# Weihang Li

West Lafayette, IN 47906 • li2653@purdue.edu • (765) 464-4808 Personal Website: https://www.weihangli.com

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Purdue University, School of Engineering

M.S. in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (System and Aerodynamic), Expected in 05/2022

• Relative courses: Plasmas and Electric Discharges, System Safety & Reliability, System Optimization, Tools and Methodologies for Design Systems

# Purdue University, School of Engineering

B.S. in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (System Engineering), Awarded in 05/2021

- Relative courses: Aerodynamics, Thermodynamics, Structure, Systems Design, Dynamic and Control.
- Honor: Dean's List (4 years), Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

# PAPER & CONFERENCE

- The Impact of Cathode Surface Roughness and Multiple Breakdown Events on Microscale Gas Breakdown at Atmospheric Pressure, xccc 125, 203302 (2019).
- *Crater Formation and Transition of Gas Breakdown Mechanism at Nanoscale*, Purdue Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, 1 Aug 2019, West Lafayette, IN, USA
- Case Report: Steroids Rescue Sudden and Persistent Hearing Loss Possibly Owing to Intralabyrinthine Schwannoma and Immune Response from Covid-19 Vaccination
- *Nano/Micro-Meter Electrode Topology Effects on Electron Emission*, 22nd Annual Directed Energy Science & Technology Symposium, Student Workshop, 11 March 2020, West Point, NY, USA.
- *Experimental Assessment of Electrode Effects on Gas Breakdown for Microscale Gaps*, 21st Annual Directed Energy Science & Technology Symposium, Student Workshop II, 10 April 2019, Destin, FL, USA.

# RESEARCH

# Plasma and Gas Breakdowns in Nanoscale

Research Assistant, BioElectrics and ElectroPhysics (BEEP) Lab

- Conducted research testing conditions affecting the breakdown voltage at micro to nano scale. Designed and manufactured microchip for experiment.
- Compared experimental data with the classic and the new universal gas breakdown theory simulation data.
- Designed and built a fully automatic system using chip carrier to test over 2000 samples in vacuum chamber. Estimated reduced over 400 hours of labor work and reduced 45% of human error caused data loss.
- Tested the surface work function impacted by the gas breakdown process using analytical techniques.

# Electrostatic Accelerator and Plasma Diagnostic

Research Assistant, Electric Propulsion and Plasma Laboratory

- Used Langmuir Probe, microwave interferometry, spectroscopy for the diagnose of plasma generated by the electrostatic accelerator and plasma jet.
- Operated the electrostatic accelerator for experiment.

# Soil Moisture Remote Sensing using Signal of Opportunity

Research Assistant, Satellite Radio Navigation Lab

- Operated USRF310s user defined radio to obtain satellite reflection signals and analyze soil moisture from comparing the original and reflected signal.
- Collected and processed P-band signal. Validated the possibility of using signal from ORBCOMM satellites for measuring soil moisture at soil deepness of 20-100cm.
- Designed and built the customized antenna, electronics and UAV retrofitting for the experiment. Project management including mission planning, link budget, weight budget and power budget.

08/2017-12/2020

01/2018-Present

08/2018-Present

01/2020-05/2020

# PROJECTS

# Fix Wing VTOL Aircraft Design

Senior Design, Chief Engineer, Purdue University

- Lead a 6 people team on the project of developing a small, fixed wing VTOL aircraft for urban delivery.
- Responsible for system design, Aerodynamic configuration optimization, power system design, dynamic and control system design.
- Full product design life cycle design from analyzing stakeholder needs and requirement definition to hardware design to product verification and validation.

# SAE Formula Race Car Design

Powertrain Engineer, Formula SAE Team Purdue

- Participated in the redesign of the exhaust manifold, air intake and cooling intake system.
- Used aerodynamic knowledge and CFD software to optimize ducted airflow for these components.
- Experienced using Creo, AutoCAD for modeling and using water jet, milling and CNC for manufacturing.

# Radio Telescope and Radio Meteor Monitoring System05/2016-05/2017

Chief Engineer, Affiliated high school of Peking university

- Designed and built a meteor monitoring system using the radio reflection from the plasma trajectory of the meteor.
- Designed and built customized antenna for the specific frequency need to amplify. Use electronics and user defined radio to receive signal.
- Support the construction of the first radio meteor monitoring network in northern China.

# Microgravity Liquid Sloshing Experiment in Microgravity Environment05/2020-08/2020Research Engineer, Purdue University, Course Project05/2020-08/2020

- Collaborated with Professor Steven Collicott to design experimental devices, build 3D models, construct experimental load, and design an automatic control system
- Designed the power supply equipment suitable for the blue origin rocket, and protected the device from electromagnetic radiation

# WORKING EXPERIENCE

# DreamX Edu Tech(STEM Course Provider for Chinese K9 Education)

Senior Design, Chief Engineer, Purdue University

- Built and managed a team of 20 people to develop curriculum comprised of 20+ courses in 6 dispensaries with 2000+ course hours.
- Navigated the team to develop 50+ different kinds of teaching appliance such as simple wind tunnel, modular assembled 4 axis UAVs and robotic suit.
- Deployed the tests of courses in 15+ schools among 5000+ students.
- Received 1-million-dollar investment for the deployment of the course.

# <u>SKILLS</u>

- Analytical Techniques: Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Atomic Force Microscope (AFM), Oscilloscope, Source Measure Unit (SMU), Probe Station, Electron Back-Scattered Diffraction (EBFD).
- **Programming Language**: Java, MATLAB, C, Python.
- Modeling software: Solidworks, Creo, Catia, Ansys, Core
- Other: Microsoft Office, Adobe creative Suite, Tableau, MindX, Latex, 3D printing

09/2017-05/2019

11/2019 /08/2021