

The Career and Impact of Ib Madsen

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Goal: Explain to non-experts in a (convincing and entertaining) way:

- The important and striking mathematical achievements of Ib Madsen;
- His influence on generations of mathematicians;
- His strategy for and approach to solving deep mathematical problems;
- The reaction of the mathematical society to his contributions.
- Emotional aspects.

- What I do not want to do in this presentation addressed to non-experts is to open the following PDF-file and talk about it for an hour or so.

PROPOSITION 4.6. *Let $g: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ and $g': \mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ be transport projections and let $u: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}'$ be a map of sheaves over \mathcal{F} which respects the category structures. Suppose that the maps $N_0\mathcal{E} \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ and $N_0\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ obtained from g and g' have the concordance lifting property and that, for each object a of $\mathcal{F}(\ast)$, the restriction $N_0\mathcal{E}_a \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{E}'_a$ of u to the fibers over a is a weak equivalence (resp. induces an integral homology equivalence of the representing spaces). Then $\beta u: \beta\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \beta\mathcal{E}'$ is a weak equivalence (resp. induces an integral homology equivalence of the representing spaces).*

Proof. According to Theorem 4.2 it suffices to prove that u induces a homotopy (homology) equivalence from $B|\mathcal{E}|$ to $B|\mathcal{E}'|$. By (4.2) and Lemma B.1 it is then also enough to show that

$$N_k(u): N_k\mathcal{E} \longrightarrow N_k\mathcal{E}'$$

becomes a homotopy equivalence (homology equivalence) after passage to representing spaces, for each $k \geq 0$. We note that the simplicial spaces obtained from a bisimplicial set by realizing in either direction are good in the sense of [39].

Since g and g' are transport projections, an obvious inductive argument shows that, for each k , the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_k\mathcal{E} & \longrightarrow & N_0\mathcal{E} \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow g \\ N_k\mathcal{F} & \longrightarrow & N_0\mathcal{F} \end{array} \quad , \quad \begin{array}{ccc} N_k\mathcal{E}' & \longrightarrow & N_0\mathcal{E}' \\ \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g' \\ N_k\mathcal{F} & \longrightarrow & N_0\mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

are pullback squares. Passage to representing spaces turns them into homotopy cartesian squares by A.6, since the maps $N_0\mathcal{E} \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ and $N_0\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ have the concordance lifting property. Hence it suffices to consider the case $k = 0$,

$$N_0u: N_0\mathcal{E} \longrightarrow N_0\mathcal{E}'.$$

Again, $N_0\mathcal{E} \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ and $N_0\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{F}$ have the concordance lifting property and N_0u induces a weak equivalence (homology equivalence) of the fibers. By Proposition A.6, the fibers turn into homotopy fibers upon passage to representing spaces. Consequently $N_0u: N_0\mathcal{E} \rightarrow N_0\mathcal{E}'$ is a homotopy equivalence (homology equivalence). \square

4.2. Armlets. We begin by defining sheaves W^{st} and hW^{st} on \mathcal{X} with values in partially ordered sets, and natural transformations

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- How would Ib Madsen's carrier and achievements look like if here were a soccer player.



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Three of the Best Goals of Madsen

- surprising solution
- scorpion
- (de-)loop

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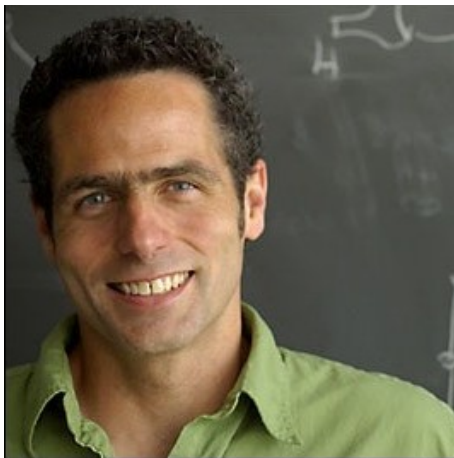
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- Here are some pictures of world class soccer players and coaches, Madsen has played or worked with or of which he is a good friend, and of younger players for which he played an important role in their carrier.































Impact and Reception of Madsen's work for the Mathematical Community Worldwide and in Denmark

- Comparable with the events documented in the following videos. Listen also to the commentators!
- Ib will have to decide how often he wants to see the last video!