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RESEARCH INTERESTS Formal semantic frameworks for programming languages

Logic and its applications

Automated and interactive theorem proving Programming languages design and analysis

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science

- Dissertation Topic: A Practical Trustworthy Language Framework
- Advisor: Grigore Roşu

#### School of Mathematical Sciences, Peking University

Bachelor of Science, June 2014

• Highest distinction in general scholarship

Selected Awards

2020 – 2021	Mavis F	uture Faculty	Fellow
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2018–2019 Yunni & Maxine Pao Memorial Fellowship

2012–2013 China National Scholarship

Meritorious Winner (First Prize) in the Mathematical Contest in Mod-

eling held by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications

# PUBLICATIONS

Core publications are marked by '†'.

- † X. Chen, et al. Towards a unified proof framework for automated fixpoint reasoning using matching logic, Conference on Object-Oriented Programming Systems, Languages, and Applications (OOPSLA), 2020.
- † X. Chen, G. Roşu. A general approach to define binders using matching logic, International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP), 2020.
- † X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Matching logic explained*, Journal of Logical and Algebraic Methods in Programming (JLAMP), To Appear.
- X. Chen, D. Lucanu, G. Roşu. *Initial algebra semantics in matching logic*, Technical Report http://hdl.handle.net/2142/107781, 2020.
- † X. Chen, et al. Semantics of  $\mathbb{K}$ , available at https://github.com/kframework/kore/blob/master/docs/semantics-of-k.pdf.

It is the most comprehensive specification of the semantics of the  $\mathbb{K}$  language framework (http://kframework.org) and has been adopted as the reference document that guides the industrial development of  $\mathbb{K}$  in the Runtime Verification Inc.

- X. Chen, G. Roşu. *SETSS'19 lecture notes on* K, Book Chapter of International School on Engineering Trustworthy Software Systems (SETSS), 2019.
- † X. Chen, G. Roşu. *Matching*  $\mu$ -logic, Logics in Computer Science (LICS), 2019.
- X. Chen, G. Roşu.  $Applicative\ matching\ logic$ , Technical Report http://hdl.handle.net/2142/104616, 2019

- X. Chen, G. Roşu. A language-independent program verification framework, Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation (ISoLA), 2018.
- X. Chen, D. Park, G. Roşu. A language-independent approach to smart contract verification, Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation (ISoLA), 2018.
- J. Wang, X. Chen, J. Sun, S. Qin. *Improving probability estimation through active probabilistic model learning*, International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM), 2017
- E. Palomar, X. Chen, Z. Liu, S. Maharjan, J. Bowen. Component-based modelling for scalable smart city systems interoperability: A case study on integrating energy demand response systems, Sensors 16(11):1810, 2016.
- P. Kong, Y. Li, X. Chen, J. Sun, M. Sun, J. Wang. Towards concolic testing for hybrid systems Formal Methods (FM), 2016.
- (Best Paper) S. Li, X. Chen, Y. Wang, M. Sun. A framework for off-line conformance testing of timed connectors, Theoretical Aspects of Software Engineering (TASE), 2015.
- Z. Liu, X. Chen. *Model-driven design of object and component systems*, Book Chapter of The First International School on Engineering Trustworthy Software Systems (SETSS), 2014.
- X. Chen, J. Sun, M. Sun. A hybrid model of connectors in cyber-physical systems, International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM), 2014.

### Conference Talks

A general approach to define binders using matching logic at the  $25^{\rm th}$  ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming, held online, (August 2020).

A language-independent program verification framework at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation, Limassol, Cyprus, (November 2018).

A language-independent approach to smart contract verification at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods, Verification and Validation, Limassol, Cyprus, (November 2018).

Towards concolic testing for hybrid systems at the  $21^{\rm st}$  International Symposium on Formal Methods, Limassol, Cyprus, (November 2016).

#### TUTORIALS

Using the K Framework to Formalize Functional Languages at the 25<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming, (August 2020).

# PRACTICAL TOOLS

Matching logic prover, GitHub project: https://github.com/kframework/matching-logic-prover/tree/master/prover.

Matching logic proof checker, GitHub project: https://github.com/kframework/matching-logic-prover/tree/master/checker.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant, Software Engineering I
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant, Software Engineering I
Fall 2018	Guest Lecturer, Programming Languages Semantics

Spring 2015 Assistant Lecturer, Data Analysis

Fall 2014 Assistant Lecturer, Software Engineering

Research	2018 – 2019	Verification Engineer, Runtime Verification Inc.
EXPERIENCE		Designed the logical foundations of the Haskell backend of the $\mathbb{K}$ language framework (http://github.com/kframework). Wrote the reference document Semantics of $\mathbb{K}$ (~70 pages), which guides the industrial development of the $\mathbb{K}$ framework. Participated in designing the symbolic execution and formal analysis engines.
	2015–2016	Research Assistant, Singapore University of Technology and Design.  Created probabilistic models for cyber-physical systems, designed efficient and effective sampling algorithms, and proved asymptotic properties of the algorithms.
SERVICE	2020	Journal reviewer of JLAMP.
	2019	Conference reviewer of LICS, CAV, CONCUR, FM, FoSSaCS.
	2019	Journal reviewer of JLAMP.
	2018	Conference reviewer of PLDI, FSCD, AiML.
	2017	Conference reviewer of FSCD, RV, CALCO, HSCC, NFM.
	2016	Conference reviewer of FM, SEFM, TASE.
	2015	Conference reviewer of APSEC, MEDI, WWV.