





# Dr. Nicolas Mazzocchi

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## Summary

Postdoctoral computer scientist in formal methods. Experience in **grant** writing, **teaching**, and **mentoring**. Publications in CAV, CONCUR, DLT, FCT, FOSSACS, FSTTCS, ICALP, MFCS, RV, IJFCS, and JCSS. Reviews in LICS, FSTTCS, CONCUR, ATVA, and JLMCS.

## Education

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|--|---|-------------------|
|   | <b>Postdoc at ISTA (IST Austria)</b>  | 01/2022 → today   |
| topic  | Resources/precision tread-off in quantitative extensions of monitoring                        |                   |
| advisor  | Thomas A. Henzinger   |                   |
|   | <b>Postdoc at IMDEA Software Institute</b>  | 12/2020 → 12/2021 |
| topic  | Decision procedures for language inclusion based on well quasi-orders                         |                   |
| advisor  | Pierre Ganty  |                   |
|   | <b>Doctorate at Université libre de Bruxelles</b>   | 10/2016 → 10/2020 |
| title  | Contributions to formalisms for the specification and verification of quantitative properties |                   |
| advisor  | Emmanuel Filiot and Jean-François Raskin  |                   |
|   | <b>Master at ENS Paris-Saclay (ENS Cachan)</b>  | 9/2014 → 9/2016   |
| name   | Algorithmique et Fondements de la Programmation (a.k.a. MPRI)                                 |                   |
|  | <b>Bachelor at Aix-Marseille University</b>   | 9/2014 → 9/2011   |
| name   | Licence Science et Technologies, mention informatique   |                   |

## Research Internships and Visits

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|---|---|--------------------|
|  | <b>Brno University of Technology</b>  | (scheduled) 7/2023 |
| visit   | Collaboration to establish a unified framework for inclusion checking of Büchi automata.  |                    |
| host  | Ondřej Lengál   |                    |
|  | <b>Université libre de Bruxelles</b>  | 4/2016             |
| internship  | Decidable weighted expressions for sum-automata with Lipschitz robustness applications    |                    |
| advisor   | Emmanuel Filiot   |                    |
|  | <b>RWTH Aachen University</b>   | 6/2015             |
| ntership  | Uniformization of automatic relations by sub-sequential transducers                       |                    |
| advisor   | Christof Löding   |                    |
|  | <b>École des Mines d'Alès &amp; Incubator Innov'up</b>                                    | 6/2014             |
| internship  | Simultaneous real-time location and mapping for sub-aquatic environment                   |                    |
| advisor   | Jean-Marie Coldol   |                    |
|  | <b>Aix-Marseille University</b>   | 7/2013             |
| internship  | Randomized singular value decomposition applied to spectral learning for regular automata |                    |
| advisor   | François Denis  |                    |
|  | <b>INSERM Luminy</b>  | 10/2011            |
| internship  | Polymerase chain reaction applied to transfer the fluorescence gene of jellyfish          |                    |
| advisor   | Constance Hammond   |                    |

## Publications (authors ordered alphabetically)

### Proceedings of international conferences with a peer-reviewed committee

- 2023** U. Boker, T. A. Henzinger, N. Mazzocchi and N. E. Saraç. Safety and Liveness for Quantitative Automata **SUBMITTED** (CONCUR23 proceedings).
- T. A. Henzinger, P. Kebis, N. Mazzocchi and N. E. Saraç. Regular Methods for Operator Precedence Languages **ACCEPTED** (ICALP23 proceedings).
  - T. A. Henzinger, N. Mazzocchi and N. E. Saraç. Quantitative Safety and Liveness in **FOSSACS23** proceedings, pages 349–370, 2023.  
URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-30829-1\\_17](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-30829-1_17)
- 2022** T. A. Henzinger, N. Mazzocchi and N. E. Saraç. Abstract Monitors for Quantitative Specifications in **RV22** proceedings, pages 200–220, 2022  
URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-17196-3\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-17196-3_11)  
Citation:  
1. As [30] in the [FOSSACS 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-30829-1\_17
- K. Doveri, P. Ganty and N. Mazzocchi. FORQ-based Language Inclusion Formal Testing in **CAV22** proceedings, pages 109–129, 2022  
URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-13188-2\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-13188-2_6)  
Citations:  
1. As [12] in the [TACAS 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-30823-9\_15  
2. As [24] in the [TACAS 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-30823-9\_8  
3. As [18] in the [CAV 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-13188-2\_9
- 2021** I. Jecker, N. Mazzocchi and P. Wolf. Decomposing Permutation Automata in **CONCUR21** proceedings, pages 18:1–18:19, 2021  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2021.18>  
Citations:  
1. As [17] in the [SOFSEM 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-23101-8\_19  
2. As [9] in the [NCMA 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4204/EPTCS.367.12  
3. As [Jecker et al., 2021] in Trier University [PhD thesis](#) of Petra Wolf (<https://ubt.opus.hbz-nrw.de>)
- 2020** E. Filiot, N. Mazzocchi, J.-F. Raskin, S. Sankaranarayanan and A. Trivedi. Weighted Transducers for Robustness Verification in **CONCUR20** proceedings, pages 17:1–17:21, 2020  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2020.17>  
Citations:  
1. As [6] in the [CSL 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.CSL.2023.20  
2. As [10] in the [ATVA 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-19992-9\_23  
3. As [3] in the [CPM 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.CPM.2022.17
- I. Jecker, O. Kupferman and N. Mazzocchi. Unary Prime Languages in **MFCS20** proceedings, pages 51:1–51:12, 2020  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.MFCS.2020.51>  
Citations:  
1. As [6] in the [Information and computation 2022 journal](#) DOI: 10.1016/j.ic.2022.104868  
2. As [7] in the [CONCUR 2021 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2021.18  
3. As [2] in the [LATA 2021 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-68195-1\_11  
4. As [Jecker et al., 2020] in Trier University [PhD thesis](#) of Petra Wolf (<https://ubt.opus.hbz-nrw.de>)  
5. As [9] in Uppsala University [Master thesis](#) of Hamid Kisha (<https://www.diva-portal.org>)
- 2019** E. Filiot, S. Guha and N. Mazzocchi. Two-way Parikh Automata in **FSTTCS19** proceedings, pages 40:1–40:14, 2019  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.FSTTCS.2019.40>  
Citations:  
1. As [22] in the [FOSSACS 2023 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-30829-1\_12  
2. As [14] in the [ICALP 2020 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2020.114  
3. As [15] in the [CONCUR 2020 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2020.43  
4. As [14] in the [FSTTCS 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.FSTTCS.2022.40  
5. As [FGM19] in the [LMCS 2022 journal](#) DOI: 10.46298/lmcs-18(2:23)2022  
6. As [Filiot, Guha, and Mazzocchi 2019] in the [KR 2020 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.24963/kr.2020/53

7. As [FGM19] in the Gustave Eiffel University [PhD thesis](https://theses.fr) of *Florent Koechlin* (<https://theses.fr>)
- 2018** *E. Filiot, N. Mazzocchi and J.-F. Raskin*. Pattern Logic for Automata with Outputs in **DLT18** proceedings, pages 304–317, 2018  
URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-98654-8\\_25](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-98654-8_25)  
Citations:  
1. As [FMR18] in the [LMCS 2022 journal](#) DOI: 10.46298/lmcs-18(2:23)2022  
2. As [15] in the [CONCUR 2020 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2020.43  
3. As [10] in the [FOSSACS 2020 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-45231-5\_12  
4. As [14] in the [IJFCS 2020 journal](#) DOI: 10.1142/S0129054120410038  
5. As [18] in the [ICALP19 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.ICALP.2019.128  
6. As [10] in the [FSTTCS 2019 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.FSTTCS.2019.40  
7. As [147] in the Aix-Marseille University [PhD thesis](https://theses.fr) of *Léo Exibard* (<https://theses.fr>)  
8. As [FMR18] in the Bordeaux University [PhD thesis](https://theses.fr) of *Sougata Bose* (<https://theses.fr>)  
9. As [FMR18] in the LaBRI [Habilitation](https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr) of *Olivier Gauwin* (<https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr>)
- 2017** *E. Filiot, N. Mazzocchi and J.-F. Raskin*. Decidable Weighted Expressions with Presburger Combinators in **FCT17** proceedings, pages 243–256, 2017.  
URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-55751-8\\_20](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-55751-8_20)  
Citations:  
1. As [15] in the [JCSS 2019 journal](#) DOI: 10.1016/j.jcss.2019.05.005

## International journals with a peer-reviewed committee

- 2022** *I. Jecker, N. Mazzocchi and P. Wolf*. Decomposing Permutation Automata.  
**SUBMITTED** (Journal of Foundations of Computer Science)
- 2020** *E. Filiot, N. Mazzocchi and J.-F. Raskin*. Pattern Logic for Automata with Outputs in International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science, volume 31, pages 711–748, 2020  
**Invited to IJFCS as a special issue of DLT18**  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.1142/S0129054120410038>  
Citations:  
1. As [14] in the [FSTTCS 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.4230/LIPIcs.FSTTCS.2022.40  
2. As [149] in the Aix-Marseille University [PhD thesis](https://theses.fr) of *Léo Exibard* (<https://theses.fr>)
- 2019** *E. Filiot, N. Mazzocchi and J.-F. Raskin*. Decidable Weighted Expressions with Presburger Combinators in Journal of Computer and System Sciences, volume 106, pages 1–22, 2019  
**Invited to JCSS as a special issue of FCT17**  
URL: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcss.2019.05.005>  
Citation:  
1. As [20] in the [LICS 2022 proceedings](#) DOI: 10.1145/3531130.3533336

## Research communications

### Paper presentations

- 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference RV, online 9/2022
- 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference CONCUR, online 8/2021
- 31<sup>st</sup> International Conference CONCUR, online 9/2020
- 39<sup>th</sup> IARCS Annual Conference FSTTCS, Mumbai 12/2019
- 22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium DLT, Tokyo 9/2018
- 21<sup>st</sup> International Symposium FCT, Bordeaux 9/2017

### Workshop talks

- 7<sup>th</sup> Highlights of Logic, Games, and Automata, Warsaw 9/2019
- 6<sup>th</sup> Highlights of Logic, Games, and Automata, Berlin 9/2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter School in Engineering and Computer Science, Jerusalem 12/2017
- 5<sup>th</sup> Highlights of Logic, Games, and Automata, London 9/2017

### Invited Seminars

- VUT Brno, Czech Republic (scheduled) 7/2023
- IST Austria, Klosterneuburg 9/2021

- Colorado Boulder University, online 4/2020
- IST Austria, Klosterneuburg 2/2018

## Professional activity

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### Reviews

Conferences: FSTTCS, LICS, CONCUR, ATVA  
 Journal: Logical Methods in Computer Science

### Grant writing

**Doctoral fellowship** Quantitative Models for Verification and Applications 9/2016  
 FRIA-B1 and FRIA-B2 of the Belgian FNRS. **Granted.**  
 The objective of the FRIA grants is to complete a Ph.D. in 4 years in fields of research related to industry or agriculture. It is in the form of two successive grants: B1 for a maximum duration of 27 months and B2 for a maximum duration of 21 months.

### Responsibilities

- Organization of the team seminars at ISTA 9/2022 → today
- Co-organization of the inter-team (ISTA, TU Wien) seminars at ISTA 9/2022 → today
- Co-organization of the inter-team seminars at IMDEA 5/2021 → 9/2021
- Organization of the team seminars at ULB 2017 → 2020
- SVN Administrator of the research team Modelization and Verification at ULB 2017 → 2020
- Conference organizer of RP19. Administrator of the EasyChair submissions, and welcome packs manager. 9/2019  
 URL: <https://sites.uclouvain.be/rp2019/organizers.html>

### Training

- Lecture of Milan Straka on Deep Learning at Charles University 5/2023 → today  
**I am following this lecture to be able to teach on this topic.**  
 URL: <https://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/courses/npfl114/2223-summer#lectures>
- **Grant implementation workshop**, ISTA 5/2022, 5/2023
- **Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships seminar series**, ISTA 8/2022
- Scientific writing courses, ISTA 6/2022
- Gender Equity in Science, ISTA 5/2022
- Research Integrity and Ethics, ISTA 4/2022
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter School in Engineering and Computer Science, HUJI 12/2017
- International Summer School Marktoberdorf 2017, TUM 8/2017

## Teaching

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### Teaching Assistant

- Formal Verification at ULB Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
 Full-semester, 20-25 graduated students  
 Preparation and teaching of practicals based on courses.  
 Managing and grading personalized group projects of 3,4 or 5 students.
- Embedded systems at ULB Spring 2018, 2019  
 Full-semester, 25-30 graduated students  
 Teaching practicals on computer. Introduction to model-checkers Lustre, JKind, UPPAAL tiga and Prism.
- Fundamental computer science at ULB Spring 2018  
 Full-semester, 60-70 undergraduate students  
 Managing and grading a C++ project on SAT solver (MiniSAT)

### Teaching Instructor

- Foundation of Model Checking at ISTA. Spring 2023  
 Half-semester, 5 PhD students.

Based on my experience at ULB, I prepared and submitted this new course to the IST graduate school. I was helped by one teaching assistant.

## Students Advising

- Co-advisor, with Thomas A. Henzinger, of the intern *Pavol Kebis* at ISTA. 7/2022 → 9/2022  
Preparation of its research subject, and regular discussions on its progress.
- Consultant of the Ph.D. student *N. Ege Saraç* at ISTA. 2/2022 → today  
Collaborations in writing conference papers (RV22, FOSSACS23, ICALP23, CONCUR23), and preparation for future submission.
- Consultant of the Ph.D. student *Kyveli Doveri* at IMDEA Software Institute 3/2021 → 12/2021  
Collaboration in writing a conference paper (CAV22)

## Software

function	Büchi automata inclusion checker	Spring 2021
developer	<i>Nicolas Mazzocchi</i>	
advisor	<i>Pierre Ganty</i>	
description	FORKLIFT is an inclusion checker for Büchi automata. <b>This tool has been peer-reviewed by the CAV22 artifact committee.</b> URL: <a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6552870">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6552870</a>	
function	Deterministic finite state automata learner	Spring 2013
developer	<i>Mattias Gybels</i> (main), <i>Nicolas Mazzocchi</i>	
advisor	<i>François Denis</i>	
description	DFA spectral learner based on randomized singular value decomposition of Hankel matrix used to solve some PAutomataC challenges.	
function	Led's Chat game	Spring 2013
developer	<i>Nicolas Mazzocchi</i>	
advisor	<i>Peter Niebert</i> , <i>Mathieu Caralp</i>	
description	Pure parallel programming of microcontrollers in Led's Chat to promote the city of Marseille being the European Capital of Culture 2013. URL: <a href="https://mozaik.leds-chat.com">https://mozaik.leds-chat.com</a>	

## Miscellaneous

Language: French (native), English (professional), Italian (B1 in 2011), Czech (A1/1 in 2023)  
Citizenship: French / EU

## Referees

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| <b>3. Orna Kupferman</b><br>title Professor & former Vice Rector of HUJI<br>mail School of Computer Science and Engineering<br>Hebrew University<br>91904 Jerusalem<br>ISRAEL<br>email <a href="mailto:orna@cs.huji.ac.il">orna@cs.huji.ac.il</a><br>URL <a href="https://www.cs.huji.ac.il/~ornak">https://www.cs.huji.ac.il/~ornak</a> | <b>4. Pierre Ganty</b><br>title Associate Research Professor<br>mail IMDEA Software Institute<br>Campus Montegancedo UPM<br>28223 Pozuelo de Alarcón<br>SPAIN<br>email <a href="mailto:pierre.ganty@imdea.org">pierre.ganty@imdea.org</a><br>URL <a href="https://software.imdea.org/~pierreganty">https://software.imdea.org/~pierreganty</a> |