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Born: February 11th 1987—Santander, Spain
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Current position

HW/SW engineer, TEDESYS Global, S.L.
Design and implementation of a stereo vision system.

Areas of specialization

Optics, nanophotonics, microelectronic circuits design and verification, embedded systems design, computer programming.

Education

- 2003–2005 BACHILLER, in natural and health sciences, IES Muriedas.
OVERALL GRADE: Matrícula de honor (highest honours).
- 2005–2010 Telecommunications Engineer (*ingeniero*), Universidad de Cantabria; speciality on micro-electronics.
GRADUATING PROJECT: *Low cost, single-use plastic optical fiber sensor based on surface plasmon resonance in metal–dielectric interfaces*. GRADE: Matrícula de honor (highest honours).
- 2007–2010 *Licenciatura* in Mathematics, Universidad de Cantabria (*unfinished*).

CORE COMPETENCE AREAS

- Microelectronic circuits design and verification.
- RF & microwave components, circuits and systems, including analysis, design and fabrication.
- Signal processing concepts and algorithms.
- Network analysis and design.
- Computer architecture and programming.

Appointments held

- 2008,2009 Summer grant at Magnetoplasmonics group, Madrid Microelectronics Institute (IMM – CSIC), Madrid, Spain.
- 2008–2010 Researcher student, Photonics Engineering Group, University of Cantabria, Spain.

Grants, honors & awards

- 2001 Special mention in the 5th regional Mathematical Olympiad for E.S.O. students.
- 2005 Winner of the IES Muriedas literary contest, prose category.
- 2006–2010 Undergraduate studentship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Education.

Research

- 2005–2008 Collaboration with the Microelectronics Engineering Group of the University of Cantabria, consisting on the study of the implementation of Linux in an embedded system, based on an ARM microprocessor. The project started compiling and debugging test programs (mainly coded in C, with minor bits of assembly), testing both the ARM architecture itself and the peripherals available in our development board, serving also as a way of becoming familiar with the cross compiling toolchain. Based on the knowledge acquired, we studied Linux as an embedded operating system for an ARM-based platform, by means of executing a μ Clinux kernel inside an ARM simulator.
- 2008–2009 Simulation of magnetoplasmonic structures, based on the scattering matrix formalism. We worked with a scattering matrix code capable of handling both patterned nanostructures and magneto-optical effects, applied to the enhancement of the response of magneto-optical materials using surface plasmon resonances. A modification of the code, suitable for the study of quasi-1D patterned structures (gratings), was applied to the study of the phenomenon known as extraordinary optical transmission (EOT), and, particularly, the usage of magneto-optical materials to modulate such effect.
- 2009–present Investigation of surface plasmon polariton excitation using a variation over Kretschmann's method, based on light propagation in a plastic optical fiber. We developed a model for light propagation in a curved plastic optical fiber, which took into account both the effect of a high-curvature—in relation to the fiber diameter—and the polishing of the core carried out to evaporate a gold layer in a planar surface. Experiments confirmed the existence of a surface plasmon in the waveguide-air interface, thus providing a basis for the development of plasmonic devices based on our configuration.
- 2010–present Modeling and design of fiber Raman amplifiers and lasers. The developed model was capable of accurately predicting the behavior of various laser and amplifier configurations, including, but not limited to, relatively uncommon configurations, such as ring lasers, or calcogenide fiber devices. Our current work is related to the effect of polarization in the performance of Raman fiber amplifiers and lasers; also the possibility of applying the model to the study of their stability is under consideration. The goal is to develop a tool capable of assisting in the design of a fiber Raman device, with the possibility of extending the formalism to the study of other kind of nonlinear phenomena, such as stimulated Brillouin scattering, and other amplifier technologies, such as Erbium-doped fiber amplifiers.

2011–present Development of a FPGA-based stereo vision system. Starting from the stereo calibration and rectification algorithms implemented in the OpenCV library, we adapted them to a FPGA implementation, with the objective of building a basic stereo vision system, capable of producing rectified images appropriate as input for more advanced algorithms, such as disparity map calculation. The original algorithm wasn't efficient when implemented in hardware, so we had to modify it (namely, we inverted the correction map), in order to improve both the area and speed of the resulting circuit. As a result, we are currently developing two systems: one using the OpenCV algorithm, adequate for low-resolution cameras, and other with our modified algorithm, capable of performing real-time calibration and rectification with high-definition images. Together with the hardware, we developed the necessary software to perform the initial calibration process.

Publications & talks

CONFERENCE ARTICLES

- 2010 V. M. Muñoz-Berti, A. C. López-Pérez, B. Alén, J. L. Costa-Krämer, A. García-Martín, M. Lomer, J. M. López-Higuera, *Low cost plastic optical fiber sensor based on surface plasmon resonance*, IV European Workshop on Optical Fibre Sensors (Porto, Portugal, 8-10 September 2010).
- 2010 A. Quintela, J. M. Lázaro, M. A. Quintela, J. Mirapeix, V. Muñoz-Berti, J. M. López-Higuera, *Angle transducer based on fiber Bragg gratings able for tunnel auscultation*, IV European Workshop on Optical Fibre Sensors (Porto, Portugal, 8-10 September 2010).

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- 2010 Ana C. López-Pérez, Víctor M. Muñoz-Berti, Mauro Lomer, José Miguel López-Higuera, Benito Alén, Antonio García-Martín, José Luis Costa-Krämer, *Surface plasmon resonance in plastic optical fiber sensors: gold film orientation and thickness dependencies*, II Conferencia Española de Nanofotónica (Segovia, Spain, 15-18 June 2010).
- 2010 V. M. Muñoz-Berti, A. C. López-Pérez, B. Alén, J. L. Costa-Krämer, A. García-Martín, M. Lomer, J. M. López-Higuera, *Low cost plastic optical fiber sensor based on surface plasmon resonance*, IV European Workshop on Optical Fibre Sensors (Porto, Portugal, 8-10 September 2010).
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- 2010 V. M. Muñoz-Berti, A. C. López-Pérez, B. Alén, J. L. Costa-Krämer, A. García-Martín, M. Lomer, J. M. López-Higuera, *Low cost, single-use plastic optical fiber sensor based on surface plasmon resonance in metal-dielectric interfaces: theory and experiments*, RIAO-OPTILAS 2010 (Lima, Perú, 20-24 September 2010).

Freelance work

- 2010–present Design and development of a web-scale media sharing web service. The objective was to build a highly scalable media sharing site, and my role was to conceive the architecture of the system, selecting the appropriate software for each task, taking into account that our main problem was the need to scale properly; thus, we chose a *shared-nothing* architecture for content generation, and a new-generation NoSQL database for data storage. Once finished with the architecture, I wrote the first version of the service, and started to work towards the first public beta, while coordinating the efforts being done in other areas (most notably, the search engine setup and the analytics engine) as the chief architect of the project.
- 2011 Design and development of a web application that unifies the existing official websites about public transport in Cantabria. We built a database from the available information, and built a website around it, capable of planning an optimized route taking into account the criteria supplied by the user, thus improving the existing services and offering a better user experience. The architecture of the system was based completely on free software, including the Django web framework and the MongoDB document-oriented database.

Languages

SPANISH, native speaker.

ENGLISH, fluent.

First Certificate in English (FCE), University of Cambridge – Council of Europe Level B2.

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), University of Cambridge – Council of Europe Level C1.

Now preparing Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE).

TOEFL score: 105.

FRENCH, basic.

Specific formation

MICROELECTRONICS SPECIALIZATION

- 2008–2010 Design and verification of digital integrated circuits, mainly using a FPGA-based platform. Design of full-custom analog integrated circuits. Embedded systems design, especially systems on chip (SoC); along with the design and debugging of C programs, we developed task-specific hardware accelerators in VHDL, analyzing the performance enhancement introduced. Focus on optics and photonics, covering a wide range of topics, such as diffraction, interferometry, Fourier optics, holography, birefringence, nonlinear effects and light sources. Development of applied projects, such as the design of a PPLN-based near infrared laser source.

SPECIFIC COURSES

- 2010 AMD webinar series: “OpenCL Programming Webinar Series” —data parallel computing on GPUs using OpenCL.
- 2011 Assistance to various webinars about *big data* management and NoSQL databases, including:
- *CAP Theorem, PACELC and Determinism*, organized by VoltDB.
 - *Big Data Online Summit*, organized by VoltDB.

IT skills

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Proficiency in C/C++, Python, PHP, Ada and BASIC.

Advanced knowledge of VisualLISP, MIPS assembler and UNIX shell-scripting.

Elementary knowledge of Perl, Ruby, Java, FORTRAN and Objective-C.

OPERATING SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Windows, Linux (SuSE, Debian, Ubuntu, Fedora), *BSD (OpenBSD, FreeBSD), Solaris, Plan9, QNX RTP.

Extensive experience in UNIX-like operating systems administration. Services deployed include web servers, database management systems (both relational and NoSQL), monitoring services, mail servers, caches and proxies, and firewalls.

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Experience developing and deploying web applications and services.

USER INTERFACES: Extensive usage of W₃C standards: HTML₄, XHTML, HTML₅, CSS.

DYNAMIC WEBSITE BUILDING: Development of dynamic websites both on the user side (JavaScript & JQuery) and on the server side, using mainly open source software: Django and other, mainly Python-based, web frameworks; MySQL and PostgreSQL as relational database engines; Apache and Nginx as web servers.

Some experience with NoSQL databases, mainly developing webapps based on the MongoDB document-oriented database. Development of proofs of concept to show how to combine MongoDB and the Django web framework.

VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS

CENTRALIZED: CVS, Subversion.

DISTRIBUTED: Git, Mercurial.

DOCUMENT COMPOSITION SYSTEMS

Extensive usage of both L^AT_EX and X_YL_AT_EX document composition systems.

Domain-specific software

SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE

COMMERCIAL PACKAGES: MATLAB (including open source alternatives, such as Scilab and Octave), Mathematica, Lumerical (electromagnetic simulation based on the FDTD method).

SOFTWARE LIBRARIES: BLAS, LAPACK, GSL, MPFR, SciPy; various purpose-specific libraries, mainly for solving ODE systems (COLSYS/COLNEW, COLDAE, ACDC).

DATA VISUALIZATION: Grace, OpenDX, Origin.

MICROELECTRONIC CIRCUITS DESIGN AND VERIFICATION

DESIGN: Spice (analog), VHDL (digital).

VERIFICATION: PSL.

ECAD SOFTWARE

BASIC ANALOG AND DIGITAL DESIGN: OrCAD.

DIGITAL SYSTEMS DESIGN AND VERIFICATION: Xilinx ISE, Altera Quartus, Mentor Graphics ModelSim.

FRONT TO BACK DESIGN: Cadence.

RF AND MICROWAVE DEVICES DESIGN: Agilent GENESYS, Agilent ADS, Microwave Office, MMICAD.

Miscellaneous

Member of the Cantabria Linux Users Group, Linuca, since its legal establishment in 2003; vice-president since 2006.

Member of my University Linux Users Group —now extinct; speaker in the free software introduction talk given in December, 2005; vice-president from 2006 to 2008.