

# Marcel Moosbrugger

## Academic Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal Data

Date of Birth: 14<sup>th</sup> January 1994  
Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French & Italian (basics)  
Nationality: Austria  
Personal Interests: Sports of all kinds, Non-fiction books

### Research Interest

- Formal Methods
- Probabilistic Programming
- Computer-Aided Verification
- Machine Learning

### Education

Since 2020 Ph.D. in Computer Science – TU Wien  
Supervision: Prof. Laura Kovács

June 2020 Master of Science – TU Wien  
GPA 1.0 (grades range from 1 (best) to 5)

February 2018 Bachelor with Honors – TU Wien  
Special 1 year program - GPA 1.0 (grades range from 1 (best) to 5)  
Among best 5 % of students - Mentor: Prof. Thomas Eiter

February 2017 Bachelor of Science – TU Wien  
GPA 1.0 (grades range from 1 (best) to 5)

## Career History

Since 2020	Ph.D. Researcher – TU Wien
Sep. 2023	Visiting Researcher – Max Planck Institute for Software Systems and Saarland University
Jan. - Mar. 2022	Research Scholar (3 months) – RWTH Aachen University – with Prof. Joost-Pieter Katoen
2019	Teaching Assistant – TU Wien
Aug. - Sep. 2019	Research Scholar (2 months) – Purdue University – with Prof. Roopsha Samanta
July 2018	Research Scholar (1 month) – ENS Paris-Saclay – with Prof. Laurent Doyen
2014 - 2018	Software Engineer Massive Art / Sulu

## Teaching

2022	Teaching Assistant & Lecturer – “Formal Methods in Computer Science - Lab” Master course, 89 enrolled students
2022	“Abenteuer Informatik” – Recurring computer science workshop for primary schools (age 7 to 8)
2021	Teaching Assistant & Lecturer – “Formal Methods in Computer Science - Lab” Master course, 91 enrolled students
2020	Teaching Assistant & Lecturer – “Formal Methods in Computer Science” Master course, 414 enrolled students
2019	Teaching Assistant & Lecturer – “Complexity Theory” Master course, 16 enrolled students
2019	Teaching Assistant – “Algorithms & Data Structures” Bachelor course, 791 enrolled students
2017	Lecturer – “Introduction to Java” Free course for refugees – 30 enrolled students

## Prizes & Distinctions

2022	SAS 2022 -- Radhia Cousot Young Researcher Best Paper Award
2022	QEST 2022 -- Best Paper Award
2022	Recipient of the CONFEST 2022 Participation Grant
2022	Member of the “TU Wien 30 under 30” (list of 30 people below 30 years with exceptional achievements)

2022	Awardee of the “Chrstina Hörbiger Prize” of the TU Wien to promote the international mobility of young scientists.
2021	Winner of the “Diploma Thesis Award” of the City of Vienna for my master’s thesis.
2020	Winner of the “Distinguished Young Alumn Award” for the best master’s thesis of the semester.
2020	Nominee for the “Würdigungspreis” (Prize of the Austrian state for the best master graduates)
2018	Bachelor with Honors – Certifies being among the top 5 % of students
2015 & 2016	Recipient of the Performance Scholarship given to students who “achieved excellent academic performance”

## Community Work

**PC Member:** CAV 2021 (Artifact Evaluation), CAV 2022 (Artifact Evaluation)

**Session Chair:** CONCUR 2020

**(Sub-)Reviewer:** JSCO 2023, LICS 2023, POPL 2022, POPL 2021, FAC 2022, CAV 2021, FMCAD 2021, FOAC 2022, TACAS 2022

**Committees:** Habilitation committee Dr. Dejan Nickovic

## Software

- Polar – Analyze probabilistic loops with algebraic recurrences (<https://github.com/probing-lab/polar>)
- Amber – Analyze termination behavior of probabilistic programs (<https://github.com/probing-lab/amber>)
- Mora – Generating moment-based invariants for probabilistic loops (<https://github.com/probing-lab/mora>)

## Supervised Students

- Julian Müllner, Master thesis; Topic: Exact Inference for Probabilistic Loops, 2022 -- 2023
- Julian Müllner, Student researcher; Topic: Sensitivity analysis for probabilistic loops, 2021 – 2022
- Caroline Jabs, Master thesis,; Topic: Novelty-detection based split-selection-heuristics for neural network verification, 2022
- Daneshvar Amrollahi, Student researcher; Topic: Solving Invariant Generation for Unsolvable Loops, 2021

## Talks

- 2023 Talk at ROCKS 2023 on “Algebraic Analysis of Probabilistic Loops”
- 2023 Talk at the Austrian Computer Science Day on “Automated Analysis of Probabilistic Loops”
- 2023 Lecture at Bellairs 2023 on “Algebraic Analysis of Probabilistic Loops”

- 2022    Talk at OOPSLA 2022 on “This is the Moment for Probabilistic Loops”
- 2022    Talk at SAS 2022 on “Solving Invariant Generation for Unsolvable Loops”
- 2022    TEDx Talk on the Societal Impacts of AI (at TEDx Salzburg in German)**
- 2021    Talk at FM 2021 on “The Probabilistic Termination Tool Amber”
- 2021    Talk at ESOP 2021 on “Automating Termination Analysis of Polynomial Probabilistic Programs”
- 2020    Talk at the Epilog of the faculty of informatics @ TU Wien.

## Publications

- [1] Automated Sensitivity Analysis for Probabilistic Programs, iFM 2023
- [2] The Probabilistic Termination Tool Amber, Invited for FMSD Journal
- [3] This is the Moment for Probabilistic Loops, OOPSLA 2022
- [4] Solving Invariant Generation for Unsolvable Loops, SAS 2022, Radhia Cousot Young Researcher Best Paper Award**
- [5] Distribution Estimation for Probabilistic Loops, QEST 2022
- [6] Moment-based Invariants for Probabilistic Loops with Non-polynomial Assignments, QEST 2022, Best Paper Award**
- [7] The Probabilistic Termination Tool Amber, FM 2021
- [8] Automating Termination Analysis of Polynomial Probabilistic Programs, ESOP 2021

### Currently under Review

- [A] Exact and Approximate Moment Derivation for Probabilistic Loops With Non-Polynomial Assignments, Invited to TOMACS Special Issue for QEST 2022
- [B] (Un)Solvable Loop Analysis, Invited to FMSD Special Issue for SAS 2022
- [C] Strong Invariants Are Hard: On the Hardness of Strongest Polynomial Invariants for (Probabilistic) Programs