Étienne Bamas

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow at the ETH AI Center	Zürich, Switzerland 2023–now
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	Lausanne, Switzerland
Ph.D. in Theoretical Computer Science, Advisor: Ola Svensson 🗹.	2018–2023
 Université Paris Diderot - École Normale Supérieure Paris M.Sc. in Theoretical Computer Science (summa cum laude); GPA: 18.81/20 (rank: 2/63). – Thesis: "Local algorithms in graphs", Advisor: Louis Esperet Z. 	Paris, France 2017–2018
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

INTERNSHIPS AND ACADEMIC VISITS

Academic visit at the Simons Institute	Berkeley, USA
Visitor of the "Data-Driven Decision Processes" 🗹 semester program.	Nov. 2022–Dec. 2022
Academic visit at ETH Zürich	Zurich, Switzerland
Visitor of Prof. Rico's Zenklusen group	May 2022–June 2022
Research internship G-SCOP	Grenoble, France
Research in the G-SCOP Team for combinatorial optimization.	April 2018–August 2018
 I investigated what can or cannot be computed by local algorithms in graphs. The publications in theoretical computer science conferences. 	This project led to two
Research and software engineering internship, INRIA	Grenoble, France

Research done in the INRIA team NANO-D

- 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.

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

Military Service

Paris Fire Brigade, first fire group.

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

Paris, France September 2014–April 2015

March 2017–July 2017

Guildford, England

Summer 2017

FUNDING AND HONORS

• ETH AI Center Postdoctoral fellowship	2023-2025
• Grant from the Bernoulli Center to organize the ALPS \boxdot workshop (~30000 chf)	2022
• NeurIPS or al 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

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Étienne Bamas, "Lift-and-Project Integrality Gaps for Santa Claus", under review at FOCS.
- 2. Étienne Bamas, Sai Ganesh Nagarajan, Ola Svensson, "An Analysis of D^{α} seeding for k-means" \mathbb{Z} , under review at ICML.
- 3. Étienne Bamas, Alexander Lindermayr, Nicole Megow, Lars Rohwedder, Jens Schlöter, "Santa Claus meets Makespan and Matroids: Algorithms and Reduction" Z, 35th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, SODA 2024. Invited to the ACM Transactions on Algorithms special issue of SODA (top 5-10% of accepted papers).
- Étienne Bamas, Lars Rohwedder, "Better Trees for Santa Claus"
 ^C, 55th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, STOC 2023.
- 5. Étienne Bamas, Marina Drygala, and Ola Svensson, "A Simple LP-Based Approximation Algorithm for the Matching Augmentation Problem" , 23rd Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO 2022.
- Étienne Bamas, Marina Drygala, and Andreas Maggiori, "An Improved Analysis of Greedy for Online Steiner Forest" Z, 33rd ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, SODA 2022.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Étienne Bamas, Andreas Maggiori, and Ola Svensson, "The Primal-Dual method for Learning Augmented Algorithms" C, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33, NeurIPS 2020 (oral presentation).
- 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).
- 10. Étienne Bamas and Louis Esperet, "Local Approximation of the Maximum Cut in Regular Graphs" , Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science 45th International Workshop, WG 2019.
- 11. Étienne Bamas and Louis Esperet, "Distributed Coloring of Graphs with an Optimal Number of Colors" C, 36th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science, STACS 2019.

TEACHING

• Lecturer for "AI Center Projects in Machine Learning Research"	Spring 2024
• Lecturer for "Advanced Topics in Discrete Optimization"	Spring 2024
• Supervision of master thesis at ETHZ Supervised students: Thibault Vignon (Fall 2023), Jonathan Schnell (Spring 2024).	since 2023
• Supervision of semester projects at EPFL	2021-2023

Supervised students: Alexandre Reynaud (master student), Taha El Ghazi (master student).

- Teaching Assistant at EPFL 2019–2022 "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

References

- Prof. Ola Svensson at EPFL (PhD advisor). Email: ola.svensson@epfl.ch Postal address: Building INJ (INJ112), Station 14, 1015 Lausanne Personal website: https://theory.epfl.ch/osven/C
- Prof. Lars Rohwedder at Maastricht University (frequent co-author). Email: contact@larsrohwedder.com
 Postal address: P.O. Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht
 Personal website: https://larsrohwedder.com/ C.
- 3. Prof. Rico Zenklusen at ETH Zurich (post-doc mentor). Email: ricoz@ethz.ch Postal address: HG G 22.4, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zürich Personal website: https://math.ethz.ch/ifor/groups/zenklusen_group/rico-zenklusen.html C...
- 4. Prof. Anupam Gupta at New-York University (member of the jury of my PhD defense). Email: anupam.g@nyu.edu
 Postal address: 251 Mercer Street, New York NY 10012
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- 5. Prof. Louis Esperet at G-SCOP lab (MSc thesis advisor).
 Email: louis.esperet@grenoble-inp.fr
 Postal address: 46, avenue Félix Viallet, 38000 Grenoble, France
 Personal website: https://oc.g-scop.grenoble-inp.fr/esperet/IP

Skills and Languages

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

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND TALKS

- I co-organized the workshop ALPS '22 \square on algorithms with predictions (~ 45 international participants).
- Program committee: MAPSP '24
- Reviewer for the conferences: MFCS '19, WAOA '20, ITCS '20, '23, NeurIPS '21, '22, '23, SODA '22, '23, ICML '22, STOC '23, '24, IPCO '24
- Reviewer for the journals: Algorithmica (2021), Journal of Computer and System Sciences (2023).
- I gave a talk at the following conferences or workshops: WG '19, STACS '19, Dagstuhl scheduling seminar in 2020 and 2023, NeurIPS '20, ICALP '21, Operations Research Bern (OR) '21, SODA '22, STOC '23.

2017 - 2018

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Fond of sports: running (I enjoy sharing my (modest) results on Strava 🗹), skiing, rock climbing, hiking.
- Member of EPFL emergency medical team (2019).