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Professional Summary

Senior Machine Learning Engineer and physicist specializing in computer vision, 3D spatial data, and robotics applications. Build research-grade models and infrastructure that carry ideas from exploratory analysis to reliable, real-time deployment on robotic hardware, owning the full pipeline from data generation through model design, evaluation, and edge deployment. Combine an academic background in machine learning for high-energy physics with industry experience to deliver interpretable, production-ready systems for complex, sensor-rich environments.

Education

2015 - 2021	University of California, Irvine , Irvine, CA <i>Ph.D. in Physics</i>
2011 - 2015	University of Hawaii, Manoa , Honolulu, HI <i>M.S. in Physics</i>
2005 - 2009	Westminster College , Salt Lake City, UT <i>B.S. in Physics, Minor in Mathematics and Music</i>

Professional Experience

06/2022 - Present	Machina Labs <i>Senior Machine Learning Engineer</i> - Lead end-to-end ML for industrial robotic sheet-metal forming, from data collection and labeling to model design, evaluation, and deployment on edge devices. - Develop real-time models for anomaly detection, geometry augmentation, and trajectory planning using time-series and 3D sensor data. - Design data and experimentation infrastructure (data warehousing, ETL, metrics, dashboards) to support rapid iteration and robust monitoring of ML systems in production. - Collaborate with robotics, controls, and software teams to integrate ML into safety-critical systems, including CI/CD and infrastructure-as-code for on-prem hardware.
06/2015 - 06/2022	University of California, Irvine <i>Graduate Research Assistant & Postdoctoral Researcher</i> - Researched deep learning and computer vision methods for particle-physics detectors, focusing on robust classification, reconstruction, and anomaly detection under real-world constraints. - Developed techniques for interpreting ML models and relating learned features to underlying physical mechanisms, improving trust and scientific insight. - Built end-to-end ML pipelines for large simulated and experimental datasets, covering data generation, preprocessing, feature engineering, model design, hyperparameter optimization, and uncertainty-aware evaluation. - Collaborated across international experimental collaborations and communicated ML results to both domain experts and non-specialists.
08/2011 - 05/2015	University of Hawaii, Manoa <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> - Designed and implemented numerical simulations of Bose-Einstein condensates for a DoD-funded lattice-gas quantum computing experiment, bridging physics models and high-performance code. - Integrated analysis and trigger software with FPGA-based readout for a neutrino telescope, working across hardware, firmware, and scientific analysis teams.
09/2009 - 05/2011	Northrop Grumman Aerospace

Systems Engineer

- Designed and deployed secure precision-time (PTP) radio networks for U.S. Air Force installations, focusing on reliability, timing accuracy, and security.
- Served as primary point of contact for network operations and reliability, tracking performance metrics and coordinating fixes with Air Force stakeholders.
- Held an active Secret security clearance.

Publications

1. Faucett, T. Decoding Black Box Models to Find New Physics at the LHC. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California, Irvine (2021). <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/63x9r13b>
2. Faucett, T., Hsu, SC. & Whiteson, D. Learning to identify semi-visible jets. J. High Energ. Phys. 2022, 132 (2022). [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP12\(2022\)132](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP12(2022)132)
3. Faucett, T., Thaler, J., Whiteson, D. Mapping machine-learned physics into a human-readable space. Phys. Rev. D 103, 036020 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.103.036020>
4. Collado, J., Faucett, T., Witkowski, E. et al. Learning to isolate muons. J. High Energ. Phys. 2021, 200 (2021). [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP10\(2021\)200](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP10(2021)200)
5. Collado, J., Faucett, T., Howard, J. et al. Learning to identify electrons. Phys. Rev. D 103, 116028 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.103.116028>
6. Baldi, P., Cranmer, K., Faucett, T. et al. Parameterized neural networks for high-energy physics. Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 235 (2016). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-016-4099-4>

Technical Skills

LANGUAGES	Python SQL C++	● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ○ ○	Rust Bash/Shell	● ● ○ ● ● ○
ML/DL	PyTorch Pandas/Polars TensorFlow/Keras MLflow	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ● ○	NumPy scikit-learn ONNX TensorBoard	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ● ○
COMPUTER VISION	3D Point Cloud/Mesh Object Detection	● ● ● ● ● ○	Image Processing OpenCV	● ● ● ● ● ○
ROBOTICS	ROS2 Real-time Systems	● ● ● ● ● ○	Edge/Embedded ML	● ● ○
DATA & CLOUD	Azure/Azure Gov Kafka/RabbitMQ PySpark	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ○	ETL Pipelines Databricks InfluxDB	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ○
DEVOPS	Docker Terraform Linux/Unix	● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ● ●	Kubernetes CI/CD Git	● ● ○ ● ● ● ● ● ●

Honors & Awards

- 2020 | **Chateaubriand Fellowship**, Chateaubriand Fellowship
Prestigious fellowship awarded by the French Embassy to support research in machine learning and AI at a leading French institution.
- 2016-2018 | **NRT-DESE: Team Science for Integrative Graduate Training in Data Science and Physical Science**, National Science Foundation
2 year NSF research grant for work in the interdisciplinary field of machine learning and the physical sciences.