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EXPERIENCE

DNV GL Energy

Senior Consultant, Data Scientist

Aug 2012 - Present

San Francisco Bay Area, CA

- Responsible for client facing reporting and advisory services as lead technical consultant for the predictive analytics team.
- Developed hierarchical load forecasting approaches to address growth in emerging technologies and distributed generation using machine and statistical learning procedures.
- Proposed and managed technical studies related to the evaluation of energy programs both across the US and abroad. These include demand response, behavioral programs, distributed generation, renewables, and electric vehicle penetration.

Independent System Operator New England

Resource Adequacy

Dec 2009 - Oct 2010

Holyoke, MA

- Designed heuristic algorithms that calculate dispatchable (real-time) availability of resources during system peak using empirical distributional fitting that employ nonparametric tests such as Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Jacques-Berra.
- Algorithms implemented using an VBA-enabled Excel front end using MATLAB as the analytical engine and a production Oracle server as the back-end.

Department of Resource Economics

Graduate Statistics Instructor

Jan 2008 - Apr 2010

Amherst, MA

- Lecture, lab, and discussion of topics such as hypothesis testing, ANOVA, Multivariate Regression, Forecasting and Nonparametric Regression.
- Management of an eight-member group of undergraduate teaching assistants to instruct a large scale intermediate statistics course.

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Aug 2012

Masters of Science - Applied Econometrics: Deans List, Cum Laude

Bachelors of Business Admin - Operations Research & Finance

Minor in Resource Economics

University of Naples Federico, Portici, Italy

Aug 2011

Certificate of Course Completion - Advanced Micro-Econometrics

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Languages

R, Python, SQL, SAS, Matlab, Mathematica, VBA, AMPL

Computing

Unix-based Systems, git, Spark, Hadoop, Databricks, AWS, Digital Ocean

Top R Packages

tidyverse, shiny, forecast, mgcv, quantreg, hts, h2o, sparkR, sparklyr

Top Python Packages

pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, PySpark, beautifulsoup

Applications

Tableau, SAS Forecast Studio, SAS Visual Analytics, Advanced Microsoft Office

SELECTED PROJECT WORK

Caltrack Beta Test

Lead Data Scientist

San Francisco, California

Primary code base developer for rapid measurement of site-level, weather normalized energy savings. Process and predictive results benchmarked across open-source implementations from Open EE Meter. Algorithms implemented using R, Python and the Spark distributed computing framework on compute-optimized instances in the Amazon cloud.

Global Energy Transition Outlook

Technical Advisor

Oslo, Norway

Technical advisor for DNV GL's Energy Transition Outlook (ETO). This annual report seeks to identify and measure the major industry implications of the ongoing global energy transition for each of the OECD's regions. Developed bottom-up and top-down predictions of energy demand for each region of the globe until 2040.

Hierarchical Forecasting of Energy and Peak Demand in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Senior Data Scientist

Riyadh, Saudia Arabia

Data analytics and modeling for the largest end-use metering project in the world. Developed and delivered a three-day course on predictive analytics to subsequently train analytical staff at client site in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Seminar participants included staff from Saudi Aramco, Saudi Electricity Company, and the Electricity and Cogeneration Regulatory Authority.

Day-Ahead Forecasting of Demand Response Impacts Utility Distribution Grid

Lead Data Scientist

San Francisco, California

Lead Data Scientist on project demonstrating the feasibility of using hourly, premise-level advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data for day ahead demand response forecasting. The models estimated reference load and load curtailment due to peak period demand surcharges. The premise level models were developed and trained primarily using cross-validation techniques. The forecast results were aggregated up distribution hierarchy to produce program load reduction forecasts. The project demonstrated the feasibility of using premise level models within a simulated production environment.

Behavioural Demand Response Evaluation

Project Manager

Ottawa, Canada

Project Manager and Lead Data Scientist for an impact evaluation pertaining to a hybrid energy program targeting both ongoing behavioural impacts as well as event-based hourly demand reductions. Analytics and reporting were generated using the Spark (1.5) distributed computing framework, Amazon Web Service S3 and EC2 instances, and the Databricks browser based platform.

Home Energy Reports Behavioural Evaluation

Project Manager

Seattle, Washington

Project Manager and Lead Data Scientist for the impact evaluation of client's Home Electricity Reports program, which used the Opower platform. The program was deployed with multiple overlapping randomized controlled trial experimental designs and a central part of the evaluation was identifying the appropriate way to estimate savings for all of the pieces. Industry standard techniques for HER program evaluation were implemented. complete the impact evaluation.

Critical Peak Pricing Pilot Evaluation

Lead Data Scientist

Portland, Oregon

Lead Data Scientist for an impact evaluation of clients's Critical Peak Pricing Pilot. Hourly regression models were estimated using Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) data and NOAA weather data. These models

were transferred to an excel-based tool capable of estimating and visualizing impacts under different weather scenarios.

Dynamic Pricing Pilot Evaluation

Lead Data Scientist

State of Virginia

Lead Data Scientist for an impact and process evaluation of client's Dynamic Pricing Pilot. This pilot provides time of use rates to residential and commercial customers as a price signal for them to reduce consumption during system peak hours. The evaluation report includes a load impact analysis, surveys to assess awareness, understanding, and acceptance of rate, and reporting for both residential and commercial participants. Residential participants have a matched control group; there are no matched controls for commercial participants.

Electric Vehicle Pilot Evaluation

Lead Data Scientist

State of Virginia

Lead Data Scientist for a pilot involving time-of-use charging rates for electric vehicle owner's in Virginia. The project focused on whole house impacts for EV owners, as well as vehicle-charging only impacts. Statistical methods were used to enumerate differences between control and treatment average load shapes for the vehicle-charging only members. A synthetic control group was generated for the whole house treatment members.

Macroeconomic Modeling of State Commercial and Industrial Energy Sectors

Lead Data Scientist

State of Massachusetts

Lead Data Scientist for a macroeconomic consumption modeling project of Massachusetts' Commercial and Industrial sectors. Our team developed a database of billing data pertaining to commercial and industrial premises for all energy efficiency program administrators in Massachusetts for three years. Along with NOAA weather data and economic data from the US Census Bureau and other sources, macroeconomic consumption models were used to estimate the impact of energy efficiency programs at the county and town level.

Mathematical Programming Approach Towards Risk Mitigation in Sports Betting

Graduate Researcher

University of Massachusetts

Developed a modeling technique to maximize profit subject to a zero probability of loss from sports betting. Solved using the Simplex Algorithm, with the CPLEX solver in AMPL.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Model Based Matching and Other Benefits of High Frequency Interval Data, P. Franzese, V. Richardson, K. Agnew, J. Farland, G. Sadhasivan, L. Getachew, International Energy Program Evaluation Conference, Baltimore, USA, 2017

Electricity End Use Forecasting Using Non-Intrusive Load Metering Technology, J. Farland, C. Puckett, F. Coito, International Symposium on Forecasting, Cairns, Australia, 2017

High Resolution Energy Modeling that Scales with Apache Spark 2.0, J. Farland, Spark Summit Boston, USA, 2017

Load Forecasting with Distributed Energy Resources, J. Farland, F. Farzan, R.J. Hyndman, International Symposium on Forecasting, Santander, Spain, 2016

Breaking Down Analytical and Computational Barriers in Energy Data Analytics, J. Farland, Spark Summit San Francisco, USA, 2016

Zonal and Regional Load Forecasting in The New England Wholesale Electricity Market: Semi-parametric Regression Approach, Masters Thesis, University of Massachusetts, 2012

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DISTINCTIONS

Speaker, 37th International Symposium on Forecasting, Cairns, Australia, 2017

Speaker, Spark Summit East, Boston, USA, 2017

Energy Forecasting Session Chair, 36th International Symposium on Forecasting, Santander, Spain, 2016

Speaker, AEIC Advanced Load Research Applications, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, 2016

Speaker, Spark Advisory Forum, San Francisco, USA, 2016

Speaker, Spark Summit West, San Francisco, USA, 2016

Speaker, 34th International Symposium on Forecasting, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 2014

Vijay Bhagavan Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2012

International Advanced Econometrics Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Agriculture, 2011

Member International Institute of Forecasting