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Education

- 2013 – 2016 **PhD in Theoretical Physics**, Université Paris Diderot | Summa cum laude.
Tracking nonequilibrium in living matter and self-propelled systems
Main topics | Nonequilibrium statistical mechanics, Biophysics, Active matter
Supervisors | Paolo Visco, Frédéric van Wijland
- 2012 – 2013 **Master in Physics – 2nd year**, École Normale Supérieure de Paris.
ICFP - Macroscopic Physics and Complexity
- 2011 – 2012 **Agrégation de Physique**, École Normale Supérieure de Cachan.
National competitive exam for teachers in classes préparatoires and in first years of French Universities
- 2010 – 2011 **Master in Physics – 1st year**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon.
- 2009 – 2010 **Bachelor in Physics**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon.

Research

Selected papers

- **How far from equilibrium is active matter?**
É. Fodor, C. Nardini, M. E. Cates, J. Tailleur, P. Visco, and F. van Wijland
Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 038103 (2016) | Editor's suggestion | Physics (2016)
- **Entropy production in field theories without time-reversal symmetry: Quantifying the non-equilibrium character of active matter**
C. Nardini, É. Fodor, E. Tjhung, F. van Wijland, J. Tailleur, and M. E. Cates
Phys. Rev. X **7**, 021007 (2017)
- **Activity-driven fluctuations in living cells**
É. Fodor,* M. Guo,* N. S. Gov, P. Visco, D. A. Weitz, and F. van Wijland
EPL (Europhys. Lett.) **110**, 48005 (2015) | Editor's choice | Europhysics News 46/5 (2015)
- **Nonequilibrium dissipation in living oocytes**
É. Fodor,* W. W. Ahmed,* M. Almonacid,* M. Bussonnier, N. S. Gov, M.-H. Verlhac, T. Betz, P. Visco, and F. van Wijland
EPL (Europhys. Lett.) **116**, 30008 (2016)
- **Optimizing active work: Dynamical phase transitions, collective motion and jamming**
T. Nemoto, É. Fodor, M. E. Cates, R. L. Jack, and J. Tailleur
Phys. Rev. E **99**, 022605 (2019)

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Complete list of publications

- Preprints **Autonomous engines driven by active matter: Energetics and design principles**
P. Pietzonka, É. Fodor, C. Lohrmann, M. E. Cates, U. Seifert
arXiv:1905.00373
- How dissipation constrains fluctuations in nonequilibrium liquids: Diffusion, structure and biased interactions**
L. Tociu, É. Fodor, T. Nemoto, and S. Vaikuntanathan
arXiv:1808.07838
- 2019 **Driven probe under harmonic confinement in a colloidal bath**
V. Démery and É. Fodor
J. Stat. Mech. **2019**, 033202 (2019)
- Optimizing active work: Dynamical phase transitions, collective motion and jamming**
T. Nemoto, É. Fodor, M. E. Cates, R. L. Jack, and J. Tailleur
Phys. Rev. E **99**, 022605 (2019)
- 2018 **Non-Gaussian noise without memory in active matter**
É. Fodor, H. Hayakawa, J. Tailleur, and F. van Wijland
Phys. Rev. E **98**, 062610 (2018)
- The statistical physics of active matter: From self-catalytic colloids to living cells**
É. Fodor and M. Cristina Marchetti
Physica A **504**, 106 (2018)
- Extracting maximum power from active colloidal heat engines**
D. Martin, C. Nardini, M. E. Cates, and É. Fodor
EPL (Europhys. Lett.) **121**, 60005 (2018) | Editor's choice | Highlights of 2018
- Active mechanics reveal molecular-scale force kinetics in living oocytes**
W. W. Ahmed,* É. Fodor,* M. Almonacid,* M. Bussonnier, N. S. Gov, M.-H. Verlhac, P. Visco, F. van Wijland, and T. Betz
Biophys. J. **114**, 1667 (2018)
- Spatial fluctuations at vertices of epithelial layers: Quantification of regulation by Rho pathway**
É. Fodor,* V. Mehandia,* J. Comelles, R. Thiagarajan, N. S. Gov, P. Visco, F. van Wijland, and D. Riveline
Biophys. J. **114**, 939 (2018)
- 2017 **Entropy production in field theories without time-reversal symmetry: Quantifying the non-equilibrium character of active matter**
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Active cage model of glassy dynamics

É. Fodor, H. Hayakawa, P. Visco, and F. van Wijland
Phys. Rev. E **94**, 012610 (2016)

2015 **Modeling the dynamics of a tracer particle in an elastic active gel**

E. Ben Isaac, É. Fodor, P. Visco, F. van Wijland, and N. S. Gov
Phys. Rev. E **92**, 012716 (2015)

Active cell mechanics: Measurement and theory

W. W. Ahmed, É. Fodor, and T. Betz
Biochimica et Biophysica Acta - Mol. Cell Res. **1853**, 3083 (2015)

Activity-driven fluctuations in living cells

É. Fodor,* M. Guo,* N. S. Gov, P. Visco, D. A. Weitz, and F. van Wijland
EPL (Europhys. Lett.) **110**, 48005 (2015) | Editor's choice | Europhysics News 46/5 (2015)

Generalized Langevin equation with hydrodynamic backflow: Equilibrium properties

É. Fodor, D. S. Grebenkov, P. Visco, and F. van Wijland
Physica A **422**, 107 (2015)

2014 **Energetics of active fluctuations in living cells**

É. Fodor, K. Kanazawa, H. Hayakawa, P. Visco, and F. van Wijland
Phys. Rev. E **90**, 042724 (2014)

Conferences, seminars and summer schools

2019 **ICTP – Quantitative Life Sciences Group**, Trieste | Seminar.

James Franck Institute – Department of Chemistry, University of Chicago | Seminar.

Gordon Research Seminars – Soft Matter, Colby-Sawyer College, New London | Poster.

Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Seminar.

StatPhys – Out-of-equilibrium aspects, Buenos Aires | Contributed talk.

Physics and Materials Science Research Unit, University of Luxembourg | Seminar.

International Soft Matter Conference, Edinburgh | Contributed talk.

Statistical Physics of Complex Systems Conference, Nordita, Stockholm | Contributed talk.

Institute of Physics – Computational Soft Matter, University of Amsterdam | Seminar.

Colloids as a Toolbox for Statistical Mechanics, University of Cambridge | Co-organizer.

2018 **LiPhy Laboratory**, Université Grenoble Alpes | Seminar.

Charles Coulomb Laboratory, Université de Montpellier | Seminar.

ESPCI – Gulliver Laboratory, Paris | Seminar.

Why Measure Entropy Production?, Princeton University | Invited talk.

Nonequilibrium Collective Dynamics, Technische Universität Berlin | Contributed talk.

Stochastic Thermodynamics: Experiment and Theory, MPI, Dresden | Poster.

World Congress of Biomechanics – Non-equilibrium Biomechanics, Dublin | Co-chair.

St Catherine's College – Graduate Research Seminars, Cambridge | Seminar.

Fundamental Problems in Active Matter, Aspen Center for Physics | Contributed talk.

Research Colloquium Series, California State University, Fullerton | Seminar.

Statistical Mechanics Meeting, University of California, Berkeley | Poster.

Active Matter Session, University of California, Berkeley | Invited talk.

2017 **DAMTP – Soft Matter Seminar**, University of Cambridge | Seminar.

Stochastic Thermodynamics, Active and Driven Systems, ICTS, Bangalore | Poster.

Fundamental Problems in Statistical Physics summer school, Bruneck.
SIAM-IMA Annual Conference, University of Cambridge | Contributed talk.
Edwards Centre Mini Conference, University of Cambridge | Contributed talk.
Open Statistical Physics, Milton Keynes | Contributed talk.
DAMTP – BioLunch Seminar, University of Cambridge | Seminar.
Edwards Centre Mini Conference, University of Cambridge | Poster.

2016 **School of Mathematical Sciences**, Queen Mary University of London | Seminar.
DAMTP – Soft Matter Seminar, University of Cambridge | Seminar.
StatPhys – Biological Physics, Lyon | Contributed talk.
MSC Laboratory Seminar, Université Paris Diderot | Seminar.
Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto University | Seminar.
Non-Gaussian Workshop, Kyoto University | Contributed talk.

2015 **LiPhy Laboratory**, Université Grenoble Alpes | Seminar.
Physics-Biology Interface Seminar, Université Paris Sud | Seminar.
DAMTP – Soft Matter Seminar, University of Cambridge | Seminar.
Lorentz Center – Active Liquids, Leiden University | Contributed talk.
Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto University | Seminar.
Kyoto Winter School for Statistical Mechanics, Kyoto University.
Luxembourg out of Equilibrium, University of Luxembourg | Poster.

2014 **MSC Laboratory – Physique du vivant**, Université Paris Diderot | Seminar.
Beg Rohu summer school, Saint-Pierre Quiberon.
Condensed Matter in Paris, Université Paris Descartes | Contributed talk.
Physics and Biological Systems, Université Paris Sud | Poster.
MSC Laboratory – Theory Group, Université Paris Diderot | Seminar.
ESPCI – Journées de Physique Statistique, Paris | Contributed talk.
Mini Stat Mech Meeting, University of California, Berkeley | Poster.

Research associate visits

2019 **James Franck Institute**, University of Chicago | 2 weeks.
 Host researcher | Suriyanarayanan Vaikuntanathan

2015 – 2016 **Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics**, Kyoto University | 2 months/year.
 Host researcher | Hisao Hayakawa

Internships

2013 **Master – 2nd year**, Université Paris Diderot | 16 weeks.
Modeling active forces in living cells
 Supervisors | Paolo Visco, Frédéric van Wijland

2011 **Master – 1st year**, University of Oxford | 12 weeks.
Complete characterization and control of extreme ultraviolet pulses from high harmonic generation
 Supervisors | Adam S. Wyatt, Ian A. Walmsley

2010 **Bachelor**, Université de Genève | 8 weeks.
CARS microspectroscopy using a single laser source
 Supervisors | Jérôme Extermann, Luigi Bonacina, Jean-Pierre Wolf

Teaching and supervision

Since 2017 **PhD co-supervision**, DAMTP – University of Cambridge.
 Students | Oyvind Borthne, Timothy Ekeh

- 2017 – 2018 **Part III project**, DAMTP – University of Cambridge | 8 months.
Designing a macroscopic active heat engine
Part III student | Timothy Ekeh (University of Cambridge)
- 2016 – 2017 **Internship supervision**, DAMTP – University of Cambridge | 5 months.
Tracer dynamics in an active medium
Master student | David Martin (École Normale Supérieure de Paris)
- 2013 – 2016 **Physics tutorials**, Université Paris Diderot | 64 hours/year.
First-year University training in medical Physics
- 2012 – 2013 **Physics tutorials**, Lycée Fénélon, Paris | 23 hours.
Classes préparatoires
- 2010 – 2011 **Physics tutorials**, Lycée la Martinière Monplaisir, Lyon | 60 hours.
Classes préparatoires

Computing experience

Linux systems, Mathematica, \LaTeX , Programming in C and PYTHON

Review service

EPL - J. Stat. Mech. - Nat. Phys. - New J. Phys. - Phys. Rev. E - Phys. Rev. Lett. - Phys. Rev. X

Scholarships, fellowships and prizes

- 2017 – 2020 **Junior Research Fellowship**, St Catherine's College, Cambridge.
- 2017 – 2020 **Oppenheimer Research Fellowship**, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 **3rd PhD prize** | **Institut des Systèmes Complexes**, Paris.
- 2017 **Best talk prize** | **SIAM-IMA Annual Conference**, University of Cambridge.
- 2015 **Best talk prize** | **Lorentz Center – Active Liquids**, Leiden University.
- 2013 – 2016 **Teaching Assistantship**, Université Paris Diderot.
- 2013 – 2016 **PhD Scholarship**, École Normale Supérieure de Cachan.
- 2011 – 2013 **Master Scholarship**, École Normale Supérieure de Cachan.

Academic references

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