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RESEARCH INTERESTS
Cryptography, Blockchain and Distributed Algorithms

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Ph.D. candidate, Computer Science, August 2019 - May 2024 (expected)
- Advisor: Ling Ren

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India
B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering, 2014 - 2018
- Dissertation: "Scaling Smart Contracts in Permissionless Blockchain"
- Advisor: Vinay Ribeiro

HONORS AND AWARDS
- Mavis Future Faculty Fellowship, UIUC, 2022-23.
- Young Researcher to the Heidelberg Laureate Forum, 2022.
- 2022 Chainlink Labs PhD fellowship.
- 2022 Meta (Facebook) PhD fellowship finalist.
- Best paper runner's up at ACM CCS 2021.
- Suresh Chandra Memorial Award for Best IITD-CSE B.Tech. Project, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Novi Research, Menlo Park, CA, USA. Summer Research Intern.	May 2022 - Aug 2022
Visa Research, Palo Alto, CA, USA. Summer Research Intern.	May 2021 - Aug 2021
IIT Bombay, India. Research Assistant.	Feb 2019 - July 2019
National University of Singapore, Singapore. Research Intern.	June 2018 - Jan 2019
Qualcomm Bangalore, India. Interim Software Developer.	May 2017 - July 2017
Loughborough University, UK. Visiting Research Student,	May 2016 - July 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE
Teaching Assistant, **Fault-Tolerant Distributed Algorithms, UIUC** Jan 2022 - May 2022

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
* Denotes alphabetical ordering.

Sourav Das, Zhuolun Xiang, Lefteris Kokoris-Kogias, and Ling Ren. *Practical Asynchronous High-threshold Distributed Key Generation and Distributed Polynomial Sampling*, In submission and eprint, 2022

Christoph U. Günther, Sourav Das, and Lefteris Kokoris-Kogias. *Practical Asynchronous Proactive Secret Sharing and Key-refresh*, eprint, 2022

*Saikrishna Badrinarayanan, Sourav Das, Gayathri Garimella, Srinivasan Raghuraman, Peter Rindal. *Secret-Shared Joins with Multiplicity from Aggregation Trees*, **ACM CCS** 2022

*Nicolas Alhaddad, Sourav Das, Sisi Duan, Ling Ren, Mayank Varia, Zhuolun Xiang, Haibin Zhang.

Brief Announcement: Asynchronous Verifiable Information Dispersal with Near-Optimal Communication, Brief Announcement at **ACM PODC** 2022.

*Nicolas Alhaddad, Sourav Das, Sisi Duan, Ling Ren, Mayank Varia, Zhuolun Xiang, Haibin Zhang. *Balanced Byzantine Reliable Broadcast with Near-Optimal Communication and Improved Computation*, **ACM PODC** 2022.

Sourav Das, Thomas Yurek, Zhuolun Xiang, Andrew Miller, Lefteris Kokoris-Kogias, and Ling Ren. *Practical Asynchronous Distributed Key Generation*, **IEEE S&P** 2022.

Sourav Das, Vinith Krishnan, Irene Miriam Isaac, and Ling Ren. *SPURT: Scalable Distributed Randomness Beacon with Transparent Setup.* **IEEE S&P** 2022.

Sourav Das, Nitin Awathare, Ling Ren, Vinay Joseph Ribeiro, and Umesh Bellur. *Tuxedo: Maximizing Smart Contract computation in PoW Blockchains.* ACM **SIGMETRICS** 2022.

Sourav Das, Zhuolun Xiang, and Ling Ren. *Asynchronous Data Dissemination and its Applications.* Proceedings of the 2021 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (**CCS**), November 2021, **Best paper runners up!**

Nitin Awathare, Sourav Das, Vinay Joseph Ribeiro, and Umesh Bellur. *Renoir: Accelerating Block Validation in Blockchains using State Caching.* In proceedings of 12th ACM/SPEC International Conference on Performance Engineering (**ICPE**), April 2021.

Sourav Das, Vinay J. Ribeiro, Abhijeet Anand. YODA: *Enabling computationally intensive contracts on blockchains with Byzantine and Selfish nodes.* In the Proceedings of the 30th Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (**NDSS**), Feb 2019.

Selected Pre-prints

Sourav Das, Vinith Krishnan, and Ling Ren. *Efficient Cross-Shard Transaction Execution in Sharded Blockchains.* arXiv preprint arXiv:2007.14521, 2020.

Professional Services

External-reviewer

- 2023: IEEE S&P
- 2022: Financial Cryptography, STOC, CCS, PODC, ICDCS
- 2021: Financial Cryptography, ASIACRYPT, ICDCS
- 2020: CCS, STOC, Stanford Blockchain Conference
- 2019: ASIACRYPT

Relevant Courses.

- **Online:** Lattices, LWE, and Post-Quantum Cryptography (CS 294-168, MIT and UCB);
- **UIUC:** Randomized Algorithms, Pseudorandomness, Quantum Information Processing; Applied Cryptography; Random Processes; Computational Complexity; Special Topics in Cryptography; Secure Processor Design;
- **IIT Delhi:** Advanced Computer Networks, Coding in Distributed System, Compiler Design, Numerical Algorithms, Internet of Things, Machine Learning.

Relevant Computer Skills

- **Languages [Advanced]:** Go, C++, Python
- **Tools:** Microsoft-SEAL, TFHE, OMNeT++, NS3, MPI, OpenMP.