

Metod Jazbec

PhD Candidate Machine Learning

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ML PhD student working on efficient and robust generative models (LLMs, diffusion), with experience in both academic research and industry (Apple, Microsoft). Looking for full-time roles starting in winter/spring 2027.

EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam , Informatics Institute PhD in Machine Learning	Amsterdam, Netherlands Oct 2022–present
ETH Zurich , Department of Computer Science MSc in Data Science (GPA: 5.75/6.0 , with distinction)	Zurich, Switzerland Sep 2018–Sep 2020
University of Ljubljana , Faculty of Mathematics and Physics BSc in Financial Mathematics (GPA: 9.65/10.0 , with distinction)	Ljubljana, Slovenia Oct 2015–Sep 2018

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **A Tale of Two Temperatures: Simple, Efficient, and Diverse Sampling from dLLMs**
T. Olausson*, M. Jazbec*, X. Wang, A. Solar-Lezama, C. A. Naesseth, S. Mandt, E. Nalisnick
arXiv 2026. [\[paper\]](#)
- **Learning Unmasking Policies in Diffusion Language Models**
M. Jazbec*, T. Olausson*, L. Béthune, P. Ablin, M. Kirchhof, J. Monteiro, V. Turrisi, J. Ramapuram, M. Cuturi
ICML 2026 (oral) & DeLTa@ICLR 2026 workshop (oral) . [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- **Monitoring Risks in Test-Time Adaptation**
M. Schirmer*, M. Jazbec*, C. A. Naesseth, E. Nalisnick
NeurIPS 2025 & PUT@ICML 2025 workshop (oral). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- **Generative Uncertainty in Diffusion Models**
M. Jazbec, E. Wong-Toi, G. Xia, D. Zhang, E. Nalisnick, S. Mandt
UAI 2025 & QUESTION@ICLR 2025 workshop (best paper award). [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- **Fast yet Safe: Early-Exiting with Risk Control**
M. Jazbec*, A. Timans*, T. H. Veljkovic, K. Sakmann, C. A. Naesseth, D. Zhang, E. Nalisnick
NeurIPS 2024. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)
- **Towards Anytime Classification in Early-Exit Architectures by Enforcing Conditional Monotonicity**
M. Jazbec, J. U. Allingham, D. Zhang, E. Nalisnick
NeurIPS 2023. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

* Denotes equal contribution. A full list of my papers can be found at [Google Scholar](#).

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Apple Research Intern (internship) – Developed RL-based sampling strategies for diffusion LLMs (paper).	Paris, France Jun 2025 - Oct 2025
Microsoft Research Intern (internship)	Cambridge, UK Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

- Worked on efficient LLM to SLM distillation ([paper](#)).

Move Digital

Quantitative Engineer (full-time)

Zurich, Switzerland

Mar 2021 - Aug 2022

- Algorithmic trading: portfolio optimization, returns estimation, backtesting, etc.

Credit Suisse

Data Scientist (full-time)

Zurich, Switzerland

Oct 2020 - Feb 2021

- Worked on data engineering and ML tasks in credit risk and retail banking.

ETH Zurich

Research Assistant - Media Technology Lab (part-time)

Zurich, Switzerland

Sep 2019 - Jan 2020

- Developed a federated and privacy-preserving version of the gradient boosting trees model.

MISC

- **Skills:** Python, PyTorch, Git, Applied Mathematics, Probability, Statistics
- **Teaching:** Intro to ML (UvA, 2022), ML 1 (UvA, 2023), Deep Learning 2 (UvA, 2024), supervised 6 MSc theses
- **Reviewing:** ICLR 2025, ICML 2026 & 2025 & 2024 & 2023, NeurIPS 2026 & 2023
- **Languages:** English (*advanced*, *TOEFL score: 114/120*), Slovenian (*native*), German (*basic*)