ETHAN OKSEN

Professional Experience

Washington, DC fermPlot Mar 2023 - Present Founder • Founded and currently operate fermPlot, a company developing a bioprocess platform 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, Pandas, NumPy, JavaScript, Docker, Gunicorn, AWS EC2, Nginx, PostgreSQL, Git, pytest, and Locust. • Implemented a CSV parser to handle data uploads, with an option for manual or automatic data grouping and labeling. • Built an interactive plotting feature allowing users to select datasets and plot data across up to four axes. Developed feature to convert common CSV formats to normalized tables in PostgreSQL. • Orchestrated application server deployment using GitHub Actions, Terraform, Ansible, and Docker. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory - Advanced Biofuels and Emeryville, CA Aug 2017 - Oct 2021 **Bioproducts Process Development Unit (ABPDU)** 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 demonstrate fermentation and downstream processes. • Led tech-transfer and process development projects with industry partners, supervising research associates and bioprocess engineers. Mentored interns and student research assistants. • Developed procedures to standardize data export and parsing to integrate with custom databases and LabKey. Nov 2018 – Jan 2020 Research Associate / Associate Bioprocess Engineer • Developed and demonstrated fermentation 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 Asst. Aug 2017 – Sep 2018 Education Baltimore, MD Johns Hopkins University Aug 2020 - Aug 2022 • M.S., Biotechnology, Concentration in Bioinformatics, GPA: 3.94 • Relevant Coursework: Advanced Genomics and Genetics Analyses, Gene Expression Data Analysis and Visualization, Bioinformatics: Tools for Genome Analysis, Next Generation DNA Sequencing and Analysis, and Bioassay Development. Berkeley, CA University of California, Berkeley, Extension Jan 2019 - Feb 2020 • Advanced Biosciences Certificate, GPA: 4.0 • Relevant Coursework: Biochemistry, Cell Biology, and Biostatistics.

Berkeley, CAUniversity of California, BerkeleyAug 2009 - Jun 2013• B.A., Philosophy, GPA: 3.60

Projects

• SRA Alignment Pipeline (2023). Nextflow pipeline for downloading SRA FASTQs, performing quality control, aligning reads to reference sequences, and calling variants. This project is available at: github.com/eoksen/sra_alignment_pipeline. Technologies: Nextflow, Python, Bash, R, Docker.

Journal Articles, Inventions, and Conference Presentations

• Full list: ethanoksen.com/publications

Skills

Software and Technologies

- Programming Languages and Scripting: Python, R, JavaScript, Bash
- Data Analysis and Processing: Python Pandas, NumPy, SciPy; $\rm R-dplyr,$ tidyr, base $\rm R$
- Dashboards, Visualization, and Notebooks: Dash/Plotly, R Shiny, Matplotlib/Seaborn, ggplot2, Jupyter Notebook
- Containerization and Version Control: Docker, Git, GitHub
- Database Management: PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite
- Cloud Services and Application/Server Orchestration: AWS (EC2, S3, ECR), Terraform, Ansible, Nginx, Gunicorn
- Operating Systems and Environment: Linux (Debian), macOS, Windows

Bioinformatics

- Workflow Management: Nextflow
- Guide RNA Design: Benchling, CHOPCHOP
- Cloning, Primer Design, and Codon Optimization: Benchling
- · Bioinformatics Libraries for R and Python: Bioconductor, BioPython
- Genome Alignment and Assembly: bbmap, Bowtie2, BWA, HISAT2, SPAdes
- RNA-seq Analysis: Cufflinks, DESeq2, HISAT2, HTSeq, TopHat
- Pre-Processing and Quality Control: FastQC, fastp, MultiQC, Trimmomatic
- Data Handling and File Conversion: bcftools, bedtools, samtools
- Variant Calling and Genotyping Tools: FreeBayes, Delly
- Variant Annotation Tools: Annovar, SnpEff, SnpSift

Laboratory

- Laboratory Information Systems: LabKey, Benchling
- Molecular Biology: DNA/RNA extraction and purification; PCR, qPCR; Illumina NGS; cloning workflows; Protein expression and purification; Flow Cytometry and cell sorting
- Lab Automation: Hamilton/Eppendorf liquid handlers, Sartorius AMBR 250 and Biolector for high throughput screening
- Data Collection and Integration: LabView
- Analytical Instrumentation: GC-MS, LC-MS/RI/UV, UV-Vis spectrometers