

ANGELOS STAVROU - *Curriculum Vitae*

POSITIONS HELD

- **August 2020 – Present**
Professor, Innovation Campus & Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Virginia Tech, Arlington, VA
- **November 2022 – Present**
Founder & CEO, Impedyme Inc., Arlington, VA
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Founder & Chairman of the Board, Quokka Inc, Arlington, VA
- **March 2011 – Present**
Founder & CEO, A2 Labs LLC (formerly Kryptowire LLC, 2011 - 2024), Arlington, VA
- **August 2021 – Present**
Entrepreneurship Lead, Innovation Campus, Virginia Tech, Arlington, VA
- **August 2017 – August 2020**
Professor, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **April 2014 – August 2020**
Director, Center for Assurance Research and Engineering (CARE), George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **March 2014 – May 2017**
Academic Director, M.S. in Management of Secure Information Systems Program, School of Management, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **May 2012 – August 2017**
Associate Professor, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **May 2013 – August 2015**
Academic Director, M.S. in Information Security and Assurance, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **January 2012 – August 2013**
Associate Director, Center for Secure Information Systems, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **September 2011 – August 2020**
Associate Researcher, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Computer Security Division, Gaithersburg, MD
- **August 2007 – May 2012**
Assistant Professor, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- **May 2006 – August 2006**
Research Intern, Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK
- **August 2004 – December 2004**
Software Engineer Intern, Google Inc., Mountain view, CA
- **September 2001 – August 2007**
Research Assistant, Computer Science Department, Columbia University, New York, NY

EDUCATION

- **Columbia University, Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, New York, NY.**
Ph.D. in Computer Science (**with Distinction**) (**August 2007**)
Thesis: "An Overlay Architecture for End-to-End Service Availability".
Advisor: Angelos D. Keromytis.
- **Columbia University, Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, New York, NY.**
M.Phil. Degree in Computer Science (**January 2007**)
M.Sc. Degree in Electrical Engineering with concentration in Multimedia Networking (Peer to Peer Networks). (December 2002).
- **National University of Athens, Athens Greece /Carleton University ON, Canada.**
M.Sc. Degree in Algorithms, Computability and Logic. (**June 2001**)
Master's Thesis: "A new distributed algorithm for routing in satellite constellation networks"
Advisor: Prof. E. Kranakis.
- **University of Patras, Electrical Engineering Department, Patras Greece.**
Certificate of Engineering for the completion of the last two years of coursework in Electrical Engineering (**February 1999**).
- **University of Patras, Physics Department, Patras, Greece.**
B.Sc (Honors) in Physics, (**July 1997**) Thesis: "Stream Ciphers theory and practical application".

Publications

Issued Patents

1. [Systems and methods for analyzing software](#)
Ryan Johnson, Nikolaos Kiourtis, **Angelos Stavrou**
U.S. Patent Number 10,387,627. Issued on August 20th, 2019.
2. [Active Authentication of Users](#)
Angelos Stavrou, Rahul Murmuria, Ryan Johnson, Daniel Barbara
U.S. Patent Number 10,289,819. Issued on May 14th, 2019.
3. [Methods and systems for increased debugging transparency](#)
Fengwei Zhang, Kevin Leach, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang
U.S. Patent Number 10,127,137. Issued on November 13th, 2018.
4. **Methods and Apparatus for Application Isolation**
Anup Ghosh, Yih Huang, Jiang Wang, **Angelos Stavrou**
U.S. Patent Number 9,602,524. Issued on March 21st, 2017.
5. **Malware Detector**
Angelos Stavrou, Sushil Jajodia, Anup Ghosh, Rhendi Martin, Charalampos Andrianakis
U.S. Patent Number 9,531,747. Issued on December 27th, 2016.
6. **Hardware-assisted Integrity Monitor**

Jiang Wang, Anup Ghosh, Kun Sun, **Angelos Stavrou**
U.S. Patent Number 9,270,697. Issued on February 23rd, 2016.

7. **Systems and Methods for Inhibiting Attacks with a Network**
Angelos Stavrou, Angelos D. Keromytis
U.S. Patent Number 9,344,418. Issued on May 17th, 2016.
8. **Methods and Apparatus for Application Isolation**
Anup Ghosh, Yih Huang, Jiang Wang, **Angelos Stavrou**
U.S. Patent Number 9,098,698. Issued on August 4th, 2015.
9. **Adaptive feedback loop based on a sensor for streaming static and interactive media content to animals**
Angelos Stavrou, Margaret Lee Perry-Flippin
U.S. Patent Number 9,043,818. Issued on May 26th, 2015.
10. **Malware Detector**
Angelos Stavrou, Sushil Jajodia, Anup Ghosh, Rhendi Martin, Charalampos Andrianakis
U.S. Patent Number 8,935,773. Issued on January 13th, 2015.
11. **Systems, Methods, and Media for Recovering an Application from a Fault or Attack**
Michael E. Locasto, Angelos D. Keromytis, **Angelos Stavrou**, Gabriela F. Ciocarlie
U.S. Patent Number 8,924,782. Issued on December 30th, 2014.
12. **Hardware-assisted Integrity Monitor**
Jiang Wang, **Angelos Stavrou**, Anup Ghosh, Kun Sun
U.S. Patent Number 8,819,225. Issued on August 26th, 2014.
13. **Website Matching based on Network Traffic**
Angelos Stavrou, Mohammed A. Alhussein, Brian Sanders
U.S. Patent Number 8,726,005. Issued on May 13th, 2014.
14. **Systems and Methods for Inhibiting Attacks with a Network**
Angelos Stavrou, Angelos D. Keromytis.
U.S. Patent Number 8,631,484. Issued on January 14th, 2014.
15. **Methods, Media and Systems for Responding to a Denial of Service Attack**
Angelos Stavrou, Angelos D. Keromytis, Jason Nieh, Vishal Misra, and Daniel Rubenstein.
U.S. Patent Number 8,549,646. Issued on October 1st, 2013.
16. **Systems, Methods, and Media for Generating Sanitized Data, Sanitizing Anomaly Detection Models, and/or Generating Sanitized Anomaly Detection Models**
Gabriela Cretu, **Angelos Stavrou**, Salvatore J. Stolfo, Angelos D. Keromytis, Michael E. Locasto.
U.S. Patent Number 8,407,160. Issued on March 26th, 2013.
17. **Systems and Methods for Computing Data Transmission Characteristics of a Network Path Based on Single-ended Measurements**
Angelos D. Keromytis, Sambuddho Chakravarty, and **Angelos Stavrou**.
U.S. Patent Number 8,228,815. Issued on July 24th, 2012.
18. **Methods, Systems and Media for Software Self-Healing**
Michael E. Locasto, Angelos D. Keromytis, Salvatore J. Stolfo, **Angelos Stavrou**, Gabriela Cretu, Stylianos Sidiroglou, Jason Nieh, and Oren Laadan.
U.S. Patent Number 7,962,798. Issued on June 14th, 2011.

19. **Systems and Methods for Computing Data Transmission Characteristics of a Network Path Based on Single-ended Measurements**
Angelos D. Keromytis, Sambuddho Chakravarty, and **Angelos Stavrou**. U.S. Patent Number 7,660,261. Issued on February 9th, 2010.

Journal Publications

1. **Leveraging Isochrons of Nonlinear Oscillators for High-Precision Localization**
Alireza Famili, Georgia Himona, Yannis Kominis, **Angelos Stavrou**, Vassilios Kovanis.
IEEE Internet Things Journal 12(8): 9833-9847 (2025)
2. **Harnessing Meta-Reinforcement Learning for Enhanced Tracking in Geofencing Systems**
Alireza Famili, Shihua Sun, Tolga O. Atalay, **Angelos Stavrou**.
IEEE Open Journal of Communications Society 6: 944-960 (2025)
3. **An OpenRAN Security Framework for Scalable Authentication, Authorization, and Discovery of xApps with Isolated Critical Services**
Tolga O. Atalay, Sudip Maitra, Dragoslav Stojadinovic, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang.
IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing 22(3): 2873-2890 (2025)
4. **Revealing Protocol Architecture's Design Patterns in the Volumetric DDoS Defense Design Space**
Zhiyi Zhang, Guorui Xiao, Sichen Song, R. Can Aygun, **Angelos Stavrou**, Lixia Zhang, Eric Osterweil
IEEE Communication Surveys Tutorials 27(1): 353-371 (2025)
5. **Harnessing Meta-Reinforcement Learning for Enhanced Tracking in Geofencing Systems**
A. Famili, S. Sun, T. Atalay and **A. Stavrou**.
To appear in IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society 2025,
doi: 10.1109/OJCOMS.2025.3531318.
6. **Leveraging Isochrons of Nonlinear Oscillators for High-Precision Localization**
A. Famili, G. Himona, Y. Kominis, **A. Stavrou** and V. Kovanis
In the IEEE Internet of Things Journal proceedings, doi: 10.1109/JIOT.2024.3508548.
7. **Isochrons in Injection Locked Photonic Oscillators: A New Frontier for High-Precision Localization**
A. Famili, G. Himona, Y. Kominis, **A. Stavrou** and V. Kovanis
In the IEEE Journal of Indoor and Seamless Positioning and Navigation, vol. 2, pp. 304-319, 2024,
doi: 10.1109/JISPIN.2024.3504396.
8. **All in one: Improving GPS accuracy and security via crowdsourcing**
Mahsa Foruhandeh, Hanchao Yang, Xiang Cheng, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang, Yaling Yang
In Elsevier Computer Networks, Volume 254, 2024, 110775, ISSN 1389-1286,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comnet.2024.110775>.
9. **Securing Your Airspace: Detection of Drones Trespassing Protected Areas**
Famili A, **Stavrou A**, Wang H, Park JJ, Gerdes R.
In Sensors. 2024 Mar 22;24(7):2028. doi: 10.3390/s24072028. PMID: 38610239; PMCID: PMC11013887.
10. **OPTILOD: Optimal Beacon Placement for High-Accuracy Indoor Localization of Drones**
Famili, Alireza, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang, and Jung-Min (Jerry) Park.
In Sensors 24, no. 6: 1865. <https://doi.org/10.3390/s24061865>

11. [Revealing Protocol Architecture's Design Patterns in the Volumetric DDoS Defense Design Space](#)
Zhang, Zhiyi; Xiao, Guorui; Song, Sichen; Aygun, R. Can; **Stavrou, Angelos**; Zhang, Lixia; Osterweil, Eric.
In the proceedings of IEEE Communications Surveys and Tutorials (2024).
12. [A multiview clustering framework for detecting deceptive reviews](#)
Yubao Zhang, Haining Wang, **Angelos Stavrou**. In the proceedings of [Journal of Computer Security](#), vol. 32, no. 1, pp. 31-52, 2024.
13. [OFDRA: Optimal Femtocell Deployment for Accurate Indoor Positioning of RIS-Mounted AVs](#)
A. Famili, T. O. Atalay, **A. Stavrou**, H. Wang and J. -M. Park. In the proceedings of [IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications](#), vol. 41, no. 12, pp. 3783-3798, Dec. 2023, doi:10.1109/JSAC.2023.3322821.
14. [iDROP: Robust Localization for Indoor Navigation of Drones With Optimized Beacon Placement](#)
A. Famili, **A. Stavrou**, H. Wang and J. -M. Park. In the proceedings of IEEE Internet of Things Journal, vol. 10, no. 16, pp. 14226-14238, 15 Aug.15, 2023, doi: 10.1109/JIOT.2023.3280084.
15. [Revisiting the Spaceborne Illuminators of Opportunity for Airborne Object Tracking](#), [PDF]
John Robie, Alireza Famili, **Angelos Stavrou**. In the proceedings of IEEE Computer 56(1): 82-92 (2023)
16. [PILOT: High-Precision Indoor Localization for Autonomous Drones](#)
A. Famili, **A. Stavrou**, H. Wang and J. -M. Park. In the proceedings of IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 72, no. 5, pp. 6445-6459, May 2023, doi: 10.1109/TVT.2022.3229628
17. [Understanding the Security Implication of Aborting Live Migration](#)
X. Gao, J. Xiao, H. Wang and **Angelos Stavrou**. [IEEE Trans. Cloud Comput. 10\(2\)](#): 1275-1286 (Online: 2020, Published: 2022)
18. [21 Years of Distributed Denial-of-Service: A Call to Action – Part 2](#) [PDF]
Eric Osterweil, Angelos Stavrou, and Lixia Zhang. In *Computer*, vol. 53, no. 8, pp. 94-99, Aug. 2020, doi: 10.1109/MC.2020.2993330.
19. [21 Years of Distributed Denial-of-Service: Current State of Affairs - Part 1](#) [PDF]
Eric Osterweil, **Angelos Stavrou**, and Lixia Zhang. In *Computer*, vol. 53, no. 7, pp. 88-92, July 2020, doi: 10.1109/MC.2020.2983711.
20. [Towards Transparent Debugging](#)
Fengwei Zhang, Kevin Leach, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang
[In the proceedings of IEEE Transactions of Dependable Secure Computing 15\(2\)](#): 321-335 (IEEE TDSC 2018)
21. [On Early Detection of Application-level Resource Exhaustion and Starvation](#)
Mohamed Elsabagh, Daniel Barbará, Dan Fleck, **Angelos Stavrou**
In proceedings of the Elsevier [Journal of Systems and Software 137](#): 430-447 (2018)
22. [An Empirical Investigation of Ecommerce-Reputation-Escalation-as-a-Service](#)
Haitao Xu, Daiping Liu, Haining Wang, **Angelos Stavrou**.
In the proceedings of ACM Transactions on the Web, Volume 11, Number 2, May 2017 (pages 13:1-13:35)
23. [DDoS in the IoT: Mirai and Other Botnets](#)

- Constantinos Kolias, Georgios Kambourakis, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey M. Voas.
In the proceedings of IEEE Computer 50(7): 80-84 (2017)
24. [Cybersecurity Leadership: Competencies, Governance, and Technologies for Industrial Control](#)
Jean-Pierre Auffret, Jane L. Snowdon, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey S. Katz, Diana Kelley, Rasheq S. Rahman, Frank Stein, Lisa Sokol, Peter Allor, Peng Warweg. Systems. Journal of Interconnection Networks 17(1): 1-20 (2017)
25. [Verified Time](#)
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeff Voas.
In the proceedings of [IEEE Computer](#), Volume: 50, [Issue: 3](#), March 2017
26. [On the Move: Evading Distributed Denial-of-Service Attacks](#)
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Daniel Fleck, Constantinos Kolias.
In the proceedings of [IEEE Computer](#) 49(3): 104-107 (2016)
27. [Intrusion Detection in 802.11 Networks: Empirical Evaluation of Threats and a Public Dataset](#)
Constantinos Kolias, Georgios Kambourakis, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Stefanos Gritzalis.
In the proceedings of IEEE Communications Surveys and Tutorials 18(1): 184-208 (2016)
28. [Learning Internet-of-Things Security "Hands-On"](#)
Constantinos Kolias, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey M. Voas, Irena Bojanova, D. Richard Kuhn.
In the proceedings of IEEE Security & Privacy 14(1): 37-46 (2016)
29. [Securely Making "Things" Right](#)
Constantinos Kolias, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey M. Voas.
In the proceedings of [IEEE Computer](#) 48(9): 84-88 IEEE Magazine (2015)
30. [A Moving Target DDoS Defense Mechanism](#)
Huangxin Wang, Quan Jia, Dan Fleck, Walter Powell, Fei Li, [Angelos Stavrou](#).
In the proceedings of Elsevier Journal of Computer Communications, 46: 10-21 (2014)
31. [HyperCheck: A Hardware-Assisted Integrity Monitor](#)
Fengwei Zhang, Jiang Wang, Kun Sun, and [Angelos Stavrou](#).
In the proceedings of IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), [11](#)(4): 332-344 (2014)
32. [Improving network response times using social information](#)
Sharath Hiremagalore, Chen Liang, [Angelos Stavrou](#) and Huzefa Rangwala.
In the proceedings of Social Network Analysis and Mining, Springer
[Social Network Analysis and Mining](#), Volume 3, pages 209-220 (2013)
33. [Providing Users' Anonymity in Mobile Hybrid Networks](#)
Claudio Agostino Ardagna, Sushil Jajodia, Pierangela Samarati, [Angelos Stavrou](#).
In the proceedings of ACM Transactions on Internet Technology, Volume 12, 3, Article 7, pages 1 - 33 (May 2013)
34. [Building Security into Off-the-Shelf Smartphones](#)
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey Voas, Tom Karygiannis, Steve Quirolgico.
In the proceedings of IEEE Computer, vol. 45, no. 2, pp. 82-84, Feb. 2012, doi:10.1109/MC.2012.44
35. [DoubleGuard: Detecting Intrusions In Multi-tier Web Applications](#)
Meixing Le, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Brent ByungHoon Kang.
In the proceedings of IEEE Journal on [Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing](#) (TDSC) 2011, ISSN: 1545-5971 10 Nov. 2011. IEEE computer Society Digital Library. IEEE Computer

Society. Acceptance Rate: 10-12% as reported by 2009 TDSC [editorial](#), ISI Impact Factor: [2.093 \(2010\)](#).

36. [**The Ephemeral Legion: Producing an Expert Cyber-security Workforce from Thin Air**](#)
Michael E. Locasto, Anup Ghosh, Sushil Jajodia, and [Angelos Stavrou](#).
In the proceedings of [Communications of the ACM](#), Vol. 54, Issue 1, pp 129 - 131.
Impact Factor: [2.362 \(2010\)](#). [[bib](#)]
37. [**The Dynamic Community of Interest and its Realization in ZODIAC**](#)
Scott Alexander, Steve Bellovin, Yuu-Heng Cheng, Brian Coan, Andrei Ghetie,
Vikram Kaul, Nicholas F. Maxemchuk, Henning Schulzrinne, Stephen Schwab, Bruce Siegel,
[Angelos Stavrou](#), and Jonathan M. Smith.
In the proceedings of IEEE Communications Magazine, October 2009, pp. 40-47. Impact Factor:
[2.837](#)
38. [**On the Infeasibility of Modeling Polymorphic Shellcode: Re-thinking the Role of Learning in Intrusion Detection Systems**](#)
Yingbo Song, Michael E. Locasto, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Angelos D. Keromytis, and Salvatore J. Stolfo.
In the Proceedings of [Machine Learning Journal \(MLJ\)](#) p. 179-205. Accepted: 7 August 2009.
Published online: 29 October 2009. Editors: Pavel Laskov and Richard Lippmann. ISI Impact Factor:
[1.956 \(2010\)](#). [[bib](#)]
39. [**WebSOS: An Overlay-based System For Protecting Web Servers From Denial of Service Attacks**](#)
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Debra L. Cook, William G. Morein, Angelos D. Keromytis, Vishal Misra, and Dan Rubenstein. In the proceedings of [Elsevier Journal of Computer Networks](#), special issue on Web and Network Security, vol. 48, no.5, p. 781 - 807. August 2005 5-Year Impact Factor: [1.690](#). [[bib](#)]
40. [**A Lightweight, Robust, P2P System to Handle Flash Crowds**](#)
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Dan Rubenstein, Sambit Sahu.
In the Proceedings of [IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications \(JSAC\)](#),
special issue on Service Overlay Networks, Volume 22, Number 1, p. 6-17, January 2004. Impact
Factor: [4.232 \(2010\)](#). [[bib](#)]
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Conference Publications

1. **General and Agentic AI, and the Challenges of Xplainable Reliability**
[Angelos Stavrou](#), Jeffrey M. Voas
IEEE Computer 58(6): 69-72 (2025)
2. **5G-STREAM: Service Mesh Tailored for Reliable, Efficient and Authorized Microservices in the Cloud**
Tolga O. Atalay, Alireza Famili, Sudip Maitra, Dragoslav Stojadinovic, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Haining Wang. In the proceedings of 55th Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks, DSN 2025: 116-128
3. **Unlocking the Potential of IEEE 802.11az: A Deep Dive into Ranging Capabilities**
Alireza Famili, Tolga O. Atalay, [Angelos Stavrou](#).
In the proceedings of International Conference on Computing, Networking and Communications, ICNC 2025, Honolulu, HI, USA, February 17-20, 2025, pp. 763-769
4. **Enhancing Secure Communication: Deep Q-Learning for Location-Based Authentication**

- Alireza Famili, Shihua Sun, Tolga O. Atalay, **Angelos Stavrou**.
IEEE Network Operations and Management Symposium, Honolulu, HI, USA, May 12-16, 2025
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5. **Leveraging Isochrons of Nonlinear Oscillators for High-Precision Localization**
Alireza Famili, Georgia Himona, Yannis Kominis, Angelos Stavrou, Vassilios Kovanis
IEEE Internet Things Journal 12(8): 9833-9847 (2025)
 6. **Stars and Towers on the Wheels: Global Perspective on Satellite Networks vs. Terrestrial 5G**
Amirreza Ghafoori, Alireza Famili, **Angelos Stavrou**
To appear in the IEEE Global Communications Conference, 8–12 December 2024 // Cape Town, South Africa (IEEE Globecom' 24).
 7. **ViTGuard: Attention-aware Detection against Adversarial Examples for Vision Transformer**
Shihua Sun, Kenekchukwu Nwodo, Shridatt Sugrim, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang
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 8. **Evaluating 5G Core Service Mesh Encapsulations in Cloud Deployments**
Tolga O. Atalay, Alireza Famili, Angelos Stavrou
In 2024 IEEE Conference on Network Function Virtualization and Software Defined Networks (NFV-SDN)
 9. **Behind the Scenes of Successful Metaverse User Traversal**
A. Famili, T. Atalay and A. Stavrou
In 2024 2nd International Conference on Intelligent Metaverse Technologies & Applications (iMETA), Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2024, pp. 168-175, doi: 10.1109/iMETA62882.2024.10808087.
 10. **An Exploration of Fuzzing for Discovering Use-After-Free Vulnerabilities**
Z. Chen, J. Xiao, **A. Stavrou** and H. Wang.
In the proceedings of 2024 IEEE 35th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering Workshops (ISSREW), Tsukuba, Japan, 2024, pp. 19-24, doi: 10.1109/ISSREW63542.2024.00041.
 11. **FedMADE: Robust Federated Learning for Intrusion Detection in IoT Networks Using a Dynamic Aggregation Method**
Sun, S., Sharma, P., Nwodo, K., **Stavrou, A.**, Wang, H.
In: Mouha, N., Nikiforakis, N. (eds) Information Security. ISC 2024. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 15258. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-75764-8_15
 12. **GREEN: Precise Geolocation in Metaverse using Reinforcement Learning-Enabled Sensor Placement**
Alireza Famili; Tolga Atalay; Amin Tabrizian; **Angelos Stavrou**. In the proceedings of the [2024 IEEE International Conference on Metaverse Computing, Networking, and Applications \(MetaCom\)](#), Hong Kong, China, 2024, pp. 231-238, doi: 10.1109/MetaCom62920.2024.00045
 13. **RAPID: Reinforcement Learning-Aided Femtocell Placement for Indoor Drone Localization**
Alireza Famili, Amin Tabrizian, Tolga Atalay, **Angelos Stavrou** and Peng Wei
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 14. **Towards Shielding 5G Control Plane Functions**
S. Maitra, T. O. Atalay, **A. Stavrou** and H. Wang
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 15. **Isochrons in Photonic Oscillators: A Paradigm Shift in Positioning**

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16. [**CARTA: Coordinated Arrangement of Receivers for Target Acquisition**](#)
A. Famili and **A. Stavrou**
In 2024 IFIP Networking Conference (IFIP Networking), Thessaloniki, Greece, 2024, pp. 323-331,
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 17. [**5G-WAVE: A Core Network Framework with Decentralized Authorization for Network Slices**](#)
P. Sharma, T. Atalay, H. A. Gibbs, D. Stojadinovic, **A. Stavrou** and H. Wang
IEEE INFOCOM 2024 - IEEE Conference on Computer Communications, Vancouver, BC, Canada,
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 18. [**Mobile Devices' Low Charge, High CPU Load, Number of Sensors, and OS Features Delay Sensor Data Readings**](#)
Boris Gafurov, **Angelos Stavrou**
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Girona, Spain, 2024, pp. 1-7, doi: 10.1109/CITS61189.2024.10608020.
 19. [**5GPS: 5G Femtocell Placement Strategies for Ultra-Precise Indoor Localization in the Metaverse**](#)
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Island, HI, USA, 2024, pp. 1132-1138, doi: 10.1109/ICNC59896.2024.10556043.
 20. [**Demystifying 5G Traffic Patterns with an Indoor RAN Measurement Campaign**](#)
Atalay, Tolga O., Famili, Alireza, Stojadinovic, Dragoslav and **Stavrou, Angelos**.
In [2023 IEEE Global Communications Conference](#) (GLOBECOM) pp. 1185-1190,
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 21. [**Wi-Six: Precise Positioning in the Metaverse via Optimal Wi-Fi Router Deployment in 6G Networks**](#). A. Famili, T. Atalay, **A. Stavrou** and H. Wang. (Best Paper Award)
In 2023 IEEE International Conference on Metaverse Computing, Networking and Applications
(MetaCom), Kyoto, Japan, 2023 pp. 17-24. doi: 10.1109/MetaCom57706.2023.00019
 22. [**2023. Dial "N" for NXDomain: The Scale, Origin, and Security Implications of DNS Queries to Non-Existent Domains.**](#)
Guannan Liu, Lin Jin, Shuai Hao, Yubao Zhang, Daiping Liu, **Angelos Stavrou**, and Haining Wang.
In the proceedings of the 2023 ACM on Internet Measurement Conference (IMC '23). Association for
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A. Famili, V. Slyusar, Y. H. Lee and **A. Stavrou**. In the proceedings of 2023 IEEE International
Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC), Honolulu, Oahu, HI, USA, 2023, pp. 3507-
3513, doi: 10.1109/SMC53992.2023.10393920.
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Alireza Famili, **Angelos Stavrou**, Haining Wang, Jung-Min Jerry Park. In the proceedings of Silicon
Valley Cybersecurity Conference, SVCC 2023, San Jose, CA, USA, May 17-19, 2023. *IEEE 2023*,
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2. **TCP Modulation Attacks**
[Angelos Stavrou](#). In Henk C.A. van Tilborg and Sushil Jajodia, editors, Encyclopedia of Cryptography and Security, 2nd Edition. Springer, 2010.

Workshops

1. [Microservices made attack-resilient using unsupervised service fissioning](#) [[PDF](#)]
Ataollah Fatahi Baarzi, George Kesidis, Dan Fleck, Angelos Stavrou.
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2. [Breaking BLE Beacons For Fun But Mostly Profit](#)
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3. **Your Data in Your Hands: Privacy-preserving User Behavior Models for Context Computation**
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4. [Authentication Feature and Model Selection using Penalty Algorithms](#)
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In the proceedings of the Twelfth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2016).
USENIX Association, 2016, Way workshop, Denver Colorado June 22-24, 2016
5. **Switchwall: Automated Topology Fingerprinting & Behavior Deviation Identification**
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In the Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Security and Trust Management (STM 2012) in conjunction with ESORICS 2012, Pisa, Italy - September 13-14, 2012

6. [A Whitebox Approach for Automated Security Testing of Android Applications on the Cloud](#)
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7. [The MEERKATS Cloud Security Architecture](#)
Angelos D. Keromytis, Roxana Geambasu, Simha Sethumadhavan, Salvatore J. Stolfo, Junfeng Yang, Azzedine Benameur, Marc Dacier, Matthew Elder, Darrell Kienzle, and **Angelos Stavrou**.
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8. [CapMan: Capability-based Defense against Multi-Path Denial of Service \(DoS\) Attacks in MANET](#)
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9. [The MINESTRONE Architecture: Combining Static and Dynamic Analysis Techniques for Software Security](#)
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12. [Scalable Web Object Inspection and Malfeasance Collection](#)
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13. [Fine-grained Sharing of Health Records using XSPA Profile for XACML](#)
A. Al-Faresi, Bo Yu, Khalid Moidu, **Angelos Stavrou**, Duminda Wijesekera, Anoop Singhal
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14. [Evaluating a Collaborative Defense Architecture for MANETs](#)
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 22. [Online Training and Sanitization of AD Systems \(extended abstract\)](#)
Gabriela F. Cretu, [Angelos Stavrou](#), Michael E. Locasto, Salvatore J. Stolfo.
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 23. [Data Sanitization: Improving the Forensic Utility of Anomaly Detection Systems](#)
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Technical Reports

1. [Netgator: Malware Detection Through Program Interactive Proofs](#)
Brian Schulte, Rhandi Martin, Haris Andrianakis and Angelos Stavrou, GMU-CS-TR-2011-6
2. [SecureSwitch: BIOS-Assisted Isolation and Switch between Trusted and Untrusted Commodity OSES](#)
Kun Sun, Jiang Wang, Fengwei Zhang and Angelos Stavrou, GMU-CS-TR-2011-7
3. [An Analysis of System Management Mode \(SMM\)-based Integrity Checking Systems and Evasion Attacks](#)
Jiang Wang, Kun Sun and Angelos Stavrou, GMU-CS-TR-2011-8
4. [Ruminate: A Scalable Architecture for Deep Network Analysis](#)
Charles Smutz and Angelos Stavrou, GMU-CS-TR-2010-20.

Professional Activities & Service

Founder & CEO

- Kryptowire LLC (<https://www.kryptowire.com/>)

Founder & Chief Scientist

- Quokka INC (<https://www.quokka.io>)

Editorial Positions, Panels, and Boards

- IEEE Security and Privacy Magazine (01-01-2017 - Present)
Type: Internet publication
Role: Associate or guest editor/curator
- International Journal of Information Security (01-01-2019 - Present)
Type: Journal
Role: Editorial/curatorial board member
- IEEE Transactions on Computers (01-01-2020 - Present)
Type: Journal
Role: Associate or guest editor/curator
Description: Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions on Computers
- IEEE Internet Computing (01-01-2020 - Present)
Type: Journal
Role: Associate or guest editor/curator

Past:

Associate Editor, [IEEE Transactions on Reliability](#), September 2015 - 2020
[IET Journal on Information Security](#), May 2010 – May 2018
[Encyclopedia of Cryptography and Security](#), Editorial Board Member, March 2010 – 2020

Program Organization:

Program General co-Chair, [ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security \(CCS\) 2022](#)
Program co-Chair, 10th European Workshop on Systems Security (EuroSec): [2017](#), [2018](#)
Program co-Chair, Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses (RAID) Symposium, [RAID 2013](#), [2014](#)
Student Travel Grant Chair, [ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security \(CCS\)](#), [2009](#), [2010](#)
Program co-Chair, [Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test \(CSET\)](#): [2009](#), [2010](#)
Program co-Chair, [1st Workshop on Virtual Machine Security \(VMSec\)](#): [2008](#), [2009](#)

Program Committee Member (Selected):

[IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy \(IEEE S&P\)](#): [2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#), [2024](#), [2025](#)
[USENIX Security Symposium](#): [2007](#), [2008](#), [2009](#), [2020](#), [2021](#), [2023](#), [2024](#), [2025](#)
[ACM Conference on Security and Privacy in Wireless and Mobile Networks \(WiSec\) 2020](#)
[IEEE MILCOM \(Track 3\)](#): [2016](#), [2017](#), [2018](#), [2024](#)
[IEEE Conference on Dependable and Secure Computing](#): [2017](#), [2024](#), [2025](#)
[IEEE International Conference on Software Quality, Reliability and Security](#): [2016](#)
[Recent Advances in Intrusion Detection \(RAID\)](#): [2011](#), [2012](#), [2017](#)
[ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security \(CCS\)](#): [2009](#), [2010](#)
[Annual Computer Security Applications Conference \(ACSAC\)](#): [2009](#), [2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#), [2013](#)
[Network and Distributed System Security Symposium \(NDSS\)](#): [2009](#), [2010](#)
[International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems \(ICDCS\)](#): [2009](#), [2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#), [2013](#)
[25th ACM Symposium On Applied Computing \(SAC\)](#): [2010](#)
[Financial Cryptography and Data Security](#): [2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#)
[5th ACM Int'l Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies](#): [2009](#)
[USENIX Security Symposium](#): [2007](#), [2008](#), [2009](#)
[International ICST Conference on Security and Privacy in Communication Networks \(SecureComm\)](#), [2009](#), [2010](#), [2011](#)
[European Workshop on System Security \(EUROSEC\)](#): [2008](#), [2009](#), [2010](#), [2011](#)
[IEEE International Symposium on Policies for Distributed Systems and Networks](#), [POLICY 2010](#), [2011](#), [2012](#)
[ECML/PKDD Workshop on Privacy and Security issues in Data Mining and Machine Learning PSDML 2010](#)
[2nd USENIX Workshop on Large-Scale Exploits and Emergent Threats \(LEET\)](#): [2009](#)
[European Conference on Computer Network Defense \(EC2ND\)](#): [2008](#)
[Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test](#) : [2008](#), [2013](#)
[Information Security Conference \(ISC\)](#): [2008](#), [2009](#)

Patent Litigation Experience

Expert witness for patent invalidity reports, depositions, patent office actions, Inter Partes Disputes preparation, product infringement reports, code and system examination.

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Client: Wiz Inc

Patent Trial and Appeal Board Proceedings Between Wiz, Inc. and Orca Security Ltd

Multiple patents

Case: *Orca Security Ltd. V. Wiz, Inc., No. 1-23-cv-00758 (D. Del.)*

Deposed multiple times in the case involving six patents

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Client: IBM Corporation and Red Hat, Inc. (collectively "IBM")

Case: *VirtaMove, Corp. v. IBM Corp., Case No. 2:24-cv-00064 (E.D. Tex.)*.

Deposed in the case

Baker Botts LLP

Client: Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company
VirtaMove, Corp. v. Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company,
Case No. 2:24-cv-00093-JRG (E.D. Tex.)
Deposed in the case

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Client: Fortinet Inc.
Fortinet, Inc. v. Sophos, Inc
Case No 13-cv-05831-EMC (representing Fortinet)
Deposed in the case

Feinberg Day Alberti & Thompson LLP ("Feinberg Day")

Representing: Intellectual Ventures II L.L.C.
Case: Intellectual Ventures II L.L.C. v. JP Morgan Chase & Co. et al (representing IV)
Case: 1:13-cv-03777 | New York Southern District Court
Case: 1:13-cv-03777-AKH
Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-1106-AKK
Case: 1:13-CV-02454-WSD
Case: 2:13-CV-04160-NKL
Case: 2:13-CV-785
Case: 8:13-cv-00167
Case: IPR2014-00786, Patent No. 6,826,694

IP Patent Consulting

Law firm: Brian Owens, Esq

Case: Multiple pertaining to analysis of patent validity.

Project: On-going consulting on patent infringement, validity, and claim construction

Patent Filing/Examination Experience

Consulted GMU legal team on patent filling, claim structure, and responses to USPTO examination and re-examination of relevant patents.

1. U.S. Patent Application 12/558,841 filed on September 14, 2009, entitled "Distributed Sensor for Detecting Malicious Software."
2. U.S. Patent Application 12/548,175 filed on August 26, 2009, entitled "Event Driven Email Revocation."
3. U.S. Patent Application 12/688,037 filed on January 15, 2010, entitled "Authentication Using Graphical Passwords."
4. U.S. Patent Application 12/757,675 filed on April 9, 2010, entitled "Malware Detector."
5. U.S. Patent Application 12/965,413 filed on December 10, 2010, entitled "Website Detection."
6. U.S. Patent Application 12/835,228 filed on July 13, 2010, entitled "Inferring Packet Management Utility Rules."
7. U.S. Patent Application 611413,673 filed on November 15, 2010, entitled "HyperCheck: A Hardware Assisted Integrity Monitor."
8. U.S. Patent Application 611413,677 filed on November 15, 2010, entitled "Network Traffic Analysis."

Consulted on more patents filled prior to 2007 while I was at Columbia University (worked with Columbia retained law firms).

Advisory Boards, Workshops & Other Professional Activities

Academic Program Director, Masters in Management of Secure Information Systems, George Mason University, 2014 – May 2017

Academic Program Director, Masters in Information Security and Assurance, George Mason University, 2013 - 2015

IEEE Rebooting Computing Committee, 2013 - onwards

Senior Member of the IEEE, 2012 - onwards

Subject Matter Expert, DARPA Transformative Applications, September 2010 - September 2012

USDA Federal Mobile Computing Summit, 2011

NIST Mobile & Smart Phone Technologies Technical Exchange Meeting, 2011

Google Faculty Summit, July 2010

ARO/NSF Workshop on Moving Target Defense, October 2010

National Science Foundation Panels: 2008, 2009

DARPA Cyber Genome Project, Dec 2009

DARPA Digital Object Storage and Retrieval (DOSR), July 2008

DARPA Intrinsically Assurable Mobile Ad-hoc Networks (IAMANETs), January 2008

Ph.D. Thesis Committee Service

1. **Mahmood Riyadh**, Electrical Engineering Department, George Mason University, Summer 2015.
2. **Velegalati Rajesh**, Electrical Engineering Department, George Mason University, Summer 2015.
3. **Yu Bo**, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fall 2014.
4. **Jin Jing**, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fall 2013.
5. **Xu Min**, Computer Science Department, George Mason University, Fall 2013.
6. **Caixia Wang**, Thesis title: "[*Spatial content-based scene matching using a relaxation method*](#)", Department of Geography and GeoInformation Science, George Mason University, November 2010.
7. **Mansoor Alicherry**, Thesis title: "[*A Distributed Policy Enforcement Architecture for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks*](#)", Computer Science Department, Columbia University, October 2010.
8. **Min Xu**, Thesis title: "[*Session-aware RBAC Administration, Delegation, and Enforcement with XACML*](#)", Computer Science Department, George Mason University, April 2010.

Post-Doctoral Researchers

Konstantinos Kolias (August 2014 - 2019)

Daniel Fleck (August 2012 - 2019)

Nelson Nazzicari (August 2010 - September 2011)

Arnur Tokhtabayev (May 2011 - November 2012)

Current Ph.D. Students

Full Time Ph.D. Students

1. Kenechukwu Nwondo (August 2020 - present) co-advised with Dr. Haining Wang
2. Sudip Maitra (August 2021 – present) co-advised with Dr. Haining Wang
3. Shihua Sun (August 2021 – present), co-advised with Dr. Haining Wang

4. Amirreza Ghafoori (August 2023 – present)
5. Tanvi Garg (August 2023 – present)

Graduated Ph.D. Students

Tolga Atalay (September 2018 - December 2023)

Alireza Famili (September 2017 - Summer 2023)

Mahsa Foruhandeh (part-time, graduated 2022)

- Thesis title: "*Thesis title: "Automatic Program State Exploration Techniques for Security Analysis of Android Apps"*"
- Currently: Google Inc.

Ryan E. Johnson (January 2011 – December 2019)

- Thesis title: "*Automatic Program State Exploration Techniques for Security Analysis of Android Apps*"
- Post-graduation: Director of Research, [Kryptowire LLC](#)
- Currently: Director of Research, [Kryptowire LLC](#)

Rahul Murmuria (January 2011 – September 2017)

- Thesis title: "*Modeling User Behavior on Smartphones*"
- Post-graduation: Data Scientist, AppZen
- Currently: Senior Data Scientist at Sensor Tower

Mohamed Elsabagh (September 2012 – June 2017)

- Thesis title: "*Protection from Within: Runtime Hardening Techniques for COTS Binaries*"
- Post-graduation: Kryptowire LLC
- Currently: Kryptowire LLC

Charles Smutz (January 2009 - August 2016) (part-time Ph.D.)

- Thesis title: "*Countering Malicious Documents and Adversarial Learning*"
- Post-graduation: Sandia National Laboratories
- Currently: Sandia National Laboratories

Sharath Hiremagalore (September 2009 - August 2015)

- Thesis title: "*Zero-Day Attack Detection Using Collaborative and Transduction-Based Anomaly Detectors*"
- Post-graduation: Verisign
- Currently: Verisign

Fengwei Zhang (September 2011 - April 2015)

- Thesis title: "*Using Isolated Execution Environments for Securing Systems*"
- Post-graduation: Assistant Professor at Wayne State University
- Currently: Assistant Professor at Wayne State University

Quan Jia (September 2008 - January 2014)

- Thesis title: "*Mitigating Denial-of-Service Attacks in Contested Network Environments*"
- Post-graduation: MicroStrategy

- Currently: MicroStrategy

Zhaohui Wang (September 2008 - December 2012)

- Thesis title: "*Securing Smart Mobile Devices: A Data-Centric Approach*"
- Post-graduation: N/A
- Currently: N/A

Jiang Wang (January 2008 - July 2011)

- Thesis title: "*Hardware-Assisted Protection and Isolation*"
- Post-graduation: [Riverbed Technology Inc.](#)
- Currently: [Riverbed Technology Inc.](#)

Graduated MSc. Students

1. Charalampos Andrianakis (September 2008 - September 2011)
2. Rhandi Martin (January 2009 - January 2011)
3. Spyridon Panagiotopoulos (September 2009 - December 2011)
4. Chen Liang (September 2009 - December 2011)

Service at George Mason University

Volgenau School of Engineering, Academic Director, M.S. in Management of Secure Information Systems Program, School of Management (March 2014 - 2018)

Computer Science Department, ISA Admissions & Policy Committee (September 2008 - present)

Computer Science Department, Security Recruiting Committee (September 2010 - July 2011)

Computer Science Department, APR ISA Committee (September 2010 - July 2011)

USENIX Association Campus Representative (2010 - present)

Faculty Advisor, undergraduate student group: **GMU ECHO** (Electrical & Computer Hacking Organization) (September 2009 - 2013)

Faculty Advisor, graduate student group: **GMU Information Security Association** (November 2007 - November 2009)

Teaching Experience

Virginia Tech

(Scores indicate mean course quality rating from student survey out of a maximum of 6.0)

Fall 2025: ECE/CS 5984, Engineering Entrepreneurship

Spring 2024: MGT 5984, Eng. Prototyping & Proj. Management (**New: 15 students, class: :5.38**)

Fall 2023: ECE/CS 5984, Engineering Entrepreneurship (**New: 20 students, class: 5:43**)

Fall 2021: ECE/CS 5560, Fundamentals of Information Security (**71 students**)

Spring 2020: ECE/CS 5584, Network Security (**18 students, Instr.: :5.33, Class: 5.33**)

Fall 2020: ECE 4614, Telecommunication Networks (**33 students, Instr.: :5.47, Class: 5.32**)

George Mason University

(Scores indicate mean course quality rating from student survey out of a maximum of 5.0)

Spring 2019: ISA 564/CS 499, Cyber Security Laboratory

Fall 2018: ISA 673, Operating Systems' Security

Fall 2017: CS 468, Secure Programming and Systems

Fall 2016: ISA 564, CS 499, Cyber Security Laboratory (**14 students, Instr.: 4.43, Class: 4.86**)

Fall 2015: ISA 564/CS 499, Cyber Security Laboratory (**19 students, Instr.: 4.13, Class: 4.31**)

Spring 2015: MSEC510, Foundations of Cyber Security (**31 students, Instr.: 4.39, Class: 4.33**)

Spring 2015: MSEC 650, Seminar: Enterprise Security Case St. (**18 students, Instr.: 4.36, Class: 4.27**)

Spring 2015: MSEC 720, Capstone Project Mgmt. Secure Info (**18 students, Instr.: 4.22, Class: 3.72**)

Spring 2015: ISA 785, Research in Digital Forensics (13 students, no evaluation)
Spring 2014: MSEC 511, Enterprise Security Practices (21 students, Instr.: 4.22, Class: 3.72)
Spring 2013: MSEC 642, Enterprise Security Technology (27 students, Instr.: 4.55, Class: 4.54)
Spring 2013: MSEC 511, Enterprise Security Practices (21 students, Instr.: 4.67, Class: 4.50)
Spring 2013: ISA 673, Operating Systems Security (31 students, Instr.: 4.53, Class: 4.55)
Fall 2012: ISA 674, Intrusion Detection (29 students, Instr.: 4.71, Class: 4.71)

Spring 2012 - Fall 2007. Weighted Average, Instructor: 4.66, Class: 4.53

Spring 2012: ISA 673, Operating Systems' Security (36 students, Instr.: 4.71, Class: 4.48)
Spring 2012: MSEC 511, Enterprise Security Practices (30 students, Instr.: 4.93, Class: 4.77)
Fall 2011: ISA 785, Research in Digital Forensics (29 students, Instr.: 4.91, Class: 4.91)
Fall 2010: ISA 862, Models for Computer Security (23 students, Instr.: 4.89, Class: 4.84)
Spring 2010: ISA 673, Operating Systems Security (28 students, Instr.: 4.46, Class: 4.58)
Fall 2009: CS 571, Operating Systems (40 students, Instr.: 4.58, Class: 4.21)
Spring 2009: ISA 564, Security Laboratory (46 students, Instr.: 4.45, Class: 4.42)
Fall 2008: ISA 656, Network Security (28 students, Instr.: 4.81, Class: 4.69)
Spring 2008: IT 862, Models for Computer Security (29 students, Instr.: 4.38, Class: 4.25)
Spring 2008: ISA 656, Network Security (32 students, Instr.: 4.64, Class: 4.46)
Fall 2007: ISA 656, Network Security (30 students, Instr.: 4.68, Class: 4.50)

Awarded Support for Research and Teaching (Gifts and Grants)

Total: ~\$42,533,000 Total as PI: ~\$34,682,500

1. **PI DARPA CASTLE, \$16,459,443, PI DARPA CASTLE, \$16,459,443, "Multi-Agent Training Exerciser (MATREX)" (A2Labs, Virginia Tech, SRC, RTX)**
2. **PI DARPA STTR Twisted, Phase I, \$67,500, 02/01/2021 – 11/30/2021 "Highly assured trusted information storage device" (with Trusted Science and Technology Inc.)**
3. **PI DARPA WASH, ~\$6,700,000, 03/01/2018 – 02/30/2022 via Kryptowire LLC "SHINE: Sensing Health Innovatively Using Novel Empiricism"**
4. **PI NIST, \$473,632, 09/01/2016 - 08/31/2019 "Towards Measuring Security for IoT"**
5. **Co-PI NSF, \$299,935, 09/01/2016 - 08/31/2019 "City and County Cross Jurisdiction Cybersecurity Collaboration Capacity Building" (with J.P. Auffret)**
6. **PI DARPA LADS (sub to PFP Cyber), \$1,454,051, 05/01/2016 - 04/30/2020 "Enhanced Cyber Defense by Leveraging Involuntary Analog Emissions" (with J.P. Auffret)**
7. **PI DARPA XD3, \$4,433,701, 04/12/2016 - 06/30/2020 "Democratizing DDoS Defenses Using Secure Indirection Networks" (GMU-lead team with Columbia University, Penn. State, and BAE Systems, GMU portion \$1,529,742 without options) (with Dan Fleck)**
8. **PI DAPRA XD3 (sub to Vencore, Inc), \$944,150, 04/20/2016 - 04/19/2019 "Lookout - for the DARPA Extreme DDoS Defense- TA3" (with Dan Fleck)**
9. **PI, Korea Agency for Defense Development, \$267,682, 06/02/2014 - 02/15/2016, "Technical consulting on the test and evaluation methodology for cyber-security technologies" (with J.P. Auffret)**

10. **PI, NSF, \$174,900, 09/01/2014 - 08/31/2017, "TWC: TTP Option: Small: Collaborative: Scalable Techniques for Better Situational Awareness: Algorithmic Frameworks and Large-Scale Empirical Analyses"** (with Fabian Monroe, UNC)
11. **Co-PI, DARPA (sub to Invincea Labs), \$360,753, 01/15/2014 - 03/30/2015, "TAPIO: Targeted Attack Premonition using Integrated Operational data sources"** (with Dan Fleck)
12. **PI, NSF, \$484,857, 08/01/2013 - 07/30/2016, "Bridging the Cybersecurity Leadership Gap: Assessment, Competencies and Capacity Building"** (with J.P. Auffret)
13. **PI, DHS/Purdue, \$486,691, 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2016, "Analysis of Mobile Application Communications Using GUI & Data Instrumentation"**
14. **Co-PI, DHS, \$256,000, 09/20/2012 - 08/31/2017, "Graduate Fellowship Training for Homeland Security"** (with Duminda Wijesekera and Damon McCoy)
15. **co-PI Google Research Award, \$75,000, 06/2013** (with Damon McCoy)
16. **co-PI NSF II-New, \$547,000 09/2012-08/2013, "An Experimental Infrastructure for Cross-Domain Research in Wireless Computing, Cybersecurity and Data"** (with Robert Simon, Daniel Barbara and Brian Mark)
17. **PI (GMU), DARPA MRC, \$750,363 09/2011 - 01/2016, "MEERKATS: Maintaining Enterprise Resiliency via Kaleidoscopic Adaptation & Transformation of Software Services", (Part of team that includes Columbia University and Symantec Corp. total budget: \$6,619,270)** (with Fei Li)
18. **PI, DARPA Transformative Applications/Aterrasys, \$511,323 08/24/2011 - 08/24/2012, "Securing Android Mobile Devices"**
19. **PI, Army Research Office (ARO), DURIP \$205,983 06/15/2011 - 06/14/2012, "A VPN Proxy Cloud for Detecting HTTP & VoIP Malware"** (with Anup Ghosh)
20. **PI, IARPA, \$2,169,506 08/02/2010 - 05/31/2014, "Securely Taking on New Executable Software of Uncertain Provenance (STONESOUP) Program"** (with Anup Ghosh)
21. **PI, DARPA, \$1,527,225 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2014, "CyNomix: Detecting Zero-Day Malware by Generating Behavioral Cyber Genome Sequences"** (with Huzefa Rangwala)
22. **PI, NIST/DARPA, \$653,780 (+\$300,000 Supplement) 08/01/2010 - 07/31/2013, "Securing Android Smart-Phones via Automated Testing and Certified Communications"** (with Anup Ghosh)
23. **co-PI, NIST, \$431,902 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2013, "Building Policies to Control Virtual Environments using the Policy Machine"** (with Duminda Wijesekera)
24. **co-PI, DHS, \$368,923/\$980,000 08/27/2010 - 05/31/2011 (2010), "ATHENA-Yukon Project"** (with Anup Ghosh)
25. **co-PI, Secure Command, LLC \$32,797 09/01/2010 - 03/31/2011, "Enforcing Hardware-Assisted Integrity & Trust for Commodity Operating Systems"** (with Kun Sun)
26. **PI, NSF, \$239,884 09/2009-08/2011, "TC: Small: Collaborative Research: Scalable Malware Analysis Using Lightweight Virtualization"** (with Fabian Monroe)
27. **PI, Army Research Office (ARO), \$342,400 09/2009-08/2011, STTR Phase II: "Automatic Identification & Mitigation of Unauthorized Information Leaking from Enterprise Networks"** (with Sushil Jajodia)
28. **co-PI, DARPA, \$291,000 09/2009-08/2010, "An Architecture for Providing High Assurance of Untrusted Applications on Wireless Handheld Devices"** (with Anup Ghosh).

29. **co-PI, BAE Systems/DARPA, \$59,875 1/1/09 - 09/11/2009, "National Cyber Range"** (with Anup Ghosh)
30. **PI, Google Inc: Research gift, \$90,000 03/09,** (with Fabian Monroe)
31. **co-PI, AFOSR, \$250,675 08/2009-08/2010, DURIP: "A Laboratory for Large-Scale Testing of Self-Healing"** (with Anup Ghosh)
32. **co-PI, Princeton University/DARPA, \$84,937 8/16/08 - 8/31/09, "Parallelizing Legacy Binary Code for Multi-Core Architectures via Extraction of Self-Similarity"** (with Michael Locasto)
33. **co-PI, Army Research Office (ARO), DURIP \$150,000 07/2009-07/2009, "A Laboratory for Proactively Preventing Phishing and Malcode Attacks Using Web Crawlers",** (with Sushil Jajodia and Anup Ghosh)
34. **co-PI, DHS/I3P Dartmouth College, \$60,000 11/2009, "Securing the Railway IT Infrastructure",** (with Michael Locasto and Duminda Wijesekera)
35. **co-PI, AFOSR, \$670,499 07/2009-07/2011, "Secure Composition of Networked Systems Based on User Tasks and Organizational Policy"** (with Duminda Wijesekera and Sushil Jajodia).
36. **co-PI, DARPA/BAE Systems, \$50,000 1/1/09 - 6/30/09 "National Cyber Range"** (with Anup Ghosh)
37. **PI DHS/I3P Dartmouth College: \$150,000 8/10/08 - 8/9/09 "Open Taint: Flexible and Automatic Dataflow Tagging and Control for User-Level Programs"** (with Michael Locasto)
38. **co-PI, Google Inc: Research gift, \$25,000 03/08,** (with Steven M. Bellovin)
39. **co-PI, Secure Command, LLC: \$50,000 9/19/08 - 3/18/09 "STTR: Fingerprinting Network Traffic"** (with Sushil Jajodia)

Research Experience

**Computer Science department, Columbia University,
Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, New York, NY.**

Research Assistant (Fall 2003 - Summer 2007).

Design and Implementation of protection mechanisms against DDoS Attacks using Overlay networks. |
NSL Web page has more info on [SOS/WEBSOS](#) project.

**Electrical Engineering department, Columbia University,
Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, New York, NY.**

Research Assistant (Spring 2002 - Fall 2003).

Design and implementation of a novel peer to peer client/server protocol in Java.

Performed Internet experiments using up to 180 concurrent nodes in various locations around the world.

European Union program TIDE/RISE for home networks application.

Development of robust home network applications for a controlled medical environment.

General Secretariat of Research and Technology of Greece.

Design and implementation of Industrial network for the Kopais industry as a part of a program from the General Secretariat of Research and Technology of Greece.

Prior to 2001 Work Experience

01/1999 - 12/2000: Network Administrator, University of Athens

03/1997 - 07/1998: Network Administrator. Westnet S.A.

09/1994 - 09/1997: University of Patras, Network Administrator

Academic Honors, Fellowships

IEEE Reliability Society Lifetime Award (2024) – awarded in June 2025.

Outstanding Research Award: 2016 Department of Computer Science, George Mason University.

IEEE Reliability Society Engineer of the Year Award (2012) - awarded January 2013.

Mason Masters In Secure Information Systems Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award (2013, 2014).

Mason Emerging Researcher/Scholar/Creator award: 2012 George Mason University (one out of three awards for 2012-2013).

Outstanding Research Award: 2010 Department of Computer Science, George Mason University.

Dissertation with Distinction Award: 2007 Computer Science Department, Columbia University.

CS Service Award: 2006 Computer Science Department, Columbia University.

Preceptor: Columbia University Fellow Spring 2004 & Fall 2005.

Best Teaching Assistant Award: Spring 2002, Columbia University.

Scholarship: from the graduate program of Algorithms, Logic & Computation for the first two years of study (1998-2000).

Greek National Fellowship Institution award: for being the second (2/180) for the first and third years of undergraduate study.

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