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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Since 10/2019 **UM6P, Ben Guerir, Morocco**  
Assistant Professor  
Program Lead CSEHS (Since 12/2019)

09/2014 - 09/2019 **Max-Planck Institut für Plasmaphysik IPP, München, Germany**  
PostDoc : Physics-Based Preconditioners for Non-linear MHD  
MHD group leader since 2016

10/2013 - 09/2014 **Université de Nice Sophia-Antipolis, Nice FRANCE**  
PostDoc : Taylor-Galerkin Stabilization (TG2/TG3) for Non-linear Reduced MHD.  
(ANR GRANT ANEMOS)

10/2011 - 10/2013 **C.E.A./DSM/IRFM/SIPP, Cadarache FRANCE**  
PostDoc : Study of new models and numerical improvements of the JOEKE code.  
Simulations and study of ELMs. (ANR GRANT ANEMOS)

02/2006 - 09/2007 **FERMAT - Risk Management Software Provider FRANCE**  
*Intern, then Engineer ( Basel II Project - Credit Risk )*

## EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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2008/2011 **Phd - Isogeometric Analysis in Plasma Physics and Electromagnetism.**  
**INRIA / IRMA - Institut de Recherche en Mathématiques Avancées, Strasbourg**  
**FRANCE**  
Supervisors: E.Sonnendrucker and N.Crouseilles,

2007/2008 **Research Master - Numerical Analysis and Partial Differential Equations (ANEDP),**  
**Université Pierre et Marie Curie - Paris in France,**

2002/2006 **Engineering degree - Applied Mathematics and Computer Science,**  
Major in Quantitative Finance,  
ENSIMAG (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Informatique et de Mathématiques  
Appliquées),

## RESEARCH AREAS

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- Machine Learning, code verification and validation: Gaussian Processes, Neural Networks
- Numerical methods in Plasma Physics: kinetic/gyrokinetic, equilibrium, nonlinear reduced/full MHD
- Numerical methods in Electromagnetism: time/frequency domain Maxwell's equations
- Applied Linear Algebra: spectral analysis, Generalized Locally Toeplitz (GLT) theory
- Multigrid methods, Fast solvers, Physics-based Preconditioners
- Finite Elements Method, Isogeometric Analysis, Semi-Lagrangian schemes, Particle In Cell Method,
- Mesh generation: adaptive meshes and mappings
- Structure Preserving Methods
- Tomography
- Optimal Transport
- High Performance Computing (HPC), Parallel patterns
- Domain Specific Languages, Automatic code generation, Formal Language Theory, Symbolic Calculus

## AWARDS AND FUNDS

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- TUM-DI-LAB 2018 (1 semester project), *Machine Learning for PDE verification and validation*
- DAAD-MIUR German-Italian collaboration 2018-2019 (16'142 €)
- EuroFusion Engineering Grant (2018-2021 with Dr. D. Vezinet, CEA Cadarache), *Development and optimization of a machine-independent open-source python library for synthetic tomography diagnostics and inversions*
- HLST 2017-2018 (18 months), *Parallel and Optimal Multigrid B-Splines based solver (POMS)*
- *The Bavarian Competence Network for Technical and Scientific High Performance Computing Konwihl 2015 (25 k €), Enhancements for efficiency and parallel scalability of non-linear MHD simulations with the JOEREK*
- EFDA Fellowship 2012-2013 (66 k €)
- Visiting IPAM-UCLA (04/2012-06/2012), funded by NSF program
- Laureate of *Fondation Académia* program (2002 – 2005)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Isogeometric Analysis: Theory and Practice, Summer Term 2018-2019 – Lectures and Exercises [*Master level*]
- Advanced Finite Element Methods, Winter Term 2015-2016 – Exercises. Lectures by Pr. E. Sonnendrücker [*Master level*]
- Finite Element Methods for Hyperbolic Systems, Winter Term 2014-2015 – Exercises. Lectures by Pr. E. Sonnendrücker [*Master level*]
- Analysis 1st year, 2nd semester, major *Math and Computer science*. University of Strasbourg, 2010,
- Maple, Analysis and algebra 1st year, 2nd semester, major *Math and Computer science*. University of Strasbourg, 2010,
- Differential Calculus, 2nd year, 1st semester, major *Science de l'environnement et l'univers*. University of Strasbourg, 2010.
- Contribution to a textbook to prepare for the mathematical olympiads, available at *Académie Agadir Ida Outanane - 1999*

## STUDENTS

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- Florian Holderied, (**Phd. candidate** started in 3.2019) co-supervised with X. Wang (IPP) and S. Possaner (TUM)
- Arthur Grundner, (TUM Master Degree. since 12.2018)
- Said Aissa Hadjout, (**Phd. candidate** started in 12.2018)
- Margaux Bruliard, (2<sup>nd</sup> year Sup-Galilée, Paris, France. 7.2018-8.2018)
- Said Aissa Hadjout, (TUM Master Degree and Sup-Galilée. 3.2018-8.2018)
- Florian Holderied, (TUM Master Degree 02.2018-1.2019) co-supervised with X. Wang (IPP)
- Rémi Mattéoli, (2<sup>nd</sup> year École Normale Supérieure, Cachan, France. 4.2017-6.2017) co-supervised with X. Wang (IPP)
- Said Aissa Hadjout, (2<sup>nd</sup> year Sup-Galilée - French Engineering school. 8.2017-8.2017)
- Nacime Bouziani, (2<sup>nd</sup> year Sup-Galilée - French Engineering school. 2.2017-4.2017)
- Théotime Buchot, (2<sup>nd</sup> year Sup-Galilée - French Engineering school. 6.2016-8.2016)
- Benedikt Schenk, (TUM Master Degree Student 04.2016-12.2016)
- Cyril Duchon-Doris, (Telecom-Paris/TUM Interdisciplinary Computer Science project. 04.2016-07.2016)
- Nader Hadda, (ENSTA, Master Degree Student 05.2015-08.2015)
- Mustafa Gaja, (**Phd. candidate** started in 12.2015)

## REVIEWINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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- reviewing: IEEE, ESAIM, NMPDE, SISC, JCTT, COAM
- Coorganizer of the Magnetohydrodynamics Mini-Symposium in CANUM 2016
- Member and/or co-supervisor of different *Cemracs* projects (2010, 2011, 2014, 2015)
- IPP coordinator for the *Energy oriented Center of Excellence for computing applications (EOCOE)*, work-package WP5.1: *Constructing flux-surface aligned mesh-grids in the poloidal plane*

## UPCOMING TALKS

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- 2020 **MPFUS-2020: Première école de la physique du plasma et de la fusion dans la région MENA, Hammamet, TUNISIA**  
Simulations numériques pour la physique du plasma
- 2020 **INdAM Workshop: Geometric Challenges in Isogeometric Analysis, Rome, ITALY**  
Mesh generation and challenges for Tokamaks [**Invited talk**]
- 2019 **Schloss Dagstuhl, Saarbrücken, GERMANY**  
**Invited** for the **Interactive Design and Simulation** Dagstuhl Seminar [19512]
- 2019 **COMPLAS, Barcelona, SPAIN**  
Automated Symbolic, HPC and Spectral study for Isogeometric Analysis using Python [**Invited talk**]

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2018 **ICOSAHOM, London, UK**  
Spectral studies and fast solvers for Maxwell equations using IsoGeometric Analysis
- 2018 **ECCM & ECFD, Glasgow, UK**  
Parallel Multigrid Solver for Finite Elements using B-Splines
- 2017 **CMO-BIRS Geometry & Computation for Interactive Simulation, Oaxaca, Mexico**  
Automatic computation of GLT symbols for B-Splines discretizations
- 2017 **CIME 2017, Cetraro, Italy**  
Modern Computer Science and IsoGeometric Analysis
- 2017 **PASC 2017, Lugano, Switzerland**  
HPC and GLT for IsoGeometric Applications in Computational Plasma Physics
- 2016 **MAFELAP, Brunel University, UK**  
Parallel Time Domain Maxwell solver and Hybrid Particles In Cell method
- 2013 **MFO, Oberwolfach, GERMANY**  
Adaptive IsoGeometric Mappings for complex and realistic tokamaks geometries

## CONFERENCES

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- 2019 **CAISAM, UM6P, MOROCCO**  
Adaptive IsoGeometric mesh generation using Optimal Transport
- 2018 **PyConDE, Karlsruhe, GERMANY**  
Pyccl, a Fortran static compiler for scientific High-Performance Computing
- 2018 **Numkin, Garching, GERMANY**  
High-Performance Computing using Python and Pyccl
- 2018 **EUROSCIPY, Trento, Italy**  
Pyccl, a Fortran static compiler for scientific High-Performance Computing
- 2017 **NUMKIN, Garching, GERMANY**  
Towards an automated mesh generation framework for Tokamaks
- 2016 **2nd EU JOREK Meeting - INRIA Sophia-Antipolis**  
Compatible B-Splines Finite Elements
- 2015 **CEMRACS, Marseille, FRANCE**  
IsoGeometric Analysis: Bézier techniques in Numerical Simulations
- 2015 **ESMC, Madrid, SPAIN**  
An IsoGeometric Analysis Hybrid Semi-Lagrangian Scheme for Kinetic Simulations in Complex Geometries
- 2014 **NUMKIN, Garching, GERMANY**  
CAID: A Python Computer Aided Design tool for Computational Plasma Physics
- 2014 **CEMRACS, Marseille, FRANCE**  
Towards complex and realistic tokamaks geometries in Computational Plasma Physics
- 2013 **ICNSP, Beijing, CHINA**  
Alignment and equidistribution meshes for complex and realistic tokamaks geometries
- 2012 **Computational Methods in High Energy Density Plasmas, IPAM, UCLA, USA**  
IsoGeometric Analysis: From CAD to Plasmas Physics
- 2012 **ACE, Karlsruhe, GERMANY**  
IsoGeometric Analysis in Plasma Physics and Electromagnetism
- 2011 (Poster) **ICNSP, Long Branch, New Jersey, USA**  
IsoGeometric Analysis in Plasma Physics and Electromagnetism
- 2011 (Poster) **HOFEIM, Cracow, Poland**  
IsoGeometric Analysis in Plasma Physics and Electromagnetism
- 2011 **1st EU JOREK Meeting - IRFM/CEA Cadarache**  
Simulation of 2D reduced MHD using IsoGeometric Analysis
- 2010 **The 10th International Workshop on Finite Elements for Microwave Engineering, Meredith, USA**  
Arbitrary High-Order Spline Finite Element Solver for the Time Domain Maxwell equations
- 2010 **CEMRACS, Marseille**  
Isogeometric Analysis: From C.A.D to F.E.A.
- 2010 **Non-Standard Numerical Methods for PDE's, Pavia, Italy**  
Arbitrary High-Order Spline Finite Element Solver for the Time Domain Maxwell equations
- 2010 **CANUM**  
Isogeometric Analysis: From C.A.D to F.E.A. Application to the Quasi-Neutral equation

## Peer Reviewed Journals

- AR10 Structure-preserving vs. standard particle-in-cell methods: the case of an electron hybrid model. (with F. Holderied, S. Possaner, A. Ratnani and X. Wang) *Journal of Computational Physics* (2019).
- AR9 Isogeometric analysis for 2D and 3D curl-div problems: Spectral symbols and fast iterative solvers. (with C.Manni, M. Mazza, S. Serra-Capizzano and H. Speleers) *CMAME 344, February 2019*.
- AR8 Spectral analysis and spectral symbol for the 2D curl-curl (stabilized) operator with applications to the related iterative solutions. (with M. Mazza and S. Serra-Capizzano) *Mathematics of Computation 88, 2019*.
- AR7 Implicit time schemes for compressible fluid models based on relaxation methods, D. Coulette, E. Franck, P. Helluy, A. Ratnani, E. Sonnendrücker) *Computer & Fluids, pages 70-85 (2019)*.
- AR6 Non-linear MHD modeling of edge localized mode cycles and mitigation by resonant magnetic perturbations (with F. Orain et al.) *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion, 57, 2014*
- AR5 Mechanism of Edge Localized Mode mitigation by Resonant Magnetic Perturbations (with M. Bécoulet et al.) *Physical Review Letters 113, September 2014*
- AR4 Non-linear MHD modeling of plasma response to Resonant Magnetic Perturbations (with F. Orain et al.) *Physics of Plasmas 20, (2013)*.
- AR3 Science and technology research and development in support to ITER and the Broader Approach at CEA (with A. Bécoulet et al.) *Nuclear Fusion (2013)*.
- AR2 An Isogeometric Analysis Approach for the study of the gyrokinetic quasi-neutrality equation (with E. Sonnendrücker and N. Crouseilles). *Journal of Computational Physics 231, pages 373-393 (2012)*.
- AR1 Arbitrary High-Order Spline Finite Element Solver for the Time Domain Maxwell equations (with E. Sonnendrücker). *Journal of Scientific Computing, pages 1-20, (2011)*.

## Proceedings

- AR4P Anisotropic diffusion in toroidal geometry (with B. Nkonga, E. Franck, A. Eksaeva, M. Kazakova). Proceedings of CEMRACS 2014. *ESAIM: Proc., Volume 53, pages 77-98 (2016)*.
- AR3P Simulation of 2D reduced MHD using Isogeometric Analysis (with E. Sonnendrücker). *Computational Science & Discovery, (2012)*.
- AR2P Solving the Vlasov equations in complex geometries. (with J. Abiteboul, G. Latu, V. Grandgirard, E. Sonnendrücker and A. Strugarek.). Proceedings of CEMRACS 2010. *ESAIM 32, pages 103-117 (2011)*.
- AR1P An Axisymmetric PIC code based on Isogeometric Analysis (with A. Back, A. Crestetto, and E. Sonnendrücker). Proceedings of CEMRACS 2010. *ESAIM 32, pages 118-133 (2011)*.

## Reports

- AR4R Tokamesh : A software for mesh generation in Tokamaks (with H. Guillard et al.). *url: <https://hal.inria.fr/hal-01948060/document>*
- AR3R Achieve complex and realistic Tokamak geometries and simulations using IsoGeometric Analysis. *EFDA Fellowship Report*
- AR2R Non regression testing for the JOREK code (with G. Latu et al.). *INRIA report, <http://hal.inria.fr/hal-00752270/>*
- AR1R **Igasus**, Isogeometric Analysis simulations in Python. *INRIA report, <http://hal.inria.fr/hal-00769225>*.

## In preparation

- SymPDE: a SymPy Extension for Variational Formulations in Python (with S. Hadjout, Y. Guclii)
- PsyDac: Automated Symbolic and HPC Isogeometric Analysis using Python (with S.H., Y.G.)
- GeLaTo: Automatic computation of GLT symbols in IsoGeometric Analysis. (with C. Manni, M. Mazza, S. Serra-Capizzano and H. Speleers).
- Pyccl, a Fortran static compiler for scientific High-Performance Computing. (with S. Hadjout)
- Spectral study of the Alfvén operator. (with C. Manni, M. Mazza, S. Serra-Capizzano and H. Speleers).
- Hamiltonian and metriplectic structures of the cold-plasma model and their discretization (with O. Maj, E. Sonnendrücker, O. Lafitte, P.J. Morrison)
- Local projectors on Spline Finite Element spaces (with M. Campos and E. Sonnendrücker)
- Application of GLT symbols in Linear analysis for MHD.
- Mesh generation for Tokamaks (with J. Lakhilili, H. Guillard)
- Adaptive IsoGeometric Analysis using Optimal Transport and r-refinement, (with J. Lakhilili)
- Parallel B-Splines Finite Elements solver for the Time Domain Maxwell equations (with J. Lakhilili)
- POMS: Parallel and robust Multigrid solver for B-Splines Finite Elements (with T. M. Tran, J. Lakhilili)
- A new DeRham sequence based on Box-splines.
- Compatible B-Splines Finite Elements method for the full MagnetoHydrodynamics (with E. Sonnendrücker, E. Franck, M. Gaja),