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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: Project Management, Data Inferencing, Mechanical Design, Multi-Phase Flow, Thermodynamics
CAE Software: CATIA, IPEMotion, Star CCM+, PowerFLOW, ANSA, Solidworks, ANSYS, NASTRAN, Linux OS
Coding Language: 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 2-year stagnating cooling system flow test rig; finished it in 9 weeks, yielding key flow data for the L5 vehicle cooling system.
- Devised an automation script in VBS that cuts the testing time from 3 hours to 30 minutes.
- Designed flow testing instrumentation diagram; worked extensively with thermocouples, pressure sensors and flowmeters.
- Made P&ID design recommendations that increased system flowrate by 7.5%.
- Managed the entire project from end to end; collaborated 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*
- Optimized a swirl air-coolant separation tank using Star CCM+, achieving 99% separation efficiency and reducing its mass by 40%.
- Partnered with Dassault Systèms to enhance truck air intake water drainage, meeting SAE J554 standards using PowerFLOW.
- Refined 100s of powertrain CAD models, repairing surfaces and creating efficient meshes for thermal simulations via ANSA.
- Gained extensive experience working in an Agile team and a large organization.

Leadership Experience

MASA (University Rocketry Team)   Ann Arbor, MI
Rocket Fin Lead   *September 2019 – December 2021*
- Led a team of 12 in designing, simulating, and manufacturing rocket fins able to take on supersonic flight loads.
- Achieved a thermal-structural SF of 2 at Max-Q via aero-thermal-structural optimization using ANSYS Suite.
- Analyzed rocket aerothermodynamics at Mach 4.49 leveraging ANSYS Fluent and STAR-CCM+.
- Elevated rocket apogee from 40,000 to 60,000 feet via aero-structural optimization.
- Partnered with external manufacturers to craft MASA's largest-ever rocket fin assembly (3-ft by 4-ft) in 3 months.

Testing Engineer Lead   *September 2021 – December 2021*
- Led a team of 6 in testing the largest fin assembly (3-ft wide, 4-ft tall) that MASA has ever built.
- Studied dynamic roll behaviors in a 5'x7' wind tunnel, quantified moment and angular acceleration due to aerodynamic effects.
- Validated static tests against Finite Element Analysis, obtained an error margin under 20%.
- Optimized team design cycles; accelerated design duration by 70%.