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RESEARCH      Dynamical Systems, Out-of-Equilibrium Phenomena, Soft Matter, Condensed Matter  
INTERESTS      Biophysics, Hydrodynamics, Instabilities, Experimental Methods

## Education

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2010-2013      **PhD in Physics, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, FAST Laboratory**, France  
Reaction wave front propagation in disordered flow  
supervisors: Dr. Laurent Talon and Professor Dominique Salin

2007-2009      **Master degree in Condensed Matter**  
Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris, Université Paris Sud

2004-2007      **License degree in Fundamental Physics**  
Magistère d'Orsay, Université Paris Sud

## Research Appointments

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2015-      **Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Physics, Harvard University**  
Hydrodynamic instabilities in cell assemblies, Evolutionary dynamics coupled with flows  
Principal investigators: Professor David Nelson and Professor Andrew Murray

## Other Research

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2014      **Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT**  
**END Lab** / FAST Laboratory  
Inertial particles dispersion in chaotic flow / internal waves in periodic stratification  
Principal investigator: Professor Thomas Peacock

2009      **Research Student at ESPCI-ParisTech, Paris, France**  
Quantum limit under high magnetic field and low temperature in graphite  
Principal investigators: Dr. Benoit Fauqué and Dr. Kamran Behnia

JAN-APRIL 2009      **Research Student at CEA, Saclay, France**  
Bifurcation in turbulent von Karman flow  
with Dr. Pierre-Philippe Cortet, Dr. Arnaud Chiffaudel, Professor François Daviaud,  
and Professor Bérengère Dubrulle

## Honors and Awards

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2019	Grainger Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Physics, University of Chicago
2014	CNRS Fellowship one year postdoctoral grant
2010-2013	CNRS Doctoral grant

## Publications

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JOURNAL PUBLICATION	<p><b>1. Avalanches Dynamics in Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flows</b> T. Chevalier, A. K. Dubey, S. Atis, A. Rosso, D. Salin and L. Talon PRE <b>95</b> 042210 (2017) [<a href="#">Publisher version</a>]</p> <p><b>2. Experimental Evidence for Three Universality Classes for Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flows</b> S. Atis, A. K. Dubey, D. Salin, L. Talon, P. Le Doussal, and K. Wiese PRL <b>114</b> 234502 (2015) [<a href="#">arXiv</a>]</p> <p><b>3. Autocatalytic Reaction Fronts Inside a Porous Medium of Glass Spheres</b> S. Atis, S. Saha, H. Auradou, L. Talon and D. Salin, PRL <b>110</b> 148301 (2013) [<a href="#">arXiv</a>]</p> <p><b>4. Phase Diagram of Sustained Wave Fronts Opposing the Flow in Disordered Porous Media</b> S. Saha, S. Atis, D. Salin and L. Talon, EPL <b>101</b> 38003 (2013) [<a href="#">PDF</a>]</p> <p><b>5. Chemo-hydrodynamic Coupling Between Forced Advection in Porous Media and Self-sustained Chemical Waves</b> S. Atis, S. Saha, H. Auradou, J. Martin, N. Rakotomalala, L. Talon, D. Salin, Chaos <b>22</b> 037108 (2012) [<a href="#">PDF</a>]</p>
IN PREPARATION	<p><b>Metabolically Driven Flows in Microbial Populations Living on Liquid Interface</b> [<a href="#">link</a>] S. Atis, B. T Weinstein, A. W. Murray, and D. R. Nelson</p> <p><b>Bloch Internal Waves in Periodically Stratified Fluids</b> [<a href="#">link</a>] S. Atis and S. J. Ghaemsaidi</p> <p><b>Anisotropic Particles Focusing Effect in Chaotic Flows</b> [<a href="#">link</a>] S. Atis, M. Leclair, T. Sapsis, and T. Peacock</p> <p><b>Laboratory Investigations of a Chaotic Flow Using Braid Theory</b> M. Filippi, M. Budisic, S. Atis, M. Allshouse, J.-L. Thiffeault and T. Peacock</p>
PROCEEDINGS	<p><b>A phase transition in a closed turbulent flow</b> E. Herbert, S. Atis, A. Chiffaudel, P.-P. Cortet, F. Daviaud, L. Divaret, B. Dubrulle, Journal of Physics: Conference Series <b>318</b> 032003 (2011) [<a href="#">PDF</a>]</p> <p><b>Experimental study of the von Karman flow from <math>Re = 10^2</math> to <math>10^6</math>: spontaneous symmetry breaking and turbulent bifurcations</b> P.-P. Cortet, S. Atis, A. Chiffaudel, F. Daviaud, B. Dubrulle, F. Ravelet, Advances in turbulence XII <b>132</b> 59-62 (2009)</p>

## Teaching

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FALL 2017	<b>Lecturer in Applied Math, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University</b> Pattern Formation in Soft Matter, graduate students course with L. Mahadevan  <b>Teaching Assistant, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Harvard University</b> Integrated Science, undergraduate students course with A. Murray
SPRING 2015	<b>Instructor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, MIT</b> Instrument and Measurement, undergraduate Laboratory course.
2010-2012	<b>Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b> - Recitations: Electromagnetism, Astrophysics, Cosmology - Laboratory courses: Physical optics, Fluid mechanics, Thermodynamics, Astrophysics (catadioptric telescopes and signal processing)

## Presentations

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INVITED TALKS - SEMINARS	Yeast Rocket Science, or how do growing microbial colonies generate their own propelling flow Soft Matter group seminar <b>University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, March 2018  On Growth and Form of Range Expansions at Liquid Interfaces Physics of Living Systems seminar <b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, January 2018  On Growth and Form of Range Expansions at Liquid Interfaces Biophysics seminar <b>Boston University</b> , Boston, October 2017  Active Interface Propagation and Anisotropic Particles Dispersion in Complex Flows Physics Colloquium <b>University of California Merced</b> , Merced, January 2016  Universality Classes in Growing Interfaces: Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flow Workshop: <a href="#">New approaches to non-equilibrium and random systems</a> <b>Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics</b> , Santa Barbara, January 2016  Active Interface Propagation and Anisotropic Particles Dispersion in Complex Flows Condensed Matter Theory Kid's Seminar <b>Harvard University, Department of Physics</b> , Cambridge, March 2015  Avalanches and Dynamical Phase Transition of Reaction Waves in Adverse Flow Workshop: <a href="#">Avalanches, Intermittency, and Nonlinear Response in Far-From Equilibrium Solids</a> <b>Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics</b> , Santa Barbara, November 2014  Universal Growing Behavior and Pattern Formation in Disordered Reaction Front Propagation Physical Mathematics Seminar <b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, September 2014  Three Universality Classes in Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flow Workshop: <a href="#">Interface Fluctuations and KPZ universality class</a>
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**Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics**, Kyoto, Japan, August 2014

Scaling Laws and Pinning-Depinning of Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flow

Laboratoire de Physique Statistique Seminar

**Ecole Normale Supérieure**, Paris, France, December 2013

Reaction Waves Propagation in Disordered Flow

Earth and Planetary Magnetism Group Seminar

**ETH Zurich**, Zurich, Switzerland, March 2013

OTHER  
PRESENTATIONS

On Growth and Form of Range Expansions at Liquid Interfaces

**APS - March Meeting**, March 2018, Los Angeles

Experimental Population Dynamics in Fluid Flows

**APS - March Meeting**, March 2017, New Orleans

Elliptical Particle Clustering in Cellular Flows

**APS - Division of Fluid Dynamics**, November 2015, Boston

Frozen Sawtooth Shapes and Universality in Reaction Fronts Coupled with Disordered Flow

**SIAM Conference - Applications of Dynamical Systems**, Mai 2015, Snowbird

Getting Things Sorted With Lagrangian Coherent Structures

**APS - Division of Fluid Dynamics**, November 2014, San-Francisco

Chemical Wave Fronts Dynamics in Disordered Flow

**APS - March Meeting**, March 2012, Boston

Self-Sustained Reaction Fronts in Disordered Flow: Power Law and Stationary States

**Journee Dynamique des Fluides du Plateau**, November 2011, Orsay

## Outreach and popularization

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MARCH 2016

### **Girls Day at MIT Museum**

*Mechanical Engineering Graduate Association of Women (MIT)*

Hands-on activities and demonstrations: Rube Goldberg machine

APRIL 2016

### **Cambridge Science Festival**

*Outreach experiments in the street - Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

- Ferrofluids
- Marangoni Effect
- Copper Diamagnetism

2009 - 2012

### **Palais de la Découverte Museum**

*Speaker and organizer of outreach experiments in the Physics Department:*

- Macroscopic quantum phenomena: *Superfluids and superconductivity*
- Electrostatic and electromagnetism experiments
- Cosmic rays: *Cloud chamber*
- Stellar nucleosynthesis and radioactivity

- 2011 - 2012      **October science week at University Paris Sud**  
*Physics experiments presentations at Orsay Science Faculty:*
- Chaotic mixing in viscous fluids
  - Turbulent transition in a model cylindrical Taylor-Couette
  - Quantum mechanics and superconductivity (more information on: [Physics Reimagined](#))
- 2010 - 2011      **Other large public events**  
*Animations and experiments presentations:*
- “Entrée en Matière”, Quantum Mechanics experiments, CNRS autumn science event
  - “Festival Remue Méninges”, Grenoble, science animations for junior high school students

## References

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