

Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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- **Master Degree in Civil Engineering** obtained at the University of Padova, Italy, on July 15, 1998
- **PhD in Numerical Geomechanics** obtained at the Technology University of Delft, The Netherlands, on March 24, 2003

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1. Scientific and professional activity

Massimiliano Ferronato graduated in Civil Engineering, Structural qualification, at the University of Padova in 1998 with 110 points over 110 cum laude and with a special mention for the curriculum of study. After the Master Degree, he worked until December 1998 as a consultant for the engineering company MED Ingegneria S.r.l.. In 1999 he attended a Qualifying Master at the University of Padova getting the specialization in Maritime and Coastal Engineering with a defense of the thesis entitled: "Numerical modeling of the morphological evolution of a littoral: sensitivity analysis to the concomitance of waves and the "acqua alta" phenomenon with practical application". On March 24, 2003, he got the PhD degree in Numerical Geomechanics at the Technology University of Delft (The Netherlands) defending a thesis entitled: "Rock expansion and compaction at the marker scale in gas producing reservoirs" with Prof. Arnold Verruijt, PE (Technology University of Delft) and Prof. Giuseppe Gambolati, PE (University of Padova) as advisors. In 2003 he got a Post-Doc fellowship at the Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Application (DMMMSA) of the University of Padova. In 2008, he was appointed Assistant Professor in Numerical Analysis at the School of Engineering of the University of Padova. In 2012 he obtained the National Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor in Numerical Analysis. Since 2015, he is Associate Professor at the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering of the University of Padova. In 2017 he obtained the National Scientific Qualification as Professor in Numerical Analysis. Since 2020, he is Professor of Numerical Analysis at the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering of the University of Padova.

Detailed professional curriculum:

September 1998 – December 1998: consultant for the private company MED Ingegneria S.r.l., working in modeling activities for hydraulic, maritime, coastal and environmental engineering

January 1999 – October 1999: mandatory civil service, equivalent to the national army service, at the sanitary agency Azienda ULSS no. 15 (Alta Padovana)

November 1999 – July 2001: research fellowship at the University of Padova – Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Applications (DMMMSA) – on the project: *"Modeling analysis of the deformation mechanisms of the rock matrix detected in gas reservoirs by the radioactive marker technique, with application to deep boreholes in the Adriatic offshore"*

August 2001 – July 2003: research fellowship at the University of Padova – Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Applications (DMMMSA) – on the project: *"Geological CO2 sequestration: development of numerical models and application to the Eastern Po Valley reservoirs"*

August 2003 – July 2005: Post-Doc fellowship at the University of Padova – Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Applications (DMMMSA) – on the project: *"Geological CO2 sequestration: development of numerical models and application to the Eastern Po Valley reservoirs"*

August 2005 – March 2008: Post-Doc fellowship at the University of Padova – Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Applications (DMMMSA) – on the project: *"Numerical analysis of the safety of anthropic CO2 sequestration in saline aquifers of the Po Plain"*

April 2008 – April 2015: Assistant Professor of Numerical Analysis at the University of Padova, School of Engineering, in the Department of Mathematical Methods and Models for Scientific Applications (DMMMSA) until December 2011 and in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering (DICEA) since January 2012

May 2015 – September 2020: Associate Professor of Numerical Analysis at the University of Padova in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering (DICEA). In March 2017, he obtains the National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Numerical Analysis

October 2020 – today: Professor of Numerical Analysis at the University of Padova in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering (DICEA)

1.1 Scientific interests

The main scientific interests concern the analysis and development of mathematical and numerical models for the solution of the partial differential equations (PDE) governing the deformation and flow processes in saturated and partially saturated porous media, with specific applications in the field of subsurface hydrology and petroleum engineering. In particular, much care has been devoted to the numerical issues related to the development of novel computer methods for the robust and efficient solution of the linear systems of equations arising from such models.

The most significant scientific contributions concern the topics that follow:

1. Analysis, development and implementation of numerical models based on finite elements, mixed finite elements, virtual elements, finite volumes and meshless techniques for the simulation of the main geomechanical, fluid-dynamical and thermal processes, both coupled and uncoupled, in the subsurface, related to the exploitation of underground resources located in deep aquifers and reservoirs. Accuracy, convergence and numerical stability have been investigated, with particular reference to the issue of coupling between processes occurring at different time and space scales.
2. Development of interface finite elements for the simulation of the mechanics of faults and fractures in the subsurface, with application to the effects associated with the exploitation of subsurface resources, such as water or hydrocarbons. Analysis of the non-linear problem and development of stable and accurate numerical methods for the simulation of the processes at the scale of interest.
3. Development and implementation of novel preconditioners, for both scalar and parallel computers, for the robust and efficient solution of the ill-conditioned, large and sparse linear systems arising from the discretization of the models described above. The preconditioners are used to accelerate iterative methods based on the projection onto Krylov subspaces. The main contributions concern two types of preconditioners: (a) block preconditioners, based on Schur complement approximations, for the solution of saddle-point problems arising from the finite element and mixed finite element discretization of the PDEs governing the coupled processes of deformation and flow in porous media; (b) preconditioners for symmetric positive definite matrices, based on the use of sparse approximate inverses, for large size applications on massively parallel computers.
4. Development and implementation of machine learning techniques based on the use of Physics-Informed Neural Networks for the approximation of continuous solutions in coupled poroelasticity problems, parameter estimation in subsurface hydrology applications and diffusion predictions in epidemiological models.
5. Use of the models described above in important engineering applications, such as the land subsidence prediction due to groundwater or hydrocarbon extraction, fluid injection in the subsurface for storage or mitigation purposes, the calibration of simulation parameters through Data Assimilation techniques.

He is author and co-author of more than 100 papers published on international scientific journals with peer-review, and more than 80 communications published on proceedings of international conferences. He is a SIAM member (Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics) and has been Invited and Keynote Speaker in several international conferences, presenting advancements on the preconditioning of linear systems and the development of coupled flow-deformation models with mixed finite element techniques. On May 2024, according to the Scopus and Web of Science databases, he has the following citation record:

- No. of publications: 166 (Scopus), 124 (WoS)
- No. of citations: 2839 (Scopus), 2310 (WoS)
- H-index: 29 (Scopus), 25 (WoS)

1.2 Organization and participation to international conferences

He attended several international conferences, either as Keynote or Invited Speaker, or Contributed Speaker.

Keynote Speaker:

- “*The International Congress on Plasticity, Damage, and Fracture*”, Panama City (Panama), January 3-9, 2024, with a presentation entitled: “Nonlinear models for frictional contact mechanics and flow in fractured geomaterials: Discretizations, solvers and applications”
- “*numerIcal aNalysis, porous media and waTer ResoUrceS: a fruitful cOntamiNation (INTRUSION 2023)*”, Bari (Italy), July 3-5, 2023, with a presentation entitled: “Numerical models for frictional contact mechanics and flow in fractured porous media”
- “*The Third International Computational Science and Engineering Conference (ICSEC19)*”, Doha (Qatar), October 21-22, 2019, with a presentation entitled: “A class of block preconditioned iterative methods for coupled poromechanics”
- “*High Performance Computing in Science & Engineering (HPCSE)*”, Hotel Solan, Beskydy Mountains (Czech Republic), May 27-30, 2013, with a presentation entitled: “Recent developments on parallel preconditioners for sparse linear systems”

Invited Speaker:

- “*17th International Conference on Computational Plasticity. Fundamentals and Applications (COMPLAS)*”, Barcelona (Spain), September 5-7, 2023
- “*The International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM)*”, Tokyo (Japan), August 20-25, 2023
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Bergen (Norway), June 19-22, 2023
- “*8th European Conference on Computational Methods in Applied Sciences and Engineering*”, Oslo (Norway), June 5-9, 2022
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Milan (Italy), June 21-24, 2021
- “*Large-Scale Scientific Computations*”, Sozopol (Bulgaria), June 7-11, 2021
- “*Numerical Linear Algebra for PDEs and Large Scale Optimization*”, Padova (Italy), February 17-18, 2020
- “*Sustainable Industrial Processing Summit & Exhibition*”, Paphos (Cyprus), October 23-27, 2019
- “*European Numerical Mathematics and Advanced Application Conference*”, Egmond aan Zee (The Netherlands), September 30 – October 4, 2019
- “*International Conference on Preconditioning Techniques for Scientific and Industrial Applications*”, Minneapolis, MN (USA), July 1-3, 2019
- “*Annual Meeting of the InterPore Society*”, Valencia (Spain), May 6-10, 2019
- “*Modern Mathematical Methods for Geoscience Applications*”, workshop at TU Delft, Institute of Computational Science and Engineering (DCSE), Delft (The Netherlands), March 18, 2019
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Houston, TX (USA), March 11-14, 2019
- “*International Conference on Coupled Processes in Fractured Geological Media: Observation, Modeling, and Application (CouFrac)*”, Wuhan (China), November 12-14, 2018
- “*The Computational Mathematics Aspects of Porous Media and Fluid Flow*”, Leiden (The Netherlands), May 22-25, 2018

- “*Annual Meeting of the InterPore Society*”, New Orleans, LA (USA), May 14-17, 2018
- “*SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra*”, Hong Kong (China), May 4-8, 2018
- “*15th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Wuhan (China), October 19-23, 2017
- “*European Conference on Numerical Mathematics*”, Voss (Norway), September 25-29, 2017
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Erlangen (Germany), September 11-14, 2017
- “*21st International Conference on Computational Methods in Water Resources*”, Toronto, ON (Canada), June 20-24, 2016
- “*Annual Meeting of the InterPore Society*”, Cincinnati, OH (USA), May 9-12, 2016
- “*The International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics*”, Beijing (China), August 10-14, 2015
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Stanford, CA (USA), June 29 – July 2, 2015
- “*Annual Meeting of the International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics*”, Lecce (Italy), March 23-27, 2015
- “*Sparse Days Meeting*”, workshop at Cerfacs, Toulouse (France), June 5-6, 2014
- “*5th Biot Conference on Poromechanics*”, Vienna (Austria), July 10-12, 2013
- “*SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra*”, Valencia (Spain), June 18-22, 2012
- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Long Beach, CA (USA), March 21-24, 2011
- “*SIAM Conference on Computational Science & Engineering*”, Orange County, CA (USA), February 19-23, 2007

Contributed Speaker:

- “*Annual Meeting of the InterPore Society*”, Edinburgh, Scotland (UK), May 22-25, 2023
- “*Fractured media: numerical methods for fluid flow and mechanics – FRAME2020+2*”, Torino (Italy), May 17-20, 2022
- “*22nd International Conference on Computational Methods in Water Resources*”, Saint-Malo (France), June 3-7, 2018
- “*The 22nd International Conference on Modelling and Simulation*”, Hobart (Australia), December 3-8, 2017
- “*International Conference on Preconditioning Techniques for Scientific and Industrial Applications*”, Vancouver, BC (Canada), July 31 – August 2, 2017
- “*6th Biot Conference on Poromechanics*”, Paris (France), July 9-13, 2017
- “*The International Conference on Computational Science*”, Reykjavik (Iceland), June 1-3, 2015
- “*14th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Kyoto (Japan), September 22-25, 2014
- “*Copper Mountain Conference on Iterative Methods*”, Copper Mountain, CO (USA), April 6-11, 2014
- “*International Conference on Approximation Methods and Numerical Modelling in Environment and Natural Resources*”, Granada (Spain), April 22-25, 2013

- “*SIAM Conference on Computational Science & Engineering*”, Boston, MA (USA), February 25 – March 1, 2013
- “*1st Frontiers in Computational Physics Conference*”, Boulder, CO (USA), December 16-20, 2012
- “*10th International Conference on Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics*”, Kos (Greece), September 19-25, 2012
- “*9th International Conference on Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics*”, Halkidiki (Greece), September 19-25, 2011
- “*13th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Melbourne (Australia), May 9-13, 2011
- “*8th International Symposium on Land Subsidence*”, Queretaro (Mexico), October 17-22, 2010
- “*44th US Rock Mechanics Symposium*”, Salt Lake City, UT (USA), June 27-30, 2010
- “*ModelCaRe: Calibration and Reliability in Groundwater Modeling*”, Wuhan (China), September 20-23, 2009
- “*International Conference on Computational Engineering and Science – Meshless Methods*”, Lubijana (Slovenia), August 31 – September 2, 2009
- “*4th Biot Conference on Poromechanics*”, New York City, NY (USA), June 8-10, 2009
- “*1st International Symposium on Computational Geomechanics*”, Juan Les Pines (France), April 29 – May 1, 2009
- “*17th International Conference on Computational Methods in Water Resources*”, San Francisco, CA (USA), July 6-10, 2008
- “*5th International Conference on Engineering Computational Technology*”, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain), September 12-15, 2006
- “*16th International Conference on Computational Methods in Water Resources*”, Copenhagen (Denmark), June 19-24, 2006
- “*American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) GeoCongress*”, Atlanta, GA (USA), February 26 – March 1, 2006
- “*3rd International Conference on Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics*”, Rhodes (Greece), September 16-20, 2005
- “*3rd Biot Conference on Poromechanics*”, Oklahoma City, OK (USA), May 24-27, 2005
- “*Schlumberger Information System Global Forum*”, Paris (France), September 15-16, 2004
- “*Reservoir Storage of CO₂*”, workshop at the University of Bergen, Department of Mathematics, Bergen (Norway), November 6-7, 2003
- “*International Conference on Computational Engineering and Science*”, Reno, NV (USA), July 31 – August 2, 2002
- “*14th International Conference on Computational Methods in Water Resources*”, Delft (The Netherlands), June 23-28, 2002
- “*10th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Tucson, AZ (USA), January 7-12, 2001

From the organization point of view, he has been involved in several activities, either as Member of the Organizing Committee, or Organizer of Mini-Symposia.

Member of the Organizing Committee:

- “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Padova (Italy), June 17-23, 2013 (Chair of the Local Organizing Committee)
- “*Annual Meeting of the InterPore Society*”, Padova (Italy), May 18-21, 2015 (Member of the Local Organizing Committee)
- “*16th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Torino (Italy), August 31-September 2, 2022 (Member of the Local Organizing Committee)

Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board:

- “*Fourth EAGE WIPIC Workshop: Reservoir Management in Carbonates*”, Doha (Qatar), March 21-23, 2022

Mini-Symposium Organizer:

- “Physics-based machine learning for engineering simulations and digital twin” (Invited Session) within the “*First International Conference on Emerging Technologies in Computational Science for Industry, Sustainability and Innovation – M2P 2023*”, Taormina (Italy), May 30-June 1, 2023
- “Quantification and reduction of uncertainty in geomechanical numerical models” within the “*16th International Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics*”, Torino (Italy), August 31-September 2, 2022
- “Preconditioning of PDEs for next-generation computers” within the “*International Conference on Preconditioning Techniques for Scientific and Industrial Applications*”, Minneapolis, MN (USA), July 1-3, 2019
- “Efficient Solvers for Coupled Multiphysics Problems” within the “*SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering*”, Spokane, WA (USA), February 25 – March 1, 2019
- “Preconditioners for ill-conditioned linear systems in large scale scientific computing” within the “*SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra*”, Hong Kong (China), May 4-8, 2018
- “Uncertainty Quantification and Data Assimilation: Computational challenges in large-scale geoscience models” within the “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Erlangen (Germany), September 11-14, 2017
- “Computational Poromechanics” within the “*SIAM Conference on Computational Science & Engineering*”, Atlanta, GA (USA), February 27 – March 3, 2017
- “Preconditioning techniques for non-symmetric or symmetric indefinite matrices” within the “*SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra*”, Atlanta, GA (USA), October 26-30, 2015
- “Modelling the mechanics of faults and fractures” within the “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Stanford, CA (USA), June 29 – July 2, 2015
- “Preconditioning for Sparse Linear Systems on GPUs” within the “*SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing*”, Portland, OR (USA), February 17-21, 2014
- “Efficient Preconditioners for Real World Applications” within the “*SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra*”, Valencia (Spain), June 18-22, 2012
- “Iterative Solvers for Environmental Simulations” and “Coupled Thermo-Poro-Mechanical Modeling” within the “*SIAM Conference on Mathematical and Computational Issues in the Geosciences*”, Long Beach, CA (USA), March 21-24, 2011

In the next future, he will be Keynote Speaker at the international conference “*Annual meeting of the Interpore Brazilian chapter*”, Salinópolis (Brazil), August 12-14, 2024, with a presentation entitled: “Unexpected fault activation in underground gas storage: Mathematical model and mechanisms”, Invited Speaker at the international conference “*9th European Conference on Computational Methods in Applied Sciences and Engineering*”, Lisbon (Portugal), June 3-7, 2024, and at the international conference “*International*

Conference on Preconditioning Techniques for Scientific and Industrial Applications”, Atlanta, GA (USA), June 10-12, 2024, and Mini-Symposium Organizer of the session entitled “Efficient linear solvers for block-structured multi-physics simulations” within the “SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra”, Paris (France), May 13-17, 2024.

1.3 Scientific awards

In 2017 he was the recipient of the Excellent Regional Contribution Award given by the International Association for Computer Methods in Geomechanics (IACMAG), from the president Prof. John Carter and the honorary president Prof. Chandrakant Desai, with the following motivation: “for outstanding contributions to the development and application of novel computer methods and solvers in the field of the geomechanics of underground reservoirs and coupled Biot models”.

1.4 Editorial activity

In 2012 he was Leading Guest Editor of a Special Issue of the scientific journal “*Journal of Applied Mathematics*” entitled “Preconditioning Techniques for Large Sparse Linear Systems”.

He usually serves as a Reviewer for several renowned scientific journals, such as:

- *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*
- *SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications*
- *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*
- *Computers and Mathematics with Applications*
- *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics*
- *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*
- *International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics*
- *Numerical Algorithms*
- *Parallel Computing*
- *Computational Geosciences*
- *Mathematical Geosciences*

1.5 Technological transfer

He has been founding member of the private company denoted as “M3E S.r.l.” (Mathematical Methods and Models for Engineering), spin-off of the University of Padova, which has as a main mission the development, implementation and commercialization of software libraries for sequential and parallel computational platforms, with both shared and distributed memory.

1.6 Management and participation to research projects

He has been involved in several national and international research projects, funded on the basis of a competing context. He was Principal Investigator of the projects:

- “*RESTORE: REconstruct subsurface heterogeneities and quantify Sediment needs TO improve the RESilience of Venice saltmarshes*”, PRIN project 2022, funded by the Italian Ministry of Research, duration: 24 months (Unit Principal Investigator)
- “*SCAIP: Scalable Approximate Inverse Preconditioners*”, ISCRA project 2016, duration: 9 months

- “*PARPREC: Parallel Preconditioners for Advanced Engineering Applications*”, IS CRA project 2013, duration: 12 months
- “*OPTIDASS: Optimization and Data Assimilation techniques for hydro-geomechanical characterization*”, IS CRA project 2012, duration: 9 months

As Member of the Research Unit, he has been involved in the following projects funded on a competing basis:

- “*RESERVOIR: Sustainable Groundwater Resources Management by Integrating Earth Observation Derived Monitoring and Flow Modeling Results*”, PRIMA project 2020, GA no. 1924, funded by the European Union, duration: 36 months
- “*IMPROWARE: Innovative Means to Protect Water Resources in the Mediterranean Coastal Areas through Re-injection of Treated Water*”, SWIM project 2012, funded by the European Union, duration: 36 months
- “*WARBO: Water Re-Born - Artificial Recharge: Innovative Technologies for the Sustainable Management of Water*”, LIFE+ project 2012, funded by the European Union, duration: 30 months
- “*SPREAD: Scalable Preconditioners for Advanced Applications*”, IS CRA project 2011, duration: 9 months
- “*GEORISK: Processi Geologici, Morfologici ed Idrologici: Monitoraggio, Modellazione ed Impatto nell'Italia Nord-Orientale*”, strategic project 2010, funded by the University of Padova, duration: 36 months
- “*SCALPREC: Scalable Preconditioners for Large Scale Problems*”, IS CRA project 2010, duration: 9 months
- “*PARPSEA: Parallel Preconditioners for Large Size Engineering Applications*”, IS CRA project 2009, duration: 12 months
- “*Sviluppo ed Analisi di Modelli Matematici e di Metodi Numerici per Equazioni alle Derivate Parziali per le Applicazioni a Problemi Ambientali ed Industriali*”, PRIN project 2007, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research, duration: 24 months
- “*Sviluppo di Metodi Numerici e Algoritmi per Applicazioni a Problemi di Fluidodinamica Ambientale*”, PRIN project 2004, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research, duration: 24 months

Moreover, he has been, or currently is, Principal Investigator of the following national and international research projects, funded by public or private agencies:

- “*Attività di aggiornamento dei modelli di previsione della subsidenza relativi ai campi di Anemone e Regina mediante assimilazione di misure in fase post-produttiva*”, odl no. 4310625560 within the open contract no. 2500042422 funded by Eni S.p.A., duration: 11 months (from January 22, 2024 to December 31, 2024), amount: 29200 EUR
- “*Studi geomeccanici su iniezione di CO₂ in Porto Corsini Mare Ovest*”, odl no. 4310508033 within the open contract no. 2500042421 funded by Eni S.p.A., duration: 3,5 mesi (from May 15, 2022 to August 31, 2022), amount: 60000 EUR
- “*Realizzazione di studi di modellazione delle variazioni altimetriche e studi e controllo subsidenza*”, contract no. 5000004245 funded by Stogit S.p.A., duration: 36 months (from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024), amount: 468812 EUR
- “*FC-MAELSTROM – Fully Coupled Massively pArALLEL SimulaToR for geOlogical forMations*”, subaward agreement R&D # 62014408-136108 with Stanford University, duration: 4 years (from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022), amount: 309888 USD

- “*Safe operational bandwidth of gas storage reservoirs*”, funded by the Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of The Netherlands, duration: 6 months (from December 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018), amount: 108884 EUR
- “*Studio e modellazione del fenomeno geodinamico della subsidenza*”, contract no. 2500029113 funded by Eni S.p.A., duration: 48 months (from September 15, 2017 to September 14, 2021), amount: 234455 EUR
- “*Numerical simulations of large-scale lab-models to study earth fissure generation in subsiding basins*”, funded by the Key Laboratory of Earth Fissures Geological Disaster, Ministry of Land and Resources (Geological Survey of Jiangsu Province, People Republic of China), duration: 24 months (from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019), amount: 265000 CNY
- “*Modellazione agli elementi finiti dei processi di dinamica verticale (consolidazione naturale e sedimentazione) di strutture barenicole*”, prot. 25/16/AC_CO60 funded by CORILA – Consorzio per il coordinamento delle ricerche inerenti al sistema lagunare di Venezia, duration: 12 months (from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016), amount: 60000 EUR
- “*Realizzazione di studi di modellazione delle variazioni altimetriche e studi e controllo subsidenza*”, contract no. 5000002406 funded by Stogit S.p.A., duration: 68 months (from November 1, 2015 to June 30, 2021), amount: 381373 EUR

He has been also Member of the Research Unit of several other projects funded by private agencies, such as:

- “*Sviluppo e implementazione per macchine seriali e parallele a memoria condivisa di una libreria di solutori iterativi e preconditionatori per codici a elementi finiti di simulazioni di bacino*”, funded by Eni S.p.A. in 2011
- “*ZEPT (Zero Emission Porto Tolle): Modellazione geomeccanica della segregazione geologica di CO₂*”, funded by Enel S.p.A. in 2010/11
- “*Modellazione agli elementi finiti di processi geomeccanici dovuti allo stoccaggio di gas*”, funded by SnamProgetti S.p.A. in 2007/08
- “*Modellistica agli elementi finiti per la simulazione della subsidenza antropica dovuta alla coltivazione di giacimenti a gas*”, funded by Eni S.p.A. in 2003

2. Teaching activity

Since the academic year 2004/05, Massimiliano Ferronato has been teaching basic courses of Numerical Analysis in the School of Engineering of the University of Padova. From 2008, he joined the Board of Doctorates in the PhD School of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the University of Padova, with the responsibility of an advanced course in Numerical Methods. In 2015 he published the textbook entitled “*Lezioni di Metodi Numerici per l’Ingegneria*”, ed. Liberia Progetto, Padova, written in collaboration with Prof. Giuseppe Gambolati and currently used as reference textbook in the University of Padova courses that follow:

- “Numerical Analysis” for the Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering,
- “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for the Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering and Mechatronic Engineering,
- “Numerical Methods for Differential Equations” for the Master Degree in Mathematical Engineering,
- “Numerical Methods for High Performance Computing” for the Master Degree in Mathematical Engineering,
- “Computer Science” for the Master Degree in Architectural Engineering.

From 2023 he is Director of the PhD School in Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering.

Detailed teaching curriculum:

Academic year 2003/04: teaching support for Prof. Mario Putti in the class of “Numerical Analysis and Programming” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Bachelor Degree) at the University of Padova

Academic year 2004/05: teaching support for Profs. Giuseppe Gambolati and Mario Putti in the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Master Degree) at the University of Padova. He holds by contract for the class of “Numerical Analysis” for Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor Degree) at the University of Padova

Academic year 2005/06 and 2006/07: teaching support for Profs. Giuseppe Gambolati and Mario Putti in the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Master Degree) at the University of Padova

Academic year 2007/08: teaching support for Prof. Giuseppe Gambolati in the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Master Degree) at the University of Padova. He holds the class of “Numerical Analysis and Programming” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Bachelor Degree) at the University of Padova. He is member of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11: teaching support for Profs. Giuseppe Gambolati and Luca Bergamaschi in the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Analysis” for Innovation Engineering (Master Degree) at the University of Padova. He holds the class of “Numerical Analysis” for Energy Resources Engineering (Bachelor Degree) at the University of Padova. He is member of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15: teaching support for Prof. Giuseppe Gambolati in the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) at the University of Padova. He holds the class of “Numerical Analysis” for Innovation Engineering (Master Degree) at the University of Padova. He is member of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2015/16: he holds the classes of “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Differential Equations” for Mathematical Engineering (Master Degree). He is member of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2016/17: he holds the classes of “Numerical Analysis” and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Differential Equations” for Mathematical Engineering (Master Degree). He is member of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2017/18: he holds the classes of “Numerical Analysis” and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Mechatronic Engineering (Bachelor Degree). He is Vice-Director of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2018/19 and 2019/20: he holds the classes of “Numerical Analysis” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Bachelor Degree), “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Mechatronic Engineering (Bachelor Degree). He is Vice-Director of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Numerical Methods”

Academic year 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23: he holds the classes of “Numerical Analysis” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Bachelor Degree), “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Innovation Engineering (Bachelor Degree). He is Vice-Director of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering at the University of Padova

Since Academic year 2023/24: he holds the classes of “Numerical Analysis” for Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Bachelor Degree), “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Civil Engineering (Bachelor Degree) and “Numerical Methods for Engineering” for Innovation Engineering (Bachelor Degree). He is Director of the Board of Doctorates of the PhD School in Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering at the University of Padova, where he holds an advanced course of “Elements of Tensor and Numerical Algebra”

2.1 Mentoring activity

Massimiliano Ferronato has been advisor and co-advisor of several Bachelor and Master Theses in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronic Engineering and Mathematical Engineering. Moreover, he has been advisor or co-advisor of the following PhD Theses:

- Carlo Janna, “Modellazione del comportamento meccanico delle faglie regionali per il confinamento geologico della CO₂ antropica”, Italian XX Cycle
- Nicola Castelletto, “Thermoporoelastic modelling of deep aquifer injection and pumping by Mixed Finite Elements and Finite Volumes”, Italian XXII Cycle
- Andrea Franceschini, “Numerical models for the large-scale simulation of fault and fracture mechanics”, Italian XXX Cycle
- Victor Antonio Paludetto Magri, “Robust and scalable preconditioners for the solution of real-world sparse linear systems”, Italian XXXI Cycle
- Matteo Frigo, “Efficient solvers for numerical models in coupled poromechanics”, Italian XXXIII Cycle
- Stefano Nardean, “Preconditioning for Lagrange multipliers-based reservoir flow simulation”, at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar
- Laura Gazzola, “Numerical algorithms and methods for the simulation of flow and deformation processes in energy resources engineering”, XXXV Cycle

Currently, he is advisor or co-advisor of the following PhD students:

- Caterina Millevoi, XXXVI Cycle
- Selena Baldan, XXXVII Cycle
- Daniele Moretto, XXXIX Cycle

Furthermore, he has been nominated member of the PhD Defense Committee for the doctoral graduation of the following students:

- Yiming Bu, “A class of linear solvers based on multilevel and supernodal factorization”, advisor: prof. A. Veldman (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), 2018

- Gabriela Berenice Diaz Cortes, “POD-based deflation method for reservoir simulation”, advisor: prof. C. Vuik (TU Delft, The Netherlands), 2019
- Thomas Roy, “Preconditioning for thermal reservoir simulation”, advisor: prof. A.J. Wathen (Oxford University, UK), 2019
- Ana Clara Ordonez Egas, “Scalable linear solver for thermos-hydro-mechanics with a second gradient of dilation regularization problems”, advisor: prof. M. Dayde (Université Fédérale de Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, France), 2022

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