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Biography

2018-present: Director of Cryptographic Research, OnBoard Security Inc., U.S.

2017 : Senior Research Scientist, OnBoard Security Inc., U.S.

2014–2017 : Research Scientist, Security Innovation Inc., U.S.

2010-2014: Ph.D. Student on Computer Science, University of Wollongong, Australia

2008–2009 : Master of Engineering - Research, University of Wollongong, Australia

2007 : Master of Internet Technology, University of Wollongong, Australia

2005–2006: System Engineer, Tsinghua Tongfang Computer Corporation, China

2001–2005 : Bachelor Degrees in Computer Science, BeiHang University, China

Achievement highlights

• Standardization

- NIST: Lead contributor of 2 candidates to NIST PQC competition
 - * NTRUEncrypt public key encryption algorithm;
 - * pqNTRUSign digital signature scheme;
- NIST: Co-contributor of 3 candidates to NIST PQC competition
 - * Round2 (Now Round5): in collaboration with Phillips (Cisco, Rambus, TU/e);
 - * Falcon: in collaboration with IBM, Thales UK, Brown University;
 - * LAC: in collaboration with Chinese Academy of science;
- ETSI: Member of Quantum-safe Cryptography (QSC) working group;
- ISO: expert member of SC27 working group, U.S. delegate;
- IETF: Author of 4 Internet Drafts.
- Selected publications (full list: see my DBLP page)
 - Journals: IEEE transaction on computers, DCC, ...
 - Conferences: Asiacrypt 2018, PKC 2018, CT-RSA 2017, PETs 2016, ...
 - Invited talks: Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Chinese Academic of Science, ...

• Selected POC software

- Importing NTRU to libgcrypt; link.
- NTRU NIST PQC submission package; link.
- Fast ring multiplication using AVX-2; improving a factor of 2.23; link
- Raptor: a lattice based one time linkable ring signature as fast as ECDSA; TBD.
- Round5: compact and fast post-quantum public-key encryption; Website

Current Research Interest

- Post Quantum Cryptography
 - Design and improve the state of the art cryptographic algorithms that resist quantum attackers;
 - Use case: TPM lattice based Direct Anonymous Attestation schemes;
 - Use case: Blockchain lattice based linkable ring signature schemes.
- Fully Homomorphic Encryption
 - Improve the performance of existing FHE schemes for practical use;
 - Use case: AI private preserving machine learning algorithms;
 - Use case: Smart contract private preserving matching and recognition.

Ph.D.

Subject: Fully Homomorphic Encryption schemes.

Supervisors: Prof. Willy Susilo - University of Wollongong

: Dr. Thomas Plantard - University of Wollongong.

Thesis: Revisiting Fully Homomorphic Encryption Schemes and Their Cryptographic Primitives

Examiners: Prof. Josef Pieprzyk - Macquarie University, Australia

: Prof. Damien Stehlé - École Normale Supèrieure de Lyon, France

Awards : Full Scholarship - University Postgraduate Award, University of Wollongong.

Keywords: Fully Homomorphic Encryption, Cryptography, Lattice theory.

Patents

Chameleon Hash technique and linkable ring signature technique

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Provisional patent, 2018.

Digital signature technique

J. Hoffstein, Jill Pipher, W. Whyte and Z. Zhang United States Patent Application, 2018.

Digital signature method and apparatus

Jeffrey Hoffstein, Jill Pipher, Joseph H Silverman, William J Whyte, Zhenfei Zhang United States Patent 15530762, 2017.

Standards

Quantum-Safe Hybrid (QSH) Ciphersuite for Transport Layer Security (TLS) version 1.2.

J. M. Schanck, W. Whyte and Z. Zhang

Internet-Draft.

Criteria for selection of public-key cryptographic algorithms for quantum-safe hybrid cryptography

J. M. Schanck, W. Whyte and Z. Zhang

Internet-Draft.

Quantum-Safe Hybrid (QSH) Ciphersuite for Transport Layer Security (TLS) version 1.3.

W. Whyte, Z. Zhang, S. Fluhrer and O. Garcia-Morchon

Internet-Draft.

Efficient Embedded Security Standards (EESS) #1: Implementation Aspects of NTRUEncrypt

W. Whyte and Z. Zhang

Consortium for Efficient Embedded Security

${\bf Quantum~Safe~Cryptography~and~Security;~An~introduction,~benefits,~enablers~and~challenges}$

One of 22 contributors

European Telecommunications Standards Institute(ETSI) white paper

Publications

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Markku-Juhani O. Saarinen, Sauvik Bhattacharya, Oscar Garcia-Morchon, Ronald Rietman, Ludo Tolhuizen, and Zhenfei Zhang

Cardis 2018

On the Hardness of the Computational Ring-LWR Problem and its Applications

Long Chen, Zhenfeng Zhang, Zhenfei Zhang

Asiacrypt 2018

A signature scheme from the finite field isomorphism problem.

Jeffrey Hoffstein and Joseph H. Silverman and William Whyte and Zhenfei Zhang MathCrypt 2018

Practical Signatures from the Partial Fourier Recovery Problem Revisited: A Provably-Secure and Gaussian-Distributed Construction.

Xingye Lu, Zhenfei Zhang and Man Ho Au

ACISP 2018

Optimizing polynomial convolution for NTRUEncrypt.

Wei Dai, William Whyte, Zhenfei Zhang

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Choosing parameters for NTRUEncrypt

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Anonymous Announcement System (AAS) for Electric Vehicle in VANETs

M.H. Au, J.K. Liu, Z. Zhang, W. Susilo, J. Li and J. Zhou

The Computer Journal 2016

Publications

Circuit-extension handshakes for Tor achieving forward secrecy in a quantum world

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Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs), 2016

NTRU modular lattice signature scheme on CUDA GPUs

W. Dai, B. Sunar, J.M. Schanck, W. Whyte, Z. Zhang

High Performance Computing & Simulation (HPCS), 2016

LLL for Ideal Lattice: Re-evaluation of the Security of Gentry-Halevi's FHE Scheme.

T. Plantard, W. Susilo and Z. Zhang

Designs, Codes and Cryptography (DCC).

Fully Homomorphic Encryption Scheme using Hidden Ideal Lattice.

T. Plantard, W. Susilo and Z. Zhang

IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), Nov. 2013.

Adaptive Precision Floating Point LLL

T. Plantard, W. Susilo and Z. Zhang

18th Australasian Conference Information Security and Privacy (ACISP 2013), Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Springer-Verlag, 2013.

Lattice Reduction for Modular Knapsack

T. Plantard, W. Susilo and Z. Zhang

The Conference on Selected Areas in Cryptography (SAC 2012), Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Springer-Verlag, 2012.

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A quantum-safe circuit-extension handshake for Tor.

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DA-Encrypt: Homomorphic Encryption via Non-Archimedean Diophantine Approximation-Preliminary Report.

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