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# SALA RAPHAËL

## SUMMARY

I am **SALA Raphaël**, a *Master student in Mathematics and Computer-Science* aiming to pursue a PhD in **Applied Mathematics for Artificial Intelligence**. I am passionate about optimization, numerical analysis, and AI development, with a focus on making algorithms more efficient and adaptable.

My multidisciplinary background in mathematics, physics, and computer science has provided me with strong analytical and problem-solving skills, as well as practical experience gained through several volunteer internships and academic projects.

## PROJECTS

- **Physics Simulations**  
Soft-body physics and Boids for flocking behavior
- **Optimization Techniques**  
Projects involving parallelization, procedural generation, vectorization, and gradient descent methods
- **Others**
  - Spectral clustering on random graphs
  - Randomization (Cryptography, Simplex Noise)
  - Deep understanding of graphics rendering using OpenGL (*Minecraft-like without game engine*)

## SKILLS

- **Favorite Languages:** Julia, Python, C++, Lean
- **Mathematics:** Measure Theory, Probability, Numerical Analysis, Differential Equations
- **Languages:**
  - **French:** Native
  - **English:** Intermediate (B2)
- **Qualities:** Autonomous, Motivated, Patient, Perseverant, Rigorous, Serious

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Internship — Section of Mathematics, University of Geneva (Switzerland)**  
*June - August 2025 (3 months)*  
Introduced a Quantile Universal Threshold strategy for automatic  $\lambda$ -selection in sparse learning, extending to non-convex penalties and shallow neural networks.
- **Internship — LAAS-CNRS, Toulouse**  
*June - August 2024 (3 months)*  
Explored the design space of energetic nano-materials, using active learning and developed new metrics to evaluate the performance of Gaussian process predictive models.
- **Internship — Institut de Mathématiques de Toulouse, Toulouse**  
*June - August 2023 (2 months)*  
Developed and optimized numerical simulation tools for magnetized plasma physics studies, benchmarking them with Python, MATLAB and Julia (*Dynamic Languages*).

## EDUCATION

- **Interactions between Computer Science and Mathematics for AI - Master degree**  
*University Paul-Sabatier, Toulouse (2025-2027)*  
Mathematics - Computer Science
- **Selective University Program - Joint degree**  
*University Paul-Sabatier, Toulouse (2022-2025)*  
Mathematics - Physics
- **General Baccalaureate (Mention Bien)**  
*Lycée Jacques Ruffié, Limoux (2019-2022)*  
Mathematics - Physics/Chemistry - Computer Science

## OTHERS

- ANITI Graduate-School Excellence Scholarship (merit-based, 2025)
- Annual projects supervised by a researcher
- Computer science projects (see Portfolio)
- Homework tutoring in middle schools