Mingxun Zhou

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, US

• Ph.D. in Computer Science

Feb. 2021 - Present

Email: mingxunz@andrew.cmu.edu

Peking University

Beijing, China

• Bachelor of Science (Honored) in Computer Science

Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2020

• Turing Class: First honor class

o **GPA**: 3.73/4.00

Working Experience

Shanghai Qizhi Institute

Shanghai, China

• Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Dong Zhou

Aug. 2020 - Feb. 2021

PUBLICATIONS

• Wang, M.*, Zhou, M.*, Shi, S., & Qian, C. Vacuum Filters: More Space-Efficient and Faster Replacement for Bloom and Cuckoo Filters. VLDB, 2020.

*Equal contribution.

• Hou, C.*, Zhou, M.*, Ji, Y., Daian, P., Tramer, F., Fanti, G., & Juels, A. SquirRL: Automating Attack Analysis on Blockchain Incentive Mechanisms with Deep Reinforcement Learning. NDSS 2021.

Research Experiences

Mercury: Fast Transaction Broadcast in High Performance Blockchain System

Advisor: Prof. Dong Zhou

Aug. 2020 - Feb. 2021

- Built a robust network virtual coordinate in malicious network
- o Constructed a broadcast scheme based on location-awareness clustering and early outburst strategy
- Achieved more than 50% latency improvement in Conflux Networ(1000 nodes)
- o Paper submitted to NSDI 2022

VRecon: An Efficient Set Reconciliation Algorithm

Advisor: Prof. Yunhuai Liu, Prof. Chen Qian

Apr. 2020 - Jul. 2020

- Designed an efficient set reconciliation algorithm based on Vacuum Filter and Invertible Bloom Fitler.
- Achieved 45% more bandwidth saving compared to existing works using matching vector optimization.
- o Achieved both scalability and robust performance within linear time complexity.

SquirRL: Automating Attack Analysis on Blockchain Incentive Mechanisms with DRL Advisor: Prof. Giulia Fanti, Prof. Ari Juels Jun. 2019 - Jun. 2020

- Proposed a general framework for automatical attack discoveries on complex blockchain protocols.
- Implemented interactive environments for Bitcoin/Ethereum/GHOST protocols, supporting multi-agent setting.
- Achieved best attack results in real-data simulations with reinforcement learning.

Vacuum Filters: More Space-Efficient and Faster Replacement for Bloom and Cuckoo Filters Advisor: Prof. Chen Qian Mar. 2019 - Aug. 2019

- Proposed new table structures based on Cuckoo Filter to achieve SotA memory utilization.
- Optimized insertion/lookup and implemented parallel operations, achieving SotA throughput performance.
- Proposed a dynamic re-construction scheme for real application.

^{*}Equal contribution.

Competitions

International Collegiate Programming Contest, Regional Gold Medal, <i>ICPC Foundation</i> National Olympiad of Informatics, Gold Medal, <i>China Computer Federation</i>	Oct. 2018 Aug. 2015
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Awards and Honors	
Outstanding Dissertation for Bachelor's Degree ($\mathbf{Top\ 10}$ in the EECS school), PKU	Jun. 2020
Turing Benteng Scholarship, PKU	Nov. 2019
Kwang-Hua Scholarship (Top 3 in class, $\sim 1\%$ of students), PKU	Dec. 2018
Chuang-Long Ke Scholarship, PKU	Dec. 2017
Dean Scholarship for Freshman, PKU	Sep. 2016