Curry-Howard Correspondences for Concurrency
Overview and Recent Developments

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This talk is based on works with/by Caires, Pfenning & Toninho:

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Using logic to reason about the correctness of software systems
Using logic to reason about the correctness of communicating software systems
Using linear logic to reason about the correctness of communicating software systems
Outline

Context: Behavioral Types and Session Types

Logic-Based Session Types
  Process Model
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  Relating Multiparty and Binary Communication

Concluding Remarks
• Massive collections of services – distributed software artifacts
  ★ Heterogeneous, dynamic, extensible, composable, long-running
• Concurrent and communication-centered
  ★ Services expose behavioral interfaces
  ★ Complex interaction/coordination patterns among them
• Correctness is a combination of several issues, including:
  ★ Protocol compatibility
  ★ Resource usage
  ★ Security and trustworthiness
• Building correct communicating software is difficult!
  ★ A major societal challenge
  ★ Costly, embarrassing errors still occur.
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• Typically developed upon core programming models, such as process calculi
  ★ Variants of the $\pi$-calculus [Milner, Parrow, & Walker, 89]
  ★ Expressive core programming models; adequate for investigation

• Formal specification languages, based on communication
  ★ Centered around interactions of partners with reciprocal roles
  ★ Strong ties with established theories (automata, logic, types)
  ★ Clear linkage with validation methods
  ★ Precise notions of runtime correctness
Seminal type-based approach to the analysis of structured communications [Honda, Vasconcelos, Kubo (1998)]

- Communication protocols structured into sessions
- Concurrent processes communicating through session channels
- Disciplined interactive behavior, abstracted as session types
Session specifications are usually given as $\pi$-calculus processes:

- Actions always occur in dual pairs
- New sessions created by invoking shared servers
- Concurrency in the simultaneous execution of sessions
- Mobility in the exchange of session and server names

**Correctness Guarantees for Specifications**

- Adhere to their ascribed session protocols - Fidelity
- Do not feature runtime errors – Safety
- Do not get stuck – Progress / Lock-Freedom
- Do not have infinite reduction sequences – Termination
Example: An E-commerce Service

The Service: Informal Description

1. Receive an item description from a client
2. Return a boolean confirming availability
3. Offer a choice: `save` the transaction (and pay later) OR `conclude` the transaction and proceed with payment.

The Service As a Session Type

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Logical Foundations for Session Types

A Concurrent Interpretation of Linear Logic [Caires & Pfenning, 2010]

Based on dual intuitionistic linear logic (DILL) [cf. Barber&Plotkin]

- propositions $\leftrightarrow$ session types
- sequent proofs $\leftrightarrow$ $\pi$-calculus processes
- cut elimination $\leftrightarrow$ process communication

Main Features

- Clear account of resource usage policies in concurrency
- Session fidelity, runtime safety, global progress “for free”
- Excellent basis for generalizations and extensions
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A Synchronous $\pi$-calculus

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P, Q & ::= \quad \bar{x} \, z. \, P & \text{send } z \text{ on } x, \text{ proceed as } P \\
\quad x(y). \, P & \quad \text{receive } z \text{ on } x, \text{ proceed as } P\{z/y\} \\
\quad !x(y). \, P & \quad \text{replicated server at } x \\
\quad x.\text{case}(P, Q) & \quad \text{branching: offers a choice at } x \\
\quad x.\text{inl}; \, P & \quad \text{select left at } x, \text{ continue as } P \\
\quad x.\text{inr}; \, P & \quad \text{select right at } x, \text{ continue as } P \\
\quad [x \leftrightarrow y] & \quad \text{forwarder, equates names } x \text{ and } y \\
\quad P \mid Q & \quad \text{parallel composition} \\
\quad (\nu y) \, P & \quad \text{name restriction} \\
\quad 0 & \quad \text{inaction}
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$$x \triangleright \{l_1 : P_1, \ldots, l_n : P_n\}$$

branching: offers a choice at $x$

$$x \triangleleft l_j ; P$$

select label $l_j$ at $x$, continue as $P$

$$[x \leftrightarrow y]$$

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Operational Semantics

- Reduction gives the behavior of a process on its own:

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(\nu x)([x \leftrightarrow y] \mid P) & \quad \rightarrow \quad P \{y/x\} \\
Q & \quad \rightarrow \quad Q' \ \Rightarrow \quad P \mid Q \quad \rightarrow \quad P \mid Q' \\
P & \quad \rightarrow \quad Q \ \Rightarrow \quad (\nu y)P \quad \rightarrow \quad (\nu y)Q
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\]

Closed under structural congruence, noted \( \equiv \).

- A standard LTS with labels for selection/choice constructs:

\[\lambda \ ::= \ \tau \mid x(y) \mid x < \overline{1} \mid \overline{x} \ y \mid \overline{x}(y) \mid \overline{x} < \overline{1}\]

Strong transitions \( \xrightarrow{\lambda} \) and weak transitions \( \xrightarrow{\lambda^*} \), as usual.
The syntax of types coincides with dual intuitionistic linear logic. Propositions/types \((A, B, C, T)\) are assigned to names:

- \(x : A \otimes B\) Output an \(A\) along \(x\), behave as \(B\) on \(x\)
- \(x : A \rightarrow B\) Input an \(A\) along \(x\), behave as \(B\) on \(x\)
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- \(x : A \& B\) Offer both \(A\) and \(B\) along \(x\)
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- \(x : \oplus\{1_1:A_1, \ldots, 1_n:A_n\}\): Select one of \(A_1, \ldots, A_n\) along \(x\)
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Type Judgments: Intuitions

\[ P :: z : C \]

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Type Judgments, Actually

Dependencies as two collections of type assignments, $\Gamma$ and $\Delta$:

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\begin{align*}
\Gamma &: \quad u_1 : A_1, \ldots, u_n : A_n \\
\Delta &: \quad x_1 : B_1, \ldots, x_k : B_k
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$\vdash P :: z : C$

- $\Gamma$ specifies **shared** services $A_i$ along $u_i$
- $\Delta$ specifies **linear** services $B_j$ along $x_j$ [no weakening or contraction]

($u_i, x_j, z$ pairwise distinct.)
Example: PDF Conversion Service

Receive a file and then either return a PDF version of it OR quit:

\[
\text{Converter} \triangleq \text{file} \rightarrow ((\text{PDF} \otimes \mathbf{1}) \& \mathbf{1})
\]

- A process which offers a linear conversion service:

\[
\text{Server} \triangleq x(f).x \triangleright \{ \text{conv} : \overline{x}(y).C_{(f,y)}, \text{quit} : Q \}
\]

- A user which depends on the server:

\[
\text{User} \triangleq \overline{x}(\text{txt}).x \triangleright \text{conv}; x(\text{pdf}).R
\]

- Next, we will see how server and user can be composed:

\[
\cdot \vdash \text{Server} :: x : \text{Converter} \quad x : \text{Converter} \vdash \text{User} :: z : A
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\cdot \vdash (\nu x)(\text{Server} \mid \text{User}) :: z : A
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Typing Rules

The logic correspondence induces **right and left** typing rules:

- Right rules detail how a process can implement the behavior described by the given connective
- Left rules explain how a process may use a session of a given type

Cut rules in sequent calculus are interpreted as **well-typed process composition**, based on both restriction and parallel composition.
Some Typing Rules

\[ \Gamma; x : A \vdash [x \leftrightarrow z] :: z : A \]

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Typing Composition

**Linear Composition**

Cut as composition principle for linear services:

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**Shared Composition**

Cut! as composition principle for shared services:

\[
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Cut as Process Reduction: Linear Case

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Cut as Process Reduction: Shared Case

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- Derived properties: communication safety and session fidelity.

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Linear LRs for Session Types: Highlights

- Logical relations (LRs): well-established method in the functional setting [cf. the simply-typed $\lambda$-calculus]

- We instantiate the method with our *linear* session type structure, to establish *termination* and *confluence* of well-typed processes.

- Practical significance: enhanced session predictability.
Linear LRs for Session Types: Definitions

Termination and Confluence

- **$P$ terminates**, noted $P \downarrow$, if either $P \not\xrightarrow{}$ or for any $P'$ such that $P \xrightarrow{} P'$ we have that $P' \Rightarrow P'' \not\xrightarrow{}$.

- $P$ is **confluent** if for any $P_1, P_2$ such that $P \xrightarrow{} P_1$ and $P \xrightarrow{} P_2$, there exists a $P'$ such that $P_1 \xrightarrow{} P'$ and $P_2 \xrightarrow{} P'$.

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Inductive Case (Excerpt)

\[ P \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta, y : A \vdash T] \text{ iff } \forall R \in \mathcal{L}[y : A].(\nu y)(R \mid P) \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta \vdash T] \]

Base Case (Excerpt)

\[ \mathcal{L}[T] \text{ is the set of all } P \text{ such that } P \downarrow \text{ and } \cdot ; \cdot \vdash P :: T \text{ and } \]

\[ P \in \mathcal{L}[z : 1] \text{ iff } \forall P'.(P \quad P' \wedge P' \rightarrow) \text{ implies } P' \equiv \! 0 \]

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**Proving Termination**

**Lemma (Fundamental Lemma)**

Let \( P \) be a process. If \( \Gamma; \Delta \vdash P :: T \) then \( P \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta \vdash T] \).

[Proof by induction on typing, using a few closure properties for \( \mathcal{L}[T] \).]

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**Theorem (Well-typed Processes Terminate)**

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Context Bisimilarity ($\approx$): Intuitions

- A behavioral equivalence for session-typed processes.
- Given two processes $P$ and $Q$, typed under the same environments, we write

$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P \approx Q :: z : C$$

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- Context bisimulation is defined inductively on $\Gamma, \Delta, C$:
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  - The base case follows the nature of $C$
  - The inductive case uses typed composition (linear and shared)

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Communications are Domain-Aware

- Services are nowadays offered virtualized in third-party platforms.
  Communications must routinely span diverse domains (e.g. software and hardware domains, virtual organizations).

- Domains may influence structured interactive behavior
  - L) Actions depend on the domains to which partners belong (e.g. domain-based capabilities/resources)
  - G) Connectedness among domains enables communications (e.g., domain-based access control)

- Partners have local/partial visions of domain architectures (useful to enforce modularity, platform independence, security)

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Intuitively:

- Parameter \( \alpha \) stands for a domain, reachable from \( w \), but unknown to clients of \( \text{Store}_\exists \).
- The store process will send a domain reference to the client. Then, coordinated domain migration may follow.
A concurrent interpretation of \textsc{hill}: \textsc{ill} + modal worlds + $@_w$

Generalizes the interpretation of Caires and Pfenning:

- Processes extended with prefixes for domain migration:
  \[
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- Judgements now stipulate required services AND their domains:
  \[
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\[ B \rightarrow C: \{ \text{sig\langle str\rangle} \cdot \]

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\[ \text{quit\langle int\rangle}. \]

\[ B \rightarrow C: \{ \text{save\langle 1\rangle}. \]

\[ A \rightarrow C: \{ \text{fin\langle 1\rangle.end} \} \} \}

The local projections of global type \( G \) onto A and C

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A formal, two-way correspondence between
- MPSTs with labeled communication and parallel composition, following [Honda, Yoshida, Carbone (2008), Deniélov and Yoshida (2013)]
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Two Worlds Connected by Mediums

- Multiparty interactions now explained from two different angles
- Half-way between two essentially distinct, foundational theories
- Clean justifications, based on linear logic, for MPSTs concepts:
  - semantics of global types
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- Naturally handles name passing, delegation, parallel composition
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Context: Behavioral Types and Session Types

Logic-Based Session Types
  Process Model
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Recent Developments (A Bird’s Eye View)
  Domain-Aware Session Communications
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Concluding Remarks
Summary: Logical Foundations for STs

**Session types (STs) as intuitionistic linear logic propositions**

- A theory of linear LRs for session-based concurrency
  - Termination (strong normalization) for concurrent processes
  - Practical significance: enhanced session predictability
- A typed observational equivalence over processes, \( \approx \)
  - Intuitive definition based on type judgments
  - Clarifies further the relationship between proofs and processes

**Two Recent Developments**

- Domain-aware STs which rely on hybrid linear logic.
  A generalization of the logic interpretation, based on modal worlds, interpreted as **domains**. Typeful domain connectedness.

- A formal connection between multiparty and binary STs
  Mediums define a simple characterization of choreographies.
ILL as Session Types: A Reading List

**CONCUR’10** – *Session Types as Intuitionistic Linear Propositions*

**PPDP’11** – *Dependent Session Types*

**TLDI’12** – *Towards Concurrent Type Theory*

**FOSSACS’12** – *Session-Typed Encodings of the λ-calculus*

**ESOP’12** – *Linear Logical Relations for Sessions*

**CSL’12** – *Asynchronous Session-Typed Communication*

**ESOP’13** – *Behavioral Polymorphism and Parametricity*

**ESOP’13** – *Integrating Functions and Sessions via Monads*

**TGC’14** – *Corecursion and Non-Divergence in Sessions*
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