

# AUBREY CLARK

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## WORK

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- Data Scientist** |  Google Global Infrastructure April 2023 –  
• Redesigned the capacity planning algorithm to reduce the network build signal by 10%  
• Built a production ML system that predicts optical component failures from device telemetry  
• Partnered with engineering to build stability metrics for the capacity planning solver, identifying root causes by comparing solver and routing paths  
• Built data pipelines and metrics linking L1 and L3 telemetry to the control plane, tracing how physical events propagate through traffic engineering  
• Building an early warning system that forecasts fiber infrastructure needs from upstream power signals
- Data Scientist** |  Twitter August 2021 – March 2023  
• Found bottlenecks in Twitter's serving stack by tracing the critical path through distributed systems  
• Rewrote the spam classifier to use reply timing, cutting false positives on real accounts  
• Ran experiments on cluster scheduling that cut compute costs
- Data Scientist** |  Wealthfront August 2018 – July 2021  
• Wrote the optimization engine behind Wealthfront's robo-advisor: a stochastic program solved with Benders decomposition  
• Built an order matching system that netted client trades internally before sending them to market
- Research Fellow** |  University of Cambridge 2017 – 2018  
• Game Theory, Information Economics. Research in market design and allocation theory

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Economics**,  Harvard University 2017  
*Mechanism Design. Committee: Eric Maskin (Chair), Oliver Hart*
- B.Sc. Mathematics / B.Econ.**,  University of Queensland, Australia 2009  
*First Class Honours, University Medal*

## PROJECTS

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- **Communication Systems from Scratch:** BGP, TCP/IP, Audio Modem, QUIC, BBR, Protocol Buffers, HTTP/3, and gRPC
- **Financial Planning in the AI Era:** An AI financial advisor built from bank statements and a single prompt document
- **Algorithmic Mechanism Design:** Probabilistic Serial and Constrained Birkhoff-von Neumann algorithms for fair allocation

## RESEARCH

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*Contracts for Acquiring Information.* Clark, A. and Reggiani, G. arXiv:2103.03911, 2017

*Capacity Constraints in Principal-Agent Problems.* Clark, A. arXiv:2412.01760, 2017

*Core Equivalence with Large Agents.* Clark, A. arXiv:2103.05136, 2017

## SKILLS

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Machine learning · Optimization · Infrastructure · Mechanism design · Operations research  
Day-to-day: Python, SQL, C++, Shell · Infrequent: Rust, Scala, R, Julia