

Curriculum Vitae of Niclas Björzell

University Education

2007	Doctor of Philosophy (Telecommunication), Title: <i>Modeling Analog to Digital Converters at Radio Frequency</i> Supervisor: <i>P. Händel</i>	Royal Institute of Technology
1998	Licentiate of Science (Automatic Control), Title: <i>Control of heating systems in buildings</i> Supervisor: <i>T. Söderström</i>	Uppsala University
1994	B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering,	Uppsala University

Present Position

2008 -	Associate professor (Swedish: Universitetslektor) <i>Absence 10% Jan 10 – Mar 12</i>	University of Gävle
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Previous Employments

2012 - 15	Guest Professor 5% Faculty: IR (ELEC)	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
2010 - 12	Associate professor 10 % (Swedish: Universitetslektor) School of Information and Communication Technology	Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
1991 - 08	Lecturer (Swedish: Universitetsadjunkt) <i>Absence Sep 98 – Mar 02</i>	University of Gävle
1999 - 02	Project Manager	Utilator AB
1998 - 99	Responsible for Sales, Support, and Training of the Simulation Software IDA	Bris Data AB
1990 - 91	Automation Constructor	NLK-CelPap AB
1987 - 90	Teacher in Electronics and Automatic Control	Polhemsskolan
1986 - 87	Programming and Commissioning Control Systems	Billman-Regulator AB

Docent

2012	Docent in Telecommunication	Royal Institute of Technology
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SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Brief Account of Own Research Profile

Niclas Björnell has scientific experience with more than 100 scientific articles (of which at least 75 are registered in Scopus) in measurement technology, wireless communication and automation. Since 1994, when he began his doctoral studies, research and development have always been part of his work. The postgraduate studies resulted in a Lic. Ph. in Control Technology (1998) from Uppsala University and a Ph. D. in Telecommunications (2007) from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). From 1998 to 2002, he worked in the industry with development projects. In 2012 he became a docent at KTH and in 2012-2015 he was a guest professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

Dissertation work

Control Strategies for HVAC Systems

Based on experiences from commissioning control systems for heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems a joint research project with the company TAC (today Schneider Electric) and funded by NUTEK “Control strategies for heating systems in buildings” were conducted. In summary, auto-tuning for two different control functions were studied, (i) feed forward compensation with correlated disturbances [IC56] and (ii) optimal preheating time [IC55]. This led, together with related results [NC18], [IC57] to a licentiate thesis [TH2] in 1998.

In parallel with the first project, a participation in the project “Demand controlled ventilation” led to two publications [IC58], [RE5]. Moreover, in both projects a simulation program under development, IDA, was used [IC54].

Analog to Digital Converter Modelling and Post-Correction

Modelling analog to digital converters (ADCs) at radio frequency were the topic for the PhD thesis [TH1], where model structures suited to describe a nonlinear dynamic behaviour of an ADC were required and the model had to be valid over a wide frequency range. The challenge was to find a model structure that are fairly easy to characterize, with a minimum number of model parameters, and without any loss of information. Initially, Volterra models were studied [J28], [IC49] and a suitable ADC model for post-correction of ADCs were developed [IC47], [IC48] and evaluated [J30], [IC46]. In addition, the method for parameter estimation should be easy to use and the estimator should be efficient. The most common method using histogram test with different stimulus were studied in [J29], [J31], [IC51], [IC52], [IC53]. Besides that, some summarizing papers have been presented at national conferences [NC17], [NC16] and a Kautz-Volterra model were studied, but not implemented for post-correction [J26], [IC44].

List of publications

Journals

- [J1] S. R. Panigrahi, N. Björnell, and M. Bengtsson, “Radio Channel Measurement in Industrial Indoor Environments at the 24 GHz ISM band: Path loss and Channel Fading,” in IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, in revision, May. 2021.
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- [J3] S. R. Panigrahi, N. Björnell and M. Bengtsson, "Data Fusion in the Air With Non-Identical Wireless Sensors," in IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks, vol. 5, no. 4, pp. 646-656, Dec. 2019.
- [J4] R. Krishnan, N. Björnell, L. G. Farewik and C. Smith, “A survey of human shoulder functional kinematic representations”, Medical and Biological Engineering and Computing, 2018
- [J5] N. Björnell and W. Van Moer, "Measuring and characterizing nonlinear RF systems," in IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Magazine, vol. 20, no. 4, pp. 45-48, August 2017.

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- [J8] M. Hamid, N. Björzell, and B. Slimane, "Spectrum Sensing Challenges: Blind Sensing and Sensing Optimization", *IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Magazine*, Vol. 19, 44-52 s. 2016
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- [IC11] S. R. Panigrahi, N. Björsell and M. Bengtsson, "Feasibility of large antenna arrays towards low latency ultra-reliable communication," *2017 IEEE International Conference on Industrial Technology (ICIT)*, Toronto, ON, Canada, 2017, pp. 1289-1294

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Funding from EU, Trusts or other Sources

- 2010 - 12 EU FP7 project "**QUASAR**"
Role: Task leader
Main project leader: KTH (SE)
Other co-leaders: Ericsson AB (SE), RWTH Aachen University (DE), Aalto University (FI), Yonsei University (Rep. of Korea), BT PLC (UK), BNetzA (DE), Ss Cyril & Methodius University (Macedonia), PTS (SE), Ofcom (UK), FICORA (FI)
ID: INFISO-ICT-248303

Funding from Trade and Industry and Public Authorities

- 2021 - 24 KKS project "**Predictive Maintenance from a System Perspective**"
Role: Principal Investigator
Approved: April 2021
- 2020 - 22 ERUF project "**Intelligent Digitaliserat Underhåll**"
Role: Principal Investigator
ID: 20203291, TVV supported the project with 3212 kSEK
20202943, Region Gävleborg supported the project with 1606 kSEK

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- 2019 - 21 SSF project “**Instrument for High-Speed Electron Tunnelling Measurements**”
Role: Co-Applicant
ID: ITM17-0049, SSF supported the project with 7999 kSEK
- 2018 - 21 ERUF project “**Automation och mm-vågor**”
Role: Co-Applicant
ID: 20201448, TVV supported the project with 3934 kSEK
00201020, Region Gävleborg supported the project with 1967 kSEK
- 2017 - 18 Vinnova project “**Flexibla modeller för smart underhåll**”
Role: Principal Investigator
ID: 2017-04807, VINNOVA supported the project with 493 kSEK
- 2007 - 09 KKS project “**Radio Frequency Measurement Technology for Future Power Amplifiers and Transmitters**”
Role: Co-applicant
Main project leader: Niclas Keskitalo, HiG/Ericsson AB
ID: 2006/0231, KKS supported the project with 4943 kSEK
- 2004 - 06 KKS project “**Novel Measurement and Modelling Techniques for RF Power Amplifiers**”
Role: Co-applicant
ID: 2006/0231, KKS supported the project with 3607 kSEK
Main project leader: Niclas Keskitalo, HiG/Ericsson AB
ID: 2003/0218, KKS supported the project with 3607 kSEK
- 1994-1998 NUTEK project “**Reglerstrategier för värme och ventilationssystem**”
Role: Principal Investigator
ID: NUTEK, P4818

Doctoral Students

- 2015 - 21 Smruti Ranjan Panigrahi PhD: Feb 26, 2021
Title: *Unraveling the potential of Wireless Sensors in the age of Industry 4.0*
Main supervisor: Mats Bengtsson, EES, KTH
My role: De facto supervisor¹
The daily work has taken place at the University of Gävle and regular supervision has been carried out as well as planning and follow-up of the work.
- 2010 - 15 Mohamed Hamid Lic: Feb 7, 2013 PhD: Feb 13, 2015
Title: *On Spectrum Sensing for Secondary Operation in Licensed Spectrum: Blind Sensing, Sensing Optimization and Traffic Modeling*
Main supervisor: Ben Slimane, ICT, KTH
My role: De facto supervisor¹
The daily work has taken place at the University of Gävle and regular supervision has been carried out as well as planning and follow-up of the work.
- 2008 - 12 Charles Nader Lic: Aug 20, 2010 PhD: Aug 17, 2012
Title: *Signal Shaping and Sampling-based Measurement Techniques for Improved Radio Frequency Systems*
Main supervisor: Peter Händel, EES, KTH
My role: De facto supervisor¹
The daily work has taken place at the University of Gävle and regular supervision has been carried out as well as planning and follow-up of the work.

¹ Until 2019, doctoral students in electrical engineering at the University of Gävle have been enrolled at Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

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2007 - 12 Samer Medawar Lic: Feb 5, 2010 PhD: June 8, 2012
Title: *Pipeline Analog-Digital Converters Dynamic Error Modeling for Calibration: Integral Nonlinearity Modeling, Pipeline ADC Calibration, Wireless Channel K-Factor Estimation*
Main supervisor: Peter Händel, EES, KTH
My role: Co-supervisor
This work is a continuation of my doctoral thesis where I contributed with knowledge and I was introduced to the role of supervisor.

Doctoral Students at Present Being Supervised

2020 - Amirhossein Hosseinzadeh Dadash PhD: ~2025
Preliminary title: *Innovative digital maintenance*
My role: Main supervisor
Authored the research plan, regular supervision, planning and follow-up.

2019 - Ali Bemani PhD: ~2024
Preliminary title: *Design of Digital Twins used in a Wireless Network Controlled System in an Industrial Environment*
My role: Main supervisor
Authored the research plan, regular supervision, planning and follow-up.

2018 - Vipin Choudhary Lic: Mar 23, 2021 PhD: ~2024
Title: *Nondestructive testing and antenna Measurements using UWB radar in industrial applications*
Main supervisors:
Magnus Jansson, EES, KTH (until Mar 23, 2021)¹
Daniel Rönnow, HiG (after Mar 23, 2021)
My role: Co-supervisor
My contribution is the knowledge of the university's radar test bed, which I have been involved in designing.

2019 - Oscar Bautista Gonzalez PhD: ~2024
Preliminary title: *Modelling and prediction of industrial maintenance by machine learning*
Main supervisor: Daniel Rönnow, HiG
My role: Co-supervisor
The project is carried out within my research project and I participate in the regular supervision.

2019 - Rabé Andersson PhD: ~2024
Preliminary title: *Design & Development of an Affordable Assistive Exoskeleton for Ageing People*
Main supervisor: Magnus Isaksson, HiG
My role: Co-supervisor
My contribution is the knowledge robotics and control theory and I participate in the regular supervision.

PEDAGOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Account of own Pedagogical Experience

An overview of the courses that have been developed and taught since 2005 is given in Table 1. These are described in more detail in the following text.

Table 1 Courses given since 2005

Cycle	Course	ECTS	Developed			Course		
			Entirely	Partly	Material	Co-ord.	Lecture	Ass.
3	Measurement and Signal Processing	10.0		x		x	x	
3	Research Methods in Science and Technology	10.0		x			x	
3	Measuring and Characterizing Nonlinear RF Systems	4.0		x		x	x	
2	Digital twins	5.0	x		x	x	x	x
2	Modulation and Coding	7.5			x	x	x	x
2	Multivariable and nonlinear control	7.5	x		x	x	x	
2	Predictive maintenance	5.0	x		x	x	x	x
2	Statistical signal processing	7.5	x		x	x	x	x
2	Virtual commissioning	5.0	x		x	x	x	x
1	Automation systems	7.5	x		x	x	x	x
1	Control theory	7.5			x	x	x	x
1	Electricity Engineering	7.5		x			x	
1	Introduction to Automation	7.5	x		x	x	x	x
1	Measurement systems	7.5	x		x	x	x	x
1	Robotics	7.5	x		x	x	x	x

In addition to Table 1 the following courses are either given before 2005, have overlapping content with the above, or the scope has been limited. They are all 1st cycle courses and the course names are only listed by the Swedish title: Samplade Reglersystem, Industriell Styrteknik, Processreglering, Styr- och Reglerteknik, Digitalteknik, Elteknik, Ingenjörsdatorverktyg, Matematikkurser på ingenjörprogram, Datakurser på ingenjörprogram, Installationsteknik, Energy Systems, Signaler och System

Own Teaching Effort at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Level

University of Gävle - Postgraduate level

- 2021 - **Research Methods in Science and Technology**
Forskningsmetodologi inom teknik-, natur- och samhällsvetenskap
 Development: Developed one (of seven) module “Quantitative methods” (2021)
 Teaching: Lectured (2021)
- 2019 - **Measurement and Signal Processing**
Mätteknikens signalbehandling
 Development: Developed the course in collaboration with colleagues (2019)
 Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2019)
- 2012 **Measuring and Characterizing Nonlinear RF Systems**
Measuring and Characterizing Nonlinear RF Systems
 Development: Developed the course in collaboration with Wendy Van Moer (VUB)
 Teaching: Lectured (2012)

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- 2020 - **Digital twins**
Digitala tvilingar
Development: Developed the entire course (2020)
Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2020)
- 2020 - **Virtual Commissioning**
Virtuell driftsättning
Development: Developed the entire course (2020)
Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2020-21)
- 2019 - **Predictive maintenance**
Prediktivt underhåll
Development: Developed the entire course (2019)
Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2019-20)
- 2015 - 19 **Multivariable and Nonlinear Control Systems**
Flervariabel och olinjär reglerteknik
Development: Developed the entire course (2015)
Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2015 - 19)
- 2005 - 16 **Statistical signal processing**
Statistisk signalbehandling
Development: Developed the entire course (2005)
Teaching: Coordinator (2005-16), lectured (2005-16).
- 2010 - 14 **Modulation and Coding**
Modulation och kodning
Development: Assignments (2010)
Teaching: Coordinator and lectured (2010 - 14)
- University of Gävle - Basic level*
- 2015 - **Automation systems**
Automationssystem
Development: Developed the entire course (2015)
Teaching: Coordinator (2015-20) and lectured (2015-21)
- 2015 - 20 **Robotics**
Robotteknik
Development: Developed the entire course (2015)
Teaching: Coordinator (2015-18) and lectured (2015-21)
- 2009 - **Measurement systems**
Mätsystem
Development: Developed the entire course (2009)
Teaching: Coordinator (2009-19) and lectured (2009-21)
- 2005 - 19 **Control Theory**
Reglerteknik
Development: Laboratory exercises and assignments are continuously updated
Teaching: Lectured almost every year even before 2005
- 2012 - 18 **Introduction to Automation**
Introduktion till automation
Development: Developed the entire course (2012)
Teaching: Coordinator (2012-18) and lectured (2012-18)

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2009 **Electricity Engineering**
Electricity Engineering
Development: Developed half of the course (2009)
Teaching: Lectured (2009)

International Universities

2012	Fifth workshop on metrology Lectured 4 h in RF measurement technology	University of Split, Croatia
2011	Second workshop on metrology, Lectured 4 h in RF measurement technology	Cyril and Methodius University, Macedonia
2009	Procedamiento Digitale de Señales Lectured a 3 week course in Digital signal processing	Universidad Nacional de San Augustin, Peru
2009	IEEE 2 nd Annual International Measurement University Summer school Lectured 1 day in A/D and D/A conversion	Universita' degli Studi di Trento, Italy
2007	ADC & DAC Metrology Summer school Lectured 1 day in sampling techniques	University of Sannio, Italy

Pedagogical Development Effort

2018 - **KUL 4.0 - Kursutveckling för livslångt lärande inom basindustrin**
Concept developer and lecturer in a pilot project for flexible short courses for professional specialists.

2011 - 19 **Automation Engineering Program**
Responsible for the development and implementation of the study program. The program is a three-year program. The education can be coordinated with work periods in industry (co-op) and is then studied in four years.

2004 - 05 **Gävle modellen**
University of Gävle developed 2004 a project based study program for engineers. I was the manager of the electrical engineering program during this time and participated in the group that implemented the new philosophy.

2004 - 06 **Bologna process**
During the implementation of the Bologna process in Sweden the University of Gävle decided to also replace the grading system. This led to extensive work to redesign courses and write new curricula. During this time, I was head of the electronics group.

Assignments as Outside Expert

2010 - 13 External expert in the Tempus project “**Creation of the Third Cycle Studies-
Doctoral Studies in Metrology**”
ID: 58599-tempus-mk-tempus-jpcer

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2020 - 22 **Kompetensutveckling och livslångt lärande inom intelligent industri**
Role: Principal Investigator
ID: 20200083, KKS supported the project with 2 360 kSEK

2018 - **KUL 4.0 - Kursutveckling för livslångt lärande inom basindustrin**
Role: Co-applicant
Principal Investigator: Viktoria Mattsson, Luleå tekniska universitet
ID: 2018-03819, Vinnova supported the project with 4547 kSEK

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- 2012 **Exchange program Linnaeus-Palme**
Role: Principal Investigator
Other co-leaders: University of Zagreb.
ID: IPK/2012:3949, Financial support: 244 000 SEK
ID: IPK/2011:3738, Financial support: 40 000 SEK
- 2010 - 13 **Tempus project “Creation of the Third Cycle Studies-Doctoral Studies in Metrology”**
Role: External Expert and Local Organizer
Main project leader: Ss. Cyril & Methodius University-Skopje
Other co-leaders: South-Eastern European University, University of Zagreb, University of Split and the University of Prishtina, University of Pavia, University of Zaragoza, Czech Technical University in Prague, Technical University Carolo Wilhemina of Braunschweig, Graz University of Technology, Bureau of Metrology of R. Macedonia.
ID: 58599-tempus-mk-tempus-jpcr
- 2010 **European summer school “Distributed measurement system”**
Role: Principal Investigator
Other co-leaders: The Royal Institute of Technology, Instituto Superior Tecnico, University of Sannio, Czech Technical University in Prague, Technical University of Kosice, University of Calabria, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Graduate School of Engineering in Electronics, Computer Science and Telecommunication of Bordeaux, Gdynia Maritime University.
ID: 2009:1230, Financial support: 44 140 Euro
- 2009 **European summer school “Distributed measurement system”**
Role: Principal Investigator
Other co-leaders: The Royal Institute of Technology, Instituto Superior Tecnico, University of Sannio, Czech Technical University in Prague, Technical University of Kosice, University of Calabria, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Graduate School of Engineering in Electronics, Computer Science and Telecommunication of Bordeaux, Gdynia Maritime University.
ID: 2008:1160, Financial support: 38 290 Euro
- 2008 **European summer school “Distributed measurement system”**
Role: Principal Investigator
Other co-leaders: The Royal Institute of Technology, Instituto Superior Tecnico, University of Sannio, Czech Technical University in Prague, Technical University of Kosice, University of Calabria, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Graduate School of Engineering in Electronics, Computer Science and Telecommunication of Bordeaux.
ID: 2007:1716, Financial support: 26 869 Euro

Academic Supervising Experience

Master students

- 2020 A. Hosseinzadeh Dadash, “A Cyber-Physical Testbed for Wireless Networked Control Systems”, 30 hp
- 2020 M. Hassan, “Production 4.0 of Ring Mill 4 Ovako AB”, 30 hp
- 2020 S. M. Rana, “A Study of Multipath Propagation and Doppler Effect at 24GHz ISM band”, 30 hp
- 2020 G. B. Anbessa, “Implementation of Spectrum Analysis Functionality for IQ-Signal.”, 30 hp

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- 2020 S. Polat, "Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction System", 30 hp
- 2019 A. Azadehnia, "What benefits will 5G be for small and mid-sized companies?", 30 hp
- 2018 A. Haider, "Design of a metal detector", 30 hp
- 2017 S. Kolluri "Automation of depowdering step in binder-jet additive manufacturing - Commissioning of KUKA robot", 30 hp
- 2016 M. J. Abou Raas, "Wall Compensation Algorithms for M-sequence UWB Radar", 30 hp
- 2016 S. Mulumbwa, "Humanoid Arm Geometric Model", 30 hp
- 2016 A. Ndolla, "Target Orientation Detection Using UWB SAR by Implementing Polarimetry Technique", 30 hp
- 2014 Q. Zhang, "Signal Classification Implemented by Wavelet Analysis and Support Vector Machine", 30 hp
- 2014 X. Qin, "Measurement of horses gaits using geo-sensors", 30 hp
- 2013 A. Sanz, "Control algorithms for energy savings in irregularly occupied buildings", 15 hp
- 2013 T. Yang, "Sensitivity Analysis of Digital Pre-Distortion Algorithms for Amplifier Linearization - The Impacts of Jitter and Quantization", 30 hp
- 2012 T. Feng, "Noise contributions in Nonlinear Vector Network Analyzer (NVNA) measurements", 30 hp
- 2012 B. Kazemi, "Developing a Low-Cost Directional Coupler", 30 hp
- 2011 L. Gonzales, "Helping cognitive radios in their search for free space", 30 hp
- 2010 A. Buccardo, "A Signal Detector for Cognitive Radio System", 30 hp
- 2010 T. Teshome, "FPGA based Eigen value Detection Algorithm for Cognitive Radio", 30 hp
- 2010 X. Wu, "Design of Passive UHF RFID Tag Antennas and Industry Application", 30 hp
- 2009 S. Jawdat, "Dynamic Nonlinear Pre-Distortion of Signal Generators for Improved Dynamic Range", 30 hp
- 2009 X. Wu, "The Survey of Detection Methods and Testbeds For Cognitive Radio Application", 30 hp
- 2008 H. Al-Tahir, "Multidimensional Measurements: on RF Power Amplifiers", 30 hp
- 2008 E. G. Condo Neira, "Multidimensional Measurements on RF Power Amplifiers", 30 hp
- 2008 M. Siddiq, "Synthetic Instruments an overview", 30 hp
- 2008 P. Gong, H. Guo, "Post-Correction of Analog to Digital Converters", 30 hp
- 2007 C. Lague, "Model-based pre-distortion for signal generators", 30 hp
- 2006 M. Mansour, "Spectrally Pure Signal Generation Based on Spectrum Analyser Measurements Using Pre-distortion", 30 hp
- 2004 - 05 Kaveh Danandeh Dodaran, "DC Specification for ADC's with Varying Sampling Frequency"
- A. Stephan. "Modelling Analog-to-Digital Converters Using Volterra Filtering"
- E. Wali, "Truncated Gaussian Noise in ADC Histogram Tests"

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Own Pedagogical Education

2009	Forskarhandledning 3.0 hp	Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
2008	Interkulturella undervisningssituationer med fokus på Kina, 7.5 hp (HEI00A)	University of Gävle
2007	Betyg och bedömning, 7.5 Hp (3IH03A)	University of Gävle
1995	Pedagogisk kurs för högskolelärare	University of Gävle

Pedagogical Award

2013	IEEE 2013 Instrumentation and Measurement Society Faculty Course Development Award “Measuring and Characterizing Nonlinear RF Systems “
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Personal Pedagogical Ideas about Undergraduate and Postgraduate Teaching

Pedagogical Perspective

The holistic perspective is a key issue through my teaching approach. As the head of the electrical engineering group and as the former manager for a study program I arrange regular meetings to discuss the overall structure of study programs to ensure progression and interaction between courses in order to avoid unnecessary overlap while preventing gaps and take advantage of synergy effects. As course responsible lecturer my first lecture is an overview of the course and my last is a summary; each new topic in a course is introduced in its context. Moreover, I strive to have assignments or laboratory work in the end of the course, where the students apply the theoretical topics, preferable in a holistic approach. Study visits are appreciated elements in my teaching that also provides overall knowledge.

It is my belief that students have different ways to learn and I therefore try to show different methods to learn different topics. Some prefer to read text while others prefer mathematical solutions and graphs. It is my intention to use a wide variety of teaching methods to give students the same opportunities to benefit from the teaching.

My intention is to ensure that the students have easy access to all course material and tools. At the University of Gävle we use a web-based platform for that called Canvas. Moreover, most of the computer based tools (e.g. simulation software) are available on-line, accessible also from outside the university. Assignments and laboratory work is handed in via Canvas and automatically plagiarism will be checked. In addition, the assignments are typically design so that each student has their own data-file in order to stress individual work. The use of Canvas also ensures that assignments and laboratory reports are handled in a legally secure manner. It is particularly important when the courses may have multiple teachers involved. The student must feel confident that his/her work remains even if the lecturer and/or assistant leave the university.

A reflection of a more general nature is racism, sexism and nepotism. We would like to believe that there is no, but there is. There are remarkable papers published in well-reputable journals about unfair approval of research funds. There have also been racist elements among students. I try to be aware of this, take action and report.

I have experience from 9 PhD students, 32 Master students and several Bachelor students. What they have in common is that the supervisor ought to guide them in their planning, define the project so that they can complete it successfully, hint and give suggestions on where to find relevant literature, assist with resolving practical issues (e.g. access to computers and laboratory facilities) and assist with layout and review of reports/papers. How efforts shall be distributed depends on the individual and the level of education.

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Doctoral students should early be involved in the process of writing articles. In addition, the PhD candidate might be successively involved in the process of paper reviews. Initially the student reads a paper that I will review and we discuss my comments. After a while the student and I will make separate reviews and we compare our comments. By that he/she will be aware of what is expected of a good article and, in addition, the student will be trained in critical reading.

It is clear that the role of a supervisor will depend on how far the student has come in his/her education. At the beginning of the training you have to give more support, clarify what is expected of the student and early start the process of writing scientific reports/papers. Later in the training, a supervisor should focus on that the student takes initiative on analysis and problem formulation. Finally, it is important to get the student to come to an end and assist him/her with the formalities surrounding the defence of the thesis.

All PhD students are individually different. Thus, the supervision should to be individualized by mutual agreement between the student and the supervisor. This agreement shall be settled early in the doctoral education and it must be preceded by a meeting where the parties discuss their expectations of each other's roles and discussing alternative leadership.

I believe that there is a need for regular meetings where student and supervisor jointly determine structure and periodicity. The student will take notes during the meeting and send it by e-mail to me. If I agree we have a written mutual understanding of the results from the meeting. Moreover, it can be distributed to the other supervisor in order to keep him updated since he does not typically attend to all meetings.

In addition to the regular meetings, it is appreciated by many, both mentors and graduate students to spend some time together and discuss research undisturbed. This can be done by jointly carry out measurements in the lab, sit together and write articles, or in connection with conferences taking time for discussions.

New technology and teaching methods based on it affect my educational perspective. It is not only an asset for distance learning; it will also bring new opportunities for campus studies as well as contract education. A prerequisite for lifelong learning is to have the ability to choose the time, place and level of ones studies.

Students' Learning and Development

It is my belief that students have different ways to learn and I therefore try to show different methods to illustrate a topic or solve a problem. A mathematical derivation can sometimes also be illustrated by a graphical solution, for example. In addition, I try to provide various tools to either solve a problem or to clarify/illustrate a theoretical topic. A typical course may consist of; (i) theoretical problems to solve analytically, (ii) simulations assignments and (iii) laboratory work. Problem solving and assignments are typically individual work, while laboratory work is in groups of 2-4 persons.

Around 2004 HiG strived to introduce project-based education in the study programs for engineers (so-called Gävle modellen). I participated in the working group and among other things; we visited Aalborg University which counts as a pioneer in problem-based learning. Meanwhile the education framework CDIO (Conceiving — Designing — Implementing — Operating) was undergoing emergence, especially within my subjects. In summary, this has resulted in that several of my courses contains project.

I have experience from teaching in other countries, teaching foreign students in Sweden and taken a pedagogic course in intercultural education situations. What I have learned is that the basic conditions are different. E.g., some have good theoretical knowledge, but lack practical skill. In these cases, I start the courses with a review of basic concepts and methods and make a reconciliation to ensure that everyone starts at the same level.

The introduction of the Bologna process resulted in the course's grades being based on both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. This has resulted in more developed assignments and laboratory instructions, where reports require students to make independent and critical assessments. Moreover, it gives the opportunity to examine whether the student can identify his/her knowledge gaps and need for further studies.

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New technology and teaching methods based on it affect my educational perspective. It is with curiosity that I follow new trends and partly implement them in my teaching. One example is to provide feedback on student projects via video before face-to-face meeting. Thus, the students are prepared for the meeting and they have constant access to the feedback. The origin of this method comes from an internal pedagogical project and students evaluated the method; the students were very satisfied.

My Learning and Development

Through active research, I continuously follow the latest research and developments by continuously reading scientific papers in my field. In addition, I am often engaged in technical committees for conferences and I have been associate editor of an international journal, which means that I also get in touch with papers that I might not otherwise be searching after. As I supervise doctoral students, it is also a source of new knowledge. It satisfies most of my need for theoretical training, but in connection with the purchase of advanced equipment, I have also attended courses that give me practical knowledge.

In addition, at the technical conferences there are sessions about education. New courses and teaching methods are presented at sessions at the conference and/or as workshops in connection with the conference. In 2013 I was awarded "IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society Faculty Course Development Award" and held a presentation at one of the workshops. One of the most important sources of my educational development is the biannual national conference *Reglermöte*. It is one day for professors teaching Automatic control related courses at a majority of Sweden's universities, where we share our educational work experiences. It has been the most important source of information regarding concepts and concrete applications in my subject such as CDIO, flipped classroom, MOOC and SPOC.

One outcome is that I have developed a system for remote control of our industrial robots. It allows students to first simulate the movements of the robots, they can control the robots on-line and they can download programs developed in simulation environments and run the program. Other internal projects are the on-line feedback to students' thesis and I have been test pilot for the e-assessment software Edword at HiG.

In 2018, the government has identified a need for industrial skills boost and invited the universities, via Vinnova, to apply for founding in order to supplying skills to meet the industrial sector's needs and promote its long-term development. HiG together with Luleå University of Technology were granted founding. The task was to develop advanced level courses for professional (engineers). It is to some extent a heterogeneous group with varying prior knowledge and experience. My contribution consisted of developing a modular course structure that can be read according to the individual's conditions and needs. The courses can be read flexibly in time and regardless of geographical location. The concept was later expanded to include a total of nine courses.

Finally, several international contacts have gained the teaching skills via experience exchange. One example is the annual summer school taking place in different European countries. I was responsible for the summer school at HiG 2008 – 2010, where around ten different universities participated. Every university gave a half-day lecture. All teaching material was distributed to all lecturers for free to use in their home universities. In addition, I have been to several international teacher exchanges, been a visiting guest professor in Brussels where we developed an award winning Master's course in Brussels and an in-depth variant in Sweden at the doctoral level. Moreover, I have been an external expert in doctoral education in countries from former Yugoslavia when they harmonized their third-cycle education into the European system. I made me aware of the different countries' higher educational systems; not only benedictory countries but also from other European external experts.

Administration, Collaboration and other Qualifications

Administration of Education

2011 - 19	Manager of the Automation Engineering Program (Swedish: Programansvarig)	University of Gävle
2002 - 05	Manager of the Electrical Engineering Program (Swedish: Programansvarig)	University of Gävle

Administrative Assignments

2010 - 12	Head of Center for RF Measurement Technology	University of Gävle
2003 - 04	Member of the board for Research and Education for Technical and Science subjects (TN-nämnden)	University of Gävle
1995 - 98,	Member of the board for Research and Development	University of Gävle
1994 - 98	Member of the board of the Library	University of Gävle

Experience from Unit Leadership

2020 -	Research Director for “Intelligent Industry”, a strategic research area at University of Gävle	University of Gävle
2017 - 2010 - 11	Head of division Electrical Eng. (Ämnesföreträdare) The assignment entailed no economical or personnel responsibilities.	University of Gävle
2006 - 09	Head of Electronics division (Avdelningsföreträdare) Number of employees: 15-20 Annual turnover for education: \approx 9 MSEK. The research turnover increased from 3.1 MSEK in 2005 to 9.9 MSEK in 2009.	University of Gävle

Membership of University Boards or Councils

2012 -	Member of the Board in Higher Vocational Education (Swedish: Yrkehögskolan)	CVL, Sandviken
2010 - 13	Member of the University Board	University of Gävle

Member of an International Committees or Advisory Groups

2005 – 20	Member of IEEE standardization groups 2414 - Standard for Jitter and Phase Noise (2014 – 20) 1658 - Standard for Digital to Analog Converters 1241 - Standard for Analog to Digital Converters 1057 - Standard for Digitizing Waveform Recorders (2010 – 17)	
2012 - 14	Secretary of IEEE standardization group 2414 - Standard for Jitter and Phase Noise	

Approved Grants

2006	Vinnova project “Samverkansutvärdering HiG” Role: Principle Investigator ID: 2006-00702, Vinnova supported the project with 200 kSEK	
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Assignments within Collaboration

- 2007 – 11 General chair at the conference Radio Frequency Measurement Technology Conference (RFMTC) 2007 and 2011
- 2004 - 05 Organizer of the national research conference “Swedish ADDA 05”, Advanced A/D and D/A conversion
- 2004 Styr framåt
The upper secondary school, Polhemsskolan in Gävle, purchased comprehensive multi-station equipment for education within automation. I participated in the evaluation group as a representative from the university of Gävle.

Own Essays of a Popular Science Nature

- 2013 “Measuring and characterizing nonlinear RF systems”, tutorial at the ”International Instrumentation and Measurement Conference (I²MTC)”, Minneapolis.
- 2012 “Software defined radio - Design and performance measure”, NI-days, Stockholm.
- 2009 ”Effektivare mätmetoder för radiosystem - att sopa rent bland radiovågor, ljud och signaler”, University of Gävle.

Other Scientific Achievements

Active Participation in National and International Conferences

- 2016 - 19 GlobeCom 20[13 - 14, 16 - 19]
Member of the technical program committee
- 2018 2018 IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems
Member of the technical program committee
- 2016 IEEE CMI 2016
Member of the technical program committee
- 2012 - 15 CrownCom 20[12, 15]
Member of the technical program committee
- 2011 - 15 IEEE I²MTC 20[11 – 15]
Member of the technical program committee and:
- Associate technical program committee chair (2015)
- Organized a special session on Cognitive Radio (2012)
- Session chairman (2011)
- 2013 - 14 IMEKO TC4 20[13 – 14]
Member of the technical program committee
- 2011 - 12 Swedish CTW 20[11-12]
Member of the technical program committee
- 2011 IMEKO IWADC & IEEE 2011 ADC Forum
Member of the technical program committee
- 2010 IMEKO IWADC 2010
Member of the technical program committee and session chairman
- 2009 IMEKO World Congress
Member of the technical program committee
- 2007 IEEE I²MTC 2007
Session chairman
- 2007 - 11 RFMTC [07, 09, 11]
General chair (2007, 2011)
- 2005 Swedish ADDA 05
General chair

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National and International Awards

- 2017 IEEE The instrumentation and Measurement society “Outstanding reviewers of 2017”
IEEE transaction on instrumentation and Measurement
- 2011 IEEE The instrumentation and Measurement society “Outstanding reviewers of 2011”
IEEE transaction on instrumentation and Measurement
- 2009 IEEE The instrumentation and Measurement society “Outstanding reviewers of 2009”
IEEE transaction on instrumentation and Measurement

Editorial or Advisory Assignments in International Periodicals

- 2012 - 20 IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation & Measurement
Associate Editor

Faculty opponent

- 2015 Faculty opponent for C. Kabiri, “On the Performance of Underlay Cognitive Radio Networks with Interference Constraints and Relaying” Dept. of Communication systems, Blekinge Institute of Technology

Grading committee

- 2020 PhD Grading committee for S. Grimaldi, “Towards Radio-Environment Aware IoT Networks: Wireless Coexistence Methods for Low-complexity Devices” Dept. of Computer and System Science, Mid-Sweden University.
- 2019 PhD Grading committee for Y. Jung, “Inverse system identification with applications in predistortion” Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Linköping University.
- 2019 PhD Grading committee for G. Iadarola, “Characterization of Analog-to-Information Converters”. University of Sannio, Italy.
- 2016 PhD Grading committee for Mh. N. U. Islam, “Method of Torque Measurement based on volumetric strain” Dept. of Electronics Design, Mid-Sweden University..
- 2015 PhD Grading committee for A. K. M. Pillai, “Signal Reconstruction Algorithms for Time-Interleaved ADCs” Dept. of Electrical engineering, Linköping University.
- 2012 PhD Grading committee for A. S. Tehrani, “Behaviour modeling of wireless transmitters for distortion mitigation” Dept. of Signals and Systems, Chalmers

Review Assignments

- 2005 - IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation & Measurement
2005: 3, 2006: 1, 2007: 3, 2008: 4, 2009: 5, 2010: 2, 2011: 5, 2012: 2, 2013:1, 2014: 1, 2015: 4, 2016: 4, 2017: 3, 2018: 1, 2020: 5.
- 2014 - IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Magazine
2014: 3, 2015: 1, 2016: 1, 2017: 1, 2020: 2
- 2018 - IET Radar, Sonar & Navigation
2018: 1, 2019: 1.
- 2006 - Measurement
2006: 1, 2009: 1, 2011: 1, 2013: 1, 2018: 2
- 2009 - 15 Electronics letter
2009: 1, 2010: 2, 2011: 2, 2012: 4, 2013: 1, 2014: 3, 2015: 1
- 2015 Signal processing
2015: 1
- 2013 - 14 Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques
2013: 1, 2014: 1
- 2010 Circuits, Systems & Signal Processing
2010: 1

Scientific Qualifications of a Non-academic Nature

- 1999 - 02 **IT-baserade omvårdnadstjänster i hemmet**
Role: Project Manager and R&D coordinator
The objective was to find an appropriate IT-standard for ordinary apartments so that they easily can be adapted to home care services and thereby make it possible for people with these needs to stay at the apartments. The project was managed by JM AB in collaboration with Utilator AB and Interactive Institute and in cooperation with Danderyd Hospital, The Knowledge Foundation (KK-stiftelsen) and The Vårdal Foundation. Founded by KKS 1999/0421, 700.000 SEK
- 2001 - 02 **Fotosvararen**
Role: Deputy Project Manager
This was a product developing project in cooperation with the research institute Interactive Institute, Frontyard AB and, The Knowledge Foundation (KK-stiftelsen). "Fotosvararen" (eng. The Photo messenger), which was the working title, facilitates the handling of incoming telephone messages using photos. It helps people with concentration and memory problems. This is now commercialized by Polycom AB. The project was founded by KKS 2001/0118, 300.000 SEK
- 1999 **KEES**
Role: Project Manager
This was a sub-project in a larger research project managed by EnerSearch AB. The objective was to study in which way the fast growing information technology would make energy distribution more efficient and at the same time create synergism with the growing information society by offering the electrical grid as a communication channel.