Quang Dao

Education

2022-Present Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

PhD in Computer Science. Advisors: Aayush Jain and Riad Wahby.

2020–2022 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ml.

MA in Mathematics. Advisor: Paul Grubbs

2016–2020 Columbia University, New York, NY.

BA in Mathematics and Computer Science

Research Interests

My research focuses on guaranteeing the security of **zero-knowledge proof systems** in practice, and building **advanced cryptographic primitives** that are secure against quantum computers.

Publications

- 6. **Quang Dao**, Aayush Jain, Zhengzhong Jin. Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge from LPN and MQ. *CRYPTO 2024*.
- 5. **Quang Dao**, Aayush Jain. Lossy Cryptography from Code-Based Assumptions. *CRYPTO* 2024.
- 4. **Quang Dao**, Yuval Ishai, Aayush Jain, Huijia Lin. Multi-party Homomorphic Secret Sharing and Sublinear MPC from Sparse LPN. *CRYPTO 2023*.
- 3. **Quang Dao**, Jim Miller, Opal Wright, Paul Grubbs. Weak Fiat-Shamir Attacks on Modern Proof Systems. *IEEE S&P 2023. Distinguished Paper Award.*
- Quang Dao, Paul Grubbs. Spartan and Bulletproofs are simulation-extractable (for free!). EUROCRYPT 2023.
- 1. **Quang Dao**, Julian Wellman, Calvin Yost-Wolff, Sylvester W. Zhang. Rowmotion Orbits of Trapezoid Posets. *The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics*, P2-29, 2022.

Fellowships & Awards

2024-2025 Quad Fellowship

One-year fellowship. Selected as one of 50 fellows among 3000 applicants.

2024-2025 CyLab Fellowship

One-year fellowship from CyLab at Carnegie Mellon University

2024 Best Paper from Early Career Researchers

Awarded to the best paper from early career researchers at CRYPTO 2024

2023 Distinguished Paper Award

Awarded to top 6% of accepted papers at IEEE Security & Privacy 2023

2020 Russell C. Mills Award

Awarded to 2 seniors for excellence in computer science at Columbia

2017 - 2019 Van Amringe Math Prize

Awarded annually to the top 3 non-senior students in math at Columbia

2016, 2018 **Putnam Math Competition**. Honorable Mention (top 50)

2016 International Math Olympiad. Silver Medal

Internships & Visiting Positions

Summer 2024 Research Intern at a16z crypto.

Talks

- 6. Advanced Security for SNARKs: A Survey
 - A16z Crypto Research (Jun 2024)
- 5. Lossy Cryptography from Code-Based Assumptions
 - UCLA Crypto Reading Group (Apr 2024)
 - UToronto Theory Seminar (Mar 2024)
- 4. Multi-party Homomorphic Secret Sharing and Sublinear MPC from Sparse LPN
 - JP Morgan AlgoCRYPT Seminar (Dec 2023)
 - CMU Crypto Seminar (Nov 2023)
 - o NTT Research Seminar (Oct 2023)
 - CyLab Partners Conference (Oct 2023)
 - Vietnam Mathematical Congress (Aug 2023)
- 3. Weak Fiat-Shamir Attacks on Modern Proof Systems
 - Real World Crypto (Mar 2024)
 - CMU CyLab Security Seminar (Nov 2023)
 - Cornell Security Seminar (Sep 2023)
 - NYU Crypto Reading Group (Sep 2023)
 - Workshop on Attacks in Cryptography (Aug 2023)
- 2. Spartan and Bulletproofs are simulation-extractable (for free!)
 - Stanford Crypto Reading Group (May 2023)
 - Telecom Paris Seminar (May 2023)
 - Lattices Meet Hashes Workshop, EPFL (May 2023)
 - CMU Crypto Seminar (April 2023)

Service

Co-Organizer 2022-2024: CMU Crypto Seminar

External 2024: STOC, EUROCRYPT, TCC Reviewer 2023: ASIACRYPT, TCC, FOCS

2022: CRYPTO, EUROCRYPT

Teaching

- 2023-2024 Western Pennsylvania ARML Team, Assistant Coach, CMU.
- Fall 2023 Undergraduate Quantum Computation, Teaching Assistant, CMU.
- 2020–2021 Calculus I, Lead Instructor, University of Michigan.
- 2017, 2021 Math & Science Summer Program (MASSP), Mentor, Vietnam.

Miscellaneous

Languages English (fluent), Vietnamese (native), French (elementary)