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Research Interests

- **Automated reasoning**, incremental decision procedures for SAT, SMT and QBF.
- **Optimization problems**, with pseudo-Boolean objective functions.
- **Formal verification**, model checking, verifying unbounded distributed protocols.

Education

- 2015 – 2020: Ph.D., Computer Science, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
Thesis: **On SAT-based Solution Methods for Computational Problems**
Supervisor: Armin Biere
- 2012 – 2015: M.Sc., Software Engineering, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
Thesis: **EUF-Proofs for SMT4J**
Supervisor: Armin Biere & Martina Seidl
- 2007 – 2011: B.Sc., Software Information Technology, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary
Thesis: **Implementation of Resolution Refutation**
Supervisor: Tibor Gregorics

Research Visits

- March – May 2023: University of California, Berkeley
Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing
Extended Reunion: Satisfiability
- April – June 2018: Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany
Collaboration with Christoph Scholl
Incremental SAT Reasoning
- Febr – April 2017: University of Toronto, Canada
Collaboration with Fahiem Bacchus
Implicit Hitting Set Algorithms for **Maximum Satisfiability Modulo Theories**

Professional Experience

- Since Oct 2021: **Hertha Firnberg Fellow**, TU Wien (FWF)
Incremental SAT and SMT Reasoning for Scalable Verification
- Febr 2021 – June 2021: **Research Fellow**, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, UC Berkeley
Program: Satisfiability: Theory, Practice, and Beyond
Collaboration with Karem Sakallah (University of Michigan)
Symmetries of Quantified SMT Problems in Distributed Protocol Verification
- Aug 2020 – Febr 2021: **Postdoctoral Researcher**, TU Wien
Collaboration with Georg Weissenbacher and TTTech
Formal Verification for Software of Automotive Systems
- Nov 2015 – March 2020: **Project Assistant**, JKU Linz
Institute for Formal Models and Verification
- 2018WS, 2019SS: **Lecturer**, JKU Linz
Formal Models: Mandatory exercise courses for 150+ Bachelor students
Special Topics - Software Verification: Advanced M.Sc course, responsible for exercises and tool demonstrations.

Honours, Awards

- 2023: **Highlighted paper of SAT**, Alghero, Italy
26th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing
The main conference of the SAT research community
- 2022: **Shortlisted for the Hedy Lamarr Preis** of the City of Vienna
Annual award for outstanding achievements by women in information technology.
- 2021: **Hertha Firnberg Grant**
3-years long post-doc fellowship, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- 2020: **Simons-Berkeley Research Fellowship for Spring 2021**, UC Berkeley, USA
Program of Satisfiability: Theory, Practice, and Beyond
- 2019: **Best Student Paper Award**, Lisbon, Portugal
22nd International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT)
The main conference of the SAT research community.

Outreach

- May 2019: Falter Heureka / Jungforscherinnen, Austria
<https://www.falter.at/heureka/20190522/logik-fur-das-digitale-zeitalter/182b118072>

Invited Talks

- Sept 2023: Incremental Reasoning in Embedded SAT Solvers
The 14th International Symposium on Frontiers of Combining Systems
- Aug 2023: IPASIR-UP: User Propagators for CDCL
Knowledge Representation and Reasoning Group, University of Potsdam, Germany (online)
- April 2023: IPASIR-UP: User Propagators for CDCL
SAT Reunion Workshop, Simons Institute, UC Berkeley, USA
CENTAUR group meeting, Stanford, USA
- Nov 2022: Incremental Inprocessing in SAT Solving
Joint workshop of LogiCS + UnRAVeL, Vienna
- Nov 2020: Incremental Inprocessing in SAT Solving
Workshop on Formal Methods in Computer Science, Eger, Hungary (online)
- July 2019: Implicit Hitting Set Algorithms for Maximum Satisfiability Modulo Theories
Workshop on Logic and Search (LaSh 2019), Lisbon, Portugal

Publication Related Service

- IJCAR:** International Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning
PC member | 2022
- POS:** Pragmatics of SAT International Workshop
PC member | 2022, 2023
- SMT:** International Workshop on Satisfiability Modulo Theories
PC member | 2023
- SYNASC:** International Symposium on Symbolic and Numeric Algorithms for Scientific Computing
PC member | 2022
- PxTP:** Workshop on Proof eXchange for Theorem Proving
PC member | 2021
- IWIL:** International Workshop on the Implementation of Logics
PC member | 2023
- SBMF:** Brazilian Symposium on Formal Methods
PC member | 2023
- SAT:** Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing
Subreviewer | 2018, 2022
- TACAS:** Int. Conf. on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems
Subreviewer | 2017, 2020, 2023
- CAV:** International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification

Subreviewer | 2017

FMCAD: Formal Methods in Computer-Aided Design
Subreviewer | 2017, 2022
Student Forum PC member | 2023

JAIR: Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
Reviewer | 2021, 2022

JSAT: Journal on Satisfiability, Boolean Modeling, and Computation
Reviewer | 2018

QBF: International Workshop on Quantified Boolean Formulas
Subreviewer | 2017

Publications

International Conferences – Peer Reviewed

- [1] Katalin Fazekas, Aina Niemetz, Mathias Preiner, Markus Kirchweger, Stefan Szeider, Armin Biere:
IPASIR-UP: User Propagators for CDCL.
Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT), 2023
- [2] Nikolaj Bjørner, Katalin Fazekas:
On Incremental Pre-processing for SMT.
International Conference on Automated Deduction (CADE), 2023
- [3] Katalin Fazekas, Aman Goel, Karem A. Sakallah:
SAT-Based Quantified Symmetric Minimization of the Reachable States of Distributed Protocols.
Formal Methods in Computer Aided Design (FMCAD), 2023
- [4] Timothee Durand, Katalin Fazekas, Georg Weissenbacher, Jakob Zwirchmayr:
Model Checking AUTOSAR Components with CBMC.
Formal Methods in Computer-Aided Design (FMCAD), 2021
- [5] Katalin Fazekas, Markus Sinnl, Armin Biere, Sophie N. Parragh:
Duplex Encoding of Staircase At-Most-One Constraints for the Antibandwidth Problem.
Integration of Constraint Programming, Artificial Intelligence, and Operations Research (CPAIOR), 2020

- [6] Katalin Fazekas, Armin Biere, Christoph Scholl:
Incremental Inprocessing in SAT Solving.
Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT), 2019
- [7] Katalin Fazekas, Fahiem Bacchus, Armin Biere:
Implicit Hitting Set Algorithms for Maximum Satisfiability Modulo Theories.
International Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning (IJCAR), 2018
- [8] Katalin Fazekas, Marijn J. H. Heule, Martina Seidl, Armin Biere:
Skolem Function Continuation for Quantified Boolean Formulas.
International Conference on Tests and Proofs (TAP), 2017
- [9] Katalin Fazekas, Martina Seidl, Armin Biere:
A Duality-Aware Calculus for Quantified Boolean Formulas.
International Symposium on Symbolic and Numeric Algorithms for Scientific Computing (SYNASC), 2016

Technical Reports

- [10] Armin Biere, Katalin Fazekas, Mathias Fleury, Maximillian Heisinger:
CaDiCaL, Kissat, Paracooba, Plingeling and Treengeling Entering the SAT Competition 2020.
Proceedings of SAT Competition 2020 – Solver and Benchmark Descriptions (SAT-COMP), 2020
- [11] Katalin Fazekas, Markus Sinnl, Armin Biere, Sophie N. Parragh:
Duplex Encoding of Antibandwidth Feasibility Formulas Submitted to the SAT Competition 2020.
Proceedings of SAT Competition 2020 – Solver and Benchmark Descriptions (SAT-COMP), 2020