

# Yuri Pirola / Curriculum Vitae

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## Research Interests

Algorithms and data structures in Bioinformatics / Computational and parameterized complexity / Genomic and transcriptomic sequence analysis and assembly / Haplotype inference and reconstruction / Evolutionary metaheuristics and genetic programming

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## Positions

- > Associate Professor / Oct. 2022–current  
Dept. of Informatics, Systems and Communications, Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca  
  
Member of the Bioinformatics and Experimental Algorithmic lab and of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre “Bicocca Bioinformatics Biostatistics and Bioimaging centre” (B4) at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > Assistant Professor / Oct. 2019–Sept. 2022  
Dept. of Informatics, Systems and Communications, Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > Post-Doctoral Fellow / May 2012–Dec. 2015 / “*Algorithmic methods for Next-Generation Sequencing data analysis*”  
Funding: Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > Post-Doctoral Fellow / Jan. 2011–Apr. 2012 / “*Efficient haplotype inference in livestock from high-density SNP chips*”  
Funding: Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca / Lombardy Region / Parco Tecnologico Padano (Lodi)
- > Post-Doctoral Researcher / Mar. 2010–Dec. 2010 / “*PROZOO Project*”  
Funding: Parco Tecnologico Padano (Lodi)

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## Research projects

- > “*FORGENOM II: Fostering Excellence in Advanced Genomics and Proteomics Research*”  
Funding: EU Horizon WIDERA 2023 (2024–2027) / Role: WP leader
- > “*PINC: Pangenome INformatiCs from Theory to Applications*”  
Funding: MUR (Italian Ministry of University), PRIN 2022 PNRR Action (2024–2025) / Role: participant
- > “*PANGAIA: Pan-genome Graph Algorithms and Data Integration*”  
Funding: EU Horizon 2020, RISE Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (2020–2025) / Role: participant
- > “*CORSAI: Raman analysis of saliva from COPD patients as new biomarker*”  
Funding: ERA PerMed / Role: participant
- > “*Modulation of anti-cancer immune response by regulatory non-coding RNAs*”  
Funding: Cariplo Foundation / Role: participant
- > “*Automata and formal languages: mathematical and applicative aspects*”  
Funding: MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education), PRIN 2010/11 Action / Role: participant
- > “*Next Generation methods to preserve farm animal biodiversity by optimizing present and future breeding options*”  
Funding: European Commission, 7th Framework Programme / Role: participant
- > “*PROZOO: Applications of genomics to fertility, disease resistance, and product quality assurance in cattle and pigs*”  
Funding: Cariplo Foundation & Lombardy Region / Role: participant

## Education








- > Ph.D. in Computer Science / Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca / February 3, 2010  
 “Combinatorial Problems in Studies of Genetic Variations: Haplotyping and Transcript Analysis”  
 Supervisor: Prof. Paola Bonizzoni
- > M.Sc. in Computer Science, magna cum laude / Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca / February 23, 2006  
 “Analisi della Neutralità degli Spazi di Ricerca Booleani in Programmazione Genetica”  
 Supervisors: Dr. Leonardo Vanneschi & Prof. Giancarlo Mauri

## Fellowships

- > Ph.D. fellowship / MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education) / Nov. 2006–Oct. 2009.
- > Scholarship for graduate students / Univ. degli Studi di Milano / May–Oct. 2006

## Publications

## International peer-reviewed journal articles

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- [J27] Bonizzoni, P., Della Vedova, G., **Pirola, Y.**, Previtali, M., and Rizzi, R. “Computing the multi-string BWT and LCP array in external memory”. *Theor. Comput. Sci.* 862 (2021), 42–58. DOI: [10.1016/j.tcs.2020.11.041](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tcs.2020.11.041).
- [J26] Denti, L., **Pirola, Y.**, Previtali, M., Ceccato, T., Della Vedova, G., Rizzi, R., and Bonizzoni, P. “Shark: fishing relevant reads in an RNA-Seq sample”. *Bioinformatics* 37.4 (2021), 464–472. DOI: [10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa779](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa779). 
- [J25] Rizzi, R., Beretta, S., Patterson, M., **Pirola, Y.**, Previtali, M., Della Vedova, G., and Bonizzoni, P. “Overlap graphs and de Bruijn graphs: data structures for de novo genome assembly in the big data era”. *Quant. Biol.* 7.4 (2019), 278–292. DOI: [10.1007/s40484-019-0181-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40484-019-0181-x).
- [J24] Calabria, A., Beretta, S., Merelli, I., Spinozzi, G., Brasca, S., **Pirola, Y.**, Benedicenti, F., Tenderini, E., Bonizzoni, P., Milanesi, L., and Montini, E. “ $\gamma$ -TRIS: a graph-algorithm for comprehensive identification of vector genomic insertion sites”. *Bioinformatics* 36.5 (2020), 1622–1624. DOI: [10.1093/bioinformatics/btz747](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btz747). 
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- [J22] Grüning, B., Dale, R., Sjödin, A., Chapman, B. A., Rowe, J., Tomkins-Tinch, C. H., Valieris, R., Köster, J., and The Bioconda Team (including **Pirola, Y.**) “Bioconda: sustainable and comprehensive software distribution for the life sciences”. *Nature Methods* 15.7 (2018), 475–476. DOI: [10.1038/s41592-018-0046-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-018-0046-7).
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- [J18] Chiaradonna, F., **Pirola, Y.**, Ricciardiello, F., and Palorini, R. “Transcriptional profiling of immortalized and K-ras-transformed mouse fibroblasts upon PKA stimulation by forskolin in low glucose availability”. *Genomics Data* 9 (2016), 100–104. DOI: [10.1016/j.gdata.2016.07.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gdata.2016.07.004). 
- [J17] Bonizzoni, P., Dondi, R., Klau, G. W., **Pirola, Y.**, Pisanti, N., and Zaccaria, S. “On the Minimum Error Correction Problem for Haplotype Assembly in Diploid and Polyploid Genomes”. *J. Comput. Biol.* 23.9 (2016), 718–736. DOI: [10.1089/cmb.2015.0220](https://doi.org/10.1089/cmb.2015.0220).
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- [J12] Batini, C., Bonizzoni, P., Comerio, M., Dondi, R., **Pirola, Y.**, and Salandra, F. “A Clustering Algorithm for Planning the Integration Process of a Large Number of Conceptual Schemas”. *J. Comput. Sci. Technol.* 30.1 (2015), 214–224. DOI: [10.1007/s11390-015-1514-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11390-015-1514-5).
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- [J9] Bonizzoni, P., Dondi, R., and **Pirola, Y.** “Maximum Disjoint Paths on Edge-Colored Graphs: Approximability and Tractability”. *Algorithms* 6.1 (2013), 1–11. DOI: [10.3390/a6010001](https://doi.org/10.3390/a6010001). 
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- [J7] **Pirola, Y.**, Rizzi, R., Picardi, E., Pesole, G., Della Vedova, G., and Bonizzoni, P. “PIntron: A Fast Method for Detecting the Gene Structure Due to Alternative Splicing Via Maximal Pairings of a Pattern and a Text”. *BMC Bioinformatics* 13.S5 (2012), S2. DOI: [10.1186/1471-2105-13-S5-S2](https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-13-S5-S2). 
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- [J3] Bonizzoni, P., Della Vedova, G., Dondi, R., **Pirola, Y.**, and Rizzi, R. “Pure Parsimony Xor Haplotyping”. *IEEE/ACM Trans. Comput. Biol. Bioinform.* 7.4 (2010), 598–610. DOI: [10.1109/TCBB.2010.52](https://doi.org/10.1109/TCBB.2010.52).
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- [C19] Bonizzoni, P., Boucher, C., Cozzi, D., Gaggie, T., and **Pirola, Y.** “Solving the Minimal Positional Substring Cover Problem in Sublinear Space”. In: *Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM)*. Vol. 296. LIPIcs. Schloss Dagstuhl - LZI, 2024, 12:1–12:16. DOI: [10.4230/LIPICS.CPM.2024.12](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPICS.CPM.2024.12). 
- [C18] Bonizzoni, P., Della Vedova, G., **Pirola, Y.**, Rizzi, R., and Sgrò, M. “Multiallelic Maximal Perfect Haplotype Blocks with Wildcards via PBWT”. In: *Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering (IWBBIO)*. Vol. 13919. LNCS. Springer, 2023, 3–12. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-34953-9\\_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-34953-9_5).
- [C17] Bonizzoni, P., Petescia, A., **Pirola, Y.**, Rizzi, R., Zaccagnino, R., and Zizza, R. “KFinger: Capturing Overlaps Between Long Reads by Using Lyndon Fingerprints”. In: *Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering (IWBBIO)*. Vol. 13347. LNCS. Springer, 2022, 3–12. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-07802-6\\_37](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-07802-6_37).
- [C16] Bonizzoni, P., De Felice, C., **Pirola, Y.**, Rizzi, R., Zaccagnino, R., and Zizza, R. “Can Formal Languages Help Pangenomics to Represent and Analyze Multiple Genomes?” In: *Developments in Language Theory (DLT)*. Vol. 13257. LNCS. Springer, 2022, 3–12. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-05578-2\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-05578-2_1).
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### Talks, schools, and visits

#### Invited talks

- > Università degli Studi di Milano / invited by Prof. Giovanni Righini / Feb. 8, 2010
- > Parco Tecnologico Padano (Lodi) / invited by Dr. Alessandra Stella / Mar. 25, 2010

## Talks

- › *Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering (IWBBIO)* / Gran Canaria, Spain / Jun. 2022
- › *Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Conference (BBCC)* / Naples, Italy / Nov. 2020
- › *Bioinformatics Open Source Conference (BOSC)* / Toronto, Canada / Jul. 2020
- › *Int. Workshop on Data Structures in Bioinformatics (DSB)* / Rennes, France / Feb. 2020
- › *Int. Conf. on Language and Automata Theory and Applications (LATA)* / Madrid, Spain / Mar. 2014
- › *Workshop “Combinatorial structures for sequence analysis in bioinformatics”* / Milan, Italy / Nov. 2013
- › *ACM Int. Conf. on Bioinf., Computational Biol., and Biomedical Inform. (ACM BCB)* / Washington DC, USA / Sep. 2013
- › *Italian Conf. on Theoretical Computer Science (ICTCS)* / Palermo, Italy / Sep. 2013
- › *IEEE Int. Conf. on Computational Advances in Bio and medical Sciences (ICCABS)* / Las Vegas NV, USA / Feb. 2012
- › *IEEE Int. Conf. on Computational Advances in Bio and medical Sciences (ICCABS)* / Orlando FL, USA / Feb. 2011
- › *Int. Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI)* / Liverpool, UK / Sep. 2010
- › *Int. Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI)* / Philadelphia PA, USA / Sep. 2009
- › *Int. Symp. on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA)* / Ft. Lauderdale FL, USA / May 2009

## Schools

- › *Lipari Int. Summer School on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology* / Univ. degli Studi di Catania / 2008
- › *Summer school on Parallel and Scientific Computing* / CINECA / 2006

## Research visits

- › *Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica* / Amsterdam, The Netherlands / Dr. Gunnar W. Klau / Jul. 14–17, 2015
- › *Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée* / Paris, France / Dr. Gregory Kucherov / Jan. 12–18, 2014
- › *University of California, Riverside* / Riverside CA, USA / Prof. Tao Jiang / Feb.–Jun. 2009

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## Professional activities

- › Local Technical Coordinator (LTec) for Univ. of Milano-Bicocca of the Italian node of ELIXIR
- › *Co-organizer* (with S. Pissis, CWI) of a satellite workshop of ECCB 2020
- › *Program committee* member of: WABI 2024–2025 / BICOB 2020–2026 / IWBBIO 2020, 2022–2026 / BBC 2015–2025 (part of ICCS) / ICTCS 2022 / HPC4COVID-19 2020 (part of IEEE BIBM) / PDP 2015–2017
- › *Organizing committee* member of: CPM 2025 / PhD School “Introduction to Pangenomics” 2022 / DSB 2021 / CiE 2013 / “Unconventional Models of Computation” 2009 / ASWorkshop 2008
- › Member of the reviewer board of Algorithms
- › *Reviewer* for the following journals: Discrete Applied Mathematics / Bioinformatics / Briefings in Bioinformatics / IEEE-ACM Trans. Computational Biology and Bioinformatics / IEEE Access / J. Computational Science / J. Biomedical Informatics / Computers & Operations Research / Frontiers in Bioinformatics / Int. Trans. in Operational Research / GigaScience / Applied Sciences / Mathematics / Genes / Processes / Systems / Technologies / Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience / BMC Genomics / BMC Genomic Data / Int. J. Bioinformatics Research and Applications / Int. J. Molecular Sciences / BioMed Research Int.

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- > *Reviewer* for the following international conferences: IWOCA 2025 / SPIRE 2023–2024 / RECOMB 2023 / IEEE BIBM 2022, 2021, 2020, 2013, 2012, 2009 / WABI 2022, 2021, 2014, 2012 / ISBRA 2021, 2015, 2014 / RECOMB-CG 2021 / APBC 2020 / CIBB 2019, 2014 / SODA 2018 / IWOCA 2016, 2015 / AAIM 2016 / WALCOM 2016 / BSB 2013 / CiE 2013 / CATS 2013 / ECCB 2012 / ICCABS 2011
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### Supervision activities

- > Co-supervisor for 1 Ph.D. thesis in CS at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
  - > Supervisor for 6 M.Sc. theses in CS at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
  - > Supervisor for 9 B.Sc. theses in CS at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
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### Teaching

- > Member of the board of the Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > *Teacher/Teaching assistant*, at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, of:
 

Theory of computing	8h, class	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2025/26
Algorithms and DS	52h, class	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2025/26
Algorithms and DS	48h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2025/26
Software design	12h, lab.	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2025/26
Theory of computing	16h, class	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2022/23–24/25
Algorithms and DS	52h, class	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2022/23–24/25
Algorithms and DS	40h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2022/23–24/25
Software design	12h, lab.	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2019/20–24/25
Computer science	16h, class	MD	School of Medicine	2018/19–21/22
Genome assembly	20h, class	2nd level master (EQF/RQF level 8)		2020/21
Algorithms and DS	20h, class	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2019/20–21/22
Algorithms and DS	20h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2019/20–21/22
Elements of Bioinformatics	16h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2013/14
Algorithms and DS 2	12h, class	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2010/11
Bioinformatics	4h, lectures	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2009/10
Bioinformatics	8h, class	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2008/09
Analysis of algorithms	12h, class	M.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2007/08
Bioinformatics	4h, lectures	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2007/08
Programming languages	24h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2006/07
Algorithms and DS	12h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2005/06
Operating systems	24h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2005/06
Operating systems	48h, lab.	B.Sc.	School of Computer Science	2004/05
- > *Teaching assistant*, at Univ. degli Studi di Bergamo, of:
 

Introduction to Informatics	30h, class	B.A.	School of Foreign Languages	2007/08–08/09
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- > *Lecturer* for the course “Population-based Optimisation Methods” (4h, June 2022) of the Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > *Lecturer* for the course “Do we need data structures?” (4h, Oct. 2020) of the Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Univ. degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
- > *Lecturer* on the topic “Introduction to programming in C” (16h) for post-graduate LS researchers at PTP, Lodi