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Research interests

I have a strong interest in hydrodynamics and microfluidics, especially its use to better understand microorganisms. My experience with bacteria during my PhD and with different eukaryotic unicellular organisms (swimming microalgae, gliding diatoms, protists *etc.*) during my postdocs, has led me to carefully observe and analyse their behaviours. I am particularly interested in further studying the interactions of such motile microorganisms with their environment.

Research

Nov. 2024-	Postdoctoral Research Fellow in BIOFLUIDICS at the Living Systems Institute, University of Exeter , Exeter, United Kingdom Projects: “Intelligent behaviour of eukaryotic unicellular organisms” One project is in collaboration with the groups of Alastair Simpson (Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada) and Thomas Kjørboe (DTU, Copenhagen, Denmark), funded by HFSP.	PI: Kirsty WAN
2022-2024	Postdoctoral Research Associate in MICRO & BIOFLUIDICS at LadHyX, Institut Polytechnique de Paris , Palaiseau, France Projects: “Erosion of microfluidic channels” & “Transport of particles by microalgae” Including a 2-month stay in Karen Alim’s group in TUM (Munich, Germany)	PI: G. AMSELEM
2018-2022	Ph.D. in FLUID MECHANICS at FAST Laboratory, Université Paris-Saclay , Orsay, France Thesis: “ Dynamics of bacterial suspensions, from aerotaxis to cluster formation ”	Advisors: H. AURADOU and F. MOISY
2016-2018	MASTER of SCIENCE, APPLIED (M.Sc.A.) in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING at Polytechnique Montréal , Montréal, Canada Thesis: “ Study of the injection of air bubbles in a water flow ”	Advisors: S. ÉTIENNE and J. VÉTEL
2013-2016	INTERNSHIPS: 5 months at FAST (Université Paris-Sud, Orsay, France) 2 months in R&D at Takasago (Hiratsuka, Japan) 6 months at DGA Th (Val-de-Reuil, France)	Advisor: Frédéric MOISY Advisor: Kenji MARUYAMA Advisors: R. LUQUET and S. BOURDON

Education

2018-2022	Ph.D. in FLUID MECHANICS at FAST Laboratory, Université Paris-Saclay , Orsay, France
2016-2018	MASTER of SCIENCE, APPLIED (M.Sc.A.) in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING at Polytechnique Montréal , Montréal, Canada
2013-2018	ENGINEERING DEGREE at École Polytechnique , Palaiseau, France Formation in Physics, Mechanics and Chemistry Major: FLUID MECHANICS
2010-2013	Preparatory classes at Lycée du Parc , Lyon Competitive courses in Physics, Mathematics & Chemistry

Publications

* denotes equal contribution † denotes corresponding authors

Preprints/in preparation

[P2] Wavelength-dependent photokinetic behaviour in gliding diatoms,
J. Bouvard, K. Bondoc-Naumovitz, K. Wan, *in preparation* (2026)

[P1] Adaptive motility and feeding strategies of deep-branching predatory protists,
J. Bouvard, A. Girard, S. Bentley, H. Auradou, K. Wan, *in preparation* (2026)

Published

- [7] Local chemotactic response of *Escherichia coli* in fluid and near surfaces,
A. Gargasson, **J. Bouvard**, C. Douarche, P. Mergaert, H. Auradou, *Lab on a Chip* (2026)
- [6] Controlling the collective transport of large passive particles with suspensions of microorganisms,
T. Laroussi*, **J. Bouvard***†, É. Jambon-Puillet, M. Jarrahi†, G. Amselem, *Small* (2026)
- [5] Self-organized homogenization of flow networks,
J. Bouvard*, S. Basu*, C. Leu, O. Bektas, J.O. Rädler, G. Amselem, K. Alim, *Phys. Rev. X* (2025)
- [4] Ostwald-like ripening in the two-dimensional clustering of passive particles induced by swimming bacteria,
J. Bouvard, F. Moisy and H. Auradou, *Phys. Rev. E* (2023)
- [3] Direct measurement of the aerotactic response in a bacterial suspension, [Editor's suggestion](#)
J. Bouvard, C. Douarche, P. Mergaert, H. Auradou and F. Moisy, *Phys. Rev. E* (2022)
- [2] Counter-rotation in an orbitally shaken glass of beer, [EPL Highlight](#)
F. Moisy, **J. Bouvard** and W. Herreman, *EPL (Europhysics Letters)* (2018)
- [1] Mean mass transport in an orbitally shaken cylindrical container,
J. Bouvard, W. Herreman and F. Moisy, *Phys. Rev. Fluids* (2017)

Teaching activity

- 2024-2025 **University of Exeter**, Substitute teaching assistant
AI and data analysis for life sciences (tut. classes) in MSc Maths (4h). Lecturer: K. WAN
- 2018-2021 **Université Paris-Saclay**, Teaching assistant
Fluid mechanics (tutorial classes) in L3 Physique (58h). Lecturer: C. MORIZE
Experimental methods in fluid mechanics (practical work) in M1 Méca. Fluides (48h)
Fluid mechanics projects (practical work) in M1 Mécanique des Fluides (90h)

Mentoring

PhD student

2025- Angéline Girard | co-supervisor with Kirsty WAN & Harold AURADOU
University of Exeter, UK & Université Paris-Saclay, France

Visiting PhD student

June-July 2026 Victoria Nicolazo-Crach, University of Exeter (from Uni. Paris-Saclay)

Master student projects

Oct.-Nov. 2025 Lily Hartmann, University of Exeter
June 2023 Yiming Wei, Institut Polytechnique de Paris
May 2023 Alix Imard, Institut Polytechnique de Paris
May 2023 Hashmat Bakshi, Institut Polytechnique de Paris
Dec.-Feb. 2023 Rong Luo, Institut Polytechnique de Paris

Undergraduate intern

May-Aug. 2017 Ariane Benoit, Polytechnique Montréal

Research grants

- 2026 4k € for a 2-month **Visiting PhD Fellowship** | co-host with Kirsty WAN
- 2025 **Joint PhD Studentship** | co-I with Kirsty WAN & Harold AURADOU
£ 80k for a joint PhD between the University of Exeter and Université Paris-Saclay

Awards & Scholarships

- 2024 **PhD Award** | Honorable mention
awarded by the Engineering and Systems Sciences Graduate School, Uni. Paris-Saclay
- 2023 EuroTech **Visiting Researcher** Programme:
4 weeks funded at Technische Universität München (TUM), Munich, Germany
- 2018-2021 LabEx PALM (Physics, Atoms, Light, Matter) 3-year **PhD scholarship**

Awards to mentored students

2026 **Angéline Girard** | Best poster prize

‘Active, adaptive and autonomous matter’ WE-Heraeus Summer school, Cargèse, Corsica, France

Academic service

Organiser

2025 Physics of Life & Maths of Life Mini-Symposium, LSI, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

2020 Journée des Non-Permanents, FAST, Université Paris-Saclay, Orsay, France

Reviewer: *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*

Scientific communications

Talks

Motility and foraging behaviours in typical excavates

Microscale Ocean Biophysics 2026, Cargèse, Corsica, France.

Controlled transport of passive beads by phototactic swimming microorganisms

APS March Meeting 2024, Minneapolis, MN, USA. [Abstract](#)

Adaptive networks: erosion of microfluidic channels

APS March Meeting 2024, Minneapolis, MN, USA. [Abstract](#)

Transport of passive beads by random and directed motion of swimming micro-organisms

PHYMOT 2023, Würzburg, Germany.

Clustering dynamics of passive particles induced by swimming bacteria

Journées de Physique Statistique 2023, Paris, France.

Self-similar clustering of beads in a bacterial suspension

APS March Meeting 2022, Chicago, IL, USA. [Abstract](#)

APS DFD 2021, Phoenix, AZ, USA. [Abstract](#)

Aerotactic response of bacteria: experimental characterization at the bacteria and population scale

APS March Meeting 2022, Chicago, IL, USA. [Abstract](#)

APS DFD 2021, Phoenix, AZ, USA. [Abstract](#)

When bacteria play marbles

Journée Système et Matière Complexes 2021, Orsay, France.

Motility and aerotaxis in *Sinorhizobium meliloti*, a soil bacterium

ICTAM 2020+1, virtual. [Abstract](#)

Aerotaxis in *Sinorhizobium meliloti*, a soil bacterium

JDFP 2020, Orsay, France.

Motility and aerotaxis in *Sinorhizobium meliloti*, a soil bacterium

Journée Système et Matière Complexes 2019, Orsay, France.

Biophysique de l'interaction racine-sol 2019, Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Characterization of bubble cloud quality and evolution using optical probes

IAHR 2018, Kyoto, Japan. [DOI](#)

Posters

Motility and morphology of excavates

Origins of Excitability 2025, Heidelberg, Germany

Physics of Life & Maths of Life Mini-Symposium 2025, Exeter, UK.

Flow homogenisation in adaptive microfluidic networks

IUTAM 2025, Manchester, United Kingdom.

Microswimmers to displace large particles

Motile Active Matter 2024, Bonn, Germany.

Homogenization of fluidic networks by erosion

Yves Couder Meeting 2024, Paris, France.

Controlled transport of passive beads by phototactic swimming microorganisms

Fluid & Elasticity 2024, Arcachon, France.

MICROBES Symposium by young researchers 2024, Orsay, France.

Adaptive networks: erosion of microfluidic channels

GDR MicroNanoFluidique 2023, Lyon, France.

Clustering dynamics of passive particles induced by swimming bacteria

PHYMOT 2022, Paris, France.

When bacteria play marbles

RNL 2022, Paris, France.

Motility and aerotaxis in *Sinorhizobium meliloti*, a soil bacterium

CMiF 2019, Gilleleje, Denmark.

Invited seminars

Nov. 2025	Dynamics Seminar, Exeter University, Exeter, UK
Feb. 2025	Laboratoire Jean Perrin, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France
Feb. 2025	MSC, Université Paris-Cité, Paris, France
Jan. 2025	Living Systems Institute, Exeter University, Exeter, UK
Jan. 2025	∂'Alembert, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France
March 2024	Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA
Feb. 2024	Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
Feb. 2024	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA
Dec. 2023	LadHyX, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Palaiseau, France

Media outreach

[Dynamique de suspensions bactériennes: de l'aérotaxie à la formation de clusters](#), *La Jaune & La Rouge* (Apr. 2023)

[Le phénomène de la mousse de bière qui tourne à l'envers expliqué par des scientifiques](#), *Spirit Hunters* (09/12/2019)

[Pourquoi la mousse tourne-t-elle en sens inverse du liquide dans un verre de bière ?](#), *L'Obs* (04/10/2018)

[Counter-rotation inside a glass of beer shaken stirringly](#), *Improbable Research* (07/08/2018)

[Bière qui roule amasse la mousse à l'envers](#), *Le Monde* (07/08/2018)

[Quand la mousse de bière tourne à contre-courant](#), *Pour la Science* (26/07/2018)