

Vangelis Kourlitis PhD

Data Science | Technical Leadership | ex-CERN

PROFILE

Data scientist and software developer with 10 years experience in various technical projects and leadership positions at CERN. Specialized in developing scalable pipelines in big data analytics and machine learning domains, with a proven track record of optimizing workflows and delivering impactful solutions. Skilled leader with extensive experience mentoring teams, managing R&D projects and authoring and reviewing technical reports. Now seeking to transition into deep tech industry to apply advanced technical expertise to commercial challenges.

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SKILLS

Advanced

Python • C++ • Git

Intermediate

Unix

Novice

Docker • GCP • AWS • SQL • CUDA

EDUCATION

ATHENA RESEARCH CENTER

Athens Natural Language

Processing Summer School

2024 | Athens, GR

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH

Scientific Project Management

2024 | Munich, DE

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

PhD in Physics

2015 - 2019 | Sheffield, UK

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

B.Sc. in Physics

2009 - 2015 | Thessaloniki, GR

EXPERIENCE

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH & CERN | Geneva, CH Analysis Model Group Coordinator

Oct 2023 - Dec 2024

- Managed a geographically distributed 120-member group overseeing data analysis software (~1M LOC) and data formats ensuring project milestones alignment with organizational goals.
- Drove the adoption of a lightweight data format ahead of schedule, offering 3x reduction in data storage costs.
- Rolled out streamlined software configuration paradigm, reducing onboarding time from weeks to hours.
- Planned and mentored multiple early-career developers projects, delivering innovative software products in data engineering on time and fostering professional growth.

Data Science Researcher

Mar 2023 - Sept 2023

- Awarded €40k grant to lead a 10-member team to modernize legacy C++ data analysis tools with scalable array-based implementations, achieving 4x higher throughput and aligning with industry data science standards.

Python libraries: Awkward, Dask, Numba, CuPy

ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY | Chicago, US

Data Science Researcher

Nov 2019 - Feb 2023

- Led a team of 7 researchers in applying advanced analysis algorithms and ML for complex data classification, increasing experimental reach by 12%.
- Developed 3D CNN computer vision model to restore fast but low-accuracy sensor images and accelerate Monte Carlo radiation simulations by up to 20%, enabling more efficient simulations for research and industrial applications.
- Benchmarked novel accelerator SambaNova RDU against NVIDIA A100 GPUs on a variational autoencoder for anomaly detection, achieving a 10x increase in training throughput.
- Facilitated collaboration among 10 international teams by establishing FAIR principles for AI models and documenting standardized methodologies for robust and explainable AI-driven results.

Python libraries: PyTorch, TensorFlow, MLflow, Ray, PySpark

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD | Sheffield, UK

Doctoral Researcher

Nov 2015 - Oct 2019

- Authored the first technical report at CERN to publicly release a complete statistical model, setting a precedent for reinterpretation and transparency in the field.
- Developed and maintained C++ data analysis software for high-throughput computations across the full development lifecycle.
- Taught Python programming, scientific computing and ML fundamentals to MSc students through hands-on lab sessions.

Python libraries: NumPy, pandas, SciPy, scikit-learn