

Benjamin Johansen

PHD CANDIDATE · DATA DRIVEN USER EXPERIENCE

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Summary

Being a hybrid of mechanical design engineering and computer science, I'm passionate about fusing aspect of design thinking with how we can learn behavioral patterns from user generated data. Currently developing a pervasive computing platform combining behavioral and clinical user feedback related to cochlear implant patients with [Oticon Medical](#) as an intern. Associated since 2016 with the [Technical University of Denmark \(DTU\)](#) in collaboration with the Augmented Hearing research group at [Eriksholm Research Centre](#), as a PhD student. 3+ years experience in data driven UX methodologies, focused on personalized medicine in respect to hearing health care apps. Rapid prototyping tools includes business canvas modelling, user story mapping, interactive storyboards, and digital assistants including chat bots and voice user interfaces. Motivated by exploring and analysing data using python, including pandas and scikit learn, combined with R. Applied deep learning for [auditory scene classification](#) using TensorFlow and Keras.

Research interests: Data driven & quantitative UX, wearables, ubiquitous and pervasive computing, applied machine learning & deep learning, augmented hearing, and mobile health.

Education

Technical University of Denmark (DTU), DTU Compute

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

PHD: PERSONALIZING HEARING CARE AND ENHANCING USER EXPERIENCE BY ADAPTING DEVICES TO THE CHANGING

April 2016 - Exp. March 2019

MOBILE CONTEXT

- Investigating everyday usage of hearing aids, coupled with cognitive modelling and quantitative data analysis. Hearing aids as IoT and wearable devices.
- Course work including: Deep Learning, Computational Tools for Big Data, Machine Learning, Computational Interaction (HCI), Empirical Research in Interactive Systems and Technical Audiology (including human experiments).
- Research interests: Data driven & quantitative UX, augmented hearing, user experience, interaction design, HCI, clinical research, digital health care, mobile health, wearables, ubiquitous and pervasive computing, applied machine learning and deep learning, cognitive modelling.
- Supervised by: Associate Professor J. E. Larsen, M.K Petersen, Senior Scientist, N. H. Pontoppidan.

Technical University of Denmark

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

MSc. DESIGN AND INNOVATION

Aug. 2013 - Jan. 2016

- Focus on user experience engineering and prototyping, biomarkers in UX using facial gestures and eye tracking.
- Thesis on *UX in health care* ([thesis|short presentation](#)), focus on heart failure patients. Collaboration between DTU, Herlev & Glostrup hospital, and Apple.
- Visiting student at KAIST (Korean Institute of Science and Technology), focus on Human-Robot Interaction and ubiquitous and pervasive computing.

Technical University of Denmark

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

BSc. DESIGN AND INNOVATION

Aug. 2010 - Jun. 2013

- Focus on human centred design, including mechatronics, mechanical engineering, participatory design, co-creation, industrial design and CAD.
- Thesis on medical polymer needle design inspired by nature. Including dynamical modelling, material science, 3D prototyping, and mechanical testing.

Skills

Programming Python, Tensorflow, Keras, R, LaTeX.

Quantitative UX Hypotheses driven, data analysis, behavioral patterns modelling, data visualization.

Experimental work Hearing impaired human subjects. HCI experiments. Cognitive science experiments.

Biometric markers Eye tracking, facial gesture recognition, heart rate variability, and electroencephalography (EEG).

Languages Danish, English, Swedish.

Publications

FULL LIST, CHRONOLOGICALLY

Access through publication title

2018	Modeling User Intents as Context in Smartphone-connected Hearing Aids (<i>paper</i>) , Maciej Jan Korzepa, Benjamin Johansen, Michael Kai Petersen, Jan Larsen, Jakob Eg Larsen, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan	UMAP Workshop
2018	Mapping auditory percepts into visual interfaces for hearing impaired users (<i>paper</i> <i>presentation</i>) , Benjamin Johansen, Maciej Jan Korzepa, Michael Kai Petersen, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan, Jakob Eg Larsen	CHI Workshop
2018	Learning preferences and soundscapes for augmented hearing (<i>paper</i>) , Maciej Jan Korzepa, Benjamin Johansen, Michael Kai Petersen, Jan Larsen, Jakob Eg Larsen, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan	IUI Workshop
2018	Data-driven hearing care with time-stamped data-logging (<i>paper</i>) , Niels Henrik Pontoppidan, Xi Li, Lars Bramsløw, Benjamin Johansen, Claus Nielsen, Atefeh Hafez, Michael Kai Petersen	ISAAR proceedings
2017	Personalizing the Fitting of Hearing Aids by Learning Contextual Preferences From Internet of Things Data (<i>paper</i>) , Benjamin Johansen, Michael Kai Petersen, Maciej Jan Korzepa, Jan Larsen, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan, Jakob Eg Larsen	MDPI Computers article
2017	Hearables in Hearing Care: Discovering Usage Patterns Through IoT Devices (<i>paper</i> <i>poster</i>) , Benjamin Johansen, Yannis Paul Raymond Flet-Berliac, Maciej Jan Korzepa, Per Sandholm, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan, Michael Kai Petersen, Jakob Eg Larsen	CHI proceedings
2017	Rethinking Hearing Aid Fitting by Learning From Behavioral Patterns (<i>paper</i> <i>presentation</i>) , Benjamin Johansen, Michael Kai Petersen, Niels Henrik Pontoppidan, Per Sandholm, Jakob Eg Larsen	HCII Proceedings
2016	Obtaining data on hearing experience through self-tracking (<i>paper</i>) , Benjamin Johansen, Michael Kai Petersen, Jakob Eg Larsen	UbiComp proceedings

Presentations

2018	Mapping auditory percepts into visual interfaces for hearing impaired users , CHI 2018	Montreal, CA
2018	Demo of Alternative Interface for Hearing Aids , Eriksholm Research Centre	Snekkersten, DK
2016-2018	Behavioral Patterns from Hearing Aids, Eriksholm Symposium , Eriksholm Research Centre	Snekkersten, DK
2017	Hearables in Hearing Care , HCII full paper presentation	Vancouver, CA
2017	Visual Interfaces for Hearing Aids , Cognitive Systems, DTU Compute	Kgs. Lyngby, DK
2016	Hearing aids as wearables , Workshop: New frontiers of Quantified Self 2: Going Beyond Numbers	Heidelberg, DE

Experience

Technical University of Denmark, DTU Compute

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

PHD CANDIDATE

Jan. 2016 - present

- Development and design of human experiments and research protocols.
- Analysis of results from human experiments.
- Dissemination of research results at conferences and symposia.
- Teaching assistance, including lecturing (apple watch interfaces, google material design, user story boading), project supervision and grading.
- Supervision of graduate and undergraduate students engineering projects.

Oticon Medical

Smørum, Denmark

INTERNSHIP: EXPERIMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

May 2018 - present

- Making cochlear implant user interactions understandable and interpretable. Building a data-information toolbox.
- Data visualisation and data analysis in Python and R, including exploratory analysis using machine learning models.
- Collaboration between Oticon Medical and Hanover Medical School.

DTU Management and DTU Compute

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

TEACHING ASSISTANT

May. 2013 - Jan. 2016

- Teaching assistant in the courses, User Experience Engineering, User Experience Prototyping and Innovation Management.
- Teaching assistance, supervising student projects.

International Affairs and Relations (DTU)

Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

STUDENT ASSISTANT IN FUNDING

June 2014 - Jan. 2016

- Supporting building new international affairs database, including graphical design and user experience.
- Supporting staff with grant application for international affairs.
- Pre-assessing student application for university funding.