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Education

Ph.D. in Comp. Sci. <i>Advisor: Mohammad Alizadeh.</i>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	May 2024
M.S. in Elec. Eng. and Comp. Sci.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	June 2020
B.S. in Comp. Sci.	Peking University	June 2018

Employment

Cofounder, Chief Technology Officer	Mega Labs	May 2024 to present
Research Assistant	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Sept. 2018 to May 2024
Teaching Assistant	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2021
Systems Research Intern	Algorand Inc.	May 2021 to Aug. 2021
Research Engineer Intern	Information and Protocols Research Inc.	Dec. 2020 to Jan. 2021
Teaching Assistant	Peking University	Sept. 2017 to June 2018
Research Assistant	Peking University	Feb. 2015 to June 2018

Teaching

Computer Networks (6.829) <i>As teaching assistant. Instructors: Hari Balakrishnan, Manya Ghobadi.</i>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Fall 2021
Compiler Technology <i>As teaching assistant. Instructor: Yun Liang.</i>	Peking University	Spring 2018
Computer Networks (Honor Track) <i>As teaching assistant. Instructor: Chenren Xu.</i>	Peking University	Fall 2017

Mentoring

Ioannis Kaklamanis <i>Master's thesis and undergraduate research (UROP). Next hop: PhD student at Yale.</i>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Dec. 2021 to June 2023
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Professional Service

Program Committee Member	IEEE International Conference on Blockchain 2025
External Reviewer	The intl. conf. on Advances in Financial Technologies (AFT) 2024
External Reviewer	The Science of Blockchain Conference (SBC) 2023
External Reviewer	ConsensusDays 23
External Reviewer	IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) 2023
External Reviewer	IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP) 2023
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Communications
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Computers
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems
Reviewer	IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering
Reviewer	ACM Distributed Ledger Technologies
Reviewer	Journal of Computational Design and Engineering
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing
Reviewer	IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security

Refereed Publications

1. Ben Fisch, Arthur Lazzaretti, Zeyu Liu, Lei Yang, "Permissionless Verifiable Information Dispersal (Data Availability for Bitcoin Rollups)," IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P), 2025.
2. Lei Yang, Yossi Gilad, Mohammad Alizadeh, "Practical Rateless Set Reconciliation," ACM SIGCOMM Conference, 2024.
3. Ertem Nusret Tas, David Tse, Lei Yang, Dionysis Zindros, "Light Clients for Lazy Blockchains," Financial Cryptography and Data Security (FC), 2024.
4. Joachim Neu, Srivatsan Sridhar, Lei Yang, David Tse, "Optimal Flexible Consensus and its Application to Ethereum," IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P), 2024.
5. Ioannis Kaklamanis, Lei Yang, Mohammad Alizadeh, "Poster: Coded Broadcast for Scalable Leader-Based BFT Consensus," ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), 2022.
6. Joachim Neu, Srivatsan Sridhar, Lei Yang, David Tse, Mohammad Alizadeh, "Longest Chain Consensus Under Bandwidth Constraint," ACM Advances in Financial Technologies (AFT), 2022.
7. Lei Yang, Seo Jin Park, Mohammad Alizadeh, Sreeram Kannan, David Tse, "DispersedLedger: High-Throughput Byzantine Consensus on Variable Bandwidth Networks," USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2022.
8. Xuechao Wang, Viswa Virinchi Muppirala, Lei Yang, Sreeram Kannan, Pramod Viswanath, "Securing Parallel-chain Protocols under Variable Mining Power," ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), 2021.
9. Vibhaalakshmi Sivaraman, Shaileshh Bojja Venkatakrishnan, Kathleen Ruan, Parimarjan Negi, Lei Yang, Radhika Mittal, Giulia Fanti, Mohammad Alizadeh, "High Throughput Cryptocurrency Routing in Payment Channel Networks," USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2020.
10. Colleen Josephson, Lei Yang, Pengyu Zhang, Sachin Katti, "Wireless Computer Vision Using Commodity Devices," ACM/IEEE International Conference on Information Processing in Sensor Networks (IPSN), 2019.
11. Zhenxin Fu, Lei Yang, Wenbin Hou, Zhuohan Li, Yifan Wu, Yihua Cheng, Xiaolin Wang, Yun Liang, "Student Cluster Competition 2017, Team Peking University: Reproducing vectorization of the Tersoff multi-body potential on the Intel Broadwell architecture," Parallel Computing 78 (2018): 28-32.
12. Chenren Xu, Lei Yang, Pengyu Zhang, "Practical Backscatter Communication Systems for Battery-Free Internet of Things: A Tutorial and Survey of Recent Research," IEEE Signal Processing Magazine 35.5 (2018): 16-27.
13. Lei Yang, Yilong Li, Zhenxin Fu, Zhuohan Li, Wenbin Hou, Haoze Wu, Xiaolin Wang, Yun Liang, "ParConnect reproducibility report," Parallel Computing 70 (2017): 22-26.

Preprints

1. Lei Yang, Xuechao Wang, Vivek Bagaria, Gerui Wang, Mohammad Alizadeh, David Tse, Giulia Fanti, Pramod Viswanath, "Prism: Scaling Bitcoin by 10,000x," 2020.

Selected Grants and Awards

Ecosystem Support Program Grantee	Ethereum Foundation	2023
<i>Peer-to-peer network research.</i>		
Academic Grants Round Grantee	Ethereum Foundation	2022
<i>Coded Transaction Broadcasting for High-throughput Blockchains.</i>		
4th place	Student Cluster Competition	2017
<i>As team leader. Part of the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC).</i>		
May Fourth Scholarship	Peking University	2017
CentOS Project	Google Summer of Code	2015
Freshman Scholarship	Peking University	2014
Second prize	Chinese Physics Olympiad Finals	2013