



MARTIJN VAN ATTEKUM, MD, PhD

Lead ML Data Scientist

Pharma & Biotech

Mountaineer

contact

- 📍 Biberach a/d Riss, Germany
- 📞 +49 - 1516 845 8495
- ✉️ martijnvanattekum@gmail.com
- 🌐 www.martijnvanattekum.com

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experienced **ML data scientist / engineer**: (co-)developed several biomedical machine learning platforms and (gen)omics pipelines.
- Strong **project leader** and collaborator: headed several multi-disciplinary scientific and software dev teams, resulting in the realisation of project goals and 7-figures funding.
- Effective **communicator**: (co-)author of 8 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals (of which 5 as first author, mean impact factor 12.1), Forbes and TowardsDataScience articles. First reviewer of the bestseller *The 100 Page Machine Learning Book*.

KEY SKILLS

Personal

- Smart creative
- Problem solver
- Lifelong learner
- Innovator

Coding

- Python (numpy, scipy, pandas)
- R (devtools, tidyverse, bioconductor)
- Deep learning (Pytorch, scikit, TF)
- AWS cloud, Spark, Javascript

Languages

- English (near native)
- German (C1)
- Swedish (A1)
- Dutch (native)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023-now *hybrid* **Principal Data Scientist AI/ML** at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH
 - Leading data analyses for target discovery projects (modeling multi-omic data)
 - Defining a strategy to use LLMs for predictive modeling on biomedical data
 - Driving quality improvement of data analyses (process definition, scaling, and automation)
- 2019-2023 *remote* **Technical Lead** at Scailyte AG - A single-cell AI precision diagnostics company (and various positions in the data science team previously, see my [LinkedIn](#) page)
 - Led the development of the company's core ML platform (ScaiVision), providing technical supervision of the 5-person Data Science team
 - Improved development practices by setting up CI/CD pipelines and defining coding standards (using e.g. Bitbucket, Jenkins)
 - Set up a novel metadata management system that follows FAIR data principles
- 2019-2019 *remote* **Visiting AI Researcher** at AI start-up deepkapha.ai
 - Contributed to medical deep learning solutions for different clients
- 2017-2019 *hybrid* **Computational Biologist** and project lead in the department of Translational Genomics (prof. Roman Thomas), University of Cologne
 - Led a drug target discovery team of 3 people
 - Implemented a sequence model for protein localisation prediction
 - Co-developed the department's (single cell) RNA sequencing pipeline
- 2011-2016 *onsite* **Scientist** (PhD candidate) in Immunohematology at Amsterdam UMC
 - Identified new leukemia drug targets using in vitro and bioinformatic approaches

EDUCATION

- 2023 ➤ Completed various specialization programs from **deeplearning.ai** / Coursera: Practical Data Science on the AWS Cloud
- 2023 Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)
- 2022 Machine Learning Engineering for Production (MLOps)
- 2022 Natural Language Processing; specialization focusing on the latest NLP techniques
- 2021 AI for Medicine; follow-up specialization focused on medicine
- 2018 Deep Learning; specialization covering network optimization, convolutional neural networks, and sequence models.

- 2021 ➤ Completed various specialization programs on **mathematics** and **statistics**: Mathematics for Machine Learning (Imperial College London via Coursera)
- 2019 Probability and Statistics in Data Science Using Python (UCSD via edX)

- 2015-2016 ➤ University of California San Diego via Coursera Bioinformatics program; specialization covering the core bioinformatics class of the UCSD *Bioinformatics and Systems Biology* program. Completed with honors.

- 2001-2009 ➤ Maastricht University (Dual programme) Medicine (M.D.)
 - Clinical practical: medical oncology and radiotherapy (6 months)
 - Scientific practical (at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm): Investigating MYC-targeting MOA of small molecular compounds. Grade: excellent. (6 months)
- 2002-2009 Biomedical Sciences (B.Sc.)
 - Best grade in class for 3 statistics courses

ACTIVITIES

- 2012-2013 Co-organizer of the annual Immunology retreat for >100 PhD students of the joint Amsterdam research centers
- 2011-2012 Social activities committee member of the Experimental Immunology dept.
- 2004-2005 Board member of study association Helix (commissioner of education)
- 2001-2008 Member of student association Circumflex. Committees: DJ, photo, bar

- other: music (impro, jazz, mixing), photography, chess, sports (cycling, alpinism)