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I am a researcher of software science. I primarily study formal verification of stateful programs, especially those written in Rust.

PUBLICATIONS

ICLR 2025 — Hiroyuki Deguchi, Go Kamoda, Yusuke Matsushita, Chihiro Taguchi, Kohei Suenaga, Masaki Waga and Sho Yokoi. A Soft and Fast Pattern Matcher for Billion-Scale Corpus Searches. https://softmatcha.github.io/, https://openreview.net/forum?id=Q6PAngYVpo

VMCAI 2024 — Takashi Nakayama, Yusuke Matsushita, Ken Sakayori, Ryosuke Sato and Naoki Kobayashi. Borrowable Fractional Ownership Types for Verification. https://doi.org/
10.1007/978-3-031-50521-8 11

ACM PLDI 2022 — Yusuke Matsushita, Xavier Denis, Jacques-Henri Jourdan and Derek Dreyer.

RustHornBelt: A Semantic Foundation for Functional Verification of Rust Programs with Unsafe Code.

Distinguished Paper Award. https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3519939.3523704

ACM TOPLAS 2021 — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. RustHorn: CHC-based Verification for Rust Programs. https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3462205

ESOP 2020 — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. RustHorn: CHC-based Verification for Rust Programs. Selected for the Special Issue of ACM TOPLAS. <a href="https://buthatsushita.h

THESES

Ph.D. Thesis, 2024 — Yusuke Matsushita. Non-Step-Indexed Separation Logic with Invariants and Rust-Style Borrows. University of Tokyo, 2024. https://shiatsumat.github.io/papers/phd-thesis.pdf, https://shiatsumat.github.io/talks/phd-thesis-talk.pdf

Master Thesis, 2021 — Yusuke Matsushita. Extensible Functional-Correctness Verification of Rust Programs by the Technique of Prophecy. University of Tokyo, 2021. Precursor of RustHornBelt. https://shiatsumat.github.io/papers/masters-thesis.pdf

Senior Thesis, 2019 — Yusuke Matsushita. CHC-based Program Verification Exploiting Ownership Types. University of Tokyo, 2019. Precursor of RustHorn. https://shiatsumat.github.io/papers/senior-thesis.pdf

HONORS & AWARDS

2025 — Hakubi Researcher at the Hakubi Center for Advanced Research, Kyoto University

2024 — Invited Lecture at PPL Summer School 2024.

2022 — Distinguished Paper Award at ACM PLDI 2022

2020 — Selected for ACM TOPLAS ESOP 2020 Special Issue

2018 — Sub-leader of Japan's special team for the International Olympiad in Informatics 2018

2013 & 2012 — Finalist in the Japanese Olympiad in Informatics 2013 & 2012

2013 — Quarter-finalist in the National High School English Debate Tournament 2013

GRANTS

Apr 2025 – (Mar 2030) — The Hakubi Project, Kyoto University. Title: Exploring a New Age of Software Development Spreading from Rust.

Apr 2024 - Mar 2027 — JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists PD. Title: Foundation and Practice for Robust and High-Performance Systems Software.

Apr 2021 – Mar 2024 — JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1. Title: Theory and Application for Robust and High-Performance Systems Programming Languages.

ARTICLES

ISPJ 2024 — Yusuke Matsushita. Non-Step-Indexed Separation Logic with Invariants and Rust-Style Borrows. Group-Recommended Ph.D. Theses Express by Information Processing Society of Japan. Aug 15, 2024. https://note.com/ipsj/n/nc0ae275045eb

UTokyo Science News 2022 — Yusuke Matsushita. Breaking Ground in the World of Software. News from Faculty of Science, the University of Tokyo, Vol. 54, No. 1, 2022. https://dl5s7ayfvssw3.cloudfront.net/WEB info/p/pub/8311/54-1.pdf#page=7

LECTURES

Lecture at Kyoto University in 2024 — Yusuke Matsushita. The Fun of Rust. For the Course of CCE, Grad School of Informatics, Kyoto University. https://shiatsumat.github.io/talks/2024-course-talk.pdf

PPL Summer School 2024, Invited Lecture — Yusuke Matsushita. The World of Separation Logic Iris. http://ppl.jssst.or.jp/index.php?ss2024

UTokyo Open Campus 2023 — Yusuke Matsushita and Takashi Nakayama. Science of Software,
Aspiring to a World Free of Bugs. Open Campus 2023, the Faculty of Science, the University of Tokyo.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDdEtx05dZ4

TALKS

TPSA 2025 & PLanQC 2025 — Yusuke Matsushita (Presenter at TPSA 2025), Kengo Hirata and Ryo Wakizaka (Presenter at PLanQC 2025). Concurrent Quantum Separation Logic for Fine-Grained Parallelism. Extended abstracts: https://shiatsumat.github.io/papers/planqc2025-cqsl.pdf

PRO-2024-1, Invited Talk — Yusuke Matsushita. New Perspectives on Program Verification and Testing Spreading from Rust. https://shiatsumat.github.io/talks/pro-2024-1-invited-talk.pdf

ACM PLDI 2022 — Yusuke Matsushita, Xavier Denis (Co-presenter), Jacques-Henri Jourdan and Derek Dreyer. RustHornBelt: A Semantic Foundation for Functional Verification of Rust Programs with Unsafe Code. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg4dEhr5hl

ESOP 2020 — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. RustHorn: CHC-based Verification for Rust Programs. https://www.morressier.com/article/rusthorn-chcbased-verification-rust-programs/604907f41a80aac83ca25d55

JSSST 2020, Invited Talk — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. RustHorn: CHC-based Verification for Rust Programs. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah_Bds6l_Yl

PPL 2020 — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. RustHorn: CHC-based Verification for Rust Programs.

POSTERS

PPL 2025 — Yusuke Matsushita, Yudai Tanabe, Taro Sekiyama and Atsushi Igarashi. Pure Realization of Rust-Style Borrows in Linear Haskell.

PPL 2019 — Yusuke Matsushita, Takeshi Tsukada and Naoki Kobayashi. CHC-based Program Verification Exploiting Ownership Types.

WORK

Apr 2025 - (Mar 2030) — Program-Specific Assistant Professor at Hakubi Center for Advanced Research, Kyoto University

Apr 2024 - Mar 2025 — JSPS Fellow (PD) at Atsushi Igarashi & Kohei Suenaga's Lab, Kyoto University

SERVICE

Jan 2025 - Mar 2025 - Program Committee Member of PPL 2025

TEACHING

Aug 2024 — Lecturer of S15 Rust Program Verification Seminar at IPA Security Camp 2024 https://www.ipa.go.jp/jinzai/security-camp/2024/camp/zenkoku/program/kaihatsu.html#s15

Apr 2022 - Aug 2022, Apr 2019 - Aug 2019 — Teaching assistant of "Functional and Logic Programming Experiments" at Dept. of Information Science, School of Science, University of Tokyo

Sept 2019 - Feb 2020 — Teaching assistant of "Processor and Compiler Experiments" at Dept. of Information Science, School of Science, University of Tokyo

Mar 2018 — Lecturer of "Purely Functional Data Structures" at Japanese Olympiad in Informatics 2017 Spring Training Camp

Aug 2017 — Tutor on "Purely Functional Data Structures" (Chris Okasaki) at Japanese Olympiad in Informatics 2017 Summer Seminar

EDUCATION

Apr 2021 - Mar 2024 — Ph.D., Computer Science

Apr 2019 - Mar 2021 — M.S., Computer Science

Apr 2015 - Mar 2019 — B.S., Information Science

University of Tokyo, Japan. Supervised by Naoki Kobayashi.

Apr 2009 - Mar 2015 — Nada High School

SKILLS

Languages — Japanese (Native speaker), English (Advanced, EIKEN Grade 1, TOEFL iBT 92)

Programming — C/C++, Rust, Coq, OCaml, Haskell, TypeScript, ...

EXPERIENCE

Nov 2022 - Feb 2023 — Software Engineer Intern at ChromeOS Velocity Team, Google Tokyo

Sept 2020 - July 2021 — Research Intern at the RustBelt team, led by Derek Dreyer, at Max Planck Institute for Software Systems

Aug 2019 – Jan 2020 — Software Engineer Intern at CADDi, a startup in Japan that builds a digital marketplace for manufacturing. Interview article: https://www.wantedly.com/companies/caddi/ post articles/200577

Mar 2017 - Mar 2019 — Research Intern at Morishita Lab (human genome informatics), in Dept. of Computational Biology and Medical Sciences, Grad School of Frontier Science, University of Tokyo

Dec 2015 - Dec 2016 - President of UTokyo Piano Society, a piano club of ~200 members