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Education

Carnegie Mellon University , Pittsburgh, PA	<i>Anticipated May 2028</i>
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering	GPA: 3.97 / 4.00
Advisor: Osman Yağan	

Boğaziçi University , Istanbul, Turkey	<i>June 2022</i>
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering	GPA: 3.86 / 4.00

Selected Coursework: Data Mining, Optimization Techniques, Statistical Inference

Boğaziçi University , Istanbul, Turkey	<i>June 2019</i>
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering	GPA: 3.43 / 4.00

Selected Coursework: Forecasting & Time Series, Operations Research, Stochastic Modeling for OR

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, R, GAMS, SQL

ML / Data Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, Transformers, NumPy, SciPy

Modeling & Simulation: NetworkX, Stella, Vensim, NetLogo

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent)

PhD Research

Carnegie Mellon University – Electrical & Computer Engineering	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>PhD Researcher – Robustness of Multiplex Flow Networks</i>	<i>Aug 2023 – Present</i>

- Developed and analyzed a multiplex network model to study overload-based cascading failures under different overload conditions.
- Proposed optimization strategies for enhancing network resilience; results are published in *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering*.

Professional Experience

Technolera Venture Builder	<i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>
<i>Junior Business Analyst</i>	<i>Apr 2018 – Oct 2019</i>

- Conducted market and strategic research for early-stage ventures, including *Vahaa*, an agritech startup, to evaluate competitive positioning and go-to-market strategy.
- Developed data-driven methods to automate and optimize team-formation processes for *Ventourage Diversity Program* using psychometric assessments.
- Performed technology and trend analysis across health-tech, fintech, and agritech domains; co-organized the *Ventourage Diversity Program* funded by the European Fund for Southeast Europe.

Additional Research Experience

Knight Fellowship Project – Social Network & Sentiment Analysis	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>Knight Fellow – Online Harm & Community Dynamics</i>	<i>Aug 2024 – Present</i>

- Built an NLP pipeline to analyze the sentiment and network evolution from a large scale cross-platform (Reddit-Voat-BlueSky) data.
- Integrated GPU-accelerated Transformers for fear/violence/conspiracy sentiment tracking.

Chain-of-Thought Sentiment Classification – 10-701 Intro to ML (PhD)	<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>
<i>Reasoning Frameworks for NLP</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>

- Applied THOR-based multi-hop reasoning to Yelp Reviews using Flan-T5 models to enhance implicit sentiment classification.
- Achieved approximately 10% accuracy gain on long reviews via structured CoT prompting and model-size tuning.

Boğaziçi University – Socio-Economic System Dynamics Lab
Graduate Research Assistant – *System Dynamics & Network Modeling*

Istanbul, Turkey
Sep 2020 – Aug 2023

- Conducted Master's thesis "*Dynamic Analysis of False Information Spread Over Social Media: 5G-COVID-19 Conspiracy Theory*" using system-dynamics modeling.
- Co-authored works on health-care policy simulation and social mobilization (*System Dynamics Review, New Media & Society*).

Publications

- Irsoy, O., & Yağan, O. (2025). *Analysis and Optimization of Robustness in Multiplex Flow Networks Against Cascading Failures*. *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering*.
- Taraktaş, B., Irsoy, O., Duran, C., & Üsküdarlı, S. (2024). *A Comparative Analysis of Online Mobilization Through Slogan Specificity: The Case of Countermovements to #BlackLivesMatter*. *New Media & Society*.
- Irsoy, O., Güz, S., Akan, N. B., & Yücel, G. (2021). *Dynamic Trade-offs in G-CSF Administration During Chemotherapy*. *System Dynamics Review*.

Conferences / Presentations

- Irsoy, O., & Yağan, O. (2025). *Analysis and Optimization of Robustness in Multiplex Flow Networks Against Cascading Failures*. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Irsoy, O., & Yağan, O. (2025). *Early Warning Signals of Online Harms: Phase Transitions in Textual and Network Characteristics*. 18th International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, & Prediction and Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Irsoy, O., Barlas, Y. (2022). *Dynamic Analysis of False Information Spread Over Social Media: 5G-COVID 19 Conspiracy Theory*. International System Dynamics Conference, Frankfurt.
- Taraktaş, B., Duran, C., Irsoy, O., Üsküdarlı, S., Karaduman, D. (2022). *What Differentiates Countermovements of Black Lives Matter?* Sunbelt Conference 2022, Cairns.
- Karanfil, Ö., Güz, S., Irsoy, O., & Hashemian, M. (2021). *Stakeholder Effect in the Formation of Policy/Practice Guidelines: An Experimental Study for Medical Screening*. 40th National Operations Research and Industrial Engineering Congress (ORIE 2021).
- Güz, S., Irsoy, O., Akan, N. B., & Yücel, G. (2020). *Managing Chemotherapy-Induced Neutropenia Using Exogenous G-CSF*. International System Dynamics Conference, Bergen, Norway.

Invited Talks

- KAVE – 5th Workshop on Complex Systems and Data Science.*
Biomedical Modeling Seminar Series – System Dynamics Society.
Security, Stability & Resilience SIG Monthly Meeting – System Dynamics Society.

Teaching Assistant Experience

- Carnegie Mellon University – Electrical & Computer Engineering** *Pittsburgh, PA*
Teaching Assistant – Networks in the Real World *Fall 2024*
- Boğaziçi University – Industrial Engineering Department** *Istanbul, Turkey*
Teaching Assistant *2020 – 2023*
- Courses: Stochastic Models in OR, Agent-Based Modeling & Simulation, Systems Science & Engineering, Graph Theory & Applications, Operations Research I-II, Dynamics of Socio-economic Systems.

Leadership / Awards & Honors

Awards & Fellowships

- Marija Ilić Endowed Fellowship (CMU, 2024–2025)
Knight Fellowship (CMU IDEaS Center, 2024–2025)
Lupina Young Researchers Award – Honorable Mention (ISDC 2020)
Outstanding Success Scholarship – Prime Ministry of Turkey

Leadership & Activities

- Vice President, Boğaziçi University Drama Club (2014–2016)
Member, CMU Volleyball Club (2023–Present)