



# NILESH PATIL

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## ◦ DETAILS ◦

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## ◦ SKILLS ◦

Machine Learning

Experimentation

Deep Learning

Data Visualization

Apache Spark

Dask

Python

R

SQL

Julia

Scala

Airflow

Streaming Data

Apache Kafka

Cassandra

## 👤 PROFILE

Experienced machine learning practitioner having extensive experience working with large datasets & complex systems. Exploring opportunities with scope to dive deeper into production machine learning systems at scale and pushing the envelope on applied ML in general.

Passionate about applied-ml at scale & building ML systems. Particularly interested in Computer Vision applications, Recommendation Engines & Time-series Forecasting systems.

[Github](#) , [Medium](#), [Website](#), [Linkedin](#)

## 📁 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### Lead Data Scientist at Dream11, Mumbai

April 2019 — Present

#### *User churn detection at scale : Distributed time-series classification system*

- Implemented an end-to-end ML system from raw data to user-level churn detection on the scale of ~100M+ users using *Spark* and ensemble of models
- Automated experiments to performance tracking for different treatments in reducing user-churn

#### *Real time forecasting at scale : Distributed time-series + sequence-to-sequence forecasting system*

- Conceptualized & built a real time forecasting system for ~10k+ forecasts within 1 minute of system latency constraints ( from raw data to actionable visual forecasts )
- Distributed inference system for real time processing & forecasting based on *Spark*, *Numpy* & *Prophet*

#### *Recommendation system : "Who to Follow" for social networks*

- Implemented an ML system designed around *Spark* + *Airflow* with a 2-step recommendations process by formulating the problem as edge-prediction on large networks based on user interests & network properties

#### *Image recognition & organization system for user generated content*

- *Keras* based embedding generation & *FAISS* based retrieval for efficient custom-content detection system at scale
- System orchestration with *Airflow* & model deployments via *Sagemaker*, *Docker* containers, *Dask* & *Spark* UDFs

#### *Featurestore : infrastructure for machine learning projects*

- Conceptualized a distributed feature-store for ML systems and worked with multiple stakeholders across teams to bring it to production

### Staff Data Scientist at Center for Vaccine Biology, University of Rochester, Rochester

December 2017 — March 2019

#### *Bio-statistics & Computational Biology*

- Led statistical computing initiative to bring statistical rigor in experiment design & computational analysis of hyper-spectral imaging data from experiments
- Implemented Python based automated analysis pipelines & ml-system to be used at the bio-imaging research labs at University of Rochester

#### *Surface construction in live tissue from hyper-spectral microscopic scans*

- 3D Surface and volumetric reconstruction from multiple 2D cross sections of live tissue using Voronoi mesh representations & 3D CNNs

### *Extracting uncertainty information from Deep Neural Networks*

- Uncertainty information extraction & confidence interval building for deep neural networks using MC-dropout method
- Developed visualization approaches to interpret uncertainty information extracted for different neural network applications

### **Data Scientist at AXA, Pune**

December 2014 — June 2016

- Predicting mortality rate across US counties using AXA's historical claims datasets
- Scaling up statistical analysis pipelines using Spark & Python based numerical computing ecosystem

### **Analyst at AbsolutData, Gurgaon**

June 2013 — December 2014

#### *Equipment failure prediction using sensor data*

- Developed multi stage semi-supervised machine learning models for predicting equipment failure and triggering maintenance windows using sensor data & oil tests



## EDUCATION

### **M.S. in Data Science, University of Rochester, Rochester**

2016 — 2017

#### *Analyzing large transportation networks*

- Built a large, dense, time-variant geospatial multi-layer transportation graphs using NYC's transportation data & used convolutional *LSTMs* to predict demand as node & edge properties of the network

#### *Galaxy morphology classification using DNNs*

- Collected & processed data from *Sloan Digital Sky Survey* (multi TB image dataset) using a mix of libraries, experimented with deep neural networks + skip-connections to predict hierarchical galaxy morphology classes

### **B. Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Roorkee**

2009 — 2013



## PUBLICATIONS

- Prizant, Hen, Nilesh Patil, Seble Negatu, Alexandra Livingston, Scott Leddon, Andrew D. Luster, and Deborah J. Fowell. "*CXCL10+ perivascular clusters nucleate Th1 cell tissue entry and activation in the inflamed skin.*" (2020): 220-9  
[https://www.jimmunol.org/content/204/1\\_Supplement/220.9](https://www.jimmunol.org/content/204/1_Supplement/220.9)
- Patil, Nilesh, and Ajay Anand. "*Automated Ultrasound Doppler Angle Estimation Using Deep Learning.*" In *2019 41st Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, pp. 28-31. IEEE, 2019  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31945837>