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Professional Experience

2020-Present Research Assistant in the Cryptography and Network Security (CNS) group.

Technische Universität Darmstadt - Darmstadt, Germany

2024 **Research Intern in the Cryptography Research Group**, working with Stefano Tessaro, on designing fast condensers and pseudorandom number generators.

University of Washington - Seattle, WA, USA

2022–2023 Research Intern in the Cryptography Research Center (CRC), working with Jean Paul Degabriele, on new

polynomial hash designs and their efficient implementation.

Technology Innovation Institute - Abu Dhabi, UAE

2018–2019 **Cryptology & Security Engineer**.

Master Data Solutions - Paris, France

2015–2016 Consultant in Multivariate Cryptography.

Satt Lutech/Laboratoire d'informatique de Paris 6 (LIP6) - Paris, France

2015 Research Intern in the PolSys Team, working with Jean-Charles Faugère and Ludovic Perret, on symbolic

computation and multivariate cryptography.

Laboratoire d'informatique de Paris 6 (LIP6), Sorbonne Université - Paris, France

2014 Application Analyst Intern and Assistant Project Manager.

Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB) Consulting Services Ltd. - Port-Louis, Mauritius

Educational Background

2020-Present **PhD Candidate in Cryptography**, *Technische Universität Darmstadt* - Darmstadt, Advisor: Jean Paul Degabriele.

Current research interest: universal hash functions, randomness extraction, efficient design, analysis and implementation of provably secure schemes

2018–2019 Master of Science in Mathematics and Applications, Université Paris Diderot - Paris.

With specialization in Mathematics, Computer Science and applications to Cryptology (MIC), highest honors

2014–2015 Master of Science in Computer Science, Université Pierre et Marie Curie - Paris.

With specialization in Digital Security, Reliability and Performance (SFPN)

Master thesis: Design of a root finding algorithm for sparse polynomials and analysis of its applications in finite fields

2011–2012 Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Université Pierre et Marie Curie - Paris.

2009–2011 Preparation for the competitive entrance to French Engineering Schools, Lycée Saint-Louis - Paris.

Main topics: mathematics, physics, chemistry and computer science

2009 High School Diploma in Sciences, Lycée La Bourdonnais - Curepipe, Mauritius.

With highest honors

Skills

Computer Science

Programming C (GMP), C++, C#, Python, parallel programming (OpenMP, MPI, CUDA), Script Shell

Computer algebra Magma, Sage, Maple, Matlab

Networks Networks architecture, OSI model, QOS, digital transmission systems and errors analysis, mobile web and network

standards, routing protocols, DHCP, transport layer protocols:TCP et UDP, ssh, DNS, HTTP, FTP

Security Efficient implementations and attacks of cryptographic algorithms (AES, RSA, ECDH, ECDSA, SHA), side channel

attacks, cryptographic protocols (TLS, IPSEC), standards (PKCS, RFC, NIST, FIPS, ISO, ANSSI), PKI

Others Modeling, designing and efficient implementation of algorithms

Mathematics

Algebra Polynomial system solving, linear algebra, algebraic number theory, Galois theory

Cryptology Algebraic cryptography, multivariate cryptography, lattice theory, elliptic curves, factorization, primality test

Others Floating point arithmetic, topology, measure theory, differential calculus, probability, holomorphic function

Language

French: Mother tongue English: Fluent German: Moderate

Projects

2021-Present

Benchmarking framework for polynomial-based universal hash functions, ® git repository

Developed modular implementations achieving performance competitive with state-of-the-art universal hash functions.

The new design Poly1163 achieves up to 40% speedup compared to Poly1305 while maintaining the same security.

2019 (5 months) 2015 (4 months)

Implementations of LFSR (A5/1, Berlekamp-Massey), a polynomial library and differential cryptanalysis Implemented cryptographic algorithms for JavaCard and side channel attacks using ChipWhisperer

Publications

Conferences with Proceedings (peer reviewed)

Ritam Bhaumik, Bishwajit Chakraborty, Wonseok Choi, Avijit Dutta, Jérôme Govinden, and Yaobin Shen. The Committing Security of MACs with Applications to Generic Composition. In Advances in Cryptology - CRYPTO 2024. Springer-Verlag, 2024.

Jean Paul Degabriele, Jan Gilcher, Jérôme Govinden, and Kenneth G Paterson. SoK: Efficient Design and Implementation of Polynomial Hash Functions over Prime Fields. In 2024 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP), pages 132-132. IEEE Computer Society, 2024.

Jean Paul Degabriele, Marc Fischlin, and Jérôme Govinden. The Indifferentiability of the Duplex and Its Practical Applications. In International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology and Information Security (Asiacrypt 2023), pages 237-269. Springer, 2023.

Jean Paul Degabriele, Jérôme Govinden, Felix Günther, and Kenneth G Paterson. The Security of ChaCha20-Poly1305 in the Multi-User Setting. In Proceedings of the 2021 ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security, pages 1981–2003, 2021.

Academic Services

External reviewer CRYPTO (2022, 2023, 2024), EUROCRYPT (2022), ACM CCS (2022, 2023), CT-RSA (2021, 2022), ACNS (2024), Financial Cryptography (2021)

Staff member Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems (CHES) 2015

Talks

CRYPTO 2024 The Committing Security of MACs with Applications to Generic Composition, Santa Barbara, CA, USA -21/05/2024.

S&P 2024

SoK: Efficient Design and Implementation of Polynomial Hash Functions over Prime Fields, San Francisco, CA, USA - 21/05/2024.

RWC 2024

What's wrong with Poly1305? - Improving Poly1305 through a Systematic Exploration of Design Aspects of Polynomial Hash Functions (joint talk with Jan Gilcher), Toronto, Canada - 27/03/2024.

ASIACRYPT 2023 The Indifferentiability of the Duplex and its Practical Applications, Guangzhou, China - 08/12/2023.

CCS 2021 The Security of ChaCha20-Poly1305 in the Multi-User Setting, virtual - 17/11/2021.

Teaching

Teaching assistant Symmetric Cryptography Course by Jean Paul Degabriele, Technische Universität Darmstadt (2020–2022). Master thesis

2025 Analysis of the symmetric encryption mechanisms in the PDF 2.0 specification, A. C. T.. Bachelor thesis

2024 Performance Analysis of Multilinear Galois Mode and variants, P. H..

2022 Analysis of the Impact of Dovetail Routing on the Anonymity of the Lightning Network, C. M. - cosupervised with Jean Paul Degabriele.