

Sara Garbarino

Curriculum Vitae

Research Interests

- Theoretical mathematical modelling, inverse problems, graph theory, regularization theory, compartmental analysis, image processing
- Methodical computational modelling, statistical methods, convex optimization
- Applications mechanistic and data-driven model for the progression of neurological diseases, biomedical imaging and computing: data from PET and micro-PET, X-ray CT and MRI

Position

- Apr 2018 – to date **Research Fellow of the Excellence Programme of Université Côte d'Azur**, EPIONE TEAM-PROJECT, *INRIA Sophie Antipolis, UCA*, with the project "A data-driven model of mechanistic brain Atrophy Propagation in Dementia (AtroProDem)".

Research Experience

- Mar 2016 – Mar 2018 **Research associate**, CMIC GROUP, *Computer Science Department, University College London*, H2020 European Projects "European Progression Of Neurodegenerative Disease initiative" (EuroPOND), supervisor: Prof. Daniel Alexander.
- Jan 2015 – Feb 2016 **Postdoctoral research fellow**, MIDA GROUP *Mathematics Department, Università di Genova*, supervisor: Prof. Michele Piana, Computational and inversion methods with applications to biomedical data.

Research Groups Membership

- 2018 – to date **Member of "Epione team-project"**, *INRIA Sophia Antipolis, UCA*, www.inria.fr/epione.
- 2016 – 2018 **Member of "Centre for Medical Image Computing (CMIC) group"**, *Computer Science Department, University College London (UCL)*, www.ucl.ac.uk/cmhc.
- 2012 – 2016 **Member of "Methods for Image and Data Analysis (MIDA) group"**, *Mathematics Department, Università di Genova*, www.mida.dima.unige.it.
- 2012 – to date **Research associate of GNCS – INdAM**.
- 2012 – 2016 **Research associate of CNR – SPIN**.

Education

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- 2012 – 2014 **PhD in Mathematics and Applications**, *Università di Genova*.
- 2009 – 2011 **MSc in Applied Mathematics**, *Università di Genova*, final grade: 110/100 magna cum laude.
- 2006 – 2009 **BSc in Pure Mathematics**, *Università di Genova*, final grade: 108/110.
- 2001 – 2006 **Secondary education (maturità scientifica)**, *Gymnasium L. Lanfranconi*, final grade: 100/100.

PhD Thesis

Title *Compartmental analysis in nuclear medicine: an inverse problem approach*

Supervisor Prof. Michele Piana

Reviewers Prof. Michele Piana and Dr. Stephen Nekolla

Sub./Defense Dec 2014 / 22.04.2015

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Projects and Grants

PI

- 2018 **LYSM International Associated Laboratory grant for conferences**, 750 Euro.
- 2018 **UCA Excellence Project - Individual Support for Young Researchers**, 103,222.64 Euro.
- 2018 **EPSRC platform grant - CMIC pump priming award**, 9,150 GBP.
- 2015 **GNCS (National Group for Scientific Computation) Young Researcher Grant**, 950 Euro.
- 2013 **GNCS Young Researcher Grant**, 700 Euro.
- 2012 **GNCS Young Researcher Grant**, 900 Euro.
- 2012–2014 **PhD-Scholarship**, *Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research*.

Participation

- 2016–2018 **Co-Scientific Manager**, for the H2020 European Projects “European Progression Of Neurodegenerative Disease initiative” (EuroPOND), PI: Prof. Daniel Alexander.
- 2015–2016 **Participation**, in the “Software for LIDAR data analysis project” funded by ALA S.r.l (Advanced Lidar Applications, Napoli) (PI: Prof. Michele Piana).

Software

- 2018 **Mechanistic profiles of neurodegenerative diseases**, *Matlab and python2.7 software implementing techniques to estimate the combination of biological mechanisms underlying neurodegeneration in a variety of condition, such as Alzheimer’s Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, or ageing from Magnetic Resonance Imaging data:* <https://github.com/sgarbarino/mechanistic-profiles>.
- 2015 **Inversion of LIDAR data**, *Matlab and C# software developed for Advanced Lidar Applications (ALA) SrL, implementing inversion techniques for reconstruction of aerosol particles properties from LIDAR data.*

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- 2012 **Denoising of MRI images**, *Matlab software developed for Paramed SrL, implementing post-processing denoising of Magnetic Resonance images.*

Publications

Preprint

- 2019 **S. Garbarino, M. Lorenzi**, *Modeling and inference of spatio-temporal protein dynamics across brain networks*, arXiv :1901.10541.

Submitted

- 2019 **S. Garbarino, M. Lorenzi, N. Oxtoby, E. Vinke, R. Marinescu, A. Eshaghi, M. Ikram, W. Niessen, O. Ciccarelli, F. Barkhof, J. Schott, M. Vernooij, D. Alexander, and the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative**, *Data-driven profiles of neurodegenerative mechanisms from neuro-imaging data sets*, eLife.

Published

- 2019 **S. Garbarino and G. Caviglia**, *Multivariate Regularized Newton method for tumor hypoxia in kinetic framework*, *Comm. App. Ind. Math.* 10(2), 47-53.
DOI: 10.2478/caim-2019-0006
- 2019 **R. Marinescu, A. Eshaghi, M. Lorenzi, A. Young, N. Oxtoby, S. Garbarino, S. Crutch, D. Alexander**, *DIVE: A spatiotemporal progression model of brain pathology in neurodegenerative disorders*, *NeuroImage* 4(192), 166-177.
DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2019.02.053
- 2018 **F. Delbary and S. Garbarino ***, *Compartmental analysis of dynamic nuclear medicine data: regularization procedure and application to physiology*, *Inverse Problems in Science and Engineering*.
DOI: 10.1080/17415977.2018.1512603
- 2018 **M. Scussolini, S. Garbarino, M. Piana, G. Sambuceti and G. Caviglia**, *Reference Tissue Models for FDG-PET Data: Identifiability and Solvability*, *IEEE Trans. Rad. Plasma Med. Sciences*, 1-10.
DOI: 10.1109/TRPMS.2018.2801029
- 2017 **M. Scussolini, S. Garbarino, G. Sambuceti, G. Caviglia and M. Piana**, *A physiology-based parametric imaging method for FDG-PET data*, *Inverse Problems* 33, 125010.
DOI: 10.1088/1361-6420/aa9544
- 2017 **N. Oxtoby, S. Garbarino, N. Firth, J. Warren, M. Schott, D. Alexander and the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging initiative**, *Data driven model of structural brain connectivity changes in sporadic Alzheimer's Disease*, *Frontiers in Neurology* 8, 580.
DOI: 10.3389/fneur.2017.00580
- 2017 **G. Denevi, S. Garbarino and A. Sorrentino**, *Iterative algorithms for a non-linear inverse problem in atmospheric lidar*, *Inverse Problems* 33, 085010.
10.1088/1361-6420/aa7904
- 2016 **F. Delbary, S. Garbarino, V. Vivaldi ***, *Compartmental analysis of dynamic nuclear medicine data: models and identifiability*, *Inverse Problems* 32, 125010.
DOI: 10.1088/0266-5611/32/12/125010

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- 2016 **S. Garbarino, A. Sorrentino, A. M. Massone, A. Sannino, A. Boselli, X. Wuang, N. Spinelli and M. Piana**, *Expectation Maximization and the retrieval of the atmospheric extinction coefficients by inversion of Raman LIDAR data*, Optics Express, 24(19), 21497–21511.
- 2015 **S. Garbarino, V. Vivaldi, F. Delbary, G. Caviglia, M. Piana, C. Marini, S. Capitanio, I. Calamia, A. Buschiazzo and G. Sambuceti**, *A new compartmental method for the analysis of liver FDG kinetics*, EJNMMI Res. 2015, 5–35.
DOI: 10.1186/s13550-015-0107-1
- 2014 **S. Garbarino, G. Caviglia, G. Sambuceti, F. Benvenuto and M. Piana**, *A novel description of FDG excretion in the renal system: application to metformin-treated models*, Phys. Med. Biol. 59, 2469–2484.
DOI: 10.1088/0031-9155/59/10/2469
- 2013 **S. Garbarino, G. Caviglia, M. Brignone, M. Massollo, G. Sambuceti and M. Piana**, *Estimate of FDG excretion by means of compartmental analysis and Ant Colony Optimization of nuclear medicine data*, Comput. Math. Method M. 2013, 793142.
DOI: 10.1155/2013/793142

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Conference proceeding

- 2018 **S. Garbarino, M. Lorenzi, N. Oxtoby, E. Vinke, R. Marinescu, A. Eshaghi, M. Arfan Ikram, W. Niessen, O. Ciccarelli, F. Barkhof, M. Vernooij, D. Alexander**, *Mechanistic profiles of neurodegenerative: a study in Alzheimer's disease, healthy ageing and primary progressive multiple sclerosis*, Alzheimer's and Dementia 14(7), P1280-P1281.
- 2017 **R. Marinescu, S. Primativo, A. Young, N. Oxtoby, N. Firth, A. Eshaghi, S. Garbarino, J. Cardoso, K. Yong, N. Fox, M. Lehmann, T. Shakespeare, S. Crutch, D. Alexander**, *Analysis of the heterogeneity of Posterior Cortical Atrophy: data-driven model predicts distinct atrophy patterns for three different cognitive subgroups*, Alzheimer's & Dementia 13(7), P1379-P1380.
- 2017 **R. Marinescu, A. Eshaghi, M. Lorenzi, A. Young, N. Oxtoby, S. Garbarino, T. Shakespeare, S. Crutch and D. Alexander, for the Alzheimers Disease Neuroimaging Initiative**, *A vertex clustering model for disease progression: Application to cortical thickness images*, International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging, 134-145.
- 2015 **A. Buschiazzo, G. Sambuceti, A. Orengo, S. Ravera, F. Fais, S. Bruno, E. Monteverde, L. Garaboldi, G. Bottoni, L. Raffaghello, G. Bianchi, M. Piana, S. Garbarino, G. Caviglia and C. Marini**, *Effect of Metformin on Cancer Glucose Metabolism: Correlation Between FDG Escape and Glucose-6-Phosphatase Activity in the Endoplasmatic Reticulum*, Eur. J Nucl. Med. Mol. Imag. 42, S454–S454.
- 2014 **F. Bongioanni, F. Fiz, R. Piva, S. Garbarino, G. Bottoni, M. Riionato, C. Campi, F. Frassoni, A. Bacigalupo, C. Marini, M. Piana and G. Sambuceti**, *Compact bone erosion and bone marrow metabolic stunning in multiple myeloma treated by transplantation of autologous hematopoietic stem cells*, Eur. J Nucl. Med. Mol. Imag. 41, S183–S184.

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Workshop organisation

Feb 19, 2018 **POND2018**, *2nd International Workshop on Progression of Neurodegenerative Diseases*, Campus Biotech, Geneva.

Invited Seminars

- Jul 25, 2017 **Asclepios Research team-project**, INRIA Sophia Antipolis, *Mechanistic models of atrophy progression*, INRIA Sophia Antipolis.
- Feb 10, 2017 **INdAM Mathtech Workshop: A place where mathematics, clinics, and industry meet Biomedical Imaging**, *Modelling the progression of neurological diseases*, Università La Sapienza, Roma.
- Jan 22, 2016 **Vision and Imaging Science Group, Centre for Medical Image Computing (CMIC) – Seminar programme**, *An inverse problem approach to compartmental analysis in Positron Emission Tomography*, UCL, London.
- Aug 12, 2015 **2015 LIDAR atmosphere data applications academic discussion**, *Retrieval of optical coefficients of the atmosphere by inversion of LIDAR data*, Beihang University, Beijing.

Talks on Conferences

- Jul 8, 2019 **2019 AIP**, *Spatio-temporal dynamics of protein propagation in neurodegenerative diseases: an inverse problem approach*, Université Grenoble-Alpes, Grenoble.
(TBD)
- Jun 3, 2019 **2019 IPMI**, *Modeling and inference of spatio-temporal protein dynamics across brain networks*, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong.
(TBD)
- Jul 3, 2018 **2018 Simai Conference**, *Data-driven profiles of neurodegeneration across multiple subject groups*, Università La Sapienza, Roma.
- Jun 6, 2018 **2018 SIAM Conference on Imaging Science**, *Predicting brain atrophy progression from the healthy brain connectome*, Università di Bologna, Bologna.
- Dec 9, 2015 **2015 Inverse Days**, *An inverse problem approach to compartmental analysis in Positron Emission Tomography*, Lappeenranta Technical University, Lappeenranta.
- Aug 10, 2015 **2015 ICIAM International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics**, *Image reconstruction and interpretation in Positron Emission Tomography for small animals*, Beijing.
- May 13, 2014 **2014 SIAM Conference on Imaging Science**, *Quantification of Glucose Metabolism with Nuclear Medicine PET data*, Hong Kong.
- Apr 5, 2013 **CIMAB GASVA SIMAI: Workshop on Theoretical Approaches and Related Mathematical Methods in Biology, Medicine and Environment**, *A Computational Approach to Compartmental Analysis of Nuclear Medicine data based on Maximum Likelihood: application to renal physiology*, University of Milan, Milan.

Participation in meeting/workshop/schools

Nov 7–9, 2018 **SophI.A. Summit, Springboard for Artificial Intelligence**, Sophia Antipolis.

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- Jun 14–15, 2018 **2nd C@UCA meeting**, *Frejus*.
- Apr 4–6, 2018 **STATLEARN2018**, *Nice*.
- Sep 28–30, 2015 **1st Applied Mathematics Symposium Münster: Variational Methods for Dynamic Inverse Problems and Imaging**, *Münster*.
- Jun 3–5, 2015 **Calcolo scientifico e modelli matematici alla ricerca delle cose nascoste attraverso le cose manifeste**, *Genoa*.
- Jun 27–28, 2013 **TECNOBIONET Conference: themes and problems in stem cells and imaging tools and development**, *Genoa*.
- Jun 11–14, 2013 **MPF 2013: Modelling of Physiological Flows**, *Cagliari*.
- Mar 11–13, 2013 **Application course in PMOD software**, *Zürich*.
- Jun 25–29, 2012 **Simai Conference 2012**, *Turin*.

Poster

- July 24, 2018 **Sara Garbarino, Marco Lorenzi, Neil Oxtoby, Eline Vinke, Razvan Marinescu, Arman Eshaghi, Olga Ciccarelli, Frederik Barkhof, Meike Vernooij, and Daniel Alexander, for the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, AAIC 2018**, Chicago.
- June 19, 2018 **Sara Garbarino, Marco Lorenzi, 2nd C@UCA meeting**, Frejus.
- Feb 19, 2018 **Neil P Oxtoby, Sara Garbarino, Nicholas Firth, Jason Warren, Jonathan M Schott, and Daniel C Alexander, for the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, POND2018 - 2nd International Workshop on Progression of Neurodegenerative Diseases**, Campus Biotech, Geneva.
- Feb 19, 2018 **Sara Garbarino, Marco Lorenzi, Eline J Vinke, Razvan V Marinescu, Neil P Oxtoby, Arman Eshaghi, Olga Ciccarelli, Frederik Barkhof, Meike Vernooij, and Daniel C Alexander, for the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, POND2018 - 2nd International Workshop on Progression of Neurodegenerative Diseases**, Campus Biotech, Geneva.
- Jul 18–21, 2017 **R. Marinescu, S. Primativo, A. Young, N. Oxtoby, N. Firth, A. Eshaghi, S. Garbarino, M. Modat, J. Cardoso, K. Yong, N. Fox, M. Lehmann, T. Shakespeare, S. Crutch, D. Alexander, Data-driven Model Predicts Distinct Atrophy Patterns for Three Different Cognitive Subgroups**, AAIC.
- Oct 18–22, 2014 **S. Garbarino, G. Bottoni, V. Vivaldi, A. Buschiazzi, F. Delbary, I. Calamia, G. Caviglia, M. Massollo, G. Sambuceti, C. Marini and M. Piana, Effects of Metformin and dietary Intervention on FDG Physiology in Mouse Liver: an Enhanced Compartmental Analysis**, Annual Congress of the European association of Nuclear Medicine, Göttingen.

Research visits

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Jun 26 – Jul 7, 2017 **Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands**, Reference: Prof. Meike Vernooij.

Supervision

- 2017 **MSc Thesis in Machine Learning at University College London**, Mr. Ban Chao.
- 2016 **BSc Thesis in Medical Physics at University College London**, Mr. Ashkan Pakzad.
- 2016 **MSc Thesis in Mathematics at Università di Genova**, Mrs. Giulia Denevi.
- 2016 **MSc Thesis in Mathematics at Università di Genova**, Mr. Andrea Raffo.
- 2015 **MSc Thesis in Mathematics at Università di Genova**, Mrs. Mara Scussolini.
- 2014 **BSc Thesis in Mathematics at Università di Genova**, Mr. Giovanni Chiappori.

Teaching

- 2015/6 **Numerical Analysis**, *Department of Computer Science*, Università di Genova, lab exercises.
- 2014/5 **Mathematics in Medicine**, *Department of Mathematics*, Università di Genova, lectures and lab exercises.
- 2013/4 **Mathematical Analysis and Geometry**, *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Università di Genova, class exercises.
- 2012/3 **Mathematical Analysis and Geometry**, *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Università di Genova, tutoring first and second year students.
- 2011/2 **Fourier Analysis**, *Department of Mathematics*, Università di Genova, lab exercises.
- 2011/2 **Mathematical Analysis and Geometry**, *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Università di Genova, tutoring first and second year students.
- 2009/10 **Mathematics**, *Department of Biology*, Università di Genova, tutoring first year students.

Related scientific activities

- 2019 – to date **Member of the "European Women in Mathematics" international association.**
- 2016 – 2018 **Post-doc representative at the "Athena Swan for Gold Award Committee" for promotion of gender equality and women in science**, *Computer Science Department, University College London (UCL).*
- 2014 – to date **Revisor**, for *Inverse Problems, Inverse Inverse Problems in Science and Engineering, Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling, Scientific Reports, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering.*

Computer skills

- Basic C#, JAVA
- Intermediate C/C++, HTML

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Advanced MATLAB, PYTHON \LaTeX , GNU/Linux

Languages

Italian Mother-tongue
English Professional
French Basic

References

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Prof. Michele Piana, *Professor of Numerical Analysis at Università di Genova*, piana@dima.unige.it.

MD Prof. Gianmario Sambuceti, *Head of Nuclear Medicine Laboratory at Università di Genova and IRCCS-IST San Martino of Genova*, sambuceti@unige.it.