Hello members of the Ethereum Research community,

I'm a Computer Science Master 2 student in France with good academic results and I'll soon be applying for a public research grant.

I'm fairly interested in the Ethereum protocol, and would love to help the community. This mix of computer science, mathematics and economy sounds perfect to me.

I can basically shape my own PhD subject but I need to submit an application with references and intended research topics.

What are the currently active research topics that surround the Ethereum protocol? I'm particularly interested in game theory and decision making.

I won't have any difficulty to justify use-cases but I'm looking for keywords and recent publications that could provide me some insights on what are the underlying active fundamental research fields.

Paper links/references and why they are relevant to the Ethereum protocol would be very helpful.