

# Mikhail Khodak

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## Positions

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- **Princeton University** **Princeton, NJ**  
*Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton Language & Intelligence* 2024–Present
- **Microsoft Research - New York** **New York, NY**  
*Summer Intern, Machine Learning* 2023
- **Google Research - New York** **New York, NY**  
*Summer Intern, Modeling and Data Science* 2022
- **Microsoft Research - New England** **Cambridge, MA**  
*Summer Intern, Machine Learning* 2020
- **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory** **Livermore, CA**  
*Summer Intern, Inertial Confinement Fusion* 2015, 2016
- **Princeton University** **Princeton, NJ**  
*Summer Research Assistant, Empirical Studies of Conflict Center* 2014
- **Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory** **Princeton, NJ**  
*Research Assistant, Plasma Science & Technology* 2011–2014

## Education

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- **Carnegie Mellon University** **Pittsburgh, PA**  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science* 2018–2024
- **Princeton University** **Princeton, NJ**  
*M.S.E. in Computer Science* 2016–2018
- **Princeton University** **Princeton, NJ**  
*A.B. in Mathematics with Honors* 2012–2016

## Awards

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University of Chicago & UC San Diego Rising Star in Data Science	2023
CMU TCS Presidential Fellowship	2023
MLCommons Machine Learning & Systems Rising Star	2023
Jane Street Graduate Research Fellowship - Finalist	2023
Facebook Fellow	2021
Two Sigma PhD Fellowship - Runner-Up	2020
IBM Poster Award Presentation 2nd Place Prize, NYAS Machine Learning Symposium	2019

## Publications

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All alphabetical author orderings were determined alphabetically. "\*" denotes equal contribution.

### Refereed Conference Proceedings

- [1] M. Khodak, E. Chow, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar. [Learning to Relax: Setting Solver Parameters Across a Sequence of Linear System Instances](#). In *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2024. **Spotlight**.
- [2] M. Khodak\*, I. Osadchiy\*, K. Harris, M.-F. Balcan, K. Y. Levy, R. Meir, Z. S. Wu. [Meta-Learning Adversarial Bandit Algorithms](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2023.
- [3] M. Khodak, K. Amin, T. Dick, S. Vassilvitskii. [Learning-Augmented Private Algorithms for Multiple Quantile Release](#). In *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2023.
- [4] J. Shen, L. Li, L. Dery, C. Staten, M. Khodak, G. Neubig, A. Talwalkar. [Cross-Modal Fine-Tuning: Align then Refine](#). In *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2023. **Oral**.
- [5] K. Kuo, P. Thaker, M. Khodak, J. Nguyen, D. Jiang, A. Talwalkar, V. Smith. [On Noisy Evaluation in Federated Hyperparameter Tuning](#). In *Proceedings of the 6th Conference on Machine Learning and Systems (MLSys)*. 2023.
- [6] L. Dery, P. Michel, M. Khodak, G. Neubig, A. Talwalkar. [AANG: Automating Auxiliary Learning](#). In *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2023. **Spotlight**.
- [7] K. Harris\*, I. Anagnostides\*, G. Farina, M. Khodak, Z. S. Wu, T. Sandholm. [Meta-Learning in Games](#). In *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. 2023.
- [8] M.-F. Balcan, M. Khodak, D. Sharma, A. Talwalkar. [Provably Tuning the ElasticNet Across Instances](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2022.
- [9] J. Shen\*, M. Khodak\*, A. Talwalkar. [Efficient Architecture Search for Diverse Tasks](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2022.
- [10] M. Khodak, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar, S. Vassilvitskii. [Learning Predictions for Algorithms with Predictions](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2022.
- [11] R. Tu\*, N. Roberts\*, M. Khodak, J. Shen, F. Sala, A. Talwalkar. [NAS-Bench-360: Benchmarking Diverse Tasks for Neural Architecture Search](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): Datasets and Benchmarks Track*. 2022.
- [12] C. White, M. Khodak, R. Tu, S. Shah, S. Bubeck, D. Dey. [A Deeper Look at Zero-Cost Proxies for Lightweight NAS](#). In *Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR): Blog Track*. 2022.
- [13] N. Roberts\*, M. Khodak\*, T. Dao, L. Li, C. Ré, A. Talwalkar. [Rethinking Neural Operations for Diverse Tasks](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2021.
- [14] M.-F. Balcan, M. Khodak, D. Sharma, A. Talwalkar. [Learning-to-Learn Non-Convex Piecewise-Lipschitz Functions](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. 2021.

- [15] M. Khodak, R. Tu, T. Li, L. Li, M.-F. Balcan, V. Smith, A. Talwalkar. [Federated Hyperparameter Tuning: Challenges, Baselines, and Connections to Weight-Sharing](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS). 2021.
- [16] L. Li\*, M. Khodak\*, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar. [Geometry-Aware Gradient Algorithms for Neural Architecture Search](#). In *Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR). 2021. **Spotlight**.
- [17] M. Khodak, N. A. Tenenholz, L. Mackey, N. Fusi. [Initialization and Regularization of Factorized Neural Layers](#). In *Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR). 2021.
- [18] N. Saunshi, Y. Zhang, M. Khodak, S. Arora. [A Sample Complexity Separation between Non-Convex and Convex Meta-Learning](#). In *Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML). 2020.
- [19] J. Li, M. Khodak, S. Caldas, A. Talwalkar. [Differentially Private Meta-Learning](#). In *Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR). 2020.
- [20] M. Khodak, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar. [Adaptive Gradient-Based Meta-Learning Methods](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS). 2019.
- [21] S. Arora, H. Khandeparkar, M. Khodak, O. Plevrakis, N. Saunshi. [A Theoretical Analysis of Contrastive Unsupervised Representation Learning](#). In *Proceedings of the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML). 2019. **Oral**.
- [22] M. Khodak, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar. [Provable Guarantees for Gradient-Based Meta-Learning](#). In *Proceedings of the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML). 2019.
- [23] M. Khodak\*, N. Saunshi\*, Y. Liang, T. Ma, B. Stewart, S. Arora. [A La Carte Embedding: Cheap but Effective Induction of Semantic Feature Vectors](#). In *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics* (ACL). 2018. **Oral**.
- [24] M. Khodak, N. Saunshi, K. Vodrahalli. [A Large Self-Annotated Corpus for Sarcasm](#). In *Proceedings of the 11th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference* (LREC). 2018.
- [25] S. Arora, M. Khodak, N. Saunshi, K. Vodrahalli. [A Compressed Sensing View of Unsupervised Text Embeddings, Bag-of-n-Grams, and LSTMs](#). In *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR). 2018.
- [26] M. Khodak, L. Zheng, A. S. Lan, C. Joe-Wong, M. Chiang. [Learning Cloud Dynamics to Optimize Spot Instance Bidding Strategies](#). In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications* (INFOCOM). 2018.

### Refereed Journal Articles

- [1] P. Kairouz\*, H. B. McMahan\*, B. Avent, A. Bellet, M. Bennis, A. N. Bhagoji, K. Bonawitz, Z. Charles, G. Cormode, R. Cummings, R. G. L. D'Oliveira, S. El Rouayheb, D. Evans, J. Gardner, Z. Garrett, A. Gascón, B. Ghazi, P. B. Gibbons, M. Gruteser, Z. Harchaoui, C. He, L. He, Z. Huo, B. Hutchinson, J. Hsu, M. Jaggi, T. Javidi, G. Joshi, M. Khodak, J. Konečný, A. Korolova, F. Koushanfar, S. Koyejo, T. Lepoint, Y. Liu, P. Mittal, M. Mohri, R. Nock, A. Özgür, R. Pagh, M. Raykova, H. Qi, D. Ramage, R. Raskar, D. Song, W. Song, S. U. Stich, Z. Sun, A. T. Suresh, F. Tramèr, P. Vepakomma, J. Wang, L. Xiong, Z. Xu, Q. Yang, F. X. Yu, H. Yu, S. Zhao. [Advances and Open Problems in Federated Learning](#). In *Foundations and Trends in Machine Learning* (FTML) **14** 1-2, pp. 1-210. 2021.

- [2] S. Cohen, C. Swanson, N. McGreivy, A. Raja, E. Evans, P. Jandovitz, M. Khodak, G. Pajer, T. D. Rognlien, S. Thomas, M. Paluszek. [Direct Fusion Drive for Interstellar Exploration](#). In *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society (JBIS)* **73**, pp. 37–50. 2019.

### Other Publications

- [1] N. Roberts\*, S. Guo\*, Cong Xu\*, A. Talwalkar, D. Lander, L. Tao, L. Cai, S. Niu, J. Heng, H. Qin, M. Deng, J. Hog, A. Pfefferle, S. A. Shivakumar, A. Krishnakumar, Y. Wang, R. Sukthankar, F. Hutter, E. Hasanaj, T.-D. Le, M. Khodak, Y. Nevmyvaka, K. Rasul, F. Sala, A. Schneider, J. Shen, E. Sparks. [AutoML Decathlon: Diverse Tasks, Modern Methods, and Efficiency at Scale](#). In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): Competition Track*. 2022.
- [2] M. Khodak, L. Li, N. Roberts, M.-F. Balcan, A. Talwalkar. [A Simple Setting for Understanding Neural Architecture Search with Weight-Sharing](#). In *Proceedings of the 7th ICML Workshop on Automated Machine Learning (AutoML)*. 2020.
- [3] O. Adewale, A. Beatson, D. Buniatyan, J. Ge, M. Khodak, H. Lee, N. Prasad, N. Saunshi, A. Seff, K. Singh, D. Suo, C. Zhang, S. Arora. [Pixie: A Social Chatbot](#). In *1st Proceedings of Alexa Prize (Alexa Prize)*. 2017.
- [4] M. Khodak, A. Risteski, C. Fellbaum, S. Arora. [Automated WordNet Construction Using Word Embeddings](#). In *Proceedings of the 1st Workshop on Sense, Concept, and Entity Representations and their Applications (SENSE)*. 2017.
- [5] M. Khodak, R. L. Berger, T. Chapman, J. A. F. Hittinger. [Development and Application of a Multi-Fluid Simulation Code for Modeling Interpenetrating Plasmas](#). In *57th Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Plasma Physics (DPP)*. 2015.
- [6] S. A. Cohen, M. Chu-Cheong, R. Feder, K. Griffin, M. Khodak, J. Klabacha, E. Meier, S. Newbury, M. Paluszek, T. Rognlien, S. Thomas, M. Walsh. [Reducing Neutron Emission from Small Fusion Rocket Engines](#). In *Proceedings of the 66th International Astronautical Congress (IAC)*. 2015.

### Manuscripts and Preprints

- [1] K. Amin, T. Dick, M. Khodak, S. Vassilvitskii. [Private Algorithms with Private Predictions](#). 2023.
- [2] M. Khodak, A. Risteski, C. Fellbaum, S. Arora. [Extending and Improving WordNet via Unsupervised Word Embeddings](#). 2017.

### Talks

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#### *New Directions in Algorithms with Predictions: Learning and Privacy*

CSIS Seminar, Caltech. 28 April 2023.

CS Departmental Seminar, UCLA. 27 April 2023.

Theory Seminar, USC. 26 April 2023.

Algorithms & Machine Learning Seminar, Princeton. 20 April 2023.

Theory Seminar, NYU. 13 April 2023.

IFDS Ideas Forum, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 20 March 2023.

CISE Seminar, Boston University. 13 March 2023.

ML Ideas Lunch, MSR-NE. 10 March 2023.

Algorithms & Complexity Seminar, MIT. 8 March 2023.  
Research Fellow Talk, Meta. 22 February 2023.  
Theory Lunch, CMU. 26 October 2022.

*Federated Hyperparameter Tuning: Challenges, Baselines, and Connections to Weight-Sharing*  
MedAI Group Exchange Session, Stanford University. 17 March 2022.

*Towards Automatic Architecture Design for Emerging Machine Learning Tasks*  
DDPS Webinar, LLNL. 4 November 2021.

*Factorized Layers Revisited: Compressing Deep Nets without Playing the Lottery*  
DS-BOND Meeting, Microsoft ILDC. 8 June 2021.  
AI Seminar, CMU. 20 April 2021.

*Geometry-Aware Gradient Algorithms for Neural Architecture Search*  
Workshop on Learning Network Architecture During Training, AAAI. 8 February 2021.

*ARUBA: Efficient and Adaptive Meta-Learning with Provable Guarantees*  
Session on AI in Service Science, INFORMS. 15 October 2023.  
Decision Making Research Group Meeting, University of Tübingen. 4 November 2022.  
Federated Learning One World Seminar. 9 September 2020.  
AI Seminar, CMU. 3 December 2019.  
Special Seminar, MSR-NE. 22 November 2019.  
Adaptive and Multi-Task Learning Workshop, ICML. 15 June 2019.

*A Compressed Sensing View of Unsupervised Text Embeddings, Bag-of-n-Grams, and LSTMs*  
Theory of Deep Learning Workshop, ICML. 14 July 2018.  
Seminar on Theoretical Machine Learning, IAS. 5 April 2018.

*A Multi-Fluid Model for Interpenetrating Plasma Flows*  
Hohlraum Science Campaign Meeting, LLNL. 17 August 2016.

## Service

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### Committee Positions

Co-Organizer of the AutoML Decathlon Competition at NeurIPS 2022.  
CMU Computer Science Department 2022 PhD Admissions Committee.  
Workflow Assistant for the Thirty-Fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020).  
Co-Organizer of the Workshop on Wordnets and Word Embeddings at the 9th Global Wordnet Conference (GWC 2018).

### Journal Reviewing

JMLR, TMLR, IEEE TPAMI, Machine Learning, SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science, Language Resources and Evaluation

### Conference Reviewing

ICML, NeurIPS, ICLR, STOC, AAAI, EMNLP, ACL, NAACL, KDD, COLM

### Outreach

Mentorship Lead, CSD PhD Student Council	2022-2024
Editor, CMU Machine Learning Blog	2020-2024
Volunteer, LeT-All Mentorship Workshop	2023
Research Team Leader, CMU OurCS	2019
Site Coordinator, North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO)	2016-2018

## Mentoring

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Ritvik Gupta (with Ameet Talwalkar and Junhong Shen)	2023-Present
Zongzhe Xu (with Ameet Talwalkar and Junhong Shen)	2023-Present
Samuel Guo (with Ameet Talwalkar and Junhong Shen)	2021-2023
Next position: PhD student in computer sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Renbo Tu (with Ameet Talwalkar)	2020-2022
Next position: PhD student in computer science at the University of Toronto	
Nicholas Roberts (with Ameet Talwalkar)	2020-2021
Next position: PhD student in computer sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Jeffrey Li (with Ameet Talwalkar)	2019-2020
Next position: PhD student in computer science at the University of Washington	

## Teaching

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### Carnegie Mellon University

*Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning Department*

10-315: Introduction to Machine Learning Spring 2019, Spring 2021

### Princeton University

*Assistant in Instruction, Department of Computer Science*

COS 495: Special Topics in CS – Natural Language Processing Spring 2018

COS 397: Junior Seminar – Natural Language Processing Fall 2017

COS 340: Reasoning About Computation Fall 2016, Spring 2017

*Course Assistant, Department of Mathematics*

MAT 385: Theory of Games Spring 2015, Spring 2016