

# MIKKO A. HEIKKILÄ

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br>PhD Statistics<br>Privacy-preserving machine learning                   | <i>2017-22 (expected)</i> |
| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br>MSc Computational statistics<br>Minor in Mathematics & Computer science | <i>2016</i>               |
| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br>BSc Statistics<br>Minor in Mathematics & Computer science               | <i>2015</i>               |
| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br>MA Folklore studies<br>Minor in Sociology & Finnish literature studies  | <i>2013</i>               |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br><i>Doctoral candidate</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2017 - Present<br><i>Helsinki, Finland</i>        |
| · I concentrate on privacy-preserving (differentially private) machine learning with the general aim of combining new theoretical insights with practical implementations. My research has mostly focused on combining distributed (federated) Bayesian learning with differential privacy. |                                                   |
| <b>University of Helsinki</b><br><i>Research assistant</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | June 2016-2017<br><i>Helsinki, Finland</i>        |
| · Working on probabilistic graphical models and on differential privacy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                   |
| <b>Tutkimustoimisto Kide Oy</b><br><i>Data analyst</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | January-December 2015<br><i>Helsinki, Finland</i> |
| · Doing statistical analysis and visualisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                   |
| <b>IFO Institute</b><br><i>Undergraduate intern</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | February-March 2014<br><i>Munich, Germany</i>     |
| · Assisting in statistical research by running statistical analysis and doing visualisations.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |

## PUBLICATIONS

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- M. A. Heikkilä, M. Ashman, S. Swaroop, R. E. Turner & A. Honkela: *Differentially private partitioned variational inference*. ArXiv:2209.11595, 2022.
- A. Koskela, M. A. Heikkilä, & A. Honkela: *Tight accounting in the shuffle model of differential privacy*. ArXiv:2106.00477, 2021.

**M. A. Heikkilä**, A. Koskela, K. Shimizu, S. Kaski, & A. Honkela: *Differentially private cross-silo federated learning*. ArXiv:2007.05553, 2020.

**M. A. Heikkilä**, J. Jälkö, O. Dikmen & A. Honkela: *Differentially private Markov chain Monte Carlo*. In NeurIPS 2019.

T. Niinimäki, **M. A. Heikkilä**, A. Honkela & S. Kaski: *Representation transfer for differentially private drug sensitivity prediction*. In ISMB 2019.

**M. A. Heikkilä**, E. Lagerspetz, S. Kaski, K. Shimizu, S. Tarkoma & A. Honkela: *Differentially private Bayesian learning on distributed data*. In NIPS 2017.

## GRANTS

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**Nokia Scholarship**      2017, 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Statistics for Data Science</b>	Autumn 2022 Teaching Assistant (University of Helsinki)
<b>Computational Statistics</b>	Autumn 2021 & Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant (University of Helsinki)
<b>Computational Statistics II</b>	Autumn 2017 & 2018 Main lecturer (project course in University of Helsinki)
<b>Bachelor student seminar</b>	Spring 2020 Supervisor (seminar in CS department, University of Helsinki)
<b>Trustworthy Machine Learning</b>	Autumn 2020 Teaching Assistant (University of Helsinki)

## SERVICE

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**Peer-reviewer**  
NeurIPS, ICLR (Highlighted reviewer), ICML, AISTATS, UAI, JMLR

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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**Computer Languages**      Python, R, Matlab, Java

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS, INTERNATIONAL

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*Differentially Private Markov Chain Monte Carlo.*

**M. Heikkilä**, J. Jälkö, O. Dikmen & A. Honkela  
NeurIPS 2019, 6.-12.12. Vancouver, Canada.

*Representation Transfer for Differentially Private Drug Sensitivity Prediction.*

T. Niinimäki, **M. Heikkilä**, A. Honkela & S. Kaski  
Amazon Research Days, 5.10.2018, Berlin, Germany.

*Differentially Private Bayesian Learning on Distributed Data*

**M. Heikkilä**, E. Lagerspetz, S. Kaski, K. Shimizu, S. Tarkoma & A. Honkela  
NeurIPS 2017, 4.-9.12., Long Beach, CA, USA.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS, NATIONAL

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*Tight accounting in the shuffle model of differential privacy.*

A. Koskela, **M. Heikkilä** & A. Honkela

AI Day 2021, Finnish Centre for AI (FCAI), 4.11.21, Espoo, Finland.

*Differentially Private Cross-silo Federated Learning.*

**M. Heikkilä**, A. Koskela, K. Shimizu, S. Kaski & A. Honkela

AI Day 2020, Finnish Centre for AI (FCAI), virtual conference.

*Representation Transfer for Differentially Private Drug Sensitivity Prediction.*

T. Niinimäki, **M. Heikkilä**, A. Honkela & S. Kaski

AI Day, Finnish Centre for AI (FCAI), 12.12.2018, Espoo, Finland.

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS, NATIONAL

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*Differentially Private Bayesian Learning on Distributed Data*

**M. Heikkilä**, E. Lagerspetz, S. Kaski, K. Shimizu, S. Tarkoma & A. Honkela

Oral presentation, Statistics seminar, University of Helsinki, 23.1.2018, Helsinki, Finland

*Differentially Private Bayesian Learning on Distributed Data*

**M. Heikkilä**, E. Lagerspetz, S. Kaski, K. Shimizu, S. Tarkoma & A. Honkela

Oral presentation, European Meeting of Statisticians, 24.-28.7.2017, Helsinki, Finland

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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*Tight accounting in the shuffle model of differential privacy.*

A. Koskela, **M. Heikkilä** & A. Honkela

Poster in PriML, NeurIPS 2021, virtual conference.

*Tight accounting in the shuffle model of differential privacy.*

A. Koskela, **M. Heikkilä** & A. Honkela

Poster in Google federated learning workshop 2021.

*Differentially Private Cross-silo Federated Learning.*

**M. Heikkilä**, A. Koskela, K. Shimizu, S. Kaski & A. Honkela

Poster in PriML/PPML, NeurIPS 2020, virtual conference.

*Differentially Private Markov Chain Monte Carlo.*

**M. Heikkilä**, J. Jälkö, O. Dikmen & A. Honkela

Poster in Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy (TPDP), 11.11.2019 London, UK.

*Representation Transfer for Differentially Private Drug Sensitivity Prediction.*

T. Niinimäki, **M. Heikkilä**, A. Honkela & S. Kaski

Poster in Privacy in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (PiMLAI), ICML 2018, 10.-15.7., Stockholm, Sweden

*Differentially Private Bayesian Learning on Distributed Data*

**M. Heikkilä**, E. Lagerspetz, S. Kaski, K. Shimizu, S. Tarkoma & A. Honkela

Poster in Private and Secure Machine Learning, ICML 2017, 6.-11.8., Sydney, Australia