

MATT MACDONALD

MEng, PEng - Professional engineer, trained data scientist,
technology enthusiast, diverse industry experience.

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EXPERIENCE

Libin Cardiovascular Institute, University of Calgary

Senior Specialist, Data Engineering

Sept 2021 - Present

- Architected data ingestion pipeline for medical record data from 10+ sources within Alberta provincial health system. Designed robust de-identification solutions to protect patient privacy. Implemented using Python/Pandas & SQL, deployed on AWS.
- Consulted on predictive modeling research for physicians resulting in multiple academic publications. A recent project achieved 95%+ AUC prediction of pacemaker infection post-surgery applying logistic regression to hospital medical coding data.
- Performed comprehensive data cleaning on unique & messy datasets, some with 30K+ patients dating back over a decade.

Baylis Medical

Principal Engineer, R&D Cardiology

2019 - Sept 2021

- Completed early research and development of sensorized electrophysiology catheter for 3D localization, entire new product line.
- Supervised 5-10 engineers as technical lead from project inception. Filed patents, attended conferences & managed stakeholders.

XOR Labs (now Traferox Technologies)

Senior Engineer, R&D

2016 - 2019

- Developed controller software in C for novel lung transplant organ perfusion machine. Instituted and executed procedures for unit, functional & system testing in real world laboratory and OR environments. Served as short term Director of Engineering.

Pratt & Whitney Canada

Senior Analyst, Control Systems

2014 - 2015

- Developed automated verification analysis tools in Matlab for testing software requirements on aircraft FADEC controllers.
- Analyzed engine logs & real-time sensor data for root cause of bugs encountered in the field. Solved issues deemed unresolvable, including a faulty thrust reverser deployment concern, to customer's delight.

Analyst, Structural Systems

2010 - 2014

- Performed physics-based modeling, mathematical simulations & design optimization using finite element analysis tools for design and fatigue life prediction of fluid tubing systems on aircraft gas turbine engines.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto

Instructor, Machine Learning (SCS 3253)

Fall 2019 - Spring 2022

- Lectured 3 full semesters on ML fundamentals and applications, 80+ students in total. Awarded best new instructor in 2021.
- Curriculum covered supervised/unsupervised learning, feature selection, dimension reduction, SVMs, decision trees, deep learning.

EDUCATION

Fellowship, Insight Data Science

Completed 2019

- Developed pipeline for automated anomaly detection on hydraulic plant sensor data. Achieved 15% accuracy improvement over state of the art. Implemented VAE neural network with PyTorch, trained on normal data and deployed for inference on AWS.

Master of Engineering, University of Toronto

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Completed 2010

- Research position developing campus electricity usage data tools in Matlab for University Sustainability Office.

Bachelor of Applied Science and Engineering, Queen's University

Mechanical and Materials Engineering (Honour's)

Completed 2009

SKILLS

Programming

Python (~10 yrs), C, MATLAB, Linux CLI, Git version control, software testing

Data Science

Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, Keras/Tensorflow, SQL

Analytical

Data cleaning, supervised modeling, statistical analysis, anomaly detection, time-series

Cloud

AWS (EC2, RDS, Lambda), AWS Solution Architect certification in progress