Efe İzbudak

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Interests

Higher structures, homotopy theory, lattice-based cryptography, homomorphic encryption

EDUCATION

Middle East Technical University

BSc in Mathematics, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Ankara, TR 2022–2026

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sabanci University

İstanbul, TR

Cryptography and Information Security Group

August 29 - Current

 $-\,$ Investigating acceleration techniques for CKKS bootstrapping

Sabanci University

İstanbul, TR

Meetings with faculty members

September 28 – November 13

- Presenting recent academic papers on post-quantum cryptography

Sabanci University

İstanbul, TR

Program for Undergraduate Research (PURE)

Summer 2024

- Developing accelerators for homomorphic encryption
- Supervisor: Erkay Savaş

PUBLICATIONS

[1] **E. İzbudak** and A. Ş. Özcan, "Practical bootstrapping of CKKS ciphertexts with HEonGPU", Work in progress, 2025.

EXPOSITORY PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

All Morphisms Are Equal, But Some Morphisms Are More Equal Than Others
DRP Türkiye, Report, Slides

Sabanci University September 5, 2024

 $Sparse\ Packing\ for\ CKKS$ Slides

Sabanci University
Summer 2024

 $Fast\ Multiplication\ and\ PLWE-RLWE\ Equivalence$

Online

Fall 2024

Lattice-Based Foundations of Homomorphic Encryption

Middle East Technical University

Slides

Slides

Fall 2024

Cryptanalysis of PLWE Based on Zero-Trace Quadratic Roots

Online Winter 2025

Slides

LEARNING SEMINARS

Derived Algebraic Geometry Kadri İlker Berktav, 1 talk contributed. Middle East Technical University Spring 2025 - Current

Serre's Local Algebra

Middle East Technical University

Özgür Kişisel, 2 talks contributed, notes (incomplete).

Spring 2024

Categorical Quantum Mechanics Cihan Okay

Bilkent University Spring 2024

CERTIFICATES

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- LFD103, The Linux Foundation, February 2023
- TMD Cahit Arf Scholar January 2024 - Current
- LFC108, The Linux Foundation, March 2025

2022 - Current • TOG-Bezmen Merit Scholarship

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

- Python, Rust, Shell Scripting
- LATEX, Git, Linux Administration (Gentoo)
- Cryptography, Digital Forensics

• English: Fluent

• French: Basic reading

• Turkish: Native

Miscellaneous

Community contributions

• Tor Project, Relay Operator Supporting global internet freedom by maintaining a secure bridge. December 2020 - Current

August 2022 - Current

• Gentoo, Proxied Maintainer

Maintained packages: sc-im, mutt-wizard, libxlsxwriter

November 2020 - December 2020

• Qubes, Techical Documentation Writer We have produced the split-ssh method.

Founding projects

• Libeiror.org, Founder, System Administrator Liberior was an organization providing secure and free e-mail/XMPP accounts. February 2023 – January 2024

• Liberpub, Founder, System Administrator Liberpub was an online printing service with no initial cost for the author. July 2022 – January 2024

Freelance experience

• Upwork, Freelance Software Developer Projects include: LATEX to MathJax conversion, PDF harvesting and manipulation

July 2022 - September 2023