

# Yuzhe Tang

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## Academic Appointments

2022 - Associate Professor, Department of EECS, Syracuse University  
2014 - 2022 Assistant Professor, Department of EECS, Syracuse University

## Education

Ph.D. *Georgia Institute of Technology* (Atlanta, GA USA), 2009-2014  
M.Sc. *Fudan University* (Shanghai, China), 2006-2009  
B.Sc. *Fudan University* (Shanghai, China), 2002-2006

## Research Interests

Broadly interested in cyber-security, systems, software engineering, and system measurement. His cyber-security research covers vulnerability discovery, attack detection, attack mitigation, and measurement of deployed systems.

Current research focuses on blockchain security, blockchain systems, blockchain applications, and blockchain education. He has worked on confidential computing, trusted execution environments, and cloud security.

## Research Funds

- Summary: Grants awarded 11, total amount (Tang's share): \$1.81M

2023-2026	CNS Core: Small: One Size doesn't Fit All: Workload-Aware Cost Optimization for Decentralized Applications on Blockchains Yuzhe Tang (Single PI), \$498,624 National Science Foundation (NSF)
2022-2023	DoS-secure transaction propagation on Ethereum: Exploit generation and attack detection Yuzhe Tang (Single PI), \$84,392 Ethereum Foundation
2021-2024	Collaborative Research: SaTC: EDU: Developing Instructional Laboratories for Blockchain Security Applications, Yuzhe Tang (PI), Jing Lei, Farzana Rahman, Hongmei Chi. Total: \$399,995, PI Tang's portion: \$340,000 National Science Foundation (NSF)
2018-2021	SaTC: Small: External Obliviousness in Trusted Execution Environments Yuzhe Tang (Single PI), \$496,999 + \$16,000 National Science Foundation (NSF)
2019-2020	Planning IUCRC Syracuse University: Center for High-Assurance Secure Systems and IoT (CHASSI) Shui-Kai Chin, Yuzhe Tang (Co-PI), \$15,000 National Science Foundation (NSF)
2018-2020	SGX-based Key-Management Applications in the Cloud Yuzhe Tang (Single PI), \$9,996 Intel Gift
2017-2018	Cryptographic Engineering on Modern Trusted Platforms Yuzhe Tang (PI), Wenliang Du, \$300,000 National Security Agency (NSA)
2017-2017	Secure Multi-Party Databases by Oblivious Query Translation and Execution Yuzhe Tang (PI), \$13,200 Air Force Research Lab Visiting Faculty Research Program
2015-2016	Optimizing Privacy-Preserving Analytics in Information Networks Yuzhe Tang (PI), \$69,861 Cyber Research Institute (CRI)

## Internal Grants

2021-2023	Workload-Adaptive Designs for Cost-Effective Decentralized Applications on Blockchains Yuzhe Tang (Single PI), \$21,000, CUSE Grant (Syracuse University Internal Grant)
2018-2020	On-Campus Blockchain Applications for Education and Beyond Wenliang Du (PI), Yuzhe Tang (Co-PI), \$30,000 CUSE Grant (Syracuse University Internal Grant)
2018-2020	Efficient Algorithms for Secure, Large-Scale Graph Mining Yuzhe Tang (PI), Sucheta Soundarajan (Co-PI), \$30,000 CUSE Grant (Syracuse University Internal Grant)

## Publications

- Underline indicates students advised by Dr. Yuzhe Tang

<b>CCS 21</b>	<i>DETER: Denial of Ethereum's Txpool-based services</i> <u>Kai Li</u> , <u>Yibo Wang</u> , Yuzhe Tang ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2021
<b>IMC 21</b>	<i>TopoShot: Uncovering Ethereum's Network Topology Leveraging Replacement Transactions</i> <u>Kai Li</u> , Yuzhe Tang, <u>Jiaqi Chen</u> , <u>Yibo Wang</u> , <u>Xianghong Liu</u> ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC) 2021 Acceptance rate=28%
<b>NDSS 21</b>	<i>As Strong As Its Weakest Link: How to Break Blockchain DApps at RPC Service</i> <u>Kai Li</u> , <u>Jiaqi Chen</u> , <u>Xianghong Liu</u> , Yuzhe Tang, XiaoFeng Wang, Xiapu Luo The Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS) 2021 Acceptance rate=15.2%
<b>FSE 21</b>	<i>iBatch: Saving Ethereum Fees via Secure and Cost-Effective Batching of Smart-Contract Invocations</i> <u>Yibo Wang</u> , <u>Qi Zhang</u> , <u>Kai Li</u> , Yuzhe Tang, <u>Jiaqi Chen</u> , Xiapu Luo, Ting Chen ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2021 Acceptance rate=24.5%
Middleware 21i	<i>Authenticated Key-Value Stores with Hardware Enclaves</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Kai Li</u> , Qi Zhang, Jianliang Xu, <u>Ju Chen</u> ACM/IFIP Middleware 2021 (Industrial track)
ToNSE 21	<i>VFChain: Enabling Verifiable and Auditable Federated Learning via Blockchain Systems</i> Zhe Peng, Jianliang Xu, Xiaowen Chu, Shang Gao, Yuan Yao, Rong Gu, Yuzhe Tang IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (ToNSE) 2021
<b>Middleware 20</b>	<i>Cost-Effective Data Feeds to Blockchains via Workload-Adaptive Data Replication</i> <u>Kai Li</u> , Yuzhe Tang, <u>Jiaqi Chen</u> , <u>Zhehu Yuan</u> , <u>Cheng Xu</u> , Jianliang Xu ACM/IFIP Middleware conference 2020 Acceptance rate=25.2%
SERIAL 20	<i>Scalable Log Auditing on Private Blockchains via Lightweight Log-Fork Prevention</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Kai Li</u> , <u>Yibo Wang</u> , <u>Sencer Burak Somuncuoglu</u> Workshop on Scalable and Resilient Infrastructures for Distributed Ledgers 2020, co-located with ACM/IFIP Middleware conference 2020
<b>ICDE 19</b>	<i>GEM<sup>2</sup>-Tree: A Gas-Efficient Structure for Authenticated Range Queries in Blockchain</i> Ce Zhang, Cheng Xu, Jianliang Xu, Yuzhe Tang, Byron Choi IEEE 36th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE) 2020 Acceptance rate=26.8%
SComm 19	<i>Secure Consistency Verification for Untrusted Cloud Storage by Public Blockchains</i> <u>Kai Li</u> , Yuzhe Tang, Beom Heyn Kim, Jianliang Xu SecureComm 2019
SComm 19	<i>Authenticated LSM Trees with Minimal Trust</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Ju Chen</u> , <u>Kai Li</u> SecureComm 2019 (Short paper)
CISSE 19	<i>Hands-on Labs for Secure Programming on Modern Trusted Platforms</i> Yuzhe Tang, Wenliang Du The Colloquium For Information Systems Security Education, 2019
ASONAM 19p	<i>Computing Node Clustering Coefficients Securely</i> K. Areekijseeree, Yuzhe Tang, Sucheta Soundarajan IEEE ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM), 2019 (Poster paper)
SComm 18	<i>Secure and Efficient Multi-Party Directory Publication for Privacy-Preserving Data Sharing</i> <u>K. Areekijseeree</u> , <u>Ju Chen</u> , Yuzhe Tang, Shuang Wang, Arun Iyengar and B. Palanisamy SecureComm 2018, Acceptance rate=30.6%
Cloud 18	<i>ChainFS: Blockchain-Secured Cloud Storage</i>

	Qiwu Zou, Yuzhe Tang, <u>Ju Chen</u> , <u>Kai Li</u> , Charles Kamoua, Kevin Kwiat, Laurent Njilla IEEE Cloud 2018, Acceptance rate=20%
Cloud 18	Pinchao Liu, Liting Hu, Hailu Xu, Zhiyuan Shi, Jason Liu, Qingyang Wang, Jai Dayal and Yuzhe Tang <i>A Toolset for Detecting Containerized Application's Dependencies in CaaS Clouds</i> IEEE Cloud 2018, Acceptance rate=20%
Cloud 18	Hailu Xu, Liting Hu, Pinchao Liu, Yao Xiao, Wentao Wang, Jai Dayal, Qingyang Wang and Yuzhe Tang <i>Oases: An Online Scalable Spam Detection System for Social Networks</i> IEEE Cloud 2018, Acceptance rate=20%
FC 18w	<i>Lightweight Blockchain Logging for Data-Intensive Applications</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Zihao Xing</u> , <u>Cheng Xu</u> , <u>Ju Chen</u> , Jianliang Xu The Workshop of Trusted Smart Contract at the International Conference of Financial Cryptography 2018
VT 18	<i>Non-interactive Identity-based Underwater data transmission with Anonymity and Zero-knowledge</i> Changsheng Wan, Vir V Phoha, Yuzhe Tang, Aiqun Hu IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology 2017
CIC 17	<i>PADS: Privacy-preserving Auction Design for Allocating Dynamically Priced Cloud Resources</i> Jinlai Xu, Balaji Palanisamy, Yuzhe Tang, SD Madhu Kumar IEEE CIC 2017
SOSP 17w	<i>Strongly Secure and Efficient Data Shuffle on Hardware Enclaves</i> <u>Ju Chen</u> , Yuzhe Tang, Hao Zhou The Workshop of Systems Software for Trusted Execution (SysTEX) at ACM SOSP 2017
ICDCS 17p	<i>Towards Secure Public Directory for Privacy-Preserving Data Sharing</i> <u>Amin Fallahi</u> , Xi Liu, Yuzhe Tang, Shuang Wang, Rui Zhang IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems, Poster
ICDCS 17w	<i>Social-Aware Decentralization for Efficient and Secure Multi-Party Computation</i> Yuzhe Tang, Sucheta Soundarajan The Workshop of Big-Data Privacy and Security at IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems
BMC 16	<i>Secure Multi-party Computation Grid LOGistic REGression (SMAC-GLORE)</i> Haoyi Shi, Chao Jiang, Wenrui Dai, Xiaoqian Jiang, Yuzhe Tang, Lucila Ohno-Machado and Shuang Wang BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making <a href="#">[open access]</a>
SecDev 16	<i>Towards Building Practical And Secure Multi-Party Databases</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Wenqing Zhuang</u> IEEE Cyber-security Development Conference 2016 (Abstract)
<b>Bioinformatics 16</b>	<i>HEALER: Homomorphic computation of ExAct Logistic rEGRes-sion for secure rare disease variants analysis in GWAS</i> Shuang Wang, Y. Zhang, W. Dai, K. Lauter, M. Kim, Yuzhe Tang, X. Jiang Oxford Journals Bioinformatics, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btv563
BMC 15	<i>Privacy-preserving GWAS analysis on federated genomic datasets</i> <u>Scott D Constable</u> , Yuzhe Tang, Shuang Wang, Xiaoqian Jiang, Steve Chapin BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making 2015, <a href="#">[Open access]</a>
<b>TKDE 15</b>	<i>Privacy-Preserving Multi-Keyword Search in Information Networks</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ling Liu IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng. 27(9): 2424-2437 (2015)
CCGrid 15	<i>Deferred Lightweight Indexing for Log-Structured Key-Value Stores</i> Yuzhe Tang, Arun Iyengar, Wei Tan, Liana Fong, Ling Liu, Balaji Palanisamy IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing 2015: 11-20 <b>Best Paper Award</b>
HPBDC 15	<i>KTV Tree: Interactive Top-K Aggregation on Large Dataset in Cloud</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ling Liu, Junichi Tatemura, Hakan Hacigumus IEEE International Conference of Distributed Computing Systems Workshops 2015: 136-141
HotCloud 15	<i>Privacy-Preserving Offloading of Mobile App to the Public Cloud</i> Yue Duan, Mu Zhang, Heng Yin, Yuzhe Tang USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Cloud Computing 2015 Acceptance rate=32.8%
TBC 15	<i>Secure Multi-party Computation on Grid Logistic Regression</i> Haoyi Shi, Shuang Wang, Wenrui Dai, Yuzhe Tang, Xiaoqian Jiang, Lucila Ohno-Machado Annual Translational Bioinformatics Conference 2015
<b>ACSAC 14</b>	<i>Lightweight Authentication of Freshness in Outsourced Key-Value Stores</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ling Liu, Xin Hu, Jiyong Jang USENIX/ACM Annual Computer Security Applications Conference 2014: 176-185 Acceptance rate=19.9%
<b>ICDCS 14</b>	<i>e-PPI: Locator Service in Information Networks with Personalized Privacy Preservation</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ling Liu, Arun Iyengar

	IEEE International Conference of Distributed Computing Systems 2014: 186-197 Acceptance rate=13%
<b>EDBT 14</b>	<i>Diff-Index: Differentiated Index in Distributed Log-Structured Data Stores</i> Wei Tan, Sandeep Tata, Yuzhe Tang, Liana Fong International Conference on Extending Database Technology 2014: 700-711 Acceptance rate=20%
JDPD 14	<i>Anonymizing Continuous Queries with Delay-tolerant Mix-zones on Road Networks</i> Balaji Palanisamy, Ling Liu, Kisung Lee, Shicong Meng, Yuzhe Tang International Journal of Distributed and Parallel Databases 32(1): 91-118 (2014)
ICDE 14d	<i>Outsourcing multi-version key-value stores with verifiable data freshness</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ling Liu, Ting Wang, Xin Hu, Reiner Sailer, Peter Pietzuch IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering 2014: 1214-1217 (Demo paper)
<b>TPDS 13</b>	<i>Auto-pipelining for Data Stream Processing</i> Yuzhe Tang, Bugra Gedik IEEE Trans. Parallel Distrib. Syst. 24(12): 2344-2354 (2013)
Cloud 13	<i>Residency Aware Inter-VM Communication in Virtualized Cloud: Performance Measurement and Analysis</i> Qi Zhang, Ling Liu, Yi Ren, Kisung Lee, Yuzhe Tang, Xu Zhao, Yang Zhou IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing 2013: 204-211
Cloud 13	<i>Efficient and Customizable Data Partitioning Framework for Distributed Big RDF Data Processing in the Cloud</i> Kisung Lee, Ling Liu, Yuzhe Tang, Qi Zhang, Yang Zhou IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing 2013: 327-334
MSN 12	<i>Location Privacy with Road Network Mix-Zones</i> Balaji Palanisamy, Ling Liu, Kisung Lee, Shicong Meng, Yuzhe Tang IEEE International Conference on Mobile Ad-hoc and Sensor Networks 2012: 124-131
Cloud 12	<i>Reliable State Monitoring in Cloud Data Centers</i> Shicong Meng, Arun Iyengar, I. Rouvellou, Ling Liu, Kisung Lee, Balaji Palanisamy, Yuzhe Tang IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing 2012: 951-958
	<b>Best Paper Award</b>
<b>CIKM 11</b>	<i>Privacy Preserving Indexing for eHealth Information Networks</i> Yuzhe Tang, Ting Wang, Ling Liu, Shicong Meng, Balaji Palanisamy Conference on Information and Knowledge Management 2011: 905-914 Acceptance rate=15% (Full paper)
<b>TPDS 11</b>	<i>A Lightweight Multi-dimensional Index for Complex Queries over DHTs</i> Yuzhe Tang, Jianliang Xu, Shuigeng Zhou, Wang-Chien Lee, Dingxiong Deng, Yue Wang IEEE Trans. Parallel Distrib. Syst. 22(12): 2046-2054 (2011)
<b>TKDE 10</b>	<i>LIGHT: A Query-Efficient yet Low-Maintenance Indexing Scheme over DHTs</i> Yuzhe Tang, Shuigeng Zhou, Jianliang Xu IEEE Trans. Knowl. Data Eng. 22(1): 59-75 (2010)
<b>ICDCS 09</b>	<i>m-LIGHT: Indexing Multi-Dimensional Data over DHTs</i> Yuzhe Tang, Jianliang Xu, Shuigeng Zhou, Wang-Chien Lee IEEE International Conference of Distributed Computing Systems 2009: 191-198 Acceptance rate=16%
<b>ICDCS 08</b>	<i>LHT: A Low-Maintenance Indexing Scheme over DHTs</i> Yuzhe Tang, Shuigeng Zhou IEEE International Conference of Distributed Computing Systems 2008: 141-151
In submission	<i>Towards Saving Blockchain Fees via Secure and Cost-Effective Batching of Smart-Contract Invocations</i> <u>Yibo Wang, Kai Li, Yuzhe Tang, Jiaqi Chen, Qi Zhang, Xiapu Luo, Ting Chen</u> In submission to TSE (IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering)
In submission	<i>Efficiently Hardening SGX Enclaves against Side Channels via Dynamic Program Partitioning</i> Yuzhe Tang, <u>Kai Li, Jiaqi Chen, Yibo Wang, Cheng Xu</u> In submission to ICSE 2022
In submission	<i>AEEP: Automated Enclave EVM Partition</i> Xi Xiao, Hanqi Zhang, Wentao Xiao, Xiapu Luo, Yuzhe Tang, Xingjun Wang In submission to ICSE 2022

## Patents

2015	Adaptive Auto-pipelining in Stream Processing Applications Bugra Gedik, Scott A. Schneider, Yuzhe Tang, Kun-lung Wu US patent granted (US9098350B2)
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## Teaching

Fall 2021	CIS629/FIN629, <i>Blockchain Foundation and Applications</i>
Fall 2020	CIS600/FIN600, <i>Cryptocurrencies and Blockchains</i>
Fall 2019	CIS600/FIN600, <i>Cryptocurrencies and Blockchains</i> CIS628/CIS428, <i>Introduction to Applied Cryptography</i>
Spring 2019	CSE384, <i>System Programming</i>
Fall 2018	CIS600/FIN600, <i>Blockchain and Cryptocurrency</i>
Spring 2018	CIS300, <i>Introduction to System Programming</i>
Fall 2017	CIS700, <i>Modern Information Security and Privacy</i>
Spring 2017	CIS/CSE600, <i>Applied Cryptography</i> CIS655/CSE661, <i>Advanced Computer Architecture</i> CIS423, <i>System Programming</i>
Spring 2016	CIS700/CSE791, <i>Big-Data and Cloud Security</i> , website: <a href="#">[link]</a>
Fall 2015	CIS655/CSE661, <i>Advanced Computer Architecture</i> , website: <a href="#">[link]</a>
Spring 2015	CIS700/CSE791, <i>Distributed Systems in Cloud</i> , website: <a href="#">[link]</a>
Fall 2014	CIS655/CSE661, <i>Advanced Computer Architecture</i> (180 students)

## Advising

### Ph.D. students

- Yibo Wang: *FSE'21* (1st author), *IMC'21* (co-author)
- Jiaqi Chen: *NDSS'21*, *IMC'21*, *FSE'21*, *Middleware'20* (co-author)
- Xianghong Liu: *NDSS'21*, *IMC'21* (co-author)
- Yuxuan Zhou
- Wanning Ding

### Undergraduate students (REU)

- Eniola Mosaku, Jack Willis, Nicholas Sweet, Mingyan Zhang

### Alumni

- Dr. Kai Li, Tenure-track Assistant Professor in CS dept. at San Diego State Univ. (joining Fall 2022).
  - Papers (during Ph.D.): *CCS'21* (1st author), *IMC'21* (1st author), *NDSS'21* (1st author), *Middleware'20* (1st author).
  - Internships: IBM Research '20, Amazon '21
  - Award: NortonLife Ph.D. fellowship finalist '22
- M.Sc.: Vinutha Karanth (Microsoft), Sencer Burak Somuncuoglu (Chainalysis), Kang Lou, Katchaguy Areekijseree (PhD at Syracuse Univ.), Hari Krishna Gajarla (Bloomberg)
- B.Sc. (including REU): Zhehu Yuan (Ph.D. at NYU), Qiwu Zou (Cornell Univ.), Congcong Xie (NYU, then Oracle), Adam Piekarski, Jeong Bin Oh (A database startup), Sharell Scott (Google)
- Visiting scholar: Cheng Xu (Postdoc at Simon Fraser Univ.)

## Professional Services

Program chair	Great Lake Security Day (GLSD 20/18) The International Workshop of Blockchain and Data Management (BlockDM) 21/20/19 (co-located with ICDE)
Program committee	WWW (21/20), ICDCS (20/17/15), IPDPS 18, ICICS (22/21), IEEE Cloud 15, PAIS (16/15) TOCS 17, TKDE (17/16/15), TSC (21/17/16/15), IEEE Computing 17, TWeb 15, TCSVT 14

## Internship Experience

05/2013-08/2013	IBM Research (T.J. Watson Lab) at Yorktown Heights, NY USA
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05/2011-08/2011	IBM Research (T.J. Watson Lab) at Hawthorn, NY USA
05/2010-08/2010	NEC Labs America at Cupertino, CA USA
01/2009-06/2009	Microsoft Research Asia at Beijing, China
01/2006-04/2006	IBM Corp. at Shanghai, China

## Honors and Awards

- Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) Visiting Faculty Research Award, 2017
- Best paper award, 15th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing, 2015
- Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad, 2012
- Best paper award, 5th International Conference on Cloud Computing, 2012
- Outstanding Master Thesis of Shanghai, Shanghai Government, 2010



- Tung's Oriental Scholarship, Tung's Oriental, 2008
- HP Distinguished Chinese Student Scholarship, Hewlett-Packard, 2008
- ICDCS Student Travel Grant, TCDP (IEEE Computer Society), 2008
- Graduate Student Fellowship of Fudan University, 2007-2008 (2 times)
- Outstanding Graduated Student of Fudan University, 2006
- Excellence Award, Tencent Innovation Contest, 2006
- The Peoples Scholarship of Fudan University, 2002-2006 (4 times)
- Chinese Physics Olympiads, First Prize in Hunan Province, 2001

## Invited Talks

### *Research talks*

- Blockchain communication security and efficiency
  - Ohio State University ('21), University of Louisiana at Lafayette ('21)
- DETER: Denial of Ethereum Txpool Service
  - Consensus day '21
- Lightweight Data Authentication in Outsourced Key-Value Stores
  - Cornell University ('17), Xi'an Jiao Tong University ('17), Fudan University ('16), Louisiana State University ('14)
- Searching HIE with Differentiated Privacy Preservation
  - HealthTech '14, colocated with USENIX Security, San Diego, CA
- Scalable and secure cloud service in big data systems
  - University of Delaware ('14), North Kentucky University ('14), NEC Lab ('14), IBM Research ('14), Missouri University of Science and Technology

### *Panel*

- Blockchain Database, VLDB '21 panel [\[link\]](#).

### *Lectures to the general public*

- Public lecture: "Get Your Head In The Clouds! Cloud Computing: Risks and Rewards"
  - TACNY Junior Cafe Scientifique, Museum of Science & Technology, Syracuse ('17)
  - NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Jr. Science Camp. hosting Grades 7 - 12 in Syracuse City School District ('17)
- Public lecture: "Blockchain: Applications, Security Promises and Internals"
  - CSIAC ('17), Syracuse University Alumni Event ('21)