# **Preface**

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This volume contains the Proceedings of the Twelfth Symposium on Conformal and Probabilistic Prediction with Applications (COPA 2023), organised by Frederick University, Cyprus. The Symposium is held in Limassol on September 13–15, 2023.

Overall, 33 full papers and 7 extended abstracts have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of Machine Learning Research. The papers are divided into 7 groups:

- **Applications**, 10 papers and 3 extended abstracts;
  - Conformal Regression in Calorie Prediction for Team Jumbo-Visma by Kristian van Kuijk, Mark Dirksen and Christof Seiler.
  - Applying the conformal prediction paradigm for the uncertainty quantification of an end-to-end automatic speech recognition model (wav2vec 2.0) by Fares Ernez, Alexandre Arnold, Audrey Galametz, Catherine Kobus and Nawal Ould-Amer.
  - Confident Object Detection via Conformal Prediction and Conformal Risk Control: an Application to Railway Signaling by Léo Andéol, Thomas Fel, Florence de Grancey and Luca Mossina.
  - Enterprise Disk Drive Scrubbing Based on Mondrian Conformal Predictors by Rahul Vishwakarma, Jinha Hwang, Soundouss Messoudi and Ava Hedayatipour.
  - An Uncertainty-Aware Sequential Approach for Predicting Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy in Breast Cancer by Alberto García-Galindo, Marcos López-De-Castro and Rubén Armañanzas.
  - Market Implied Conformal Volatility Intervals by Alejandro Canete.
  - Evaluation of conformal-based probabilistic forecasting methods for short-term wind speed forecasting by Simon Althoff, Johan Hallberg Szabadváry, Jonathan Anderson and Lars Carlsson.
  - Evaluating potential sensitive information leaks on a smartphone using the magnetometer and Conformal Prediction by Robert Choudhury, Zhiyuan Luo and Khuong An Nguyen.

- Neural Networks based Conformal Prediction for Pipeline Structural Response by Sara El Mekkaoui, Carla J Ferreira, Juan Camilo Guevara Gómez, Christian Agrell, Nicholas James Vaughan and Hans Olav Heggen.
- Applications of Conformal Regression on Real-world Industrial Use Cases using Crepes and MAPIE by Nasir Uddin and Tuwe Löfström.
- Online NoVaS Conformal Volatility Prediction by Alejandro Canete.
- Capturing prediction uncertainty in upstream cell culture models using conformal prediction and Gaussian processes by Tien Dung Pham, Uwe Aickelin and Robert Bassett.
- Variable Sparing of Disk Drives Based on Failure Analysis by Rahul Vishwakarma,
   Mahshid Fardadi and Bing Liu.
- New adaptations, 8 papers and 1 extended abstract;
  - Recommendation Systems with Distribution-Free Reliability Guarantees by Anastasios N. Angelopoulos, Karl Krauth, Stephen Bates, Yixin Wang and Michael I. Jordan.
  - Data-driven Reachability using Christoffel Functions and Conformal Prediction by Abdelmouaiz Tebjou, Goran Frehse and Faïcel Chamroukhi.
  - Conformal Credal Self-Supervised Learning by Julian Lienen, Caglar Demir and Eyke Hüllermeier.
  - Self Learning using Venn-Abers predictors by Côme Rodriguez, Vitor Martin Bordini, Sebastien Destercke and Benjamin Quost.
  - Conformal Prediction with Partially Labeled Data by Alireza Javanmardi, Yusuf Sale, Paul Hofman and Eyke Hüllermeier.
  - Conformal Association Rule Mining (CARM): A novel technique for data error detection and probabilistic correction by Ilia Nouretdinov and James Gammerman.
  - Anomalous Edge Detection in Edge Exchangeable Social Network Models by Rui Luo, Buddhika Nettasinghe and Vikram Krishnamurthy.
  - Conformalized Adversarial Attack Detection for Graph Neural Networks by Sofiane Ennadir, Amr Alkhatib, Henrik Boström and Michalis Vazirgiannis.
  - Efficient Approximate Predictive Inference Under Feedback Covariate Shift with Influence Functions by Drew Prinster, Suchi Saria and Angi Liu.
- Hypothesis Testing and Anomaly/Adversarial Detection, 2 papers and 1 extended abstract;
  - A Conformal Martingales Ensemble Approach for addressing Concept Drift by Charalambos Eliades and Harris Papadopoulos.
  - The power of forgetting in statistical hypothesis testing by Vladimir Vovk.
  - The Venn-ABERS Testing for Change-Point Detection by Ilia Nouretdinov and Alex Gammerman.

## • Regression, 5 papers;

- A Review of Nonconformity Measures for Conformal Prediction in Regression by Yuko Kato, David M.J. Tax and Marco Loog.
- On training locally adaptive CP by Nicolo Colombo.
- Mondrian Predictive Systems for Censored Data by Henrik Boström, Henrik Linusson and Anders Vesterberg.
- Evaluating Machine Translation Quality with Conformal Predictive Distributions by Patrizio Giovannotti.
- Online aggregation of conformal predictive systems by Vladimir G. Trunov and Vladimir V. V'yugin.

## • Explainability, 2 papers and 1 extended abstract;

- Approximating Score-based Explanation Techniques Using Conformal Regression by Amr Alkhatib, Henrik Boström, Sofiane Ennadir and Ulf Johansson.
- Investigating the Contribution of Privileged Information in Knowledge Transfer LUPI by Explainable Machine Learning by Niharika Gauraha and Henrik Boström.
- CONFIDERAI: CONFormal Interpretable-by-Design score function for Explainable and Reliable Artificial Intelligence by Sara Narteni, Alberto Carlevaro, Fabrizio Dabbene, Marco Muselli and Maurizio Mongelli.

### • Classification, 3 papers and 1 extended abstract;

- Multi-label Classification under Uncertainty: A Tree-based Conformal Prediction Approach by Chhavi Tyagi and Wenge Guo.
- Confidence Classifiers with Guaranteed Accuracy or Precision by Ulf Johansson,
   Cecilia Sönströd, Tuwe Löfström and Henrik Boström.
- Coverage vs Acceptance-Error Curves for Conformal Classification Models by Evgueni Smirnov.
- How do the performance of a Conformal Predictor and its underlying algorithm relate? by Giovanni Cherubin.

### • Implementations / Libraries, 3 papers;

- Flexible and Systematic Uncertainty Estimation with Conformal Prediction via the MAPIE library by Thibault Cordier, Vincent Blot, Louis Lacombe, Thomas Morzadec, Arnaud Capitaine and Nicolas Brunel.
- PUNCC: a Python Library for Predictive Uncertainty Calibration and Conformalization by Mouhcine Mendil, Luca Mossina and David Vigouroux.
- Tutorial on using Conformal Predictive Systems in KNIME by Tuwe Löfström, Alexander Bondaletov, Artem Ryasik, Henrik Boström and Ulf Johansson.

The Symposium includes one tutorial and two keynote presentations:

#### • Tutorial

- Conformal Prediction Under Distribution-Shift by Anastasios Angelopoulos, University of California, Berkeley, USA.

### • Keynote presentations

- Recommendation Systems in Scholarly Publishing by Yannis Manolopoulos, Open University of Cyprus, Cyprus.
- Conformal prediction is robust to label noise by Yaniv Romano, Israel Institute of Technology, Israel.

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