

Formal Method on Hardware Security

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- ▶ Verify it with single trace: taint analysis: for a function $y_1, y_2 = f(x_1, x_2)$, we design an augment $yt_1, yt_2 = ft(x_1, xt_1, x_2, xt_2)$, such that:

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