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Richiesta di finanziamento per Progetto/Assegno di Ricerca

Progetto

1.0 Macroarea di Afferenza del Responsabile Scientifico del Programma di Ricerca Principal Investigator's macroarea

1 - Matematica, scienze fisiche, dell'informazione e della comunicazione, ingegneria e scienze della Terra

1.1 Area Scientifica del Responsabile Scientifico del Programma di Ricerca Principal Investigator's scientific area

01 - Scienze Matematiche

1.2 Responsabile Scientifico del Programma di Ricerca Principal Investigator (PI)

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Lingua di compilazione del progetto Language

English

1.3 Area Scientifica del Programma di Ricerca Scientific area of the research program

Area Scientifica Prevalente /Main scientific Area	Scienze Matematiche	(% di afferenza) 60
Area Scientifica/Scientific Area	Scienze Fisiche	(% di afferenza) 20
Area Scientifica/Scientific Area	Scienze Mediche	(% di afferenza) 20

1.4 Titolo del Programma di Ricerca Title

NATIRESCO: Nonstandard multivariate Approximation Techniques in medical Imaging, REmote geospatial Sensing and Computational Optics

1.5 Abstract del Programma di Ricerca Abstract

The project NATIRESCO, which is intrinsically interdisciplinary, aims to develop new mathematical methodologies, by means of nonstandard mathematical techniques, in medical imaging analysis, for images acquired either by MRI (Magnetic Resonance)/MPI (Magnetic Particle) or PET (Positron Emission Tomography), and in two life sciences fields known as remote geospatial sensing and optics. We have subdivided the project in two guidelines, L1 and L2, corresponding to the main areas of interest of our applications: medicine and geophysics in broad sense.

L1: Approximation of medical images.

We mainly consider neuroimages (images of brain regions) that we would like to approximate by means of kernel-based methods and, for image comparisons, we use the Monge-Kantorovich Optimal Transport approach based on Wasserstein metric. Moreover we investigate the classification of time activity curves in PET imaging. In particular, we try different mathematical approaches to classify them and hence automatically discriminate between brain regions with different metabolic behavior.

L2: Applications of Sparse Approximation by Caratheodory-Tchakaloff Quadrature Compression.

By using a discrete version of Caratheodory-Tchakaloff theorem, we wish to perform image compression in the framework of remote geospatial sensing. In the framework of computational adaptive optics, the computation of the RMSWE (Root Mean Square Wavefront Error) is done by ray tracing in optical systems where the entrance pupil has a complex shape. This is relevant for example in controlling obscuration and vignetting of the LSST (Large Synoptic Survey Telescope) camera by intersection/difference with several coassial disks. We can construct algebraic Gaussian quadrature formulas on such pupils by domain splitting.

1.6 Settori scientifico-disciplinari interessati dal Programma di Ricerca Scientific Disciplinary Sectors

MAT/08

MED/36

1.7 Parole chiave Keywords

1. AREA 01 - Mathematics - Approximations And Expansions - MULTIDIMENSIONAL PROBLEMS
2. AREA 01 - Mathematics - Numerical Analysis - Numerical Approximation And Computational Geometry (Primarily Algorithms) - INTERPOLATION
3. AREA 07 - Medicine - Med/36 - Diagnostic Imaging And Radiotherapy - IMAGING DIAGNOSIS AND RADIOTHERAPY
4. Optimal transport problem in imaging

1.8 Curriculum del Responsabile Scientifico del programma di ricerca Principal Investigator's curriculum

** Scholar addresses

1987: degree in Mathematics (University of Padova)

1994: Ph.D. in Computational Mathematics and Computer Science, VI-cycle Consortium NE, Padova

** Positions

1995-2005: assistant professor of Numerical Analysis

2005-present: associate professor of Numerical Analysis

2017: habilitation to full professor of Numerical Analysis

** Research interests

Multivariate polynomial approximation, Radial Basis Functions approximation, Applications to medical imaging reconstruction and analysis, quasi Monte-Carlo compression

** Scientific publications

69 papers on refererred journals

18 papers on refered proceedings

6 edited proceeding

4 monographs

software

** Conference organization, editorial experience, review service

- Member of the organizing and scientific committees of Dolomites Workshop on Constructive Approximation and Applications (DWCAA06-09-12-16), Alba di Canazei (Trento, Italy), September 2006, 2009, 2012, 2016.

- Member of the organizing committees of the Dolomites Research Week on Approximation 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018 at Alba di Canazei.

- Managing editor of "Dolomites Research Notes on Approximation" (<http://drna.padovauniversitypress.it/>) since 2008.

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Aracne pub.

BIOMATHEMATICS AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS BOOK SERIES

- Referee for (list not completed): AMS-Math. Rev., Siam J. Matrix Anal. Appl., Siam J. Numer. Anal., J. Approx. Theory, Adv. Comput. Math., Numer. Math., J. Complexity, Compu. Math. Appl., Simul. Model. Practise and Th., J. Comput. Appl. Math., Numer. Algorithms, Proceedings A Royal Mathematical Society, Mediterranean J. Math., International Math. J., Appl. Math. E-Notes, Methods and Applications of Analysis.

** Fellowships/Visiting

- Post-doc at the University of Padova: February - December 1995.

- CNR program "Short-term mobility": Oct. 1998 and June 1999.

- DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst): exchange program between researchers of European countries, 2001.

- Erskine Visiting programme: University of Canterbury, Jul.-Aug. 2018.

** Supervisor experience

1 PhD thesis in Computational Mathematics

1 PhD thesis in Medical Sciences

6 degree theses in Mathematics

20 master theses in Mathematics

1 master thesis in Applied Mathematics

1 degree thesis in Computer Science

co-supervisor of 3 master theses in Mathematics (Univer. of Verona, Padova and Calabria).

** Research Coordination

- Founder of the CAA: Padova-Verona Research Group on Constructive Approximation and Applications

- Coordinator of RITA: ITalian Network on Approximation

** Recent funded projects

- Scientific coordinator of the research grant "Radial basis functions approximations: stability issues and applications", University of Padova (23.6K euros, 2017).

- Scientific Coordinator of the National GNCS-INdAM 2017 project: "Approssimazione Multivariata: teoria e applicazioni" (7.8K euros).

- Scientific coordinator of DOR funds of the Departement of Mathematics 2017: 5.7K euros.

- Scientific coordinator of the research grant "Approximation by radial basis functions: partition of unity methods, applications to the solution of PDEs and medical imaging",

University of Padova (23.6K euros, 2018).

** Bibliometrics

- Co-authors (from Scopus) = 50

- MathSciNet: 68 publications, 343 citations

- Google Scholar: 1209 citations, h-index=18

- Scopus: 63 publications, 560 citations, h-index=14

- ISI: 58 publications, 442 citations, h-index=13

- ResearchGate: 103 publications, 770 citations, RG score=28.82, h-index=15

- MR Erdos Number=2

More details: <http://www.math.unipd.it/~demarchi/mioCVEnglish.pdf>

1.9 Pubblicazioni scientifiche più significative del Responsabile Scientifico del Programma di Ricerca Principal Investigator's publications

- | n° | Publicazione |
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| 1. | De Marchi Stefano (2018). Quasi-Monte Carlo integration on manifolds with mapped low-discrepancy points and greedy minimal Riesz \mathbb{S}^2 -energy points. APPLIED NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 127, p. 110-124, ISSN: 0168-9274, doi: 10.1016/j.apnum.2017.12.017 -Impact Factor 1.087 |
| 2. | Bos L., De Marchi S., Vianello M. (2017). Polynomial approximation on Lissajous curves in the d-cube. APPLIED NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 117, p. 47-56, ISSN: 0168-9274, doi: http://doi.org/10.1016/j.apnum.2017.01.013 -Impact Factor 1.087 |
| 3. | de Marchi, S., KroÅ³, A. (2017). Marcinkiewiczâ-Zygmund type results in multivariate domains. ACTA MATHEMATICA HUNGARICA, p. 1-21, ISSN: 0236-5294, doi: 10.1007/s10474-017-0769-4 |
| 4. | Stefano, De Marchi, MARCHETTI, FRANCESCO, Wolfgang, Erb (2017). Spectral filtering for the reduction of the Gibbs phenomenon of polynomial approximation methods on Lissajous curves with applications in MPI. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 10, p. 128-137, ISSN: 2035-6803, doi: 10.14658/pupj-drna-2017-Special_Issue-13 |
| 5. | De Marchi Stefano, Idda Andrea, Santin Gabriele (2017). Approximation Theory XV: San Antonio 2016. In: (a cura di): Gregory E. Fasshauer and Larry L. Schumaker, Approximation Theory XV: San Antonio 2016. vol. 201, p. 39-59, Springer International Publishing, ISBN: 978-3-319-59911-3, doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-59912-0 |
| 6. | Cavoretto R., De Marchi S., De Rossi A., Perracchione E., Santin G. (2016). Partition of unity interpolation using stable kernel-based techniques. APPLIED NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS, ISSN: 0168-9274, doi: doi:10.1016/j.apnum.2016.07.005 -Impact Factor 1.087 |
| 7. | BOS, LEONARD PETER, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, VIANELLO, MARCO (2016). Trivariate polynomial approximation on Lissajous curves. IMA JOURNAL OF NUMERICAL ANALYSIS, vol. 37 (2017), p. 519-541, ISSN: 0272-4979, doi: 10.1093/imanum/drw013 -Impact Factor 1.703 |
| 8. | DE MARCHI, STEFANO, Iske, Armin, Sironi, Amos (2016). Kernel-based Image Reconstruction from Scattered Radon Data. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 9, p. 19-31, ISSN: 2035-6803, doi: 10.14658/pupj-drna-2016-Special_Issue-4 |
| 9. | Stefano De Marchi, Gabriele Santin (2015). Fast computation of orthonormal basis for RBF spaces through Krylov space methods. BIT, vol. 55, p. 949-966, ISSN: 0006-3835, doi: 10.1007/s10543-014-0537-6 -Impact Factor 1.167 |
| 10. | Cavoretto R, De Marchi S, De Rossi A, Perracchione E, Santin G (2015). RBF approximation of large datasets by partition of unity and local stabilization. In: (a cura di): J. Vigo-Aguiar, Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Computational and Mathematical Methods in Science and Engineering. vol. I-II-III-IV, p. 317-326, CMMSE, ISBN: 978-84-617-2230-3 |
| 11. | Stefano De Marchi, Konstantin Usevich (2014). On certain multivariate Vandermonde determinants whose variables separate. LINEAR ALGEBRA AND ITS APPLICATIONS, vol. 449, p. 17-27, ISSN: 0024-3795, doi: 10.1016/j.laa.2014.01.034 -Impact Factor .939 |
| 12. | S. De Marchi, A. Sommariva, M. Vianello (2014). Multivariate Christoffel functions and hyperinterpolation. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 7, p. 26-33, ISSN: 2035-6803 |
| 13. | Stefano De Marchi, Marco Vianello (2013). Polynomial approximation on pyramids, cones and solids of rotation. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 6, p. 20-26, ISSN: 2035-6803 |
| 14. | Stefano De Marchi, Gabriele Santin (2013). A new stable basis for radial basis function interpolation. JOURNAL OF COMPUTATIONAL AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS, vol. 253, p. 1-13, ISSN: 0377-0427, doi: 10.1016/j.cam.2013.03.048 -Impact Factor 1.077 |
| 15. | Bos Len, S. DE MARCHI, Hormann Kai, Klein Georges (2012). On the Lebesgue constant of barycentric rational interpolation at equidistant nodes. NUMERISCHE MATHEMATIK, vol. 121, p. 461-471, ISSN: 0029-599X, doi: 10.1007/s00211-011-0442-8 -Impact Factor 1.329 |
| 16. | Len Bos, Stefano DE MARCHI, Kai Hormann (2011). On the Lebesgue constant of Berrut's rational interpolant at equidistant nodes. JOURNAL OF COMPUTATIONAL AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS, vol. 236, p. 504-510, ISSN: 0377-0427, doi: 10.1016/j.cam.2011.04.004 -Impact Factor 1.112 |
| 17. | L.BOS, S.DE MARCHI, A. SOMMARIVA, M.VIANELLO (2011). Weakly Admissible Meshes and Discrete Extremal Sets. NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 4, p. 1-12, ISSN: 1004-8979 -Impact Factor .692 |
| 18. | CALIARI, MARCO, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2011). Padua2DM: fast interpolation and cubature at the Padua points in Matlab/Octave. NUMERICAL ALGORITHMS, vol. 56, p. 45-60, ISSN: 1017-1398, doi: 10.1007/s11075-010-9373-1 -Impact Factor 1.042 |
| 19. | L. BOS, S. DE MARCHI, A. SOMMARIVA, M. VIANELLO (2011). On Multivariate Newton Interpolation at Discrete Leja Points. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 4, p. 15-20, ISSN: 2035-6803 |
| 20. | L. Bos, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2010). Computing multivariate Fekete and Leja points by numerical linear algebra. SIAM JOURNAL ON NUMERICAL ANALYSIS, vol. 48, p. 1984-1999, ISSN: 0036-1429, doi: 10.1137/090779024 -Impact Factor 1.664 |
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21. DE MARCHI STEFANO, ROBERT SCHABACK (2010). Stability of Kernel-Based Interpolation. ADVANCES IN COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 32, p. 155-161, ISSN: 1019-7168, doi: 10.1007/s10444-008-9093-4 -Impact Factor 1.438
22. Stefano De Marchi, Robert Schaback (2009). Nonstandard Kernels and their Applications. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 2, p. 16-43, ISSN: 2035-6803
23. BOS, LEONARD PETER, DE MARCHI, Stefano (2008). Univariate Radial Basis Functions with Compact Support Cardinal Functions. EAST JOURNAL ON APPROXIMATIONS, vol. 14, p. 69-80, ISSN: 1310-6236
24. VIANELLO, MARCO, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, VIANELLO, MARCO (2008). Algorithm 886: Padua2D-Lagrange Interpolation at Padua Points on Bivariate Domains. ACM TRANSACTIONS ON MATHEMATICAL SOFTWARE, vol. 35, ISSN: 0098-3500, doi: 10.1145/1391989.1391994 -Impact Factor 2.197
25. CALIARI M, DE MARCHI S, VIANELLO M. (2008). Hyperinterpolation in the cube. COMPUTERS & MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS, vol. 55, p. 2490-2497, ISSN: 0898-1221, doi: 10.1016/j.camwa.2007.10.003 -Impact Factor .997
26. MARCO CALIARI, STEFANO DE MARCHI, MARCO VIANELLO (2008). Bivariate Lagrange interpolation at the Padua points: Computational aspects. JOURNAL OF COMPUTATIONAL AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS, vol. 221, p. 284-292, ISSN: 0377-0427, doi: 10.1016/j.cam.2007.10.027 -Impact Factor 1.048
27. Len Bos, Stefano De Marchi, Marco Vianello, Yuan Xu (2007). Bivariate Lagrange interpolation at the Padua points: the ideal theory approach. NUMERISCHE MATHEMATIK, vol. 108, p. 43-57, ISSN: 0029-599X, doi: 10.1007/s00211-007-0112-z -Impact Factor 1.376
28. BOS L, CALIARI, MARCO, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, VIANELLO, MARCO (2006). Bivariate interpolation at Xu points: results, extensions and applications. ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ON NUMERICAL ANALYSIS, vol. 25, p. 1-16, ISSN: 1068-9613 -Impact Factor .738
29. L. Bos, M. Caliari, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, VIANELLO, MARCO, Y. Xu (2006). Bivariate Lagrange interpolation at the Padua points: the generating curve approach. JOURNAL OF APPROXIMATION THEORY, vol. 143, p. 15-25, ISSN: 0021-9045, doi: 10.1016/j.jat.2006.03.008 -Impact Factor .5
30. Marco Caliari, Stefano De Marchi, Marco Vianello (2005). Bivariate polynomial interpolation on the square at new nodal sets. APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTATION, vol. 165, p. 261-274, ISSN: 0096-3003, doi: 10.1016/j.amc.2004.07.001
31. DE MARCHI, Stefano, R. Schaback, H. Wendland (2005). Near-Optimal Data-independent Point Locations for Radial Basis Function Interpolation. ADVANCES IN COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 23, p. 317-330, ISSN: 1019-7168

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1.10 Componenti il Gruppo di Ricerca Research-Unit Participants

1.10.0 Professori e ricercatori anche a tempo determinato dell'Università di Padova University of Padua Researchers

n°	Cognome	Nome	Dipartimento	Area scientifica di ateneo	Qualifica	Settore	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno	Stato della risposta
1.	CAMPI	Cristina	DIP. MEDICINA - DIMED	01 - Mathematics	Ricercatore a t.d. - t.pieno (art. 24 c.3-a L. 240/10)	MAT/08	4	4	
2.	CECCHIN	Diego	DIP. MEDICINA - DIMED	07 - Medicine	Professore Associato (L. 240/10)	MED/36	3	3	
3.	VIANELLO	Marco	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Mathematics	Professore Ordinario (L. 240/10)	MAT/08	4	4	
4.	DE MARCHI	Stefano	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Mathematics	Professore Associato confermato	MAT/08	4	4	

1.10.1 Professori a contratto di cui all'art. 23 della legge 240/2010, altro Personale dell'Università di Padova anche a tempo determinato (personale tecnico-amministrativo, Dirigenti e CEL) Other University of Padua Staff

n°	Nome	Dipartimento	Qualifica	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno
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1.10.2 Titolari di assegni di ricerca dell'Università di Padova University of Padua Research Grants

n°	Cognome	Nome	Dipartimento	Area scientifica di ateneo	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno
1.	FACCA	Enrico	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Scienze Matematiche	4	4
2.	PERRACCHIONE	Emma	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Scienze Matematiche	4	4
3.	PIAZZON	Federico	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Scienze Matematiche	4	4
4.	POGGIALI	Davide	DIP. MATEMATICA "TULLIO LEVI CIVITA" - DM	01 - Scienze Matematiche	4	4

1.10.3 Studenti di Dottorato di Ricerca dell'Università di Padova University of Padua Students PhD Students

n°	Cognome	Nome	Dipartimento	Area scientifica di ateneo	Qualifica	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno
1.	MARCHETTI	Francesco	DIP. SALUTE DELLA DONNA E DEL BAMBINO - SDB	07 - Scienze Mediche	Dottorando	3	3

1.10.4 Professori, ricercatori anche a tempo determinato di altre Università Other Universities Researchers

n°	Cognome	Nome	Università	Area scientifica di ateneo	Dipartimento	Qualifica	Settore	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno
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1.10.5 Dipendenti di altre amministrazioni pubbliche, di enti pubblici o privati, di imprese, di istituzioni straniere, soggetti esterni in possesso di specifiche competenze nel campo della ricerca Other Personnel

n°	Cognome	Nome	Ente	Qualifica	Mesi/Persona(*) Primo anno	Mesi/Persona(*) Secondo anno
1.	ERB	WOLFGANG	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Post-doc	3	3
2.	BAUMAN	BRIAN J.	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Researcher	4	4

2.1.0 Pubblicazioni scientifiche più significative dei componenti il gruppo di ricerca (docenti dell'ateneo di Padova) Relevant publications of the Research Group (University of Padua Researchers)

n°	Pubblicazioni
1.	Gaspere Da Fies, SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2013). Algebraic cubature by linear blending of elliptical arcs. APPLIED NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS, vol. 74, p. 49-61, ISSN: 0168-9274, doi: 10.1016/j.apnum.2013.08.003 Impact factor 1.036
2.	SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2015). Compression of multivariate discrete measures and applications. NUMERICAL FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS AND OPTIMIZATION, vol. 36, p. 1198-1223, ISSN: 0163-0563, doi: 10.1080/01630563.2015.1062394 Impact factor .649
3.	VIANELLO, MARCO (2016). Compressed sampling inequalities by Tchakaloff's theorem. MATHEMATICAL INEQUALITIES & APPLICATIONS, vol. 19, p. 395-400, ISSN: 1331-4343, doi: 10.7153/mia-19-31 Impact factor .603
4.	BOS, LEONARD PETER, DE MARCHI, STEFANO, VIANELLO, MARCO (2016). Trivariate polynomial approximation on Lissajous curves. IMA JOURNAL OF NUMERICAL ANALYSIS, vol. 37 (2017), p. 519-541, ISSN: 0272-4979, doi: 10.1093/imanum/drw013 Impact factor 1.703
5.	Gentile M., Sommariva A., Vianello M (2017). Polynomial approximation and quadrature on geographic rectangles. APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTATION, vol. 297, p. 159-179, ISSN: 0096-3003, doi: 10.1016/j.amc.2016.08.014
6.	SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2017). Numerical hyperinterpolation over nonstandard planar regions. MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTERS IN SIMULATION, vol. 141, p. 110-120, ISSN: 0378-4754, doi: 10.1016/j.matcom.2016.07.009
7.	Sudhakar Y, Sommariva Alvise, Vianello Marco, Wall W.A. (2017). On the Use of Compressed Polyhedral Quadrature Formulas in Embedded Interface Methods. SIAM JOURNAL ON SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING, vol. 39, p. 571-587, ISSN: 1064-8275, doi: 10.1137/16M1085206 Impact factor 2.195
8.	Leopardi, Paul, SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2017). Optimal polynomial meshes and Caratheodory-Tchakaloff submeshes on the sphere. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 10, p. 18-24, ISSN: 2035-6803

9.	Piazzon Federico, Sommariva Alvisè, Vianello Marco (2017). Caratheodory-Tchakaloff Least Squares. In: 2017 International Conference on Sampling Theory and Applications (SampTA). p. 672-676, IEEE, ISBN: 978-1-5386-1565-2, Tallinn, Estonia., July 3 - 7, 2017, doi: 10.1109/SAMPSTA.2017.8024337
10.	PIAZZON, FEDERICO, SOMMARIVA, ALVISE, VIANELLO, MARCO (2017). Caratheodory-Tchakaloff Subsampling. DOLOMITES RESEARCH NOTES ON APPROXIMATION, vol. 10, p. 5-14, ISSN: 2035-6803, doi: 10.14658/pupj-drna-2017-1-2
11.	A. Pascarella, A. Sorrentino, C. Campi, M. Piana (2010). Particle filtering, beamforming and multiple signal classification for the analysis of magnetoencephalography time series: a comparison of algorithms. INVERSE PROBLEMS AND IMAGING, vol. 4, p. 169-190, ISSN: 1930-8337, doi: 10.3934/ipi.2010.4.169 Impact factor 1.403
12.	C. Campi, A. Pascarella, A. Sorrentino, M. Piana (2008). A Rao-Blackwellized particle filter for magnetoencephalography. INVERSE PROBLEMS, vol. 24, p. 025023, ISSN: 0266-5611, doi: 10.1088/0266-5611/24/2/025023 Impact factor 1.912
13.	Campi Cristina, Perasso Annalisa, Beltrametti Mauro C., Piana Michele, Sambuceti Gianmario, Massone Anna Maria (2016). HT-BONE: a graphical user interface for the identification of bone profiles in CT images via extended Hough transform. In: Progress in Biomedical Optics and Imaging - Proceedings of SPIE. PROGRESS IN BIOMEDICAL OPTICS AND IMAGING, p. 1-10, SPIE, ISBN: 978-151060019-5, ISSN: 1605-7422, San Diego, United States, da 01/03/2016 a 03/03/2016, doi: 10.1117/12.2216375
14.	Perasso Annalisa, Campi Cristina, Massone Anna Maria, Beltrametti Mauro C. (2015). Spinal canal and spinal marrow segmentation by means of the hough transform of special classes of curves. In: Lecture Notes in Computer Science (including subseries Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence and Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics). p. 590-600, Springer Verlag, ISBN: 9783319232300, ita, 2015, doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-23231-7_53
15.	MASSONE A M, Campi C, Beltrametti M C, Marini C (2017). FDG-PET and the assessment of spinal cord metabolism in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). In: 2016 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium, Medical Imaging Conference and Room-Temperature Semiconductor Detector Workshop (NSS/MIC/RTSD), 2016. IEEE, ISBN: 978-1-5090-1642-6, doi: 10.1109/NSSMIC.2016.8069573
16.	Federico Benvenuto, Michele Piana, Cristina Campi, Anna Maria Massone (2018). A Hybrid Supervised/Unsupervised Machine Learning Approach to Solar Flare Prediction. THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, vol. 853, p. 1-9, ISSN: 0004-637X Impact factor 5.533
17.	A. Sorrentino, L. Parkkonen, A. Pascarella, C. Campi, M. Piana (2009). Dynamical MEG source modeling with multi-target bayesian tracking. HUMAN BRAIN MAPPING, vol. 30, p. 1911-1921, ISSN: 1065-9471, doi: 10.1002/hbm.20786 Impact factor 6.256
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2.3 Stato dell'Arte: base di partenza scientifica nazionale ed internazionale

State of the Art

This project aims to apply some techniques from multivariate approximation by polynomials and radial basis functions in a nonstandard way for two main important applications: medical images from Magnetic Resonance (MRI or MRI/PET or SPECT) and Magnetic Particle Imaging (MPI), as well as remote geospatial sensing and computational optics. Since 2005 the Constructive Approximation and Applications (CAA) Research Group (<http://www.math.unipd.it/~marcov/CAA.html>) is collaborating in the field of Constructive Approx. and Applications with a special interest in the study of effective approximation algorithms as well as in the production of reliable numerical software. The group is collaborating with many researchers worldwide (presently 26) and is also the principal supporting group of the Italian Network on Approximation <https://sites.google.com/site/italianapproximationnetwork/>

Among the research interests of the group we recall the following:

- Caratheodory-Tchakaloff Subsampling
- Mathematical Imaging in Medicine and Neurosciences
- Padua Points and Lissajous Sampling
- Stable Kernel-based Approximation and Applications
- SubPeriodic Harmonic Analysis

For the synopses and publications related to the various topics, we ask to refer to the web page of the CAA research. Here we simply emphasize that the group has developed many mathematical tools necessary for applications in life sciences, such as medicine, engineering, geosciences, optics, quantum physics, computational chemistry, statistics.

1. Concerning medical imaging applications, the CAA research group is collaborating with the Medical School of the University of Padova, in particular with the chair of Nuclear Medicine (who is now coordinated by prof. Bui in collaboration with prof. Cecchin) and the Department of Neurosciences (the PI affiliates to the Padova Neurosciences Center, too). This multidisciplinary collaboration has produced various interesting results (papers on scientific journals, conferences, reports, master's and Ph.D. theses) and some research positions (PhD, post-doc and temporary assistant professor position). The group is working since then and has already developed new tools for imaging and image-derived neurological data analysis, with focus on numerical methods and error estimation by kernel-based approximation. These methods have successfully been applied in MRI, PET, SPECT imaging and in neuroclinical research, as well as in MPI by Lissajous sampling.

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2. Remote geospatial sensing involves imaging of the Earth from aircraft or spacecraft at scales ranging from a few square kilometers to the entire globe. Images are formed from visible light as well as near-infrared light, thermal radiation, and microwave radiation, and thus extend well beyond the range of the human eye. It is then interesting and necessary to dispose of tools for extracting information from these images (for example, mapping vegetation properties over large areas). This extraction should be fast and not expensive in terms of spatial memory. Therefore compression techniques should be applied. The Caratheodory-Tchakaloff compression method, is indeed the tool that we wish to apply in these applications.

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2.4 Descrizione del Programma di Ricerca

Description of the research program

The proposed project aims to develop new mathematical methodologies, by means of nonstandard mathematical techniques, in medical imaging analysis in images acquired either by MRI/MPI or PET and in the life sciences fields known as remote geospatial sensing and optics. We present the proposed project subdividing it in two guidelines, L1 and L2, corresponding to the main areas of interest of our applications: medicine and geophysics in broad sense. Furthermore each guideline is subdivided in two sub-guidelines to better describe the applications we have in mind.

**Note: the references are indicated at the end of the program description, subdivided for L1 and L2.

L1. Approximation of medical images.

It is well-known that nowadays medical investigations are using more and more imaging analysis, computations and elaboration with images acquired by various equipments: X-rays are the basis for CT, magnetic fields are used in MRI, MRI-PET/SPECT or more recently in MPI techniques. In general, all images then require some post-processing in order to better understand and analyse the meaning of patches and colors that describe the internal parts of the human body (brain, organs etc) or evolution in time of features of the human body (tumors, fetus). We propose two methodologies, one based on kernel-based approximation combined with optimal transport for imaging comparison in MRI and a second one aimed to classify activity curves in PET imaging. One goal is to merge these two techniques in one application.

L1.1 Kernel-based approximation.

We have started to use kernel-based approximation in reconstructing CT-images since some years (cf. [DeM16, DeM18]), showing the effectiveness of this technique in approximating Radon data.

Kernel-based methods can be applied also in quantifying the morphological changes in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Our aim is the application of this approach in neuroimages analysis.

MRI images from a set of control subjects (that can be considered as not affected by any neurodegenerative disease) will be used for the creation of a spatiotemporal template [Gholipour17], with the age of every subject as the time. This template acts as a model of normal neurodegeneration through aging.

MRI images from a second set (composed by healthy or affected subjects) will be aligned and compared to the template model in order to quantify the atrophy through a punctual, voxel-by-voxel measure of dissimilarity. Such error measure can be assessed with commonly-used diffeomorphic methods [Avants08] as well as with innovative methods based on Monge-Kantorovich Optimal Transport Problem (OTP) [Ambrosio, Facca18-2, Gerber17]. Optimal Transport is an expanding area of mathematical theory that defines robust metric, called Wasserstein metric, to measure distances between probability distributions.

This metric, has been used to compare images, in particular 2d-3d scans of brain, with the aim of recognizing abnormality of brain structure and functions.

The application of this OT tool has been extremely successful in this field [mi2017optimal] but it requires an high computational cost for the computation of Wasserstein distance, limiting the application to automatically quantification on big data sets.

A new and efficient numerical method for the L1-Wasserstein distance has been proposed in [Facca2018-1].

The so-obtained measure of neuronal atrophy can be then used in clinical studies to evaluate the condition and the apparent age of each single patient.

L1.2 Classification of time activity curves in PET imaging.

Positron Emission Tomography (PET) is a medical imaging technique that measure metabolic activity of the different tissues in the human body. This medical procedure is used in the diagnosis of tumors since anomalous metabolic activity is associated to the presence of cancerous cells. The tissues under exam are discretized in voxels, each of them representing a small volume and for each of them PET data provide metabolic activity. Moreover, thanks to the dynamic nature of

the technique, it is also possible to associate at each voxel the metabolic activity at different time sample of the exam duration. In this way, we can have a time series representing the metabolic activity over time for each voxel. The study and the characterization of these curves is very interesting since we can use them to differentiate between voxels with anomalous and regular activity. This discriminating problem is particularly tough due its dimension: although the time series are made of a small number of samples (< 100), their number, corresponding to the voxels number, is around $N=10^6$.

Clustering techniques can be used in order to cluster together time series (and hence the associated voxels) with similar course. In general, patterns similarity can be expressed in terms of patterns proximity usually measured by a distance function defined on pairs of patterns. A clustering algorithm is necessarily characterized by a process of data abstraction, since a compact description of the data set is needed. A typical way to manage this aspect is to describe each cluster in terms of its centroid, that is one cluster prototype. Here we choose a partitional clustering method, the C-Means algorithm [MACQ67], where the number of clusters is fixed a priori and the best partition is obtained evaluating iteratively a cost function. In this case the data set X is composed by N (corresponding to the voxel number) time series (or patterns) partitioned in C clusters.

Since the cluster number C can be choose much smaller than the total voxel number we can automatically reduce the number of time series we want to classify. Once peculiar time series shape are identified and represented by centroids, we can try different mathematical approaches to classify them and hence automatically discriminate between brain regions with different metabolic behavior. A first idea consists in the classification using features (like norm, gradient, spectrum, time-to-peak and so on) that can be easily extracted from the centroid. A second approach involves a fitting step using pre-determined classes of curves (for example RBF or splines) and then a classification based on curve parameters. Either way, the classification can be carried out using supervised machine learning algorithms like Support Vector Machine, Neural Networks, and Decision trees [Kot06].

L2. Applications of Sparse Approximation by Caratheodory-Tchakaloff Quadrature Compression

A discrete version of Tchakaloff theorem [Piazzon17-1, Piazzon17-2] on the existence of positive algebraic cubature formulas, that can be proved by the well-known Caratheodory theorem on conical combinations of finite-dimensional vectors, entails that the information required for multivariate polynomial approximation can be suitably compressed. The framework here is approximating a discrete measure by another one, with the same polynomial moments up to a certain degree, and a (much) smaller support. Extracting such "Caratheodory-Tchakaloff points" from the support of discrete measures by Linear Programming or Quadratic Programming (NNLS) [Sommariva15], we obtain compression of Algebraic Quadrature, QMC integration, Least Squares approximation and Polynomial Meshes on multivariate compact sets and manifolds.

L2.1 An application of Caratheodory-Tchakaloff compression arises in the framework of remote geospatial sensing.

We can compute nearly optimal nested sensors configurations for global polynomial regression on spatial domains with a complex shape, such as geographical regions of the Earth (temperature field, atmospheric pressure field, geomagnetic field, ...). The goal is to compress thousands of low-discrepancy sampling points into a small subset of weighted points, keeping the size of the uniform regression error estimates with compression ratios of 1-2 orders of magnitude. Since the l_1 -norm of the weights remains constant by construction, this technique differs substantially from the most popular compressed sensing methods based on l_1 -minimization (such as Basis Pursuit, that is also used in line L1.1 in the OTP approach to image approximation).

L2.2 Another application arises in computational adaptive optics, namely in the computation of RMSWE (Root Mean Square Wavefront Error) by ray tracing in optical systems where the entrance pupil has a complex shape. This is relevant for example in controlling obscuration and vignetting of the LSST (Large Synoptic Survey Telescope) camera by intersection/difference with several co-axial disks. We can construct algebraic quadrature formulas on such pupils by domain splitting and subperiodic trigonometric Gaussian quadrature on circular lunes, and then compress the resulting formula reducing substantially the number of sampling rays (see also [DaFies13, DaFies14]). This is a collaboration with Brian Bauman at the Optical Engineering team of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (USA) [Bauman18].

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2.5 Obiettivo del Programma di Ricerca e, nel caso di assegni di ricerca, indicazione dei risultati attesi dall'attività dell'assegnista/assegnisti previsti alla fine del primo anno e a conclusione della ricerca

Short-term and long-term goals and expected results

As outlined in the program description, the project aims to develop new methodologies, by means of nonstandard mathematical techniques, in medical imaging analysis, in remote geospatial sensing and optics.

There are essentially three objectives that we wish to pursue.

1. Consolidate the collaboration of the CAA Research Group, the Neuroimaging section of the Department of Medicine and the Padova Neurosciences Center of the University with other important institutions worldwide. This collaboration will deal with the study of new mathematical tools in image analysis, by taking into account also the new technologies and machines available at the hospital. In particular we would like to use our expertise on kernel-based approximation in quantifying the morphological changes in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Images are essentially those from MRI and PET/MRI. There is also another way to get a scan of human body (or part of it), by the MPI scanners. The study of Lissajous curves and Lissajous nodes, can give quantitative and qualitative information on MPI images. We wish to learn more on Lissajous sampling also for image filtering and detection of image discontinuities. For this purpose we have already started a new approach based on Rational RBFs. Therefore it would be another objective of the project to make a bridge between these approaches and learning from each other.

2. Optimal Transport is an expanding area of mathematical analysis that defines robust metric (Wasserstein), to measure distances between probability distributions. This metric, has been used to compare images, in particular 2d-3d scans of the brain, with the aim of recognizing abnormality of brain structure and functions. A new efficient numerical method for the L1-Wasserstein distance has been proposed in [Facca2018-1]. This measure we think to be useful to quantify neuronal atrophy and then be used in clinical studies to evaluate the condition and the apparent age of patients. Therefore another aim of the project is to apply this novelty to image evolution. A typical instance is the MRI of a fetus. About this point, we would like to establish a research collaboration with the CNRS Bordeaux, Dr. Nicolas Papadakis, who uses OT on imaging since years and recently has organized a minisymposium on "Optimal Transport and Patch based Methods for Color Image Editing" at the SIAM-IS18 conference in Bologna (5-8 June, 2018).

3. Some members of the research team, are also involved in the "Horizon 2020 ERA-PLANET European project: GEOEssential (Essential Variables workflows for resource efficiency and environmental management)". GEOEssential will create a Knowledge Base infrastructure to facilitate the collection and formalization of the knowledge (i.e. user needs, gaps recognition and recommendations for closing gaps, best practices, Community of Practice lexicon, etc.) stemming from the European Network of Earth Observation Networks (<http://www.eneon.net/graph>) and from other significant Earth Observations (EO) initiatives and programs at the National and European levels. The Knowledge Base infrastructure will facilitate the generation of new knowledge through EVs and also foster data integration and harmonization efforts. The use of image compression obtained by our guideline L2 (i.e. by using the discrete version of the Caratheodory-Tchakaloff theorem for cubature) has shown to be effective. We need to develop a faster implementation that allows to work with big images and make the extraction of the Tchakaloff points in an efficient way. The technique should also be interfaced with other compression tools, such as machine learning techniques. Moreover we have already established a collaboration with Dr. Brian J. Bauman at the Optical Engineering team of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (USA) for the adaptive optics application of the cubature based on Caratheodory-Tchakaloff. We are also planning to *patent* such a technique. Prof. Vianello, who is in sabbatical leave next academic year (Oct. 2018-Sept. 2019), during his leave will work on this interesting idea of constructing efficient cubature rules on pupils.

2.6 Elementi e modalità per la valutazione dei risultati finali

Criteria for final evaluation

To evaluate the final results we plan to use these metrics

- achievement of initial goals;
- number of publications in international journals and/or conference proceedings;
- presentations at conferences and invited seminars;
- accesses to the websites of the researchers or any other websites (CAA, RITA) for downloading papers or looking for information;
- international collaborations created, intensified or born during the project;
- funds received for other projects started as consequence of this.

2.7 Informazioni aggiuntive

More informations

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3.0 Costo del Programma

Program Cost

3.1 Assegni di ricerca da attivare in questo Programma di Ricerca Research Grants

n°	Attività specifica nel progetto e competenze	Durata complessiva (mesi)	Costo complessivo assegno ⁽¹⁾ (euro)	Quota cofin disponibile ⁽²⁾ (max 50%)	Tipologia dei fondi utilizzati a cofin ⁽³⁾	Quota cofin chiesta al dipartimento
	TOTALE		0.000	0.000		0.000

3.2 Richiesta di attrezzature di importo superiore a 5.000 Euro Equipments (> Eur 5.000)

n°	Descrizione attrezzatura da acquistare	Costo previsto (euro)
	TOTALE	0.000

3.3 Eventuale cofinanziamento del progetto

n°	Tipologia dei fondi utilizzati a cofin	Quota cofin disponibile
	TOTALE	0.000

3.4 Costo complessivo del Programma di Ricerca Overall budget and breakdown of costs

	Descrizione	Costo complessivo assegno ⁽¹⁾ (euro)
Materiale inventariabile/Durables		0
Materiale di consumo e funzionamento/ Consumables/Running costs		0
Congressi e missioni/ Conferences and University business trips	We have considered that the participants from the university (professors) will use the required amount for attending a couple of conferences per year or inviting the participants from abroad. Assuming about 5K euros per person, this gives 20K euros. The remaining 5K euros are for the other participants, post-docs and the PhD	25.000
Servizi esterni/External services		0
Assegni di ricerca/Research Grants	(vedi punto 3.1)	
Attrezzature scientifiche di importo superiore a 5.000 Euro / Equipments (> EUR 5000)	(vedi punto 3.2)	
TOTALE		25.000

Dichiarazione / Declaration

Il presente progetto NON prevede sperimentazione animale

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Il Responsabile della Ricerca:

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