

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal Information

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| ACADEMIC TITLES          | Univ. Prof. Prof. h. c. Dr. Dr. h. c. Ir.  |
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## EDUCATION

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| Sept 1988<br>- Sept 1992 | <b>Ph.D. in Mathematics</b><br>Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands<br>Thesis: "Timed Colored Petri Nets and Their Application to Logistics"<br>Advisors: prof.dr. J. Wessels and prof.dr. K.M. van Hee |
| Sept 1984<br>- Aug 1988  | <b>Bachelor and Master in Computer Science</b><br>Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands<br>Master thesis: "Specification and Simulation using ExSpect"   |

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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| since 2018 | <b>Professor RWTH Aachen University</b><br>RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the Process and Data Science group (Lehrstuhl für Informatik 9)</li> <li>• Alexander von Humboldt Professorship</li> <li>• Co-speaker and Principal Investigator of the DFG Cluster of Excellence - Internet of Production (IoP)</li> <li>• Chair of the Steering Committee of the RWTH Profile Area ICT</li> <li>• Founding Director of the RWTH Artificial Intelligence Center</li> </ul> |
| since 2021 | <b>Chief Scientist at Celonis</b><br>Guiding R&D activities, product strategy, and academic alliance, München, Germany   |
| since 2018 | <b>Lead Scientist at Fraunhofer FIT</b><br>Guiding process mining research at Fraunhofer FIT, Sankt Augustin, Germany  |

**OTHER ONGOING (UNPAID) PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- since 2002      **Adjunct Professor QUT**  
Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia
- since 2023      **Member of the LOEWE Advisory Board**  
Hessian Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts, Wiesbaden, Germany
- since 2022      **Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of ClimaTiq**  
ClimaTiq Technologies GmbH, Berlin, Germany
- ongoing          **Membership of Various Steering Committees**
- Member of the steering committee of the International Conference Series on Application and Theory of Petri nets (since 2003)
  - Advisory board member of the International Conference Series on Business Process Management
- ongoing          **Membership of Various Editorial Boards**
- Vice editor-in-chief of Business & Information Systems Engineering (since 2015)
  - Series Editor of Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing (since 2006)
  - Associate editor of Transactions on Petri Nets and Other Models of Concurrency (since 2008)
  - Member of the advisory board of Distributed and Parallel Databases (since 2017)
  - Associate editor of Computers in Industry (since 2000)
  - Member of the senior editorial board of the Annals of Computer Science and Information Systems (ACSIS) (since 2015)
  - Associate editor of the International Journal of Business Process Integration and Management (since 2006)
  - Senior editor of the International Journal on Enterprise Modelling and Information Systems Architectures (since 2005)
  - Member of the editorial (advisory) board of Computer Supported Cooperative Work (since 2009)
  - Member of the editorial board of Software and Systems Modeling (since 2012)
  - Action Editor Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (since 2023)
  - Member of the editorial board of Process Science - Business Process Management and Process Mining (since 2024)

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

- 2015-2023      **Member of the Board of Governors Tilburg University**  
Supervision of the executive board and chair of the committee responsible for research and teaching at Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands
- 2009-2023      **Steering committee of the IEEE Task Force on Process Mining**  
(founder in 2009, chair 2009-2021, member 2009-2023)
- 2003-2022      **Steering committee of the International Conference Series on Business Process Management** (founder in 2003, chair 2003-2017, member 2003-2022)
- 2011-2021      **Member of the Advisory Board of Fluxicon**  
Fluxicon, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- 2016-2021      **Chief Scientific Advisor of Celonis**  
Celonis, München, Germany
- 2016-2021      **Chief Scientific Advisor of ProcessGold/UiPath**  
ProcessGold/UiPath, Eindhoven, NL/New York, USA
- 2016-2021      **FBK Affiliated Fellow**  
Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, Italy
- 2017-2021      **Member of the Council for Physics and Technical Sciences of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences**  
KNAW, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2012-2015      **Academic supervisor PAIS Lab and Professor HSE**  
Scientific Director and co-founder of the International Laboratory of Process-Aware Information Systems (PAIS Lab), National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- 2018-2024      **Part-time Full Professor TU/e**  
Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- 2000-2018      **Full Professor TU/e**  
Chair of the Information Systems (IS) group of Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands (from 2000-2006).  
Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Technology Management Department (2000-2018).  
Director of the Business Information Systems master (2000-2013).  
Co-founder and scientific director of the Data Science Center Eindhoven (DSC/e) (2013-2018).
- 1999-2010      **Visiting Professor University of Colorado**  
Working with prof. Skip Ellis, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA (12 months)
- 1998-1999      **Visiting Professor University of Georgia**  
Working with prof. Amit Sheth, University of Georgia Athens, USA (6 months)
- 1998-1999      **Visiting Professor AIFB Karlsruhe**  
Working with prof. Jörg Desel, University of Karlsruhe, Germany (6 months)

- 1992 -1999      **Assistant / Associate Professor TU/e**  
Chair of the Specification and Modeling of Information Systems group at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), Netherlands. Member of the management team of the research institute BETA.
- 1998-1999      **Research assistant TNO and TU/e**  
Working for the TNO institute IPL while doing a PhD at Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), Netherlands. Member of the TASTE working group
- 2008-2021      **Membership of Various Editorial Boards**
- Associate Editor "SN Computer Science" (2019-2023)
  - Field editor/associate editor of Computing (2012-2022)
  - Associate editor of the IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, Part A: Systems and Humans (IEEE-SMC-A) (2011-2013)
  - Member of the editorial board of Distributed and Parallel Databases (2008-2018)
  - Associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Services Computing (2008-2016)
  - Associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering (2008-2010)
  - Associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics (2009-2013)

**PUBLICATION RECORD**

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| H-INDEX  | <b>184</b> (Google Scholar, Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Germany and 9 <sup>th</sup> worldwide in Computer Science according to Research.com) |
| CITATIONS                                      | > <b>158.000</b> (Google Scholar)  |
| H-INDEX SINCE 2020                             | 94   |
| BOOKS  | > <b>35</b> (10 authored books and >25 edited books)   |
| REVIEWED JOURNAL PAPERS                        | > <b>305</b> (299 indexed by DBLP)   |
| REVIEWED CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PAPERS            | > <b>723</b> (662 indexed by DBLP)   |
| BOOK CHAPTERS                                  | > <b>94</b> (28 indexed by DBLP)   |
| OTHER PUBLICATIONS (EDITORIALS, REPORTS, ETC.) | > <b>375</b>   |

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| 2024       | Second highest-ranked computer scientist in Germany, and 9 <sup>th</sup> highest-ranked computer scientist in the world (Research.com 2024 ranking) |
| 2022       | Elected member of <b>acatech</b> (German National Academy of Science and Engineering), Germany  |
| 2021       | <b>IEEE Fellow</b> Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)   |
| 2020       | <b>ACM Fellow</b> Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)   |
| 2020       | <b>IFIP Fellow</b> International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)   |
| 2020       | Elected member of the <b>North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts</b> , Germany   |
| 2018       | <b>Alexander-von-Humboldt Professor Award</b> (five million euro), Germany  |
| 2013       | <b>Distinguished University Professor of TU/e</b> (Only five professors had this special position at Eindhoven University of Technology)            |
| 2008       | Elected member of the <b>Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities</b> (Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen), NL          |
| 2014       | Elected member of the <b>Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences</b> (Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen), NL                |
| 2011       | Elected member of <b>Academia Europaea</b> (The Academy of Europe)  |
| 2013       | Honorary guest professor at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China   |
| 2012       | <b>Honorary doctorate</b> from <b>Hasselt University</b> , Hasselt, Belgium   |
| 2015       | <b>Honorary professorship</b> from <b>Higher School of Economics</b> , Moscow, Russia   |
| 2000 - now | <b>Over 35 best paper and most influential paper awards</b> (BPM, SoSym, ATPN, ICPM, BIS, etc.)   |

**TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

1992 - now     **Master courses:** Introduction to Data Science, Advanced Process Mining, Business Process Management Systems, Workflow Management, and Simulation  
**Bachelor courses:** Elements of Machine Learning and Data Science, Business Process Intelligence, Introduction to Process Mining, Perspectives on Data Science, Business Information Systems, Systems Engineering, Process Modeling, Business Process Management, and Specification of Information Systems  
**Online courses:** Four open online process mining courses, e.g., **Process Mining: Data science in Action** (Coursera with > 165.000 registered participants)  
**Course and curriculum development:** All of the above courses were developed from scratch and taught for several years. Leadership roles (e.g., scientific director) in computer science, data science, and business information systems programs at the bachelor and master level