# **WANXIN LI**

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#### **EDUCATION**

## **University of Delaware**

Newark, DE, USA

• Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering

9/2018 - 5/2022

- Dissertation: Frontiers in Blockchain for Secure Information Sharing in Next Generation Transportation Systems
- Advisor: Dr. Mark Nejad
- GPA: 4.0
- M.S. in Computer Science

9/2015 - 5/2017

## **Chongqing University**

Chongqing, China

• B.S. in Computer Science

9/2011 - 6/2015

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Security and privacy in blockchain, and blockchain-inspired applications such as connected and autonomous vehicular networks, electronic health records and federated learning.

## **PUBLICATIONS** (citations: 177, h-index: 6)

# **Peer-reviewed Journal Papers** (Corresponding author is marked with \*)

J1. ZK-BFT: A Zero-knowledge and Byzantine Fault Tolerant Consensus for Permissioned Blockchain Networks W. Li, C. Meese, M. Nejad and H. Guo

IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management. (impact factor: 4.2) - under review

- J2. Aggregated Zero-knowledge Proof and Blockchain-Empowered Authentication for Autonomous Truck Platooning
  - W. Li, C. Meese, H. Guo and M. Nejad
  - IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems. (impact factor: 6.3) under review
- J3. A Hybrid Blockchain-Edge Architecture for Electronic Health Record Management with Attribute-based Cryptographic Mechanisms
  - H. Guo, W. Li\*, M. Nejad and C. Shen
  - IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management. (impact factor: 4.2) accepted with revisions
- J4. Traffic Prediction using Artificial Intelligence: Review of Recent Advances and Emerging Opportunities M. Shaygan, C. Meese, **W. Li**, X. Zhao and M. Nejad
  - Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies. (impact factor: 8.1) accepted with revisions
- J5. A Hierarchical and Location-aware Consensus Protocol for IoT-Blockchain Applications
  - H. Guo, W. Li\* and M. Nejad
  - *IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management, 2022. (impact factor: 4.2)*
  - DOI: 10.1109/TNSM.2022.3176607

J6. Proof-of-Event Recording System for Autonomous Vehicles: A Blockchain-based Solution

H. Guo, W. Li, M. Nejad and C. Shen

IEEE Access, Vol. 8, pp. 182776-182786, 2020. (impact factor: 3.4)

DOI: 10.1109/ACCESS.2020.3029512

J7. Privacy-Preserving Traffic Management: A Blockchain and Zero-Knowledge Proof Inspired Approach

W. Li, H. Guo, M. Nejad and C. Shen

IEEE Access, Vol. 8, pp. 181733-181743, 2020. (impact factor: 3.4)

DOI: 10.1109/ACCESS.2020.3028189

#### **Peer-reviewed Conference Papers**

C1. BFRT: Blockchained Federated Learning for Real-time Traffic Flow Prediction

C. Meese, H. Chen, S. Asif, W. Li, C. Shen and M. Nejad

IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing (CCGrid 2022), Taormina, Italy, May 16-19, 2022.

C2. A Location-based and Hierarchical Framework for Fast Consensus in Blockchain Networks

H. Guo, W. Li and M. Nejad

IEEE International Conference on Hot Information-Centric Networking (HotICN 2021), Nanjing, China, November 25-27, 2021.

DOI: 10.1109/HotICN53262.2021.9680858

C3. P-CFT: A Privacy-preserving and Crash Fault Tolerant Consensus Algorithm for Permissioned Blockchains W. Li, C. Meese, M. Nejad and H. Guo

IEEE International Conference on Hot Information-Centric Networking (HotICN 2021), Nanjing, China, November 25-27, 2021.

DOI: 10.1109/HotICN53262.2021.9680829

C4. Location-aware Verification for Autonomous Truck Platooning Based on Blockchain and Zero-knowledge Proof

W. Li, C. Meese, Z. Zhong, H. Guo and M. Nejad

*IEEE International Conference on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (ICBC 2021), Sydney, Australia, May 3-6, 2021. (acceptance rate: 18%)* 

DOI: 10.1109/ICBC51069.2021.9461116

C5. Blockchain-enabled Identity Verification for Safe Ridesharing Leveraging Zero-Knowledge Proof

W. Li, C. Meese, H. Hao and M. Nejad

IEEE International Conference on Hot Information-Centric Networking (HotICN 2020), Hefei, China, December 12-14, 2020.

DOI: 10.1109/HotICN50779.2020.9350858

C6. Attribute-based Multi-Signature and Encryption for EHR Management: A Blockchain-based Solution H. Guo, W. Li, E. Meamari, M. Nejad and C. Shen

*IEEE International Conference on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (ICBC 2020), Toronto, Canada, May 2-6, 2020. (acceptance rate: 21%)* 

DOI: 10.1109/ICBC48266.2020.9169395

C7. Access Control for Electronic Health Records with Hybrid Blockchain-Edge Architecture

H. Guo, W. Li, M. Nejad and C. Shen

IEEE International Conference on Blockchain (Blockchain 2019), Atlanta, USA, July 14-17, 2019. (acceptance rate: 15%)

DOI: 10.1109/Blockchain.2019.00015

C8. A Blockchain-based Architecture for Traffic Signal Control Systems

W. Li, M. Nejad and R. Zhang

IEEE International Congress on Internet of Things (ICIOT 2019), Milano, Italy, July 8-13, 2019. (accep-

tance rate: 26%)

DOI: 10.1109/ICIOT.2019.00018

#### **Technical Reports**

T1. Snow Plow Route Optimization in Delaware

M. Li, A. Faghri, D. Yuan, W. Li and Q. Li

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Rpt. DCT-269, 110 pp, April 2018.

# **Manuscripts in Preparation**

M1. Blockchain-enabled Bidirectional and Privacy-preserving Authentication for Safe Ridesharing W. Li, C. Meese, M. Nejad, Z. Zhong and H. Guo IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management. (impact factor: 4.2)

M2. A Bi-level Blockchain-based Federated Learning Architecture for Traffic Prediction H. Guo, C. Meese, W. Li\*, H. Chen, M. Nejad, C. Shen *IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing. (impact factor: 7.3)* 

M3. BFRT: Blockchained Federated Learning for Real-time Traffic Flow Prediction (Extension Study) C. Meese, H. Chen, W. Li, S. Asif, C. Shen and M. Nejad *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems. (impact factor: 6.5)* 

## PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

- P1. Frontiers in Blockchain for Secure Information Sharing in Next Generation Transportation Systems Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA, March 23, 2022.
- P2. P-CFT: A Privacy-preserving and Crash Fault Tolerant Consensus Algorithm for Permissioned Blockchains *IEEE International Conference on Hot Information-Centric Networking (HotICN 2021), Nanjing, China, November 27, 2021.*
- P3. Blockchain-enhanced Traffic Management Approach
  Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA, Fall 2021.
- P4. Location-aware Verification for Autonomous Truck Platooning Based on Blockchain and Zero-knowledge Proof

  IEEE International Conference on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (ICBC 2021), Sydney, Australia, May 5, 2021.
- P5. A Blockchain and Zero-Knowledge Proof Inspired Approach for Privacy-Preserving Traffic Management International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems and Cyber-Resilience, Session IV: Blockchain Applications, Newark, DE, USA, March 11, 2021.
- P6. Frontiers in Blockchain for Secure Information Sharing in Connected Vehicle Environments Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA, October 13, 2020.
- P7. Attribute-based Multi-Signature and Encryption for EHR Management: A Blockchain-based Solution *IEEE International Conference on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (ICBC 2020), Toronto, Canada, May 4*, 2020.
- P8. Blockchain: From Digital Currencies to Industrial Innovations Shandong Agricultural University, Tai'an, China, December 30, 2019.

P9. A Blockchain-based Architecture for Traffic Signal Control System

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA, October 30, 2019.

# P10. Introduction to Hyperledger Fabric

Department of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA, October 18, 2019.

- P11. A Blockchain-based Architecture for Traffic Signal Control Systems *IEEE International Congress on Internet of Things (ICIOT 2019), Milano, Italy, July 9, 2019.*
- P12. Defending Traffic Signal Control Systems from Spoofing Attacks: A Blockchain Approach International Workshop on Cyber-Physical Systems and Cyber-Resilience, Session IV: Blockchains, Newark, DE, USA, March 20, 2019.
- P13. A GIS-based Approach for Snow and Ice Removal Route Optimization to Improve Winter Maintenance Operations Management

Transportation Research Board (TRB) 98th Annual Meeting, Poster Session: 1567, Washington, DC, USA, January 18, 2019.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### **University of Delaware**

Newark, DE, USA

• Research Assistant - Mobility of the Future Lab

9/2018 - 05/2022

- Project: Artificial Intelligence Enhanced Integrated Transportation Management System (AI-ITMS),
   Federal Highway Administration. This project was in collaboration with BlueHalo, Jacobs Engineering Group and Delaware Department of Transportation.
- Project: An Artificial Intelligence Based System for Advanced Freeway Data Collection and Analysis,
   U.S. Department of Transportation. This project was in collaboration with BlueHalo.
- Project: An Artificial Intelligence (AI) Traffic Data Analysis Tool for Advanced Freeway Traffic Management, U.S. Department of Transportation. This project was in collaboration with BlueHalo.
- Research Assistant Delaware Center for Transportation

11/2016 - 4/2018

- Project: Snow Plow Route Optimization in Delaware, Delaware Department of Transportation.

## **Chongqing University**

Chongqing, China

• Undergraduate Student Researcher

10/2013 - 10/2014

 Project: Intelligent Environmental Data Collection based on Parrot AR.Drone, Chongqing University Student Research and Training Program (SRTP).

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **University of Delaware**

Newark, DE, USA

- Guest Lecturer
  - CIEG646: Convex Optimization

Fall 2020

- CISC859: Distributed Ledger Technology (Blockchain)

Fall 2019

- CIEG667: Convex Optimization

Fall 2019

• Teaching Assistant

- CIEG451: Transportation Engineering Laboratory

Spring 2020

- CIEG667: Convex Optimization

Fall 2019

• Junior Graduate Student Research Mentoring

Fall 2020 - Fall 2021

• Undergraduate Student Research Mentoring

Spring 2020

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Graduate Research Award (one recipient per year), Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, May 2022.
- Award Nominee for Graduate Student Excellence in Research, College of Engineering, University of Delaware, May 2021.
- Professional Development Award for Graduate Students, Office of Graduate and Professional Education, University of Delaware, February 2019.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Leadership Award, Chongqing University, June 2015.
- Yangtze Power Scholarship for Academic Excellence, China Yangtze Power, April 2014.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- Involvement in grant proposal writing for National Science Foundation and Federal Highway Administration.
- Evidence-based Tips for High Quality and Inclusive Teaching, College of Engineering, University of Delaware, February 2021.
- International Teaching Assistant Training Program, English Language Institute, University of Delaware, Winter 2019.
- Fundamentals of Peer Review, Elsevier Researcher Academy, September 2019.
- Fundamentals of Manuscript Preparation, Elsevier Researcher Academy, February 2019.

#### SERVICES TO PROFESSION

- Journal Reviewer
  - IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management
  - IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
  - IEEE Internet of Things Journal
  - IEEE Access
  - Information Processing & Management
  - Blockchain: Research and Applications
- Conference Reviewer
  - IEEE International Conference on Blockchain
  - International Congress on Blockchain and Applications