Rafael **Garcia-Dias**

Curriculum Vitae

Research

2018–2020 **Research associate - King's College London**, *Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience - IoPPN.*

Education

2015–2018 **PhD in Astrophysics**, *Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias - IAC.*

2013–2015 **Masters of Physics**, *Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS.*

2013 **Physics Degree**, *Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS.*

PhD Thesis

Title **Machine learning in high resolution spectroscopy**

Supervisors Allende Prieto & Sanchez Almeida

Masters Dissertation

Title **Spectroscopy and photometry of open clusters – Understanding the Galaxy chemical evolution**

Supervisors Professor Charles Bonatto & Professor Alan Alves-Brito

Developer skills

Advanced Data science, Machine learning, Python, Shell script

Intermediate Docker, Kubernetes, Test Driven Development, Neuroimaging

Basic TensorFlow, Keras, C, Scilab, R, HTML, JavaScript, Front end frameworks (Django, Flask, Lektor)

Publication List

Garcia-Dias et al. 2020 **Neuroharmony: A new tool for harmonizing volumetric MRI data from unseen scanners** , NeuroImage, Submitted.

Scarpazza et al. 2020 **Translating Research Findings into Clinical Practice: A Systematic and Critical Review of Neuroimaging-based Clinical Tools for Brain Disorders** , Nature - Translational Psychiatry, Submitted.

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Pinaya et al. 2020 **Normative modelling using deep autoencoders: a multi-cohort study on mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease** , Preprint.

Sestito et al. 2019 **The Pristine survey X: a large population of low-metallicity stars permeates the Galactic disk** , Published.

Venn et al. 2020 **The Pristine survey - IX. CFHT ESPaDOnS spectroscopic analysis of 115 bright metal-poor candidate stars** , Published.

Vieira et al. 2020 **Machine Learning: Methods and Applications to Brain Disorders** , Book, Published.

Garcia-Dias et al. 2020 **Clustering analysis** , Book Chapter, Published.

Vieira et al. 2020 **Deep neural networks** , Book Chapter, Published.

Vieira et al. 2020 **Multimodal integration** , Book Chapter, Published.

Vieira et al. 2020 **A step-by-step tutorial on how to build a machine learning model** , Book Chapter, Published.

Pinaya et al. 2020 **Autoencoders** , Book Chapter, Published.

Pinaya et al. 2020 **Convolutional neural networks** , Book Chapter, Published.

Aguado et al. 2019 **The Pristine survey - VI. The first three years of medium-resolution follow-up spectroscopy of Pristine EMP star candidates** , Published.

Garcia-Dias et al. 2019 **Machine learning in APOGEE-Identification of stellar populations through chemical abundances**, Published.

Souto et al. 2019 **Chemical Abundances of Main-sequence, Turnoff, Subgiant, and Red Giant Stars from APOGEE Spectra. II. Atomic Diffusion in M67 Stars**, Published.

Garcia-Dias et al. 2018 **Machine learning in APOGEE: Unsupervised spectral classification with K-means**, Published.

Abolfathi et al. 2017 **The Fourteenth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey**, Published.

Casamiquela et al. 2017 **OCCASO II. Physical parameters and Fe abundances for 18 Open Clusters**, Published.

Blanton et al. 2017 **Sloan Digital Sky Survey IV: Mapping the Milky Way, Nearby Galaxies and the Distant Universe**, Published.

Albareti et al. 2016 **The Thirteenth Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey: First Spectroscopic Data from the SDSS-IV Survey MApping Nearby Galaxies at Apache Point Observatory**, Published.

Muna et al. 2016 **The Astropy Problem**, Preprint.

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Bica et al. 2015 **Bridge over troubled gas: clusters and associations under the SMC and LMC tidal stresses**, Published.

Courses

Nov. 28 - Dec 01, 2017 **ESAC DATA ANALYSIS & STATISTICS WORKSHOP 2017:** Covered fundamental topics in statistics and data analysis, including practical applications and advanced topics.

Nov. 13 - 17, 2017 **XXIX Canary Islands Winter School of Astrophysics on Applications of Radiative Transfer to Stellar and Planetary Atmospheres:** The advanced school dedicated to the fundamental physical processes in both stellar and planetary atmospheres, as well as the bases of the numerical treatment of radiative transfer, to form researchers with the background required to face the present and future challenges.

Oct. 02 - 03, 2017 **Early Data Release and Scientific Exploitation of the J-PLUS Survey:** The goal of the event was to present the survey to the Spanish community, describe the potential and quality of the data, and discuss scientific cases and applications.

July 22-29, 2017 **SDSS-IV Collaboration Meeting Santiago 2017:** The Sloan community meeting. The talks in the conference covered topics in galactic, extragalactic, cosmology and technical aspects of the infrastructure of the Sloan Digital Sky Survey.

Sept. 12 - 16, 2016 **11th Heidelberg Summer School on the topic of Astrostatistics & Data Mining:** The school looked at the principles of inference and methods of astronomical data analysis and data mining, also covering a range of numerical and statistical techniques and their application to different types of astronomical data.

Mar. 15 - 17, 2016 **Conference on Big Data from Space - BiDS'16:** The objective of this conference is to bring together researchers, engineers and users working in the area of Big Data from Space.

Aug. 18-21, 2014 **ALMA and the Brazilian community workshop:** The goal of the workshop was to explore how the current science activity within the Brazilian community can benefit from the new ALMA observatory and millimetre/submm observations in general.

Sept. 02 - 12, 2014 **JPL-Caltech Virtual Summer School in Big Data Analytics:** Computational skills and methodology needed for the analysis and interpretation of ever more massive and complex datasets are essential for the scientific and technological workforce in the 21st century. This virtual summer school addressed this need.

Out. 18 - 19, 2014 **VIII workshop in neuroscience:** the workshop covered the themes memory, consciousness, neurotoxicity, neuro degeneracy and graduate programs in neuroscience. Bento Gonçalves, RS - Brasil. (UFRGS)

Out. 28 - 29, 2014 **III symposium of the UFRGS psychiatry league: controversial issue on neuroscience.** In the symposium, the following themes were discussed: neuroimaging, drug regulation, suiciding and medicalisation.

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Sept. 16 - 20, 2013 **5th INPE advanced course:** An overview of cosmology in the era of massive telescopes: Theory, observation and simulations. The lectures were focused on the following topics: 1) Cosmic Microwave Background, with emphasis on the new results from Planck 2) the large-scale structure, as unveiled by the recently completed Sloan Digital Sky Survey and 3) cosmological simulations, which became an essential part of the research in this field.

Talks and presentations

2019 Big Data London - Why do some machine learning models fail?, video

2019 Codemotion Milan - Why do some machine learning models fail?

2019 Pycon UK - How to use Python to expose politicians?

2017 Plenary talk at SDSS-IV Collaboration Meeting Santiago, presentation link

2017 Imparted a workshop in LaTeX collaborative tools as overleaf and sharelatex and publications management with Mendeley at Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias.

2017 Imparted a workshop in version control using git, GitHub, atom and Gitkraken at Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias.

2016 Oral presentation at Día de Nuestra Ciencia

2014 Oral Presentation at ALMA and the Brazilian Community Workshop, at Rio de Janeiro, RJ - Brazil (ON).

2013 Poster at Latin American Regional IAU Meeting, at Florianopolis, RS - Brazil

2010 – 2013 Oral and poster presentation at the annual scientific initiation meeting, at Porto Alegre, RS - Brazil (UFRGS)

Experience

Vocational

2017 **Observations at the INT**, La Palma.
10 nights performing spectroscopic observations at the Isaac Newton Telescope.

Details:
- Spectroscopic observations of stars (extreme metal poor candidates). The 10 nights were divided in two runs of 5 nights each.

2015 **Observations at the NOT**, La Palma.
6 nights making spectroscopic observations at the Nordic Optical Telescope.

Details:
- Spectroscopic observations of star in open clusters.

2011–2013 **Intern**, *Astrophysics laboratory*, UFRGS.
Studying open Clusters

Details:
- Measuring star formation rate in solar neighborhood
- SOAR photometry in clusters within the bridge between Magellanic clouds
- Creating a pipeline to perform photometry in VVV (VISTA Variables in The Via Lactea) tiles

2010–2011 **Intern**, *Magnetism laboratory*, UFRGS.
Developing experiments in nanotechnology related with giant magnetoresistance.

Details:
- Making nanotips by electrolysis
- Using sputtering to make multilayer nanofilms
- Building experimental apparatus

Miscellaneous

2010–2013 **Teaching**.
- Private tutor:
  - Spanish
  - Physics
  - Math
- Euroschool – Informatics
- Wizard – Spanish

Languages

Portuguese	**Native language**	
Spanish	**Advanced**	*Fluent*
English	**Advanced**	*Fluent*

Reference people

Mechelli, Andrea — **a.mechelli@kcl.ac.uk**.

Allende Prieto, Carlos — **callende@iac.es**.

Sanchez Almeida, Jorge — **jos@iac.es**.

Bonatto, Charles José — **charles.bonatto@ufrgs.br**.

Research interests

General topics — **Artificil inteligence, neuroscience, machine learning, lenguage acquisition, neuroimaging, consciousness teory**.

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