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Academic positions

Harvard Medical School & Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, MA

Research Fellow in Radiology

Jul. 2015–present

- Responsible of PET/MR imaging analysis in a clinical study to search for markers of disease and progression in Huntington’s Disease.
- Using PET/MR neuroimaging to explore and develop new concepts in healthy and diseased brain function.
- Collaborating with a multi-disciplinary team of radiochemists, neuroscientists, and clinical physicians.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

“M+Vision” Research Fellow in Translational Biomedical Imaging

Jul. 2012–present

- Intensive training on identifying unmet clinical needs and designing solutions with high translational potential and marketability.
- Conducted interviews with key opinion leaders in oncology, neurology, psychiatry, and radiology.
- Responsible of PET/MR imaging in a clinical study to investigate the biological basis of the placebo effect in depression.
- Built and co-managed an international team of radiochemists, biologists, engineers, and physicians, working on the development of a new PET tracer for early assessment of treatment response in melanoma patients.
- Received \$414K in internal grant funding.
- Co-organized and taught a MIT IAP course on Biomedical Imaging.

Hospital Clinic Barcelona

Barcelona, Spain

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Jan. 2012– Jun. 2012

- Evaluated the value of dual-time-point PET for prediction of treatment response in lung cancer patients.

Imaging Science Institute of Tübingen

Tübingen, Germany

Visiting Scientist

Feb. 2011– Jul. 2011

- Analyzed the effect of MRI contrast agents on PET quantification for PET/MRI applications and demonstrated how to avoid potential artifacts that could impact clinical decisions.
- Evaluated artifacts caused by dental implants in PET/CT and PET/MR imaging.
- Worked in a highly collaborative multi-disciplinary team of physicians, MR and PET physicists, and computer engineers.

Hospital Clinic Barcelona

Barcelona, Spain

Visiting Researcher

3 months in 2009 and 2010

- Compared the performance of GATE & PeneloPET in simulating a microPET scanner.

University of Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

“Ángeles Alvariño” Fellow

Dec. 2008–Dec 2011

- Designed and built an affordable preclinical SPECT system by reusing a clinical gamma-camera.
- Received 60K € in competitive, public grant funding as PI.
- Led a multi-disciplinary team of physicists, nuclear medicine physicians, and mechanical engineers.
- Trained and supervised a graduate student and a postdoc.
- Responsible of designing and teaching one undergraduate laboratory course and two graduate courses.

University of Tennessee Medical Center

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Knoxville, TN

Feb. 2007– Jul. 2008

- Working in collaboration with Siemens, demonstrated the benefits of incorporating time-of-flight information in PET/CT by carrying out a study on a large population of 100 oncology patients.
- Published two highly cited papers, one chosen as cover in *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*.

University of Santiago de Compostela

Postdoctoral Research Assistant

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Sep. 2006–Jan. 2007

- Measured the neutron fluency in a linear accelerator to estimate its contribution to the radiation dose in radiotherapy patients.

University of Zürich

Zürich, Switzerland

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University of Santiago de Compostela

Research & Teaching Assistant

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Sep. 2001–Jun. 2006

- Contributed to the design and development and carried out performance studies of the silicon microstrip detectors installed in the Silicon Tracker of the LHCb experiment at CERN.
- Trained and supervised undergraduate students.

Awards

M+Vision Advanced Fellowship (declined), Madrid-MIT M+Vision Consortium	<i>Aug. 2013</i>
M+Vision Fellowship Madrid-MIT M+Vision Consortium	<i>Jul. 2012</i>
Ranked 2nd among more than 100 applicants.	
“Best Oral Presentation in Nuclear Medicine” Spanish Nuclear Society Annual Meeting	<i>Oct. 2010</i>
Front cover of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine, Vol. 50 Featuring results on “Impact of Time-of-Flight on PET Tumor Detection”.	<i>Aug. 2009</i>
José Castillejo Fellowship Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia, Spain	<i>Sep. 2007–Jun. 2008</i>
Ángeles Alvariño Fellowship Xunta de Galicia, Spain	<i>Dec. 2008–Dec. 2011</i>
Ranked 2nd among more than 200 applicants.	
Predoctoral research grant Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain	<i>Oct. 2005–May 2006</i>
Excma. Diputación Provincial de A Coruña, Spain	<i>Jul. 2003–Jul. 2004</i>
Excma. Diputación Provincial de A Coruña, Spain	<i>Jul. 2002–Jul. 2003</i>

Grants

Treatment response in advanced melanoma patients <i>Funding Agency:</i> Madrid-MIT M+Vision Consortium. <i>Duration:</i> Feb. 2013–Dec. 2014. <i>Budget:</i> \$414,473. <i>Principal Investigators:</i> Osasere Egbomwan and Cristina Lois.	
Development of a pinhole SPECT system based on a conventional gamma camera <i>Funding Agency:</i> Xunta de Galicia, Spain. <i>Duration:</i> Dec. 2009–Dec. 2011. <i>Budget:</i> 60000 €. <i>Principal Investigator:</i> Cristina Lois.	

Development and evaluation of the next generation of high-performance PET Scanners

Funding Agency: Programa José Castillejo, Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia.

Duration: Jul. 2007–Jun. 2008.

Budget: 25000 €.

Principal Investigator: Cristina Lois.

Education

PhD in Physics, with European Doctorate

University of Santiago de Compostela

Oct. 2001 - May 2006

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

MSc in Particle Physics & Non-linear Dynamics

University of Santiago de Compostela

Oct. 2001 - Sep. 2003

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

BSc in Physics

University of Santiago de Compostela

Oct. 1995 - Sept. 2001

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Publications

Authored 50+ scientific publications, 10+ as first or last author, and with a total of 3200+ citations.

See also my Google Scholar profile at bit.ly/cloispubs.

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- [5] Pablo Aguiar and Cristina Lois. “Analytical study of the effect of the system geometry on photon sensitivity and depth of interaction of positron emission mammography”. In: *Journal of oncology* 2012 (2012).
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- [7] P Aguilar et al. “New developments in molecular imaging: positron emission tomography time-of-flight (TOF-PET)”. In: *Nuclear Espana* (2011).
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- [10] C Lois et al. “Effect of MR contrast agents on quantitative accuracy of PET in combined whole-body PET/MR imaging”. In: *Annual Congress of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM)*. 2011.
- [11] H Schmidt et al. “First Results on Patients and Phantoms of a Fully Integrated Clinical Whole-Body PET/MRI”. In: *2011 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium, Medical Imaging Conference*. 2011.
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- [17] Pablo Aguiar et al. “Design simulations of a LSO crystal block detector module for dual PET/SPECT systems”. In: *Nuclear Science Symposium Conference Record, 2008*. IEEE. 2008, pp. 3829–3831.
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- [19] Ralf Bernhard et al. “The LHCb silicon tracker”. In: *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment* 596.1 (2008), pp. 17–20.
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Teaching

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

[“An introduction to biomedical imaging”](#) (IAP)

Jan. 2015

Hospital Clínic de Barcelona

Spain

- “IX Course on Instrumentation and Quality Control in Nuclear Medicine” *Nov. 2013*
- “VIII Course on Instrumentation and Quality Control in Nuclear Medicine” *Nov. 2011*

University of Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

- “Physics II” (BSc in Chemistry) *2010 & 2011*
- “Medical Applications of Ionizing Radiation” (Ms in Physics) *2009 & 2010*
- “Technological Applications of Ionizing Radiation” (Ms in Physics) *2010 & 2011*

Professional service

Chair of the “PET imaging” session at the 2011 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference, Valencia, Spain.

Referee for *Medical Physics*, *Physics in Medicine and Biology*, *European Journal of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging - Physics*, and *Zeitschrift für Medizinische Physik*.

Management Committee Member to [EU COST Action TD1007](#) for “Bimodal PET-MRI molecular imaging technologies and applications for in vivo monitoring of disease and biological processes”.

Reviewer for the Instituto de Salud Carlos III Grants 2015, in the modality of Technological Developments for Health Applications (AES 2015).

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Radioactive Facilities Supervisor License, Spanish Nuclear Safety Council, 2009.