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Data Scientist and Data Analyst

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EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist

Space Science Institute

Nov 2018 - Current

- Data science (Machine Learning) consultancy for Public and Private Sectors
- Genetic algorithm, hyperparameter optimization w/ deep generative models.
- Improving quality assurance for the NASA Space Telescopes w/ deep learning
- Anomaly detection for several NASA Missions w/ machine & deep learning

Research Scientist and Deputy Project Manager

Space Telescope Science Institute

Feb 2017 - Nov 2018

- Deputy project manager of the Exoplanet Characterization Toolkit (exoctk.stsci.edu).
- Created & lead the machine learning team for the James Webb Telescope.
- Designed deep learning platform for classification of Hubble Space Telescope images (w/ Tenorflow and Keras); poised to save 1000 person hours per year.
- Created random forest pipeline to identify anomalous pixels in infrared detectors (w/ Scikit-learn); improved operational efficiency by ~4x.
- Co-developed the contamination visibility tool back end (exoctk.stsci.edu/contam_visibility).
- Co-developed Bayesian inference and correlated noise package (github.com/munozcar/skywalker)
- Co-developed instrument simulation software for exoplanet observations (github.com/spacetelescope/awesimsoss).
- Wrote > 15 unique documentation articles for community support (jwst-docs.stsci.edu).

Postdoctoral Research Associate

University of Arizona

Sept 2015 - Feb 2017

- Wrote the Stage-2 information extraction pipeline for adv. infrared detectors.
- Disrupted how NASA research scientists identify anomalous infrared pixels.
- Taught information extraction and pipeline development to our team.

Doctoral Research Associate

University of Maryland

Aug 2009 - Aug 2015

- Developed Bayesian inference analysis package for information extraction (github.com/exowanderer/wanderer)
- Published prestigious Nature publication: Water on a Small Exoplanet (nature.com/news/wet-exoplanet-has-clear-skies-1.15973).
- Predoctoral Fellowship at California Institute of Technology.
- Predoctoral Fellowship at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Santiago.

Selected Publications & Honors

United Nations

Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia Panelist (2019)

"Prospects of Innovation and Technology in Official Statistics" and "Use of Technology in Official Statistics: Ethical Considerations"

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Exoplanet Science Strategy Published Contribution

"Transiting Exoplanet Characterization Beyond 2030: A Case for Observing Giant Planets with Giant Telescopes" Fraine et al. 2018

NATURE PUBLICATION

Detection of Water Vapour on a Small Planet

"Water Vapour Absorption from the Clear Atmosphere of an Exo-Neptune" Fraine et al. 2014 Vol. 513, Issue 7519, pp. 526-529

EDUCATION

PhD in Astrophysics

University of Maryland 2015

Predoctoral Fellowship

California Institute of Technology 2014

Predoctoral Fellowship

Pontificia Universidad Católica - Chile 2013

M.Sc. in Astrophysics

University of Maryland 2009 – 2011

M.Sc. in Computational Mathematics
University of Central Florida 2007 - 2009

B.Sc. in Physics & Astronomy
University of Central Florida 2003 – 2006

SKILLS

Project Management

Artificial Intelligence | Public Speaking

Deep Learning Deep Analytics

Machine Learning | Random Forests

SVMs Statistical Analysis

Bayesian Inference Data Collection

Data Mining Generative Modeling

Regression Classification Clustering

TOOLS

TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn, Git, AWS

ANALYTICAL METHODS

Bayesian Inference, Predictive Analytics, Time Series Analysis, Machine Learning, Signal Processing, Simulation

DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

Remote Sensing, Astrophysics, Atmospheric Physics, Bayesian statistics, Infrared Detectors

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Python, LTEX C/C++. Unix Matlab, IDL

HTML, JavaScript, SQL

LANGUAGES

English Arabic Spanish

