How I Ended up Becoming a Doctor
(and what you might learn from it)

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How I ended up as a doctoral candidate

• Bachelor’s and master’s studies at HUT / Aalto 2004 - 2011
  – Applied for a master’s thesis position at the Department of Media Technology
  – My supervisor asked if I was interested in continuing with doctoral studies

• Started my doctoral studies in 2011
  – Department of Media Technology (later Computer Science)
  – Supervisor: Prof. Tapio Lokki
  – Topic: Methods and applications of mobile audio augmented reality
  – Projects funded by Nokia Research Center
During the process (random stuff)

- Funding
- Work vs. spare time
- Summer schools
- Reviewing
- Keep your eyes/ears open and network
- Collaborate
  - Even though it might make things more difficult in some cases
Compiling the thesis

- “Bag of articles”
- Writing the summary = preparation for the defense
- Try to keep it concise?
- If you find mistakes in your articles, this is the time to correct them
- Start thinking (a bit more) about your future
The defense

• Don’t stress!
  – But make sure everything is ready
  – The whole doctoral studies have been your preparation for this
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(and karonkka)

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- Got a PoDoCo grant
  - One year of foundation-funded research in collaboration with a company
Where am I today?

• Got a PoDoCo grant
  – One year of foundation-funded research in collaboration with a company
  – Now I’m employed by that company
“Question the ‘facts’ usually taken for granted! That is the key to find something new.”

– D.Sc. (Tech.) Jukka Hassinen
Questions?