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Personal information

Pronous he/him
Date of birth Apr 23, 1999
Citizenship Danish

Employment

Oct 2025–Oct 2027 Postdoctoral Fellow in Algebra and Geometry
Stockholm University
(Mentored by Dan Petersen)

Education

2022–2025 PhD in Mathematics
University of Copenhagen
Thesis: “Sheaves and moduli spaces of manifolds”
(Supervised by Jesper Grodal and Nathalie Wahl)
2020–2022 MSc in Mathematics
University of Copenhagen
2017–2020 BSc in Mathematics
University of Copenhagen

Research interests

Cohomology of moduli spaces, (categories of) sheaves. More broadly, algebraic topology.

Publications

- 1 (with Max Vistруп and Nathalie Wahl) *Disordered arcs and Harer stability*, in Higher Structures 8(1), 193–223 (2024).
- 2 *Compact sheaves on a locally compact space*, in Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society 153(1), 55–68 (2025).

Preprints

- 3 *Twisted homology stability of O_n for valuation rings*, preprint 2022 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.03213>).

- 4 *The derived category of a locally compact space is rarely smooth*, preprint 2023 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.03121>).
- 5 *Improved homological stability for handlebody mapping class groups*, in preparation.
- 6 *Reconstruction of a graph from the derived category*, in preparation.

Talks

Conferences

- Aug 21, 2024 “ E_2 -cells and handlebody mapping class groups”
 Topology of Moduli Spaces (Copenhagen)
 [aka Ulrike Tillmann’s 60th birthday conference]
- June, 2025 “The tautological ring of the moduli space of handlebodies”
 Young Topologists Meeting (Stockholm)

Research talks

- Oct 7, 2024 “Improved homological stability for the moduli of handlebodies”
 Presented at the QM Research Seminar
 at the Centre for Quantum Mathematics (SDU)
- May 12, 2025 “The tautological ring of the moduli space of handlebodies”
 Presented at the Oberseminar at Münster University
- June 3, 2025 “Stokes theorem and characteristic classes for handlebody bundles”
 Presented at the Bonn Topology Seminar

Mentoring experience

Tyra Cortinez Samenius (2023)

Together with Nathalie Wahl, I supervised Tyra’s research internship on arc complexes in Copenhagen during the summer break of 2023.

SPS academic mentor (2023–current)

I am an academic mentor in Denmark’s *Specialpædagogisk støtte* (“Special pedagogical aid”) program, which provides one-on-one support to university students with disabilities.

Teaching experience

- 2019 DisMat TA
 Mathematical methods and discrete mathematics for 1st year math students
- 2020 Alg1 TA
 Group theory class for 2nd year math students
- 2020 KomAn TA
 Complex analysis class for 3rd year math students
- 2020 Diff TA

- Differential equations class for 3rd year math students
- 2021 LIM TA
Class on measure theory and the Lebesgue integral for 2nd year math students
- 2022 Alg2 TA
Class on ring theory for 2nd year math students
- 2022 Geom TA
Class on the geometry of surfaces for 1st year math students
- 2022 MASO TA
Mathematical analysis class for 2nd year business students
- 2023 HomAlg TA
Homological algebra class for masters students
- 2024 CatTop TA
Class on categorical homotopy theory and ∞ -categories

Outreach

***De unge forskere* (2023):** Video interview by the Danish National Research Fund (DNRF)

***PhD-studier i matematik* (2024):** Career talk for incoming first-year math students

Culture night (2024): Presenting homotopical puzzles to non-mathematicians

Conferences, seminars, and workshops organized

- May 31, 2023 Bergström–Diaconu–Petersen–Westerland mini-workshop
- Jun 24-28, 2024 Exit paths and stratified homotopy types (conference)
- Sep 1, 2024–(ongoing) Cool-loquium (seminar)
Biweekly research seminar for PhD students and postdocs

Miscellaneous

Between the ages of 8 and 15, I lived in Singapore, where I met my now wife Bella. I speak English and Danish, and like many mathematicians I can read French and—as long as it's about math—German.¹ My non-math interests include philosophy, history, cooking, eating, *X-files*, *Star Trek*, and above all spending time with friends and family.

¹ *Es ist offenbar daß...*