

Vangelis Kourlitis PhD

Data Scientist | ex-CERN

PROFILE

Data scientist and software developer with 10 years of experience in various technical projects and leadership positions within the ATLAS Experiment 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, presenting complex results to diverse audiences, and authoring and reviewing technical reports. Now seeking to transition into industry to apply my advanced technical expertise to commercial challenges in fintech.

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SKILLS

Advanced

Python • C++ • Git

Intermediate

Bash

Novice

GCP • SQL • Docker

EDUCATION

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 in charge of data analysis software (~10M LOC) and data formats, ensuring milestones alignment with organizational priorities.
- Drove the adoption of a lightweight data format ahead of schedule, offering 3x reduction in data storage costs.
- Mentored early-career developers projects, delivering innovative software products on time and fostering growth.
- Organized tutorials promoting the scientific Python ecosystem in particle physics data analysis, enhancing UX and insights extraction speed.

Data Science Researcher

Mar 2023 - Sept 2023

- Led a 10-member team to modernize legacy C++ data analysis tools with scalable array-based implementations, achieving a 4x increase in throughput while aligning with industrial data science standards; project funded by a personal €38K grant.

Python libraries: Awkward, Dask, Numba

ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY | Chicago, US

Data Science Researcher

Nov 2019 - Feb 2023

- Led a team of 7 researchers to utilize advanced analysis algorithms and ML methods in particle identification, increasing experimental reach by 12% and conducting ATLAS first full statistical analysis in pure Python.
- Played key role in optimizing the ATLAS simulation software, identified bottlenecks and doubled its processing speed with physics optimizations.
- Prototyped 3D CNN solution for further accelerating simulations up to 20% and developed scalable GPU training strategies.
- Benchmarked novel hardware accelerator (SambaNova RDU) for training autoencoder ML models.
- Facilitated collaboration among 10 international teams by establishing and documenting standardized methodologies and metrics for robust AI-driven results.
- Stress-tested the operational readiness and elasticity of the GCP for particle physics data analysis workflows.

Python libraries: PyTorch, Ray, PySpark

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD | Sheffield, UK

Doctoral Researcher

Nov 2015 - Oct 2019

- Delivered ATLAS' first technical report on new physics searches, leveraging the largest available dataset at the time and pioneering the first release of a full analysis likelihood from CERN.
- Developed and maintained C++ data analysis software for high-throughput computations across the full development lifecycle.
- Instructed Python labs to MSc students, covering core programming and scientific computing concepts.

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