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Aaron Feng

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Education

MSE Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan Ann Arbor (GPA: 4.00)

Jan 2024 - Dec 2024

 Digital Control Systems, Finite Element Methods in MEAM, Adv Batteries, Experimental Design Microelectromechanical Systems, Design Optimization, Robotic Kinematics & Dynamics

BSE Mechanical Engineering. University of Michigan Ann Arbor (GPA: 3.97)

Aug 2021 - Dec 2023

BS Aerospace Engineering (transfer), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (GPA: 3.80) Jun 2019 - May 2021
Discrete Structures, Data Structures, Flight Mechanics, Mechanics of Aerospace Structures, Incompressible Flow, Computer Architecture, Numerical Methods, Algorithms

Experience

Relativity Space / Thermal Engineering Intern - Long Beach, CA

May 2024 - July 2024

Developed convection tool and GUI for various input parameters and geometry
May 2023 - Aug 2023

Implemented simulation post processing tool for heat flow between thermal subgroups

Created and analyzed thermal models of Terran R throttle valve actuator, cables, and thermal protection system

University of Michigan / Graduate Student Instructor - Ann Arbor, MI

Jan 2024 - May 2024

 Instructed ME395 (Lab I) sections; taught and guided students to run/troubleshoot vibration, vapor compression cycle, aluminum tensile/fracture, DC motor, wind tunnel equipment/experiments

Rivian / Aerothermal Systems Engineering Intern - Irvine, CA

May 2022 - Aug 2022

Evaluated heat management with composite materials and potential range improvements for EDV and R1S

Automated StarCCM+ simulation workflow, reducing number of steps by 66%

 Developed long term insulation pack by optimizing insulation location and R-value, and determined evaporator cooling power required for varying ambient conditions, for human comfort/safety in EDV cargo compartment

Conducted material stack configuration, fan characterization testing; quantified benefits of different EDV roof colors

Tesla / Manufacturing Engineering Intern - Austin, TX

Jan 2022 - May 2022

Streamlined Model Y fascia assembly line and reduced cycle time using process flow layouts and time studies

Designed and assembled 2QPC buffer storage method to accommodate urgent process needs

• Established standard work procedures for fascia assembly process, trained operators, supported production team

Presented and coordinated design change review for assembly line, reducing finished goods transfer time by 70%

H.A. Automotive Systems / Design Engineering Intern - Troy, MI

Jun 2021 - Jan 2022

Conducted Design Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (DFMEA) on headlamps, taillamps

• Employed CAD (CATIA) to model products, improved structural stiffness of proposed products

 Designed, assembled, and validated a green filter headlamp prototype which was adopted by GM as a benchmark/proof of concept, resulting in \$100,000 additional market value revenue

Activities

Michigan Aeronautical Science Association / Member

Aug 2021 - Dec 2022

Analyzed liquid propellant propulsion chamber pressure using FEA, injector design using CFD

Illinois Space Society / Subteam Lead

Aug 2019 - May 2021

Competed in NASA's Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts - Academic Linkage (RASC-AL)

Led group for radiation/MMOD protection, design, FEA for structure of reusable lunar habitat (finalist team)

Researched nuclear thermal propulsion and zero boil-off, defined specifications for Mars mission (finalist team)

Organizations

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) / Member

Aug 2021 - Present

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) / Member

Aug 2019 - May 2021

Skills

- C++, Java, Python, JavaScript, MATLAB, TensorFlow; NX, CATIA, SolidWorks, Fusion 360, AutoCad, ANSA
- Thermal Desktop, Ansys, TaiTherm, StarCCM+, Adams, COMSOL, STK (Level 1 Certified), EAGLE
- Mill, Lathe, Laser cut, Water jet, 3D printing

Honors & Awards

- University of Michigan: Dean's List, University Honors, James B. Angell Scholar, Budd Scholarship
- University of Illinois Grainger College of Engineering: James Scholar, Dean's List