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Scientific Python for Engineers: Automating Data Analysis and Visualization

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Python is currently the dominant programming language in scientific research, particularly in engineering, AI, and Machine Learning. It has an unrivaled ecosystem of open-source libraries that enable researchers to efficiently process, analyze, and visualize large volumes of data. However, crafting impactful visuals of quantitative information to disseminate scientific findings can be challenging. This workshop will illustrate how to leverage Python libraries to streamline the analysis of large, complex datasets and produce high-quality visuals. The workshop will first cover different Python data types commonly used in engineering and how datasets can be read, restructured, and cleaned. The focus will then shift toward figure formatting, demonstrating how to fully control the appearance of Python plots and efficiently produce publication-ready figures. Illustrations and examples presented during the workshop will be developed in JupyterLab. The workshop is intended to be interactive, and participants are strongly encouraged to bring their laptops.

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