


# Elisa Ding

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

BASc in Engineering Science (Machine Intelligence)  
Minor in Engineering Business

April 2023

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python · C/C++ · Bash · MATLAB · JavaScript · PostgreSQL  
**Tools & Technologies:** Git · Unix · Docker · Kubernetes · GDB · Wireshark · React  
**Machine Learning:** PyTorch · Tensorflow · scikit · Jupyter/Colab · Airflow · AWS Batch

## EXPERIENCE

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### Trimble Inc. (Applanix Corporation)

Toronto, ON

Hardware Intern

May 2021 - August 2022

- o Created **PTP** timing tool reducing latency issues in APX-15 (GNSS-Inertial board) by 28%
- o Processed daily GNSS-inertial test data, generated statistics and reports in **MATLAB**
- o Developed circuitry and test script to reproduce hardware shutdown issues in APX-15

Autonomous Machine Learning Intern

- o Implemented **place recognition** algorithm ([PointnetVLAD](#)) in **Tensorflow 2** on LIDAR data, enabling conversion to **ONNX** for 6x faster inference
- o Automated **CI/CD** in Gitlab and deployed training using **Kubernetes** and **Docker** containers
- o Designed **device driver** and unit tests in C++ to receive & parse **60+** message types from APX-15 to **ROS**

## PROJECTS

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### Oxford Cancer Analytics

Remote Oxford, UK

Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- o Capstone design project in collaboration with OXcan, investigating early cancer detection using blood biomarkers
- o Trained [DeepDIA](#) (CNN/LSTM) model for protein sequence identification given mass spectrometry data
- o Decreased test loss by 40% and increased cosine similarity by 7% on OXcan dataset

### Robotics for Space Exploration

University of Toronto

Sep 2019 - Apr 2022

- o Designed and created a new **rover arm** for competitions simulating space-like conditions, built in **ROS** and visualized in **Movelt**. Extracted **Jacobian matrix** of robot joints to implement remote control
- o Prototyped and tested models using CAD software (**Solidworks** and **Onshape**)

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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[NoFADE: Analyzing Diminishing Returns on CO2 Investment](#), NeurIPS CCAI 2021

Developed novel metric to quantify CO2 emissions from large CV models.

[P4AI: Approaching AI Ethics Through Principlism](#), NeurIPS HCAI 2021

Proposed innovative ethical framework for the AI community in face of modern ethical concerns.

## RELEVANT COURSES

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Data Structures and Algorithms, Probabilistic Reasoning, Matrix Optimization, Artificial Intelligence, Systems Software, Computer Organization, Intro to Databases