

BENJAMIN WESOLOWSKI

MATHEMATICS & CRYPTOGRAPHY

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SUMMARY

Very interested by the various facets of cryptology and information security, I am currently a PhD student at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in the Laboratory for Cryptologic Algorithms (LACAL), under the supervision of Arjen Lenstra and Robert Granger.

My current research interests include: the discrete logarithm problem in finite fields of small characteristic, Jacobians of hyperelliptic curves of genus 2, and trustworthy public random number generation.

EDUCATION

- 2014 - today ● **PhD Thesis**, EPFL, Laboratory for Cryptologic Algorithms
Advisors: Arjen Lenstra and Robert Granger
- 2012 - 2014 ● **Master's degree in Mathematics, Minor in Information Security**
EPFL, thesis at the University of California, Berkeley
 - Thesis title: *Walking on Isogeny Graphs of Hyperelliptic Curves of Genus 2*, supervised by Kenneth Ribet and Dimitar Jetchev
 - Cryptography, cryptanalysis and security proofs, information theory and codes, number theory, algebraic geometry, elliptic and hyperelliptic curves, combinatorics, security engineering...Student projects:
 - *Topics in the Arithmetic of Elliptic and Hyperelliptic Curves* supervised by Dimitar Jetchev
 - *A new multiple-block-length compression function* supervised by Dimitar Jetchev and Arjen Lenstra
- 2009 - 2012 ● **Bachelor's degree in Mathematics**, EPFL
Student projects:
 - *Braid groups and cryptography* supervised by Kathryn Hess Bellwald
 - *Elliptic curves for cryptography* supervised by Eva Bayer Fluckiger
- 2009 ● **Baccalauréat Scientifique**. Lycée Aux Lazaristes, Lyon

EXPERIENCE AND PROJETS

- Jul - Aug 2014 ● **Research engineer**, Institute for Information and Communication Technologies, HEIG-VD
 - Design, proof of security, and implementation in C of a new efficient pairing-based broadcast encryption scheme
- Feb - Jun 2014 ● **Visiting student researcher**, University of California, Berkeley
 - Study of the isogeny graphs of Jacobians of genus 2 curves, design and analysis of new algorithms for applications in hyperelliptic curve cryptography
- 2010 - today ● **Teaching assistant**, EPFL
 - Supervising student projects and exercise sessions in topology, linear algebra, C and C++ programming, advanced calculus
- 2013 ● **Other jobs**
 - Administrative assistant at EPFL
- 2007 ● **Other jobs**
 - Development and graphics of a website for Antic Wine, Lyon

AWARDS

- Kudelski Prize 2014**, Kudelski Group
« For a Master Project having significantly contributed to the field of cryptography and information systems security »
- Douchet Prize 2014**, EPFL
Best Master average in the Mathematics section at EPFL
- EPFL Prize 2014**, EPFL
3rd best average mark for complete Master studies at EPFL, all sections included
- Undergraduate Awards 2013**, Dublin, Ireland
Highly commended for the essay « *Lifting Braids : from Geometric Braids to Braid Groups* » (2012)

PROGRAMMING

- Familiar with:** C, C++, Sage (Python), Magma, Scala, LaTeX
- Notions of:** Java, PHP, HTML, CSS

LANGUAGES

- French** : first language
- English** : fluent, TOEIC 945/990

HOBBIES

Graphic design, fencing, travelling

PAPERS

Ciphertext-Policy Attribute-Based Broadcast Encryption with Small Keys

With Pascal Junod

ICISC 2015: International Conference on Information Security and Cryptology (2015)

A random zoo: sloth, unicorn, and trx

With Arjen K. Lenstra

IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive 2015: 366 (2015)

On Graphs of Isogenies of Principally Polarizable Abelian Surfaces and the Discrete Logarithm Problem

With Dimitar Jetchev

CoRR abs/1506.00522 (2015)

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS

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- ALMASTY seminars, Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Dec 2015)
- Journées Codage et Cryptographie (Oct 2015)
- NIST Workshop on Elliptic Curve Cryptography Standards (Jun 2015)

Random Self-Reducibility of the Discrete Logarithm Problem in Genus 2

LACAL@RISC Seminar on Cryptologic Algorithms, CWI Amsterdam (Feb 2015)