**ANDI ZHOU**

Canadian Citizen

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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:** Mechanical Design/Testing, CFD, FEA, Heat Transfer, Multi-Phase Flow,Data Inferencing

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

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

Awards: **Dean’s Honor List & University Honors (2018 – 2022)** | **Sigma Gamma Tau –** NationalAerospaceHonorSociety

**Work Experience**

**Zoox Inc.** Foster City, CA

*Thermal System Intern*   *May 2023 – August 2023*

* Led and completed a 2-year stagnating coolant flow test rig in 9 weeks, yielding key fluid flow data for the battery and powertrain cooling system.
* Made P&ID design recommendations that increased system volumetric flowrate by 7.5%.
* Accelerated testing time from 3 hours to 30 minutes using Python/VBS automation script.
* Designed flow testing instrumentation diagram; worked extensively with pressure sensors and flowmeters.
* Managed the entire project from end to end; collaborated with the battery, compute, and powertrain team to obtain updated component data and specialized hardware.

**Solar Ship Inc.** Toronto, ON

*Mechanical, Test Engineer Intern, and Drone Test Pilot May 2022 – August 2022*

* Designed an 11-G crash-resilient extendable yoke mount for an airship cockpit, ensuring safe, reliable and ergonomic control for all pilots.
* Optimized avionics integration using Solidworks CAD, shrinking avionics bay size by 40% and reducing vehicle weight by 5%.
* Designed and conducted flight tests of a 3-m diameter tsorocopter at highly irregular hours, while maintaining maximum safety for other operators

**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%.
* Refined numerous powertrain CAD models using ANSA, repairing surfaces, and creating efficient meshes for thermal simulations via ANSA.
* Partnered with Dassault Systèms to enhance truck air intake water drainage, meeting SAE J554 standards using PowerFLOW.

**Leadership Experience**

**MASA (University Rocketry Team)** Ann Arbor, MI

*Testing Engineer Lead September 2021 – December 2021*

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

*Rocket Fin Lead* *September 2019 – December 2021*

* Led a team of 12 in designing, simulating, and manufacturing the largest rocket fins in organization history that could take on supersonic flight loads.
* Achieved a thermal-structural SF of 2 at Max-Q via aero-thermal-structural optimization using ANSYS Suite.
* Elevated rocket apogee from 40,000 to 60,000 feet via aero-structural mass optimization.
* Partnered with external manufacturers to craft MASA's largest-ever rocket fin assembly (3-ft by 4-ft) in 3 months.