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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning, Secure Query Processing/Optimization, Secure Multiparty Computation, Statistical Learning Theory	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Computer Science , Northwestern University	Sep 2021 - Jun 2026 (Expected)
	• Advisor: Dr. Jennie Rogers	
	M.S. Computer Science , University of Washington	Dec 2020
	• Advisor: Dr. Martine De Cock • Thesis: <i>Privacy-Preserving Filter-based Feature Selection with Secure Multiparty Computation</i>	
	B.S. Computer Science , University of California, San Diego	Dec 2016
EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant , Northwestern University @Database Group	Jun 2021 - Present
	• Designed an efficient zero knowledge proof to guarantee security during query processing/optimization	
	• Working on the related manuscript for VLDB 2022	
	Research Assistant , University of Washington @PPML Group	Sep 2019 - May 2021
	• Designed Mean-Split Gini Impurity algorithm (MS-GINI) [1] for Filter-based Feature Selection (FFS) in the plaintext manner by improving accuracy and runtime on FFS compared with existing methods	
	• Proposed the first general cryptographic protocol [2] for FFS and feature scoring protocol based on MS-GINI implemented by MP-SPDZ based on 3/4-party honest majority secure computation with passive and active security	
	Data Scientist , IBM @Watson IoT	Jan 2018 - Aug 2019
	• Designed a case-based reasoning system for disaster prevention based on knowledge graph implemented by Neo4j Graph DB and machine learning algorithms implemented by Pytorch, and appointed as technical leader and project manager	
	• Implemented a defective product detection vision system based on image pre-processing implemented by Opencv, object detection of different crucial parts of product implemented by combinations of Faster RCNN, YOLO, SSD and defective classification according to partial detection of the product implemented by GoogleLeNet and ResNet	
	• Implemented a real-time multi-face recognition system for storage monitoring based on face detection/alignment implemented by MTCNN and face recognition/clustering implemented by Google Facenet	
	Software Engineer , Shenzhen Das Intellitech Co.,Ltd @R&D Department	Jul 2017 - Dec 2017
PUBLICATIONS	[1] Xiling Li and Martine De Cock. <i>Cognitive load detection from wrist-band sensors</i> . In Adjunct Proceedings of the 2020 ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing and Proceedings of the 2020 ACM International Symposium on Wearable Computers (UbiComp-ISWC '20). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 456–461. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1145/3410530.3414428	
	[2] Xiling Li and Rafael Dowsley and Martine De Cock. <i>Privacy-Preserving Feature Selection with Secure Multiparty Computation</i> , In Proceedings of the 38th International Conference on Machine Learning, PMLR 139:6326-6336, 2021.	
SERVICE	Reviewer: ICML 2021, NeurIPS 2021, ICLR 2022	
INVITED TALK	Privacy + Machine Learning , Northwestern AI Journal Club, Nov 2021.	
SKILLS	C++, Python, Java, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, MP-SPDZ, AWS EC2, Ubuntu, Docker	