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**Citizenships:** Canada and France

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Foundations of Algorithmic Verification and Theoretical Computer Science**; in particular:

- Decision, control, and synthesis problems for continuous and discrete linear dynamical systems (using tools from number theory, Diophantine geometry, algebraic geometry)
- Automated verification of real-time, probabilistic, and infinite-state systems (e.g. model-checking algorithms, synthesis problems, complexity)
- Logic and applications to verification
- Automated software analysis
- Concurrency

## EDUCATION

<b>Oxford University</b> Oxford, UK	<b>PhD, Computer Science</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>McGill University</b> Montréal, Canada	<b>MSc, Mathematics</b> <b>BSc, Honours in Mathematics</b>	<b>1995</b> <b>1993</b>

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>Max Planck Institute for Software Systems</b> Saarbrücken, Germany	<b>Scientific Member &amp; Director</b> - Managing Director 2018 – 2020	<b>2016 – present</b>
<b>Saarland University</b> Saarbrücken, Germany	<b>Adjunct Professor of Computer Science</b>	<b>2016 – present</b>
<b>Oxford University</b> Oxford, UK	<b>Visiting Professor of Computer Science</b> <b>Emmy Network Fellow of Keble College</b> (part-time) <b>Professorial Research Fellow</b> (part-time) <b>Full Professor of Computer Science</b> - Deputy Head of Department 2014 – 2016 <b>Reader<sup>1</sup> in Computer Science</b> <b>University Lecturer<sup>2</sup> in Computer Science</b> <b>Fellow<sup>3</sup> of St John’s College</b>	<b>2021 – present</b> <b>2021 – present</b> <b>2016 – 2021</b> <b>2010 – 2016</b> <b>2008 – 2010</b> <b>2004 – 2008</b> <b>2004 – present</b>
<b>Ecole Normale Supérieure</b> Cachan, France	<b>Invited Professor</b> (1-month appointment, twice)	<b>2006, 2008</b>
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> Pittsburgh, USA	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> (Computer Science Department)	<b>2002 – 2004</b>
<b>Tulane University</b> New Orleans, USA	<b>Instructor</b> (Department of Mathematics)	<b>1999 – 2002</b>

## AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Elected Fellow of the ACM, 2021.
2. Distinguished Paper Award, LICS 2021.
3. Arto Salomaa Prize, 2020.  
*Annual prize, awarded jointly to James Worrell and myself for “outstanding contributions to Theoretical Computer Science, in particular to the theory of timed automata and to the analysis of dynamical systems.”*
4. Elected Member of Academia Europaea, 2020.
5. ERC Consolidator Grant, 2015 – 2021.
6. Best Paper Award, ICALP 2014.
7. Best Paper Award, CONCUR 2011.
8. Roger Needham Award, British Computer Society, 2010.  
*Annual prize given by the British Computer Society for “a distinguished research contribution in computer science by a UK-based researcher within 10 years of their PhD.”*
9. EPSRC Leadership Fellowship, 2009 – 2014.  
*5-year research grant, of total value over £1M, covering among others 100% of my salary and providing complete<sup>164</sup> buy-out from teaching and administrative duties. (Only 17 Leadership Fellowships awarded in 2009 in the UK across all scientific areas covered by EPSRC (the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), of which only 4 in Computer Science.)*
10. Outstanding Teaching Award, Oxford University, 2008.
11. Outstanding Teaching Award, Oxford University, 2007.

<sup>1</sup>Tenure awarded July 2009. ‘Reader’ is roughly equivalent to Associate Professor in North America.

<sup>2</sup>‘University Lecturer’ is roughly equivalent to tenure-track Assistant Professor in North America.

<sup>3</sup>Emeritus Fellow since 2016.

## RESEARCH GROUP

### • PhD students

1. Joris Nieuwveld, 2021 – present.
2. Erfan Tavakoli, 2021 – present.
3. Toghrul Karimov, 2019 – present.
4. Mehran Hosseini, PhD 2021. (*Co-supervised with James Worrell.*)
5. Joao Sousa Pinto, PhD 2017. (*Co-supervised with Elias Koutsoupas and James Worrell.*)
6. Ventsi Chonev, PhD 2016. (*Co-supervised with James Worrell.*)
7. Hsi-Ming Ho, PhD 2015.
8. Vincent Nimal, PhD 2015. (*Co-supervised with Daniel Kroening.*)
9. Daniel Bundala, PhD 2014.
10. Christoph Haase, PhD 2012.
11. Hristina Palikareva, PhD 2012. (*Co-supervised with Bill Roscoe.*)
12. Ed Blakey, PhD 2011. (*Co-supervised with Bob Coecke.*)

### • Postdocs

1. David Purser, 2020 – present.
2. Mahadi Ddamulira, 2020 – 2021.
3. Edon Kelmendi, 2019 – present.
4. Filip Mazowiecki, 2019 – present.
5. Eike Neumann, 2019 – 2021.
6. Markus Whiteland, 2019 – 2021.
7. Reino Niskanen, 2019 – 2020.
8. Christian Ikenmeyer, 2019.
9. Engel Lefauchaux, 2018 – 2021.
10. George Kenison, 2018 – 2021.
11. Pavel Semukhin, 2018 – 2019.
12. Johar Ashfaq, 2017 – 2018.
13. Ventsi Chonev, 2017 – 2018.
14. Dmitry Chistikov, 2016 – 2017.
15. Shaull Almagor, 2016 – 2019.
16. Nathanaël Fijalkow, 2015 – 2016.
17. Amaury Pouly, 2015 – 2018.
18. Rémi Bonnet, 2012 – 2014.
19. Timos Antonopoulos, 2012 – 2014.
20. Andreas Gaiser, 2011 (two-month visit).
21. Mark Timmer, 2010 (three-month visit).
22. Bjoern Wachter, 2010 – 2014.
23. Jade Alglave, 2009 – 2012.
24. Michael Tautschnig, 2009 – 2013.
25. Stefan Kiefer, 2009 – 2013.
26. Lijun Zhang, 2009 – 2010.
27. Gilles Geeraerts, 2008 (three-month visit).

28. Phil Armstrong, 2007 – 2011.
29. Axel Legay, 2006 (three-month visit).

- **Visitors**

1. Florian Luca, 2020, 2021, 2022.
2. James Worrell, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.
3. Philippe Schnoebelen, 2011 – 2012.
4. Alexander Rabinovich, 2009 – 2010.
5. Patricia Bouyer, 2006 – 2007.

- **MSc students**

1. Anton Varonka, MSc 2021.
2. Felix Arends, MSc (Distinction) 2009.
3. Julia Erhard, MSc (Distinction) 2009. (*Co-supervised with James Worrell.*)
4. Rastislav Lenhardt, MSc 2009. (*Co-supervised with James Worrell.*)
5. Pornsook Kornkitichai, MSc 2007.
6. Guo Xi, MSc 2007.
7. Sara Adams, MSc (Distinction) 2006.
8. Tao Zhang, MSc 2006. (*Co-supervised with James Worrell.*)
9. Yiding Liu, MSc 2005.
10. Murray Stokely, MSc 2005.
11. Bo Wang, MSc 2005.
12. Xiaoming Zhong, MSc 2005.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

- **Invited plenary speaker**

1. Jewels of Automata: from Mathematics to Applications (AutoMathA 20/21).
2. Highlights of Logic, Games and Automata (HIGHLIGHTS 21).
3. SIAM Conf. on Applied Algebraic Geometry (AG21).
4. 46th Int'l Symp. on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 21).
5. Computability in Europe (CiE 21).
6. 40th IARCS Annual Conf. on Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS 20).
7. 5th Logic Mentoring Workshop (LMV 20).
8. 30th Int'l Conf. on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 19).
9. 16th Int'l Conf. on Computability and Complexity in Analysis (CCA 19).
10. MPI-INF and MPI-MiS Joint Workshop on Theoretical Computer Science and Algebraic Geometry (TCSAG 19).
11. 12th Alpine Verification Meeting (AVM 18).
12. DIMAP 10 Year Anniversary Workshop (DIMAP10).
13. 20th Int'l Conf. on Foundations of Software Science and Computation Structures (FoSSaCS 17).
14. Workshop on Entropy and Information in Computational Systems (EQINOCS 16).
15. Heilbronn Annual Conf., Bristol, 2015.
16. Conf. on Frontiers of Formal Methods (FFM 15).

17. Journées nationales du GDR IM, Bordeaux, 2015.
18. 11th Int'l Tbilisi Symp. on Language, Logic and Computation (TbiLLC 15).
19. London Mathematical Society BCS-FACS Annual Seminar, 2014.
20. Summer School on Verification Technology, Systems & Applications (VTSA 14).
21. 5th Int'l Symp. on Games, Automata, Logics and Formal Verification (GandALF 14).
22. Workshop on Algorithmics on Infinite State Systems (AISS 14).
23. 5th Int'l Symp. on Symbolic Computation in Software Science (SCSS 13).
24. 9th Int'l Symp. on Frontiers of Combining Systems (FroCoS 13).
25. 19th Int'l Symp. on Fundamentals of Computation Theory (FCT 13).
26. 7th Int'l Conf. on Language and Automata Theory and Applications (LATA 13).
27. 6th Int'l Workshop on Reachability Problems (RP 12).
28. ARTIST PhD School on Quantitative Model Checking (QMC 12).
29. Workshop on the 15th Anniversary of LSV, 2012.
30. Roger Needham Lecture, The Royal Society, London, 2010.
31. 37th Int'l Coll. on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 10).
32. 26th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 10).
33. Spring School on Automatic Verification and Analysis of Complex Systems (AVACS 10).
34. 3rd Int'l Workshop on Verification and Evaluation of Computer and Communication Systems (VECoS 09).
35. 6th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 08).
36. 4th Workshop on Quantitative Aspects of Programming Languages (QAPL 06).

- **Conference program committee chair**

1. Gump Research Station Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Computation, 2019.
2. 32nd Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS 17).
3. Bellairs Workshop on Infinite-State Systems, 2015.
4. 8th Int'l Workshop on Reachability Problems (RP 14). (*Jointly chaired with James Worrell.*)
5. Dagstuhl Seminar on Reachability Problems for Infinite-State Systems, 2014. (*Jointly chaired with Javier Esparza, Alain Finkel, and Pierre McKenzie.*)
6. 27th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 11).
7. 7th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 09). (*Jointly chaired with Frits Vaandrager.*)

- **Conference steering committee member**

1. ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS), 2017 – present.
2. Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS), 2012 – present.

- **Conference program committee member**

1. 33rd Int'l Conf. on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 22).
2. 49th Int'l Coll. on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 22).
3. 26th Int'l Conf. on Developments in Language Theory (DLT 22).
4. 24th ACM Int'l Conf. on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC 21).
5. 37th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 21).
6. 31st Int'l Conf. on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 20).
7. 36th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 20).
8. 35th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 19).

9. 34th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 18).
10. 21st Int'l Conf. on Foundations of Software Science and Computation Structures (FoSSaCS 18).
11. 33rd Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 17).
12. Highlights of Logic, Games and Automata, 2016.
13. 41st Int'l Symp. on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 16).
14. 32nd Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 16).
15. 1st CPSWeek Workshop on Declarative Cyber-Physical Systems (DCPS 16).
16. 15th Int'l Conf. on Runtime Verification (RV 15).
17. 42nd Int'l Coll. on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP 15).
18. 31st Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 15).
19. 9th Int'l Conf. on Language and Automata Theory and Applications (LATA 15).
20. 6th Int'l Symp. on Symbolic Computation in Software Science (SCSS 14).
21. 30th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 14).
22. Joint Meeting of the 23rd EACSL Annual Conf. on Computer Science Logic (CSL 14) and the 29th Annual ACM/IEEE Symp. on Logic in Computer Science (LICS 14).
23. 29th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 13).
24. 20th Workshop on Logic, Language, Information and Computation (WoLLIC 13).
25. 25th Int'l Conf. on Computer Aided Verification (CAV 13).
26. 23rd European Symposium on Programming (ESOP 13).
27. 1st Workshop on Quantities in Formal Methods (QFM 12).
28. 24th Int'l Conf. on Computer Aided Verification (CAV 12).
29. 10th School on Modelling and Verifying Parallel processes (MOVEP 12).
30. 5th Int'l Workshop on Verification and Evaluation of Computer and Comm. Systems (VECoS 11).
31. 22nd Int'l Conf. on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 11).
32. 1st Int'l Workshop on Rewriting Techniques for Real-Time Systems (RTRTS 10).
33. 1st Int'l Workshop on Games and Probabilistic Models in Formal Verification (GPMFV 10).
34. 4th Int'l Workshop on Verification and Evaluation of Computer and Comm. Systems (VECoS 10).
35. 8th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 10).
36. 9th Summer School on Modelling and Verifying Parallel Processes (MOVEP 10).
37. 7th European Performance Engineering Workshop (EPEW 10).
38. 25th Conf. on the Mathematical Foundations of Programming Semantics (MFPS 09).
39. 6th Int'l Conf. on the Quantitative Evaluation of Systems (QEST 09).
40. 26th Int'l Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS 09).
41. 6th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 08).
42. 15th Int'l Workshop on Model Checking Software (SPIN 08).
43. 5th Int'l Conf. on the Quantitative Evaluation of Systems (QEST 08).
44. 5th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 07).
45. 2nd Int'l Workshop on Probabilistic Automata and Logics (PAuL 07).
46. 16th EACSL Annual Conf. on Computer Science and Logic (CSL 07).
47. 5th Workshop on Quantitative Aspects of Programming Languages (QAPL 07).
48. 10th Int'l Workshop on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC 07).
49. 13th Int'l Workshop on Expressiveness in Concurrency (EXPRESS 06).
50. 4th Int'l Conf. on Formal Modelling and Analysis of Timed Systems (FORMATS 06).

51. 21st Annual IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS 06).
52. 3rd Int'l Workshop on Automatic Verification of Infinite-State Systems (AVIS 04).

- **Journal editor**

1. Associate Editor, Journal of Computer and System Sciences, Elsevier (2014 – present).

- **External PhD examiner**

1. Damien Busatto-Gaston, Université d'Aix-Marseille, 2019.
2. Michael Blondin, Université de Montréal & Université Paris-Saclay, 2016.
3. Radu Iosif (Habilitation), Université de Grenoble, 2016.
4. Amélie Stainer, Université de Rennes 1, 2013.
5. Laurent Doyen (Habilitation), Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, 2012.
6. Pierre Chambart, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, 2011.
7. Mohamed Faouzi Atig, Université de Paris Diderot - Paris 7, 2010.
8. Ashutosh Trivedi, University of Warwick, 2009.
9. Pavel Krcal, Uppsala University, 2009.
10. Nathaniel Charlton, Imperial College, 2008.
11. Henri Hansen, Tampere University of Technology, 2007.
12. Fabrice Chevalier, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, 2007.
13. Gilles Geeraerts, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2007.

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

- **Teaching**

1. Automata and Sequences, Saarland University, 2021. (*Co-taught with Filip Mazowiecki.*)
2. Randomised Algorithms, Oxford University, 2008 (twice).
3. Logic and Proof, Oxford University, 2006, 2007, 2008.
4. Complexity, Oxford University, 2005.
5. Formal Program Design II, Oxford University, 2005.
6. Introduction to Concurrency, Tulane University, 2000.
7. Discrete Mathematics, Tulane University, 1999 – 2002 (four times).

- **Administration**

1. MPG Minerva Weizmann Committee, 2022 – present.
2. MPG W2 Commission, 2017 – present.
3. University Lecturership Appointment Committee, 2015.
4. Deputy Head of Department, 2014 – 2016.
5. Athena Swan Committee, 2013 – 2016.
6. University Lecturership Appointment Committee, 2011.
7. Informatics Chair Appointment Panel, 2011.
8. Domestic Bursar (St John's College), 2009 – 2016.
9. Decanal Policy Committee (St John's College), 2009 – 2016.
10. Domestic Committee (St John's College), 2009 – 2016.
11. Entertainments Committee (St John's College), 2009 – 2016.
12. Fellows' Housing Committee (St John's College), 2008 – 2016.

13. Departmental Management Committee, 2007 – 2015.
14. MSc Examiner, 2007 – 2009.
15. Research Assistantship Appointment Committee (four posts), 2007.
16. University Lecturership Appointment Committee, 2007.
17. Joint Consultative Committee for Undergraduates, 2007 – 2008.
18. University Lecturership Appointment Committee (two posts), 2006.
19. Educational Policy Committee (St John’s College), 2006 – 2009.
20. First-Year Curriculum Review, 2005 – 2006.
21. Career Development Fellowship Appointment Committee, 2005.
22. Kendrew Quadrangle Development Committee (St John’s College), 2005 – 2010.
23. Risk Management Committee (St John’s College), 2005 – 2008; 2009 – 2016.
24. Software Engineering Programme and Continuing Education Committee, 2004 – 2005.
25. Governing Body (St John’s College), 2004 – 2016.
26. Admissions Committee (St John’s College), 2004 – 2016.

- **Internal PhD examiner**

1. Hosein Hasanbeig, 2020.
2. Nikola Yolov, 2017.
3. Chris Chilton, 2013.
4. Evgenij Thorstensen, 2013.
5. Chris Broadbent, 2012.
6. Peter Boehm, 2012.
7. Clemens Ley, 2011.
8. Mark Kattenbelt, 2011.
9. Jian Huang, 2010.
10. Jolie de Miranda, 2006.
11. Gordon Rohrmair, 2005.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Principal Investigator (one of 18 PIs), Collaborative Research Centre 248, German Research Foundation (DFG), *Foundations of Perspicuous Software Systems*, 2018-2022. **EUR 11,000,000.**
2. Principal Investigator, Consolidator Grant: European Research Council (ERC), *Analysis, Verification, and Synthesis of Infinite-State Systems*, 2015–2021. **EUR 1,835,000.**
3. Co-Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK (PI James Worrell), *Counter Automata: Verification and Synthesis*, 2014 – 2017. **GBP 242,000.**
4. Principal Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK, *Graph-Theoretic Algorithms for Separation Logic*, 2012 – 2014. **GBP 196,000.**
5. Principal Investigator: The Leverhulme Trust, UK (Visiting Professor Philippe Schnoebelen), *Algorithmic Theory of Well-Structured Systems: Applications to Verification*, 2011 – 2012. **GBP 18,000.**
6. Co-Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK (PI Daniel Kroening), *Verification of Shared-Memory Concurrent Software*, 2009 – 2013. **GBP 560,000.**
7. Principal Investigator, Leadership Fellowship: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK, *Quantitative Verification: From Model Checking to Model Measuring*, 2009 – 2014. **GBP 1,019,000.**



8. Principal Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK (Co-I's Andrzej Murawski and James Worrell), *Automated Verification of Probabilistic Programs*, 2009 – 2011. **GBP 360,000.**
9. Co-Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK (PI Bob Coecke), *Complexity and Decidability in Unconventional Computational Models*, 2008 – 2011. **GBP 180,000.**
10. Principal Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK, *Model-Checking Algorithms for Timed Systems*, 2007 – 2011. **GBP 135,000.**
11. Co-Investigator: Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, UK (PI Bill Roscoe, Co-I Gavin Lowe), *CSP Model Checking: New Technology and Techniques*, 2007 – 2011. **GBP 715,000.**
12. Supervisor, FP6 Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship: European Commission (Fellow Patricia Bouyer), *Logical Languages for Embedded Systems*, 2006 – 2007. **EUR 47,000.**

## SOFTWARE

1. POROUS: An invariant builder and reachability checker for affine programs.
2. APEX: A verification tool for probabilistic programs.
3. SLAP: A static livelock analyzer for CSP processes, now incorporated into FDR.
4. MAGIC: A model checker for sequential and concurrent C programs. (Implemented by S. Chaki.)

I have also contributed to:

5. UCLID: A verification tool for infinite-state systems. (Implemented by S. K. Lahiri and S. A. Seshia.)

## PUBLICATIONS

### • Refereed conference papers<sup>4</sup>

1. T. Karimov, E. Lefauchaux, J. Ouaknine, D. Purser, A. Varonka, M. A. Whiteland, and J. Worrell. What's decidable about linear loops? *Proceedings of the 49th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL 22)*. 25 pages. 2022.
2. C. Baier, F. Funke, S. Jantsch, E. Lefauchaux, F. Luca, J. Ouaknine, D. Purser, M. A. Whiteland, and J. Worrell. The Orbit Problem for parametric linear dynamical systems. *Proceedings of the the 32nd International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 21)*. 18 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 203, 2021.
3. G. Kenison, O. Klurman, E. Lefauchaux, F. Luca, P. Moree, J. Ouaknine, M. A. Whiteland, and J. Worrell. On positivity and minimality for second-order holonomic sequences. *Proceedings of the 46th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 21)*. 15 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 202, 2021.
4. J. D'Costa, T. Karimov, R. Majumdar, J. Ouaknine, M. Salamati, S. Soudjani, and J. Worrell. The Pseudo-Skolem Problem is decidable. *Proceedings of the 46th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 21)*. 20 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 202, 2021.

<sup>4</sup>According to the Computer Research Association (CRA), one of the largest computer science associations in the United States, representing over 220 academic departments, national and industrial laboratories, and affiliated societies, in the field of computer science the premier and most prestigious publication venues are conference proceedings (which are fully subject to peer-review), rather than journals: “conference publication is preferred to journal publication, and the premier conferences are generally more selective than the premier journals.” See:

<https://cra.org/resources/best-practice-memos/evaluating-computer-scientists-and-engineers-for-promotion-and-tenure/>

5. J. D'Costa, E. Lefauchaux, E. Neumann, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. On the complexity of the Escape Problem for linear dynamical systems over compact semialgebraic sets. *Proceedings of the 46th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 21)*. 21 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 202, 2021.
6. E. Neumann, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. Decision problems for second-order holonomic recurrences. *Proceedings of the 48th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 21)*. 20 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 198, 2021.
7. E. Lefauchaux, J. Ouaknine, D. Purser, and J. Worrell. Porous invariants. *Proceedings of the 33rd International Conference on Computer Aided Verification (CAV 21)*. 23 pages. Lecture Notes in Computer Science 12760, Springer-Verlag, 2021.
8. F. Luca, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell: Universal Skolem sets. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS 21)*. 6 pages. IEEE Press, 2021. **Distinguished Paper Award.**
9. S. Almagor, T. Karimov, E. Kelmendi, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. Deciding  $\omega$ -regular properties on linear recurrence sequences. *Proceedings of the 48th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL 21)*. 24 pages. 2021.
10. C. Baier, F. Funke, S. Jantsch, T. Karimov, E. Lefauchaux, J. Ouaknine, A. Pouly, D. Purser, and M. A. Whiteland. Reachability in dynamical systems with rounding. *Proceedings of the 40th IARCS Annual Conference on Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS 20)*. 25 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 182, 2020.
11. R. Majumdar, J. Ouaknine, A. Pouly, and J. Worrell. Algebraic invariants for linear hybrid automata. *Proceedings of the the 31st International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 20)*. 17 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 171, 2020.
12. E. Neumann, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. On ranking function synthesis and termination for polynomial programs. *Proceedings of the the 31st International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR 20)*. 15 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 171, 2020.
13. T. Karimov, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. On LTL model-checking for low-dimensional discrete linear dynamical systems. *Proceedings of the 45th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 20)*. 18 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 170, 2020.
14. G. Kenison, R. J. Lipton, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. On the Skolem Problem and prime powers. *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation (ISSAC 20)*. 8 pages. 2020.
15. S. Almagor, E. Kelmendi, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. Invariants for continuous linear dynamical systems. *Proceedings of the 47th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 20)*. 22 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 168, 2020.
16. J. D'Costa, E. Lefauchaux, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. How fast can you escape a compact polytope?. *Proceedings of the 38th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science STACS 20*. 20 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 154, 2020.
17. N. Fijalkow, E. Lefauchaux, P. Ohlmann, J. Ouaknine, A. Pouly, and J. Worrell. On the Monniaux Problem in abstract interpretation. *Proceedings of the 26th Static Analysis Symposium (SAS 19)*. 37 pages. Lecture Notes in Computer Science 11822, Springer-Verlag, 2019.
18. M. Hosseini, J. Ouaknine, and J. Worrell. Termination of linear loops over the integers. *Proceedings of the 46th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 19)*. 13 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 132, 2019.
19. T. Colcombet, J. Ouaknine, P. Semukhin, and J. Worrell. On reachability problems for low-dimensional matrix semigroups. *Proceedings of the 46th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 19)*. 15 pages. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics 132, 2019.

20. N. Fijalkow, J. Ouaknine, A. Pouly, J. Sousa Pinto, and J. Worrell. On the decidability of reachability in linear time-invariant systems. *Proceedings of 22nd International Conference on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC 19)*. 10 pages. ACM, 2019.
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