

# Eduard GORBUNOV

## PERSONAL DATA

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Optimization, Randomized Algorithms, Machine Learning

## EDUCATION

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SEPTEMBER 2020 – NOW      PhD in COMPUTER SCIENCE  
   **Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology**, Moscow  
   Advisor: [Alexander GASNIKOV](#)

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JULY 2020      Master of Science in APPLIED MATHEMATICS  
   **Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology**, Moscow  
   Thesis: “[Derivative-free and stochastic optimization methods, decentralized distributed optimization](#)” | Advisor: [Alexander GASNIKOV](#)  
   GPA: 8.9/10

SEPTEMBER 2014 – JULY 2018      Bachelor of Science in APPLIED MATHEMATICS  
   **Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology**, Moscow  
   Thesis: “[Accelerated Directional Searches and Gradient-Free Methods with non-Euclidean prox-structure](#)” | Advisor: [Alexander GASNIKOV](#)  
   GPA: 8.8/10

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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SEPTEMBER 2020 – NOW      Junior Researcher at **Yandex.Research-MIPT Laboratory**. Moscow

MAY 2020 – NOW      Junior Researcher at **Laboratory of Advanced Combinatorics and Network Applications**, [MIPT](#), Moscow

MAY 2020 – NOW      Research Assistant at **International Laboratory of Stochastic Algorithms and High-Dimensional Inference**, [HSE](#), Moscow

FEBRUARY 2020 – NOW      Junior Researcher at **Joint Research Laboratory of Applied Mathematics**, [RANEPa-MIPT](#), Moscow

FEBRUARY 2020 – NOW      Junior Researcher at **Laboratory of Numerical Methods of Applied Structural Optimization**, [MIPT](#), Moscow

NOVEMBER 2019 – NOW      Junior Researcher at [IITP RAS](#), Moscow

AUGUST 2019 – JULY 2019      Researcher at **Huawei-MIPT** group, Moscow (research, Python)

MAY 2019 – AUGUST 2019      Intern at **Huawei Media Lab**, Moscow (research, C++)

AUGUST 2017 – OCTOBER 2019      Researcher at **Peter Richtárik's Group**, [MIPT](#), Moscow

## LANGUAGES

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RUSSIAN: Mothertongue  
ENGLISH: Advanced

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Operating Systems: MICROSOFT WINDOWS, LINUX, MAC OSX  
Programming Languages: PYTHON,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , C, C++

## INTERESTS

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- Football: 9 years in football school in Rybinsk, Russia. Now I am playing for an [amateur team](#) and a [student team](#).
- Table Tennis, Fitness

## BOOKS

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1. [A. Gasnikov](#), [E. Gorbunov](#), [S. Guz](#), E. Chernousova, [M. Shirobokov](#), [E. Shulgin](#). **Lecture Notes on Stochastic Processes**, [arXiv:1907.01060](#) (June 2019)

## PUBLICATIONS

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16. [E. Gorbunov](#), [D. Kovalev](#), D. Makarenko and [P. Richtárik](#). **Linearly Converging Error Compensated SGD**, [accepted to NeurIPS 2020](#), [arXiv:2010.12292](#) (October 2020)<sup>1</sup>
15. [E. Gorbunov](#), [M. Danilova](#) and [A. Gasnikov](#). **Stochastic Optimization with Heavy-Tailed Noise via Accelerated Gradient Clipping**, [accepted to NeurIPS 2020](#), [arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.10785](#) (May 2020)
14. [A. Beznosikov](#), [E. Gorbunov](#) and [A. Gasnikov](#). **Derivative-Free Method For Decentralized Distributed Non-Smooth Optimization**, [accepted to IFAC World Congress 2020](#), [arXiv preprint arXiv:1911.10645](#) (November 2019)
13. [E. Gorbunov](#), [D. Dvinskikh](#), [A. Gasnikov](#). **Optimal Decentralized Distributed Algorithms for Stochastic Convex Optimization**, [arXiv preprint arXiv:1911.07363](#) (November 2019)
12. [E. Vorontsova](#), [A. Gasnikov](#), [E. Gorbunov](#) and [P. Dvurechensky](#). **Accelerated Gradient-Free Optimization Methods with a Non-Euclidean Proximal Operator**, [Automation and Remote Control](#), August 2019, Volume 80, Issue 8, pp 1487–1501, <https://doi.org/10.1134/S0005117919080095> (August 2019)
11. [E. Gorbunov](#), [A. Bibi](#), [O. Sener](#), [E. Bergou](#) and [P. Richtárik](#). **A Stochastic Derivative Free Optimization Method with Momentum**, [published at ICLR 2020](#), [arXiv preprint arXiv:1905.13278](#) (May 2019)
10. [E. Gorbunov](#), [F. Hanzely](#) and [P. Richtárik](#). **A unified theory of SGD: variance reduction, sampling, quantization and coordinate descent**, [Proceedings of the Twenty Third International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics](#), PMLR 108:680-690, 2020, [arXiv:1905.11261](#) (May 2019)
9. [D. Dvinskikh](#), [E. Gorbunov](#), [A. Gasnikov](#), [P. Dvurechensky](#) and [César A. Uribe](#). **On Dual Approach for Distributed Stochastic Convex Optimization over Networks**, [58th Conference on Decision and Control](#), [arXiv preprint arXiv:1903.09844](#) (March 2019)

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<sup>1</sup>The date when it first appeared online.

8. E. Bergou, E. Gorbunov and P. Richtárik. **Stochastic Three Points Method for Unconstrained Smooth Minimization**, accepted to SIAM Journal on Optimization, arXiv preprint [arXiv:1902.03591](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.03591) (February 2019)
7. K. Mishchenko, E. Gorbunov, M. Takác and P. Richtárik. **Distributed Learning with Compressed Gradient Differences**, arXiv preprint [arXiv:1901.09269](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09269) (January 2019)
6. A. Gasnikov, E. Gorbunov, D. Kovalev, A. Mohammed, E. Chernousova. **The global rate of convergence for optimal tensor methods in smooth convex optimization**, *Computer Research and Modeling*, 2018, Vol. 10:6, <https://doi.org/10.20537/2076-7633-2018-10-6-737-753>, [arXiv:1809.00382](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.00382) (September 2018)
5. E. Gorbunov, E. Vorontsova and A. Gasnikov. **On the upper bound for the mathematical expectation of the norm of a vector uniformly distributed on the sphere and the phenomenon of concentration of uniform measure on the sphere**, *Mathematical Notes*, 2019, Volume 106, Issue 1, Pages 13–23, <https://doi.org/10.4213/mzm12041>, [arXiv:1804.03722](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.03722) (April 2018)
4. P. Dvurechensky, E. Gorbunov and A. Gasnikov. **An Accelerated Directional Derivative Method for Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization**, *European Journal of Operational Research* (in press), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejor.2020.08.027>, [arXiv:1804.02394](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.02394) (April 2018)
3. E. Gorbunov, P. Dvurechensky and A. Gasnikov. **An Accelerated Method for Derivative-Free Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization**, arXiv preprint [arXiv:1802.09022](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.09022) (February 2018)
2. D. Kovalev, E. Gorbunov, E. Gasanov and P. Richtárik. **Stochastic Spectral and Conjugate Descent Methods**, *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 31, [arXiv:1802.03703](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.03703) (February 2018)
1. E. Vorontsova, A. Gasnikov and E. Gorbunov. **Accelerated Directional Search with non-Euclidean prox-structure**, *Automation and Remote Control*, April 2019, Volume 80, Issue 4, pp 693–707, <https://doi.org/10.1134/S0005117919040076>, [arXiv:1710.00162](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.00162) (September 2017)

## TALKS AND POSTERS

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14. 7 October, 2020, [Federated Learning One-World Seminar](#) and [Russian Optimization Seminar](#), online. Talk “Linearly Converging Error Compensated SGD”. Links: [video](#), [slides](#).
13. 26 – 28 August, 2020, 23rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics ([AISTATS 2020](#)), online. I have presented our joint work with [Filip Hanzely](#) and [Peter Richtárik](#) called “A Unified Theory of SGD: Variance Reduction, Sampling, Quantization and Coordinate Descent”. Links: [video](#).
12. 8 July, 2020, [Russian Optimization Seminar](#), online. Talk “On the convergence of SGD-like methods for convex and non-convex optimization problems” (in Russian). Links: [video](#), [slides](#).
11. 28 June – 10 July, 2020, Machine Learning Summer School, online. I have presented our joint work with [Dmitry Kovalev](#), Dmitry Makarenko and [Peter Richtárik](#) called “Linearly Converging Error Compensated SGD”. Links: [video](#), [slides](#).
10. 27 – 30 April, 2020, 8-th International Conference on Learning Representations ([ICLR 2020](#)), online. I have presented our joint work with [Adel Bibi](#), [Ozan Sener](#), [El Houcine Bergou](#) and [Peter Richtárik](#) called “A Stochastic Derivative Free Optimization Method with Momentum”. Links: [video](#).

9. 14 December, 2019, NeurIPS 2019 workshop “[Optimization Foundations for Reinforcement Learning](#)”, Vancouver, Canada. [Poster](#) “A Stochastic Derivative Free Optimization Method with Momentum”
8. 13 December, 2019, NeurIPS 2019 workshop “[Beyond First Order Methods in ML](#)”, Vancouver, Canada. [Poster](#) “An Accelerated Method for Derivative-Free Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization”
7. 18 October, 2019, [SIERRA](#) research seminar, INRIA. Talk “A Unified Theory of SGD: Variance Reduction, Sampling, Quantization and Coordinate Descent”. Links: [slides](#).
6. 1-6 July 2018, [23rd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming](#), Bordeaux, France. [Talk](#) “An Accelerated Directional Derivative Method for Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization”
5. 10-15 June 2018, Traditional Youth School “Control, Information and Optimization” organized by [Boris Polyak](#) and [Elena Gryazina](#), Voronovo, Russia. [Poster](#) and [Talk](#) “An Accelerated Directional Derivative Method for Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization”
4. 14 April 2018, Workshop “Optimization at Work”, MIPT, Dolgoprudny, Russia. [Talk](#) “An Accelerated Method for Derivative-Free Smooth Stochastic Convex Optimization”
3. 5-7 February 2018, [KAUST Research Workshop on Optimization and Big Data](#), KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia. Joint [Poster](#) “Stochastic Spectral Descent Methods” with D. Kovalev and E. Gasanov.
2. 25 November 2017, 60th Scientific Conference of MIPT, Section of Information Transmission Problems, Data Analysis and Optimization, IITP, Moscow, Russia. [Talk](#) “About accelerated Directional Search with non-Euclidean prox-structure”.
1. 27 October 2017, Workshop “Optimization at Work”, MIPT, Dolgoprudny, Russia. [Talk](#) “Accelerated Directional Search with non-Euclidean prox-structure”.

## SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- **21 October, 2020.** I was recognized as one of [the top 10% best reviewers for NeurIPS 2020](#) and got free registration to the conference.
- **February 2020 - June 2020.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (14,000 Russian rubles per month instead of the regular scholarship)
- **15 January, 2020.** [Huawei scholarship for bachelor and master students at MIPT](#) (125,000 Russian rubles)
- **September 2019 - January 2020.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (10,000 Russian rubles per month in addition to the regular scholarship)
- **10 April, 2019.** [The Ilya Segalovich Award – Yandex scientific scholarship, highly selective: 9 winners from Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan](#) (350,000 Russian rubles, internship offer at Yandex.Research, travel grant to attend one international conference; news about award: <https://nplus1.ru/news/2019/04/10/ya-awards>)
- **21 February, 2019.** I got an offer for Ph.D. in Machine Learning in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA including graduate assistantship, H. Milton Stewart Fellowship and Georgia Tech Alumnus Fellowship.

- **February 2019 - June 2019.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (10,000 Russian rubles per month in addition to the regular scholarship)
- **September 2018 - January 2019.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (10,000 Russian rubles per month in addition to the regular scholarship)
- **February 2018 - June 2018.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (10,000 Russian rubles per month in addition to the regular scholarship)
- **September 2017 - January 2018.** Increased State Academic Scholarship for 4 year bachelor and master students at MIPT for scientific achievements (10,000 Russian rubles per month in addition to the regular scholarship)
- **November 2017.** Diploma of winner of the Section of Information Transmission Problems, Data Analysis and Optimization at 60th Scientific Conference of MIPT
- **May 2017.** [Third Prize at MIPT's Student Olympiad in Mathematics](#)
- **March 2017.** First Prize at MIPT's Team Mathematical Tournament
- **September 2016 - June 2017.** Abramov scholarship for 1-3 year bachelor students with the best grades at MIPT (12,000 Russian rubles per month)
- **December 2015.** [Third Prize at MIPT's Student Olympiad in Mathematics](#)
- **February 2015 - June 2015.** Abramov scholarship for 1-3 year bachelor students with the best grades at MIPT (12,000 Russian rubles per month)
- **April 2014.** Participant of Final Round of All-Russian Mathematical Olympiad ([scored points: 28 out of 56, 59th place](#))

## RESEARCH VISITS AND INTERNSHIPS

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- 1 September 2020 – 28 February 2021, Visual Computing Center, KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia. I am remotely working in the group of [P. Richtárik](#).
- 2 February – 31 March 2020, Visual Computing Center, KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia (worked with [P. Richtárik](#))
- 06 October – 26 October 2019, [SIERRA](#), [INRIA](#), Paris, France (worked with [A. Taylor](#))
- 13 January – 24 February 2019, Visual Computing Center, KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia (worked with [P. Richtárik](#))
- 14 January – 8 February 2018, Visual Computing Center, KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia (worked with [P. Richtárik](#))

## TEACHING

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- **Mentor for 2 students' research projects** at the summer school "Modern Methods of Information Theory, Optimization and Control Theory" ([Sirius university](#), Sochi)
- **Co-creator and lecturer of the course** "Optimization Methods for Machine Learning" in [MADE 2019-2020](#), Mail.ru Group and [MIPT](#) (Fall 2020)
- **Organizer of [Russian Optimization Seminar](#):** May 2020 – Now
- **Organizer of [research seminar on Optimization at MIPT](#):** March 2020 – Now
- **Teaching assistant for the courses**

- Spring 2019: [Algorithms and Models of Computation](#)
- Fall 2018: [Probability Theory](#)
- Spring 2018: [Algorithms and Models of Computation](#)

## REVIEWING

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- [ICLR 2021](#): 2 papers.
- [SIAM Journal on Optimization \(SIOPT\)](#): 1 paper (in 2020)
- [NeurIPS 2020](#): 6 papers. I was among [the top 10% of reviewers](#) and got a free registration to the conference.
- [Journal of Machine Learning Research \(JMLR\)](#): 1 paper (in 2020).
- [Optimization Methods and Software](#): 1 paper (in 2019).
- [ICML 2019](#): 4 papers.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

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- **28 June - 10 July 2020.** Participant of [Machine Learning Summer School](#). I have presented our joint work with [Dmitry Kovalev](#), Dmitry Makarenko and [Peter Richtárik](#) called “Linearly Converging Error Compensated SGD”. Links: [video](#), [slides](#).
- **June 2018.** Participant of Traditional Youth School “Control, Information and Optimization”
- **June 2017.** Participant of Traditional Youth School “Control, Information and Optimization”
- **July 2015.** [Participant](#) of Summer School “Contemporary Mathematics” in Dubna
- **July 2014.** [Participant](#) of Summer School “Contemporary Mathematics” in Dubna

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