

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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1. RESEARCH TOPICS

Logic in computer science; verification; complexity theory; formal languages

2. ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

since 2008: lecturer, École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay
2018–2023: member of Institut Universitaire de France
2013–2015: on partial leave at Inria Paris-Saclay, Dahu team
2007–2008: post-doctoral researcher, Inria Nancy Grand-Est, Talaris team
2006–2007: research assistant, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis
2003–2006: teaching assistant, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis

Long Research Visits:

Apr.–Jul. 2017: invited researcher, University of Warsaw, funded by the ERC Lipa
Feb.–Jul. 2015: invited professor, University of Warwick, funded by the Leverhulme Trust

3. EDUCATION

2017: Habilitation, École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay
title: *Algorithmic Complexity of Well-Quasi-Orders* [T1]
date: Nov. 27, 2017
2007: Ph.D. in Computer Science, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis
title: *Approximating Context-Free Grammars for Parsing and Verification* [T2]
date: Sep. 27, 2007
supervisor: Jacques Farré
2003: M.S. in Theoretical Computer Science, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis
2003: M.S. in Software Engineering, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis

4. RESEARCH FUNDING

Main Research Projects:

2017–2020: Participant of ANR BRAVAS: *Ideal-based algorithms for VASSes and well-structured systems*
website: <http://bravas.labri.fr/>
2015–2019: Principal investigator of ANR PRODAQ: *Proof systems for data queries*
website: <http://projects.lsv.fr/prodaq/>
2011–2014: Participant of ANR REACHARD: *Taming hard reachability problems*
website: <http://www.lsv.fr/Projects/anr-reachard/>

5. AWARDS

- Best paper award at RTA-TLCA 2014 for [C13]
- ACM Computing Review's 21st Annual Best in Computing: Notable Books and Articles in Computing of 2016 for [J5]

6. SUPERVISION

PhD Students:

Anthony Lick: since Sep. 2016. Joint supervision with David Baelde, funded by ANR PRODAQ. Topics: data logics, XPath, proof systems.

Simon Halfon: Sep. 2015–Aug. 2018. Joint supervision with Philippe Schnoebelen. Topics: well-quasi-orders, complexity, verification of infinite-state systems. Defended on June 29 2018.

Master Students:

Aliaume Lopez: Mar.–Jul. 2019. Joint supervision with Jean Goubault-Larrecq. Topics: data-centric dynamic systems and well-quasi-orders on relational structures.

Balasubramanian Ayikudi Ramachandrakumar: May–Jul. 2019. Joint supervision with Philippe Schnoebelen, funded by UMI ReLaX. Topic: powersets and antichains in well-quasi-orders.

Anthony Lick: Mar.–Jul. 2016. Joint supervision with David Baelde, funded by ANR PRODAQ. Topics: proof systems for logics on finite words.

Simon Lunel: Apr.–Jul. 2015. Joint supervision with David Baelde, funded by ANR PRODAQ. Topic: proof systems for data logics on finite data trees; see [C6].

Jean-Baptiste Courtois: Apr.–Aug. 2013. Topics: multi-dimensional energy games and simulation games on vector addition systems; see [C12].

Prateek Karandikar: June 2012. Topic: complexity of the Post Embedding Problem; see [C17].

Michel Blockelet: Feb.–Aug. 2010. Topic: model-checking the coverability graphs of vector addition systems; see [C20].

Bachelor Students:

Ashwani Anand: May–Jun. 2018. Joint supervision with Thomas Colcombet, funded by UMI ReLaX. Topic: polynomial vector addition systems with states.

Killaru Manuj: May–Jun. 2016. Joint supervision with Étienne Lozes, funded by ANR PRODAQ. Topic: separation logic on data words.

Anudhyan Boral: May–Jul. 2012. Topic: model-checking parse trees, with applications in computational linguistics and programming language design; see [C16].

7. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Program Committees:

- international conferences: NAACL-HLT 2019 (subcommittee on Theory and Formalisms), LICS 2018, Petri nets 2017, STACS 2017.
- international workshops: RP 2015 and 2012, CSLP 2012, LDTA 2012 and 2011, TAG+10 and TAG+9

Steering Committees: Member of the steering committee of the French working group on verification GT Vérif since 2014.

Organising Committees: Highlights 2014 (co-chair), GT-Vérif 2014, GT-Vérif 2013 (chair), and CIAA 2005.

PhD Committees:

- Michael Blondin, *Algorithmics and Complexity of Counter Machines*, Jun. 29, 2016, Université de Montréal et Université Paris-Saclay.
- Silvia Steila, *Terminating via Ramsey's Theorem*, Jan. 26 2016, Università degli studi di Torino (reviewer).
- Jérôme Kirman, *Mise au point d'un formalisme syntaxique de haut niveau pour le traitement automatique des langues*, Dec. 4, 2015, Université de Bordeaux.

- Bas Basten, *Ambiguity Detection for Programming Language Grammars*, Dec. 15, 2011, CWI, Amsterdam (reviewer).

Hiring Committees:

- lecturer positions at Université Paris-Diderot (2019, maths dpt.), École Polytechnique (2017), Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée (2018, 2016, 2013), Université de Lorraine (2016), Université Bordeaux I (2012), Université Paris IV (2012)
- teaching positions in mathematics at ENS Paris-Saclay (2018, 2015, 2014, 2013).

Evaluation Committees: External reviewer for project proposals for ANR (France) in 2013, 2015, and 2016, for NCN (Poland) in 2018 and 2017, for FWF (Austria) in 2015, for NWO (Netherlands) in 2009.

8. INVITED TALKS AT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- invited talk at *12th Panhellenic Logic Symposium*,
- invited talk at *Complexity, Algorithms, Automata and Logic Meet* (CAALM 2019),
- invited talk at *6th Workshop on Quantitative Logics and Automata* (QuantLA 2018),
- invited tutorial at *13th Summer School on Modelling and Verification of Parallel Processes* (MOVEP 2018),
- invited talk at *20th International Workshop on Verification of Infinite-State Systems* (Infinity 2018, satellite of ICALP 2018),
- invited talk at Gregynog 71717 *Workshop on Vector Addition Systems*
- invited talk at *Workshop on Separation Problems* (satellite of ICALP 2017)
- invited talk at Dagstuhl Seminar 16031 *Well Quasi-Orders in Computer Science*,
- invited talk at *DIMAP Logic Day 2015*,
- invited talk at *4th Workshop on Automata, Concurrency and Timed Systems* (ACTS 2015),
- invited talk at *8th International Workshop on Reachability Problems* (RP 2014),
- invited tutorial at Dagstuhl Seminar 14141 *Reachability Problems for Infinite-State Systems*.

See <http://www.lsv.fr/~schmitz/talks> for my full list of talks.

9. TEACHING

Courses. See <http://www.lsv.fr/~schmitz/teach> for my lecture notes, home assignments, exercise sheets, etc. Codes: L1/L2/L3: first, second, and third year of Bachelor; M1/M2: first and second years of Master; D: PhD students.

At ENS Paris-Saclay: note that students enter ENS Paris-Saclay directly in L3 or later.

- Programming and formal semantics (L3 CS), projects and labs: 2012; tutorials: 2017.
- Formal languages (L3 CS), lectures: 2016, 2017; tutorials: 2008, 2009, 2015.
- Computational complexity (L3 CS), tutorials: 2015.
- Software engineering (L3 CS), projects and labs: 2008.
- Verification (M1 CS), lectures: 2015; tutorials: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Tree automata, techniques and applications (M1 CS), lectures: 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Logical and computational structures for linguistic modelling (M2 CS), lectures: 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Formal languages (M2 Maths), lectures and tutorials: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- Logic and rewriting (M2 Maths), lectures and tutorials: 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Searching and publishing on the web (D), lectures and labs: 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016.

At Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis:

- Algorithmics and data structures (L1 CS), labs and tutorials: 2006.
- Algorithmics and Java programming, labs (L1 Elec. Eng.): 2003; labs and projects (L2 Elec. Eng.): 2004.
- Algorithmics and Pascal programming (L1 CS), labs: 2003.
- Algorithmics and C programming (L1 and L3 CS), labs: 2005.
- XML and text processing (L1 Eng.), lectures and labs: 2006.

- Unix (L2 Elec. Eng.), labs: 2004.
- Compilers (L3 CS), labs and tutorials: 2004.
- Compiling an object-oriented language (M1 CS), labs and tutorials: 2005.
- Parsing and natural language processing (M2 CS), lectures: 2005 and 2006.

At Summer Schools:

- Algorithmic aspects of wqo theory, ESSLI 2012 and 2016, joint with Philippe Schnoebelen; see [L1].

Administration.

Sep. 2015–Sept. 2018: head of the first year of the Master of Computer Science at ENS Paris-Saclay

Sep. 2009–Aug. 2013: head of the Computer Science curriculum in the *préparation à l'agrégation de mathématiques* at ENS Paris-Saclay

10. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

- ambiguity checking in GNU/Bison (2006–2007); see [W5; J9]
- grammar test suite generator (2008); see [F1; W4]
- tools for deterministic tree walking automata (2009); see [C25; J8]
- XPath parser and benchmarks (2016–2018); see [C1]

11. PUBLICATIONS

Invited Papers:

- [I1] Leroux, J. and Schmitz, S., 2016. Ideal decompositions for vector addition systems. In *Proceedings of STACS 2016*, volume 47 of *Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics*, article 1, 13 pages. LZI. doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.STACS.2016.1.
- [I2] Schmitz, S., 2016. Automata column: The complexity of reachability in vector addition systems. *ACM SIGLOG News*, 3(1):3–21. doi:10.1145/2893582.2893585.
- [I3] Schmitz, S., 2014. Complexity bounds for ordinal-based termination. In *Proceedings of RP 2014*, volume 8762 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 1–19. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-11439-2_1.
- [I4] Schmitz, S. and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2013. The power of well-structured systems. In *Proceedings of Concur 2013*, volume 8052 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 5–24. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-40184-8_2.

Journal Papers:

- [J1] Lazić, R. and Schmitz, S., 2019. The ideal view on Rackoff's coverability technique. *Information and Computation*. hal.inria.fr:hal-01176755. To appear.
- [J2] Bérard, B., Haar, S., Schmitz, S., and Schwoon, S., 2018. The complexity of diagnosability and opacity verification for Petri nets. *Fundamenta Informatica*, 161(4):317–349. doi:10.3233/FI-2018-1706.
- [J3] Schmitz, S., 2016. Implicational relevance logic is 2-ExpTime-complete. *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 81(2):641–661. doi:10.1017/jsl.2015.7.
- [J4] Chambart, P., Finkel, A., and Schmitz, S., 2016. Forward analysis and model checking for trace bounded WSTS. *Theoretical Computer Science*, 637:1–29. doi:10.1016/j.tcs.2016.04.020.
- [J5] Schmitz, S., 2016. Complexity hierarchies beyond Elementary. *ACM Transactions on Computation Theory*, 8(1:3):1–36. doi:10.1145/2858784.
- [J6] Lazić, R. and Schmitz, S., 2015. Non-elementary complexities for branching VASS, MELL, and extensions. *ACM Transactions on Computational Logic*, 16(3:20):1–30. doi:10.1145/2733375.
- [J7] Haase, C., Schmitz, S., and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2014. The power of priority channel systems. *Logical Methods in Computer Science*, 10(4:4):1–39. doi:10.2168/LMCS-10(4:4)2014.
- [J8] Héam, P.C., Nicaud, C., and Schmitz, S., 2010. Parametric random generation of deterministic tree automata. *Theoretical Computer Science*, 411(38–39):3469–3480. doi:10.1016/j.tcs.2010.05.036.

- [J9] Schmitz, S., 2010. An experimental ambiguity detection tool. *Science of Computer Programming*, 75(1–2):71–84. doi:10.1016/j.scico.2009.07.002.

Conference Papers:

- [C1] Baelde, D., Lick, A., and Schmitz, S., 2019. Decidable XPath fragments in the real world. In *Proceedings of PODS 2019*. ACM. hal.inria.fr:hal-01852475. To appear.
- [C2] Baelde, D., Lick, A., and Schmitz, S., 2018. A hypersequent calculus with clusters for tense logic over ordinals. In *Proceedings of FSTTCS 2018, Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics*, article 15, 19 pages. LZI. doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.FSTTCS.2018.15.
- [C3] Baelde, D., Lick, A., and Schmitz, S., 2018. A hypersequent calculus with clusters for linear frames. In *Proceedings of AiML 2018*, volume 12 of *Advances in Modal Logic*, pages 36–55. College Publications. hal.inria.fr:hal-01756126.
- [C4] Colcombet, Th., Jurdziński, M., Lazić, R., and Schmitz, S., 2017. Perfect half-space games. In *Proceedings of LICS 2017*. IEEE. doi:10.1109/LICS.2017.8005105.
- [C5] Bérard, B., Haar, S., Schmitz, S., and Schwoon, S., 2017. The complexity of diagnosability and opacity verification for Petri nets. In *Proceedings of Petri Nets 2017*, volume 10258 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 200–220. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-57861-3_13. Superseded by [J2].
- [C6] Baelde, D., Lunel, S., and Schmitz, S., 2016. A sequent calculus for a modal logic on finite data trees. In *Proceedings of CSL 2016*, volume 62 of *Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics*, article 32, 16 pages. LZI. doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CSL.2016.32.
- [C7] Goubault-Larrecq, J. and Schmitz, S., 2016. Deciding piecewise testable separability for regular tree languages. In *Proceedings of ICALP 2016*, volume 55 of *Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics*, article 97, 15 pages. LZI. doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2016.97.
- [C8] Lazić, R. and Schmitz, S., 2016. The complexity of coverability in ν -Petri nets. In *Proceedings of LICS 2016*, pages 467–476. ACM. doi:10.1145/2933575.2933593.
- [C9] Hofman, P., Lasota, S., Lazić, R., Leroux, J., Schmitz, S., and Totzke, P., 2016. Coverability trees for Petri nets with unordered data. In *Proceedings of FoSSaCS 2016*, volume 9634 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 445–461. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-662-49630-5_26.
- [C10] Jurdziński, M., Lazić, R., and Schmitz, S., 2015. Fixed-dimensional energy games are in pseudo-polynomial time. In *Proceedings of ICALP 2015*, volume 9135 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 260–272. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-662-47666-6_21.
- [C11] Leroux, J. and Schmitz, S., 2015. Demystifying reachability in vector addition systems. In *Proceedings of LICS 2015*, pages 56–67. IEEE. doi:10.1109/LICS.2015.16.
- [C12] Courtois, J.B. and Schmitz, S., 2014. Alternating vector addition systems with states. In *Proceedings of MFCS 2014*, volume 8634 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 220–231. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-662-44522-8_19.
- [C13] Schmitz, S., 2014. Implicational relevance logic is 2-ExpTime-complete. In *Proceedings of RTA-TLCA 2014*, volume 8560 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 395–409. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-08918-8_27. Superseded by [J3].
- [C14] Lazić, R. and Schmitz, S., 2014. Non-elementary complexities for branching VASS, MELL, and extensions. In *Proceedings of CSL-LICS 2014*, article 61, 10 pages. ACM. doi:10.1145/2603088.2603129. Superseded by [J6].
- [C15] Haase, C., Schmitz, S., and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2013. The power of priority channel systems. In *Proceedings of Concur 2013*, volume 8052 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 319–333. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-40184-8_23. Superseded by [J7].
- [C16] Boral, A. and Schmitz, S., 2013. Model checking parse trees. In *Proceedings of LICS 2013*, pages 153–162. IEEE Press. doi:10.1109/LICS.2013.21.
- [C17] Karandikar, P. and Schmitz, S., 2013. The parametric ordinal-recursive complexity of Post embedding problems. In *Proceedings of FoSSaCS 2013*, volume 7794 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 273–288. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-37075-5_18.

- [C18] Bertsch, E., Nederhof, M.J., and Schmitz, S., 2013. On LR parsing with selective delays. In *Proceedings of CC 2013*, volume 7791 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 244–263. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-37051-9_13.
- [C19] Haddad, S., Schmitz, S., and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2012. The ordinal recursive complexity of timed-arc Petri nets, data nets, and other enriched nets. In *Proceedings of LICS 2012*, pages 355–364. IEEE Press. doi:10.1109/LICS.2012.46.
- [C20] Blockelet, M. and Schmitz, S., 2011. Model-checking coverability graphs of vector addition systems. In *Proceedings of MFCS 2011*, volume 6907 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 108–119. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-22993-0_13.
- [C21] Schmitz, S. and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2011. Multiply-recursive upper bounds with Higman’s Lemma. In *Proceedings of ICALP 2011*, volume 6756 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 441–452. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-22012-8_35.
- [C22] Figueira, D., Figueira, S., Schmitz, S., and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2011. Ackermannian and primitive-recursive bounds with Dickson’s Lemma. In *Proceedings of LICS 2011*, pages 269–278. IEEE Press. doi:10.1109/LICS.2011.39.
- [C23] Chambart, P., Finkel, A., and Schmitz, S., 2011. Forward analysis and model checking for trace bounded WSTS. In *Proceedings of Petri Nets 2011*, volume 6709 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 49–68. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-21834-7_4. Superseded by [J4].
- [C24] Schmitz, S., 2010. On the computational complexity of dominance links in grammatical formalisms. In *Proceedings of ACL 2010*, pages 514–524. ACL Press. hal.archives-ouvertes.fr:hal-00482396.
- [C25] Héam, P.C., Nicaud, C., and Schmitz, S., 2009. Random generation of deterministic tree (walking) automata. In *Proceedings of CIAA 2009*, volume 5642 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 115–124. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-02979-0_15. Superseded by [J8].
- [C26] Schmitz, S., 2007. Conservative ambiguity detection in context-free grammars. In *Proceedings of ICALP 2007*, volume 4596 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 692–703. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-540-73420-8_60.
- [C27] Schmitz, S., 2006. Noncanonical LALR(1) parsing. In *Proceedings of DLT 2006*, volume 4036 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 95–107. Springer. doi:10.1007/11779148_10.
- [C28] Fortes Gálvez, J., Schmitz, S., and Farré, J., 2006. Shift-resolve parsing: Simple, linear time, unbounded lookahead. In *Proceedings of CIAA 2006*, volume 4094 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 253–264. Springer. doi:10.1007/11812128_24.

Workshop Papers:

- [W1] Lazić, R. and Schmitz, S., 2015. The ideal view on Rackoff’s coverability technique. In *Proceedings of RP 2015*, volume 9328 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 1–13. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-24537-9_8. Superseded by [J1].
- [W2] Gardent, C., Parmentier, Y., Perrier, G., and Schmitz, S., 2014. Lexical disambiguation in LTAG using left context. In *Proceedings of LTC 2011*, volume 8387 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 67–79. Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-08958-4_6.
- [W3] Schmitz, S., 2011. A note on sequential rule-based POS tagging. In *Proceedings of FSMNLP 2011*, pages 83–87. ACL Press. hal.archives-ouvertes.fr:hal-00600260. Short paper.
- [W4] Schmitz, S. and Le Roux, J., 2008. Feature unification in TAG derivation trees. In *Proceedings of TAG+9*, pages 141–148. arXiv:0804.4584[cs.CL].
- [W5] Schmitz, S., 2008. An experimental ambiguity detection tool. In *Proceedings of LDTA 2007*, volume 203(2) of *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science*, pages 69–84. Elsevier Science Publishers. doi:10.1016/j.entcs.2008.03.045. Superseded by [J9].

Book Chapters:

- [B1] Džamonja, M., Schmitz, S., and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2019. On ordinal invariants in well quasi orders and finite antichain orders. In *Well-Quasi Orders in Computation, Logic, Language and Reasoning, Trends in Logic*. Springer. arXiv:1711.00428[math.LO]. To appear.

French Conference Papers:

- [F1] Schmitz, S. and Le Roux, J., 2008. Calculs d'unification sur les arbres de dérivation TAG. In *Proceedings of TALN 2008*, pages 320–329. hal.inria.fr:inria-00270922. French version of [W4].

Theses:

- [T1] Schmitz, S., 2017. *Algorithmic Complexity of Well-Quasi-Orders*. Habilitation thesis, École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay. tel.archives-ouvertes.fr:tel-01663266.
- [T2] Schmitz, S., 2007. *Approximating Context-Free Grammars for Parsing and Verification*. Ph.D. Thesis, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis. tel.archives-ouvertes.fr:tel-00271168.

Research Reports:

- [R1] Schmitz, S., 2006. Modular syntax demands verification. Technical Report I3S/RR-2006-32-FR, Laboratoire I3S, Université de Nice - Sophia Antipolis & CNRS. <http://www.i3s.unice.fr/~mh/RR/2006/RR-06.32-S.SCHMITZ.pdf>.

Lecture Notes:

- [L1] Schmitz, S. and Schnoebelen, Ph., 2012. Algorithmic aspects of wqo theory. cel.archives-ouvertes.fr:cel-00727025. Lecture notes, *ESSLLI 2012*, 108 pages.
- [L2] Schmitz, S., 2018. Logique propositionnelle. cel.archives-ouvertes.fr:cel-01903823. Notes de révision pour l'agrégation, 37 pages.
- [L3] Schmitz, S., 2018. Systèmes de preuve. cel.archives-ouvertes.fr:cel-01903833. Notes de révision pour l'agrégation, 42 pages.

Submitted:

- [S1] Schmitz, S., 2019. The parametric complexity of lossy counter machines. Preprint. hal.archives-ouvertes.fr:hal-02020728.
- [S2] Jančar, P. and Schmitz, S., 2019. Bisimulation equivalence of first-order grammars is ACKERMANN-complete. Preprint. arXiv:1901.07170[cs.LO].