## ABOUT MYSELF

- **1997 2002** BS in Computer Science from the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR)
- 1997 2004 BS in Electrical Engineering degree from the Federal University of Paraná (UFPR)
- 2000 2004 Siemens Telecommunications (first as intern, then as software engineer)
- 2004 2006 MSc in Electrical Engineering from the University of Campinas (UNICAMP)
- **2006 2011 PhD in Electrical Engineering** from the University of Campinas (UNICAMP)
- 2008 MCP (Microsoft Certified Professional) C#.NET
- 2009 Brazilian PhD Student awarded the Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship Award
- 2012 -2013 Postdoctoral employee at University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- 2013 present Research leader in Media Standards at SRBR (Samsung Research Institute Brazil) Focused on image/video compression, processing and streaming. Image/video standards and network transport protocols, digital signal processing, computer vision, and information theory.
- 2014 MIT TR35 (Young Innovators under 35) in the first Brazilian edition
- 2016 Elected an affiliate member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC)
- 2018 Elevated to IEEE senior member
- 2018 Created and nominated as HoD of the ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29 (JPEG/MPEG) Brazilian delegation

#### ME AND THE BOYS FOR 23 YEARS



Electrical Engineering Graduation Ball 2004

... being a minority...



New young members elected for the Brazilian Academy of Sciences 2016

... underrepresented at the top...

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My first JPEG meeting San Diego 2018



Working dinner with my team and external university partners 2020



#### FINDING THE GIRLS!!!



2010 IEEE WIE (Women in Engineering) Unicamp - São Paulo - Brazil Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Mentorship
- Talks with female role models
- Projects with high school girls to attract them for STEM
- Talks about Impostor syndrome
- PhD student life strategies and difficulties
- Effective networking
- Getting involved in professional associations
- Personal life planning
- Passion for engineering and research
- Being different, not a culture fit



## MOVING FORWARD

- 2013 - Lean In movement (Sheryl Sandberg - Facebook)

- Seat on the table, be visible, have a supportive partner, don't leave before you leave
- Keep women in the work force flextime, mentoring, equal pay, stop sexual harassment

Still we have not achieved enough progress... still very few women at the beginning and even less women at the top!

#### What is wrong?

Focus has been only on women!!! This is not enough!!!

In addition, men must be included here... and really attend this "everybody is welcome session" <sup>(C)</sup>

### IMPLICIT BIAS

- Brain creates images to what is familiar and we like
- to be around people who look and act like us
- No diversity, very bad for companies
- Human issue, not men or women issue
- Heidi and Howard CV study

Engineering/computer science requires logical, rational thinking and reasoning while our society assumes:

- Females are sensitive, emotional, caring, committed to families
- Males are rational, confident, aggressive, committed to jobs
- Male features are more valuable than female features

Female intelligence, commitment and skills will be more challenged due to implicit bias and if one women fails, this failure will be associated to all other women!

- Work must be also done with men!
- People (men and women) must be confronted to overcome their own gender bias
- Sometimes it's not about you... does not matter if married/not married... kids/no kids...
- Men (most 🙂) are allies, not enemies let's include them to not only help us, but all society!

# THANKS

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