Breakout Session 3: Track A

Beyond Class Balance: Dataset Diversity and Model Performance in Deep-Learning Classification Tasks

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- Our starting hypothesis is that diversity contributes to quality independently of class balance (and of dataset size)



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- Use linear regression to measure how much variation in model performance is explained by different sets of diversity indices.



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Thank you for attending my talk!

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