**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:** Hands-on building,Uncertainty Analysis,Compressible Flow, Multi-Phase Flow, Thermodynamics

**CAE Software:** NASTRAN, FEA, Star CCM+, PowerFLOW, ANSA, Solidworks, ANSYS, 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*

* Took charge of a stagnant flow-mapping test rig; Developed timelines, procured components, and constructed the test rig in just 9 weeks, providing the team with essential flow data and design insights within the L5 cooling system.
* Designed instrumentation diagram; connected and troubleshot thermocouples, pressure sensors and flowmeters; devised an automation script in VBS that cut the testing time from 3 hours to 30 minutes.
* Analyzed system flow by mapping 175 combinations of pump duty cycles and valve positions; obtained repeatable results. Made design recommendations 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.

**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%.
* Designed and conducted flight tests of a 3-m diameter tsorocopter at highly irregular hours, while maintaining the safety of other operators in addition to the equipment.

**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.
* Led aero-thermal-structure interaction studies using ANSYS FEA and optimized thermal-structural SF to 2.
* Investigated transient rocket aerothermodynamic behavior at Mach 4.49 by performing high-fidelity CFD simulation leveraging ANSYS FEA and STAR-CCM+.
* Increased the apogee of our rocket from 40,000 to 60,000 feet through aero-structural optimization.
* Coordinated with out-of-house manufacturers; in 3 months, fabricated and assembled the largest rocket fin assembly (3-ft wide, 4-ft tall) that MASA has ever built.

*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.
* Investigated dynamic roll behaviors using a 5’ by 7’ wind tunnel; quantified moment and angular acceleration due to aerodynamic effects and explored the possibility of inertial roll coupling.
* Conducted static testing of the fin surface, analyzed data and compared with those given in Finite Element Analysis; confirming that the error range stayed within 20%.
* Optimized team design cycles; accelerated design duration by 70%.

**Research Experience**

**Active Aeroelasticity and Research Laboratory** Ann Arbor, MI

*Undergraduate Research Assistant September 2020 – May 2021*

* Evaluated BWB type aircraft with NASTRAN using SOL 101, 103, 144, 145 and 400 to study its structural, modal and aeroelastic behaviors under subsonic speed with varying angle of attack and compressibility factor.
* Wrote finite element codes with MATLAB, allowing for NASTRAN to iteratively solve for varying loading conditions and automatically provide the most optimized structure for the load case given.

**Berlin Institute of Technology** Berlin, Germany

*International Research Intern* *April 2019 – July 2019*

* Verified drag coefficients and forces of experimental vehicles using wind tunnels measurements and compared with ANSYS Fluent results.
* Optimized vehicle aerodynamic based on geometry changes guided by wind tunnel experiments and decreased the overall drag coefficient by 0.02.

**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.

**Remote Controlled Propeller Driven Hovercraft** Ann Arbor, MI

*Aerodynamic and Electrical Engineer (Team of 4) January 2020 – May 2020*

* Performed internal CFDs using STAR-CCM+ to evaluate hovercraft lift force, predicting the amount of propeller power and inlet diameter needed to achieve take-off.
* Designed the electrical harnessing for the hovercraft, ensuring enough voltage and current is provided to flight-critical hardware such as the engine controller and the flight computer.