

# Mario Lavanga

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## EDUCATION

### KU LEUVEN

#### PHD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Grad. September 2020 | Leuven, Belgium | Phd Graduation Video

### POLITECNICO DI MILANO

#### MS IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Grad. December 2015 | Milan, Italy | Final Grade: 100/100 cum laude

#### BS IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING




Grad. December 2015 | Milan, Italy | Final Grade: 100/100 cum laude

### ALTA SCUOLA POLITECNICA

#### DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME WITH POLITECNICO DI TORINO

Grad. December 2015 | Turin, Italy | Final Grade: Excellent

## LINKS

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## ACADEMIC COURSES

### PHD


Graph Theory  
Support Vector Machines  
Network Physiology

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biomedical signal processing Lab  
Advance methods for Biomedical Signal Processing  
System identification and Data Analysis  
Neuroengineering

## SKILLS

### PROGRAMMING

Matlab • Python • Jupyter • Git •  • Shell • Slurm • C • R • HTML • Labview

### GRAPHICS

Inkscape

### LANGUAGES

Italian | Mother tongue • English | Fluent • Dutch | Basic Knowledge • French | Basic Knowledge

## ABOUT ME

Strong interest and background in Biomedical Signal Processing and Graph Theory. I have developed a passion for mental health and neurodevelopment. I enjoy programming, especially for data science. Although I am Matlab master, I started migrating to Python for better research reproducibility. I love running and I love travelling in Asia.

## RESEARCH

### BIOMED GROUP - STADIUS | PHD FELLOW

Jan 2016 – Present | Leuven, Belgium

I collaborated with Prof. Sabine Van Huffel and Prof. Gunnar Naeyaert to develop a Perinatal Stress Calculator. The goal of this research focuses on a data-driven stress quantification in premature babies based on polysomnography data. Project in collaboration with UZ Leuven.

### TNG - INS | POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Oct 2020 – Present | Marseille, France

I collaborate with Prof. Viktor Jirsa to investigate ageing in the last period life and simulate the associated functional activity based on anatomical data. The project is part of the Human Brain Project.

## EXPERIENCE

### KU LEUVEN PHD FELLOW AT ESAT DEPARTEMENT, STADIUS GROUP

January 2016 – January 2017 | Leuven, Belgium

### FWO SB PHD FELLOW AT ESAT DEPARTEMENT, STADIUS GROUP

January 2017 – September 2020 | Leuven, Belgium

### AIX MARSEILLE UNIVERSITÉ POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT INS

October 2020 – Present | Marseille, France

## MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- M. Lavanga, B. Bollen, K. Jansen, E. Ortibus, S. Van Huffel, G. Naulaers, A. Caicedo (2020), "The effect of early procedural pain in preterm infants on the maturation of EEG and heart rate variability." Pain. 2020 Oct 26.
- M. Lavanga, B. Bollen, K. Jansen, E. Ortibus, S. Van Huffel, G. Naulaers, A. Caicedo (2020), "A bradycardia-based stress calculator for the neonatal intensive care unit: a multisystem approach." Frontiers in Physiology, 1–19, June 2020.
- M. Lavanga, L. Smets, B. Bollen, K. Jansen, E. Ortibus, S. Van Huffel, G. Naulaers, A. Caicedo (2020), "A perinatal stress calculator for the neonatal intensive care unit: an unobtrusive approach." Physiol. Meas., 1–26, June 2020.
- M. Lavanga, O. De Wel, A. Caicedo, K. Jansen, A. Dereymaeker, G. Naulaers and S. Van Huffel, "A brain-age model for preterm infants based on functional connectivity", Physiol. Meas., vol. 39, no. 4, Apr. 2018.

The complete list of publications is here and the Google Scholar account is here

## AWARDS

- 2019: Participant of Falling Walls Lab Leuven - 2019
- 2018: Laureate of KU Leuven - LRD Technology Transfer Course for the best exploitation plan of research
- 2016: Recipient of the Strategic Basic Research Fellowship by the Fonds voor Wetenschappelijke Onderzoek (FWO)