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Education

University of California, Berkeley BS in EECS, BS in Business

Aug 2019 – May 2023

- Technical GPA: 3.9/4.0
- M.E.T. Dual Degree Program
- IEEE Eta Kappa Nu (top 25% of EECS)

Experience

Member of Technical Staff, Decagon – San Francisco, CA

March 2025 – Present

- Product - research tools (in-house experiments platform), agent debugging workbench, self-serve voice, etc.
- Agent engineering - closed nearly 10% of 2025 ARR across competitive top deals (voice, chat, headless etc.)

Software Engineer, Zip – San Francisco, CA

June 2023 – Feb 2025

- Drove AI features (assistant, vendor consolidation) and core product (team management, user transitions)
- Reduced search overhead by 12X on core dashboards; improved p50-p75 latency for core mutations by >40%

Research Engineer Intern, Meta AI – Menlo Park, CA

July 2022 – Sept 2022

- Built support for eye-tracking and voice as multi-modal input modules for segmentation foundation model
- This was research for Segment Anything at FAIR; 3rd most cited AI paper worldwide in 2023

Software Engineer Intern, Nuro – Mountain View, CA

April 2022 – July 2022

- Built cost tracking framework, supported data migration to GCP and created synthetic load-testing infrastructure
- Helped scale NuFS, Nuro's distributed file system, to store over >100 PB self-driving data on-prem + cloud

Machine Learning Intern, Apple – Cupertino, CA

May 2021 – Aug 2021

- Created and trained 3D object pose-estimation model via simulation (game engine) for 1-arm robot
- Presented to VP of Hardware as a way to help automate testing for Apple Watch, which uses robots for QA

Machine Learning Researcher, BAIR, SkyLab – Berkeley, CA

June 2020 – June 2023

- Advised by Prof. John Canny for multi-modal self-supervised video understanding using transformers
- Advised by Prof. Ion Stoica (co-founder of Databricks) for multi-cloud ML training infrastructure

Publications

Segment Anything

Apr 2023

A. Kirillov, E. Mintun, N. Ravi, H. Mao, C. Rolland, L. Gustafson, T. Xiao, S. Whitehead, A. C. Berg, W. Lo, P. Dollár, R. Girshick (acknowledged as project contributor in paper due to large team size)
2023 ICCV (Oral)

LAVA: Language Audio Vision Alignment for Contrastive Video Pre-Training

May 2022

S. Gurram, A. Fang, D. Chan, J. Canny

2022 ICML Workshop

Projects

Arrow AI

- Developed a platform to evaluate prompts and unit test LLMs using natural language test suites
- Co-founded startup (inaugural Soma Fellow); turned down >1M in pre-seed offers to resume undergrad