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Born: October 27, 1983 – Irkutsk, Russia

Nationality: Russian

Current position

Researcher, Reason Lab, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Research interests

Decision procedures and discrete optimization algorithms: Boolean satisfiability (SAT) and its extensions including MaxSAT, MinSAT, QBF, QMaxSAT, SMT/MaxSMT. Formal methods in software/hardware synthesis/verification/repair and artificial intelligence.

Appointments held

2019–date	Researcher, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal
2016-2019	Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal
2012-2016	Postdoctoral researcher, INESC-ID, IST, University of Lisbon, Portugal
2009-2012	Researcher, Institute for System Dynamics and Control Theory SB RAS, Irkutsk, Russia
2007-2008	Software engineer, Delcam plc., Irkutsk, Russia

Education

2006

PHD in Computer Science, Institute for System Dynamics and Control Theory SB RAS
Title: "Methods of inverting discrete functions with the use of binary decision diagrams"
Advisor: Alexander A. Semenov

MSc in Applied Mathematics, Irkutsk State University

Title: "Solving sets of logical equations with BDDs"

Advisor: Alexander A. Semenov

Awards

- RC2 MaxSAT solver won *gold* in both complete categories (unweighted and weighted) of the main track of MaxSAT Evaluation 2019
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- MSCG MaxSAT solver is one of the best overall MaxSAT solvers in the industrial category of the Eleventh Evaluation of MaxSAT solvers (1st and 2nd place in plain industrial and weighted industrial categories, resp.)
- MSCG MaxSAT solver is one of the best overall MaxSAT solvers in the industrial category of the Tenth Evaluation of MaxSAT solvers (1st, 2nd, and 1st place in plain industrial, partial crafted, and weighted industrial categories, resp.)
- MSCG MaxSAT solver is one of the best overall MaxSAT solvers in the industrial category of the Ninth Evaluation of MaxSAT solvers among non-portfolio solvers (4th, 3rd, and 2nd place in plain, partial, and weighted industrial categories, resp.)

Grants

2019–date	FCT researcher grant SAMPLE (CEECIND/04549/2017)
2018–date	FCT grant FaultLocker (co-PI) (PTDC/CCI-COM/29300/2017)
2017–date	FCT postdoctoral grant SAFETY (SFRH/BPD/120315/2016)

Project participation

2018–date	FCT grant ABSOLV (LISBOA-01-0145-FEDER-028986)
2013-2015	FCT grant POLARIS (PTDC/EIA-CCO/123051/2010)
2012-2013	FCT grant ATTEST (CMU-PT/ELE/0009/2009)
2011-2012	Grant 11-07-00377-a of Russian Foundation for Basic Research
2007-2009	Grant 07-01-00400-a of Russian Foundation for Basic Research

Publications & talks

JOURNAL PAPERS

- J₂₀₁₉ A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, and J. Marques-Silva. "RC2: An Efficient MaxSAT Solver". In *Journal on Satisfiability, Boolean Modeling and Computation*, vol. 11, pp. 53–64 (2019)
- J_{2016a} A. Ignatiev, M. Janota, and J. Marques-Silva. "Quantified Maximum Satisfiability". In *Constraints*, vol. 21(2), pp. 277–302 (2016)
- J_{2016b} A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Planes, and J. Marques-Silva. "Maximal Falsifiability: Definitions, Algorithms, and Applications". In *AI Communications*, vol. 29(2), pp. 351–370 (2016)
- J₂₀₁₅ A. Morgado, A. Ignatiev, and J. Marques-Silva. "MSCG: Robust Core-Guided MaxSAT Solving. System Description". In *Journal on Satisfiability, Boolean Modeling and Computation*, vol. 9, pp. 129–134 (2015)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- A. Ignatiev, N. Narodytska, J. Marques-Silva. "Abduction-Based Explanations for Machine Learning Models". In *Proc. 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'19)*. pp. 1511–1519 (2019)
- A. Morgado, A. Ignatiev, M. L. Bonet, J. Marques-Silva, S. Buss. "DRMaxSAT with MaxHS: First Contact". In *Proc. 22nd International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'19)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 11628, pp. 239–249 (2019)
- N. Narodytska, A. Shrotri, K. Meel, A. Ignatiev, J. Marques-Silva. "Assessing Heuristic Machine Learning Explanations with Model Counting". In *Proc. 22nd International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'19)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 11628, pp. 267–278 (2019)
- C. Mencía, O. Kullmann, A. Ignatiev, J. Marques-Silva. "On Computing the Union of MUSes". In *Proc. 22nd International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'19)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 11628, pp. 211–221 (2019)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, G. Weissenbacher, J. Marques-Silva. "Model-Based Diagnosis with Multiple Observations". In *Proc. 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'19)*.
- I. Zakirzyanov, A. Morgado, A. Ignatiev, V. Ulyantsev, J. Marques-Silva. "Efficient Symmetry Breaking for SAT-Based Minimum DFA Inference". In *Proc. 13th International Conference on Language and Automata Theory and Applications (LATA'19)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 11417, pp. 159–173 (2019)
- C2019g A. Ignatiev, N. Narodytska, J. Marques-Silva. "On Relating Explanations and Adversarial Examples". In *Proc. 33rd Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'19)*.
- M. L. Bonet, S. Buss, A. Ignatiev, J. Marques-Silva, A. Morgado. "MaxSAT Resolution with the Dual Rail Encoding". In *Proc. 32nd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'18)*. pp. 6565–6572 (2018)
- A. Semenov, O. Zaikin, I. Otpuschennikov, S. Kochemazov, A. Ignatiev. "On Cryptographic Attacks Using Backdoors for SAT". In *Proc. 32nd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI'18). pp. 6641–6648 (2018)
- C2018c A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Marques-Silva. "PySAT: A Python Toolkit for Prototyping with SAT Oracles". In *Proc. 21st International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'18)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 10929, pp. 428–437 (2018)
- A. Ignatiev, F. Pereira, N. Narodytska, J. Marques-Silva. "A SAT-Based Approach to Learn Explainable Decision Sets". In *Proc. 9th International Joint Conference on Automated Reasoning (IJCAR'18)*. Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligince, vol. 10900, pp. 627–645 (2018)
- N. Narodytska, A. Ignatiev, F. Pereira, J. Marques-Silva. "Learning Optimal Decision Trees with SAT". In *Proc. 27th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'18*). pp. 1362–1368 (2018)
- R. Peñaloza, C. Mencía, A. Ignatiev, J. Marques-Silva. "Lean Kernels in Description Logics". In *Proc. 14th Extended Semantic Web Conference (ESWC'17)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 10249, pp. 518–533 (2017)

- C2017b A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Marques-Silva. "Cardinality Encodings for Graph Optimization Problems". In *Proc. 26th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'17)*. pp. 652–658 (2017)
- C2017c A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Marques-Silva. "On Tackling the Limits of Resolution in SAT Solving". In *Proc. 20th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'17).* Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 10491, pp. 164–183 (2017)
- J. Marques-Silva, A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado. "Horn Maximum Satisfiability: Reductions, Algorithms & Applications". In *Proc. 18th EPIA Conference on Artificial Intelligence (EPIA'17)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 10423, pp. 681–694 (2017)
- C2017e A. Previti, A. Ignatiev, M. Järvisalo, J. Marques-Silva. "On Computing Generalized Backbones". In *Proc. 29th International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI'17)*. pp. 1050–1056 (2017)
- C. Mencía, A. Ignatiev, A. Previti, and J. Marques-Silva. "MCS Extraction with Sublinear Oracle Queries". In *Proc. 19th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'16).* Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9710, pp. 342–360 (2016)
- C2016b M. F. Arif, C. Mencía, A. Ignatiev, N. Manthey, R. Peñaloza, and J. Marques-Silva. "BEA-CON: An Efficient SAT-Based Tool for Debugging EL+ Ontologies". In Proc. 19th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'16). Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9710, pp. 521–530 (2016)
- C2016c A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, and J. Marques-Silva. "Propositional Abduction with Implicit Hitting Sets". In *Proc. 22nd European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI'16)*. Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications, vol. 285, pp. 1327–1335 (2016)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Previti, and J. Marques-Silva. "On Finding Minimum Satisfying Assignments". In *Proc. 22nd International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP'16)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9892, pp. 287–297 (2016)
- C2016e X. Si, X. Zhang, V. Manquinho, M. Janota, A. Ignatiev, and M. Naik. "On Incremental Core-Guided MaxSAT Solving". In Proc. 22nd International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP'16). Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9892, pp. 473–482 (2016)
- C2016f J. Marques-Silva, A. Ignatiev, C. Mencía, R. Peñaloza. "Efficient Reasoning for Inconsistent Horn Formulae". In *Proc. 15th European Conference On Logics In Artificial Intelligence* (JELIA'16). Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 10021, pp. 336–352 (2016)
- C2015a A. Previti, A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, and J. Marques-Silva. "Prime Compilation of Non-Clausal Formulae". In *Proc. 24th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (IJCAI'15). pp. 1980–1987 (2015)
- C2015b J. Marques-Silva, M. Janota, A. Ignatiev, and A. Morgado. "Efficient Model Based Diagnosis with Maximum Satisfiability". In Proc. 24th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'15). pp. 1966–1972 (2015)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Previti, M. Liffiton, and J. Marques-Silva. "Smallest MUS Extraction with Minimal Hitting Set Dualization". In *Proc. 21st International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP'15)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9255, pp. 173–182 (2015)

- A. Ignatiev, A. Previti, and J. Marques-Silva. "SAT-Based Formula Simplification". In *Proc.* 18th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'15). Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 9340, pp. 287–298 (2015)
- A. Ignatiev, M. Janota, and J. Marques-Silva. "Towards Efficient Optimization in Package Management Systems". In *Proc. 36th International Conference on Software Engineering* (ICSE'14). pp. 745–755 (2014)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, and J. Marques-Silva. "On Reducing Maximum Independent Set to Minimum Satisfiability". In *Proc. 17th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'14).* Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 8561, pp. 103–120 (2014)
- J. Marques-Silva, A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, V. Manquinho, and I. Lynce. "Efficient Autarkies". In *Proc. 21st European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI'14)*. Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications, vol. 264, pp. 603–608 (2014)
- C2014d A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, V. Manquinho, I. Lynce, and J. Marques-Silva. "Progression in Maximum Satisfiability". In *Proc. 21st European Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (ECAI'14). Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications, vol. 264, pp. 453–458 (2014)
- A. Ignatiev, M. Janota, and J. Marques-Silva. "Quantified Maximum Satisfiability: A Core-Guided Approach". In *Proc. 16th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'13).* Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 7962, pp. 250–266 (2013)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Planes, and J. Marques-Silva. "Maximal Falsifiability: Definitions, Algorithms, and Applications". In *Proc. 19th International Conference on Logic for Programming Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning (LPAR'13)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 8312, pp. 439–456 (2013)
- A. Ignatiev and A. Semenov. "DPLL+ROBDD Derivation Applied to Inversion of Some Cryptographic Functions". In *Proc. 14th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT'11)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 6695, pp. 76–89 (2011)
- A. Ignatiev, A. Semenov, and D. Bespalov. "Binary Decision Diagrams in Parallel Algorithms for Discrete Function Inversion" (in Russian). In *Proc. 3rd International Conference on Parallel Computing Technologies (PAVT'09)*. pp. 688–696 (2009)

Refereed workshop papers

- W₂₀₁₇ A. Ignatiev, J. Marques-Silva, C. Mencía, R. Peñaloza. "Debugging EL⁺ Ontologies through Horn MUS Enumeration". In *Proc. 30th International Workshop on Description Logics (DL'17)*.
- W₂₀₁₄ A. Ignatiev, A. Morgado, J. Planes, and J. Marques-Silva. "Maximal Falsifiability: Definitions, Algorithms, and Applications". In *Proc. 21st RCRA International Workshop on Experimental Evaluation of Algorithms for solving problems with combinatorial explosion* (2014)

TALKS

T2019a "Abduction-Based Explanations for Machine Learning Models". *AAAI*. Honolulu, USA. January 30, 2019.

- ^{T2019b} "Computing With SAT Oracles". *IJCAI Tutorial (together with Joao Marques-Silva and Antonio Morgado)*. Macau, China. August 12, 2019.
- T2019c "Model-Based Diagnosis with Multiple Observations". *IJCAI*. Macau, China. August 14, 2019.
- "On Cryptographic Attacks Using Backdoors for SAT". *AAAI*. New Orleans, USA. February 4, 2018.
- T2017a "Cardinality Encodings for Graph Optimization Problems". *IJCAI*. Melbourne, Australia. August 23, 2017.
- T2017b "On Tackling the Limits of Resolution in SAT Solving". *SAT*. Melbourne, Australia. August 29, 2017.
- T2016a "On Incremental Core-Guided MaxSAT Solving". *CP*. Toulouse, France. September 6, 2016.
- T2016b "On Finding Minimum Satisfying Assignments". CP. Toulouse, France. September 9, 2016.
- ^{T2015a} "Efficient Model Based Diagnosis with Maximum Satisfiability". *IJCAI*. Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 31, 2015.
- ^{T2015b} "Efficient Model Based Diagnosis with Maximum Satisfiability". *RiSE Seminar*. Vienna, Austria. August 14, 2015.
- T2014a "Towards Efficient Optimization in Package Management Systems". *ICSE*. Hyderabad, India. June 5, 2014.
- "On Reducing Maximum Independent Set to Minimum Satisfiability". *SAT*. Vienna, Austria. July 14, 2014.
- "Maximal Falsifiability: Definitions, Algorithms, and Applications". *RCRA*. Vienna, Austria. July 17, 2014.
- T2013a "Quantified Maximum Satisfiability: A Core-Guided Approach". SAT. Helsinki, Finland. July 11, 2013.
- "Maximal Falsifiability: Definitions, Algorithms, and Applications". *LPAR*. Stellenbosch, South Africa. December 15, 2013.
- T2011 "DPLL+ROBDD Derivation Applied to Inversion of Some Cryptographic Functions". SAT. Ann Arbor, USA. June 19, 2011.
- "Binary Decision Diagrams in Parallel Algorithms for Discrete Function Inversion". PAVT.Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. April 2, 2009.

Other activities

- Co-organizer of the SAT/SMT/AR Summer School 2019
- SPC member of the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2020
- PC member of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2018, 2019, and 2020
- PC member of the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019
- PC member of the European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI) 2020
- PC member of the International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing (SAT) 2017, 2019, and 2020

- PC member of the International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP) 2019
- \bullet member of the Artifact Evaluation Committee of the International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification (CAV) 2019
- PC member of the Workshop on Pragmatics of SAT (POS) 2018 and 2019
- External reviewer for CAV 2014, CP 2018, FMCAD 2017, SAT 2013, SAT 2014, SAT 2015, SAT 2016, SAT 2018, and TACAS 2016