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Summary

Before joining the University of Luxembourg, I worked as a postdoctoral scholar at Aalto University and as a research fellow at the Technical University of Valencia (UPV), Spain. I have published 100+ peer-reviewed papers, usually as leading or corresponding author, including: 30 journal articles, 71 conference papers, and 5 book chapters. My [current h-index](#) is 20 (1510 citations). The [ACM](#) says that my papers have been downloaded over 12K+ times, including 2.5K+ times in the last 12 months. According to [DBLP](#), I have collaborated with 110+ researchers from international research centers. I have participated in 18 research projects with competitive funding schemes, among which I have been PI in 10 projects, and in 9 industry projects, among which I have been PI in 3 projects. I have co-authored 2 granted patents and 15 tech transfer projects, most of them being exploited today by private companies and public institutions. I have been invited as visiting researcher and visiting professor in 4 institutions abroad. To date, I have received 2 scholarship grants and 20+ awards and recognitions from both academia and industry. I have secured academic funds worth of 7 M€ through competitive national and international programs. I am the co-founder and former CTO of [Sciling](#), a machine learning company based in Spain. My research has been featured in the international press, including e.g. [New Scientist](#), [Communications of the ACM](#), [Phys.org](#), and [Science Daily](#). I am ranked among the top-10 [Computational Interaction](#) and [Bio-signal processing](#) researchers in Google Scholar. The course I created and taught in 2019-2020 (Advanced Topics in User Interfaces) was ranked among the [top-10 best MSc courses](#) at Aalto University. Currently I am the responsible teacher of 4 BSc and MSc courses at the University of Luxembourg, covering Human-Computer Interaction, Machine Learning, and Web Development. In 2023 I was appointed as the director of the Interdisciplinary Lab for Intelligent and Adaptive Systems (ILIAS) at the University of Luxembourg and as a member of the European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS).

Research Areas

I do multidisciplinary research at the intersection of Human-Computer Interaction and Machine Learning. My main research area is Computational Interaction, where I combine computational thinking – abstraction, automation, and analysis – with data-driven models and methods to enable, explain, and support user interaction. *My research vision is to make the most of computing systems using the least amount of information from the user.* I firmly believe that users are a scarce resource, so they have to be optimized. In pursuit of that goal, I have considered two ways to obtain valuable user feedback without burdening the user: (1) *implicit interaction*, where the user does not provide information on purpose, and (2) *synthetic data generation*, where the computer simulates human-like data on behalf of the user.

Education

PhD in Computer Science, UPV. With Highest Honors (Cum Laude) + International Mention + Extraordinary Award ¹	2012
MAS in Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence, UPV. Highest Honor in Graduate Thesis Project	2008
MSc in Communications and Mobile Services Development, UPV. Highest Honor in Graduate Thesis Project	2007
BSc in Industrial Engineering, UPV. Highest Honor in Undergraduate Thesis Project	2005
BSc in Industrial Design, UPV. Highest Honor in Undergraduate Thesis Project + Bancaja Award ²	2001

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Luxembourg	2021-present
Postdoctoral scholar, Aalto University	2019-2020
Chief Technology Officer, Sciling SL	2014-2018
Postdoctoral research fellow, UPV	2015
Postdoctoral researcher, UPV	2013-2014
Research assistant, UPV	2009-2012
Undergraduate specialized fellow, UPV	2008

¹Top 10% among all the PhD theses defended at the UPV, usually only 1 thesis gets awarded per department each year.

²Awarded to the best final degree projects conducted in companies, under a cooperative educational program.

Web developer, freelance	2007-2008
Undergraduate fellow, UPV	2000

Academic Projects as Principal Investigator

12. SYMBIOTIK-SOK HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-07, HORIZON EUROPE. Budget: 500 000 EUR. Team: 2 partners.	2022
11. Semantic Pruning of ConvNets Strategic partnership ULHPC-Amazon AWS. Team: 2 people.	2022
10. SYMBIOTIK EIC Pathfinder (Awareness Inside), HORIZON EUROPE. Budget: 4 000 000 EUR. Team: 4 partners.	2022
9. SCRIPTOR: Efficient and Understandable Models of Human Handwriting FNR AFR-Bilateral. Budget: 150 000 EUR. Team: 3 people.	2022
8. Spresso: Restoration and Super-resolution of Historical Images Budget: 10 000 EUR. Team: 3 people.	2022
7. BANANA: Brainsourcing for Affective Attention Estimation CHIST-ERA, HORIZON EUROPE (FET). Budget: 1 800 000 EUR. Team: 4 partners.	2021
6. Individual grant support for EU projects HORIZON EUROPE Rapid Incentive Scheme (UL-RISE). Budget: 7 000 EUR.	2021
5. The Teaching Wizard A!Ole Education: Aalto Online Learning. Budget: 10 000 EUR. Team: 4 people.	2020
4. Attentive Sequence-to-Sequence Modeling of Stroke Gestures Articulation Performance FCAI via HIIT, grant FCAI-2019-3. Budget: 10 000 EUR. Team: 2 people.	2019
3. JITL: Just In Time Localization of Graphical User Interfaces Spanish MECED via VLC/CAMPUS, grants SP20140775 and SP20140841. Budget: 8 000 EUR. Team: 6 people.	2015
2. CORAL: Cost ORiented Agile Localization European Commission, H2020, grant 684035. Budget: 50 000 EUR. Team: 4 people.	2015
1. μ captcha: Math-based handwritten captchas VLC/CAMPUS, grant SP20141428. Budget: 30 000 EUR. Team: 5 people.	2014

Academic Projects as Research Member

9. HumaneAI European Commission ICT-48-2020, grant 761758.	2020
8. COMPUTED: Computational User Interface Design European Research Council, grant 637991.	2020
7. BAD: Bayesian Artefact Design Academy of Finland, grant 318559.	2019
6. ALMAMATER: Adaptive Learning and MultimodAlity in MACHine Translation and tEXt tRanscription GVA, grant PROMETEOII/2014/030.	2015
5. ALMPR: Adaptive Learning in Multimodality and Pattern Recognition GVA, grant PROMETEO/2009/014.	2014
4. STraDa: Search in Transcribed Manuscripts and Document Augmentation Spanish MINECO, grant TIN2012-37475-C02-01.	2014-2015
3. tranScriptorium European Commission, grant FP7-ICT-2011-7-287774.	2013-2014
2. CasMaCat: Cognitive Analysis and Statistical Methods for Advanced Computer Aided Translation European Commission, grant FP7-ICT-2011-7-287774.	2012-2013
1. MIPRCV: Multimodal Interaction in Pattern Recognition and Computer Vision Consolider program, Spanish MICINN, grant CSD2007-00018.	2009-2012

Industry Projects as Principal Investigator

3. Customer churn prediction. Client: Churnly Technologies Limited. Budget: 30 000 EUR. Team: 4 people.	2018
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2. Predicting Clinician Expertise based on Visual Perception. Client: Université de Montréal. Budget: 10 000 EUR. Team: 2 people. 2017
1. SEGURA TMS Platform. Client: Universitat Politècnica de València. Budget: 60 000 EUR. Team: 6 people. 2016-2018

Industry Projects as Research Member

6. User Interface Style Transfer. Client: Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. 2020
5. CLEO Digital Assistant for IoT. Client: Cleo AI Ltd. 2018
4. COR: Fast and efficient technical translation management. Client: Pangeanic, SL. 2017-2018
3. CORAL for Magento. Client: Vinopremier, SL. 2017
2. Backend Symfony Microservice. Client: PC Componentes y Multimedia, SL. 2016
1. Assisted Interactive Transcription of Ancient Books. Client: Biblioteca Nacional de España. 2015

Research Visits

4. User Interfaces group, Aalto University, Finland 2018
3. HICUP Lab, University of Primorska, Slovenia 2018
2. Institute for Visualization and Interactive Systems (VIS), Stuttgart University, Germany 2013
1. German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI), Saarland University, Germany 2011-2012

Scholarship Activities

Editorial Boards

4. Associate Editor of Machine Learning with Applications, Elsevier 2022-2023
3. Associate Editor of International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, Elsevier 2020-2023
2. Associate Editor of Interacción (SIGCHI Spain journal), AIPO 2022-2023
1. Guest Editor of Mobile Information Systems, Hindawi 2021

Program Chair

3. Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI) 2016, 2023
2. Intl. Conf. on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI) 2022-2023
1. Benelux Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC/BeneLearn) 2021

Associate Chair

4. SIGCHI Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2016, 2022-2024
3. Intl. Conf. on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI) 2022-2024
2. Mensch und Computer (MuC) 2021-2023
1. Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI) 2020

Session Chair

2. SIGCHI Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2015-2019, 2023
1. Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI) 2016

Program Committee Member

12. SIGCHI Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2016, 2022-2024
11. Intl. ACM SIGIR Conf. on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR) 2018-2023
10. Intl. Conf. on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI) 2013-2015, 2019-2024
9. ACM Conf. on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) 2015, 2017, 2019-2020, 2023
8. Intl. Conf. on Multimodal Interfaces (ICMI) 2014-2015, 2020-2023
7. ACM Intl. Conf. on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM) 2021
6. Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI) 2016, 2023
5. Intl. Conf. on Web Engineering (ICWE) 2014

4. ACM SIGCHI Workshop on Computational UI 2022-2023
3. Hybrid Human-Artificial Intelligence (HHAI) 2022-2023
2. Benelux Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC/BeneLearn) 2021-2023
1. Mensch und Computer (MuC) 2021-2023

Conference Reviewer

23. SIGCHI Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2011-2024
22. Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI) 2011-2023
21. Intl. Conf. on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI) 2012-2023
20. SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) 2023
19. ACM Intl. Conf. on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM) 2021
18. Benelux Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC/BeneLearn) 2021-2023
17. ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST) 2012, 2020, 2022
16. Intl. ACM SIGIR Conf. on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR) 2018-2023
15. ACM Conf. on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) 2017, 2019-2020, 2023
14. ACM SIGCHI Symposium on Engineering Interactive Computing Systems (EICS) 2012, 2014, 2020-2021
13. Intl. Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality (ISMAR) 2019-2020, 2022-2023
12. IFIP TC.13 Intl. Conf. on Human-Computer Interaction (INTERACT) 2019-2023
11. Intl. Conf. on Multimodal Interfaces (ICMI) 2011-2015, 2020-2023
10. Intl. Conf. on Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ISS) 2019
9. Intl. Conf. on Tangible, Embedded, and Embodied Interaction (TEI) 2019
8. Intl. Conf. on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence (ICPRAI) 2018
7. The Web Conf. (WWW) 2015
6. EAI Intl. Conf. on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare (PervasiveHealth) 2015
5. ACM Conf. on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS) 2012, 2014, 2021
4. Intl. Conf.s On Web Engineering (ICWE) 2014
3. Intl. Conf. on Mobile and Ubiquitous Multimedia (MUM) 2013
2. Intl. Joint Conf. on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp) 2013
1. Intl. IEEE InfoVis Conf. 2011

Journal Reviewer

20. Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, AI Access Foundation 2023
19. Behaviour & Information Technology, Taylor & Francis 2022
18. Applied Artificial Intelligence, Taylor & Francis 2021
17. IEEE Access, IEEE Computer Society Press 2021
16. IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, IEEE Computer Society Press 2020
15. Knowledge-Based Systems, Elsevier 2020
14. ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems, ACM Press 2021-2022
13. ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction, ACM Press 2020-2023
12. Mobile Information Systems, Hindawi 2020
11. International Journal of Human-Computer Studies, Elsevier 2016, 2019-2022
10. International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction, Taylor & Francis 2019-2022
9. Interacting with Computers, Oxford University Press 2015-2016, 2018-2020
8. Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies, ACM Press 2013, 2016-2018, 2020
7. Expert Systems with Applications, Elsevier 2018-2022

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| 6. IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems, IEEE Computer Society Press | 2015, 2019-2021 |
| 5. IEEE Computer Graphics & Applications, IEEE Computer Society Press | 2019 |
| 4. Pattern Recognition, Elsevier | 2017, 2022 |
| 3. ACM Transactions on the Web, ACM Press | 2015-2016 |
| 2. Electronic Commerce Research and Applications, Elsevier | 2015 |
| 1. Human Technology, Open Science Center, University of Jyväskylä | 2012 |

Advisory Boards in Academia

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| 3. Representative of the Computer Science Department to the Faculty Council, Luxembourg | 2022-2023 |
| 2. Fellowship Evaluation Committee (FEC) of the Danish Data Science Academy (DDSA), Denmark | 2022-2023 |
| 1. Computer, Communication and Information Sciences (CCIS) program, Aalto University | 2019 |

Advisory Boards in Industry

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| 2. Design AI, Finland | 2023 |
| 1. Sciling, Spain | 2018-2020 |

Advisory Boards in Government

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| 1. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation (MINECO), Spain | 2021 |
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Other Service

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| 4. Director of the Interdisciplinary Lab for Intelligent and Adaptive Systems (ILIAS) at the University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 3. Member of the 6th University of Luxembourg Leadership Academy (ULLA) Steering Committee | 2022 |
| 2. Head of lab management of the Computer Science Department at the University of Luxembourg | 2022-2023 |
| 1. Creator and maintainer of the former SIGCHI Extended Abstracts LaTeX template | 2011-2015 |

Supervision

Postdoctoral Researchers

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| 3. Saravana Kumar, University of Luxembourg | 2022 |
| 2. Bereket Yilma, University of Luxembourg | 2022 |
| 1. Mateusz Dubiel, University of Luxembourg | 2021 |

PhD Students

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| 6. Inês Cardoso, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 5. Léopold Hillah, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 4. Fan Xu, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 3. Parvin Emami, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 2. Kayhan Latifzadeh, University of Luxembourg | 2022 |
| 1. Nina Hosseini, Guest PhD, University of Luxembourg | 2021 |

Master's Students

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| 12. Alexis Ciarrone, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 11. Michael Mbajwa, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 10. Max Sinner, University of Luxembourg & Circu Li-ion | 2023 |
| 9. Cagri Ustundag, University of Luxembourg & Circu Li-ion | 2023 |
| 8. Yasmine Barghouti, University of Luxembourg | 2023 |
| 7. Meryem Atrache, University of Luxembourg & GoodYear | 2022 |
| 6. Jérôme Bortuzzo, University of Luxembourg | 2022 |
| 5. Désirée Lemarquis, University of Luxembourg | 2022 |

4. Lukas Brückner, Aalto University	2020
3. Richard Lengyel, Aalto University & Space Systems Finland Oy	2020
2. Oleg Vlasovetc, Aalto University & NAPA Oy	2020
1. Laura Ham, Aalto University & Yle News	2020

Bachelor Students

26. Alexandre Tinouert, University of Luxembourg	2023
25. Karyna Ouahrani, University of Luxembourg	2023
24. Sena Kiliñç, University of Luxembourg	2023
23. Nour Charifh, University of Luxembourg	2023
22. Luc Pereira, University of Luxembourg	2023
21. Gregory Soetens, University of Luxembourg	2023
20. Srinjoy Sanyal, University of Luxembourg	2022
19. André Dussing, University of Luxembourg	2022
18. Rui F. Giesta, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
17. Paulo R. Botelho, University of Luxembourg	2022
16. Adel Dedic, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
15. Kevin Curado, University of Luxembourg	2022
14. David Matos, University of Luxembourg	2022
13. Fabio Di Biase, University of Luxembourg	2022
12. Carlos V. Gonçalves, University of Luxembourg	2022
11. Paul R. B. Houssel, University of Luxembourg	2022
10. Kristina Kudryavtseva, University of Luxembourg	2021, 2023
9. Dany M. Pais, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
8. Noé Jager, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
7. Daniel Duarte, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
6. Guillaume Tostes, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
5. Alya Bolowich, University of Luxembourg	2021-2022
4. Nicholas Borges, University of Luxembourg	2021
3. Samuel Rosas, Aalto University	2020
2. Pin Tian, Aalto University	2020
1. Oskari Ojala, Aalto University	2020

Research Interns

6. Syrine Haddad, University of Tunis El Manar	2023
5. Nuwan T. Attygalle, University of Primorska	2022-2023
4. Moises Diaz, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	2022-2023
3. Pin Tian, Aalto University	2020
2. Lokesh Kumar, Indian Institute of Technology Madras	2019
1. Preetha Datta, Ashoka University	2019

Research Assistants

8. Sena Kiliñç, University of Luxembourg	2023
7. Elliott Bonte, University of Luxembourg	2023
6. Nima Gozalpour, University of Luxembourg	2022-2023
5. Paul R. B. Houssel, University of Luxembourg	2022

- 4. Daniel Duarte, University of Luxembourg 2022-2023
- 3. Dany M. Pais, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 2. Esada Licina, University of Luxembourg 2021
- 1. Asutosh Hota, Aalto University 2019

Teaching Assistants

- 11. Hugo Barthelemy, University of Luxembourg 2023
- 10. Alexandre Tinouert, University of Luxembourg 2023
- 9. Astley Gomes, University of Luxembourg 2022-2023
- 8. Hamza Dovutbekov, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 7. Sena Kiliç, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 6. Srinjoy Sanyal, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 5. Rui F. Giesta, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 4. Bereket Yilma, University of Luxembourg 2022
- 3. Mateusz Dubiel, University of Luxembourg 2021
- 2. Adiyta Damodaran, University of Luxembourg 2021
- 1. Oleg Vlasovetc, Aalto University 2019

Industry Mentoring

- 4. Enrique Pons, Sciling SL 2018
- 3. Efren Camarasa, Sciling SL 2018
- 2. Christian Verdú, Sciling SL 2017
- 1. Carlos Millán Sciling SL 2016

Teaching Experience

- 12. Main lecturer on ‘Prototyping with Deep Learning’ (MSc course) University of Luxembourg 2022-2023
- 11. Guest lecturer on ‘Designing Interactive Systems’ (MSc course) University of Luxembourg 2022-2023
- 10. Main lecturer on ‘Web Dev 1: Front-end Development’ (BSc course) University of Luxembourg 2021-2023
- 9. Main lecturer on ‘Web Dev 2: Back-end Development’ (BSc course) University of Luxembourg 2021-2023
- 8. Guest lecturer on ‘Computational User Interface Design’ (MSc course) Aalto University 2020
- 7. Guest lecturer on ‘User Research’ Aalto University (MSc course) 2020-2021
- 6. Main lecturer on ‘Advanced Topics in User Interfaces’ (MSc course) Aalto University 2019
- 5. Guest lecturer on ‘Computational User Interface Design’ (MSc course) Aalto University 2019
- 4. Guest lecturer on ‘Selected Topics in HCI’ (MSc course) University of Primorska 2018
- 3. Guest lecturer on ‘Artificial Intelligence, Pattern Recognition and Digital Imaging’ (MSc course) UPV 2014
- 2. Main lecturer on ‘Communications and Mobile Services Development’ (MSc course) UPV 2007-2010
- 1. Course instructor at System Training Center Valencia 2001-2002

Pedagogical Training

- 4. Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) 2023
- 3. Teachers’ Multicultural Competence (5 ECTS), Aalto University 2020
- 2. Course Design (5 ECTS), Aalto University 2020
- 1. A!Peda Intro (5 ECTS), Aalto University 2019

Plenary Talks (Keynotes)

- 6. Temporal Saliency, Intl. Workshop on Pervasive Eye Tracking and Mobile Eye-Based Interaction (PETMEI) 2023
- 5. Computational modeling of handwriting movements, Inaugural lecture at University of Luxembourg 2023

4. Synthesizing Human-like Stroke Gestures with the Kinematic Theory, multiTOUCH Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network 2021
3. It's not what you do, but how you do it: Information retrieval with implicit interaction, Elements of AI 2021
2. Computational modeling of handwriting movements, RoCHI conference 2020
1. Your brain in motion: Challenges and opportunities for data-driven implicit interaction, IGS conference 2019

Invited Academic Talks (Selection)

6. Predicting user engagement on SERPs via implicit interaction, Aalto University 2021
5. Introduction to Deep Learning, Aalto University 2020
4. Synthetic generation of human-like data, Aalto University 2019
3. Recent research adventures at Sciling, UP-FAMNIT 2018
2. Interacción y aprendizaje, Universitat Jaume I 2012
1. The role of implicit interaction between users and computers, DFKI Research Center 2011

Invited Industry Talks (Selection)

6. Predicting user engagement with direct displays on SERPs, Silo.AI 2020
5. Optimización para venta multi-dioma, eComm Beers 2016
4. Human-Computer Interaction meets Machine Learning, Telefónica I+D 2015
3. Detecting content changes, one word at a time: an API for web-based NLP, APIdays Mediterranea 2015
2. Las matemáticas de la lengua, Lenguando Valencia 2014
1. Implicit Human-Computer Interaction with Web-based Systems, Yahoo! Labs 2012

Outreach Activities (Selection)

4. Synthesizing Human-like Stroke Gestures with the Kinematic Theory, Marie Skłodowska-Curie's multiToUCH Innovative Training Network 2021
3. Mid-Air Gesture Recognition from Point Clouds, FCAI AI Day 2020
2. Design Maps: Interactive exploration of large-scale design datasets, FCAI AI Day 2019
1. Interactive-predictive technologies for NLP over the Web Valencia Idea Research Council 2010

Other Talks (Selection)

8. Data-driven Natural Language Explanations for Graphical User Interfaces, Visual computing group @ Aalto 2020
7. Predicting user engagement with direct displays on SERPs, FCAI Science meetup 2020
6. Generative models of aimed movements, FCAI Science meetup 2019
5. Synthetic handwriting: The case for stroke gestures, ELEC cookie Friday @ Aalto 2019
4. Drawing inspiration for UI designers, User Interfaces group @ Aalto 2019
3. Generating UI mockups, User Interfaces group @ Aalto 2019
2. Sampling phrases for text entry experiments, PRHLT group @ UPV 2014
1. The WKM algorithm, PRHLT group @ UPV 2012

Awards and Honors (Selection)

26. Best paper award nominee, UMAP 2023
25. Outstanding reviewer recognition, CHI 2023
24. Best paper honorable mention, EICS 2022
23. Reviewer recognition, ICMI 2022
22. Reviewer recognition, IUI 2022
21. Outstanding reviewer recognition, ICMI 2021
20. Outstanding reviewer recognition, MobileHCI 2021

19. Reviewer recognition, INTERACT	2021
18. Quality Teaching Awards finalist, Aalto University	2020
17. Top-10 Master's level course, Aalto University	2020
16. Reviewer recognition, UIST	2020
15. Reviewer recognition, ISMAR	2020
14. Reviewer recognition, ICMI	2020
13. Outstanding reviewer recognition, IMWUT	2017
12. Outstanding reviewer recognition, CHI	2016
11. Honorable mention award ICT category, Valencia Idea	2015
10. SME-Instrument (European Commission) Phase 1	2015
9. Extraordinary PhD Thesis Award	2014
8. First prize at "Innovation and Commercial Excellence" Consum-UPV awards	2014
7. Semi-finalist of the ACM Student Research Competition, SIGGRAPH	2011
6. Honorable mention award ICT category, Valencia Idea	2010
5. Best demonstration award at the 13th European Conference on Digital Libraries	2009
4. First prize Interactive Design category at Valencia Crea	2007
3. Vodafone foundation scholarship for MSc programs	2006
2. Honorable mention award in the Interactive Design category at Valencia Crea	2005
1. SENECA scholarship for student mobility	2005

Media/Press Coverage (Selection)

15. UL Press release: When AI recommends artworks you'll love	2023
14. UL Press release: Mouse movements reveal your behaviour (also at reddit)	2021
13. Aalto Press release: New chatbot can explain apps and show you how they access hardware or data	2021
12. Aalto Press release: How mobile apps grab our attention	2020
11. Grupo HORO: Sciling	2018
10. Karel de Grote University College: Translation is only the beginning	2017
9. InnDEA & presspeople & tendencias21: CORAL: COst ORiented Agile Localization	2016
8. Levante & ABC & EFE & many more: Gestures à Go Go	2016
7. Phys.org & CACM & The Stack & many more: Tiny QWERTY soft keyboards	2015
6. Science Daily & Levante & NewsEsp & La Razón: On sentence memorability	2014
5. InfoRUID: Excellence research annual directory	2012
4. New Scientist & ACM Tech News: Mash-up aids translation of obscure languages	2012
3. ABC digital edition: Designing transcription games that can train your mind	2012
2. ABC digital edition: A mobile app interruption can delay your task up to 4 times	2012
1. TV report in Canal9: Interactive transcription of ancient manuscripts	2009

Tech Transfer

Note: All the following inventions have a national (Spanish) scope. Their titles have been translated into English.

Patents

ES2597839 Masticatory anomalies detection method. Co-authored with **University of Salamanca**.

ES2597237 Device and method to standardize gum flattening. Co-authored with **University of Salamanca**.

Intellectual Property

R158952011 Method to redesign websites based on implicit interactions.

R169862014 Touch-lock mechanism based on handwritten math expressions.

R156652010 Pointer monitoring device to ease task switching.

Commercial Products (Selection)

K156512010 Interactive hypervideo visualization for browsing behavior analysis on websites.

R160212011 Interactive multimodal transcription of handwritten documents. Exploited by **Transkribus**.

R161682012 Indexing system of handwritten documents. Exploited by the **National Library of Spain**.

R168732014 Captcha based on handwritten math expressions. Exploited by **WIRIS, SL**.

R168942014 Context-aware gesture recognizer for interactive text editing. Exploited by **Casmacat Workbench**.

R168952014 Machine translation engine for minority languages. Exploited by the **Municipal Libraries Network of Barcelona**.

Recent Publications

I report the Impact Factor (*IF*) of each journal according to the publication year of each article, together with the respective quartile position (Q1, ..., Q4). I also report the *CORE* ranking of each conference paper,³ which ranges from A* (flagship conference, top 4%), A (top 14%), B (top 26%), or C (49%) conferences.⁴

Journal Articles (Selection, last 5 years)

15. Désirée C. A. Lemarquis, Bereket A. Yilma, [Luis A. Leiva](#). What Can a Swiped Word Tell Us More? Demographic and Behavioral Correlates from Shape-Writing Text Entry. *Neural Computing and Applications*, 2023, In press. *IF*: 5.102 (Q1)
14. [Luis A. Leiva](#), Asutosh Hota, Antti Oulasvirta. Describing UI Screenshots in Natural Language. *ACM T. Intelligent Systems and Technology* **14**(1), 2022. *IF*: 9.904 (Q1) In collaboration with **Aalto University**.
13. [Luis A. Leiva](#), Morteza Shiripour, Antti Oulasvirta. Modeling How Different User Groups Perceive Webpage Aesthetics. *Universal Access in the Information Society*, 2022, In press. *IF*: 2.420 (Q2) In collaboration with **Aalto University**.
12. Lukas Brückner, [Luis A. Leiva](#), Antti Oulasvirta. Learning GUI Completions with User-defined Constraints. *ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems*, **12**(1), 2022. *IF*: 2.672 (Q2) In collaboration with **Aalto University**.
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Artistic Contributions

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| 5. Poliniza Urban Art | Valencia, Spain, 2006 |
| 4. EnVideo Festival | Cáceres, Spain, 2005 |
| 3. Pixel Dance Video Art Festival | Thessaloniki, Greece, 2005 |

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| 2. VAIA International Video Art Festival | Alcoy, Spain, 2003-2004 |
| 1. OFFF International Festival of Web Creation and New Audiovisual Technologies | Barcelona, Spain, 2002 |

Entrepreneurship

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| Co-founder of Sciling, a B2B Machine Learning company | 2014 |
| Founder of Speed Zine Media, a B2C independent filming company | 2003 |

Foreign Languages

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| English (C1 certificate, ESOL) | 2012 |
| Catalan/Valencian (C2 certificate, JCQV) | 2012 |
| Italian (1 year, uncertified) | 2006 |
| French (5 years, uncertified) | 1998 |

Memberships

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| European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS) | 2023 |
| Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) | 2011-2023 |
| Asociación Interacción Persona-Ordenador (AIPO) | 2013-2023 |
| Independent expert for the European Commission, R&D program | 2015-2023 |
| Special Interest Group in Computer-Human Interaction (SIGCHI) | 2013-2021 |
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