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Education

- 2017–2021 KAUST, **PhD** in Computer Science, Adviser: [Peter Richtárik](#)
- 2016–2017 ENS Cachan and Paris-Dauphine, **MSc** in Machine Learning
- 2012–2016 Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, **BSc** in Computer Science and Physics

Positions

- 2021–2022 Postdoctoral Researcher at Inria Sierra
- 2020 Research Intern at Google Brain, hosts: Nicolas Le Roux and Courtney Paquette
- 2018 Applied Scientist Intern at Amazon, Seattle
- 2016 C++ Software Engineering Intern, AIM High Tech (High Frequency Trading), Moscow

Achievements and awards

- 2021 ICML 2022 **Outstanding Reviewer** (Top 10%)
- 2022 ICLR 2022 **Highlighted Reviewer**
- 2021 Named a **Rising Star in Data Science** by the University of Chicago ([link](#))
- 2021 NeurIPS 2021 **Outstanding Reviewer** (Top 8%)
- 2021 ICML 2021 **Best Reviewer** (Top 10%)
- 2021 ICLR 2021 **Outstanding Reviewer**
- 2021 KAUST CEMSE Student **Research Excellence Award**
- 2020 ICML 2020 **Top Reviewer**
- 2020 One of 12 **Outstanding Program Committee members** for AAAI 2020 selected from >6000 reviewers, Free registration (**\$1075**)
- 2019 NeurIPS 2019 Travel Award, **\$1400**
- 2019 NeurIPS 2019 **Best Reviewer Award**, Free registration (**\$750**)
- 2018 **71st place worldwide** in IEEEExtreme team **programming competition**
- 2017–2021 **PhD progress** marked as "**Outstanding**" at every yearly evaluation
- 2017–2020 Dean's Award (**\$5000** annually for 3 years), given to a few top students accepted to KAUST
- 2017 **1st place** in the Plume Labs machine learning **competition** on air pollution prediction
- 2017 **123rd place worldwide** in IEEEExtreme team **programming competition**
- 2016–2017 Paris Graduate School of Mathematics **fellowship** (awarded to 24 people from 12 countries)
- 2015 **1st prize** in Higher School of Economics Olympiad on Applied Math and Informatics
- 2014 Abramov-Frolov **scholarship for excellence in study**
- 2012 **Top-1** (max score) at the National Exam in math (only 54 participants out of >800k scored max)
- 2012 **1st prize** in Moscow Mathematical Olympiad

Papers

Conference/workshop papers

17. K. Mishchenko, G. Malinovsky, S. Stich, P. Richtárik
ProxSkip: Yes! Local Gradient Steps Provably Lead to Communication Acceleration! Finally!
ICML, 2022

16. K. Mishchenko, A. Khaled, P. Richtárik
Proximal and Federated Random Reshuffling
ICML, 2022
15. K. Mishchenko, B. Wang, D. Kovalev, P. Richtárik
IntSGD: Adaptive Floatless Compression of Stochastic Gradients
ICLR, Spotlight, 2022
14. K. Mishchenko
Regularized Newton Method with Global $O(1/k^2)$ Convergence
ICML, Spotlight at Beyond First-Order Methods in ML Systems Workshop, 2021
13. K. Mishchenko, A. Khaled, P. Richtárik
Random Reshuffling: Simple Analysis with Vast Improvements
NeurIPS, 2020
12. Y. Malitsky, K. Mishchenko
Adaptive Gradient Descent Without Descent
ICML, 2020
11. K. Mishchenko, F. Hanzely, P. Richtárik
99% of Worker-Master Communication in Distributed Optimization Is Not Needed
UAI, 2020
10. K. Mishchenko, D. Kovalev, E. Shulgin, Y. Malitsky, P. Richtárik
Revisiting Stochastic Extragradient
AISTATS, 2020
9. A. Khaled, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Tighter Theory for Local SGD on Identical and Heterogeneous Data
AISTATS, 2020
8. S. Soori, K. Mishchenko, A. Mokhtari, M. Dehnavi, M. Gürbüzbalaban
DAve-QN: A Distributed Averaged Quasi-Newton Method with Local Superlinear Convergence Rate
AISTATS, 2020
7. A. Khaled, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Better Communication Complexity for Local SGD
NeurIPS, Oral at Federated Learning for Data Privacy and Confidentiality workshop, 2019
6. D. Kovalev, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Stochastic Newton and Cubic Newton Methods with Simple Local Linear-Quadratic Rates
NeurIPS, Spotlight at Beyond First-Order Methods in ML workshop, 2019
5. K. Mishchenko
Sinkhorn Algorithm as a Special Case of Stochastic Mirror Descent
NeurIPS, Optimal Transport & Machine learning workshop, 2019
4. A. Khaled, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
First Analysis of Local GD on Heterogeneous Data
NeurIPS, Federated Learning for Data Privacy and Confidentiality workshop, 2019
3. K. Mishchenko, M. Montgomery, F. Vaggi
A Self-supervised Approach to Hierarchical Forecasting with Applications to Groupwise Synthetic Controls
ICML, Time Series workshop, 2019
2. F. Hanzely, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
SEGA: Variance Reduction via Gradient Sketching
NeurIPS, Conference poster, 2018
1. K. Mishchenko, F. Iutzeler, J. Malick, M.-R. Amini
A Delay-Tolerant Proximal-Gradient Algorithm for Distributed Learning
ICML, **Oral** and conference poster, 2018

Journal papers

3. S. Horváth, D. Kovalev, K. Mishchenko, S. Stich, P. Richtárik
Stochastic Distributed Learning with Gradient Quantization and Double Variance Reduction
Optimization Methods and Software (to appear)

2. A. Salim, L. Condat, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Dualize, Split, Randomize: Fast Nonsmooth Optimization Algorithms
Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications (**JOTA**) (to appear)
1. K. Mishchenko, F. Iutzeler, J. Malick
A Distributed Flexible Delay-tolerant Proximal Gradient Algorithm
SIAM Journal on Optimization (**SIOPT**)

Preprints

8. N. Doikov, K. Mishchenko, Yu. Nesterov
Super-Universal Regularized Newton Method
arXiv:2208.05888
7. S. Horváth, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Adaptive Learning Rates for Faster Stochastic Gradient Methods
arXiv:2208.05287
6. K. Mishchenko, F. Bach, M. Even, B. Woodworth
Asynchronous SGD Beats Minibatch SGD Under Arbitrary Delays
arXiv:2206.07638
5. G. Malinovsky, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
Server-Side Stepsizes and Sampling Without Replacement Provably Help in Federated Optimization
arXiv:2201.11066
4. X. Qian, A. Sailanbayev, K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
MISO is Making a Comeback With Better Proofs and Rates
arXiv:1906.01474
3. K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
A Stochastic Decoupling Method for Minimizing the Sum of Smooth and Non-Smooth Functions
arXiv:1905.11535
2. K. Mishchenko, E. Gorbunov, M. Takáč, P. Richtárik
Distributed Learning with Compressed Gradient Differences
arXiv:1901.09269
1. K. Mishchenko, P. Richtárik
A Stochastic Penalty Model for Convex and Nonconvex Optimization with Big Constraints
arXiv:1810.13387

Reviewing and serving as Program Committee Member

- 2022 Asian Conference on Machine Learning (**ACML**), Senior Program Committee member (Area Chair)
- 2022 Transactions on Machine Learning Research (**TMLR**), Reviewer
- 2022 International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), Reviewer
- 2022 Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), Reviewer
- 2022 International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), Reviewer
- 2021 Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications (**JOTA**), Reviewer
- 2021 NeurIPS New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership Workshop, Program Committee Member
- 2021 NeurIPS Optimization for Machine Learning Workshop, Program Committee Member
- 2021 NeurIPS "I (Still) Can't Believe It's Not Better!" Workshop, Reviewer
- 2021 **IEEE** Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Reviewer
- 2021 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), Program Committee Member
- 2021 International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), Expert Reviewer
- 2021 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (**AISTATS**), Reviewer
- 2021 International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), Reviewer

- 2020 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), Program Committee Member
- 2021 Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), Reviewer
- 2020 Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (**UAI**), Program Committee Member
- 2020 **IJCAI-PRICAI, Workshop** on Federated Learning for User Privacy and Data Confidentiality, Program Committee member
- 2020 (×2) Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), Reviewer
- 2020 International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), Program Committee Member (top 33% ranking reviewer)
- 2020 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI-PRICAI**), Program Committee Member
- 2020 NeurIPS 2019 **Reproducibility Challenge**, Reviewer
- 2019 Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications (**JOTA**), Reviewer
- 2019 Bridging Game Theory and Deep Learning (**NeurIPS Workshop**), Reviewer
- 2019 AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), Program Committee Member, One of 12 outstanding PC members
- 2019 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), Program Committee Member, Best Reviewer Award
- 2019 Mathematical Programming, Journal, Reviewer
- 2019 Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (**UAI**), Program Committee Member
- 2019 International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), Program Committee Member

Conference organization

- 2020 SIAM Conference on Optimization, organizer of 2 minisymposia (event cancelled due to COVID)
- 2020 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, organizer of session on Optimization for Deep Learning
- 2019 International Conference on Continuous Optimization, organizer of 3 sessions
- 2018 Informs Optimization Society Meeting, organizer of 1 session

People I visited for collaboration

- 2022 Sebastian Stich, CISPA Helmholtz Center for Information Security, Germany
- 2022 Yurii Nesterov, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- 2019 Alexander Gasnikov, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia
- 2019 Stephen Boyd, Stanford, USA
- 2019 Matthias Ehrhardt, Bath University, UK
- 2019 Martin Jaggi, EPFL, Switzerland
- 2018 Lin Xiao, Microsoft Research Redmond, USA
- 2018 Dmitriy Drusvyatskiy, Washington University, USA
- 2018 Aryan Mokhtari, MIT, USA
- 2018 Mert Gürbüzbalaban, Rutgers University, USA
- 2017 Carola-Bibiane Schönlieb, Cambridge, UK
- 2017 Jérôme Malick, Université Grenoble Alpes, France

Talks

- 05/2022 Google Deepmind London, UK
- 12/2021 One-World Optimization Seminar, Online

08/2021 Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications (MOPTA), Online
07/2021 Beyond First-Order Methods in ML Systems Workshop at ICML, Online
03/2021 Federated Learning One World Seminar (FLOW), Online
11/2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Online
10/2020 Google Brain Montreal, Online
10/2020 JetBrains Research Machine Learning Seminar, Online
06/2020 All-Russian Optimization Seminar, Online
03/2020 Statistics Department of London School of Economics, UK
02/2020 Imperial College of London Reading Group, UK
02/2020 Oxford Data Science seminar, UK
02/2020 Gatsby Unit, University College of London, UK
02/2020 Google Deepmind London, UK
02/2020 Facebook Artificial Intelligence Research New York, USA
01/2020 Sierra team (led by Francis Bach) at Inria, France
12/2019 LIONS group at EPFL, Switzerland
10/2019 Boris Polyak's seminar on theory of automatic control, Institute for Control Sciences, Russia
10/2019 Seminar on applied mathematics, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia
10/2019 Modern optimization methods seminar, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia
08/2019 International Conference on Continuous Optimization, Technical University (TU) of Berlin, Germany
06/2019 Numerical Analysis seminar, Bath University, UK
03/2019 Machine Learning and Optimization Laboratory seminar, EPFL, Switzerland
11/2018 Microsoft Research Seattle, USA
07/2018 International Symposium on Mathematical Programming, Bordeaux, France
03/2018 Informs Optimization Society Meeting, University of Colorado, USA
10/2017 Optimization at Work, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia