

# Barbara PASCAL

## Curriculum Vitæ

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### Education

- 2020- **Post-doctoral researcher**, *CRISTAL*, University of Lille, France.
- 2017-2020 **PhD Thesis in Signal and image processing**, *Laboratoire de Physique*, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.
- 2016-2017 **Master of Physics, concepts and applications (Second year)**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France, *With honors* **Rank 3<sup>rd</sup> (over 27)**.
- July 2016 **Agrégation de Mathématique: highly competitive national exam to teach mathematics in high education**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Option: Scientific computing – **Rank 52<sup>th</sup> (over 300)**.
- 2014-2015 **Master of Physics (First year)**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France, **Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> (over 46)**.
- 2013-2014 **Bachelor of Physics (Third year)**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France, *With honors* **Rank 7<sup>th</sup> (over 45)**.
- 2010-2013 **Classe préparatoire scientifique: two-year undergraduate intensive course in mathematics, physics and computer science**, *Lycée Blaise Pascal*, Clermont-Ferrand, France, Option: Computer science.
- July 2010 **Baccalauréat: general exam at the end of high school**, *Lycée René Descartes*, Cournon d'Auvergne, France, *With honors* – Scientific, Option: mathematics.

### Research

- Oct. 2020 - **Post-doctoral researcher**, *CRISTAL*, University of Lille, France, Under the supervision of Rémi Bardenet. Determinantal Point Processes, zeros of Gaussian Analytic Functions and Time-Frequency transforms.
- Sept. **PhD Thesis in Signal and image processing**, *Laboratoire de Physique*, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Under the supervision of Patrice Abry and Nelly Pustelnik.
- 2017-Sept. Regularized estimation of fractal attributes *via* convex minimization for texture segmentation. Reviewers: Bruno Torrèsani and Gabriel Peyré.
- 2020
- Apr.-July 2017 **Master 2 internship in Signal and image processing**, *Laboratoire de Physique*, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Under the supervision of Patrice Abry and Nelly Pustelnik. Multifractal analysis and convex optimisation applied to texture segmentation.
- May-July **Master 1 internship in Mathematical Physics**, *Laboratoire de Physique*, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Under the supervision of Jean-Michel Maillet and Giuliano Niccoli. Integrable models, quantum R-matrices and links with classical integrability.
- 2015
- Nov.-Dec. **Mater practical work**, *Laboratoire de Physique*, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Under the supervision of Antoine Naert, in collaboration with Juliette Monsel. Exchanges of energy with a dissipative thermostat.
- 2014
- June-July **Bachelor internship in Experimental Physics**, *Institut Lumière Matière*, Université Lyon 1, France, Under the supervision of Bruno Issenmann. Effect of vibrations on a liquid trapped in a porous medium.
- 2014

### Scientific production

#### Journal articles

3. **B. Pascal**, S. Vaiteer, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry,  
**"Automated data-driven selection of the hyperparameters for Total-Variation based texture segmentation,"**  
*Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision (JCR)*, pp 1-30, 2021.  
arXiv:2004.09434 [stat.ML]
2. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry,  
**"Strongly Convex Optimization for Joint Fractal Feature Estimation and Texture Segmentation,"**  
*Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis (JCR)*, vol. 54, pp 303-322, 2021.  
arXiv:1910.05246 [math.OA]
1. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, J.-C. G  minard and V. Vidal,  
**"Parameter-free and fast nonlinear piecewise filtering. Application to experimental physics,"**  
*Annals of Telecommunications (JCR)*, vol. 75, no. 11, pp 655-671, 2020.  
arXiv:2006.03297 [physics.data-an]

## Prepublications

3. H. Artigas, **B. Pascal**, G. Fort, P. Abry, and N. Pustelnik, **"Credibility interval design for COVID19 reproduction number from nonsmooth Langevin-type Monte Carlo sampling,"**  
Submitted, 2021. hal-03371837
2. C.-G. Lucas, **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry, **"Hyperparameter selection for the Discrete Mumford-Shah functional,"**  
Submitted, 2021. hal-03356059
1. **B. Pascal**, P. Abry, N. Pustelnik, S. Roux, R. Gribonval, and P. Flandrin,  
**"Nonsmooth convex optimization to estimate the Covid-19 reproduction number space-time evolution with robustness against low quality data,"**  
Submitted, 2021. hal-03348154

## Proceedings of international conferences

3. **B. Pascal**, V. Mauduit, P. Abry, and N. Pustelnik,  
**"Scale-free texture segmentation: Expert feature-based versus Deep Learning strategies,"**  
*EUSIPCO2020*, Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 18-22, 2021.
2. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, M. Serres, and V. Vidal,  
**"Joint estimation of local variance and local regularity for texture segmentation. Application to multiphase flow characterization,"**  
*IEEE ICIP*, Athens, Greece, October 7-10, 2018.
1. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, and J.-C. Pesquet,  
**"Block-coordinate proximal algorithms for scale-free texture segmentation,"** *IEEE ICASSP*, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, April 15-20, 2018.

## Proceedings of national conferences

2. T. Busser, **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, M. Serres, R. Philippe, V. Vidal,  
**"  coulement gaz-liquide dans un milieu poreux confin  : caract  risation par analyse d'images,"**  
*Rencontres du non-lin  aire*, Lille, France, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.
1. **B. Pascal**, T. Busser, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, and V. Vidal,  
**"Segmentation d'images textur  es en grande dimension. Application    l'analyse d'  coulements multiphasiques,"**  
*GRETSI*, Lille, France, August 26 - 29, 2019.

## Communications in international conferences

3. **B. Pascal**, and R. Bardenet, *Invited mini-cours* ([https://github.com/bpascal-fr/mini-course\\_SP-and-GAF](https://github.com/bpascal-fr/mini-course_SP-and-GAF))  
**"Point processes and spatial statistics in time-frequency analysis,"**  
*Stochastic Geometry Days*, Dunkerque, France, November 15-19, 2021.  
[PDF material](#), [PYTHON notebooks](#) and [data](#) available online
2. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry,  
**"Joint estimation of local variance and local regularity for texture segmentation,"**  
*Curves and Surfaces*, Arcachon, France, June 28 - July 4, 2018.
1. **B. Pascal**, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry,  
**"Combining Local Regularity Estimation and Total Variation Optimization for Scale-Free Texture Segmentation,"**  
*SIAM IS*, Bologna, Italy, June, 5-8, 2018.

## Summer schools

1. **Sparsity for Physics, Signal and Learning** (Attendance), Paris, France, June 24-27, 2019.

## Softwares

2. **STEIN-PIECEWISE-FILTERING** (<https://github.com/bpascal-fr/stein-piecewise-filtering>)  
Toolbox for signal, multivariate signal and image denoising favoring piecewise smooth behaviors including an automated selection of hyperparameters *via* Stein-based strategies.
1. **GSUGAR** (<https://github.com/bpascal-fr/gsugar>)  
Automated and data-driven hyperparameter selection based on a generalized Stein estimator of the gradient of the quadratic error for texture segmentation (2D) or fractal process segmentation (1D).

## Invited seminars

9. Seminar of the Géométrie, Apprentissage, Information, Algorithmes (GAIA) pole, GISPA-Lab, Grenoble  
**"Processing nonstationary data: representations, theory, algorithms and applications."**  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. Organizer: Guillaume Becq.
8. Seminar of the Signal Image et Son (SIMS) team, LS2N, Nantes  
**"Processing nonstationary data: representations, theory, algorithms and applications."**  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. Organizer: Clément Huneau.
7. Statistics and Optimization seminar, Institut de Mathématiques de Toulouse  
**"Texture segmentation based on fractal attributes using convex functional minimization with generalized Stein formalism for automated regularization parameter selection"**  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 2021. Organizers: Mélisande Albert, Adrien Mazoyer, Pierre Weiss.
6. Workshop on Point Processes and Application,s CRISAL & Laboratoire Paul Painlevé, University of Lille  
**"A link between Majorana Stellar representation of pure spin states and Coulomb gas on the sphere"**  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. Organizer: Mylène Maida.
5. Séminaire Cristolien d'Analyse Multifractale (SCAM), Centre de Mathématiques, Créteil, France  
**"Segmentation de textures à partir d'attributs fractals par minimisation de fonctionnelle, with réglage automatique des hyperparamètres"**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Organizers: Stéphane Jaffard and Stéphane Seuret.
4. Signal and Image seminar, Institut de Mathématiques de Marchéille (I2M), France  
**"Texture segmentation based on fractal attributes using convex functional minimization with generalized Stein formalism for automated regularization parameter selection."**  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 2020. Organizers: Caroline Chaux.

3. Image, Optimization and Probabilities (IOP) seminar, Institut de Mathématiques de Bordeaux, France  
**"How scale-free texture segmentation turns out to be a strongly convex optimization problem?"**  
 March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. Organizers: Arthur Leclaire and Camille Male.
2. Seminar of the SIGMA team, CRISTAL Lille, France  
**"How scale-free texture segmentation turns out to be a strongly convex optimization problem?"**  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020. Organizers: Pierre-Antoine Thouvenin and Vincent Itier.
1. Image and Signal Processing Seminars, ICTEAM, Université Catholique de Louvain  
**"How scale-free texture segmentation turns out to be a strongly convex optimization problem?"**  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020. Organizer: Laurent Jacques.

## Scientific animation and participation in the life of scientific team

- Lecture group **"Determinantal Point Processes: theoretical bases and applications"**  
 SIGMA team. Co-organization with Arnaud Poinas. 2020 -
- **PhD students and post-doctoral researchers seminar**  
 SIGMA team. Co-organization with Quentin Mayolle. 2021 -

## Internship supervision

- May-July 2021 **École Polytechnique 3<sup>rd</sup> year internship**, Institut de Mathématiques de Toulouse, Hugo Artigas, co-supervised with Gersende Fort, Nelly Pustelnik and Patrice Abry.  
 Intervals of credibility for the Covid-19 Reproduction rate.
- Apr.-Aug. 2021 **Final year engineer intership**, Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Baptiste Desnos, co-supervised with Nelly Pustelnik and Patrice Abry.  
 Unfolded proximal algorithms for deep learning texture segmentation.
- July-Sept. 2020 **Master 2 research internship**, Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Charles-Gérard Lucas, co-supervised with Patrice Abry and Nelly Pustelnik.  
 Multivariate interface detection using Mumford-Shah-like functionals.
- June-July 2019 **Engineer intership**, Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, Loris Helmlinger, co-supervised with Nelly Pustelnik.  
 Texture segmentation on temporal series of multiphasic flow images: attribute-oriented approaches v.s. deep learning.

## Scientific communication and participation to initiatives for the wide audience

- Guide for the Académie des Sciences à Lyon, Musée des Confluences (February, 13-14 2020).  
*Accompaniment of high school classes through different scientific workshops.*
- Participation to the *Réviser ton bac with la BmL !* program, in partnership with the association ENSeigner (April - June 2019). *Workshops to prepare the baccalauréat (high school final exam) proposed in Lyon public libraries.*

## Teaching

### École Centrale Lille

#### *Core training of engineering degree (3<sup>rd</sup> year of bachelor)*

- **Measure theory and Lebesgue integration** ..... 2021-2022  
 Practical exercises ..... 14h

### Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1

#### *Master of Applied Mathematics and Statistics*

- **Nonsmooth convex optimization - (Second year of master)** ..... 2018-2019, 2020-2021  
 Lectures and numerical implementation (PYTHON) ..... 6h+1h30  
 From the lecture notes of Nelly Pustelnik

### École Normale Supérieure de Lyon

*Formation à l'Enseignement, Agrégation et Développement Professionnel: Master degree for teaching in high school*

- **Préparation à l'agrégation de mathématiques: intensive preparation to the french examination for becoming high school teacher** ..... 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
Correction of lessons during the training for final oral examination ..... **16h**  
– Training for oral exam      – Supervision and evaluation of the preparation and presentation of lessons

### *Classes préparatoires à l'enseignement supérieur (CPES)*

- **Mathematics** ..... 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
*Colles* (oral examinations) ..... **28h**

### *Master of Physics, concepts and applications*

- **Signal and image processing - (First year of master)** ..... 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
Practical and numerical implementation (MATLAB) ..... **8h**  
– Autoregressive processes, spectral v.s. parametric estimation      – Optimal filtering  
– Non-stationary signals      – Deconvolution and image processing

### *Bachelor of Physics*

- **Signal processing - (Third year of bachelor)** ..... 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
Practical exercises ..... **8h**  
– Random variables      – Spectral estimation  
– Random processes and estimation      – Statistical tests
- **Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X - (Third year of bachelor)** ..... 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
Exercises and implementation (TEXMAKER, ZOTERO) ..... **6h**  
– Create a document      – Insert tables, figures and mathematical formula  
– Using BibTeX to generate a bibliography

### *Master Complex Systems - IXXI*

- **Statistical physics - (Second year of master)** ..... 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
Practical exercises ..... **8h**  
– Statistical ensembles      – Phase transitions  
– Disordered systems

## ■ Linguistic skills

French	Mother language
English	Professional level
Spanish	Rudiments

*Read, written, spoken*

## ■ Programming and office automation skills

Matlab	Deep knowledge	Pyhton	Numpy, Scipy, Keras
Latex	Deep knowledge, TikZ	Inkscape	Standard use
OS	Windows, macOS, Linux (Basics)		