

ISCAS'85 Benchmarks:

Special Session on ATPG and Fault Simulation,
1985 IEEE International Symposium
on Circuits and Systems

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In 1983, I published the FAN algorithm, and by using actual combinational circuits, showed its superiority over both the D-algorithm and the PODEM algorithm. In 1984, I discussed ATPG benchmarking with Franc Brglez (then with Bell Northern Research) while I was on sabbatical visiting Vinod Agarwal at McGill University.

Before that, we had no benchmarks for ATPG algorithms. Brglez and I agreed that benchmark circuits helped advance ATPG algorithm research and development. We organized a special session on combinational ATPG benchmarking at ISCAS 85 (the 1985 International Symposium on Circuits and Systems) in Kyoto, Japan. With the cooperation of many people from industries and universities in the USA, Canada, Europe, and Japan, we collected excellent benchmarks with various and useful characteristics.

Later, others reported many better, more-efficient ATPG algorithms for combinational circuits. The wide-spread availability of these benchmarks drove the development of new algorithms, as researchers strove to generate the best-known results in terms of runtime, vector length, and fault coverage.

F. Brglez and H. Fujiwara, "A neutral netlist of 10 combinational benchmark circuits and a targeted translator in FORTRAN," Special Session on ATPG and Fault Simulation, Proc. 1985 IEEE Int. Symp. on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS'85), June 5-7, 1985.

This is not a technical paper, but a reference to the magnetic tape containing "ISCAS'85 combinational benchmark circuits". The tape was distributed to the authors who contributed to the special session of ISCAS'85. It was requested to refer the tape in any publication (see my letter dated July 3, 1985, attached below).

Currently, those files can be obtained from the following website.

<http://www.cbl.ncsu.edu:16080/benchmarks/ISCAS85/>

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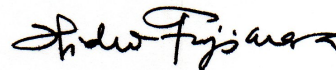
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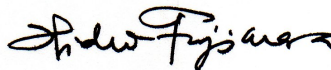
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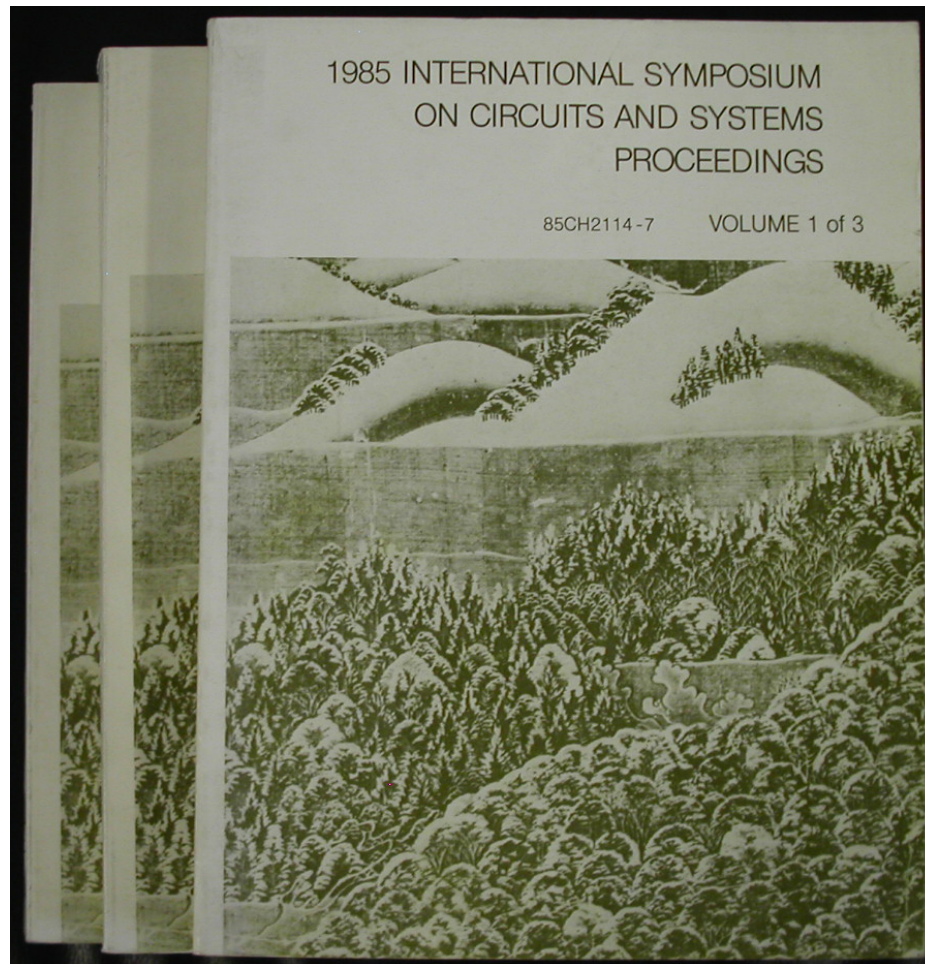
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