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## Biography

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- 2011 – now      **CNRS researcher** – CR1 (since 2016) – Laboratoire de Physique, UMR CNRS 5672  
Ens de Lyon, France  
(Team: Signals, Systems, and Physics)
- 2010 – 2011      **Post-Doc position** – Laboratoire IMS, UMR CNRS 5218  
Université Bordeaux, France  
(Team: Signal and Image processing)
- 2007 – 2010      **PhD** – Laboratoire d’Informatique Gaspard Monge, UMR CNRS 8049  
Université Paris-Est, France  
(Team: Signal and Communication, Advisors: J.-C. Pesquet and C. Chaux)

## Main contributions

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### Optimization

- **Proximal algorithms:** deal with non-Lipschitz function by means of a minorant approximation, epigraphical projection aiming to deal with a large class of non-linear convex constraints using piecewise constant minorant, PPXA+ algorithm providing a generalization of several proximal algorithms and allowing us to integrate inertial terms, compute proximity operator of a sum of two functions.
- **On-the-fly algorithm:** detect multivariate change-point.  
*Collaborations with J.C Pesquet (LIGM, Paris) and L. Condat (Gipsalab, Grenoble).*

### Design convex criterion to extract information in signals/images/graphs

- **Multifractal analysis:** joint estimation of the local regularity and regression weights by means of total variation and wavelet leaders.  
*Collaboration with H. Wendt (IRIT) and P. Abry (LPENSL).*
- **Spectral analysis:** revisit the empirical mode decomposition by means of multicomponent formulation,  $\ell_1$ -norm and constraints over the extremum. Highlight relations with texture-geometry decomposition. Extension to image analysis.  
*Collaboration with P. Flandrin (LPENSL) and P. Borgnat (LPENSL).*
- **Image restoration:** incorporate noise prior to derive efficient reconstruction strategies in Positron Emission Tomography and in Structured Illumination Microscopy.  
*Collaborations with C. Comtat (CEA) and J. Boulanger (Institut Curie).*

## Publications summary

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- Accepted/published international journals: 16
- International conferences: 32
- National journal: 1
- National conferences: 6
- Google Scholar h-index: 12 (613 citations)

## PhD students / Post-doctoral students

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- **Post-doctoral student** (2016): **M. Jiu**, Laboratoire de Physique de l'Ens de Lyon / TOTAL.

Subject: Sparse classification.

Associated publications: 1 international conference (IEEE MLSP).

- **PhD student** (2013-2016): **J. Frécon**, Laboratoire de Physique de l'Ens de Lyon.

Co-advisor 50% in collaboration with P. Abry (LPENSL).

Subject: Optimization methods for scale-free process analysis.

Associated publications: 2 international journals (IEEE TSP), 4 international conferences (EUSIPCO 2014, IEEE ICIP 2015, IEEE ICASSP 2016, IEEE IVMSP 2016), 1 submitted journal paper in IEEE TSP, 1 submitted conference paper in IEEE ICASSP 2017. Several MATLAB toolboxes in preparation.

- **PhD student** (2012-2015): **G. Chierchia**, Télécom ParisTech.

Co-advisor 50% in collaboration with Pesquet-Popescu (Télécom ParisTech).

Subject: Epigraphical decomposition to deal with non-linear convex constraints. Application to image reconstruction, supervised classification, and anomaly detection.

Associated publications: 2 international journals (IEEE TIP, SIVP), 4 international conferences (IEEE ICASSP 2012, IEEE ICASSP 2013, IEEE ICASSP 2014, SPARS'2015), 1 submitted paper in JMLR, 1 MATLAB toolbox under licence Cecill-B.

- **Agrégé préparateur** (2012-2015): **J. Schmitt**, Laboratoire de Physique de l'Ens de Lyon.

Subject: Empirical mode decomposition for image analysis.

Associated publications: 1 international journal (IEEE TIP), 2 international conferences (IEEE ICASSP 2014, EUSIPCO 2015), 1 MATLAB toolbox under licence Cecill-B.

## Tutorial/summer school

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- 2015: **BigOptim summer school**: Monotone operators and convex optimization.
- 2014: **Tutorial IEEE ICASSP**: Monotone operators theory for signal and image processing.
- 2013: **Peyresq summer school**: Monotone operators theory.

## Teaching

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- 2015-2017: **Introduction to convex optimization**, CPE Lyon, 4th year ETI, 17h.
- 2014-2017: **Optimization and networks**, Ens de Lyon, M2 Complex Systems, 14h.
- 2014-2017: **Optimization for large scale statistics applied to genomic**, Université Lyon 1, M2 Mathematical Engineering, 8h.
- 2013-2016: **Signal processing**, Ens de Lyon, M1 Material Sciences, 24h.
- 2007-2010: **Signal and image processing**, 64h/year, Monitorat Université Paris-Est.

## Research projects

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- 2016-2017 **Leader of TOTAL funding**: Predictive model for special fuel manufacturing.
- 2015-2016 **Member of Defi IMAG'in OPTIMISME**: Large scale optimisation.
- 2014-2017 **Member of ANR GRAPHSIP**: Graph signal processing.
- 2013-2015 **Leader of "Projet Jeunes Chercheurs Gdr ISIS" – GALILEO**: Signal/image clustering based on scale invariant analysis and non-smooth optimization.
- 2013-2016 **Member of ANR ASTRES**: Analysis, Synthesis and Transformations by Reassignment, EMD and Synchrosqueezing.
- 2012-2013 **Member of PEPS Bio-Maths-Info**: Proximal algorithms for Structured Illumination Microscopy.
- 2007-2010 **Member of ANR OPTIMED**: Splitting algorithms for solving large size medical imagery problems.

## Scientific responsibilities

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- Since 2016 **IEEE SPL Associate Editor.**
- Since 2016 **IEEE MLSP Technical Committee.**
- Since 2015 **EURASIP Signal and Data Analytics for Machine Learning Special Area Team.**
- Since 2015 **GdR ISIS direction committee** – French research group in signal and image processing.  
Responsable for interactions with other French research groups (GdR).  
Responsable for international relations.  
Responsable of "Gazette du GdR ISIS".
- Since 2013 **Assistant professor selection committees**  
Recruitment for 5 assistant professor positions in French universities.

## Expertise activity

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- **Reviewer for international journals:** IEEE Trans. on Image Processing, IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing, SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences, Inverse problems (since 2010).
- **Reviewer for international conferences:** IEEE ICASSP, IEEE ICIP, IEEE ISBI (since 2013).
- **Area chair:** EUSIPCO 2015 : Signal and image processing applications.
- **TPC:** EUSIPCO 2012-2014.
- **Best reviewer award:** EUSIPCO 2014.
- **Reviewer for ANR:** 2 projects (2015).
- **Reviewer for PhD funding:** Université de Caen, France (2014).

## Conferences/workshops organization

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- **STATOS 2016:** Organizing committee as “Program committee”.
- **IEEE IVMSP 2016:** Organizing committee as “Publication Chair”.
- **IEEE ICIP 2014:** Organizing committee as “IEEE Student Activities Chairs”.
- **GRETSI 2015** (national conference): Organizing committee.
- **GdR ISIS** (national meetings): Responsable for “Action Optimisation”.  
Organization of 6 meetings (since 2014).
- **SIERRA** (regional meetings): Signal and image processing meetings.  
Organization, webmaster (2013-2015).

## Publications

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### ➤ Accepted/published international journals

1. G. Michau, N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, P. Abry, A. Nantes, A. Bhaskar, E. Chung, “*A primal-dual algorithm for link dependent origin destination matrix estimation,*” accepted to **IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks**, 2016.
2. N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, P. Abry, N. Dobigeon, “*Local regularity, wavelet leaders and total variation based procedures for texture segmentation,*” accepted to **IEEE Trans. on Computational Imaging**, 2016.
3. J. Frecon, G. Didier, N. Pustelnik, and P. Abry, “*Non-Linear Wavelet Regression and Branch and Bound Optimization for the Full Identification of Bivariate Operator Fractional Brownian Motion,*” accepted to **IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing**, 2016.
4. J. Spilka, J. Frecon, R. Leonarduzzi, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, M. Doret, “*Sparse Support Vector Machine for Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Classification,*” accepted to **IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics**, 2016.
5. J. Frecon, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, and L. Condat, “*Fast and On-the-fly Approximation of Multivariate Total Variation Minimization,*” accepted to **IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing**, 2016.

6. N. Pustelnik, A. Benazza-Benayia, Y. Zheng, J.-C. Pesquet, "Wavelet-based Image Deconvolution and Reconstruction," accepted to **Wiley Encyclopedia of Electrical and Electronics Engineering**, 2016. **Tutorial paper**.
7. G. Chierchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, B. Pesquet-Popescu, "Epigraphical splitting for solving constrained convex formulations of inverse problems with proximal tools," **Signal, Image and Video Processing**, vol.9, no. 8, pp.1737–1749, Nov. 2015.
8. G. Chierchia, N. Pustelnik, B. Pesquet-Popescu, J.-C. Pesquet, "A Non-Local Structure Tensor Based Approach for Multicomponent Image Recovery Problems," **IEEE Trans. Image processing**, Vol. 23, no. 12, pp. 5233–5248, Oct. 2014.
9. J. Schmitt, N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, P. Flandrin, and L. Condat, "A 2-D Prony-Huang Transform: A New Tool for 2-D Spectral Analysis," **IEEE Trans. Image processing**, Vol. 23, no. 12, pp. 5531–5544, Oct. 2014.
10. C.R. Johnson, P. Messier, W.A. Sethares, A.G. Klein, C. Brown, A.H. Do, P. Klausmeyer, P. Abry, S. Jaffard, H. Wendt, S. Roux, N. Pustelnik, N. van Noord, L. van der Maaten, E. Potsma, J. Coddington, L.A. Daffner, H. Murata, H. Wilhelm, S. Wood, M. Messier, "Pursuing automated classification of historic photographic papers from raking light photomicrographs," **Journal of the American Institute for Conservation**, to appear, 2014.
11. N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, P. Flandrin "Empirical Mode Decomposition revisited by multicomponent non smooth convex optimization," **Signal Processing**, Vol. 102, pp. 313–331, Sept. 2014.
12. Y. Berthoumieu, Ch. Dossal, N. Pustelnik, F. Turcu et Ph. Ricoux, "An evaluation of the sparsity degree for sparse recovery with deterministic measurement matrices," **Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision**, Vol. 48, pp. 266–278, 2013.
13. J.-C. Pesquet and N. Pustelnik, "A Parallel Inertial Proximal Optimization Method," **Pacific Journal of Optimization**, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 273–305, Apr. 2012.
14. N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and C. Chaux, "Relaxing Tight Frame Condition in Parallel Proximal Methods for Signal Restoration," **IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing**, Vol. 60, No. 2, pp. 968–973, Feb. 2012.
15. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, and J.-C. Pesquet, "Parallel ProXimal Algorithm for image restoration using hybrid regularization," **IEEE Transactions on Image Processing**, Vol. 20, No. 9, pp. 2450-2462, Sep. 2011.
16. L. M. Briceño-Arias, P. L. Combettes, J.-C. Pesquet, and N. Pustelnik, "Proximal algorithms for multicomponent image processing," **Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision**, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 3-22, Sep. 2011.

#### ► International conferences

1. G. Chierchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet "Random primal-dual proximal iterations for sparse multi-class SVM," **IEEE MLSP**, Vietri sul Mare, Salerno, Italy, Sep. 13-16, 2016
2. M. Jiu, N. Pustelnik, M. Chebre, S. Janaqi, P. Ricoux "Multiclass SVM with graph path coding regularization for face classification," **IEEE MLSP**, Vietri sul Mare, Salerno, Italy, Sep. 13-16, 2016.
3. J. Frecon, N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, L. Condat, and P. Abry "Multifractal-based texture segmentation using variational procedure," **IEEE IVMSP**, Bordeaux, France, Jul., 11-12 2016.
4. J. Frecon, R. Fontugne, G. Didier, N. Pustelnik, K. Fukuda, and P. Abry "Non-linear regression for bivariate self-similarity identification - Application to anomaly detection in Internet traffic based on a joint scaling analysis of packet and byte counts," **IEEE ICASSP**, Shanghai, China, Mar, 20-25 2016.
5. P. Flandrin, N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, "On Wigner-based sparse time-frequency distributions," **IEEE CAMSAP**, Cancun, Mexico, Dec. 13-16 2015.
6. J. Frecon, N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, and P. Abry "Multivariate optimization for multifractal-based texture segmentation," **IEEE ICIP**, Quebec City, Canada, Sept, 27-30 2015.

7. J. Schmitt, E. Horne, N. Pustelnik, S. Joubaud, P. Odier "An improved variational mode decomposition method for internal waves separation," **EUSIPCO**, Nice, France, Aug. 31- Sep. 4 2015.
8. J. Spilka, J. Frecon, R.F. Leonarduzzi, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, M. Doret "Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate classification from Trajectory in Sparse SVM feature space," **IEEE EMBC**, Milan, Italy, Aug. 25-29 2015.
9. R.F. Leonarduzzi, J. Spilka, J. Frecon, H. Wendt, N. Pustelnik, S. Jaffard, P. Abry, M. Doret "P-leader multifractal analysis and sparse SVM for intrapartum fetal acidosis detection," **IEEE EMBC**, Milan, Italy, Aug. 25-29 2015.
10. G. Chierchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and B. Pesquet-Popescu, "An Epigraphic Splitting Technique for Sparse Multiclass SVM," **SPARS**, Cambridge, UK, July 6-9, 2015.
11. G. Michau, P. Borgnat, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, A. Nantes, E. Chung, "Estimating link-dependent origin-destination matrices from sample trajectories and traffic counts," **IEEE ICASSP**, Brisbane, Australia, April 19-24, 2015
12. N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, H. Wendt, and N. Dobigeon, "Inverse problem formulation for regularity estimation in images," **IEEE ICIP**, La Défense, Paris, France, October 27-30, 2014. [Top 10% papers](#).
13. J. Frecon, N. Pustelnik, N. Dobigeon, H. Wendt, and P. Abry, "Hybrid Bayesian variational scheme to handle parameter selection in total variation signal denoising," **EUSIPCO**, Lisbon, Portugal, Sept, 1-5 2014.
14. J. Schmitt, N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, and P. Flandrin, "2D Hilbert-Huang Transform," **IEEE ICASSP**, Florence, Italy, May 4-9, 2014
15. G. Cherchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and B. Pesquet-Popescu, "Epigraphic proximal projection for sparse Multiclass SVM," **IEEE ICASSP**, Florence, Italy, May 4-9, 2014.
16. J. Boulanger, N. Pustelnik, L. Condat, "Non-smooth convex optimization for an efficient reconstruction in structured illumination microscopy," **IEEE ISBI**, Beijing, China, April 28-May 2, 2014.
17. L. Condat, J. Boulanger, N. Pustelnik, S. Sahnoun, L. Sengmanivong "A 2-D spectral analysis method to estimate the modulation parameters in structured illumination microscopy," **IEEE ISBI**, Beijing, China, April 28-May 2, 2014.
18. N. Saulig, N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, P. Flandrin, and V. Sucic, "Instantaneous counting of components in nonstationary signals," **EUSIPCO**, Marrakech, Morocco, Sept. 9-13, 2013. Invited paper.
19. N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, and P. Abry, "Local regularity for texture segmentation : combining wavelet leaders and proximal minimization," **IEEE ICASSP**, Vancouver, Canada, May 26-31, 2013.
20. G. Cherchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and B. Pesquet-Popescu, "An epigraphical convex optimization approach for multicomponent image restoration using non-local structure tensor," **IEEE ICASSP**, Vancouver, Canada, May 26-31, 2013
21. N. Pustelnik, P. Borgnat, and P. Flandrin, "A multicomponent proximal algorithm for Empirical Mode Decomposition," **EUSIPCO**, Bucharest, Romania, August, 27-31, 2012.
22. N. Pustelnik, C. Dossal, F. Turcu, Y. Berthoumieu, and Ph. Ricoux, "A greedy algorithm to extract sparsity degree for  $l_1/l_0$ -equivalence in a deterministic context," **EUSIPCO**, Bucharest, Romania, August, 27-31, 2012.
23. G. Cherchia, N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and B. Pesquet-Popescu, "A proximal approach for constrained cosparse modelling," **IEEE ICASSP**, Kyoto, Japan, March 25-30, 2012.
24. C. Chaux, C. Comtat, J.-C. Pesquet, and N. Pustelnik, "Dynamic PET Reconstruction using Parallel ProXimal Algorithm," **SIAM Conference on Optimization**, Darmstadt, Germany, May 16-19, 2011. [Invited paper](#).
25. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, J.-C. Pesquet, and C. Comtat, "Parallel Algorithm and Hybrid Regularization for Dynamic PET Reconstruction," **IEEE MIC**, Knoxville, Tennessee, Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 2010.

26. L. M. Briceño-Arias, P. L. Combettes, J.-C. Pesquet, and N. Pustelnik, “*Proximal method for geometry and texture image decomposition*,” **IEEE ICIP**, Honk Kong, 26-29 Septembre 2010.
27. N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and C. Chaux, “*Proximal methods for image restoration using a class of non-tight frame representations*,” **EUSIPCO**, Aalborg, Danmark, 23-27 August 2010.
28. C. Chaux, J.-C. Pesquet, and N. Pustelnik, “*Frame-based proximal algorithms for Poisson data recovery*,” **SIAM Conference on Imaging Science**, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-14 2010. [Invited paper](#).
29. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, J.-C. Pesquet, F. C. Sureau, E. Dusch, and C. Comtat, “*Adapted Convex Optimization Algorithm for Wavelet-Based Dynamic PET Reconstruction*,” **Fully3D**, Beijing, China, September 5-10, 2009.
30. L. Chaari, N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, and J.-C. Pesquet, “*Solving inverse problems with overcomplete transforms and convex optimization techniques*,” **SPIE**, San Diego, California, USA , August 2-6, 2009. (Invited)
31. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, and J.-C. Pesquet, “*A wavelet-based quadratic extension method for image deconvolution in the presence of Poisson noise*,” **IEEE ICASSP**, Taipei, Taiwan , April 19-24, 2009.
32. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, and J.-C. Pesquet, “*A constrained forward-backward algorithm for image recovery problems*,” **EUSIPCO**, Lausanne, Switzerland, August 25-29, 2008.

#### ► National journals

1. L. Chaari, E. Chouzenoux, N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux et S. Moussaoui, “*OPTIMED : Optimisation itérative pour la résolution de problèmes inverses de grande taille*,” **Traitemen**t du signal, Vol. 28, No. 3-4, pp. 329-374, 2011.

#### ► National conferences

1. L. Condat, N. Pustelnik “*Segmentation d’image par optimisation proximale*,” **GRETSI**, Lyon, France, September 8-11, 2015.
2. J. Frecon, N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, and P. Abry, “*Variation totale multivariée pour la détection de changement du spectre multifractal*,” **GRETSI**, Lyon, France, September 8-11, 2015.
3. G. Michau, P. Borgnat, N. Pustelnik, P. Abry, A. Nantes, E. Chung “*Estimating link-dependent origin-destination matrices from sample trajectories and traffic counts*,” **GRETSI**, Lyon, France, September 8-11, 2015.
4. N. Pustelnik, H. Wendt, and P. Abry, “*Régularité locale pour l’analyse de texture : le mariage des coefficients dominants et de la minimisation proximale*,” **GRETSI**, Brest, France, September 3-6, 2013.
5. N. Pustelnik, J.-C. Pesquet, and C. Chaux, “*Bancs de filtres et méthodes proximales pour la restauration d’images*,” **GRETSI**, Bordeaux, France, September 5-8, 2011.
6. N. Pustelnik, C. Chaux, and J.-C. Pesquet, “*Extension des algorithmes imbriqués pour la résolution de problèmes d’optimisation convexe en imagerie*,” **GRETSI**, Dijon, France, September 8-11, 2009.

#### ► Workshops

- 2016: **Team meeting** (LBBE, Lyon), **Mathias 2016** (Workshop TOTAL, Paris).
- 2015: **SMILE workshop** (Paris), **GdR ISIS** (Paris).
- 2014 : **Workshop CNES** (Toulouse), **Grenoble Optimization Day**, **Mathias 2014** (Workshop TOTAL, Paris), **Convegno Italo-Francese** (Sestri-Levante), **Séminaire LM2S** (Troyes)
- 2013 : **GDR Multifractales workshop** (Porquerolles), **Mathias 2013** (Workshop TOTAL, Paris), **Team meeting** (Toulouse), **Worshop at Intitute for Pure & Applied Mathematics** (Los Angeles, U.S.A)
- 2012 : **Journées Bordelaises d’Analyse Mathématique des Images**, **Team meeting** (Marseille), **MIA** (Paris),

2011: **Mathias 2011 (Workshop TOTAL), TOTAL Image processing meeting.**

2010: **GdR ISIS** (Paris), Team meeting (Polytechnic Institute of New York), **GdR MOA** (Paris).

2009: **GdR MOA** (Paris).