

Stojan Jovanović, Ph.D.

SENIOR DATA SCIENTIST · ANALYTICS ENGINEER · AI SYSTEMS ARCHITECT

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A professional with 5+ years of experience in computational & data science, comfortable with every part of the modern analytics pipeline. Experienced data / ML / HPC systems architect & designer. Strong communicator, able to present abstract concepts in an accessible way to all organisational levels and diverse stakeholders. Experienced technical lead. So far, worked professionally in finance, advertising and healthcare.

Skills

Experienced data scientist, specializing in scientific computing, reproducible data analysis and applied machine learning.

Data science and data analysis	Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, tidyverse, Tensorflow, Keras, SQL
Distributed & high-performance analytics	Dask, Ray, Modin, Spark, Slurm, Hadoop, H2O.ai
DevOps & data engineering	Docker, Ansible, dbt, PostgreSQL, Prefect, DVC, Elasticsearch, Kibana
Programming languages	Python, Scala, R, shell (bash), Golang, C, Clojure
Software engineering	git, CI/CD, Heroku, API development
Web technologies	HTML, css/sass, Flask, TypeScript, Elm
Visualisation and reporting	Seaborn / Matplotlib, Streamlit, Shiny, ggplot2
Cloud platforms	Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform

Relevant Experience

Sensyne Health plc

Oxford, UK

LEAD DATA SCIENTIST

May 2020 - present

- **Technical lead for all Analytics Engineering, HPC & DataOps workflows. Overseeing multiple projects simultaneously, while consulting with teams of data scientists, ML researchers, engineers, SysAdmins and project managers.**
- Spearheaded deployment & operationalization of HPC facilities (9 node hybrid CPU/GPU system, WekaFS, InfiniBand) in the company's AI lab. Served as the system's interim SysAdmin.
- Led a team of 4 data scientists to find clinical predictors of Covid-19 disease severity by analysing real-world EHR data, shared by an NHS partner trust during an ongoing pandemic. The research resulted in 2 publications.
- Introduced CI/CD processes & tech for data/ML pipelines, using the on-prem GitLab CI as an orchestrator service.
- Co-drove the adoption of tools and processes to improve our data models reproducibility, provenance (lineage), and sustainability.
- **Tech stack: Slurm / Dask / PostgreSQL / DVC / dbt / Ray / PyArrow / Enroot / R**

Sensyne Health plc

Oxford, UK

MACHINE LEARNING ARCHITECT

Jan 2020 - May 2020

- **Sole systems architect for the company's new AI lab. Developed tooling, codes of conduct & best practices for reproducible and rapid analytics, working with 4 other team leads.**
- Led development of an ELT pipeline system, producing standardised & analytics-ready datasets from two disparate NHS trust sources for use by DL research teams.
- Designed & deployed central DB server, storing sensitive patient data from NHS trust partners, as well as AI lab's remote work infrastructure at Covid19 pandemic onset.
- Further developed tools and infrastructure to scale, support and improve the data & ML teams' tasks, from data transformation, through model development to distributed model training.
- Developed internal policies regarding data and ML best practices, remote working and analytics lab resource use.
- **Tech stack: Modin / Pandas / PostgreSQL / TensorFlow / Dask / R / Parquet**

Sensyne Health plc

Oxford, UK

SENIOR MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCHER

Apr 2019 - Jan 2020

- **One of 6 initial hires to the company's R&D team, was responsible for setting up DataOps, data/ML engineering processes, infrastructure & tooling as we scaled out.**
- Led design and implementation of complex, end-to-end ML pipeline for large commercial project, enabling collaboration by 4 teams of 30 data scientists. The pipeline codebase spanned 6 repositories.
- Built the company's AI lab infrastructure from scratch - from one shared server to a secure network of 50+ workstations with air-gapped central GitLab services, private Docker registry, private *nix package repositories & secure remote storage
- Designed & wrote a common ML pipeline system API for a research challenge the company participated in. The API in question is still used by ML research teams to quickly prototype ML models.
- Developed & patented ML methodology for unsupervised stratification of patients based on EHR data, obtained through the company's NHS trust partners.
- **Tech stack: Ansible / Keras / Pandas / Dask / Nvidia-Docker / Prefect / GCP**

Adverai ltd

MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER

Stockholm, SE

May 2018 - Mar 2019

- **Sole ML engineering team member, responsible for introduction of ML capabilities into the company's core software products.**
- Designed and engineered Adverai's entire ML microservice stack, including model serving infrastructure, HTTP/gRPC APIs, as well as a CI/CD system.
- Introduced time-series prediction and anomaly detection functionality to the company's core software product.
- Mentored two junior data scientists in ML model deployment automation & large-scale data processing.
- **Tech stack: TensorFlow (Serving) / gRPC / Docker / GitLab / PostgreSQL / GraphQL**

Qliro AB

DATA SCIENTIST

Stockholm, SE

Apr 2017 - May 2018

- **Data analytics team member, responsible for novel credit risk model development, reporting process automation & large-scale feature engineering**
- Designed and built a system for scheduled re-training and scoring of credit risk models on top of Hadoop, Spark and H2O.ai, automating manual credit reserve reporting processes.
- Helped migrate ETL systems from RDBMS to the Hadoop ecosystem, as data volume rose while we expanded into new markets.
- **Tech stack: R / ELK stack / Scikit-Learn / Scala / Spark / H2O.ai / SQL Server**

Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

DATA SCIENTIST

Trondheim, NO

Apr 2016 - Apr 2017

- **Sole data scientist in a biomedical experimental lab. Consulted on all matters of computational science & rigour, working with various teams of researchers.**
- Developed a novel, latent-variable RNN network architecture to predict time series of electrical activity of rat neurons. Publication still being prepared.
- **Tech stack: Torque / TensorFlow / Pandas / Scikit-Learn / Scikit-Image / Jupyter**

Education

KTH Royal Institute of Technology & Albert-Ludwigs University

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

Stockholm, SE & Freiburg, DE

Oct 2012 - Mar 2016

Thesis: Correlations of Higher Order in Networks of Spiking Neurons. Supervised by Prof. Stefan Rotter & Prof. John Hertz
Joint degree, obtained as part of the Erasmus Mundus Joint PhD Programme

- Developed algorithms and analytics pipelines to simulate the behaviour of networks of neurons in the cortex, in Python, Cython and C. These pipelines simulated 100,000 interacting cortical neurons for days at a time, producing data that the subsequent analytics pipeline would analyse. Both pipelines were deployed on state-of-the-art supercomputers.
- Obtained a novel mathematical result, enabling prediction of future cortical activity from knowledge of functional connectivity of neurons in the cortex.

University of Belgrade

MSC IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS & OPERATIONS RESEARCH

Belgrade, RS

Oct 2010 - Sep 2011

- Principle subjects studied: queueing theory, graph theory, stochastic calculus, financial engineering

University of Belgrade

BSC IN STATISTICS, ACTUARIAL & FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

Belgrade, RS

Oct 2006 - Sep 2010

- Principal subjects studied: multivariate calculus, statistics, linear algebra, actuarial science, optimization & differential equations

Talks and workshops

Jan 2017 **Institute for Advanced Study**, The Hawkes Process as a Model of Cortical Networks

Princeton, NJ

Aug 2016 **Los Alamos National Laboratory**, Temporal Evolution of Grid Cell Learning

Los Alamos, NM