

ANDI ZHOU

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Education

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, MI

M.S.E Aerospace Engineering

GPA 3.86/4.00

Master of Science in Engineering

Graduating December 2023

B.S.E Aerospace Engineering

GPA 3.7/4.00

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Graduated May 2022

Clubs/Programs – Michigan Aeronautical and Science Association (MASA), Sigma Gamma Tau, Michigan Active Aeroelasticity and Research Laboratory, AIAA, **Private Pilot License (PPL)**

Skills

Engineering Skills: Heat Transfer, Uncertainty Analysis, Compressible Flow, Multi-Phase Flow, Thermodynamics

CAE Software: CATIA, IPEMotion, Star CCM+, PowerFLOW, ANSA, Solidworks, ANSYS, NASTRAN, Linux OS

Coding Language: VBS, MATLAB, Python, C++, Simulink

Awards: **Dean's Honor List & University Honors (2018 – 2022) | Sigma Gamma Tau** – National Aerospace Honor Society

Work Experience

Zoox Inc.

Foster City, CA

Thermal System Intern

May 2023 – August 2023

- Took charge of a stagnant flow-mapping test rig; Developed timelines, procured components, and constructed the test rig in just nine weeks, providing the team with essential flow data and design insights within the L5 cooling system.
- Independently built the test rig, established electrical connections, troubleshooted various pressure sensors and flowmeters, and devised an automation script in VBS that cut the testing time from 3 hours to 30 minutes.
- Analyzed system flow by testing 175 combinations of pump duty cycles and valve positions; obtained repeatable results. Made design recommendation that could potentially increase system flowrate by 7.5%.
- Managed the entire project from end to end, from conceptualization to completion; collaborated closely with the battery, compute, and powertrain team to obtain updated component data and specialized hardware.

Volvo Group Truck Technology

Greensboro, NC

Powertrain Simulation Intern

January 2022 – May 2022

- Designed, investigated, and optimized a swirl air-water separation tank which maintained a separation efficiency of 99% while decreased its mass from the original concept by 40%
- Collaborated with Dassault Systèmes, optimized water draining in truck air intake using PowerFLOW multi-phase flow, ensuring the system is up to standards as per SAE J554
- Cleaned 100s of powertrain CAD models and generated for them fine and efficient meshes for thermal simulations using ANSA
- Gained extensive experience working in an Agile team and a large company of 100,000 people

Project Team Experience

MASA (University Rocketry Team)

Ann Arbor, MI

CFD Engineer

January 2021 – June 2021

- Performed high-fidelity 3D full body CFD for a 27-ft rocket traveling at Mach 4.49 and converged the simulation to the 5th order of accuracy
- Conducted aero-thermal-structure interaction studies and optimized thermal-structural SF to 2
- Analyzed both steady and transient rocket aerothermodynamic behavior at Mach 4.49 by performing high-fidelity fluid simulation leveraging K-Omega and K-Epsilon turbulence models using ANSYS Fluent and STAR-CCM+
- Spent 100s of hours after school to generate fine and efficient meshes with Y+ values below 5 and is the first on the team to successfully converge the simulation using the U of M Great Lakes HPC Cluster

Personal Projects

Custom CFD Solver

Ann Arbor, MI

Programmer

January 2021 – May 2023

- Obtained a strong understanding of CFD and its internal numerical methods by independently coding a custom CFD solver.
- Implemented a CFD solver for Euler's Equation using C++ and MATLAB; incorporated first and second order Finite Volume Method as well as advanced Discontinuous Galerkin methods.
- Designed and integrated an adaptive meshing algorithm, optimizing computational mesh based on specific parameters like cell edge length and Mach Number.