

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Work Experience

- 09/2012 – Research scientist at the Johann Radon Institute for Computational and Applied Mathematics (RICAM), Linz, Austria.
- 09/2011 – 08/2012 Postdoctoral researcher at Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (INRIA), MSR-INRIA Joint Centre, Orsay, France.
- 09/2010 – 08/2011 Postdoctoral researcher at the Research Institute for Symbolic Computation (RISC), Linz, Austria.
- 10/2009 – 06/2010 Postdoctoral researcher at Tulane University, New Orleans, USA.
- 10/2005 – 09/2009 Ph.D. studies in symbolic computation at RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.
Ph.D. thesis: *Advanced Applications of the Holonomic Systems Approach* (advisor: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter Paule)
- 10/1999 – 07/2005 Undergraduate studies in computer science (minor subject: mathematics), Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.
Diploma thesis: *Regular Languages and Their Generating Function: The Inverse Problem* (advisor: Prof. Dr. Volker Strehl)
- 07/1998 – 07/1999 Civil Service
- 06/1998 High school graduation (Abitur) in Coburg, Germany.

Career-Related Activities

- ▷ program committee member at ISSAC 2017
- ▷ program committee member at DART8 (2017)
- ▷ session organizer at ACA 2017
- ▷ employee representative at RICAM
- ▷ session organizer at the Workshop on Symbolic Computation and Algebraic Statistics (Kyoto, 2016)
- ▷ session organizer at the International Congress on Mathematical Software (Berlin, 2016)
- ▷ poster committee member at ISSAC 2016
- ▷ co-organizer (with I. Georgieva, C. Hofreither, V. Pillwein, R. Uluchev) of the Workshop on Approximation Theory, CAGD, Numerical Analysis, and Symbolic Computation (Linz, 2015)
- ▷ co-organizer (with H. Hauser, G. Rond) of the Workshop on Approximation and Combinatorics (CIRM, Luminy, France, 2015)
- ▷ help with conference organization (ISSAC 2008, ACA 2008, FPSAC 2009)
- ▷ conduct one-week workshops for high school students (2007, 2008, 2009)
- ▷ help with administration of RISC (library, image archive)
- ▷ member of DMV and ÖMG
- ▷ reviewer for Zentralblatt MATH and Mathematical Reviews
- ▷ contribute to the Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (OEIS)

Awards

- ▷ 2016 David P. Robbins Prize of the American Mathematical Society (together with M. Kauers and D. Zeilberger)
- ▷ 2016 Distinguished Software Demonstration Award at ISSAC

Third-Party Funding

- ▷ Certificate-free Summation and Integration (SFB project part F 5011-N15, 2017–2021, 345,539 EUR)
- ▷ Algebraic Statistics and Symbolic Computation (FWF stand-alone project P 29467-N32, 2016–2018, 155,904 EUR)

Patents

- ▷ Joachim Schöberl, Christoph Koutschan, Peter Paule. *Verfahren, Vorrichtung und Computerprogrammprodukt zur Bestimmung eines elektromagnetischen Nahfeldes einer Feldanregungsquelle eines elektrischen Systems (Method, device and computer program product for determining an electromagnetic near field of a field excitation source for an electrical system)*. European Patent EP2378444, US patent US8868382, 2015.

Publications

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- [48] Shaoshi Chen, Mark van Hoeij, Manuel Kauers, Christoph Koutschan. *Reduction-based creative telescoping for fuchsian D -finite functions*. Technical report no. 2016-39 in the RICAM Reports Series, 2016. Submitted for publication (preprint on arXiv:1611.07421).
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- [41] Constantin Siriteanu, Akimichi Takemura, Christoph Koutschan, Satoshi Kuriki, Donald St. P. Richards, Hyundong Shin. *Exact ZF analysis and computer-algebra-aided evaluation in rank-1 LoS Rician fading*. IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications **15**(8), pp. 5245–5259, 2016. DOI: [10.1109/TWC.2016.2555796](https://doi.org/10.1109/TWC.2016.2555796).
- [40] Christoph Koutschan, Erwin Suazo, Sergei K. Suslov. *Fundamental laser modes in paraxial optics: from computer algebra and simulations to experimental observation*. Applied Physics B: Lasers and Optics **121**(3), pp. 315–336, 2015. DOI: [10.1007/s00340-015-6231-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00340-015-6231-9).
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Talks at Conferences

- 45. *Two Facets of Computational Mathematics: Numerics and Symbolics*. Invited talk at the ERCOM Meeting, RICAM, Austria, April 28, 2017.
- 44. *Reduction-based creative telescoping for algebraic functions*. Invited talk at the Workshop on Algebraic Statistics and Symbolic Computation, Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences (RIMS), Kyoto University, Japan, July 28, 2016.
- 43. *Inverse inequality estimates with symbolic computation*. Invited talk at the Waterloo Workshop on Computer Algebra, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada, July 23, 2016.
- 42. *Motion polynomials and planar linkages*. Software presentation at ISSAC (41st International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation), Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada, July 20, 2016.
- 41. *Minimally rigid graphs*. Invited talk at MICA (Milestones in Computer Algebra — Celebrating the Research of Erich Kaltofen), University of Waterloo, Canada, July 16, 2016.
- 40. *Effective algebraic analysis approach to linear systems over Ore algebras*. Invited talk at ICMS (5th International Congress on Mathematical Software), Zuse Institute Berlin, Germany, July 12, 2016.
- 39. *Inverse inequality estimates with symbolic computation*. Invited talk at the Workshop on Analysis and Advanced Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations, Strobl, Austria, July 8, 2016.
- 38. *Symbolic determinant evaluation*. Invited talk at the Workshop on Algebra, Geometry and Proofs in Symbolic Computation, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada, December 15, 2015.
- 37. *Planar linkages following a prescribed motion*. Invited talk at the Workshop on Approximation Theory, CAGD, Numerical Analysis, and Symbolic Computation, Linz, Austria, August 25, 2015.
- 36. *Pushing forward the dimension of fcc lattices*. Invited talk at the Sixth International Workshop on Differential Algebra and Related Topics (DART-VI, embedded conference of ICIAM), China National Convention Center, Beijing, China, August 10, 2015.
- 35. *Computer-algebra-based MIMO performance analysis*. Invited talk at the SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry, National Institute for Mathematical Sciences (NIMS), Daejeon, South Korea, August 7, 2015.
- 34. *Pushing forward the dimension of fcc lattices*. Invited talk at SIAM-OPSFA (13th International Symposium on Orthogonal Polynomials, Special Functions & Applications), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, USA, June 2, 2015.

33. *Multivariate D -finite and holonomic functions.* Invited talk at the Workshop on Approximation and Combinatorics, Centre international de rencontres mathématiques (CIRM), Luminy, France, April 23, 2015.
32. *Planar linkages following a prescribed motion.* Invited talk at the Computer Algebra Seminar, Kobe University, Japan, March 8, 2015.
31. *Software demo: the HolonomicFunctions package.* Invited talk at the Workshop on computational and algebraic methods in statistics, University of Tokyo, Japan, March 3, 2015.
30. *q -shift operators in knot theory.* Invited talk at the Symbolic Analysis Workshop at FoCM (Foundations of Computational Mathematics), Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, December 16, 2014.
29. *Creative telescoping.* Invited talk at the Workshop on geometric control and related fields, RICAM, Linz, Austria, November 17, 2014.
28. *Symbolic computation in knot theory.* Invited talk at the Workshop on Approximation Theory, CAGD, Numerical Analysis, and Symbolic Computation, Sozopol, Bulgaria, August 27, 2014.
27. *A generalized Apagodu-Zeilberger algorithm.* Contributed talk at ISSAC (39th International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation), Kobe University, Japan, July 23, 2014.
26. *On the AJ conjecture of connected sums of knots.* Invited talk at the Programme on Combinatorics, Geometry, and Physics, Erwin Schrödinger Institut (ESI), Vienna, Austria, July 17, 2014.
25. *A rational perspective on holonomic functions.* Invited talk at CASTA (Computational Algebraic Statistics, Theories and Applications), Kyoto, Japan, January 22, 2014.
24. *A glimpse of noncommutative Gröbner bases.* Invited talk at the conference Gröbner Bases, Resultants and Linear Algebra, RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, September 6, 2013.
23. *Holonomic functions in Mathematica.* Software presentation at ISSAC (38th International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation), Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 27, 2013.
22. *Holonomicity and properness are equivalent.* Contributed talk at LARD (Linz Algebra Research Day), Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, June 19, 2013.
21. *Zeilberger's holonomic ansatz for Pfaffians.* Contributed talk at ISSAC (37th International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation), University of Grenoble, France, July 24, 2012.
20. *Twisting q -holonomic sequences by complex roots of unity.* Contributed talk at ISSAC (37th International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation), University of Grenoble, France, July 23, 2012.
19. *Twisting q -holonomic sequences by complex roots of unity.* Invited talk at ACA (18th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra), Institute of Mathematics and Informatics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 28, 2012.
18. *The face-centered cubic lattice.* Invited talk at FELIM (Functional Equations in LIMoges), Faculty of Sciences and Techniques of the University of Limoges, France, March 5, 2012.
17. *Advanced computer algebra for evaluating determinants.* Contributed talk at JNCF (Journées Nationales de Calcul Formel), CIRM Luminy (Marseille), France, November 16, 2011.
16. *Lattice Green's functions of the higher-dimensional face-centered cubic lattices.* Invited talk at the Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry (Minisymposium "Symbolic Combinatorics"), North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, October 6, 2011.

15. *Lattice Green's functions of the higher-dimensional face-centered cubic lattices*. Invited talk at CSASC (Joint Mathematical Conference of the Austrian Mathematical Society together with the Catalan, Czech, Slovak, and Slovenian Mathematical Societies, Minisymposium "Combinatorics and Graph Theory"), Donau-Universität Krems, Austria, September 27, 2011.
14. *Lattice Green's functions*. Invited talk at ACA (17th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra), Lamar University, Houston, Texas, USA, June 28, 2011.
13. *Software for special functions*. Invited talk at ICASF (International Conference on Asymptotics and Special Functions), City University of Hong Kong, China, June 1, 2011.
12. *Computer algebra tools for summation and integration*. Invited talk at CMIC (Chiang Mai International Conference), Chiang Mai University, Thailand, January 6, 2011.
11. *Algorithmic combinatorics: symbolic summation and integration*. Tutorial at CMIC (Chiang Mai International Conference), Chiang Mai University, Thailand, January 4–5, 2011.
10. *Proof of the q -TSP Conjecture*. Contributed talk at SLC 65 (Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire), Strobl, Austria, September 13, 2010.
9. *Proof of George Andrews' and David Robbins' q -TSP Conjecture*. Contributed talk at the Conference in Honor of Doron Zeilberger's 60th Birthday, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, May 27, 2010.
8. *Think Big (or how to tackle hard problems with the holonomic systems approach)*. Invited talk at the Summation Workshop, RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, July 19, 2009.
7. *Algorithmic proving of special function identities in Mathematica*. Invited talk at ACA (15th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra), École de technologie supérieure, Montréal, Canada, June 26, 2009.
6. *A difference operators attack on hard combinatorial problems*. Invited talk at ACA (15th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra), École de technologie supérieure, Montréal, Canada, June 25, 2009.
5. *How to prove the q -TSP Conjecture?* Invited talk at the AMS Joint Mathematics Meeting, Washington DC, USA, January 5, 2009.
4. *Holonomic Functions*. Software presentation at FPSAC (21st International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics), RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, 2009.
3. *Proof of Ira Gessel's lattice path conjecture*. Contributed talk at SLC 61 (Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire), Curia, Portugal, September 24, 2008.
2. *Holonomic function identities*. Invited talk at ACA (14th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra), RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, July 27, 2008.
1. *Proof of Ira Gessel's lattice path conjecture*. Invited talk at SNSC (4th International Conference on Symbolic and Numerical Scientific Computing), RISC, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, July 25, 2008.

Peer-Reviewing Activities

For each journal and conference the number of completed reviews is given in parentheses.

- ▷ ISSAC (14)
- ▷ Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical (5)
- ▷ Journal of Symbolic Computation (5)
- ▷ Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications (4)
- ▷ Advances in Applied Mathematics (2)

- ▷ CASC (2)
- ▷ Acta Physica Polonica A (1)
- ▷ Ain Shams Engineering Journal (1)
- ▷ Ars Mathematica Contemporanea (1)
- ▷ Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (1)
- ▷ European Journal of Combinatorics (1)
- ▷ Fluctuation and Noise Letters (1)
- ▷ FPSAC (1)
- ▷ International Journal of Computer Mathematics (1)
- ▷ International Journal of Theoretical Physics (1)
- ▷ Inventiones Mathematicae (1)
- ▷ Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (1)
- ▷ Journal of Computer and System Sciences (1)
- ▷ Journal of Integer Sequences (1)
- ▷ Journal of Number Theory (1)
- ▷ Journal of the London Mathematical Society (1)
- ▷ Lecture Notes in Computer Science (1)
- ▷ L'Enseignement Mathématique (1)
- ▷ Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences (1)
- ▷ Reports on Mathematical Physics (1)
- ▷ SIGMA (1)
- ▷ Theoretical Computer Science (1)
- ▷ Transactions of the AMS (1)

Teaching

- ▷ 2006 – 2017: Johannes Kepler University, Linz
 - Lecture *Knot Theory and Computer Algebra*
 - Lecture *Computer Algebra Systems*
 - Exercises in *Linear Algebra and Analytic Geometry*, parts I and II
 - Exercises in *Mathematics and Logic for Computer Scientists*
 - Exercises in *Calculus for Computer Scientists*
 - Exercises in *Formal Foundations 2*
 - Exercises in *Computability and Complexity*
- ▷ 2010 – 2017: University of Applied Sciences, Hagenberg
 - Lecture *Mathematics 1 — Algebra*
 - Lecture *Logic and Formal Fundamentals in Computer Science*
- ▷ 2001 – 2005: Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nürnberg
 - Exercises in *Mathematics for Computer Scientists*, parts I, II, and III
 - Exercises in *Theoretical Computer Science*, parts I, II, and III
 - Exercises in *Organization and Technology of Computer Systems*

Software

- ▷ `PlanarLinkages`, a Mathematica package for constructing and visualizing planar linkages that follow a prescribed curve (or motion), including arithmetic and factorization of motion polynomials.
- ▷ Member of the development team of DDMF (Dynamic Dictionary of Mathematical Functions), see <http://ddmf.msr-inria.inria.fr>.
- ▷ `HolonomicFunctions`, a Mathematica package for dealing with multivariate holonomic functions and sequences, in particular for executing closure properties, evaluating sums and integrals involving special functions, finding relations for a given function, etc.
- ▷ `qGeneratingFunctions`, a Mathematica package for manipulations of univariate q -holonomic functions and sequences.
- ▷ `RLangGFun`, a Maple implementation of the inverse Schützenberger methodology (a constructive version of Soittola’s Theorem).

Hobbies and Interests

- ▷ Music: piano lessons (1986 – 1992), lessons in church organ (1992 – 2005), degrees D-diploma (1998) and C-diploma (2003) in church music, regular playing in church services.
- ▷ Singing: member of the *Academic Choir* of the FA University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (2002 – 2005), member of the choir *pro musica* (since 2005).
- ▷ Photography: using a professional SLR camera
- ▷ Travel: various journeys to many different countries, mainly in Asia, Latin America, and Europe.
- ▷ Languages: Latin (7 years), English (7 years), French (3 years) in high school. Basic courses in Chinese and Russian at university, and studies of the Arabic language (2004 – 2005), including a one-month language course in Lebanon.