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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Data analysis: statistical analysis of large data sets, simulation-based inference, Bayesian analysis.

Cosmology: weak lensing, Lyman- α forest, galaxy clustering, foregrounds and contaminations.

Structure formation: reconstruction of the matter density, structure formation models.

High-performance computing: inference of high-dimensional problems, OpenMP, MPI.

EMPLOYMENT

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| 1/10/2022–date | Beecroft fellow
Beecroft Institute, University of Oxford |
| 1/10/2019–30/09/2022 | Postdoctoral Research Associate
Imperial Centre for Inference and Cosmology (ICIC), Imperial College |
| 1/09/2016–30/09/2019 | PhD student, IMPRS fellow
Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics and Excellence Cluster Universe |
| 1/06/2015–30/08/2015 | Internship with DAAD Short-term grant
Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics |

EDUCATION

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| 16/09/2019 | Dr. rer. nat., Astrophysics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
Thesis: Inferring the growth of structures from Lyman- α forest data
Magna cum laude |
| 06/07/2016 | MSc in Astrophysics and Cosmology, University of Barcelona
Cumulative Point Average (CPA) = 94% |
| 30/07/2015 | BSc in Physics, University of Barcelona
Cumulative Point Average (CPA) = 83% |

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2023 | Junior Research fellowship, Wolfson College |
| 2022 | Beecroft fellowship, University of Oxford |
| 2022 | Seal of Excellence, European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions |
| 2022 | Maria Zambrano Postdoctoral Fellowship at UAB (declined) |
| 2019 | International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) certificate. |
| 2016 | Herta-Sponer PhD Studentship, Excellence Cluster Universe and Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics. |
| 2015 | Research Scholarship - Short-Term Grant from German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics. |
| 2015 | La Pedrera - Institut de Ciències del Cosmos scholarship, University of Barcelona. |

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Elected council member and nominated **vice-president** of the International Astrostatistics Association.

LSST-DESC: **Project lead** in Bayesian pipelines topical team.

Euclid Consortium: **Scientific editor** in the Editorial Board (ECEB).

Aquila Consortium: **Lead** of weak lensing analysis.

LECTURING

- 2023 **Lecturer** at Data Analysis School for PhD students (3 of 8 lectures), Imperial College London.
- 2023 **Lecturer** of Modern Astrostatistics (compulsory 3ECTS master course with exam), Excellent teaching evaluation: 8.4, Leiden University.
- 2022 **Lecturer** at Data Analysis School for PhD students (1 lecture and coordination of hands-on sessions), Imperial College London.

SUPERVISION

- 2023 **MSc student** Konstantin Dukats, University of Oxford.
- 2023 **MSc student** Anya Paopiamsap (co-supervisor with D. Alonso), University of Oxford.
- 2023 **BSc student** Iason Saganas (co-supervisor with T. Enßlin), MPA.
- 2021 **PhD student** Lucas Makinen (co-supervisor with A. Heavens), Imperial College.

TUTORING

- 2022 **Tutor** Astrophysics course (4th year students), University of Oxford.
- 2021 **Demonstrator** hands-on sessions at Data Analysis School, Imperial College.
- 2020 **Demonstrator** Electromagnetism and Optics Lab (1st year students), Imperial College.

SELECTED TALKS FROM A TOTAL OF 24 INVITED TALKS

- 2023 "Current challenges for cosmology" conference, Bucaramanga
- 2023 "New strategies for extracting cosmology" conference, Sexten
- 2023 "Perspective on LSS" conference, Prague
- 2023 "Cosmology with large scale structure" conference, DIPC
- 2022 "Advances in cosmology through numerical simulations" workshop, Munich
- 2022 "Likelihood-free inference in Paris" conference, École Normale Supérieure
- 2022 "Weak lensing beyond 2 point" conference, Kyoto University (remote)
- 2021 Euclid Galaxy Clustering - Additional probes working group
- 2020 "The Cosmic Web in the Local Universe" conference, Lorentz Center
- 2020 U. of Arizona, Cosmology seminar (remote)

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Trained anti-harassment advisor at University of Oxford (since March 2023)
Postdoc representative at the Aquila Equality & Diversity committee (since March 2022)
Representative of Imperial College at the London Institute of Cosmology (2021-2022)
Elected member of the Aquila Consortium Editorial Advisory Group (2020-2021)
Referee MNRAS, A&A, JCAP, ApJ.

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Cosmology Seminar, University of Oxford (since 2023)
Biannual Aquila Meeting in Oxford (2023)
STFC-funded Data Analysis School at Imperial College (Sep. 2023, Sep. 2022 and Sep. 2021)
Monthly London Cosmology Discussion Meeting (LCDM) (2021-2022)
Euclid:UK meeting (Dec. 2019)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2023 Cosmology talk and telescope observation, Wolfson College.
- 2022 Co-organiser of the AstroClub at Wolfson College.
- 2020 Cosmology talk at Featherstone High School (Ealing, London).
- 2018 Supervision of intern high-school students at the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics.
- 2018 Talk for high-school students at the Excellence Cluster Universe.

PUBLICATION LIST

Since the start of my PhD in Sep. 2016, I have authored a total of 13 papers, 8 of which as a first author and 2 led by students I co-supervise (underlined below), with a total of 196 citations (h-index of 9).

1. “Accuracy requirements on intrinsic alignments for Stage-IV cosmic shear”,
A. Paopiamsap, **N. Porqueres**, D. Alonso, J. Harnois-Deraps, D. Leonard
(Submitted to *OJA*) ([arXiv:2311.16812](#))
2. “DISCO-DJ I: a differentiable Einstein-Boltzmann solver for cosmology”,
O. Hahn, F. List, **N. Porqueres**
(Submitted to *JCAP*) ([arXiv:2311.03291](#))
3. “Field-level inference of cosmic shear with intrinsic alignments and baryons”,
N. Porqueres, A. Heavens, D. Mortlock, G. Lavaux, T. Makinen
(Submitted to *MNRAS*) ([arXiv:2304.04785](#))
4. “LyAl-Net: A high-efficiency Lyman- α forest simulation with a neural network”,
C. Boonkirkird, G. Lavaux, S. Peirani, Y. Dubois, **N. Porqueres**, E. Tsaprazi
(Submitted to *A&A*) ([arXiv:2303.17939](#))
5. “The Cosmic Graph: Optimal Information Extraction from Large-Scale Structure using Catalogs”,
T. L. Makinen, T. Charnock, P. Lemos, **N. Porqueres**, A. Heavens, B. Wandelt
(*Open Journal of Astrophysics*, 2022) ([arXiv:2207.05202](#))
6. “Lifting weak lensing degeneracies with a field-based likelihood”,
N. Porqueres, A. Heavens, D. Mortlock, G. Lavaux
(*Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 2021) ([arXiv:2108.04825](#))
7. “Bayesian forward modelling of cosmic shear data”,
N. Porqueres, A. Heavens, D. Mortlock, G. Lavaux
(*Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 2021) ([arXiv:2011.07722](#))
8. “A hierarchical field-level inference approach to reconstruction from Lyman- α forest data”,
N. Porqueres, O. Hahn, J. Jasche, G. Lavaux
(*Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2020) ([arXiv:2005.12928](#))
9. “Inferring high redshift large-scale structure dynamics from the Lyman-alpha forest”,
N. Porqueres, J. Jasche, G. Lavaux, T. Enßlin
(*Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2019) ([arXiv:1907.02973](#))
10. “Explicit Bayesian treatment of unknown foreground contaminations in galaxy surveys”,
N. Porqueres, D. Kodi Ramanah, J. Jasche, G. Lavaux
(*Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2019) ([arXiv:1812.05113](#))
11. “Imprints of the large-scale structure on AGN formation and evolution”,
N. Porqueres, J. Jasche, T. Enßlin, G. Lavaux
(*Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2018) ([arXiv:1710.07641](#))
12. “NIFTy 3 - Numerical Information Field Theory”,
T. Steininger, J. Dixit, P. Frank, M. Greiner, S. Hutschenreuter, J. Knollmüller, R. Leike, **N. Porqueres**,
D. Pumpe, M. Reinecke, M. Sraml, C. Varady, T. Enßlin
(*Annalen der Physik*, 2019) ([arXiv:1708.01073](#))
13. “Cosmic expansion history from SNe Ia data via information field theory”,
N. Porqueres, T. Enßlin, M. Greiner, V. Böhm, S. Dorn, P. Ruiz-Lapuente, A. Manrique
(*Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 2017) ([arXiv:1608.04007](#))