Mattia Zanon, PhD

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Professional Experience

• F Hoffman-La Roche, Basel, Switzerland

Senior data analyst and data team lead

FEB 2019 - PRESENT

— Lead the day to day activities of the data analysis team for the Multiple Sclerosis disease area in the Digital Biomarkers department.

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- Provide input and contribute to the development of the Floodlight MS solution, a regulated Software as a Medical Device for the measurement of cognitive, upper and lower limbs functional domains in Multiple Sclerosis: Represent the data team in the Floodlight program activities and manage stakeholders Support the improvements of the Floodlight solution capabilities to measure MS: develop new tests and improve the existing ones; create a disease functional models; longitudinal and cross-sectional data analysis; exploratory research Translate the learnings from R&D findings into requirements and functional specifications for the Product Development Team Co-develop and support execution of the strategy for the analytical validation to support submission to regulatory authorities, including evidence generation with robot testing and equivalency testing in a BYOD setting Responsible for end-to-end data requirements and data flow for delivering data transfers according to FAIR principles (develop FFS and data contracts for the pipeline, define data quality checks and co-develop CSV processes for data integrity) Write patents to protect IP and guarantee freedom to operate for the company Disseminate scientific findings in international and technical conferences and peer reviewed journals.
- Developed a signal processing pipeline for PPG signal analysis to calculate HRV metrics for measuring stress and anxiety in Autism Spectrum Disorder patients.

• Biovotion (Now part of Biofourmis), Zurich, Switzerland

Senior data scientist

DEC 2016 - JAN 2019

- Conceptualised and developed a digital framework for characterising the influence of behaviour on health along different time scales using physiological and contextual data sources
- Developed software within agile methodologies in a medical regulated environment.

• Data scientist

SEP 2014 - NOV 2016

- Developed and deployed algorithms for medical grade vital signs monitoring on the upper arm with PPG technology (pulse rate, SpO2, respiratory rate, energy expenditure).
- Co-development of protocols for clinical trials used to collect data for vital signs validation and report creation for CE medical and FDA clearance submissions (The Everion device is listed as a Class II medical device exempt from the 510(k) notification)

• M31 (WearIT), Padova, Italy

Data scientist

NOV 2014 - AUG 2015

— Lead of analytics activities for a wearable smart-watch with a sport product-market fit. Including GPS and IMU sensors integration and application of supervised machine learning for gesture detection from inertial sensors. Used physiological models for non-invasive energy expenditure estimation in professional athletes for high performance sports.

• National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland

• Post-doc researcher

JUL 2013 - AUG 2014

— Research on the statistical properties of different methods to select informative inputs in regression and classification problems. Machine-learning and statistical analysis for business intelligence in industrial applications. (Partners: SeaGate Technology LLC., Trend Technologies Ltd. and Amgen)

MS: Multiple Sclerosis; FFS: File Format Specification; BYOD: Bring Your Own Device; FAIR: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable; HRV: Heart Rate Variability; CSV: Computerised System Validation; PPG: Photoplethysmography

• University of Padova, Padova, Italy

• Ph.D. in Information Technology

JAN 2010 - JAN 2013

"Non-invasive continuous glucose monitoring: Identification of models for multi-sensor systems" http://goo.gl/l4DpBF.

Algorithm development and application of machine learning tools for continuous physiological monitoring: Non-Invasive: Glucose and Stress (Partner: Biovotion AG,), EEG based drowsiness detection. Invasive: Improved accuracy of Intensive Care Unit device (GlucoClear) for glucose monitoring (Partner: DexCom Inc.)

Research fellow

APR 2009 - DEC 2009 / FEB 2013 - JUN 2013

- —Developed algorithms and models for non-invasive continuous glucose monitoring.
- —Improved the accuracy of glucose sensors and developed algorithms for drowsiness monitoring based on single channel EEG analysis

Education

- Jan 2010-Dec 2012 Ph.D. in Information Technology at the University of Padova, Italy
- Oct 2006-Mar 2009 M.Sc. (cum laude) in Bioengineering at the University of Padova, Italy
- Oct 2003-Sep 2006 **B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering** at the University of Padova. Italy

Skills

Soft

Excellent written and spoken communicator, team work, self-starter, empathy, self-motivated.

· Work methodologies

Hybrid scrum and kanban methodologies used to lead a data analysis team: agile ceremonies, ticketing system (JIRA), maintaining documentation (wiki), reproduce results and develop code with software versioning systems (GIT, SVN).

Software

Matlab, Python, R, C, SQL

• Machine Learning

Supervised linear and non-linear regression and classification methods (Deep ANN including GAN architectures with tensorflow and keras, SVM, Regularization and Bayesian approaches to sparse problems, Kernels). Unsupervised data analysis methods (K-means, DBscan, HMM, t-sne).

• Digital Signal Processing and System identification

On-line time series analysis (filter design, wavelet, prediction, FFT, ARIMA models, etc.).

· Feature Extraction and selection

Univariate and multivariate tools (Spectral analysis, Chaos theory, PCA, ICA).

Data Visualization

Principles of data visualization and display of quantitative information according to E. Tufte work.

Additional information

- Authors of 11 scientific publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals (5 as first author) and 18 contributions to international engineering and medical conferences (see google-scholar-profile and mattiabl.github.io). Co-inventor of 6 patents.
- Chartered Engineer qualification obtained in 2012.

Languages

Italian: mother tongue English: fluent (C1) German: basic (A2)

Hobbies and Memberships

Ski and triathlon lover, espresso and pizza addicted.

Active member of the Italian and Swiss Blood Donor Associations.