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RESEARCH INTEREST

Software Verification and Testing \cdot Formal Methods \cdot Cyber-physical System Verification

Topics: Assuring and certifying safety of cyber-physical systems containing complex or incompletely specified components. My main insight is to develop search algorithms for approximate abstractions of these components so that the approximations are tractable for existing formal verification techniques. In particular, I have been studying systems with vision-based perception, blackbox dynamics, and distributed coordination.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

科研費 FY 2024 – 2025 "Safety Verification of Black Box Cyber-Physical Systems via Lyapunov Stability Certificates"

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EDUCATION

CS@Illinois 2015 - 2023 Doctor of Philosophy

Reliable Autonomy Group in Department of Computer Science at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Thesis: "Abstractions for Safety Assurance of Autonomous Systems"

Advisor: Prof. Mitra, Sayan · mitras@illinois.edu

臺大電子所 2013 - 2015 Master of Science

Verification Automation & Software Testing Lab in Graduate Institute of Electronics Engineering at National Taiwan University

Thesis: "Verifying Recursive Programs Using Intraprocedural Analyzers"

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臺大電機系 2007 - 2011 Bachelor of Science

Design Verification Lab in Department of Electrical Engineering at National Taiwan University

Projects: "Symbolic model checking on SystemC designs" with Prof. Huang, Chung-Yang · cyhuang@ntu.edu.tw

WORK EXPERIENCES

	京都大学	2023 – Today	Postdoc in Computer Software Group at Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University
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	CS@Illinois	2017 – 2018	TA at Department of Computer Science, UIUC
	IBM Research	Summer 2016	Research Intern in Cloud DevOps and Cognitive Platform group at IBM Research, New York
	CS@Illinois	2015 – 2017	RA in Automated Software Engineering Group at Department of Computer Science, UIUC

中研院資訊所 2012 - 2015 RA in Programming Languages and Formal Methods Group at Institute of Information Science,

Academia Sinica, Taipei

海軍 2011 – 2012 Secondary Lieutenant. Compulsory Military Service at Republic of China Navy

SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERING

2024 · Fast Abstracts Track Committee at 35th Intl. Symp. Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE 2024)

2022 · Artifact Evaluation Committee at 2022 European Conf. Object-Oriented Programming (ECOOP 2022)

2022 · Student Volunteer at 34th Intl. Conf. Computer Aided Verification (CAV 2022)

 $2018\cdot Graduate$ Mentor in Promoting Undergraduate Research in Engineering (PURE) at UIUC

2017 · Student Volunteer at 32nd Intl. Conf. Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2017)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Perception Contracts for Safety of ML-Enabled Systems"

Angello Astorga*, Chiao Hsieh*, P. Madhusudan, Sayan Mitra. Proc. ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), vol. 7, iss. OOPSLA2, Article No. 232, Oct. 2023. doi:10.1145/3622875

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2 "Verifying Controllers with Vision-based Perception using Safe Approximate Abstractions"

Chiao Hsieh, Yangge Li, Dawei Sun, Keyur Joshi, Sasa Misailovic, Sayan Mitra. IEEE Trans. Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD), vol. 41, no. 11, Nov. 2022. doi:10.1109/TCAD.2022.3197508

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3 "Koord: A Language for Programming and Verifying Distributed Robotics Application."

Ritwika Ghosh, Chiao Hsieh, Sasa Misailovic, Sayan Mitra. Proc. ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), vol. 4, iss. OOPSLA, Article No. 232, Nov. 2020. doi:10.1145/3428300

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CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

4 "GAS: Generating Fast and Accurate Surrogate Models for Autonomous Vehicle Systems" Keyur Joshi, <u>Chiao Hsieh</u>, Sayan Mitra, Sasa Misailovic. *To appear in 35th Intl. Symp. Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE 2024)*. preprint doi:10.48550/arXiv.2208.02232

5 "Assuring Safety of Vision-based Swarm Formation Control"

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Proc. 2022 Intl. Conf. Embedded Software (EMSOFT 2022). doi:10.1109/EMSOFT55006.2022.00016

7 "Programming Abstractions for Simulation and Testing on Smart Manufacturing Systems"
<u>Chiao Hsieh</u>, Daniel Wu, Yubin Koh, Sayan Mitra. Proc. 18th Intl. Conf. Automation Science and Engineering (CASE 2022).
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"SkyTrakx: A Toolkit for Simulation and Verification of Unmanned Air-Traffic Management Systems."

<u>Chiao Hsieh</u>, Hussein Sibai, Hebron Taylor, Yifeng Ni, Sayan Mitra. *Proc.* 2021 IEEE Intl. Intelligent Transportation Systems Conf. (ITSC 2021). doi:10.1109/ITSC48978.2021.9564492

"CyPhyHouse: A Programming, Simulation, and Deployment Toolchain for Heterogeneous Distributed Coordination."
Ritwika Ghosh, Joao P. Jansch-Porto, <u>Chiao Hsieh</u>, Amelia Gosse, Minghao Jiang, Hebron Taylor, Peter Du, Sayan Mitra, Geir Dullerud. *Proc.* 2020 IEEE Intl. Conf. Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2020), doi:10.1109/ICRA40945.2020.9196513

"Dione: A Protocol Verification System Built with Dafny for I/O Automata."
 Chiao Hsieh, Sayan Mitra. Proc. 15th Intl. Conf. integrated Formal Methods (iFM 2019). doi:10.1007/978-3-030-34968-4_13

"PAC Learning-Based Verification and Model Synthesis."
Yu-Fang Chen, Chiao Hsieh, Ondřej Lengál, Tsung-Ju Lii, Ming-Hsien Tsai, Bow-Yaw Wang, Farn Wang. Proc. 38th Intl. Conf. Software Engineering (ICSE 2016). doi:10.1145/2884781.2884860

"CPArec: Verifying Recursive Programs via Source-to-Source Program Transformation - (Competition Contribution)."
Yu-Fang Chen, Chiao Hsieh, Ming-Hsien Tsai, Bow-Yaw Wang, Farn Wang. Proc. 21st Intl. Conf. Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS 2015). doi:10.1007/978-3-662-46681-0-35

"Verifying Recursive Programs Using Intraprocedural Analyzers."
Yu-Fang Chen, Chiao Hsieh, Ming-Hsien Tsai, Bow-Yaw Wang, Farn Wang. Proc. 21st Intl. Static Analysis Symposium (SAS 2014). doi:10.1007/978-3-319-10936-7_8

14 "Symbolic model checking on SystemC designs."

Chun-Nan Chou, Yen-Sheng Ho, Chiao Hsieh, Chung-Yang (Ric) Huang. Proc. 49th Annual Design Automation Conf. (DAC 2012). doi:10.1145/2228360.2228421

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CS@Illinois Spring 2018 TA for CS 421 Programming Languages and Compilers

Fall 2017 TA for CS 527 Topics in Software Engineering

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