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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)

Joël Alwen, Chris Brzuska, Jérôme Govinden, Patrick Harasser, and Stefano Tessaro. Succinct PPRFs via Memory-Tight Reductions. In Advances in Cryptology - CRYPTO 2025. Springer-Verlag, 2025.

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.

Workshops without Proceedings

Jean Paul Degabriele, Jan Gilcher, Jérôme Govinden, and Kenneth G Paterson. Universal Hash Designs for an Accordion Mode. In NIST Workshop on the Requirements for an Accordion Cipher Mode 2024, 2024.

Academic Services

External reviewer ACM CCS (2022, 2023, 2025), CRYPTO (2022, 2023, 2024), EUROCRYPT (2022), 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., co-supervised with Jean Paul Degabriele