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## EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin (GPA: 3.8/4.0)

Bachelor of Science, **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Certificate, **German**

May 2027

Bachelor of Science, **Physics**

Minor, **Materials Science and Engineering**

**Relevant Coursework:** Embedded Systems, Solid-State Devices, Power Electronics, Digital Logic Design, Fundamental Electronic Circuits, Mechanics of Solids, Circuit Theory, Electrodynamics, Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics, Computational Physics

## EXPERIENCE

Adom Industries Inc. / R&D Design Engineer / Electrical and Robotics Engineering

May 2025 – August 2025

- **Architected** the mechatronic **drivetrain** for reliable autonomous payload transfer
- **Applied FEA** to drive material topology, **cutting material usage** by 88%; validated with **welded prototypes** and **bench testing**
- **Authored** bring-up procedures and DFM notes (wiring looms, EMI/grounding, thermal interfaces); reduced assembly effort.

Sandia National Laboratories / R&D Computational Engineer / Pulsed Power Physics

May 2024 – August 2024

- **Analyzed** fluid RTIs and RMIIs to diagnose inaccuracies in ALEGRA **simulations**
- **Built** a fast **current-pulse generator** to synthesize **10k+ waveforms** for ML-aided **surrogate modeling** and **UQ pipelines**
- **Wrote ODE/trajectory solvers** to track radial liner implosions and compare ALEGRA predictions and observed instability spectra.

FSAE Longhorn Racing / Dynamics + Vehicle Modeling Engineer / Steering Lead, Member

September 2022 – August 2025

- **Designed** an anti-Ackermann geometry with **compliance modeling** to tune **slip-angle behavior**; verified through Python simulation and track feedback loops
- **Re-engineered** steering column using **carbon-fiber** layups, cutting system weight  $\approx 68\%$  while **maintaining torsional rigidity**
- **Created** a **modular gearbox CAD stack** (GD&T, CNC and composite fab) with fast-swap adjustability for testing days

Large Enriched Germanium for Neutrinoless Double-beta Decay – Karol Lang / High Energy Particle Detectors November 2022 – Present

- Analyzing **scintillating and wavelength shifting fibers** to detect the neutrinoless double-beta decay
- **Visualized** and analyzed **positional and intensity variation** from Fermilab's Hadron Monitor for preparation to be repaired
- **Simulating** through a **Docker supported codebase**, MaGe, photon emissions from scintillating fibers

## Projects

E-Bike Boost Converter Design

**Relevant Skills:** Power Electronics, Embedded Systems, PCB Design

- Designing a PCB for a DC-DC **boost converter**, minimizing **EMI**, critical loop areas, and gating loop areas.
- Interfacing with **digital PWMs** and **ADCs**

Ping Pong Ball Equilibrium Robot

**Relevant Skills:** Mechatronics, Robotics, Controls, C, C++, Power Electronics

- **Developing inverse kinematics and PID control** of a **robotic platform** for precise movement correction within  $\pm 0.5$  mm accuracy.
- Integrating **high-torque servos**, **power circuits**, and custom **3D-printed components** to engineer the **electromechanical system**

Wireless Communication via Infrared LED and UART

**Relevant Skills:** Embedded Systems, C, C++, Firmware, UART, SPI Protocol

- Implemented firmware with **UART** to transmit data with baud rate of **2375 bits/sec** and bandwidth of **148 bytes/sec**
- Verified with **oscilloscope** the **IR sensor receiver** and IR Led transmitter to transmit slide potentiometer data for videogame display

Attenuation Lengths of Scintillating Fibers

**Relevant Skills:** Python, SOLIDWORKS, Manufacturing, Sensor Integration, Data Analysis

- Measuring and **analyzing attenuation lengths** of  $>100$  wavelength shifting fibers from Eljen with 520nm wavelength LEDs
- Designed via **SOLIDWORKS**, **3D printed**, and **milled** 20 mechanical mounts for a sensor system of SiPMs, PMTs and Spectrometers

Crystal Oscillator Resonant Frequency and Mass Flux Tracker

**Relevant Skills:** Circuit Design, KiCAD, PCB Design

- Created a **sensor** to measure **resonant frequency** with  $<5\%$  error of a **Quartz Crystal Oscillator** to find **Ytterbium flux in vacuum**
- **Prototyped** circuit design via breadboards and 3D prints to ensure design validity

Steering Gearbox

**Relevant Skills:** CAD, SOLIDWORKS, ANSYS, Manufacturing, CNC, Manual Mill, Lathe

- Performed **stress analyses** of various parts with **finite element analysis** from Ansys and SOLIDWORKS
- Calculated steering efforts and ratios with high level **vehicle modeling** and **computational verification**
- Designed various parts such as **gearboxes**, **steering racks**, **carbon fiber tubing** in SOLIDWORKS

## SKILLS

**Software Language Proficiencies:** Rust, C, C++, ARM, Python, MATLAB, Bash, JS, HTML, CSS, LaTeX

**Simulation/Modeling Software:** Fusion360, KiCAD, LTSpice, FLASH, MaGe, SOLIDWORKS, VCarve, Inventor, Ansys