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EDUCATION

University of Maryland College Park, College Park, MD

Expected May 2019

Bachelor of Science Aerospace Engineering

GPA: 3.20

Bachelor of Arts Chinese

Relevant Courses: Mechanics of Composites, Linear Controls, Spaceflight Dynamics, Vibrations, Space Propulsion

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Terrapin Rockets Development Team, Propulsion Team

Oct. 2017 – Present

- Develop a paraffin and liquid N₂O hybrid rocket to push a 8.5kg to 30,000 ft. for the Spaceport America Cup
- Modeled and designed a small scale test motor to measure regression rates and thrust of the motor
- Utilized ANSYS Fluent and Chemkin to simulate combustion chamber regression rates, and calculate predicted chamber pressures and temperatures for a small scale test stand

Deployable Heat Shield, Space Systems Laboratory, Mechanical Team Leader

Jul. 2018 – Present

- Design a deployable heat shield to simulate the recovery of an upper stage launch vehicle
- Simulate reentry conditions and flow over heat shield at hypersonic speeds using methods of characteristics and Fluent (for lower velocities)
- Heat shield will be dropped from 80,000 ft. to simulate descent through the atmosphere

CanSat Competition 2018 Deployable Heat Shield, Mechanical Team Leader

Oct. 2017 – Jun. 2018

- Designed and built a rocket launched probe to test and simulate a deployable heat shield to slow probes descent
- Used ANSYS Fluent CFD simulations of descent rate and stability of probe and heat shield during flight to modify the design accurately determine the flight characteristics
- Placed 4th among 104 international teams competing in competition

Flight Controller for Propulsive Landing, Control of Aerospace Systems

May 2018

- Developed a flight control algorithm to land a simulated rocket on a moving barge
- Flight controller implemented noise pre-filtering, external disturbance rejection and second order target tracking

Solar Powered Glider, Team Leader

Nov. 2016 – May 2017

- Constructed and designed a solar powered glider designed to take measurements of altitude, velocity, temperature, pressure and transmit the data collected during flight to a ground station
- Managed a team of eight students, coordinated their work schedules, made deadlines, and completed tasks in a timely manner.

SKILLS

Programs: ANSYS (Fluent, FEA, Chemkin), Siemens NX, STK, SolidWorks, Inventor, AutoCAD, MATLAB

Fabrication Skills: Welding (TIG and Stick), Lathe, Milling, General Shop Machines

Programming: Java, JavaScript, Python, C++, HTML, CSS, Ruby

Foreign Languages: Spanish (Native Fluency), Chinese (6 years of study)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Licensing Associate, University of Maryland Division of IT,

Feb. 2016 – Sep. 2018

- Licensed and managed software contracts, distribution and maintenance for the University of Maryland
- Administer software distribution service for all members of the University of Maryland
- Provided technical support and troubleshooting for problems related to software installation and licensing
- Hired and trained new staff members to manage distribution and provide technical support to faculty and staff