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# Professional experience

2022-present Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Xiamen University, China.

2019–2022 Postdoc, theoretical physics, UC Santa Barbara, USA.

# Education

2015–2019 **Ph.D.**, theoretical physics, Leiden University, The Netherlands.

Advisor: Dr. Luca Giomi

2012–2015 M.S., theoretical physics, Beijing Normal University, China.

Advisor: Prof. Zhigang Zheng

2008–2012 B.S., applied physics, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China.

## Research Interest

Soft active matter and biophysics.

# Publications (\* equal contribution)

- [11] F. Caballero\*, **Z. You**\*, and M. C. Marchetti, "Vorticity Phase Separation and Defect Lattices in the Isotropic Phase of Active Liquid Crystals", **Soft Matter**, 2023.
- [10] S. Pokawanvit, Z Chen, Z. You, L. Angheluta, M. C. Marchetti, and M. J. Bowick, "Active nematic defects in compressible and incompressible flows", Phys. Rev. E 106(5), 054610 (2022).
  - [9] R. Adkins\*, I. Kolvin\*, **Z. You**\*, S. Witthaus, M. C. Marchetti, Z. Dogic "Dynamics of active liquid interfaces", **Science** 377 (6607), 768-772 (2022).
- [8] **Z. You**, D.J.G. Pearce, and L. Giomi, "Confinement-induced Self-organization in Growing Bacterial Colonies", **Sci. Adv.** 7(4), eabc8685 (2021).
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- [4] Z. You, D.J.G. Pearce, A. Sengupta, and L. Giomi, "Geometry and Mechanics of Microdomains in Growing Bacterial Colonies", Phys. Rev. X 8(3), 031065 (2018).

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- [2] **Z. You**, D. Jiang, J. Stamnes, J. Chen, and J. Xiao, "Characteristics and applications of two-dimensional light scattering by cylindrical tubes based on ray tracing", **Appl. Opt.** 51(35), 8341-8349 (2012).
- [1] **Z. You**, D. Jiang, Z. Hou, and J. Xiao, "Analysis of light scattered by a capillary to measure a liquid's index of refraction", **Am. J. Phys.** 80(8), 688-693 (2012).

#### Thesis

- Ph.D Growth-induced self-organization in bacterial colonies. Supervisor: Dr. Luca Giomi
- M.S. Study on Collective Behavior of Animal Groups Based on Couzin Model (in Chinese).

  Supervisor: Prof. Zhigang Zheng
- B.S. Light Scattering from Capillary: Theory and Application (in Chinese).Supervisor: Prof. Daya Jiang'Outstanding Bachelor Thesis of Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications'

## Invited Talks

- 2023 Physics of nonreciprocal active systems-A story of violation of Newton's 3rd law, The 2nd Active Soft Matter Symposium 2023, Hangzhou, China.
- 2023 Tactus of growing bacterial colonies, Workshop on Collective Dynamics and Networks, Kunshan, China.
- 2023 Tactus of growing bacterial colonies-A wisdom from mechanics, Workshop on Physics of Living Matter (PhysLM2023), Shantou, China.
- 2022 Dynamics of active liquid-liquid interfaces, CPS Fall Meeting, Shenzhen, China.
- 2022 Nonreciprocity as a generic route to traveling and oscillatory states, Collective Dynamics and Networks Workshop (online), China.
- 2022 Nonreciprocity as a generic route to traveling and oscillatory states, APS March Meeting invited session, Chicago, USA.
- 2021 Activity-powered liquid-liquid interface, Seminar at Institute of Natural Sciences, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (online), China.
- 2021 *Growth-induced self-organization in bacterial colonies*, Colloquium: Challenges and Opportunities in Complex System and Statistical Physics (online), China.
- 2021 Nonreciprocity as a generic route to traveling and oscillatory states, KITP conference: Non-Equilibrium Universality, Santa Barbara, USA.
- 2021 Theory of activity-powered interfaces, SLAAM Seminar at UC Merced, Virtual, USA.
- 2020 *Growth-induced self-organization in bacterial colonies*, Nonlinear Theory and Interdisciplinary Research Colloquium (online), China.

#### Grants

- 2024.01- Vortex condensation in active liquid crystals: mechanism, control, and applications,
- 2027.12 General Program from National Natural Science Foundation of China.

## **Teaching**

- 2023 Fall Numerical Analysis (graduate course), Xiamen University.
- 2023 Spring Seminars on Statistical Physics, Xiamen University.
- 2023 Spring College Physics, Xiamen University.
  - 2022 Fall College Physics, as teaching assistance, Xiamen University.
  - 2016-2018 Soft and Bio-matter Theory, as teaching assistance, Leiden University.
  - 2013-2014 Elementary Physics, as teaching assistance, Beijing Normal University.

#### Awards and honors

- 2022 Nanqiang Young Talents of Xiamen University B (2022).
- 2019 Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad.
- 2014 **First prize**, in the "Article Contest on the Education of College Physics Experiment".
- 2013 **First prize**, of the "Award for Outstanding Graduate Students from Beijing Normal University".
- 2012 First prize, in the "Beijing College-Physics-Experiment Contest".

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- Daniel Pearce Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Geneva, daniel.pearce@unige.ch.