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Education

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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

1st year

École normale supérieure de Lyon

Skills

Programming

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

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)



SIMONS FOUNDATION

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 spheroidal particles”**

- Jul 2017 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”, *Physical Review Letters* **132**, 218301 (2024) [DOI:10.1103/PhysRevLett.132.218301]. 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].




Conferences

- Apr 2024 **Interdisciplinary challenges in non-equilibrium physics: from soft to active, biological and complex matter**
Max-Planck-Institut für Physik komplexer Systeme, Dresden 
Invited talk, "Fluctuations in dense active matter".
- 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".
- Jun 2022 **Active & Intelligent Living Matter Conference**
Erice, Sicily 
Poster.
- Feb 2022 **Edwards Centre for Soft Matter Mini-Conference**
University of Cambridge 
Contributed talk, "Disordered collective motion in dense assemblies of persistent particles".
- Mar 2021 **APS March Meeting**
Online 
Contributed talk, "Collective motion in large deviation of active particles".


Refereeing

- * Nature Communications
- * Scientific Reports
- * Physical Review E
- * 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.