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Curriculum Vitae

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I. Education:

- 1983-1988: Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics
Graduate Aerospace Laboratories,
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA – 91125
- 1982-1983: M.S., Mechanical Engineering
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA – 91125
- 1977-1982: B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India – 600-036

II. Leadership:

- 2023-present: Mark Dalton Faculty Director of Experiential Learning in Aerospace Engineering, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235, USA
- 2026-present: Chair: AIAA Launch Vehicle and Entry Systems Technical Committee
- 2022-2025: Chair: AIAA Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee
- 2015-present: Professor of the Practice of Aerospace Engineering, Vanderbilt University, USA
- 2014-present: Advisory Guest Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India
- 2007-present: Professor of the Practice of Mechanical Engineering, Vanderbilt University
- 2021-2022: Chair: Dr. V. Ganesan Faculty Fellow Campaign, IIT Madras, India
- 2022-present: Co-Founder & Benefactor: Accident Critical Care and Analysis Project (ACCA) and the Healthcare Access and Innovation Lab at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, India.
- 2017-2018: Chair: Professor V. Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Campaign, IIT Madras, India
- 2013-2020: Founder & Benefactor: Roddam Narasimha Distinguished Seminar Series, IIT Gandhinagar, India
- 2011-present: Director, Vanderbilt-Metro Water Renewable Energy Showcase Facilities
- 1989-2006: Research Professor, Center for Microgravity Research and Applications Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235
NASA Co-Principal Investigator of Microgravity Fluids Phenomenon on Space Shuttle Missions (USML- I; 1992 and USML- II; 1995) and of Materials Processing Phenomenon on the International Space Station (ISSI, PFMI; 2002-2003).
- 2020-2021: Educational Committee Chair: AIAA Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee

2026-present

Reviewer of Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships for United States-India Educational Foundation USIEF in Aerospace Engineering

III. Honors & Awards:

- **Vanderbilt University Chancellor's Cup:** for the greatest intellectual and academic contributions to undergraduate students outside of classroom teaching (2017). The faculty member's contribution "shall be one of educational importance, relevant to the central purpose of the University." Citation: Amrutur Anilkumar has helped make Vanderbilt an aerospace engineering powerhouse even without a formal program; for his dedication to connecting students across disciplines and advising student groups.
- **AIAA Abe Zarem Educator Award:** National Award; American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (2017). Presented to the faculty advisor of the student winner of the Abe Zarem Graduate Award for Distinguished Achievement in Aeronautics or Astronautics; advisor recognized for his/her role in guiding and mentoring the student.
- **AIAA Faculty Advisor of the Year:** National Award; American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics, (2016) for passionate promotion of aerospace design activities, community outreach and mentoring of students to success at National Competitions and pursuit of Aerospace Engineering careers.
- **NASA Educational Engagement Awards:** National Awards for best inspiring the study of rocketry and STEM-related topics among younger students and their community (2023, 2021, 2017, 2014, 2012).
- **Faculty Advisor for Northrop Grumman-Orbital-ATK NASA Student Launch National- Championship Teams** for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2014, 2013 and National Space Club second place teams of 2026, 2021, 2017.
- **Associate Fellow:** American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, AIAA (2012). Awarded to persons who have accomplished or been in charge of important engineering or scientific work, or who have done original work of outstanding merit, or who have otherwise made outstanding contributions to the arts, sciences, or technology of aeronautics or astronautics.
- **AIAA Special Awards:** for designing and executing a comprehensive STEM educational outreach program involving Aerospace Engineering, for sustained and outstanding achievement in Aerospace Engineering, for outstanding mentoring to Aerospace Club (2014, 2012, and 2010).
- **2012 EPA P3 Award** (People, Prosperity, and the Planet): for the quality and design of bio-hybrid solar cells.

- **Paladin Capital Marketplace Innovation Award** (@ EPA's American Innovation for Sustainability Forum in Washington, DC), for the design of the bio-hybrid solar cells.
- **AIAA Faculty Booster Award** for steadfast commitment and outstanding leadership as the faculty advisor of the Vanderbilt University AIAA Chapter (2008).
- **Vanderbilt University School of Engineering Award for Excellence in Teaching** (2007). Award presented by the Dean of Engineering to a member of the VUSE faculty who has made significant contribution to excellence in undergraduate or graduate instruction during the past year. Factors considered are high teaching ratings, course materials, effective innovations in instruction, positive influence on outreach within and external to VUSE, curriculum value, and collaboration with faculty members outside VUSE.
- **NASA Public Service Group Achievement Awards** for outstanding support to the Space Shuttle mission operations (1996), and for outstanding support to the PFMI investigation aboard the International Space Station (2002).
- **NASA certificates** in recognition of outstanding contribution to success of USML-1(STS –50; 1992) & USML-2 (STS-73; 1995) Space Shuttle Missions and the PFMI investigations aboard the International Space Station (ISS; 2004).
- **Member Alpha Sigma Mu:** International Professional Honor Society for Materials Science and Engineering.

IV. **Space Science and Energy Research & Development:**

- **Reusable Launch Vehicles:** Design, Structural Health Monitoring and Flight Load Analysis
- **Space Flight Applications:** Development of Experimental Payloads for Spaceflight.
- **Rocket Propulsion:** Flight Dynamics and Control, Reaction Control and Monopropellant Thrusters
- **Energy and Expert Systems:** Off-Terrain Vehicle Lubrication Quality Sensing, Wind Turbines
- **Fluid Physics:** Drop and Bubble Dynamics, Bio-Encapsulation, Directional Solidification

V. **Patents:**

- A Novel Reactor for Making Uniform Capsules,' US Patent 6,001,312 (12/1999), with I. Lacik and T.G. Wang.
- An Encapsulation System for the Immunoisolation of Living Cells,' US Patent 5,997,900 (12/1999), with T.G. Wang, I. Lacik, M. Brissova, and A.C. Powers.

VI. **Current Funding:**

- GE Dalton Directorship in Aerospace Studies
2/2023-2/2032; \$ 1 million.
- Wind & Solar Power generation Installation at Love Circle
1/2011-6/2026 ; \$124,500

VII. **Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications:**

1. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Surface-tension-induced mixing following coalescence of initially stationary drops,' *Physics of Fluids A* 3(11), 1991, pp. 2587-2591.
2. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Static shape and instability of an acoustically levitated liquid drop,' *Physics of Fluids A* 3(11), 1991, pp. 2497-2515.
3. A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Control of thermocapillary convection in a liquid bridge by vibration,' *Journal of Applied Physics* 73(9), 1993, pp. 4165-4170.
4. A.V. Anilkumar, R.S.J. Sparks, and B. Sturtevant, Geological implications, and applications of high-velocity two-phase flow experiments,' *Journal of Volcanology and Geothermal Research* 56, 1993, pp. 145-160.
5. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Stability of an acoustically levitated and flattened drop: an experimental study,' *Physics of Fluids a* 5(11), 1993, pp. 2763-2774.
6. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Core centering of compound drops in capillary oscillations: observations on USML-1 experiments in Space', *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 165, 1994, pp. 19-30.
7. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Bifurcation of rotating liquid drops: results from USML-1 experiments in Space', *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 276, 1994, pp. 389-403.
8. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Static shape of an acoustically levitated drop with wave-drop interaction,' *Physics of Fluids* 6(11), 1994, pp. 3554-3566.
9. R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of vibration on microstructural uniformity during floating-zone crystal growth,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 142, 1994, pp. 209-214.
10. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Interactions of liquid drops with a levitating sound field,' in *Current Topics in The Physics of Fluids*, edited by Council of Scientific Information (Research Trends, Thiruvananthapuram, India, 1995).

11. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, 'Oscillations of liquid drops: results of USML-1 experiments in Space', *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 308, 1996, pp. 1-14.
12. X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, and T.G. Wang, 'Utilizing vibration to promote microstructural homogeneity during floating-zone crystal growth processing,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 165, 1996, pp. 438-446.
13. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Streaming generated in a liquid bridge due to nonlinear oscillations driven by vibration of an end wall,' *Physics of Fluids* 8(12), 1996, pp. 3234-3246.
14. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'A theoretical model for centering of a thin viscous liquid shell in free and forced capillary oscillations,' *Physics of Fluids* 8(10), 1996, pp. 2580-2589.
15. T. Wang, I. Lacik, M. Brissova, A.V. Anilkumar, A. Prokop, D. Hunkeler, R. Green, K. Shahrokhi, and A.C. Powers, 'A new generation capsule and encapsulation system for immunoisolation of pancreatic islets,' *Nature: Biotechnology* 15, 1997, pp. 358-362.
16. A.C. Powers, M. Brissova, I. Lacik, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Permeability assessment of capsules for islet transplantation,' *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 831, 1997, pp. 208-216.
17. M. Brissova, I. Lacik, A.C. Powers, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Control and measurement of permeability for design of microcapsule cell delivery system,' *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 39(1), 1998, pp. 52-60.
18. I. Lacik, A.V. Anilkumar, M. Brissova, A.C. Powers, and T.G. Wang, 'New capsule with tailored properties for the encapsulation of living cells,' *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 39(1), 1998, pp. 61-70.
19. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, A.B. Hmelo and T.G. Wang, 'Equilibrium of liquid drops under the effects of rotation and acoustic flattening: results from USML-2 experiments in Space', *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 354, 1998, pp. 43-67.
20. Grugel, R.N., Lee, C.P., Anilkumar, A.V. et al. 'Utilizing microgravity environment to investigate thermocapillary flow and microstructural uniformity during floating-zone crystal growth,' *Journal of The Japan Society of Microgravity Applications*, 15 (supp. II), 1998, pp. 407-412.
21. A.V. Anilkumar, J. Bhowmick, and R.N. Grugel, 'Effect of end-wall vibration on oscillatory thermocapillary flow in float-zones,' Reviewed Proceedings of the twelfth International Symposium on Experimental Methods in Microgravity Materials Science, TMS Meeting, March 2000, Nashville, TN; R. Schiffman, editor.
22. A.V. Anilkumar, T.G. Wang, and I. Lacik, 'A novel reactor for making uniform capsules,' *Biotechnology and Bioengineering*, 75 (5), 2001, pp. 581-589.
23. A.V. Anilkumar, A.B. Hmelo, and T.G. Wang, 'Core centering of immiscible compound drops in capillary oscillations: experimental observations,' *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 242, 2001, pp. 465-469.
24. Brissova, M., Anilkumar, A.V., Powers, A.C., and Wang, T.G., 'Biocompatibility of microcapsule immunoisolation device for pancreatic islet transplantation,' *Journal of Biomedical Research*, 2001.
25. Lacik, I., Anilkumar, A.V., and Wang, T.G., 'A two-step process for controlling the surface smoothness of polyelectrolyte-based microcapsules,' *Journal of Microencapsulation*, 18 (4), 2001, pp. 479-490.
26. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, Direct observation of pore formation and mobility during controlled melting and re-solidification in microgravity,' in *Solidification Processes and Microstructures: A Symposium in Honor of Prof. W. Kurz*, M. Rappaz, C. Beckermann, and R. Trivedi, editors, TMS Publication 2004.

27. A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, J. Bhowmick, and T.G. Wang, 'Suppression of thermocapillary oscillations in sodium nitrate half-zones by high-frequency end-wall vibrations,' *Journal of Crystal Growth*, 276, 2005, pp. 194-203.
28. Q. Deng, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'Role of viscosity and surface tension in bubble entrapment during liquid drop impact onto surface of a deep liquid pool,' *J. Fluid Mech.* (2007), vol. 578, pp. 119-138.
29. R.N. Grugel, P. Luz, G. Smith, R. Spivey, L. Jeter, D. Gillies, F. Hua, A.V. Anilkumar, 'Materials research conducted aboard the International Space Station: facilities overview, operational procedures, and experimental outcomes,' *Acta Astronautica* 62 (2008), pp. 491-498.
30. M.C. Cox, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel and C.P. Lee, Effect of stepwise change in processing pressure on isolated pore growth during controlled directional solidification in small channels,' *Journal of Crystal Growth* 311 (2009), pp. 327-336.
31. Q. Deng, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The phenomenon of bubble entrapment during capsule formation,' *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science* 333 (2009), 523-532.
32. Chun P. Lee, Amrutur V. Anilkumar, and Richard N. Grugel, Dynamics of gas evacuation from a honeycomb structure having common wall perforations,' *Journal of Spacecrafts and Rockets* 47 (2010), 649-658.
33. Richard N. Grugel, Lucien N. Brush, and Amrutur V. Anilkumar, Disruption of an aligned dendritic network by bubbles during re-melting in a microgravity environment,' *Microgravity Science and Technology* 24 (2012), 93-101.
34. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, M.C. Cox, C.B. Lioi, and R.N. Grugel, Evolution of elongated pores at the melt-solid interface during controlled directional solidification,' *Acta Materialia* 61 (2013), 3752-3757.
35. A. S. Westover, J. W. Tian, S. Bernath, L. Oakes, R. Edwards, F. N. Shabab, S. Chatterjee, A. V. Anilkumar, and C. L. Pint, 'A Multifunctional Load-Bearing Solid-State Supercapacitor,' *Nano Lett.*, 2014, 14 (6), 3197-3202.
36. P.S. Kumar, W. Emfinger, G. Karsai, D. Watkins, B. Gasser, and A. Anilkumar, 'ROSMOD: A Toolsuite for Modeling, Generating, Deploying, and Managing Distributed Real-time Component-based Software using ROS,' *Electronics*, 2016, 5(3), 53-98.
37. Adam Smith and Amrutur Anilkumar, Friction Factor Evaluation of Replaceable-Element and Conventional Oil Filters in a Precision Benchtop Test Facility,' *SAE Int. J. Fuels Lubr.* 15(3), 2022.
38. Cameron Schepner, Adam Smith, David Schafer, and Amrutur Anilkumar, In Situ Assessment of Oil Quality Sensor Performance in Engine Lubricant Flow,' *SAE Int. J. Fuels Lubr.* 17(2):2024.
39. Andrew Noonan, and Amrutur Anilkumar, Experimental Investigation of Venturi Microbubble Generation in Temperature-Controlled Viscous Fluid,' *Phys. Fluids* 38, 013353 (2026)

VIII. Peer-Reviewed Conference Publications:

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41. B. Sturtevant, H. Glicken, L. Hill, and A.V. Anilkumar, 'Explosive volcanism in Japan and United States: gaining understanding by shock tube experiments,'

- Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Symposium on Shock Waves, Japan (1991).
42. X.F. Shen, R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of controlled surface streaming on thermocapillary convection during float-zone solidification processing,' Proceedings of the Symposium on Microstructural Design by Solidification Processing, TMS Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL (1992).
 43. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The behavior of a liquid drop levitated and drastically flattened by an intense sound field,' AIAA 92-0112, Proceedings of the thirtieth Aerospace Sciences and Exhibit, Reno, NV (1992).
 44. A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Momentumless coalescence of drops,' AIAA 92-0111, Proceedings of the thirtieth Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV (1992).
 45. R.N. Grugel, X.F. Shen, A.V. Anilkumar, and T.G. Wang, 'The influence of controlled shape oscillation on microstructural uniformity and development during floating-zone crystal growth,' Proceedings of the International Workshop on G-jitter, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY (1993).
 46. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'A preliminary analysis of the USML-1 drop dynamics experimental results', AIAA 93-0252, Proceedings of the thirty-first Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV (1993).
 47. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Bifurcation of rotating liquid drops,' NASA Conference Publication 3272, Proceedings of Joint Launch + One Year Science Review of USML-1, Huntsville, AL (1993).
 48. T.G. Wang, A.V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and K.C. Lin, 'Core-centering of compound drops in capillary oscillations,' NASA Conference Publication 3272, Proceedings of Joint Launch + One Year Science Review of USML-1, Huntsville, AL (1993).
 49. A. V. Anilkumar, C.P. Lee, and T.G. Wang, 'Studies of the stability and dynamics of levitated drops,' Proceedings of the Third Microgravity Fluid Physics Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (1996).
 50. A.V. Anilkumar, and R.N. Grugel, Role of vibration-induced streaming in float-zone crystal growth,' Proceedings of the ASME 2000 International Mechanical Engineering Conference and Exposition, Orlando, FL (2000).
 51. C.P. Lee, A.V. Anilkumar, and R.N. Grugel, Role of vibration-induced streaming in float-zone crystal growth,' AIAA 01-0614, Proceedings of the thirty-ninth Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV (2001).
 52. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, A.I. Fedoseyev, and K. Mazuruk, 'Some Novel Solidification Processing Techniques being Investigated at MSFC – Their Extension for Study Aboard the ISS,' AIAA 01- 5054, AIAA Conference on International Space Station Utilization, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, FL (2001).
 53. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, P. Luz, L. Jeter, M.P. Volz, R. Spievy, and G. Smith, Toward Understanding Pore Formation and Mobility During Controlled Directional Solidification in a Microgravity Environment Investigation (PFMI),' AIAA 01-5119, AIAA Conference on International Space Station Utilization, Kennedy Space Center, Orlando, FL (2001).
 54. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and C.P. Lee, 'Pore Formation and Mobility Investigation (PFMI): Description and Initial Analysis of Experiments Conducted aboard the International Space Station,' Proceedings of the *Spacebound 2003* Conference, Toronto, Canada (2003).
 55. R.N. Grugel, and A.V. Anilkumar, Bubble formation and transport during directional solidification in microgravity: model experiments on the Space Station,' AIAA 04-627, Proceedings of the 42nd AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, Nevada, Jan. 5-8, 2004

56. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar, and M.C. Cox 'Observations of an aligned gas-eutectic during controlled directional solidification aboard the International Space Station-comparison with ground-based studies,' AIAA 05-919 Proceedings of the 43rd AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV. Jan 10 - 13, 2005
57. M.C. Cox, A.V. Anilkumar, R.N. Grugel, and W.H. Hofmeister, Isolated Wormhole Growth and Evolution during Directional Solidification in Small Diameter Cylindrical Channels: Preliminary Experiments,' AIAA 06-1140, Proceedings of the 44th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV. Jan 9 - 12, 2006
58. R. Grugel, F. Hua, A.V. Anilkumar, et al., The In-Space soldering investigation (ISSI): melting and solidification experiments aboard the International Space Station,' AIAA 06-521, Proceedings of the 44th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV, Jan 9-12, 2006.
59. R.N. Grugel, A.V. Anilkumar et al. 'Materials Research conducted aboard the International Space Station: Facilities, Overview, Operational Procedures, and Experimental outcomes,' IAC 06-A2.5.1 Proceedings of the 57th International Astronautical Congress (IAC), Valencia, Spain, October 2-6, 2006.
60. B. T. Blandford, W.O. Runge, Shengteng Hu, A.V. Anilkumar, R.W. Pitz and J.A. Wehrmeyer, 'Hydroxyl Tagging Velocimetry (HTV) to Measure Centerline Velocities in the Near Field Exhaust of a Gas Turbine Engine, AIAA-2008-0235, Proceedings of the 46th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, Reno, NV, Jan 7-10, 2008.
61. A. Alexander, J. Wehrmeyer, W. Runge, B. Blandford, A.V. Anilkumar, and R.W. Pitz, 'Nonintrusive Measurement of Gas Turbine Exhaust Velocity using Hydroxyl Tagging Velocimetry,' AIAA-2008-3709, Proceedings of the 26th AIAA Aerodynamic Measurement Technology and Ground Testing Conference, Seattle, Washington June 23-26, 2008.
62. Richard N. Grugel, Lucien N. Brush, and Amrutur V. Anilkumar, Disruption of an Aligned Dendritic Network by Bubbles during re-melting in a Microgravity Environment' 50th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting, 9 - 12 Jan 2012, Nashville, TN in *26th Symposium on Gravity - Related Phenomena in Space Exploration*.
63. Andrew S. Westover, John Tian, Shiva Bernath, Landon Oakes, Rob Edwards, Farhan Nur Shabab, Shahana Chatterjee, Amrutur Anilkumar, and Cary L. Pint, 'Multifunctional Load-Bearing Energy Storage Materials,' IMECE2014-38931: Proceedings of the 2014 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, November 14-20, 2014, Montreal, Canada.
64. Pranav Srinivas Kumar, William Emfinger, Amogh Kulkarni, Gabor Karsai, Dexter Watkins, Benjamin Gasser, Cameron Ridgewell and Amrutur Anilkumar, 'ROSMOD: A Toolsuite for Modeling, Generating, Deploying, and Managing Distributed Real-time Component-based Software using ROS,' IEEE International Symposium on Rapid System Prototyping, October 8-9, 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
65. Thomas Colicci, Andrew Noonan, and Amrutur Anilkumar, Structural Health Monitoring for Launch Vehicle Reusability Using Fiber Bragg Grating Written Optical Fiber,' AIAA-2025-0113, AIAA SCITECH 2025 Forum, Jan 6-10, Orlando, FL. 2025.

IX. Invited Newspaper Opinion Articles, Invited Lectures, and Panel Discussions:

66. "The race against time: Fixing the lag in neurotrauma care' Deccan Herald July 31, 2026. <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/the-race-against-time-fixing-the-lag-in-neurotrauma-care-4093747>

67. 'Towards Sustainability of RLV TC' Plenary Talk at RLV TC Symposium AIAA SCITECH Forum, Orlando FL. 2026.
68. 'After the crash: The race to care' Deccan Herald Jan 26, 2026.
<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/after-the-crash-the-race-to-care-3874592>
69. 'Progress and pressure in reusable launch vehicles,' RLV Year in Review, **Aerospace America Dec 2025**: <https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/year-in-review/progress-and-pressure-in-reusable-launch-vehicles/>
70. 'Reusable Launch Vehicles Industry Trends and University Student Engagement' Plenary Talk at RLV TC Meeting, AIAA SCITECH Forum, Orlando FL. 2025.
71. 'Widespread reusability starts to become a reality', RLV Year in Review, **Aerospace America Dec. 2024**. <https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/year-in-review/widespread-reusability-starts-to-become-a-reality/>
72. 'Rocket manufacturers continue to bet big on reusability,' RLV Year in Review, **Aerospace America Dec. 2023**. <https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/year-in-review/rocket-manufacturers-continue-to-bet-big-on-reusability/>
73. 'Experiential Learning: Learning by Doing,' Dr. V. Ganesan Faculty Fellow Inauguration Lecture, June 6, 2023, **IIT Madras**.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwcraggLk4k>
74. 'Rocket manufacturers face challenges in push for reusable launch vehicle development,' RLV Year in Review, **Aerospace America Dec. 2022**.
<https://aerospaceamerica.aiaa.org/year-in-review/rocket-manufacturers-face-challenges-in-push-for-reusable-launch-vehicle-development/>
75. 'The Spy Thriller That Wasn't in the Space Thriller That Was,' **Deccan Herald July 17, 2022**. <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/the-spy-thriller-that-wasnt-in-the-space-thriller-that-was-1127595.html>
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<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/panorama/remembering-roddam-narasimha-937958.html>
77. 'Roddam Narasimha: Epitome of Perfection and Tolerance,' **The Times of India Dec 22, 2020**. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/roddam-narasimha-epitome-of-perfection-and-tolerance/articleshow/79845819.cms>
78. V Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Inauguration Lecture: 'Project-based Extreme Engineering: New Paradigm for Top-Class Engineering Education,' Aug 14, 2018, **IIT Madras**, India
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk7nOxz25yk&feature=youtu.be>
79. 'Extreme Engineering: A New Paradigm for Top-Class Engineering Education,' 5th June 2017, **IIT Gandhinagar**, Gujarat, India
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UZRnHPM5yw>
80. 'Aerospace Systems Engineering: The Way Forward,' Aug 11, 2016, IC & SR Auditorium, **IIT Madras**, Chennai, India
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB1g9AoV8vk>
81. IIT Gandhinagar Lecture Series 'Aerospace Systems Engineering: The Way Forward?' Aug 9, 2016.
82. 'Trends in Engineering: AIAA Education Panel,' Amrutur Anilkumar (Vanderbilt University), Wayne Johnson (Tennessee Tech), Matthew Mensch (UT, Knoxville), Trevor Moeller (UTSI), and Michael Glennon (AEDC), March 30, 2017, UTSI, TN
83. Space Exploration Lecture: Houston, Vandy has a solution!' Vanderbilt Alumni Association, Houston Chapter, Office of Jones Day, Conference Room, 717 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002

X. Expert Opinions, Media Coverage and Public Citations

84. **Newsweek:** on NASA's Mission to Moon
a. <https://www.newsweek.com/artemis-rocket-launch-postponed-discovery-engine-issue-moon-1737700>
b. <https://www.newsweek.com/nasa-discarded-hardware-apollo-missions-moon-1739500>
85. **Associated Press:** on Jeff Bezos' flight to Space aboard Blue Origin Rocket
<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/usli/2021/06/17/jeff-bezos-will-blast-into-space-on-rockets-1st-crew-flight/>
86. **Internationally acclaimed Rocket Launch Program:**
<https://news.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbiltmagazine/launch-pad-vanderbilts-internationally-acclaimed-student-rocket-team-has-propelled-many-alumni-into-the-science-of-spaceflight/>
87. **Rocket Program at Vanderbilt:** <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2022/new-fund-to-sustain-vanderbilt-rocket-team-successes/>
88. **Space Force Chief Visit:** <https://news.vanderbilt.edu/2021/05/27/space-force-gen-john-w-jay-raymond-visits-vanderbilt-laying-groundwork-for-future-partnership/>
89. **NASA University Student Launch Successes:**
a. <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2020/vanderbilt-rocketeers-win-seventh-nasa-launch-national-title/>
b. <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2019/rocketeers-claim-sixth-nasa-championship-with-novel-uav-search-and-deploy-mission/>
c. <https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2015/vanderbilt-aerospace-club-continues-its-winning-ways-at-national-rocket-competition/>
90. **AIAA Faculty Advisor of the Year Award:**
For passionate promotion of novel aerospace design activities, community outreach and mentoring of students to success at national competitions and in pursuit of aerospace engineering careers.”
<https://aiaa.org/awards/faculty-advisor-award/>
91. **AIAA Abe Zarem Faculty Award:**
<https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2016/mechanical-engineering-graduate-student-collects-national-and-international-astronautical-awards/>
92. **Renewable Energy Public Park:**
<https://engineering.vanderbilt.edu/news/2022/10-years-on-nashvilles-love-circle-vanderbilt-is-a-high-tech-neighbor/>

XI. Aerospace Design Laboratory Advisees and Career Placement

			Joseph Aquino	Eastman	2022
Neal Bagai	Lockheed Martin	2026	Sebastian Bond	Vanderbilt	2022
Sean Confoy	Boring Corporation	2026	Thomas Colicci	Vanderbilt	2022
Ashley Fu	Lexington Medical	2026	Zachary Friedman	Avascent Aerospace	2022
Jamie Danis	Space X	2026	Brian Knapp	GE Aviation	2022
Thor Hammer	Duracell	2026	Abdul Latif	Amazon	2022
Catherine Knox	Space X	2026	Kellen Lively	L3 Harris	2022
Jack Liedel	Anduril	2026	Kai Malcom	Rice University	2022
Evan Levine	Lockheed Martin	2026	Ethan Mayer	Vanderbilt	2022
Joel Levine	Lockheed Martin	2026	Marissa Schwarz	Deloitte	2022
Sadie Pullen	Aviation & Missile Systeme	2026	Ozgur Orun	UC Berkeley	2022
Ben Racape	Space X	2026			
Jonathan Zak	Space X	2026	Ryan Burinescu	Braven Environ.	2021
			Alif Emazuddin	UT Knoxville	2021
Patrick Chen	UPenn	2025	Ali Kilic	Vanderbilt	2021
Samantha Civil	L3Harris	2025	Jon Marchineck	Crowe's Consulting	2021
Santino Clemente	TBD	2025	Nick Pierce	Vanderbilt	2021
Adam Driscoll	QSI	2025	Will Reisner	Lockheed Martin	2021
Sitan Huang	Stanford	2025	Cam Schepner	Vanderbilt	2021
Ian Morgan	Lockheed Martin	2025	Alex Stevens	Permobil	2021
Rais Nurhidajat	US Army Flight School	2025	William Wu	Amazon	2021
Timoth Shaheen	BlackSea Technologies	2025			
Saksham Sharma	USC	2025	Alex Barnett	Permobil	2020
Zack Stutsman	OSU	2025	Abby Carlson	Boeing	2020
			Jake Gloudemans	The Boring Co.	2020
Jack Abrams	Nextera	2024	Tristan Gilbert	UC Berkeley	2020
Isai Andrade	Auriga Space	2024	Ben Hsu	US Govt.	2020
Leonardo Brenes	Caltech	2024	Ethan James	Booz Allen Hamilton	2020
Evangelos Chatziandreou	Georgia Tech	2024	Emre Kanli	Imperial College	2020
David Limpus	Purdue	2024	Matt McDonald	GE	2020
Aziz Medhioub	Tesla	2024	Sophia Moak	GE	2020
Sebastian Nunez	University Polytechnic of Valencia, Spain (UPV)	2024	Luke Neise	Stanford	2020
Ryan Taylor	Rolls Royce	2024	Jon Powles	SpaceX	2020
Isabella Wynocker	SpaceX	2024	Adam Smith	Vanderbilt	2020
Jonathan Zak	Vanderbilt	2024	Kis Tamas	Stanford	2020
Thomas Colicci	Anduril	2024			
			Brayden Aller	CalTech	2019
Cameron Schepner	SpaceX	2023	Nick Belsten	MIT	2019
Matthew McGowan	Blue Origin	2023	Henry Bristol	McKinsey	2019
Thomas Dintino	Lockheed Martin	2023	Emily Herron	Amazon	2019
Steven Cermenio	Deloitte	2023	Liam Kelly	Lyft	2019
James Wedgbury	Boeing	2023	Conner Morency	UC Boulder	2019
Eric Holst	Purdue	2023	Pierce Finley	Lockheed Martin	2019
Kush Hari	UC Berkeley	2023	Chris Romanoski	AEDC	2019
Andrew Noonan	Vanderbilt	2023	Mark Scherer	Hive	2019
Ben Shani	Maryland	2023	Sara Tsai	Vanderbilt	2019
			Kyle Ward	Texas A&M	2019
			Spencer Kallor	Raytheon	2018
			Jered D-Trujillo	MIT	2018
			Nick Galoto	Univ. of Michigan	2018
			Dominic Ghilardi	Lockheed Martin	2018

Daniel Schneller	TE Connectivity	2018	Kevin Bush	Stanford	2014
Kurt Lezon	Qualcomm	2018	Brandon Dimmig	Huntington Ingalls	2014
Xavier Williams	Michigan Tech	2018	Patrick Foran	SpaceX	2014
Katie Hornbeck	Exxon	2018	Chris Twedell	Lockheed Martin	2014
Will Pagano	Citibank	2018	Jordan Salik	SpaceX	2014
Taylor Parra	US Navy Pilot School	2018			
Alex Byrd	Aegis Tech	2018	Francene Corradetti	Boeing	2013
Peyton Fite	US Government	2018	Jason Lee	Capgemini	2013
			Brock Smethills	Sterling Ranch Co.	2013
Derek Phillips	SpaceX	2017	Ryan Thompson	Baker Hughes	2013
Brad Bark	SpaceX	2017	Justin Langford	Cummins	2013
Michael Gilliland	SpaceX	2017	Dexter Watkins	Northrop Grumman	2013
Dustin Howser	Lockheed Martin	2017			
Grady Lynch	Lockheed Martin	2017	Paul Allen	Devon Energy	2012
Nina Campano	Lockheed Martin	2017	Tyler Hannan	Georgia Tech.	2012
Paul Register	Stanford	2017	Thomas Hardy	Mercedes Benz	2012
Artie Binstein	Stanford	2017	Chris Lioi	Georgia Tech.	2012
Ross Weber	Stanford	2017	Erin McManus	RTI Soft	2012
Jimmy Pan	Honeywell Aerospace	2017	Zack Smith	Devon Energy	2012
Brian Ramsey	Deloitte Consulting	2017	Taylor Stevenson	University of Oklahoma JD	2012
Paul Moore	Capital One	2017			
Andrew Voss	SpaceX	2016	Kyle Bloemer	UKY MD	2011
Rob Rutherford	SpaceX	2016	Chris Cameron	UT Austin	2011
Quinlan Monk	SpaceX	2016	Ben Chocieł	Juristat	2011
Andrew Martin	TE Connectivity	2016	Jennifer Frankland	Georgia Tech; Siemens	2011
Justin Broughton	Georgia Tech	2016	Jonathan Hoke	USC; Boeing	2011
Dylan Shane	UT Austin	2016	Sam Malonoski	ZF Friedrichshafen	2011
Rebecca Riley	UC Irvine	2016	Ryan Taylor	Fisher Klosterman	2011
David Hirsch	University of Illinois	2016			
Matt Kelley	Power Plan	2016			
Mitch Masia	Consultancy	2016	Ty Barringer	Wash. U. JD	2010
			James Board	Georgia Tech.	2010
Connor Caldwell	Deloitte Consulting	2015	Ben McKnight	Sargent & Lundy	2010
Frederick Folz	SpaceX	2015	Sam Nackman	Princeton; SpaceX	2010
Alex Goodman	DISH Analytics	2015	Kyle Rosenstein	UKY MD	2010
Chris Lyne	Vanderbilt	2015	Nick Vass	Georgia Tech. Raytheon	2010
Jacob Moore	UT Austin	2015			
Cameron Ridgewell	Virginia Tech.	2015	Thomas Bowden	Quartus Eng.	2009
William Emfinger	Permobil	2015	Ben Havrilesko	Georgia Tech.	2009
Pranav Kumar	Siemens	2015	Tyler Lamb	Northrop Grumman	2009
Shiva Bernath	SpaceX	2014			

XII. Aerospace Design Laboratory Graduate Student Advisees and Career Placement:

Jayantha Bhowmick	MS 2001	Schlumberger
Matthew Cox	MS 2005	Holland & Knight LLP
Qiang Deng	PhD 2006	Hilti Energy Group
Brien Blandford	MS 2007	Databricks
Chris Lyne	MS 2017	Exoterra Resources
Adam Smith	MS 2022	Blue Origin
Cameron Schepner	MS 2023	Space X
Thomas Colicci	MS 2024	Anduril
Andrew Noonan	MS 2025	Anduril
Jonathan Zak	MS 2026	Space X

XIII. Engineering and Outreach Benefactory Activities in India:

2026: **Nanjangud G. Viswanath Swabhanu Leadership Chair at IIT Madras**

Professor Anilkumar has set up the Chair in honor of his maternal uncle, the late Nanjangud G Viswanath. The Leadership Chair aims to recognize current IITM faculty, regardless of age or rank, who have a unique strategic plan and an implementable vision to quickly propel the institute towards earning its rightful place among the world's most impactful engineering schools of the 21st century, while focusing on the areas of national security, healthcare, artificial intelligence, workforce development, research innovation and commercialization, and promoting upward societal mobility or equivalent efforts.

Current Chair Occupant: Professor Prabhu Rajagopal: Director IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus <https://cystar.iitm.ac.in/prabhu-rajagopal-inner-people/>

2021: **Smt. Amba and Sri V. S. Sastry Chair at IIT Gandhinagar**

Professor A V Anilkumar of Vanderbilt University and a well-wisher of the Institute has established the 'Smt Amba and Sri V S Sastry Chair', in honor of Professor Anilkumar's parents. Smt. Amba and Sri V S Sastry Chair at IIT Gandhinagar will support faculty members in all areas of engineering or natural sciences.

Current Chair Occupant: Dr. Neeldhara Misra
<https://www.neeldhara.com/>

2022: **Dr. V. Ganesan Faculty Fellow Chair at IIT Madras**
2018: **Dr. V. Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Chair at IIT Madras**

With a vision to support excellence in Mechanical Sciences and Engineering at IIT Madras, Professor Anilkumar embarked on two successful faculty fellow campaigns in Y 2022 and Y 2018. This culminated in setting up the Dr. V. Ganesan Faculty Fellow Chair in the field of Thermal and Fluid Sciences and Engineering and the Dr. V. Ramamurti Faculty Fellow Chair in Dynamics and Control Engineering. Emerging Faculty Fellow Stars will be selected by an application process and titled for a period of five years; emerging stars can hail from any of the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Applied Mechanics, Aeronautical Engineering or Physics. They have to have demonstrated excellence and promise in research with a global footprint, in industrial consultancy, and in teaching and mentoring of undergraduates.

Current Faculty Fellow Occupants:

Dr. Pallabh Sinha Mahapatra <https://home.iitm.ac.in/pallab/about.html>

Dr. Shaikh Faruque Ali: <https://home.iitm.ac.in/sfali/>

2012-2019: **Roddam Narasimha Distinguished Seminars Arranged at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India, as Chairman of the Organization Panel.**

The Roddam Narasimha Distinguished Seminar Series was set up and conducted, at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar between 2012 - 2019, by Professor Amrutur Anilkumar to honor his mentor, the Eminent Aerospace Scientist and Engineer, Professor Roddam Narasimha. It served as a forum for Distinguished Professionals to present their work in a topical area of National Importance. Seminars were conducted in the fields of Energy, National Security, Space, Materials Science, and Data Science. The details of the Distinguished Seminar Series can be found [here](#).

1. Inauguration: Green Airplanes from Concept to Product
Roddam Narasimha, November 19, 2012, IIT Gandhinagar
2. Dr. Maureen McCann, Director Purdue University NEPTUNE Center for Power, and Energy (currently Center Director at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, NREL)
16th April 2013.
The Biomass to Biofuels Pipeline: An Engineering Paradigm for National Security and a Sustainable Carbon Economy.
3. Dr. John O. Dabiri, Centennial Chair Professor, California Institute of Technology
31st January, 2014
Bio-inspired Wind Energy: From Fish Schools and Seagrass to Better Wind Farms
4. Dr. Sang Il Seok, Professor, Korea Institute of Science & Technology
13th April 2015
Architecture, Process and Materials for Efficient Inorganic-Organic Hybrid Solar Cells
5. Dr. Milind Tambe (John McCarthy Award, ACM SIGART Award Winner)
Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science and Director of Center for Research on Computation and Society, Harvard University
10th August 2015
Towards a Science of Security Games: Key Algorithmic Principles, Deployed Applications and Research Challenges
6. Mr. A. S. Kiran Kumar (Vasvik Award, Bhaskara Award Winner)
Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization
10th August 2016
Space Technology – Contribution to India's Development
7. Prof. T. Pradeep (Bhatnagar Prize, Eni Prize Winner)
Institute Professor of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras;
6th June 2017
Clean water using advanced materials: Science, Incubation, and Industry
8. Prof. B. S. Murty (Bhatnagar Prize Winner)
Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad
13th August 2018
Role of Advanced Materials in Transforming India into a Global Leader
9. Jayant Haritsa (Infosys Prize, Bhatnagar Prize winner)
Professor of Computer Science, Indian Institute of Science
5th August 2019: *Data Science: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*

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Accident Critical Care and Analysis Project (ACCA) and the Healthcare Access and Innovation Lab (HAIL) at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, India

ACCA Project: primary goal is working with physicians and neurosurgeons at NIMHANS to analyze data related to road traffic accidents in Bangalore and surrounding areas. Develop data related to patient injuries, patient transport, and provision of critical care within the golden hour post trauma. Provide statistical and implementable feedback to the Government to help develop a robust critical trauma care network of hospitals along with ambulatory services for patient transport within the golden hour accident so as to improve outcomes in such events.

HAIL Project: primary goal is to decentralize neurological care by training primary healthcare doctors and nurses to diagnose and manage common brain disorders at the grassroots level.

XIV. AIAA Seminars Arranged as Chairman Reusable Launch Vehicle Technical Committee.

1. Fiber-Optic Sensing and Applications to Reusable Launch Vehicles
Patrick Chan, PhD, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center
Tuesday March 8, 2022.
2. Reusability in the New Space Revolution
Zachary Friedman, RLV TC Member
Vanderbilt University.
Tuesday April 12, 2022.
3. Burn-Resistant Materials for High-Performance Reusable Rocket Engines
Zachary Cordero, Boeing Assistant Professor
Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Tuesday July 12, 2022.
4. Mission Assurance for Reusable Launch Vehicles
Vinay Goyal, Technical Fellow Aerospace Corporation
Tuesday September 13, 2022.
5. In-Space Manufacturing, an RLV Enabled Technology
Jordan Croom, Varda Space
Wednesday March 22, 2023.
6. Dream Chaser Mission to Space Station
Sara Tsai, Sierra Space
Wednesday May 10, 2023.
7. Capturing Mechanics in Extreme Environments: From High-speed Flight to Planetary Exploration
Seetha Raghavan, Ph.D.
Professor of Aerospace Engineering and Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Studies, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Tuesday August 29, 2023
8. A Reliability-Based Damage Tolerance Method for Reusable Launch and Space Vehicle Hardware

Leland Shimizu
Senior Engineer, Aerospace Corporation
Tuesday Nov 14, 2023

9. Health Monitoring of Composite Aerospace Structures with Embedded Fiber Bragg Grating Sensors

Brayden Aller, Graduate Student Caltech
Tuesday July 30th, 2024

10. Structural Health Monitoring for Launch Vehicle Reusability Using Fiber Bragg Grating Written Optical Fibers

Thomas Colicci, MS Graduate Student
Tuesday April 2, 2024