

# Othmane Marfoq

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## Research Interest

My research interest lies in providing theoretical understanding of federated learning systems. Inspired by the theoretical insights, I seek to design large-scale distributed/federated learning algorithms that can efficiently exploit data and system resources, with a specific attention to fairness and robustness. My research is characterized by the application of mathematical tools from distributed optimization and statistical learning theory.

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## Education

- 2020–present **Ph.D. in computer science**, *Sophia-Antipolis, France*, Inria, Université Côte d'Azur  
Advisor: Giovanni Neglia  
Thesis: Tackling Heterogeneity in Federated Learning Systems  
Funding: Accenture Labs  
Anticipated graduation: September 2023
- 2018–2019 **MS, MVA: Mathematics, Computer Vision, Machine Learning**, *ENS Paris-Saclay*, Cachan, France
- 2016–2019 **MS, Applied Mathematics**, *ENSTA Paris*, Palaiseau, France
- 2014–2016 **Classes Prépas**, *Lycée Ibn-Abdoun*, Khouribga, Morocco

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## Publications

**Othmane Marfoq**, Giovanni Neglia, Laetitia Kamani, and Richard Vidal. Federated learning for data streams. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2301.01542*, 2023.

Angelo Rodio, Francescomaria Faticanti, **Othmane Marfoq**, Giovanni Neglia, and Emilio Leonardi. Federated learning under heterogeneous and correlated client availability. In *IEEE INFOCOM 2023*, 2023.

Jean Ogier du Terrail, Samy-Safwan Aayed, Edwige Cyffers, Felix Grimberg, Chaoyang He, Regis Loeb, Paul Mangold, Tanguy Marchand, **Othmane Marfoq**, Erum Mushtaq, et al. Flamby: Datasets and benchmarks for cross-silo federated learning in realistic healthcare settings. In *Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems Datasets and Benchmarks Track*.

**Othmane Marfoq**, Giovanni Neglia, Laetitia Kamani, and Richard Vidal. Personalized federated learning through local memorization. In *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning*, Proceedings of Machine Learning Research. PMLR, 2022.

**Othmane Marfoq**, Giovanni Neglia, Aurélien Bellet, Laetitia Kamani, and Richard Vidal. Federated multi-task learning under a mixture of distributions. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, volume 34, 2021.

**Othmane Marfoq**, Chuan Xu, Giovanni Neglia, and Richard Vidal. Throughput-optimal topology design for cross-silo federated learning. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, volume 33, 2020.

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## Work Experience

- 2019 **Research Intern**, *Smiths Detection*, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
- 2018 **Research Intern**, *Lixoft*, Antony, France

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## Teaching

- 2023 Machine Learning: Theory and Algorithms (MALTA), **3 hours** (1 lecture)
- 2022 Optimization for Machine Learning, **15 hours** (2 lectures + 3 practical sessions)
- 2021 Machine Learning: Theory and Algorithms (MALTA), **3 hours** (1 lecture)
- 2021 Optimization for Machine Learning, **12 hours** (4 practical sessions)
- 2020 Distributed Optimization and Games, **6 hours** (2 practical session)

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## Oral Presentations

- 2022 **SophI.A summit**, *Federated Learning for Data Streams*
- 2022 **GDR RSD thematic day on distributed learning**, *Personalized Federated Learning through Local Memorization*
- 2021 **FL-ICML'21**, *Federated Multi-Task Learning under a Mixture of Distributions*
- 2020 **SophI.A summit**, *Throughput-Optimal Topology Design for Cross-Silo Federated Learning*

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## Service and Activities

I am serving/served as reviewer for: International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS'22), International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'22), Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'22, **Top reviewer**), IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing