

# CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

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## 1. Personal Data

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### 1.2. Current professional position

Full professor of Computer Science (*Informatica*) at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of the University of Parma, Italy.

### 1.3. Degrees

- Non-graduate Engineer for Telecommunications, Industrial Technical Institute of Cesena (FO), Italy, 1982.
- M.Sc. in Computer Science (*Laurea in Scienze dell'Informazione*) with Full Marks and Honors, University of Pisa, Italy, 1992.
- Ph.D. in Computer Science (*Dottorato di ricerca in Informatica*), Department of the Computer Science, University of Pisa, Italy, 1997.

### 1.4. Foreign languages spoken and written

English (advanced), French (advanced) and Spanish (intermediate).

## 2. Curriculum vitae et studiorum

**1978–1982:** Non-graduate Engineer for Telecommunications, Industrial Technical Institute of Cesena (FO), Italy.

- 1983–1984:** Italian military service.
- 1984–1987:** Technical Assistant at the Physics Department (Medical Physics Group) of the University of Bologna, Italy.
- 1988–1989:** Technical Student Fellow (1988) and Consultant (1989) at CERN, Data Handling Division, Online Computing Group, Readout Architecture Section, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1989–1992:** M.Sc. in Computer Science (*Laurea in Scienze dell’Informazione*) with Full Marks and Honors, University of Pisa, Italy.
- 1992–1996:** Research activity as PhD student at the Computer Science Department of the University of Pisa, Italy. Doctorate degree officially awarded on September 8, 1997.
- 1997:** Research fellow at the School of Computer Studies of the University of Leeds, United Kingdom.
- 1997–2001** Research and teaching activity as Assistant Professor (*Ricercatore*) at the Department of Mathematics of the University of Parma, from November 1st, 1997 to December 15th, 2001.
- 2001–2010:** From December 16th, 2001, to October 31st, 2010, research and teaching activity as Associate Professor at the Department of Mathematics of the University of Parma, Italy. Among other things, he contributed to the creation of the Degree in Computer Science (*Informatica*) of the University of Parma.
- 2011:** Foundation of the university spin-off BUGSENG srl.
- Presently:** Since November 1st, 2010, research and teaching activity as Full Professor at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of the University of Parma, Italy. Since the foundation, he is the President and CEO of BUGSENG srl.

### 3. Teaching Activities

#### 3.1. Courses Taught

All the activities listed in this section refer to courses of studies of the University of Parma.

1. “Informatica” (*Computer Science*), degree in “Biotechnologies”, academic years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.
2. “Laboratorio di informatica” (*Laboratory of Computer Science*), degree in “Mathematics”, academic year 2000-2001.
3. “Programmazione (metodi avanzati)” (*Advanced Programming Techniques*), degree in “Mathematics”, academic years 2000-2001 and 2002-2003.
4. “Programmazione 3” (*3rd course on Programming*), degrees in “Mathematics” and “Mathematics and Computer Science”, academic year 2002-2003.
5. “Scrittura matematica e informatica” (*Writing for Mathematics and Computer Science*), degrees in “Mathematics” and “Mathematics and Computer Science”, academic year 2002-2003.

6. “Programmazione I” (*1st course on Programming*), degrees in “Mathematics”, “Mathematics and Computer Science” e “Mathematics for Technology and Finance”, academic year 2001-2002.
7. “Fondamenti dell’informatica” (*Foundations of Computer Science*), degrees in “Mathematics” e “Mathematics and Computer Science”, academic years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
8. “Fondamenti dell’informatica” (*Foundations of Computer Science*), degree in “Computer Science”, academic years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
9. “Scrittura matematica e informatica” (*Writing for Mathematics and Computer Science*), degree in “Computer Science”, academic years 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.
10. “Linguaggi di programmazione” (*Programming Languages*), degree in “Computer Science”, academic year 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
11. “Analisi e verifica del software” (*Analysis and Verification of Software*), degree in “Computer Science”, academic years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009.
12. “Computer Aided Verification of Complex Systems: An Introduction”, Ph.D. School (*Dottorato di ricerca*) in “Matematica e Statistica per le Scienze Computazionali” (*Mathematics and Statistics for the Computational Sciences*), Department of Mathematics, University of Milan, academic year 2006-2007.
13. “Algorithmique” (*Algorithmics*), Licence de mathématiques, Université de la Réunion, academic year 2006-2007.
14. “Laboratorio di informatica” (*Laboratory of Computer Science*), Degree in “Environmental Sciences”, University of Siena, Follonica (GR), academic year 2007-2008.
15. “Réécriture et Sémantique” (*Rewriting and Semantics*), Master Sciences et Technologies, Mention Informatique et Mathématiques, Spécialité STIC, Université de la Réunion, academic year 2009-2010.
16. “Semantica dei linguaggi di programmazione” (*Semantics of Programming Languages*), degree in “Computer Science”, academic years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 e 2012-2013.

### 3.2. Teaching Collaborations

1. Lectures (8 hours) on *The Compilation of Prolog and the Warren Abstract Machine* in the course on “Linguaggi speciali di programmazione” (*Special-Purpose Programming Languages*) taught by Prof. Giorgio Levi, degree in “Computer Science” of the University of Pisa, academic years 1990-1991, 1991-1992, 1992-1993 and 1993-1994.
2. Exercise classes for the course on “Linguaggi formali e compilatori” (*Formal Languages and Compilers*) taught by Prof. Pierpaolo Degano, degree in “Computer Science” of the University of Pisa, academic year 1995-1996,

3. Theory and exercise classes for the course on “Teoria ed applicazioni delle macchine calcolatrici” (*Theory and Application of Computing Machines*) taught by Prof. Gianfranco Rossi, degree in “Environmental Sciences” of the University of Parma, academic years 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.
4. Theory and exercise classes for the course on “Fondamenti dell’informatica” (*Foundations of Computer Science*) taught by Prof. Grazia Lotti, degree in “Mathematics” of the University of Parma, academic years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.
5. Classes and support to student projects for the course on “Metodologie di programmazione” (*Programming Methodologies*) taught by Dr. Enea Zaffanella, degree in “Computer Science” of the University of Parma, academic years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

### 3.3. Activity as Advisor and Co-Advisor for M.Sc. (Laurea) Theses

1. MOTTA, M. Un’implementazione efficiente ed innovativa del dominio *Pos* per l’analisi statica di programmi logici (*An Efficient and Innovative Implementation of the Pos Domain for the Static Analysis of Logic Programs*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”. Advisor: G. Levi; co-advisor: R. Bagnara. University of Pisa. Academic year 1994-1995.
2. SCUDELLARI, M. C. Analisi bottom-up di programmi logici con vincoli basata su trasformazioni *Magic-Set* (*Bottom-Up Analysis of Constraint Logic Programs Based on Magic-Set Transformations*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”. Advisor: G. Levi; co-advisor: R. Bagnara. University of Pisa. Academic year 1994-1995.
3. CASTELLACCI, B. Implementazione di un’analisi di tipi per programmi logici basata su grammatiche regolari (*Implementation of a Type Analysis for Logic Programs Based on Regular Grammars*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”. Advisor: G. Levi; co-advisor R. Bagnara. University of Pisa. Academic year 1995-1996.
4. STAZZONE, A. Annotazione e trasformazione di programmi logici con vincoli (*Annotation and Transformation of Constraint Logic Programs*). Laurea thesis in “Mathematics”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella. Academic year 1999-2000.
5. RICCI, E. Rappresentazione e manipolazione di poliedri convessi per l’analisi e la verifica di programmi (*Representation and Manipulation of Convex Polyhedra for Program Analysis and Verification*). Laurea thesis in “Mathematics”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisors: C. Medori ed E. Zaffanella. Academic year 2001-2002.
6. ZOLO, T. Risoluzione automatica di relazioni di ricorrenza (*Automatic Solution of Recurrence Relations*). Laurea thesis in “Mathematics”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisors: A. Zaccagnini ed E. Zaffanella. Academic year 2001-2002.
7. PESCHETTI, A. L’algoritmo di Zeilberger per la risoluzione automatica di ricorrenze (*Zeilberger’s Algorithm for the Automatic Solution of Recur-*

- rences). Laurea thesis in “Mathematics”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: A. Zaccagnini. Academic year 2004-2005.
8. CIMINO, A. Un’implementazione incrementale e su aritmetica esatta del simplesso primale (*An Incremental Implementation of Primal Simplex with Exact Arithmetic*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”. University of Parma. Advisor: E. Zaffanella; co-advisor: R. Bagnara. Academic year 2004-2005.
  9. VINCENZI, A. Interpretazione astratta di operatori per la manipolazione di bit in linguaggi imperativi (*Abstract Interpretation of Bitwise Operators in Imperative Languages*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella. Academic year 2005-2005.
  10. QUARTIERI, B. Implementazione efficiente di domini astratti numerici debolmente relazionali (*Efficient Implementation of Weakly Relational Abstract Domains*). Laurea thesis in “Mathematics”. University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella. Academic year 2005-2006.
  11. FRANCHI, E. A contribution to the issue of string cleanness: a design of an automatic program transformation. Laurea thesis in “Mathematics and Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella; Academic year 2006-2007.
  12. SOFFIA, S. Definizione ed implementazione di una analisi di points-to per linguaggi C-like (*Definition and Implementation of a Points-To Analysis for C-Like Languages*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella; Academic year 2007-2008.
  13. BOSSI, F. CORAL: a modern C++library for the manipulation of Boolean functions. Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara. Academic year 2007-2008.
  14. BOLZONI, P. Automatic checking of coding rules. Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara; co-advisor: E. Zaffanella; Academic year 2008-2009.
  15. POLETTI, M. Progettazione ed implementazione di matrici sparse basate su strutture dati cache-oblivious. (*Design and Implementation of Sparse Matrices Based on Cache-Oblivious Data Structures*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: E. Zaffanella; co-advisor: R. Bagnara Academic year 2009-2010.
  16. BOSCOLO, A. M. Un configuratore web-based per un framework di verifica software. (*A Web-Based Configurator for a Software Verification Framework*). Laurea thesis in “Computer Science”, University of Parma. Advisor: R. Bagnara. Academic year 2010-2011.

### 3.4. Ph.D. Schools

1. Since 2000, teacher of the Ph.D. School (*Dottorato di ricerca*) in “Matematica e Statistica per le Scienze Computazionali” (*Mathematics and Statistics for the Computational Sciences*), Department of Mathematics, University of Milan.

### 3.5. PhD Committees

1. GÓMEZ-ZAMALLOA GIL, M. Transformación y Análisis de Código de Bytes Orientado a Objetos (*Transformation and Analysis of Object-Oriented Bytecode*). Departamento de Sistemas Informáticos y Computación, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. October 2009.
2. VISENTINI, E. Exploiting Loop Transformations for the Protection of Software. Dipartimento di Informatica, Università degli Studi di Verona. April 2010.

### 3.6. Other Teaching Activities

1. Lectures on fundamentals of Computer Science for the specialization course for high-school teachers of Mathematics organized by the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Parma, academic years 1997-1998 and 1998-1999.
2. A computer and computing primer for the teachers of the maternal and primary schools of Suvereto, Italy, 1999.

## 4. Research Activities

### 4.1. Research Interests

- Verification of critical software
- Formal methods for the analysis and verification of programs
- Semantics of programming languages
- Abstract interpretation
- Advanced compilation techniques
- Logic programming and constraint logic programming
- Computer algebra

### 4.2. Research Periods and Activities Outside Italy

1. *Technical Student Fellow* at *CERN* (European Organization for Nuclear Research), Geneva, Switzerland, January–September 1988.
2. *Consultant* at *CERN* (European Organization for Nuclear Research), Geneva, Switzerland, July–August 1989.
3. *Visiting researcher* at the *Department of Computer Science* of the *Monash University*, Melbourne, Australia, for a joint research with the group of Prof. Kim Marriott, January–February 1995.
4. *Research fellow* at the *School of Computer Studies* of the *University of Leeds*, UK, January–October 1997.
5. Starting from 1998, numerous visits (at least one week per year) to the *School of Computing* of the *University of Leeds* for joint research periods with Dr Patricia M. Hill.
6. Within the framework of exchanges between Italy and Spain, spent one week at the *Facultad de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid* for joint research with the group of Prof. Manuel Hermenegildo, January–February 2001.

7. In the framework of the bilateral project on “Advanced Development Environments for Logic Programs” (*Azioni Integrate Italia-Spagna 2001*, code IT229), three one-week visits at the *Facultad de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid* for joint research with the group of Prof. Manuel Hermenegildo, November 2001, September 2002 and May 2003.
8. *Visiting scientist* at the *Laboratoire d’Informatique* of the *École Polytechnique* (LIX, Paris), June–July 2008.
9. *Professeur invité* at the *Département de Mathématiques et Informatique* of the *Université de La Réunion*, S<sup>t</sup> Denis (Indian Ocean, France), May 2002, June 2005, May 2006, May 2007, and March 2010.

### 4.3. Keynote Speeches

1. Keynote speaker at the “2011 Meeting on Rich-Model Toolkit: Infrastructure for Reliable Computer Systems” and the “2011 Symposium on Software Technologies Concertation on Formal Methods for Components and Objects” (FMCO 2011), Natural Science Museum of Turin, Turin, Italy, October 3, 2011. Titolo: *The Automatic Synthesis of (Linear) Ranking Functions for Termination Analysis*.
2. Keynote speaker at the “13th International Conference on Quality Software” (QSIC 2013), Nanjing, China, July 29–30, 2013. Title: *Quality Verification Tools for Quality Software*.

### 4.4. Seminars

1. “Introduction to the Warren Abstract Machine”, Dipartimento di Informatica, University of Pisa, March 1991.
2. “Data-Flow Analysis for Constraint Logic-Based Languages”, *School of Computer Studies, University of Leeds*, March 1997.
3. “Análisis eficiente de información estructural para lenguajes de programación lógica y de restricciones”, *Departamento de Inteligencia Artificial, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*, January 2001.
4. “Widening Sharing”, *Departamento de Inteligencia Artificial, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*, January 2001.
5. “The Parma Polyhedra Library”, *Institut de Recherche en Mathématiques et Informatique Appliquées, Université de La Réunion*, May 2002.
6. “Symbolic Computation Support for Complexity Analysis and the PURRS Project”, *Facultad de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*, May 2003.
7. “Convex Polyhedra for the Analysis and Verification of Hardware and Software Systems: the ‘Parma Polyhedra Library’”, Dipartimento di Matematica, University of Parma, December 2003.
8. “Representation and Manipulation of Not Necessarily Closed Convex Polyhedra”, Dipartimento di Matematica, University of Parma, February 2004.
9. “Abstract Interpretation and the Parma Polyhedra Library: from Theory to Practice and Vice Versa”, Dipartimento di Informatica, Sistemi e Produzione, University of Roma “Tor Vergata”, November 2004.

10. “Analysis and Verification of Software Systems via Abstract Interpretation: An Informal Introduction”, Dipartimento di Ingegneria dell’Informazione, University of Siena, January 2006.
11. “Applications of Polyhedral Computations to the Analysis and Verification of Hardware and Software Systems”, *Polyhedral Computation* Workshop, *Centre de recherches mathématiques*, University of Montréal, Montréal (Québec), Canada, October 2006 (invited talk).
12. “The Parma Polyhedra Library: A Library of Numerical Abstractions for Analysis and Verification”, Department of Informatics and Mathematical Modelling, Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Lyngby, Denmark, June 2007.
13. “Numerical Abstract Domains”, Department of Communication, Business and Information Technologies (CBIT), Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark, June 2007.
14. “On the Design of Generic Static Analyzers for Modern Imperative Languages”, *Copenhagen Programming Language Seminar (COPLAS)*, Department of Computer Science (DIKU), University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2007.
15. “On the Design of Generic Static Analyzers for Modern Imperative Languages”, Facultad de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, September 2007.
16. “Ranking Functions for Automatic Termination Analysis”, Department of Computer Science, University of Bologna, Italy December 2007.
17. “On the Design of Generic Static Analyzers for Imperative Languages”, Department of Computer Science, University of Pisa, Italy, March 2008.
18. “Computer Aided Verification of Complex Systems: An Introduction”, Department of Mathematics, University of Milan, Italy, March 2008.
19. “Numerical Abstract Domains and the Parma Polyhedra Library”, Department of Computer Science, University of Verona, Italy, January 2010.
20. “Syntactic and Semantic Analysis of Safety-Critical Software”, Safety Critical Systems Club workshop on *Using the MISRA Guidelines to Support Safety-Related Systems Development*, Ambassadors Bloomsbury, London, UK, November 2010.
21. “Formal Methods: A Gentle Introduction”, Atego/HighRely workshop on *DO-178 & DO-254 Avionics Certification*, Milan, Italy May 2012.
22. “Une introduction informelle aux méthodes formelles”, IRILL, Paris, November 2012.
23. “The Automatic Synthesis of (Linear) Ranking Functions for Termination Analysis”, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, November 2012.

#### 4.5. Program Committees

1. Program Committee member for the “2000 Joint Conference on Declarative Programming”, La Habana, Cuba, December 4–7, 2000.
2. Program Committee member for the 13th “Workshop on Logic Programming Environments”, Mumbai, India, December 8, 2003.

3. Member of the *comité de lecture* of the 13th edition of the “Journées Francophones de Programmation en Logique et de programmation par Contraintes” (JFPLC 2004), Angers, France, June 21–23, 2004.
4. Program Committee member for the “International Symposium on Logic-based Program Synthesis and Transformation” (LOPSTR’05), London, UK, September 7–9, 2005.
5. Program Committee member for the 21st “International Conference on Logic Programming” (ICLP’05), Barcelona, Spain, October 2–5, 2005.
6. Program Committee member for the 16th “International Symposium on Logic-based Program Synthesis and Transformation” (LOPSTR 2006), S. Servolo, Venice, Italy, July 12–14, 2006.
7. Scientific Committee member of the *Second Workshop on Open Source, Free Software and Open Formats in Archaeological Research Processes*, Genova, Italy, May 11, 2007.
8. Scientific Committee member of the *Third Workshop on Open Source, Free Software and Open Formats in Archaeological Research Processes*, Padua, Italy, May 8–9, 2008.
9. Program Committee member for the *Technical Track on Software Verification* of the 23rd “Annual ACM Symposium on Applied Computing” (SAC 2008), Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, March 16–20, 2008.
10. Program Committee member for the 9th “International Conference on Verification, Model Checking and Abstract Interpretation” (VMCAI 2008), San Francisco, USA, January 7–9, 2008.
11. Program Committee member for the 15th “International Static Analysis Symposium” (SAS 2008), Valencia, Spain, July 16–18, 2008.
12. Program Committee member for the “Colloquium on Implementation of Constraint and Logic Programming Systems” (CICLOPS 2008), Udine, December 12–13, 2008.
13. Program Committee member for the 19th “International Symposium on Logic-based Program Synthesis and Transformation” (LOPSTR 2009), Coimbra, Portugal, September 9–11, 2009.
14. Scientific Committee member of *ArcheoFOSS 2010*, Foggia, Museo Civico, May 6-7, 2010.
15. Program Committee member for the “15th Portuguese Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Thematic Track: COLA - COmputational Logic with Applications” (EPIA 2011), Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, October 10–13, 2011.
16. Program Committee member for the “13th International Conference on Quality Software” (QSIC 2013), Nanjing, China, July 29–30, 2013.
17. Program Committee member for the “29th International Conference on Logic Programming” (ICLP 2013), Istanbul, Turkey, August 24–29, 2013.
18. Program Committee member for the “22nd EACSL Annual Conference on Computer Science Logic” (CSL 2013), Turin, Italy, September 2–5, 2013.
19. Program Committee member for the Software Engineering in Practice (SEIP) track of the “36th International Conference on Software Engineering” (ICSE 2014), Hyderabad, India, May 31 – June 7, 2014.

#### 4.6. Standardization

1. Represents Italy in working group ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 22/WG 14 “The Programming Language C”.

#### 4.7. Organization of Schools, Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

1. *Workshop Chair* for the “Joint International Symposia SAS’98 and PLILP-ALP’98”, Pisa, Italy, September 14–18, 1998.
2. Organizer, with Patricia M. Hill of the *University of Leeds* of the “Second International Summer School on Computational Logic”, Maratea, Italy, August 25–30, 2002 (<http://www.cs.unipr.it/ISCL02/>).
3. Organizer of a cycle of seminars on “Convex Polyhedra for the Analysis and Verification of Hardware and Software Systems”, Dipartimento di Matematica, University of Parma, November 2003 – February 2004 ([http://bugsend.com/products/pplseminars\\_2003\\_2004](http://bugsend.com/products/pplseminars_2003_2004)).
4. Member of the organizing committee of *CILC’04 – Convegno Italiano di Logica Computazionale*, 19th annual meeting of the “Associazione Italiana Gruppo Ricercatori e Utenti di Logic Programming” (GULP), Dipartimento di Matematica, University of Parma, June 16–17, 2004 (<http://www.cs.unipr.it/CILC04/>).
5. Scientific Committee member and organizer (with Giancarlo Macchi) of the *First Workshop on Open Source, Free Software and Open Formats in Archaeological Research Processes*, Grosseto, Italy, May 8, 2006.
6. Scientific Committee member and organizer (with Giancarlo Macchi) of the *I-QMDAA Summer School on Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis in Archaeology*, Villa Lanzi, Campiglia Marittima, Italy, September 10–17, 2006.
7. Workshop coordinator (with Nicos Angelopoulos) of the “12th International Colloquium on Implementation of Constraint and LOGic Programming Systems” (CICLOPS 2012), Budapest, Hungary, September 4, 2012.

#### 4.8. Editorial Activities

1. From 2000 to 2008, *Implementation Area Editor* and responsible for the *Net Talk* section of the *ALP newsletter*, the bulletin of the *Association for Logic Programming*.

#### 4.9. Referee Activity for International Journals

1. Journal of Logic Programming;
2. Journal of Functional and Logic Programming;
3. Information Processing Letters;
4. Theory and Practice of Logic Programming;
5. Theoretical Computer Science.
6. Journal of Automated Reasoning.
7. ACM Transactions on Computational Logic.
8. Science of Computer Programming;

#### 4.10. Referee Activity for International Conferences

1. GULP'93, "Ottavo Convegno sulla Programmazione Logica", Gizzeria Lido, Italy, June 1993.
2. AMAST'93, "Algebraic Methodology and Software Technology", Enschede, Nederland, June 1993.
3. WSA'93, "3rd International Workshop on Static Analysis", Padua, Italy, September 1993.
4. ILPS'93, "International Logic Programming Symposium", Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, October 1993.
5. AI\*IA'93, "Terzo Congresso dell'Associazione Italiana per l'Intelligenza Artificiale", Torino, Italy, October 1993.
6. SAC'94, "ACM Symposium on Applied Computing", Phoenix, Arizona, USA, March 1994
7. ICLP'94, "International Conference on Logic Programming", S. Margherita Ligure, Italy, June 1994.
8. PLILP'94, "Programming Languages Implementation and Logic Programming", Madrid, Spain, September 1994.
9. ALP'94, "Third International Conference on Algebraic and Logic Programming", Madrid, Spain, September 1994.
10. GULP-PRODE'94, "Joint Conference on Declarative Programming", Peñíscola, Spain, September 1994.
11. SAS'94, "International Static Analysis Symposium", Namur, Belgium, September 1994.
12. PLILP'95, "International Symposium on Programming Languages, Implementations, Logics and Programs", Utrecht, Nederland, September 1995.
13. ILPS'95, "International Logic Programming Symposium", Portland, Oregon, USA, December 1995.
14. ESOP'96, "European Symposium on Programming", Linköping, Sweden, April 1996.
15. ECAI'96, "European Conference on Artificial Intelligence" Budapest, Hungary, August 1996.
16. PLILP'96, "Eighth International Symposium on Programming Languages, Implementations, Logics, and Programs", Aachen, Germany, September 1996.
17. SAS'96, "Third International Static Analysis Symposium", Aachen, Germany, September 1996.
18. LOPSTR'97, "Seventh International Workshop on Logic Program Synthesis and Transformation", Leuven, Belgium, July 1997.
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23. PPDP'99, "International Conference on Principles and Practice of Declarative Programming", Paris, France, September–October 1999.
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39. SAS'05, "Twelfth International Static Analysis Symposium", London, UK, September 2005.
40. LOPSTR'05, "International Symposium on Logic-based Program Synthesis and Transformation", London, UK, September 2005.
41. ICLP'05, "Twenty First International Conference on Logic Programming", Barcelona, Spain, October 2005.

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43. POPL 2007, “Thirtyfourth Annual ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages”, Nice, France, January 2007.
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45. SAS 2007, “Fourteenth International Static Analysis Symposium”, Kongens Lyngby, Denmark, August 2007.
46. SAC 2008, “Twentythird Annual ACM Symposium on Applied Computing”, *Technical Track on Software Verification*, Fortaleza, Ceará, Brasil, March 2008.
47. VMCAI 2008, “Nineth International Conference on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation”, San Francisco, USA, January 2008.
48. SAS 2008, “Fifteenth International Static Analysis Symposium”, Valencia, Spain, July 2008.

## 4.11. Participation to and Coordination of Research Projects

### 4.11.1. Current and Past Projects

1. Participant to the ESPRIT Basic Research Action Project n. 6707, “ParForce”.
2. Participant to the italian national project on “Automatic Program Certification by Abstract Interpretation” (1999–2001, national coordinator: Prof. Roberto Giacobazzi, University of Verona).
3. Participant to the italian national project on “Abstract Interpretation, Type Systems and Control-Flow Analysis” (2000–2002, national coordinator: Prof. Giorgio Levi, University of Pisa).
4. Coordinator for Italy of the bilateral project on “Advanced Development Environments for Logic Programs” (*Azioni Integrate Italia-Spagna 2001*, code IT229, 2001–2003, coordinator for Spain: Prof. Germán Puebla Sánchez, *Facultad de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*).
5. Participant to the italian national project on “Aggregate- and Number-Reasoning for Computing: from Decision Algorithms to Constraint Programming with Multisets, Sets, and Maps” (2001–2003, national coordinator: Prof. Domenico Cantone, University of Catania).
6. Coordinator of the Parma research unit for the italian national project on “Constraint-Based Verification of Reactive Systems” (2002–2004, national coordinator: Prof. Maurizio Gabbrielli, University of Bologna).
7. Italian coordinator for the Royal Society International Joint Project 2004/R1 Europe (ESEP) “Automatic Detection of Unstable Numerical Computations” (2004–2006, main coordinator: Dr Patricia M. Hill, University of Leeds, UK).
8. Coordinator of the Parma research unit for the italian national project on “AIDA — Abstract Interpretation: Design and Applications” (2004–2006, national coordinator: Prof. Roberto Giacobazzi, University of Verona).

9. Coordinator of the University of Parma research unit in the ITEA (*Information Technology for European Advancement*) GlobalGCC project (GGCC), among whose objective was the one of extending the *GNU Compiler Collection* (GCC) with global static analysis techniques.
10. Coordinator of the Parma research unit for the italian national project on “AIDA2007 — Abstract Interpretation: Design and Applications” (2008–2010, national coordinator: Prof. Francesco Ranzato, University of Padova).

#### 4.11.2. Project Proposals

1. Participant, as national representative for Italy and coordinator (with François Irigoin, *École des Mines de Paris*) of the workpackage on *Numerical Abstract Domains*, to the proposal IST (VI programma quadro) titled “AINoE: Network of Excellence on Abstract Interpretation” (004456).
2. Coordinator of the University of Parma research unit in the ITEA2 (*Information Technology for European Advancement*) project proposal SAFE-GCC (*Static Analysis Free & Everywhere for GCC*). Partners: ADACORE, Bertin Technologies, CEA LIST, Fundació European Software Institute (ESI), META, NXP Semiconductors, THALES Communications France, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Universidad de Las Palmas, Open Sistemas, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland.

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## 5.8. Recent Software

Most of the theoretical research work has been validated and, in some cases, inspired by the design and development of software systems that implement or use abstract interpretation techniques for program analysis. All the software projects mentioned in this section are coordinated by Roberto Bagnara.

### 5.8.1. PPL

The PPL (*Parma Polyhedra Library*) is a software library for the representation and manipulation of numerical abstractions especially targeted at applications concerning the analysis and verification of software and hardware (digital and/or analog) systems. The library supports abstractions based not necessarily closed (NNC) convex polyhedra, rational grids, a wide selection of difference and octagonal shapes, the most powerful and wide family of intervals available in the free software world (closed intervals, possibly non-closed ones, with boundaries given by any native integral or floating point type, unbounded integers or rationals, possibly with restrictions like *modulo interval* and *strided interval*), plus products and finite powersets of the above. The PPL has several features that make it unique: these include a natural interface for NNC polyhedra, innovative widening operators and support for time- and memory-bounded computations. The Parma Polyhedra Library provides several user friendly interfaces (C++, C, Java, OCaml and Prolog); it is fully dynamic (available virtual memory is the only limitation to the dimension of anything); it is portable (written in standard C++ and following all other available standards); it is exception-safe (never leaks resources or leaves invalid object fragments around); it is quite efficient and thoroughly documented. The library is free software distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License. For the most up-to-date information, documentation and downloads and to follow the development work see the Parma Polyhedra Library site at <http://bugseng.com/products/pp1>. The PPL is used by many projects and by the most prestigious research centers in the field of formal analysis and verification. In particular, it is used by GCC—the *GNU Compiler Collection*—, probably the compilers' suite in most widespread use.

### 5.8.2. ECLAIR

ECLAIR is a new, professional platform for the verification of the C family of languages. It can currently analyze several dialects of C, but work on extending

ECLAIR to C++ has already started. The main features of the current version of ECLAIR are summarized in the following paragraphs.

**Toolchain Emulation and Unchanged Build System** A powerful and completely generic option-processing mechanism allows ECLAIR to masquerade as any toolchain component, such as `gcc`, with its 1000+ options, and any other compiler, assembler and linker. Thanks to this kind of mimicry, ECLAIR can access all the code comprising an application or library without requiring *any* change in the build system. In particular, if the application/library can be built in parallel (e.g., via `make -j`), then it can be analyzed with ECLAIR in parallel. Here, for instance, is how `httpd` version 2.2.11 can be analyzed once the verification tasks to be performed have been specified in the file `my_setup`:

```
$ tar jxf httpd-2.2.11.tar.bz2
$ cd httpd-2.2.11
$ ./configure
$ eclair_env -eval-file=my_setup -- make -j 6
```

**Double AST Interface** The ECLAIR parser builds an abstract syntax tree (AST) that is available to the other components of the system via two different, though completely interoperable, interfaces: (1) As a Prolog term that directly encodes all and only the syntactic aspects of the program; but incorporating “handles” as subterms that give easy access to all non-syntactic information. (2) As a number of inter-related C++ classes: a more complex representation that, however, gives access to all the information. The Prolog view makes it easy to code syntax-based algorithms, such as coding rule checkers, program analyzers and transformers.

**Precise and Fast Parsing** The AST built by the parser encodes precise information about the original source code so that we can recover, almost for each token, complete information on the chain of file inclusions and, orthogonally, the chain of macro expansions that brought it to the preprocessed source. This means that we can build tools able to identify the precise points in the source that are responsible for a given state of affairs. The parser, which supports ISO C90 and C99 along with several GNU and Microsoft extensions, is pretty fast: today running at more than 100,000 lines of code per second, with room for further optimizations.

**Simplified Intermediate Form** ECLAIR includes a semantics-preserving program transformer that can simplify a program into a subset of C (or C++), the main simplification consisting of the removal of side-effects from expressions. The simplified form, which is of course compilable and semantically equivalent, makes it much easier to develop semantics-based program manipulations.

**Coding Rule Checkers and Bug Finders** The coding rule checkers support the following rule sets: MISRA-C:2004, CERT C Secure Coding Standard, JSF C++, High-Integrity C++. The simplicity and elegance with which checkers can be defined is available to users that wish to develop their own checkers.

**Precise and Scalable Program Analysis** We are porting the semantic analysis engine of a previous prototype to ECLAIR. This includes a flow-, context- and field-sensitive pointer analysis along with numerical value analyses based on the Parma Polyhedra Library, a state-of-the-art library of numerical abstractions. A key feature of ECLAIR will be reduction of false positives thanks to sophisticated program analyses and *not* via the introduction of false negatives.

### 5.8.3. PURRS

PURRS (*Parma University's Recurrence Relation Solver*) is a prototype of an automatic recurrence relation solver. It is able to automatically solve difference equation and other generalized recurrences providing, when possible, a closed formula (i.e., a formula containing a number of '+' or '-' signs that is independent of the main variable). If PURRS fails to find such a closed formula, it will express the solution, whenever possible, in terms of sums and/or products. A closed formula (or its generalization involving symbolic sums and products) is guaranteed to exist only in rather special circumstances, and in general PURRS will only find upper and lower bounds for the solution of the recurrence. Notice that these are *proper* upper and lower bounds, which are valid for all possible inputs, rather than asymptotic bounds. This possibility is a first step toward the definition of an automatic complexity analysis of programs that is able to provide real guarantees concerning resource usage. PURRS is free software distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License. All the information is available at <http://www.cs.unipr.it/purrs/>. At the same URI, an interactive prototype is available that allows to explore the capabilities of the system.

### 5.8.4. CHINA

CHINA (*Clp(H, N) Analyzer*) is a parametric static analyzer for (constraint) logic programming languages. The analyzer accepts ISO Prolog programs and uses several abstract domains that allow to determine approximations of the following information concerning program variables and terms bound to them: groundness, sharing, freeness, linearity, compoundness, shape, finiteness, simple types, values of the numerical leaves, and linear relations among term sizes.

### 5.8.5. OCRA

OCRA (*Occur-Check Reduction Analyzer*) is a prototype using the information provided by the CHINA analyzer for the occur-check reduction of logic languages. Given, e.g., an ISO Prolog program, OCRA produces a new ISO Prolog program that can be correctly executed even on systems that omit the occur-check in the unification procedure.

### 5.8.6. CLAIR

The CLAIR (*Combined Language and Abstract Interpretation Resource*) system has been developed in order to study and experiment with various aspects of programming language implementation. In particular it is aimed to provide easy ways of playing with: (1) lexical analysis; (2) syntactic analysis and

generation of the abstract syntax tree (parsing); (3) static checking of type correctness; (4) operational semantics expressed by means of transition systems; (5) interpretation; (6) static analysis; (7) compilation. Points 1–5 are fully developed; point 6 has been implemented, but further development has moved to the new ECLAIR system; point 7 has been investigated in some small student projects. The CLAIR approach is based on structured operational semantics *à la* Plotkin for the formal description and on the Prolog language for the implementation. One of the advantages of this combined approach is that it is relatively easy to extend the system so as to support other language features. CLAIR is currently being used successfully in university courses covering formal languages and operational semantics.<sup>1</sup> Its main advantage is that students can see, with relatively little effort, theory at work: a grammar becomes a parser; static semantics rules directly translate into a type checker; concrete dynamic semantics rules result in an interpreter for the language; abstract dynamic rules can be turned into a static program analyzer. More information is available at <http://www.cs.unipr.it/clair/>.

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