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RESEARCH INTERESTS

# • 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

# Assistant Professor (RTPC) of Mathematics

since 08/2021

U. of South. California (Department of Mathematics)

Previous Positions

# Postdoctoral Scholar

08/2019-08/2021

U. of South. California (Viterbi School of Engineering; hosted by Meisam Razaviyayn)

### ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Postdoctoral Fellow

02/2018 - 06/2019

INRIA Research Center, Paris (SIERRA team, hosted by Francis Bach)

#### PhD Student Visitor

12/2016-05/2017

University of Washington, Seattle (Department of Statistics, hosted by Zaid Harchaoui)

Degrees

#### PhD – Université Grenoble Alpes

10/2014-01/2018

Thesis: Adaptive Signal Recovery by Convex Optimization

Advisors: Anatoli Juditsky (UGA), Zaid Harchaoui (Univ. 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 & WORKING PAPERS

Efficient and Near-Optimal Online Portfolio Selection

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, to appear.

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               | 9× <b>i</b> , 3 hrs./wk.          |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2022, Fall: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics             | $15 \times 1$ , 3 hrs./wk.        |
| 2022, Summer: Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations  | $12 \times 1, 6 \text{ hrs./wk.}$ |
| 2022, Spring: Elementary Probability and Statistics             | $34 \times 1$ , 3 hrs./wk.        |
| 2021, Fall: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics             | $10 \times 1$ , 3 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. |
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| 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 (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)

Invited speakers (local): Mateo Diaz (Caltech), Misha Belkin (UCSD), Yian Ma (UCSD), Robi Bhattachargee (UCSD), Qiyang Han (Rutgers), Masoud Zargar (USC).

### $\mathrm{Talks}^1$

2023:

Toulouse School of Economics Optimization and Statistical Learning 2023, Les Houches

j,z

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Legend: i – invited talk, z – via Zoom, p – poster presentation, j – job talk, s – session chaired.

# <u>2022:</u>

| Meeting in Mathematical Statistics, Luminy  | i        |
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| CNRS AI Rising Talents (Selected among top 3 contenders)  | j,z      |
| INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis  | i        |
| Georgia Tech, Stochastic Seminar  | i        |
| Georgia Tech, ISyE 8813 (guest lecture)   | i,z      |
| Statistical Inference and Convex Optimization (SICO 2022), Grenoble University of Southern California, Math. Finance Colloquium | i,z      |
| École Polytechnique, Paris  | j,z      |
| INFORMS Optimization Society Conference (IOS 2022), Greenville  | J,2<br>S |
| Johns Hopkins University  | j,z      |
| University of Cambridge   | j,z      |
| <u>2021:</u>  |          |
| University of Washington, IFDS seminar  | i,z      |
| Johns Hopkins University, AMS seminar   | i        |
| Southern California Probability Symposium (SCPS 2022)   | i,z      |
| Higher School of Economics, Moscow  | i        |
| Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona   | j,z      |
| École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne  | j,z      |
| Weierstrass Institute, Berlin   | i,z      |
| École Polytechnique, Paris $(\times 2)$   | j,z      |
| <u>2019-2020:</u>   |          |
| University of Southern California, Epstein Seminar  |          |
| COLT 2019, Phoenix  |          |
| Optimization and Statistical Learning 2019, Les Houches   | р        |
| Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago   | j        |
| <u>2018:</u>  |          |
| ICML 2018, Stockholm  | р        |
| Optimization and Learning workshop, Toulouse  | p        |
| CWI-Inria workshop, Paris   |          |
| ICML 2018, Stockholm  |          |
| CWI seminar, Amsterdam  |          |
| SIERRA team seminar, INRIA Paris  |          |
| PhD defense, Université Grenoble-Alpes  |          |
| <u>2015-2017:</u>   |          |
| Optimization Without Borders 2017, Les Houches  |          |
| NeurIPS 2016, Barcelona   | p        |
| Université Grenoble Alpes   |          |
| University of Göttingen   | j        |
| IRIT, Toulouse  | j        |
| ORFE seminar, Princeton University of Washington, Seattle   | j        |
| PGMO Days 2016, Paris   |          |
| COLT 2015, Paris  |          |
| StatLearn 2015, Grenoble  |          |

Honors & Awards

NeurIPS 2019 Best Reviewer (awarded to 400 reviewers out of 4500+)

COLT 2019 Travel Award

HDSI Postdoctoral Fellowship at UC San Diego, 2019–2021 (offered)

ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2018-2019

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm NVIDIA~GPU~Grant,~2017} \\ {\rm NIPS~2016~Travel~Award} \end{array}$ 

Abramov-Frolov Fund Scholarship, 2009–2011

LANGUAGES

English

• bilingual proficiency

French

• fluent

Russian

 $\bullet$  mother tongue

German

• needs reactivation