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## CAREER AND EDUCATION

### FOQUM

- Chief data scientist 2018

### IT University of Copenhagen

- Postdoc researcher 2017–18
- Postdoc researcher (Ramón Areces grant) 2015–17  
Designing Complex Neural Networks: Mixed Initiative  
and Learning. Advisor: Sebastian Risi

### Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)

- Collaborating researcher 2014–15
- PhD in Biophysics (*cum laude*; highest grade) 2010–14  
Dynamics of the Formation of Rings of Protein Filaments  
Advisor: Pedro Tarazona
- Master's degree in Biophysics 2009–10
- Five-year degree in Physics 2004–09

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## GRANTS

- Ramón Areces postdoctoral fellowship 2015–17
- FPU fellowship for PhD studies 2009, Ministerio de Educación 2010–14
- UAM scholarship for master's degrees 2009–10
- [JAE Intro](#) fellowship, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) two months at [IFISC](#), Mallorca 2008
- UAM [Collaboration Scholarship](#) 2008–09

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **BERTIN: Efficient Pre-Training of a Spanish Language Model using Perplexity Sampling**  
De la Rosa J, Ponferrada EG, Romero M, Villegas P, González de Prado Salas P, Grandury M  
Procesamiento del Lenguaje Natural 2022 (68)

- **Death and Progress: How Evolvability is Influenced by Intrinsic Mortality**  
Veenstra F, González de Prado Salas P, Bongard J, Stoy K, and Risi S  
**Invited paper:** Artificial Life Journal Special Issue [ALIFE 2018](#)
- **Intrinsic mortality governs evolvability**  
Veenstra F, González de Prado Salas P, Bongard J, Stoy K, and Risi S  
ALIFE 2018: The 2018 Conference on Artificial Life. [2018: 242–249](#)
- **Collaborative interactive evolution in Minecraft**  
González de Prado Salas P, and Risi S  
Proceedings of GECCO 2018 (short paper). [2018: 127–128](#)
- **Interactive evolution of complex behaviours through skill encapsulation**  
González de Prado Salas P, and Risi S  
Applications of Evolutionary Computation, EvoApplications 2017, proceedings. [2017 \(1\): 853–869](#)
- **Collective effects of torsion in FtsZ filaments**  
González de Prado Salas P, and Tarazona P  
Physical Review E. [2016, 93 \(4\)](#)
- **Modeling the interplay between protein and lipid aggregation in supported membranes**  
González de Prado Salas P, Encinar M, Alonso A, Vélez M, and Tarazona P  
**Invited paper:** Chemistry and Physics of Lipids, special issue: Membrane mechanochemistry: From the molecular to the cellular scale. [2015, 185: 141–152](#)
- **Torsion and curvature of FtsZ filaments**  
Pablo González de Prado Salas et al.  
Soft Matter. [2014, 10 \(12\): 1977–1986](#)
- **FtsZ protein on bilayer membranes: Effects of specific lateral bonds**  
González de Prado Salas P, Encinar M, Vélez M, and Tarazona P  
Soft Matter. [2013, 9 \(26\): 6072–6079](#)
- **Torsion and curvature of FtsZ filaments**  
González de Prado Salas P, and Tarazona P  
Conference proceedings (abstract): 9th EBSA European Biophysics Congress, Lisbon. European Biophysical Journal with Biophysics Letters. [2013, 42 S. 1: S91](#)

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#### CONFERENCE TALKS

- [Evostar 2017](#), Amsterdam 2017
- [ΣΦ 2014](#), International Conference on Statistical Physics, Rhodes 2014
- [XIV Congress](#) of the Spanish Biophysical Society, Alcalá de Henares 2014
- XXV IUPAP International Conference on Statistical Physics 2013  
[STATPHYS25](#), Seoul
- [INC 2012](#)—Young Researchers Meeting xv 2012

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**CONFERENCE POSTERS**

- [GECCO 2018](#), Kyoto 2018
- [INC 2014](#)—Young Researchers Meeting XVII 2014
- [Physics Meets Biology](#), Oxford 2014
- [INC 2013](#)—Young Researchers Meeting XVI 2013
- [EBSA 2013](#), 9th European Biophysics Congress, Lisbon 2013
- [EBSA 2011](#), 8th European Biophysics Congress, Budapest 2011
- [FISES 2011](#), XVII Spanish Statistical Mechanics Congress, Barcelona 2011

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**OUTREACH**

- *Animals in Space*, talk for 6-year-old kids at Padre Manyanet School 2015
- Public talk for the Galileo Cultural Centre, Madrid 2014
- [Public talk](#) for the [Café Scientifique](#), Madrid 2013
- *Noche en Blanco*, Madrid 2010  
Visionado de Estrellas (Stargazing). Co-organizer as a member of Antares Astronomy Club (UAM)  
In collaboration with [Spanish Red Cross](#)
- *Semana de la Ciencia*, Madrid 2006  
Observación Astronómica Nocturna (Stargazing) and Observación Solar con Filtro H-Alfa (Solar observation through H-Alpha filter)
- Co-organizer and instructor in stargazing sessions, talks 2006–15  
and other activities as a member of [Antares Astronomy Club](#)

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## Foqum

- Supervision of master-theses' projects 2018–22

## IT University of Copenhagen

- Modern AI for Games (30%), 15 ECTS 2017–18
- Data Mining (50%), 7.5 ECTS 2017
- Procedural Content Generation in Games, 7.5 ECTS 2016–17

## Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

- Deep Learning for Scientists for the master in biophysics, 15 hours 2019–21
- Physics Lab for chemists and chemical engineers, 137 hours 2010–15
- Electronics II Lab for physicists, 30 hours 2011–12

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**LANGUAGES**

- English, Advanced Certificate in English, 2006
- French, B2-Intermediate
- Basic Japanese
- Spanish (native)

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**HONOURS AND OTHERS**

- Team [BERTIN](#), finalist of the Flax/JAX community week by HuggingFace 2021
- President of Agrupación Astronómica Antares (UAM's astronomy club) 2005–07
- *Excellence accreditation*, Comunidad de Madrid 2005–07