

Elijah Berger

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Summary

Seeking Full-time engineering position in design of power electronics, medical devices, or scientific equipment
Experience Resonant power converters, design for manufacture, design for test

Education

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.89/4.0

Expected May 2026

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

- Advisor: Professor Daniel C. Ludois
- *Relevant coursework*: power electronics, solid-state power conversion, discrete-time controls, computational electromagnetics

Bachelor of Arts in Physics, *magna cum laude*, GPA: 3.92/4.0

May 2021

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Brunswick, ME

- Studied with a focus on physical modeling and climate dynamics
- *Relevant coursework*: solid-state electronics, computational physics, statistical physics (thermodynamics)

Awards & Honors

Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar, Bowdoin College (Dean's List)

2018, 2019

Noel C. Little Prize in Experimental Physics, Physics Department of Bowdoin College

May 2021

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Maine Chapter

May 2021

Professional Experience

Prodrive Technologies, Inc.

Canton, MA

PROCESS MANAGER - SERVICE

Mar. 2022 – Aug. 2024

- Steered the department through a factory-wide transition to full production capacity
- Mentored four new engineers in lab skills, live measurements, and root cause analysis techniques
- Initiated an in-house training and certification program for rework soldering to IPC-7711/21 standards

SYSTEMS ANALYSIS ENGINEER

Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2024

- Reverse engineered hundreds of failures and proposed improvements in product design and component selection
- Designed custom test circuits and a Python/CANopen application to troubleshoot defective products
- Coordinated multidisciplinary investigations to eliminate systemic quality issues

Research and Teaching Experience

Wisconsin Electric Machines and Power Electronics Consortium (WEMPEC)

UW-Madison

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Aug. 2024 – Present

CLASS-E AMPLIFIER AND CONTROLS FOR HF-BAND COMMUNICATIONS (UNDER IARPA EQUAL-P PROJECT)

- Designing and testing a >10 Watt class-E amplifier using 650 V GaN for 10 MHz carrier frequency
- Researching and fabricating MHz-bandwidth current sensors, verifying performance with oscilloscope measurements
- Implementing closed-loop envelope control for a soft-switching radio amplifier in analog hardware

CAPACITIVE POWER TRANSFER FOR NON-CONTACT HEATING OF SALINE SOLUTION

- Prototyping and PCB layout for a 100 Watt, 6.78 MHz, resonant full-bridge inverter in 100 V GaN with custom inductors
- Utilizing system identification techniques to model novel electrochemical load impedances as simplified electrical circuits
- Analyzing thermal behavior of the system, including determining convective and radiative transfer coefficients

Physics Department, Bowdoin College

Brunswick, ME

LEARNING ASSISTANT

Feb. 2018 – May 2021

- Led groups of 5-10 students in weekly collaborative problem solving sessions
- Provided personalized feedback and held office hours for students in Electric Fields and Circuits and Statistical Physics

Other Work Experience

Sail Sand Point

OPEN BOATING INSTRUCTOR

- Developed lesson plans and taught adult learn-to-sail programs in group and private sessions
- Facilitated community outreach events for the YMCA, Outdoors for All, and other organizations

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

- Operated independently on complex projects including dock maintenance and fiberglass repair
- Devised solutions to return boats to service, such as replacement transoms and rigging fabrication

Seattle, WA

Summers 2019, 2021

Summers 2017, 2018

Certifications

IPC-7711/7721 Rework, Modification, and Repair: Certified Trainer, EPTAC LLC, Manchester, NH

Apr. 2023, exp. Apr. 2025

IPC-A-610 Acceptability of Electronic Assemblies: Certified Trainer, EPTAC LLC, Manchester, NH

Oct. 2023, exp. Oct. 2025

Skills

Professional skills	8D & team-based problem solving, technical writing, process engineering, mentorship
Electronics	Power conversion, analog controls, sensing circuits, failure analysis, magnetics design
Lab skills	Production test design, high-frequency probing, soldering, thermal measurements
Software	Python, SPICE, MATLAB/Simulink, Altium, CANopen, Excel
Equipment	Oscilloscope, impedance analyzer, multimeter, function generator, Hipot tester
Languages	English (native speaker), Spanish (intermediate)

Activities & Interests

- Cooking
- Ultimate frisbee
- Hiking & camping
- Sailing
- Vintage electrical test equipment