

# AARON LI

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Data Engineer

Apr. 2025 – Present

*Sun Life*

*Waterloo, ON*

- Own and scale **4** data pipelines for Finance CoE using Python and Spark on AWS, automating CI/CD with Terraform and Jenkins, delivering insights to Tableau dashboards used by **10+** finance teams, including executive leadership
- Redesign data models and built a universal monitoring framework, improving reliability across production pipelines, cutting incident response time by **50%**, and reducing compute costs by **30%**
- Researched and introduced Apache Iceberg and expanding change data capture (CDC) adoption, driving greater capabilities in lineage visibility and analytical flexibility across enterprise datasets

### Data Engineer

July 2023 – Mar. 2025

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*Toronto, ON*

- Developed **3** Spark-based ETL pipelines orchestrated with Airflow, optimizing data architecture to reduce compute time by **92%** and saving **\$220K** annually while processing **500M+** daily rows from MSSQL and Oracle to BigQuery
- Replatformed **80+** datasets and refactored **70+** legacy scripts to GCP using Python and SQL, reducing storage by **2.5 TB** and improving maintainability and query speed
- Reduced data transfer times by **90%** through modular redesign of 25+ scripts, coordinating cross-functional development across **4** data teams to standardize and optimize data exchange between Teradata/SAS and GCP

### Software Engineering Intern

May 2021 – Aug. 2022

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*Markham, ON*

- Developed **near real-time** executive Power BI dashboards, reducing data refresh time by **87.5%**, by implementing end-to-end data pipelines with Python, SQL, and APIs, and optimizing data flow and architecture
- Designed **5** automated software systems, reducing cycle time across **11** assembly lines by **65%**, using Python, C#, APIs, and PLCs

## EDUCATION

### Master of Engineering, Data Analytics and Machine Learning

Sept. 2025 - Present

*University of Toronto*

*Toronto, ON*

### Bachelor of Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering

Sept. 2018 – June 2023

*McMaster University*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Honours: *Summa cum laude* (cGPA: 3.74/4.00)

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

### Amazon Web Services (AWS) Certified Data Engineer - Associate

Aug. 2024 – Aug. 2027

### Google Cloud (GCP) Professional Data Engineer

July 2024 – July 2026

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Machine Learning Research Assistant

Apr. 2024 – Apr. 2025

*McMaster University*

*Hamilton, ON*

- Increased scheduling efficiency for high-performance systems, conducting literature reviews, analyzing **11M+** rows from Parquet files, and developing neural networks with Python, pandas, scikit-learn, and TensorFlow

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Languages & Frameworks:

Python, SQL, MSSQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, R, Matlab, C/C#, Bash, PowerShell

### Cloud & Big Data Platforms:

AWS (Glue, Lambda, S3, EC2), GCP (BigQuery, Dataproc), Spark, Hadoop, Trino

### Data Modeling & Orchestration:

Schema Design, OLAP, Data Warehousing, dbt, Airflow, Terraform, Jenkins

### Visualization & Monitoring:

Tableau, Power BI, Looker, Data Lineage, Monitoring & Alerting Frameworks

### DevOps & Infrastructure:

Git, Bitbucket, Jira, Confluence