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## RESEARCH INTERESTS & SKILLS

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- **Experimental Fluid Dynamics** with various fluids and live microorganisms, at the micro and macro scales; experiments design and fabrication; micro-fabrication; microbiology. Flow Imaging using PIV and PTV techniques.
- **Physical modeling** using various programming languages: MATLAB, C/C++ (with graphic library Allegro), HTML, Maple, VBA. Designed and used codes for solving: dynamics of liquid bridges, dynamics of two-dimensional objects falling in fluid, dynamics of splash-induced cavity and the associated splash.
- **Image analysis & tracking**, and data processing using ImageJ and MATLAB. Designed and used codes for 3D trajectory and state reconstruction of disks and thin plates, and tracking arbitrary objects in two dimensions.

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D.** in Physics of Fluids and Fluid Mechanics 12/2013  
IRPHE laboratory, Aix-Marseille University, FR
- **M.S.** in Mechanics, Energy and Engineering, specialty: Fluid Mechanics 08/2010  
Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France
- **M. Eng.** in Hydraulics and Mechanics, specialty: Mechanics and Energy 08/2010  
Institut Nat. Polytechnique, Grenoble, France
- **B. Eng.** in Hydraulics and Mechanics 08/2008  
Institut Nat. Polytechnique, Grenoble, France
- Intensive preparatory classes in Physics and Chemistry (PCSI, PC\*) 2005-2007  
Lycée Champollion, Grenoble, France
- Baccalauréat S (Sciences) with major in Maths 07/2005

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Post-doctoral scholar**, AME, University of Southern California 2014 -2018  
at the macro scale:
- *Descent dynamics of passively falling bio-inspired flyers*
  - *Water entry problems: forces generated by a diving wedge, and shape of splash*
- at the micro scale:
- *Rheotaxis of *V. fischeri* applied to the squid-vibrio symbiosis and interplay between biofilms and flow in porous medium*
- Advisor: Eva Kanso

- Research Assistant**, IRPHE, Aix-Marseille University, France 2010-2013  
 ▪ *Dynamics and break-up of stretched liquid bridges*  
 Advisors: Laurent Duchemin & Stéphane Le Dizès
- M.S. student**, IRPHE, Aix-Marseille University, France 2010  
 ▪ *Experimental study of a highly-accelerated viscous fluid layer around a cylinder*, with application to stone wool manufacturing  
 Advisors: Mickaël Le Bars & Laurent Duchemin
- B.S. student**, Warwick University, Fluid Dynamics Group, UK 2008  
 ▪ *Theoretical and experimental study of a free-falling water curtain*  
 Advisor: Petr Denissenko

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **L. Vincent**, L. Duchemin, S. Le Dizès, “Forced Dynamics of a short viscous liquid bridge” *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* **761**, 220-2240 (2014)  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2014.622>
- [2] **L. Vincent**, L. Duchemin, E. Villermaux, “Remnants from fast liquid withdrawal” *Physics of Fluids* **26**, 031701 (2014)  
<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4867496>
- [3] L. Duchemin, S. Le Dizès, **L. Vincent** and E. Villermaux, “Self-similar impulsive capillary waves on a ligament”, *Physics of Fluids* **27**, 051704 (2015)  
<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4921321>
- [4] **L. Vincent**, W. S. Shambaugh, E. Kanso, “Hole stabilize freely falling coins” *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* **801**, 250-252 (2016)  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2016.432>
- [5] S. Rubol, D. Tonina, **L. Vincent**, W. Basham, E. Kanso, D. G. Capone, K. H. Neelson “Seeing through porous media: interstitial flow unveiled”, *Hydrological Processes* **32**(3), 402-407(2018)  
<http://doi.org/10.1002/hyp.11425>
- [6] **L. Vincent**, T. Xiao, D. Johann, S. Jung, and E. Kanso, “Dynamics of water entry”, *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* **846**, 508-535 (2018)  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2018.273>  
 Research featured on the Viterbi School and AME Department websites :  
<https://viterbischool.usc.edu/news/2017/11/making-a-splash/>
- [7] T. Lam, **L. Vincent**, E. Kanso, “Passive flight in density-stratified fluid”, *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, **860**, 200-223 (2019)  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2018.862>

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

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8. T. Lam, **L. Vincent**, E. Kanso, “Stratification Reduces Flutter and Enhances Dispersion of Freely Falling Discs”, *under review (Journal of Fluid Mechanics)*
9. **L. Vincent**, M. Zheng, E. Kanso, “Enhanced flight of heterogeneously-flexible wings”, *in preparation*
10. **L. Vincent**, M. Zheng, E. Kanso, “Optimal winglet design of tumbling wings”, *in preparation*
11. **L. Vincent**, Y. Liu, E. Kanso, “Shape matters: optimal geometric designs of tumbling wings”, *in preparation*
12. A. Battacharjee, **L. Vincent**, J. Nawroth, E. Kanso “aggregation behavior of *V. fischeri* in vortices”, *in preparation*

## REFEREED PROCEEDINGS

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- [i] **L. Vincent**, L. Duchemin, S. Le Dizès et E. Villermaux “Dynamique de ligaments fortement étirés” *Congrès Français de Mécanique 2013 (CFM 2013)*, 2013
- [ii] **L. Vincent**, L. Duchemin et S. Le Dizès, “Dynamics of a slowly elongated viscous liquid bridge”, *9<sup>th</sup> European Fluid Mechanics Conference (EFMC 9)*, 2013
- [iii] **L. Vincent** et E. Kanso, “Under the microscope cover slip: spontaneous flows and bacterial behavior” *Chaos, Complexity and Transport: Proceedings of the CCT’15 Conference*, pp. 83-103, 2015

## COMMUNICATIONS

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*Diving wedges* (seminar)

LEGI, Nov 24, **2018**, Grenoble, France

*Optimal design of auto-rotating wings* (talk)

71<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, Nov 18-20, **2018**, Los Angeles, CA, USA

*Flexible auto-rotating wings* (talk)

SoCal Fluids XII symposium, Apr 14, **2018**, Los Angeles, CA

*Performance of flexible auto-rotating wings* (talk)

APS March Meeting, Mar 7, **2018**, Los Angeles, CA

*Diving wedges and tumbling wings* (talk)

USC AME Department Seminar, Feb 27, **2018**, Los Angeles, CA

*Diving wedges* (talk)

70<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, November 19-21, **2017**, Denver, CO

*Slamming and slapping: The Hidden Beauty of Water Entry* (talk)

USC Post-doctoral symposium, May 22, **2017**, San Diego, CA, USA

*Aerodynamic shapes of two-dimensional splashes* (talk)

SoCal Fluids XI symposium, April 22, **2017**, San Diego, CA

*Aerodynamic shapes of two-dimensional splashes* (talk)

*Slamming and slapping: the story of the Diving Wedge* (video submission)

<https://youtu.be/zflzaPA9RhE>

69<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, November 20-22, **2016**, Portland, OR

*Enhanced flight characteristics by heterogeneous auto-rotating wings* (talk)

68<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, November 22-24, **2015**, Boston, MA

*Bacteria Response to External Flows* (talk/seminar)

LadHyX, June 10, **2015**, Palaiseau, France

*Bacteria Response to External Flows* (talk)

SoCal Fluids IX symposium, April 18, **2015**, San Diego, CA

*Bacteria in structured flows* (poster)

Microscale Ocean Biophysics, January 11-16, **2015**, Aspen, CO

*Make a wish: Falling coins in water* (talk)

67<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, November 23-25, **2014**, San Francisco, CA

*Falling coins in water* (talk)

Aux rencontres de Peyresq 2014, June 2-6, **2014**, Peyresq, France

*Bacterial suspensions: a brief overview of recent experiments* (talk)

SoCal Fluids VIII symposium at UCLA, April 12, **2014**, Los Angeles, CA

*Ligament breakup without surface tension* (talk)

66<sup>th</sup> annual DFD meeting, November 24-26, **2013**, Pittsburgh, PA

*Dynamique de ligament fortement étirés* (talk)

Congrès Français de Mécanique 2013, August 26-30, **2013**, Bordeaux, France

*Dynamics of strongly stretched ligaments* (talk)

GDR Ruissellement et films cisailés, March 27-29, **2013**, Aussois, France

*Ponts liquides : étirement et rupture* (talk)

GDR Ruissellement et films cisailés, September 26-28, **2012**, Fréjus, France

*Dynamics of a slowly elongated viscous liquid bridge* (talk)

9<sup>th</sup> European Fluid Mechanics Conference, September 9-13, **2012**, Roma, Italia

*Dynamique d'un pont liquide lentement étiré* (talk)

Aux Rencontres de Peyresq "Dynamique, non-linéarités et complexité dans les phénomènes naturels terrestres", June 3-8, Peyresq, **2011**, France

*Dynamique de jets visqueux accélérés* (talk)

GDR Ruissellement et films cisailés, March 8-9, **2011**, Paris, France

*Dynamique de ligaments visqueux accélérés* (talk)

GDR Ruissellement et films cisailés, January 11-12, **2011**, Paris, France

## EDITORIAL DUTIES & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

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<b>Judge</b> for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual showcase of the Senior Design Projects	Dec 2018
<b>Judge</b> for the USC Undergraduate Research Symposium	April 2018
<b>Session chair</b> at the SoCal Fluids Symposium	April 2018
<b>Referee</b> for <i>Journal of Fluid and Structures</i> (editor: S. Michelin)	2017

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

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<b>American Physical Society</b>	since 2013
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## ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

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**Lab manager** of Dr. Kanso's experimental lab since 2014 :

- Design, manufacture and operate experimental setups, from scratch.
- Negotiation, purchase, and maintenance of equipment (microscope, high-resolution camera, water tanks, etc.); p-card holder.
- Management of authorizations (biosafety level 1 and laser safety) and supervision of lab inspections, supervision of lab tours, Masters and PhD preview days, and outreach events; student training.

**Collaborative work with research teams and companies**

Active collaborations with more than 11 researchers from 6 universities:

- S. Jung (Virginia Tech), and Dean F. Sotiropoulos, T. Truong, D. Angelidis (Stony Brook University), on the force generated by diving birds.
- E. Ruby, M. McFall-Ngai (University of Hawaii), J. Nawroth (Emulate, Inc.) and Scott Fraser lab (USC), on the rheotaxis of *V. fischeri* in microfluidics environments.
- D. Tonina (University of Idaho), and S. Rubol, K. H. Neilson (USC) on the interplay between flow and biofilm in transparent porous media.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Research Assistant Professor** for AME 309: Dynamics of Fluids      Fall 2018  
(4 units – 60h). Basics of Fluid dynamics and Water Rocket Design project
- **Teaching Assistant** for AME 453: two 1.5h lectures and Q&A      2014  
sessions on Newtonian Mechanics and dynamical systems
- **Teaching Assistant** for undergraduate students:      2011-2013  
Thermodynamics (48+32h) and VBA Programming (48h)  
Institut Universtaire d'Aix-Marseille, France.

## MENTORED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

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### PhD students

- **Try Lam** – graduated in August 2018      Jan 2015 – Aug 2018  
project: *Falling disks in stratified fluids*

### Masters students (USC)

- **Yucen Liu**      Mar 2016 – May 2018  
project: *Optimal geometry of rigid auto-rotating wings*
- **Tingben Xiao**      Sep – Dec 2016  
project: *Impact force of a diving wedge*
- **Elaine Wu**      Feb – Dec 2016  
project: *Wake signature of a towed cylinder*
- **Lorenzo Kurstermann**      Mar – Dec 2014  
project: *Wake signature of a towed cylinder*

### Undergraduate students

- **Zeyad Zakr** (Imperial College, London)      since July 2018  
project: *flexible divers*
- **Chenchen Huang** (USC)      since June 2018  
project: *flexible filament*
- **Lisa Maillard** (ESPCI, Paris)      May – Aug 2018  
project: *flexible settling disks in water*
- **Mathieu Le Dizès** (French Air Force Academy)      Feb - June 2018  
project: *On the performance of tumbling wings*
- **Daniel Yohann** (USC)      Apr 2016 – May 2017  
project: *Impact force of a diving wedge*
- **Hilina Gudeta** (USC).      Jun – Aug 2016  
project: *Experimental study of confined Faraday waves*
- **Jesus H Castellanos Aguirre** (University of Mexico)      Jun – Aug 2016  
project: *Experimental study of confined Faraday waves*
- **Min Zheng** (USC)      Mar 2015 - Jul 2016  
project: *Flight performance of flexible auto-rotating wings*
- **Scott Shambaugh** (USC)      Jan 2014 – May 2015  
project: *Falling dynamics of punched disks*

**Hosted 3 AME 441 (Senior Design projects) groups in the Fall 2018; Hosting one more in the Spring (AME 441B).**

**High-school students :** Adam Kuo, Alison Bartkowski

**High-school Teachers:** David, Patricia and Trenton, Nadine and Antonio

## OUTREACH

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- **Viterbi AME STEM Spotlight 2014 & 2017 (Open House for high-school students):** In charge of design, manufacturing and supervision of **hands-on**, didactic and visual experiments illustrating our lab's research activities. Examples: visualization the flow around fidgets spinners, stroboscopic effect with a water jet under oscillation. Over 370 students attended in 2017, and over 100 in 2017. **Featured on USC news:**  
<http://news.usc.edu/130497/high-school-students-get-a-firsthand-feel-for-what-its-like-to-be-an-engineer/>  
<https://viterbischool.usc.edu/news/2017/10/high-school-students-attend-ame-stem-spotlight/>
- **USC Viterbi RET Program 2016, 2017, and 2018:** Hosted one (2016) and two (2017 and 2018) high-school teachers for summer programs aimed at introducing them to laboratory research. We set-up with the teachers hands-on projects using cameraphones, fidget spinners, pen laser, smoke, image processing and image-based tracking (using Python) specifically designed to engage students.
- **USC Viterbi SHINE 2015:** supervision of one high-school student with a summer project in the lab involving tracking.
- **USC Viterbi SHINE 2018:** open-house for the 33 SHINE student with presentation and interactive demos, in collaboration with Spedding's lab.
- **Science Popularization Comics Project (2012):** As part of my PhD training, I wrote and drew comic strips (in French) about various everyday phenomena that can be explained with physics. Preview (about oceanic tides): <http://www-bcf.usc.edu/~lionelvi/tides.html>

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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**Volunteer** for Union Station Homeless services, Pasadena since 2017

## LANGUAGES

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**French:** Mother tongue ; **English:** Fluent (CEFR C1 Level) ; **Spanish:** Basic level

## HOBBIES

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**Sports:** Mountain biking, hiking, trekking, climbing, gliding (licensed since 2005)

**Others:** Photography, singing, reading