

1. Personal details

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Year of birth: 1983

Nationality: Finnish

2. Education and degrees completed

9/12/2015 PhD in Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

25/8/2010 MSc in Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

28/7/2010 BSc in Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

3. Other education

1/6/2002 Information Technology, Vocational Qualification (3 years),
Jyväskylä Vocational Institute of Technology, Jyväskylä, Finland

4. Language proficiency

Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (basics)

5. Current position

1/9/2020–present **Senior Researcher**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, **Finland**

6. Previous work experience

1/9/2019–31/8/2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, **Finland**

16/10/2017–31/8/2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Visual Analytics**
Department of Science and Technology, Linköping University, **Sweden**

1/1/2016–15/10/2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, **Finland**

1/9/2010 –31/12/2015 **Doctoral Student**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Jyväskylä, **Finland**

1/6/2010 –31/8/2010 **Research Assistant**
Department of Signal Processing, Tampere University of Technology, **Finland**

International research visits:

9/2016–7/2017 Department of Statistics, University of Oxford, **United Kingdom**

9–10/2017 Department of Information Technology, Uppsala University, **Sweden**

7. Career breaks

1/10/2013–31/8/2014

Parental leave between October 2013 and August 2014.

8. Research funding and grants

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| 2020 | Academy of Finland: Project funding for a consortium project: Towards well-informed decisions: Predicting long-term effects of policy reforms on life trajectories (PREDLIFE) (9/2020–8/2024). Consortium PI Satu Helske (University of Turku); Subconsortium-PI Jouni Helske (University of Jyväskylä). 560,000€ |
| 2013 | Emil Aaltonen Foundation: Personal scholarship for full-time doctoral studies. 25000€. |
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9. Scientific output

Since 2010 I have authored 10 peer-reviewed, 3 non-peer-reviewed scientific articles or book chapters, and 3 papers currently under review. These papers have been cited 207 times with h-index 6 (Google Scholar, 15.9.2020).

In addition to these, I have produced nine R statistical software packages currently at The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) as a result of my research, most notably the R packages KFAS, seqHMM, and bssm for exponential family state space modelling, multivariate hidden Markov modelling, and Bayesian non-Gaussian states space modelling respectively. These nine packages have thousands of downloads per month:

<https://www.jyu.fi/science/en/math/research/infrastructure/r-packages-created-at-the-department>

Most important publications and working papers (citation count from Google Scholar, 27.6.2020):

- Vihola, M, **J Helske**, and J Franks (2020). Importance sampling type estimators based on approximate marginal MCMC. Scandinavian Journal of Statistics. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/sjos.12492>. Cited 20 times.
- **Helske, J**, S Tikka, J Karvanen (2020). Estimation of causal effects with small data under implicit functional constraints. Under review. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.03187>.
- **Helske, J** (2017). KFAS: Exponential Family State Space Models in R. Journal of Statistical Software 78(10). <https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v078i10>. Cited 74 times.
- Lindsten, F, **J Helske**, and M Vihola (2018). “Graphical model inference: Sequential Monte Carlo meets deterministic approximations”. In: Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 31. Ed. by S Bengio, H Wallach, H Larochelle, K Grauman, N Cesa-Bianchi, and R Garnett. Curran Associates, Inc., pp. 8190-8200. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.02374>. Cited 4 times.
- Voutilainen, M, **J Helske**, and H Högmänder (2020). A Bayesian reconstruction of historical population in Finland 1647-1850. Demography. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-020-00889-1>.
- Helske, S and **J Helske** (2019). Mixture Hidden Markov Models for Sequence Data: The seqHMM Package in R. Journal of Statistical Software 88(3), 1–32. <https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v088i03>. Cited 44 times.

- Luukko, PJ, **J Helske**, and E Räsänen (2016). Introducing libeemd: a program package for performing the ensemble empirical mode decomposition. Computational Statistics 31(2), 545–557.
<https://jyx.jyu.fi/handle/123456789/49577>. Cited 37 times.
- Helske, S, **J Helske**, and M Eerola (2018). “Combining Sequence Analysis and Hidden Markov Models in the Analysis of Complex Life Sequence Data”. In: Sequence Analysis and Related Approaches. Ed. by G Ritschard and M Studer. Springer International Publishing, pp.185–200.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-95420-2_11. Cited 7 times.
- **Helske, J**, S Helske, M Cooper, A Ynnerman, and L Besançon (2020). Are You Sure You’re Sure? - Effects of Visual Representation on the Cliff Effect in Statistical Inference. Under review.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.07671>
- Muthumanickam, P, **J Helske**, A Nordman, J Johansson, and M Cooper (2020). “Comparison of Attention Behaviour Across User Sets through Automatic Identification of Common Areas of Interest”. In: 53rd Hawaii international conference on system sciences, HICSS 2020.
<https://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/63906>.

10. Leadership and supervision experience

I am the main supervisor of Tiia-Maria Pasanen who started her PhD studies in statistics in August 2020 at the University of Jyväskylä.

I am the co-supervisor (main supervisor until March 2021) of Lauri Valkonen who started his PhD studies in statistics in August 2020 at the University of Jyväskylä.

I was the unofficial co-advisor of statistics PhD student Gurjinder Mohan at the Oxford University in 2016-2017.

11. Teaching experience

Course	Place	ECTS	Role	Level	Language	Year
Bayesian Statistics 1	JYU	5	Responsible teacher	BSc	Finnish	2020
Generalized linear models 2	JYU	5	Responsible teacher	BSc	Finnish	2020
Graduate Lecture series	Oxf		Guest lecture (computationally efficient state space modelling)	PhD	English	2017
Stochastic simulation	JYU	4	Lab supervision	MSc	English	2016
Basics in statistics 2	JYU	5	Lab supervision	BSc	Finnish	2016
R Course	JYU	2	Responsible teacher	BSc	Finnish	2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 (x2)
Time series analysis	JYU		Guest lecture (state space modelling)	BSc	Finnish	2015
Statistical computing seminar	JYU	3	Responsible teacher	PhD	English	2013
Basics in statistics 1	JYU	6	Lab supervision	BSc	Finnish	2011, 2010, 2008
Sampling methods	JYU	6	Lab supervision	BSc	Finnish	2011

Advanced course in statistics	JYU	9	Lab supervision	BSc	Finnish	2010
Basic course in statistics	JYU	6	Lab supervision	BSc	Finnish	2008

Oxf: Dept. of Statistics, University of Oxford; JYU: Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Jyväskylä

12. Patents, inventions, awards and honours

- 2016 Longitudinal Data Analysis Contest Award, LaCOSA II Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland.
 2015 Best poster award, UseR! 2015 Conference, Aalborg, Denmark.

13. Other key scientific or academic merits

Reviewer for

- Journals Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics, Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research, Stat, Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment, Sensors, Applied Computational Intelligence and Soft Computing, Mathematical and Computational Applications, Mathematics, R Journal.
- CHI 2019 conference.

Member of the organizing committee for

- Novel approaches to numerical challenges related to environmental monitoring, 2015, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- Statistical Days 2013, 2013, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- Seminar on Current Doctoral Research in Biostatistics, Statistics and Related Areas, 2011, Helsinki, Finland.

14. Scientific and societal impact

- 2016-2018 I provided statistical consultancy for Finnish Environment Institute on project SAVE which studied the effects of gypsum in agriculture.
- I have collected open access data for assessing the effects of visualization on statistical inference, available at <https://github.com/helske/statvis>.
- Codes for reproducing the analysis of my recent and upcoming publications are available online at github.com/helske and all publications or preprints are available in open access.