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EDUCATION Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA

09/2017 - 05/2022

• Ph.D. in Computer Engineering Advisor: Prof. Wenjing Lou

Dissertation: Blockchain and Distributed Consensus: From Security Analysis to Novel Applications

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

09/2015 - 04/2017

• M.S. in Electrical Engineering-Systems

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), Shanghai, China

09/2010 - 06/2014

• B.S.E. in Information Engineering

• (Secondary) B.Econ. in Finance

RESEARCH Interests ☐ Security and Privacy in Distributed Systems and Networking

- Blockchain, Consensus Protocol, P2P Network, Fault Tolerance

- Decentralized Architectures and Applications, Identity/Data Management

☐ Security and Privacy in Cyber-physical Infrastructure

- Dynamic Spectrum Sharing (Fault Tolerance, Privacy)

- Next-Gen Mobile Networks and IoT (Identity and Data Privacy, AI Security)

- Automotive Networks (Secure Communication, Intrusion Detection)

Professional

**Assistant Professor** 

08/2022 - Present

Experience Department of Computer Science

University of Kentucky

**Graduate Research Assistant** 

09/2017 - 05/2022

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Virginia Tech

**Research Intern** 05/2016 - 08/2016

Mathematics and Modeling Department

Schlumberger-Doll Research

Воок

1. Distributed Consensus Protocols and Algorithms

Chapters

Y. Xiao, N. Zhang, J. Li, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

Blockchain for Distributed Systems Security, Wiley & Sons, 2019

Journal

1. MANDA: On Adversarial Example Detection for Network Intrusion Detection System

Publications N. Wang, Y. Chen, Y. Xiao, Y. Hu, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

Accepted by IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC).

2. Decentralized Spectrum Access System: Vision, Challenges, and a Blockchain Solution

Y. Xiao, S. Shi, W. Lou, C. Wang, X. Li, N. Zhang, Y. T. Hou, J. H. Reed

In IEEE Wireless Communications, 2022.

3. A Survey of Distributed Consensus Protocols for Blockchain Networks

Y. Xiao, N. Zhang, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

In IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials (COMST), 2020.

4. Challenges and New Directions in Securing Spectrum Access Systems

S. Shi, Y. Xiao, W. Lou, C. Wang, X. Li, Y. T. Hou, J. H. Reed In IEEE Internet of Things Journal (IOT-J), 2021.

5. Offloading Decision in Edge Computing for Continuous Applications Under Uncertainty

W. Chang, Y. Xiao, W. Lou, G. Shou

In IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications (TWC), 2020.

6. Performance Analysis of Random Access Network with Post-backoff

C. Bu, Y. Xiao, T. Ye, P. Wu, X. Zhang, J. Wu

In Telecommunications Science, 2016.

# Conference Publications

1. CANShield: Signal-based Intrusion Detection for Controller Area Networks

M. H. Shahriar, Y. Xiao, P. Moriano, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

Accepted by the 9th Embedded Security in Cars (escar) USA conference, 2022.

2. FLARE: Defending Federated Learning against Model Poisoning Attacks via Latent Space Representations N. Wang, **Y. Xiao**, Y. Chen, Y. Hu, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

Accepted by the 17th ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security (**AsiaCCS**), 2022. (AR=18.4%)

3. Session Key Distribution Made Practical for CAN and CAN-FD Message Authentication

Y. Xiao, S. Shi, N. Zhang, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

In the Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC), 2020. (AR=23.2%)

4. PrivacyGuard: Enforcing Private Data Usage Control with Blockchain and Off-chain Contract Execution

Y. Xiao, N. Zhang, J. Li, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

In the 25th European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS), 2020. (AR=19.7%)

5. Modeling the Impact of Network Connectivity on Consensus Security of Proof-of-Work Blockchain

Y. Xiao, N. Zhang, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

In the 2020 IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), 2020. (AR=19.8%)

## SUBMITTED Papers

1. DecenTruth: A Decentralized and Truth Discovering Data Feed for Blockchain DApps

Y. Xiao, N. Zhang, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

2. BD-SAS: Enabling Dynamic Spectrum Sharing in Low-trust Environment

Y. Xiao, S. Shi, W. Lou, C. Wang, X. Li, Y. T. Hou, J. H. Reed

3. Differentially Private Federated Meta-Learning

N. Wang, Y. Xiao, Y. Chen, N. Zhang, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

4. BRENTS: Byzantine Resilient Network Time Synchronization

S. Shi, Y. Xiao, C. Du, W. Lou, Y. T. Hou

# TEACHING

## Guest Lectures on Cryptocurrency & Blockchain, Virginia Tech

### EXPERIENCE

- CS 5560: Fundamentals of Information Security

03/2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Tech

- ECE 2534: Microcontroller Programming and Interfacing

Fall 2017

Undergraduate Tutor, SJTU

- CS 358: Data Structure

Fall 2014

#### ACADEMIC

Journal and Conference Reviewer

Services	<ul> <li>IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM)</li> <li>IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TON)</li> <li>IEEE Internet of Things Journal (IOT-J)</li> <li>International Journal of Intelligent Systems (INT2)</li> <li>IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC)</li> <li>Digital Communications and Networks (DCAN)</li> <li>EAI International Conference on Security and Privacy in Comm. Netw. (SecureComm)</li> <li>Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS)</li> </ul>	2021 2020, 2021 2020, 2021 2021 2019, 2020 2019, 2020 2019 2018, 2019
	Panelist 2019 Secure and Trustworthy CyberSpace (SaTC) PI Meeting Undergraduate Track, NSF - Panel: What to Expect from Grad School	10/2019
	Conference Organization  IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS)  - Web Chair, CNS 2020, virtual  - Student Volunteer, CNS 2019, Washington DC	0/2019 - 07/2020 06/2019
Talks, Posters	Session Key Distribution Made Practical for CAN and CAN-FD Message Authentication  - Invited talk, Learning from Authoritative Security Experiment Results (LASER) Workshop  12/2020	
	A Layered View towards Blockchain: From Consensus Security to Smart Contract Applicate – Invited talk, <i>CS Graduate Seminars</i> , Virginia Tech	tion 11/2020
	Enforcing Private Data Usage Control with Blockchain and Attested Off-chain Contract Ex – Poster, 2019 SaTC PI Meeting, NSF, Alexandria, VA	ecution 04/2019
	A Graph Random-Walk Based Sampling Algorithm for Load Balancing in Cloud Systems – Poster, 6th Midwest Workshop on Control and Game Theory, Ann Arbor, MI	04/2017
Awards	INFOCOM 2020 Student Travel Grant - Awarded by the INFOCOM 2020 organizing committee	2020
	BitShares Graduate Fellowship  - Awarded by Virginia Tech CS Department, funded by BitShares Inc.	2019
	Completion of the Elite Engineer Cultivation Program in Information Engineering  - Certified by Shanghai Jiao Tong University	
	First Prize in the 28th National Physics Contest of College Students (Shanghai Div – Awarded by Shanghai Physics Society	<b>rision)</b> 2011
Professional Memberships	• • •	2/2017 – Present 2/2020 – Present
Coding Skills	C/C++, Python, MATLAB, HTML, C#	