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CURRENT POSITION Assistant professor at the [Department of Computer Science, LTH, Lund University](#)

RESEARCH INTERESTS Computational complexity, proof and circuit complexity, communication complexity, graph theory and algorithms

EDUCATION **School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden**

Ph.D. in Computer Science, August 2014 – August 2019

- PhD Thesis: [Lower Bounds and Trade-offs in Proof Complexity](#)
- Advisor: Prof. Jakob Nordström

Institute of Mathematics and Statistics, University of São Paulo, Brazil

M.Sc. in Computer Science, March 2012 – May 2014

- Master's Dissertation: [Longest Paths in Graphs](#)
- Advisor: Prof. Yoshiko Wakabayashi
- Funding: Grant from Fapesp 11/16348-0

B.Sc. in Computer Science, February 2008 – December 2011

- Scientific Initiation Scholarship, August 2009 – February 2012
 - Title: *Topics in Combinatorics and Graph Theory*
 - Advisor: Prof. Yoshiko Wakabayashi
 - Funding: Grants from CNPq 116402/2009-1, 123740/2010-0, 800430/2011-5

POSITIONS **Department of Computer Science, LTH Lund University, Lund, Sweden**

Assistant Professor, December 2021 (current)

Institute of Mathematics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

Postdoc, December 2019 – November 2021

- Host: Professor Pavel Pudlák
- Funding: Grant from the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation

Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley CA, USA

Research Fellow, January – May 2021

- Program: Satisfiability: Theory, Practice, and Beyond

Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley CA, USA

Research Fellow, August – December 2018

- Program: Lower Bounds in Computational Complexity

RESEARCH GRANTS

- VR Research project grant within natural and engineering sciences
- Knut and Alice Wallenberg Postdoctoral Scholarship Program
- Simons-Berkeley Google Research Fellowship

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Featured as one of the “rising stars” women in TCS at STOC 2020 – June 25, 2020
- Prize for Excellent Doctoral Dissertation 2018/2019 awarded by Stockholm Mathematics Centre (SMC).
- M.Sc. thesis selected among the top 10 in Brazil in the area of Computer Science in 2014 by the Brazilian Society of Computation (SBC)
- B.Sc. degree awarded Honorable Mention for Outstanding Achievement, Apr 2012
- Gold Medal in the V National Symposium of Scientific Initiation held at the Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA), Rio de Janeiro, Nov 2010

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- Dec 2021 Tel Aviv University theory seminar, Israel
- Sep 2021 Rigorous Evidence for Information-Computation Trade-offs, Simons Institute, Berkeley CA, USA
- Mar 2021 50 Years of Satisfiability, Simons Institute, Berkeley CA, USA
- Mar 2021 Theoretical Foundations of SAT/SMT Solving, Simons Institute, Berkeley CA, USA
- Feb 2021 Oxford-Warwick Complexity Meetings, UK
- Oct 2020 TCS+ seminar
- Jun 2020 TCS Women Rising Stars workshop at STOC '20
- Jan 2020 Proof Complexity, BIRS, Canada
- Jul 2019 Algebraic Techniques in Computational Complexity, BIRS, Canada
- May 2019 Gödel Lecture special session, ASL North American Annual Meeting, New York City NY, USA
- Nov 2018 Google, Mountain View CA, USA
- Sep 2018 Boolean Devices, Simons Institute, Berkeley CA, USA
- Aug 2018 Theory and Practice of Satisfiability Solving, CMO, Mexico
- Aug 2017 Proof Complexity and Beyond, Oberwolfach, Germany

INVITED WORKSHOPS

- Dagstuhl Seminar 20061 - SAT and Interactions – held at Dagstuhl, Germany, February 2 - 7, 2020
- Proof Complexity – held at Banff International Research Station (BIRS), Canada, January 19 - 24, 2020
 - Presentation: Lifting with Simple Gadgets and Applications to Circuit and Proof Complexity
- Algebraic Techniques in Computational Complexity – held at Banff International Research Station (BIRS), Canada, July 7 - 12, 2019
 - Presentation: Lifting with Simple Gadgets and Applications to Circuit and Proof Complexity
- Theory and Practice of Satisfiability Solving – held at Casa Matemática Oaxaca (CMO), Mexico, August 26 - 31, 2018
 - Presentation: Clique is Hard for State-of-the-Art Algorithms

- **Proof Complexity and Beyond** – held at Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Germany, August 13 - 19, 2017
 - Presentation: Clique is Hard on Average for Regular Resolution
- **Dagstuhl Seminar 14421** - Optimal algorithms and proofs – held at Dagstuhl, Germany, October 12 - 17, 2014

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Co-organiser of the **proof complexity workshop** at FOCS '21, February 2022
- Local organizer of **Future Digileaders**, Stockholm, November 2019
- Main organizer of the **Rising Stars at KTH** workshop, April 2019
- Co-initiator and committee member of the **Women PhD Candidates at KTH network (WOP@KTH)**, 2016–2019
- Main organizer of career-development seminar and workshop at KTH, April 2017

RESEARCH PAPERS

Google scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=AZRM7A8AAAAJ>

1. Susanna F. de Rezende, Mika Göös, Robert Robere. **Proofs, Circuits, and Communication**. In *SIGACT News Complexity Theory Column*, March 2022.
2. Susanna F. de Rezende, Massimo Lauria, Jakob Nordström, and Dmitry Sokolov. **The Power of Negative Reasoning**. In *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Computational Complexity Conference (CCC '21)*, July 2021.
3. Susanna F. de Rezende, Mika Göös, Jakob Nordström, Toniann Pitassi, Robert Robere, and Dmitry Sokolov. **Automating Algebraic Proof Systems Is NP-Hard**. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC '21)*, pages 209–222, June 2021. (ECCC)
4. Susanna F. de Rezende. **Automating Tree-Like Resolution in Time $n^{o(\log n)}$ Is ETH-Hard**. In *Proceedings of the 11th Latin and American Algorithms, Graphs and Optimization Symposium (LAGOS '21)*, May 2021. (ECCC)
5. Susanna F. de Rezende, Or Meir, Jakob Nordström, Toniann Pitassi, and Robert Robere. **KRW Composition Theorems via Lifting**. In *Proceedings of the 61st Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS '20)*, pages 43–49, November 2020. (arXiv, ECCC)
6. Susanna F. de Rezende, Or Meir, Jakob Nordström, Toniann Pitassi, Robert Robere, and Marc Vinyals. **Lifting with Simple Gadgets and Applications to Circuit and Proof Complexity**. In *Proceedings of the 61st Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS '20)*, pages 24–30, November 2020. (arXiv, ECCC)
7. Susanna F. de Rezende, Jakob Nordström, Dmitry Sokolov, and Kilian Risse. **Exponential Lower Bounds for Weak Pigeonhole Principle and Perfect Matching Formulas over Sparse Graphs**. In *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Computational Complexity Conference (CCC '20)*, volume 169, pages 28:1–28:24, July 2020. (ECCC)
8. Susanna F. de Rezende, Or Meir, Jakob Nordström, and Robert Robere. **Nullstellensatz Size-Degree Trade-offs from Reversible Pebbling**. *Computational Complexity*, volume 30, article 4, February 2021. Preliminary version in *CCC '19*. (ECCC)

9. Albert Atserias, Ilario Bonacina, Susanna F. de Rezende, Massimo Lauria, Jakob Nordström, and Alexander Razborov. **Clique Is Hard on Average for Regular Resolution**. To appear in *Journal of the ACM*, 2021. Preliminary version in *STOC '18*. (arXiv)
10. Joël Alwen, Susanna F. de Rezende, Jakob Nordström, and Marc Vinyals. **Cumulative Space in Black-White Pebbling and Resolution**. In *Proceedings of the 8th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS '17)*, volume 67, pages 38:1–38:21, January 2017.
11. Susanna F. de Rezende, Jakob Nordström, and Marc Vinyals. **How Limited Interaction Hinders Real Communication (and What It Means for Proof and Circuit Complexity)**. In *Proceedings of the 57th Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS '16)*, pages 295–304, October 2016. (ECCC)
12. Julio Araujo, Nathann Cohen, Susanna F. de Rezende, Frédéric Havet, and Phablo F.S. Moura, **On the proper orientation number of bipartite graphs**. *Theoretical Computer Science*, volume 566, pages 59–75, February 2015.
13. Susanna F. de Rezende, Cristina G. Fernandes, Daniel M. Martin, and Yoshiko Wakabayashi. **Intersecting Longest Paths**. *Discrete Mathematics*, volume 313, number 12, pages 1401–1408, June 2013. Preliminary version in *EuroComb '11*.