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Research Interests

My mission is to discover beautiful mathematical ideas that have a real-world impact, shape the way programmers think, and help to create better software. I am currently working on quantitative verification, type systems, static resource analysis of programs, probabilistic programming, proof assistants, and programming languages for digital contracts.

Education

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and TU Munich Ph.D. in Computer Science 2008–2011

Advisor: Prof. Martin Hofmann. Grade: magna cum laude.

Topic: Types with Potential: Polynomial Resource Bounds via Automatic Amortized Analysis.

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Diplom mit Auszeichnung (Master with Honors in Computer Science) 2001–2007

Grade: 1.0 (best possible).

Major: Theoretical Computer Science. Minor subject: Mathematics.

Positions

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh Tenure-Track Assistant Professor 2015—present

In the Computer Science Department of the School of Computer Science.

Yale University
Associate Research Scientist
New Haven
2012–2015

Topic: Quantitative Verification. Support: NSF VeriQ (PI) and DARPA HACMS (Key Personnel).

Yale University

Postdoctoral Associate

New Haven
2011–2012

In the group of Prof. Zhong Shao. Topic: Verification of Lock-Free Data Structures.

Support: DARPA HACMS (Key Personnel) and DARPA CRASH.

Microsoft ResearchCambridge, UKResearch InternFeb. – Apr. 2011

Mentors: Andrew Kennedy and Nick Benton. Topic: Operational Semantics in Coq.

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität and TU Munich Munich

In the group of Prof. Martin Hofmann. Topic: Automatic Resource Bound Analysis.

University of California, San Diego

Master Thesis

San Diego

Jan. – Jun. 2007

Waster Process A. D. Constal D. D. and Tarin D. H. Albarithan and Brank for Durfe

Advisor: Prof. Samuel R. Buss. Topic: DLL Algorithms and Resolution Proofs.

Professional Activities

Research Assistant

OrganizerMartin Hofmann Memorial Meeting, with L. Beringer, S. Jost, U. Schöpp, and D. Sannella201919th Workshop on Logic and Computational Complexity (LCC'18) (Co-Chair)20183rd Logic Mentoring Workshop (LMW'18) (Co-Chair)2018

2007-2011

Munich

Dagstuhl Seminar Resource Bound Analysis, with M. Gaboardi, R. Will LOLA 2016 - Syntax and Semantics of Low-Level Languages (Co-Chai	
Annual PUMA Workshop, Venice, Italy.	2009
Guest Editor	
Journal of Automated Reasoning, Special Issue Automatic Resource B	Sound Analysis 2015–17
Committee Member	
Program Committee – LOLA 2019 - Syntax and Semantics of Low-Leve	
Program Committee – European Symposium on Programming (ESOP)	
Steering Committee – Logic Mentoring Workshop	2018–pres.
Program Committee – Symposium on Principles of Programming Lang	
Review Panel – National Science Foundation (NSF)	2018
Program Committee – Student Research Competition at PLDI 2018 (Pl	·
Program Committee – International Colloquium on Automata, Languag	
Program Committee – European Symposium on Programming (ESOP'	•
Program Committee – Joint Workshop on Developments in Implicit Cor	· ·
Foundational and Practical Aspects of Resource	e Analysis (DICE-FOPARA'17) 2017
Program Committee – Int. Conf. on Formal Structures for Computation	
Program Committee – Conf. on Programming Language Design and In	
External Review Committee – Conference on Computer Aided Verificat	tion (CAV'16) 2016
Program Committee – Conf. on Found. of Software Science and Comp	. Structures (FOSSACS'16) 2015
Program Committee – Developments in Implicit Computational Comple	exity (DICE'15) 2015
External Review Committee – Symposium on Principles of Programmir	ng Languages (POPL'15) 2014
University Service	
Ph.D. Admissions Committee – Computer Science Department, Carne	gie Mellon 2019–2020
Organizer of the Computer Science Department's Open House – Carnegie Mellon	
Member of the Doctoral Review Committee – Computer Science Department, Carnegie Mellon	
Organizer of the weekly PLunch Meeting – Carnegie Mellon	rtment, Carnegie Mellon 2018–pres. 2015–pres.
Organizer of the PoP Seminar – Carnegie Mellon	2015–pres.
Master Admission Committee – Computer Science Department, Carne	•
Teaching and Mentoring	
Current PhD Students and Post-Docs	
Stefan Muller, Post-Doc	2018-present
David Kahn, PhD Student	2018-present
Di Wang, PhD Student	2017-present
Ankush Das, PhD Student	2015-present
Current BS Students	
Charles Yuan, BS Student	2018-present
Former Students	
Prachi Laud, BS Student (now Software Engineer at Facebook)	2017–2018
Yue Niu, BS Student (now PhD students at Carnegie Mellon)	2017–2018
Chan Ngo, Post-Doc (now Senior Research Engineer at Aptiv)	2016–2018
Nicholas Roberts, BS Student	2018–2019
Benjamin Lichtman, BS Student (now Software Engineer at Microsoft)	2016–2017
Quentin Carbonneaux, PhD Student (co-advised with Zhong Shao)	2013–2017
Courses Taught	
15-312: Principles of Programming Languages (with Stephanie Balzer)	Carnegie Mellon, Spring 2019
15-411/15-611: Compiler Design	Carnegie Mellon, Fall 2018
Introduction to Types and Semantics	Oregon PL Summer School, Summer 2018
15-312: Principles of Programming Languages	Carnegie Mellon, Spring 2018
15-411/15-611: Compiler Design	Carnegie Mellon, Fall 2017

15-312: Principles of Programming Languages (with Bob Harper)

15-411/15-611: Compiler Design

Type-Based Resource Analysis

15-819: Advanced Topics in Programming Languages: Resource Analysis

Carnegie Mellon, Spring 2017

Carnegie Mellon, Fall 2016

Oregon PL Summer School, Summer 2016

Carnegie Mellon, Spring 2016

CPSP721: Advanced Programming Language Topics (with Zhong Shao)

Grants and Awards

Gift

Jane Street Capital 2019

Research Grant

National Science Foundation (NSF)

2018-2021

Yale, Spring 2012

Title: SHF: Small: Resource-Guided Program Synthesis. Pls: Jan Hoffmann (CMU) and Nadia Polikarpova (UCSD). \$250,000 (CMU component). Award No. 1812876.

Research Grant

National Science Foundation (NSF)

2018-2022

Title: SaTC: CORE: Medium: Automated Support for Writing High-Assurance Smart Contracts. Pls: Jan Hoffmann (CMU), Bryan Parno (CMU), and Andrew Miller (UIUC). \$800,000 (CMU component). Award No. 1801369.

Research Contract

DARPA Assured Autonomy

2018-2022

HRL subcontract. CMU Pls: J. Dolan, D. Held, J. Hoffmann, S. Mitch, F. Pfenning, and A. Platzer.

Gift

Jane Street Capital
With Jean Yang

2018

Schmidt Sciences Grant

The Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fund for Strategic Innovation

2017-2018

Title: An Automated Algorithm Designer. With Carl Kingsford, Nina Balcan, Mor Harchol-Balter, Guy Blelloch, Anupam Gupta, and Jan Hoffmann.

Google Research Award

Google Inc.

2016

Title: Automated Static Resource Regression Analysis. Dagstuhl Seminar (Organizer)

Schloss Dagstuhl

2016

Title: Resource Bound Analysis. Date: July, 2017.

With Marco Gaboardi, Reinhard Wilhelm, and Florian Zuleger.

Research Contract

DARPA STAC - Space/Time Analysis for Cybersecurity

2015-2019

Title: CURB: Calculating and Understanding Resource Bounds to Detect Space/Time Vulnerabilities.

\$6,230,090, 4 years, Award FA8750-15-C-0082 Pls: A. Loginov (GrammaTech),

T. Reps (U Wisconsin), J. Hoffmann (CMU) and Z. Shao (Yale); Yale/CMU component: \$1,448,531.

Research Grant

National Science Foundation (NSF)

2013-2016

Title: VeriQ: Formal Quantitative Software Verification in Realistic Application Scenarios.

\$449,721, 3 years, Award CCF-1319671, Pls: Zhong Shao and Jan Hoffmann.

Ph.D. Scholarship

DFG Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg) PUMA

2008-2011

PUMA is a joint graduate school (doctoral training center) of LMU Munich and TU Munich.

It is supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Foreign Education Scholarship

German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung)

2007

For a six months' stay at University of California, San Diego.

Student Scholarship

German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung)

2005-2007

For studying computer science at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich.

Software

Quantitative CompCert

A formally-verified C compiler that preserves quantitative properties

2013-present

We modified Xavier Leroy's CompCert compiler and used the Coq Proof Assistant to prove the preservation of quantitative properties during compilation of C to x86 assembly. This enables the verification of stack-space bounds at the C level. This artifact was approved by the *PLDI'13 Artifact Evaluation Committee*. (Project Website)

C⁴B

A compositional certified resource-bound analyzer for C programs

2013-present

We designed and implemented a system for statically determining a symbolic bound on the resource usage of C programs. The system is based on a fully-automatic amortized resource analysis. (Project Website)

Resource Aware ML

A system for automatic derivation of resource bounds for functional programs 2009—present For my Ph.D., I designed and implemented a system that automatically derives polynomial resource bounds for functional programs at compile time. We are currently integrating the analysis systems with INRIA's OCaml compiler. (Project Website)

CertiKOS

A formally-verified hypervisor kernel

2012-2015

In the DARPA HACMS and DARPA CRASH programs, we use the Coq Proof Assistant and the verified CompCert C compiler to implement and verify the realistic hypervisor kernel CertiKOS. (Project Website)

Publications

In Peer-Reviewed Conferences.

1. D. Wang and J. Hoffmann.

Type-guided worst-case input generation.

In 46th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'19), 2019.

2. Y. Niu and J. Hoffmann.

Automatic space bound analysis for functional programs with garbage collection.

In 22nd International Conference on Logic for Programming Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning (LPAR'18), 2018.

3. A. Das, J. Hoffmann, and F. Pfenning.

Parallel complexity analysis with temporal session types.

In 23rd International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP'18), 2018.

4. A. Das, J. Hoffmann, and F. Pfenning.

Work analysis with resource-aware session types.

In 33th ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS'18), 2018.

5. V. C. Ngo, Q. Carbonneaux, and J. Hoffmann.

Bounded expectations: Resource analysis for probabilistic programs.

In 39th Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'18), 2018.

6. D. Wang, J. Hoffmann, and T. Reps.

Pmaf: An algebraic framework for static analysis of probabilistic programs.

In 39th Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'18), 2018.

7. B. Lichtman and J. Hoffmann.

Arrays and References in Resource Aware ML.

In 2nd International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction (FSCD'17), 2017. PDF.

8. Q. Carbonneaux, J. Hoffmann, T. Reps, and Z. Shao.

Automated Resource Analysis with Coq Proof Objects.

In 29th International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification (CAV'17), 2017. PDF.

9. V. C. Ngo, M. Dehesa-Azuara, M. Fredrikson, and J. Hoffmann.

Verifying and Synthesizing Constant-Resource Implementations with Types.

In 38th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P '17), 2017. PDF.

10. A. Das and J. Hoffmann.

ML for ML: Learning Cost Semantics by Experiment.

In 23rd International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS'17), 2017. PDF.

11. E. Çiçek, G. Barthe, M. Gaboardi, D. Garg, and J. Hoffmann.

Relational Cost Analysis.

In 44th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'17), 2017. PDF.

12. J. Hoffmann, A. Das, and S.-C. Weng.

Towards Automatic Resource Bound Analysis for OCaml.

In 44th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'17), 2017. Artifact submitted and approved. PDF.

13. Q. Carbonneaux, J. Hoffmann, and Z. Shao.

Compositional Certified Resource Bounds.

In 36th Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'15), 2015. Artifact submitted and approved. PDF.

14. J. Hoffmann and Z. Shao.

Automatic Static Cost Analysis for Parallel Programs.

In 24th European Symposium on Programming (ESOP'15), 2015. PDF.

15. J. Hoffmann and Z. Shao.

Type-Based Amortized Resource Analysis with Integers and Arrays.

In 12th International Symposium on Functional and Logic Programming (FLOPS'14), 2014. PDF.

16. Q. Carbonneaux, J. Hoffmann, T. Ramananandro, and Z. Shao.

End-to-End Verification of Stack-Space Bounds for C Programs.

In 35th Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'14), 2014. Artifact submitted and approved. PDF.

17. G. Scherer and J. Hoffmann.

Tracking Data-Flow with Open Closure Types.

In 19th International Conference on Logic for Programming, Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning (LPAR'13), 2013. PDF.

18. H. Liang, J. Hoffmann, X. Feng, and Z. Shao.

Characterizing Progress Properties of Concurrent Objects via Contextual Refinements.

In 24th International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR'13), 2013. PDF.

19. J. Hoffmann, M. Marmar, and Z. Shao.

Quantitative Reasoning for Proving Lock-Freedom.

In 28th ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS'13), 2013. PDF.

20. J. Hoffmann, K. Aehlig, and M. Hofmann.

Resource Aware ML.

In 24rd International Conference on Computer Aided Verification (CAV'12), 2012. PDF.

21. N. R. Krishnaswami, N. Benton, and J. Hoffmann.

Higher-Order Functional Reactive Programming in Bounded Space.

In 39th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'12), 2012. PDF.

22. J. Hoffmann, K. Aehlig, and M. Hofmann.

Multivariate Amortized Resource Analysis.

In 38th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'11), 2011. PDF.

23. J. Hoffmann and M. Hofmann.

Amortized Resource Analysis with Polymorphic Recursion and Partial Big-Step Operational Semantics.

In 8th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages (APLAS'10), 2010. PDF.

24. J. Hoffmann and M. Hofmann.

Amortized Resource Analysis with Polynomial Potential.

In 19th European Symposium on Programming (ESOP'10), 2010. PDF.

25. D. Baumeister, F. Brandt, F. A. Fischer, J. Hoffmann, and J. Rothe.

The Complexity of Computing Minimal Unidirectional Covering Sets.

In Algorithms and Complexity, 7th International Conference (CIAC'10), 2010. PDF.

26. F. Brandt, M. Brill, F. A. Fischer, and J. Hoffmann.

The Computational Complexity of Weak Saddles.

In Algorithmic Game Theory, Second International Symposium (SAGT'09), 2009. PDF.

In Peer-Reviewed Journals.

27. J. Hoffmann and Z. Shao.

Type-Based Amortized Resource Analysis with Integers and Arrays.

J. Funct. Program., 2015. PDF.

28. D. Baumeister, F. Brandt, F. A. Fischer, J. Hoffmann, and J. Rothe.

The Complexity of Computing Minimal Unidirectional Covering Sets.

Theory of Computing Systems, 2013. PDF.

29. J. Hoffmann, K. Aehlig, and M. Hofmann.

Multivariate Amortized Resource Analysis.

ACM Trans. Program. Lang. Syst., 2012. PDF.

30. F. Brandt, M. Brill, F. A. Fischer, and J. Hoffmann.

The Computational Complexity of Weak Saddles.

Theory of Computing Systems, 2010. PDF.

31. F. Brandt, M. Brill, F. Fischer, P. Harrenstein, and J. Hoffmann.

Computing Shapley's Saddles.

ACM SIGecom Exchanges, 8, 2009. PDF.

32. J. Hoffmann.

Finding a Tree Structure in a Resolution Proof is NP-Complete.

Theoretical Computer Science, 410(21-23), 2009. PDF.

33. S. R. Buss, J. Hoffmann, and J. Johannsen.

Resolution Trees with Lemmas: Resolution Refinements that Characterize DLL Algorithms with Clause Learning.

Logical Methods in Computer Science, 4(4), 2008. PDF.

34. S. R. Buss and J. Hoffmann.

The NP-hardness of Finding a Directed Acyclic Graph for Regular Resolution.

Theoretical Computer Science, 396(1-3), 2008. PDF.

Theses.....

35. J. Hoffmann.

Types with Potential: Polynomial Resource Bounds via Automatic Amortized Analysis. PhD thesis, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universiät München, 2011. PDF.

J. Hoffmann.

Resolution Proofs and DLL-Algorithms with Clause Learning. Diploma Thesis, LMU München, 2007. PDF.

Other Papers.

37. A. Das, S. Balzer, J. Hoffmann, and F. Pfenning.

Resource-aware session types for digital contracts, 2019. Working paper.

38. T. Knoth, D. Wang, J. Hoffmann, and N. Polikarpova.

Resource-guided program synthesis, 2019. Working paper.

39. D. Wang, J. Hoffmann, and T. Reps.

A denotational semantics for nondeterminism in probabilistic programs, 2018. Working paper.

Talks

Resource-Aware Session Types

Invited talk 4th Workshop on Behavioral Types (BEAT '19); Lisbon, Portugal

January 2019

Programming Languages for Smart Contracts

CyLab Partners Conference; Pittsburgh, PA

October 2018

Resource Analysis for Probabilistic Programs

Invited talk at the meeting of the IFIP working group 1.9/2.15 "Verified Software"; Oxford, UK

July 2018

Resource Analysis for Probabilistic Programs

Invited talk at the 9th International Workshop on Developments in Implicit Computational Complexity (DICE '18);
Thessaloniki, Greece April 2018

Resource Analysis for Probabilistic Programs

ESOP 2018 Program Committee Workshop; Paris, France

December 2017

Resource Bound Analysis and Static Analysis

Invited talk at the 9th Working Conference on Verified Software: Theories, Tools,

and Experiments (VSTTE '17); Heidelberg, Germany

July 2017

Towards Automatic Resource Bound Analysis for OCaml

Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'17); Paris, France

January 2017

Resource Aware ML

University at Buffalo; Buffalo, NY

Invited talk at the 5th South of England Regional Programming Language Seminar; Oxford; UK

Max Planck Institute for Software Systems; Saarbrücken; Germany

December 2017

January 2017

June 2016

Automatic Resource Bound Analysis and Linear Optimization

Invited talk at the workshop Beyond Worst-Case Analysis at the Simons Institute; Berkeley; CA November 2016

Static Analysis for Finding Space/Time Vulnerabilities

CyLab Partners Conference; Pittsburgh; PA

September 2016

Type-Based Resource Analysis

Lecture series at the Oregon Programming Languages Summer School); Eugene; OR

June 2016

Certified Resource Bounds in the CompCert Compiler

Invited talk at Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS'16); Pittsburgh; PA

Mai 2016

Resource Aware Programming Principles of Programming (PoP) Group Retreat; Seven Springs; PA	October 2015
Compositional Certified Resource Bounds Conf. on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI'15); Portland; OR	June 2015
Automatic Static Cost Analysis for Parallel Programs European Symposium on Programming (ESOP'15); London; UK	April 2015
Formal Reasoning about Quantitative Properties of Software	
University of Colorado Boulder; Boulder, CO	March 2015
Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, PA	February 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Urbana-Champaign, IL	February 2015
University of Waterloo; Waterloo ON, Canada	January 2015
Heriot-Watt University; Edinburgh, UK	January 2015
TU Munich (Department of Computer Science); Munich, Germany	November 2014
Boston University; Boston MA	October 2014
Northeastern University; Boston MA	October 2014
MIT; Boston MA	April 2014
Harvard University; Boston MA	April 2014
Formal Verification of Quantitative Software Properties TU Munich (Institute for Advanced Study); Munich, Germany	November 2014
End-to-End Verification of Stack-Space Bounds for C Programs Workshop on Higher Order Computation: Types, Complexity, Applications; Paris, France	June 2014
Type-Based Amortized Resource Analysis with Integers and Arrays Int. Symp. on Functional and Logic Programming (FLOPS'14); Kanasawa, Japan	June 2014
Tracking Data-Flow with Open Closure Types Int. Conf. on Logic for Prog., Art. Intel. and Reasoning (LPAR'13); Stellenbosch, South Africa	December 2013
Characterizing Progress Properties of Concurrent Objects via Contextual Refine	ements
DARPA HACMS-CARS site visit; New Haven, CT	September 2013
Quantitative Reasoning for Proving Lock-Freedom	
ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS'13); New Orleans, LA	June 2013
University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA	February 2013
DARPA CRASH PI meeting; San Diego, CA	November 2012
DARPA CRASH-CertiKOS site visit; New Haven, CT	October 2012
Resource Aware ML	
Int. Conf. on Computer Aided Verification (CAV'12); Berkeley, CA	July 2012
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Polynomial Amortized Resource Analysis	luna 0010
DFG PUMA site visit; Munich, Germany Dissertation defense at LMU; Munich, Germany	June 2012 October 2011
Dissertation deterise at Livio, Municin, Germany	October 2011
Higher-Order Functional Reactive Programming in Bounded Space	
PUMA Workshop; Traunkirchen, Austria	October 2011
Multivariate Amortized Resource Analysis	
Université Paris 7 - Denis Diderot; Paris, France	September 2011
UPENN; Philadelphia, PA	June 2011
Yale University; New Haven, CT	June 2011
IST Austria; Vienna, Austria	June 2011
Microsoft Research; Cambridge, UK	March 2011
Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL'11); Austin, TX	January 2011
PUMA Workshop; Szentendre, Hungary	October 2010

Amortized Resource Analysis with Polymorphic Recursion and Partial Big-Step Op. Sem.

Asian Symposium on Programming Languages (APLAS'10); Shanghai, China November 2010

Analysing Sorting Algorithms in Resource Aware ML

University of Kassel; Kassel, Germany November 2010

Automatic Amortized Resource Analysis

National DFG GK Workshop; Dagstuhl, Germany June 2010

Amortized Resource Analysis with Polynomial Potential

European Symposium on Programming (ESOP'10); Cyprus March 2010
PUMA Workshop; Venice, Italy October 2009

A Purely-Functional SAT Solver

PUMA Kickoff Meeting; Spitzingsee, Germany October 2008

DLL-Algorithms and Resolution Proofs

Fall School: Logic and Complexity; Prague, Czech Republic September 2008

Languages

German: Native English: Fluent French: Elementary

References

Prof. Martin Hofmann, PhD

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