

# Bruna Girvent

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## Education

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**Northeastern University**, Boston, USA

July 2014 - Present

*PhD Student in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

*Relevant courses: Applied Probability, Machine Learning, Numerical Optimization, Affective Computing*

**Technical University of Catalonia (UPC)**, Barcelona, Spain

*MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

December 2013

*Relevant courses: Signal Processing, Image Processing, Data Transmission, Telecommunication Systems, Multimedia Mobile Communications*

*BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, specialization in Audiovisual Systems*

July 2010

*Relevant courses: Audiovisual Communications, Systems and Signals, Speech and Audio Processing, Digital Image Processing, Multimedia Signals Transmission for Mobile Devices*

## Experience

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**Cognitive Systems Laboratory**, Northeastern University, Boston, USA

July 2014 - Present

*Graduate Research Assistant*

- Designing a temporal-dependent model for the RSVPKeyboard and matrix-P300 speller
- Implementing an auditory ERP-based detection system for binary communication
- Mentoring a capstone group project for delirium assessment in the ICU
- Lead a multimodal fusion system that combines facial expression and EEG signals for classification of affective states
- Analyzed EEG data related to affect states and detection of ERP for different stimulus and paradigms

**Intel Labs**, Santa Clara, USA

September- December 2015

*Research Intern*

- Worked in EEG-based Brain Computer Interfaces (BCI) to enable people with disabilities to access the full capabilities of a computer
- Performed experiments with different presentation layouts to design an optimal paradigm for a suitable BCI
- Developed an ERP-based classification algorithm to detect the user's intended selection. Designed the model, performed data collection on different subjects and analyzed the results.

**The Mamasú Agency**, Barcelona, Spain

January - June 2014

*iOS Developer*

- Built mobile applications for iPhone and iPad using iOS SDK, Cocoa Touch and Xcode IDE
- Implemented in-app purchases in iOS applications
- Integrated Cocos 2D games in iOS applications
- Contributed on the design of APIs in PHP and MySQL
- Integrated frontend and backend using PHP, and MySQL in LAMP environment

**Mathworks SMART Laboratory**, Northeastern University, Boston, USA

October 2012 - September 2013

*Research Scholar*

- Developed *KiFall*, a fall detection system using smartphones and wireless camera sensors
- Implemented Kinect-based applications for detection of movement and gesture recognition

- Created Android applications using sensor fusion (accelerometer, gyroscope, compass, INS, GPS) for indoor positioning and navigation
- Implemented a PHP server and a transmission protocol for communication of the Kinect sensor and Android devices using wifi and cellular networks

**Terrassa-TSC Department**, Technical University of Catalonia (UPC), Barcelona, Spain      *February - June 2010*  
*Student Intern*

- Developed a VoD service for the iPhone that enables live video streaming with adaptive bitrate
- Analyzed client-server architecture systems for streaming of videos to mobile devices
- Implemented an HTTP streaming video server in Linux
- Built an iOS client app for playing streaming videos in real time and with adaptive bandwidth

## Honors and Awards

- Dean's Fellowship, Northeastern University, 2014
- MS Thesis "*KiFall: a privacy preserving fall detection system using smartphones and wireless camera sensors*" graded with Highest Honors (10/10), 2013
- Google EMEA Grant for 6th European Congress of Mathematics, 2012
- BS Thesis "*Development of a VoD service for the iPhone*" graded with Highest Honors (10/10), 2010
- Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> best student in BS Electrical and Computer Engineering, specialization in Audiovisual Systems and 3<sup>rd</sup> best student of the UPC School of Engineering (8.35/10), 2010
- Graduated with Highest Honors for Baccalaureate Degree (9.0/10), 2007
- Among Catalonia's 5% best marks in Cangur Mathematical Exam (88.5/100), 2007

## Technical Skills

*GitHub: [github.com/nabrugir](https://github.com/nabrugir)*

Operating systems: Windows, MacOS, Linux  
 Languages: C, C++, C#, Java, Objective C, HTML5, MySQL  
 SDKs: iOS, Android, Kinect  
 IDEs: Eclipse, XCode, Visual Studio, Matlab  
 General Software: LaTeX, Photoshop, 3DsMax, Autocad, Flash

## Languages

**Catalan:** native speaker      **Spanish:** native speaker      **English:** full professional proficiency

## Papers submitted / in preparation

- **B. Girvent**, M. Moghadamfalahi, M. Akcakaya and D. Erdogmus, *Classifier Design for Event Related Potential Detection in Temporally Dependent EEG*
- **B. Girvent**, H. Nezamfar, M. Moghadamfalahi, M. Ackakaya and D.Erdogmus, *Auditory ERP Detection System for Binary Communication*
- S. Asghari-Esfeden, **B. Girvent**, P. Gonzalez-Navarro, S. Salehi, *Emotion Recognition Using EEG Signals and Facial Expressions*
- J. McLean, S. Rendall, G. Spiri, L. McCallister, W. Bertorelli, F. Quivira, **B. Girvent**, M. Moghadamfalahi and D. Erdogmus, *Somatosensory Brain Computer Interface for Binary Communications*
- J. McLean, S. Rendall, G. Spiri, L. McCallister, W. Bertorelli, F. Quivira, **B. Girvent**, M. Moghadamfalahi and D. Erdogmus, *Multi-Sensory Brain Computer Interface for Patients in the ICU*