

CURRICULUM VITÆ

Researcher in Pattern Recognition

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About me: I am currently a research assistant with the Visual Computing & Machine Intelligence (VCMI) research group at CTM, INESC TEC, and Ph.D. student in Electrical and Computers Engineering at Faculdadede Engenharia da Universidade do Porto (FEUP). I hold an M.Sc. degree in Bioengineering from FEUP (2017). My research focuses on the use of biometric attributes to recognise identity and wellbeing continuously and efficiently. While mainly contributing to stronger and more robust electrocardiogram (ECG) biometrics in realistic conditions, I have also worked on the topics of biometric security, interpretability, and several others related to pattern recognition. Beyond these, I am very passionate about graphic design, web development, history, geography, vexillology, heraldry, and politics.

Current positions

Ph.D. Student, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto (FEUP)

Research Assistant, Centre for Telecommunications and Multimedia – INESC TEC

Education

since 10/2018

since 10/2017

since 2018 Doctoral Programme in Electrical and Computers Engineering

Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto

Thesis: Seamless Multimodal Biometrics for Continuous Personalised Wellbeing Monitoring

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jaime S. Cardoso (INESC TEC) & Prof. Dr. Miguel V. Correia (INESC TEC)

2014-2017 Integrated Master in Bioengineering - Biomedical Engineering

Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Integrated Bachelor & Master degree (grade 16 out of 20)

Dissertation: Continuous Biometric Identification on the Steering Wheel

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jaime S. Cardoso (FEUP) & Prof. Dr. André Lourenço (CardioID Technologies)

Research activity

- since 10/2018 **Ph.D. Scholarship** for research on pattern recognition for multimodal biometrics and well-being monitoring Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, IP (FCT), Portugal
- M.Sc. Scholarship on image analysis for archive documents and media content (CHIC project)
 Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
- M.Sc. Scholarship on deep learning for electrocardiogram biometric identification Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
- 2016–2017 **M.Sc. Thesis Student and Intern** on off-the-person continuous ECG biometrics CardioID Technologies Lda., Portugal

Participation in Research Projects

- since 02/2020 Researcher at Easy Ride Project: In-vehicle activity recognition and wellbeing measurement.
- since 07/2019 Researcher at AUTOMOTIVE Project: Driver drowsiness monitoring using continuous data.
- 01-09/2018 Scholarship Researcher at CHIC Project: Quality assessment of print text documents.

Scientific publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES (7)

- T. Esteves, J. R. Pinto, P. M. Ferreira, P. Costa, L. A. Rodrigues, I. Antunes, G. Lopes, P. Gamito, A. Abrantes, P. M. Jorge, A. Lourenço, A. F. Sequeira, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Rebelo, "AUTOMOTIVE: A case study on AUTOmatic multiMOdal drowsiness detecTIon for smart VEhicles," *IEEE Access.* (accepted)
- A. F. Sequeira, T. Gonçalves, W. Silva, J. R. Pinto, and J. S. Cardoso, "An Exploratory Study of Interpretability for Face Presentation Attack Detection," *IET Biometrics* 10 (4): 441-455. doi:10.1049/bme2.12045
- J. R. Pinto, M. V. Correia, and J. S. Cardoso, "Secure Triplet Loss: Achieving Cancelability and Non-Linkability in End-to-End Deep Biometrics," *IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science* 3 (2): 180–189. doi:10.1109/TBIOM.2020.3046620
- S. P. Oliveira, J. R. Pinto, T. Gonçalves, R. C. Marques, M. J. Cardoso, H. P. Oliveira, and J. S. Cardoso, "Weakly-Supervised Classification of HER2 Expression in Breast Cancer Haematoxylin and Eosin Stained Slides," *Applied Sciences* 10 (14): 4728. doi:10.3390/app10144728
- J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Lourenço, "Evolution, Current Challenges, and Future Possibilities in ECG Biometrics," *IEEE Access* 6: 34746–34776. doi:10.1109/ACCESS.2018.2849870
- J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, A. Lourenço, and C. Carreiras, "Towards a Continuous Biometric System Based on ECG Signals Acquired on the Steering Wheel," Sensors 17 (10): 2228. doi:10.3390/s17102228
- J. R. Pinto and J. M. R. S. Tavares, "A versatile method for bladder segmentation in computed tomography two-dimensional images under adverse conditions," Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part H: Journal of Engineering in Medicine 231 (9): 871–880. doi:10.1177/0954411917714294

International conference articles (17)

- J. R. Pinto, P. Carvalho, C. Pinto, A. Sousa, L. G. Capozzi, and J. S. Cardoso, "Streamlining Action Recognition in Autonomous Shared Vehicles with an Audiovisual Cascade Strategy," in 17th International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications (VISAPP), 6 8 February, Online. (accepted)
- P. C. Neto, F. Boutros, J. R. Pinto, N. Damer, A. F. Sequeira, J. S. Cardoso, "FocusFace: Multi-task Contrastive Learning for Masked Face Recognition," in Workshop on Face and Gesture Analysis for COVID-19 (FG4COVID19), 15 17 September, Jodhpur, India. (accepted)
- S. Beco, J. R. Pinto, and J. S. Cardoso, "Interlead Conversion of Single-Lead Blindly-Segmented Electrocar-diogram Signals," in 17th International Conference on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics (CIBB 2021), 15 17 November, Avellino, Italy. (accepted)
- P. C. Neto, F. Boutros, J. R. Pinto, M. Saffari, N. Damer, A. F. Sequeira, and J. S. Cardoso, "My Eyes Are Up Here: Promoting Focus on Uncovered Regions in Masked Face Recognition," in *International Conference of the Biometrics Special Interest Group (BIOSIG 2021)*, 15 17 September, Darmstadt, Germany.

- F. Boutros, N. Damer, J. Kolf, K. Raja, F. Kirchbuchner, R. Ramachandra, A. Kuijper, P. Fang, C. Zhang, F. Wang, D. M. Martin, N. Aginako, B. Sierra, M. Nieto, M. E. Erakin, U. Demir, H. Ekenel, A. Kataoka, K. Ichikawa, S. Kubo, J. Zhang, M. He, D. Han, S. Shan, K. Grm, V. Struc, S. Seneviratne, N. Kasthuriarachchi, S. Rasnayaka, P. C. Neto, A. F. Sequeira, J. R. Pinto, M. Saffari, and J. S. Cardoso, "MFR 2021: Masked Face Recognition Competition," in *International Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB 2021)*, 4 7 August, Shenzhen, China. doi:10.1109/IJCB52358.2021.9484337
- L. G. Capozzi, P. Carvalho, A. Sousa, C. Pinto, <u>J. R. Pinto</u>, and J. S. Cardoso, "Impact of visual noise in activity recognition using deep neural networks an experimental approach," in *2nd International Conference on Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning (PRML 2021)*, 16 18 July, Chengdu, China. doi:10.1109/PRML52754.2021.9520734
- L. G. Capozzi, J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Rebelo, "End-to-End Deep Sketch-to-Photo Matching Enforcing Realistic Photo Generation," in 25th Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition (CIARP'21), 10 13 May, Porto, Portugal. (in press)
- L. G. Capozzi, J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Rebelo, "Optimizing Person Re-Identification using Generated Attention Masks," in 25th Iberoamerican Congress on Pattern Recognition (CIARP'21), 10 13 May, Porto, Portugal. (in press)
- A. Matta, J. R. Pinto, and J. S. Cardoso, "Mixture-Based Open World Face Recognition," in 9th World Conference on Information Systems and Technologies (WorldCIST'21), 30 March 2 April, Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-72660-7_62
- J. R. Pinto, T. Gonçalves, C. Pinto, L. Sanhudo, J. Fonseca, F. Gonçalves, P. Carvalho, and J. S. Cardoso, "Audiovisual Classification of Group Emotion Valence Using Activity Recognition Networks," in Fourth IEEE International Conference on Image Processing, Applications and Systems (IPAS 2020), 9–11 December, Genoa, Italy. doi:10.1109/IPAS50080.2020.9334943
- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "Explaining ECG Biometrics: Is It All In The QRS?," in International Conference of the Biometrics Special Interest Group (BIOSIG 2020), 16–18 September, Darmstadt, Germany. Available online at: https://dl.gi.de/20.500.12116/34321
- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "Self-Learning with Stochastic Triplet Loss," in International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN 2020), 19–24 July, Glasgow, United Kingdom. doi:10.1109/IJCNN48605.2020.9206799
- J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and M. V. Correia, "Secure Triplet Loss for End-to-End Deep Biometrics," in 8th International Workshop on Biometrics and Forensics (IWBF 2020), 29–30 April, Porto, Portugal. doi:10.1109/IWBF49977.2020.9107958
- A. F. Sequeira, W. Silva, J. R. Pinto, T. Gonçalves, and J. S. Cardoso, "Interpretable Biometrics: Should We Rethink How Presentation Attack Detection is Evaluated?," in 8th International Workshop on Biometrics and Forensics (IWBF 2020), 29–30 April, Porto, Portugal. doi:10.1109/IWBF49977.2020.9107949
- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Network for ECG-Based Biometric Authentication," in 10th IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS 2019), 23–26 September, Tampa FL, United States. doi:10.1109/BTAS46853.2019.9185990
- G. Lopes, J. R. Pinto, and J. S. Cardoso, "Don't You Forget About Me: A Study on Long-Term Performance in ECG Biometrics," in *IbPRIA 2019: 9th Iberian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis*, 1–4 July, Madrid, Spain. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-31321-0_4
- W. Silva, J. R. Pinto, and J. S. Cardoso, "A Uniform Performance Index for Ordinal Classification with Imbalanced Classes," in *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN 2018)*, 8–13 July, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. doi:10.1109/IJCNN.2018.8489327

BOOK CHAPTERS (2)

- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "ECG Biometrics," in S. Jajodia, P. Samarati, and M. Yung, Eds., Encyclopedia of Cryptography, Security and Privacy, Springer, ISBN:978-3-642-27739-9, doi:10.1007/978-3-642-27739-9_1517-1
- J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Lourenço, "Deep Neural Networks for Biometric Identification Based on Non-Intrusive ECG Acquisitions," in K. V. Arya and R. S. Bhadoria, Eds., *The Biometric Computing: Recognition and Registration*, Boca Raton FL, United States: CRC Press, ISBN:978-0-8153-9364-1, doi:10.1201/9781351013437-11

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ARTICLES (9)

- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "xECG: Using Interpretability to Understand Deep ECG Biometrics," in 27th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2021), 5 November, Évora, Portugal.
- L. Capozzi, J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Rebelo, "Sketch-to-Photo Matching Enforcing Realistic Rendering Generation," in 27th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2021), 5 November, Évora, Portugal.
- J. R. Pinto, M. V. Correia, and J. S. Cardoso, "Achieving Cancellability in End-to-End Deep Biometrics with the Secure Triplet Loss," in 26th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2020), 30 October, Évora, Portugal.
- S. P. Oliveira, J. R. Pinto, T. Gonçalves, H. P. Oliveira, and Jaime S. Cardoso, "IHC Classification in Breast Cancer H&E Slides with a Weakly-Supervised Approach," in 26th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2020), 30 October, Évora, Portugal.
- W. Silva, J. R. Pinto, T. Gonçalves, A. F. Sequeira, and Jaime S. Cardoso, "Explainable Artificial Intelligence for Face Presentation Attack Detection," in 26th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2020), 30 October, Évora, Portugal.
- J. R. Pinto and J. S. Cardoso, "Fine Segmentation of Head and Torso Using Label Refinement Networks," in 25th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2019), 31 October, Porto, Portugal.
- G. Lopes, J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Rebelo, "Long-Term Performance of a Convolutional Neural Network for ECG-Based Biometrics," in 25th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2019), 31 October, Porto, Portugal.
- P. Costa, P. Silva, J. R. Pinto, A. F. Sequeira, and A. Rebelo, "Face Anti Spoofing: Handcrafted and Learned Features for Face Liveness Detection," in 25th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2019), 31 October, Porto, Portugal.
- J. R. Pinto, J. S. Cardoso, and A. Lourenço, "Improving ECG-Based Biometric Identification Using End-to-End Convolutional Networks," in 24th Portuguese Conference on Pattern Recognition (RECPAD 2018), 26 October, Coimbra, Portugal.

THESES (1)

J. R. Pinto, "Continuous Biometric Identification on the Steering Wheel," Master in Bioengineering - Biomedical Engineering, Universidade do Porto.

CITATION RECORD

269 citations h-index 5 i10-index 4 (according to Google Scholar, 18/12/2021)

Student supervision

MASTER'S DISSERTATIONS (12 STUDENTS)

- Co-supervisor of Mariana S. Xavier, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Inside Out: Fusing ECG and Face Information to Recognise Emotions. (ongoing)
- Co-supervisor of Guilherme A. T. R. Barbosa, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Going 2D: Exploring Learnable Bidimensional Approaches for ECG Biometrics. (ongoing)
- External Supervisor of Pedro Duarte Lopes, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Deep Neural Networks for Face-based Emotion Recognition. (ongoing)
- External Supervisor of Vítor Barbosa, M.Sc. Informatics & Computing Engineering, Universidade do Porto Activity and Emotion Classification in Shared Vehicles. (ongoing)
- External Supervisor of Telma Esteves, M.Sc. Biomedical Engineering, Universidade Nova de Lisboa Sleepy Drivers: Drowsiness Monitoring Using ECG and Face Video. (ongoing)
- Co-supervisor of Sofia C. Beco, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Make My Heartbeat: Generation and Interlead Conversion of ECG Signals.
- Co-supervisor of Inês A. Magalhães, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Feel My Heart: Emotion Recognition Using the Electrocardiogram.

- Co-supervisor of Arthur J. Matta, M.Sc. Informatics & Computing Engineering, Universidade do Porto Open-World Face Recognition.
- **Co-supervisor of Leonardo G. Capozzi**, M.Sc. Informatics & Computing Engineering, Universidade do Porto Face Recognition For Forensic Applications: Methods for Matching Facial Sketches to Mugshot Pictures.
- 2020 **Co-supervisor of João G. Ferreira**, M.Sc. Informatics & Computing Engineering, Universidade do Porto Head Pose Estimation for Facial Biometric Recognition Systems.
- 2020 **Co-supervisor of Carolina Afonso**, M.Sc. Network & Information Systems Engineering, Universidade do Porto Changing Perspectives: Interlead Conversion in Electrocardiographic Signals.
- Co-supervisor of Gabriel C. Lopes, M.Sc. Bioengineering, Universidade do Porto Don't You Forget About Me: Enhancing Long Term Performance in Electrocardiogram Biometrics.

Internships (21 students)

2021 Supervisor of Mariana Calado,

Drowsiness detection using ECG signals, at INESC TEC. (ongoing)

- Supervisor of Brenda Nogueira, Ana Sousa, Bernardo Gabriel, João Romão, Rafael Cristino, and Renata Lei, CTM Summer Internships 2021, at INESC TEC.
- 2021 Co-supervisor of Guilherme Barbosa,

An End-to-End Learnt 2D representation for ECG-Based Biometric Authentication, at INESC TEC.

2021 Co-supervisor of Duarte Lopes,

Interpretability for Face Presentation Attack Detection, at INESC TEC.

2020 Co-supervisor of Susana Lima,

CTM Summer Internships 2020, at INESC TEC.

2020 Co-supervisor of João Fonseca,

NEB Outclass Internship: Face Photograph Analytics, at INESC TEC.

2020 Co-supervisor of Catarina Lopes,

Face photograph analytics for automatic assessment of ICAO guideline compliance, at INESC TEC.

Co-supervisor of Pedro Silva, Paulo Costa, Manuel Curral, Gil Teixeira, Pedro Neto, Martim Silva, João Mendes, João Moura, and Carolina Afonso,

CTM Summer Internships 2019, at INESC TEC.

Scientific conferences and workshops

2021 Technical Chair & Programme Committee

17th International Conference on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics (CIBB 2021), November 15–17, Avellino, Italy

2021 Publicity & Local Organisation Chair

Workshop on Explainable & Interpretable Artificial Intelligence for Biometrics (xAI4Biometrics) at the Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2021), January 5, Waikoloa, United States

2020 Demo Chair

8th International Workshop on Biometrics and Forensics (IWBF 2020), April 29-30, Porto, Portugal

2019 International Programme Committee Member

15th Mediterranean Conference on Medical and Biological Engineering and Computing (MEDICON 2019), September 26–28, Coimbra, Portugal

2019 Special Session Co-Organiser

Special Session on Machine Learning in Healthcare Informatics and Medical Biology at the 16th International Conference on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics (CIBB 2019), September 4–6, Bergamo, Italy

Other events

Invited Speaker and Invited Workshop Lecturer for 13th Symposium on Bioengineering, Porto, Portugal

Organisation Team Member for VISUM 2022 summer school, Porto, Portugal

Organisation Team Member for VISUM 2021 summer school, Porto, Portugal

- Organisation Team Member for OpenDay CTM 2021 event, Porto, Portugal
- Invited Workshop Lecturer for 12th Symposium on Bioengineering, Porto, Portugal
- 2020 Project Committee Member for VISUM 2020 summer school, Porto, Portugal
- 2019 Project Committee Member at VISUM 2019 summer school, Porto, Portugal
- 2019 Workshop Co-organiser at CTM Open Day 2019
- 2017 Communication and Image Team Member at 8th Symposium in Bioengineering, Porto, Portugal

Awards

- Best Ph.D. Student Live Presentation awarded by the jury at NIS Workshop 2021;
- Best Session Paper Award at IEEE IPAS 2020;
- 2020 Computers Journal Best Paper Award at *IWBF 2020*;
- Best Essay Award (first prize) at Prémio Católica 2012: Ciência e Saúde on health, society, and gerontology.

Peer review

JOURNALS

- o IEEE: IEEE Transactions in Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science (TBIOM), IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence (TAI), IEEE Access, IEEE Sensors Letters;
- o Springer Nature: Progress in Artificial Intelligence (PAI), BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making, Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing (MBEC);
- **IET**: *IET Biometrics*;
- Elsevier: Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering (BBE);
- o MDPI: Sensors, Applied Sciences, Electronics, Symmetry, Algorithms, IJERPH, Remote Sensing;
- o **PeerJ**: PeerJ Computer Science;
- Sage: Journal of Engineering in Medicine (JOEIM).

Conferences

- o IEEE BIOCAS 2021 conference;
- o ICAD 2021 conference;
- o ACM Multimedia 2021 conference;
- o Doctoral Consortium on Engineering 2021 conference;
- o IWBF 2021 conference;
- o *xAI4Biometrics* workshop at WACV 2021;
- o ACM Multimedia 2020 conference;
- ∘ *IWBF 2020* conference;
- o CIBB 2019 conference;
- o MEDICON 2019 conference;
- o IEEE ENBENG 2019 conference;
- o IEEE BIOCAS 2018 conference;
- o CIBB 2018 conference.

Total of 91 reviews verified at Publons, 14 of which rated as excellent by the assigned editors

Professional societies

- since 2015 Student Member at IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)
- since 2017 Student Member at Ordem dos Engenheiros (official portuguese engineering society)
- since 2020 Student Member at EURASIP (European Association for Signal Processing)
- since 2021 Student Member at EAB (European Association for Biometrics)

Other voluntary and extracurricular activities

- 2016–2017 Communication and Image Collaborator at NEB-FEUP/ICBAS (Bioengineering students association)
- 2015–2017 Vice-Chair at EMBS UP (IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology student chapter)
- 2015–2017 Member at NuIEEE (IEEE student branch at Universidade do Porto)
- 2015–2016 Student Researcher at VILab (informal computer vision research group for students)

Marketing Team Member at BEST Porto (european engineering student group)

Programming & other knowledge

Most used

2014-2015

Python: numpy, scipy, scikit-learn, scikit-image, pandas, keras, pytorch

Matlab: including signal processing, image analysis, and machine learning tools

Web development: HTML5, CSS3, PHP, SQL, Javascript

Documents: Microsoft Office, LaTeX

Design: Adobe Illustrator

Basic knowledge

C/C++: object-oriented programming

Java: including Android mobile application development LabVIEW: signal acquisition, processing, and control

OS: Linux, Windows

BRIEFLY USED

R: for bioinformatics programming

Web development: jQuery, ReactJS, AngularJS, Sass, C#, .NET

Language proficiency

Portuguese – Native language English - Full professional proficiency