



Manish Saggar

Assistant Professor (Research) of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Interdisciplinary Brain Science Research)

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences - Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences

Bio

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor (Research), Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences - Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tashia and John Morgridge Endowed Faculty Scholar in Pediatric Translational Medicine, Stanford Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (2020-25)
- Travel Fellowship Award, Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) (2020)
- International Fellow, Institute for Scientific Interchange Foundation, Italy (2019-2022)
- Annual Chairman's Award for Advancing Science, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (2019)
- NIH Director's New Innovator Award (DP2), National Institute of Health (2018-2023)
- NARSAD Young Investigator Grant, Brain & Behavior Research Foundation (2016-2018)
- Innovator Grant, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University (2016)
- NIH Career Development Award (K99/R00), National Institute of Mental Health (2015-2020)
- Child Health Research Institute (CHRI) Postdoctoral Grant, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health (LPFCH) (2013-2014)
- Seed-grant Award, Stanford's Center for Cognitive and Neurobiological Imaging (CNI). (2012-2013)

- Francisco J. Varela Memorial Grant Award, Mind and Life Institute (2006-2011)
- Merit Scholarship, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (IIIT-A), India (2001-2005)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Editorial Board Member, NeuroImage (Elsevier) (2020 - present)
- Mentor, Organization of Human Brain Mapping Online Mentoring Program (2020 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Scientific Reports (Nature Research Journal) (2017 - present)
- Executive Board Member, Society for the Neuroscience of Creativity (2017 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Byers Center for Bio Design , Bio Design (2017)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University School of Medicine , Psychiatry (2014)
- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin , Computer Science (2011)
- Master of Science, University of Texas at Austin , Computer Science (2009)
- Bachelors in Technology, Indian Institute of Information Technology , Information Technology (2005)

PATENTS

- Manish Saggar. "United States Patent 16/171,255 Systems and Methods for Mapping Neuronal Circuitry and Clinical Applications Thereof", Leland Stanford Junior University, Jan 1, 2019

LINKS

- Brain Dynamics Lab: <http://bdl.stanford.edu>

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Brain and Learning Sciences
- Data Sciences
- Psychology
- Research Methods

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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CLINICAL TRIALS

- Examining the Effects of Regular Brief Internet-based Meditation Practice on Mental Health and Well Being, Recruiting

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Methodology of Research in Behavioral Sciences: PSYC 250 (Win)

2022-23

- Methodology of Research in Behavioral Sciences: PSYC 250 (Win)

2021-22

- Methodology of Research in Behavioral Sciences: PSYC 250 (Win)

2020-21

- Methodology of Research in Behavioral Sciences: PSYC 250 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Grace Huckins

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Shaun Quah

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Deconstructing the Mapper algorithm to extract richer topological and temporal features from functional neuroimaging data.** *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*
Ha#egan, D., Geniesse, C., Chowdhury, S., Saggar, M.
2023
- **Cross-attractor modeling of resting-state functional connectivity in psychiatric disorders.** *NeuroImage*
Sun, Y., Zhang, M., Saggar, M.
2023: 120302
- **Brain mitochondrial diversity and network organization predict anxiety-like behavior in male mice.** *Nature communications*
Rosenberg, A. M., Saggar, M., Monzel, A. S., Devine, J., Rogu, P., Limoges, A., Junker, A., Sandi, C., Mosharov, E. V., Dumitriu, D., Anacker, C., Picard, M.
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- **Network effects of Stanford Neuromodulation Therapy (SNT) in treatment-resistant major depressive disorder: a randomized, controlled trial.** *Translational psychiatry*
Batail, J., Xiao, X., Azeez, A., Tischler, C., Kratter, I. H., Bishop, J. H., Saggar, M., Williams, N. R.
2023; 13 (1): 240
- **Temporal Mapper: Transition networks in simulated and real neural dynamics** *NETWORK NEUROSCIENCE*
Zhang, M., Chowdhury, S., Saggar, M.
2023; 7 (2): 431-460
- **Development of top-down cortical propagations in youth.** *Neuron*
Pines, A., Keller, A. S., Larsen, B., Bertolero, M., Ashourvan, A., Bassett, D. S., Cieslak, M., Covitz, S., Fan, Y., Feczko, E., Houghton, A., Rueter, A. R., Saggar, et al
2023
- **Current opinions on the present and future use of functional near-infrared spectroscopy in psychiatry.** *Neurophotonics*
Li, R., Hosseini, H., Saggar, M., Balters, S. C., Reiss, A. L.

2023; 10 (1): 013505

- **Brief intensive social gaze training reorganizes functional brain connectivity in boys with fragile X syndrome.** *Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y. : 1991)*
Saggar, M., Bruno, J. L., Hall, S. S.
2022
- **Dynamic autonomic nervous system states arise during emotions and manifest in basal physiology.** *Psychophysiology*
Pasquini, L., Noohi, F., Veziris, C. R., Kosik, E. L., Holley, S. R., Lee, A., Brown, J. A., Roy, A. R., Chow, T. E., Allen, I., Rosen, H. J., Kramer, J. H., Miller, et al
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- **Dysfunctional Cortical Gradient Topography in Treatment-Resistant Major Depressive Disorder.** *Biological psychiatry. Cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging*
Pasquini, L., Fryer, S. L., Eisendrath, S. J., Segal, Z. V., Lee, A. J., Brown, J. A., Saggar, M., Mathalon, D. H.
2022
- **Neural resources shift under Methylphenidate: a computational approach to examine anxiety-cognition interplay.** *NeuroImage*
Saggar, M., Bruno, J., Gaillard, C., Claudino, L., Ernst, M.
2022: 119686
- **Precision dynamical mapping using topological data analysis reveals a hub-like transition state at rest.** *Nature communications*
Saggar, M., Shine, J. M., Liegeois, R., Dosenbach, N. U., Fair, D.
2022; 13 (1): 4791
- **DISSOCIABLE SIGNATURES OF DYNAMIC AUTONOMIC ACTIVITY DURING EVOKED EMOTIONS AND REST**
Pasquini, L., Noohi, F., Veziris, C., Kosik, E., Lee, A., Brown, J., Holley, S., Miller, B., Saggar, M., Seeley, W., Sturm, V.
WILEY.2022: S141
- **Cross-attractor repertoire provides new perspective on structure-function relationship in the brain.** *NeuroImage*
Zhang, M., Sun, Y., Saggar, M.
2022: 119401
- **NeuMapper: A scalable computational framework for multiscale exploration of the brain's dynamical organization.** *Network neuroscience (Cambridge, Mass.)*
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- **Brief, Intense Social Gaze Training Normalizes Functional Brain Connectivity in Boys With Fragile X Syndrome**
Bruno, J., Saggar, M., Hall, S.
ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC.2022: S152
- **Altered canonical and striatal-frontal resting state functional connectivity in children with pathogenic variants in the Ras/mitogen-activated protein kinase pathway.** *Molecular psychiatry*
Bruno, J. L., Shrestha, S. B., Reiss, A. L., Saggar, M., Green, T.
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- **Spontaneous and deliberate modes of creativity: Multitask eigen-connectivity analysis captures latent cognitive modes during creative thinking.** *NeuroImage*
Xie, H., Beaty, R. E., Jahanikia, S., Geniesse, C., Sonalkar, N. S., Saggar, M.
2021: 118531
- **Creativity and the Brain: An Editorial Introduction to the Special Issue on the Neuroscience of Creativity.** *NeuroImage*
Saggar, M., Volle, E., Uddin, L. Q., Chrysikou, E. G., Green, A. E.
2021: 117836
- **Thalamocortical connectivity is associated with autism symptoms in high-functioning adults with autism and typically developing adults.** *Translational psychiatry*
Ayub, R. n., Sun, K. L., Flores, R. E., Lam, V. T., Jo, B. n., Saggar, M. n., Fung, L. K.
2021; 11 (1): 93
- **Simplicial and topological descriptions of human brain dynamics.** *Network neuroscience (Cambridge, Mass.)*
Billings, J., Saggar, M., Hlinka, J., Keilholz, S., Petri, G.

2021; 5 (2): 549-568

- **Activation Mutation in the Ras/MAPK Pathway Alters the Functional Resting-State Architecture Underlining Executive Function and Attention**
Bruno, J., Shrestha, S., Reiss, A., Saggar, M., Green, T.
SPRINGERNATURE.2020: 177–78
- **Sex Differences in Resting-State Functional Connectivity in High-Functioning Adults With Autism**
Sun, K., Ayub, R., Lam, V., Saggar, M., Fung, L.
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- **Finding the neural correlates of collaboration using a three-person fMRI hyperscanning paradigm.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
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- **Thalamic and prefrontal GABA concentrations but not GABAA receptor densities are altered in high-functioning adults with autism spectrum disorder.** *Molecular psychiatry*
Fung, L. K., Flores, R. E., Gu, M. n., Sun, K. L., James, D. n., Schuck, R. K., Jo, B. n., Park, J. H., Lee, B. C., Jung, J. H., Kim, S. E., Saggar, M. n., Sacchet, et al
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- **Pushing the boundaries of psychiatric neuroimaging to ground diagnosis in biology.** *eNeuro*
Saggar, M., Uddin, L. Q.
2019
- **Large expert-curated database for benchmarking document similarity detection in biomedical literature search** *DATABASE-THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL DATABASES AND CURATION*
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- **Creativity slumps and bumps: Examining the neurobehavioral basis of creativity development during middle childhood** *NEUROIMAGE*
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- **Implementing Evolutionary Optimization to Model Neural Functional Connectivity**
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- **Generating dynamical neuroimaging spatiotemporal representations (DyNeuSR) using topological data analysis** *NETWORK NEUROSCIENCE*
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2018; 9: 1399
- **Creativity in the Twenty-first Century: The Added Benefit of Training and Cooperation** *DESIGN THINKING RESEARCH: MAKING DISTINCTIONS: COLLABORATION VERSUS COOPERATION*
Maysless, N., Saggar, M., Hawthorne, G., Reiss, A., Plattner, H., Meinel, C., Leifer, L.
2018: 239–49
- **Identification of biotypes in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, a report from a randomized, controlled trial.** *Personalized medicine in psychiatry*
Leikauf, J. E., Griffiths, K. R., Saggar, M., Hong, D. S., Clarke, S., Efron, D., Tsang, T. W., Hermens, D. F., Kohn, M. R., Williams, L. M.
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- **Altered Brain Network Segregation in Fragile X Syndrome Revealed by Structural Connectomics** *CEREBRAL CORTEX*
Bruno, J. L., Hosseini, S. M., Saggar, M., Quintin, E., Raman, M. M., Reiss, A. L.
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- **Compensatory Hyperconnectivity in Developing Brains of Young Children With Type 1 Diabetes** *DIABETES*
Saggar, M., Tsalikian, E., Mauras, N., Mazaika, P., White, N. H., Weinzimer, S., Buckingham, B., Hershey, T., Reiss, A. L.

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- **X-Chromosome Effects on Attention Networks: Insights from Imaging Resting-State Networks in Turner Syndrome.** *Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y. : 1991)*
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- **Changes in Brain Activation Associated with Spontaneous Improvization and Figural Creativity After Design-Thinking-Based Training: A Longitudinal fMRI Study.** *Cerebral cortex*
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2016
- **Sex differences in neural and behavioral signatures of cooperation revealed by fNIRS hyperscanning** *SCIENTIFIC REPORTS*
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- **Surface-based morphometry reveals distinct cortical thickness and surface area profiles in Williams syndrome** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL GENETICS PART B-NEUROPSYCHIATRIC GENETICS*
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2016; 171 (3): 402-413
- **Understanding the influence of personality on dynamic social gesture processing: An fMRI study.** *Neuropsychologia*
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- **Estimating individual contribution from group-based structural correlation networks.** *NeuroImage*
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2015; 120: 274-284
- **Neural Correlates of Self-Injurious Behavior in Prader-Willi Syndrome** *HUMAN BRAIN MAPPING*
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- **Examining the neural correlates of emergent equivalence relations in fragile X syndrome** *PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH-NEUROIMAGING*
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- **Pictionary-based fMRI paradigm to study the neural correlates of spontaneous improvisation and figural creativity** *SCIENTIFIC REPORTS*
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- **Revealing the neural networks associated with processing of natural social interaction and the related effects of actor-orientation and face-visibility** *NEUROIMAGE*
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- **Targeted intervention to increase creative capacity and performance: A randomized controlled pilot study** *THINKING SKILLS AND CREATIVITY*
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- **Behavioral, neuroimaging, and computational evidence for perceptual caching in repetition priming** *BRAIN RESEARCH*
Saggar, M., Miikkulainen, R., Schnyer, D. M.
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- **Memory Processes in Perceptual Decision Making** *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Nashville, TN*
Saggar M., Miikkulainen R., Schnyer D. M.
2008
- **A computational model of the motivation-learning interface** *Proceedings of the 29th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Nashville, TN*
Saggar M., Markman A.B., Maddox W.T., Miikkulainen R.
2007
- **Autonomous learning of stable quadruped locomotion** *ROBOCUP 2006: ROBOT SOCCER WORLD CUP X*
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- **System identification for the Hodgkin-Huxley model using artificial neural networks** *2007 IEEE INTERNATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE ON NEURAL NETWORKS, VOLS 1-6*
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- **Optimization of association rule mining using improved genetic algorithms** *IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics*
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