

# Maksym Andriushchenko

## PERSONAL DATA

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## EDUCATION

École Polytechnique Fédérale  
de Lausanne (EPFL),  
Switzerland  
Sep 2019 - now

**PhD student in Computer Science**  
**Group:** Theory of Machine Learning headed by Nicolas Flammarion  
**Research focus:** adversarial robustness and understanding generalization in deep learning.

Saarland University,  
Germany  
Oct 2016 – Aug 2019

**Master's Degree in Computer Science**  
**GPA:** 1.1 (1.0 is the best grade, 5.0 is the worst grade)  
**Thesis:** Provable Adversarial Defenses for Boosting (completed at the University of Tübingen, supervised by Matthias Hein).

Dnipro National University of  
Railway Transport, Ukraine  
Sep 2012 – June 2016

**Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering — with honors**  
**GPA:** 96.5 (100 is the best grade, 60 is the worst grade)  
**Thesis:** A question-answering system based on knowledge from Wikipedia

## AWARDS

**Scholarships and Grants** [Google PhD fellowship 2022-2025 \(\\$80k per year\)](#)  
[Open Philanthropy AI PhD Fellowship 2022-2024 \(\\$10k per year for travel/equipment\)](#)  
[Google Research Collab 2022-2023 \(\\$80k for one year + \\$20k in cloud compute\)](#)  
EDIC PhD fellowship from EPFL for the first year  
DAAD MSc scholarship for 2 years to study at Saarland University

**Awards** ICLR'21 Security & Safety in ML Systems Workshop: **Best Paper Honorable Mention Prize**  
Swiss Machine Learning Day: **best paper award** for “*Provably Robust Boosted Decision Stumps and Trees against Adversarial Attacks*” (also published at NeurIPS'19)

**Travel grants** NeurIPS'19, NeurIPS'17, ICML'19 Workshop on Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning, ICML'18 student volunteer grant, Machine Learning Summer School 2015 at Kyoto University

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

M. Andriushchenko, A. Varre, L. Pillaud-Vivien, N. Flammarion. SGD with large step sizes learns sparse features (arXiv, 2022) [[paper](#)]

M. Andriushchenko, N. Flammarion. Towards Understanding Sharpness-Aware Minimization (ICML'22) [[paper](#)]

M. Andriushchenko, X. Li, G. Oxholm, T. Gittings, T. Bui, N. Flammarion, J. Collomosse ARIA: Adversarially Robust Image Attribution (CVPR'22 Workshop on Media Forensics) [[paper](#)]

F. Croce\*, M. Andriushchenko\*, V. Sehwag\*, N. Flammarion, M. Chiang, P. Mittal, M. Hein. RobustBench: a standardized adversarial robustness benchmark (NeurIPS'21 Datasets and Benchmarks Track, **Best Paper Honorable Mention Prize** at ICLR'21 Workshop on Security and Safety in Machine Learning Systems) [[paper](#)]

M. Mosbach, M. Andriushchenko, D. Klakow. On the Stability of Fine-tuning BERT: Misconceptions, Explanations, and Strong Baselines (ICLR'21) [[paper](#)]

M. Andriushchenko, N. Flammarion. Understanding and Improving Fast Adversarial training (NeurIPS'20) [[paper](#)]

M. Andriushchenko\*, F. Croce\*, N. Flammarion, M. Hein. Square Attack: a query-efficient black-box adversarial attack via random search (ECCV'20) [[paper](#)]

M. Andriushchenko, M. Hein. Provably Robust Boosted Decision Stumps and Trees against Adversarial Attacks (NeurIPS'19) [[paper](#)]

M. Hein, M. Andriushchenko, J. Bitterwolf. Why ReLU networks yield high-confidence predictions far away from the training data and how to mitigate the problem (**oral at CVPR'19**) [[paper](#)]

M. Hein and M. Andriushchenko. Formal Guarantees on the Robustness of a Classifier Against Adversarial Manipulation (NeurIPS'17) [[paper](#)]

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

<b>Reviewer</b>	NeurIPS'22 ( <b>top reviewer</b> ), ICML'22, NeurIPS'21, ICML'21, CVPR'21, ICLR'21 ( <b>outstanding reviewer</b> ), NeurIPS'20 ( <b>top 10% reviewers</b> )
<b>Program committee in workshops</b>	<b>NeurIPS'22</b> “Workshop on Distribution Shifts”, <b>NeurIPS'22</b> “ML Safety Workshop”, <b>ICML'22</b> “New Frontiers in Adversarial Machine Learning”, <b>ICML'22</b> “Principles of Distribution Shift”, <b>NeurIPS'21</b> : “Distribution Shifts: Connecting Methods and Applications”, <b>ICML'21</b> “Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning”, <b>CVPR'21</b> “Adversarial ML in Real-World Computer Vision Systems”, <b>ICLR'21</b> “Robust and Reliable ML in the Real World”, “Security and Safety in ML Systems”, <b>ICML'20</b> “Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning”, <b>CVPR'20</b> “Adversarial ML in Computer Vision”, <b>ICLR'20</b> “Towards Trustworthy ML” ( <b>best reviewer award</b> )
<b>Participant</b>	<a href="#">Robust AI 4-day workshop</a> organized by Airbus AI Research and TNO (January 2021)
<b>Volunteer</b>	National coordinator for Switzerland at <a href="#">#ScienceForUkraine</a> Coordinator for Switzerland and admission officer at the <a href="#">Ukrainian Global University</a> AI and STEM workshop at a <a href="#">summer camp</a> for displaced Ukrainian children in Romania

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Adobe Research,</b> Media Intelligence Lab	<b>Time:</b> July 2021 – October 2021 <b>Role:</b> Research Intern supervised by John Collomosse. Developed adversarially robust image provenance models which are being patented and operationalized for <a href="#">Content Authenticity Initiative</a> . Contributed to a data augmentation library <a href="#">beacon_aug</a> .
<b>PrivatBank</b> (a part-time job in the largest Ukrainian bank)	<b>Time:</b> November 2015 – June 2016 <b>Role:</b> Data Scientist working on predictive modeling, e-commerce personalization, text analysis.
<b>Cinemalist</b> (a startup with 500 active users)	<b>Time:</b> June 2013 – December 2014 (active time of development) <b>Role:</b> Co-founder of a movie recommendation website. Developed a personalized recommender system, website, and oversaw the general development of the project.

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

<b>Jana Vuckovic</b>	<b>MSc Project (2022):</b> “Exploring the connection between sharpness and out-of-distribution performance”
<b>Mehrdad Saberi</b>	<b>Summer internship (2021):</b> “Wasserstein adversarial training and perceptual adversarial robustness”
<b>Edoardo Debenedetti</b>	<b>MSc project (2021):</b> “RobustBench: a standardized adversarial robustness benchmark”. This work led to a publication at NeurIPS'21 Datasets and Benchmarks Track.
<b>Etienne Bonvin</b>	<b>MSc project (2020):</b> “Adversarial robustness of kernel methods”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>EPFL</b>	<b>Probability &amp; Statistics 2021, 2022</b> (by E. Abbé), <b>Machine Learning 2020, 2021, 2022</b> (by M. Jaggi, N. Flammarion), <b>Advanced Algorithms 2020</b> (by M. Kapralov)
<b>MPI for Informatics</b>	<b>Machine Learning 2018-2019</b> (lecturer: B. Schiele)
<b>Saarland University</b>	<b>Neural Networks: Implementation and Application 2017</b> (lecturer: D. Klakow)

## PERSONAL

Long-distance running (personal best half-marathon: 1 hour 30 min), trail running, orienteering, history books.