

# Teresa Klatzer

PhD Researcher at the University of Edinburgh, UK | E-mail | Website | Scholar Profile | Github | LinkedIn  
Nationality: Austrian | Languages: German, English, French

## Summary

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Passionate researcher at the intersection of probability, machine learning and imaging science with a strong background in computational statistics and inverse problems. Skilled in Python, PyTorch, and various ML libraries. Excellent problem-solving, writing, and collaboration abilities. Seeking a challenging interdisciplinary research position to contribute to cutting-edge science.

## Research Experience

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### Postgraduate Researcher

Sept 2021 – Present

*University of Edinburgh*

*Edinburgh, UK*

- Developed algorithms to accelerate MCMC sampling for implicit models using PyTorch and Matlab
- State-of-the-art results for reconstructing photon-starved imaging data providing uncertainty quantification
- Convergence results for convex and data-driven ML priors
- Fostering interdisciplinary collaboration with researchers in the fields of computer science, mathematics, and statistics
- Running large-scale experiments using server infrastructure and benchmarking
- Dissemination of research through publishing of scientific papers with source code, regular presenting at international meetings
- Additional training in Scalable Inference and Deep Learning, Uncertainty Quantification (at DTU Compute), and by the APTS (Academy for PhD Training in Statistics)

### Research Assistant

July 2014 – Sept 2017

*Graz University of Technology*

*Graz, Austria*

- Researcher in the Computer Vision, Learning and Optimization Group, led by Prof. Thomas Pock
- Development of variational networks including learnt activation functions
- Solving a wide range of image reconstruction problems (joint denoising and demosaicing or super-resolution problems, joint reconstruction and classification problems, medical image reconstruction problems)
- Developing algorithms using convex and non-convex optimization strategies, bi-level optimization and algorithm unrolling
- Co-developing learning frameworks using theano, tensorflow, pytorch and C++/CUDA

## Education

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### University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, UK

*PhD in Applied and Computational Mathematics*

*Sept 2021 – Aug 2025 (ongoing)*

- Supervisors: Prof. Konstantinos Zygalakis and Prof. Marcelo Pereyra
- Research project: "Bayesian computation for low-photon imaging"

### Graz University of Technology, Austria

Graz, Austria

*MSc in Telematics (Computer and Information Engineering)*

*Oct 2012 – Sept 2014*

- With distinction
- Majors in Computational Intelligence and Software Technology
- Master's thesis: Bi-level Optimization for Support Vector Machines, supervised by Prof. Thomas Pock
- Project: State Estimation with Recurrent Neural Networks, supervised by Prof. Robert Legenstein

### Graz University of Technology, Austria

Graz, Austria

*BSc in Telematics (Computer and Information Engineering)*

*Oct 2008 – Sept 2012*

- Interdisciplinary study: Information technology, electrical engineering, computer science

### Université Lille 1 Science et Technologies, France

Villeneuve-d'Ascq, France

*Erasmus Program*

*Sept 2011 – Jan 2012*

- Project: Map Reduce Programming for Machine Learning Algorithms on Graphs, supervised by Marc Tommasi and Gemma C. Garriga at INRIA

## Skills and Expertise

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**Research areas:** Computational Statistics, Probabilistic Methods, Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Uncertainty Quantification, Optimization, Inverse Problems, Imaging Science

**Programming Languages:** Python, Matlab, C++, C, CUDA, Java

**Deep Learning Frameworks:** PyTorch, Theano, TensorFlow

**Libraries & Tools:** Git, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, Deeplnv, Hadoop

## Teaching Experience

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**University Tutor** Jan 2022 – Present  
*University of Edinburgh* *Edinburgh, UK*

- Subjects: Machine Learning in Python, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Stochastic and Ordinary Differential Equations

**Teaching Assistant** 2010 – 2015  
*Graz University of Technology* *Graz, Austria*

- Subjects: Convex Optimization, Analysis, Computer and communication networks

## Other Experiences

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**Product Owner and Agile Coach** April 2020 – Aug 2021  
*Black Tusk GmbH* *Graz, Austria*

- Project lead for several (medical) software products
- Portfolio management, customer interviews and requirement engineering
- General management and regulatory affairs for medical devices

**Product Owner** Nov 2018 – March 2020  
*Denovo GmbH* *Graz, Austria*

- Project lead for several digitization projects, responsibility for product backlog and maximization of business value
- Leading the development and roll-out of an AI tool for waste management
- Active management of client relations and business development, scrum and team development

**Project Manager for Digital Business Solutions** Jan 2018 – Oct 2018  
*Scoop and Spoon GmbH* *Graz, Austria*

- Project lead for digital products, responsibility for budget, time, project quality and controlling
- Mediation between teams and all stakeholders

## Honors and awards

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**SIAM Travel Award and Laura Wisewell Travel Scholarship** 2024  
▪ Travel funding to attend the SIAM Imaging Science conference in Atlanta, GA, USA.

**Laura Wisewell Travel Scholarship** 2023  
▪ Travel funding to attend the Mathematics and Image Analysis conference in Berlin, Germany.

**Best Paper Award** 2017  
▪ German Conference on Pattern Recognition, Basel, Switzerland  
▪ Paper title: "Variational Networks: Connecting Variational Methods and Deep Learning"

**Best Paper Award** 2015  
▪ Computer Vision Winter Workshop, Seggau, Austria  
▪ Paper title: "Continuous Hyper-parameter Learning for Support Vector Machines"

**Scholarship of Excellence** 2012  
▪ Graz University of Technology

## Other Competences

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<b>Committee member of Piscopia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Organising activities supporting women and non-binary students doing PhDs in Mathematics</li></ul>	2023-2024
<b>Co-founder of a Youtube channel, "Warum nicht leicht"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Production of educational videos and other content about personal development</li></ul>	2020-2021
<b>Life coaching and Counselling certification at Balancakademie in Graz, Austria</b>	2018-2020
<b>Founding member of a dance association, Salsativity.org, Graz, Austria.</b>	2018

## Referees

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Prof Konstantinos Zygalakis, University of Edinburgh, k.zygalakis@ed.ac.uk  
Prof Marcelo Pereyra, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, m.pereyra@hw.ac.uk  
Dr Tobías I. Liaudat, IRFU, CEA Paris-Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France, tobiasliaudat@gmail.com  
Dr Paul Dobson, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, p.dobson\_1@hw.ac.uk

## Talks and Posters

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- WiML Workshop at NeurIPS, Vancouver, Canada. (2024). *Poster and contributed talk title: Mirror Langevin Dynamics with Plug-and-Play Priors for Poisson Inverse Problems.*
- ICMS Workshop UQIP124: UQ for Inverse Problems and Imaging, Edinburgh, UK. (2024). *Talk title: Bayesian Computation with Plug and Play Priors for Poisson Inverse Problems.*
- Mini-symposium "Deep Unrolled Methods for Inverse Imaging Problems" at SIAM Imaging in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. (2024). *Talk title: Bayesian Computation with Plug and Play Priors for Poisson Inverse Problems.*
- ICMS workshop on Imaging Inverse Problems and Generating Models: Sparsity and Robustness versus Expressivity, Edinburgh, UK. (2024). *Poster title: Bayesian Computation with Plug-and-Play Priors for Poisson Inverse Problems.*
- Mini-symposium "Advances in Bayesian Inverse Problems" at SIAM Conference of Uncertainty Quantification 2024, Trieste, Italy (Invited). (2024). *Talk title: Accelerating MCMC for UQ in Imaging Science by Relaxed Proximal-point Langevin Sampling.*
- Applied Inverse Problems (AIP) Conference in Göttingen, Germany. (2023). *Talk title: Accelerating MCMC for imaging science by using an implicit Langevin algorithm.*
- Mathematics and Image Analysis (MIA) in Berlin, Germany. (2023). *Poster title: Accelerating MCMC by using an implicit method with applications in imaging science.*
- ICMS Workshop on Interfacing Bayesian Statistics, Deep Learning, and Mathematical Analysis for Imaging Inverse Problems, Edinburgh, UK. (2023). *Poster title: Accelerating MCMC by using an implicit method with applications in imaging science.*
- Mini-symposium on "Non-standard regularisation: theory and applications" at the Applied Inverse Problems (AIP) conference in Hangzhou, China. (2017). *Talk title: Deep Regularization.*
- Interdisciplinary data science workshop on "Mathematical imaging with partially unknown models" in Cambridge, UK. (2017). *Talk title: Learning Variational Networks for Solving Inverse Problems in Imaging.*
- International Conference on Computational Photography, Chicago, IL. (2016). *Talk title: Joint Demosaicing and Denoising Based on Sequential Energy Minimization.*

## Publications

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Klatzer, T., Dobson, P., Altmann, Y., Pereyra, M., Sanz-Serna, J. M., & Zygalakis, K. C. (2024). Accelerated Bayesian imaging by relaxed proximal-point Langevin sampling. *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*, 17(2), 1078–1117.

- Effland, A., Hölzel, M., Klatzer, T., Kobler, E., Landsberg, J., Neuhäuser, L., Pock, T., & Rumpf, M. (2018). Variational networks for joint image reconstruction and classification of tumor immune cell interactions in melanoma tissue sections. *Bildverarbeitung in der Medizin*, 334–340.
- Hammernik, K., Klatzer, T., Kobler, E., Recht, M. P., Sodickson, D. K., Pock, T., & Knoll, F. (2018). Learning a variational network for reconstruction of accelerated mri data. *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, 79(6), 3055–3071.
- Klatzer, T., Soukup, D., Kobler, E., Hammernik, K., & Pock, T. (2017). Trainable regularization for multi-frame superresolution. In V. Roth & T. Vetter (Eds.), *Pattern recognition* (pp. 90–100). Springer International Publishing.
- Kobler, E., Klatzer, T., Hammernik, K., & Pock, T. (2017). Variational networks: Connecting variational methods and deep learning. *Pattern Recognition. GCPR German Conference on Pattern Recognition (GCPR)*, 281–293.
- Klatzer, T., Hammernik, K., Knobelreiter, P., & Pock, T. (2016). Learning joint demosaicing and denoising based on sequential energy minimization. *IEEE International Conference on Computational Photography (ICCP)*, 1–11.
- Klatzer, T., & Pock, T. (2015). Continuous hyper-parameter learning for support vector machines. *Proceedings of the 20th Computer Vision Winter Workshop, Seggau, Austria*.