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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure, France
Harvard University, USA
Harvard University, USA
NITK, India

H. D. R. [†]	Supershear Earthquakes	2021/01
Ph. D.*	Mechanical Sciences	2007/06
M. S.	Engineering Sciences	2002/06
B. E.	Civil Engineering	2001/06

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CURRENT POSITION

École Normale Supérieure, France	2024/10 ► Present	CNRS Director of Research
Ecole Polytechnique, France	2022/09 ► Present	Teaching Professor (PCC)

PAST POSITIONS

École Normale Supérieure, France	2016/05 ► 2024/09	CNRS Research Scientist
NISER, India	2021/11 ► 2023/11	Visiting Professor
Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, France	2012/01 ► 2016/05	CNRS Research Scientist
University of Southern California, USA	2010/03 ► 2011/12	Asst. Professor (Research)
University of Southern California, USA	2007/11 ► 2010/03	Post Doctoral Fellow
California Institute of Technology, USA	2007/11 ► 2010/03	Visitor in Aeronautics
Harvard University, USA	2007/05 ► 2007/10	Post Doctoral Fellow
Harvard University, USA	2001/11 ► 2007/05	Grad. Research Associate

FUNDING & GRANTS[†]

- 2021–2025 ► 2M€ ERC Consolidator Grant, PERSISMO (Grant No. 865411)
- 2018–2018 ► 25k€ ENS Actions Incitatives
- 2017–2017 ► 6k€ TelluS INSU - action ALEAS
- 2023–2027 ► 100k€ ANR SMEC
- 2023–2026 ► 100k€ ANR Univ. Tokyo SESAME
- 2023–2025 ► 66k€ SPARC Grant India

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 CNRS Award for Doctoral Supervision and Research
- 2018 Grand Prix Michel Guillaud Schlumberger, French Academy of Sciences
- 2006 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2004 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2003 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

CURRENT TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE[†]

MEC430 Mécanique du Milieu continu 1: Contrôle Correction (Fall 2024)
MEC431 Mécanique des Solides: PC sections (Spring 2023)
MEC568 Mécanique de la Rupture: PC sections (Spring 2023, 2024)
MEC592 Mécanique des matériaux et des structures: Internships (Spring 2024)

STUDENTS & POSTDOCS

Postdoctoral Associates

Ankit Gupta (India)	2024-2026	
Suli Yao (China)	2025-2027	
Navid Kheirdast (Iran)	2022-2025	Post Doctoral fellow at ISTEP
Michelle Almakari (France)	2021-2023	
Carlos D. Villafuerte (Mexico)	2021-2023	Asst. Prof. UNAM
Ekeabino Momoh (Nigeria)	2019-2022	AXA Postdoc Fellow
Lucile Bruhat (France)	2018-2021	Natural Catastrophe Risk Analyst at AXA
Lisa Gordeliy (Russia)	2019-2019	Post Doctoral fellow at Ecole Polytechnique
Marion Y. Thomas (France)	2014-2016	CNRS Scientist at Université de Rennes

PhD Students

Bharath Shanmugasundaram (India)	2024-2027	
Yishuo Zhou (China)	2024-2027	
Thomas Melkior (France)	2023-2026	
Caiyuan Fan (China)	2023-2027	
Jinhui Cheng (China)	2021-2024	Postdoc Caltech
Augustin Thomas (France)	2020-2023	Postdoc BRGM
Joseph Flores Cuba (Peru)	2020-2023	Data Scientist PowerBI
Claudia Hulbert (France)	2018-2021	CEO Geolabe
Samson Marty (France)	2017-2020	Postdoc at Caltech
Marshall A. Martinez (USA)	2014-2019	Engineer at Joby Aviation
Kurama Okubo (Japan)	2015-2018	Research Scientist at NIED, Japan
Pierre Romanet (France)	2014-2017	Postdoc GeoAzur, Nice
Vahe Gabuchian (USA)	2010-2015	Research Scientist at Caltech
François X. Passelègue (France)	2011-2014	CNRS Scientist at GeoAzur, Nice
Jonathan Mihaly (USA)	2008-2013	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Michael Mello (USA)	2007-2012	Teaching Professor at Caltech

Undergraduate and Masters Interns

Valentin Marnat	2022	Phillipe Danre	2017
Roxane Ferry	2021	Eleni Kolokytha	2015
Jinhui Cheng	2020	Victor Barolle	2015
Phillipe Danre	2019	Kurama Okubo	2014
Roxane Ferry	2019	Thibaut Perol	2013
Hugo Lestrelin	2019	Lucile Bruhat	2012
Nicolas Mercury	2018	Marion Olives	2004
Luc Illien	2018	Sonia Fliss	2003

PAST TEACHING ACTIVITIES†

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| 1) Mécanique des Milieux Continus | 8) Complex and Fourier Analysis |
| 2) Active Faults : Geometry | 9) Computational Solid and Structural Mechanics |
| 3) Seismic Ruptures and Scaling Laws | 10) Solid Mechanics |
| 4) Introduction to Rock Physics | 11) Introduction to the Mechanics of Solids |
| 5) Mathematical Methods in the Sciences | 12) Mechanics of Fracture |
| 6) Environmental Risks and Disasters | 13) Advanced Geomechanics |
| 7) Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations | 14) Mécanique de la Fracturation |

† Classes taught with various colleagues at Harvard, Caltech, IPGP, ENS

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- Apr 2024: Across the time scales, from earthquakes to earthquake cycle: EGU 2024
- Apr 2023: Across the time scales, from earthquakes to earthquake cycle: EGU 2023
- Jun 2019: Coupled Processes In Fracture Propagation In Geo-Materials: From Hydraulic Fractures To Earthquakes: CISM Advanced School, Udine, Italy
- Apr 2015: Seismological Society of America, Multiscale Modeling and Characterization of Fragmentation and Damage Patterns in Fault Zones
- Dec 2014: American Geophysical Union, Fault Zone Properties And Processes During Dynamic Ruptures

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2018–2024: Team Leader of Faults & Earthquakes Group, ENS
- 2018–2019: Co-organizer of the Internal Seminar, ENS

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

American Geophysical Union Seismological Society of America International Journal of Fracture Geological Society of America Science Nature Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids European Journal of Mechanics - A/Solids Earth and Planetary Science Letters Geophysical Research Letters Journal of Structural Geology Proceedings of the National Academies of Science, USA Geology Geophysical Journal International Journal of Applied Mechanics National Science Foundation European Research Council Nature Communications Nature Geoscience Science Advances

BOOKS

Thomas, M. Y., T. M. Mitchell, and H. S. Bhat, eds. (2017b). “*Fault Zone Dynamic Processes : Evolution of Fault Properties During Seismic Rupture, Geophysical Monograph 227*”. American Geophysical Union (AGU). DOI: 10.1002/9781119156895.

Bizzarri, A. and H. S. Bhat, eds. (2012). “*The mechanics of faulting: From laboratory to earthquakes*”. Research Signpost.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Thomas, M. Y. and H. S. Bhat (2022b). “*Loi de friction et modélisation numérique du cycle sismique*”. in *Le Cycle Sismique*. Ed. by F. Rolandone. ISTE-Wiley.

Thomas, M. Y. and H. S. Bhat (2022a). “*Friction Laws and Numerical Modeling of the Seismic Cycle*”. in *The Seismic Cycle: From Observation to Modeling*. Ed. by F. Rolandone. ISTE-Wiley.

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Under Review or Accepted

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Michel, S., O. Scotti, S. Hok, H. S. Bhat, N. Kheirdast, P. Romanet, M. Almakari, and J. Cheng (2025). “*Probability of earthquake fault jumps from physics based criterion*”. *J. Geophys. Res.* arXiv: 2501.15948.

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Cheng, J., M. Almakari, C. Peruzzo, B. Lecampion, and H. S. Bhat (2025). “*FASTDASH, a Quasi-dynamic 3D Seismic Cycle Model by Using Boundary Element Method with H-matrices*”. *Geophys. J. Int.* DOI: 10.1093/gji/ggaf230. arXiv: 2505.02398v3.

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- Jeandet-Ribes, L., M. Y. Thomas, and H. S. Bhat (2023). “*On the importance of setting 3-D stress field in simulations of on- and off-fault deformation*”. *Geophys. J. Int.* 235.3, pp. 2962–2978. DOI: 10.1093/gji/ggad401.
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- Amlani, F., H. S. Bhat, W. J. F. Simons, A. Schubnel, C. Vigny, A. J. Rosakis, J. Efendi, A. Elbanna, P. Dubernet, and H. Z. Abidin (2022). “*Supershear shock front contribution to the tsunami from the 2018 Mw 7.5 Palu, Indonesia earthquake*”. *Geophys. J. Int.* 230, pp. 2089–2097. DOI: 10.1093/gji/ggac162.
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