

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Computer and Information Science

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway. 2015-2021.

Thesis: [Factorization models with relational and contextual information: Probabilistic factorization, point processes, and neural sequential models.](#)

Supervisor: [Prof. Helge Langseth](#) and [Prof. Heri Ramampiaro](#) | Courses in Statistics, Machine Learning, and Information Retrieval.

M.Sc., Electrical and Computer Engineering

University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil. 2012-2014.

Dissertation: [Metric space indexing for nearest neighbor search in multimedia context.](#)

Supervisor: [Prof. Eduardo Valle](#) | Courses in Graph Theory, Machine Learning, Data Mining, and Information Retrieval.

B.Sc., Computer Engineering

Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo (UFES), Brazil. 2006-2011.

Final project: *Information Retrieval using vector space model and latent semantic indexing.*

Supervisor: Prof. Rodolfo Villaçã | GPA 8.13/10.0, Final Project 9.33/10.0 (Top of the class) | Courses in Mathematics, Physics, EE, and CS.

SELECTED WORKS:

Tiago Silva; Rodrigo Barreto Alves; **Eliezer de Souza da Silva**; Luiz Max Carvalho; Amauri H Souza; Samuel Kaski; Vikas Garg; Diego Mesquita. [When do GFlowNets learn the right distribution?](#) 13th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR, *Spotlight ~top 5%*), 2025.

Tiago da Silva; **Eliezer de Souza da Silva**; Diego Mesquita. [On Divergence Measures for Training GFlowNets.](#) 38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.

Tiago da Silva; **Eliezer de Souza da Silva**; Adèle Ribeiro; António Góis; Dominik Heider; Samuel Kaski; Diego Mesquita. [Human-in-the-Loop Causal Discovery under Latent Confounding using Ancestral GFlowNets.](#) ArXiv, 2024.

Eliezer de Souza da Silva; Tomasz Kuśmierczyk; Marcelo Hartmann; Arto Klami. [Prior Specification for Bayesian Matrix Factorization via Prior Predictive Matching.](#) Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 2023.

Bjørnar Vassøy; Massimiliano Ruocco; **Eliezer de Souza da Silva**; Erlend Aune. [Time is of the essence: A joint Hierarchical RNN and Point Process model for time and item predictions.](#) ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), 2019.

Eliezer de Souza da Silva; Helge Langseth; Heri Ramampiaro. [Content-Based Social Recommendation with Poisson Matrix Factorization.](#) European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD), 2017.

Eliezer de Souza da Silva; Thiago S.F.X. Teixeira, George Teodoro; Eduardo Valle. [Large-Scale Distributed Locality-Sensitive Hashing for General Metric Data.](#) International Conference on Similarity Search and Applications (SISAP), 2014.

ACADEMIC

EXPERIENCE:

Postdoctoral Fellow at Basque Center for Applied Mathematics (BCAM)

Jan/2025-, Bilbao, Bizkaia (Basque Country), ES

× Research project about sequential decision-making and inference, working with [Dr. Iñigo Urteaga](#).

Postdoctoral Fellow at Fundação Getúlio Vargas/FGV (School of Applied Mathematics)

Sep/2022-Jan/2025, Rio de Janeiro, BR

× Research project deep generative models, Bayesian modeling, and causal inference, working with [Prof. Diego Mesquita](#).

Co-Founder and Program Director of the Probabilistic AI School

Dec/2018-, Trondheim, NO. <http://www.probabilistic.ai/>

× Founded the school in 2019 with Tårik S. Salem, Helge Langseth, and Heri Ramampiaro. The school welcomes ~150 students from all over the world. We offer scholarships to students from under-represented groups and countries.

× Responsible for the school's curriculum and program; General chair for the Tropical ProbAI initiative (starting in 2024).

Postdoctoral Fellow at NTNU (Department of Sociology and Political Science)

Sep/2021-Aug/2022, Trondheim, NO

× Computational social sciences and machine learning to facilitate research in global health and social determinants of health. Work was developed with the Center for Global Health and Inequality (CHAIN) and Prof. [Terje Andreas Eikemo](#).

Research Scientist at SINTEF Digital (SESS, Software Product Innovation)

Jan/2022-Jan/2023, Trondheim, NO

× R&D: physics-informed neural networks for fluid dynamics and machine learning for irregular time series. Included supervision of master students.

Machine Learning Research Intern at The Curious AI Company

Oct/2019-Jan/2020, Helsinki, FI

× R&D: model-based reinforcement learning and planning with discrete and continuous decision variables.

SUPERVISION:

Juan Bellini (B.Sc. and M.Sc. co-supervision, FGV EMAP, 2024, 2025-2027). Amortized Inference for Neural Machine Translation.

Bjørnar Vassøy (M.Sc. co-supervision, NTNU, 2018). Inter-Session Temporal Modeling in Session-Based Recommendation using Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Networks.

Helle M. Gråberg (M.Sc. co-supervision, NTNU, 2022). Towards Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Urban Wind Flow Prediction.

REFERENCES:

Helge Langseth (helgel@idi.ntnu.no). Department of Computer and Information Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (<http://www.idi.ntnu.no/~helgel/>).

Heri Ramampiaro (heri@ntnu.no). Department of Computer and Information Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (<http://www.idi.ntnu.no/~heri/>).

Arto Klami (arto.klami@helsinki.fi). Department of Computer Science, University of Helsinki.

INDUSTRY

EXPERIENCE:

Data Scientist,

Clarify. Trondheim, Norway, Feb/2020-Sep/2022.

Analyst,

Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). Rio de Janeiro-RJ, Brazil, Jun/2014-Aug/2015.

Software Engineer,

Eldorado Research Institute, Campinas-SP, Brazil, Sep/2011-Jan/2012.

SERVICE:

Conference Reviewer: ICML (2025-), UAI (2025-), NeurIPS (2024-), AISTATS (2022-), ACL (2019-), EMNLP (2020), EACL (2021), NAACL-HLT (2021), IJCAI (2018-).

Journal Reviewer: Transitions of Machine Learning Research (2024-), International Journal of Approximate Reasoning (2023-), Scientific Reports (2023-), IEEE Transactions on SMC: Systems (2019-), IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems (2018-).

GRANTS:

G-Research [October 2024](#) Travel Grant.

NTNU (Department of Computer Science) Departmental Ph.D Research Fellowship (2015-2020).

Lisbon Machine Learning School (LxMLS) travel and accommodation scholarship for attendance (2016) and lab assistance (2017, 2018, and 2022).

SIGIR Travel Grant (WSDM, 2017).

RMIT ISAR visiting scholar grant (2017).

CAPES M.Sc. research scholarship (2012-2014).

CNPQ (Brazilian Research Council) undergraduate research scholarship (2008-2009).

LANGUAGES:

Portuguese, English, Cape Verdean Creole, French (basic), and Spanish (basic/intermediate).

HOBBIES:

🎵 Music playing and composition. 🏃 Running. 🏀 Basketball. 🧘 Meditation. 🌳 Walks and exploring.

OTHER:

96 (2009), 99.5 (2010), and 98.2 (2011) percentile on the POSCOMP national exam. The Brazilian Computing Society (SBC) administers this national graduate exam, which is used as a selection criterion for graduate admissions in Computer Science and Engineering programs.