

## **abstract**

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We present new PCPs for NP-complete languages. The PCPs are only  $n \text{ poly log } n$  bits long, when proving satisfiability of formulae of length  $n$ . However, the probabilistic verifier needs to query  $\text{poly log } n$  bits of the proof to verify it.

In contrast to most earlier PCP constructions, these PCPs are based on the properties of (relatively high-degree) *\*univariate\** polynomials. Most of the earlier steps in PCPs get simplified in our setting by our ability to work with such high-degree polynomials. The technical crux of the construction is a ``low-degree test/proof'' for univariate polynomials that is verifiable with only polylogarithmically many queries (relative to the degree of the polynomial being tested) into the proof.

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