## Scaling Automatic Modular Verification Lauren Pick

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## Contributions

How to exploit structure of both programs and properties to infer and leverage invariants that improve scalability and performance
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Constrained Horn Clauses

- No (specialized) heap modeling
- No higher-order functions
- Static call graph


## I. k-safety Verification



Single-procedure programs (may contain loops)


Properties over k copies of the same program

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## k-safety Verification



## II. Interprocedural Program Verification



Multiple-procedure programs (may contain recursion)


General safety properties (hoisted to entry procedure)

## Interprocedural Programs

## Example call graph



Have call graphs


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No bounded environments or EC lemmas

## III. Information Flow Checking for Interprocedural Programs



Information-flow security properties
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## Contributions

How to exploit structure of both programs and properties to infer and leverage invariants that improve scalability and performance
in SMT-based automated verification.

## Future Work



Handle heaps: Constrained Horn Clauses + heaps [1]

## Extra slides

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[^0]:    [1] Komuravelli et al., Formal Methods in Sys. Des.16
    [2] Hojjat and Rümer, FMCAD'18
    [3] Champion et al., APLAS'18
    [4] Satake et al., 2019
    [5] Dietsch et al., HCVS/PERR’18

