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## SUMMARY

Jean-Jacques Lévy is a senior researcher emeritus at Inria. He graduated from the Ecole polytechnique in 1968, and got a PhD in computer science at University of Paris 7 in 1978.

He joined Inria in 1970, served as a member of the research staff at Digital Equipment (DEC-PRL, 1987-1988), a full professor at Ecole polytechnique (1992-2006), the director of the new Inria-Microsoft Research Joint Centre (2006-2013) and a visiting professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISCAS, Beijing, 2013-2014).

He headed two Inria research-teams (Para, Moscova), and two european projects (Confer-1, Confer-2); he was scientific chairman at Inria-Rocquencourt (1994-1996), vice chairman of the Inria national evaluation committee (1997-2000).

He supervised 20 PhD theses, was a consultant at Xerox-PARC (1984) and DEC-SRC (1989) in Palo Alto (Ca). He received the CNRS Médaille de Bronze (1979).

Jean-Jacques Lévy worked on compilers, lambda-calculus, term rewriting systems, CAD for VLSI, system programming, programming languages for distributed applications, formal proofs of programs. He participated to the debugging of the embedded software for the Ariane 5 rocket (after its explosion) and headed the on-board code review for the ISS european module Columbus. He is a (co-)author of 50 publications, 5 software and 1 US patent.

## **EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS**

Jul 1964 1964 - 1966 1966 - 1968 Jul 1969 1969 - 1984 Jun 1974 Jan 1978 Jan 1978 Jan 1979 1988 - 1989 1984 - 2012 1989 - 1992 1992 - 2006 1992 - 1999 1993 - 1995 1996 - 2000 2006 - 2012	Baccalauréat in Nancy, MathSup & MathSpé at lycées Henri Poincaré (Nancy) + Louis-le-Grand (Paris) Student at the École Polytechnique, Paris, Master in Computer Science (DEA d'informatique) at Univ. of Paris 6, Inria Junior Researcher (Chargé de Recherche CR2 + CR1), Small thesis in Computer Science (Thèse de 3ème cycle) at Univ. of Paris 7, PhD (Thèse d'Etat) at Univ. of Paris 7, Bronze medal, CNRS. Member of the Research Team, Digital Equipment Corp., PRL, Inria Senior Researcher (Directeur de Recherche DR2, DR1, DR0), Associate Professor at the École Polytechnique, Palaiseau Professor of Computer Science at École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, Coordinator of EU projects CONFER-1-2-3, Inria Scientific Chairman (chef du comité des projets) at Inria-Rocquencourt, Vice-Chairman of Inria national evaluation committee (Inria CE) Managing Director of the new Inria-Microsoft Research Joint Centre (Saclay),
2008 - 2011 2013 - 2014	Member of the Scientific Council of the Fondation des Sciences Mathématiques de Paris (FSMP) Visiting Professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISCAS, Beijing)
2012 - now	Inria Emeritus, member of Inria - PiR2 research team at Univ. of Paris

## MISCELLANEOUS

### RESEARCH

**The lambda-calculus:** This area is related to Mathematical Logic and Models of Computation. Church invented the lambda-calculus in 1935 as a model of computation with functions. For instance, the identity function I is such that I(x) = x for all x. Therefore I(I) = I. Similarly the constant function K is such that K(x,y) = x for all x and y. Hence K(K,I) = K. Again let D(x) = x(x) for all x, then D(D) = D(D)! These are nonsenses in standard mathematics, since a function cannot be applied to itself. But in computer science, these equations look natural. For instance, the evaluation of D(D) is just looping. Church proved that the lambda-calculus is as expressive as other models of computation, which was a striking result for a calculus with the sole functions. This led to his famous Church-Turing thesis, claiming that all general models of computation have the same expressiveness. But the lambda-calculus with its first functional model (in the logical sense). It was the kick off for the studies of meanings of programs and the denotational semantics of programming languages. Scott's idea was to incorporate non-termination inside functions at any order of functionality and to restrict denotations to "continuous" functions. For the lambda-calculus, Scott's model was a strong hint for the discovery of new properties of its syntax.

**Optimal reductions in the lambda-calculus:** My PhD work focused on safe and optimal evaluation strategies of the lambda-calculus. Safe computations are terminating; optimal computations minimize the number of computation steps to the result. For the latter, the difficulty is to define and implement sharing in the evaluation of functions. In my PhD, I designed a theory of Redex Families which extends the classic notion of residuals and which characterizes the redexes (reductible expressions) to share. These families are invariant w.r.t. permutations of reductions which by themselves give another interesting theory. The so-called Levy's labeled calculus permits to give computable names to redex families. But optimal strategies were difficult to implement until 1990 when Lamping provided a solution. With Abadi and Gonthier, we simplified Lamping's algorithm by relating it to Girard's geometry of interaction. In practice, these optimal strategies correspond (for weaker calculi) to lazy evaluators of functional programming languages such as Haskell or LML. My work on reduction strategies is the basis of chapter 13 in Barendregt's reference book about the Syntax and Semantics of the lambda-calculus and chapter 8 in Klop's Terese book. I also worked on free models with Bohm trees and proved the continuity theorem, as a corollary of completeness of inside-out strategies.

**From the lambda-calculus to other calculi:** I was a promoter (with Abadi, Cardelli and Curien) of Explicit Substitutions[1990]. It is a refined calculus of the lambda-calculus, which was studied at length by several authors, mainly to model run-time environments of programming languages. Another calculus related to my labeled lambda-calculus was the calculus of dependencies and incremental computations with Abadi and Lampson[1997], which was implemented and patented in the DEC/SRC Vesta makefile system (Levin et al). This dependency calculus has also been used and extended in various works about Information Flow for Security of Computing Systems. With Huet, we ported these results about the lambda-calculus to the general theory of Term Rewriting Systems [1980] and developed strongly sequential systems, as a basis for further theories on efficient pattern-matching in programming languages such as ML or Haskell. Klop wrote a book on these sequential systems. Finally, Boudol, Castellani and Laneve showed the connection of permutations of reductions to Winskel's theory of events structures in concurrent systems. Indeed the labeled calculus reflects causality within various models of computations (e.g. reversible calculi for biology by Danos and Krivine).

**Concurrency and distributed systems:** Milner invented calculi to model concurrent processes, namely programs with several processes running in parallel. All computer scientists know that concurrency is a nightmare where debugging is Mission Impossible. Therefore concurrency is a wide area of research to discover the right tools for writing correct programs. Our contribution was the Join Calculus with Fournet, Gonthier, Maranget and Rémy[1997]. The Join Calculus is claimed to be the right language for abstract distributed implementions of Milner's pi-calculus and to avoid the distributed consensus problem. In this calculus, synchronization is based on Join Patterns. The Join Calculus induced the Jocaml implementation by le Fessant and Maranget on top of Ocaml and the Polyphonic C# by Russo on top of C# 2.0 and Join Patterns in Visual Basic 9.0 included in Microsoft Visual Studio. Another output of the Join Calculus was the applied pi-calculus of Abadi and Fournet used for the study of Security protocols.

**Real Programming languages:** I luckily worked in a central area with applications to compilers, run-times and designs of programming languages. Functional languages (Lisp, Haskell, Ocaml, ML, F#, Vesta, etc) use patternmatching and higher-order functions. The semantics of imperative and object-oriented programming languages is also influenced by the semantics of the lambda-calculus. The study of evaluation rules in the lambda-calculus hints optimizations in the efficiency of modern proof-assistants such as Coq, HOL or Isabelle. More generally, the lambdacalculus makes a tight connection between computer science and mathematical logic. As a practical outcome, in my Para group at Inria, we developed several concurrent implementations of functional programming languages (Concurrent LML, Concurrent Caml, Jocaml). In 1996, Gilles Kahn asked us to work on the debugging of the Embedded Software of the Ariane 5 rocket after its explosion due to a software bug (-300 millions euros). At EADS (les Mureaux, France), we made a static analysis of concurrent accesses to the numerous shared variables of the on-board flight programs. This successful ADA code inspection was based on the fantastic alias analyzer of Deutsch and the outstanding review of Gonthier. We were declared experts of space programs; I headed an international review of the embedded code of the ISS (International Space Station) Columbus european module in 1997 at Matra Marconi Space (Toulouse) and DASA (Bremen); with Gonthier I also contributed to the new programming rules for CNES and ESA!

**More general programming:** A less important part of my research has been related to Operating Systems, Interactive Graphics and CAD. In my Inria early days, I wrote the LP70 compiler (LP70 was the implementation of the Esope time-sharing system) [1970] and a text editor for Esope [1971]. Later I wrote a raster-op graphics package for LeLisp [1983], the Luciole layout editors for VLSI circuits [1984] written in LeLisp, a Unix event driver (multiplexing keyboard and mouse events) for the french sm90 workstation [1986]. Although less prestigious than theoretical papers, I always considered that part of my work as my most difficult achievements.

**Program verification checked by computer:** In my research-teams at Inria and MSR-Inria, we have experience of very long proofs checked with computer assistance: correctness of the non-obstrusive concurrent garbage collector of C-Caml (proved with the Larch prover by Doligez and Gonthier), the four-color theorem in planar graph theory (proved with Coq by Gonthier), the Feit-Thompson theorem in finite groups theory (proved with Coq/Ssreflect by Gonthier and his Math-Components group). There are long proofs in mathematics, there are long proofs in computer science to show properties of programs or security of software. We definitely want to make critical software proved 100% correct. My current research plans to make correctness proofs of standard algorithms, totally checked by computer in Why3 + Coq/Ssreflect. Why3 is (to my opinion) the best system (with Frama-C, Spec#, F\*) for generating proof obligations on top of a programming language with Hoare logic assertions. I thus study the feasability of mixing automatic tools and interactive systems to prove properties of standard algorithms (as already achieved in Filliâtre's repository). With Chen Ran, Cohen, Merz and Théry, we formally proved the correctness of Tarjan's algorithm fo strongly connected components in graphs by 3 different methods (Why3, Coq, Isabelle-Hol).

# TEACHING

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**École Polytechnique:** I was in charge (with Cori) of the first-year grand Programming Course ("Algorithmes et Programmation", 430 students/year) [1991-2000]; I taught the second-year course on Basics of Computer Science ("Informatique Fondamentale", 200 students/year) [2000-2006] and several third-year courses in the Majeures; I was the coordinator of the Entrance Examination in Computer Science during 13 years. I also gave graduate level courses at the MPRI (Univ. of Paris 7).

UBA, Buenos Aires: I gave a course at Univ. of Buenos Aires (ECI) on Reductions and Causality in summer 2013.

**Tsinghua University, Beijing:** I gave courses on Jocaml (2009), Lambda-Calculus (2010), Reductions and Causality (2011), Functions and Datatypes in Coq (2013).

**IISc, Bangalore:** I co-organized (with K.Gopinath) the CIMPA-UNESCO School on Security of Computer Systems and Networks (2005). I gave a course on Concurrency Theory.

**PhD students:** I had the chance of being the advisor of 22 excellent phD students.

Sébastien Ailleret, Renault Jade Alglave, Researcher, Microsoft Research Cambridge (co-supervised with Maranget) Tomasz Blanc, France Telecom Sylvain Conchon, Professor, Univ. of Paris-Saclay Pierre-Malo Deniélou, Google, Mountain View (co-supervised with Leifer) Damien Doligez, Researcher Inria, Rocquencourt Francis Dupont, Telecom Bretagne Fabrice le Fessant, Researcher Inria, Rocquencourt Cédric Fournet, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research Cambridge Oliver Guillaumin, co-founder of Netgem Nataliya Guts, retired from Post-doc, Maryland (co-supervised with Zappa Nardelli) Jean Krivine, Researcher CNRS-IRIF, Univ. of Paris Luc Maranget, Researcher Inria, Rocquencourt Paul-André Melliès, Researcher CNRS-IRIF, Univ. of Paris Gilles Peskine, Trusted Logic (co-supervised with Leifer) Jérémy Planul, Post-doc, Stanford (co-supervised with Fournet) Marc Pouzet, Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris Ma Qin, Assistant Professor, Univ. of Luxembourg (co-supervised with Maranget) Alan Schmitt, Researcher Inria, Rennes

and more remotely:

Zena Ariola [Harvard], Professor, Eugene Oregon (with Arvind, MIT) Chen Ran [Iscas], Huawei, Beijing (with Zhang Wenhui, Iscas) Cosimo Laneve [Pisa], Professor, Bologna Italy (with Montanari, Pisa)

### ADMINISTRATION

I participated to the program committees of POPL'91 (Orlando), PLDI'92 (Toronto), FPCA'93 (Copenhague), LICS'94 (Paris), ACSC Asian'95 + Asian'96 (Pathumthani + Singapore), TACS'97 (Sendai), PLILP'98 (Pisa), ICALP'98 (Aalborg).

I co-chaired IFIP TCS 2004 (Toulouse) with E.Mayr; I organized ICALP'01 BOTH workshop (Heraklion).

I have been a member of the Scientific Council of the Fondation Sciences Mathématiques de Paris [2007-2010]

I was the coordinator of 3 european projects (Confer 1-2-3) gathering Inria-Rocquencourt, Inria-Sophia Antipolis, ECRC Munich, Univ. of Edinburgh, CWI Amsterdam, ENS Paris, Imperial College London, Univ. of Pisa and SICS Stockhlom.

I headed the Inria research-teams Para [1988-2000], Moscova [2004, 2012]; I chaired the Inria-Rocquencourt Comité des projets [1994-1997]; and was vice-chair of the Inria National Commission d'Évaluation [1997-2000].

I acted as Head of the Computer Science department at the École polytechnique in Palaiseau [1991-2000] and was then a member of both the Pure Math and CS hiring committees (Commissions de Recrutement).

I am also proud of having managed the new Microsoft Research-Inria Joint Centre in Saclay, France [2006-2012]. The Centre has been a long-term and productive cooperation between 50 researchers at Cambridge (UK) and Inria.

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