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Research Interests Applied data analysis and modeling, machine learning, cognition, computational linguistics, dynamical systems

Education

2023–2024 **M1 Mathématiques et Applications**, Sorbonne Université, Paris
2019–2021 **B.Sc. Mathematics**, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles

Research

Jun 2025– **Co-Author**, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
Nov 2025 Co-authored a paper on the role of syllable structure in early language acquisition. Designed and implemented a data pipeline using the IPA–CHILDES database to analyze syllable composition and frequency across 31 languages.
Nov 2024– **Research Intern**, Laboratoire de Sciences Cognitives et Psycholinguistique (LSCP), ENS, Paris
May 2025 Designed an fMRI paradigm to investigate neural mechanisms of word processing. Conducted fMRI acquisition at NeuroSpin and developed preprocessing and analysis pipelines using Nilearn. Collaborated on training RNNs on phonetic data to simulate human word repetition.
Jul 2022– **Undergraduate Researcher**, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles
Aug 2022 Studied the effects of generalized alcohol use on memory recollection as part of a large-scale meta-analysis. Analyzed mitochondrial DNA using PCR and BLAST to study haplogroup distributions and migration patterns.

Preprints

- [1] K. J. Tey, S. Peperkamp, M. Cychosz, **A. Al-Azem**, and A. Cristia. *Towards a Scalar Approach to Syllable Complexity Classification for Predicting Cross-linguistic Variation in Vocal Development*. 2025.

Poster Presentations

- [2] **A. Al-Azem**, E. Chemla, M. Zhan, C. Pallier, and Y. Lakretz. “Mapping Single Word Processing Onto Brain Dynamics”. In: TBD.

Invited Talks

- [3] K. J. Tey and **A. Al-Azem**. “The Relationship Between Phonological Complexity and Canonical Proportion: Cross-linguistic Analysis of Naturalistic Recordings Using Automated Methods”. Invited research presentation at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA. Nov. 2025.

Teaching

Feb 2017– **Supplemental Instructor**, Riverside City College, Riverside
Jun 2017 Tutored students and held supplemental group classroom sessions in statistics.

Skills & Interests

Programming Python, C/C++, Git, pandas, pytorch, scikit-learn, SQL
Languages English (native), French (C1), Spanish (beginner)
Interests Climate Change, Languages, Hiking, Cooking

References

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