Education

Ph.D. in Computation Biology, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA

2022-2025 (expected in December)

Driskill Graduate Program in Life Sciences

Advisors:

- Alexander Misharin, Associate Professor at Northwestern University;
- Rosemary Braun, Associate Professor at Northwestern University.

M.S. in Bioinformatics, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

2017-2018

With distinction

Advisors:

- Jaume Bacardit, Reader at Newcastle University;
- Alexander Misharin, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University.

Undergraduate coursework in Biology, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia Genetics major 2003-2006

Publications

(* denotes equal contribution)

1. Research articles under peer-review

Markov NS*, Esposito AJ*, Senkow KJ, Schleck M, Cusick L, Yu Z, Sokolenko YV, Diaz E, Jonasson E, Swaminathan S, Lu Z, Nafikova R, Fenske S, [...], Perlman H, Lam AP, Gottardi CJ, Budinger GRS, Misharin AV, Hinchcliff ME.

2025

Profibrotic monocyte-derived alveolar macrophages as a biomarker and therapeutic target in systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease. bioRxiv.

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2025

The Epidemiology of Intensive Care Unit Readmissions Across Ten Health Systems. medRxiv. https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.03.10.25323672 ${\it C}$

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2024

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2024

Machine learning analysis of the UNOS database fails to predict lung transplant outcomes. medRxiv. https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.10.19.24315817v1 $\@ifnextcolorer=$

2. Peer-reviewed research articles

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Antibiotic de-escalation patterns and outcomes in critically ill patients with suspected pneumonia as

informed by bronchoalveolar lavage results. European Journal of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10096-025-05144-2 &

Luecken MD, Gigante S, Burkhardt DB, Cannoodt R, Strobl DC, **Markov NS**, Zappia L, Palla G, Lewis W, Dimitrov D, Vinyard ME, Magruder DS, Mueller MF, Andersson A, Dann E, Qin Q, Otto DJ, Klein M, [...], Bloom JM, Pisco AO, Saez-Rodriguez J, Wulsin D, Pinello L, Saeys Y, Theis FJ, Krishnaswamy S.

2025

Defining and benchmarking open problems in single-cell analysis. *Nature Biotechnilogy*. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41587-025-02694-w ♂

Cannoodt R*, Deconinck L*, Couckuyt A*, **Markov NS***, Zappia L, Luecken MD, Interlandi M, Saeys Y, Saelens W.

2025

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Profibrotic monocyte-derived alveolar macrophages are expanded in patients with persistent respiratory symptoms and radiographic abnormalities after COVID-19. <i>Nature Immunology</i> . https://doi.org/10.1038/s41590-024-01975-x &.	
Gao CA*, Markov NS *, Stoeger T*, Pawlowski A, Kang M, Nannapaneni P, Grant RA, Pickens C, Walter JM, Kruser JM, Rasmussen L, Schneider D, Starren J, Donnelly HK, Donayre A, Luo Y, Budinger GRS, Wunderink RG, Misharin AV, Singer BD, NU SCRIPT Study Investigators.	2023
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Loss of alcohol dehydrogenase 1B in cancer-associated fibroblasts: contribution to the increase of tumor-promoting IL-6 in colon cancer. <i>British Journal of Cancer</i> , 128(4):537–548. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41416-022-02066-0 ♂	
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A spatially restricted fibrotic niche in pulmonary fibrosis is sustained by M-CSF/M-CSFR signalling in monocyte-derived alveolar macrophages. <i>European Respiratory Journal (ERJ)</i> , 55 (1) 1900646. https://doi.org/10.1183/13993003.00646-2019 &	
Invited Talks	
Distinct pathogen-specific host responses in patients with severe pneumonia. Systems Biology Consortium for Infectious Diseases Lecture Series.	March 2025
Host response in severe pneumonia is pathogen-specific. Systems Biology for Infectious Diseases Annual Meeting.	September 2024
Cellular and molecular biomarkers of successful responses to therapy in severe pneumonia, including	November 2022
COVID-19. CZI Single-Cell Biology 2022 Annual meeting. Recording ♂	
Circuits between infected macrophages and T cells in SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia. American Thoracic Society Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (AII) assembly journal club. Recording ♂	June 2021
Awards and Grant	
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Machine learning approaches to predict outcomes and complications in ICU patients. 24PRE1196998 (\$67000)	2024–2026
https://doi.org/10.58275/AHA.24PRE1196998.pc.gr.190609 @	
Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems Data Science Fellow (\$12500)	2022
Work Experience	
Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA	2019–2022

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Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA
Analyse transcriptomic data from human samples and mouse experiments to gain insights into
COVID-19, pulmonary fibrosis, systemic sclerosis and other pulmonary diseases. Analyse clinical data to
correlate -omics data to clinical states and effects of treatment. Write manuscripts, support and organize
data exchange, data management infrastructure, survey and apply new tools to RNA-seq analysis,
develop in-house algorithms, design biological experiments to test hypothesis generated from analysis
of transcriptomic data.

Head of maintenance tools development group, Yandex, Moscow, Russia Manage a team of developers: mentoring, resolving conflicts, improving performance, code review. Develop, design and support tools for system administrators and other employees.	2014–2017
Full-stack software engineer, Yandex, Moscow, Russia Develop, design and support web-services and console tools for improving employees' workflows.	2007–2014
Software engineer, Art. Lebedev Studio, Moscow, Russia Develop and support web-sites and a content management system.	2006–2007
Teaching Experience	
Summer Students Program 2022 at Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Co-mentored 1 college student in automated image analysis. Helped develop project goals, methodology and results interpretation.	2022
Summer Students Program 2020 at Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Co-mentored a group of 4 college students on a bioinformatics project. Contributed to project's design, teaching R programming environment, single-cell RNA-seq experimental technology and analysis.	2020
Introduction to Python, Introduction to Pandas and Matplotlib Small introductory lecture series during Data Science Nights at NICO, Northwestern University.	2020
Introduction to Programming, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK Unofficial 5-lecture course for fellow students.	2017
Introduction to Computer Science with Python 3, Yandex, Moscow, Russia High-school students.	2013
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Open Problems for Single-Cell Analysis Jamboree https://openproblems.bio/jamboree/ ♂	March 2021
Contributor to open-source software: Seurat, CellBrowser, biopython, funkyheatmap, statannotations, scanpy, CellBender.	2018-present
Programming languages: Python, R, Java, C++, Ruby, Perl. Linux. Latex. HTML, JavaScript.	

Github: https://github.com/mxposed &