

# Elodie Maignant

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## Current position

Jan 2024 – present **Postdoctoral position**, *Zuse Institute Berlin, Germany*.  
"Geometric learning for Single-Cell RNA velocity modelling". PI: Christoph von Tycowicz.

## Education

Oct 2020 – Dec 2023 **PhD in Applied Mathematics**, *Université Côte d'Azur, France*.  
"Barycentric embeddings for geometric manifold learning". Under the supervision of Xavier Pennec and Alain Trouvé.

Sep 2019 – Sep 2020 **Master's degree in Applied Mathematics**, *ENS Paris-Saclay, France*.  
Mathematics, Vision, Learning (MVA)

Sep 2016 – Sep 2020 **Master's degree – Mathematics**, *ENS Paris-Saclay, France*.  
2019 Master's degree in Higher Education in Mathematics with specialisation in Effective Algebra. Successful candidate to the Agrégation de Mathématiques (rank 66/308).  
2017 Bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Sep 2014 – Jul 2016 **Classe préparatoire en Mathématiques et Physique**, *Lycée Saint Louis, Paris*.  
Intensive two-year study course in Mathematics and Physics preparing for the competitive entrance examinations to the French "Grandes Écoles".

## Research experience

Apr 2020 – Sep 2020 **Master's thesis**, *ENS Paris-Saclay, France*.  
"Data embedding and symmetric spaces with applications to molecular dynamics". Under the supervision of Alain Trouvé.

Apr 2018 – Jul 2018 **Visiting Student**, *Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany*.  
"Statistical analysis of geometric shapes with applications to anthropology". Visiting JProf. Philipp Harms.

Jan 2017 – Jun 2017 **Bachelor's thesis**, *ENS Paris-Saclay, France*.  
"Learning stochastic systems in high dimension". Under the supervision of Alain Trouvé.

## Talks and conferences

Feb 2025 **Infinite-dimensional Geometry: Theory and Applications – Invited talk**, *ESI, Austria*.  
"Geometry of single-cell trajectories"

Aug 2024 **COMPSTAT 2024 – Invited talk**, *Giessen, Germany*.  
"Barycentric subspace analysis of networks"

Aug 2024 **Workshop on Shape Analysis: Math in Maine – Invited talk**, *Andover, USA*.  
"Single-cell velocity fields"

Jun 2024 **POPnets Workshop – Invited talk**, *Copenhagen, Denmark*.  
"Barycentric subspace analysis of networks"

May 2024 **Geometric Sciences in Action – Poster**, *CIRM, France*.  
"Barycentric subspace analysis of networks"

Jan 2024 **Workshop on Small Data Analysis – Invited talk**, *Berlin, Germany*.  
"Barycentric subspace analysis of a set of graphs"

Dec 2023 **Seminar on Shape Analysis – Invited talk**, *Paris, France*.  
"Intrinsic methods for manifold-valued data"

- Nov 2023 **Workshop on Dimension Reduction – Contributed talk**, *Lyon, France*.  
"Barycentric subspace analysis of sets of graphs"
- Aug 2023 **GSI'23 – Contributed talk**, *Saint-Malo, France*.  
"Riemannian locally linear embedding with application to Kendall shape spaces"
- Aug 2023 **GSI'23 – Contributed talk**, *Saint-Malo, France*.  
"Towards quotient barycentric subspaces"
- Aug 2023 **Statistical Learning Theory Lab – Invited talk**, *Seoul National University*.  
"Barycentric geometry on manifolds and application to non-Euclidean dimensionality reduction"
- Jul 2023 **Workshop on Shape Analysis: Math in the Mine – Invited talk**, *Tende, France*.  
"Geodesics of orbit spaces, affine mappings of simple manifolds and some related questions in barycentric geometry"
- Sep 2022 **Introductory School on Geometry and Statistics – Poster**, *Cargèse, France*.  
"Looking for invariance in Locally Linear Embedding"
- Jun 2022 **Curves and Surfaces 2022 – Poster**, *Arcachon, France*.  
"Looking for invariance in Locally Linear Embedding"
- Jan 2022 **Working Group on Image Processing – Invited talk**, *Université Paris-Saclay*.  
"Introducing a generalisation of Locally Linear Embedding to manifold-valued data"
- Nov 2021 **Laboratoire de Mathématiques d'Orsay – Invited talk**, *Université Paris-Saclay*.  
"A generalisation of Locally Linear Embedding to manifold-valued data"
- Oct 2021 **CJC-MA 2021 – Contributed talk**, *Palaiseau, France*.  
"A generalisation of Locally Linear Embedding to manifold-valued data"
- Aug 2021 **GTDAML 2021 – Contributed talk**, *Online*  
"Visualisation of Kendall shape spaces with Geomstats"
- Jul 2021 **GSI'21 – Contributed talk**, *Paris, France*.  
"Parallel transport on Kendall shape spaces"
- Jul 2018 **Workshop on Shape Analysis: Math in the Black Forest**, *Feldberg, Germany*.  
"Approximations of distances and kernels on shape spaces"

## Publications

- 2025 **"Barycentric subspace analysis of network-valued data"**  
Elodie Maignant, Alain Trouvé, Xavier Pennec, Anna Calissano.
- 2025 **"Tree inference with varifold distances"**, *To appear in GSI'25, Springer*.  
Elodie Maignant, Tim Conrad, Christoph von Tycowicz.
- 2023 **"Riemannian locally linear embedding with application to Kendall shape spaces"**, *GSI'23. Springer*.  
Elodie Maignant, Alain Trouvé, Xavier Pennec.
- 2023 **"Towards quotient barycentric subspaces"**, *GSI'23. Springer*.  
Anna Calissano, Elodie Maignant, Xavier Pennec.
- 2021 **"ICLR 2021 challenge for computational geometry & topology: Design and results"**, *ICLR 2021*.  
Nina Miolane, et al.
- 2021 **"Parallel transport on Kendall shape spaces"**, *GSI'21. Springer*.  
Nicolas Guigui, Elodie Maignant, Alain Trouvé, Xavier Pennec.
- 2021 **"Identification of the primary factors determining the specificity of the human VKORC1 recognition by thioredoxin-fold proteins"**, *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* 22.2: 802.  
Maxim Stolyarchuk, Julie Ledoux, Elodie Maignant, Alain Trouvé, Luba Tchertanov.

- 2019 **"Approximation of Riemannian distances and applications to distance-based learning on manifolds"**  
Philipp Harms, Elodie Maignant, Stefan Schlager.

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## Awards

- 2024 **2nd PhD prize**  
PhD prize of the Université Côte d'Azur in Automatic, Signal Processing and Image Analysis.
- 2021 **2nd prize**  
ICLR 2021 challenge for computational geometry & topology.

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## Travel grants

- 2025 **COST Action CaLISTA**, EUR 2400  
Supporting a short-term scientific mission at University College London to work with Dr Anna Calissano on dimensionality reduction for network-valued data.

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## Teaching

- Oct 2020 – Jun 2022 **Teaching assistant, in charge of tutorials**, *Université Paris-Saclay, France*.  
Global Analysis, Topology and Differential Calculus.
- Sep 2018 – Sep 2020 **Interrogatrice en classe préparatoire**, *Lycée Saint-Louis, Paris*.  
Examiner in Mathematics for weekly oral interrogations in small groups.

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## Languages

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| French  | Native                     |                                      |
| English | Complete working knowledge | <i>Cambridge English Advanced C1</i> |

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## Miscellaneous

- Volunteering I am active in promoting women in sciences and I have been involved in the organisation of several events aimed at this end. More generally, I enjoy teaching and I am strongly committed to education for all. I am also devoted to the animal cause and have done voluntary work with a shelter.
- Personal Interest I am passionate about music and art. I have been singing and playing the viola and the saxophone since I was a very young age. I also practised judo at a high level for years.