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Links: Portfolio Website | LinkedIn | GitHub | Medium page

SKILLS

- Neuroimaging Data (Collection, Formatting, Preprocessing, & Advanced Analysis): MRI, fMRI, fNIRS, & EEG
- Programming/Tech Stack: Linux, Python, SQL, SPSS, R, MATLAB, HTML & CSS, BASH, and VSCode
- Machine Learning: TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, supervised/unsupervised learning, convolutional neural networks, feature engineering, model optimization, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), & MLOps with Azure
- **Research Methodology:** quantitative & qualitative statistical analysis, project planning and execution, problem-solving and troubleshooting, & data manipulation, interpretation, and visualization (pandas, seaborn, matplotlib)

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario

Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2024

Ontario, Canada

Master of Science (M.Sc.) - Cognitive, Developmental and Brain Sciences (cGPA: 4.0)

London, ON, Canada

- Thesis title: "Machine Learning for Prognosis of Acute Brain-Injured Patients in the ICU Using EEG Complexity Analysis and Naturalistic Narrative Stimuli"
- Supervisors: Dr. Adrian Owen & Dr. Derek Debicki

King's University College

Sept. 2018 – Apr. 2022

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Honours Specialization in Psychology (cGPA: 3.7)

London, ON, Canada

- Thesis title: "Cortical Function of Super Refractory Status Epilepticus: An fMRI Case Study"
- Supervisor: Dr. Loretta Norton

PROJECTS

Automated MRI Image Segmentation of Mouse Organs | Link | TensorFlow, Pytorch, Keras Dec. 2023 – Jan. 2024

- <u>Automated Segmentation:</u> Developed a highly efficient pipeline for measuring mouse bladder and kidney volume from MRI images, cutting manual processing time from months to minutes while maintaining high accuracy.
- <u>Deep Learning Model Development:</u> Built a custom U-Net convolutional neural network with a multi-step encoder-decoder architecture, and applied image augmentation to enhance model robustness.
- Cancer Research Impact: Enabled faster, more reliable assessment of cancer growth in preclinical studies.

EEG Complexity for Prognosis of ICU Patients | Link | Python, sklearn, feature engineering | Oct. 2022 – Aug. 2024

• <u>Prognostic Modelling:</u> Used features extracted from EEG brain signals and complexity algorithms to train classification models that predicted clinical outcomes of ICU coma patients with 80% accuracy.

Simultaneous fNIRS-EEG for Estimating Patient HRF | Link | TensorFlow, Optimization Sep. 2022 – Oct. 2022

• <u>Innovative Brain Signal Detection</u>: Awarded a Provincial Scholarship for proposing a method that simultaneously integrates EEG and fNIRS data to improve sensitivity in detecting brain activity in ICU patients. This approach considers crucial underlying physiological mechanisms by estimating a patient's hemodynamic response function (HRF) using a gradient descent-based search algorithm that optimizes the correlation between fNIRS and EEG data.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Researcher - LHSC/Center for Brain & Mind, London, ON, Canada

Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2024

- Collected, organized, and analyzed EEG, fNIRS, and fMRI data to study neural activity in critical care settings.
- Developed and implemented an end-to-end ML pipeline for neuroimaging data to improve prognostic accuracy.

Teaching Assistant – University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada

Sept. 2022 – May. 2024

• Independently led tutorials for courses such as Research Methods 2801, instructing students to work with data, conduct and test hypotheses, and visualize and interpret data effectively.

Data Analyst – The Owen Lab, London, ON, Canada

Oct. 2021 – Aug. 2022

• Preprocessed and analyzed large datasets, applying advanced techniques for noise reduction, artifact removal, signal enhancement, statistical testing, data visualization, feature extraction, and dimensionality reduction.

Advanced Repair Agent – Best Buy, London, ON, Canada

Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2021

• Diagnosed and resolved client computer issues, maintained detailed records, and trained customers on hardware/software usage.

Team Lead – Kognitive Sales Solutions, Windsor, ON, Canada

Mar. 2018 - Jan. 2020

- Led a top-performing sales team, boosting product visibility and customer engagement during promotional events.
- Initially hired as a Field Marketing Representative, exceeded sales targets, and was promoted to Team Lead.

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