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Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

My research focuses on problems arising in continuum physics and materials engineering, which are approached using techniques from the theory of **partial differential equations** and from the **calculus of variations**. I have been mainly interested in models involving **porous (perforated) media**, both on the macro- and microscale and possibly accounting for **hysteresis effects**, and in **phase transition/separation** problems.

Current position

1 Feb 2024 – **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow under the supervision of P. Krejčí, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic.
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Employment

15 Mar 2021 – **Postdoctoral Researcher**, FWF postdoc in the Multiscale Calculus of Variations Research Group led by E. Davoli, Institute of Analysis and Scientific Computing, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria.
31 Jan 2024

1 Feb – **Project Assistant (prae-doc)**, Multiscale Calculus of Variations Research Group led by E. Davoli, Institute of Analysis and Scientific Computing, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria.
14 Mar 2021

Education

Nov 2017 – **PhD in Mathematics**, Department of Physics, Informatics and Mathematics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy, joint program involving three universities: Modena and Reggio Emilia, Parma, Ferrara.
Dec 2020

- Title of the thesis: *New perspectives in phase transition problems*
- Advisor: Michela Eleuteri
- Award date: 26 Feb 2021

Sep 2015 – **Master degree in Mathematics – curriculum *Advanced Mathematics***, Department of Mathematics, University of Trento, Trento, Italy.
Oct 2017

Advanced Mathematics is generally for students who want to continue their studies at doctorate level, as it includes a large spectrum of areas of Mathematics.

- Title of the thesis: *On the null-controllability of the semilinear heat equation with hysteresis*
- Advisor: Fabio Bagagiolo

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

Sep 2012 – **Bachelor degree in Mathematics**, Department of Physics, Informatics and Mathematics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
Sep 2015

- Title of the thesis: *Studio del pendolo sferico mediante le funzioni ellittiche di Weierstrass*
- Advisor: Andrea Sacchetti

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

Funding

Personal grants and fellowships

- **FWF ESPRIT** grant: *Homogenization of porous media flow with Preisach hysteresis*. Decision board no. 92 of 2023/03/06. Duration: 36 months. Amount: 316.036,52 EUR. Declined due to award of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship on a similar topic.

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions fellowship: *A multiscale approach to unsaturated flow in porous media with Preisach hysteresis*.
Call HORIZON-MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022. Host institution: Czech Technical University in Prague. Starting date: 1 February 2024. Duration: 24 months. Amount: 166.278,72 EUR.
- Doctoral scholarship (Cycle XXXIII) provided by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR). Duration: 36+2 months.

Participation in research projects

- OeAD multilaterale WTZ Donauraum project: *Mathematical investigation of hysteresis in material modeling*.
PIs: V. Kovtunenکو (Austria), G. A. Monteiro (Czech Republic), A. Petrov (France).
Starting date: 1 July 2023. Duration: 2 years. Amount: 10k EUR.
- INdAM – GNAMPA project: *Prospettive nelle scienze dei materiali: modelli variazionali, analisi asintotica e omogeneizzazione*.
PI: E. Zappale.
Starting date: 1 May 2023. Duration: 1 year. Amount: 3,5k EUR.
- OeAD WTZ project: *Multiscale problems in materials science*.
PIs: V. Pagliari – since 1 September 2023: E. Davoli (Austria), S. Krömer (Czech Republic).
Starting date: 1 January 2023. Duration: 2 years. Amount: 6,7k EUR.
- OeAD WTZ project: *Modeling, analysis, and simulation of magnetoelastic materials*.
PIs: D. Praetorius (Austria), M. Kružík (Czech Republic).
Starting date: 1 January 2022. Duration: 2 years. Amount: 6,8k EUR.

Honors and Awards

- Selected participant in the [12th Heidelberg Laureate Forum](#) (September 13 – 20, 2025), a highly selective international forum bringing together recipients of the Abel Prize, Fields Medal, Turing Award, and Nevanlinna Prize with 200 promising young researchers in mathematics and computer science.
- Award "[Tullio Levi-Civita](#)" – 2a edizione (1st place) for the best PhD thesis defended in Italy within 29 November 2020 – 19 September 2022, and concerning one or more of the following fields: Analytical Mechanics, Differential Geometry, Variational Problems.
- "Premio di merito, edizione 2018" (prize for high academic performance) provided by the University of Trento.
- "Premio di laurea UNIMORE" for the A. Y. 2014/2015 (prize for high academic performance) provided by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- "Premio di studio UNIMORE" for the A. Y. 2013/2014 (prize for high academic performance) provided by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- Award for the enrollment in undergraduate courses in Mathematics for the A. Y. 2012/2013 provided by the Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica "Francesco Severi" (INdAM) and assigned following a selection on a national basis after a written mathematical test.

Research visits

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| 28 May – 19 Jun 2025 | South East Technological University, Waterford, Ireland. Hosted by D. Flynn. |
| 24 Mar – 4 Apr 2025 | Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, Ryukoku University, Shiga, Japan. Hosted by T. Fukao. |
| 1 – 31 Jul 2024 | Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany. Hosted by B. Detmann. |
| 2017 – 2023 | Institute of Mathematics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic. Hosted by P. Krejčí. Periodic visits for a total of 16 weeks. |

Organization of scientific events

- 23 – 24 Nov 2023 **Workshop 3rd Austrian Calculus of Variations Day**, Campus Gußhaus, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria.
Member of the organizing committee together with: A. Daniilidis, E. Davoli, L. D'Elia, L. Happ, K. Nik, F. Stark-McNeilly, S. Riccò, S. Tapia-García, M. Tommasini.
- 11 – 12 Apr 2018 **Workshop Modena meets hysteresis**, Department of Physics, Informatics and Mathematics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
Member of the scientific and organizing committee together with: M. Eleuteri, E. Ipocoana, P. Krejčí.

Invited seminars

- 26 Mar 2025 **Seminar on Nonlinear Evolution Equations @KUE**, Kyoto University of Education, Kyoto, Japan.
- 10 Feb 2025 Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 16 Jul 2024 **Oberseminar Angewandte Analysis**, TU Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany.
- 12 Jul 2024 **Seminar Numerische Mathematik und Mechanik**, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany.
- 15 May 2024 **Seminar on Mathematical Analysis**, Silesian University, Opava, Czech Republic.
- 30 Apr 2024 **Nečas Seminar on Continuum Mechanics**, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 20 Feb 2024 **Seminar on Partial Differential Equations**, Institute of Mathematics, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 28 Nov 2023 **Mathematical Analysis Seminar**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
- 24 Oct 2023 Institute of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 21 Apr 2021 **Mathematical Analysis Seminar**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.
- 24 Mar 2021 **PDE Afternoon**, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.
- 20 Nov 2017 Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic.

Talks at workshops, conferences, and schools

Invited

- 2025 **Current Research at the Interface of Continuum Physics and Applied Mathematics**, Weierstrass Institute (WIAS), Berlin, Germany, 8 – 10 Oct 2025.
- Three Days in Calculus of Variations**, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria, 25 – 27 Jun 2025.
- 2024 **Italian-Japanese Workshop on Variational Perspectives for PDEs**, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy, 9 – 13 Sep 2024.
- MURPHYS 2024 – Interdisciplinary Conference on Multiple Scale Systems and Systems with Hysteresis**, University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy, 18 – 21 Jun 2024.
- STAMM 2024 – XXIII Symposium on Trends in Applications of Mathematics to Mechanics**, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany, 3 – 5 Apr 2024.
- 2021 **Workshop Two days on Regularity Results for Variational Problems and PDEs**, hybrid event hosted by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy, 2 – 3 Dec 2021.
- 2019 **International Conference on Elliptic and Parabolic Problems**, Gaeta, Italy, 20 – 24 May 2019.
Invited short talk in the minisymposium “Degenerate problems with general growth”.

Contributed

- 2023 **HMM 2023 – 13th International Symposium on Hysteresis Modelling and Micromagnetics**, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria, 5 – 7 Jun 2023.
- GAMM 2023 – 93rd Annual Meeting of the International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics**, TU Dresden, Dresden, Germany, 30 May – 2 Jun 2023.

ADWiM 2023 – 3rd Austrian Day of Women in Mathematics, online event hosted by the Austrian Association of Women in Mathematics, 28 Feb 2023.

2022 **MURPHYS 2022 – Interdisciplinary Conference on Multiple Scale Systems, Systems with Hysteresis and Fluid Mechanics**, Ostravice, Czech Republic, 29 May – 3 Jun 2022.

2021 **GAMM 2020@21 – 91st Annual Meeting of the International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics**, online event hosted by the University of Kassel, Germany, 15 – 19 Mar 2021.

2019 **ISCAMI 2019 – International Student Conference on Applied Mathematics and Informatics**, Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic, 16 – 19 May 2019.

2018 **DDSA 2018 – Summer School on Dissipative Dynamical Systems and Applications**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy, 3 – 7 Sep 2018.

MURPHYS-HSFS 2018 – Workshop on Multi-Rate Processes, Slow-Fast Systems and Hysteresis, CRM Centre de Recerca Matemàtica, Bellaterra, Spain, 28 May – 1 Jun 2018.

Workshop Modena meets hysteresis, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy, 11 – 12 Apr 2018.

Poster presentations

2019 **MURPHYS-HSFS 2019 – Summer School on Multi-Rate Processes, Slow-Fast Systems and Hysteresis**, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, 17 – 21 Jun 2019.

2017 **MURPHYS-HSFS 2017 – Summer School on Multi-Rate Processes, Slow-Fast Systems and Hysteresis**, Politecnico di Torino, Torino, Italy, 19 – 23 Jun 2017.

Non-scientific talks

Workshop How to write a competitive proposal for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 call, online event hosted by the Technology Centre Prague, 14 Jun 2023.

Online invited talk: “MSCA grant holder (success story) – motivation, tips and recommendations”.

Publications

Papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals

18. C. GAVIOLI, L. HAPP, V. PAGLIARI. On the existence of extensions for manifold-valued Sobolev maps on perforated domains. *J. Funct. Anal.* (2025). DOI: [10.1016/j.jfa.2025.111142](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfa.2025.111142)
17. J. RUNCZIKOVÁ, J. CHLEBOUN, C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Some remarks on a mathematical model for water flow in porous media with competition between transport and diffusion. *Acta Polytech.* 65(3) (2025), 341–348. DOI: [10.14311/AP.2025.65.0341](https://doi.org/10.14311/AP.2025.65.0341)
16. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Diffusion in porous media with hysteresis and bounded speed of propagation. *Z. Angew. Math. Phys.* 76 (2025), 118. DOI: [10.1007/s00033-025-02492-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00033-025-02492-z)
15. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Deformable porous media with degenerate hysteresis in gravity field. *Math. Eng.* 7(1) (2025), 35–60. DOI: [10.3934/mine.2025003](https://doi.org/10.3934/mine.2025003)
14. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Degenerate diffusion in porous media with hysteresis-dependent permeability. *Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst.* 45(5) (2025), 1523–1542. DOI: [10.3934/dcds.2024137](https://doi.org/10.3934/dcds.2024137)
13. E. DAVOLI, C. GAVIOLI, V. PAGLIARI. Homogenization of high-contrast media in finite-strain elastoplasticity. *Nonlinear Anal. Real World Appl.* 81 (2025), 104198. DOI: [10.1016/j.nonrwa.2024.104198](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nonrwa.2024.104198)
12. E. DAVOLI, C. GAVIOLI, L. LOMBARDINI. Existence results for Cahn-Hilliard-type systems driven by nonlocal integrodifferential operators with singular kernels. *Nonlinear Anal.* 248 (2024), 113623. DOI: [10.1016/j.na.2024.113623](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.na.2024.113623)
11. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Long-time behaviour of a porous medium model with degenerate hysteresis. *Philos. Trans. Royal Soc. A* 382 (2024), 20230299. DOI: [10.1098/rsta.2023.0299](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2023.0299)
10. E. DAVOLI, C. GAVIOLI, V. PAGLIARI. A homogenization result in finite plasticity. *Calc. Var. Partial Differential Equations* 63 (2024), 72. DOI: [10.1007/s00526-024-02673-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00526-024-02673-0)

9. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Degenerate diffusion with Preisach hysteresis. *Discrete Contin. Dyn. Syst. Ser. S* 16(12) (2023), 3677–3708. DOI: [10.3934/dcdss.2023154](https://doi.org/10.3934/dcdss.2023154)
 8. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Phase transitions in porous media. *Nonlinear Differ. Equ. Appl.* 29 (2022), 72. DOI: [10.1007/s00030-022-00805-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00030-022-00805-z)
 7. B. DETMANN, C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ, J. LAMAČ, Y. NAMLYEYeva. A model for lime consolidation of porous solids. *Nonlinear Anal. Real World Appl.* 65 (2022), 103483. DOI: [10.1016/j.nonrwa.2021.103483](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nonrwa.2021.103483)
 6. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. Control and controllability of PDEs with hysteresis. *Appl. Math. Optim.* 84 (2021), 829–847. DOI: [10.1007/s00245-020-09663-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00245-020-09663-6)
 5. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. On a viscoelastoplastic porous medium problem with nonlinear interaction. *SIAM J. Math. Anal.* 53(1) (2021), 1191–1213. DOI: [10.1137/20M1340617](https://doi.org/10.1137/20M1340617)
 4. C. GAVIOLI. Higher differentiability for a class of obstacle problems with nearly linear growth conditions. *Atti Accad. Naz. Lincei Rend. Lincei Mat. Appl.* 31(4) (2020), 767–789. DOI: [10.4171/RLM/914](https://doi.org/10.4171/RLM/914)
 3. M. ELEUTERI, C. GAVIOLI, J. KOPFOVÁ. Fatigue and phase transition in an oscillating elastoplastic beam. *Math. Model. Nat. Phenom.* 15 (2020), 41. DOI: [10.1051/mmnp/2019052](https://doi.org/10.1051/mmnp/2019052)
 2. C. GAVIOLI. A priori estimates for solutions to a class of obstacle problems under p, q -growth conditions. *J. Elliptic Parabol. Equ.* 5(2) (2019), 325–347. DOI: [10.1007/s41808-019-00043-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41808-019-00043-y)
 1. C. GAVIOLI. Higher differentiability of solutions to a class of obstacle problems under non-standard growth conditions. *Forum Math.* 31(6) (2019), 1501–1516. DOI: [10.1515/forum-2019-0148](https://doi.org/10.1515/forum-2019-0148)
- Peer-reviewed conference papers
1. C. GAVIOLI, P. KREJČÍ. On the null-controllability of the heat equation with hysteresis in phase transition modeling. In: Korobeinikov A., Caubergh M., Lázaro T., Sardanyés J. (Eds.) *Extended Abstracts Spring 2018*. Trends in Mathematics, vol 11. Birkhäuser, Cham (2019), 63–71. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-030-25261-8_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-25261-8_10)

Other activities

Editorial activity

- Editorial Board member for the *13th International Symposium on Hysteresis Modelling and Micromagnetics (HMM 2023)*, TU Wien, Vienna, Austria, 5 – 7 Jun 2023.

Peer-reviewer activity

Referee for: Acta Polytechnica, Applied Mathematics and Optimization, Asymptotic Analysis, Journal of Mathematical Sciences, Physica B: Condensed Matter.

Reviewer for Mathematical Reviews since 2020.

Scientific associations

- since Jul 2024 Member of [MCAA](#) (Marie Curie Alumni Association).
- since Jan 2023 Member of [ISIMM](#) (International Society for the Interaction of Mechanics and Mathematics).
- since Jan 2018 Member of the Research Group GNAMPA (Gruppo Nazionale per l'Analisi Matematica, la Probabilità e le loro Applicazioni) of [INdAM](#).

Teaching

Exercise classes

- Fall 2020 **Analisi Matematica**, degree program in Computer Science, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- Spring 2020 **Analisi Matematica A II**, degree programs in Mathematics and Physics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- Fall 2019 **Analisi Matematica A I**, degree programs in Mathematics and Physics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Analisi Matematica, degree program in Computer Science, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Spring 2019 **Analisi Matematica A II**, degree programs in Mathematics and Physics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Other tutoring activities

Fall 2019 **Project *Competenze Trasversali – Didattica per competenze***, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, number of hours: 32.

Experimental tutoring for the course "Analisi Matematica" for the program course in Computer Science, with the aim of developing soft skills like problem solving and team working.

A.Y. **Project *Piano Lauree Scientifiche***, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, number of hours: 50.

2017/2018 Individual support to first-year students in the degree program in Mathematics with the aim of overcoming any disciplinary deficiencies or difficulties in studying.

Personal skills

Language skills

- **Italian**: Native speaker.
- **English**: Fluent. Certification: *Cambridge ESOL Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Council of Europe Level C1)*, May 2011.
- **French**: Intermediate. 24-hour course of level B1 at CLA (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo) UniMORE, Jan – Feb 2018.
- **German**: Intermediate.
- **Czech**: Beginner.

Prague, July 29, 2025