**ANDI ZHOU**

Canadian Citizen

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**Education**

**University of Michigan Ann Arbor Ann Arbor, MI**

**M.S.E Aerospace Engineering – Computation & Aerodynamic 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:** Fluid System Design, CFD, Numerical Optimization, Heat Transfer, Multi-Phase Flow,Data Inferencing

**CAE Software:** Star CCM+, Fluent, CATIA, IPEMotion, 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*

* Took charge of a 2-year stagnating cooling system flow test rig; constructed and finished it in 9 weeks, yielding key flow data for the L5 vehicle cooling system.
* Made P&ID design recommendations that increased system 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 thermocouples, pressure sensors and flowmeters.

**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 of 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 100s of powertrain CAD models using ANSA, repairing surfaces, and creating efficient meshes for thermal simulations via ANSA.
* Collaborated 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

*Aerothermal CFD Lead January 2021 – June 2021*

* Led a team of 12 in designing, simulating, and manufacturing rocket fins able to take on supersonic flight loads.
* Led low and high-fidelity 3D CFD using ANSYS Fluent and Star CCM+ for a 27-ft rocket at Mach 4.49 and converged to 6th order of accuracy.
* Achieved a thermal-structural SF of 2 at Max-Q via aero-thermal-structural optimization using ANSYS Suite.
* Investigated dynamic roll behaviors using a 5’ by 7’ wind tunnel, and quantified moment and angular acceleration due to aerodynamic effects.

**Personal Projects**

**Custom CFD Solver** Ann Arbor, MI

*Programmer January 2021 – May 2023*

* Implemented a CFD solver for compressible Euler’s Equation using C++ and MATLAB; incorporated 1st and 2nd order Finite Volume Method as well as advanced Discontinuous Galerkin methods.