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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, MI*.
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

7. **Quang Dao**, Justin Thaler. Constraint-Packing and the Sum-Check Protocol over Binary Tower Fields. *ePrint 2024*.
6. **Quang Dao**, Aayush Jain. Lossy Cryptography from Code-Based Assumptions. *CRYPTO 2024*. ***Best Junior Paper Award.***
5. **Quang Dao**, Aayush Jain, Zhengzhong Jin. Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge from LPN and MQ. *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.***
2. **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

2024 **Best Junior Paper Award**
Awarded to the best paper by junior 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)
   - 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 Reviewer
2024: STOC, EUROCRYPT, TCC
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), Malayalam (elementary)