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PhD in Astrophysics and Cosmology

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Research Interests

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

I am currently a postdoctoral researcher at Duke University. My primary research focuses on inferring cosmological parameters from Type Ia supernova (SNe Ia) data. In particular, I am using low-redshift SNe Ia to measure peculiar velocities and constrain the growth of cosmic structure.

Education

PhD – Astrophysics and Cosmology | Aix-Marseille Université

Marseille, France

Thesis title: Measurement of the growth rate of structures with Type Ia Supernovae of the ZTF photometric survey.

2023

Master's degree – Subatomic Physics and Cosmology | Université Grenoble-Alpes

Grenoble, France

Graduated with honors

2020

Bachelor's degree – Fundamental Physics | Université de Montpellier

Montpellier, France

Graduated with high honors

2018

Research Experiences

Post-doctoral Associate | Duke University

Durham, NC, USA

Supervisor: Prof. Dan Scolnic.

Nov. 2023 – Present

Subjects: Cosmology with low- z SNe Ia, peculiar velocities, survey simulation, data analysis.

PhD candidate | Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille

Marseille, France

Supervisors: Drs. Dominique Fouchez, Benjamin Racine et Julian Bautista.

Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2023

Subjects: SNe Ia cosmology, growth rate of structure measurement, peculiar velocities, survey simulation.

Teaching & Mentoring Experiences

Teaching

PhD candidate with teaching duties | Aix-Marseille Université

Marseille, France

64h / year. Bachelor's lectures in basic physics: Electricity, Optics, Thermodynamics

Sept. 2020 – June 2023

Calculus tutoring | Université de Montpellier

Montpellier, France

Tutoring for first-year college students.

Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2017

Math tutoring

Sept. 2016 – June 2018

Independent tutoring for middle-school and high-school students.

Student Mentoring

PhD student Mentoring | Duke University

Nov. 2023 – Present

Maria Acevedo – Subject: Cosmology with the DEBASS survey.

Graduate student project supervision | Duke University

Sept. 2024 – June 2025

Subject: Estimation of the velocity power spectrum in a N-body simulation.

Responsibilities & Services

Co-lead of the DESC Peculiar Velocities Topical Team	Jan. 2026 – Present
Member of the SOC of the DESC Peculiar Velocities workshop Workshop took place at the Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille, France	Apr. 2025 – Sept. 2025
Member of the SOC of the 2025 DESC summer meeting Meeting took place at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA	Apr. 2025 – Sept. 2025
Member of the DESC Collaboration Council Elected for a 2 year term.	Dec. 2024 – Present
Reviewer for MNRAS Review of 1 publication.	Feb. 2025 – Present
Co-organiser of the CPPM cosmology group' journal club	Sept. 2021 – June 2023
Co-organiser & Volunteer of the CPPM cosmology “Fête de la Science” stands	Oct. 2021 – 2023

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.

Awards & Grant

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship European Commission	2025
Project “PEGASUS”: Probing dark Energy and Gravity through Analysis of the growth of Structure Using Supernovae	
Amount: €276,187	
Host organisation: University of Oxford, UK	

Awarded with an evaluation score of 99.4/100 (top 1.62% of 1669 proposals in the EF-PHY panel)

Science Catalyst Grant LSST Discovery Alliance	2021
Amount: \$5,000	

French National PhD fellowship ED352 – Aix-Marseille Université	2020
3 years contract	

Technical skills

Programming languages:

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

Contributions to public codes:

- SNSim  (Creator and main developer)
- flip  (Co-developer)
- OpSimSummaryV2  (Principal maintainer)
- SNCosmo  (Contributor)
- SNANA  (Contributor)

Selected publications

I have (co-)signed 18 publications: 3 as first-author, 5 in which I did a significant contribution and 10 as co-author. I present here a selection, a full list is available on this [NASA ADS link](#). A complete list of my presentations is available [here](#).

Publications as first author

1. Carreres et al. 2025. *Type Ia Supernova Growth-rate Measurement with LSST Simulations: Intrinsic Scatter Systematics*

Published in *The Astrophysical Journal*. doi: [10.3847/1538-4357/ae11ac](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ae11ac)

In this paper, I study the impact of intrinsic scatter of SNe Ia on the measurement of $f\sigma_8$. This study is done through the simulation of the full low-z LSST SNe Ia sample for different intrinsic scatter models. We found that the most realistic model of intrinsic scatter causes non-Gaussianities in the Hubble diagram residuals, resulting in a bias on $f\sigma_8$.

2. Carreres et al. 2025. *ZTF SN Ia DR2: Peculiar velocities' impact on the Hubble diagram*

Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. doi: [10.1051/0004-6361/202450389](https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/202450389)

This paper is part of the second data release of ZTF SNe Ia. In this paper, I study the impact of the peculiar velocity (PV) systematics on the Hubble diagram of the ZTF SN Ia DR2 sample. We show that not taking into account the full PV covariance matrix can lead to a slight underestimation of the error on the Hubble constant H_0 and could shift its value by $\sim 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

3. Carreres et al. 2023. *Growth-rate measurement with type-Ia supernovae using ZTF survey simulations*

Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. doi: [10.1051/0004-6361/202346173](https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/202346173)

This paper is the main publication of my thesis. In this paper, I present my work to prepare for the future measurement of the growth rate of structure ($f\sigma_8$) from ZTF SN Ia data. I describe my realistic simulation of the ZTF SN Ia sample and, using these simulations, I study the biases and systematics that can affect the measurement of $f\sigma_8$. I show that using SN Ia data from the full 6 years of the ZTF II sample with a cut at a redshift of $z < 0.06$ to avoid selection due to magnitude limit, we can expect an unbiased measurement of $f\sigma_8$ with an error of $\sim 19\%$.

Publications with significant contribution

1. Acevedo, Sherman, Brout, Carreres et al. 2025. *The Dark Energy Bedrock All-sky Supernova Program: Cross Calibration, Simulations, and Cosmology Forecasts*

Published in *The Astrophysical Journal*. doi: [10.3847/1538-4357/ae1e78](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ae1e78)

This publication introduces the Dark Energy Bedrock All-Sky Supernova (DEBASS) low- z survey. The paper gives an overview of the survey, examines systematic effects such as photometric calibration and selection effects, presents simulations, and provides forecasts for future cosmological analysis. I wrote and ran the forecast codes, and I was actively involved in the simulations and writing process.

2. Rosselli, Carreres et al. 2025. *Forecast for growth-rate measurement using peculiar velocities from LSST supernovae*

Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. doi: [10.1051/0004-6361/202556181](https://doi.org/10.1051/0004-6361/202556181)

This paper presents a simulation-based forecast for the measurement of the growth rate of structure ($f\sigma_8$) with the Rubin-Lsst survey. It shows that the full constraining power of the Rubin-Lsst SNe Ia sample will enable a constraint at the $\sim 10\%$ level in the redshift range $0.02 < z < 0.14$. I participated in the development of the simulation and analysis code used in this publication. I was also involved in the writing and review process.

3. Ravoux, Carreres et al. 2025. *Generalized framework for likelihood-based field-level inference of growth rate from velocity and density fields*

Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. doi: 10.1051/0004-6361/202554319

This paper presents the FLIP Python library. This library is based on codes developed during my PhD and proposes a more general framework for the constraint of the growth rate of structure. I actively participated in the development of FLIP and in the writing of this paper.

4. Peterson, Carreres et al. 2025. *Improving the Determination of Supernova Cosmological Redshifts by Using Galaxy Groups*

Published in *The Astrophysical Journal*. doi: 10.3847/1538-4357/ada285

In this paper, we used SNe Ia data and the Uchuu UniverseMachine simulation to study the improvement on the SNe Ia Hubble diagram that we can expect from averaging redshift over galaxy groups of SN Ia hosts. I ran the simulations and was actively involved in the analysis.