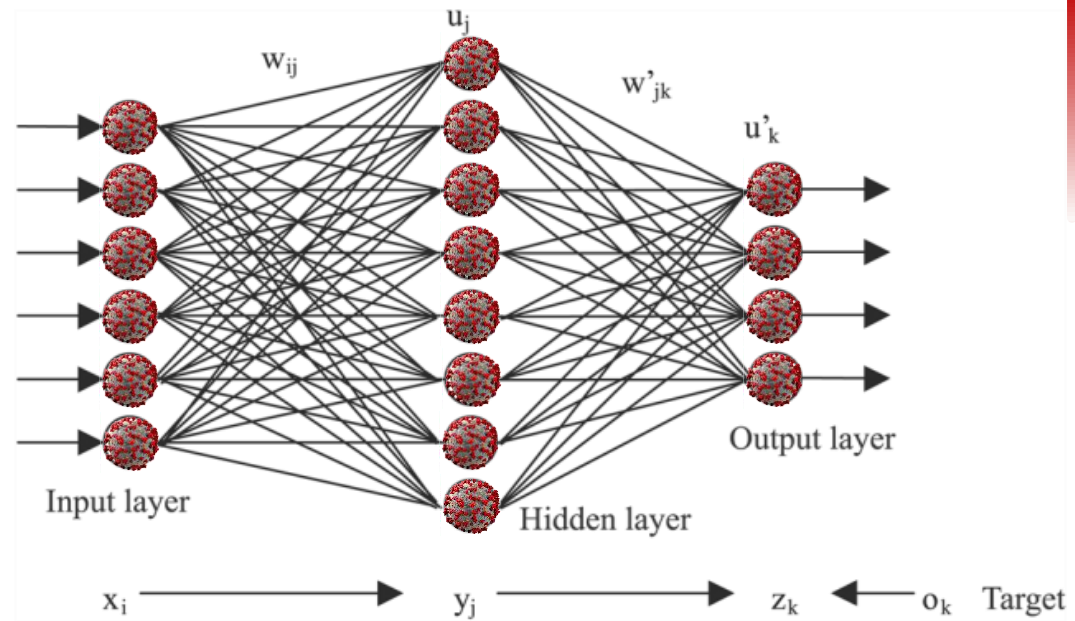


# Chemical Engineering 4H03

## Covid-19 Edition

Jake Nease  
McMaster University



# First Things First...

- I would appreciate you letting me know of:
  - Any **errors** you find in the course notes, assignments, tests, *etc.*
  - Any suggestions you have to improve the course
  - *This is especially true for our second-ever offering of 4H!*
- Either of these can be done by writing to:
  - neasej@mcmaster.ca
  - che4h3instructor@gmail.com
- Anonymous comments and suggestions can be made on our Google Survey – [4H03 Course Feedback](#)



# Credits

- A great deal of this course content is derived from a certain graduate course I have taken and Kevin Dunn's class materials
  - ConnectMV is the name of his company
  - *Portions of this work are copyright of ConnectMV*
  - You may remember Mr. Dunn's material (:3) from MATLS 3J03
- There are others to thank, too
  - Your TAs, who are working on new content
  - Dr. Brandon Corbett
  - Many more!



# Hiya. This is me.

- Graduated ChE & Mgmt in 2011
- Went from MASc to PhD in 2013
- Have a fair amount of teaching experience
  - ChE 4E03, 4N04, 2/3E04, 3G04, 4G03, 4H03, ENG 1C03, IBEHS 4A03
- I am always happy to meet
  - Make an appointment at [neasej@mcmaster.ca](mailto:neasej@mcmaster.ca)
  - I can be reached at **905-599-3165** or **x27337**
  - Fire me a **teams message** too if you prefer – we can video chat!
  - **I am also the undergrad chair** for chem eng!
- Office is BSB/B105... If my door is open, you are welcome to come in
  - I guess this is for future years...?
  - This invitation extends beyond 4H03, if you need!



# Teaching Assistants

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- Currently a PhD student with Dr. Khan
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- Currently doing a PhD with Drs. Mahalec and Mhaskar
  - Improving control strategies for ethylene splitters using machine learning tools



# Some Procedural Advice

- Read the course outline **carefully**
  - There is a significant amount of information there
  - The TAs and I will answer emails promptly
- If you have **questions**:
  - Email the TAs with me CCd
  - If we can't answer your question, we will set up a meeting as soon as possible
- Please email from your McMaster email address
  - Moreover, please use the **che4h3instructor** address if possible



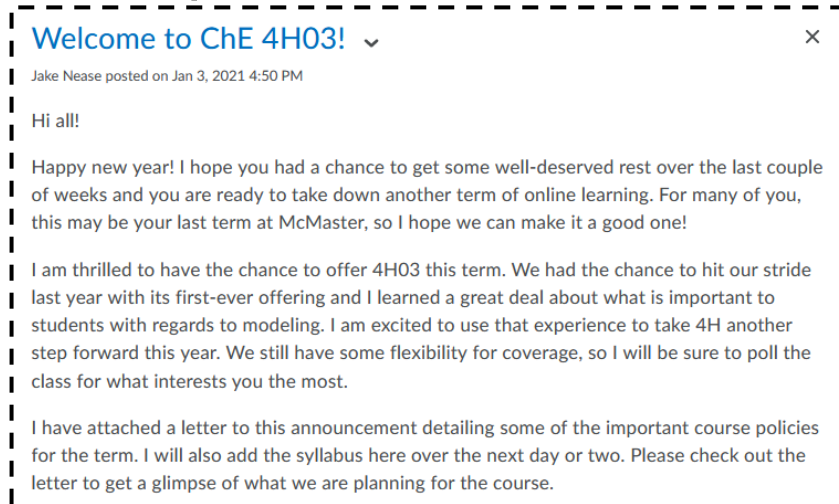
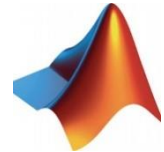
# References and Readings

- Tons of resources will be posted on A2L – You are encouraged to consult them at your leisure and bring to class whatever you wish
- Examples of course reading materials include:
  - Old slides from ConnectMV
  - Tons of data sets
  - Hyperlinks to software downloads
  - Software tutorials and guides
  - Computation guides and lessons
- There is no textbook for this course
  - Any machine learning textbook will do
  - Course notes will have sufficient information and references



# Software Tools and Website

- This course will use several **tools** for modeling
  - **MATLAB** – Language for scientific computing
    - Used for PCA/PLS and ANNs
  - **EXCEL** – Critical for data manipulation, visualization
  - **OTHERS** – You may CHOOSE some languages
- This course will use Avenue to Learn for announcements, posts, *etc.*



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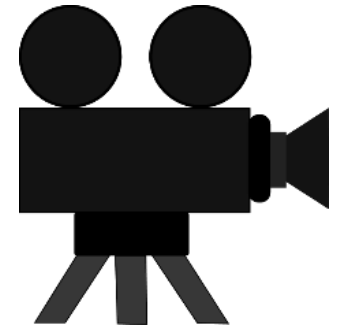
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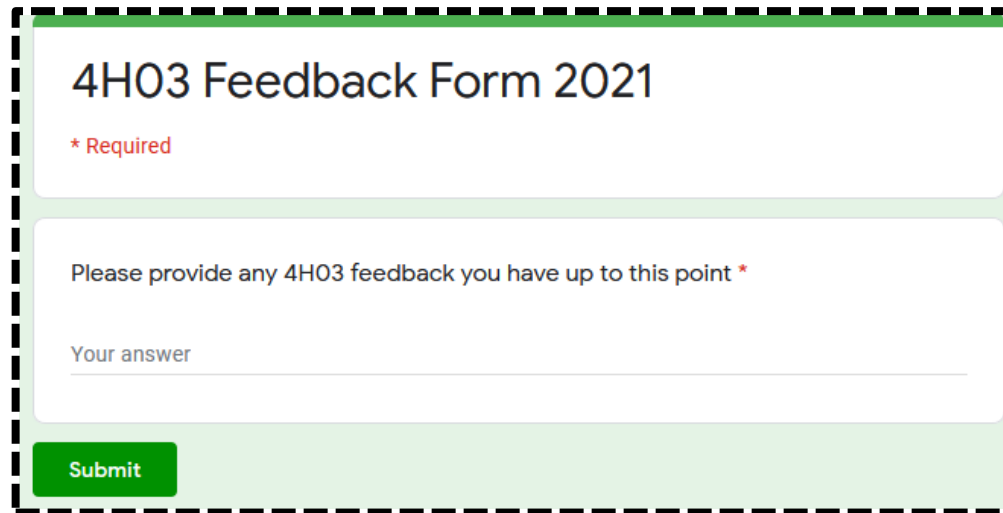
# Recordings

- I will record all classes on video
  - Could be useful if you miss class
  - **No guarantees** on quality
  - Usually available **by the end of the week**
  - All recordings will be posted in the content section on A2L as YouTube links
  - The built-in MS Teams capture software will be used. Your comments in the chat thread will not be recorded
- Please do not use these videos in order to skip class!



# Feedback and Comments

- Comments and feedback are always welcome
  - DO NOT wait for course evaluations!
  - Early suggestions are more important to you and I
  - Feel free to shoot me an email
  - Anonymous comments can be made via [this online survey](#)

A screenshot of a web form titled "4H03 Feedback Form 2021". The form has a light green header and footer. The main content area is white. It contains a red asterisk followed by the word "Required". Below this is a text input field with the placeholder text "Your answer". At the bottom left of the form is a green "Submit" button. The entire form is enclosed in a dashed black border.

4H03 Feedback Form 2021

\* Required

Please provide any 4H03 feedback you have up to this point \*

Your answer

Submit



# Course Snapshot

What did I get myself into?

# Scientific Computing

- According to Wikipedia:
  - Scientific computing is the field of study concerned with **constructing mathematical models**, quantitative **analysis techniques** and **using computers** to analyse and solve scientific problems
- **Applications of Scientific Computing**
  - Numerical simulations
    - Reconstruct (and *understand*) known events
    - *Predict* future or unobserved situations
  - **Model fitting and data analysis**
    - Appropriately tune models and equations to reflect reality or physical observations
  - Optimization
    - Do things the best way possible (cheapest, fastest, easiest, *etc*)



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# Learning Objectives



- Demonstrate the concept of identifying the **best model** to explain a data set
- Fit and compute model parameters for principal component analysis (PCA) and partial-least squares (PLS)
- Compare the trade-offs between model **accuracy** and **computational effort**
- Demonstrate the ability to identify if a model is over- or under-fit using statistical significance metrics
- Visualize large data sets to identify trends and key observations
- Provide context to a data set so that a lay-person could understand the key conclusions
- Demonstrate a core understanding of the fundamental background theory behind various big-data driven models and artificial intelligence methods
- Identify **misleading results**, apply appropriate analyses to **judge their accuracy** or applicability, and suggest more appropriate alternatives



# Grading

- So, we have the ability to be creative here
- Let's check out some options...

| Weight | Component       | Comments |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| ???%   | Assignments     | ???      |
| ???%   | Midterm Test(s) | ???      |
| ???%   | Course Project  | ???      |
| ???%   | Final Exam      | ???      |
| ???%   | Participation   | ???      |



# Grading Option 1: The *Classic*

- Feels like a warm hug from an old friend

| Weight | Component              | Comments   |
|--------|------------------------|--|
| 25%    | <b>Assignments</b>     | 5 Assignments at 5% each. Probably EOW and one for each major topic.               |
| 25%    | <b>Midterm Test(s)</b> | Two tests at 12.5% each, also focusing on major topics in the course.              |
| 20%    | <b>Course Project</b>  | One project done in groups, applying course concepts to a data set of your choice. |
| 30%    | <b>Final Exam</b>      | A final exam scheduled by the Registrar accounting for whatever is left.           |
| 0%     | <b>Participation</b>   | Better for those of us that do not want to come to class.                          |



# Grading Option 2: The *Graduate*

- Graduate classes are fun
- More self-directed and research, less testing

| Weight | Component              | Comments   |
|--------|------------------------|--|
| 15%    | <b>Assignments</b>     | 1-2% each, and just participation-based.   |
| 0%     | <b>Midterm Test(s)</b> | We'll skip the tests. Who likes tests?   |
| 40%    | <b>Course Projects</b> | Two projects – each on one method presented in each “half” of the course.  |
| 30%    | <b>Final Exam</b>      | A final take-home problem set.   |
| 15%    | <b>Participation*</b>  | <b>Friday presentations.</b> Randomly generated groups will give 10-minute paper reviews three times. Includes peer evals. |

\*This may require some scheduling wizardry for those of us on co-op





# Grading Option 3: The *Minnick*

- My office neighbour is Matt Minnick.
- Matt Minnick likes weekly tests.

| Weight | Component              | Comments   |
|--------|------------------------|--|
| 0%     | <b>Assignments</b>     | Not going to be used in this scheme.   |
| 60%    | <b>Midterm Test(s)</b> | Six tests written approximately biweekly. 10% each.                                |
| 20%    | <b>Course Project</b>  | One project done in groups, applying course concepts to a data set of your choice. |
| 20%    | <b>Final Exam</b>      | A final take-home problem set.   |
| 0%     | <b>Participation</b>   | Better for those of us that do not want to come to class.                          |



# Grading Option 4 – Open to Suggestions

- Feel free to email me a concoction of your own
- **We must decide this by the end of the first week**

| Weight | Component       | Comments |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| ???%   | Assignments     | ???      |
| ???%   | Midterm Test(s) | ???      |
| ???%   | Course Project  | ???      |
| ???%   | Final Exam      | ???      |
| ???%   | Participation   | ???      |



# Class Structure

- Weekly lecture structure will largely depend on grading scheme chosen
  - Either way, will likely include some [light] readings
- This course will primarily use .ppt slides
  - Depending on resources chosen, we might mix thing up
- Please **be ready to participate** whenever possible
  - We may do some in-class demos
  - Following along is not mandatory, but will likely be useful



# Project

- The ONLY thing that is necessary in the grading scheme is a term-long project
  - A great way to develop application skills!
  - Project will be done in groups
  - Auditing students encouraged to participate
- Some important notes (details to follow)
  - Proposal due mid-Feb
  - Presentations toward end of term
    - TBD optimally based on your schedules
  - Reports due on the last day of class
    - 12 pages MAX



# Tests and Examinations

- MIDTERMS will be **take-home problems**
  - I will NOT use proctoring software
  - Coverage depends on grading scheme chosen
  - Likely will have 2-3 days to complete a short set of problems individually
- FINAL EXAM will be released in **April**
  - Coverage depends on grading scheme
  - Will also be take-home problems
- Midterm(s) and final:
  - By virtue of online learning, all tests will be “open everything”
  - Caveat: I could ask you to use software to generate plots, gather data, *etc.*



# Tentative Course Schedule

| Week           | Anticipated Topics                                      | Anticipated Module Content (subject to change)   |
|----------------|---|--|
| <b>Week 01</b> | Course Overview<br>Review of Modeling<br>Core Concepts  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course overview</li><li>• Basic stats review</li><li>• Sampling methods</li><li>• Language and lingo</li><li>• Visualizing data</li></ul>  |
| <b>Week 02</b> | Multivariate Regression<br>Basis Function<br>Regression | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of SSE optimization</li><li>• Goodness of fit</li><li>• Training/testing sets</li><li>• Weakness: dependent sets of data</li></ul>  |
| <b>Week 03</b> | Dimension Reduction<br>(Latent Variable<br>Methods)     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principal Component Analysis (PCA)</li><li>• Purposes of PCA</li><li>• Defining loadings, scores, and visualization</li></ul>  |
| <b>Week 04</b> | Dimension Reduction<br>(Latent Variable<br>Methods)     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCA derivation and the NIPALS algorithm</li><li>• Interpreting scores</li><li>• Application: Sports data mining</li><li>• Application: Soft sensors and equipment health</li></ul> |



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| Week           | Anticipated Topics                                  | Anticipated Module Content (subject to change)   |
|----------------|---|--|
| <b>Week 05</b> | Dimension Reduction<br>(Latent Variable<br>Methods) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projection of Latent Structures (PLS)</li><li>• Modeling with PLS</li><li>• Application: Spectral data</li></ul>                             |
| <b>Week 06</b> | Data Clustering                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K-Means Clustering (algorithm and interpretation)</li><li>• Integrated clustering and visualization in the reduced-dimension space</li></ul> |
| <b>RW</b>      | Reading Week  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggested Reading: "Infinite Jest" by David Foster Wallace.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Week 07</b> | Data Clustering                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expectation Maximization Clustering</li><li>• Support vector machines</li></ul>  |
| <b>Week 08</b> | Machine Learning Tools                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background and core concepts</li><li>• Supervised learning (AKA regression!)</li></ul>   |



# Tentative Course Schedule

| Week           | Anticipated Topics     | Anticipated Module Content (subject to change)   |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>Week 09</b> | Machine Learning Tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Artificial Neural Networks</li><li>• Single-layer networks</li><li>• Basis functions</li></ul>   |
| <b>Week 10</b> | Machine Learning Tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-layered networks</li><li>• Examples and analysis</li></ul>                                 |
| <b>Week 11</b> | Machine Learning Tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support Vector Machines for categorization</li><li>• Predicting sample classifications</li></ul> |
| <b>Week 12</b> | Boolean Decisions      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decision Trees</li><li>• Random Forests</li></ul>  |





# Interesting Data

- Millau Viaduct: connects Paris and Barcelona



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# Interesting Data

- Millau Viaduct: connects Paris and Barcelona
  - Pylons, masts, deck *etc.* all equipped with accelerometers, inclinometers, temperature sensors...
  - Detect movement at the  $\mu\text{m}$  level and detect for oscillations, stresses, strains...
  - Additional sensors gather traffic, weight
  - *Machine learning* allows it to interpret up to 14 different types of vehicles





# Interesting Data

- Formula 1 Race Cars
  - Data collected and interpreted by Intel®



<https://www.intel.co.uk/content/www/uk/en/it-management/cloud-analytic-hub/big-data-powers-f1.html>



# Interesting Data

- Formula 1 Race Cars
  - Cars can contain 100-200 sensors
  - 2 GB of data transmitted wirelessly per lap
  - 3 TB data transmitted over a race (some data stored locally)
  - Can help diagnose problems before they arise (soft sensor)
  - Pit team can advise driving strategies based on data
- SPORTS data is actually huge
  - I mean, *Moneyball* was an epic movie



# Interesting Data

- Chemical plants
  - TONS of (redundant!) sensors in chemical plants
  - Classics:
    - Pressures
    - Temperatures
    - Flows
  - New-Age:
    - Cameras
    - Acoustics (Hassan can tell you about this!)
    - Spectral data
- Facial recognition
  - Home monitoring, device security...



# Interesting Data

- Financial data
  - Predicting loan default probabilities
  - Mortgage stress-tests
  - Machine learning and decision trees applied to loan approval
- User scores
  - NETFLIX actually released data in 2011 for users to develop a learning recommendation platform
  - Was abandoned due to privacy concerns (obviously)
- [Kaggle.com](https://www.kaggle.com) is FULL of amazing data sets
  - Could be good for your course project



# Interesting Data – Previous Projects

- X-Ray and medical imagery
  - Predicting age and gender of children age 2-10 based on bone structure of hands using convolutional neural nets
  - Using MRI data on breast cancer images to identify malignant and benign tumors
- Sports data
  - Determining the “composition” of a winning NBA team using PCA and PLS
- Demographic and weather data
  - Relating demographic data to student performance
  - Modeling dispersion of pollutants based on weather patterns





# Final Words

- I am really excited for 4H03!
- Hopefully you will find this course **informative, useful, and interesting**
  - I am anticipating a great learning experience with you

