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PhD in Astrophysics and Cosmology

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Education

PhD - Astrophysics and Cosmology	2023
<i>Aix-Marseille Université</i>	
Thesis title: Measurement of the growth rate of structures with type Ia supernovae of the ZTF photometric survey.	
Master's degree - Subatomic Physics and Cosmology	2020
<i>Université Grenoble-Alpes</i>	
Graduated with honors	
Bachelor's degree - Fundamental Physics	2018
<i>Université de Montpellier</i>	
Graduated with high honors	

Research Experiences

Post-doctoral Associate	Nov. 2023 – Present
<i>Duke University, Durham, NC, USA</i>	
Supervisor: Pr. Dan Scolnic	
Subject: Cosmology with low-Z SNe Ia, peculiar velocities, survey simulation, data analysis.	
PhD candidate	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2023
<i>Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille, Marseille, France</i>	
Supervisors: Drs. Dominique Fouchez, Benjamin Racine et Julian Bautista	
Subject: SNe Ia cosmology, growth rate of structure measurement, peculiar velocities, survey simulation.	

Teaching Experiences

PhD candidate with teaching duties	Sept. 2020 – June 2023
<i>Université Aix Marseille</i>	
64h / year	
Calculus tutoring	Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2017
<i>Université de Montpellier</i>	
Tutoring for first-year college students.	
Math tutoring	Sept. 2016 – June 2018
<i>Independent</i>	
Tutoring for middle-school and high-school students.	

Research interest

Keywords: cosmology, dark energy, large-scale structures, Type Ia Supernovae.

My field of research is observational cosmology. My research focuses on using Type Ia Supernovae to study the nature of dark energy. Particularly, I work on the estimation of peculiar velocities in the nearby universe to constrain the growth rate of structures.

Responsibilities

Member of the SOC of the 2025 DESC Peculiar Velocities workshop <i>CPPM, Marseille, France</i>	Apr. 2025 – Sept. 2025
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Member of the SOC of the 2025 DESC summer meeting	May 2025 – July 2025
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Member of the DESC Collaboration Council <i>Elected for a 2 year term.</i>	Dec. 2024 – Present
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Reviewer for MNRAS <i>Review of 1 publication.</i>	Feb. 2025 – Present
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Co-organiser of the CPPM cosmology group' journal club	Sept. 2021 – June 2023
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Co-organiser & Volunteer of the CPPM cosmology “Fête de la Science” stands	Oct. 2021 – 2023
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Student supervision

PhD student Mentoring <i>Duke University</i> Maria Acevedo – Subject: Cosmology with DEBASS survey.	Nov. 2023 – Present
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Graduate student project supervision <i>Duke University</i> Subject: Estimation of the velocity power spectrum in a N-body simulation.	Sept. 2024 – June 2025
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Collaborations

- Full member of the Dark Energy Science Collaboration (DESC) of the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST).
- External collaborator of the cosmology group of the Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF) survey.

Grants and awards

- LSSTC Enabling Science Program Award 2021 - \$5000
- National PhD fellowship - 3 years contract (ED352 - Aix-Marseille Université)

Technical skills

Programing languages:

- Python 🐍 (Expert)
- \LaTeX (Intermediate)
- C/C++ (Novice)
- CSS/HTML (Novice)

Contributions to public codes:

- SNSim 🍷 (Creator and main developer)
- flip 🍷 (Creator of a previous version, Co-developer)
- OpSimSummaryV2 🍷 (Principal maintainer, developer)
- SNCosmo 🍷 (Contributor)
- SNANA 🍷 (Contributor)