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## EDUCATION

### Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Ph.D Candidate in Computer Science, Department of Computer Science

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B.S in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

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## PUBLICATION

### Curator Attack: When Blackbox Differential Privacy Auditing Loses Its Power

Shiming Wang, Liyao Xiang, Bowei Cheng, Zhe Ji, Xinbing Wang.

In the ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security, October 2024, CCS 2024.

### Crafter: Facial Feature Crafting against Inversion-based Identity Theft on Deep Models

Shiming Wang, Zhe Ji, Liyao Xiang, Hao Zhang, Xinbing Wang, Chenghu Zhou, Bo Li.

In the Network and Distributed System Security Symposium, February 2024, NDSS 2024.

### Privacy-Preserving Split Learning via Pareto Optimal Search

Xiyu, Liyao Xiang, Shiming Wang, Chengnian Long.

In the European Symposium on Research in Computer Security, September 2023, ESORICS 2023.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Loophole Analysis on Black-box Differential Privacy Auditing Tools

Oct 2022 – Feb 2024

Supervised by Prof. Liyao Xiang, John Hopcroft Center

This project focuses on evaluating the differential privacy level of data curators. I inspect existing black-box differential privacy auditing tools and conclude that they all exhibit a substantial flaw of failing to catch curators with overstated privacy guarantees. This discovery reveals that black-box auditors are widely unreliable in practice and the privacy of data owners requires protection from more robust auditing tools.

- Analyze existing black-box auditing tools for differential privacy and discover a shared loophole of failing to catch curators with overly strong differential privacy claims.
- Interpret the loophole as false positive errors through the lens of hypothesis testing, and devise an analysis pipeline applicable to general future auditors.
- Confirm the findings on various curator tasks including statistical analysis (eg. counting queries using SVT & crowdsourcing software statistics using RAPPOR) and machine learning (eg. next-word prediction using LLM & image classification using ResNet20).

### Facial Feature Crafting against Identity Theft on Machine Learning Models

Sept 2020 – Oct 2022

Supervised by Prof. Liyao Xiang, John Hopcroft Center

This project addresses the common concern of personal identity privacy in cloud machine learning tasks. I build a defense tool that allows users to modify their photos before sharing them with cloud service providers. It prevents unauthorized parties from reconstructing users' raw faces and inferring their private identities.

- Allow users to craft features of their images that are robust against unauthorized facial recognition programs.
- Design Crafter, a simple open-source tool for everyday users to safeguard their identity according to their preferences.
- Confirm the effectiveness of Crafter on open-source machine learning (eg. ResNet50 & VGG16) and public datasets (eg. CelebA & LFW).

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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

**Language:** Chinese (Native), English (GRE 326+4.0, TOEFL 117)