

# KIVANÇ YILDIZ

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Tesla, Inc.

*Mechanical Design Intern — Drive Systems*

August 2019 - December 2019

*Palo Alto, California*

- Performed **tolerance stack-ups** with thermal expansion for the next generation Plaid powertrain rotor
- Modeled the Plaid rotor balance rings on **CATIA V5** including drawings with appropriate **GD&T**
- Implemented a **radial growth measurement** system onto an existing spin tester using laser micrometers
- Conceptualized future stator design connections using **crimping processes for a sheet metal design**
- Developed a **custom test shaft** for the semi-truck platform and validated the design using **ANSYS**

### Tesla, Inc.

*Test Engineering Intern — Low Voltage Controllers Design & Test*

May 2018 - August 2018

*Bay Area, California*

- Increased serviceability and lifetime of the Drive Unit Controller tester by creating custom **PCBs** using **Altium**
- Identified connectors on the Model 3 **wiring schematic** to design custom enclosures for low voltage testers with **power supplies, relays, CAN and LIN dongles, and displays**

### Tesla, Inc.

*Test Engineering Intern — Power Electronics*

January 2018 - April 2018

*Bay Area, California*

- Designed a semi-automated **tester for production volume** junction box with a custom fixture, high-voltage probes and pneumatic actuators to measure resistance
- Worked with suppliers and optimized design to **reduce costs by up to 26%**

## FORMULA SAE

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### Formula uOttawa

*Captain & Lead Chassis Designer*

September 2015 - Present

*Ottawa, Ontario*

- Set and enforced deadlines and goals for design, and manufacturing
- Managed annual team budget of \$70,000
- Developed analytical models using **MATLAB** to help achieve lighter weight, and increased performance
- Modeled the chassis in **Solidworks** and performed FEA using **ANSYS** to validate the design

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH

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### University of Ottawa / National Research Council

*Transpiration Cooling Efficiency of Porous Materials*

September 2018 - Present

*Ottawa, Ontario*

- **Published** a paper on Transpiration Cooling Efficiency of Porous Materials and **presented** at ISABE 2019 conference in Australia
- Developed **testing procedures** for systematic paint application and data collection using a low-speed wind tunnel, **CCD camera**, and a UV light source
- Implemented a variation of polynomial regression model in **Python** using **Scikit-Learn** to identify partial pressure of oxygen at any given location on the sample using **pressure sensitive paint (PSP)**

## EDUCATION

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### University of Ottawa

Bachelor of Applied Science, Mechanical Engineering (CO-OP)

April 2019

President of *Mechanical Engineering Student Society*

Scholarships: University of Ottawa Merit Scholarship (2019), NSERC Industrial Research Award (2018, 2017)