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On the twentieth of May 1983, Wagner Fortes was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was also raised in Rio de Janeiro, attending Colégio Sagres from 1986 until 2000, where he completed the high school education. He studied Mathematics at the Rio de Janeiro State University from 2002 until 2006. The bachelor's diploma was granted to him after presenting a dissertation on mathematics applied to quantum computation. In 2008 he obtained the degree of Master of Sciences in Mechanical Engineering from the Rio de Janeiro State University, with a specialization in Transport Phenomena.

His master's thesis entitled "Pre-conditioners and solvers for algebraic linear systems obtained from the simulation of reservoir flooding" was written as part of a project on the development of software to aid in the decision making process when creating hydroelectric reservoirs while considering possible environmental impacts. In parallel to his studies, from the beginning of 2007 until the middle of 2008, Wagner Fortes also worked as a teacher at the department of applied mathematics of Rio de Janeiro State University.

In late 2008, he started his PhD studies in optimization at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Having decided to pursue a PhD abroad, he moved to The Netherlands in August 2009. After being granted an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship for a PhD position, he started working at the Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) under the supervision of Prof. dr. Kees Joost Batenburg and Prof. dr. ir. Barry Koren. During the four years of this PhD research he has been seconded at Leiden University.