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## PERSONAL DATA

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2019 AUG	Ph.D. Thesis [Expected]
2014 SEPT	<i>Inverse problems in signal processing: Functional optimization, parameter estimation and machine learning</i> <b>Department of Information Science and Engineering</b> , School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. Supervisor: <b>Prof. Joakim Jaldén</b> .
2014 SEPT	Research Engineer
2014 MAR	<i>Probability density estimation, a review of the state of the art.</i> <b>Department of Signal Processing</b> , School of Electrical Engineering, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. Supervisor: <b>Prof. Joakim Jaldén</b> .
2014 MAR	Master's thesis
2013 AUG	<i>Normalization of remote sensing imagery for automatic information extraction</i> <b>Department of Communication Theory</b> , School of Electrical Engineering, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. Supervisors and examiner: <b>Dr. Felipe Calderero</b> , <b>Prof. Ferran Marqués</b> and <b>Prof. Markus Flierl</b> .
2012 AUG	Undergraduate research
2012 APR	<i>Image analysis for sport events classification, a review of the state of the art.</i> <b>Image Processing Group (GPI)</b> , Department of Signal Theory and Communications (TSC), <i>Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria de Telecomunicació de Barcelona</i> , UPC BarcelonaTech. Supervisor: <b>Prof. Ferran Marqués</b> .

## UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

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2014 MAR	<i>Civilingenjör</i> , 5-year degree in <b>Electrical Engineering</b>
2012 AUG	<b>KTH Royal Institute of Technology</b> , Stockholm, Sweden. Heavily specialized in signal processing and its applications to communications and imaging. Double degree program.
2014 MAR	<i>Enginyer de Telecomunicació</i> , 5-year degree in <b>Telecommunications Engineering</b>
2008 SEP	<b>UPC BarcelonaTech</b> , <i>Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya</i> , <i>Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria de Telecomunicació de Barcelona</i> , Barcelona, Catalonia. Specialized in signal processing and its applications to pattern recognition and speech processing. Double degree program.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] P. del Aguila Pla, V. Saxena, and J. Jaldén, “Spotnet – learned iterations for cell detection in image-based immunoassays,” *Submitted to an IEEE conference*, April 2019. Access at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.06132>
- [2] P. del Aguila Pla and J. Jaldén, “Cell detection by functional inverse diffusion and non-negative group sparsity – Part I: Modeling and Inverse problems,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 66, no. 20, p. 5407–5421, 2018. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-233824>
- [3] —, “Cell detection by functional inverse diffusion and non-negative group sparsity – Part II: Proximal optimization and Performance evaluation,” *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 66, no. 20, p. 5422–5437, 2018. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-233827>
- [4] —, “Cell detection on image-based immunoassays,” in *2018 IEEE 15th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2018)*, April 2018, p. 431–435. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-223933>
- [5] —, “Convolutional group-sparse coding and source localization,” in *2018 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, April 2018, p. 2776–2780. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-224253>
- [6] P. del Aguila Pla, F. Calderero, F. Marqués, J. Marcello, and F. Eugenio, “Fast generation of lulc maps for temporal studies in north-western africa,” in *2014 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS 2014)*, 2014, p. 4280–4283. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-157117>
- [7] P. del Aguila Pla, J. Jaldén, K. Magnusson *et al.*, “Method and system for analysing fluorospot assays,” Swedish Patent Request, 2017.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2018 JUN	Travel grants. Total amount $\approx$ 43000 SEK.
2017 SEP	KTH Opportunities Fund project scholarship, Knut and Alice Wallenberg Jubilee appropriation travel grant, Åforsk Foundation travel grant and Engineering Sciences 2017 call from The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA, call ES2017-0011) project and travel grant.
2013 MAR	Exchange studies scholarships
2012 AUG	Erasmus and AGAUR <sup>1</sup> exchange studies scholarships.
2009 JUN	Promotion’s top-10 award. Ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> .
2008 SEP	Receiver of the UPC BarcelonaTech award for first year students with top-10 grades in Telecommunications Engineering.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

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2018 JUL	Attendance to the <i>Thirty-fifth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2018)</i> . Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden.
2018 JUN	Poster presentation within the <i>SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (SIAM-IS 2018)</i> , titled <b>Source localization by spatially variant blind deconvolution</b> . University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
2018 APR	Poster presentation within the <i>IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2018)</i> , titled <b>Convolutional group-sparse coding and source localization</b> . Calgary Talus Convention Centre, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.  9 - 13 APR, Research visit at <b>Professor Stephen P. Boyd’s group</b> . Information Systems Laboratory, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, California, United States of America  Poster presentation within the <i>2018 IEEE 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2018)</i> , titled <b>Cell detection on image-based immunoassays</b> . Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., United States of America.

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<sup>1</sup> Catalan Agency for Management of University and Research Grants

2017 NOV	<p>Oral presentation within the workshop <i>Generative models, parameter learning, and sparsity</i> (VMVW02), titled <b>Cell detection by functional inverse diffusion and group sparsity</b>, access at <a href="https://downloads.sms.cam.ac.uk/2600830/2600858.mp4">https://downloads.sms.cam.ac.uk/2600830/2600858.mp4</a>.</p> <p>Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom. Within the programme <i>Variational methods and effective algorithms for imaging and vision</i>.</p>
Current 2015 AUG	<p>Reviewer for the <b>IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing</b></p> <p>Reviewed 2 articles for the journal.</p>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current 2017 FEB	<p>Supervision of Master's and Bachelor's thesis</p> <p>Main supervisor of a master's thesis, [1]. Designer of two bachelor's thesis projects, attracting 5 different groups of two students. Main supervision for 2 of them, i.e., [2, 3], and co-supervisor for the remaining three, i.e., [4, 5, 6].</p>
Current 2014 SEPT	<p>Teaching assistance in the course <b>EQ2300: Digital Signal Processing</b></p> <p>Taught every year Nov – Dec by Prof. Joakim Jaldén and one to three assistants. Approximate numbers: 100 h of guidance of exercise sessions (with theory review) and lectures, 140 h of class preparation, 45 h of course and material development, 100 h of grading of projects and exams, and 20 h of private tutoring.</p>

## SUPERVISED THESES

- [1] D. Jones, "Automated rodent sleep analysis with modern machine learning methods," Master's thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018. Access at <http://kth.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1212458&dsid=-7907>
- [2] G. Bengtsson and J. Larsson, "Source localization by inverse diffusion and convex optimization [Project: Large scale optimization on a GPU]," Bachelor's Thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-230738>
- [3] J. Sörell and E. Ågeby, "Inverse diffusion by proximal optimization with TensorFlow [Project: Large scale optimization on a GPU]," Bachelor's Thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018.
- [4] L. Colérus and K. Rehn, "Automatic sleep scoring using Keras [Project: Machine learning for sleep scoring]," Bachelor's Thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018. Access at <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-230905>
- [5] J. Malmström and N. Yavari, "Power spectral density based sleep scoring using artificial neural networks [Project: Machine learning for sleep scoring]," Bachelor's Thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018.
- [6] D. Ekvall and R. Winqvist, "Machine learning for sleep scoring [Project: Machine learning for sleep scoring]," Bachelor's Thesis, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, 2018.

## LANGUAGES

MOTHER TONGUE (C2+):	Catalan and Spanish
PROFESSIONAL (C2):	English
CONVERSATIONAL (B2):	Swedish
BASIC (A1-A2):	Italian and French (DELTA A2, 2006 AUG)

## OTHER SKILLS

Technical skills:	Experienced in the administration of GPU-enabled Linux computational servers. Experienced in the maintenance of websites for academic groups. Professional in electronic design and measurement, network testing and simulation, measurement of digital communications systems, and antenna design and performance analysis.
Programming:	C/C++, JAVA, R, PYTHON, TENSORFLOW, BASH, MATLAB, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
Soft skills:	Social and friendly collaborator. Accomplished and praised supervisor of student theses and teacher of exercise sessions. Very attentive to detail. Experienced in industry - academia collaborations.

## INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Linux, Free / Libre / Open-source software. Open-access research. Philosophy and sociology.  
Regular opera-goer, moderate cinephile, initiated tap-dancer and avid reader.  
Hiking enthusiast and ex-capoeira practitioner.