Dr. Giacomo Pope

Cryptography consultant and CryptoHack founder, interested in applying my strong skills in mathematics, programming, and analytic problem-solving to defining, implementing and researching cryptographic protocols.

EXPERIENCE

CryptoHack Co-Founder 2020-present

- Co-founder of <u>CryptoHack.org</u>, a gamified learning environment with an emphasis on breaking insecure implementations of modern cryptography
- Designed lessons and challenges exploring common weaknesses in protocols
- Currently host 180+ challenges to 47,000+ users with a total of 540,000+ solutions submitted

NCC Group Managing Security Consultant 2021-present

- Performed static code analysis of a wide range of cryptographic code and protocols
- Wrote detailed audit reports, paired with customer presentations communicating security findings
- Published research posts on cryptographic security topics. <u>Bit security of pairing-friendly curves</u>,
 <u>Implementing the Castryck-Decru SIDH Key Recovery Attack in SageMath</u>
- Regularly gave internal presentations, focused on the intersection of maths and cryptography

University of Bristol Affiliated Researcher (part-time) 2022-present

Published research papers at EuroCrypt (ia.cr/2023/640), eprints (ia.cr/2023/660), (ia.cr/2022/1283)

Ongoing research projects on isogeny-based cryptography

Northrop GrummanSoftware Engineer2020-2021University of LiverpoolPh.D. Student2016-2020

- Communicated my research at international conferences, giving seminars and designing posters
- Published three research papers in JHEP, a top journal in my field (<u>2111.09017</u>) (<u>1905.09167</u>)
 (2008.06929)
- Taught popular classes on Mathematics and Physics to undergraduate students
- Founded and partook in a PhD seminar series, broadening my understanding of advanced topics

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Department of Mathematics, University of Liverpool	2016-2020
M.A.St.	Master's in Mathematics, University of Cambridge (First Class)	2014-2015
M.Phys.	Master's in Physics, University of Exeter (First Class)	2010-2014

SKILLS

- Exposure to **cryptanalysis** and protocol implementation from self-study, currently focused on postquantum cryptography
- Proficient with Python, SageMath, familiar with C, C++, Rust and Go
- Particularly interested in elliptic curve cryptography and isogeny-based cryptography
- Active CTF player highly competitive Organizers team (Global rank #1 2022)

PRIZES

 EuroCrypt 2023 best-paper award 	2023
GTA Studentship funding Ph.D. research	2016-2020
Gertrude Mather Jackson prize for highest maths performance in Girton College	2015
Jubilee and Millhayes Science Scholarships for academic excellence	2010-2014