

# ZACHARY BERGER

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018 – 2022 **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**  
4.00 GPA | B.S. in computer science, mathematics concentration. Summa Cum Laude.  
*Courses* – Deep Learning, Classical ML, Neural Signal Processing, ML in Bioinformatics, Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Discrete Structures, Probability, Algorithms & Complexity, Networks, Operating Systems, Quantum Computing.

## WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2022 – **Google**, Mountain View – *Software Engineer*
- Adapted serving infrastructure for generative AI models, supporting multiple client launches (e.g., Bard LLM, MusicLM text to music, Imagen/Parti text to image).
  - Deployed state-of-the-art logo recognition model at 50,000 queries per second. Saved 8 million dollars of TPUs by migrating traffic to more efficient architecture.
  - Designed and implemented statistics to continuously evaluate production object detection, embedding, and classification models.
  - Implemented system for developers to test API calls to ML models.
- 2021-2022 **Prof. Amit Sahai**, Los Angeles – *Research Assistant & Lecturer*
- Devised stochastic simulation to study evolution of despair in humans<sup>[2]</sup>, providing evidence that despair can detriment the individual while benefiting a population.
  - Developed and taught an undergraduate class for 20 non-STEM majors, *Demystifying CS*, and received an overall review of 4.84/5.
- 2020-2022 **UCLA Vision Lab**, Los Angeles – *Research Assistant*
- Published algorithm in CVPR to optimize adversarial attacks against stereo matching networks<sup>[1]</sup> used in autonomous vehicles.
  - Showed architectural choices that improve network-robustness for vision tasks.
- 2021 **Amazon**, Seattle – *Software Engineering Intern*
- Designed and built a native AWS application to supply up-to-date login information for multi-factor authentication challenges, obtaining detailed AWS knowledge.
- 2021 **Tesla**, San Francisco – *Data Science Intern*
- Wrote and scaled a data quality detection algorithm using Scala to operate on Tesla’s multi-petabyte vehicle dataset. The algorithm is used to preprocess data, promoting robustness in Tesla’s ML pipeline.
  - Built data pipeline using Airflow to periodically deploy algorithm on a distributed Spark cluster, then update results/visualizations in Superset.

## PAPERS

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- [1] **Z. Berger**, P. Agrawal, T. Liu, S. Soatto, A. Wong, “Stereoscopic Universal Perturbations across Different Architectures and Datasets.” *CVPR*, 2022.
- [2] **Z. Berger**, A. Sahai, “Simulating the Evolution of Human Despair.” *In preparation*.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Python (TensorFlow, PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn) | C/C++ | Java | Golang | Scala | SQL | Latex  
Git | Unix/Linux | AWS | Spark | Airflow | Superset | GoCD | CI/CD | Deploying ML @ Scale | Mathematics