Shahine Bouabid

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Education

PhD in Statistics — University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	2020 - 2024
MSc in Machine Learning (MVA) — ENS Paris-Saclay, Paris, France	2018 - 2019
MSc in Applied Mathematics — École Centrale Paris, Paris, France	2015 - 2019
Classes préparatoires — Lycée Saint-Louis, Paris, France	2013 - 2015

Research experiences

Postdoctoral Associate — MIT EAPS, Cambridge, Massachusetts	2024 - now
Visiting Researcher — CISPA, Saabrücken, Germany	2023
Visiting Researcher — University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain	2023

Grants and Fellowships

MIT Climate Grand Challenge Postdoctoral Research Grant	2024
Helmholtz Visiting Researcher Grant	2023
European Comission Marie-Skłodowska Curie Fellowship	2020

Publications

In review

C. Womack, G. Flierl, S. Bouabid, A. Souza, P. Giani, S. Eastham, N. Selin, A framework for assessing and understanding sources of error in Earth System Model emulation

M. Zhang, **S. Bouabid**, C.S. Ong, S. Flaxman, D. Sejdinovic, Indirect Query Bayesian Optimization with Integrated Feedback

Published / In press

- N. Mankovich, **S. Bouabid**, P. Nowack, D. Bassotto, G. Camps-Valls, Analyzing Climate Scenarios with Dynamic Mode Decomposition with Control, *Environmental Data Science*, **2025**
- **S. Bouabid**, D. Sejdinovic, D. Watson-Parris, FaIRGP: A Bayesian Energy Balance Model for Surface Temperature Emulation, *Journal of Advances in Modelling Earth Systems*, 2024
- A. Singh, S. L. Chau, **S. Bouabid**, K. Muandet, Domain Generalisation via Imprecise Learning, *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2024 (3% top submissions)
- **S. Bouabid**, D. Watson-Parris, S. Stefanovic, A. Nenes, D. Sejdinovic, Aerosol optical depth disaggregation: toward global aerosol vertical profiles, *Environmental Data Science*, 2024
- **S.** Bouabid*, J. Fawkes*, D. Sejdinovic, Returning the Favour: When Regression Benefits from Probabilistic Causal Knowledge, *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2023 (2.4% top submissions)

D. Watson-Parris, Y. Rao, D. Olivié, Ø. Seland, P. Nowack, G. Camps-Valls, P. Stier, S. Bouabid,..., ClimateBench v1. 0: A Benchmark for Data-Driven Climate Projections, Journal of Advances in Modelling Earth Systems, 2022

S. L. Chau*, S. Bouabid*, D. Sejdinovic, Deconditional Downscaling with Gaussian processes, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2021

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Contributed presentations	
2025	
Gordon Research Conference on Machine Learning for Actionable Climate Science Emulation of impact-relevant climate model outputs	Poster
2024	
MIT Center for Sustainability Science and Strategy Seminar Developing emulators with Gaussian processes	Talk
ICLR Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning Calibrating Earth System Models with Bayesian Optimal Experimental Design	Poster
EGU General Assembly Meeting Analyzing Climate Scenarios Using Dynamic Mode Decomposition with Control	Poster
2023	
EGU General Assembly Meeting Probabilistic climate emulation with physics-constrained Gaussian processes	Talk
International Conference on Machine Learning Returning the Favour : When Regression Benefits from Probabilistic Causal Knowledge	Talk
Helmholtz Center for Information Security Opportunities for Data-driven Modelling in Climate Science	Invited Talk
2022	
University College London Deconditional Downscaling with Gaussian processes	Invited Talk
NeurIPS Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning Bayesian inference for aerosol vertical profiles	Poster
iMiracli Summer School A simple Bayesian model to reconstruct aerosol vertical profiles	Talk
2021	
Neural Information Processing Systems Deconditional Downscaling with Gaussian processes	Poster
ICML Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning Reconstructing aerosol vertical profiles with aggregate output learning	Poster
2020	
NeurIPS Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning Predicting Landsat reflectance with deep generative fusion	Poster

Diversity & Outreach Efforts

Nechfate 2022-present

Co-founded Nechfate, the first online media that popularizes climate change, its impacts, and adaptation solutions in Morocco. Through short, illustrated, and data-driven articles, our goal is to inform readers about Morocco's challenges in terms of climate change, water & agriculture, and governance & society.

Oxford Stats Green Team 2022–2023

Assisted in developing guidelines for department members to assess and reduce their carbon footprints. Raised awareness about aviation-related carbon emissions, encouraging environmentally responsible actions.

European Researchers Night

2022

Organised an outreach session at the Stockholm Bolin Center to introduce high school students to the mechanisms of aerosol-cloud interactions and their significance for climate.

OxCSML Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee

2020-2022

Organised the department's first student-led EDI group, which aims to develop and sustain a diverse, inclusive, and equitable academic environment and community. Activities included organising student-only seminars, arranging accessible social events and setting up a safe feedback system for students.

Academic Service

Peer reviewer for Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems, Neural Information Processing Systems, Geophysical Research Letters, Geoscientific Model Development, Earth System Dynamics, Journal of Geophysical Research, Workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning

Teaching

Co-supervising Master research project Supervision of a Master's student studying Bayesian inference for climate sensitivity	2023-2024
Teaching Assistant: Applied Statistics, Computational Statistics, Applied Probability	2022
Tutor: Part A Statitics	2021-2022
Oxford StatML Center for Doctoral Training Organised an introductory workshop on automatic differentiation with PyTorch	2021

Professional experiences

Research Intern — Met Office, Exeter, UK	2023
Research Intern — Cervest, London, UK	2020
Research Intern — Deepomatic, Paris, France	2019
Data Science Intern — Jumia PTC, Porto, Portugal	2018

Computer and Language skills

Technical Skills Language

Python, Julia, Unix — Fully Proficient PyTorch, JAX, Xarray — Fully Proficient Java, R — Working Knowledge French, Arabic — Native Language English — Fully Proficient Spanish — Working Knowledge