Jorge A. Huertas

Profile

Ph.D. student with research interests in combining data analysis, mathematical modelling, computational simulation, and artificial intelligence to tackle problems in manufacturing, transportation, logistics, and communications systems.

Education

Aug, 2020 - Present Ph.D. student in Operations Research. Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, GA.

Jun, 2024 M.Sc. in Operations Research. Georgia Institute of Technology – Atlanta, GA, USA.

Oct, 2016 M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering. Universidad de los Andes – Bogotá, Colombia.

Jan, 2016 Six Sigma (6σ) Black Belt. Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ, USA.

Mar, 2015 B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering. Universidad de los Andes – Bogotá, Colombia.

Mar, 2015 B.Sc. in Systems and Computing Engineering. Universidad de los Andes – Bogotá, Colombia.

Publications

- Constraint programming models for serial batch scheduling with minimum batch size. **Jorge A. Huertas** and Pascal Van Hentenryck. *Operations Research Perspectives*. Sep. 2025. doi: 10.1016/j.orp.2025.100352
- Parallel batch scheduling with incompatible job families via constraint programming. Jorge A. Huertas and Pascal Van Hentenryck. IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing. Aug, 2025. doi: 10.1109/TSM.2025.3601510
- Large-scale zone-based evacuation planning: generating convergent and non-preemptive evacuation plans via column generation. Jorge A. Huertas and Pascal Van Hentenryck. In the Proceedings of the 55th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Jan, 2022. doi: 10.24251/HICSS.2022.307
- Pedestrian evacuation planning: unveiling evacuation routes via column generation. Nicolás Cabrera, Jorge A. Huertas, and Andrés L. Medaglia. EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics. Volume 11, 2022, 100089. doi: 10.1016/j.ejtl.2022.100089
- Time estimation and hotspot detection in the evacuation of a complex of buildings: a mesoscopic approach and case study. Jony A. Zambrano, **Jorge A. Huertas**, Ethel Segura-Durán, and Andrés L. Medaglia. *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*. Volume 67, Issue 3, 2020, p. 641 658. doi: 10.1109/TEM.2019.2960354
- Evacuation dynamics: a modeling and visualization framework. **Jorge A. Huertas**, Daniel Duque, Ethel Segura-Durán, Raha Akhavan-Tabatabaei, and Andrés L. Medaglia. *OR Spectrum*. Volume 42, 2020, p. 661691. doi: 10.1007/s00291-019-00548-x
- Level of traffic stress-based classification: a clustering approach for Bogotá, Colombia. Jorge A. Huertas, Alejandro Palacio, Marcelo Botero, Germán A. Carvajal, Thomas Van Laake, Diana Higuera-Mendieta, Sergio Cabrales, Luis A. Guzmán, Olga L. Sarmiento, and Andrés L. Medaglia. Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment. Volume 85, 2020, p. 102420. doi: 10.1016/j.trd.2020.102420
- The role of engineering in the COVID-19 pandemic (in Spanish). Paola Betancourt Ruiz, Marcela Guevara Suárez, Marylin Hidalgo, Silvia Restrepo, Erik Potdevin, Jorge A. Huertas, Andrés Medaglia, Juan Pedraza, Martha Cepeda, Pablo Arbeláez. Revista de Ingeniería. Volume 50, 2020, p. 8-13. doi: 10.16924/revinge.50.1
- Addressing cooperation between mobile operators in telecommunication networks via optimization: a lexicographic approach and case study in Colombia. Francisco J. MacAllister, Laura Maya, **Jorge A. Huertas**, Carlos Lozano-Garzón, and Yezid Donoso. *International Journal of Computers Communications & Control (IJCCC)*. Volume 15, Issue 6, 2020, p. 1-16. doi: 10.15837/ijccc.2020.6.3975
- Multi-objective tabu search to balance multihoming loads in heterogeneous wireless networks. **Jorge A. Huertas**, and Yezid Donoso. *International Journal of Computers Communications & Control (IJCCC)*. Volume 13, Issue 6, 2018, p. 956-971. doi: 10.15837/ijccc.2018.6.3360

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• MARTA Reach: pilot of an on-demand multimodal transit system in Atlanta. Pascal Van Hentenryck, Connor Riley, Anthony Trasatti, Hongzhao Guan, Tejas Santanam, **Jorge A. Huertas**, Kevin Dalmeijer, Kari Watkins, Juwon Drake, Samson Baskin. Oct, 2023. doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2308.02681

Technical reports

- Two-stage analytics framework for warehouse location for Rappi: a case study in Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico). Ana María Quintero-Ossa, Jorge A. Huertas, Carlos Lozano-Garzón, Alejandro Correa-Bahnsen, Yezid Donoso, and Andrés L. Medaglia. Technical report, COPA-2021-02. Universidad de los Andes, 2021. url: http://hdl.handle.net/1992/50594
- Solving the time-ahead pricing of energy supply problem with nonlinear utility function for consumers via a bilevel optimization approach. Jorge A. Huertas, Daniel M. Eslava, Andrés F. Pardo, and Jaime E. González. Technical report, COPA-2014-12. Universidad de los Andes, 2015. url: http://hdl.handle.net/1992/31241

Awards

Advisor of the **best** Latin American undergraduate thesis

XV IISE Latin American Congress (Mar, 2018) – San José, Costa Rica.

- Thesis: A Column Generation Approach for Evacuation Planning.
- Authors: Nicolás Cabrera and Jorge A. Huertas

Winner Соррта Теам (Uniandes)

2014 AIMMS-MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition. - Lehigh University, PA, USA.

- Proposed a cut-based heuristic to solve the time-ahead pricing of energy supply bilevel optimization problem for the Borough of Madison, NJ, USA.
- Competed against graduate teams from 22 international top universities.

Experience

Aug, 2020 - Present Graduate Research Assistant. - Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA).

- Advisor: Dr. Pascal Van Hentenryck.
- Research at AI4OPT combining optimization and machine learning to improve the supply chains for **semiconductor manufacturing**.
- Worked at the Socially-Aware Mobility (SAM) lab developing and deploying MARTA Reach: Pilot of an on-demand multi-modal transit system in Atlanta, GA.
- Plan large-scale evacuations at a strategic level using **optimization** algorithms (Column Generation, Benders Decomposition) and validate them using traffic **simulation**.
- Teaching Assistant of the Seth Bonder Summer Camp on Computational and **Data Science**.

May - Aug, 2025 Student Researcher. Google - Planning Sciences Group - Global Networking - Google Cloud.

- Plan the future of Google's core network.
- Implemented a module in the main planning system that reduced up to 30% the number of iterations between optimization and traffic engineering models required for planning.

May, 2022 - May, 2024 Operations Research Engineering Intern - Intel Corporation, CPLG - Supply Chain Management and Decisions Science (SMDS) Team.

- Developed a parameter tuning tool that improved the solve time performance of the master production scheduler up to 50%.
- Developed tools that automated conflict analyses tasks for the master production scheduler, reducing time required to troubleshoot production issues.
- Developed a Column-Generation decomposition for the production planning model that reduced the solve time performance of large-scale instances up to 40%.
- Developed a machine learning-based discrete-event simulation model to improve the cycle time prediction in wafer fabs.

Aug, 2016 - Dec, 2020 Instructor. Industrial Engineering Department, Universidad de los Andes - Bogotá, Colombia.

- Taught master lectures to approximately 200 students per semester:
 - Undergraduate courses on **optimization**, **simulation**, and data science.
 - Invited modules at graduate-level courses: large-scale optimization under uncertainty, networks flows, and simulation.
 - Youtube channel (Spanish): www.youtube.com/@jorge huertas.
- Advised and co-advised academic and industry projects using Analytics, OR, and Six Sigma.
- Researcher at the Center for Optimization and Applied Probability (COPA).
 - Simulated the Gen-Core laboratory at Uniandes to optimize Covid-19 testing procedures.
 - Developed and implemented a data-informed framework to calculate the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) of cyclists in Bogotá's urban road network using a multidisciplinary approach.
 - Supported infrastructure decisions of the Campus Management Department using analytics.
 - Improved evacuation dynamics in the historic city center with key infrastructure adequacy interventions, obtained and evaluated combining optimization and simulation models.
 - Improved vertical flow of people in large buildings inside the campus by evaluating elevator configurations and new flow patterns using simulation models.

- Mar, 2019 Sep, 2019 Analytics consultant. Bogotá's Planning Department Bogotá, Colombia
 - Conceived, developed, and implemented a data-driven methodology (using machine learning and GIS data) to classify Bogotá's urban road network for the city's new Territory Plan.

Feb, 2018 - Jul, 2018 Analytics Short-Term Consultant. The World Bank Group - Bogotá, Colombia

• Worked with Bogotá's Mobility Department and Despacio foundation enhancing Bogotá's data infrastructure to monitor and promote non-motorized modes of transportation.

Conference talks

- Oct, 2023 A column-generation approach for wafer fab scheduling. Jorge A. Huertas, Ashish Nemani, Zhenying Zhao, and Pascal Van Hentenryck. INFORMS Annual Meeting – Phoenix, AZ, USA.
- Oct, 2021 Large-scale zone-based evacuation planning: Generating convergent and non-preemptive evacuation plans via column generation. Jorge A. Huertas and Pascal Van Hentenryck. INFORMS Annual Meeting – **Anaheim**, CA, USA.
- Oct, 2019 Data-driven origin-destination matrix estimation in large-scale integrated public transport systems. Alejandro Palacio, Marcelo Botero, Jorge A. Huertas, Carolina Osorio, Andrés L. Medaglia, and Sergio Cabrales. INFORMS Annual Meeting - Seattle, WA, USA.
- Oct, 2019 Analytics Framework To Improve Building Flow Dynamics. Jorge A. Huertas, Valeria Puyo, Liseth Daniela Grosso, Daniel Cifuentes, Diego Monroy, Maurix Suárez, Andres L. Medaglia. INFORMS Annual Meeting – **Seattle**, WA, USA.
- Multi-objective tabu search to balance multihoming loads in heterogeneous wireless networks. Jul, 2019 Jorge A. Huertas and Yezid Donoso. Metaheuristics International Conference (MIC) - Cartagena, Colombia.
- Jul, 2018 Modeling evacuation dynamics. Jorge A. Huertas, Jony A. Zambrano, Nicolás Cabrera, Daniel Duque, Ethel Segura-Durán, Raha Akhavan-Tabatabaei, and Andrés L. Medaglia. EURO Annual Meeting – Valencia, España.
- Oct, 2017 A mesoscopic model to evaluate the evacuation dynamics in a university campus. Jorge A. Huertas, Jony A. Zambrano, and Andrés L. Medaglia. INFORMS Annual Meeting – Houston, TX, USA.
- Nov, 2016 Supporting evacuation decisions via network optimization. Jorge A. Huertas, Daniel Duque, Ethel Segura-Durán, Raha Akhavan-Tabatabaei, and Andrés L. Medaglia. INFORMS Annual Meeting – **Nashville**, TN, USA.

Software and Programming skills

Advanced Java, Python, Visual Basic, Xpress-IVE, Simio, Gurobi, Meteor, HTML.

Intermediate IATEX, R., ArcGIS, AIMMS, Ruby on Rails, SQL, React Native, OPL.

Basic CSS, JavaScript, C++, C#

Languages and affiliations

Languages • Native: Spanish • Fluent: English

Affiliations INFORMS, IISE, ASOCIO.

Hobbies and more

2024 - Present Snowboarding & Surfing.

2020 - Present Dj in Atlanta (GA) and Santa Cruz (CA).

- Soundcloud profile: www.soundcloud.com/jorge_huertas.
- Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/@jorge-huertas.
- 2005 2015 Point guard and captain of different basketball teams in high school, college, and Colombia.