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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study the impact of present and future environmental changes on the biomineralization of marine organisms. I have a particular interest in groups that contribute significantly to sedimentary deposits (coccolithophores, diatoms, bivalves, etc.). As contributors to the silica and carbon pumps, their biological production represents a climate feedback that remains poorly constrained and is of interest for future climate projections. Trained in geochemistry, I also develop and use automated imaging and neural network-based counting techniques to study these different groups of marine organisms.

**Keywords: Climate change • Nannoplankton • Carbon cycle • Neural networks • Proxy development**

## EDUCATION

Oct. 2018 – Apr. 2022 **PhD in Earth Sciences** | Sorbonne Université | Paris, France  
 Sep. 2016 – July 2018 **MSc in Earth Sciences** | Sorbonne Université | Paris, France  
 Sep. 2013 – July 2016 **Dual degree in Earth Sciences and History** | Université Pierre et Marie Curie & Paris-Sorbonne | Paris, France  
**Student-at-Large Program** | The University of Chicago | Chicago, USA  
 2015-2016 | Followed classes in the Geophysical Sciences & History Departments | GPA: 3.89

## RESEARCH

### **Institut de Recherche pour le Développement | Aix-en-Provence, France | Callao, Peru**

*Host laboratories : Centre de Recherche et d'Enseignement de Géosciences de l'Environnement (CEREGE) – Instituto del Mar del Perú (IMARPE)*

Oct. 2023 – (Sept. 2025) **Post-doctoral researcher for the DEEP-UP project (PI : C. Godbillot)**  
*Spatial and temporal changes in the phytoplankton community of the Humboldt Current and links with environmental changes*

### **Aix-Marseille Université | Aix-en-Provence, France**

*Host laboratory: Centre de Recherche et d'Enseignement de Géosciences de l'Environnement (CEREGE)*

May 2022 – Sept. 2023 **Post-doctoral researcher in the RapMed Project (PI: T. de Garidel-Thoron)**  
*Response of marine nanoplankton to environmental forcings: insights from two sediment trap series over the last decade*  
 ◇ Development and use of automated imaging techniques (optical microscopy) and AI-based (CNN) solutions for the classification of diatom and coccoliths in sediments  
 ◇ Analysis of the links between plankton community changes and environmental variables, and its consequences on carbon burial in the region.

**Sorbonne Université | Paris, France**

Host laboratory: Institut des Sciences de la Terre de Paris (ISTeP)

Oct. 2018 – Apr.  
2022

### PhD Candidate

Thesis: *Biogeochemical response of Pleistocene coccoliths to pCO<sub>2</sub> changes*

- ◇ Micropaleontological and isotopic ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) analyses of coccoliths from Termination II (ca. 130 ka) from the mid-latitude North Atlantic
- ◇ Development of a transfer function between coccolith geochemistry and aqueous CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations derived from ice core atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> records.

Apr. 2017 – July  
2018  
(9 months)

### Research intern

- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> year: Culture experiment response of coccolithophore calcification and organic matter production to an Anthropocene-like rise in CO<sub>2</sub> levels.
- ◇ 1<sup>st</sup> year: Provenance study of multiple oyster populations from their Rare Earth Element content.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Oct. 2018 –  
Mar. 2022

### Sorbonne Université | Earth Sciences Department | 64 hrs/yr

First year undergraduate classes

- ◇ Introduction to the Earth System: Atmosphere, Ocean, Critical Zone, Deep interior
  - ◇ Introduction to observation methods in earth sciences: Microscopy, cartography, etc.
- Second year sedimentology classes

Mar. 2016 –  
June 2016

### The University of Chicago | Languages Department | 6 hrs/wk

15-minute one-on-one interviews in French with undergraduate students.

## SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

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Mar. 2025 –  
June 2025

### Primary supervisor of Guilhem Le Bars (Master's 1)

Project: "Changes in the phytoplankton community during El Niño events"

Jan. 2024 –  
June 2024

### Co-supervisor of Mathias Ageron (Master's 2, supervisor T. de Garidel-Thoron)

Project: "Variability of faunas and morphometric traits of benthic and planktonic foraminifera in the eastern Mediterranean during the sapropel S1 episode: development of an automation method" – training in the development and analysis of automated detection models using convolutional neural networks.

Jan. 2023 –  
June 2023

### Primary supervisor of Baptiste Pesenti (Master's 2)

Project: "Study of community changes in calcareous and siliceous phytoplankton from the DYFAMED sediment trap series in the Ligurian Sea" – training in sample preparation, automated microscopy techniques, data processing, and visualization (R, etc.).

## PUBLICATIONS

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### • Published or submitted in peer-reviewed journals (\*Supervised student)

**Godbillot C.**, Pesenti B.\*, Leblanc K., Beaufort L., Chevalier C., Di Pane J., Durrieu de Madron X., Marchant R., D. Q. Le T., de Garidel-Thoron T. Contrasted trends in phytoplankton diversity, size structure and carbon burial efficiency in the NW Mediterranean Sea under shifting environmental conditions. (Submitted)

**Godbillot, C.**, Marchant, R., Beaufort, L., Leblanc, K., Gally, Y., Le, T. D. Q., Chevalier, C., & De Garidel-Thoron, T. (2024). A New Method for the Detection of Siliceous Microfossils on Sediment Microscope Slides Using Convolutional Neural Networks. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences*, 129(9), e2024JG008047. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2024JG008047>

**Godbillot, C.**, Minoletti, F., Bassinot, F. & Hermoso, M. Parallel between the isotopic composition of coccolith calcite and carbon levels across Termination II: developing a new paleo-CO<sub>2</sub> probe, *Climate of the Past*, 18, 449–464, **2022**.

Mouchi, V., **Godbillot, C.**, Dupont, C., Vella, M., Forest, V., Ulianov, A., Lartaud, F., de Rafélis, M., Emmanuel, L., and Verrecchia, E. P.: Provenance study of oyster shells by LA-ICP-MS, *Journal of Archeological Science*, 132, 105418, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jas.2021.105418>, **2021**.

Hermoso, M., **Godbillot, C.**, and Minoletti, F.: Enhancing Our Palaeoceanographic Toolbox Using Paired Foraminiferal and Coccolith Calcite Measurements From Pelagic Sequences, *Frontiers in Earth Sciences*, 8, 1–5, <https://doi.org/10.3389/feart.2020.00038>, 2020.

Mouchi, V., **Godbillot, C.**, Forest, V., Ulianov, A., Lartaud, F., De Rafélis, M., Emmanuel, L., and Verrecchia, E. P.: Rare earth elements in oyster shells: Provenance discrimination and potential vital effects, *Biogeosciences*, 17, 2205–2217, <https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-17-2205-2020>, 2020.

- **In preparation**

Walla T., Geslin E., Barras C., Lanoy L., Marchant R., **Godbillot C.**, de Garidel-Thoron T. Identification of benthic foraminifera using automated image recognition. In preparation for *Journal of Micropaleontology*.

## CONFERENCES (SINCE 2021)

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Phytoplankton response to environmental shifts in the Mediterranean Sea using novel deep-learning protocols. **EGU 2025**.

Reconstruire la concentration en CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphérique dans le passé par l'étude des effets vitaux des coccolithes. **ClimPast 2 – les changements environnementaux pré-Quaternaires**. Oral presentation. 09/2023

Response of biomineralizing marine phytoplankton to environmental changes in the Mediterranean Sea over the last decade: insights from high-throughput automated workflows. **ASLO 2023 Aquatic Sciences Meeting**. Oral presentation. 06/2023

Response of marine nannoplankton to environmental forcings: insights from automated imaging methods on community shifts in the Gulf of Lions over the last decade. **International Nannoplankton Association Meeting**. Poster presentation. 09/2022

Isotopic response of Pleistocene coccoliths to an ambient pCO<sub>2</sub> change: a calibration experiment. **International Nannoplankton Association Meeting**. Oral presentation. 09/2022

Reconstruction des pCO<sub>2</sub> atmosphériques quaternaires par la géochimie des coccolithes. **Réunion des sciences de la terre 2021**. Oral presentation. 11/2021

Probing the use of coccolith vital effects as a proxy for past carbon dioxide concentrations – Insights from Termination II in the Northern Atlantic Ocean. **Goldschmidt Virtual 2021**. Oral presentation. 07/2021

## FUNDING

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- **Projects funded (as P.I.)**

2024-2025 – Microfluidics and Micromanipulation Project (MiMi) – 6000 euros

2023-2024 – Financial support for a 2-month visit at IMARPE (Peru) – 6500 euros

2023-2025 – DEEP-UP project (Deep learning applied to Phytoplankton from the Peruvian Upwelling) – 2 year salary

## GRANTS

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2022 – Recipient of the City of Marseille's grant for young researchers

## SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

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Speaker at the "Fête de la Science" at CEREGE – led a workshop on sediment cores for primary school students (2023).

Regular participant in awareness-raising activities for middle and high school students about careers in scientific research (2022-2025).

## OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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Reviewer for peer-reviewed scientific journals: Elsevier (*Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, *AI in Geosciences*), Springer Nature (*Geo-Marine Letters*)

Convener for the “Evolution and Ecology” session at the International Nannoplankton Association Meeting (INA18, 2022)

## SKILLS

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**Micropaleontology:** Taxonomy of coccoliths and diatoms, sample preparation from marine bio-carbonates for chemical analyses and automated imaging.

**Deep learning:** Development of an image processing workflow (annotation, detection, classification) for various phytoplankton groups.

**Geochemical analyses:** Stable isotope chemistry ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) of carbonates, Inorganic geochemistry of Major, Trace and Rare Earth Elements using LA-ICP-MS, XRF, Optical and SEM cathodoluminescence, EPMA, and CHNS combustion analyses

**Cell culture experiments:** Coccolithophore culturing techniques including medium preparation, cell acclimation and monitoring of population growth rates and sizes.

**GIS:** ArcGis, Ocean Data View

**IT:** Data, spatial information, and timeseries analyses using R, Python, and Microsoft Excel

**Languages:** Fluent French and English (TOEFL iBT 117/120 in 2018); Basic Spanish