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## Education

- 2018–2021 **Phd in Optimization and Machine Learning**, *Supervised by Jérôme Malick, Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble.*
- 2017–2018 **Master of Sciences in Industrial and Applied Mathematics (MSIAM)**,  
*Master 2, Statistics track, Grenoble.*
- 2015–2018 **Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Informatique et des Mathématiques Appliquée (ENSIMAG)**,  
*Engineering School, Financial Engineering track, Grenoble.*
- 2012–2015 **Classes Préparatoires MPSI-MP\***,  
*Lycée Blaise Pascal, Orsay, Math & Physics track.*
- 2012 **Baccalauréat Option Sciences**,  
*Lycée Blaise Pascal, Orsay, High honors.*

## Scientific publications

- 2020 **Device Heterogeneity in Federated Learning : A Superquantile Approach**, Yassine Laguel, Krishna Pillutla, Jérôme Malick, Zaid Harchaoui, Submitted.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.11223>
- 2020 **On the convexity of level-sets of probability functions**, Wim Van Ackooij, Yassine Laguel, Jérôme Malick, Guilherme Matiussi Ramalho, Submitted.  
<https://yassine-laguel.github.io/files/transconcavity-paper.pdf>
- 2020 **Superquantiles at Work : Machine Learning Applications and Efficient (Sub)gradient Computation**, Yassine Laguel, Krishna Pillutla, Jérôme Malick, Zaid Harchaoui, Submitted.
- 2020 **Randomized Progressive Hedging methods for Multi-stage Stochastic Programming**, Gilles Bareilles, Yassine Laguel, Dmitry Grishchenko, Franck lutzeler, Jerome Malick, To appear in Annals of Operations Research.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.12186>
- 2020 **First Order Optimization for superquantile-based supervised learning**, Yassine Laguel, Jérôme Malick, Zaid Harchaoui, MLSP 2020 - Best Student Paper Award.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.14575>

## Softwares

- Python **TACO**, *A Toolbox for chAnce Constrained Optimization.*  
Yassine Laguel, Wim Van Ackooij, Jérôme Malick
- Julia **RandomizedProgressiveHedging.jl**, *A toolbox for solving multistage stochastic problems by randomized versions of the progressive hedging algorithm.*  
Gilles Bareilles, Yassine Laguel, Dmitry Grishchenko, Franck lutzeler, Jérôme Malick
- Python **SPQR**, *A toolbox for superquantile minimization.*  
Yassine Laguel, Jérôme Malick, Zaid Harchaoui

## Scientific Talks and Poster

- 2020 **Device Heterogeneity in Federated Learning : A superquantile approach**, *Talk*, Federated Learning One World Seminar, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-oNzU04Y8I>.  
Online Seminar
- 2020 **First-order optimization for superquantile-based supervised learning**, *Talk*, MLSP.  
Espoo, Finland
- 2020 **A DC approach for chance constraints**, *Talk*, SMAI-MODE, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB3sV-trEy4&list>.  
Saclay, France
- 2020 **Handling Device Heterogeneity in Federated Learning**, *Poster*, Optimization for Machine Learning.  
Marseille, France
- 2020 **Practical Minimization of CVar-based Risk functions**, *Talk*, ROADEF.  
Montpellier, France
- 2019 **Sur l'usage de la transconcavité pour les problèmes avec contraintes en probabilités**, *Talk*, Journées annuelles du GDR MOA 2019.  
Rennes, France
- 2019 **On the interplay between generalized concavity and chance constraints**, *Talk*, IC-COPT 2019.  
Berlin, Germany
- 2019 **1<sup>st</sup> Order Methods for Minimization of Superquantile-based Risk Measures**, *Talk*, ICSP 2019.  
Trondheim, Norway

## Teaching Activities

- 2020 **Introduction to R (30h)**, *Université Grenoble Alpes*, L1, Practical Work.
- 2019-2020 **Introduction to Python (2x30h)**, *Université Grenoble Alpes*, M1 SSD, Lectures and Practical Work.
- 2019 **Convex and Distributed Optimization (18h)**, *Université Grenoble Alpes*, M2 MSIAM, Lecture and Practical Work.
- 2019 **Numerical Optimization (25h)**, *ENSIMAG*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Directed Studies and Practical Work.
- 2019 **Introduction to R (30h)**, *Université Grenoble Alpes*, Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Practical Work.
- 2016-2017 **Fundamentals of Analysis and Algebra (50h)**, *Grenoble INP*, Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Directed Studies.
- 2015-2016 **Fundamentals of Analysis and Algebra (50h)**, *Université Grenoble Alpes*, Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Directed Studies.

## Work Experience

- 2018 **Research Internship**, *University of Washington*, Seattle.  
First order methods for Superquantile Regression
- 2017 **Research Internship**, *EDF R&D*, Saclay.  
On transconcavity and eventual convexity of Chance constrained problems.
- 2017 **Conception and implementation of a transport management algorithm for an international firm**, *Consulting for a french company*.  
Realization of an optimized algorithm for a transport network consisting of hundreds of sites and thousands of trucks.
- 2016 **Research Internship**, *WeSave, Financial Startup*, Paris.  
Research Internship in mathematical Finance, on the establishment of quantitative criterium based on correlations matrices to anticipate crises
- 2013 **Member of the Jury**, *ITYM*, IASI, Roumanie.  
Member of the Jury at the International Tournament of Young Mathematicians (ITYM).

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## Service

**Founder and Organizer of GORGeous (Grenoble Optimization Reading Group).**

<https://sites.google.com/view/gorgeous-optim/>

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## Prizes

- 2020 **Best Student Paper Award**,  
*MLSP 2020*, Espoo, Finland.
- 2012 **Finalist of the International Tournament of Young Mathematicians (ITYM)** ,  
*Orsay*, France.  
Rank : 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2012 **Finalist of the french tournament of young mathematicians (TFJM)** ,  
*Saclay*, France.  
Rank : 1<sup>st</sup> ex-aequo

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## Computer Skills

Languages PYTHON, JULIA, JAVA, C/C++, ADA, R, SQL, HTML/CSS, JAVASCRIPT, BASH,  
OCAML, LATEX

Operating Systems Mac OS/X, Windows, Linux

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## Languages

French Mother tongue

English Advanced. Score TOEFL IBT : 93

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## Hobbies

- Olympic Mathematics, Music, Hiking