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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Network security, privacy, intrusion detection, AI-based detection on malicious attacks, data analysis and modeling, edge and cloud computing, mobile social network, smart and connected health, intelligent agriculture, Internet of Things, embedded system

Research Highlight: 7000+ citations according to Google Scholar, h-index: 45, i10-index: 100

EMPLOYMENT

- **Associate Professor**
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

2023—Present
- **Assistant Professor**
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

2017—2023
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Supervisor: Professor Xuemin (Sherman) Shen

2016—2017

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering**
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Supervisor: Professor Xuemin (Sherman) Shen
Thesis: Security and Privacy for Mobile Social Networks

2011— 2016
- **Master of Science, Computer Applied Technology**
Northeastern University, Shenyang, China
Supervisor: Professor Hai Zhao

2009— 2011
- **Bachelor of Science, Communications Engineering**
Northeastern University, Shenyang, China

2005— 2009

HONORS and AWARDS

- Co-recipient of Best Paper Award, IEEE ICC

2020
- Co-recipient of Best Paper Award, BigDataSE

2019
- IEEE Technical Committee on Scalable Computing, Award for Excellence (Outstanding Ph.D. Thesis)

2017
- Co-recipient of Best Paper Award, Securecomm

2016
- Co-recipient of Best Paper Award, IEEE WCNC

2013
- Recipient of Best Speaker Award, Graduate Research Seminar, University of Waterloo

2016
- Jon W. Mark Graduate Scholarship in Communication, University of Waterloo

2016
- Doctoral Thesis Writing Award, University of Waterloo

2015

- Doctoral Thesis Completion Award, University of Waterloo 2015
- University of Waterloo Special Graduate Scholarship (Based on the annual evaluation) 2013 and 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- [B1] **K. Zhang**, and X. Shen, “Security and Privacy for Mobile Healthcare Networks,” **Springer**, ISBN-10: 3319247158, ISBN-13: 978-3319247151, November 2015.
- [B2] Z. Su, Q. Xu, **K. Zhang**, and X. Shen, “Modeling and Optimization for Mobile Social Networks”, **Springer**, ISBN-10: 3319479210, ISBN-13: 978-3319479217, March, 2017.

Book Chapters

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- [J2] Y. Jiang*, **K. Zhang**, Y. Qian, and L. Zhou, “P2AE: Preserving Privacy, Accuracy, and Efficiency in Location-dependent Mobile Crowdsensing”, accepted by IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing.
- [J3] K. Fan, Q. Chen, R. Su, **K. Zhang**, H. Wang, H. Li, and Y. Yang, “MSIAP: A Dynamic Searchable Encryption for Privacy-Protection on Smart Grid with Cloud-Edge-End”, accepted by IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing.
- [J4] Y. Jiang*, **K. Zhang**, Y. Qian, and L. Zhou, “P2AE: Preserving Privacy, Accuracy, and Efficiency in Location-dependent Mobile Crowdsensing”, accepted by IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing.
- [J5] H. Wang, K. Fan, **K. Zhang**, Z. Wang, H. Li, and Y. Yang, “Encrypted Data Retrieval and Sharing Scheme in Space-Air-Ground Integrated Vehicular Networks”, accepted by IEEE Internet of Things Journal.
- [J6] J. Ni, **K. Zhang**, Y. Yu, and T. Yang, “Identity-based Provable Data Possession from RSA Assumption for Secure Cloud Storage”, accepted by IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing.
- [J7] S. Shen*, B. Liu, **K. Zhang**, and S. Ci, “Toward Fast and Accurate SOH Prediction for Lithium-ion Batteries”, IEEE Transactions on Energy Conversion, vol. 36, no. 3, pp: 2036-2046, 2021.
- [J8] S. Shen*, C. Yu*, **K. Zhang**, J. Ni, and S. Ci, “Adaptive and Dynamic Security in AI-empowered 6G: From an Energy Efficiency Perspective”, accepted by IEEE Communications Standards Magazine.
- [J9] S. Shen*, C. Yu*, **K. Zhang**, and S. Ci, “Adaptive Artificial Intelligence for Resource-constrained Connected Vehicles in Cybertwin-driven 6G Network”, IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 8, no. 22, pp: 16269-16278, 2021.
- [J10] Y. Jiang*, **K. Zhang**, Y. Qian, and L. Zhou, “Reinforcement Learning-Based Query Optimization in Differentially Private IoT Data Publishing”, IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 8, no. 14, pp: 11163-11176, 2021.
- [J11] X. Yuan, J. Chen, **K. Zhang**, Y. Wu, and T. Yang, “A Stable AI-based Binary and Multiple Class Heart Disease Prediction Model for IoMT”, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, vol. 18, no. 3, pp: 2032-2040, 2021.
- [J12] W. Li, Z. Su, and **K. Zhang**, “Security Solutions for IoT-Enabled Applications Against Disease Pandemic”, IEEE Internet of Things Magazine, vol. 4, no. 4, pp: 100-106, 2021.
- [J13] H. Wang, K. Fan, **K. Zhang**, Z. Wang, H. Li, and Y. Yang, “Secure and Efficient Data Privacy-preserving Scheme for Mobile Cyber Physical Systems”, accepted by IEEE Internet of Things Journal.
- [J14] B. Wei, K. Li, W. Luo, W. Xu, J. Zhang, and **K. Zhang**, “No Need of Data Pre-processing: A General Framework for Radio-Based Device-Free Context Awareness”, ACM Transactions on Internet of Things, vol. 2, no. 4, pp: 1-26, 2021.
- [J15] Q. Xu, Z. Su, **K. Zhang**, and S. Yu, “Fast Containment of Infectious Diseases with E-healthcare Mobile Social Internet of Things”, IEEE Internet of Things, vol. 8, no. 22, pp: 16473-16485, 2021.
- [J16] L. Lei, Y. Tan, K. Zheng, S. Liu, **K. Zhang**, and X. Shen, “Deep Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Internet of Things: Model, Applications and Challenges”, accepted by IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials.

- [J17] Y. Tan, C. Hu, **K. Zhang**, K. Zheng, E. Davis, and J. Park, "LSTM-based Anomaly Detection for Non-linear Dynamical System", accepted by IEEE Access.
- [J18] W. Li, Z. Su, **K. Zhang**, and A. Benslimane, "Defending Malicious Check-in Using Big Data Analysis of Indoor Positioning System: An Access Point Selection Approach", accepted by IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering.
- [J19] W. Li, Z. Su, **K. Zhang**, and Q. Xu, "Abnormal Crowd Traffic Detection with Crowdsourcing-based RSS Fingerprint Position in Heterogeneous Communications Networks", accepted by IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering.
- [J20] H. Yang*, **K. Zhang**, K. Zheng, Y. Qian, "Leveraging Linear Quadratic Regulator Cost and Energy Consumption for Ultra-Reliable and Low-Latency IoT Control Systems", IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol.7 no.9, pp:8356-8371, 2020.
- [J21] S. Shen*, **K. Zhang**, S. Ci, and Y. Zhou, "Security in Edge-Assisted Internet-of-Things: Challenges and Solutions", Science China Information Sciences (SCIS), vol.63, pp:220302, 2020.
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- [J23] K. Fan, K. Zhang, Y. Yang, and H. Li, "A Secure and Verifiable Data Sharing Scheme Based on Blockchain in Vehicular Social Networks", IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol.69, no.6, pp:5826-5835, 2020.
- [J24] D. Chen, N. Zhang, N. Cheng, **K. Zhang**, Z. Qin, and X. Shen, "Physical Layer based Message Authentication with Secure Channel Codes", accepted by IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing.
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- [J27] J. Ni, **K. Zhang**, Q. Xia, X. Lin, and X. Shen, "Enabling Strong Privacy Preservation and Accurate Task Allocation for Mobile Crowdsensing", IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, vol. 19, no. 6, pp: 1317-1331, 2020.
- [J28] K. Fan, Q. Luo, **K. Zhang**, and Y. Yang, "Cloud-based lightweight secure RFID mutual authentication protocol in IoT", Information Sciences, vol. 527, pp: 329-340, 2020.
- [J29] Q. Xu, Z. Su, Q. Zheng, M. Luo, B. Dong, and **K. Zhang**, "Game Theoretical Secure Caching Scheme in Multi-homing Edge Computing-enabled Heterogeneous Networks", IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 6, no. 3, pp: 4536-4546, 2019.
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- [J31] Z. Qin, L. Hu, N. Zhang, D. Chen, **K. Zhang**, Z. Qin, and K. Choo, "Learning Aided User Identification Using Smartphone Sensors for Smart Homes", IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 6, no. 5, pp: 7760-7772, 2019.
- [J32] W. Tang, **K. Zhang**, J. Ren, Y. Zhang, and X. Shen, "Privacy-Preserving Task Recommendation with Win-win Incentives for Mobile Crowdsourcing", Information Science, vol. 527, pp: 477-492, 2020.
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- [J35] Z. Yang, **K. Zhang**, L. Lei, and K. Zheng, "A Novel Classifier Exploiting Mobility Behaviors for Sybil Detection in Connected Vehicle Systems", IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 6, no. 2, pp: 2626 - 2636, 2019.
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- [J57] J. Ren, Y. Zhang, **K. Zhang**, and X. Shen, "SACRM: Social Aware Crowdsourcing with Reputation Management in Mobile Sensing", *Computer Communications*, Elsevier, vol.65, pp.55-65, 2015.
- [J58] N. Zhang, N. Cheng, A. Gamage, **K. Zhang**, J. W. Mark, X. Shen, "Cloud Assisted HetNets Toward 5G Wireless Networks", *IEEE Communications Magazine*, vol.53, no.6, pp.59-65, 2015.

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- [J61] **K. Zhang**, X. Liang, M. Barua, R. Lu, and X. Shen, "PHDA: A Priority Based Health Data Aggregation with Privacy Preservation for Cloud Assisted WBANs", *Information Sciences*, Elsevier, Vol.284, pp: 130-141, 2014.
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Refereed Conference Papers

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- [C6] Y. Jiang, **K. Zhang**, Y. Qian, and R. Hu, "Cooperative Task Allocation in Edge Computing Assisted Vehicular Crowdsensing", *Proc. of IEEE Globecom'21*, Madrid, Spain, December 7-11, 2021.
- [C7] W. Yao, **K. Zhang**, C. Yu, and H. Zhao, "Exploiting Ensemble Learning for Edge-assisted Anomaly Detection Scheme in e-healthcare System", *Proc. of IEEE Globecom'21*, Madrid, Spain, December 7-11, 2021.
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FUNDED PROJECTS

- [F1] **Co-PI**, *An Intelligent Unmanned Aerial Application System for Site-Specific Weed Management*
Funded by Department of Agriculture and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), \$221,396 of total \$453,775, 7/2021-6/2024.
- [F2] **Co-PI**, *CPS:Medium: CPS-Enabled Variable Rate Technology*
Funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) Cyber Physical System (CPS) program and NIFA, \$153,745 shares of total \$935,756, 4/2021-3/2024.
- [F3] **Co-PI**, *SCC-PG: Smart & Connected Childcare*
Funded by National Science Foundation, \$23,487 shares of total \$149,305.00, 9/2020-8/2021.
- [F4] **PI**, *Cybersecurity for Healthcare System*
Funded by Nebraska Foundation, \$25,000, 5/2020-9/2020.
- [F5] **PI**, *Privacy-preserving Mobile Health System Integrated with Social Network for Infectious Disease Analysis*
Funded by University of Nebraska - Research Council Faculty Seed Grants, \$10,000, 1/2018-12/2018.
- [F6] **Co-PI**, *E-Healthcare Solutions in the Treatment of Trauma using EMDR*
Funded by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, \$9,856 shares of total \$22,756, 5/2018-4/2022.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editor/Editor-in-Chief

- Editor-in-Chief, Encyclopedia of Wireless Networks, Springer
- Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications
- Associate Editor, IEEE Communications Surveys & Tutorials
- Associate Editor, IEEE Internet of Things Journal
- Associate Editor, Peer-to-Peer Networking and Applications
- Associate Editor, IEEE Access
- Guest editor, Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing, Special Issue: “Crowdsourcing for Mobile Networks and IoT”
- Guest editor, IEEE Access, Special Issue: “Security and Privacy for IoT and Cloud Computing”
- Guest editor, Security and Communication Networks, Special Issue “Security and Privacy in Internet of Medical Things (IoMT)”

Chair/Co-chair

- Technical Program co-chair, 17th WiMob Conference (IEEE International Conference on Wireless and Mobile Computing, Networking and Communications)
- Symposium co-chair, IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), CISS: Symposium on Communications and Information System Security, 2023
- Symposium co-chair, IEEE/CIC International Conference on Communications in China (ICCC), CISS: Symposium on Communications and Information System Security, 2019
- Symposium co-chair, IEEE/CIC International Conference on Communications in China (ICCC), SNBD: Social Networks and Big Data Symposium, 2018
- Chair, International Workshop on Big Data and Edge Computing for Smart City, IEEE WiMob, 2019
- Chair, International Workshop on Big Data and Edge Computing for Smart City, IEEE MoWNET, 2018

Technical Program Committee

- IEEE Globecom 2015 - 2023

- IEEE ICC 2014 - 2024
- IEEE Infocom 2016 - 2022
- WCSP 2018
- J-SPAN 2018
- IEEE COMNETSAT 2018
- IEEE/CIC ICC 2018, PSC: Privacy and Security in Communications Symposium
- Track: Mobile Network Applications and Services, IEEE VTC-Spring, 2017
- Track: Wireless Networks and Security, IEEE VTC-Spring, 2017
- Workshop on Security, Privacy, and Trustworthiness in Medical Cyber Physical Systems (MedSPT), IEEE CHASE, 2016 (Also serve as a publicity co-chair of MedSPT)
- Track: Wireless Networks: Protocols, Security, and Services, IEEE VTC-Fall, 2016
- Track: Wireless Networks: Protocols, Security, and Services, IEEE VTC-Spring, 2016
- Track: Internet Service and Applications, ICNC, 2016

Panelist of Funding Agency

- National Science Foundation, Smart and Connected Health Program
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Reviewer of Refereed Journals

- ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing, Communications, and Applications
- IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia
- IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technologies
- IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing
- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems
- IEEE Communications Magazine
- IEEE Wireless Communications Magazine
- IEEE Network Magazine
- IEEE Internet of Things Journal
- Peer-to-Peer Networking and Applications (Springer)
- Security Communication Networks
- KSII Transactions on Internet of Information Systems
- Infocom 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- ICC 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Globecom 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- WCNC 2013, 2014
- ICC 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- ICNC 2015
- ICICS 2015
- Milcom 2014

Session Chair

- Network and System Security, and Jamming sessions, IEEE Globecom 2016, Washington D.C., USA, December 2016
- Network Security, and Wireless Networks Poster sessions, VTC2016-Fall, Montreal, Canada, September 2016

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Experiences

- Instructor** **Spring 2018 - 2024**
 Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Undergraduate/Graduate course: ECEN4950/8510 “Advanced Topics in Cyber Security”
- Instructor** **Fall 2018, 2019**
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- **Certificate of Learning by Design** **Spring 2019**
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- Wenmiao Zhang, PhD student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln January 2023—Present
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- Chong Yu, PhD student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln August 2019—August 2023
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- Shuaiqi Shen, PhD student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln August 2018—August 2022
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- Yili Jiang, PhD student, co-supervised with Professor Yi Qian, August 2017—August 2022
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
initial employment: Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi
- Jacob Cleveland, Justine Linscott, Undergraduate student, May 2021—May 2022
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Jin Li, visiting graduate student, from Central South University, China September 2019—February 2020
- Xuemei Xiang, visiting graduate student, from Central South University, China October 2019—March 2020
- Xuan Long, visiting graduate student, from Central South University, China September 2019—March 2020
- Haojun Yang, visiting PhD student, co-supervised with Professor Yi Qian, October 2018—October 2019
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Xintong (Tony) Yu, intern student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln May 2018—August 2018

Capstone Project Advisor

- Jacob Cleveland, Justine Linscott, Nikita Estrada, Yutara Matsuda, University of Nebraska-Lincoln October 2021—May 2022
Project: Data Logger for Agriculture Moisture Sensing
- Eric Jones, Andrew Krausmark, Tyler Richling and Joshua Hoonger, University of Nebraska-Lincoln October 2020—May 2021
Project: Agriculture Sensor Network
- Michael Feldhacker and John Steinauer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln December 2018—May 2019
Project: 5G network and its security

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