

Working Experience

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##   <chr>              <chr>        <chr>        <chr> <lis>
## 1 Bioinformatician  2025 - Present Akershus Universit~ Oslo~ <chr>
## 2 Bioinformatician (Scientist II) 2022 - 2025    Nykode Therapeutic~ Oslo~ <chr>
## 3 Post-doctoral researcher 2017 - 2022    University of Oslo  Oslo~ <chr>
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Toolkit

What	Level	Category
Python	Proficient	Programming language
R	Proficient	
Perl	Proficient	
Bash	Intermediate	
HTML / CSS	Intermediate	
D3	Intermediate	
SQL	Beginner	
Snakemake	Proficient	
GNU make	Intermediate	Pipeline Development
nextflow	Beginner	
Docker	Intermediate	Containerization
Git	Proficient	Version Control
aws S3	Beginner	Cloud
CI/CD	Beginner	Automation

Technical Skills: clustering, dimensionality reduction, exploratory data analysis (EDA), data wrangling, multivariate analysis, statistical tests, Markov chains, ML (Random Forest, Linear Regression, Logistic Regression), Deep Learning (neural networks), Data Curation, ROC and Precision-Recall curves, pattern discovery, pattern matching.

Tools: jupyter notebooks, Rstudio, emacs, VS code, google docs, Linux (Ubuntu).

Education

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## # A tibble: 3 x 5
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## 1 PhD in bioinformatics             2014 - 2017 Aix-Marseille Universite Mars~ <chr>
## 2 Master in systems biology         2013 - 2014 Institute de biology de ~ Pari~ <chr>
## 3 Bachelor in genomic sciences     2009 - 2013 Universidad Nacional Aut~ Cuer~ <chr>
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Languages

Spanish	English	French	Norwegian
Native	Fluent	Fluent	Intermediate (A2)

Publications

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Peer-reviewed

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Preprints

No preprints at this moment.

Reviewed manuscripts

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+30 reviewed manuscripts in the following journals: Bioinformatics, Genetics, Molecular Plant, Nucleic Acids Research, Genome biology, Genome Biology and Evolution, Frontiers in Genetics, eLife.

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References

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## 1 PhD Supervisor, Collaborator      <NA> Prof~ Aix~~ <chr>
## 2 Bachelor Thesis Supervisor, Collaborator <NA> PhD ~ Labo~ <chr>
## 3 Postdoc Supervisor, Collaborator    <NA> PhD ~ Norw~ <chr>
## 4 Head of In Silico and Artificial Intelligence Departm~ <NA> PhD ~ Nyko~ <chr>
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