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Current position

05/2021-now	Full Professor of Biochemistry, Dept. of Biomedical Sciences,
	University of Padova, Italy.
09/2018-now	Full Professor of Biomolecular Structure, Randall Centre for Cell and Molecular Biophysics, King's College London, UK. Since 05/2021 50% FTE.

Previous positions/Education

09/2014-08/2018	Reader (Associate Professor) in Biomolecular Structure, Randall Centre for Cell and Molecular Biophysics, King's College London, LIK
09/2011-08/2014	Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), Randall Centre for Cell and Molecular Biophysics, King's College London, LK
06/2006-08/2011	Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Randall Centre for Cell and Molecular Biophysics, King's College London, UK.
09/2004-12/2005	Postdoctoral fellow at the FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology/European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy. Group of Prof. A. Musacchio
04/2002-08/2004	Postdoctoral fellow at the York Structural Biology Laboratory - University of York, UK. Group of Dr. G.N. Murshudov.
04/2002	PhD in Macromolecular Crystallography - University of Groningen, the Netherlands. Group of Prof. B.W. Dijkstra.
09/1996-12/1997 07/1996	Lieutenant in the Italian Navy. Naval Ammunition Factory - Aulla, Italy. Laurea in Chemistry (110/110), University of Padova, Italy.

Brief research overview

Research in my group is concerned with diverse aspects of protein structure and function, protein-ligand recognition as well as proteinprotein interactions. My laboratory employs a multi-disciplinary approach involving state-of-the-art X-ray and neutron crystallography, cryo-EM, complementary biophysical techniques, and molecular biology to address fundamental and modern problems in biochemistry. My group has a long-standing interest in structural enzymology, particularly of oxygen-dependent systems. Over the years our work on mechanistic enzymology has been published in PNAS, JACS, Angewandte Chemie Int Ed, JBC, EMBO J. An important area of my research is also that of contractile and motile systems with work published in Science, PNAS, JMB, Elife. In particular, I am interested in the recognition and activation mechanisms of kinesin-cargo complexes. My lab has been the first to elucidate the structural basis for the most general mechanism of kinesin-1 recognition as well as an alternative one that is isoform specific. Additionally, I am one of the authors of the refinement software package Refmac5, one of the flagships of the macromolecular crystallography CCP4 suite and employed by users all around the world. As of now, the Refmac5 reference paper published in 2011 has been cited more than 6,000 times.

Funding history

In Italy (arrived mid-2021).

Progetti Eccellenza 2023 Fondazione Cassa Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo (CARIPARO). Project SERIO₂UOX "Complete description of cofactor-free biological oxidative catalysis at atomic resolution using state-of-the-art serial X-ray and neutron crystallography", **value 240k Euros**.

PRIN2022 grant as Coordinator, project 2022ERB7SL "Molecular basis of kinesin-1 motor activation by light chain sequestration and it modulation in mitochondrial transport", **value ~219k Euros (~125k Euros to Steiner)**. Other Units are UniMI (Clara De Palma) and UniBA (Antonio Carrieri).

PRIN2022-PNRRR grant as Unit-Lead, project P2022LSH5A "Predictive rationalization and manipulation of cargo recruitment by the regulatory light chains of the ubiquitous kinesin-1 motor protein", **~229k Euros (~161k Euros to Steiner)**. Lead Unit is CNR-MI (Giulia Morra).

In UK.

Since 2006 more than £4.3M in research equipment grants and more than £2.7M in research grants.

10/2024-09/2028	CCP4/STFC 4-yr PhD studentship "Integrative refinement" (value £130,632 , Steiner PI , Murshudov MRC-LMB Cambridge co-I).
01/2020-12/2024	Wellcome Trust cryo-EM equipment grant 206175/Z/17/Z "A London Consortium to establish a high resolution cryo-electron microscopy for research and training" (value £3,000,000, Zhang (Imperial College) PI - Freemont, Wigley, Meier, Speck (Imperial College), Morris, Vannini (Institute of Cancer Research), Gautel, Steiner (King's College London), Pickersgill (Queen Mary) co-Is).
08/2022-07/2023	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council 21ALERT Mid-range equipment Initiative BB/W019329/1 "A cryo-electron microscope for structural biology (including single-particle and tomography) at KCL" (value £1,000,000, Bergeron PI – Steiner co-I).
10/2019-09/2023	CCP4/STFC 4-yr PhD studentship "Refinement of macromolecular structures using crystallographic neutron data" (value £72,990 , Steiner PI , Murshudov MRC-LMB Cambridge co-I).
09/2018-08/2021	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council research grant BB/S000828/1 "Mechanistic basis for co-operativity in kinesin-1/cargo recognition" (value £340,784 , Steiner PI).
07/2020-06/2021	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council 19ALERT Mid-range equipment Initiative BB/T01752X/1 "Isothermal titration calorimetry instrumentation for structural biology, biological mechanisms and drug discovery" (value £193,698, Conte PI – Barry, Bergeron, Burgoyne, De Nicola, Garnett, Gautel, Isaacson, Kampourakis, Malim, McDonnell, Mueller, Naglik, Pastore, Pfuhl, Steiner co-Is).
02/2017-05/2020	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council Research Grant BB/P000169/1 "The exact chemical identity of reactive intermediates in O ₂ -dependent uric acid biodegradation" (value £325,935 , Steiner Pl Rosta).
10/2016-12/2019	Institute Laue Langevin, Grenoble (ILL) competitive PhD studentship "Identification of the correct protonation states of reactive intermediates in urate oxidase catalysis" (value €147,000, Steiner PI, Blakeley co-I).
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05/2014-04/2017	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council Research Grant BB/L006774/1 "Cargo recognition by kinesin-1 and its role in activation of transport" (value £598,201 , Dodding PI, Steiner co-I).
09/2014-08/2017	British Heart Foundation Research Grant PG/14/46/30911 "Structure and protein-protein interactions of the Popeye domain containing proteins" (value 17,000, Brand PI, Steiner co-I).
06/2016-01/2017	British Heart Foundation Centre of Excellence pump-prime grant "Structural studies of Dkk3, a potential target for cardiovascular disease treatment" (value £30,000 , Steiner PI , Xu co-I, started Aug. 2016 – ended Jan. 2017).
02/2012-01/2015	Biotechnology and Biology Research Council Research Grant BB/I020411/1 "Acceleration and control of spin-restricted oxygenation by cofactor-independent dioxygenases" (value £353,228 , Steiner PI , Feb. started 2012 – ended Jan. 2015).
05/2011-04/2014	British Heart Foundation Research Grant PG/10/6728527 "A structural understanding of how the sarcomeric M-band works and is held together" (value £198,639 , Steiner PI , Gautel co-I).
12/2010-01/2013	Industrial Grant Vifor International (Switzerland) "Evaluation of the chemical nature of the interaction between hepcidin and ferroportin" (value £236,660, McKie PI, Steiner co-I).
10/2009-04/2011	British Heart Foundation Centre of Excellence pump-prime grant "Biophysical studies of the Nox4 and Nox2 C-terminal domains" (value £69,000, Shah PI, Steiner co-I).
04/2009-03/2010	Royal Society grant "Structural studies of human tetherin" (value £15,000 , Steiner PI , started Apr. 2009 – ended Mar. 2010).
08/2016-01/2017	British Heart Foundation Centre of Excellence pump-prime grant "Structural and functional analysis of obscurin" (value £18,500 , Gautel PI, Steiner co-I).
03/2009-07/2010	Medical Research Council pump-prime grant " Chemical genetic investigation of RSK function in myocardium" (value £45,000 , Avkiran PI, Steiner co-I).
09/2008-02/2009	Industrial Grant Vifor International (Switzerland) "Evaluation of the chemical nature of the interaction between hepcidin and ferroportin" (value £65,000, McKie PI, Steiner co-I).
02/2009-03/2009	Innovation China UK "Development of an expert system for optimized cell culture growth and protein production" (value £9,000 , Steiner PI).
11/2006-10/2009	Wellcome Trust Multi-User Equipment Grant "Robotic crystallization facility at King's College London" (value £122,500 , Sutton PI, Steiner , Sanderson, Chen, Pickersgill co-Is).

Membership to scientific committees

2019-2023	Barts Charity Scientific Review Panel
2019-now	London Consortium for cryo-EM (LonCEM) management committee.
2019-2022	King's College London Strategic Steering Committee for the Centre of Ultrastructural Imaging.
2017-2019	CCP4 Executive Committee
2011-2014	Diamond Light Source User Working group for macromolecular crystallography

Grant reviewing activities

I have reviewed grant applications for UK funding bodies (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, Medical Research Council) and international funding bodies (EU FP7, Italian Ministry of Research (MIUR and Rita Levi Montalcini Program for Young Researchers), Universita' dell'Insubria, Universita' di Bolzano, Czech Science Foundation).

Academic leadership and administration

2009-2021	Co-Director and Deputy Examination Board Chair of the Master in Research (MRes) Programme in "Molecular Biophysics for Medical Sciences"
2009-now	Member of selection panels for various internal and external academic positions. For example, 1 Lecturer position in cryo-EM and 1 Senior Lecturer position in cryo-EM (both filled) in 2019.
2015-now	Ad hoc member of selection panel for King's College London BBSRC PhD programme.
2016-2020	Careers & Employability Liaison (DCEL) for the Department of Biochemistry.
2012-2015	Probation mentor of Dr Maria Eugenia Sanz (Senior Lecturer). Probation successful.
2012	1 month visiting professorship (topic: macromolecular crystallography) at the University of Cagliari, Italy - PhD School in Physics (host Prof. Matteo Ceccarelli).
2011	Scientific organiser of CCP4 Study Weekend "Crystallographic Refinement, Model Building and Validation", Warwick, UK.

Teaching qualifications

2007-2009	Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP) by the King's Learning
07/12/2107	Most recent training update for PhD supervisors.
27/04/2018	General Data Protection Regulation training.

Pastoral care

Since 2006 I have been personal tutor of more than 90 Undergraduate/Master students enrolled mostly in Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences degrees. The role of personal tutor is taken very seriously at King's. A personal tutor is an academic member of staff who takes an active interest in a student's academic progress and university experience and is concerned for a student's general welfare. Over the years I have successfully dealt with a number of issues ranging from simple unsatisfactory outcomes to serious personal problems.

PhD and Master supervision

In Italy I am currently supervising two PhD students (Miss Elisa Peirano and Mr Michele Di Palma).

In UK, since 2006 I have been Primary Supervisor of five PhD students (Mr <u>Stefano Pernigo</u> (2007-2011), Miss Louise Saul (2007-2011), Miss Laura Fin (2011-2015), Miss Lindsay McGregor (2016-2020), Miss Lucrezia Catapano (2019-now)) and Second Supervisor of two PhD students (Miss <u>Anneri Lamprecht (2012-2016)</u>, Miss <u>Catherine Hubert (2013-2017)</u>). Miss Lucrezia Catapano is in her 1st year and is progressing well. Miss Lindsay McGregor has submitted her PhD thesis at the end of March 2020 and will have her viva soon. All other students submitted their PhD thesis within the deadline and were awarded their PhD degree. I have also been project supervisor of one BBSRC 1st year rotation student (project approx. 6 months long): Miss <u>Fiona Shilliday</u> (2016 – later went on to complete her PhD at Birkbeck College). Additionally, I co-supervised the doctoral work of Miss <u>Giulia Glorani</u> (Doctoral Program in Biotechnology, Universita' di Verona) who spent 9 months in my laboratory in 2017-18.

I have been project supervisor (lab projects lasting typically 6-8 months) of 6 Master students (Miss <u>Lucie Vyletova</u> (2011 – went on to work as research scientist at the Institute of Cancer Research in London), Miss <u>Helen Armes</u> (2012 – went on to a PhD at the University of Sussex), Miss <u>Mengjia Xu</u> (2015 – went on to work in a biotech company in

China), Miss <u>Anka Lucic</u> (2016 – went on to do a PhD at the University of Oxford), Mr <u>Conor</u> <u>Treacy</u> (2017 – went on to do a PhD at King's College London in optical microscopy), Mr <u>Samuel Lowden</u> (2019 – currently training as scientific patent attorney)).

I have been Final Year project supervisor (lab projects lasting typically 2-3 months) of approx. 15 students in Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences.

Editorial activities

Mar.2020-now	Appointed Commissioning Editor for Biology by the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) Journals.
Sep.2016-now	Editorial Board Member for Molecular Biology of Scientific Reports, Nature Publishing Group.
2012	As Scientific Organiser of the 2011 CCP4 Study Weekend Meeting I acted as Guest Editor of the Proceedings of the CCP4 Study Weekend published in Acta Cryst. D (Biological Crystallography) in April 2012.

I routinely review manuscripts for several journals including: Nature Catalysis, Nature Chemical Biology, Nature Communications, JACS, PLOS Biology, PLOS One, J Biol Chem, J Mol Biol, J Inorg Biochem, Scientific Reports, Journal of Structural Biology, Acta Crystallogr. Section D Biol Crystallography, Acta Crystallogr. Section F Structural Biol Comms, Proteins, Future Medicinal Chemistry, Protein Engineering Design and Selection.

Innovation

- I am one of the co-proposers of the VMX (Versatile Microfocus Xtallography) beamline approved by the Diamond Light Source SAC for the final Phase III development stage. VMXm is a micro/nanofocus Macromolecular Crystallography (MX) beamline aimed at atomic structure determination in cases where the production of significant quantities of protein material and crystals is problematic. Budgeted investment: approx. £5M. VMX is now operational.
- In the past my group collaborated with the Swiss Pharma Vifor International (see grant list) on the chemical basis of interaction between the membrane receptor ferroportin and the hepcidin hormone. Within the framework of this agreement we have developed a fluorescence-based assay that is being utilised for ligand screening.

Selected seminars, conferences and workshops

Mar. 2020	Invited speaker at the Oxford University Scientific Society (oldest student-run science society in the world). <i>I was truly humbled by this invitation as this series has attracted some truly remarkable speakers including Nobel prize laureates.</i>
Oct. 2019	Invited seminar speaker at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest.
Feb. 2019	Keynote speaker at ESRF User Meeting 2019 - User Dedicated Symposium 1 - "ID29: Tunable past and time-resolved future".
Nov. 2018	Invited speaker and tutor at South American CCP4 School (Sao Carlos, Brazil).
Oct. 2018	Invited speaker and tutor at Indian CCP4 School (Chandigarth, India).
July 2018	Invited speaker at the Gordon Research Conference on "Molecular Motors" (Mount Snow, VT, USA).
May 2018	Invited speaker at the Myofilament Meeting "Elastic domains in proteins of the sarcomere: Stressors, regulators or rulers?" (Madison, WI, USA).
May 2016	Invited speaker at "Structure and Dynamics of the Sarcomere", Belgrade, 2016.
Jan. 2016	Invited speaker at CCP4 Study Weekend "Protein-Ligand Complexes: Understanding Biological Chemistry".
Jan. 2015	Invited speaker at the British Crystallographic Association Winter Meeting "Reactive Macromolecules", Manchester.

- Jan. 2015 Invited speaker at ESRF User Meeting Microsymposium "Structural biology at the ESRF More than crystallography".
- Apr. 2014 Invited speaker at the 8th International Meeting on "X-ray Damage to Biological Crystalline Samples", EMBL/DESY-Hamburg, Apr 2014.
- Oct. 2013 Invited speaker at the Conference on "Myofibrillar Z-disk Structure and Dynamics", Hamburg, October 2013.
- Earlier I have given several research seminars and participated to workshops all over the world (US, China, Japan, South Africa, Europe).

Editorial Highlights

- 2014 Work from my lab was selected for the structural biology section of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility Highlight issue.
- 2010 Work from my lab was selected for the structural biology section of the Diamond Light Source Highlight issue.

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