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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Logic and formal verification Programming languages, formal semantics Proof-carrying software, blockchain applications and protocols
REFERENCES	Prof. Grigore Roşu University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Contact: grosu@illinois.edu Prof. José Meseguer University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Contact: Salome Liebenberg salomel@illinois.edu Dr. Margus Veanes Microsoft Research Contact: margus@microsoft.com
EDUCATION	Department of Computer Science, UIUC Ph.D. student in Computer Science (2016–present; expected May’23) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation topic: <i>Matching Logic</i>• Advisor: Grigore Roşu School of Mathematical Sciences, Peking University Bachelor of Science, June 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest distinction in general scholarship
PUBLICATIONS	B. Collie, T. Kasampalis, <u>X. Chen</u> , D. Guth, G. Roşu. <i>An efficient language-agnostic semantics-based interpreter</i> , PLDI (under review). T. Trinh, <u>X. Chen</u> , N. Rodrigues, G. Roşu. <i>Automatic abstraction for fixpoint reasoning in matching logic</i> , PLDI (under review). Z. Lin, <u>X. Chen</u> , T. Trinh, J. Wang, G. Roşu. <i>Generating proof certificates for a language-agnostic deductive program verifier</i> , OOPSLA (under review). <u>X. Chen</u> , G. Roşu. <i>Defining binders in matching logic (featuring a case</i>

study of contexts in \mathbb{K}), Journal of Functional Programming (**JFP**) ICFP Special Issue (under review).

X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Capturing constrained constructor patterns in matching logic*, Journal of Logical and Algebraic Methods in Programming (**J'LAMP**), 2022.

X. Zhang, **X. Chen**, M. Sun. *Towards a unifying logical framework for neural networks*, International Colloquium on Theoretical Aspects of Computing (ICTAC), 2022.

P. Berezky, **X. Chen**, D. Horpácsi, T. Mizsei, L. Peña, J. Tušil. *Mechanizing matching logic in Coq*, Working Formal Methods Symposium (FROM), 2022.

M. Saxena, **X. Chen**, S. Song, S. Meng, L. Sha, G. Roşu. *Rewriting-based computer-interpretable clinical practice guidelines*, Technical Report <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/116016>, 2022.

X. Chen, G. Roşu. *The \mathbb{K} vision for the future of programming language design and analysis*, Formal Methods in Outer Space, 2021.

X. Chen, Z. Lin, T. Trinh, G. Roşu. *Towards a trustworthy semantics-based language framework via proof generation*, Computer-Aided Verification (**CAV**), 2021.

X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Matching logic explained*, Journal of Logical and Algebraic Methods in Programming (**J'LAMP**), 2021.

Z. Lin, **X. Chen**, G. Roşu. *An interactive theorem prover for matching logic with proof object generation*, Technical Report <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/111650>, 2021.

J. Tusil, **X. Chen**, G. Roşu. *Hyperproperties in Matching Logic*, Technical Report <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/109298>, 2021.

X. Chen, T. Trinh, N. Rodrigues, L. Peña, G. Roşu. *Towards a unified proof framework for automated fixpoint reasoning using matching logic*, **OOPSLA**, 2020.

X. Chen, G. Roşu. *A general approach to define binders using matching logic*, International Conference on Functional Programming (**ICFP**), 2020.

X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Connecting constrained constructor patterns and matching logic*, International Workshop on Rewriting Logic and Its Applications, 2020.

X. Chen, G. Roşu. *\mathbb{K} —A semantic framework for programming languages and formal analysis*, Book Chapter of the International School on Engineering Trustworthy Software Systems, 2020.

X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Initial algebra semantics in matching logic*, Technical Report <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/107781>, 2020.

M. Saxena, **X. Chen**, N. Rodrigues, G. Roşu. *Formal semantics of hybrid automata*, Technical Report <https://hdl.handle.net/2142/106822>, 2020.

X. Chen, G. Roşu. *Matching μ -logic*, Logics in Computer Science (**LICS**), 2019.

X. Chen, G. Roşu. *A language-independent program verification framework*, Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation (ISoLA), 2018.

X. Chen, D. Park, G. Roşu. *A language-independent approach to smart contract verification*, Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation (ISoLA), 2018.

J. Wang, **X. Chen**, J. Sun, S. Qin. *Improving probability estimation through active probabilistic model learning*, International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM), 2017

E. Palomar, **X. Chen**, Z. Liu, S. Maharjan, J. Bowen. *Component-based modelling for scalable smart city systems interoperability: A case study on integrating energy demand response systems*, Sensors **16**(11):1810, 2016.

P. Kong, Y. Li, **X. Chen**, J. Sun, M. Sun, J. Wang. *Towards concolic testing for hybrid systems* Formal Methods (**FM**), 2016.

Z. Liu, **X. Chen**. *Model-Driven Design of Object and Component Systems*, Book Chapter of the International School on Engineering Trustworthy Software Systems, 2016.

(Best Paper) S. Li, **X. Chen**, Y. Wang, M. Sun. *A framework for off-line conformance testing of timed connectors*, Theoretical Aspects of Software Engineering (TASE), 2015.

X. Chen, J. Sun, M. Sun. *A hybrid model of connectors in cyber-physical systems*, International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM), 2014.

AWARDS	2022	Graduate College's Dissertation Completion Fellowship
	2020	Mavis Future Faculty Fellowship
	2018–2019	Yunni & Maxine Pao Memorial Fellowship
	2012–2013	China National Scholarship

GRANTS	Assisted in proposal preparation for the following research grant:	
	2022–2023	<i>Trustworthy Formal Verification for Ethereum Smart Contracts via Machine-Checkable Proof Certificates</i> , Ethereum Foundation, Funded Amount: \$30,000. News Article: https://shorturl.at/djtuz .

TALKS

Verification in the RISC-Zero zkVM at the New England Systems Verification Day, slides available online: <https://shorturl.at/ijzH0>, 2022

Towards a trustworthy semantics-based language framework via proof generation at CAV, 2021.

A general approach to define binders using matching logic at ICFP, available online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNO_jGr33VM, 2020.

Towards a unified proof framework for automated fixpoint reasoning using matching logic at OOPSLA, available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JlaJPPi1B0>, 2020.

(Tutorial) *Using the \mathbb{K} framework to formalize functional languages* at ICFP, available online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlQMi_N42B8, 2020.

A language-independent program verification framework at the 7th International Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation, Limassol, Cyprus, 2018.

A language-independent approach to smart contract verification at the 7th International Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation, Limassol, Cyprus, 2018.

Towards concolic testing for hybrid systems at the 21st International Symposium on Formal Methods, Limassol, Cyprus, 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022	Guest Lecturer, Programming Language Design
2019 & 2020	Teaching Assistant, Software Engineering (I)
2018	Guest Lecturer, Programming Language Semantics
2015	Assistant Lecturer, Data Analysis
2014	Assistant Lecturer, Software Engineering

ADVISING

Served as a research advisor for the following students:

Nishant Rodrigues	PhD student at UIUC
Manasvi Saxena	PhD student at UIUC
Mircea Sebe	PhD student at UIUC
Adam Fiedler	MSc student at Masaryk University; now at Runtime Verification Inc.
Jan Tušil	MSc student at Masaryk University; now at Runtime Verification Inc.
Zhengyao Lin	undergrad at UIUC; now PhD student at CMU
John Wang	undergrad at UIUC

WORK EXPERIENCE	2022	Verification Engineer, Runtime Verification Inc. Helped establish RV Research—the new research institute at Runtime Verification Inc (https://research.runtimeverification.com/). Drafted open research problems for RV Research and recorded introduction videos. Organized weekly RV Research seminars.
	2018–2019	Verification Engineer, Runtime Verification Inc. Designed the logical foundation of the \mathbb{K} framework (https://kframework.org). Wrote the <i>Semantics of \mathbb{K}</i> white paper. Helped design the symbolic execution engine of \mathbb{K} .
	2015–2016	Research assistant, Singapore University of Technology and Design. Created probabilistic models for cyber-physical systems. Designed efficient and effective sampling algorithms. Proved asymptotic properties of the algorithms.
SERVICE		Local organization committee member at SPIN'22. Helped organizing the conference and publishing the conference proceedings.
		Student volunteer at PLDI'21
		Reviewer of J. of Systems and Software (2022), J. of Logical and Algebraic Methods in Programming (2020,2019)
		Paper/artifact reviewer for CONCUR'22, OOPSLA-AEC'22, LICS'21, TACAS'21, LICS'19, CAV'19, CONCUR'19, FM'19, FoSSaCS'19, FSCD'18, AiML'18, FSCD'17, RV'17, CALCO'17, HSCC'17, NFM'17, FSCD'16, RV'16, CALCO'16, HSCC'16, NFM'16, FM'16, SEFM'16, TASE'16, APSEC'15, MEDI'15, WWV'15.