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## SUMMARY

- **AI Engineer** with 3+ years of experience in building real-time perception systems and GenAI applications across automotive, and accessibility domains.
- Skilled in **Python, PyTorch**, and LLM frameworks like **LangChain** and **LangGraph**. Experienced in deploying **multimodal** deep learning models (camera, LiDAR, RADAR) and RAG pipelines for user-centric AI solutions.
- Proven track record of designing end-to-end AI initiatives from deep model development to cloud deployment using Docker, Streamlit, and CI/CD pipelines.

## EDUCATION

Oct 2021 – May 2025	<b>Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt</b> <i>Master of Engineering in International Automotive Engineering, GPA: 2.0/4 (German Grading System, 1.0 = Best)</i>	Ingolstadt, Germany
Aug 2016 – May 2019	<b>Savitribai Phule Pune University</b> <i>Bachelor of Technology Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 1.4/4 (German Grading System, 1.0 = Best)</i>	Pune, India

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov 2024 – Present	<b>SmartAIs GMBH</b> <i>AI and Computer Vision Engineer</i>	Munich, Germany
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed advanced <b>stereo vision-based</b> obstacle detection systems leveraging <b>C++ and Unity C#</b> for real-time deployment on mobile devices, surpassing LiDAR accuracy.</li><li>• Developed a <b>Vision Transformer-based</b> stereo depth refinement model in <b>Python</b> and <b>PyTorch</b>, integrating monocular depth estimation with LiDAR supervision to outperform conventional stereo methods.</li><li>• Built an <b>onboarding RAG application</b> for visually impaired users using LangChain and LangGraph, integrating semantic retrieval (ChromaDB), prompt design, and vector-based indexing.</li><li>• Deployed the solution using <b>Streamlit</b> and evaluated user interaction for real-world usage, demonstrating measurable usability improvement.</li><li>• Applied <b>LLM chaining logic</b> for stepwise interaction design, simulating multi-agent collaboration patterns and showcasing GenAI capability beyond basic QA tasks.</li></ul>		
May 2024 – Dec 2024	<b>Infineon Technologies</b> <i>Master Thesis Student</i>	Munich, Germany
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Built a real-time <b>Multi-Modal deep learning</b> algorithm that fuses RADAR and camera data for simultaneous <b>depth estimation and object detection</b> using a single backbone, achieving 37 FPS on A100 GPU systems.</li><li>• Implemented a <b>novel vision transformer-based</b> cross-sensor association network with a <b>CNN-based</b> decoder in PyTorch framework, reducing depth estimation error by 8% over state-of-the-art methods and significantly improving spatial feature alignment.</li><li>• <b>Deployed</b> a real-time depth estimation model on <b>Hugging Face</b> with an interactive Gradio-based demo, served via FastAPI, and containerized the entire application using <b>Docker</b> for deployment and reproducibility.</li><li>• Leveraged <b>MLOps</b> tools such as Weights &amp; Biases, MLflow for efficient training, monitoring, and fine-tuning of deep learning models.</li></ul>		
Nov 2023- Apr 2024	<b>Infineon Technologies</b> <i>Computer Vision Working Student</i>	Munich, Germany
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designed and tested <b>ADAS functions</b> for vehicle tail-light detection and maneuvering action analysis to enhance driving safety on edge computing devices.</li></ul>		

- Developed and validated traffic light detection algorithms using **meta-learning with deep learning** models including YOLOv5, SSD, DETR, and Faster R-CNN.
- Built a **robust dataset** for various AI applications including detection, **segmentation**, and motion planning, and developed a parallel processing pipeline for dataset preprocessing over AWS S3 bucket.
- Collaborated with a cross-organizational team on the “Althena project” for ADAS feature development, utilizing frameworks such as GitHub and **Weights & Biases**, integrated with **CI/CD** pipelines.

Jan 2023 –  
Oct 2023

#### **Fraunhofer IKS**

Munich, Germany

*Computer Vision Working Student*

- **Researched and developed** 2D multi-object tracking using ByteTrack with Kalman filtering and enhanced association methods, benchmarking performance against state-of-the-art DeepSort.
- Trained a **deep descriptive** neural network to reduce identity switches and improve overall tracking performance.
- Developed an **advanced evaluation metric** for video object detection, accounting for detection accuracy across consecutive frames.

## **ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

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### **Hydranets-The one multitasking algorithm** [[Github](#)]

- Implemented a **multitasking algorithm** for classification and regression on the UTK Face dataset using PyTorch.
- Developed a real-time encoder-decoder model for predicting semantic segmentation and depth maps, featuring a lightweight **Mobile Net**-based encoder and a **Retina Net**-inspired decoder.
- Evaluated **3D segmentation** maps by leveraging metric depth maps and segmentation outputs with the Open3D library.

### **RAG application for app onboarding for blind people** [[Github](#)]

- Built an onboarding RAG application for visually impaired users using the **LangChain** framework and evaluated its real-time usability.
- Deployed the solution on **Streamlit** for demo, with a Chroma vector store for semantic retrieval, ensuring robust performance through cross-testing of retrieval strategies, indexing configurations.
- Developed multiple agent workflow prototypes (parallel, sequential, iterative, conditional) using LangGraph and OpenAI function calling.

### **Deep Learning and Edge Computing** (Master Semester Project) [[Github](#)]

- Developed a **Single Shot Detector** for car and number plate detection from scratch using PyTorch and TensorFlow and integrated it with **Google Coral Board** and imported it to **TensorFlow Lite** using ONNX.
- Performed image data augmentation using computer vision libraries and employed various machine learning algorithms and AI neural network architectures, such as VGG16, Mobile-NET, for image classification.

### **Vision Language Models (VLM) Bootcamp** [[Certificate](#)]

- Completed the OpenCV **Vision Language Model** Bootcamp with a **96%** score, gaining practical skills in applying Vision Language Models (VLMs) for image understanding and description generation.
- Worked hands-on with models like **CLIP** for zero-shot image classification and **Qwen2.5-VL** for image captioning and object detection, enhancing multimodal AI capabilities.

## **SKILLS, INTERESTS & OTHERS**

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**Programming Languages:** Python, C++

**Frameworks and Libraries:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, LangChain, LangGraph, OpenCV, FastAPI, Streamlit

**Technologies:** LiDAR, RADAR, Camera, Embedded AI

**Deployment & MLOps:** Docker, Gradio, AWS (S3), Weights & Biases, CI/CD

**Soft Skills:** Quick Learner, Good Communicator, Collaboration, Independent

**Languages:** English (Fluent), German (B1)