# **SEBASTIEN MARTIN**

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#### **EDUCATION**

**2014-Present** | Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

PhD Candidate in Operations Research. Expected completion in June 2019. GPA: 5.0/5.0

Thesis Advisors: Profs. Dimitris Bertsimas and Patrick Jaillet.

Thesis: Optimization with ``Infinite" Data.

**2011-2014 Ecole polytechnique**, Paris, France.

Master of Science in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. GPA 4.23/4.4

Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics and Physics.

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Large-Scale Optimization, Machine Learning, Transportation, Data Analytics, Public Policy.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**2014-Present** | Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Research Assistant.

Advisors: Profs Dimitris Bertsimas and Patrick Jaillet.

**2014 University of California, Berkeley.** Institute of Transportation Studies.

(Apr-Aug) Visiting Researcher.

Advisor: Prof. Alexandre Bayen.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Published

J. Reilly, S. Martin, M. Payer, A. Bayen (2016), Creating complex congestion patterns via multi-objective optimal freeway traffic control with application to cyber-security.

*Transportation Research Part B*, 91, 366-382.

Completed D. Bertsimas, S. Martin, P. Jaillet (2017), Online Vehicle Routing: The Edge of Optimization in Large-Scale Applications. Minor Revision (1st round), *Operations Research*.

D. Bertsimas, A. Delarue, S. Martin, P. Jaillet (2017), Travel Time Estimation in the Age of Big Data. Major Revision, *Operations Research*.

# Papers in Preparation

- D. Bertsimas, A. Delarue, S. Martin, Large Scale Optimization for Boston Public Schools, *in preparation*.
- D. Bertsimas, S. Martin, P. Jaillet, Stochastic Optimal Descent, in preparation.
- D. Bertsimas, S. Martin, P. Jaillet, Stochastic Optimal Descent for Non-Convex Optimization, *in preparation*.
- D. Bertsimas, S. Martin, P. Jaillet, The Local-Backbone Algorithm for Combinatorial Optimization, *in preparation*.

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2017 MIT Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Cambridge, MA.

(Fall) Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Probability I/II – 6.041 A/B.

Enrollment 112 (Undergraduate and Graduate levels)

**2016** MIT Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, MA.

(Spring) Teaching Assistant for The Analytics Edge – 15.071.

Enrollment 172 (MBA Programs) – Rating 6.2/7.

**2016**, **2017** & MIT Operations Research Center, Cambridge, MA.

2018 Instructor for *Computing in Optimization and Statistics*.

(Winter) I gave lectures about Network Analytics in R and Optimization in Julia.

## **RESEARCH IMPACT & WORK EXPERIENCE**

# Spring 2017 - Present

**Boston Public Schools**, Boston, MA.

I work with Boston Public Schools to design an algorithm to route their fleet of >800 school buses, together with D. Bertsimas and A. Delarue.

We currently route 30,000 BPS students to their school for the 2017-2018 school year, saving \$5M per year in transportation costs, that will be re-invested in the classrooms.

We are also working with them on **changing the bell times of 200 schools** to further optimize the bus routes, a project that combines the challenges of *Large-Scale Optimization* and *Public Policy*.

#### Summer 2016 Google, Mountain View, CA.

Software Engineering Intern

Successfully passed the Google Software Engineer coding interviews.

Worked for Google Maps. Researched, experimented and implemented novel algorithms to improve maps and navigation data using large geolocation datasets (> 100Gb).

Software tools: Java, MapReduce.

#### 2013 Startup SAM, Paris, France

Founder

I designed and built a smart bicycle that automatically shifts gears, using machine learning to learn the behavior of experienced cyclists. I partnered with Decathlon, the European main sports gear retailer.

#### 2011-2012 Firefigh

#### **Firefighter Officer,** French Army

Ecole polytechnique (a military university) required me to do one year of military service, to learn about leadership and decision making. I served as the leader of a platoon of 30 military firefighters.

# **M**EDIA **C**OVERAGE

#### Summer 2017

#### **Routing Boston Public School Buses**

- The Wall Street Journal, <u>How Do You Fix a School-Bus Problem? Call MIT</u>, Aug 11, 2017.
- Boston Globe, <u>Boston school bus performance improves dramatically</u>, Sept 08, 2017.
- I also appeared on <u>multiple websites</u>, local TV and radio news channels.

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

# **2017** Boston Public Schools Transportations Challenge Winner, Phases 1 and 2.

Winner of a \$30,000 contest to optimize school bus routes. This competition was the beginning of our partnership with Boston Public Schools.

#### 2013 Zodiac Aerospace – Gerondeau Innovation Prize

Won a €10,000 prize for most innovative start-up, using machine learning to build a smart bicycle that automatically shifts gears.

#### 2012 French Medal of National Defense, Bronze level

I received this French military honor for my cumulated time in external operations during my year of service as a military firefighter.

## **SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Languages** French (native), English (full pro. proficiency), Spanish (intermediate).

Skills I try to open-source a <u>large fraction of my research code</u>.

I use regularly Julia, Java, Python, SQL, R and MapReduce.

Co-organizer of the MIT ORC Spring Seminar Series (2017).

Member of ORC REFS team (Resources for Easing Friction and Stress). Supported students with issues related to research, communication, and personal matters. Completed semester-long conflict management and mediation training.

Received month-long training in first aid service.

Extracurricular

General aviation pilot, cycling enthusiast, piano player & classical music lover.

# **CITIZENSHIP**

France.

#### **REFERENCES**

#### **Dimitris Bertsimas**

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