

# YANN-EDWIN KETA

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## Education

2020-2023

**PhD in Physics**

Université de Montpellier

Under the joint supervision of Ludovic Berthier and Robert L. Jack.

2016-2018

**MSc in Physics**

*High honours*

École normale supérieure de Lyon

Specialisation in computational physics, soft matter, and statistical physics.

2015-2016

**BSc in Physics**

*High honours*

École normale supérieure de Lyon

2013-2015

**Classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles (PCSI/PC\*)**

Lycée Lakanal, Sceaux

2018-2019 (Gap year)

**MA in Social sciences**

*1<sup>st</sup> year*

École normale supérieure de Lyon

## Skills

### Programming

Python , C/C++, GNU/Linux , Git, symbolic computation (SageMath), HTML/JS/CSS.

Molecular dynamics, parallelisation on CPU and GPU (OpenMP, HOOMD), biased path ensemble algorithms.

### Languages

Français (French) – Native speaker

English – Fluent

Nederlands (Dutch) – Beginner

## Interests

- \* Extreme music.
- \* Free software, open knowledge.
- \* Environment protection.
- \* French and non-French literature.

## Research

Oct 2023 **Postdoc: “Computational models of cell sheets”**

- Present Instituut-Lorentz for Theoretical Physics, Universiteit Leiden

**Supervisor:** Silke Henkes

Sep 2020 **PhD: “Emergence of disordered collective motion in**

- Sep 2023 **dense systems of isotropic self-propelled particles”**

Laboratoire Charles Coulomb, UMR 5221 CNRS,

Université de Montpellier

Simons collaboration on *Cracking the Glass Problem*

**Supervisors:** Ludovic Berthier (Montpellier), Robert L. Jack (Cambridge)

## ENS-funded internships

Oct 2019 **“Active work in systems of self-propelled particles”**

- July 2020 Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge

Laboratoire Matière et Systèmes Complexes, UMR 7057 CNRS,

Université de Paris

**Supervisors:** Robert L. Jack, Michael E. Cates (Cambridge), Frédéric van Wijland (Paris)

Jan 2018 **“Simple model of active particles”**

- Jul 2018 Stewart Blusson Quantum Matter Institute, University of British Columbia

**Supervisor:** Jörg Rottler

May 2017 **“Numerical analysis of jamming criticality for**

- Jul 2017 **spheroidal particles”**

Institutionen för fysik, Umeå universitet

**Supervisor:** Peter Olsson

Jun 2016 **“Leidenfrost drop impacts on surfaces with defects”**

- Jul 2016 Institut Lumière Matière, UMR 5306 CNRS, Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1

**Supervisors:** Quentin Ehlinger, Christophe Ybert

## Publications

Y.-E. Keta, J. U. Klamser, R. L. Jack, and L. Berthier, “Emerging mesoscale flows and chaotic advection in dense active matter”, *arXiv*, [DOI:10.48550/arXiv.2306.07172] (2023) [DOI:10.48550/arXiv.2306.07172]. arXiv:2306.07172

Y.-E. Keta, R. Mandal, P. Sollich, R. L. Jack, and L. Berthier, “Intermittent relaxation and avalanches in extremely persistent active matter”, *Soft Matter* **19**, 3871–3883 (2023) [DOI:10.1039/D3SM00034F]. arXiv:2212.09836

Y.-E. Keta, R. L. Jack, and L. Berthier, “Disordered collective motion in dense assemblies of persistent particles”, *Physical Review Letters* **129**, 048002 (2022) [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.129.048002]. arXiv:2201.04902

Y.-E. Keta, É. Fodor, F. van Wijland, M. E. Cates, and R. L. Jack, “Collective motion in large deviations of active particles”, *Physical Review E* **103**, 022603 (2021) [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.103.022603]. arXiv:2009.07112

Y.-E. Keta and P. Olsson, “Translational and rotational velocities in shear-driven jamming of ellipsoidal particles”, *Physical Review E* **102**, 052905 (2020) [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.102.052905]. arXiv:2006.05305

T. Marschall, Y.-E. Keta, P. Olsson, and S. Teitel, “Orientational Ordering in Athermally Sheared, Aspherical, Frictionless Particles”, *Physical Review Letters* **122**, 188002 (2019) [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.188002]. arXiv:1806.01739







Y.-E. Keta and J. Rottler, “Cooperative motion and shear strain correlations in dense 2D systems of self-propelled soft disks”, *EPL* **125**, 58004 (2019) [DOI:10.1209/0295-5075/125/58004].



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## Conferences

- Jan 2024 **NWO Physics**  
NH Koningshof, Veldhoven   
Contributed talk, "Disordered collective motion in dense and persistent active matter".
- Dec 2023 **Computational Advances in Active Matter**  
Lorentz Center, Universiteit Leiden   
Invited short contribution, "How do dense systems of large-persistence self-propelled particles relax?".
- Dec 2022 **Active days EUTOPIA, Challenges in Active Matter**  
CY Cergy Paris University   
Contributed talk, "Disordered collective motion in dense and very persistent active matter".
- Nov 2022 **GDR IDE "Interaction, Disorder, Elasticity"**  
Université Grenoble Alpes   
Contributed talk, "Intermittent active dynamics at infinite persistence".
- Jun 2022 **Active & Intelligent Living Matter Conference**  
Erice, Sicily   
Poster.
- Jun 2022 **Beg Rohu Summer School 2022**  
Quiberon, Brittany   
"Out of Equilibrium Dynamics". Summer school. Poster.
- Feb 2022 **Edwards Centre for Soft Matter Mini-Conference**  
University of Cambridge   
Contributed talk, "Disordered collective motion in dense assemblies of persistent particles".
- Oct 2021 **UCA Fall program on Complex Systems 2021**  
Université de Nice   
"Mobility, self-organization and swimming strategies". Summer school.
- Mar 2021 **APS March Meeting**  
Online   
Contributed talk, "Collective motion in large deviation of active particles".


## Refereeing

- 2022 **Nature Communications**
- 2022 **Scientific Reports**
- 2022 **Physical Review E**
- 2022 **SciPost**

## Teaching

- 2022 **"Physics for life sciences", "Python for sciences" (undergraduates)**  
Université de Montpellier 
- 2018-2019 **Oral interrogator (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)**  
2016-2017 Lycée du Parc, Institution des Chartreux, Lycée La Martinière Diderot (Lyon) 
- 2015 **Volunteer tutor (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)**  
- 2017 ENSeigner association, École normale supérieure de Lyon 

## Responsibilities

- 2023 **Co-organisation of the "Smart, Living, and Active Matter" seminar**  
- Present Universiteit Leiden   
Hosts international speakers between 1 and 4 times a month.