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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

• Ph.D. in Computer Science

Pittsburgh, US

Feb. 2021 - Present

Peking University

• Bachelor of Science (Honored) in Computer Science

Beijing, China

Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2020

• Turing Class: First honor class

Working Experience

NTT Research Cryptography and Information Security Lab

USA

• Research Intern, Oblivious Algorithm Design

Jun. 2022 - Aug. 2022

University of Hong Kong

• Research Assistant, Privacy-preserving Data Aggregation

Hong Kong SAR, China

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

Shanghai Qizhi Institute

• Research Assistant, High Performance Blockchain Network Research

Shanghai, China Aug. 2020 - Feb. 2021

Publications

1. Mingxun Zhou, Elaine Shi, & Giulia Fanti. Conan: Distributed Proofs of Compliance for Anonymous Data Collection. CCS 2024.

2. Ashrujit Ghoshal, **Mingxun Zhou**, & Elaine Shi. Efficient Pre-processing PIR Without Public-Key Cryptography, EUROCRYPT 2024.

Primary author with randomized order.

- 3. Mingxun Zhou, Mengshi Zhao, T-H. Hubert Chan, & Elaine Shi. Advanced Composition Theorems for Differential Obliviousness. ITCS 2024.
- 4. Mingxun Zhou, Andrew Park, Elaine Shi & Wenting Zheng. Piano: Extremely Simple, Single-Server PIR with Sublinear Server Computation. IEEE S&P 2024.
- 5. Mingxun Zhou, Elaine Shi, T-H. Hubert Chan, & Shir Maimon. A Theory of Composition for Differential Obliviousness. EUROCRYPT, 2023.
- 6. Mingxun Zhou, Wei-Kai Lin, Yiannis Tselekounis, & Elaine Shi. Optimal Single-Server Private Information Retrieval. EUROCRYPT, 2023.
- 7. **Mingxun Zhou***, Liyi Zeng*, Yilin Han, Peilun Li, Fan Long, Dong Zhou, Ivan Beschastnikh, & Ming Wu. *Mercury: Fast Transaction Broadcast in High Performance Blockchain System.* IEEE INFOCOM, 2023.
 - *Equal contribution.
- 8. Mingxun Zhou, Tianhao Wang, T-H. Hubert Chan, Giulia Fanti, & Elaine Shi. Locally Differentially Private Sparse Vector Aggregation. IEEE S&P, 2022.
- 9. Charlie Hou*, **Mingxun Zhou***, Yan Ji., Phil Daian, Florian Tramer, Giulia Fanti, & Ari Juels. SquirRL: Automating Attack Analysis on Blockchain Incentive Mechanisms with Deep Reinforcement Learning. NDSS, 2021.
 - *Equal contribution.
- 10. Minmei Wang*, **Mingxun Zhou***, Shouqian Shi, & Chen Qian. Vacuum Filters: More Space-Efficient and Faster Replacement for Bloom and Cuckoo Filters. VLDB, 2020.

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PREPRINTS AND OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 1. Mingxun Zhou, Elaine Shi, & Giulia Fanti. Pacmann: Efficient Private Approximate Nearest Neighbor Search. 2024.
- 2. Ashrujit Ghoshal, **Mingxun Zhou**, Bo Peng, & Elaine Shi. Pseudorandom Functions with Weak Programming Privacy and Applications to Private Information Retrieval. 2024.
- 3. Mingxun Zhou, & Elaine Shi. The Power of the Differentially Oblivious Shuffle in Distributed Privacy Mechanisms. 2022.

OPEN SOURCE PROJECTS

- 1. Pacmann: Efficient Private Approximate Nearest Neighbor Search, 2024.
 - https://github.com/privsearch/private-search-temp
- 2. Conan: Distributed Proofs of Compliance for Anonymous Data Collection, 2024.
 - https://github.com/wuwuz/conan-open/
- 3. QuarterPIR: Efficient Pre-processing PIR Without Public-Key Cryptography, 2024.
 - https://github.com/wuwuz/QuarterPIR/
- 4. Piano: Extremely Simple, Single-Server PIR with Sublinear Server Computation, 2023.
 - https://github.com/wuwuz/Piano-PIR-new
- 5. Mercury: Fast Transaction Broadcast in High-Performance Blockchain System, 2022.
 - https://github.com/wuwuz/P2PNetwork
- 6. Locally Differentially Private Sparse Vector Aggregation, 2022.
 - https://github.com/wuwuz/sparse-vector-aggregation
- 7. SquirRL: Automating Attack Analysis on Blockchain Incentive Mechanisms with Deep Reinforcement Learning, 2021. https://github.com/wuwuz/SquirRL
- 8. Vacuum Filters: More Space-Efficient and Faster Replacement for Bloom and Cuckoo Filters, 2020. https://github.com/wuwuz/Vacuum-Filter

Invited Talks

- 1. Recent Progress in Preprocessing Private Information Retrieval.
 - Presented at S&P '24, Eurocrypt '24, CMU Blockchain Summit '23, JHU, Cornell Tech, HKU, PKU, SJTU, UC Berkeley, Brown.
- 2. Proof of Compliance for Anonymous Messages.
 - Presented at Crypto PPML Workshop '23, CMU Blockchain Summit '24.
- 3. Optimal Single Server Private Information Retrieval.
 - Presented at Eurocrypt '23, CMU Theory Lunch '22, CMU Crypto Seminar '22.
- 4. Composition Theory for Differential Obliviousness.
 - Presented at Eurocrypt '23, ITCS '24, CMU Theory Lunch '22.
- 5. The Power of the Differentially Oblivious Shuffle in Distributed Privacy Mechanisms.
 - Presented at Google Federated Learning Workshop '22, Crypto PPML Workshop '22, FORC '22.
- 6. Locally Differentially Private Sparse Vector Aggregation.
 - Presented at IEEE S&P '22.
- 7. Reinforcement Learning for Blockchain Incentive Analysis.
 - Presented at IJTCS '21.

Competitions

AWARDS AND HONORS

CyLab Presidential Fellowship, CMU	Aug. 2023
Outstanding Dissertation for Bachelor's Degree (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