlo and particle filters methods.
- 2015–2016 *SARscape* at Sarmap SA (Switzerland)
Funded by the Swiss Space Office, we developed an interior-point algorithm to solve the minimum-cost flow problem on GPUs.
- 2012–2105 *MIDAS* at McLaren Ltd. (England)
Development of MATLAB and SIMULINK tools for the simulation suspension dynamics and the analysis of car telemetry.
- 2008–2012 *Meshopt*, with Prof. Eitan Grinspun (Columbia University)
Meshopt is a C++ library for cloth simulation based on Finite Differences. We extended it to nonlinearly-constrained FE for shells and r-adaptivity.
- 2006–2007 *Maya and 3DS plug-ins* at Craft Animations AB (Gothenburg, Sweden)
Craft Animations produces physics-based tools for 3D animators. I coupled a C++ physics middleware (Bullet) with a FE library (FEniCS). Implemented a collision detection algorithm and developed a viscoplastic model. Worked at efficient intergration of stiff ODEs.