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Research Scientist @ Amazon

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SUMMARY

- Experienced (7+ yrs) in operations research, machine learning, and analytics: optimization; simulation; math programming; deep reinforcement learning (artificial intelligence); forecasting; data visualization, manipulation, and analysis
- Innovative: author of 25+ patents
- Strong quantitative skills: Award-winning PhD in Operations Research, BS in Physics
- Competent programmer: Python, Java, SQL, Gurobi/Xpress/CPLEX, JavaScript, D3
- Fast learner, effective communicator and problem solver; can adapt and collaborate

EDUCATION

- **PhD Computer Science (Operations Research)** - *University of Tours, France*
 - Awarded national prize for best PhD in transportation research (Prix de thèse GT2L 2021)
- **MS Quant. Ecology & Resource Mgmt.** - *University of Washington, Seattle, WA*
- **BS Physics, minor in mathematics** - *University of Missouri, Columbia, MO*
 - Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude, 3.98 GPA

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist - *Amazon* - JUN 2021 - PRESENT

- Operations research scientist in middle-mile operations

Operations Research & Data Scientist - *Facebook* - MAY 2020 - JUN 2021

- Lead operations research efforts on Advanced Analytics team
- Support analytics requests across global business operations, leveraging operations research, machine learning, and data science
- Provide end-to-end project support: problem formulation, modeling, querying & analyses, optimization, visualization, and direct-to-stakeholder communications

PhD Student (Operations Research) - *University of Tours, France* - JAN 2017 - MAY 2020

- Formulate, build, and solve mathematical models representing transportation and logistics systems under uncertainty, especially in the context of electric vehicles
- Design and implement optimization solution methods, including exact solutions using commercial solvers, heuristic-based dynamic policies, and dynamic agents trained via deep reinforcement learning (AI) with artificial neural networks
- Generate simulations to assess performance of proposed realtime optimization methods
- Develop and maintain Java and Python codebases on GitHub

Co-advisor & Visiting Doctoral Researcher - *CIRRELT, HEC Montréal* - **SPRING 2019**

- Hire, advise, and manage intern investigating the adaptation of classical transportation problems for machine-learning-based solutions

Graduate Researcher & Teaching Asst. - *University of Washington* - **SEP 2013 - DEC 2016**

- Build optimization models to identify efficient forestry operations under climate change
- Develop solver for multi-objective optimization problems using CPLEX via the Java API
- Design interactive web-based visualization of optimization solutions using JavaScript (D3)
- Teach and write material for technical problem-solving labs for graduate-level operations research course “Optimization Techniques for Natural Resources”

Telecom Design Engineer - *Sprint, Overland Park, KS* - **JUL 2011 - AUG 2013**

- Design and lead experiments for telecom equipment; analyze and present results
- Perform quantitative mathematical analysis of potential sources of RF interference

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Electric Vehicle Routing with Public Charging Stations

<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01928730> (accepted in *Transportation Science*)

Dynamic Ridehailing with Electric Vehicles

<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02463422> (accepted in *Transportation Science*)

SELECTED PATENTS

US Pat. 9,094,814 - *Provision of relay operation information to a wireless communication network*

US Pat. 20,140,321,367/European Pat. 2989852 - *Wireless communication system with multiple Device-to-Device communication configurations*

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Organizer for the [DIMACS Vehicle Routing Implementation Challenge](#)

Design vehicle routing software for coffee roaster and distributor Cafe Che Che

Create [open source Python solver](#) for electric vehicle charging problems

Build HIV [vaccine efficacy visualization](#) with Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center

Referee for *Transportation Science*, *Transportation Research: Part C*, and *International Transactions in Operational Research*

Develop [mapping utility](#) for the vehicle routing community ([VRP-REP](#))