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Education

- B.Sc. in Physics, University of Manchester, UK, 1999
- Certificate of Advanced Studies in Mathematics (Part III), University of Cambridge, UK, 2000
- Ph.D. in Physics, University of Manchester, UK, 2004

Research Interests

Pedro Reis' research interests lie in the general area of deformation of thin elastic objects; including rods, plates and shells. The large displacements permissible in such configurations can give rise to non-negligible geometric nonlinearities, even if its material properties remain linear. Of interest is also the coupling of the elasticity of thin objects with other phenomena such as fracture, adhesion, fluid forces at liquid interfaces and flow. Practical examples of these mechanisms are often found in both the natural world and in technological applications.

Teaching Interests

- 1.101 Introduction to Civil Engineering Design
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