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PhD in applied mathematics and physics with focus on computer science and computational neuroscience  
Research focus on combining machine learning and cognitive priors to develop models of decision-making

## Experience

**Postdoctoral Researcher** 3/25-now, *Dyer & Pesaran Labs*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Curate data and develop neuro-AI foundation models of neural and behavioral dynamics for brain-machine interfaces toward improved clinical outcomes in behavioral disorders

**Postdoctoral Researcher** 11/22-2/25, **Student in Residence** 7/16-10/22,

*Koulakov Lab*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

- Developed data-driven models of decision-making for stay-or-leave decisions (RL) ([NeurIPS '20](#)), motivation (RL) ([Front Sys Neurosci '21](#)), and conflict (Bayesian/game-theoretic) ([NeurIPS '23](#))
- Worked on a deep learning framework to predict the smell of odorants ([ICML '19](#)) and analyzed olfactory connectivity data to investigate how smell is processed in the brain ([PLOS Comp Bio '24](#))
- Co-developed methods for neural network compression ([PNAS '24](#)) and unfolding ([PNAS '19](#))

**Research Associate** 7/16-12/18, **Research Assistant** 1/12-6/16,

*Enikolopov Lab*, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Moscow, Russia

- Developed automatic procedures to analyze cell populations in whole-brain samples: microscopy ([MethodsX '19](#)), 3D data alignment ([Sci Reports '22](#)), and object detection ([Front Neuroanat '17](#))
- Performed microscopy and analyzed data to evaluate common impacts on adult neurogenesis: irradiation ([NeuroReport '19](#)); antidepressants, brain development, and cell migration

**Research Assistant** 8/13-7/15, *Superconductivity Department*, Kurchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia

- Developed numerical models and worked towards experimental measurements of electro- and thermodynamics in high-current superconductive cables to pursue requirement-based design

## Education

**PhD** ('22), **MSc** ('15), **BSc** ('13), **Physics and Mathematics**, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

## Publications

- **Author:** 15+ papers (9 first-authored incl. 2 NeurIPS & 2 PNAS), 150+ citations; **see next page**
- **Reviewer:** NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, COSYNE, RLC, AAAI, AISTATS; 3x Top Reviewer

## Skills and qualifications

- Python, PyTorch, LaTeX, git, shell; prior work: Matlab, Wolfram Mathematica, C, C++
- Foundation models, reinforcement learning, Bayesian inference, game theory, POMDP, sequence modeling, computer vision, computational neuroscience, theory of mind

## Awards

- Highlighted Reviewer: ICLR, 2022; NeurIPS, 2022 & 2024. *Awarded to top-5%/top-10% reviewers*
- Travel awards: CSHL; Gatsby Charitable, Burroughs Wellcome, Google DeepMind, Simons, 2020
- Swartz Fellow in Computational Neuroscience, 2016-2017. *\$100k+/2yrs toward salary and travel*
- Alexandrov Scholar, 2012-2015. *Awarded to students with recent conference records & top-tier GPA*
- Abramov and Frolov Scholar, 2010-2012. *Awarded to undergraduate students with the 4.0 GPA*
- Kurchatov Award for Outstanding Research, 2013

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## Selected publications

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Encoding innate ability through a genomic bottleneck (PNAS '24)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Lachi, D., Koulakov, A., and Zador, A.

The primacy model and the structure of olfactory space (PLOS Comp Bio '24)

Giaffar, H., **Shuvaev, S.**, Rinberg, D., and Koulakov, A.

A normative theory of social conflict (NeurIPS '23)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Amelchenko, E., Smagin, D., Kudryavtseva, N., Enikolopov, G., and Koulakov, A.

Spatiotemporal 3D image registration for mesoscale studies of brain development (Sci Reports '22)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Lazutkin, A., Kiryanov, R., Anokhin, K., Enikolopov, G., and Koulakov, A.

Neural networks with motivation (Front Sys Neurosci '21)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Tran, N., Stephenson-Jones, M., Li, B., and Koulakov, A.

R-learning in actor-critic model offers a biologically relevant mechanism for sequential decision-making (NeurIPS '20)

**Shuvaev, S.\***, Starosta, S.\*, Kvitsiani, D., Kepecs, A., and Koulakov, A.

DeepNose: Using artificial neural networks to represent the space of odorants (ICML '19)

Tran, N., Kepple, D., **Shuvaev, S.**, and Koulakov, A.

Network cloning using DNA barcodes (PNAS '19)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Başerdem, B., Zador, A., and Koulakov, A.

Click histochemistry for whole-mount staining of brain structures (MethodsX '19)

Lazutkin, A., **Shuvaev, S.**, and Barykina, N.

Suppressed neurogenesis without cognitive deficits: effects of fast neutron irradiation in mice (NeuroReport '19)

Mineyeva, O., Barykina, N., Bezriadnov, D., ..., **Shuvaev, S.**, Usova, S., and Lazutkin, A.

DALMATIAN: an algorithm for automatic cell detection and counting in 3D (Front Neuroanat '17)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Lazutkin, A., Kedrov, A., Anokhin, K., Enikolopov, G., and Koulakov, A.

Representations of sound in deep learning of audio features from music (arXiv '17)

**Shuvaev, S.**, Giaffar, H., and Koulakov, A.

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