Chunyu Hu PhD Student | Old Dominion University

EDUCATION

**Old Dominion University** Norfolk, VA, USA

Ph.D. in Computer Science Jan. 2023 - present

Harbin University of Science and Technology Harbin, China M.Eng in Electrical Engineering Sep. 2018 - Dec. 2021

Harbin University of Science and Technology Harbin, China BSc. in Electrical Engineering and Automation Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Old Dominion University**

Norfolk, VA, USA Graduate Research Assistant Jan. 2023 - Present

o Al Security: Conducted research on adversarial attacks including bit-flip and backdoor attacks on neural networks. Results provide insights into reliability and trustworthiness of modern AI systems.

o Cybersecurity Education: Contributed to T3-CIDERS project, developing instructional materials and leading training sessions in cybersecurity and data-enabled research.

### Artificial Intelligence and Digital Economy Laboratory

Shenzhen, China Apr. 2022 - Nov. 2022

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o Software Development: Designed and implemented controller and data processing software for robotics platforms. Focused on reliable communication and modular system design.

### Southern University of Science and Technology

Shenzhen, China

Research Assistant

Software Developer

Jan. 2021 - Mar. 2022

o Data Analysis: Collected and analyzed disaster event datasets using statistical and computational methods.

# Xi'an Baimu Educational Technology Co., Ltd.

Xi'an, China

Physics Teacher

Jan. 2018 - Sep. 2018

#### Publications

Yao Wang, Chunyu Hu, Jian Li, Rui Ning, Lusi Li, Daniel Takabi. Contrastive Multi-Hop Semantic Communication. Proceedings of the IEEE Military Communications Conference (MILCOM), accepted (to appear), 2025.

Chunyu Hu, Rui Ning. Chunyu Hu, Rui Ning. Targeted Bit Flip Attack on Binary Neural Networks. International Conference on Computing, Networking and Communications (ICNC), in preparation, 2026.

Yide Zhang, Changyu Hu, Chunyu Hu. Airplane Detection in Remote Sensing Images Using CNN. Optoelectronic Technology, vol. 37, pp. 66-71, 2017.

#### Selected Projects

### o Bitflip Attack on Binary Neural Networks (BNN) 2025

Analyzed vulnerabilities of BNNs under hardware-level bit perturbations. Work highlights importance of robustness against low-level faults.

Technologies: Python, PyTorch, Optimization

#### o Backdoor Attack Robustness on Long-Tail Datasets 2025

Explored limitations of backdoor triggers under real-world imbalanced datasets.

Technologies: Adversarial ML, Data Augmentation

#### Efficiency of BitNet on Heterogeneous Hardware 2024

Benchmarked a compact LLM on different devices, studying efficiency-performance trade-offs.

**Technologies:** Model Compression, Neural Network Quantization

# o Linux-based Electric Energy Terminal 2022

Developed software for energy data acquisition terminal, supporting multiple communication protocols (GPRS, Ethernet, RS485, RS232). Implemented process management, data storage, and integrity checks.

**Technologies:** C/C++, SQLite, Multi-threading, System Programming

# o Qt-based Electric Energy Client 2021–2023

Designed client software for monitoring substations and power plants. Supported time-sharing collection and automated reporting.

Technologies: Qt, TCP/IP, SQLite

# ${\rm Skills}$

o **Programming:** Python, C, C++

o Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Qt