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## Uddannelse

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University of Southern Denmark, Odense, DK  
Roblood – Automatic blood sampling

February 2010 Visiting Scholar at LCSR/VISR lab  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA  
Multimodal image fusion for surgical robotics

June 2007 M.Sc.Eng. Computer System Engineering  
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, DK  
Specialized in medical imaging and image analysis  
Thesis: Automatic detection and parametrizing of blood veins by computer vision.

## Ansættelser

2020 - currently Professor at The Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller Institute  
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•Medical Robotics

2014 - 2019 Associate Professor at The Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller Institute  
University of Southern Denmark Odense, DK  
•Medical Robotics

2011-2014 Assistant Professor at The Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller Institute  
University of Southern Denmark Odense, DK  
•Medical Robotics, Realtime vision

2010 Medical Vision Engineer  
Intuitive Surgical Inc. Sunnyvale, CA, USA  
•Multimodal image fusion and navigation for surgical robotics

## Projects

2020 – 2021 AI-pathology: National project, Workpackage leader  
2019 – 2019 Collaborative Robots: National project, Project leader  
2018 – 2021 AIID: National project, Project leader  
2017 – 2020 ROPCA Ultrasound: National project, Project leader  
2015 – 2018 ReconCell: EU project, Workpackage leader, Co-PI  
2014 - 2018 ROSOR: National project, Workpackage leader  
2011 - 2014 IntellAct: EU project, Technical coordinator

## Priser

Information's Ph.D.-Cup 2011  
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## Publikationer

**Smart hardware integration with advanced robot programming technologies for efficient reconfiguration of robot workcells**  
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### **Enhanced 3D face processing using an active vision system**

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