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Software	Languages	- C++	<ul><li>Verilog</li></ul>	Lab Skills	<ul><li>Plasma Cleaner &amp;</li></ul>
- KiCAD	– Python	- SQL	- RISC-V	<ul><li>PCB Design</li></ul>	Asher
<ul><li>LTSpice/PySpice</li></ul>	- Scipy	<ul><li>Rust</li></ul>	<ul><li>Shell</li></ul>	<ul><li>Oscilliscope</li></ul>	<ul><li>Dicing saw</li></ul>
<ul><li>Cadence</li></ul>	- Flask	- nalgebra	<ul><li>LaTeX</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Network Analyzer</li> </ul>	<ul><li>HMDS Oven</li></ul>
<ul><li>LayoutEditor</li></ul>	- Sympy	- Rayon		<ul><li>Probe Station</li></ul>	<ul><li>Spincoater</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Quartus Prime</li> </ul>	- TensorFlow	<ul><li>MATLAB</li></ul>		<ul><li>Wirebonder</li></ul>	- SEM
<ul><li>Linux</li></ul>	- Pytorch	- Go		<ul><li>Diebonder</li></ul>	<ul> <li>X-Ray Spectroscopy</li> </ul>

## **Summary of Qualifications**

- Multidisciplinary generalist electrical engineering skills specialist in software development at scale in data engineering with Python and performance critical development in C++
- Experienced electrical engineering skills with clean-room and hands-on electrical lab-work
- Strong electrical engineering foundation through coursework in semiconductor device physics, RF devices, control systems, and IC design

## **Experience**

## RESEARCH ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

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Sept 2022 - Apr 2023 | Waterloo, ON

- Developed research plan for packaging of  $\mu$ LEDs onto TFT packplanes using indium electroplating
- Characterized results using SEM and X-Ray Spectroscopy,
- Designed custom PCBs in **KiCAD** for driving small  $\mu$ LED active/passive matrix displays using **STM32** microcontroller and accompanying analog circuitry
- Designed characterization setups for  $\mu$ LEDs in Fusion360 and Arduino interfaced with Python
- Validated flip-chip diebonding results with thermal and electrical simulations in MATLAB
- Designed and validated new layouts to improve mechanical and electrical performance

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER - FIRMWARE

Groq Inc.

|an 2022 - Apr 2022 | Mountain View, CA, USA

- Defined resource allocation over memory & processing units of tensors on Groq's TPU
- Developed Python & C++ API/firmware to improve streaming of instructions & data
- Used PyBind11 for interoperability of C++ & Python API/firmware for migration from older codebase

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER - AUTONOMOUS VEHICHLES

University of Waterloo @

|an 2023 - Apr 2023 | Waterloo, ON

- Fault analysis of autonomous vehicles, used Python, logged to PostgreSQL server
- Created a dashboard using Flask/Dash to allow for data exploration and identification of failures

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER - DIGITAL COMPRESSION

Huawei Technologies

May 2020 - Aug 2020 | Waterloo, ON

- Designed and Analyzed non-cryptographic hash function with linear algebra, SAT & self-designed GF(2) matrix solver to verify properties
- Benchmarked the optimized SIMD hashing function against existing NCHFs (Rust, C++)
- Implemented novel border detection algorithm in Go using probabilistic data structures to maximize performance with Goroutines

## SOFTWARE ENGINEER - MACHINE LEARNING

MappedIn

Sept 2019 - Dec 2019 | Waterloo, ON

- Designed data pipelines for cleaning & analysis; integrated new SQL data warehouse
- Increased prediction accuracy from 40% to 80% on existing LSTM models with feature engineering, hyperparameter optimization, & automated data cleaning (Python, SQL)
- Created Embeddings + SVM + Random Forest ensemble models to replace existing LSTM models, reducing inference costs 2X while maintaining prediction accuracy

#### SOFTWARE ENGINEER - BIOINFORMATICS

Ontario Institute for Cancer Research @

Jan 2019 - Apr 2019 - Jan 2021 - Apr 2021 | Toronto, ON

- Developed software in Python & SQL for existing genetics analysis pipeline
- Resolved bugs in existing lab software (Perl, Python, C#)
- Designed genomics pipelines for visualization, cleaning, and analysis; interfacing with existing R, Perl, and Shell pipelines
- Wrote future-proof and extensible code to process big datasets (Pandas, Shell)

#### **Projects**

## BEAMFORMING HEARING AID @

- Designed 4 channel microphone array PCB in KiCAD, PCB does active analog bandpass filtering, differential amplification, and multichannel ADC over SPI to Raspberry Pi
- R-Pi does compression and sends audio over Flask server for further digital filtering and beamforming
- Pytorch to create quantized voice isolation model and minimize latency and maintain performance
- Used multiprocessing, asyncio, and websockets to maximize throughput and performance

## PIPELINED RISC-V CORE

- Designed 5-stage pipelined RISC-V 32-bit core in Verilog using only synthesizable constructs
- Core synthesized on FPGA and successfully ran programs.
   Testbenches used to ensure cycle accuracy

#### RAY TRACING ENGINE ∅

- Implemented 3D recursive path-tracing for arbitrary materials on basic geometric shapes
- Used nalgebra for arbitrary rotations & positions of camera & objects
- Parallel processing of ray-tracing using rayon yielding ~10X performance speed-up