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RESEARCH INTERESTS

# $\bullet \ \ Optimization \ theory:$

nonconvex minimax problems; acceleration under non-Euclidean geometries.

• Learning theory:

fast rates in statistical and online learning; applications of self-concordance.

• Mathematical statistics:

high-dimensional, robust, and adaptive estimation and hypotheses testing.

• Information theory:

information-theoretic techniques in optimization, statistics, combinatorics.

• Signal processing:

sparse recovery; super-resolution; estimation with shift-invariant structure.

CURRENT POSITION

#### Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

since 08/2023

Georgia Tech – School of Mathematics & H. Milton Stewart School of ISyE (joint app.)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

## Assistant Professor RTPC of Mathematics

08/2021-05/2023

U. of Southern California – Department of Mathematics (promoter: Stanislav Minsker)

Postdoctoral Scholar

08/2019-08/2021

U. of Southern California – Viterbi School of Engineering (host: Meisam Razaviyayn)

ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Postdoctoral Fellow

02/2018-06/2019

INRIA Research Center in Paris – SIERRA Project-Team (host: Francis Bach)

DEGREES

### PhD – Université Grenoble Alpes

10/2014-01/2018

Thesis: Adaptive Signal Recovery by Convex Optimization

Advisors: Anatoli Juditsky (UGA), Zaid Harchaoui (University of Washington)

MSc – Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

09/2012-08/2014

Thesis: Concentration Inequalities for the Exponential Weighting Method

Advisor: Yuri Golubev (Univ. Aix-Marseille, IITP RAS)

BSc - Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

09/2008-08/2012

Thesis: Analytical Study of NHDP Link Management Protocol Advisors: Andrey Lyakhov & Evgeny Khorov (IITP RAS) PREPRINTS AND

Efficient and Near-Optimal Online Portfolio Selection

Working Papers R. Jézéquel, D. Ostrovskii, P. Gaillard. arXiv: 2209.13932, 2022.

Nonconvex-Nonconcave Min-Max Optimization with a Small Maximization Domain D. Ostrovskii, B. Barazandeh, M. Razaviyayn. arXiv:2110.03950, 2021.

Near-Optimal Procedures for Model Discrimination with Non-Disclosure Properties D. Ostrovskii, M. Ndaoud, A. Javanmard, M. Razaviyayn. arXiv:2012.02901, 2020.

Efficient Primal-Dual Algorithms for Large-Scale Multiclass Classification D. Babichev, D. Ostrovskii, F. Bach. arXiv:1902.03755, 2019.

Structure-Blind Deconvolution via Convex Optimization D. Ostrovskii, A. Juditsky. *Available upon request*, 2018.

BOOK CHAPTER

Adaptive Denoising of Signals with Shift-Invariant Structure

D. Ostrovskii, Z. Harchaoui, A. Judistky, A. Nemirovski. arXiv:1806.04028 Foundations of Modern Statistics: V. Spokoiny's 60th Anniversary Festscrift

JOURNAL PAPERS

Efficient Search of First-Order Nash Equilibria in Nonconvex-Concave Smooth Min-Max Problems

D. Ostrovskii, A. Lowy, M. Razaviyayn. arXiv:2002.07919 SIAM Journal on Optimization, 31:4, pp. 2508-2538, 2021.

Finite-Sample Analysis of M-Estimators Using Self-Concordance

D. Ostrovskii, F. Bach. arXiv:1810.06838

Electronic Journal of Statistics, 15:1, pp. 326-391, 2021.

Concentration Inequalities for the Exponential Weighting Method

Y. Golubev, D. Ostrovskii. hal-01292413

Mathematical Methods of Statistics, 23:1, pp. 20-37, 2014.

A Dynamic Channel Reservation Method for Multimedia Streaming in Wi-Fi Mesh Networks

A. Krasilov, A. Lyakhov, D. Ostrovskii, E. Khorov.

Automation and Remote Control, 74:9, pp. 1460-1473, 2013.

Analytical Study of the Quality of Links Established by the Neighbourhood Discovery Protocol

A. Lyakhov, D. Ostrovskii, E. Khorov.

Journal of Communications Technology and Electronics, 57:12, pp. 1314-1321, 2012.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS Affine Invariant Covariance Estimation for Heavy-Tailed Distributions

D. Ostrovskii, A. Rudi. arXiv:1902.03086

**COLT 2019** 

Beyond Least-Squares: Fast Rates for Regularized Empirical Risk Minimization through Self-Concordance

U. Marteau-Ferey, D. Ostrovskii, A. Rudi, F. Bach. arXiv:1902.03046

COLT 2019

Efficient First-Order Algorithms for Adaptive Signal Denoising D. Ostrovskii, Z. Harchaoui. arXiv:1803.11262 ICML 2018

Structure-Blind Signal Recovery

D. Ostrovskii, Z. Harchaoui, A. Juditsky, A. Nemirovski. arXiv:1607.05712 NeurIPS 2016

Adaptive Recovery of Signals by Convex Optimization Z. Harchaoui, A. Juditsky, A. Nemirovski, D. Ostrovskii. hal-01250215 **COLT 2015** 

Dynamic Resource Allocation for MCCA-Based Streaming in Wi-Fi Mesh Networks E. Khorov, A. Krasilov, A. Lyakhov, D. Ostrovskii. WiFlex 2013

Analytical Study of Neighborhood Discovery and Link Management in OLSR E. Khorov, A. Kiryanov, A. Lyakhov, D. Ostrovskii. IFIP 2012

#### Reviewing

Journals: Math. Programming (MAPR), SIAM J. on Optimization (SIOPT), Ann. of Statist. (AoS), IEEE Trans. on Inform. Theory (IEEE-IT), Math. of Operations Research (MOR), J. of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), Computational Optim. & Appl. (COAP), Optim. Methods & Software (OMS), J. of Computational & Graphical Statistics (JCGS). Conferences (occasionally): NeurIPS, ICML, STOC, COLT, ALT.

## Teaching

## University of Southern California

2023, Spring: Analysis of Variance and Regression	$4 \times 1$ , 3 hrs./wk.
2022, Fall: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	15× <b>♣</b> , 3 hrs./wk.
2022, Summer: Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations	12× <b>♣</b> , 6 hrs./wk.
2022, Spring: Elementary Probability and Statistics	34× <b>•</b> , 3 hrs./wk.
2021, Fall: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	$10 \times 1, 3 \text{ hrs./wk.}$
2019–2021: Optimization for Machine Learning (invited lectures)	10× <b>i</b> , 2 hrs./mo.

## University of Grenoble (in French)

2017, Spring: Calculus for Science and Engineering ("Cours-TD")	30× <b>1</b> , 3 hrs./wk.
2016, Spring: Calculus for Science and Engineering ("Cours-TD")	30× <b>i</b> , 3 hrs./wk.
2016, Spring: Statistical Methods for Biology & Medicine ("TP")	28× <b>1</b> , 3 hrs./wk.

#### ORGANIZATION

## USC Probability and Statistics Seminar (2022–2023)

Guests: Mateo Díaz (Caltech), Misha Belkin (UCSD), Yian Ma (UCSD), Robi Bhattachargee (UCSD), Qiyang Han (Rutgers), Masoud Zargar (USC), Andrew Lowy (USC).

Long-term visits Université Grenoble Alpes – Anatoli Juditsky, Roland Hildebrand 12/2022–01/2023 Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica – Peter Grünwald, Wouter Koolen 06/2019Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica – Peter Grünwald 06/2018University of Washington - Zaid Harchaoui 12/2016-05/2017

2023	
SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP23), Seattle	i
ENSAE, Paris – Job Candidate Seminar	j,z
Toulouse School of Economics – Job Candidate Seminar	i,j
Georgia Tech, Department of Mathematics – Job Candidate Seminar	i,j
Optimization and Statistical Learning 2023, Les Houches	i
Toulouse School of Economics	j,z
2022	
Meeting in Mathematical Statistics 2022, Luminy	i
CNRS AI Rising Talents – Job Interview (selected among top 3 contenders)	j,z
INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis	j,-
Georgia Tech – Stochastic Seminar	i
Georgia Tech – ISyE 8813 Guest Lecture	i,z
Statistical Inference and Convex Optimization (SICO 2022), Grenoble	i,z
University of Southern California – Mathematical Finance Colloquium	,
École Polytechnique, Paris	j,z
INFORMS Optimization Society Conference (IOS 2022), Greenville	s
Johns Hopkins University – AMS Seminar	j,z
University of Cambridge – StatLab Seminar	j,z
2021	
University of Washington – IFDS seminar	i,z
Johns Hopkins University – AMS seminar	i
Southern California Probability Symposium (SCPS 2021)	i,z
Higher School of Economics, Moscow	i
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona	j,z
EPFL, Institute of Mathematics	j,z
Weierstrass Institute, Berlin	i,z
École Polytechnique, Paris $(\times 2)$	j,z
2019-2020	
University of Southern California – Epstein Seminar	
COLT 2019, Phoenix	
Optimization and Statistical Learning 2019, Les Houches	р
Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago	j
2018	
ICML 2018, Stockholm	р
Optimization and Learning Workshop, Toulouse	p
CWI-Inria workshop, Paris	Р
ICML 2018, Stockholm	
CWI seminar, Amsterdam	
SIERRA team seminar, INRIA Paris	
PhD defense, Université Grenoble-Alpes	

 $\mathrm{Talks}^1$ 

Legend: i – invited talk, z – via Zoom, p – poster presentation, j – job talk, s – session chaired.

	2015-2017				
	Optimization Without Borders 2017,	Les Houches			
	NeurIPS 2016, Barcelona		p		
	Université Grenoble Alpes				
	University of Göttingen		j		
	IRIT, Toulouse		j		
	Princeton – ORFE Seminar		j		
	University of Washington, Seattle PGMO Days 2016, Paris				
	COLT 2015, Paris				
	StatLearn 2015, Grenoble				
Honors	NeurIPS 2019 Best Reviewer (awarde	ed to 400 reviewers out of 4500+)			
& Awards	COLT 2019 Travel Award				
	HDSI Postdoctoral Fellowship at UC San Diego, 2019–2021 (declined)				
	ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2018–2019				
	NVIDIA GPU Grant, 2017				
	NIPS 2016 Travel Award				
	Abramov-Frolov Fund Scholarship, 2	009–2011			
Languages	English	Russian			
LANGUAGES	• bilingual proficiency	• mother tongue			
	French	German			
	• fluent	0. 0			
	• muem	• intermediate			