

Russell Keanini, PhD

Abridged, Annotated CV

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Education

University of California at Berkeley <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	PhD, 1992
University of Colorado at Denver <i>Mechanical Engineering</i>	MS, 1987
Colorado School of Mines <i>Chemical Engineering</i>	BSc, 1983

Professional Experience

University of North Carolina at Charlotte	1992-present
○ Assistant Professor, 1992-98; Associate Professor, 1998-2007; Professor, 2007-present	
NASA Graduate Student Researcher, NASA Ames Research Center	1988-89
○ Photophysics Group; Experimental development of laser diagnostic for velocity and density measurements in Mach 10 hypersonic windtunnel flow	
Grad. Research Assist., Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley	1987-92
○ Application of nonlinear dynamics to acoustic combustion instability in ramjets	
○ Finite element and numerical modeling of materials processing and bioengineering problems	
○ Theoretical modeling of thermocapillary and buoyancy-driven flow in fluid collars	
Grad. Research Assist., Mechanical Engineering, University of Colorado, Denver	1986-87
○ Experimental studies of stress-induced growth responses of large, single-cell organisms: <i>Phycomyces</i>	
Member US Navy, Inactive Ready Reserve	1984-90

Technical Consulting [abridged list with outcomes]

During the first 15 years of my career, most of my research derived from short term consultancies, working on a fairly wide range of (interesting) problems:

Technical Expert, Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton, Pittsburgh, PA	2010-2013
○ Assessed technical claims concerning ultrasonic fluid flow meters [outcome subject to NDA]	
A2 Wind Tunnel, Mooresville, NC	2006-2008
○ Assisted in flow modeling and design of the A2 (low speed) wind tunnel [A2 Wind Tunnel]	
NASA Marshall Spaceflight Center, Huntsville, AL	2001-2007
○ Modelled altitude-dependent turbulent boundary layer separation and attendant random rocket dynamics in Saturn-V-scale rockets [Nozzle paper 1 ; Nozzle paper 2 ; Rocket dynamics paper 1 ; Rocket dynamics paper 2 ; Rocket dynamics paper 3]	
Department of Biomaterials, Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX	1994-2006
○ Modelled dental casting processes and specie transport due dental amalgam degradation [Dental amalgams paper 1 ; Dental amalgams paper 2 ; Dental amalgams paper 3 ; Dental amalgams paper 4]	
Electric Power Research Institute, Charlotte, NC	1997-2000
○ Designed forced-air curtain device enabling in-air quality underwater welding/ship repair at large depths (U.S. Navy contract to EPRI) [U.S. Patent , Keanini et al.]	
Alcoa Technical Center, Pittsburgh, PA	1995-1998
○ Developed theoretical and inverse methods for predicting and monitoring heat transfer during high-speed metal rolling processes [Metal rolling paper 1 ; Metal rolling paper 2]	
Catawba Nuclear Power Plant, Duke Power, Charlotte, NC	1995-1997
○ Supervised MS and PhD projects that modeled and optimized post-accident flow and heat transfer to the auxiliary cooling pond at the Catawba nuclear power plant [Post-accident cooling pond paper]	

- Developed first predictive model of circulation-driven, in-bone nutrient/mass transfer (in chicken embryos) [[Bone fluid flow paper](#)]

Center for Precision Metrology, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

1992-present

- Modelled high-precision, packed-bed thermal attenuators/controllers [[Precision temperature control paper 1](#); [Precision temperature control paper 2](#)]
- Modelled and applied PIV velocimetry to vibratory finishing processes [[Vibrational finishing paper 1](#); [Vibrational finishing paper 2](#); [Vibrational finishing paper 3](#)]

Principle Scientific Contributions

Since 2005, working on fundamental fluid physics and math problems, with teams of engineers and scientists at UNC Charlotte, I've made three significant contributions:

Physical Modeling of Single Molecule Dynamics in Nonpolar Liquids

2012-present

- Focusing on liquid state, single molecule dynamics taking place on microsecond to femtosecond (10^{-6} s – 10^{-15} s) time-scales, this work uses nonequilibrium statistical and quantum mechanical arguments to expose, for the first time: a) viscosity emergence, and b) (phonon-driven) self-diffusive (random) molecular hopping in liquids. The work also presents and tests a self-consistent Langevin model of single molecule, liquid state dynamics, applicable over all time-scales. The physical and mathematical models explain and successfully predict temperature-dependent self-diffusion and viscosity emergence in non-metallic, nonpolar liquids, thus potentially solving centuries-old problems in fundamental liquid state physics. [[2021 Scientific Reports paper](#); [2021 Non-technical overview](#)]

Bootstrap technique for (stochastically) estimating Green's functions

2005-present

- This project introduces a new, potentially powerful technique for solving physical problems governed by linear partial differential equations. Famous examples include Schrodinger's equation (quantum mechanics), Maxwell's equations (classical electromagnetism) and the linearized Navier-Stokes equations (fluid mechanics). In principle, such problems can be solved using Green's (impulse-response) functions, which when combined with boundary and initial conditions/data, provide the space-time response, e.g., the electric field, at a given point and time, produced by the given data. Historically, however, use of Green's function techniques has been limited due to the immense difficulties of constructing GF's. This project solves this problem by using stochastic processes (random walkers) to estimate high-accuracy, non-problem-specific Green's functions, applicable in any geometry. For a reverse chronological picture of the steps taken, see: [[2023 Applied Mathematics and Computation paper](#)]; [[2011 paper connecting \(mathematical\) random walkers to fluid and quantum \(physical\) entities](#)]; [[2007 paper geometrically interpreting stochastic solutions of problems governed by linear partial differential equations](#)]

Development of an accessible, dynamically equivalent molecular hydrodynamic analog 2013-19

- A series of experimental and theoretical studies carried out at UNC Charlotte demonstrated that vibrated beds of high restitution (ceramic) grains - from short interparticle collision time and length scales to long, multiparticle flow scales - are dynamically equivalent to dense (liquid state) molecular hydrodynamic systems. This means that experimentally accessible vibrating grain systems can be used to *rigorously* study difficult-to-measure single molecule- to collective molecule-scale dynamics in liquids. The theoretical framework is laid out and tested here: [[Macroscopic liquid-state molecular hydrodynamics, 2017](#)]. Experimental methods are described here, [[Macroscopic molecular hydrodynamics: experimental methods 1, 2017](#)] and here, [[Macroscopic molecular hydrodynamics: experimental methods 2, 2016](#)] Application of the theoretical framework to predict observed grain flow patterns is described here, [[Kinematic viscosity measurement of granular flows, 2019](#)], and here [[Application of computational fluid dynamics to vibratory finishing processes, 2017](#)]

Other Contributions

For details on the following, please see my [Google Scholar](#) or [ResearchGate](#) pages.

- **Physical modeling of environmentally-driven fracture processes in rock (in collaboration with Professor Missy Eppes, UNC Charlotte) 2013-present**
- **Development of computational and theoretical, direct and inverse models of various materials processing operations, 1992-2004**
- **Analytical modeling of (continuum) fluid flow problems, including secondary streaming flow, thermocapillary and buoyancy driven flow in fluid collars, linear and nonlinear waves on cylindrical menisci, supersonic and hypersonic flows in various geometries, shock train evolution in supersonic nozzles, and turbulent boundary layer separation in rocket nozzles, 1992-present**
- **Analytical modeling of (continuum) mass and heat transfer problems, 1992-present**
- **Development (in collaboration with others) of experimental methods for studying fluid mechanic and heat transfer problems, including a non-infrared, visible imaging CCD for measuring dynamic surface temperature fields, a temperature resistant pitot tube sensor for measuring velocities in liquid metal flows, and an infrared technique for monitoring subdermal blood flow 1995-2015**
- **Early application of computational optimization for planning noninvasive cryosurgeries, 1992**

Research, Teaching and Academic Awards

Research Achievement

- **Kirk Bryan Award (2020)**, with Professor Missy Eppes, given by the Geological Society of America, to "...the author or authors of a published paper of distinction advancing the science of geomorphology or some related field, such as [Pleistocene] Quaternary geology." For: M Eppes and R G Keanini (2017) "Mechanical weathering and rock erosion by climate-dependent subcritical cracking," Reviews of Geophysics, 55, pp. 470-508.
- **Finalist, Melosh Medal Competition in Finite Element Analysis (1993)**, Duke University. For: R G Keanini and B. Rubinsky (1993), "Three-dimensional simulation of the plasma arc welding process" Int. J Heat Mass Transfer, 36, pp. 3283-3298.

Research and Academic Development

- **Research Initiation Grant, Engineering Foundation & American Soc.Mechanical Engineers (1993-94)**
- **Oak Ridge Associated Universities Junior Faculty Enhancement Award (Engineering) (1995-96)**. This and previous awarded for development of numerical and experimental tools for studying materials joining processes.
- **NASA Graduate Student Researcher Fellowship (1988-89)**, NASA Ames Research Center, Experimental development of laser diagnostic for hypersonic velocity and density measurements in Mach 10 Hypersonic Windtunnel Facility.
- **Colorado Scholars Scholarship, Colorado School of Mines, 1981-83**

Teaching

- **Nominee William States Lee College of Engineering Excellence in Teaching Award (2006, 2010, 2012)**, UNC Charlotte, for excellence in undergraduate or graduate teaching

Funded Research (Last 10 Years)

- **Engaging Military Veterans to Increase Engineering Enrollment and BS, MS, and PhD Degrees Awarded**, \$750,000, DOD Office of Naval Research, PT Tkacik, PI, RG Keanini et al., co-PI's (9/04/2018-9/30/21)
- **Quantifying climate-dependent mechanical weathering and subcritical cracking over geological time**, \$300,000, NSF-U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), M Eppes, PI, RG Keanini et al., co-PI's (1/1/2019-12/31/22)
- **Engaging Military Veterans to Increase STEM Enrollment and Degrees Awarded**, \$600,000, DOD Department of the Navy, PT Tkacik, PI, RG Keanini et al., co-PI's (10/1/2014-12/31/17)

Thumbnail Sketch of Research Productivity & Grad Student Supervision

- **53** refereed journal publications; **44** refereed conference papers, book chapters and abstracts
- **Google Scholar**: citations: **1310**, h-index = **19**, i10-index=**27**
- **US Patent**: "Apparatus and Method for Creating Dry Underwater Welds," 1999, U.S. Patent No. 5,981,896. RG Keanini, M Newman, G Lowery and G Fredericks
- **Dissertation Supervisor** to **5** PhD students
- **Thesis or Project Supervisor** to **28** Masters students

Internet Resources

- [Wikipedia Entry](#)
- [UNC Charlotte Homepage](#)
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- [Competitive Cycling](#)

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Journal Publications

1. Shaanan, U., Mushkin, A., Rasmussen, M., Sagy, A., Meredith, P., Nara, Y., Keanini, R. and Eppes, M. C. (2024) "Progressive fracturing in alluvial clasts," *Bulletin of the Geological Society of America*, **136**, 1097-1110.
2. Keanini, R.G., Dahlberg, J., Brown, P., Morovati, M., Moradi, H., Jacobs, D. and Tkacik, P.T. (2023) "Stochastic estimation of Green's functions with application to diffusion and advection-diffusion-

reaction problems," *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, **457**, 128186.

3. Shaanan, U., Mushkin, A., Rasmussen, M., Sagy, A., Meredith, P., Nara, Y., Keanini, R. and Eppes, M.-C. (2023) "Progressive fracturing in alluvial clasts," *GSA Bulletin*, <https://doi.org/10.1130/B36670.1>.
4. Eppes, M. C., Aldred, J., Berberich, S., Dahlquist, M. P., Evans, S. G., Keanini, R., Moser, F., Morovati, M., Porson, S., Rasmussen, M., Rinehart, A. and Shaanan, U. (2023) "Standardized field methods for fracture-focused surface processes research," *Earth Surf. Dynam.*, in press, <https://doi.org/10.5194/esurf-2022-61>.
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21. Keanini, R. G. and Brown, A. (2007) "Scale Analysis and Experimental Investigation of Compressible Turbulent Boundary Layer Separation in Nozzles," *Euro. J. Mech. B - Fluids*, **26**, pp. 494-510.
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24. Keanini, R.G., Watanabe, K. and Okabe, T. (2005) "Theoretical Model of the Two-Chamber Pressure Casting Process," *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions B*, **36**, pp. 283-292.
25. Ling, X., Keanini, R.G. and Cherukuri, H.P. (2005) "An Implicitly Regularized Noniterative Finite Element Method for Parabolic Inverse Heat Conduction Problems," *Computational Mechanics*, **36**, pp. 117-128.
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36. Keanini, R.G. (1999) "An Implicit Method for Reconstructing Dynamic Three-dimensional Phase Boundaries Under Low Peclet Number Conditions," *Int. J. Heat and Mass Transfer*, **42**, 1863-1884.
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- Plasma Arc Welding," *Finite Elements in Analysis and Design*, **15**, pp. 83-92.
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Book Chapters

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2. Watkins, T., Redford, J., Green, F., Dahlberg, J., Tkacik, P. and Keanini, R. (2022) "Hypersonic Flow over Closed and Open Nose Missile Bodies: Raw and SVD-Enhanced Schlieren Imaging, Numerical Modeling, and Physical Analysis," in *Boundary Layer Flows - Modelling, Computation, and Applications of Laminar, Turbulent Incompressible and Compressible Flows*, DOI: 10.5772/intechopen.105617. InTech Open Access Publishers.

Patent

Apparatus and Method for Creating Dry Underwater Welds, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 5,981,896. (Keanini, Newman, Lowery and Fredericks).

Refereed Conference Proceedings, Poster Presentations, and Abstracts

1. Keanini, R. and the US, Israel, UK, Japan, France Rock Fracture Collaboration (2024) "Equilibrium (reversible) and nonequilibrium (permanent) fracture in rock: equilibrium statistical mechanics theory and experiments, and physical/intuitive analysis of common nonequilibrium fracture modes," 2024 European Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, No. EGU24-7023, Copernicus Meetings.
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Teaching and Curriculum Development Activities

○ Development of Graduate Statistical Mechanics Course (ongoing):

The graduate course combines statistical physics and quantum mechanics at a level suitable for both engineering and physics graduate. Taught Spring, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023.

○ Graduate Curriculum Development (older, but in some courses, ongoing):

Reorganized graduate level Convective Heat Transfer course emphasizing turbulent transport (2012), Introduced new graduate courses in Advanced Viscous Flow II (2001), Numerical Methods (1995-1998), and Fundamentals of Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer (1995-1998). Reorganized graduate courses in Advanced Viscous Flow I (1994-2012) and Compressible Flow (1995-1998; 2006).

○ Educational Research, Educational Outreach, and Teaching Enhancement Activities (old and discontinued):

Faculty participant in UNC Charlotte Summer Outreach Program for High School Science and Math Teachers (1993,1994,1996). Faculty participant in Wild Acres Retreat (North Carolina, 1994) and American Society of Engineering Education Symposium (Washington D.C., 1994) on Active Learning Strategies. Coordinated development (as team leader, Thermal-Fluids stem) of undergraduate teaching objectives and measures for meeting ABET accreditation criteria (2001-2003).

○ Undergraduate Lab Development (old and discontinued):

Developed core undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Thermal-Fluids Lab course; wrote lab manual (available on request); acquired instructional equipment to outfit the lab, (funding from NSF and the College of Engineering); developed tutorials on computational fluid dynamics and error analysis (1995-1998).

○ Human Powered Engineering (old and discontinued):

Faculty Co-advisor (with Prof. Patterson) to UNC Charlotte's Human Powered Vehicle Team (1998-2003); Co-advisor (with Prof. Hocken) to UNC Charlotte's Human Powered Helicopter Project (2003-2005); developed an informal undergraduate course on Human Powered Engineering (2003; rough course notes

available on request); organized 2006 East Coast ASME Human Powered Vehicle Competition, UNC Charlotte host.

○ **Courses Taught:**

Fluid Mechanics (UG); Thermodynamics I (UG); Thermodynamics II (UG); Thermal-Fluids Laboratory (UG); Intermediate Fluid Mechanics (UG); Human Powered Engineering (UG); Compressible Flow (G); Advanced Fluid Mechanics (G); Advanced Fluid Mechanics II (G); Fundamentals of Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer (G); Turbulence (G); Numerical Methods in Engineering (G); Convective Heat Transfer (G); Statistical Mechanics (G).

Research and Education Grants (incl. Computer Time and Equipment Donations)

1. "Engaging Military Veterans to Increase Engineering Enrollment and BS, MS, and PhD Degrees Awarded," DOD Office of Naval Research, PT Tkacik, PI, RG Keanini, J. Dahlberg, J.H. Lim, J. Tarbutton, co-PI's (9/04/2018-9/30/21), \$750,000.
2. "Quantifying climate-dependent mechanical weathering and subcritical cracking over geological time," NSF-U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), M Eppes, PI, RG Keanini, P. Meredith (Univ College London), Y. Nara (U Kyoto), A. Mushkin (Isreal Geol. Survey) co-PI's (1/1/2019-12/31/22), \$300,000.
3. "Engaging Military Veterans to Increase STEM Enrollment and Degrees Awarded," DOD Department of the Navy, PT Tkacik, PI, K.A. Day, R.G. Keanini, J.H. Lim, P.A. Tolley, M. Uddin, co-PI's (10/1/2014-12/31/17), \$600,000.
4. "NASA Student Launch Team Competition," Jan. - June, 2014 (K. Thorsett-Hill, R.G. Keanini), NASA, \$5,000.
5. "NASA Student Launch - Senior Design Project," Jan. - June, 2014 (K. Thorsett-Hill, R.G. Keanini), NASA, \$5,000.
6. "Hydrokinetic Energy System," 2011-2012 (P.T. Tkacik, M. Uddin, A. Sleiti, M. Evans, R.G. Keanini) Coastal Studies Institute, \$ 47,000.
7. "Computational Fluid Dynamic Modeling of the Aerodyn Windtunnel," 2006-2007 (G. K. Watkins, J. Cuttino, R.G. Keanini), Aerodyn Inc., \$ 15,400.
8. "Design and Testing of Low Speed Rotors for Human Powered Helicopters," 2004-2005 (R.G. Keanini and H. Estrada), Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, \$ 11,861.
9. "Integrated Process Models to Predict Thermal Distortion and Residual Stress," 1999-2003 (H.P. Cherukuri, R.E. Johnson, R.G. Keanini), National Science Foundation, \$ 330,221.
10. "The Role of Boundary Layer Separation in Rocket Nozzle Side Loads," 2000-2001 (R.G. Keanini), NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, \$ 30,000.
11. "Development of a High Resolution Resonance-based Anemometer for High Temperature Liquid Metal Flows," 1997-98 (R.G. Keanini, R. Hocken, S.T. Smith), National Science Foundation, \$ 50,000.
12. "Welding Research Collaboration," 1997-2003 (R.G. Keanini), Electric Power Research Institute, \$ 20,490.
13. "Development of an Inverse-based Reconstruction Method for Imaging Internal, Unsteady, Optically Opaque Phase Boundaries," 1996-97 (R.G. Keanini), Engineering Foundation and American Society of Mechanical Engineers, \$ 5,000.
14. "Science Support Grant, Inverse Methods in Materials Processing," 1995-96 (R.G. Keanini), Alcoa Foundation, \$ 7,500.
15. "Vertical Integration of Just-in-Time Experimentation," 1995-1997 (N. Bodur, H. Estrada, R.G. Keanini), National Science Foundation, \$ 186,710 (includes \$ 83,355 UNC Charlotte matching funds).
16. "Higher Education Visualization Initiative," 1997 (R.G. Keanini, K.R. Subramanian, J. Raja), North Carolina Supercomputing Center and Cray Research, \$ 10,000 (est., included SGI workstation and training and support at NCSC).
17. "Oak Ridge Junior Faculty Enhancement Award," 1995-96 (R.G. Keanini), Oak Ridge Associated Universities, \$ 10,000 (includes \$ 5,000 University match).
18. "Welding Research Development," 1995 (R.G. Keanini), College of Engineering, UNC Charlotte, \$ 24,900.
19. "Summer Outreach for Secondary Science and Math Teachers," 1995 (G. Mohanty, P. DeHoff, R. Janardhanam, Y. Kakad, R. G. Keanini), Eisenhower Foundation, \$ 35,000.
20. "Welding Equipment Donation," 1995 (R.G. Keanini), Electric Power Research Institute, \$ 2,500.
21. "Numerical and Experimental Investigation of Fluid Interaction with Aortic Heart Valves," 1995 (R.G. Keanini) Carolinas Medical Center, \$ 3,000.
22. "Travel Grant - Canadian Congress Applied Mechanics," 1995 (R.G. Keanini), College of Engineering,

UNC Charlotte, \$ 750.

23. "Engineering Research Initiation Grant," 1993-94 (R.G. Keanini), Engineering Foundation and American Society of Mechanical Engineers, \$ 17,400.
24. "Cray Research Grant Optimization of Multi-Probe Cryosurgery," 1994 (R.G. Keanini), \$ 44,500 (includes \$ 7,000 Cray Graduate Student Fellowship and \$ 37,500 computer time at the North Carolina Supercomputing Center).
25. "Development of Welding Research Laboratory," 1994 (R.G. Keanini), Engineering Research Grant, College of Engineering, UNC Charlotte, \$ 9,000.
26. "Variable Polarity Plasma Arc Welder Equipment Donation," 1994 (R.G. Keanini), Hobart Welding, \$ 69,000.
27. "Inverse Solution for Three-Dimensional Phase Change Boundaries and Material Temperature Fields," 1993-94 (R.G. Keanini), North Carolina Supercomputing Center, \$ 5,000 (computer time).
28. "Faculty Development Grant: Pilot Development of an Ultrasonic-Imaging Cryoprobe," 1993 (R.G. Keanini and H. Estrada), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, \$ 8,600.
29. "Modeling Flow and Species Transport in Cortical Bone," 1993-94 (R.G. Keanini), North Carolina Supercomputing Center, \$ 40,000 (computer time).

Graduate Student Supervision (with present/last known positions noted)

1. Mehdi Morovati (Ph.D., 2024 "The equilibrium and nonequilibrium statistical mechanics of rock fracture")
2. Tyler Watkins (M.S., 2022 "Experimental and numerical validation of a forward facing cavity as a passive thermal protection system of a hypersonic body," Ph.D. student at the University of Tennessee Space Institute)
3. Ashish Pujari (M.S. 2019 "Stochastic solution to solve thermal conduction and boundary layer problems," Ph.D. student UNC Charlotte)
4. Kapil Gaur (M.S. 2017 "Experimental investigation of solid-liquid phase change in vibrated granular media and comparison with theoretically predicted phase change in hard sphere systems")
5. Thomas Nortey (Ph.D. 2015 "Green's Function-Stochastic Approach to Solving Linear, Nonlinear and Nonhomogeneous Evolution Transport problems," Chair, ME Technology Dept., Gaston Community College)
6. Karen Thorsett-Hill (Ph.D. 2012 "A Semi-Quantitative Schlieren High-Speed Flow Diagnostic: Analysis of High-Pressure-Ratio, Overexpanded Planar Flow in Rocket Nozzles," Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Studies and Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Colorado State University)
7. Andrew Huffman (M.S. 2007*, Areva)
8. Ashish Verma (M.S. 2007 "Shock wave assessment for high speed compressible flows")
9. John Kalyanapu (M.S. 2007, non-thesis project, Catapillar)
10. Craig Schmeising (M.S. 2006*, GE Nuclear)
11. Nathan Andreu (M.S. 2006 "Stochastic Solutions to Thermal Conduction and Thermal Boundary Layer Problems," Areva)
12. Kiran Gona (M.S. 2006, "Linear and Nonlinear Waves on Fiber Coating Entrance Menisci*")
13. Justin Thompson (Ph.D. 2005 "Physical Investigation and Analytical Modeling of Coating Application Process Used in Optical Fiber Ribbon Manufacturing," Dow-Corning)
14. Courtney Pruette (M.S. 2005 "Investigation of Vehicle Aerodynamics as a Function of Fender Width and Yaw," Joe Gibbs Racing)
15. Mike McGuire (M.S. 2005*, Pace-PME)
16. Vijay Gopalakrishnan (M.S. 2005 Hypersonic flow modeling*, Salesforce)
17. Aravind Arcot (M.S., 2004*)
18. James (Ty) Miller (M.S. 2004*, Project Manager, Lash Group)
19. Derek Overcash (M.S. 2003 "An Integral-Method Based Inverse Solution for Predicting Surface Heat Fluxes and Solid-Liquid Interface Locations in One-Dimensional Phase Change Problems for Rectangular, Cylindrical and Spherical Domains," Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
20. Carolyn Genzale (*nee* Dougan) (M.S. 2003 (non-thesis), Associate Professor, Georgia Tech)
21. Danny Ammons (M.S. 2002 non-thesis project, Proctor Gamble)
22. Chris Cope (M.S. 2001 "The Experimental Analysis of the Affects of Hairline Cracks in Clay Flue Liner on the Safety of a Masonry Chimney," self-employed)
23. David DeHart (M.S. 2001 "The Gasification and Combustion of Rice Hulls as an Alternative Fuel Source for Generating Electricity," TriGen)
24. Son (Jack) Phan (Ph.D 2000 "Studies in Heat Transfer and Fluid Flows: [part One] High Resolution, Resonance-Based Anemometry for High Temperature Flows - Preliminary Development and Testing;

- [part Two] a Three Dimensional Model of the Catawba Nuclear Power Plant Service Water Pond During a Hypothetical Accident," Post-doc University of Michigan)
25. Kelly Hannon (M.S. 2000 "Preliminary Development of a Real-Time Powder Mass Flow Controller and Feeder for Powder Welding Applications," Lockheed Martin)
 26. Curtis Ayers (M.S., 1998, non-thesis project, John Deere)
 27. Dean Pennell (M.S. 1998 Design and Construction of an Electric Car*)
 28. Robert Schweikert (M.S. 1998 "A Finite Element Analysis of Cryosurgery in the Lung," ANSYS)
 29. Greg Saxon (M.S. 1997 "Two-Dimensional Model of the Catawba Nuclear Station Service Water Pond During a Hypothetical Accident," Project Manager, Duke Power)
 30. Mark Huffstetler (M.S. 1997 "The Welding Process: a Study of Heat Transfer and Weld Pool Formation," Okuma)
 31. Nehal Desai (M.S. 1995 " Numerical Study of the Effects of Substrate Roughness, Evaporation Rate, Surface Tension and Solute Concentration on Coat Smoothness During Spin Coating," Los Alamos National Laboratory)
 32. Chris Allgood (M.S. 1995 "Measurement of Time Varying Surface Temperature Fields Using High Frame Rate Visible Imaging CCD Cameras*," AMP)
 33. Matt Warnke (M.S. 1995*)
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Research and Industrial Collaboration

1. **NASA Marshall Spaceflight Center, Huntsville, AL (2001-2007)**
Developed a predictive theoretical model of altitude-dependent (compressible, turbulent) boundary layer separation in Saturn-V-scale rocket nozzles. Collaborated on development of an inverse method for diagnosing nozzle boundary layer separation based on measured nozzle vibration response.
2. **Rocket Dynamics Research - University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Mitchell Aerospace (2009-2015):**
Experimental, numerical, and theoretical approaches were used to study the dynamic response of rockets to various stochastic loads; investigated shock-boundary layer interactions in high pressure ratio rocket nozzles. Two graduate students, several undergraduates, and five faculty participated.
3. **Technical Expert, Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton, Pittsburgh, PA (2010-2013):**
Assessed technical claims concerning ultrasonic fluid flow meters [outcome subject to NDA].
4. **A2 Wind Tunnel, Mooresville, NC (2006-2008):**
Assisted in flow modeling and design of the A2 (low speed) wind tunnel.
5. **Department of Civil Engineering, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2011-2017):**
Modeled blast load structural response. The collaboration employed a variety of experimental, numerical, and theoretical approaches for studying blast physics and blast-structure interactions.
6. **Electric Power Research Institute (1997-2000):**
Work focused on welding-related research. Starting in 1998, three Masters students were supported through tuition waivers and part-time (academic year) and full-time summer work at EPRI. Two masters degree projects and a U.S. Patent ["Apparatus and Method for Creating Dry Underwater Welds," Keanini et al., No. 5,981,896 (1999)] resulted from the collaboration.
7. **Baylor College of Dentistry - Department of Biomaterials (1994-2006):**
Work focused on dental materials and process modeling; four journal articles resulted from the collaboration.
8. **University of North Carolina at Wilmington - Department of Biology (1994-1996):**
Work focused on modeling fluid flow and solute transport in cortical bone; a journal paper and three conference proceedings were published.
9. **Alcoa Technical Center, Pittsburgh, PA (1995-1998):**
Developed theoretical and inverse methods for predicting and monitoring heat transfer during high-speed metal rolling processes.
10. **Catawba Nuclear Power Plant, Duke Power, Charlotte, NC (1995-1997):**
Supervised MS and PhD projects that modeled and optimized post-accident flow and heat transfer to the auxiliary cooling pond at the Catawba nuclear power plant.
11. **University of North Carolina at Charlotte - Department of Mechanical Engineering & Engineering Science and Department of Geography & Earth Science (1994-present):**
Collaborations have been established with a number of ME and Earth Science faculty, resulting in 23 journal articles and 22 (refereed) abstracts, conference proceedings and book chapters.
12. **Carolinas Medical Center (1994-1996):**
Work focused on measuring prosthetic heart valve function.