# **Zhibing Zhao**

Ph.D. in Computer Science

## Research Interests

- Learning to Rank
- Natural Language Processing
- Recommendation System
- Mechanism Design

## Education

- 2015–2020 Ph.D., Computer Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, US.
- 2012–2014 M.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, US.
- 2008–2012 B.Eng., Electrical Engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

## Experience

2022-Present Research Scientist, BYTEDANCE, Bellevue, WA, US.

2020–2022 Data & Applied Scientist, MICROSOFT, Bellevue, WA, US.

Hybrid ranking models for search and page recommendation:

- Built hybrid ranking model with 3.0% gain in NDCG@3 for page recommendation;
- Built compressed MEB model that has 3.2% gain in NDCG@1 for search.
- 2015–2020 **Research Assistant**, RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, Troy, NY, US. Preference learning and aggregation from rank data.

2019 Summer **Data and Applied Scientist Intern**, MICROSOFT, Bellevue, WA, US. Authority and credibility of websites.

2018 Summer Research Intern, MICROSOFT RESEARCH ASIA, Beijing, China.

Award of Excellence

Theoretical analyses of dual learning for machine translation.

2012–2014 Research Assistant, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, US.

### Publications

- Luming Sun, Shijin Gong, Tieying Zhang, Fuxin Jiang, Zhibing Zhao, Jianjun Chen, Xinyu Zhang, "SUFS: A Generic Storage Usage Forecasting Service Through Adaptive Ensemble Learning". In Proceedings of the 39th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE 2023).
- Zhibing Zhao, Ao Liu, and Lirong Xia, "Learning Mixtures of Random Utility Models with Features from Top-l Orders". In Proceedings of International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-22).
- **Zhibing Zhao**, Yingce Xia, Tao Qin, Lirong Xia, and Tie-Yan Liu, "Dual Learning: Theoretical Study and an Algorithmic Extension", **SN Computer Science**, **2021**.

- Zhibing Zhao, Yingce Xia, Tao Qin, Lirong Xia, and Tie-Yan Liu, "Dual Learning: Theoretical Study and an Algorithmic Extension", in *Proceedings of the 12th Asian Conference on Machine Learning* (ACML-20), superceded by the paper above.
- **Zhibing Zhao** and Lirong Xia, "Learning Mixtures of Plackett-Luce Models from Structured Partial Orders", in *Proceedings of 33rd Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS-19).
- Ao Liu, Zhibing Zhao, Chao Liao, Pinyan Lu and Lirong Xia, "Learning Plackett-Luce Mixtures from Partial Preferences", in *Proceedings of 33rd AAAI Conference* on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-19).
- Jun Wang, Sujoy Sikdar, Tyler Shepherd, Zhibing Zhao, Chunheng Jiang and Lirong Xia, "Practical Algorithms for STV and Ranked Pairs with Parallel Universes Tiebreaking", in *Proceedings of 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI-19).
- **Zhibing Zhao** Haoming Li, Junming Wang, Jeffrey Kephart, Nicholas Mattei, Hui Su, and Lirong Xia, "A Cost-Effective Framework for Preference Elicitation and Aggregation", in *Proceedings of the 34th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence* (UAI-18).
- Zhibing Zhao and Lirong Xia, "Composite Marginal Likelihood Methods for Random Utility Models", in *Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML-18).
- **Zhibing Zhao**, Tristan Villamil, and Lirong Xia, "Learning Mixtures of Random Utility Models", in *Proceedings of the 32nd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI-18).
- Zhibing Zhao, Peter Piech, and Lirong Xia, "Learning Mixtures of Plackett-Luce Models", in *Proceedings of the 33rd International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML-16).
- **Zhibing Zhao**, Peng Zhang, Jun-Hong Cui, and Shengli Zhou, "Life-Oriented Control of Tidal Power Generation", *OCEANS*, 2013.
- **Zhibing Zhao**, Yongdong Li, and Bo Dong, "Modeling and Control Strategy for Cascade Bi-directional DC/DC Converter in Microgrid", *IPEMC*, 2012.
- Mo Li, Jiansheng Yuan and Zhibing Zhao, "Low-Voltage SPD Coordination Analysis", APL, 2011.
- Taofeek Orekan, Zhibing Zhao, Peng Zhang, Jian Zhang, Shengli Zhou, and Jun-Hong Cui, "Maximum Lifecycle Tracking for Tidal Energy Generation System", Electric Power Components and Systems, 2015.
- Gengfeng Li, Peng Zhang, Peter B. Luh, Wenyuan Li, Zhaohong Bie, Camilo Serna, and Zhibing Zhao, "Risk Analysis for Distribution Systems in the Northeast U. S. Under Wind Storms", IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2014.

### Professional Service

Reviewer for ICML-2020, NeurIPS-2020, PC member for AAAI-19, 20, reviewed multiple papers for Journal of Machine Learning Research, Int. J. of Renewable Energy Technology, etc.