

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Current Position Associate Professor at University of Turin (UNITO)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Summary

Theoretical and experimental studies on rock mechanics: traditional and non-contact (by photogrammetric or laser-scanning technics) geo-structural survey methods; automatic discontinuity traces sampling on rock mass 3D models; quantitative assessment of discontinuity roughness based on 3D models; application of Digital Image Correlation (DIC) analysis method to the study of failure initiation in rocks.

Slope stability analysis: theoretical and experimental studies of rockfall; rockfall hazard assessment, with particular focus on block volume distributions; numerical analysis (with continuous and discontinuous approaches) to study stability conditions of natural slopes and quarries.

Development of design strategies for rockfall and debris flow flexible barriers; application of the reliability-based design (RBD) approach to barriers design.

Development of a semi-automatic method for detecting geological lineaments on Digital Terrain Models (DTM); multiscale approach for correlating the structural asset, local rock mass structure and underground stress state.

Bibliometric Indicators

SCOPUS: h-index 11, citations 409, documents 53
Google Scholar: h-index 13, citations 506, i10-index 16

WORK EXPERIENCE

From 2022 - Current

Associate Professor

Dept. of Earth Sciences, Università degli Studi di Torino – Torino, Italy

- Rock and soil mechanics
- Slope stability
- Geotechnical works

From 2019 to 2021

Senior Researcher (RTDb)

Dept. of Earth Sciences, Università degli Studi di Torino – Torino, Italy

2018

Junior Researcher (RTDa)

DIATI, Politecnico di Torino – Torino, Italy

From 2014 to 2018

Postdoctoral fellow

Dept. of Earth Sciences, Università degli Studi di Torino – Torino, Italy

From 2012 to 2014

Postdoctoral fellow

Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture, Università degli Studi di Parma – Parma, Italy

EDUCATION

- 2012 **PhD in Civil Engineering**
Università degli Studi di Parma
- 2008 **MSc in Environmental Engineering**
Università degli Studi di Parma
- 2006 **BSc in Environmental Engineering**
Università degli Studi di Parma

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Italian				
	UNDERSTANDING		SPOKEN		WRITING
Other language(s)	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Production	
	B2	C1	B2	B2	C1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

- laboratory and field investigation; photogrammetry and LIDAR surveys; LEM/FEM/DEM numerical modelling
- code programming in Matlab language

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GRANTS
(as principal investigator)**

- 2022-2023 MITRISK - Nuovi approcci per la mitigazione del rischio da caduta massi e debris flow: dall'identificazione dei segnali precursori ai sistemi di protezione - Bando "Grant for Internationalization" 2022, Università degli Studi di Torino
- 2017-2019 Semi-Automatic DEM-based approach to detect geological Lineaments for natural hazards MONitoring, structural study and hydrogeological researches (SALMON), German Aerospace Centre (DLR), scientific use of the TerraSAR-X / TanDEM-X data

TEACHING ACTIVITY

- 2018-Current Slope stability, Geotechnics, Geotechnical works.
Introduction to programming in Matlab (for PhD students)
- 2021-Current Laboratory of rock mechanics and tunnels

FURTHER INFORMATION

- National and international acknowledgments Winner of the Award for Young Authors, for the best research paper, assigned by SIFET (Italian Society of Photogrammetry and Topography) in 2013.

Prototypes: mathematical tools	CurvaTool: a tool for semi-automatic extraction of linear features from DTM and DSM. AMTT: a tool for performing automatic kinematic analysis on DEM of rock masses
Memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AGI (Associazione Geotecnica Italiana)ISRM (International Society for Rock Mechanics)SIGEA (Società Italiana di Geologia Ambientale)
Evaluation of research results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewer for the following journals: Computers & Geosciences, International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Sciences, Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering, Arabian Journal of Geosciences, Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment, Geotechnique Letters, Sustainability, Applied Sciences, Geosciences, Remote Sensing

ATTACHMENT

- List of the top publications in the main research field (in the last ten years)

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Date: Torino, September 7, 2023

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**List of the top publications in the main research field (in the last ten years)**

- Umili, G., Taboni, B., Ferrero, A.M. (2023). Influence of uncertainties: A focus on block volume and shape assessment for rockfall analysis. *Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering*, 15 (9), pp. 2250-2263. doi: 10.1016/j.jrmge.2023.03.016
- Taboni, B., Tagliaferri, I.D., Umili, G. (2022). A Tool for Performing Automatic Kinematic Analysis on Rock Outcrops. *Geosciences*, 12, 435. doi: 10.3390/geosciences12120435
- Bonasera M., Fubelli G., Comina C., Bosco F., Umili G., Zorloni L., Porcarelli F. (2022). A multidisciplinary approach to detect the seismogenic source of the Tortona 1828 earthquake (Piedmont, Northwest Italy). *Italian Journal of Geosciences*, 141 f.1, pp. 69-83. doi: 10.3301/IJG.2022.07
- Taboni, B.; Licata, M.; Buleo Tebar, V.; Bonasera, M.; Umili, G. (2022). Proposal for Flood Risk Mitigation in the Upper Tanaro Valley (Western Alps—North-Western Italy). *Geosciences*, 12, 260. doi: 10.3390/geosciences12070260
- Bonetto S.M.R., Vagnon F., Umili G., Vianello D., Migliazza M.R., Ferrero A.M. (2021). The contribution of remotely sensed data to the stress state evaluation in underground marble quarries. *Egyptian Journal of Remote Sensing and Space Science*, 24 (1), pp. 1-13. doi: 10.1016/j.ejrs.2020.12.008
- Carriero, M. T., Ferrero, A. M., Migliazza, M. R., & Umili, G. (2021). Comparison between methods for calculating the volume of rock blocks. In IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, Vol. 833, No. 1, p. 012049. IOP Publishing. doi:10.1088/1755-1315/833/1/012049
- Umili, G. (2021). Methods for sampling discontinuity traces on rock mass 3D models: state of the art. In IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science, Vol. 833, No. 1, p. 012050. IOP Publishing. doi:10.1088/1755-1315/833/1/012050
- Vagnon F., Dino G.A., Umili G., Cardu M., Ferrero A.M. (2020). New developments for the sustainable exploitation of ornamental stone in carrara basin. *Sustainability*, 12(22), pp. 1–23, 9374. doi: 10.3390/su12229374
- Vagnon F., Bonetto S., Ferrero A.M., Harrison J.P., Umili G. (2020). Eurocode 7 and Rock Engineering Design: The Case of Rockfall Protection Barriers. *Geosciences* 10(8), 305. doi: 10.3390/geosciences10080305
- Zeighami Moghaddam M., Umili G., Messina V., Bonetto S., Ferrero A.M., Bollini G., Gandreau D. (2020). An SVM-Based Scheme for Automatic Identification of Architectural Line Features and Cracks. *Applied Sciences* 10(15), 5077. doi: 10.3390/app10155077
- Umili G., Bonetto S., Mosca P., Vagnon F., Ferrero A.M. (2020). In Situ Block Size Distribution Aimed at the Choice of the Design Block for Rockfall Barriers Design: A Case Study along Gardeiana Road. *Geosciences* 10(6), 223. doi: 10.3390/geosciences10060223
- Bonetto S., Umili G., Ferrero A.M., Carosi R., Simonetti M., Biasi A., Migliazza M.R., Bianchini S. (2020). Geostructural and Geomechanical Study of the Piastrone Quarry (Seravezza, Italy) Supported by Photogrammetry to Assess Failure Mode. *Geosciences*. 10(2), 64. doi: 10.3390/geosciences10020064
- Bonetto S., Facello A., Umili G. (2020). The contribution of CurvaTool semi-automatic approach in structural and groundwater investigations. A case study in the Main Ethiopian Rift Valley. *Egyptian Journal of Remote Sensing and Space Sciences*. 23(1): 97-111. doi: 10.1016/j.ejrs.2018.10.003

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15. Costantini G., Comina C., Ferrero A.M., Umili G., Bonetto S. (2019). Applicazione in sotterraneo di tecniche fotografiche e GPR per il rilievo di discontinuità. *Rivista Italiana di Geotecnica*. 2: 37-47. doi: 10.19199/2019.2.0557-1405.037
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17. Umili G., Bonetto S., Ferrero A.M. (2018). An integrated multiscale approach for characterization of rock masses subjected to tunnel excavation. *Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering*. 10(3): 513-522. doi: 10.1016/j.jrmge.2018.01.007
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24. Armillotta P., Pastarini B., Segalini A., Umili G. (2015). Application of Low Potential Electric Fields for Improving Slope Stability. *Procedia Earth and Planetary Science* 15: 173-180, doi: 10.1016/j.proeps.2015.08.042
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