Siddartha Devic

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Interests: I am broadly interested in trustworthy machine learning and artificial intelligence as it relates to fairness, stability, optimality, and calibration. My focus has recently concentrated on *uncertainty quantification* in systems involving classical ML or language models. I am curious about understanding whether models can "know what they don't know", and teasing apart mechanisms which allow them to do so.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California *August 2021 - Present*
Ph.D. Computer Science GPA: 3.9/4
Co-Advisors: Prof. Vatsal Sharan and Prof. Aleksandra Korolova
Funding: DOD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship (2021-2024)
       USC Viterbi Fellowship (2024-2025)

The University of Texas at Dallas *August 2017 - May 2021*
B.S. Mathematics, B.S. Computer Science Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.98/4
CS^2 Computer Science Honors Program, Collegium V Interdisciplinary Honors Program
Funding: Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) covering full tuition plus stipend (2017-2021)

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Apple *Summer 2025*
Research Intern *Cupertino, CA*

- Uncertainty quantification, LLMs, and reasoning with Preetum Nakkiran and Aravind Gollakota.

University of California, Berkeley *Fall 2024*
Visiting Student *Berkeley, CA*

- Graduate student visitor in "Modern Paradigms in Generalization" program at the Simons Institute.

Amazon *Summer 2024*
Applied Scientist Intern *Santa Clara, CA*

- Black-box classifier post-processing of language and vision models with Gaurush Hiranandani.

Markov Lab (UT Dallas) *October 2017 - May 2021*
Student Researcher and NSF REU Program *Dallas, TX*

- Reinforcement learning and convex optimization research with Profs. Nick Ruozzi and Ben Raichel.

Advanced Networks Research Lab (UT Dallas) *April 2018 - December 2020*
Student Researcher *Dallas, TX*

- Applied ML and convex optimization research in computer networking with Prof. Jason Jue.

Washington University in St. Louis *Summer 2020*
Research Intern, NSF REU Program *Remote (COVID)*

- Reinforcement learning research with Prof. Brendan Juba.

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Labs *Summer 2019*
Research Intern *Laurel, MD*

- Machine learning research in the Machine Perception group with Vickram Rajendran, Eryk Banatt.

Future Immersive Virtual Environments Lab (UT Dallas) *Summer 2017*
Student Researcher *Dallas, TX*

- Human-computer interaction research with Prof. Ryan P. McMahan.

Auditability and the Landscape of Distance to Multicalibration
($\alpha\beta$) Nathan Derhake, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Dutch Hansen, Kuan Liu, Vatsal Sharan.
Submitted.

An External Fairness Evaluation of LinkedIn Talent Search
Tina Behzad, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Aleksandra Korolova, David Kempe, Vatsal Sharan.
Submitted.

From Calibration to Collaboration: LLM Uncertainty Quantification Should Be More Human-Centered
<u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Tejas Srinivasan, Jesse Thomason, Willie Neiswanger, Vatsal Sharan.
Submitted.

An Efficient Plugin Method for Metric Optimization of Black-Box Models
<u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Nurendra Choudhary, Anirudh Srinivasan, Sahika Genc, Branislav Kveton, Gaurush Hiranandani.
ArXiv.

Proper Learnability and the Role of Unlabeled Data
($\alpha\beta$) Julian Asilis, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, Shang-Hua Teng.
Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT) 2025.

When is Multicalibration Post-Processing Necessary?
Dutch Hansen*, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>*, Preetum Nakkiran, Vatsal Sharan.
Neurips 2024.

Transductive Learning Is Compact
($\alpha\beta$) Julian Asilis, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, Shang-Hua Teng.
Neurips 2024.

Stability and Multigroup Fairness in Ranking with Uncertain Predictions
<u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Aleksandra Korolova, David Kempe, Vatsal Sharan.
ICML 2024. Also non-archival at Symposium on Foundations of Responsible Computing (FORC 2024).

Open Problem: Can Local Regularization Learn All Multiclass Problems?
($\alpha\beta$) Julian Asilis, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, Shang-Hua Teng.
COLT 2024 Open Problem.

Regularization and Optimal Multiclass Learning
($\alpha\beta$) Julian Asilis, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, Shang-Hua Teng.
COLT 2024.

Fairness in Matching under Uncertainty
<u>Siddartha Devic</u>, David Kempe, Vatsal Sharan, Aleksandra Korolova.
ICML 2023. Also non-archival at ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO 23).

Polynomial Time Reinforcement Learning in Correlated FMDPs with Linear Value Functions
($\alpha\beta$) Zihao Deng, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Brendan Juba.
AISTATS 2022. Also at Neurips 2021 Workshop on Ecological Theory of Reinforcement Learning.

Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation for PON Slicing with Performance-Guaranteed Online Convex Optimization
Genya Ishigaki, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Riti Gour, Jason P. Jue.
IEEE GLOBECOM 2021.

Failout: Achieving Failure-Resilient Inference in Distributed Neural Networks
Ashkan Yousefpour, Brian Q Nguyen, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Guanhua Wang, Aboudy Kreidieh, Hans Lobel, Alexandre M Bayen, Jason P Jue.
Workshop on Federated Learning for User Privacy and Data Confidentiality at ICML 2020.

DeepPR: Progressive Recovery for Interdependent VNFs with Deep Reinforcement Learning
Genya Ishigaki, <u>Siddartha Devic</u>, Riti Gour, Jason P. Jue.
IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, 2020. Also appeared at IEEE GLOBECOM 2019.

AWARDS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ATTENDED

DOD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship	*2021-2024*
USC Graduate School Research Award (1500$ Travel grant)	*2023*
USC Center for AI in Society (CAIS) Poster Presentation Honorable Mention	*2023*
UCLA IPAM Graduate Summer School on Algorithmic Fairness (Travel grant)	*2022*
USC Viterbi Fellow (One year of funding for top students in entering PhD cohort)	*2021*
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Honorable Mention	*2021*
Barry Goldwater Scholar Nomination (One of four STEM students representing UT Dallas)	*2020*
Jonsson School Undergraduate Research Award (Awarded to ten engineering students)	*2019-2020*
UT Dallas Undergraduate Research Scholar Award (Academic-year research grant)	*2018-2019*
School of Engineering Dean's List (Top 10% within engineering)	*4 of 5 Semesters*
UT Dallas Academic Excellence Scholarship (Full undergraduate tuition + stipend)	*2017 - 2021*
Anson L. Clark Undergraduate Research Scholar (Participant & advisor)	*Summers 2017, 2018*

POSTERS & TALKS

Stability and Multigroup Fairness in Ranking with Uncertain Predictions	*(Poster, ICML 2024)*
	(Talk, FORC 2024)
	(Talk, MILA × Vector Institute DEFirst Seminar 2024)
Regularization and Optimal Multiclass Learning	*(Talk, Harvard CS theory seminar (TGINF), 2023)*
	(Talk, USC ML and Lunch seminar 2023)
Fairness in Matching under Uncertainty	*(Poster, ICML 2023)*
	(Poster, EAAMO 2023)
Learning Quickly in MDPs with Many States	*(USC Theory Lunch 2022)*
Gradient Descent and Clustering in Hyperbolic Space	*(Slides, Report, Graduate Course Project 2020)*
Online PR with Bounded Regret	*(Poster, UTD Undergraduate Research Contest 2020)*
Point Packing in Hypercubes	*(Slides, UTD Mathematics Problem Solving Group 2019)*
ALICE for Deep Active Learning	*(Talk, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Labs 2019)*
Failure-Resilient Distributed Deep Learning Inference	*(Poster, Huawei Future Networks Summit 2019)*
Convex Functions for Reinforcement Learning	*(Poster, UTD Undergraduate Research Contest, 2019)*

Robust Optimization with Applications in Networking   *(Slides, UTD Graduate Seminar, 2019)*

A Reinforcement Learning Based Approach to Networking   *(Slides, UTD Graduate Seminar, 2019)*

MENTORSHIP

Alex Reyes Aranda - Phenomenological deep learning.   *Undergraduate, May 2025 - Present*

• USC CURVE undergraduate research program. Project on the impact of label noise on feature selection in neural networks. Co-mentored with Julian Asilis.

Kuan Liu, Nathan Derhake - Multicalibration auditing.   *Undergraduates, Oct. 2024 - Present*

• USC CURVE undergraduate research program. Our work on multicalibration auditing led to an ITCS 2026 submission.

Dutch Hansen - Empirical aspects of multicalibration.   *Undergraduate, Jan 2023 - May 2025.*

• USC CURVE undergraduate research program. Our work on multicalibration resulted in a Neurips 2024 publication and led to an ITCS 2026 submission. I also helped Dutch apply for PhD programs and fellowships. Dutch has grown into a wonderful researcher, and is starting his PhD in Fall 2025 at the University of Washington!

Anish Jayant - Aspects of multicalibration.   *Undergraduate, Jan 2023 - May 2023.*

• Freshman undergraduate at USC interested in theory.

Jayron Martinez - Bias in Machine Learning Algorithms [poster]. *HS senior, May 2022 - Dec 2022*

• Part of the USC SHINE high school program. After the program, I spent an additional 6 months working with Jayron helping him apply to 10+ universities. He is now an undergraduate at USC!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

VGSA Department Senator Elected to represent the USC Computer Science department as part of the graduate student association. Organized events and career opportunities for Masters and PhD students. *5 hours/week, 2021-2022 Academic year.* [VGSA]

ACM UTD Chapter President Led the largest CS organization at UTD (70 officers, 700+ Members). I proposed and established a $30k perpetual endowed scholarship with club funds. Coordinated student-based semester long technical projects, mentorship programs, a 750+ person hackathon, funding for student startups, industry talks, and more. *8-10 hours/week, March 2018 - Dec. 2020.* [ACM]