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Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, LLMs and GenAI

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EDUCATION Harvard University (July 2020 - Present)

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LLMs and Mechanism Design

Google Research (June 2023 - Jan 2024) Student Researcher, Market Algorithms Auctions and Deep Reinforcement Learning

Microsoft Research (2016 - 2017)

Research Fellow, Machine Learning and Optimization Large-scale Multi-label learning and Recommender Systems

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Papers

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Automated Mechanism Design: A Survey

MJ. Curry, Z. Fan, Y. Jiang, SS. Ravindranath, T. Wang, DC. Parkes

SIGecom Exchange, 2025

Paper: https://www.sigecom.org/exchanges/volume_22/2/CURRY.pdf

Optimal Auctions through Deep Learning: Advances in Differential Economics $^{\alpha}$

P. Dutting, Z. Feng, H. Narasimhan, DC. Parkes, SS. Ravindranath.

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Preprints Framing and Signaling: An LLM-Based Approach to Information Design

S. Hossain, T. Lin, P. Duetting, RP. Leme, H. Xu, S. Zuo, SS. Ravindranath

Under Submission, 2025

Strategic Foundation Models

D. Goktas, A. Greenwald, T. Osogami, ..., SS. Ravindranath et. al.

Position Paper, 2025

Deep Reinforcement Learning for Sequential Combinatorial Auctions

SS. Ravindranath, Z. Feng, D. Wang, M. Zaheer, A. Mehta, DC. Parkes

ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.08022

CONFERENCE Data Market Desi & WORKSHOP SS. Ravindranath*.

Data Market Design through Deep Learning

WORKSHOP SS. Ravindranath*, Y. Jiang*, DC. Parkes

Thirty-Seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)

ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.20096.pdf

Deep Learning for Two-Sided Matching

SS. Ravindranath, Z. Feng, S. Li, J. Ma, SD. Kominers, DC. Parkes

Sixth International Workshop on Matching Under Preferences (MATCH-UP 2022)

ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2107.03427.pdf

From Predictions to Decisions: Using Lookahead Regularization

N. Rosenfeld, S. Hilgard, SS. Ravindranath, DC. Parkes

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ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.11638.pdf

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Thirty-Sixth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2019)

ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.03459.pdf

Salient Object Detection via Objectness Measure

SS. Ravindranath, RV. Babu

Twenty-Second International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 2015)

ArXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1506.07363.pdf

Learning Objective functions for Improved Image retrieval

SS. Ravindranath, M. Gygli, LV. Gool

MediaEval Workshops, 2015.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Machine Learning for Matching Markets $^{\alpha}$

Z. Feng, DC. Parkes, SS. Ravindranath.

In F. Echenique N. Immorlica and V. Vazirani, editors

Online matching theory and market design. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Machine Learning for Optimal Economic Design $^{\alpha}$

P. Dutting, Z. Feng, N. Golowich, H. Narasimhan, DC. Parkes, SS. Ravindranath.

In JF Laslier, H. Moulin, MR. Sanver, WS. Zwicker, editors,

The Future of Economic Design. Springer, 2019

TEACHING

CS 136: Economics and Computation (Teaching Fellow)

Harvard University, Fall 2021

Advising

A.B Thesis in Applied Math/Computer Science co-advised with Prof. David Parkes.

Dominik Bohnet Zurcher (Harvard \rightarrow Oxford)

• Pick Me: Reducing Wastefulness in the RSD Mechanism

Jeff (Yanchen) Jiang (Harvard \rightarrow Harvard)

• Learning to Sell Information

Christopher En (Harvard \rightarrow Columbia)

• Introduction to Auction Theory

Professional

SERVICES

Conference Reviewing

NeurIPS (2021 - Present), ICML (2023 - Present), ICLR (2023 - Present)

Journal Reviewing

Mathematics of Operations Research

Workshop Reviewing

AAAI 2025 Workshop on Markets, Incentives, and Gen AI ICLR 2022 Workshop on Gamification and Multiagent Solutions