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## History of employment

10/2013-present	CNRS senior researcher (research director), IPGP, France
09/2004-10/2013	Associate CNRS researcher, IPGP, France
1/2011-9/2021	Head, Geological Fluid Dynamics group, IPGP

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## Degrees

Ph.D	Geophysics, Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, 2001
Habilitation Thesis	Geophysics, Université Paris 7 and IPGP, 2009

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## Research experience

I am interested in extracting the geophysical information contained in Earth's magnetic field. To this end, I study Earth's core magnetohydrodynamics and the geodynamo process through a combination of forward and inverse/geomagnetic data assimilation numerical modelling. Details can be found after [this link](#).

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## Honors, awards

CNRS Bronze medal, 2010

Doornbos Memorial Prize of the SEDI (Study of the Earth's Deep Interior) 2006 Symposium.

Recipient, scientific grant of the Fondation Simone et Cino Del Duca, French Academy of Sciences, 2017.

Awardee, Grands Challenges numériques Joliot-Curie (French national supercomputing architecture GENCI), 2019

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## Memberships

AGU member since 2005, EGU member since 2010

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## Selected publications

I have published 73 articles in peer-reviewed international journals, listed on [this page](#). My bibliometric data as of October 9, 2024 amount to 5800+/8500+ citations for an h-index of 37/44, as measured by [Web of Science](#) and [Google Scholar](#), respectively (click for up-to-date info). Below is a list of selected publications:

Aubert, J. and Finlay, C.C.: [Geomagnetic jerks and rapid hydromagnetic waves focusing at Earth's core surface](#), Nature Geoscience 12, 393-398, 2019, doi: 10.1038/s41561-019-0355-1

Aubert, J., Gastine, T., and Fournier, A.: [Spherical convective dynamos in the rapidly rotating asymptotic regime](#), J. Fluid. Mech. 813, 558-593, 2017, doi: 10.1017/jfm.2016.789

Aubert, J., Finlay, C., Fournier, F.: [Bottom-up control of geomagnetic secular variation by the](#)

- [Earth's inner core](#), Nature 502, 219-223, 2013, doi: 10.1038/nature12574  
Aubert, J., Amit H., Hulot G., Olson P. :[Thermochemical flows couple the Earth's inner core growth to mantle heterogeneity](#), Nature 454, 758-761, 2008, doi:10.1038/nature07109  
Alken, P. et al.: [International Geomagnetic Reference Field: the thirteenth generation](#), Earth Planets Space 73, 49, 2021. doi: 10.1186/s40623-020-01288-x  
Finlay, C.C., Gillet, N., Aubert, J., Livermore, P. and Jault, D.: [Gyres, jets and waves in the Earth's core](#), Nature Rev. Earth. Environ. 4, 377–392, 2023, doi: 10.1038/s43017-023-00425-w  
Christensen, U. and Aubert, J.: [Scaling properties of convection-driven dynamos in rotating spherical shells and application to planetary magnetic fields](#), Geophys. J. Int. 166, pp. 97-114, 2006, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-246X.2006.03009.x
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## Selected invited oral contributions in international conferences

25 contributions with the ones since 2015 listed below:

- New core messages: dynamical interpretations of geomagnetic variations across timescales, SEDI 2024 keynote, Great Barrington, USA  
Force balance(s) in the geodynamo and numerical dynamos, Newton Institute programme 'Frontiers in Dynamo Theory', Leeds, UK, 2022  
[Modelling the geodynamo, a strongly scale-separated MHD system](#), UKMHD 2021 (virtual conference).  
Computational advances and challenges in planetary dynamo modelling, CIG Developer Meeting 2020 (virtual conference).  
Recent progresses and applications of geomagnetic data assimilation, Japan Geoscience Union 2019, Chiba, Japan.  
The interplay of core convection and hydromagnetic waves in geomagnetic variations, German Priority Program Dynamic Earth annual meeting, 2018, Göttingen.  
Spherical convective dynamos in the rapidly rotating asymptotic regime, 20-yr Geodynamo team conference, Autrans, 2017  
Numerical geodynamo simulations in the light of satellite geomagnetic data: results and challenges, European Space Agency 4DEarth prospective meeting 2017, Noordwijk (Netherlands).  
Numerical geodynamo simulation reaches Earth's core dynamical regime, AGU 2016, San Francisco.  
Geodynamo simulations: tools to understand and forecast the geomagnetic field evolution, EGU 2016, Vienna.  
Coupled dynamics of the geomagnetic westward drift and Earth's inner core super-rotation, European Geophysical Union 2015, Vienna.
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## Selected press and outreach

- The Herky-Jerky Weirdness of Earth's Magnetic Field, EOS, December 21 2020  
New Model Shines Spotlight on Geomagnetic Jerks, EOS, April 29 2019  
Mystery of strange jerks in Earth's magnetic field solved by scientists, Newsweek, April 22 2019  
Earth's shifting magnetic field linked to planet's changing core, Huffington Post, October 10 2013  
Structuring the inner core, Nature News and Views, August 6 2008  
Earth's coupled interior, Physics Today, september 2008
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## Community service, synergistic activities

- Elected member, section 18 CoNRS, 2021-2026  
Head of the group "Dynamique des Fluides Géologiques", IPGP, 2011-2021  
PhD Defense committee, Céline Guerville, Grenoble, 2010 (as referee), Mathieu Laneuville, Paris, 2013, Marine Lasbleis, Lyon, 2014 (as referee), Rakesh Yadav, Göttingen, 2015 (as referee), Marie Troyano, 2020 (as president), Rémi Monville, 2024 (as president)  
Habilitation Thesis committee, Marie Calvet, 2018, Henri Samuel, 2023 (as referee)

Member of the scientific council of IPGP, 2007-2009  
Keynote seminar organizer, IPGP, 2007-2009  
Member of selection committees for University Lecturer positions in Université Claude Bernard, Lyon (2013), Université Paul Sabatier (Toulouse), Université Paris-Sud (Orsay), 2010  
Convening: Earth's core dynamics session, EGU 2010 (co-convener), EGU 2013 & 2015 (Main convener), session on data assimilation in geosciences, EGU 2014 (co-convener), Vienna, Austria, session on Earth's core, AGU 2015 (co-convener)  
Member of the organizing committee of the SEDI 2004 symposium, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.  
Topical Editor, Solid Earth, EGU journals.  
Referee for Nature, Science, PNAS, Geology, Icarus, Geophysical Journal International, Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors, Geophysical Research Letters, Earth and Planetary Science Letters, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Geophysical and Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics.  
Expert external reviewer for the ERC, NERC (UK), NSERC (Canada), NSF & NASA (USA), GACR (Czech Republic), ETH Zürich (Switzerland), BELSPO (Belgium) and DFG (Germany) funding agencies.

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## Advising

Florian Lhuillier (PhD. 2008-2011), Maylis Landeau (PhD. 2009-2013), Sabrina Sanchez (PhD. 2012-2016), Guillaume Pichon (PhD. 2014-2017), Tobias Schwaiger (PhD. 2017-2020), Jenny Wong (Postdoc 2019-2020), Simon Cabanes (Postdoc 2022-2023), Olivier Barrois (Postdoc 2023-2025)

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## Software development

I am a co-author of the PARODY numerical code for simulating planetary interior dynamics and magnetic field generation. Since 2006 I have been steadily developing the [PARODY-JA](#) branching of this code, which is freely distributed in the international community. Currently about 20 groups are using the PARODY-JA code worldwide.

I am the author of the [DMFI](#) three-dimensional and dynamical visualization software, which is also freely distributed in the international community.

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## Funding ID

CNRS/INSU Funding Grants obtained as PI in 2005-2007, 2009-2011, 2014 and 2016 (amounts 4-15 k€/ year).

Participating scientist, ANR program AVSGeomag, 2011-2015 (300 k€).

Supercomputer time granted as PI by GENCI from 2007 to 2022: currently 11.1 million core.hours with equivalent value 136 k€.

Participating scientist, Région Île-de-France/IPGP SESAME grant for advanced supercomputing S-CAPAD, 2012 (320 k€) and DANTE, 2018 (600 k€)

PI, scientific subvention from the Fondation Del Duca of Institut de France, 2017-2020 (125 k€)

Leader of IPGP partner, [ESA 4DEarth\\_Swarm\\_Core project](#), 2019-2024 (980 k€)