

# Benedikt Bünz

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## Education

### Stanford University

*PhD in Computer Science, Advised by Dan Boneh*

Interests: Applied Cryptography, Security with focus on Cryptocurrencies

Stanford, California  
2016/9 – 2021

### Stanford University

*MS in Computer Science, GPA – 3.5*

Specializations: Artificial Intelligence and Theoretical CS

Stanford, California  
2014/9 – 2016/4

### University of Zurich

*BS in Computer Science, GPA – 5.5 (1-6 scale), Summa cum laude*

Bachelor Thesis: Faster Algorithms and Better Payment Rules for Core-Selecting Combinatorial Auctions

Zurich, Switzerland  
2011/9 – 2014/8

## Work Experience

### Research Positions.....

#### Visa Research

*Intern, PhD Summer Intern*

Confidential Smart Contracts

Palo Alto, California  
6/17 to 9/17

#### University of Zurich

*Research Internship, Computing BNEs in Combinatorial Auctions*

Advised by Sven Seuken and Ben Lubin

Zurich, Switzerland  
Summer '15

#### Stanford University

*Research Assistant, Provisions*

Dan Boneh

Stanford, California  
Spring '15

### Teaching Positions.....

#### Stanford University

*Teaching Assistant, Cryptography (CS 255)*

Taught by Dan Boneh

Stanford, California  
Winter '16

#### Stanford University

*Teaching Assistant, Bitcoin and Crypto Currencies (CS 251)*

Taught by Dan Boneh and Joseph Bonneau

Stanford, California  
Fall '15

#### University of Zurich

*Teaching Assistant, Combinatorial Auctions*

Taught by Sven Seuken

Zurich, Switzerland  
Spring '14

### Industry Positions.....

#### BandwidthX

*Independent Contractor, Market Simulation*

Simulated market mechanisms and bandwidth usage for offloading cellular traffic

Carlsbad, California  
9/13 to 6/15

#### Exchange Traded Bitcoin

*Intern, Arbitrage Trader*

Developed automated arbitrage trader

Zurich, Switzerland  
6/13 – 9/13

## VIA MAT MANAGEMENT AG

IT Project Collaborator

Business Intelligence and Visual Basic development

Kloten, Switzerland

6/11 – 3/13

## Awards and Scholarships

### Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

*Auslandsstipendium, International studies scholarship*

35,000 EUR grant from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation

Bonn, Germany

2014/8

### Zühlke Technology Group AG

*Graduate studies scholarship, zuehlke.com*

9,000 CHF

Schlieren, Switzerland

2014/8

### University Zurich

*Semester Price, uzh.com*

Best 30 thesis per semester

Zurich, Switzerland

2015/4

### Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

*German Academic Scholarship Foundation, studienstiftung.de*

Awarded to top 0.5% of German students

Bonn, Germany

2012

2016

## Language Skills

**German:** Mother tongue

**English:** Fluent

## Publications

**Bünz, Benedikt**, Joseph Bonneau, and Steven Goldfeder. Proofs-of-delay and randomness beacons in ethereum. In *EEE SECURITY & PRIVACY ON THE BLOCKCHAIN (IEEE S&B)*, January 2017.

Gaby G Dagher, **Bünz, Benedikt**, Joseph Bonneau, Jeremy Clark, and Dan Boneh. Provisions: Privacy-preserving proofs of solvency for bitcoin exchanges. In *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security*, pages 720–731. ACM, October 2015.

Vitor Bosshard, **Bünz, Benedikt**, Benjamin Lubin, and Sven Seuken. Computing bayes-nash equilibria in combinatorial auctions with continuous value and action spaces. In *IJCAI-17*.

**Bünz, Benedikt**, Sven Seuken, and Benjamin Lubin. A faster core constraint generation algorithm for combinatorial auctions. In *AAAI 2015*, February 2015.

Benjamin Lubin, **Bünz, Benedikt**, and Sven Seuken. New core-selecting payment rules with better fairness and incentive properties. In *AMMA 2015*, July 2015. Extended abstract of working paper.

## Interests and Extracurricular Achievements

- Track Running (800m to 5000m): 5 medals in Swiss Relay and Team Championships, 4:08 mile pr
- Bike tour across the US [www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/18076](http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/18076)
- Travel
- Current Political Events