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, 2024 - Current

- Investigating acceleration techniques for CKKS bootstrapping

Sabanci University

İstanbul, TR

Research group on foundations of homomorphic encryption

September 28, 2024 - November 13, 2024

- Presenting recent academic papers on the RLWE/PLWE problems
- Ferruh Özbudak, Kamer Kaya

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

Fast Multiplication and PLWE-RLWE Equivalence

Summer 2024 Online

Fall 2024

Lattice-Based Foundations of Homomorphic Encryption

Middle East Technical University

Slides

Fall 2024

 $\label{lem:cryptanalysis} \begin{center} Cryptanalysis of PLWE Based on Zero-Trace Quadratic Roots \\ Slides \end{center}$

Online Winter 2025

LEARNING SEMINARS

Derived Algebraic Geometry

Kadri İlker Berktav, 2 talks contributed.

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Spring 2025 – Current

Serre's Local Algebra

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

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Spring 2024

 $Categorical\ Quantum\ Mechanics$

Cihan Okay

Bilkent University Spring 2024

Conferences & Workshops Attended

Thirtieth Gökova Geometry / Topology Conference

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Mu\"gla, TR} \\ \text{May 25-30, 2025} \end{array}$

Real World Crypto Symposium

Sofia, BG

March 26-28, 2025

4th Annual FHE.org Conference

Sofia, BG March 25, 2025

8th Homomorphic Encryption Standards Meeting

İstanbul, TR March 23, 2025

CERTIFICATES

- $\bullet~$ LFD103, The Linux Foundation, February 2023
- LFC108, The Linux Foundation, March 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• TMD Cahit Arf Scholar January 2024 - Current

• TOG-Bezmen Merit Scholarship 2022 - Current

SKILLS

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

LANGUAGES

• 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

• Gentoo, Proxied Maintainer

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

August 2022 – Current

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

November 2020 – December 2020

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

July 2022 – September 2023

Projects include: LATEX to MathJax conversion, PDF harvesting and manipulation