

# Thomas Debris-Alazard

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## Research Interests

**Research Area:** *Public-Key Cryptography (theory, designs, cryptanalysis, standardization) with a focus on code and lattice-based cryptography*

- **Cryptographic Designs,**
- **Cryptanalysis,**
- **Security estimates,** study of the generic decoding problem
- **Security proof,** in the classical or quantum model
- **Algorithms, Reduction** classical and quantum

## Employment

### École Polytechnique

TEACHER ASSISTANT (CHARGÉ D'ENSEIGNEMENT)

Département d'Informatique de l'École Polytechnique (DIX)

Saclay, France

Sept. 2022 - Present

### Inria Saclay

RESEARCHER SCIENTIST (CHARGÉ DE RECHERCHE)

Project-Team: Grace

Saclay, France

Sept. 2020 - Present

### Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

POSTDOC IN THE INFORMATION SECURITY GROUP

Hosted by Pr Martin R. Albrecht

London, UK

Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2020

## Education

### Inria Paris

PH.D., CODE-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY: NEW APPROACHES FOR DESIGN AND PROOF ; CONTRIBUTION TO

CRYPTANALYSIS

Advisor: Pr Jean-Pierre Tillich

Paris, France

Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2019

### École Normale Supérieure de Cachan (ENS)

THESIS, CODE-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY: STUDY OF A GENERIC DECODING ALGORITHM, STATISTICAL DECODING

Advisor: Pr Jean-Pierre Tillich

Paris, France

Mar. 2016 - Sept. 2016

MASTER MPRI (PARISIAN MASTER OF RESEARCH IN COMPUTER SCIENCE).

Main Topics: Cryptography, Complexity, Security reductions, Gröebner basis, Quantum algorithms

Sept. 2015 - Sept. 2016

AGRÉGATION DE MATHÉMATIQUES OPTION INFORMATIQUE.

Sept. 2014 - Sept. 2015

## Honors and Awards

2021-2024 **ANR JCJ**

COLA: AN INTERFACE BETWEEN CODE AND LATTICE-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY

200 000 €

2021 **Finalist for the Cor Baayen Young Researcher Award**

ERCIM

2020 **Gilles Kahn Thesis Award**

THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF JEAN-PIERRE TILlich

Société Informatique de  
France

2019 **Best Paper Award, Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes**

THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, NICOLAS SENDRIER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich

Asiacrypt '19

## Scientific Publications

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- 2024 **New Solutions to Delsarte's Dual Linear Programs** *IEEE Information Theory '24*  
ANDRÉ CHAILLOUX AND THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD
- 2024 **Exploiting signature leakages: breaking Enhanced pqsigRM** *ISIT '24*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, PIERRE LOISEL AND VALENTIN VASSEUR
- 2024 **Quantum Oblivious LWE Sampling and Insecurity of Standard Model Lattice-Based SNARKs** *STOC '24*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, POURIA FALLAHPOUR AND DAMIEN STEHLÉ
- 2024 **Reduction from sparse LPN to LPN, Dual Attack 3.0** *Eurocrypt '24*  
KEVIN CARRIER, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, CHARLES MEYER-HILFIGER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2023 **Quantum Reduction of Finding Short Code Vectors to the Decoding Problem** *IEEE Information Theory '23*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, MAXIME REMAUX AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2023 **On the pseudorandomness of the decoding problem via the Oracle Comparison Problem** *Asiacrypt '23*  
MAXIME BOMBAR, ALAIN COUVREUR AND THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD
- 2023 **Smoothing codes and lattices: systematic study and new bounds** *IEEE Information Theory '23*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, LÉO DUCAS, NICOLAS RESCH AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2022 **Statistical Decoding 2.0: Reducing Decoding to LPN** *Asiacrypt '22*  
KEVIN CARRIER, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, CHARLES MEYER-HILFIGER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2022 **On Codes and Learning with Errors over Function Fields** *Crypto '22*  
MAXIME BOMBAR, ALAIN COUVREUR AND THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD
- 2022 **An Algorithmic Reduction Theory for Binary Codes: LLL and more** *IEEE Information Theory '22*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, LÉO DUCAS AND WESSEL P.J. VAN WOERDEN
- 2021 **Classical and Quantum algorithms for generic Syndrome Decoding problems and applications to the Lee metric** *PQCrypto '21*  
ANDRÉ CHAILLOUX, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND SIMONA ETINSKI
- 2020 **Tight and Optimal Reductions for Signatures based on Average Trapdoor Preimage Sampleable Functions and Applications to Code-Based Signatures** *PKC '20*  
ANDRÉ CHAILLOUX AND THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD
- 2019 **Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes** *Asiacrypt '19*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, NICOLAS SENDRIER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2019 **Ternary syndrome decoding with large weights** *SAC '19*  
RÉMI BRICOUT, ANDRÉ CHAILLOUX, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND MATTHIEU LEQUESNE
- 2018 **Two attacks on rank metric code-based schemes: Ranksign and an identity-based-encryption scheme** *Asiacrypt '18*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich
- 2017 **Statistical Decoding** *ISIT '17*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND JEAN-PIERRE TILlich

## Preprints

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- 2022 **Worst and Average Case Hardness of Decoding via Smoothing Bounds** *iacr.org*  
THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND NICOLAS RESCH

2021	<b>Wavelet: Code-based postquantum signatures with fast verification on microcontrollers</b> GUSTAVO BANEGAS, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, MILENA NEDELJKOVIĆ AND BENJAMIN SMITH	<a href="#">iacr.org</a>
2020	<b>On the Hardness of Code Equivalence Problems in Rank Metric</b> ALAIN COUVREUR, THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD AND PHILIPPE GABORIT	<a href="#">arxiv.org</a>
2019	<b>About Wave Implementation and its Leakage Immunity</b> THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, NICOLAS SENDRIER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILICH	<a href="#">iacr.org</a>
2017	<b>The problem with the SURF scheme</b> THOMAS DEBRIS-ALAZARD, NICOLAS SENDRIER AND JEAN-PIERRE TILICH	<a href="#">arxiv.org</a>

## Teaching

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### PhD. Supervision

2023-	<b>Pierre Loisel</b> ON CODE ALGORITHMS AND CRYPTANALYSIS	<a href="#">with Alain Couvreur</a>
2020-2023	<b>Maxime Bombar</b> ON STRUCTURES CODES IN CRYPTOGRAPHY (DEFENDED ON DECEMBER 15, 2023)	<a href="#">with Alain Couvreur</a>

### Courses

2023-	<b>Introduction to information theory (INF563)</b> ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE
2022-	<b>Introduction to quantum computing and quantum information (INF587)</b> ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE
2021-	<b>Error-correcting codes and applications to cryptography</b> MPRI, WITH ANNE CANTEAUT AND ALAIN COUVREUR
2021-2023	<b>Post-quantum cryptography, introduction to code-based cryptography</b> ENS LYON, WITH DAMIEN STEHLÉ AND BENJAMIN WESOŁOWSKI

### Tutorials

Sept. 2024	<b>Summer School IES Corsica,</b> INTRODUCTION TO CODE-BASED CRYPTOTGRAPHY	<a href="#">Cargèse</a>
June. 2024	<b>Introduction to Quantum-Safe Cryptography (IBM Zurich)</b> INTRODUCTION TO CODE-BASED CRYPTOTGRAPHY	<a href="#">Zurich</a>
Oct. 2023	<b>CIMPA school: mathematical aspects of post-quantum cryptography,</b> INTRODUCTION TO CODE-BASED CRYPTOTGRAPHY	<a href="#">Rabat</a>
Aug. 2022	<b>Summer school in post-quantum cryptography,</b> INTRODUCTION TO CODE-BASED CRYPTOTGRAPHY	<a href="#">Budapest</a>
June. 2022	<b>CIMPA: SuSAAN Summer School of Applied Arithmetic,</b> INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH VIA AN OPEN PROBLEM IN COMBINATORICS	<a href="#">Izmir</a>

## Invited Talks

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2024	<b>Mathematics for post-quantum cryptanalysis</b>	<a href="#">Budapest</a>
2024	<b>Thirteenth in the series workshop Coding and Cryptography (WCC)</b>	<a href="#">Perugia</a>

## Program Committees

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- 2024 **Program committee**  
CRYPTO '25, EUROCRYPT '25, PKC '25
- 2024 **Guest Editor**  
SPECIAL ISSUE ON CODE-BASED CRYPTOGRAPHY IN *Designs, Codes and Cryptography*
- 2021-2023 **Gilles Kahn Award**  
SOCIÉTÉ INFORMATIQUE DE FRANCE
- 2022 **Journées Codage & Cryptographie (JC2)**

## Presentations

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### Selected Talks at Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- Feb, 2024 **Codes and Lattices in Cryptography: real twins or distant cousins?** ATTACC WORKSHOP *Munich*
- Sept, 2023 **Wave: a Code-based Hash and Sign Signature Scheme,** OXFORD POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY SUMMIT (PQCS) *Oxford*
- Oct, 2021 **Quantum Reduction of Finding Short Code Vectors to the Decoding Problem,** DAGSTUHL SEMINAR, QUANTUM CRYPTANALYSIS *Dagstuhl*
- Dec, 2019 **Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes,** ASIACRYPT 19' *Kobe*
- Sept, 2019 **Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes,** LONDON-ISH LATTICE CODING AND CRYPTO MEETINGS *Imperial College, London*
- May, 2019 **Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes,** CRYPTO MEETING *ENS, Lyon*
- Feb, 2019 **Wave: A New Family of Trapdoor One-Way Preimage Sampleable Functions Based on Codes,** CRYPTOGRAPHY SEMINAR *PQShield, Oxford*
- Dec, 2018 **Two attacks on rank metric code-based schemes: Ranksign and an identity-based-encryption scheme,** ASIACRYPT 18' *Brisbane*
- June, 2017 **Statistical Decoding,** ISIT 17' *Aachen*

### Workshops

- Sept. 2020 **Organization of the team Grace Seminar,** *Inria Saclay*  
PRESENTATIONS: [HERE](#)
- Sept. 2020 **Workshop on Transference,** ORGANIZED BY LÉO DUCAS *CWI*  
PRESENTATION: [SMOOTHING BOUNDS FOR CODES AND LATTICES](#)
- Sept. 2019-2020 **Workshop “yet another crypto reading group”,** ORGANIZED BY MARTIN R. ALBRECHT *Royal Holloway University of London*  
PRESENTATION: [WORST-CASE HARDNESS FOR LPN AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC HASHING VIA CODE SMOOTHING](#)

PRESENTATIONS: ON THE PSEUDORANDOMNESS OF THE DECODING PROBLEM VIA THE ORACLE COMPARISON PROBLEM, STATISTICAL DECODING, SURF : A NEW CODE-BASED SIGNATURE SCHEME, TWO ATTACKS AGAINST SCHEMES BASED ON RANK METRIC, NEW RESULTS ABOUT SIGNATURES BASED ON CODES, WAVE, WORST-CASE HARDNESS FOR LPN AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC HASHING VIA CODE SMOOTHING, AN ALGORITHMIC REDUCTION THEORY FOR BINARY CODES: LLL AND MORE, QUANTUM REDUCTION OF FINDING SHORT CODE VECTORS TO THE DECODING PROBLEM, SMOOTHING BOUNDS: FROM LATTICES TO CODES AND BACK TO LATTICES

## Scientific Popularization

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2021	<b>Rendez-vous des Jeunes Mathématiciennes et Informaticiennes, Fête de la science à l'école Polytechnique, Olympiades de Mathématiques de l'Académie de Créteil</b>
2018	<b>International Tournament of Young Mathematicians (Jury Member)</b>
2018	<b>Tournoi Français des Jeunes Mathématiciennes et Mathématiciens (Jury Member)</b>
2018	<b>Rendez-vous des Jeunes Mathématiciennes et Informaticiennes</b>