

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic and Visiting Positions

- Oct 2013 – Today Senior Lecturer  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Chalmers University of Technology and Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Oct 2009 – March 2010 Invited Researcher  
PI.R2 project of INRIA Rocquencourt and PPS (CNRS Lab Programs, Proofs, and Systems), Paris, France
- Oct 2008 – Sep 2013 *Akademischer Rat auf Zeit (A13)*  
Assistant Professor with the status of a *Beamter*
- Oct 2005 – Sep 2008 *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (A13)*  
Assistant Professor at Prof. Hofmann's chair of Theoretical Computer Science, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
- Jan 2004 – Oct 2005 Postdoctoral Researcher  
Department of Computer Science, Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden
- Apr 2002 – Oct 2002 *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (A13)*  
Assistant at Prof. Hofmann's chair of Theoretical Computer Science, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (substitute for Dr. Matthes)
- May 2000 – June 2001 Visiting Teaching and Research Assistant  
for Prof. Pfenning, Department of Computer Science, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA

## Degrees

- 2013 *Privatdozent* (Dr. habil.), Faculty of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics, University of Munich
- 2006 *Doctor rerum naturarum* (Ph.D.), Department of Computer Science, University of Munich  
Mark: *magna cum laude*
- 1999 *Informatik Diplom* (M.Sc.), University of Munich  
Mark: *sehr gut* (best mark)

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2015–2018 Research project *Termination Certificates for Dependently-Typed Programs and Proofs via Refinement Types*  
3 600 000 SEK (400 000 EUR) granted by Vetenskapsrådet, Stockholm  
I am sole applicant and principal investigator.
- 2012 Invited Presentation at FICS Workshop, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2009 Invited Researcher (6 months) of INRIA, France
- 2008 EUR 6350 Travel funds for research cooperation with LORIA, Nancy, on *Type-Based Termination*, provided by the *Bayerisch-französisches Hochschulzentrum*
- 2005–2007 Research project *Typed Lambda Calculi and Applications*  
600 000 SEK granted by Vetenskapsrådet, Stockholm  
Co-application with Prof. Thierry Coquand and Prof. Peter Dybjer
- 2004–2005 Postdoctoral Fellowship  
from the Swedish Foundation of Strategic Research (SFF)  
in the CoVer Project, Chalmers
- 2000–2001 Fellowship from the Office of Technology in Education,  
Carnegie-Mellon University
- 1999–2003 Stipend from PhD Program Logic in Computer Science,  
*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)* (German Research Foundation)

## Industrial Involvement and Programming

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| 2011–2012  | External consultant for <i>Glueware Informatik GmbH</i> , Munich<br>(framework for business application components) | Scala   |
| 2007–today | Developing the research prototype <i>MiniAgda</i>   | Haskell |
| 2004–today | Open-source developer in the <i>Agda</i> team   | Haskell |
| 2000–2001  | Development of <i>Tutch</i>   | SML     |
| 1990–1998  | Software development for the publishing house<br><i>Park Körner</i> , Munich  | Delphi  |

Further programming skills: Java, C, OCaml, Python, scripting

## Professional Service

**Event organization.** Organization of the Agda Implementor’s Meeting (AIM):

- AIM XXI, Gothenburg, June 2015.  
Co-organization with Bengt Nordström and Andrea Vezzosi.
- AIM XIX, Paris, May 2014.
- AIM XV, Fischbachau, Germany, February 2012.

Co-organization of the international workshops LFMTTP 2008, Pittsburgh, colocated with LICS 2008, and PLPV 2013, Rome, affiliated to POPL 2013.

**Research administration.** Administrator of the Munich-LMU subsite (headed by Helmut Schwichtenberg) of the EU Coordination Action (FP6-2002-IST-C) TYPES, Types for Proofs and Programs (510996), from Dec 2005 to Jun 2009.

**Steering.** Member of the steering committee of the international workshop series LFMTTP, Nov 2009 – Oct 2015. Chair Jul 2010 – Oct 2015.

**Doctoral committee membership.** Member of the doctoral committees of Johan Granström, *Reference and Computation in Intuitionistic Type Theory*, Uppsala University, Jan 2009; Cody Roux, *Type Based Termination: Semantics and Generalisations*, LORIA, Nancy, June 2011; and Jorge Sacchini, *On Type-Based Termination and Dependent Pattern Matching in the Calculus of Inductive Constructions*, École des Mines de Paris, June 2011.

**PC chairing.** Co-chair of program committee of international workshops LFMTTP 2008 and PLPV 2013.

**PC membership.** Member of the program committee of the international conferences FoSSaCS 2010, MFCS 2011, ESOP 2012, RTA 2012, ITP 2012, FoSSaCS 2013, TLCA 2013, Haskell Symposium 2013, RTA-TLCA 2014, POPL 2015 (extended review committee), CPP 2015, FoSSaCS 2015, ICALP 2015 (Track B), ESOP 2016, and FLOPS 2016.

Member of the editorial committee of the TYPES 2011 post-proceedings.

Member of the program committees of the international workshops LFMTTP 2007, PLPV 2009, PAR 2010, MSFP 2010, HOR 2012, FICS 2013, WGP 2013, CMCS 2014, MSFP 2014, TYPES 2014, DTP 2014, LFMTTP 2014, ATPS 2015, PEPM 2015, LFMTTP 2015.

**Additional reviewing.** Review of more than 110 research papers for the conferences APLAS 2007, 2010, and 2013, CADE 2001, 2003, and 2008, CiE 2008 and 2010, CSL 2001, 2002, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, ESOP 2007, 2009, and 2013, FoSSaCS 2008, FLOPS 2010, FSTTCS 2000, ICALP 2004 and 2008, ICFP 2013 and 2015, LICS 2008, 2011, 2013, and 2014, LPAR 2005, 2006, and 2010, MFCS 2014, MPC 2008, POPL 2008, 2009, 2013, and 2014, PPDP 2007 and 2009, RTA 2004, 2007, 2009, and 2011, STACS 2007, TLCA 2003 and 2015, the post-workshop proceedings CL&C 2009, TFP 2005 and 2008, TYPES 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, and 2014, and the journals *Fundamenta Informaticae*, *HOSC*, *IGPL*, *IPL*, *JAR*, *JFP*, *LMCS*, *MSCS*, and *TCS*.

## Main Line of Research

My research interests span programming languages, type systems, evaluation and compilation, termination, semantics, verification, proof languages, and logical foundations. The unifying vision is an efficient and theoretically founded language for integrated specification, programming and verification. A specific candidate for such a language is Dependent Type Theory, and I have been looking at the theory and technology of dependent types which are the foundation of the functional languages and proof assistants Coq (developed by INRIA, France) and Agda (mainly developed by Chalmers, Sweden). I have advanced the field in the following areas:

**Termination.** A termination checker is an integral part of a proof assistant based on dependent types. With Thorsten Altenkirch, I have designed and verified a termination checker for strongly typed functional languages based on the structural ordering [1, 2, 3] and integrated it into Agda 2.

For my PhD, I have studied type systems for termination checking [4, 5, 6, 7] culminating in a *polymorphic lambda-calculus with sized higher-order types* [8]. I am continuing to explore the technological aspects of sized types in my implementation MiniAgda [9, 10] of dependent type theory.

**Coinduction.** Processes and potentially infinite streams are modelled in type theory by coinduction. I have applied the structural ordering and sized types to checking the productivity of functional programs with a potentially infinite output [11], justified by a semantics based on orthogonality [12] and saturated sets [13].

With Brigitte Pientka, David Thibodeau, and Anton Setzer I have developed *copatterns*, a new approach to corecursion in functional programming and Type Theory [14, 15]. Copatterns unify the concepts of productivity of infinite objects and termination of recursive functions.

**Recursion Schemes and Generic Programming.** Rich type systems such as the higher-order polymorphic lambda calculus  $F^\omega$  allow to abstract over programming schemes in a type safe and termination ensuring manner. With Ralph Matthes and Tarmo Uustalu, I have been investigating recursion schemes for higher-order and nested data types expressible in  $F^\omega$  [16, 17, 18] and its extension by retract types [19]. Even more recursion schemes are handled by type-based termination [8] and some of them arise as instances of generic programs. I have researched criteria on generic programs which ensure that all of their instances are terminating [20, 21].

**Dependent Type Theory and Logical Frameworks.** During my 22 month visit to Chalmers, research has concentrated on dependent type theory and Martin-Löf's logical framework. With Thierry Coquand, I have proven completeness of an efficient algorithm for untyped beta-eta equality in an extension of the logical framework by Sigma-types (dependent pairs) [22, 23]. This framework, together with further extension by data types and recursive definitions, has been implemented by Ulf Norell and me under the name *agdaLight* and connected to the first-order automated theorem prover Gandalf [24].

**$\eta$ -Equality and Normalization-by-Evaluation.** Starting in August 2004 I have been collaborating with Klaus Aehlig, Thierry Coquand, and Peter Dybjer on normalization-by-evaluation for dependent types. We have explored the idea for a Martin-Löf's Type Theory with untyped [25] and judgmental equality [26]. Our results imply decidability

and injectivity of the dependent function type constructor in type theory with typed equality and universes. Using the here developed techniques we have managed to verify a type-directed algorithm for checking  $\beta\eta$ -equality [27] as it is used in Agda and Epigram. I have presented a version of NbE for System F [28] simplifying previous approaches. This has been extended to System F<sup>ω</sup> [29] and the Calculus of Constructions [30]. With Miguel Pagano and Thierry Coquand I have also treated NbE for singleton types and proof irrelevance [31].

**Computational irrelevance.** In dependently typed languages part of the code is static, i.e., it serves to certify program properties, but has no computational effect at runtime. I have been researching type systems that classify static code as irrelevant for program equivalence and allow to discard it during compilation [32, 33].

**Higher-order unification.** Unification is the basis for type reconstruction in dependently typed languages. With Brigitte Pientka I have researched an extension of higher-order unification to dependent record types [34].

**Technology and Practice of Dependent Types.** My expertise in type-checking engines allow me to make significant contributions to the *Agda* code base; after Ulf Norell and Nils Anders Danielsson I am the 3rd top developer. As of today (April 2014), I have contributed close to 1200 patches (out of 5500 total) and fixed over 200 issues (out of 1000 total).

## Other Research Interests

**Subtyping.** I have found a new and short proof of completeness of algorithmic subtyping for the higher-order polymorphic lambda-calculus [35, 36]. Together with my student Dulma Rodriguez I have extended it to System F-sub with bounded quantification [37]. I am also interested in subtyping for dependently typed languages, especially its role in type-based termination.

**Educational Proof Systems.** During my stay at CMU I implemented “Tutch”, a tutorial proof checker, which verifies natural deduction proofs written by students in a block-structured syntax [38]. The system is used for course 15213 at CMU, for course G51MCS at the University of Nottingham, and others. I have been using Tutch for teaching *Computer-Aided Formal Reasoning*. Ideas from Tutch have found their way into Prof. Schwichtenberg’s *MINLOG* system at the University of Munich, and variants of Tutch for linear and classical logic have been developed at CMU.

**Proof Languages.** In Tutch some rudimentary ideas how to write formal machine-checkable proofs have been implemented. I am further interested in the design of practical proof languages for the construction of proof documents with a flexible proof granularity, which are both readable by the human and verifiable by a semi-automated proof checker. Together with Thierry Coquand and Ulf Norell [24] I have investigated connecting Agdalign, and implementation of constructive type theory, to a first-order theorem prover (see also below).

**Higher-Order Abstract Syntax.** As a case study for interactive theorem proving with higher-order abstract syntax (HOAS), I encoded the lambda-mu calculus in Twelf [39]. I also formalized a combinatorial weak normalization proof for the simply-typed lambda-calculus [40]. Continuing this line of research, I want to explore how to extend the type-based termination paradigm to the negative data types which appear in encodings of languages with binding in HOAS.

**Bidirectional Type-Checking.** For programming languages with impredicative polymorphism, type inference is undecidable. I am interested in heuristics which support type checking for a class of programs which should encompass practically relevant programs. I implemented a prototypical bidirectional type-checker “curry” for the higher-order polymorphic lambda-calculus. With Thorsten Altenkirch I have proven soundness and partial completeness of a bidirectional semi-algorithm for type checking the inconsistent type theory Type:Type [41].

**Program Verification.** At Chalmers I have been working in the project *CoVer: Combining Verification Methods for Software Development*. We have concentrated on verifying Haskell programs using systematical testing with QuickCheck, and proving properties in First-Order Logics and Type Theory. To facilitate the latter we have developed a monadic translation of Haskell programs into Type Theory, which bridges the gap between the partial programming language and the total logical framework [42].

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

In international journals (10):

LMCS 12 [33] LMCS 11 [43] SCP 09 [21] JFP 09 [44] MSCS 08 [36]  
LMCS 08 [7] Fund.Inf. 07 [23] TCS 05 [18] ITA 04 [4] JFP 02 [2]

In workshop proceedings published in international journals (4):

MSFP 14 [45] MSFP 08 [41] LFM 04 [40] MERLIN 01 [39]

In proceedings of international conferences (25):

TLCA 15 [46] APLAS 14 [47] RTA-TLCA 14 [48] ICFP 13 [15]  
POPL 13 [14] TLCA 11 [34] FoSSaCS 11 [32] FLOPS 10 [30]  
CSL 09 [29] TLCA 09 [31] LPAR 08 [28] CSL 08 [37] MPC 08 [27]  
FLOPS 08 [49] APLAS 07 [13] LiCS 07 [26] TLCA 07 [12] MFPS 07 [25]  
CSL 06 [6] MPC 06 [20] CSR 06 [35] TLCA 05 [22] CSL 04 [19]  
TLCA 03 [5] FoSSaCS 03 [17]

In proceedings of international workshops (13):

UNIF 14 [50] LFMTTP 11 [51] PAR 10 [9] LFMTTP 10 [52] NBE 09 [53]  
HOR 07 [54] MSFP 06 [55] Haskell 05 [42] FroCoS 05 [24]  
TYPES 02 [16] PTP 01 [38] TYPES 99a [11] TYPES 99b [3]

Invited presentations:

FICS 2012 [10]

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## Teaching

At the Department of Computer Science of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, I have given the following courses entirely by myself. Terms last 14 weeks, annotations like (4+2) shall mean 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of tutorial section per week.

- *Computer-Aided Formal Reasoning* (3+2), Winter 2010/11.
- *Lambda-Calculus* (3+1), held in the Winter terms of 2005/06 and 2007/08.
- *Theory and Implementation of Object-Oriented Programming Languages* (2+2), Summer 2002.
- *Python*, one week compact course, Summer 2008.

These courses I have shared with colleagues:

- *Advanced Functional Programming* (3+2), with Dr. Steffen Jost, Summer 2012.
- *Functional Programming in SML* (3+2), with Prof. Martin Hofmann in Summer 2011.
- *Type Systems* (3+2), with Dr. Ulrich Schöpp, Summer 2011.
- *Semantics of Programming Languages* (4+2), with Dr. Ulrich Schöpp, Summer 2010.
- *Advanced Functional Programming* (2+2), with Dr. Hans-Wolfgang Loidl, Summer 2009.
- *Type Systems* (4+2), with Prof. Martin Hofmann, Summer 2007.
- *Compiler Construction Lab* (2+2), with Dr. Ulrich Schöpp, Winter 2011/12 and Summer 2013, and with Dr. Hans-Wolfgang Loidl, Winter 2007/08.
- *Programming Language Theory Seminar* (2), with Dr. Lennart Berlinger and Dr. Hans-Wolfgang Loidl, Summer 2007.

For other courses I have organized the tutorial sections, designed assignments and exams, and held tutorial sections, including the following first and second year courses:

- *Logics and Discrete Structures* (3+2), held by Prof. Martin Hofmann in Summer 2011.
- *Formal Languages and Complexity* (3+2), held by Prof. Martin Hofmann in Summer 2011.
- *Introduction to Programming with JAVA* (3+2), held by Prof. Martin Hofmann in Winter 2011/12.
- *Datastructures and Algorithms* (3+2), held by Prof. Martin Hofmann in Summer 2009.
- *Programming and Modelling with SML* (3+2), held by Prof. François Bry in Summer 2008.
- *Efficient Algorithms* (4+2), held by Prof. Martin Hofmann in Summer 2006 and 2002.
- *Constructive Logic*, held by Prof. Frank Pfenning at Carnegie Mellon University in Fall 2000.

## Supervised PhD Students

Currently I am supervising PhD student Andrea Vezzosi in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Gothenburg University. Joint publications: [50] [47].

In Munich, I have been co-supervising PhD student Christoph-Simon Senjak (2012-2013) in the DFG PhD Program PUMA (Program- and Modelanalysis), and Dulma Rodriguez who graduated in 2012.

## Supervised Diploma and Master Students

2015 Theo Winterhalter, *Dependent Type Theory with Sized Types*. ENS Cachan research internship (supervision ongoing).

2015 Marcus Eskil Johansson and Jesper Llooy, *Eliminating the problems of hidden-lambda insertion*. Master's thesis.

2012 Matthias Benkard, *Type Checking without Types*.  
Investigation of a functional language with pattern matching and a refinement relation between terms that plays the role of typing and subtyping. Won a ICFP 2012 Student research competition travel award and a short presentation at the main conference.

2011/12 Frederic Kettelhoit, *A Prelude for Agda*. Master's thesis.

2011 Gabriel Scherer, *Universe Subtyping in Martin-Löf Type Theory*. Research internship on the Master's level.

2007 Karl Mehlretter, *Termination Checking for a Dependently Typed Language*. Diploma thesis.

2007 Dulma Rodriguez, *Algorithmic Subtyping for Higher-Order Bounded Quantification Revisited*. Diploma thesis, published [37].

## Supervised Bachelor Students and Student Projects

2015 Gregor Ulm, *Compiling Agda to System  $F_\omega$*  (supervision ongoing).

2013 Felix Reihl, *Solving Size Constraints Using Graph Representation*. Bachelor's thesis.

2012 David Thibodeau, *A Core Calculus for Covering Copatterns*. Undergraduate research internship.

2010/11 Nicolai Kraus, *A Term Representation Based on Ordered Logic*. Bachelor's thesis, published [51].

2009/10 Julien Oster, *Red-Black Trees in Agda*. Advanced programming lab.

2006 Dulma Rodriguez, *Verification of Iteration and Coiteration Schemes for Higher-Order and Nested Datatypes in Coq*, Fortgeschrittenenpraktikum (Advanced Programming Lab) at Ludwig-Maximilians-University, München.

- 2003 Jan Peter Gutzmann, *Implementation eines Typprüfers für System  $F_\omega$* , Fortgeschrittenenpraktikum (Advanced Programming Lab) at Ludwig-Maximilians-University, München.
- 2001 Bor-Yuh Evan Chang, *Human-Readable Machine-Verifiable Proofs for Teaching Constructive Logic*, Junior Research Project at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh.

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