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RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- TTL Logic Gate Design, Digital Design (Verilog), Computer Architecture and Design (MIPs, Verilog), Advanced Computer Design (Verilog), Application-Specific Design for Cryptosystems (Verilog/SystemVerilog), Microprocessor Design (Linux, C), Embedded-System Design (MIPs), Real-Time Embedded System Co-Design, Information Security, Algorithms and Data Structure Design (C/C++), Advanced Algorithm Design (C), System Software (C), Operating System Design (Linux, C), Compiler Design (Linux, C, x86, Lex), Software Engineering, Software Quality Assurance and Testing, Software Security Technologies, Computer Networks, Computer Network Design, Cryptography & Network Security, Network Architecture and Protocols, Network Programming and Applications, Advanced C Programming, C++ for C Programmers, Server-Side Web Programming, Assembly Language for IA 32 x86 Processors, UNIX/Linux, Shell Scripting, Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing, Linear Algebra, Calculus-based Physics (Mechanics, E&M, Optics & Waves, & Particle)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Areas:** **Applied Cryptography & Internet TCP/IP Protocol Suite**

- **Work:** System Design, Implementing, Prototyping, and Testing

- **Domains:** hardware, software, and firmware

- **Applied Math & Physics:** Field arithmetic, proofs, problems and instances of problems on which crypto constructions are built, IFP, DL, ECDLP, NP problems, J-Invariant, SIS, SIVP, HPP, SVP, LWE, R-LWE, RSD, oil + vinegar, nonlinear multivariate systems of equations, NP-hard, applied linear algebra (e.g. code-based schemes and quantum computing), algebraic constructions, rings, modular multipliers, statistics, probability distributions, FFTs, calculus, differential equations, interference, parallelism

- **Cryptography & Protocols/Algorithms:** symmetric & asymmetric cryptography, KEX, *x.509*, PKI (RFC4949), CA, Kerberos, Layer 3 authentication and/or encryption, elliptic curve cryptography, sieving, OWFs, cryptanalysis, block cipher constructions and analysis, cryptographic hash functions, MACs, HMACs, digital signatures, PRFs, Montgomery, Blakely, BMM, interleaved multipliers, DES, 3DES, AES, RSA, DH, EC-DH, KECCAK, quantum algorithms (Grover, Shor, Simons), post-quantum cryptography, hash-based, lattice-based, code-based, multivariate-based, supersingular elliptic curve schemes, rank-based, consensus algorithms, Fiat-Shamir, Rainbow, McEliece, QC-McEliece, NTRU, CFS, SIDH, qRNG, parameter models (e.g. MOSS), bugs (Hardware, Firmware, & Software)

- **Information Security:** confidentiality, authentication, integrity, secure coding, scanners, viruses, side-channel analysis, speculative execution, constant-time algorithms, gadgets, ROP/JOP, control-flow attacks, remote code execution, DDoS, oracles, [buffer overflows](#), code injections, sniffers, backdoors, cloud, hypervisors, deep web, reconnaissance

- **Networking & Protocols/Algorithms:** topology setup, packet analysis, & testing of Internet protocols across all layers, signal processing, QAM-64, symbol/bit encoding schemes, error-correction, Media Access Control Schemes (e.g., CD-MAC, CA-MAC), ARP, NDP, Spanning Tree Protocol, IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.11x, PPP, Tunneling, VNP, VLANs, QoS, IP (v4/v6), CIDR, RFC 1918, MPLS, Multicast, PIM (sparse, dense), IGMP (v4), MLP (v6), IPsec, NAPT, ICMP/v6, DNS, TLS, TCP, UDP, DIJKSTRA, OSPF, IS-IS, iBGP, eBGP, inter-AS routing, intra-AS routing, switching fabric, SDNs, control plane, data plane, Cloud (I/S/P/B as a Service), containers, microservices, sockets, Network OS (e.g., IOS XR) CLI, packet analysis, platform-agnostic (BSPs) system software

- **Digital & Analog Design:** Combinational & Sequential Circuits, Microarchitecture, FSM, Control Unit, Data-Path, Hierarchical Design, System-level Design, System Memory, FreeRTOS, Raspbian, microcontrollers with ARM cortex, LACP1769, LCPEXpresso, communication protocols (GPIO, UART, CAN, I2C, etc.), device drivers

- **Programming:** **C pointer-based language**, OOP, C++, Java, **Verilog/SystemVerilog** HDLs, RISC (MIPs) and CISC (x86) ISAs, **Python**, Shell Scripting (bash, tcsh, bourne shell), Multithreading, Concurrency, Parallel Processing (with Python Ray), Virtualization, [SEI CERT C Coding Standard](#), low-level code

- **Computer Science:** linear, non-linear, & dynamic [data structures](#) (e.g., trees, forests, and graphs), red-black, m-way trees, hash merkle trees, dynamic programming, complexity theory, space and time algorithmic complexity analysis, hardware analysis (CC count, cell count, critical path delay)

- **Industry Tools:** **Vivado**/ISE, **FGPAs** (Nexsys3, COM-1800, Virtex7), Digilent, **Xcode/gcc/NASM/PyCharm**/Eclipse/Visual Studio/MIPs Assembler/MASM, MATLAB, Pytest, TextFSM, Wireshark, routers (ASR9K, NCSxx), switches, line cards, Spirent/Ixia traffic generators, testbed setup, Jenkins, VMs, OS: MacOS, Windows, UNIX/Linux distros (e.g., Fedora, Debian, Ubuntu, CentOS)

- **Public Learning Tools:** Cisco Dcloud, Amazon VPC, GNS3, IBM Quantum/Qiskit, virtual classrooms

- **Familiar with:** **Rust**, PKCS # 11, Open Source Projects (e.g., OQS), Go, DAPPs in Solidity, [kernel programming](#), kernel modules, platform firmware, ARM TrustZone, EFI, UEFI, Docker & Kubernetes, building a container from scratch, FIPS-140-3 and related ISO standards, HSMs, PIN cracking, Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards (e.g., Crypto Key Blocks), Quantum Algorithms & Protocols (Qiskit & Jupyter Notebook), LinuxBIOS and patching OpenSSL source code (assembly cryptographic code, BN, Envelope Encryption, and API), Homomorphic Encryption (e.g. Fan-Vercauteren, RLWE), Side-channels (e.g., table lookups and modular reductions), ensuring constant time algorithms, NIST PQC 3rd Round Finalist's documentation and implementations in C, zk-Proofs (from QAPs and EC pairings with HE), zk-SNARKs (e.g., Pincocchio & Aurora), zk trusted setup with Multi-Party Computation (e.g., Zcash), Number Theoretic Transforms

KEY FACETS

- Self-starter, likes to benchmark work against state-of-the-art, fast learner, works excellent in group or individual

EDUCATION

- 2025 **Villanova University, Villanova, PA** – top engineering and R2 research University
PhD Computer Engineering
Accepted for Spring 2025 with specialization focus: PQC/FHE/ZKP
- 2024 **De Componendis Cifris, Milano, Italy / Università di Trento, Trento, Italy**
Course Attendance Certificate - [De Cifris Trends in Cryptographic Protocols 2023](#)
Attended and passed exam for Trends23 from Associazione De Componendis Cifris and Università di Trento,
Department of Mathematics. Program consisted of lectures in Security and Composition of Cryptographic Protocols,
Zero-Knowledge Protocols, Sigma protocols, Vector commitments, Fully Homomorphic Encryption,
Threshold Cryptographic Protocols, Private Set Intersection, Hierarchical Key assignment, Protocols for Peer
Rating Systems, and Advanced Cryptography in E-Voting from leading Cryptographers.
- 2021 **University of Buenos Aires (virtual ECI34), Argentina**
Certificate of Achievement - [Quantum Random Number Generators](#).
- 2018 - 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**
M.Sc. Computer Engineering with 3.571 GPA
Double Specialization: Networking Systems & Secure Systems
Thesis: *Reduction-free Multiplication in $GF(2^n)$ Applicable to Modern and PQC schemes*
- 2013 - 2017 **San José State University, San José, CA**
B.Sc. Computer Engineering, Minor Computer Science with 3.362 GPA
Senior Project: *FPGA-based Blockchain Accelerator for Ethereum Proof-of-Work*
- 2010 - 2013 **De Anza College, Cupertino, CA**
A.A. Systems Programming with 3.46 GPA; French & Italian Studies with 4.0 GPA

PUBLICATIONS

- P. He, S. C. Oliva Madrigal, Ç. K. Koç, T. Bao, and J. Xie. SMALL: Scalable Matrix OriginAted Large Integer PoLynomial Multiplication Accelerator for Lattice-based Post-Quantum Cryptography. *International Workshop on Arithmetic of Finite Fields (WAIFI)* Ottawa, Canada, to appear, June 10-12, 2024. [Accepted Papers](#).
- P. He, S. C. Oliva Madrigal, Ç. K. Koç, T. Bao, and J. Xie. CASA: A Compact and Scalable Accelerator for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption. *International Association for Cryptologic Research (IACR) Transactions on Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems*, Volume 2024, No. 2, to appear, 2024., [Publication](#).
- S. C. Oliva Madrigal, G. Saldamlı, C. Li, Y. Geng, T. Jing, Z. Wang, and Ç. K. Koç. 2023. Reduction-free Multiplication for Finite Fields and Polynomial Rings. In *Arithmetic of Finite Fields: 9th International Workshop, WAIFI 2022, Chengdu, China, August 29 September 2, 2022, Revised Selected Papers*. SpringerVerlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, 53–78. [Publication](#).

PRESENTATIONS

- Presented recent work at WAIFI 2024: Scalable Matrix OriginAted Large Integer PoLynomial Multiplication Accelerator for Lattice-based Post-Quantum Cryptography (SMALL). *International Workshop on Arithmetic of Finite Fields (WAIFI)* Ottawa, Canada, to appear, June 10-12, 2024.
- Presented paper on behalf of the authors, previous collaborators: Chen Li, Suwen Song, Jing Tian, Zhongfeng Wang, and Çetin Kaya Koç. An efficient hardware design for fast implementation of HQC. *IEEE 36th International System-on-Chip Conference (SOCC)*, Santa Clara, California, pages 1-6, September 5-8, 2023. [Publication](#).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Active Post-Quantum Cryptography, FHE ([\(bootstrapping \[Lattigo & SystemVerilog\]\)](#)), hardware, embedded
- 2022 ZK-Proofs, SNARKs, Multi-Party Computation, Fully Homomorphic Encryption,
Proofs → Algorithms → Implementation
- 2021 Quantum Computing & qRNG; BaaS: Hyperledger Forks, Quantum-Securing the Blockchain,
Programmable Blockchain SDKs, token-agnostic bartering, & variants
- 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**
NSF Post-Quantum Cryptography Proposal
- 2019 **San José State University, San José, CA**
Modular Multiplication in $GF(2^n)$
- 2016 **San José State University, San José, CA**
Blockchain Industry & Distributed Applications

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - 2024 **Villanova University, Villanova, PA**
Researcher in FHE and PQC (Remote)
- Collaboration with small group of Cryptography and Engineering experts and PhD students
- Focus is optimized arithmetic for FHE and PhD work
- Published in IARC for leading RNS-CKKS work (2024)
- Initial draft for bootstrapping in hardware for RNS-CKKS based on Lattigo library
- Published & presented work for WAIFI 2024 (competitive selection) for optimized arithmetic in Lattice-based PQC with applications to HE (2024)
- 2022 - 2024 **Marvell, Santa Clara, CA**
Senior Engineer, Cryptology
- Applied Cryptography and development work in Post-Quantum Cryptography: algorithm breakdown and analysis and Protocols

- OpenSSL, TLS, FIPS 203, 204, 205, Falcon, Hash-based Signature Schemes (HBS) e.g., HSS & LMS
- underlying mechanism based on Fiat-Shamir paradigm and zero knowledge proofs
- Cryptographic firmware in C; Interfacing with hardware; Software-Hardware Co-Design mapping in Verilog/SystemVerilog and interfacing and mapping for cryptographic core(s) and microcode mapping
- lead cryptographer and developer for PQC; trained and collaborated with two teams
- Platform-agnostic proof of concept solution for acceleration with software-hardware co-design
- vast span across cryptographic engineering work: algorithm assessment and recommendations, cryptographic software, firmware, hardware, research, prototyping, library patching, software requirements specifications, design documents, product mapping, production level development, benchmarking, gtest, unit testing, scripting, end-to-end testing, algorithm optimizations

2021 - 2022

Startup

Research Scientist for architecture and development of quantum-secure cryptographic protocols for p2p application.

Fall 2019

San José State University, San José, CA

Instructional Student Assistant for graduate course in Cryptography and Network Security.

- Course covered Galois Field Arithmetic, Public-key & Symmetric-key Cryptosystems, Digital Signatures, Authentication, Kerberos, PKIs, Certificates, and L5/3 Security Protocols.
- [Prepared review notes for students](#) and graded homework assignments, quizzes, and exams.

2017 - 2018

Cisco Systems, Inc., Milpitas, CA

Software Engineer for feature testing and automation of next-generation Service Provider.

- Automated testing of network operating system protocols on different router platforms.
- Unit testing, code review, bug resolution with developers, regression testing, and mentored a remote colleague.
- Technology Stack: Routers, Switches, Traffic Generators, Testbed setup, VMs, GitHub, Jenkins, Linux, Python, and Shell Scripting.

RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- 2022 [Fundamental Zero-Knowledge Protocols with RSA, Schnorr, and discrete log zk-SNARK](#)
- 2022 [Partially Homomorphic Encryption with RSA](#)
- 2021 [AES Software Implementation in C based on FIPS-197](#)
- 2021 [KECCAK Software Implementation in C based on FIPS-202](#)
- 2021 [RSA Software Implementation in C using OpenSSL BN data structure](#)
- 2021 [RSA Software Implementation in C using OpenSSL Envelope Encryption API](#)
- 2021 [GF\(2ⁿ\) Multiplication in x86 NASM assembly \(32/64-bit\)](#)
- 2019 [\(Group\) Steganography Python Application with TLS \(OpenSSL, virtual datastore, & sockets\)](#)
- 2019 [Public-Key Infrastructure Application using x.509 certificates](#)
- 2019 [Index-Calculus Research Project](#)
- 2016 [\(Team\) Hardware Implementation of KECCAK based on FIPS-202](#)
- 2016 [AES Hardware Implementation in SystemVerilog based on FIPS-197](#)
- 2015 [\(Team\) 32-bit Pipelined MIPS Processor \(Verilog\)](#)
- 2014 [Crypto Workhorse: Block-Cipher Study with Focus on AES and DES](#)

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2024 Marvell Recognition: 7 awards from post-quantum cryptography development team members, including technical leader and director.
- 2023 Marvell CEO - Game Changer Engineer Award for contributions to Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC)
- 2023 Marvell VP Award for PQC
- 2022 Director & Team Recognition for rigor and innovation in PQC
- 2019 Best Homework for graduate course in network programming and applications
- 2017 Cisco You Inspire 2 Award - Energetic engineer who takes up lab activities
- 2017 Dean's Scholar - 55th annual Honor's Convocation for GPA of 3.64+ for 2+ contiguous semesters

LANGUAGES

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Native: English, Spanish; Full professional working: Italian; Professional working: French; Beginner: Russian, Portuguese

ACTIVITIES

- IACR [Crypto 2020](#) & [2021](#) and [PKC 2022](#) Conferences, [EITCI](#), Volunteering at [St. Lucy Catholic Parish](#)
- Running & Reading & Karaoke & Foreign Languages
- [FHE research with academic group since July 2022 \(hardware focused\)](#) and [published work on leading cryptographic journal](#)
- [Participated in De Cifris Trends in Cryptographic Protocols 2023](#)