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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Scientific Computing, Numerical Analysis, Numerical Optimization, Numerical Partial Differential Equations, Optimization with PDE constraints, Open-Loop Control, Closed-Loop Control, Model Predictive Control, Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellmann equations, Reduced Order Modeling, Proper Orthogonal Decomposition, Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation, Dynamic Mode Decomposition, Compressed Sensing.

EMPLOYMENT

Pontifical Catholic University (PUC-Rio), Brazil.

August 2017-present

Professor in the Department of Mathematics

Research Area: Model Order Reduction for Nonlinear Dynamical Systems and optimal control problems.

Florida State University, USA.

February 2016-July 2017

PostDoctoral Researcher in the group of Prof. Max Gunzburger.

Research Area: Model Order Reduction for Nonlinear Dynamical Systems

University of Hamburg, Germany.

February 2014–January 2016

PostDoctoral Researcher in the group of Prof. Michael Hinze.

Research Area: Model Order Reduction and Optimal Control within the project SIMUROM. Further information available on www.simurom.de.

EDUCATION

Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy.

November 2010-January 2014

Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics.

Advisor: Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Thesis: Model Reduction for a Dynamic Programming Approach to Optimal Control Problems with PDE Constraints.

Committee: Prof. Elisabetta Carlini, Prof. Michael Hinze, Prof. Gianluigi Rozza.

Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy.

September 2007–December 2009

M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics Advisor: Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy.

September 2004-September 2007

B.Sc. in Mathematics.

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, PREPRINTS, THESES

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. A. Alla, M. Falcone, S. Volkwein. Error analysis for POD approximations of infinite horizon problems via the dynamic programming approach, to appear in Siam Journal on Control and Optimization, 2017.

- 2. A. Alla, J.N. Kutz. Nonlinear model order reduction via Dynamic Mode Decomposition, SIAM J. Sci. Comput., **39**, 2017, 778-796.
- 3. A. Alla, M. Falcone, D. Kalise. A HJB-POD feedback synthesis approach for wave equation, Bulletin of the Brazilian Mathematical Society, New Series, 47, 2016, 51-64.
- A. Alla, S. Volkwein. Asymptotic Stability and Suboptimality of Model Predictive Control for semilinear PDEs, in Advances in Computational Mathematics, Springer US, 41, 2015, 1073-1102.
- 5. A. Alla, M. Falcone, D. Kalise. An efficient Policy Iteration algorithm for dynamic programming equations, SIAM J. Sci. Comput., 37, 2015, 181-200.

Submitted Papers

- 6. A. Alla, C. Graessle, M. Hinze. A-posteriori snapshots location for POD in optimal control of linear parabolic equations, submitted to ESAIM:M2AN, 2016. http://arxiv.org/abs/1608.08665 http://arxiv.org/abs/1511.00265
- 7. A. Alla, J.N. Kutz. *Randomized Model Order Reduction*, submitted to Advances in Computational Mathematics, 2016. https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.02316
- 8. A. Alla, M. Hinze, O. Lass, S. Ulbrich A Certified Model Reduction Approach for robust optimal control with PDE constraints, submitted to Advances in Computational Mathematics, 2017.

https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.01613

Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- 9. J.N. Kutz, S. Rudy, A. Alla, S. Brunton Data-driven discovery of governing physical laws and their parametric dependencies in engineering, physics and biology, to appear in Conference Proceedings CAMSAP 2017.
- A. Alla, G. Fabrini, M. Falcone. A HJB-POD approach to the control of the level set equation, In Benner P., Ohlberger M., Patera A., Rozza G., Urban K. (eds) Model Reduction of Parametrized Systems. MS&A (Modeling, Simulation and Applications), vol 17. Springer, Cham, 2017, 317-331.
- A. Alla, A. Schmidt, B. Haasdonk. Model order reduction approaches for infinite horizon optimal control problems via the HJB equation, In: Benner P., Ohlberger M., Patera A., Rozza G., Urban K. (eds) Model Reduction of Parametrized Systems. MS&A (Modeling, Simulation and Applications), vol 17. Springer, Cham, 2017, 333-347.
- 12. A. Alla, U. Matthes. *Model order reduction for a linearized robust PDE constrained optimization*, in Conference Proceedings of the 2nd IFAC Conference on Control of Partial Differential Equations, **49**, 2016, 321-326.
- 13. A. Alla, C. Graessle, M. Hinze. A residual based snapshot location strategy for POD in distributed optimal control of linear parabolic equations, in Conference Proceedings of the 2nd Conference on Control of Partial Differential Equations, 49, 2016, 13-18.
- A. Alla, G. Fabrini, M. Falcone. Coupling MPC and DP methods for an efficient solution of optimal control problems, in System Modeling and Optimization, 27th IFIP TC 7 Conference, CSMO 2015, 68-77.

- 15. A. Alla, M. Hinze. *HJB-POD feeback control of advection-diffusion equation with a model predictive control snapshot sampling*, in Conference Proceedings of the 5th IFAC Conference on Nonlinear Model Predictive Control, **48**, 2015, 527-532.
- A. Alla, M. Hinze, O. Lass, S. Ulbrich. Model order reduction approaches for the optimal design of permanent magnets in electro-magnetic machines, in Conference Proceedings MATHMOD 48, 2015, 242-247.
- A. Alla, M. Hinze. HJB-POD feedback control for Navier-Stokes equations, in Russo G., Capasso V., Nicosia G., Romano V. (eds) Progress in Industrial Mathematics at ECMI 2014. ECMI 2014. Mathematics in Industry, vol 22. Springer, Cham, 2017, 861-868.
- A. Alla, M. Falcone, D. Kalise. An accelerated value/policy iteration scheme for the solution of DP equations, Numerical Mathematics and Advanced Applications - ENUMATH 2013, LNCSE 103, 2015, 489-497.
- 19. A. Alla, M. Falcone, D. Kalise. An efficient Policy Iteration algorithm for dynamic programming equations, PAMM, 37, 2013, 467-468.
- 20. A. Alla, M. Falcone. A time adaptive POD method for optimal control problems, in Conference Proceedings of the 1st IFAC Conference on Control of Systems Governed by Partial Differential Equations, 1, 2013, 245-250.
- 21. A. Alla, M. Falcone. An adaptive POD approximation method for the control of advection-diffusion equations, in Control and Optimization with PDE Constraints, K. Kunisch, K. Bredies, C. Clason, G. von Winckel (eds), International Series of Numerical Mathematics, 164, Birkhäuser, Basel, 2013, 1-17.

Phd Thesis

22. A. Alla. Model Reduction for a Dynamic Programming Approach to optimal control problems with PDE constraints, PhD Thesis, 2014.

HONORS AND AWARDS

European Science Fundation (ESF). Stipend for a three-month long research visit at the University of Konstanz, Germany. Grant n. 4160.

University of Seville. Stipend for a four-month research visit at the University of Seville, Spain.

Sapienza, **University of Rome**, **Italy**. Fellowship *Master's thesis abroad*. Stipend for a two-month research visit at Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria.

European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students. Erasmus stipend exchange student for a six-month visit at Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria.

SHORT RESEARCH VISITS (>1 MONTH)

University of Konstanz, Germany.

January 2013-May 2013

Visiting Professor Stefan Volkwein.

University of Seville, Spain.

March 2010-June 2010

Post grauduate intensive course: Constructive Approximation, Optimization and Mathematical Modelling.

Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria.

April 2009-May 2009

Visiting Professor Karl Kunisch.

Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria.

February 2009-July 2008

Erasmus Exchange Project.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, GIVEN TALKS

Invited Conference Talks

Data-Driven methods for Multi-Scale Physics and Complex Systems, Rome, Italy. August 2017 DMD-Galerkin Approximation for nonlinear dynamical system

SIAM Conference on Computational Science, Atlanta, USA.

March 2017

Nonlinear Model Order Reduction via Dynamic Mode Decomposition

Data-Driven Methods for ROM and Stochastic PDEs, Banff, Canada. Randomized Model Order Reduction.

January 2017

Optimal Control of Partial and Ordinary Differential Equations, Paris, France. November 2015

Optimal snapshot location for POD model reduction in optimal control.

SIAM Conference on Control and its Applications, Paris, France.

July 2015

A POD-MOR approach for robust optimal control with PDE constraints.

From Open Loop to Closed Loop control, Graz, Austria.

June 2015

On the stabilization of feedback controls in a dynamic programming framework.

SIAM Conference on Computational Science, Salt Lake City, USA.

March 2015

HJB-POD feedback control for advection-diffusion equations.

Mathmod, Vienna, Austria.

February 2015

Model order reduction approaches for the optimal design of permanent magnets in electromagnetic machines.

18th European Conference on Mathematics for Industry (ECMI), Taormina, Italy. June 2014 HJB-POD feedback control for Navier-Stokes equations.

1st IFAC Workshop on Control of Systems Modeled by PDEs, Paris, France. September 2013 A Time-Adaptive POD Method for the Optimal Control Problems.

Modeling and Control of Large Interacting Dynamical Systems, Paris, France. September 2013 Asymptotic Stability and Suboptimality of Model Predictive Control for Semilinear PDEs.

Model Reduction and Approximation for Complex Systems, Luminy, France. June 2013
Asymptotic Stability and Suboptimality of Model Predictive Control for Semilinear PDEs.

Contributed Conference Talks

Numerical methods for OCPs: algorithms, analysis and applications, Rome, Italy. June 2017 Model order reduction for the control of parametrized PDEs via dynamic programming.

4th Workshop on Sparse Grids and Applications, Miami, USA. October 2016

Nonlinear Model Reduction via Dynamic Mode Decomposition.

2nd IFAC Workshop on Control of Systems Governed by PDEs, Bertinoro, Italy. June 2016 Model order reduction for a linearized robust PDE constrained optimization.

36th NoKo, Bremen, Germany. April 2015

On the coupling between MPC and DP methods for optimal control problems.

XV International Conference on Hyperbolic Problems, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. July 2014 HJB-POD feedback control for Navier-Stokes equations.

Recent trends in Computational Science and Engineering, Plön, Germany. March 2014

HJB-POD feedback control for Navier-Stokes equations.

84th GAMM Annual Meeting, Novi Sad, Serbia. March 2013

An adaptive POD approximation method for the control of evolutive equations.

Adaptivity and MOR in PDE Constrained Optimization, Hamburg, Germany. July 2012

An adaptive POD approximation method for the control of advection-diffusions equation.

Summer School on Optimal Control of Partial Differential Equations, Cortona, Italy. July 2010 Optimal control problems for PDEs via POD and HJB.

Seminars

University of Washington Colloquium, Seattle, USA

Model order reduction for the control of PDEs via dynamic programming
Invited by Prof. J. Nathan Kutz.

April 2017

Scientific Computing Colloquium, FSU, USA.

The HJB-POD approach for infinite dimensional control problems.

Invited by Prof. Max Gunzburger.

Seminari di Modellistica Numerica, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. February 2016
Nonlinear Model Reduction via Dynamic Mode Decomposition.
Invited by Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Lothar-Collatz Seminar, Hamburg, Germany.

Nonlinear Model Reduction via Dynamic Mode Decomposition.

Invited by Lothar-Collatz Center.

SimTech MOR-Seminar, Stuttgart, Germany.

December 2015

Model order reduction for infinite horizon optimal control problems via the dynamic programming principle.

Invited by Prof. Bernard Haasdonk.

Seminari di Modellistica Numerica, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.

Optimization and Model Reduction for a permament magnet.

Invited by Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

March 2015

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**Description:

Automatical Reduction for a permament magnet.

Invited by Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Group Seminar, RICAM, Linz, Austria.

February 2015

On the coupling between MPC and DP methods for optimal control problems.

Invited by Dr. Dante Kalise and Prof. Karl Kunisch.

Lothar-Collatz Seminar, Hamburg, Germany.

April 2014

Model Reduction for a Dynamic Programming Approach to optimal control problems with PDE constraints.

Invited by Lothar-Collatz Center.

Seminari di Modellistica Numerica, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. November 2013 Model Reduction for a Dynamic Programming Approach to optimal control problems with PDE constraints.

Invited by Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Kolloquium, Constance, Germany.

September 2012

An adaptive POD approximation method for the control of advection-diffusions equation.

Invited by Prof. Stefan Volkwein.

Seminari di Modellistica Numerica, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. February 2010 POD Method and reduced order model.

Invited by Prof. Maurizio Falcone.

Poster Session

Optimal Control of Partial and Ordinary Differential Equations, Paris, France. November 2015 A POD-MOR approach for robust optimal control with PDE constraints.

MoRePas 2015, Model Reduction of Parametrized Systems III, Trieste, Italy. October 2015 A POD-MOR approach for robust optimal control with PDE constraints.

5th IFAC Conference on Nonlinear Model Predictive Control, Seville, Spain. September 2015 HJB-POD feeback control of advection-diffusion equation with a Model Predictive Control snapshot sampling.

New trends on optimal control, Torus, France.

June 2014

MPC initialization for Bellman equations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant at Florida State University, USA. Finite Element, Department of Scientific Computing.	Fall 2016
Lecturer at University of Hamburg, Germany. Model Reduction, Department of Mathematics.	Fall 2015
Teaching Assistant at University of Hamburg, Germany.	F. II. 00.47
Model Reduction, Department of Mathematics. Model Reduction, Department of Mathematics.	Fall 2015 Fall 2014
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Teaching Assistant at Sapienza, University of Rome, Italy.	
Programming and Computing Laboratory, Department of Mathematics.	Fall 2013
Calculus I, Department of Engineering.	Fall 2013

Programming and Computing Laboratory, Department of Mathematics.	Fall 2012
Numerical Analysis, Department of Mathematics.	$Spring \ 2011$
Programming and Computing Laboratory, Department of Mathematics.	Fall 2011
Calculus I, Department of Aerospatial Engineering.	Fall 2010
Calculus II, Department of Aerospatial Engineering.	Fall 2010
Calculus I, Department of Chemistry.	Fall 2010

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for American Control Conference, Advances in Computational Mathematics, Annual Reviews in Control, ESAIM Control, Optimization and Calculus of Variations, IFAC Journals, American Control Conference, Journal of Guidance Control and Dynamics, SIAM Journal in Optimization and Control, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing.

Minisymposium organizer for the 2015 SIAM Conference on Control and its Applications, the 2017 SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, and the 2017 SIAM Conference on Control and its Applications.

COMPUTER SKILLS

C++, Fortran, FEniCS, LATEX, Linux, Mac OS X, Matlab, Microsoft Windows, OpenOffice.

LANGUAGES

Italian: Native Speaker

English: Fluent

Spanish: Intermediate German: Elementary

Rio de Janeiro, 20/09/2017.