

# Curriculum Vitae – Fabio Pierazzi, Ph.D.

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**Research** – machine learning for systems security and malware analysis  
**Interests:** – adversarial machine learning and concept-drift detection  
– anomaly detection in large traffic networks

**Current:** **Visiting Research Associate at KCL** 09/2018 – *current*  
Systems Security Research Lab (S2Lab)  
King's College London (KCL), UK  
*Supervisor:* Prof. Lorenzo Cavallaro

**PostDoctoral Research Assistant at RHUL** 10/2017 – *current*  
Systems Security Research Lab (S2Lab)  
Royal Holloway, University of London, UK  
*Supervisors:* Prof. Lorenzo Cavallaro and Prof. Johannes Kinder

**Experience:** **Research Grant on Big Data Security Analytics** 01/2017 – 09/2017  
CRIS and Department of Engineering “Enzo Ferrari”  
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
*Supervisor:* Prof. Michele Colajanni

**Visiting Research Scholar at UMD** 01/2016 – 11/2016  
Department of Computer Science  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA  
*Supervisor:* Prof. V.S. Subrahmanian

**Research Grant on Cloud Security** 06/2013 – 12/2013  
Department of Engineering “Enzo Ferrari”  
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
*Supervisor:* Prof. Michele Colajanni

**Education:** **Ph.D. in Computer Science** 01/2014 – 03/2017  
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
*Advisor:* Prof. Michele Colajanni

**MSc in Computer Engineering and Science** 2010 – 2013  
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
*Graduation score: summa cum laude*  
*Average exam score (similar to GPA, in Italy): 29.9/30.0*

**BSc in Computer Engineering and Science** 2007 – 2010  
Department of Engineering “Enzo Ferrari”  
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy  
*Graduation score: summa cum laude*  
*Average exam score (similar to GPA, in Italy): 29.0/30.0*

**High school scientific diploma, Italy** 2002 – 2007  
*Graduation score: 100 out of 100*

**Selected honors, scholarships and awards:**

- Distinguished PC Member at IJCAI-ECAI 2018
- My Ph.D. Dissertation has been selected as the best among the Computer Science Ph.D. theses defended in 2017 in my alma mater, UniMoRe 05/2018
- Ranked 1st in the Admission list for the PhD program in ICT in UniMoRe, Italy 12/2013
  - Received 3-year scholarship for the period 01/2014–12/2016
- Best Paper Award @ SECURWARE 2013 08/2013
- Passed the public exam to practice as *Computer Engineer* in Italy 07/2013
- Award for outstanding MSc study achievements– UniMoRe, Italy a.y. 2011/2012

**Publications:**

- [USESec19] Feargus Pendlebury\*, Fabio Pierazzi\*, Roberto Jordaney, Johannes Kinder, Lorenzo Cavallaro, *TESSERACT: Eliminating Experimental Bias in Malware Classification across Space and Time*, **USENIX Security Symposium 2019**.
- [TDSC19] Chongyang Bai, Qian Han, Ghita Mezzour, Fabio Pierazzi, and V.S. Subrahmanian, *DBank: Predictive Behavioral Analysis of Recent Android Banking Trojans*, IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), 2019.
- [CCS18-Poster] Feargus Pendlebury\*, Fabio Pierazzi\*, Roberto Jordaney, Johannes Kinder, Lorenzo Cavallaro, *POSTER: Enabling Fair ML Evaluations for Security*, **ACM CCS 2018 (poster)**.
- [TETC17] Giovanni Apruzzese, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, *Detection and threat prioritization of pivoting attacks in large networks*, IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing (TETC), Special Issue on Cyber Security Threats and Defense Advances, 2017.
- [TDSC17] Tanmoy Chakraborty, Fabio Pierazzi, V.S. Subrahmanian, *EC2: Ensemble Clustering & Classification for predicting Android malware families*, IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), 2017.
- [TIFS17] Sushil Jajodia, Noseong Park, Fabio Pierazzi, Andrea Pugliese, Edoardo Serra, Gerardo Simari, V.S. Subrahmanian, *A probabilistic logic for cyber deception*, IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, Nov. 2017.
- [CyCon17] Fabio Pierazzi, Giovanni Apruzzese, Michele Colajanni, Alessandro Guido, Mirco Marchetti, *Scalable architecture for online prioritisation of cyber threats*, IEEE International Conference on Cyber Conflicts, Tallinn, Estonia, Jun 2017.
- [ComNet16] Mirco Marchetti, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Alessandro Guido, *Analysis of high volumes of network traffic for Advanced Persistent Threat detection*, Elsevier Computer Networks Journal, Jun 2016
- [CyCon16] Mirco Marchetti, Fabio Pierazzi, Alessandro Guido, Michele Colajanni, *Countering Advanced Persistent Threats through security intelligence and big data analytics*, IEEE International Conference on Cyber Conflicts, Tallinn, Estonia, Jun 2016
- [CoSe16] Fabio Pierazzi, Sara Casolari, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, *Exploratory security analytics for anomaly detection*, Elsevier Computers & Security Journal, Feb 2016
- [NCCA15] Fabio Pierazzi, Andrea Balboni, Alessandro Guido, Mirco Marchetti, *The network perspective of cloud security*, IEEE Network Cloud Computing and Applications, Munich, Germany, Jun 2015
- [TCC14] Luca Ferretti, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, *Scalable architecture for multi-user encrypted SQL operations on cloud database services*, IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing, Oct-Dec 2014.

- [HPCS14-LSAUC] Marcello Missiroli, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, *Security and privacy of location-based services for in-vehicle device systems*, IEEE High Performance Computing and Simulation (HPCS) – International Workshop on Location-based Services and Applications in Ubiquitous Computing, Bologna, Italy, Jul 2014.
- [TCC14] Luca Ferretti, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, *Performance and cost evaluation of an adaptive encryption architecture for cloud databases*, *IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing*, Apr-Jun 2014
- [ISCC14] Luca Ferretti, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, Marcello Missiroli, *Efficient detection of unauthorized data modification in cloud databases*, IEEE Symposium Computers and Communications, Madeira, Portugal, Jun 2014
- [SECURWARE13] Luca Ferretti, Fabio Pierazzi, Michele Colajanni, Mirco Marchetti, *Security and confidentiality solutions for public cloud database services*, Conference Emerging Security Information, System and Technology, Barcelona, Spain, Aug 2013  
**Best Paper Award**

**Talks:**

- (upcoming) Presentation of TESSERACT paper at USENIX Security Symposium, Santa Clara, USA, Aug 2019
- (invited) *Network security analytics for detection of advanced cyberattacks*<sup>1</sup>, Dartmouth College, US, Nov 2017

**Teaching:**

- [RHUL (BSc)] Seminars on Machine Learning for Security as part of “*Malicious Software*” class, BSc Computer Science, Royal Holloway University of London, UK 2019
- [KCL (MSc)] Seminar on Authentication and Access Control for the “*Security Engineering*” class, MSc Computer Science, King’s College London, UK 2018
- [RHUL (BSc)] Seminars and T.A. for the “*Malicious Software*” class (IY3840), BSc in Information Security, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK 2018
- [UNIMORE (MSc)] Several lectures and lab tutor for part of the “*Network Systems and Applications*” class, MSc in Computer Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy 2017
- [UNIMORE (MSc)] Seminars and T.A. for the “*Computer Security*” class, MSc in Computer Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy 2016
- [UNIMORE (MSc)] Several lectures and lab tutor for part of the “*Network Systems and Applications*” class, MSc in Computer Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy 2015
- [UNIMORE (MSc)] Seminars and T.A. for the “*Computer Security*” class, MSc in Computer Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy 2015
- [UNIMORE (MSc)] Seminars and T.A. for “*Network Systems and Applications*” class, MSc in Computer Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy 2014

**Academic Service:**

**Technical Program Committee:**

- [IJCAI](#) 2019
- [AAAI](#) 2019
- [Poster track of IEEE Symp. S&P \(Oakland\)](#) 2019
- IEEE Network Computing and Applications (NCA) 2019
- CARDS conference 2019
- [IJCAI-ECAI](#) — **Distinguished PC Member**<sup>2</sup> 2018
- IEEE Big Data Principles, Architectures & Applications Workshop 2018

<sup>1</sup><http://news.dartmouth.edu/events/event?event=49292>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ijcai-18.org/distinguished-members/>

- IEEE Smart Industries Workshop (co-located with IEEE SmartComp 2018) 2018
- IEEE Network Computing and Applications (NCA) 2017

**Shadow Technical Program Committee:**

- IEEE Symp. Security & Privacy (S&P), *Oakland* 2019
- IEEE Symp. Security & Privacy (S&P), *Oakland* 2018

**Workshop Chair:**

- CARDS conference 2019

**Artifact Evaluation PC:**

- ACSAC 2018

**Review service:**

- IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS) 2017,2018,2019
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS) 2018,2019
- IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine (CIM) 2019
- Springer UK book Review 2019
- IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence (TETCI) 2018
- Elsevier Computer Networks Journal 2018
- Elsevier Journal of Information Security and Applications 2017,2018
- International Journal of Machine Learning and Cybernetics (JMLC) 2018
- Elsevier Expert Systems With Applications 2017
- IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems (TCSS) 2016

**Sub-review service:**

- USENIX Security Symposium 2019
- ACM WWW (TheWebConf) 2019
- IEEE Euro S&P 2019
- ACM CCS 2018
- ACSAC 2018
- Deep Learning for Security workshop (co-located IEEE S&P 2018) 2018
- ACM CODASPY 2018
- ARES Conference 2018
- IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing (TCC) 2017
- IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) 2016
- IEEE NetSciCom 2016
- Elsevier Expert Systems With Applications 2015
- IEEE Network Computing and Applications (NCA) 2015

**Participation to European projects:**

- HORIZON2020: Analysis System for Gathered Raw Data (ASGARD) 2016,2017

**Technical skills:**

**Security analytics:**

- Python data science libraries, including pandas, scipy, scikit-learn, matplotlib, PyTorch
- Familiarity with R and Matlab for statistical analysis
- Collection and analysis of IDS alerts (Snort, Suricata, Bro) and IP netflows (nprobe)

**Programming:**

- Proficiency with Python and Java programming, GNU/Linux (Debian), Bash scripting
- Web programming (J2EE, AJAX, HTML, CSS, Javascript, API, OAuth, Google App Engine)
- Familiarity with C, C++, DBMS (MySQL, PostgreSQL)
- Experience of team development with code versioning (cvs, svn, git)

**Languages:** English: fluent  
Italian: native speaker

**Note:** Academic references and full CV are available upon request.

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