ANDI ZHOU

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Ann Arbor, MI

GPA N/A

Education

University of Michigan Ann Arbor

Master of Science in Engineering

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Graduated May 2022 GPA 3.7/4.00

Starting September 2022

Clubs/Programs - Michigan Aeronautical and Science Association (MASA), Sigma Gamma Tau, Michigan Active Aeroelasticity and Research Laboratory, AIAA

Skills

Engineering Skills: Compressible Flow, Multi-Phase Flow, Thermodynamics, Heat Transfer, Thermal Management

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

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

Awards: Dean's Honor List & University Honors (2018 - 2021) | Sigma Gamma Tau - National Aerospace Honor Society

Work Experience

Solar Ship Inc.

Toronto, ON

Mechanical, Test Engineer Intern, and Drone Test Pilot

May 2022 – August 2022

- Worked tightly with a team of 6 engineers, designed the gondola for an 11-m diameter, human piloted, solar-electric tsorocopter airship used for disaster relief in remote areas
- Designed and prototyped a light, ergonomic, 11-G crash-resilient extendable controller mount for an 11-m diameter airship, allowing a 2-m tall pilot to fly the aircraft comfortably and safely
- Modeled and integrated all avionic component within the avionics bay, reduced the size of avionics bay by 40% while lowering the entire vehicle mass by 5%

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 Systèms, 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

Project Team Experience

MASA (University Rocketry Team)

Ann Arbor, MI

Rocket Fin Lead

September 2019 – Present

- Led a team of 12 in designing, simulating, and manufacturing rocket fins able to take on supersonic flight loads
- Organized design reviews, conducted engineering work sessions, led to team to eventually optimizing the apogee of our rocket by 30%
- Designed the structure to a SF of 1.5 with a loading condition of 2-degree AoA at Mach 2.77, reducing the weight of the overall rocket by 10% while maintaining the same performance at identical loading conditions

CFD Engineer

January 2021 – Present

- 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+

Personal Projects

Custom CFD Solver

Programmer

Ann Arbor, MI

January 2021 – September 2021

Single-handedly coded a custom CFD solver utilizing the method of fractional velocity to solve the steady incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

- Verified the above CFD code using the classic lid-driven cavity test case up to a Reynolds number of 5000
- Using the shallow water equation, programmed a transient solver investigating tank sloshing
- Programmed a Finite Volume Solver to investigate the spread of COVID-19 within a classroom leveraging concepts of potential flow