# Étienne Bamas

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# EDUCATION

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Lausanne, Switzerland

2018–2023 (expected)

Université Paris Diderot - École Normale Supérieure Paris

Ph.D. student in approximation and online algorithms, Advisor: Ola Svensson .

Paris, France

M.Sc. in Theoretical Computer Science (summa cum laude); GPA: 18.81/20 (rank: 2/63).

2017-2018

- Thesis: "Local algorithms in graphs", Advisor: Louis Esperet ♥.

École polytechnique (Engineering diploma)

Paris, France

Specialization in machine learning and algorithms.

2014-2018

Lycée Louis-Le-Grand, classe préparatoire MPSI/MP\*

Paris, France

Training in mathematics and physics for competitive exams to enter "Grandes écoles".

2012–2014

French "Baccalauréat série S" (summa cum laude).

Paris, France

2012

# EXPERIENCE

#### Research internship G-SCOP

Grenoble, France

Research in the G-SCOP  $\square$  team for combinatorial optimization.

April 2018–August 2018

I investigated what can or cannot be computed by local algorithms in graphs. This project led to two
publications in theoretical computer science conferences.

#### Research and software engineering internship, INRIA

Research done in the INRIA team NANO-D.

Grenoble, France March 2017–July 2017

 I designed and implemented an efficient algorithm for detecting symmetries in folded protein in order to predict their interactions. The programming language was C++.

### Internship at Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd

Intern in the OBDH (On-Board Data Handling) team.

Guildford, England

Summer 2017

 I took part in analyzing circuit designs and optical devices for satellites as well as programming analysis software.

#### Military Service

Paris, France

Paris Fire Brigade, first fire group.

September 2014-April 2015

- Team leader of a rescue team of 3 people in case of accident, dangerous disease, or fire.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

• NeurIPS oral presentation ( $\approx 1\%$  acceptance rate) 2020

• NeurIPS spotlight presentation ( $\approx 4\%$  acceptance rate) 2020

• EPFL IC School 1-year Fellowship 2018

Citation for outstanding service in my unit during military service 2015

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# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Étienne Bamas, Marina Drygala, and Ola Svensson, "A Simple LP-Based Approximation Algorithm for the Matching Augmentation Problem", to appear in 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2022.
- 2. Étienne Bamas, Marina Drygala, and Andreas Maggiori, "An Improved Analysis of Greedy for Online Steiner Forest" , 33<sup>rd</sup> ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, SODA 2022.
- 3. Étienne Bamas, Paritosh Garg, and Lars Rohwedder, "The Submodular Santa Claus Problem in the Restricted Assignment Case" , 48th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming, ICALP 2021.
- 4. Étienne Bamas, Andreas Maggiori, and Ola Svensson, "The Primal-Dual method for Learning Augmented Algorithms" , Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33, NeurIPS 2020 (oral presentation).
- 5. Étienne Bamas, Andreas Maggiori, Lars Rohwedder, and Ola Svensson, "Learning Augmented Energy Minimization via Speed Scaling" (Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33, NeurIPS 2020 (spotlight presentation).
- 6. Étienne Bamas and Louis Esperet, "Local Approximation of the Maximum Cut in Regular Graphs" (27), Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science 45th International Workshop, WG 2019.
- 7. Étienne Bamas and Louis Esperet, "Distributed Coloring of Graphs with an Optimal Number of Colors" , 36th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science, STACS 2019.

# TEACHING

• Supervision of semester projects at EPFL since 2021 Supervised students: Alexandre Reynaud (master student), Taha El Ghazi (master student).

• Teaching Assistant at EPFL 2019—now "Algorithms" (head TA), "Theory of Computation" (head TA), "Information, Calcul, Communication"

• Teaching Assistant at Lycée Janson-de-Sailly
In charge of oral exams in mathematics

# SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- **Programming:** Java, C++, Python.
- French: Native.
- English: Full professional proficiency (110/120 TOEFL iBT).
- Spanish and Mandarin: Basics.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND TALKS

- I co-organized the workshop ALPS 2022 on algorithms with predictions (~ 45 international participants).
- Reviewer for the conferences: MFCS 2019, WAOA 2020, ITCS 2020, NeurIPS 2021, SODA 2022, ICML 2022.
- Reviewer for the journals: Algorithmica (2021).
- I gave a talk at the following conferences: WG 2019, STACS 2019, NeurIPS 2020, ICALP 2021, Operations Research Bern (OR) 2021, SODA 2022.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ullet Fond of sports: running (I enjoy sharing my (modest) results on Strava $oldsymbol{\mathbb{Z}}$ ), skiing, rock climbing, hiking.
- Member of EPFL emergency medical team (2019).