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I am a senior CNRS
Research Scientist (Directeur de Recherche) working at the Laboratoire de Géologie in Ecole Normale Supérieure and a Professor at Laboratoire de Mécanique Solides, Ecole Polytechnique.

I work mainly at the interface between Earthquake Physics and Solid Mechanics making occasional excursions into Rock Mechanics, Tectonics and Seismology.

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I am a solid mechanician and earthquake source physicist by training. I obtained my B. E. in Civil Engineering from Karnataka Regional Engineering College in India (now called the

National Institute of Technology
Karnataka, Surathkal). I then proceeded to obtain

my Ph. D. from Harvard University, under the supervision of Prof. James R. Rice

and Dr. Renata Dmowska. I did my postdoctoral studies jointly between at

Caltech and the University of Southern California.

Here I worked with Prof. Ares J. Rosakis and Prof. Charles G. Sammis.

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I joined CNRS in Jan. 2012 as a Grade 1 Research Scientist, and began working at the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP) until Apr. 2016.

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I have been awarded

the Prix Michel Gouilloud Schlumberger from the Academié des Sciences.

You can watch the ceremony here. I was also awarded an European Research Council Consolidator Grant for the amount of 2.0M€ for my project PERSISMO.

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