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Currently a Ph.D. Candidate in (PRODEI), and Invited Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (FEUP), and a researcher at the Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering, Technology and Science (INESC-TEC). In love with technology and innovation ever since I was a little girl. Special interest in the areas of Data Science, Machine Learning, and Web Development. Also passionate about mathematics, sports, traveling and photography.

# Professional experience

- \* 2018 Invited Lecturer, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto { http://www.fe.up.pt }

  Linguagens e Tecnologias Web, third year, first semester. A Curricular Unit that aims to provide the students with skills in the most significant languages and Web technologies in the current technological context.
  - Laboratório de Programação Orientada a Objetos, second year, second semester. A Curricular Unit that aims to provide the students with skills in object-oriented programming and design, employing UML, and upholding good design principles and patterns.
- \* 2018 Researcher, INESC TEC { http://www.inesctec.pt }
  Grant (BI) for the study and development of methodologies for knowledge extraction from Deep Learning Architectures (DL) and Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), in the scope of the project ADIRA\_I4.0: Desenvolvimento de soluções tecnológicas e de software Industria 4.0 aplicadas a bens de equipamento, c.f. POCI-01-0247-FEDER-017922 CESE/INESC TEC.
  Supervisor: Prof. Rui Camacho (FEUP/DEI)
  - 2017 18 Junior Researcher, Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS { http://www.fraunhofer.pt }
    Scientist and Developer for the EyeFundusScope project, studying Deep Learning approaches to Diabetic Retinopathy classification problems¹.
  - 2016 17 Research Assistant, Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS { http://www.fraunhofer.pt }

    Developed a framework for Malaria parasites detection in microscopic images (for the MalariaScope project), adaptable to other classification problems.
  - 2015 17 *Teaching Assistant*, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto { http://www.fe.up.pt } *Projeto FEUP*, first year, first semester. A Curricular Unit that aims to receive and integrate new coming students, teaching them *Soft Skills* that will be useful for their academic journey and professional future.

# Education

- ★ 2018 Ph.D. Candidate in the Doctoral Program in Informatics Engineering (PRODEI) at FEUP.
  - 2012 17 M.Sc. in Informatics and Computation Engineering (MIEIC) at FEUP.

    Statistical Comparison of Different Machine-Learning Approaches for Malaria Parasites Detection in Microscopic Images { http://hdl.handle.net/10216/106477 }

Final dissertation mark: 18/20. Supervisor: Prof. Luís Filipe Teixeira.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Both Fraunhofer Portugal AICOS projects belong to the *Deus Ex Machina* project (DeM), in the Eyes of Internet of Things Competence Center research line (EIT-CC), *c.f.* NORTE-01-0145-FEDER-000026.

# **Publications**

M. Falcão Ferreira, R. Camacho, and L. Filipe Teixeira, "Autoencoders as Weight Initialization of Deep Classification Networks Applied to Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma", BIBM 2018 - IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM-2018). Madrid, Spain.

DOI: { 10.1109/BIBM.2018.8621356 }

M. Falcão Ferreira, L. Filipe Teixeira, and L. Rosado, "Improving Malaria Parasites Detection in Thick Blood Images: A Statistical Approach", INForum 2017 - Simpósio de Informática (INFORUM-2017). Aveiro, Portugal.

Part of: { http://inforum.org.pt/INForum2017/docs/comunicacoes-do-inforum2017/}

# Media Coverage

Agência Lusa, "Tecnologia criada no Porto deteta malária através de imagens obtidas com smartphones", Portugal. { https://goo.gl/TnGrKj }

# **Skills**

# PROGRAMMING

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Python • Java • C/C++ • C# • SQL • UML • HTML5 • CSS/Bootstrap • XML • JavaScript • Prolog • PHP
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#### OTHERS

Git • Latex • Weka • RapidMiner

#### Languages

Portuguese (native) • English **≡** • Spanish **≡** • French **≡**