





# Cristina Morariu

## Contact

+49 176 73501222  
cristina@morariu.ro

morariucristina   
@kix2mix2   
  


## Tech Skills

### ML

Python: >6 years  
Tensorflow: >2 years  
R: >4 years  
Hadoop: <3 months

### VIS

Plot.ly: >4 years  
Dash: >2 years  
ggplot2: >2 years  
d3: 1 year  
Observablehq: <6 months

### Services/Architecture

(intermediate level)

SQL  
Mongo  
Neo4J  
Docker, docker-compose  
AWS, Heroku  
Python Flask

### Crowdsourcing

AB Testing: 3 studies  
Amazon MTurk: >6 months  
Study-design: 3 studies  
jsPsych: >6 months

## Consultancy Skills

**Proposal Writing:** £700k won  
**Team Building:** team of 4  
**Public speaking:** >20 industry events, meetups, conferences

## Work

### ML for Automatic Design Research

VISUS 07/19 - Now

- created/evaluated ML models of human perception used to automate design parameters.
- ran a range of crowd sourcing experiments on Amazon Mechanical Turk
- currently managing 3 research assistants and their individual projects
- ongoing research:
  - **Vis2Data** - Recommendation System for visualization types based on graphics people share on Twitter/Tableau Public.
  - Perception based Recommendation System for Dimensionality Reduction
  - **SepMe** - Ran a crowdsourcing study on Amazon Mechanical Turk to record perception of cluster separability in visualizations. We built a model on top of this recordings, that we then used to optimise design parameters for visualization to best visualize the data according to human perception.

### Senior Data Scientist / Consultant

decisionLab 06/18 - Now

- **Illegal Activity Detection for the UK Space Agency**  
lead ML engineer/product owner on satellite app that helps South American police/army detect illegal activities carried out in the Amazon forest & predict where they will happen in the future.
- **Active Learning Risk Predictor for South East Water**  
designed and implemented 'human-in-the-loop' method designed to collect risk data from humans (active learning) and infer rules for future ML-aided decisions.
- **Predictive Maintenance for Royal Navy**  
project owner/lead scientist for the design, development & deployment of the first ML solution ever released in a Royal Navy operational environments.  
Demo: **PAEAN**
- **Reinforcement Learning for Manufacturing Line Optimization**  
implemented a policy gradient method in Anylogic in order to improve decisions on the job allocation problem. outperformed the off-the-shelf Anylogic algorithm (OptQuest).
- **Dispersion Modelling for Hazardous Agents - Pool Re**  
developed a Gaussian dispersion model of chem-bio agents in London to help the reinsurance industry estimate the costs of building damage resulting from unconventional terrorism.
- **Survey of the latest research in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning** for the naval industry (150 papers cited).

### Data Scientist / Consultant

decisionLab 09/17 - 06/18

- **Predictive Maintenance for Rolls Royce**  
data scientist on the development team of a predictive maintenance solution using **LSTMs** and **autoencoders** to predict remaining useful life of A380 plane and Eurofighter Typhoons.
- **Manufacturing Line Optimization for Rolls Royce**  
developed **ensemble model (xgboost, random forests, GLMs)** to determine the main factors who lead to performance improvements on manufacturing line. Our suggestions improved productivity of the manufacturing line by 15%.

## # Projects

ML Ensembles: 5  
(*xgboost, random forests, stacked models*)

Interpretability: 5  
(*SHAP, LIME, saliency*)

Deep Learning: 3  
(*LSTM, CNN*)

Sensitivity Analysis: 2

RecSys: 2

Probabilistic Modelling: 1

## Languages

**Romanian** *mothertongue*

**English** *C2 Level*

IELTS Score: 8.0

**German** *B2 Level*

ÖSD-Certificate: 65%

## MOOCs

AWS Solution Architect

PySpark for BigData

Tensorflow for Deep Learning

DeepLearning & Computer

Vision A-Z

## Hobbies

Watercolor painting

Photography / Light painting

Poetry

The EU / political activism

## Places Lived

Sibiu, Romania

Vienna, Austria

Edinburgh, UK

London, UK

Stuttgart, Germany

## Data Scientist

Shpock 06/16 - 09/16

- analyzed registration/log-in funnel in order to identify design mistakes that lead to drops in user registrations
- analyzed inApp Store purchases and contributed to the redesign of the store which improved traffic by 20%
- conducted AB tests for new designs in the app (off- and online)

## Teaching Assistant: Human-Computer Interaction

University of Vienna 03/16 - 06/16

## Education

### MSc in Machine Learning & Operational Research

University of Edinburgh 09/16 - 09/17

- **Grade:** Distinction
- **Main subjects:** Machine Learning & Pattern Recognition, Biomedical Data Science, Data Mining & Exploration
- **Thesis:** *Feature Selection for Biomarker Discovery*  
The goal was the identification of groups of predictors (biomarker panels) for heart diseases such as CHD or diabetes. This was achieved by implementing and comparing the output of various state-of-the-art classification/feature selection models such as: random forests, group lasso, deep neural networks.
- **Tools Used:** R, Shiny

### BSc in Computer Science

University of Vienna 10/12 - 01/16

- **Grade:** 2:1 degree
- **Main subjects:** Scientific Data Management, Visualisation & Data Analysis
- **Thesis:** Lattice Sampling Methods

## Hackathons & Awards

### Machine Learning Summer School (url)

Tübingen, Germany Summer 2020

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

### Unilever AI Challenge Winner

Digital Catapult 2019

RL solution that optimizes Unilever packaging lines.

### Royal Airforce AI Challenge Winner

Digital Catapult 2019

Visual Athletics system that allows user explore maintenance data and decide prioritization of maintenance jobs.

### Bombardier UK-Canada AI Challenge Winner

Digital Catapult 2018

Best image segmentation for ice formation on plane wings.

### A Unified Asset Health Model

OR60 Publication 2018

and Risk Forecasting Tool using Advanced Machine Learning

### National Applied Mathematics Olympiad - 2nd Place

Iasi, Romania 2012

Also participated in 2019 and 2010 with top 10 results.

### National Applied Mathematics Olympiad - 1st Place

Iasi, Romania 2011