

# Loïc Masure

Candidat en section 02, collège B1  
Born on 08/08/1994 at Salon-de-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhône), France  
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### CNRS

- Research Scientist, LIRMM, Montpellier, FRANCE Oct 2023 – Now
  - Laboratory co-hosted by Univ. Montpellier, and CNRS Informatics
  - Member of the SmartIES research team (Microelectronics dept.)

### UCLouvain - ICTEAM, Louvain-la-Neuve, BELGIUM

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Crypto Group Apr 2021 – Aug 2023
  - Research on the use of Machine Learning for security evaluation against Side-Channel Attacks.
  - Research on counter-measures (masking) against Side-Channel Attacks.
  - Teaching: Discrete Math & Probability (30 hours)

### CEA - Leti, Grenoble, FRANCE

- PhD student & Side-Channel Analysis Evaluator, ITSEF Nov 2017 – Mar 2021
  - Laboratory involved in the french certification scheme for cyber-security evaluation on hardware devices.
  - Work in R&D on several tools using deep learning for open samples evaluations.
- Graduate Research Intern, System Department Feb 2017 – Jul 2017
  - Project: Application of deep neural networks in context awareness signals measured by smartphone sensors.
  - Application: deep learning based human activity recognition

## EDUCATION

### Sorbonne Université, Paris, FRANCE

- Ph.D. in Computer Science Nov 2017 – Dec 2020
  - Thesis: Towards a Better Understanding of Deep Learning for Side-Channel Analysis
  - Advisers: Emmanuel Prouff (ANSSI), Cécile Dumas (CEA - Leti)

### Grenoble Institute of Technology - ENSIMAG, Grenoble, FRANCE

- Engineering degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics Sep 2014 – Sep 2017
  - Graduated with Honors
  - Option: Mathematical Modelisation, Image Processing, Simulation

## FUNDINGS

### Chair SCA for Post-Quantum Cryptography Applications

- Amount : 343,000 € Apr 2024 – Dec 2028
  - Within Project PQ-TLS (PEPR Quantique)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNALS

In chronological order, bold name indicates main authorship.

- [1] **Masure, L.**, Dumas, C., & Prouff, E:  
*A Comprehensive Study of Deep Learning for Side-Channel Analysis.*  
IACR Transactions on Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems, 2020(1), 348-375.
- [2] O. Bronchain, F. Durvaux, L. Masure and F. -X. Standaert:  
*Efficient Profiled Side-Channel Analysis of Masked Implementations, Extended.*  
In IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, vol. 17, pp. 574-584, 2022.
- [3] **Masure, L.**, Cristiani, V., Lecomte, M. & Standaert, F-X:  
*Don't Learn What You Already Know: Scheme-Aware Modeling for Profiling Side-Channel Analysis against Masking.*  
IACR Transactions on Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems, 2023(1), 32-59.
- [4] **Masure, L.**, Cassiers, G., Hendrickx, J. & Standaert, F-X:  
*Information Bounds and Convergence Rates for Side-Channel Security Evaluators*  
IACR Transactions on Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems, 2023(3), 522-569.
- [5] **Masure, L.**, & Strullu, R.:  
*Side-channel analysis against ANSSI's protected AES implementation on ARM: end-to-end attacks with multi-task learning*  
J Cryptogr Eng 13, 129-147 (2023)

## CONFERENCES

- [1] **Masure L.**, Dumas C., & Prouff E:  
*Gradient Visualization for General Characterization in Profiling Attacks.*  
Constructive Side-Channel Analysis and Secure Design. COSADE 2019.
- [2] **Masure L.**, Belleville N., Cagli E., Cornélie M., Couroussé D., Dumas C., & Maingault L:  
*Deep Learning Side-Channel Analysis on Large-Scale Traces: A Case Study on a Polymorphic AES.*  
European Symposium on Research in Computer Security. ESORICS 2020.
- [3] **Masure, L.**, Rioul, O. Standaert, F-X.  
*A Nearly Tight Proof of Duc et al.'s Conjectured Security Bound for Masked Implementations.*  
Smart Card Research and Advanced Applications. CARDIS 2022.
- [4] Béguintot, J., Cheng, W., Guilley, S., Liu, Y., **Masure, L.**, Rioul, O. Standaert, F-X.:  
*Removing the Field Size Loss from Duc et al.'s Conjectured Bound for Masked Encodings*  
Constructive Side-Channel Analysis and Secure Design. COSADE 2023.
- [5] **Masure, L.**, Méaux, P., Moos, T. & Standaert, F-X.:  
*Effective and Efficient Masking with Low Noise using Small-Mersenne-Prime Ciphers*  
Advances in Cryptology–EUROCRYPT 2023.
- [6] **Masure, L.**, & Standaert, F-X.:  
*Prouff & Rivain's Formal Security Proof of Masking, Revisited: Tight Bounds in the Noisy Leakage Model*  
Advances in Cryptology–CRYPTO 2023.
- [7] Faust, S., **Masure, L.**, Micheli, E., Orlt, M., & Standaert, F-X.:  
*Connecting Leakage-Resilient Secret Sharing to Practice: Scaling Trends and Physical Dependencies of Prime Field Masking*  
Advances in Cryptology–EUROCRYPT 2024.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- TCHES 2024, 2025
- Eurocrypt 2025

## REVIEWS (EXTERNAL REVIEWER OR REFEREE)

- TCHES 2019, 2021-2023,
- Asiacrypt 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024,
- Crypto. & Communications,
- Crypto 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025,
- Cosade 2021, 2024,
- LatinCrypt 2021,
- JCEN,
- ICLR 2021,
- TVLSI,
- The Computer Journal,
- Journal of Cryptology,
- NeurIPS 2022, 2023
- IEICE TFECCS

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Grenoble École de Management**, Grenoble, France

- Lecturer Jan 2019 – Jul 2020
  - Advanced Decision: 30 hours
  - Advanced Quantitative Methods for Finance: 15 hours

### **NXP**, Remote

- Free-lance Consultant Vulnerability Assessment Team Jan 2022 – May 2023
  - Help transferring technology from research to industry
  - Giving seminars around my recent works

## LANGUAGES

- French: Native language.
- English: Fluent (speaking, reading, writing). TOEIC: 870
- German, Swedish: basic (reading)