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**Interests** — Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Datasets, Competitions/Benchmarks, Software Engineering

## Skills

<b>Languages</b>	Python, Swift, Javascript, PHP	<b>Cloud</b>	GCP(Compute Engine, Cloud Storage)
<b>Machine Learning</b>	Data processing and analysis, Dataset preparation, Challenge Organization	<b>Web</b>	React, Django, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap
<b>ML Tools</b>	Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Numpy	<b>Databases</b>	MySQL, PostgreSQL, NoSQL, Firebase
		<b>Technical Writing</b>	Research/Project proposals, Technical reports, Conference papers
		<b>Other</b>	Docker, CircleCI, Git/GitHub, OpenCV, $\LaTeX$

## Experience

<b>ChaLearn U.S.A</b> <i>Research Software Engineer</i>	<b>Jan 2023 – Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Data:</b> Data analysis, preprocessing, formatting, visualization, and datasets curation.</li><li>– <b>Competitions and Benchmarks:</b> Competitions/benchmark design, metrics, leaderboards, tasks, evaluation, GitHub repository management, setting up competitions/benchmarks on open-sourced platforms (CodaLab and Codabench), and setting up compute workers on Google Cloud Platform. Creating competition bundles, starting kit Jupyter notebooks, and Google Colab notebooks. Creating Docker images for specific competition/benchmark needs.</li><li>– <b>Project Multitasking:</b> Managing concurrent and cross-disciplinary projects, managing deliverables, and meeting deadlines. Developing project websites for project visibility.</li><li>– <b>Solution Development:</b> Designing solutions using popular machine learning frameworks such as PyTorch, TensorFlow, and Scikit-learn. Writing Python code tailored to project needs, ensuring scalability and efficiency.</li><li>– <b>Platform Collaboration:</b> Collaborating with CodaLab to maintain their open-sourced platform by fixing reported issues, adding new features, and improving functionality based on user feedback.</li><li>– <b>Writing and Documentation:</b> Writing proposals, reports, and research papers. Preparing documentation for projects, competitions, and benchmarks to ensure clarity and accessibility.</li></ul>	
<b>Crédit Agricole SA, Paris France</b> <i>Data Science Intern (Data Analytics Team)</i>	<b>May 2022 – Oct 2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Fairness in Machine Learning and AutoML</li><li>– Bias detection and mitigation</li></ul>	
<b>LISN, Université Paris-Saclay, France</b> <i>Artificial Intelligence Intern</i>	<b>May 2021 – Aug 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Datasets preparation and ML Challenge Organization</li><li>– Transfer Learning, Meta-Learning, Computer Vision</li></ul>	
<b>Université Paris-Saclay, France</b> <i>Travail d'étude et de recherche</i>	<b>Jan 2021 – Feb 2021</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Data preprocessing</li><li>– Challenge Design and Organization</li></ul>	
<b>Codematics Inc, Abbottabad Pakistan</b> <i>Software Project Manager</i>	<b>Jan 2020 – Aug 2020</b>
<b>Codematics Inc, Abbottabad Pakistan</b> <i>Software Engineer</i>	<b>Jan 2019 – Dec 2019</b>
<b>Ocheng/Chinaccelerator, Shanghai China</b> <i>Software Engineer</i>	<b>May 2018 – Dec 2018</b>

## Education

<b>Master's in Artificial Intelligence</b> <i>Université Paris-Saclay, France</i> <i>Scholarship: Labex Digicosme Excellence Scholarship</i>	<b>Sep 2020 – Nov 2022</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering</b> <i>University of Engineering and Technology Peshawar, Pakistan</i> <i>CGPA: 3.70/4.0</i> <i>Award: University Gold Medal – Graduated with Distinction</i>	<b>Sep 2013 — Aug 2017</b>

### **Stylized Meta-Album: Multi-domain computer vision meta-dataset**

Submitted

*Journal of Data-centric Machine Learning Research*

<https://stylized-meta-album.github.io/>

### **RelevAI-Reviewer: A Benchmark on AI Reviewers for Survey Paper Relevance**

*Conférence sur l'Apprentissage automatique (CAp) 2024*

<https://hal.science/LISN/hal-04608255v1>

### **Meta-Album: Multi-domain Meta-Dataset for Few-Shot Image Classification**

*Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems Track on Datasets and Benchmarks (2022)*

<https://meta-album.github.io/>

### **Cross-Domain MetaDL: Any-Way Any-Shot Learning Competition with Novel Datasets from Practical Domains**

*NeurIPS 2022 Competition Track (2022)*

<https://metalearning.chalearn.org/#h.1u3w2mh9pbjf>

### **Lessons learned from the NeurIPS 2021 MetaDL challenge**

*PMLR - Proceedings of the NeurIPS 2021 Competition and Demonstration Track (2022)*

<https://proceedings.mlr.press/v176/el-baz22a.html>

### **MetaDL: Few Shot Learning Competition with Novel Datasets from Practical Domains**

*NeurIPS 2021 Competition Track (2021)*

<https://metalearning.chalearn.org/metadlneurips2021>

## Projects

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### **NeurIPS Checklist Assistant**

*An LLMs based checklist assistant for NeurIPS submissions*

<https://www.codabench.org/competitions/2338/>

<https://blog.neurips.cc/2024/05/07/soliciting-participants-for-the-neurips-2024-checklist-assistant-study/>

- This study explores the use of Large Language Models (LLMs) as an assistant to help authors verify their submissions against the NeurIPS Paper Checklist. The goal is to assess whether LLMs can improve submission quality at NeurIPS. Participants receive feedback from an experimental LLM assistant to check compliance with NeurIPS submission standards. The LLM provides detailed feedback on the checklist responses to help authors refine their papers before submission. While the tool offers valuable guidance, it is meant to complement, not replace, the author's judgment and expertise.

### **FAIR Universe**

*Unbiased Data Benchmark Ecosystem for Physics*

<https://fair-universe.lbl.gov/>

- The FAIR Universe project, funded by the US Department of Energy, is a collaboration between Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Université Paris-Saclay, University of Washington, and ChaLearn. The initiative aims to create a large-scale AI platform for hosting scientific datasets, models, and machine learning competitions to advance discoveries in high energy physics and cosmology. The project focuses on reducing systematic uncertainties in High Energy Physics through a series of challenges. Key events include a toy challenge (October 2023), a Particle Physics hackathon (November 2023), and the HiggsML Uncertainty Pilot Competition (March 2024). A major challenge on uncertainties in fundamental science is set to launch at NeurIPS 2024. The project is ongoing and will conclude in 2025.

### **Stylized Meta-Album**

*Multi-domain computer vision meta-dataset*

<https://stylized-meta-album.github.io/>

- The Stylized Meta-Album (SMA) is a new image classification meta-dataset featuring 24 datasets (12 content and 12 stylized) to support research in out-of-distribution (OOD) generalization and related areas. SMA combines diverse subjects and styles, creating 4800 groups that offer extensive variability for rigorous studies. It introduces benchmarks for OOD generalization and group fairness, as well as unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA), showing the importance of group diversity in fairness and algorithm rankings, while also reducing error bars in benchmarking scenarios.

### **Meta-Album**

*A meta-dataset for few-shot image classification*

<https://meta-album.github.io/>

- The Meta-Album is an image classification meta-dataset designed to support tasks such as few-shot learning, transfer learning, and meta-learning. It consists of 40 diverse open datasets from domains like ecology, manufacturing, human actions, and optical character recognition, each containing at least 20 classes with 40 examples per class. The datasets are uniformly preprocessed and available in three versions (Micro, Mini, Extended) to accommodate different computational needs. Meta-Album, already larger and more diverse than similar efforts, continues to expand through a series of competitions, creating a rolling benchmark for research.