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EDUCATION

Monash University and CSIRO-Data61

February 2019 - Present

Doctor of Philosophy

Supervisors: Jiangshan Yu, Joseph Liu and Shiping Chen

Faculty of Information Technology and Distributed Systems Security group

The University of Manchester

August 2017 - September 2018

MSc Advanced Computer Science (with Distinction)

Supervisor: Christos Kotselidis

School of Computer Science

Overall Percentage: 82/100

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

September 2013 - July 2017

BSc E-Commerce Engineering with Law

Overall Percentage: 83/100

RESEARCH AND IMPACT

I'm broadly interested in distributed system security. Currently, I'm focusing on designing secure and scalable Blockchains and decentralised protocols (e.g., Decentralised Randomness Beacon). My research applies techniques from Cryptography and Distributed Computing.

My research has led to real-world impacts and media coverage. For example,

- I invented RANDCHAIN [HYL20], a new family of Decentralised Randomness Beacon protocols that are simple, secure and scalable. This research is featured in [VDF Research](#).
- My paper analysing *shard allocation* (a key component and a missing abstraction in sharded blockchains) [HYZ20] is selected as "[Paper of the Week](#)" ([Issue #68](#)) by ZK Capital.
- I study two overlooked 51% attacks on PoW-based blockchains [HSY+20]. Three large-scale 51% attacks on Ethereum Classic ([1,2,3](#)) happened within a month are likely to be our analysed attacks.
- I identify and formalise an overlooked design flaw of the Atomic Swap protocol [HLY19]. The flaw allows the swap initiator to arbitrage, making the protocol unfair. Our proposed fixes are standardised as an Ethereum Improvement Proposal ([EIP-2266](#)). This research is covered by [CryptoNews](#).
- I conduct the first performance analysis on memory-hard cryptocurrency mining algorithms [HFK19]. This research is covered by [Horizon Globex](#).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Full publication list can be found at [DBLP](#) and [Google Scholar](#). All of my papers are available online, and most of them are hosted on IACR ePrint.

[HYL20](#) RANDCHAIN: Decentralised Randomness Beacon from Sequential Proof-of-Work. Runchao Han, Jiangshan Yu, Haoyu Lin. **In submission.**

[HYZ20](#) Analysing and Improving Shard Allocation Protocols for Sharded Blockchains. Runchao Han, Jiangshan Yu, Ren Zhang. **In submission.**

[HSY+20](#) Challenging the honest majority assumption of permissionless blockchains. Runchao Han, Zhimei Sui, Jiangshan Yu, Joseph Liu, Shiping Chen. **In submission.**

- HL19** On the optionality and fairness of Atomic Swaps. Runchao Han, Haoyu Lin, Jiangshan Yu. ACM Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies. **AFT'19**.
- HF19** Demystifying Crypto Mining: Performance Analysis and Optimizations of PoW Algorithms. Runchao Han, Nikolaos Foutris, Christos Kotselidis. IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software. **ISPASS'19, best paper nominee**.

TALKS

- VRF-Based Mining: Simple Non-Outsourceable Cryptocurrency Mining. CBT workshop, virtual. September, 2020.
- Demystifying Crypto-Mining: Analysis and Optimizations of Memory-Hard PoW Algorithms. Virtual seminar at Huawei Noah's Ark Lab. July, 2020.
- Scaling blockchains via sharding. Confirmation seminar at Monash University. March, 2020.
- On the optionality and fairness of Atomic Swaps. AFT conference presentation at Zurich. October, 2019.

TEACHING

- Teaching associate for FIT 5214 Blockchain, Monash University. 2019 Fall.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

External reviewer

- 2020: AFT, ICDCS, SRDS, ACNS, AsiaCCS, TrustCom, ACISP, ICBC, TDSC, The Computer Journal, IEEE IoT Journal, IEEE Software Journal, IEEE Transaction of Service Computing
- 2019: Indocrypt, TrustCom, Future Generation Computing System

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bytom Blockchain <i>Intern Blockchain Engineer</i>	September 2018 - January 2019 <i>Hangzhou, China</i>
CNIC, Chinese Academy of Sciences <i>Intern Researcher</i>	June 2017 - July 2017 <i>Beijing, China</i>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Github	SebastianElvis
Wechat	elvisage
References	Available upon request