

Personal details

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Degrees

29.12.2023 PhD, Technical Physics, "Computational methods for modelling and inverse problem of photoacoustic tomography", University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Kuopio, Finland. Supervisors: Professor Tanja Tarvainen and Senior Researcher Aki Pulkkinen
 07.02.2019 MSc, Applied Physics, "Approximation error modelling in photoacoustic tomography", UEF, Kuopio, Finland
 15.05.2017 BSc, Applied Physics, "X-Ray imaging of newly formed bone", UEF, Kuopio, Finland
 04.06.2011 Matriculation, Raisio high school, Raisio, Finland

Current employment

1.9.2026-31.8.2030 Academy research fellow, UEF, Department of Technical Physics, Kuopio, Finland. Academic research career stage: II
 1.1.2026-31.8.2027 Postdoctoral grant researcher, UEF, Department of Technical Physics, Kuopio, Finland
 1.1.2026-31.8.2026 Postdoctoral researcher (part time), UEF, Department of Technical Physics, Kuopio, Finland. ERC CoG funded project "Quantitative Tomography Using Coupled Physics of Waves" of Professor Tanja Tarvainen

Previous work experience

1.1.2024-31.12.2025 Postdoctoral researcher, UEF, Department of Technical Physics, Kuopio, Finland. ERC CoG funded project "Quantitative Tomography Using Coupled Physics of Waves" of Professor Tanja Tarvainen
 1.2.2019-31.12.2023 PhD student, Department of Technical Physics, UEF, Kuopio, Finland
 1.6.2018-31.1.2019 Research assistant, Department of Applied Physics, UEF, Kuopio, Finland
 1.6-1.8.2017 Research trainee, Department of Applied Physics, UEF, Kuopio, Finland
 1.6-1.8.2016 Research trainee, Department of Applied Physics, UEF, Kuopio, Finland

Research funding and grants

2026-2030 Research council of Finland, 700 000€, post and research costs of an Academy research fellow, "Towards quantitative thermoacoustic tomography"
 2026 Jenny and Antti Wihuri foundation, 36000€, personal research grant, "Modelling and image reconstruction in quantitative thermoacoustic tomography (QTAT)"
 2026 Orion research foundation, 25000€, personal research grant, "Quantitative thermoacoustic tomography - towards a novel medical imaging technique"
 2022 Saastamoinen foundation, 4000€, research visit grant to University of Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany
 2021-2022 University of Eastern Finland, Faculty of Science and Forestry, 60000€, funded doctoral programme position

Research output

Peer-reviewed scientific publications: 12

Non-refereed scientific publications: 3

Research supervision and leadership experience

Supervision of PhD students

2025– Samuli Summala, *Monte Carlo methods and stochastic optimisation in quantitative photoacoustic tomography*, in progress

2024– Karoliina Puronhaara, *Surrogate modelling in thermoacoustic tomography*, in progress

Supervision of MSc students

2026 Aaron Juuti (in progress)

2024 Eemeli Muurainen, *Utilising neural networks in Monte-Carlo simulations in Quantitative Photoacoustic Tomography*. Eemeli Muurainen received the Savilahti-price for distinguished masters thesis

2024 Karoliina Puronhaara, *Utilising Fourier neural operators for ultrasound field simulation in photoacoustic tomography*

2023 Miika Suhonen, *Direct estimation of optical absorption in quantitative photoacoustic tomography*. Miika Suhonen received the award for best masters thesis from the Photonics Institute of the UEF

Supervision of BSc students

Oskari Fager (2026), Aaron Juuti (2025), Eemeli Muurainen (2023), Karoliina Puronhaara (2023), Uula Isopahkala (2022)

Teaching merits

Lecturing

Introduction to MATLAB (in English 9/2026, in Finnish 1/2027)

Teaching assistant on Technical Physics courses

Optimisation (2022), Finite element method (2021), Numerics of computational physics (2020), Physical acoustics (2020), Preliminary course on mathematics (2018 and 2017)

Awards and honours

2024 An article was chosen in the "SIAM High Impact Article Collection of frequently downloaded and highly cited articles on machine learning" collection. T. Sahlström et. al., *SIAM Journal of Imaging Sciences*, 16(1):89-110, 2023.

2019 2nd place in the best masters thesis poster competition, Medical Physics Days, Turku, Finland

Other key academic merits

International research visits

2-3/2026 Visiting researcher, research group of Associate Professor Olumide Ogunlade, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom

5/2025 Visiting researcher, research group of Professor Amelie Litman, Fresnel Institute, Marseille, France

5-7/2022 Visiting researcher, research group of Professor Jan Laufer, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany

Peer-revision of academic publications

Photoacoustics (6), *Journal of Biomedical Optics* (2), *IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging* (1), *IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control* (1), *Journal of Inverse and Ill-Posed Problems* (1), *Handbook of Numerical Analysis* (1)

Talks and presentations

Oral presentations: 14

Poster presentations: 5

Organisation of minisymposia

7/2025

Imaging using coupled physics, together with Niko Hänninen and Tanja Tarvainen, Applied Inverse Problems conference, 28.7.-1.8., 2025, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Participation in organisation of scientific conferences and workshops

5/2025

Workshop "Inverse Problems in Applications", 6.5.-7.5., 2025, Kuopio, Finland

3/2025

Workshop "Quantitative photoacoustic tomography - from theory to applications", 18.3.-20.3., 2025, Kuopio, Finland

Memberships in academic societies

SIAM Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

SPIE The International Society for Optics and Photonics

Finnish Inverse Problems Society

Scientific and societal impact

2026

Science visits and research introductions in comprehensive schools (grades 7-9) , Science Adventure in Eastern Finland outreach program of the LUMA-centre of the University of Eastern Finland

Other merits

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2011-2012

Conscription: Finnish Rapid Deployment Forces, Pori Brigade, Säskylä, Finland. Reserve military rank: sergeant

2020-2023

Member of the board, Deep in the Forest disc golf club, Kuopio, Finland

1997-2007

Vocational qualification in music. Instrument: cello