

At my Ph.D. defense at the University of California San Diego (UC San Diego/ UCSD), my research advisers gave the following introduction:

Terry [see below] introduced Siddharth to me in 2015. He said I just found a very competent student with a very interesting Brain-computer Interface experience who has background in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Machine Learning. I said great! Bring him in. So we had an initial meeting... And turned out Siddharth is really really resourceful and you know Terry was absolutely right. Siddharth is very competent and he has a very unique interdisciplinary background covering Electrical Engineering, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Signal Processing, Computer Vision, Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, etc. He has been helping many students and postdocs in our lab...

Siddharth, you have been the most diligent and resourceful student I ever had. Thanks for the knowledge, enthusiasm, and energy you brought to SCCN. You have made invaluable contributions to our research group and you always make me, SCCN, and UCSD proud... I will miss you as an excellent student, a remarkable team leader, and a dear friend. It was a pleasure working with you. We believe you will continue to achieve success no matter where you go in the future.

—[Professor Tzyy-Ping Jung](#)

Tzyy-Ping told the origin story. But, looking through his CV, what had impressed me was that he had done a lot of internships at some of the big high tech companies and he still goes every summer. He was last summer at Facebook. In fact, we heard that when he was at Facebook, he wasn't just an intern, he was also a mentor to others. It tells you a little bit about his resourcefulness. Something else you should know about him that almost makes him unique—he only has one name. And that puts him in the same class as Madonna and Sting, right?...

Siddharth, we are proud of what you have accomplished here at UC San Diego and look forward to what you will accomplish in the future.

—[Professor Terry Sejnowski](#)

I completely agree with the observations that Professor Tzyy-Ping made about Siddharth. As a person who is in Electrical and Computer Engineering, we are very happy that he is officially a grad student in our department... His research has capitalized on the strengths of all of the unique experimental facilities that UCSD has and Siddharth has resourcefulness, creativity, and persistence to make things happen...

Siddharth, you are indeed a uniquely gifted individual who is bound to make our world a better place. The force is always with you.

—[Professor Mohan Trivedi](#)