

# Pierre-Antoine Bannier

## Employment

- 2022–Now **Research scientist, Owkin**  
Medical imaging team
- 2021 **Research scientist, Inria Paris-Saclay**
  - Subject: Bi-level optimization for sparse neuroimaging models
  - Supervisors: [A. Gramfort](#) and [J. Salmon](#)
  - Team: Parietal

## Education

- 2020–2022 **MSc in Data Science, Ecole Polytechnique**
  - GPA: 3.96/4
  - Supervisor: [M. Massias](#)
  - Thesis: [Non-smooth convex and non-convex optimization](#)
- 2015–2020 **Master in Management, Grande Ecole Program, HEC Paris**
  - Graduated with Highest Honors
  - Certificate of excellence for outstanding academic achievement

## Publications

- 2023 Deep learning model for identification and characterization of HER2-low tumors  
*Nature Modern Pathology*  
**P.-A. Bannier**, L. Herpin, R. Dubois, L. Van Praet, C. Maussion, E. Amonoo, A. Mera, J. Timbres, C. Gillett, E. Sawyer, P. Gazinska, P. Ziolkowski, R. Salgado, S. Irshad.  
Under review
- 2023 Deep learning model for automated quantification of HER2 expression in invasive breast cancers from immunohistochemical whole slide images  
*San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS) proceedings*  
**P.-A. Bannier**, L. Herpin, R. Dubois, L. Van Praet, C. Maussion, E. Amonoo, A. Mera, J. Timbres, C. Gillett, E. Sawyer, P. Gazinska, P. Ziolkowski, R. Salgado, S. Irshad.  
[Abstract](#)
- 2023 AI-based identification of FGFR3 mutation status from routine histology slides of muscle-invasive bladder cancer  
*Journal of Clinical Oncology (JCO)*  
C. Saillard, **P.-A. Bannier**, P. Mann, C. Maussion, C. Matek, A. Hartmann, M. Eckstein  
[Abstract](#)
- 2022 Beyond L1: Faster and better sparse models with skglm  
*Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*  
Q. Bertrand, Q. Kloppenstein, **P.-A. Bannier**, G. Gidel, M. Massias  
[arXiv](#)
- 2022 Benchopt: Reproducible, efficient, and collaborative optimization benchmarks  
*Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*  
T. Moreau, M. Massias, A. Gramfort, P. Ablin, **P.-A. Bannier**, B. Charlier, M. Dagr eou, T. Dupre la Tour, G. Durif, C. F Dantas, Q. Kloppenstein, J. Larsson, E. Lai, T. Lefort, B. Mal ezieux, B. Moufad, B. T Nguyen, A. Rakotomamonjy, Z. Ramzi, J. Salmon, S. Vaiteer  
[arXiv](#)

- 2021 Electromagnetic neural source imaging under sparsity constraints with SURE-based hyperparameter tuning  
*Medical imaging meets NeurIPS 2021*  
**P.-A. Banner**, Q. Bertrand, J. Salmon, A. Gramfort  
[arXiv](#)

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## Talks

- 2023 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, Artificial intelligence session (poster presentation)  
*Deep learning model for automated quantification of HER2 expression in invasive breast cancers from immunohistochemical whole slide images*
- 2022 NeurIPS 2022 in Paris  
*Beyond L1: Faster and Better Sparse models with skglm*
- 2022 Université Paris-Saclay, Journée Des Sciences Etudiants 2022  
*skglm: a faster solver for high-dimensional convex and non-convex problems*

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## Awards

- 2020 **Kaggle**
- 44th place (top 2%) on the Tweet Sentiment Extraction competition (Silver medal)
  - 75th place (top 5%) on the Jigsaw Multilingual Toxic Comment Classification competition (Silver medal)
  - 161th place (top 5%) on the SIIM-ISIC Melanoma Classification competition (Silver medal)
  - 123rd place (top 0.1%) as a top notebook contributor (Notebooks master)

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## Reviewing

Journals *Computo*

Conferences NeurIPS 2023, ICLR 2024

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## Main open-source contributions

- 2023 **bark.cpp**, 270 stars  
*Creator*  
Fast memory-efficient implementation of [SumoAI's Bark](#) text-to-speech model in C++ for inference on the edge  
[GitHub](#)
- 2022 **skglm**, 100 stars  
*Co-creator and core contributor*  
Fast optimizer for high-dimensional convex and non-convex non-smooth optimization problem (merged in scikit-learn-contrib)  
[GitHub](#)
- 2023 **ggml**, 7.6k stars  
*Core contributor*  
Efficient tensor calculus for machine learning in C  
[GitHub](#)

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## Skills

Proficient Python, C, C++, SciPy stack, PyTorch, Bash, Git

Experience Rust, Typescript, NodeJS, React, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Docker

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## Languages

French Native

English Fluent

Spanish C2