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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Politecnico di Milano since May 2024
Postdoctoral Researcher Milan

- Project 1: Quantum Cryptanalysis of Symmetric and Asymmetric Cryptosystems
- Project 2: Quantum Acceleration of Clique Problems

Politecnico di Milano May 2024
Ph.D. Milan

- Thesis title: *Quantum Circuits for Information Set Decoding: Quantum Cryptanalysis of Code-Based Cryptosystems*
- Advisors: Prof. Gerardo Pelosi; Prof. Alessandro Barenghi

WORK EXPERIENCE

Atos: Bull SAS R&D Labs February to July 2020
Quantum computing researcher Les Clayes-sous-Bois

- Supervisors: Bertrand Marchand and Cyril Allouche
- Implemented novel simulation strategies for quantum circuits targeting NISQ architecture.
- Explored the *barren plateau problem* in quantum neural network.

Atos: HPC & Quantum team July 2019 to January 2020
Quantum computing researcher Milan

- Configured hardware/software stack of the *Atos QLM* appliance.
- Implemented well-known quantum algorithms on the *Atos QLM* framework.
- Lectured external customers on the *Atos QLM* framework.

EDUCATION

Politecnico di Milano April 2019
M.Sc. degree Milan

- Thesis title: *Design and developments of quantum circuits to solve the Information Set Decoding problem*
- Advisors: Prof. Gerardo Pelosi; Prof. Alessandro Barenghi
- Grade: 110/110

Unisannio July 2015
B.Sc. Degree Benevento

- Thesis title: *Un algoritmo per il social tagging di mashup*
- Advisor: Prof. Eugenio Zimeo
- Grade: 110/110 cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on *quantum computing* and *quantum cryptanalysis*, with a particular emphasis on code-based cryptography. During my Master's thesis, I designed quantum circuits adapting the *Information Set Decoding (ISD)* strategy, the most efficient known attack on code-based cryptosystems, implementing and benchmarking these techniques using IBM's Qiskit framework. I expanded this work during my Ph.D. by designing optimized quantum circuits to evaluate the complexity of attacking all major code-based cryptographic schemes under international evaluation. The research led to significant reductions in attack complexity, improving efficiency by factors ranging from 2^{19} to 2^{30} compared to previous approaches.

During my time at Atos' R&D laboratories, I developed a quantum simulation library for Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum (NISQ) architectures, enabling large-scale simulations on the *Quantum Learning Machine (QLM)*. This tool

was instrumental in reproducing state-of-the-art results on quantum neural networks, particularly in studying the *barren plateau problem*.

As a Postdoctoral researcher, I continue to explore the intersection of quantum algorithm design and cryptographic security, contributing to the study of post-quantum cryptographic resilience. My current research also extends to the design of quantum algorithms for graph-related problems, such as clique detection, and optimizing input state preparation techniques.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant at Politecnico di Milano

November 2023 to January 2025

Computer Architectures and Operating Systems

Prof. Federico Terraneo

- Exercise lectures: Linux Operating Systems.
- Topics addressed (partial): parallel programming (processes, threads), task scheduler, system calls and interrupt routines, memory management, file systems and I/O.

Teaching assistant at Politecnico di Milano

November 2022 to January 2025

Computer Architectures and Operating Systems

Prof. Cristina Silvano

- Exercise lectures: Linux Operating Systems.
- Topics addressed (partial): parallel programming (processes, threads), task scheduler, system calls and interrupt routines, memory management, file systems and I/O.

Teaching assistant at Politecnico di Milano

February to March 2022

Introduction to Quantum Computing (Ph.D. course)

Prof. Gerardo Pelosi, Prof. Alessandro Barenghi

- Presentation of the Atos myQLM and QLM frameworks.
- Showcase code implementation of renowned quantum algorithms using QLM framework.

Teaching assistant at Politecnico di Milano

November 2020 to January 2025

Computer Architectures and Operating Systems

Prof. Gerardo Pelosi

- Exercise lectures: Linux Operating Systems.
- Topics addressed (partial): parallel programming (processes, threads), task scheduler, system calls and interrupt routines, memory management, file systems and I/O.

Teaching assistant at Politecnico di Milano

November 2021 to June 2022

Informatica (per Aerospaziali)

Prof. Gerardo Pelosi

- Exercise lectures: computer science for Aerospace Engineering.
- Topics addressed (partial): Boolean logic and basics of C programming.

Teaching tutor at Politecnico di Milano

November 2018 to January 2019

Informatica (per Ambientali)

Prof. Andrea Bonarini

- Theory lectures and laboratory exercises on the C programming language.

Teaching tutor at Politecnico di Milano

November 2016 to January 2017

Computer Architectures and Operating Systems

Prof. Anna Maria Antola

- Exercise lectures: Linux Operating Systems.
- Topics addressed (partial): parallel programming (processes, threads), task scheduler, system calls and interrupt routines, memory management, file systems and I/O.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Refereed International Journals

- [J1] Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “Improving the Efficiency of Quantum Circuits for Information Set Decoding”. In: *ACM Transactions on Quantum Computing* 4.4 (Aug. 2023). issn: 2643-6809. DOI: 10.1145/3607256

Refereed International Conferences

- [C6] Simone Perriello. “Quantum Circuit Design for Finding k-Cliques via Quantum Amplitude Amplification Strategies”. In: *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM International Conference on Computing Frontiers, CF 2025, Cagliari, Italy, May 28-30, 2025*. to appear. ACM, 2025. DOI: 10.1145/3719276.3725200

- [C5] Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “A Quantum Circuit to Execute a Key-Recovery Attack Against the DES and 3DES Block Ciphers”. In: *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2024, Montréal, Québec, Canada, September 15-20, 2024*. Ed. by Candace Culhane et al. IEEE, 2024, pp. 1–12. doi: 10.1109/QCE60285.2024.00011
- [C4] Giacomo Lancellotti, Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “Design of a Quantum Walk Circuit to Solve the Subset-Sum Problem”. In: *61st ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference, DAC 2024, San Francisco, CA, USA, July 23-27, 2024*. ACM, 2024. doi: 10.1145/3649329.3657337
- [C3] Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “Quantum Circuit Design for the Lee-Brickell Based Information Set Decoding”. In: *Applied Cryptography and Network Security Workshops - ACNS 2024 Satellite Workshops, ACNS*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Abu Dhabi, UAE: Springer, 2024, pp. 8–28. doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-61489-7_2
- [C2] Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “A Complete Quantum Circuit to Solve the Information Set Decoding Problem”. In: *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2021, Broomfield, CO, USA, October 17-22, 2021*. Ed. by Hausi A. Müller, Greg Byrd, Candace Culhane, and Travis Humble. IEEE, 2021, pp. 366–377. doi: 10.1109/QCE52317.2021.00056
- [C1] Simone Perriello, Alessandro Barenghi, and Gerardo Pelosi. “A Quantum Circuit to Speed-up the Cryptanalysis of Code-Based Cryptosystems”. In: *Security and Privacy in Communication Networks - 17th EAI International Conference, SecureComm 2021, Virtual Event, September 6-9, 2021, Proceedings, Part II*. ed. by Joaquín García-Alfaro et al. Vol. 399. Lecture Notes of the Institute for Computer Sciences, Social Informatics and Telecommunications Engineering. Springer, 2021, pp. 458–474. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-90022-9_25

Non-Refereed

- [N1] Poster at *International Summer School on Advanced Computer Architecture and Compilation for High-performance Embedded Systems* with title *A Quantum Circuit to Speed-up the Cryptanalysis of Code-based Cryptosystems*.

REVIEWER FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS AND CONFERENCES

2025

- *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2025, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, August 31-September 5, 2025*. 2025
- *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Software, QSW 2025, Helsinki, Finland, July 7-12*. 2025
- *Foundations Of Reliable Classical-quantum Engineering (FORCE) 2025, co-located with IEEE/IFIP DSN 2025, Naples, Italy, June 26 2025*. 2025
- *Future Generation Computer Systems* (2025). issn: 1872-7115, Impact Factor: 6.2, SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) 2023: 1.95 (Q1)
- *ACM International Conference on Computing Frontiers, CF 2025*. 2025

2024

- Candace Culhane et al., eds. *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2024*. 2024. isbn: 979-8-3315-4137-8
- Mauro Conti, ed. *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security* (2024). issn: 1556-6021, Impact Factor: 6.8, SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) 2023: 2.89 (Q1)
- **tetc24**, Impact Factor: 5.9, SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) 2023: 1.57 (Q1)

2023

- Paolo Mori, Gabriele Lenzini, and Steven Furnell, eds. *9th International Conference on Information Systems Security and Privacy, ICISSP 2023*. 2023. isbn: 978-989-758-624-8
- Leonie Simpson and Mir Ali Rezazadeh Bae, eds. *Information Security and Privacy - 28th Australasian Conference, ACISP 2023*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. 2023. isbn: 978-3-031-35485-4

2021

- *IEEE/ACM International Conference On Computer Aided Design, ICCAD 2021*. 2021. isbn: 978-1-6654-4507-8

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

2025

- *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2025, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, August 31-September 5, 2025*. 2025
- *Foundations Of Reliable Classical-quantum Engineering (FORCE) 2025, co-located with IEEE/IFIP DSN 2025, Naples, Italy, June 26 2025*. 2025

2024

- Candace Culhane et al., eds. *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2024, Montréal, Québec, Canada, September 15-20, 2024*. 2024

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2024 HiPEAC Paper Award, *European Network of Excellence on High Performance and Embedded Architecture and Compilation*
- 2024 Grant winner for *61st ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference, DAC 2024, San Francisco, CA, USA, July 23-27, 2024*.
- 2021 Grant winner for *International Summer School on Advanced Computer Architecture and Compilation for High-performance Embedded Systems*.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS, AND ACTIVITIES

2024

- Session chair for the session titled *Application for Data Analysis* at Candace Culhane et al., eds. *IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering, QCE 2024, Montréal, Québec, Canada, September 15-20, 2024*. 2024