ETHAN OKSEN

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Professional Experience

Washington, DC fermPlot Mar 2023 - Present

Founder

- Founded and operate fermPlot, a company developing a bioprocess application for data processing and visualization.
- Built the fermPlot web application, which enables users to upload, visualize, and analyze bioprocess data, with a focus on flexibility and user experience. **Live Demo**: app.fermplot.com. **Technology**: Python, Dash, Plotly, JavaScript, Docker, Gunicorn, AWS EC2, Nginx, PostgreSQL, Git, pytest, and Locust.
- Implemented a CSV parser to handle data uploads, with an option for automatic data grouping and labeling.
- Built an interactive plotting feature allowing users to select datasets and plot data across up to four axes.
- Orchestrated application deployment using Terraform and Docker on AWS, with Nginx as a reverse proxy.

Emeryville, CA Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts Process Development Unit (ABPDU)

Aug 2017 - Oct 2021

Senior Research Associate / Bioprocess Engineer

Jan 2020 - Oct 2021

- Worked with over 30 industry partners, ranging from early-stage start-ups to large multinational companies, to develop and/or demonstrate fermentation and downstream processes.
- Led tech-transfer and process development projects with industry partners, supervising research associates and bioprocess engineers. Supervised and mentored interns and student research assistants.
- Held significant project management responsibility. Worked directly with companies to understand their goals and develop statements of work.
- Created standard operating procedures for data export, parsing, and visualization.

Research Associate / Associate Bioprocess Engineer

Nov 2018 - Jan 2020

- Developed and demonstrated fermentation and processes for industry and Department of Energy (DOE) programs.
- Used models to estimate the fuel properties of potential target molecules for genetic engineering projects to identify promising biofuel candidates. Included on a patent application for production of cyclopropane molecules.

Intern / Student Research Assistant

Aug 2017 - Sept 2018

Education

Baltimore, MD Johns Hopkins University

Aug 2020 - Aug 2022

• M.S., Biotechnology, Concentration in Bioinformatics, GPA: 3.94

San Diego, CA University of California, San Diego

Aug 2019

• Metabolic Engineering and Microbial Fermentation Workshop

Berkeley, CA

University of California, Berkeley

Aug 2009 - June 2013

• B.A., Philosophy, GPA: 3.60

Skills

Bioprocess Engineering

- Developing and operating bioreactor systems from single-use 250 mL reactors to 300L pilot systems for microbial hosts.
- Designing and running pilot-scale separation processes disc-stack centrifugation, TFF, lyophilization, column chromatography, and homogenization.
- Operating and interpreting data from GCMS, LCMS/RI/UV, and high-throughput photometric analyzer systems.
- Managing diverse process control software, from custom LabView solutions to proprietary Sartorius platforms.
- Using JMP and Python libraries for data processing and statistics (Pandas and SciPy) and visualization (Matplotlib and Plotly).
- Employing design of experiments (DoE) methodologies.

Journal Articles, Inventions, and Conference Presentations

• Full list: ethanoksen.com/publications