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EXPERIENCE

Reverie Labs — Cambridge, MA
Co-Founder, CTO — Nov 2017 — Present

Experienced AI/ML Entrepreneur and Startup Executive

- Co-Founder of Reverie Labs, pharmaceutical company using machine learning to drive kinase drug discovery
- Raised $31M in funding from top investors, including Y-Combinator and First Round Capital
- Scaled team from 2 founders to to 30 employees, actively hiring engineers, chemists, and executives across multiple roles.
- Advanced molecules using in-house AI/ML tools from virtual screening through lead opt and candidate nomination
- Wore many hats as a founder alongside hands-on engineering leadership, including managing budgets, handling HR and benefits, fostering relationships with investors and fundraising, and driving partnerships with big pharma companies.

Hands-On Technical Leader

- Directly oversaw team of engineers spanning infrastructure, machine learning, full-stack, and front-end. Managed and grew several individual contributors from new-grad to staff-level engineers, and developed new managers for subteams as the company grew. Set a culture of rapid iteration and product release to therapeutic teams.
- Defined the strategy and vision as a novel computationally-enabled pharma company, setting the roadmap for a hybrid research/engineering org that enabled creative breakthroughs while shipping code that was useful to therapeutic programs
- Recruited and retained elite machine learning talent (often against deep-pocketed competitors) by building state-of-the-art technology, fostering a culture of growth and ownership, and engaging with the broader academic community
- Led the development of a modern deep learning research/development org delivering dozens of productions models for molecular potency/ADMET properties to in-house therapeutic programs in oncology
- Secured a multi-year partnership with Roche/Genentech to advance 3 therapeutic targets enabling multi-million dollar up-front revenue, and developed engineering culture and roadmap that enabled secure data sharing and collaboration.

Led Development of Modern AI-Enabled Software Stack

- Discovered multiple breakthrough AI/ML models, with deep expertise in graph neural networks and generative AI methods
- Oversaw the development of a modern multi-region, multi-account secure AWS Cloud environment, enabling massive-scale training and inference of ML models with 1000s of GPUs, and large-scale CPU workflows spanning 100,000s of cores
- Contributed extensively to the design and implementation of an AWS-hosted Kubernetes cluster running workloads spanning machine learning training, inference, computational chemistry simulations, and software automation.
- Led the development of systems for dataset/model registries, model versioning, automatic retraining and redeployment, and retrospective dashboards for automatic historical analysis of production models.
- Led the development of substantial CI/CD automation to enable a smooth developer experience even as a nimble startup, giving in-house developers a modern Dockerized workflow across all develop types, enabled by Github self-hosted runners.
- Managed the development of a in-house Django-based suite of generative molecular design technologies, enabling therapeutic teams to access computational scale to enable parallel molecular design.

Vicarious AI — San Francisco Bay Area, CA
Research Engineer (Deep Learning) — July 2017 — Nov 2017

- Worked as research engineer at 50-person ML/robotics company with $130M+ in funding
- Designed and implemented large-scale deep learning models for visual perception

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages	Python, C++, C, Java, Go, Typescript, SQL, HTML, CSS, MATLAB
Tools	AWS Cloud Infra, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Ray, Docker, Kubernetes, Git

EDUCATION

Harvard University, B.A./M.S. in Computer Science — Cambridge, MA

GPA: 3.94/4.0. Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors. Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.
Coursework includes: Deep Learning (CS 287), Machine Learning (CS 181, CS 281), Distributed Comp. (CS 262), Prob. Algorithms (CS 223), Parallel Comp. (CS 205), Data Struct./Alg. (CS 124), Probability (Stat 110), Real Analysis (Math 25)

- Conducted **deep learning thesis research**. Studying transcription factor binding. Published/presented work at ICML.
- Head Teaching Fellow for CS 181 (Machine Learning) - Taught section, wrote and graded problem sets, and held office hours. Taught four course-wide review sessions per semester.
- Teaching Fellow for CS 182 (Artificial Intelligence) - Taught section, graded problem sets, and held office hours

EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Harvard University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Cambridge, MA
Researcher and Machine Learning Teaching Fellow Jan 2016 — June 2017

- Short Paper "Dilated Convolutions for Modeling Long-Distance Genomic Dependencies" was accepted to the ICML 2017 Workshop on Computational Biology. Invited to give one of four contributed talks.
- Won Speaker Award and Best Poster Award at ICML 2017 workshop. Talk viewable at https://youtu.be/HmCecphEvQg.
- Taught sections, held office hours, and wrote and graded problem sets for Harvard's undergraduate machine learning courses
- Held 8 course-wide exam review sessions across two semesters with 100+ students in attendance at each

Palantir and Google Various
Software Engineering Internships 2015-2016

- Worked as full-stack developer on Palantir's core Spark-based data analysis and visualization product
- Designed back-end for new data transformation prototype product that is used in production across the company
- Engaged closely with team of engineers to actively develop a product used across dozens of high-impact deployments

Google Mountain View, CA
Software Engineering Intern May 2015 — August 2015

- Developed back-end software for Google's content ad targeting teams, using internal parallel data processing tools
- Used text clustering machine learning models to diagnose the source of misclassifications of advertisements