

Phuong Cao

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Research Scientist, National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Trusted CI Fellow, National Science Foundation (NSF) Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (Trusted CI)

SUMMARY

Experienced Principal Investigator focused on building resilient and secure supercomputing systems resistant to catastrophic failures and cyber-attacks. Possesses broad expertise in real-world security, including DDoS mitigation, virus reverse engineering, post-quantum cryptography, and AI-driven malware analysis.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Electrical & Computer Engineering; M.S. in Computer Science **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
B.S. in Computer Science **Hanoi University of Science and Technology**

RESEARCH AGENDA: RESILIENCY AND SECURITY OF SUPERCOMPUTERS (HPC) SYSTEMS

Building resilient and secure infrastructure for emerging architecture such as hybrid HPC-Quantum Computing:

1. Design of provable and runtime verification techniques using Z3/Dafny for federated authentication protocols
2. Deployment of continuous attack preemption using Factor Graphs (OpenGM/Pytorch) on Teracore network
3. Validation of reliable, secure, quantum-resistant, and highly available AI/HPC/supercomputing scientific applications.

SUMMARY

<i>Publications</i>	20+ peer-reviewed papers in top conferences as lead author and PI. IEEE Quantum Computing and Engineering, USENIX Security/NSDI, IEEE S&P Magazine IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN), Supercomputing
<i>Awards</i>	Best Paper Award at IEEE DSN, Art of HPC and Doctoral Showcase at SC (Supercomputing), Best Hackathons at Salesforce.com and Box.com, Trusted CI Fellow with NSF
<i>Funding</i>	Three grants with \$1,599,678 awarded as PI and Co-PI with federal agencies and industry partners NSF CISE and OAC , IBM-Illinois Discovery Accelerator Institute
<i>Impact</i>	Curated Petabytes of security and resiliency data on supercomputers (Blue Waters, Delta) and NSF testbed (FABRIC) for open-science research on Globus Preemption of cyber-attacks and recovering from outages in the U.S. HPC cyberinfrastructure
<i>Services</i>	Proposal Review Panels (NSF, DOE); Journals & Special Issue Editor. NSF; Frontiers; TDSC, TIFS, DSN, BigData, SIGCOMM, Quantum Computing and Engineering
<i>Teaching</i>	Graduate-level AI, data science, statistics, dependable systems and computer security courses at Coordinated Science Lab (CSL) as guest lecturer and TAs
<i>Outreach</i>	Mentor for CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) students (recognized as an outstanding mentor for a Fiddler Innovation Fellowship awardee)
<i>Work Authorization</i>	U.S. Permanent Resident via EB1-A (Extraordinary Ability) – Vietnamese national.

APPOINTMENTS

2020–	Research Scientist and Cybersecurity Specialist	National Center for Supercomputing Applications
2019	Research Intern, Research in Software Engineering (RiSE), formal verification	Microsoft Research
2016	Research Intern, IBM zSystems mainframes and Watson Health	IBM Research
2014	Engineering Intern, DDoS detection at Layer-7 in Content Delivery Networks	LinkedIn & Akamai
2011	Visiting scholar, High-Performance Computing Lab with Professor Jong Kim	POSTECH University

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REFERENCES

William Kramer, Blue Waters PI, Research Professor at UIUC
Anita Nikolic, Director of Research and Technology, iSchool, UIUC
Gang Wang, Associate Professor, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science, UIUC
Ravishankar Iyer, George and Ann Fisher Distinguished Professor, ECE, UIUC

GRANTS

Awarded as lead PI and Co-PI. Total \$1,5999,678		Role
2025-2027	EAGER: Unmasking HPC Abuse: AI Graph Inference from Scheduling Metadata NSF Office of the Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy (CRSP) #2537355	PI \$274,654
2025-2028	AIcyberLake: Live Evaluations of Real-World Security Data Lake from National AI-Cyberinfrastructure NSF Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI) #2530738	PI \$600,000
2023-2025	ResiliANT AIOps: Foundation-Model-Driven Resilience for Cloud Computing International Business Machines – IBM-Illinois Discovery Accelerator Institute	Co-PI \$699,679
2024-2026	Quantum-Resistant Cryptography in Supercomputing Scientific Applications NSF Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (OAC) Award #2430244	PI \$200,000
2023-2025	FMitF: Bringing Verification-Aware Languages and Federated Authentication to Enable Secure Computing for Scientific Communities NSF Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF); CISE/CCF Award #2319190	PI \$99,999
Awards with significant contributions in preparation and execution		Role
2023	Mid-Scale RI-1: FABRIC: Adaptive Programmable Research Infrastructure for Computer Science and Science Applications NSF Mid-Scale RI-1 (CNS) # 1935966	Security Engineer
2021	PPoSS: Inflight Analytics to Control Large-Scale Heterogeneous Systems NSF Principles and Practice of Scalable Systems (PPoSS) #2029049	Personnel
Awards with UIUC and International Partners		Role
2024-2029	Enhancing Precision Digital Pathology with an AI-accelerated Supercomputers	Co-PI
2024-2029	Accelerating Patient Rehabilitation via Wearable Filament Sensor Networks VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center	Co-PI Five Funded PhD students and one Postdoc

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	Art of High Performance Computing (HPC) exhibit , IEEE/ACM Supercomputing Artwork	Atlanta, GA
2024	Outstanding Mentors , Students Pushing INnovation (SPIN) with Fiddler Innovation Endowment awardee link	
2023	Trusted Cyber Infrastructure (CI) Fellows , NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence link	
2023	Doctoral Showcase , IEEE/ACM Supercomputing	Denver, CO
2014	Best Paper Award - IEEE/IFIP Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN)	Atlanta, GA
2014	\$10,000 Hackathon prize , Salesforce \$1 Million Hackathon (10 th place)	San Francisco, CA
2012	Best Use of the APIs , Box.com Hackathon	Redwood City, CA
2011	Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) Fellowship nomination (top 45 Vietnamese students)	Hanoi, Vietnam
2009	American Chamber of Commerce Scholar , Hanoi chapter	Hanoi, Vietnam
2006	FPT Young Talents Technology Centre (FYT) , 8 th cohort	Hanoi, Vietnam

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2025	Characterizing GPU Resilience and Impact on AI/HPC Systems Shengkun Cui, Archit Patke, Ziheng Chen, Aditya Ranjan, Hung Nguyen, Phuong Cao , Saurabh Jha, Brett Bode, Gregory Bauer, Chandra Narayanaswami, Daby Sow, Catello Di Martino, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer ACM/IEEE Supercomputing'25 arXiv:2503.11901	St. Louis, MO
2025	Dependable Classical-Quantum Computer Systems Engineering Eduardo Giusto, Santiago Nuñez-Corrales, Phuong Cao , Alessandro Cilardo, Ravishankar K Iyer, Weiwen Jiang, Paolo Rech, Flavio Vella, Bartolomeo Montrucchio, Samudra Dasgupta, Travis S Humble https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.10484	Frontiers Special Issue
2024	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Network Instrument: Measuring PQC Adoption Rates and Identifying Migration Pathways Jakub Sowa, Bach Hoang, Advait Yeluru, Steven Qie, Anita Nikolich, Ravishankar Iyer, Phuong Cao IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering (QCE) DOI: 10.1109/QCE60285.2024.00213	Montreal, Canada

- 2024 **True Attacks, Attack Attempts, or Benign Triggers?**
An Empirical Measurement of Network Alerts in a Security Operations Center
 Limin Yang, Zhi Chen, Chenkai Wang, Zhenning Zhang, Sushruth Booma, Constantin Adam, Alex Withers, **Phuong Cao**, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer, Gang Wang.
 Proceedings of the 33rd *USENIX Security Symposium*
[DOI: 10.5555/36989900.3698986](https://doi.org/10.5555/36989900.3698986) Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 **stealthML: Data-driven Malware for Stealthy Data Exfiltration**
 Keywhan Chung, **Phuong Cao**, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer.
 In the *IEEE International Conference on Cyber Security and Resilience (CSR)*
[DOI: 10.1109/CSR57506.2023.10224946](https://doi.org/10.1109/CSR57506.2023.10224946) Venice, Italy
- 2020 **Investigating Root Causes of Authentication Failures Using a SAML and OIDC Observatory**
 Jim Basney, **Phuong Cao**, Terry Fleury
 In the *6th IEEE International Conference on Dependability in Sensor, Cloud, and Big Data Systems and Applications (DependSys)*
[10.1109/DependSys51298.2020.00026](https://doi.org/10.1109/DependSys51298.2020.00026) Virtual
- 2019 **Continuous Auditing of SSH-Servers To Mitigate Brute-Force Attacks**
Phuong Cao, Yuming Wu, Subho Banerjee, Justin Azoff, Alex Withers, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer
 In the *16th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI)*
[DOI: 10.1109/DependSys51298.2020.00026](https://doi.org/10.1109/DependSys51298.2020.00026) Boston, MA
- 2016 **SVAuth: A Single-Sign-On Integration Solution with Runtime Verification**
 Shuo Chen, Matt McCutchen, **Phuong Cao**, Shaz Qadeer, and Ravishankar Iyer
 In the *17th International Conference on Runtime Verification (RV)*
[PDF](#) Madrid, Spain
- 2014 **Preemptive intrusion detection: theoretical framework and real-world measurements**
Phuong Cao, Eric Badger, Adam Slagell, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer
 In the *Symposium and Bootcamp on the Science of Security (HotSOS)*
[PDF](#) Raleigh, NC
- 2013 **Security Monitoring for Virtual Machines Using Hardware Architectural Invariants**
 Cuong Pham, Zachary Estrada, **Phuong Cao**, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer
Best Paper Award. In the *44th IEEE Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN)*
[PDF](#) Atlanta, GA

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

- 2025 **Building Machine Learning Challenges for Anomaly Detection in Science**
 Campolongo, Elizabeth G., Yuan-Tang Chou, Ekaterina Govorkova, Wahid Bhimji, Wei-Lun Chao, Chris Harris, Shih-Chieh Hsu et al. (**Phuong Cao** Endorser) Submitted to Nature Communications
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.02112>
- 2025 **Dynamic Factor Graphs for Attack Preemption**
Phuong Cao, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer Submitted to IEEE TDSC.

CONTRIBUTED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 **Dependable Computing: Design and Assessment**, ISBN: 978-1-118-70944-3 IEEE Wiley
- 2023 **Multimodal AI in Healthcare**, ISBN: 978-3-031-14771-5 Springer
- 2018 **Assured Cloud Computing**, ISBN: 978-1-119-42863-3 IEEE Wiley

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- 2014 **Building Reliable and Secure Virtual Machines Using Architectural Invariants**
 Cuong Pham, Zachary Estrada, **Phuong Cao**, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer
 In the *IEEE Security & Privacy (S&P) Magazine*

WORKSHOPS

- 2024 **Security Testbed for Preempting Attacks against Supercomputing Infrastructure**
Phuong Cao, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer
 Secure-HPC Workshop organized by NIST and PNLL, co-located with IEEE/ACM Supercomputing Atlanta, GA
- 2024 **Auditing Network Security Attacks in Jupyter Notebooks**
Phuong Cao
 INDIS Workshop, co-located with IEEE/ACM Supercomputing Atlanta, GA

2023	Taxonomy of Fingerprinting Techniques for Evaluation of Smart Grid Honeypot Realism Vanessa Tay Sin Yee, Xinran Li, Daisuke Mashima, Bennet Ng, Phuong Cao , Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer. Workshop on Testbed and Digital Twin for Smart Grids, <i>IEEE SmartGridComm</i>	Glasgow, Scotland
2023	Post-Quantum Cyberinfrastructure Security Readiness: Risks, Measures and Prospects Phuong Cao , Bach Hoang, Santiago Nunez-Corrales. In <i>Basic Research Needs in Quantum Computing and Networking</i> , Department of Energy's Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research	Gaithersburg, MD
2022	Predicting COVID-19 Disease Progression with A Factor Graph-based Model Yurui Cao, Phuong Cao , Haotian Chen, Karl M. Kochendorfer, Andrew B. Trotter, William L. Galanter, Paul M. Arnold, Ravishankar Iyer. In <i>Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Health Intelligence Workshop</i>	Virtual
2020	Mining threat intelligence from billion-scale SSH brute-force attacks Yuming Wu, Phuong Cao , Alexander Withers, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, Ravishankar Iyer. In <i>Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium Workshop</i> PDF	San Diego, CA
2012	Toward a high availability cloud: Techniques and challenges Cuong Pham, Phuong Cao , Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, and Ravishankar Iyer In the <i>42nd IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN) Workshop</i>	Boston, MA

COURSES: SYLLABUS DESIGNS, MACHINE PROBLEMS, AND LECTURES

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2023	ECE 598 RKI: Trustworthy AI Systems	Guest Lecturer
2022	ECE 471: Data Science Analytics using Probabilistic Graphical Models	Machine Problem designer
2021	ECE 542 / CS 536: Design of Fault Tolerant Digital Systems	Guest Lecturer
2020	ECE 598 RKI: Dependable AI Systems	Machine Problem designer
2020	CS 498 : Data Science & Analytics	Machine Problem designer
2019	ECE 542 / CS 536: Design of Fault Tolerant Digital Systems	Teaching Assistant
2018	CS 461: Computer Security	Teaching Assistant
2017	CS 461: Computer Security	Teaching Assistant
2017	ECE 313: Probability and Statistics	Teaching Assistant

TUTORIALS, TALKS AND LECTURES

2025	Quantitative Risk Assessment for Post Quantum Cryptography <i>Joint Laboratory for Extreme Scale Computing (JLESC)</i> , Argonne National Laboratory	Lemont, IL
2025	Quantitative Risk Assessment for Post Quantum Cryptography <i>5th NIST Secure HPC Workshop</i>	Gaithersburg, MD
2025	Measuring Quantum Resistant Cryptography <i>Hot Topics in the Science of Security Symposium (HotSoS)</i>	Virtual, hosted by NSA
2024	Jupyter Notebooks Security <i>Supercomputing</i>	Atlanta, GA
2024	Secure HPC Software Construction, Communication, and Computation <i>Illinois Cyber Security Scholars Program (ICSSP)</i>	Urbana, IL
2024	Security Log Analysis Tutorial <i>NSF Cybersecurity Summit at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)</i>	Pittsburg, PA
2024	Post Quantum Cryptography Adoption Rate <i>NIST HPC Security Working Group</i>	Virtual
2024	Secure HPC Software Construction, Communication, and Computation <i>4th High-Performance Computing Security Workshop, Wichita State University</i>	Wichita, KS
2024	Post Quantum Cryptography Migration for HPC <i>National Center for Supercomputing Applications Quantum Computing Interest Group Monthly Meeting</i>	Urbana, IL
2023	Plenary Session NSF Trusted CI Fellows Panel <i>Lawrence Berkeley National Lab</i>	Berkeley, CA

2023	Secure Infrastructure for Health Analytics <i>National University of Singapore (NUS), Illinois Advanced Research Center (Illinois ARCS)</i>	Singapore
2023	Evolution of malicious software in the machine learning domain <i>ECE 598RKL: Dependable AI Systems</i>	Urbana, IL
2023	Towards Reliable and Robust Generative Models in Systems Domain <i>Winter School on Cyber Security – Hanoi University of Science & Technology</i>	Hanoi, Vietnam
2023	Innovations in Health Analytics and Systems: An Illinois Engineering and Mayo Clinic Partnership <i>VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center</i>	Hanoi, Vietnam
2023	Expert-guided Foundational Model for Preemptive Attack Detection <i>Hanoi University of Science and Technology (Bach Khoa),</i>	Hanoi, Vietnam
2023	Secure Infrastructure for Health Analytics <i>VinMec hospital</i>	Hanoi, Vietnam
2022	Factor graphs & Belief Propagations <i>ECE 471: Data Science Analytics using Probabilistic Graphical Models</i>	Urbana, IL
2021	Bot vs. Human: Statistical analysis of honeypot logs <i>CS 536: Design of Fault Tolerant Digital Systems</i>	Urbana, IL
2020	Replay of security attacks in a production testbed <i>CS 498 : Data Science & Analytics</i>	Urbana, IL
2019	Continuous Auditing of SSH-Servers To Mitigate Brute-Force Attacks <i>Microsoft Research, Cryptography, Security, and Privacy (CRYSP)</i>	Bellevue, WA

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

2024	Bringing Verification-Aware Languages and Federated Authentication to Enable Secure Computing for Scientific Communities <i>NSF Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF) PI Meeting</i>	<i>Poster</i> Iowa City, IA
2024	Verifying Critical Authentication Systems in Research Infrastructure <i>NSF Research Infrastructure Workshop</i>	<i>Posters</i> Phoenix, AZ
2023	Enriching Energy Systems Threat Intelligence Foundation-Model-driven SmartGrid Honeypot <i>Center for Infrastructure Trustworthiness in Energy Systems</i>	<i>Industry Advisory Board Meeting</i> Chicago, IL
2023	Preemptive Intrusion Detection: Real-world Measurements, Bayesian-based detection, and AI-driven countermeasures <i>International Conference for High-Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC)</i>	<i>Doctoral Showcase</i> Denver, CO
2023	Security and Resiliency Challenges in Hybrid HPC-QC (High-Performance-Supercomputer-Quantum-Computing) <i>NSF Cybersecurity Summit, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</i>	<i>Poster</i> Berkeley, CA
2023	Security Log Analysis – Ransomware encounters in the wild <i>NSF Cybersecurity Summit, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</i>	<i>Tutorial (Interactive) Session</i> Berkeley, CA
2023	Foundational Resiliency Model on the Blue Waters Petascale Supercomputer <i>DEPEND group research retreat</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL
2023	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Adoption Measured at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) <i>Sandia-UIUC Mini-Conference</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2023	quAPL-V: Formal Verification in an Array Programming Language-based quantum library <i>Sandia-UIUC and NCSA Industry Conference</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2023	stealthML: Data-driven Malware for Stealthy Data Exfiltration <i>IEEE International Conference on Cyber Security and Resilience</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Venice, Italy
2023	Towards Reliable and Robust Generative Models in Clinical and Systems Domain <i>Mayo Clinic</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Rochester, MN
2023	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Adoption Measured at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) <i>Illinois Quantum Information Science & Technology Center (IQUIST) All-Hands Meeting</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2023	Applications of eBPFs in bastion host auditing <i>NSF Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CC*) PI Meeting and FABRIC Workshop</i>	<i>Demo</i> Columbus, OH
2023	Ransomware Honeypot <i>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) R&D Day</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL

2023	Verifying quAPL: an APL-based quantum programming library <i>STEM Career Exploration and Research Symposium</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL
2023	Formal Verification of SciTokens <i>NCSA Student Research Symposium</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL
2022	A data anonymization proxy for interactive log analyses <i>NSF Cybersecurity Summit</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Bloomington, IN
2022	Predicting ICU Admissions for Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients with a Factor Graph-based Model <i>Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)-22 Workshop</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Vancouver, BC, Canada
2021	Investigating Remote Desktop Protocols attacks using the Zeek observatory at UIUC/NCSA <i>Zeek Week</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Virtual
2021	Ransomware Honeypot <i>NSF Cybersecurity Summit and FABRIC Knit Workshop</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Chicago, IL
2021	Real-time & Interpretable Inference for COVID-19 Disease Progression using Factor Graph Models <i>Center for Computational Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine (CCBGM)</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2020	Investigating Root Causes of Authentication Failures Using a SAML and OIDC Observatory <i>IEEE DependSys</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Fiji - Virtual
2020	Analysis of remote desktop protocol attacks targeting scientific computing infrastructure during the COVID19 pandemic <i>Fourth Workshop on Trustworthy Scientific Cyberinfrastructure (TrustedCI@PEARC20),</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Virtual
2020	Mining Threat Intelligence from Billion-scale SSH Brute-Force Attacks <i>Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium</i>	<i>Poster</i> San Diego, CA
2019	Continuous Auditing of SSH-Servers To Mitigate Brute-Force Attacks <i>National University of Singapore</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Virtual
2019	Formal Verification of Smart Contracts <i>Microsoft Research</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Redmond, WA
2019	TRACTION: an infrastructure for trusted alert sharing and collaborative mitigation <i>ACM HotSoS</i>	<i>Poster</i> Nashville, TN
2019	Continuous Auditing of SSH-Servers To Mitigate Brute-Force Attacks <i>USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI)</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Boston, MA
2019	Continuous Auditing of SSH-Servers To Mitigate Brute-Force Attacks <i>Security and Privacy Research at Illinois</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL.
2018	A security testbed for capturing, replaying, and auditing attacks <i>ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC)</i>	<i>Poster</i> Boston, MA
2017	Learning Factor Graphs for Preempting Multi-State Attacks in Cloud Infrastructure <i>Symposium and Bootcamp on the Science of Security (HotSoS 2017)</i>	<i>Poster</i> Hanover, MD
2017	A Real-world Testbed for Assessing Security of Electronic Health Data Sharing <i>Center for Computational Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine (CCBGM)</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2017	Self-Verifying Authentication: Safer Integrations of Single-Sign-On Services <i>Blackhat Europe</i>	<i>Presentation</i> London, United Kingdom
2017	SVAuth—A Single-Sign-On Integration Solution with Runtime Verification <i>International Conference on Runtime Verification (RV)</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Seattle, WA
2017	An Ethical Hacking Framework for Assessing Security of Cloud Infrastructure <i>IBM IEEE CAS/EDS – AI Compute Symposium</i>	<i>Poster</i> Yorktown Heights, NY
2016	An Ethical Hacking Framework for Assessing Security of Cloud Infrastructure <i>IBM Research</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Austin, TX
2016	Personalized password guessing: a new security threat <i>ACM HotSoS</i>	<i>Poster</i> Pittsburgh, PA
2015	Towards an unified security testbed and security analytics framework <i>ACM HotSoS</i>	<i>Poster</i> Urbana, IL
2015	Towards an unified security testbed and security analytics framework <i>Supercomputing (SC)</i>	<i>Demo</i> Austin, TX
2014	Reliability and security monitoring of virtual machines using hardware architectural invariants <i>IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN)</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Atlanta, GA
2014	Application-layer Denial of Service Attacks <i>LinkedIn</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Mountain View, CA

2014	Preemptive Intrusion Detection <i>ACM HotSoS</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Raleigh, NC
2014	Preemptive Intrusion Detection <i>Information Trust Institute (ITI)</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Urbana, IL
2013	Factor Graphs modeling in Anti Money Laundering <i>IBM Research</i>	<i>Presentation</i> Yorktown Heights, NY
2012	Applications of Machine Learning in Layer-7 Slow DDoS Detection <i>Akamai</i>	<i>Presentation</i> San Mateo, CA

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Journal Editor

2024 **Frontiers: Realizing Quantum Utility: Grand Challenges of Secure & Trustworthy Quantum Computing**

Workshop Organizer

2024 First Workshop on Dependability Challenges in Hybrid Classical-Quantum Computing Systems
Co-located with QCE24

2024 Dependable Architectures for HPC and Quantum Systems
Joint High-Performance Quantum Dependability Working group: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, UIUC (IQUIST, NCSA, CSL/ECE), University of Naples Federico II

GRANT AND AWARD REVIEWERS

Grant and Award Reviewers

2025 Proposal Reviewer, Department of Energy (DOE)

2024-2025 Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF)

2022 C3.ai Digital Transformation Institute

Judges

2023-2024 Technical Judge, Hack Illinois

2023-2024 Mentor, NCSA's SPIN (Students Pushing Innovation) – an NSF REU site.

2019 Judge, Pulse Hardware Competition, ECE Illinois

2022 Illinois CS & ECE graduate admission

2012-2019 Chair & Organizer, DEPEND group research retreat

Technical Conference Program Committee (TPC) Member

2025 Foundations Of Reliable Classical-quantum Engineering, IEEE/IFIP DSN 2025

2024-2025 Program Committee Member, IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering (QCE)
Quantum Networking track [link](#)

2023-2024 Program Committee Member, US Research Software Engineer Association (US-RSE)

2019 ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC), Shadow Program Committee

Conference Chairs

2024 Program Co-Chair, 54th Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks, Industry Track

Journal peer reviews (verified): [Clarivate Web of Science](#)

2024,2025 IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (IEEE TIFS)

2024 Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS)

2018 IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (IEEE TDSC)

Conference reviewers

IEEE International Symposium on On-Line Testing and Robust System Design (IEEE IOTLS)

ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (ACM SIGCOMM)

IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (IEEE DSN)

IEEE International Conference on Cloud Computing (IEEE CLOUD)

IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData)

IEEE International Symposium on On-Line Testing & Robust System Design (IOLTS)

NeurIPS

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Jul 2024	Secure Health Analytics in Supercomputing Environment <i>VinUni-Illinois Summer School for Pre-doctoral Students</i>	Hanoi, Vietnam
Oct 2024	National Petascale Computing Facility tour for UIUC Sysnet and SPRAI students	Champaign, IL
Apr 2024	Engineering Open House https://eohillinois.org/ , NCSA,	Urbana, IL.
Nov 2023	Federated Authentication explained for K12 students , Carrie Busey Elementary School	Savoy, IL
Oct 2023	National Petascale Computing Facility tour for VinUni-Illinois visiting scholars and SPRAI	Champaign, IL
June 2023	National Petascale Computing Facility tour for Students Pushing Innovation (SPIN) students	Champaign, IL

STUDENTS MENTORED AND ADVISED

Exchange students

Thibaut Probst → Airbus
 Chi Phan → VinUni
 Hung Nguyen → VinUni → UIUC → Argonne National Lab
 Cuong, Nguyen Tien → Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD)

Undergraduates

Jakub Sowa → NSF CyberCorps Scholarship for Services (current); Awarded **Fiddler Innovation** Fellowship.
 Seoung Kyun Kim → National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
 Surya Bakshi → Offchain Labs
 Binfeng Yuan → Amazon
 Satvik Kulkarni → IBM
 Advay Kadam → NCSA
 Bach Hoang → NCSA

Master students

Eric Badgers → Yahoo!

PhD students

Yurui Cao
 Yuming Wu

MEMBERSHIPS

Present	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	Member
Present	Quantum Community, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	Member

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE CODE AND DATA RELEASES

2023	Blue Waters security and resiliency data (approximately one Petabyte)	Globus
2019	SSH-auditor	URL
2019	SSH Honeypot Data (complete 15B SSH attack attempts available on request)	URL
2018	SVAuth: Self-verifying single-sign-on solutions	URL
2017	Timemachine – reproducible vulnerabilities in Debian-based docker container.	Docker Hub ; Github
2000-2023	Longitudinal data of NCSA security incidents (sys logs, reports, and Zeek logs)	Available upon request

PRESS

2025	HPCWire , <i>NCSA Awards 17 Students Fiddler Innovation Fellowships</i>	URL
2024	HPCWire , Quantum Zeitgeist , Quantum Insider , <i>NCSA's New Project Paves Path to Quantum-Resistant Cyberinfrastructure in Scientific Computing</i>	URL
2019	HPCWire , ECE Illinois , NCSA , <i>Illinois Researchers Sweeten Honeypot to Catch, Blacklist Hackers</i>	URL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

References

Alexander Withers, *Deputy Chief Information Security Officer*, Department of Energy's Energy Sciences Network (ESnet)

Jim Basney, *Director and PI of Trusted CI*, NSF Cybersecurity Center of Excellence.

Minh Do, *Thomas and Margaret Huang Endowed Professor*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

William Kramer, *Executive Director of the Illinois New Frontiers Initiative and Blue Waters Director*, NCSA

Additional references are available upon requests.

Degree

PhD degree is expected to be conferred before the start date.

MISC

Misc. travel grants

- **NSF Cybersecurity Summit, Supercomputing, HotSoS, ACM IMC, NSF CC* PI meetings**

PAST APPOINTMENTS

2010 *Intern, High Performance Computing* **Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH)**

2010 *Research Engineer, Faceted Search* **Vinagame (VNG)**

2006-09 *Security Intern, Reverse Engineering Computer Viruses* **Bach Khoa Anti-Virus (BKAV)**