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Technophobic computer scientist, climber, dancer, psychology and philosophy interested and board game playing hippie. My PhD research is at the intersection between the areas of *formal methods*, *algorithms*, and *complexity theory*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

PhD Student

Aarhus University

📅 November 2019 – March 2025 📍 Aarhus, Denmark

In collaboration with my supervisor Prof. Jaco van de Pol, I investigated how to design *I/O-efficient* algorithms and data structures to make Binary Decision Diagrams, used in the field of *Formal Methods*, scale beyond the limits of the machine's available memory..

git github.com/ssoelvsten/adiar/

📄 ssoelvsten.github.io/adiar/

Industry Experience

Student Programmer

SCALGO

📅 May 2019 – October 2019 📍 Aarhus, Denmark

SCALGO brings cutting-edge massive terrain data-processing technology to market, build on more than two decades of research on I/O-efficient and geometric algorithms.

As a student developer my responsibilities was to improve and maintain the frontend of the *SCALGO Live* platform.

Software Developer

IT Minds

📅 March 2018 – April 2019 📍 Aarhus, Denmark

IT Minds provides consultancy to improve and automate the client's workflow. Among my clients have been *LEGO*, where I was working full stack and was the main architect on the frontend Angular application.

I was also the lead architect on the frontend of an internal project, where I succesfully mentored the new interns, providing feedback on their approaches to solutions and code quality.

EDUCATION

BSc in Computer Science

Aarhus University, Denmark

📅 August 2015 – June 2018

🎓 Course Average: 11.42 (A).

📄 Bachelor's Project: 12 (A+).

MSc in Computer Science

Aarhus University, Denmark

📅 August 2019 – August 2022

Master's degree obtained as part of an integrated PhD. My choice of courses focused on *algorithmics* and *formal verification*.

🎓 Course Average: 12.00 (A+).

SKILLS

Interpersonal Skills

Teaching Public speaking

Technologies

C / C++ \LaTeX SML / OCaml Java Git

Spring Boot TypeScript React

Theoretical Computer Science

Model Checking Formal Verification Logic

Functional Programming I/O Model Algorithms

Game Theory Complexity Theory

Proof Assistants Concurrency Distributed systems

Mathematics

Linear Algebra Algebra Mathematical Modelling

Mathematical Analysis

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Aarhus University

📅 March 2017 – August 2023

📍 Aarhus, Denmark

For a group of students, I corrected their weekly assignments and organized their weekly face-to-face lessons in which they solve the exercises provided by the course coordinator.

Computability and Logic

Algorithms and Datastructures

Regularity and Automata

Software Design using C++

Supervisor

Aarhus University

📍 Aarhus, Denmark

I have had the pleasure to supervise the following students.

- **Anna Blume Jakobsen and Mathias Weller Berg Thomasen**
📅 Summer 2020 🎓 Talent-Track Project
- **Anders Benjamin Clausen and Kent Nielsen**
📅 Spring 2022 🎓 BSc Project
- **Erik Funder Carstensen**
📅 Fall 2023 🎓 MSc Course Project

I have also managed the following student programmer.

- **Anna Blume Jakobsen**
📅 Spring 2022

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Talks at International Events

- **2024** SPIN [1] (📅 October, 2023)
- **2023** ATVA [2] (📅 October, 2023) NFM [3] (📅 May, 2023)
- **2022** TACAS [4] (📅 April, 2022) MOVEP (📅 June, 2022)
- **2020** MFCS [5] (📅 August, 2020)

Research Visits

- **Twente University**
📅 October 2021 📍 Netherlands
Collaboration with Tom van Dijk, mapping out what to be done to integrate *Adiar* with *LTSMIn*.
- **Carnegie Mellon University**
📅 August – December 2023 📍 United States
Collaboration with Marijn Heule and Randal E. Bryant to explore applications of I/O-efficient BDDs and designing I/O-efficient LRAT proof checking.

LANGUAGES

English

Fluent – IELTS Academic: 8.0 (2019)

Danish

Native

German

Native

REFERENCES

Jaco van de Pol

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PhD Supervisor

Kristoffer Arnsfelt Hansen

@ Aarhus University

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Supervisor of a project in game theory [5]

ACADEMIC DUTIES

Peer Review

I have reviewed 5 papers for the following conferences (sorted by research area):

Algorithms and Data Structures

SEA 2023

Formal Methods

CONCUR 2021

, FMICS 2024

, TACAS 2020

, SPIN 2024

GRANTS

- **STIBOFONDEN** (IT-Rejsestipendie)

📅 February 2022

💰 40.000 DKK

PUBLICATIONS

In order of publication (newest to oldest).

Published

1. Steffan Christ Sølvsten, Casper Moldrup Rysgaard, and Jaco van de Pol.
“**Random Access on Narrow Decision Diagrams in External Memory**”.
In: *International Symposium on Model Checking Software (SPIN)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS). 2024.
2. Steffan Christ Sølvsten and Jaco van de Pol.
“**Predicting Memory Demands of BDD Operations using Maximum Graph Cuts**”.
In: *Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS). 2023.
doi:10.1007/978-3-031-45332-8_4
3. Steffan Christ Sølvsten and Jaco van de Pol.
“**Adiar 1.1: Zero-suppressed Decision Diagrams in External Memory**”.
In: *NASA Formal Methods*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS). Vol. 13903. 2023.
doi:10.1007/978-3-031-33170-1_28
4. Steffan Christ Sølvsten, Jaco van de Pol, Anna Blume Jakobsen, and Mathias Weller Berg Thomasen.
“**Adiar: Binary Decision Diagrams in External Memory**”.
In: *Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS), Vol. 13244. 2022. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-99527-0_16.
5. Kristoffer Arnsfelt Hansen and Steffan Christ Sølvsten.
“ **\exists R-Completeness of Stationary Nash Equilibria in Perfect Information Stochastic Games**”.
In: *Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science*. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs), Vol. 170. 2020. doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.MFCS.2020.45.
Pre-recorded Talk: youtu.be/CXC2UMi6hg0.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Kitchen Responsible

Regnecentralen, Aarhus University

📅 May 2017 – Present

Regnecentralen is a third place for students. I took care of the practical things, organised events, mediated with the university, and created social media content.

Theatrical Technician

TÅGEKAMMERETs Revy, Aarhus University

📅 December 2021 – Present

I joined on short notice to livestream the revue. Since then, I have taken care of the camera and more at the live shows.