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## | About the Conference

Call for Papers: Special Session on Integrating Machine Learning Methods into Evolutionary Optimization

IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC) 2025, Hangzhou, China, June 8-12, 2025

### Overview and Scope

Evolutionary algorithms (EAs) have proven to be highly effective tools for tackling complex optimization challenges, particularly in scenarios where traditional methods struggle. Their flexibility makes them suitable for a wide range of applications, but their success often relies on fine-tuning parameters, selecting appropriate algorithms, and managing computational demands. The integration of machine learning (ML) techniques into EAs offers a promising approach to addressing these challenges and advancing the field of optimization.

This session aims to bring together researchers and practitioners to delve into the complementary strengths of evolutionary computation and

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machine learning. By incorporating ML techniques, EAs can dynamically adapt to different optimization tasks, enhancing their efficiency, robustness, and scalability. This integration facilitates innovations such as automated parameter adjustment, intelligent algorithm selection, surrogate modeling for expensive functions, and adaptive search strategies, opening the door to more efficient solutions for large-scale and real-world problems.

We welcome contributions that introduce novel methods, empirical validations, and theoretical insights, with a special emphasis on the role of ML in enhancing exploration-exploitation trade-offs and adaptability of evolutionary algorithms.

Topics of Interest:

Submissions are encouraged (but not limited to) the following topics:

Machine learning for dynamic parameter tuning in evolutionary algorithms

Automated algorithm/operator selection using ML techniques

Surrogate-assisted optimization for computationally expensive problems

Reinforcement learning and deep learning for guiding search strategies

Adaptive evolutionary approaches for large-scale or real-world optimization

Data-driven approaches to enhance exploration and exploitation balance

ML-driven hybridization of evolutionary algorithms with other optimization techniques

Empirical studies demonstrating ML-enhanced EAs  
on benchmark or industrial problems

#### Submission Guidelines:

All submissions must follow the general guidelines of the IEEE CEC 2025 Submission Website (<https://www.cec2025.org/>). Authors should explicitly mention that their paper is being submitted to the Special Session on Integrating Machine Learning Methods into Evolutionary Optimization. Accepted papers will be included in the CEC 2025 proceedings, published by IEEE Xplore.

#### Important Dates:

Paper Submission Deadline: January 15, 2025

Paper Acceptance Notification: March 15, 2025

Final Paper Submission and Early Registration  
Deadline: May 1, 2025

Conference Dates: June 8–12, 2025

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Research papers are invited in, but not limited to, the following areas:

Computer Science  
& Software  
Engineering

Uncategorized

Mathematics &  
Statistics

Artificial  
Intelligence &  
Machine Learning