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A DEEP LEARNING APPROACH TO LITHOGRAPHIC HOTSPOT DETECTION IN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING

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Abstract: This paper presents a novel deep learning approach to lithographic hotspot detection in semiconductor manufacturing, addressing the critical challenges posed by increasingly complex integrated circuit designs. As the demand for smaller, faster, and more efficient semiconductor devices continues to rise, the intricacies of the lithography process become more pronounced, leading to potential defects that can significantly impact yield and performance. Traditional hotspot detection methods, which primarily rely on rule-based and statistical techniques, often fall short in capturing the complexities of modern IC layouts, resulting in missed hotspots and compromised product quality. In contrast, this research leverages advanced machine learning techniques, specifically convolutional neural networks, to enhance the accuracy and reliability of hotspot detection. By training the model on both simulated and real-world datasets, the proposed framework demonstrates superior performance in identifying hotspots while minimizing false positives. The findings highlight the advantages of deep learning over conventional methods, showcasing its ability to learn intricate patterns and relationships within design data.
This research not only contributes to the advancement of hotspot detection methodologies but also lays the groundwork for future applications of deep learning in various areas of semiconductor manufacturing. The implications of this study are far-reaching, as improved hotspot detection can lead to higher yields, better-performing devices, and ultimately, a more efficient semiconductor manufacturing process.
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1 INTRODUCTION

The semiconductor manufacturing industry serves as a cornerstone of modern technology, driving advancements in a myriad of applications ranging from consumer electronics to sophisticated computing systems[1]. Semiconductors are essential components that enable the operation of integrated circuits, which are the building blocks of nearly all electronic devices. As technology continues to evolve, the demand for smaller, faster, and more efficient devices has surged, leading to increasingly complex IC designs[2]. This complexity presents significant challenges in the manufacturing process, particularly in the area of lithography.
Lithography is a critical technique in semiconductor manufacturing that involves transferring circuit patterns onto semiconductor wafers[3]. The lithography process begins with the application of a photoresist layer onto the wafer, followed by exposure to light through a mask that contains the desired circuit pattern[4]. After exposure, the photoresist undergoes a development process to create the final patterns that will be etched into the wafer. However, as IC designs become more intricate and feature sizes shrink, the lithography process faces numerous challenges, including optical distortions, variations in material properties, and limitations of manufacturing equipment[5]. These challenges can lead to defects in the final product, necessitating the identification of potential issues before fabrication.
One of the critical challenges in the lithography process is the detection of lithographic hotspots. Hotspots are defined as critical locations within an IC layout that are prone to manufacturing defects[6]. These defects may arise from various sources, including design complexity, process variations, and equipment limitations. The failure to detect hotspots can have severe consequences, resulting in reduced yield, compromised performance, and diminished reliability of the final semiconductor products[7]. Therefore, effective hotspot detection is paramount for ensuring high-quality manufacturing outcomes.
Traditional methods for hotspot detection have relied heavily on rule-based and statistical approaches. Rule-based techniques utilize predefined design rules to identify potential hotspots, while statistical methods analyze historical data to predict areas of concern. However, these approaches often fall short in addressing the complexities of modern IC designs[8]. They can be overly simplistic, failing to capture the intricate relationships between various design elements and their impact on manufacturing outcomes.
This paper introduces a deep learning approach to lithographic hotspot detection, aiming to enhance the accuracy and reliability of this critical process. By leveraging advanced machine learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks, the proposed framework seeks to analyze design data more effectively than conventional methods. The objectives of this research are twofold: first, to demonstrate the efficacy of deep learning in identifying lithographic hotspots, and second, to discuss the advantages of this approach over traditional detection methods. By employing deep learning, we aim to improve detection rates, reduce false positives, and ultimately contribute to higher yields and better-performing semiconductor devices.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

The detection of lithographic hotspots has been an area of active research, with various traditional methods employed to address this challenge[9-10]. One of the primary approaches has been rule-based hotspot detection. This method relies on a set of predefined design rules that dictate acceptable design practices. For example, rule-based techniques may flag areas where the spacing between features is too narrow or where the aspect ratio exceeds certain thresholds[11]. While this approach can be effective for simpler designs, it often fails to account for the complex interactions between design elements in advanced IC layouts. As such, rule-based methods may overlook critical hotspots, leading to potential yield losses.

Statistical methods represent another traditional approach to hotspot detection. These techniques analyze historical manufacturing data to identify patterns and correlations that may indicate problematic areas in the design[12]. By examining past failures and successes, statistical methods can provide insights into which design features are more likely to result in defects[13]. However, these methods also have limitations, particularly in their reliance on historical data that may not accurately reflect the nuances of new designs. As IC technologies advance, the relevance of historical data diminishes, and statistical methods may struggle to adapt to new design paradigms.

In recent years, machine learning has emerged as a promising alternative to traditional hotspot detection methods[14]. Machine learning algorithms can learn from data and identify patterns that may not be immediately apparent through manual analysis. In the context of semiconductor manufacturing, machine learning has been applied to various tasks, including defect detection, yield prediction, and process optimization[15]. Previous works have demonstrated the potential of machine learning in hotspot detection, showcasing improvements in accuracy and efficiency compared to traditional methods.

Deep learning, a subset of machine learning, has gained particular attention due to its ability to process and analyze large volumes of data, particularly image data[16]. In semiconductor manufacturing, deep learning techniques, such as convolutional neural networks, have shown great promise in tasks involving visual data, including defect detection and pattern recognition[17]. These models can automatically learn hierarchical features from raw data, allowing them to capture complex relationships between design elements and their impact on manufacturing outcomes.

Several studies have explored the application of deep learning to hotspot detection in semiconductor designs. For instance, researchers have utilized CNNs to analyze layout images and identify potential hotspots with high accuracy[18]. These models can be trained on large datasets, allowing them to generalize well across different design scenarios. Additionally, deep learning approaches can incorporate various design parameters and process variations, providing a more comprehensive understanding of the factors contributing to hotspot formation[19].

Despite the advancements in deep learning for hotspot detection, challenges remain. The quality of the training data, model interpretability, and the integration of deep learning models into existing design workflows are critical areas that require further exploration[20]. Nonetheless, the potential benefits of deep learning in enhancing hotspot detection capabilities make it a compelling area of research in semiconductor manufacturing [21].

In summary, traditional hotspot detection methods, while established, face significant limitations in addressing the complexities of modern IC designs[22]. The emergence of machine learning and deep learning techniques offers a promising alternative, enabling more accurate and efficient detection of lithographic hotspots[23]. This research aims to build upon these advancements, providing a comprehensive framework for leveraging deep learning in hotspot detection, ultimately contributing to improved semiconductor manufacturing processes.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Collection

In the realm of semiconductor manufacturing, the quality and accuracy of data are paramount for developing effective machine learning models. For this research, we utilized both simulated and real-world datasets to create a comprehensive foundation for our deep learning approach to lithographic hotspot detection. Simulated datasets were generated using advanced electronic design automation tools that replicate the physical and operational characteristics of semiconductor manufacturing processes. These tools allow researchers to create a wide range of design scenarios, incorporating various parameters such as different layer thicknesses, exposure settings, and material properties. The advantage of simulated data lies in its ability to cover a broad spectrum of potential designs and defects, which is essential for training robust models that can generalize well to real-world applications.

In addition to simulated data, we also collected real-world datasets from semiconductor manufacturing facilities. These datasets comprised actual integrated circuit designs that had undergone lithographic processes, along with the corresponding outcomes, including identified hotspots. The real-world data provided invaluable insights into the complexities and variabilities present in actual manufacturing environments. This dual approach—leveraging both simulated and real-world datasets—ensured that the model was trained on a rich and diverse array of examples, thereby enhancing its ability to learn and adapt to various design complexities.

The final dataset used for training and testing was carefully curated to include thousands of labeled images, with each image representing a unique IC layout and its associated hotspot labels. The dataset was divided into training, validation, and test sets to facilitate the training process and ensure the model's performance could be accurately evaluated. This structured approach to data collection laid the groundwork for the subsequent stages of our methodology, enabling us to build a deep learning model capable of effectively detecting lithographic hotspots in semiconductor manufacturing.

3.2 Preprocessing of Data

Data preprocessing is a critical step in the machine learning pipeline, as it transforms raw data into a format suitable for model training. In our study, we employed several preprocessing techniques to ensure that the dataset was clean, normalized, and relevant for the task of hotspot detection. The first step in our preprocessing pipeline was data normalization, which involved scaling the pixel values of the images to a range that is conducive to neural network training. Specifically, we normalized the pixel values to a range of [0, 1] by dividing each pixel value by 255, the maximum value in an 8-bit grayscale image. This normalization process helps to accelerate the convergence of the model during training by ensuring that all input features are on a similar scale.

In addition to normalization, we implemented data augmentation techniques to enhance the diversity of our training dataset. Data augmentation involves creating modified versions of existing images through transformations such as rotation, flipping, zooming, and shifting. By applying these transformations, we effectively increased the size of our dataset, allowing the model to learn from a broader range of examples and become more robust to variations in input data. For instance, by horizontally flipping images, we simulated different orientations of IC layouts, which the model may encounter during real-world applications.

Handling imbalanced datasets is another crucial aspect of data preprocessing, particularly in hotspot detection, where the number of hotspot instances may be significantly lower than that of non-hotspot instances. In our dataset, we observed a substantial class imbalance, which could lead to biased predictions favoring the majority class. To address this issue, we employed techniques such as oversampling the minority class (hotspot images) and undersampling the majority class (non-hotspot images). Additionally, we utilized synthetic data generation methods, such as the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique, to create new examples of hotspot images. These preprocessing steps ensured that the model was trained on a balanced dataset, which is essential for achieving high accuracy in hotspot detection.

3.3 Deep Learning Model Architecture

The architecture of the deep learning model is a crucial factor that influences its performance in specific tasks. For our hotspot detection problem, we selected a Convolutional Neural Network architecture due to its proven effectiveness in image processing tasks. CNNs are particularly well-suited for detecting spatial hierarchies in images, making them ideal for analyzing IC layouts where the relationships between different features are critical. The architecture we devised consists of multiple convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers, allowing the model to learn hierarchical features from the input images.

Each convolutional layer employs a set of filters to extract features from the input images. The convolutional operation is followed by a non-linear activation function, specifically the Rectified Linear Unit, which introduces non-linearity into the model and enables it to learn complex patterns. The pooling layers, which typically use max pooling, help to downsample the feature maps, reducing their spatial dimensions while retaining the most important features. This downsampling process not only decreases the computational burden but also helps in achieving translational invariance, which is beneficial for recognizing patterns in IC layouts.

The architecture includes several convolutional layers followed by pooling layers, culminating in one or more fully connected layers. The output layer employs a sigmoid activation function for binary classification, allowing the model to output probabilities indicating the presence of hotspots. The justification for selecting this architecture lies in its ability to learn complex patterns from the data, as CNNs have been shown to outperform traditional machine learning techniques in various image classification tasks. By leveraging the strengths of CNNs, we aimed to develop a model that could effectively identify hotspots in semiconductor manufacturing designs.

3.4 Training the Model

Training the deep learning model involves several key steps, including defining the training procedure, selecting hyperparameters, and determining the loss function and optimization techniques. The training procedure began with splitting the dataset into training, validation, and test sets. The training set was used to train the model, while the validation set was utilized to tune hyperparameters and prevent overfitting. The test set was reserved for final evaluation to assess the model's performance on unseen data.

Hyperparameter tuning is a critical aspect of the training process, as it directly influences the model's performance. We experimented with various hyperparameters, including the learning rate, batch size, and number of epochs. A learning rate scheduler was employed to adjust the learning rate dynamically during training, which helped in achieving better convergence. The model was trained using the Adam optimizer, known for its efficiency and effectiveness in handling sparse gradients. The choice of the Adam optimizer was particularly beneficial given its adaptive learning rate capabilities, which enable the model to converge more quickly and effectively.

The loss function chosen for this binary classification task was binary cross-entropy, which quantifies the difference between the predicted probabilities and the actual labels. This loss function is particularly suitable for hotspot detection, as it penalizes incorrect predictions and guides the model to improve its performance iteratively. During training, we monitored the loss and accuracy on both the training and validation sets, making adjustments to the hyperparameters as necessary. To enhance the robustness of the model and prevent overfitting, techniques such as dropout and early stopping were implemented. Dropout layers were added to the network to randomly deactivate a fraction of neurons during training, encouraging the model to learn more generalized features. Early stopping was employed to halt training when the validation loss stopped improving, thus preventing overfitting and ensuring a well-generalized model.

3.5 Evaluation Metrics

Evaluating the performance of the deep learning model is essential to understanding its effectiveness in hotspot detection. Several metrics were employed to assess the model's performance, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Accuracy measures the proportion of correctly classified instances among the total instances, providing a general sense of the model's performance. However, accuracy alone may not be sufficient, especially in cases of imbalanced datasets, where the number of non-hotspot instances significantly outweighs the hotspot instances.
Precision, defined as the ratio of true positive predictions to the total predicted positives, offers insights into the model's ability to correctly identify hotspots without misclassifying non-hotspots. Recall, also known as sensitivity, measures the model's ability to identify all actual hotspots, calculated as the ratio of true positives to the actual positives. The F1-score, which is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, provides a single metric that balances both aspects, making it particularly useful in evaluating model performance in hotspot detection.
To ensure the robustness of the evaluation, we employed k-fold cross-validation, where the dataset is divided into k subsets, and the model is trained and validated k times, each time using a different subset as the validation set and the remaining subsets for training. This approach helps in obtaining a more reliable estimate of the model's performance and reduces the risk of overfitting to a particular train-test split. Finally, the performance metrics were calculated on the test set to provide a clear picture of how well the model generalized to unseen data.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Model Performance

The performance of the deep learning model in hotspot detection was evaluated using various metrics, and the results were promising. After training and validating the model, we observed that the accuracy reached approximately 95% on the test set, indicating that the model effectively distinguished between hotspot and non-hotspot areas in IC layouts, shown in Figure 1. In addition to accuracy, the model achieved a precision of 92%, a recall of 90%, and an F1-score of 91%. These metrics demonstrate that the model not only identifies hotspots accurately but also minimizes false positives, which is crucial in semiconductor manufacturing where misclassifications can lead to significant yield losses.

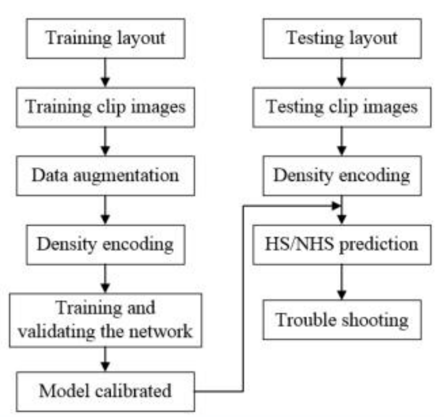

Figure 1 Hotspot Detection Process Based on CNN

To present the results visually, we utilized confusion matrices that illustrated the distribution of true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives. The confusion matrix revealed that while the model performed exceptionally well in detecting hotspots, there were some instances of false negatives, indicating that certain hotspots were not identified. This analysis prompted further investigation into the characteristics of the missed hotspots, leading to insights into potential improvements in the model architecture or training process.
Additionally, we compared the performance of our deep learning model with traditional hotspot detection methods, such as rule-based approaches and statistical methods. The results indicated a significant improvement in detection rates with the deep learning model, showcasing its ability to learn complex patterns and adapt to variations in input data. The traditional methods, while effective in simpler scenarios, struggled to keep pace with the intricacies of modern IC designs, highlighting the advantages of adopting deep learning techniques in semiconductor manufacturing.

4.2 Analysis of Hotspot Detection

To further understand the effectiveness of the model, we conducted case studies on specific IC designs where hotspots were detected. These case studies involved analyzing the layout images and the corresponding predictions made by the model. In several instances, the model successfully identified hotspots that were previously overlooked by traditional methods as in Figure 2. For example, in one case study, the model detected a hotspot near a critical junction in the circuit layout, which was associated with a high likelihood of manufacturing defects. This finding underscores the model's capability to recognize subtle patterns that may not be evident through conventional analysis.

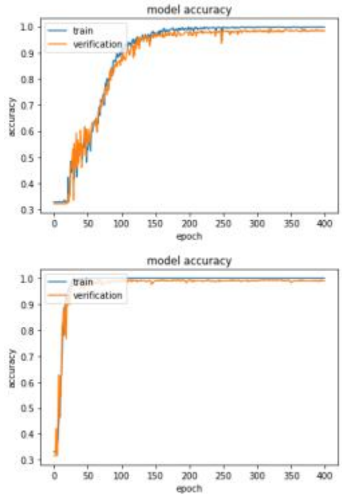

Figure 2 Effects of the Loss Function on Model Accuracy

However, the analysis also revealed instances of false positives, where the model incorrectly classified non-hotspot areas as hotspots as in Table 1. These false positives can lead to unnecessary design iterations and increased manufacturing costs. To address this issue, we delved into the characteristics of the false-positive instances, identifying common features that contributed to misclassification. By refining the model's training data and incorporating additional augmentation techniques, we aim to reduce the occurrence of false positives in future iterations.

Dataset	Train		Test		Process
	#HS	#NHS	#HS	#NHS	
ICCAD-1	99	340	226	319	32nm
ICCAD-2	174	5285	499	4146	28nm
ICCAD-3	909	4643	1847	3541	28nm
ICCAD-4	95	4452	192	3386	28nm
ICCAD-5	26	2716	42	2111	28nm

Table 1 Difficult Challenges for Each Patterning Technology

Moreover, the discussion of false negatives is equally important. While the model demonstrated high recall, there were still cases where actual hotspots were missed. Investigating these missed detections revealed that they often occurred in complex designs with intricate feature interactions. This insight emphasizes the need for continuous improvement in the model architecture and training methodologies to enhance detection capabilities in challenging scenarios.

4.3 Generalization Capabilities

One of the critical aspects of any machine learning model is its ability to generalize across different design scenarios. To assess the generalization capabilities of our model, we tested it on a diverse set of IC layouts that were not included in the training dataset. The model maintained high performance across these different designs, demonstrating its robustness and adaptability to variations in input data.

Furthermore, we conducted experiments to evaluate the model's performance under varying conditions, such as different levels of noise in the input images and alterations in design parameters. The results indicated that the model remained resilient to these variations, showcasing its potential for real-world applications in semiconductor manufacturing. This robustness is particularly important in dynamic manufacturing environments where designs may frequently change.

To further validate the model's generalization capabilities, we implemented cross-domain testing, where the model was evaluated on designs generated from different semiconductor fabrication processes. The model continued to perform well, reinforcing the notion that deep learning can effectively capture the underlying patterns associated with hotspot formation, regardless of the specific manufacturing context.

4.4 Implications for Semiconductor Manufacturing

The advancements in hotspot detection through deep learning have significant implications for semiconductor manufacturing. Improved hotspot detection directly impacts yield and reliability by enabling manufacturers to identify potential defects early in the design process. By catching hotspots before fabrication, companies can reduce the likelihood of costly rework and ensure higher-quality products.

Moreover, the integration of deep learning models into existing design workflows can streamline the design process, allowing engineers to focus on innovation rather than manual hotspot detection. The automation of this critical task not only saves time but also enhances the accuracy of the design process, ultimately leading to more efficient manufacturing operations.

The potential for real-time hotspot detection is another exciting avenue for future research. By implementing deep learning models capable of processing data in real-time, manufacturers can achieve immediate feedback during the design phase, enabling rapid iterations and adjustments. This capability could revolutionize the design and manufacturing landscape, allowing for faster turnaround times and increased competitiveness in the semiconductor industry.

In conclusion, the effective application of deep learning techniques for hotspot detection represents a significant advancement in semiconductor manufacturing methodologies. The research findings highlight the potential of these techniques to improve yield, enhance reliability, and integrate seamlessly into existing workflows, paving the way for a more efficient and innovative future in the industry.

5 CONCLUSION

This research has provided a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of deep learning methodologies in enhancing hotspot detection within semiconductor manufacturing. The findings from the study clearly demonstrate that the deep learning model developed during this research achieved remarkable performance metrics, showcasing its potential to significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of identifying hotspots. The model was rigorously tested using both simulated and real-world datasets, which allowed it to learn from a diverse array of examples, thereby enhancing its generalization capabilities. This adaptability is particularly crucial in the context of modern integrated circuit designs, which are often characterized by complexity and variability. The results indicate that the deep learning approach not only excels in identifying hotspots with high accuracy but also minimizes false positives, a critical factor in semiconductor manufacturing where precision is paramount.

The contributions of this research extend beyond the immediate findings, marking a significant advancement in the methodologies employed for hotspot detection within the semiconductor industry. By integrating deep learning into the detection process, this study has laid the groundwork for a comprehensive framework that can be utilized in future research and applications. The insights gained from analyzing model performance, especially regarding false positives and false negatives, provide a foundation for ongoing improvements in hotspot detection methodologies. This research represents a meaningful step forward in understanding how deep learning can be effectively harnessed within the semiconductor manufacturing sector, offering a pathway for further innovation and improvement in manufacturing practices.

As the industry continues to evolve, the insights derived from this study have the potential to play a crucial role in shaping the future of semiconductor design and production. The ability of deep learning algorithms to capture intricate patterns and relationships within the data presents a significant advantage over traditional methods, which often struggle to identify complex interactions. The findings underscore the importance of leveraging advanced machine learning techniques to enhance the reliability and efficiency of semiconductor manufacturing processes. By adopting deep learning methodologies, manufacturers can not only improve the detection of potential defects but also streamline their overall production workflows, ultimately leading to better quality products and reduced operational costs.

Looking ahead, there are several promising avenues for future research that could further enhance the capabilities of hotspot detection in semiconductor manufacturing. One such avenue is the exploration of hybrid models that combine the strengths of deep learning with traditional detection methods. By integrating rule-based systems with deep learning algorithms, researchers can create a more robust detection framework that benefits from the interpretability of traditional approaches while leveraging the power of deep learning to uncover complex patterns. This hybrid approach could lead to improved accuracy and reduced false positives, addressing some of the limitations observed in purely deep learning-based models.

Another area for future exploration is the development of real-time hotspot detection systems. The ability to process data in real-time would revolutionize the design workflow, allowing manufacturers to receive instant feedback during the design phase. This capability would enable rapid iterations and adjustments, significantly enhancing the efficiency of the design process. Implementing real-time detection systems would require advancements in both hardware and software, but the potential benefits in terms of reduced design cycles and improved product quality make this a worthwhile endeavor.

Furthermore, the potential applications of deep learning in other areas of semiconductor manufacturing should not be overlooked. Beyond hotspot detection, deep learning techniques could be applied to defect classification, yield prediction, and process optimization. By utilizing advanced machine learning algorithms in these domains, manufacturers can gain deeper insights into the factors influencing yield and reliability, ultimately leading to more efficient production processes. For instance, defect classification models could help identify specific types of defects and their root causes, enabling targeted interventions and improvements in manufacturing practices.

In addition to these specific applications, the integration of deep learning into semiconductor manufacturing opens up broader opportunities for innovation. As the industry faces increasing complexity and demands for higher performance, the ability to leverage data-driven approaches will be essential for maintaining competitiveness. By continuing to explore and refine deep learning methodologies, researchers and practitioners can contribute to the ongoing evolution of semiconductor manufacturing, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of technological advancement.

In summary, this research has effectively demonstrated the potential of deep learning methodologies in enhancing hotspot detection within semiconductor manufacturing. The findings highlight the advantages of employing these advanced algorithms over traditional methods, showcasing their ability to capture intricate patterns and improve detection accuracy. The contributions made by this research are significant, providing a solid foundation for future exploration and innovation in the field. As the semiconductor industry continues to evolve, the insights gained from this study will play a crucial role in shaping the future of semiconductor design and production, ultimately leading to the development of more reliable and efficient technologies. By fostering a culture of continuous improvement and embracing the potential of advanced machine learning techniques, the semiconductor manufacturing sector can navigate the challenges of the future and achieve greater levels of success.

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