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### Education

2000-2003 Cambridge University

Ph.D. in Physics

*Viscoelasticity of Insoluble Macromolecular Monolayers.*

1993-1999 Università degli Studi di Milano Laurea in Physics, 110/110 cum laude

*Fluctuations of an Interface Between Two Fluid Phases in Equilibrium and Non-Equilibrium Conditions.*

### Research Experience

Oct 2016- Professor of Biological Physics

Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

2013-2016 Reader in Biological Physics

Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

2006-2013 Lecturer in Physics

Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

2004-2007 Oppenheimer Research Fellow

Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2005 Visiting Researcher

Chem. Eng. Dept., Stanford University, USA

2003-2004 Postdoctoral Research Associate

Nanotechnology I.R.C., Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2002 Visiting Student

Chem. Eng. Dept., Stanford University, USA

2000-2003 Research Student, EPSRC

Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, UK

1998-1999 Laurea project

Department of Physics, Milan, Italy

### Teaching

Courses: Biological Physics, Part III Physics

14/15, to date

Soft Condensed Matter and Biophysics, Part II Physics.

07/08 to 12/13.

Overall Head of Class: Part II labs

14/15, to date.

Head of Class: Part 1B labs - Optics and Waves- Physics

06/07.

Head of Class: Part 1A labs - Physics

09/10.

Supervision: Part 1A, 1B Physics

08/09 to 14/15.

Supervision: Thermal and Statistics Physics

07/08, to date.

Director of Studies: Physics in Corpus Christi College

07/08, to date.

Examiner: Part II Physics (08, 09, 10); IB Physics (12, Senior 13)

### Areas of activity and expertise

Biophysics: model cell membranes; mechanical properties of cells; flows induced by cilia; gene regulation.

Soft Matter Physics: polymer systems; colloidal particles; liquid interfaces and films.

Experimental techniques: Instrument automation; microfluidics; optical tweezers; image/video analysis.

### Main Grants and Personal Awards

#### Previous:

- EPSRC DTA PhD studentship 2000-2002.
- Co-I IRC Nanotechnology Exploratory Project (2003-2004) £100K.
- Oppenheimer Fellowship (2004-2007) £150K.
- Co-I EPSRC Research Grant (Life Sciences Interface) (2006-2007) £97K.
- PI Unilever Research Grant, (2006-2008) £30K.
- PI CASE studentship Unilever (2008-2011).
- PI CASE studentship Kodak (2008-2011).
- PI Royal Society International Joint project, (2009-2010) £12K.
- PI MRC discipline hopping award, (2009-2010) £100K.
- PI Biophysics section of KAIST-Cavendish Research Collaboration, (2008-2010) £200K.
- PI Feasibility Project Winton Trust (2012), £50K.
- Co-I HFSP Research Project grant, (2009-2013), PI for £300K (grant total \$1.2M).
- Co-I in 2 EU Training Networks "Comploids" (2009-2013) and "Transpol" (2010-2014), PI for £300K.

#### Current:

- PI ERC Consolidator Grant, awarded 2012 to start in 2013. 4 years, total £1.1M.
- Co-I HFSP project (2014-2017), PI for £250K (total £1M).

- Co-I EU Training Network “Biopol” (2015-2019), PI for £150K (total £3.2M).
- Co-I EPSRC Programme grant “CAPITALS” (2012-2017), Theme leader and PI for about £350K (grant total £5.1M).
- Co-I GSK grant on airway pathogens (2016-2019), PI for about £300.

**Graduate student supervision:** 10 PhD successfully completed . 9 current PhD students. 3 research MPhil student completed; 2 current research MPhil student.

**Examinations of PhD candidates:** 32 UK; 6 non-UK.

**Organisation of Meetings:**

- Physics of Medicine kickoff meeting; 3-day international event; DAMTP Cambridge, 2007.
- Cavendish-Engineering-Addenbrookes joint Imaging Symposium; 1-day event; CR-UK Cambridge, 2009.
- LMB-Cavendish BioMembrane Workshop; 1-day local event; PoM Cambridge, 2009.
- Photonic Tools: Marker-free Imaging and Optical Manipulation; 1-day event; IoP London, 7 Dec. 2009.
- Workshop on Thermal Instabilities in Fluids; 1-day local event; Cambridge, 21 January 2011.
- Quantitative Methods in Gene Regulation; 2-day international event; IoP London, 22-23 Sept. 2011.
- CambridgeSens workshop, Microfluidics in Biology, 1-day local event; Cambridge, Nov. 2012.
- Quantitative Methods in Gene Regulation II; 2-day international event; Cambridge, December 2013.
- Soft Matter and Biological Physics; 3-day international event; Cambridge, 2014 and 2016.
- Quantitative Methods in Gene Regulation III; 2-day international event; Cambridge, December 2015.
- Quantitative Methods in Gene Regulation IV; 2-day international event; Cambridge, December 2017.

**Department and University Administration / Community:**

- Deputy Head of Department, Cavendish Laboratory, 2017 to date.
- Head of Group (Spokesperson and coordinator for ~120 people), Biological&Soft sector, 2015 to date.
- Co-director of the EPSRC Center for Doctoral Training in “Sensor Technologies”, 2014 to date.
- Management Committee of the BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme, 2014 to 2017.
- Management Committee of the Systems Biology degree course at Cambridge, 2011 to date.

**UK Administration / Community:**

- Chair of the Biological Physics Group of IoP, 2018 to date (2010 to 2018 on committee and Treasurer).
- Editorial Board of IoP J.Phys.: Condensed Matter Subject Editor of Roy.Soc. Open Science.

**12 Selected of >90 peer reviewed publications:**

- A.Javer\*, Z.Long\*, *et al.*, *Short-time loci displacement unveils E. coli chromosome organization*; **Nature Communications** 4, 3003 (2013).
- Z.Long, *et al.*, *Microfluidic chemostat for measuring single cell dynamics in bacteria*; **Lab Chip** 13, 947-954 (2013).
- A. J. Crick, *et al.*, *Quantitation of Malaria Parasite-Erythrocyte Cell-Cell Interactions Using Optical Tweezers*, **Biophys. J.** 107, 846–853 (2014).
- M. A. A. Grant, *et al.*, *The role of mechanical forces in the planar-to-bulk transition in growing Escherichia coli microcolonies*, **J. Roy. Soc.: Interface** 11, 20140400 (2014).
- Grant *et al.*, *Direct exchange of vitamin B12 is demonstrated by modelling the growth dynamics of algal-bacterial cocultures* **ISME J.** 8, 1418–1427 (2014)
- Man *et al.*, *Inflammasome activation causes dual recruitment of NLR4 and NLRP3 to the same macromolecular complex* **Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA** 111, 7403 (2014)
- Javer *et al.*, *Persistent super-diffusive motion of Escherichia coli chromosomal loci*, **Nature Communications** 5, 3854 (2014)
- Man *et al.*, *Actin polymerization as a key innate immune effector mechanism to control Salmonella infection* **Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA** 111, 17588-17593 (2014)
- Achouri *et al.*, *The frequency and duration of Salmonella–macrophage adhesion events determines infection efficiency* **Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B** 370, 20140033 (2015)
- Kennard *et al.*, *Individuality and universality in the growth-division laws of single E-coli cells*, **Phys. Rev. E** 93, 012408 (2016)
- Wlodarski *et al.*, *Both genome and cytosol dynamics change in E. coli challenged with sublethal rifampicin*, **Physical Biology** 14, 015005 (2017)
- Bustamante *et al.*, *Synergistic malaria vaccine combinations identified by systematic antigen screening*, **Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA** 1702944114 (2017)