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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)

Aug 2022 - Now

Doctor of Philosophy (Microelectronics)

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Master of Science (Electronics)

Henan University, China

Jan 2021 - Mar 2022

Aug 2016 - Jun 2020

Bachelor of Science (Electronic Information Science and Technology)

#### Projects

#### Formal-assisted Coverage-Driven Stimuli Generation for RTL Valiation

June 2024 - Now

- Develop a method for generating stimuli using the formal method
- Leverage warm starting state and assertion ordering techniques to accelerate the whole generation process.

# Word-level Counterexample Reduction and Generalization

Mar 2023 - Sep 2024

- Develop two word-level counterexample reduction methods to help human engineers better pinpoint the bugs
- Integrate our reduction methods into three applications to speed up the word-level verification process

# Word-Level Property Augmentation

Sep 2023 - May 2024

- Automatically summarize potential word-level properties via learning from the simulation traces
- Accelerate formal proof by augmenting the target property with generated properties

#### Solving the SAT Problem via Machine Learning

Mar 2022 - Sep 2023

- Develop a model with the sequential prediction capability, which can predict a correct satisfying assignment for the symmetric Boolean formula
  - Integrate our model into the traditional SAT-solving process to improve the solving efficiency

### PUF Labels Recognition via Machine Learning

May 2021 - Sep 2021

- Design a model to process the classification task of the liquid crystal droplet. Each droplet is a PUF label
- Deploy the environment on the Colab and achieve better performance compared to the baselines

#### Publications

Word-Level Counterexample Reduction Methods for Hardware Verification (DATE), 2025.

Zhiyuan Yan, and Hongce Zhang

AssertLLM: Generating Hardware Verification Assertions from Design Specifications via Multi-LLMs. (ASP-DAC), 2025. **Zhiyuan Yan**, Wenji Fang, Mengming Li, Min Li, Shang Liu, Zhiyao Xie, and Hongce Zhang

Word-Level Augmentation of Formal Proof by Learning from Simulation Traces. (ICCAD), 2024.

Zhiyuan Yan, and Hongce Zhang

AsymSAT: Accelerating SAT Solving with Asymmetric Graph-based Model Prediction. (DATE), 2024.

Zhiyuan Yan, Min Li, Zhengyuan Shi, Wenjie Zhang, Yingcong Chen, and Hongce Zhang

The Elephant in the Room: Variable Dependency in GNN-based SAT Solving. First International Workshop on Deep Learning-aided Verification. 2023.

Zhiyuan Yan, Min Li, Zhengyuan Shi, Wenjie Zhang, Yingcong Chen, and Hongce Zhang

Multicolor Light Mixing in Optofluidic Concave Interfaces for Anticounterfeiting with Deep Learning Authentication[J]. ACS Applied Materials Interfaces, 2022.

Chenlu Wang, Zhiyuan Yan, Chaoyang Gong, Hui Xie, Zhen Qiao, Zhiyi Yuan, and Yu-Cheng Chen

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming: Python, Verilog, C primer plus, Matlab
- Language: Proficient in English (IELTs: 6.5), Mandarin, Cantonese
- Software & Operating System: MicroSoft Office, Latex, LINUX
- Tools: Yosys, Berkeley-abc, Jaspergold

#### AWARDS

- 2022-2026: Full Postgraduate Studentship, HKUST(GZ)
- 2019-2020: Triple-A Student of Henan University, the scholarship at school level, Third Prize of Academic Scholarship of Miami College
- 2018-2019: Triple-A Student of Henan University, First Prize of Academic Scholarship of Miami College, "Blue Bridge Cup MCU Competition" Provincial Second Prize
- 2017-2018: Triple-A Student of Henan University, the scholarship at school level, Second Prize of Academic Scholarship of Miami College