# Eugene Bagdasaryan

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#### SUMMARY:

5<sup>th</sup> year CS PhD Candidate studying privacy and security for machine learning systems.

#### EDUCATION:

# Cornell University

Aug 2016 – present

PhD candidate in Computer Science department. Focused on security and privacy in ML, Federated Learning, Differential Privacy, Recommender Systems. Advised by Professors Deborah Estrin and Vitaly Shmatikov.

# Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Russia

September 2009 – 2016

June 2016 – Master's degree in Computer Science, diploma with honors. Focus: AI and Systems, GPA: 3.9/4.0 June 2013 – Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, diploma with honors. GPA: 4.0/4.0

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

# Cornell University

September 2016 – present

Research Assistant (small data lab), Teaching Assistant (Systems Spring'17, Fall'18, Spring'20, Databases Fall'16)

Cisco Systems

September 2014 – July 2016

QA Software Engineer at Cloud and Virtualization Group, focused on OpenStack Networking

### **INTERNSHIPS:**

# Google Research, NYC

*May 2020 – Aug 2020* 

Did research on Local Differential Privacy and Secure Aggregation for Federated Learning and Analytics.

# Amazon, Seattle, WA

May 2018 - Aug 2018

Worked on novel multi-service recommendations engine for Alexa.

### Cisco Systems, Boston, MA

August 2013 – July 2014

Software Engineering Intern worked on SocialMiner web-app.

### Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu Limited, Moscow, Russia

December 2012 – April 2013

Worked on data analysis for audit department.

# PAPERS:

- E.B., V. Shmatikov: "Blind Backdoors in Deep Learning Models" [in submission, arXiv]
- E.B., A. Veit, Y. Hua, D. Estrin, V. Shmatikov: "How to Backdoor Federated Learning" [AISTATS'20]
- T. Yu, E.B., V. Shmatikov: "Salvaging Federated Learning using Local Adaptation" [arXiv]
- E.B., V. Shmatikov: "Differential Privacy Has Disparate Impact on Model Accuracy" [NeurIPS'19]
- E.B., G. Berlstein, J. Waterman, E. Birrell, N. Foster, F. Schneider, D. Estrin: "Ancile: Enhancing Privacy for Ubiquitous Computing with Use-Based Privacy" [WPES'19]
- L.Yang, **E.B.**, J. Gruenstein, C.-K. Hsieh, D. Estrin: "OpenRec: A Modular Framework for Extensible and Adaptable Recommendation Algorithms" [WSDM '18]

#### AWARDS:

- 2019-2020 Digital Life Initiative Fellowship
- Bloomberg Data Immersion Day 2017 Fellowship
- 3x winner of the Vladimir Potanin Scholarship, in '11, '12 and '13
- Russian Government Scholarship for Science Research, Academic Council Faculty Fellowship