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Education

09/2020 HDR, Neuroscience, Université de Lille, Lille, France
03/2008 Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
06/2003 M.S., Biomedical Engineering, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey
06/2001 B.S., Mechanical Engineering (ABET accredited), Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

Employment

06/2019 – Present Research Scientist (Chargé de Recherche); Institut Pasteur de Lille – Inserm U1167, Lille, France
06/2016 – 06/2019 Postdoctoral Researcher (PI: Jean-Charles Lambert); Institut Pasteur de Lille – Inserm U1167, Lille, France
09/2013 – 03/2016 Research Fellow (PI: Gil U. Lee); UCD Nanomedicine Centre, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
09/2011 – 09/2013 Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow (PI: Gil U. Lee); Bionanosciences Laboratory, UCD, Dublin, Ireland
03/2010 – 09/2011 Postdoctoral Researcher (PI: Gil U. Lee); Bionanosciences Laboratory, UCD, Dublin, Ireland
03/2008 – 12/2009 Postdoctoral Researcher (PI: Bernard Brugg and Jean-Michel Peyrin); CNRS UMR 7102 Neurobiology of Adaptive Processes, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France
10/2003 – 03/2008 Research and Teaching Assistant; Cellular Mechanics Laboratory, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Research Funding

FVA-BFF Cross-border grant 2025 (€102K out of €200K; 2 years); co-PI (with B Goult); APP-mediated mechanical signaling and its regulation by Alzheimer's risk genes
ANR PRC 2025 (€252.5K out of €733.7K; 3 years); co-PI (with M Gomes-Pereria and F Treussart); RNA metabolism in axonal biology and vesicle transport: insights from myotonic dystrophy type 1 (RAVEN)
ANR PRME 2025 (PI: Jean-Charles Lambert); team member; Adhesion pathways and Alzheimer's disease: Towards a genetically dependent synaptic failure (AD-AP)
CNPq (Brasil) Chamada 33/2024 grant (€5.5K out of €320K; 3 years; PI: V Toledo Ribas, UFMG, Brasil); collaborator; rAAV biopharmaceutical for neuroprotective and regenerative gene therapy against neurodegenerative disorders
Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale 2024 PhD Thesis Fellowship for A Battrel; supervisor
Fondation Alzheimer 2024 End of PhD Thesis Fellowship for C Gelle; supervisor
ANR PRC 2023 (PIs: P Dourlen and L Buée); team member; Tau-oriented functional analysis of Alzheimer disease susceptibility genes (TauFunAlz)
IPL Transdisciplinary Research Projects 2022 grant (€50K out of €100K; 2 years); co-PI (with M Gissot); Deciphering the consequences of *Toxoplasma gondii* infection on neuron activity
Alzheimer's Association Research Grant 2022 (\$150K; 3 years); PI; Microfluidic screening of Alzheimer's risk genes against A β synaptotoxicity
CPER-CTRL 2019 Collaborative Grant (€135K out of €200K; 2 years); co-PI (with S Halliez); Medium-throughput screening based on microfluidic neuron co-cultures that permit physiologically relevant synapse toxicity
Sanofi iAwards Europe 2019 Grant (€100K; 1 year); PI; Medium-throughput screening platform based on microfluidic neuron co-cultures that permit physiologically-relevant synapse toxicity
CoEN 2019 Pathfinder IV grant (£327K; 2 years; PIs: P Heutink and JC Lambert); co-applicant; Systematic investigation of genetic risk factors for neurodegenerative diseases in neuronal-microglia co-cultures using microfluidic devices
Fondation Vaincre Alzheimer 2017 Pilot Grant (€40K; 2 years); PI; Role of Pyk2/p53 pathway in synaptic failure due to localized A β treatment
Enterprise Ireland Commercial Case Feasibility Support Grant 2013 (€9.4K); PI; Lab on a chip system for the characterization of cellular response to orthogonal chemical gradients
Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship 2011-2013 (€194.8K); fellow; Application of mechanical forces on axon growth cones via magnetic nanoparticles to enhance axon regeneration in central nervous system (MagForce4AxonGrowth)
AXA Research Fund Doctoral Fellowship for A Blasiak (€120K); supervisor
Microfabrication Project Grant; SFI National Access Programme; co-PI (with GU Lee)
Research Fellowships; Drexel Neuroengineering Major Research Initiative, 2007–2008; Drexel Synergy Grant, 2005–2006.

Book Chapters

Blasiak A*, **D Kilinc*** and JM Peyrin*. "Subcellular compartmentalization for neurobiology: Focusing on the axon," in Handbook of Neuroengineering (NV Thakor, ed), Nov 2021, DOI: [10.1007/978-981-15-2848-4_1-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-2848-4_1-1) (* co-corresponding)
Lee GU, K Ivanov, **D Kilinc**, E Martines, A Blasiak, P Li and M Higgins. "Characterization of intermolecular and intramolecular interactions with the atomic force microscope," Handbook of Imaging in Biological Mechanics (C Neu and G Genin, editors), Oct 2014, [445-56](#)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Total number of citations: 1680; *H*-index: 23; average journal impact factor: 8.0 (WoS); ORCID [0000-0003-3321-5203](https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3321-5203)

1. Coulon A, F Rabiller, M Takalo, A Roy, A Pelletier, H Martiskainen, D Siedlecki-Wullich, ..., MR Costa, J TCW, E Glaab, AM Ayril, F Demiautte, B Grenier-Boley, M Muntaner, D Eberlé, S Deforges, JT Haas, **D Kilinc**, C Mulle, J Chapuis, M Hiltunen, J Dumont and JC Lambert. Non-microglial downregulation of PLCG2 impairs synaptic function and elicits Alzheimer disease-related hallmarks. *Nat Genet* ([in press](#))
2. Lambert E, C Gelle, V Leclerc, A Freire-Regatillo, L Liefooghe, N Barois, T Malfoi, X Hermant, F Demiautte, I Gallienne, F Lafont, P Amouyel, K Blary, S Kuenen, C Najdek, P Verstreken, D Siedlecki-Wullich, P Yger, JC Lambert, **D Kilinc*** and P Dourlen*. BIN1 gain-of-function in the presynaptic compartment leads to isoform-specific synaptotoxicity. *Alzheimers Res Ther*, 2026, [18:185](#) (* co-corr)
3. Siedlecki-Wullich D*, AM Ayril, L Iohan, C Lemeu, V Buiche, K Blary, J Chapuis, F Eysert, D Beury, M Delacre, D Hot, T Masuda, KP Knobloch, M Prinz, JC Lambert† and **D Kilinc***. Inflammation-enhanced synapse-specific phagocytosis by adult APP microglia in a microfluidic neuron–microglia co-culture model. *J Neuroinflammation*, 2026, [23:75](#) († co-last; * co-corr)
4. Dourlen P*, **D Kilinc***, I Landrieu, J Chapuis and JC Lambert. "BIN1 and Alzheimer's disease: The tau connection. *Trends Neurosci*, 2025, [48:349](#) (* co-first)

5. Najdek C, P Walle, A Flaig, AM Ayral, F Demiautte, A Coulon, V Buiche, Neuro-CEB Brain Bank, E Lambert, P Amouyel, C Gelle, D Siedlecki-Wullich, J Dumont, **D Kilinc**, F Eysert, JC Lambert, J Chapuis. "Calpain and caspase regulate A β peptides production via cleavage of KINDLIN2 encoded by the AD-associated gene FERMT2," *Neurobiol Aging*, 2025, [151:117](#)
6. Buchholz S, MA Al Kabbani, M Bell-Simons, L Kluge, C Cakmak, J Klimek, N Haag, LC Iohan, A Coulon, MR Costa, **D Kilinc** and H Zempel. "The TAU isoform 1N4R confers vulnerability of MAPT knockout human iPSC-derived neurons to Amyloid beta and phosphorylated TAU-induced neuronal dysfunction," *Alzheimers Dement*, 2025, [e14403](#)
7. Ellis C, NL Ward, M Rice, NJ Ball, P Walle, C Najdek, **D Kilinc**, JC Lambert, J Chapuis and BT Goult. "The structure of an Amyloid Precursor Protein/talin complex indicates a mechanical basis of Alzheimer's Disease," *Open Biol*, 2024, [14:240185](#)
8. Ropert B, S Bannwarth, EC Genin, L Vaillant-Beuchot, ..., W Meira, N Bonnefoy, L Monassier, M Schiff, L Sago, **D Kilinc**, F Brau, V Redeker, D Bohl, D Tribouillard-Tanvier, V Procaccio, S Azoulay, JE Ricci, A Delahodde and V Paquis-Flucklinger. "Nifuroxazide rescues the deleterious effects due to CHCHD10-associated MICOS defects in disease models," *Brain*, 2024, [awae348](#)
9. Gomez-Murcia V, A Launay, K Carvalho, ..., **D Kilinc**, D Siedlecki, M Besegher, S Bégard, B Thiroux, M Jung, O Nebie, M Wisztorski, N Déglon, C Montmasson, AP Bemelmans, M Hamdane, T Lebouvier, D Vieau, I Fournier, L Buee, S Lévi, LV Lopes, AL Boutillier, E Faivre and D Blum. "Neuronal A2A receptor exacerbates synapse loss and memory deficits in APP/PS1 mice," *Brain*, 2024, [147:2691](#)
10. Saha O, AR Melo de Farias, A Pelletier, D Siedlecki-Wullich, B Soares Landeira, J Gadaut, A Carrier, AC Vreulx, K Guyot, Y Shen, A Bonnefond, P Amouyel, J TCW, **D Kilinc**, CM Queiroz, F Delahaye, JC Lambert and MR Costa, "The Alzheimer's disease risk gene BIN1 regulates activity-dependent gene expression in human-induced glutamatergic neurons," *Mol Psychiatry*, 2024, [29:2634](#)
11. Lefebvre C, AC Vreulx, C Dumortier, S Bégard, C Gelle, D Siedlecki-Wullich, M Colin, **D Kilinc*** and S Halliez*, "Integration of microfluidic devices with microelectrode arrays to functionally assay amyloid- β -induced synaptotoxicity," *ACS Biomater Sci Eng*, 2024, [10:1856](#) (* co-corr)
12. Coulon A, D Siedlecki-Wullich, C Najdek, C Gelle, AM Ayral, F Demiautte, E Lambert, A Vandeputte, P Brodin, T Mendes, JC Lambert, **D Kilinc**, J Dumont and J Chapuis, "High-content screening of synaptic density modulators in primary neuronal cultures," *Curr Protoc Cell Biol*, 2023, [3:e904](#)
13. Eysert F, A Coulon, E Boscher, ..., M Hiltunen, F Chécler, M Farinelli, C Delay, N Malmmanche, SS Hébert, J Dumont, **D Kilinc**, JC Lambert and J Chapuis, "Alzheimer's genetic risk factor FERMT2 (Kindlin-2) controls axonal growth and synaptic plasticity in an APP-dependent manner," *Mol Psychiatry*, 2021, [26:5592](#)
14. **Kilinc D***, AC Vreulx, T Mendes, A Flaig, D Marques-Coelho, M Verschoore, F Demiautte, P Amouyel, Neuro-CEB Brain Bank, F Eysert, P Dourlen, J Chapuis, MR Costa, N Malmmanche, F Checler and JC Lambert*, "Pyk2 overexpression in postsynaptic neurons blocks amyloid β ₁₋₄₂-induced synaptotoxicity in a microfluidic co-culture model." *Brain Commun*, 2020, [2:fcaa139](#) (* co-corr)
15. Mendes T, A Herledan, F Leroux, B Déprez, JC Lambert, **D Kilinc**. "High-content screening using proximity ligation assay in primary neurons cultured in 384-well plates," *Curr Protoc Cell Biol*, 2019, [86:e100](#)
16. Sartori M, T Mendes, S Desai, ..., L Pradier, M Hiltunen, I Landrieu, **D Kilinc***, Y Herault*, J Laporte* and JC Lambert*. "BIN1 recovers tauopathy-induced long-term memory deficits in mice and interacts with Tau through Thr348 phosphorylation," *Acta Neuropathol*, 2019, [138:631](#) (* co-last)
17. Dourlen P, **D Kilinc**, N Malmmanche, J Chapuis and JC Lambert. "The new genetic landscape of Alzheimer's disease: from amyloid cascade to genetically driven synaptic failure hypothesis?," *Acta Neuropathol*, 2019, [138:221](#)
18. **Kilinc D**. "The emerging role of mechanics in synapse formation and plasticity," *Front Cell Neurosci*, 2018, [12:483](#)
19. Lesniak A*, **D Kilinc***, A Blasiak, G Galea, JC Simpson and GU Lee. "Dynein-mediated axonal retrograde transport of nanoparticles in primary neurons depends on particle charge and lysosomal avoidance," *Small*, 2018, [1803758](#) (* co-first)
20. **Kilinc D***, A Blasiak, A Al-Adli, NC Carville, MA Baghban, RM Al-Shammari, JH Rice, GU Lee*, K Gallo* and BJ Rodriguez*. "Charge and topography patterned lithium niobate provides physical cues to fluidically isolated cortical axons," *Appl Phys Lett*, 2017, [110:053702](#) (* co-corresponding)
21. Blasiak A, **D Kilinc*** and GU Lee*. "Neuronal cell bodies remotely regulate axonal growth response to localized Netrin-1 treatment via second messenger and DCC dynamics," *Front Cell Neurosci*, 2017, [10:298](#) (* co-corresponding)
22. **Kilinc D**, CL Dennis and GU Lee. "Bio-nano-materials for localized mechanochemical stimulation of cell growth and death," *Adv Mater*, 2016, [28:5672-80](#)
23. **Kilinc D**, J Schwab, S Rampini, OW Ipekha, A Thampi, A Blasiak, P Li, R Schwamborn, W Kolch, D Matallanas and GU Lee. "A microfluidic dual gradient generator for conducting cell-based drug combination assays," *Integr Biol*, 2016, [8:39-49](#) (selected as 'hot paper' by reviewers)
24. Blasiak A, GU Lee* and **D Kilinc***. "Neuron sub-populations with different elongation rates and DCC dynamics exhibit distinct responses to isolated Netrin-1 treatment," *ACS Neuro*, 2015, [6:1578-90](#) (journal cover; * co-corresponding)
25. **Kilinc D**, A Blasiak and GU Lee. "Microtechnologies to study the role of mechanics in axon growth and guidance," *Front Cell Neurosci*, 2015, [9:282](#)
26. Rampini S, **D Kilinc**, P Li, C Monteil, D Gandhi and GU Lee. "Micromagnet arrays for on-chip focusing, switching, and separation of superparamagnetic beads and single cells," *Lab Chip*, 2015, [15:3370-9](#)
27. **Kilinc D**, A Blasiak, JJ O'Mahony and GU Lee. "Low piconewton towing of CNS axons against diffusing and surface-bound repellents requires the inhibition of motor protein-associated pathways," *Sci Rep*, 2014, [4:7128](#)
28. **Kilinc D***, A Lesniak*, SA Rashdan, D Gandhi, A Blasiak, PC Fannin, A von Kriegsheim, W Kolch and GU Lee. "Mechanochemical stimulation of MCF7 cells with rod-shaped Fe-Au Janus particles induces cell death through paradoxical hyperactivation of ERK," *Adv Healthc Mater*, 2015, [4:395-404](#) (* co-first).
29. Lesniak A*, **D Kilinc***, SA Rashdan, A von Kriegsheim, B Ashall, D Zerulla, W Kolch and GU Lee. "In vitro study of the interaction of heregulin functionalized magnetic-optical nanorods with MCF7 and MDA-MB-231 cells," *Farad Discuss*, 2014, [175:189-201](#) (* co-first).
30. **Kilinc D** and GU Lee. "Advances in magnetic tweezers for single molecule and cell biophysics," *Integr Biol*, 2014, [6:27-34](#) (one of top ten most accessed *Integr Biol* articles in 2014; also selected as 'hot paper' by reviewers)
31. Stoeckli ET, **D Kilinc**, B Kunz, S Kunz, GU Lee, E Martinez, C Rader and D Suter. "Analysis of cell-cell contact mediated by Ig superfamily cell adhesion molecules," *Curr Protoc Cell Biol*, 2013, [61.9.5.1-9.5.85](#)
32. Magnifico S, L Saias, B Deleglise, **D Kilinc**, E Duplus, MC Miquel, JL Viovy, B Brugg and JM Peyrin. "NAD⁺ acts on mitochondrial SirT3 to prevent axonal caspase activation and axonal degeneration," *FASEB J*, 2013, [27:4712-22](#)
33. Li P, **D Kilinc**, YF Ran and GU Lee. "Flow enhanced non-linear magnetophoretic separation of beads based on magnetic susceptibility," *Lab Chip*, 2013, [13:4400-8](#)

34. O'Mahony JJ, M Platt, **D Kilinc** and GU Lee. "Synthesis of superparamagnetic particles with tunable morphologies: the role of nanoparticle-nanoparticle interactions," *Langmuir*, 2013, [29:2546-53](#)
35. **Kilinc D**, A Blasiak, JJ O'Mahony, DM Suter and GU Lee. "Magnetic tweezers-based force clamp reveals mechanically distinct apCAM domain interactions," *Biophys J*, 2012, [103:1120-9](#)
36. **Kilinc D**, JM Peyrin, V Soubeyre, S Magnifico, L Saias, JL Viovy and B Brugg. "Wallerian-like degeneration of central neurons after mass axotomy in a novel three-compartmental microfluidic chip," *Neurotox Res*, 2011, [19:149-61](#)
37. **Kilinc D**, G Gallo and KA Barbee. "Mechanical membrane injury induces axonal beading through localized activation of calpain," *Exp Neurol*, 2009, [219:553-61](#)
38. **Kilinc D**, G Gallo and KA Barbee. "An interactive image processing and analysis algorithm for the quantification of axonal beading," *Comput Meth Prog Bio*, 2009, [95:62-71](#)
39. **Kilinc D**, G Gallo and KA Barbee. "Poloxamer 188 blocks mechanoporation-induced axonal beading and cytoskeletal damage," *Exp Neurol*, 2008, [212:422-30](#)

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

1. Peyrin JM, L Saias, P Gougis, S Magnifico, S Betuing, **D Kilinc**, JL Viovy and B Brugg. "Microfluidic chips with 'axon diodes' for directed axonal outgrowth and reconstruction of complex live neural networks," Proceedings of μ TAS 2008, pp. [1329-31](#), Oct 12-16, 2008, San Diego, CA
2. Sasoglu FM, **D Kilinc**, K Allen, and B Layton, "Parallel force measurements in cell arrays," Proceedings of the ASME IMECE, pp. [855-9](#), November 11-15, 2007, Seattle, WA
3. **Kilinc D**, G Gallo, and KA Barbee, "Poloxamer 188 reduces axonal beading following mechanical trauma to cultured neurons," Proceedings of EMBC 2007, pp. [5395-8](#), Aug 23-26, 2007, Lyon, France
4. Sasoglu FM, **D Kilinc**, K Allen, and B Layton, "Towards a method for printing a network of chick forebrain neurons for biosensor applications," Proceedings of EMBC 2007, pp. [4092-5](#), Aug 23-26, 2007, Lyon, France
5. **Kilinc D**, G Gallo, and KA Barbee, "Effects of shear stress injury on the morphology and structure of cultured chick forebrain neurons," Proceedings of the BIYOMUT 2005, pp. 191-6, May 25-26, 2005, Istanbul, Turkey

Patents

- Kilinc D**, P Li, GU Lee, D Gandhi and S Rampini S, "Optical detection based on non-linear magnetophoretic transport of magnetic particle for particle and biological sensing and separation," US patent 11,273,454; dated Mar 15, 2022
- Kilinc D**, S Rampini, R Schwamborn, W Kolch and GU Lee, "A microfluidic device for cell culture observation and manipulation," WO/2015/032900; filed Sep, 5, 2014

Selected Oral Presentations

- Axonal and dendritic transport in the context of Alzheimer's disease, MTTN 2023, Institut Curie – Orsay, France, Nov 16, 2023
- Low piconewton towing of CNS axons against diffusing and surface-bound repellents requires the inhibition of motor protein-associated pathways, 622. Heraeus Seminar: Neuronal Mechanics, Bad Honnef, Germany, Aug 17-19, 2016
- Microfluidic neuron culture devices to study neural development and disease, Nencki Institute of Exp. Biology, Warsaw, Poland, Apr 21, 2016
- Molecular targeting and localized mechanochemical stimulation of ErbB receptors with Fe-Au nanorods, BMES Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Oct 22-25, 2014
- Parallel magnetic tweezers for pulling CNS axons towards a source of repellent factors, BMES Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Sep 25-28, 2013
- Morphological response of cultured chick forebrain neurons to mechanical injury, BMES Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct 13-16, 2004

Advanced Research Training

- 'GdR ImaBio Practical Course: Molecular Dynamics Measurements in Cells', Laboratoire PhLAM, Lille, France, Oct 8-11, 2019
- 'EMBO Workshop: Molecular Neurobiology', Crete, Greece, May 8-12, 2018
- 'EMBO Practical Course: Microscopy, Modelling and Biophysical Methods', EMBL Heidelberg, Germany, Sep 8-20, 2014
- 'Computational methods for spatially realistic microphysiological simulations (MCELL) workshop', Pittsburgh, PA, June 25-29, 2007
- 'Eighth Annual Virtual Cell Short Course', Farmington, CT, June 11-13, 2007
- 'IEEE-EMBS/ASME Workshop on Nanoscale Modeling and Meas. of Mecha. Prop. of Cells and Proteins', Philadelphia, PA, Sep 14-16, 2006
- 'Virtual Institute Summer Session', Greater Philadelphia Bioinformatics Alliance, Philadelphia, PA, Jun 26-Aug 11, 2006

Academic Service

- Peer reviewer for (among others) *Nat Commun*, *Adv Healthc Mater*, *PNAS*, *BMC Neurosci*, *Biomaterials*, *ACS Chem Neurosci*, *Cell Mol Neurobiol*, *Neurosignals*, *Sci Rep*, *Sensors*, *Front Mol Neurosci*, *Front Cell Neurosci*, *Transl Neurodegener*, *J Vis Exp*, *Rev Neuroscience*, *Springer Handbook of Neuroengineering*, *Curr Protoc Cell Biol*, *Micromachines*, *Pharmacol Rep*, *Biomedicines*, *Semin Cell Dev Biol*, *J Nanobiotechnology*
- Grant reviewer for *Agence Nationale de la Recherche (FR)*, *UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships*, *UKRI Med. Res. Coun.*, *Latvian Coun. of Sci.*, *CaixaImpulse Innovation Call (ES)*, *Alzheimer's Association (USA)*, *Muenster Univ. Medical School (DE)*, *NCSTE (KZ)*, *National Sci. Centre (PL)*
- Monitor and proposal reviewer for the *FET Open* (Horizon 2020) and proposal reviewer for the *EIC Pathfinder* (Horizon Europe) programs

Teaching Experience

- Lecturer, "Introduction to cell mechanics and mechanotransduction," Life Sciences & Technologies MS program, Univ. Lille, (2021–Present)
- Lecturer, LiCEND Summer School: "Experimental models for neurodegenerative diseases: from cells to model organisms," Lille Center of Excellence for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Loos, France, July 2-5, 2019
- Co-organizer, "Quantifying synaptic plasticity in primary neurons using microfluidic culture devices and a custom image analysis workflow," Functional Microscopy for Biology (MiFoBio) School, Seignosses, France, Oct 5-12, 2018
- Guest lecturer, optical and magnetic tweezers; 'Nanomechanics' course, UCD School of Physics (2010–2015)
- Teaching assistant, 'Biomeasurements' and 'Biomechanics' lab classes, Drexel University (2006–2007)

Mentoring Experience

Supervised or co-supervised 7 interns, 2 4th year students, 10 MS and 6 PhD students, 5 technicians/engineers and 7 postdoctoral fellows.