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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: January 8th, 1978.

Place of birth: Montevideo, Uruguay.

Nationalities: Uruguayan, Finnish.

EDUCATION

10/2002–11/2005 PhD (Computer Science) at Université de Rennes 1, Rennes, France.

Title: *“Pseudo-subjective Quality Assessment of Multimedia Streams and its Applications in Control”*.

Advisor: Prof. Gerardo Rubino.

This work was financed by a French Government grant.

9/2001–7/2002 MSc (Computer Science - Networks and Systems) Université de Rennes 1, France.

Title: *“Quality Assessment of a Multimedia Stream Transported Over the Internet”*.

Advisor: Prof. Gerardo Rubino.

4/1996-4/2001 Computing Engineering, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

WORK EXPERIENCE

02/2017–Present Senior Systems Engineer at EXFO. I work in the Network Function Virtualization (NFV) team, for Service Assurance. My role is to guide the design EXFO's SA solutions for NFV.

9/2013–02/2017 Principal Scientist at VTT. Network Performance team. At VTT I have led the work on QoE research, both in scientific and commercial contexts, over the past 10 years.

9/2014–11/2014 Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Cooperative Systems group, Faculty of Computer Science, University of Vienna.

6/2007–8/2013 Senior Scientist at VTT. Quality of Service Technologies team.

4/2009–12/2009 Founder and CTO at MOS4 Oy.

12/2005–5/2007 Ercim post-doctoral fellow. From 12/2005 to 9/2006 I worked at the Computer and Networks Architectures laboratory of the Swedish Institute of Computer Science (SICS). I then worked from 9/2006 until 5/2007 at VTT in Oulu, Finland, in the Quality of Service Technologies team.

11/2002–2/2005 Lab monitor at École National Supérieur de Télécommunications de Bretagne (ENST Bretagne) for networking courses.

10/1999–10/2003 Teaching Assistant at the Computer Science Institute of the School of Engineering, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

I have worked there on Computer Architecture and Operating Systems courses.

8/2000–5/2001 Systems Analyst at the Informatics Division of the Uruguayan Department of Justice (Poder Judicial, División Informática).

Duties included the specification of requirements and design of the institution's web portal and maintenance tools, and network design and security.

1/2000–5/2001 Consultant work, freelance programming, training courses on Object-Oriented programming and Java programming for enterprises.

12/1998–12/2000 Teaching Assistant / Lecturer at the Instituto Universitario Autónomo del Sur, Montevideo, Uruguay.

I have worked on Programming, Software Engineering, and Compilers courses, and also in summer labs.

4/1998–12/1999 Computing teacher at an elementary school (Colegio Bilingüe Ciudad Vieja), Montevideo, Uruguay.

3/1998–2/1999 English teacher at the Uruguayan Military High-school (Liceo Militar General Artigas), Montevideo, Uruguay.

SKILLS

I am familiar with a number of technologies, tools and programming languages. In my daily work, I use mostly Emacs, Ruby, Haskell, git, R, \LaTeX , C, Bash/Zsh, sed/awk, ex, SQL, gnuplot, and Lisp (mostly Emacs lisp, but I'm also interested in Common Lisp and Clojure). I also use Wizard.app for quick data analysis and modeling tasks. While I don't consider myself an expert in any of those, I am sufficiently fluent so as to be productive. I also have (very distant in time) experience in C++, Java, x86 and Sparc assembler, some Python and Perl, but at this stage I would require some focused work for them to be useful. Lately, I have started to use Julia for data analysis, and briefly looked at Elixir and OTP (with an eye towards large-scale software based QoE-based network management solutions), but I haven't yet developed anything significant with them.

Besides my work on QoE and QoE management, I have done work on Unified Communications, QoS (measurement techniques, monitoring, model-based performance analysis). Before moving to EXFO, I had started looking into SDN-based approaches for implementing QoE-driven network management. Over the last few months, I have become well acquainted with NFV technologies and architectures (in particular ETSI NFV MANO for management and orchestration).

I am not dogmatic about which technology to use for what¹, and often use a polyglot (and literate) approach to solving problems, using the right tool for each part of the job. An example from a recent short paper can be found [on this Github repository](#).

I can work comfortably with the major OS environments (though I much prefer Mac OS and Linux).

PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS AND INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS

03-2016— H2020 FUTEBOL.

¹ Except text editing, which should always be done with Emacs, or failing that, Vim, of course!

Participants: VTT, Intel, Trinity College Dublin, U. Bristol, Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Federal University of Ceará, among others.

Duties: In charge of implementing testbed federation tools into VTT's 5GTN and LSA platforms. This involves mainly an SDN-based control framework and federation APIs for integrating lab resources into the FED4FIRE system. Leading a showcase related to LSA implementation and QoE aspects of the convergence of optical and wireless networks.

03-2015–05-2016 Celtic-Plus NOTTS.

Participants: VTT, Orange Labs Poland, Acreo, Anvia, among others.

Duties: Scientific coordination and WP5 leadership. Development of QoE models and management mechanisms for OTT video traffic.

06/2012– Contract research for the European Space Agency – “QuoTe – Quality of Experience for Telemedicine Applications”.

Duties: Project preparation (all technical aspects) and management. Development of quality models for telemedicine video-based applications. Creation of a system for measuring and monitoring the quality of said applications.

11/2011–03/2015 Celtic-Plus QuEEN (Winner of the Celtic-Plus Excellence Award for Services and Applications, 2016).

Participants: VTT, Orange Labs, Deutsche Telekom Labs, INRIA, EXFO, IBBT, ftw, among others.

Duties: Project scientific coordination. Development of QoE monitoring framework for generic services (with a focus on Cloud services).

01/2011–04/2013 Celtic IPNQSIS (Winner of the Celtic-Plus Innovation Award, 2016).

Participants: VTT, Indra, Alcatel Lucent, Ericsson, INT ParisSud, IP-Label Newtest, among others.

Duties: Finnish consortium coordination, development of QoE metrics and QoE-based network management algorithms for streaming media (mobile IPTV in particular). Work-package leadership.

2010–2012 Several contract research projects for Nokia Siemens Networks.

Participants: VTT, NSN Munich

Duties: Studies on the quality of mobile video services (both over-the-top and managed). Responsible for the project preparation and management.

11/2010– COST Action QUALINET (IC1003).

Participants: VTT, EPFL, ftw., Orange Labs, INRIA, among others. Duties: Finnish representative to the management committee. Finnish coordination for QoE activities.

4/2010–12/2010 FP7 IST OptiBand.

Participants: VTT, ftw., Telecom Italia, Thomson GrasValley, among others.

Duties: Consulting for HDTV QoE measurement.

5/2008–4/2009 Celtic Scalnet.

Participants: VTT, Sanoma Entertainment, Moviquity, University of Murcia, among others.

Duties: Celtic-level technical coordination of the project (12/2008–4/2009). Development of novel mechanisms to exploit Scalable Video Coding (SVC) properties in different networking contexts, and to develop a QoE-based approach to perform content and network-level adaptation.

1/2009–9/2011 CELITC Easy Wireless 2.

Participants: VTT, EXFO-NetHawk, Moviquity, UC3M, among others. Duties: QoS monitoring tool development, QoE-based mobility management, passive network monitoring across NATs.

2008–2009 Contract research for 7Signal Oy.

Participants: VTT, 7Signal

Duties: Creation of an active, PSQA-based VoIP QoE measurement system for integration in 7Signal's Sapphire monitoring platform. Responsible for the project preparation and management.

9/2006–10/2008 ITEA Easy Wireless.

Participants: VTT, Telefonica, Thales, University of Twente, Nethawk, among others.

Duties: development of a user-level QoS monitor to be included into a network performance measurement tool. Assessment of new wireless systems' fitness for VoIP (e.g. UMA, Skype on mobiles).

4/2004–11/2005 LAFMI. Franco-Mexican cooperation program.

Participants: INRIA, ENST Bretagne, ITAM, CONACYT, among others.

Duties: joint work on the quality assessment of H.264 video transmitted over DiffServ-aware and UMTS networks.

6/2004–11/2005 EuroNGI NoE.

Participants: INRIA, GET, University of Vienna, KTH, Politecnico de Torino, among others.

Duties: participation in working group WP.JRA.6.1 (Quality of service from the users' perspective and feedback mechanisms for quality control)

3/2003–6/2004 Partnership INRIA / France Télécom R&D for a comparative assessment of Real Audio 9 and Windows Media 9 codecs and players for high quality audio streaming over the Internet.

Participants: INRIA, France Télécom R&D.

Duties: development of a wide-area network emulator for the tests, media samples generation and treatment of the data obtained.

1/2003–6/2004 IST FABRIC

Participants: Philips, INRIA, Thomson Multimedia, University College of London, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, among others.

Duties: proposals for multimedia streaming quality assessment.

7/2001–2/2002 ITEA RTIPA

Participants: Philips, Ericsson, INRIA, France Télécom R&D, Siemens, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, among others.

Duties: test and validation of a flow control protocol for ATM networks in a ring topology. Development of a simulator to perform said tests and validation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

I am currently co-chair of the IEEE MMTC's QoE Interest Group (<http://mmc.committees.comsoc.org/interest-groups/qoeig/>). Since June 2015, I am also an Level-1 Associated Researcher in the Uruguayan SNI (<http://www.sni.org.uy/>). I was a member of the IEEE 1907.1 standardization group for "Network-Adaptive Quality of Experience (QoE) Management Scheme for Real-Time Mobile Video Communications".

I am an associate editor for Springer's recently founded "Quality and User Experience" journal, and was involved in its founding.

I am active in a number of program committees and have provided reviews for a large number of venues. Recent activities include:

- Guest editor for ACM TOMM, special issue on QoE Management (2017)

- TPC Chair for IEEE IM 2017 Workshop of QoE Management, TPC member for QoMEX 2017, ACM SIGCOMM/Internet-QoE 2017
- General co-chair for ACM SIGCOMM Workshop on QoE-based Analysis and Management of Data Communication Networks (Internet-QoE 2016)
- TPC member for PQS 2016, IEEE ICCE 2016, QCMAN 2016, ITC28, ACM MMSys 2016
- Special session chair and TPC member for QoMEX 2016
- Editor for IEEE MMTC E-Letter 10(3), special issue on “QoE Management for Next Generation Multimedia Services”
- Publicity chair for QoMEX 2015
- General co-chair for IEEE QoENAM 2014
- TPC member for ACM MultiMedia 2014, QoMEX 2014, ICC’14 (CSSMA), Globecom QoEMC 2013
- TPC co-chair for QoMEX 2013
- Special session organizer and TPC member for IEEE Eurocon 2013 “From QoS to QoE and Back”
- TPC member for ICME 2012-2014 (awarded as one of the “Quality Reviewers” for ICME 2013), TPC member for IWQM 2013 (co-located with IEEE SaCoNet 2013)
- Guest editor for JCNC special issue “Improving QoS and QoE for Mobile Communications”
- Various reviews / TPC memberships for IEEE J-SAC, Internet Computing, Springer MTAP, MMSP 2013, Signal Processing: Image Communication, QoMEX, ACM MM, IEEE Communication letters, IEEE Infocom, ICC, SVCVision/MOBIMEDIA, NTMS, MediaWiN, PIMRC, among others.

I have been invited to participate in the following doctoral thesis committees:

1. Sabina Baraković. *“Multidimensional Modelling of Quality of Experience for Mobile Web Browsing”*. University of Zagreb, Croatia, October 2014 (I was an evaluator for this thesis)
2. Claudio Enrique Risso Montaldo. *“Using GRASP and GA to design resilient and cost-effective IP/MPLS networks”*. Universidad de la República, Uruguay, May 2014. (I was a rapporteur for this thesis)

3. Pablo Gabriel Romero Rodríguez. *“Mathematical Analysis of Scheduling Policies in Peer-to-Peer Video Streaming Networks”*. Universidad de la República, Uruguay, November 2012. (I was a rapporteur for this thesis)
4. Almudena Díaz Zayas. *“Performance Evaluation of IP Multimedia Services in Live Mobile Networks”*. Universidad de Málaga, Spain, December 2009.

I have also been invited to participate in the following Magister thesis committees:

1. Pablo Berger. *“Análisis de Calidad para Servicios de distribución de Video Adaptativo (HTTP Adaptive Streaming)”* Magister thesis in Informatics. Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
2. Gustavo Guimaerans. *“Performance Testing Applied to Critical Systems”*. Magister thesis in Informatics. Universidad de la República, Uruguay, May 2016.
3. Javier Pereira Lucas. *“Routing Cost Optimization in Multi Overlay Robust Networks”*. Magister thesis in Mathematical Engineering. Universidad de la República, Uruguay, May 2013.

Over the past few years, I have also acted as an evaluator for projects (both proposals and execution) for the NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) and the Uruguayan ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation).

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Mother tongue.

English – CEF C2 (CPE grade A – University of Cambridge)

French – Full working proficiency.

Finnish – CEF B2 (YKI intermediate level).

Portuguese – Can communicate.

Swedish – Basic notions.

PATENT APPLICATIONS

WO/2010/100315 Martín Varela, Marko Jurvansuu, Mikko Hanski, Jarmo Prokkola, and Matti Airas. “Perceived Quality Driven Multimedia QoS Optimization”

WO/2011/033173 Jouni Hiltunen, Jarmo Prokkola, Pekka Ruuska, and Martín Varela.
“Method For Selecting Communications Network Utilizing Quality Of Service Measurements”

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BOOK CHAPTERS

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- [2] Frédéric Guyard, Martín Varela, Lea Skorin-Kapov, Antonio Cuadra and Pedro Sevilla. “Quality of Experience Estimators in Networks”. In *A. Mellouk and A. Cuadra (eds.) “Quality of Experience Engineering for Customer Added Value Services: From Evaluation to Monitoring”*, Iste / Wiley & Sons, 2014.
- [3] Antonio Cuadra, Mar Cutanda, Andreas Aurelius, Kjell Brunströmm, Jorge López de Vergara, Martín Varela, Jukka-Pekka Laulajainen, Anderson Morais, Ana Cavalli, Abdelhamid Mellouk, Brice Augustin and Ismael Pérez Mateos. “Ecosystem for Customer Experience Management”. In *A. Mellouk and A. Cuadra (eds.) “Quality of Experience Engineering for Customer Added Value Services: From Evaluation to Monitoring”*, Iste / Wiley & Sons, 2014.
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- [6] Tobias Hoßfeld, Poul Einar Heegaard, Martín Varela and Sebastian Möller “QoE Beyond the MOS: An In-Depth Look at QoE via Better Metrics and their Relation to MOS”. *Quality and User Experience* 1(1):1–23, Springer, 2016.

- [7] Katrien De Moor, Markus Fiedler, Peter Reichl and Martín Varela “Dagstuhl Manifesto: Quality of Experience: from Assessment to Application”. *Informatik Spektrum*, 38(4), August 2015.
- [8] Martín Varela, Lea Skorin-Kapov, Frédéric Guyard and Markus Fiedler. “Meta-modeling QoE — Towards a Generic Methodology for Building QoE Models”. *PIK - Praxis der Informationverarbeitung und -kommunikation*, 37(4):265-274, 2014.
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- [10] Tobias Hoßfeld, Raimund Schatz, Martín Varela and Christian Timmerer. “Challenges of QoE Management for Cloud Applications”, *IEEE Communications Magazine* 50(4):28–36, April 2012.
- [11] Jochen Eisl, Matthias Lott, Gerhard Kuhn, Martín Varela, Jarmo Prokkola, Toni Mäki and Jukka-Pekka Laulajainen. “Analysis of Managed and Over-the-Top Streaming Services in Mobile Networks”. *PIK - Praxis der Informationverarbeitung und -kommunikation* 35(3):1-7, 2012.
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- [16] Martín Varela and Toni Mäki. “Embracing Uncertainty: A Probabilistic View of HTTP Video Quality”. In proceedings of IEEE/IFIP IM QoE-Management, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2017.
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- [18] Martín Varela, Hyunwoo Nam, Henning Schulzrinne and Toni Mäki. "Generating Realistic YouTube-like Stall Patterns for HTTP Video Streaming Assessment". In proceedings of QoMEX 2016, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2016.
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SEMINARS AND TALKS

1. “*QoE Management — Out of the Lab and Into the Real World*”, Lecture at QoE-NET Summer School, Plymouth, UK, September 2016.
2. “*The Road to QoE Management*”. Keynote speech at IEEE ICC QoE-FI 2016. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 2016.
3. “*Quality of Experience in OTT Video Services*”. Celtic-Plus Notts Final Seminar, Vaasa, Finland, May 2016.
4. “*Quality of Experience — Basic Concepts and Advanced Applications*”. Invited talk, InCo, Fing, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, December 2015
5. “*Towards an Open Architecture for QoE Management*”. ETSI STQ Workshop, Vienna, October 2015.
6. “*QoE for Cloud Services*”. Invited talk at ITC27/ACROSS Workshop, Ghent, Belgium, September 2015.
7. “*QoE: from Measurements to Business*”. Keynote speech for IWCMC/TRAC 2015, Dubrovnik, Croatia, August 2015.
8. “*QoE-driven Management: from Modelling to Operation*”. Tutorial at EU CROSSFIRE doctoral workshop, Newbury, UK, February 2015.
9. “*Quality of Experience: From Assessment to Application*”. [Dagsuthl Seminar 15022](#), held on Jan 4th–7th 2015. Organized jointly with Dr. Katrien De Moor (NTNU), Prof. Markus Fiedler (BTH), and Prof. Peter Reichl (U. Vienna).
10. “*QoE — Why bother?*”. Invited talks at the University of Klagenfurt and University of Vienna, Austria, October 2014.
11. “*Quality-driven Network and Application Control*”. Invited talk at the University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, May 2014.
12. “*First Steps Towards an Understanding of Web QoE*”. QUALINET Online Training School. July 2013.

13. *"QoE: Beyond QoS, and Beyond Media"*. Invited talk at IEEE Eurocon 2013. Zagreb, Croatia, July 2013.
14. *"Users: A Key Missing Piece in the QoE Puzzle"*. Opening talk for the "Building Bridges Between QoE and Affective Computing" workshop. Oulu, Finland, May 2013.
15. Workshop *"Building Bridges Between QoE and Affective Computing"*. Oulu, Finland. May 2013. Organized in cooperation with Dr. Katrien De Moor (NTNU) and Dr. Isabelle Hupont (ITA).
16. *"Current Trends on QoE Research and Some Application Results"*. Invited talk at the Computer Science Institute (InCo), Universidad de la República, Uruguay, November 2012.
17. *"Applications of Perceptual Quality Estimation to Cross-Layer Optimization Techniques"*. QUALINET Online Training School. July 2012.
18. *"QoE y Cloud: Problemas Técnicos y Perspectivas de Negocio"*. Invited talk at the TECSMEDIA 2012 Congress. Zaragoza, Spain, June 2012.
19. *"Quality in the Cloud – Business and Technical Challenges"*. Invited talk at the SIS-Com Bretagne "Towards Future Telecommunication Ecosystems" seminar. Rennes, France. September 2011.
20. *"Calidad de Experiencia para Servicios Multimedia"*. Invited talk for M.Sc. course in Universidad de Málaga. Málaga, Spain, December 2009.
21. *"Real-Time Assessment of Multimedia Quality"*. Invited talk at the EuroNGI Industrial Club Meeting. Rennes, France. April 2008.
22. *"Seminar on Quality of Networked Multimedia Applications"* (organizer and presenter). VTT, Oulu, Finland. December 2006.
23. *"Réseaux de Neurones pour l'Estimation de la Qualité d'un Flux Audio ou Vidéo, Applications au Contrôle et à la Tarification"* – Invited talk, Action Spécifique STIC CNRS "Métrologie des réseaux de l'Internet", LIP6, Paris, France, May 2003.
24. *"Évaluation Pseudo-Subjective de la Qualité de la Voix sur IP"* – 24^{ème} Rencontre Irisatech ("IP Telephony"), Rennes, France, April 2003.
25. *"The Utility Function and Random Neural Networks"* – Workshop de l'ARC PRINXNET, Rennes, France, March 2003.
26. *"Mesure de la Qualité d'un Flux Multimédia Transporté sur un Réseau de Paquets: Neurones, Mesures Subjectives, et d'autres Aspects"* – Team seminar on network pricing, Rennes, France, October 2002.

27. “Evaluación Pseudo-Subjetiva de un Flujo Multimedia Transportado sobre una Red de Paquetes” – Operations Resarch Department seminar, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, August 2002.

PERSONAL

I am married and have two small children (boys, 5 and 3 years old). I enjoy a variety of activities outside of work, which nowadays include photography², calligraphy, cooking, reading, diving, and badminton. In younger (and lighter!) years I was an avid rock climber. In each of those activities, part of the enjoyment comes from developing my abilities and knowledge, and the same frame of mind applies to my work; a significant part of what makes me tick is learning and understanding new things, and seeing how they can be brought together in interesting ways.

I also enjoy tinkering with technology, and have for instance dabbled with Arduino, built my own quad-copter, a mechanical keyboard from an old typewriter, etc.

²https://www.flickr.com/photos/mvr_photo/