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**Project Title: CICI: Data Provenance: Collaborative Research:
Provenance Assurance Using Currency Primitives**



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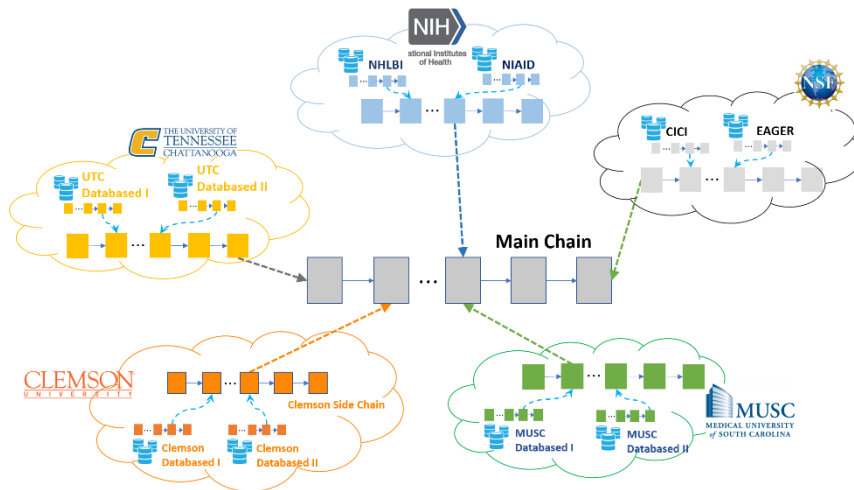


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Broader Impact:

- Collaboration with biomedical scientist from Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).
- The winner of the White Board Challenge during the 2018 IEEE Blockchain for Clinical Trials Forum.
- Invited talk at 2018 IEEE Blockchain for Agriculture Forum.
- Invited talk at 2019 2nd IEEE International Conference on Blockchain
- The PI Richard serves as the recording secretary in the IEEE P2418.3 DLT for Agriculture Standards working Group.

Challenges:

- Efficient and secure symmetric key management has been a challenge. Thus, existing symmetric management systems are all centralized.
- Academic integrity in clinical studies is more complex than other areas because medical and national defense installations enforce data protection and privacy rules more vigorously than most universities.

Deliverables:

- System that uses a blockchain to manage symmetric keys establishment, distribution, and revocation
- Patent on "System and Method for Efficient Distributed Ledger Technology for Metadata Security"
- Patent on "Authorization of Data Access using Blockchain"
- Book chapter on Scribe in the Springer book "Blockchain Cybersecurity, Trust, and Privacy"

Metadata tag:

- Journal paper to be submitted: "A security analysis of Scribe, a secure-provenance blockchain based on a lightweight consensus mechanism"
- Journal paper under review: "Scribe: a secure audit trail for clinical trial data"
- Journal paper under preparation: "Symmetric key management using on-chain KEK"
- Looking for transition targets for the key management system, potential partner involves Google Trillian
(<https://github.com/google/trillian>)