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#### Education

## Polytechnique Montreal (Poly)

Montreal, Canada

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Mathematics

2020 - Present

- Research Topic: Primal Large-scale Optimization Application to a Global Supply Chain
- Advisors: Profs. El Hallaoui Issmaïl and Soumis François
- Relevant Coursework: Mathematical Programming (A\*), Integer Programming (A\*), Graph and Network Theory (A\*), Modeling in Operations Research (A\*), Decomposition Methods and Real-Time Optimization (A\*)
- Top 1% (**GPA: 4.0/4.0**)

## International University of Japan (IUJ)

Niigata, Japan

Master of Business Administration

2017 - 2019

- Research Topic: Design of Electric Vehicles Charging Station Network
- Advisor: Prof. Li Wenkai
- Relevant Coursework: Operations Management (A\*), Supply Chain Management (A\*), Applied Statistics (A\*), Computer-based Decision Modeling (A\*), Infrastructure Planning and Management (A\*)
- Valedictorian (**GPA: 3.89/4.0**)

## Ecole Mohammadia d'Ingénieurs (EMI)

Rabat, Morocco

Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering

2013 - 2016

- Entry based on a competitive national exam following two years of intensive maths and physics courses.
- Relevant Coursework: Operations Research (A), Applied Mathematics (A\*), Probabilities and Statistics (A\*), Data Science (A), Lean Manufacturing (A\*)
- With Honors (**GPA**: 3.8/4.0)

## **Papers**

#### Published

- [1] Er Raqabi El Mehdi, Himmich Ilyas, El Hachemi Nizar, El Hallaoui Issmaïl and Soumis François (2023). Incremental LNS Framework for Integrated Production, Inventory, and Vessel Scheduling: Application to a Global Supply Chain. *Omega*, 116, 102821.
- [2] Er Raqabi El Mehdi (2019). Design of Electric Vehicles Charging Station Network. *Master's Thesis*, International University of Japan.

#### **Under Review**

- [3] Himmich Ilyas, **Er Raqabi El Mehdi**, El Hachemi Nizar, El Hallaoui Issmaïl, Metrane Abdelmoutalib and Soumis François. MPILS: An Automatic Tuner for MILP Solvers. *Major Revision*, *Computers & Operations Research*.
- [4] Er Raqabi El Mehdi and Li Wenkai. An Electric Vehicle Migration Framework for Public Fleet Planning, Minor Revision, Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment.

#### Working

- [5] Er Raqabi El Mehdi et al. OCP Optimizes its Supply Chain for Africa. Soon to be submitted
  - Finalist at the IFORS Prize for OR in Development 2023
  - Selected for presentation at the 23rd Conference of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies, Santiago, Chile, on 10-14 July 2023
- [6] Er Raqabi El Mehdi, El Hallaoui Issmaïl and Soumis François. The Primal Benders Decomposition. Soon to be submitted.
- [7] Er Raqabi El Mehdi, Yong Wu, El Hallaoui Issmaïl, and Soumis François. Towards Resilience: Reoptimizing Downstream Operations within a Global Supply Chain.

## Honors & Awards

- IFORS Prize for OR in Development, Finalist, IFORS, 2023
- GERAD Competition for Doctoral Fellowships "Conference Fees", \$1,750, GERAD, 2022
- FRQNT Ph.D. Merit Scholarship, \$77,000, FRQNT, 2021
- IVADO Ph.D. Excellence Scholarship, \$75,000, IVADO Institute, 2021
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Finalist, Government of Canada, 2021
- OCP Group Fellowship, \$32,000, OCP Group, 2020
- Increased Tuition Fees Exemption, \$25,000, Polytechnique Montreal, 2020
- James Brian Quinn Scholar, MBA Batch Valedictorian, IUJ, 2019
- Beta Gamma Sigma Academic Honor Society, Top 1% MBA Batch, IUJ, 2019
- Valedictorian Speech, IUJ Graduation Ceremony, IUJ, 2019
- Dean's List, Academic Terms Distinction (×3), IUJ, 2017-2019
- First Year Special Recognition, Top 1% MBA Batch, IUJ, 2018
- ABE Initiative Scholarship, \$120,000, Japan International Cooperation Agency, 2017
- Third Year Valedictorian, Distinction, EMI, 2016
- EMI Industrial Challenge, \$2,000, EMI, 2015

# Research Experience

## Griffith Business School (GBS)

Gold Coast, Australia

Visiting Scholar

2023 - Present

- Advisors: Prof. Yong Wu
- Research Areas: Operations Research, Re-optimization, Resilience, Supply Chain Management, ML for OR
- Applications: Mining, Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Collaborations with OCP and UM6P

# Groupe d'études et de recherche en analyse des décisions (Gerad) Montreal, Canada Research Assistant 2020 - Present

- Advisors: Profs. El Hallaoui Issmaïl and Soumis François
- Research Areas: Operations Research, Large-Scale Optimization, Decompositions, Metaheuristics, Solvers, Data Science, ML for OR
- Applications: Airline, Mining, Transportation, Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Collaborations with OCP, UM6P, Laminaar, and IVADO

## International University of Japan (IUJ)

Niigata, Japan

2018 - 2019

Research Project

- Advisor: Prof. Li Wenkai
- Developed an Electric Vehicles Migration Framework for Developing Countries
- Collaboration with Fostergy Technologies Inc.

#### Teaching Experience

## Polytechnique Montreal (Poly)

Montreal, Canada

Teaching Assistant

2021 - Present

• MTH6406 - Modeling in Operations Research, 4 hours/week for 13 weeks, Masters and Ph.D. (Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Winter 2023)

## International University of Japan (IUJ)

Niigata, Japan

Teaching Assistant

- OPR1010 Operations Management, 3 hours/week for 12 weeks, Masters (Winter 2019)
- QIS1070 Computer-based Decision Modeling, 3 hours/week for 12 weeks, Masters (Fall 2019)
- QIS1020 Applied Statistics, 3 hours/week for 12 weeks, Masters (Fall 2019)  $J\!DS\ Tutor$

2017 - 2018

2018 - 2019

Tutor for MBA students under the Graduate School of International Management. Topics: QIS1020
 Applied Statistics, QIS1070 - Computer Based Decision Making, ACT1010 - Financial Accounting, FIN1010 - Corporate Finance, ECN1010 - Managerial Economics, 2 hours/week for 48 weeks

## Work Experience

## Fostergy Technologies Inc.

Niigata, Japan

Operational Researcher & Data Scientist (Part-Time)

2017 - 2019

- Designing an efficient and effective selection of the appropriate electric vehicle components and prediction of its behavior over different kinds of routes/duty cycles and over a huge number of parameters' choices
- Enhancing user's simulation capability and reducing development time many folds

ProQuest Yokohama, Japan

Systems Engineering Intern (Part Time)

Fall 2018

- Promoting of the on-line ProQuest's product training
- Planning, Designing, and Implementing the use of databases and the conduct of research within IUJ Library

Induproj El Jadida, Morocco

Quality & Safety Manager (Full Time)

2016 - 2017

- Leading quality management through the international standard ISO 9001, quality control of the work
  done on the construction sites, and quality assurance into which I was dealing with customers' requirements
  and seeking their satisfaction
- Leading safety management through the standard OHSAS 18001 and safety control of all the work done on the construction sites. Achieved the main safety KPI of 0 accident

Bombardier Casablanca, Morocco

Operations Management Intern (Full Time)

Spring 2016

- Designing and implementing an Automated Production System (APS) for assembly lines monitoring
- Introducing Data mining for knowledge extraction

# Managem Group

Tinghir, Morocco

Industrial Challenge (Full Time)

 $Summer\ 2015$ 

- Modeling and Simulating the Silver Treatment Plant at SMI
- Mapping of Ag rocks flows at SMI

#### Selected Talks

## MPILS: An Automatic Tuner for MILP Solvers

- CORS/INFORMS International Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2022
- JOPT, Montreal, Canada, 2022

#### Design of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

SLACJ 6th International Conference on Indo-Pacific Studies, Niigata, Japan, 2019

# Achieving Traceability within Supply Chains through Data Science

 International Conference On Advances In Cloud Computing, Data Science And Big Data Analytics, Tokyo, Japan, 2019

## Service & Engagement Activities

#### Leadership & Organizing

- Science Popularization: Bringing science to the general public, to disseminate scientific knowledge, foster experience sharing, and introducing research topics to students via Medium & LinkedIn, 2018-Present
- Better Research Better Life: Leading the organization and execution of the first Library Day in IUJ history. The initiative is still going on within more Japanese universities, 2019
- Head of Houses: Leading the social interaction among international students from around 70 countries through the House System. Our motto is: "Honoring Our Unique Social Environment". The initiative is still going on, 2018

## Outreach & Volunteering

- Canadian Operations Research Society: Volunteer in the Montreal Operations Research Student Chapter (MORSC), 2022
- Industrial Seminars: Speaker at several seminars within the Industrial Engineering Department of EMI, 2019-Present
- Tutor: Academic orientation and schooling for Moroccan undergraduate and graduate students, 2017–Present
- Snow Shoveling: Volunteer in snow shoveling activities to help and support elderly citizens of Minamiuonuma City, 2018

#### Skills

- Programming & Software: C++, CPLEX, LaTeX, Excel, PowerPoint (Proficient), Python, R, Git, VBA, SQL (Familiar)
- Languages: Arabic (Native), French, English (Bilingual)
- Interests: Football, Snowboarding, Swimming

# Selected Media Coverage

- IVADO Student Portraits Er Raqabi El Mehdi, IVADO Institute, 2022
- IUJ held its 2019 Graduation Ceremony, International University of Japan, 2019
- La coopération japonaise élargit son spectre, Laformation News, 2017

#### References

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