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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

September 2025 - Present

Vagelos Integrated Program in Energy Research (VIPER)

Philadelphia, PA

- Dual Degree: B.S.E. in Computer & Information Science (AI Concentration) | B.A. in Physics & Astronomy
- Relevant Coursework: Big Data Analysis, Computer Systems, Data Structures & Algorithms
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

EXPERIENCE

Franklink, Inc. [Demo]

October 2025 - February 2026

Founding Software Engineer

Philadelphia, PA

- Built an iMessage-based networking assistant, automating matchmaking via multi-agent orchestration.
- Implemented persisted agent memory and selective dispatch across 5 sub-agents; cut user-facing latency by 30%.
- Designed agentic RAG with permissioned access across 8 tools (DB, email, calendar) for context-aware retrieval and recommendation.
- Engineered a Kafka-backed event pipeline for LLM-heavy messaging with at-least-once delivery, idempotency keys, and retry topics (backoff) + DLQ; supported 50+ concurrent sessions while keeping p99 end-to-end latency within 40% of single-session baseline.
- Containerize services and design test/deploy workflows; ship on AWS ECS.

University of Pennsylvania, GRASP Laboratory

January 2026 - Present

Machine Learning Researcher | Advisor: Prof. Pratik Chaudhari

Philadelphia, PA

- Designed SPD, a sparse depth prediction algorithm that decodes only at queried pixels, achieving $2.9\times$ inference speedup over dense baselines for real-time robotics.
- Implemented a lightweight per-query decoder (11M params) with multi-scale cross-attention, cross-query communication, and deformable sampling, enabling 72 Hz inference at 256 query points with 544×416 resolution on RTX 4060.
- Architected dense canvas supervision strategy to address sparse query information loss during training, enabling convergence on NYU Depth V2 without ground truth densification.

PROJECTS

AlphaOne [GitHub] [Demo] [Play with DeBERTa-ABSA-v2]

October 2025 - Present

Tech Stack: PyTorch, HuggingFace, React, Spring Boot, FastAPI, Celery, Redis, PostgreSQL

- Fine-tuned DeBERTa to classify sentiment per ticker in multi-entity financial text; achieving 82.5% accuracy (0.823 Macro F1), increasing performance by 65 percentage points from FinBERT baseline.
- Curated 6,287 training triples: scraped 7 subreddits, LLM-labeled via Ollama, hand-audited 4,501 pairs (615 corrections).
- Architected a 6-layered sentiment pipeline with idempotent content hashing for concurrent-safe batch ingestion.
- Engineered concurrent-safe, idempotent batch ingestion with content versioning; deployed via Docker Compose.

NL2SQL Bot [GitHub] [Demo]

December 2025 - January 2026

Tech Stack: Google ADK, FastAPI, MySQL, Plotly.js

- Built a multi-agent NL2SQL system on Google ADK converting natural language to validated SQL with interpretive visualization.
- Orchestrated 5 agents with session state passing, loop-guarded retry, and per-agent LLM overrides for cost-performance tuning.
- Enforced read-only execution via 18 blocked SQL patterns and table allowlisting; abstracted dialect rules across MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQLite.

SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Languages

C++, Python, Java, JavaScript/TypeScript, SQL, Assembly, OCaml

Backend & DevTools

FastAPI, Spring Boot, Kafka, Redis, Celery, Docker, AWS, Git

ML & Data

PyTorch, CUDA, spaCy, Pandas, LangGraph, Google ADK

Achievements

Team China, International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)

Silver Medal, Team China, International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT)

Second Prize, China Mathematics Olympiad

Second Prize, China Physics Olympiad, Second Prize

Champion, Start-up in a Weekend Hackathon, Photon Hybrid Intelligence Track