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EDUCATION

École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

MSc in Data Science

Sep 2024 -

- [School of Computer and Communication Sciences](#)
- [Machine Learning and Optimization Laboratory](#)

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

MSc in Computer Science and Informatics

Sep 2024 -

- [Phystech School of Applied Mathematics and Informatics](#)
- [Department of Intelligent Systems](#)

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

BSc in Applied Mathematics and Physics

Sep 2020 - Aug 2024

- [Landau Phystech School of Physics and Research](#)
- [Chair of Problems of Physics and Astrophysics](#)
- Affiliated with [Yandex chair of Data Analysis](#)
- Advisor: [Aleksandr Beznosikov](#)
- Thesis: "[Contrastive Learning for Enhancement of Model Interpretability in Computer Vision](#)"

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Student | [MIPT-Yandex Fundamental Research Laboratory](#)

Jul 2023 -

- Machine Learning and Optimization
- Head: PhD [Aleksandr Beznosikov](#)

Research Student | [Laboratory of Mathematical Methods of Optimization, MIPT](#)

Jul 2023 -

- Optimization
- Head : Professor [Alexander Gasnikov](#)

Deep Learning Engineer | Huawei-MIPT research group

Nov 2023 - Oct 2024

- Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning
- Head : Professor [Roland Hildebrand](#)

Teaching Assistant | Department of Mathematical Fundamentals of Control, MIPT

Jan 2024 - Aug 2024

- Reinforcement Learning [course](#). Lecturer: [Yudin Nikita](#)

Research Student | [Lab of Fundamental and Applied Research of Relativistic Objects](#)

Nov 2022 - Apr 2024

- Theoretical Physics, Astrophysics
- Head : DSc [Elena Nokhrina](#)

Research Physicist | [P.N.Lebedev Physical Institute](#)

Nov 2022 - Jul 2023

- Theoretical Physics, Astrophysics

SKILLS

Stack	Python, C++, C#, \LaTeX , PostgreSQL, MySQL, Git, Linux, macOS
Language	English – C1, Russian – native, Ukrainian – native
Hobbies	Swimming, Football

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Federated Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision and applications of Stochastic Optimization in Deep Learning

PUBLICATIONS

Mixed Newton Method for Optimization in Complex Spaces

Jul 2024

Preprint

Nikita Yudin, Roland Hildebrand, Sergey Bakhurin, Alexander Degtyarev, Anna Lisachenko, Ilya Kuruzov, Andrei Semenov, Mohammad Alkousa

- [arXiv](#)
- [PDF](#)

Gradient Clipping Improves AdaGrad when the Noise Is Heavy-Tailed

Jun 2024

Preprint

Savelii Chezhegov, Yaroslav Klyukin, Andrei Semenov, Aleksandr Beznosikov, Alexander Gasnikov, Samuel Horváth, Martin Takáč, Eduard Gorbunov

- [arXiv](#)
- [Code](#)

Sparse Concept Bottleneck Models: Gumbel tricks in Contrastive Learning

Feb 2024

Preprint

Andrei Semenov, Vladimir Ivanov, Aleksandr Beznosikov, Alexander Gasnikov

- [arXiv](#)
- [Code](#)

Bregman Proximal Method for Efficient Communications under Similarity

Nov 2023

International Conference on Computational Optimization, 2024 (Oral Presentation)

Aleksandr Beznosikov, Darina Dvinskikh, Dmitry Bylinkin, Andrei Semenov, Alexander Gasnikov

- [arXiv](#)
- [PDF](#)
- [ICOMP 2024](#)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University

- **Autumn 2024:** 1st degree personal scholarship for contributions to the development of numerical optimization methods
- **Autumn 2024:** K. V. Rudakov scientific academic scholarship (\$2700 during one semester)
- **Spring 2024:** Participated in MIPT "Match of the Century" football tournament
- **Autumn 2023:** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT
- **Summer 2023:** Participated in the Terra Quantum AG Summer School. Studied Neural Networks and received an award for the best project in Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning
- **Spring 2023:** Participated in MIPT "Match of the Century" football tournament
- **Autumn 2022:** MIPT football tournament contestant. Currently team captain
- **Spring 2022:** Honorable Award in MIPT Swimming championship
- **Spring 2022:** Participated in MIPT "Match of the Century" football tournament
- **Spring 2022:** Organized students Olympiad in Physics
- **Winter 2021–2022:** Organized film screenings at the MIPT
- **Winter 2021:** Passed Landau Theoretical Minimum exam
- **Autumn 2021:** Third prize at the MIPT football tournament
- **2021 – 2023:** Abramov scholarship for 1-3 year bachelor students with the best grades at MIPT
- **2020:** Increased Scholarship for students with Olympiad awards

School

- **Autumn 2020:** Silver medal in GeCAA (International Olympiad in Astronomy and Astrophysics), was held online during the first semester at University because of pandemic risk
- **Winter 2019–2020:** Prize-Winner, ExPhO.
- **Autumn 2018:** Honorable Mention in IAO, Colombo, Sri-Lanka

PROJECTS

Learning@Scale | nanoGPT-like codebase for training models

Oct 2024 –

EPFL, Machine Learning and Optimization Laboratory

[Project Link](#)

- This repository is designed to help researchers create reproducible experiments
- Inspired by the [epfml/llm-baselines](#) codebase and the [NanoGPT](#) benchmark

PAUS | Optimization, Machine Learning

Nov 2023

MIPT, Laboratory of Mathematical Methods of Optimization

[Project Link](#)

- Numerical simulations for [paper](#)
- Implemented a new distributed algorithm for convex-concave saddle-point problems in non-euclidean setup
- The paper was accepted to [ICOMP 2024](#) with an Oral Presentation

Llama-LoRA project | Natural Language Processing, Transformers

Jul 2023

Terra Quantum AG

[Project Link](#)

- Best project award at [Terra Quantum](#) Summer School in Neural Networks
- Studied a novel methods of Parameter-Efficient Tuning of LLMs
- Tuned a 13B and 7B models on custom dataset containing my Telegram chats
- Pushed my models to HuggingFace hub. Where they got 10000+ downloads! [HuggingFace Link](#)

Solar System Model in Python | Python, Computational Physics

Nov 2020 – Dec 2020

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

[Project Link](#)

- We have developed a simple model approximating the Solar System and implemented it on Python

TALKS

- 9 October 2024, [MLO Group Meeting](#). Talk on the "Defense against Feature Reconstruction attacks" [[slides](#)]
- 26 March 2024, MIPT-Yandex Optimization Seminar. Talk on "Model Reconstruction Attacks" [[video](#)]
- 12 March 2024, MIPT-Yandex Optimization Seminar. Talk on "Concept Bottleneck Models" [[video](#)]

TEACHING

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

Teaching Assistant

Jan 2024 -

- Autumn 2024: Machine Learning. Part of the [MSAI](#) team, course [repository](#)
- Spring 2024: Reinforcement Learning. Owner of the course [repository](#)

REVIEWING

- [ICLR](#): 3 papers in 2024