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### Education

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- 2020            PhD in Mechanics  
                  École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland.  
                  Thesis: *Surface roughness evolution in adhesive wear processes*  
                  Advisor: Prof. J.-F. Molinari (Computational Solid Mechanics Lab)
- 2014            BSc - MSc in Civil Engineering – Structural curriculum  
                  University of Padova, Padova, Italy (Grade 110/110)  
                  Thesis: *Modeling avalanche behavior and ductile fracture in disordered media*  
                  Advisor: Prof. B. Schrefler (Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering  
                  Department)

### Professional Experience

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- 2021-            Postdoctoral Fellow  
                  Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of  
                  Technology (MA), USA
- 2014-16        Research assistant (part-time)  
                  Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department, University of Padova,  
                  Padova, Italy
- 2014-15        Civil engineer, W.E.I. 'N Venice, Venice, Italy.

### Publications

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#### Peer-review journals

- 2021            Brink, T., **Milanese, E.** & Molinari, J.-F. Effect of wear particles and  
                  roughness on nanoscale friction. *Physical Review Materials* 6, 013606 (2021).  
                  [doi:10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.6.013606](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.6.013606)
- 2020            **Milanese, E.**, Brink, T., Aghababaei, R. & Molinari, J.-F. Role of  
                  interfacial adhesion on minimum wear particle size and roughness evolution. *Physical  
                  Review E* 102, 4 (2020). [doi: 10.1103/PhysRevE.102.043001](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.102.043001)
- 2020            **Milanese, E.** & Molinari, J.-F. A mechanistic model for the growth  
                  of cylindrical debris particles in the presence of adhesion. *International Journal of Solids  
                  and Structures* 203, 1-16 (2020). [doi: 10.1016/j.ijsolstr.2020.06.040](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijsolstr.2020.06.040)

- 2019 **Milanese, E.**, Brink, T., Aghababaei, R. & Molinari, J.-F. Emergence of self-affine surfaces during adhesive wear. *Nature Communications* 10, 1–9 (2019). [doi: 10.1038/s41467-019-09127-8](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-09127-8)
- 2019 Peruzzo, C., Cao, T. D., **Milanese, E.**, Favia, P., Pesavento, F., Hussain, F. & Schrefler, B.A. Dynamics of fracturing saturated porous media and self-organization of rupture. *European Journal of Mechanics-A/Solids* 74, 471–484 (2019). [doi: 10.1016/j.euromechsol.2018.12.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euromechsol.2018.12.004)
- 2018 Molinari, J.-F., Aghababaei, R., Brink, T., L. Frérot, & **Milanese, E.** Adhesive wear mechanisms uncovered by atomistic simulations. *Friction* 16, 245–259 (2018). [doi:10.1007/s40544-018-0234-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40544-018-0234-6)
- 2017 Cao, T.D., **Milanese, E.**, Remij, E.W., Rizzato, P., Remmers, F., Joris, J.C., Simoni, L., Huyghe, J.M., Hussain, F. & Schrefler, B.A. Interaction between crack tip advancement and fluid flow in fracturing saturated porous media. *Mechanics Research Communications* 80, 24–37 (2017). [doi: 10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.09.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.09.011)
- 2017 **Milanese, E.**, Yilmaz, O., Molinari, J.-F., & Schrefler, B.A. Avalanches in dry and saturated disordered media at fracture in shear and mixed mode scenarios. *Mechanics Research Communications* 80, 58–68 (2017). [doi: 10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.08.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mechrescom.2016.08.002)
- 2016 **Milanese, E.**, Yilmaz, O., Molinari, J.-F., & Schrefler, B.A. Avalanches in dry and saturated disordered media at fracture. *Physical Review E* 93, 043002 (2016). [doi: 10.1103/PhysRevE.93.043002](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.93.043002)
- In preparation **Milanese, E.** & Cattania, C. Heterogeneous coseismic stress state describes off-fault fracture orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence.

#### Contributions to books

- 2022 **Milanese, E.**, Tao, N., Peruzzo, C., Zaccariotto, M., Galvanetto, U., Mishuris, G.C. & Schrefler, B.A. Forerunning and bridging in dry and saturated fracturing solids. In Aldakheel, F., Hudobivnik, B., Soleimani, M., Wessels, H., Weißenfels, C. & Marino, M. (eds.), *Current trends and open problems in computational mechanics*, 343-353 (Springer, Cham, 2022). [doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-87312-7\\_33](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87312-7_33)
- 2018 **Milanese, E.**, Cao, T.D., Simoni, L. & Schrefler, B.A. Fracturing in dry and saturated porous media. In Oñate, E., Peric, D., de Souza Neto, E. & Chiumenti, M. (eds.), *Advances in Computational Plasticity*, 265-288 (Springer, 2018). [doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-60885-3\\_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-60885-3_13)

#### Awards and fellowships

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- 2021- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) Postdoc.Mobility.
- 2014 Eccezionalità (“outstanding”) grade for my M.Sc. thesis, University of Padova, Italy.
- 2013-14 LLP-Erasmus Scholarship - Visiting student, Computational Solid Mechanics Laboratory, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland.

## Invited talks

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- 2022 Caltech, Seismolab seminar  
2018 Science of wear international workshop, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

## Contributions to conferences

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### Talks

- 2022 *Modeling damage in the proximity of rough interfaces: The 2019 Ridgecrest earthquake sequence*, Friction and Wear across Scales Workshop, Ascona, Switzerland (August 15-18).
- 2018 *Fractal surfaces in adhesive wear processes*, 6th European Conference on Computational Mechanics, 7th European Conference on Computational Fluid Dynamics, Glasgow, United Kingdom (June 11-15).  
*Continuum versus discrete approach in modeling of wear processes*, 6th European Conference on Computational Mechanics, 7th European Conference on Computational Fluid Dynamics, Glasgow, United Kingdom (June 11-15).
- 2017 *The role of hardness in the surface roughness evolution during adhesive wear processes*, International Conference on Computational Contact Mechanics., Lecce, Italy (July 5-7).

### Posters

- 2022 *Heterogeneous coseismic stress state describes off-fault fracture orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence*, AGU Fall Meeting, Chicago (IL), USA (December 12-16).
- 2022 *Heterogeneous coseismic stress state describes off-fault fracture orientation in the 2019 Ridgecrest sequence*, SCEC Annual Meeting, Palm Springs (CA), USA (September 11-14).
- 2021 *Origins of roughness evolution and its effects on the slip response of rate-and-state faults*, AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, USA (December 13-17).  
*Origins of roughness evolution and strategies for its implementation on rate-state faults*, SCEC Annual Meeting, USA (online, September 12-17).
- 2019 *Emergence of self-affine surfaces under adhesive three-body wear conditions*, Emergence of surface and interface structure from friction, fracture and deformation workshop, CECAM-EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland (July 24-27).  
*Emergence of self-affine surfaces under adhesive three-body wear conditions*, Modeling tribology: friction and fracture across scales workshop, CECAM-EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland (January 28-30).

## Teaching and supervision of junior researchers

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At Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (MA), USA:  
2022 Mechanisms of Faulting and Earthquakes (I taught 1 lecture)  
Special Seminar in Geophysics (2 lectures + seminars organization)

At École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland:  
2021- Videomaking for science communication (lecturer)  
2017-20 Supervision of 6 undergraduate and 2 graduate semester projects  
2018 Numerical modeling of solids and structures (teaching assistant)  
2017 Continuum mechanics (teaching assistant)  
Calculus (teaching assistant)  
2016 Numerical modeling of solids and structures (teaching assistant)  
Continuum mechanics (teaching assistant)

## Professional and university service

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- Reviewer for *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Wear*, *Tribology Letters*,  
*Sensors*, *Powder Technology*, and *Scientific Reports*.  
2021- MIT Creative Arts Council member

## Outreach

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2021- [SciFilmIt](#). Co-founder. Events organization to teach science communication to scientists with filmmaking science films. Switzerland.  
2020 [NCCPE Engage Festival](#). Invited panelist (*What works? Art science research collaborations* session) UK National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE). United Kingdom.  
2020 CERN Science Communication Hackathon (2nd jury award).  
2020 [Falling Walls x Berlin Science Week – Science Film Rules with SciFilmIt](#). Public online lecture on science filmmaking. Berlin, Germany.  
2019 [Imagine Science Film Festival](#). Film evaluation. New York, USA.  
2019 [Pint of Science Festival](#). Invited speaker. Lausanne, Switzerland.  
2019 Hello Tomorrow Global Summit. Science short films screening. Paris, France.  
2018-19 [SNSF AGORA – Exposure Science Film Hackathon](#). Implementation of 200'000 CHF (~180'000 USD) grant for the organization of science filmmaking. Switzerland.  
2018 EPFL ACCES Visualization Contest (Dynamic Category, 2nd prize)  
2018 Exposure Science Film Hackathon. Film production ([Searching for love](#)) Lausanne, Switzerland.  
2018 [Symbiosis competition at Imagine Science Film Festival](#).

- 2017 Film production [Wearing well](#) (password: contact). New York, USA.  
Exposure Science Film Hackathon. Organizing team. Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2016 Exposure Science Film Hackathon (1st prize). Short science film production ([Better together - Of love, life, and emergent properties](#)). Lausanne, Switzerland.

## Computational skills

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Tools: Fractal analysis, molecular dynamics, finite elements, boundary elements  
Programming: Python, MATLAB, bash, C++, Fortran, GitHub  
Modelling: LAMMPS, Akantu and Strand  
O.S.: Linux, Windows  
Processors: LaTeX, gnuplot, MS Office, Google Docs suites  
CAD, graphics: Rhinoceros, AutoCAD, Inkscape  
Other: Adobe Premiere Pro and Davinci Resolve (film editing), Slack, Notion (management)

## Language skills

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Italian (native)	Spanish (basic)
English (fluent)	German (basic)
French (proficient)	

## Professional Memberships

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American Geophysical Union  
Italian Chartered Engineers Association (Ordine degli Ingegneri)