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Research interests

Turbulent reacting flows, aerospace propulsion, droplets and aerosols

Education and training

- 2010 2013 Princeton University Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Postdoc Mentor: Professor C. K. Law
- 2006 2010 University of Connecticut Mechanical Engineering PhD in Energy and Thermal Sciences, *GPA: 3.992/4.000* Advisor: Professor B. M. Cetegen
- 2002 2006 Jadavpur University Mechanical Engineering BE with Honors, *GPA:* 8.610/10.000

Honors and awards

- 2021 Associate Fellow American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- 2019 Heuckroth Distinguished Faculty Award in Aerospace Engineering University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
- 2017 Young Scientist Medal Indian National Science Academy
- 2016 Associate Indian Academy of Sciences
- 2010 Graduate Research Fellowship Award, First Prize Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut
- 2009 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship University of Connecticut
- 2009 ASME Foundation Scholarship American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- 2009 Graduate Pre-doctoral Fellowship Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut
- 2008 Graduate Research Fellowship Award, Second Prize Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut

Appointments

2019 - present	University of Toronto – Institute for Aerospace Studies Associate Professor with tenure
2018 - 2019	Indian Institute of Science – Department of Aerospace Engineering Associate Professor with tenure
2013 - 2018	Indian Institute of Science – Department of Aerospace Engineering Assistant Professor
2014 - 2014	Princeton University – Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineer- ing Visiting Associate Research Scholar
2011 - 2013	Princeton University – Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineer- ing Associate Research Scholar
2010 - 2011	Princeton University – Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineer- ing Postdoctoral Research Associate
2006 - 2010	University of Connecticut – Department of Mechanical Engineering Research Assistant

Contributions

- Flame blowoff mechanism: Applying laser diagnostics and high-speed imaging in a laboratory burner as well as in a prototypical afterburner, we proposed and experimentally validated a new mechanism of lean blowoff of bluff body stabilized turbulent premixed flames. The generality and validity of this blowoff mechanism have subsequently been demonstrated by many groups around the world not only for bluff body flames but even for initial stages of interacting swirl flame blowoff. The series of papers on blowoff serve as powerful examples where laser-based diagnostics have been used to solve a fundamental combustion problem of industrial relevance and scale.
- **Turbulent flame speed of expanding flames**: Using theory and experiments we obtained and validated a model for turbulent flame speed a self-similar scaling relation for turbulent expanding flames over a large range of fuels, pressure, and turbulence Reynolds number. Once again, several groups around the world have corroborated this scaling.
- Flame Particle Tracking: We developed Forward Flame Particle Tracking (FFPT), as well as its back in time variant, Backward Flame Particle Tracking (BFPT): computational diagnostics for turbulent combustion. Applying BFPT-FFPT on DNS datasets, we have found how the turbulent

premixed flames generate at the leading points to evolve and eventually annihilate at the trailing regions of the corresponding surfaces. Development and application of these techniques on in-house computed DNS datasets have provided unprecedented, causal insights into flame surface generation, annihilation, flame element dispersion, ignition, and extinction in turbulent flows.

- Local flame speed in turbulence: Recently, we have shown that in both moderate or intensely turbulent conditions, large enhancement of local flame displacement speed from their standard laminar values result from flame-flame interactions. We have also derived an analytical model for such local flame propagation rate as a function of curvature and validated the model using Direct Numerical Simulations.
- Mitigating instability by actuating the swirler in a combustor: We were the first to show that in a laboratory combustor the otherwise static swirler could be actuated to a rotary motion, such that the higher intensity turbulence and higher swirl number generated can assist in mitigating thermoacoustic instabilities. A new synchronization model for flamelet oscillators has been proposed that can reproduce the intermittency dynamics en route to mitigation. This experimental setup also offers a controlled environment where instability to noise transition, or vice versa, could be precisely inflicted.
- Optically accessible supersonic combustion facility: At IISc, we conceptualized, designed, and developed a Mach 2.2, 1kg/s, 1600K stagnation temperature, direct connect supersonic combustion facility, ab-initio. This optically accessible facility is the first of its kind in India and has been commissioned and tested.

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Research Funding

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2021 - 2026	 Structure, propagation, and stabilization of turbulent flames at aircraft engine conditions [C\$ 160k] Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Discovery Grant Principal Investigator: S. Chaudhuri
2021 - 2022	Direct numerical simulations of turbulent reacting and multiphase flows (HPC time allocation worth [C\$ 62k]) Compute Canada, Resource Allocation Competitions Principal Investigator: S. Chaudhuri
2021 - 2026	 Kinetics-transport interaction towards deposition of carbon particulates in mesochannel: supercritical fuel flows [C\$ 220k] Canada Foundation for Innovation, John R. Evans Leaders Fund Principal Investigator: S. Chaudhuri Co-Principal Investigator: Prof. O. L. Gulder
2021 - 2022	Mathematics for Public Health and Variants of Concern [C\$ 100k] Canadian Institutes of Health Research Principal Investigator: Prof. V.K. Murty
2016 - 2022	Next generation low-emission combustor technologies for high-efficiency com- pact aviation gas turbine engines [C\$ 3104k] Ontario Research Fund Principal Investigator: Prof. O. L. Gulder
2019 - 2022	Heuckroth Distinguished Faculty Award in Aerospace Engineering [C\$ 200k] University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
2013 - 2019	Funding secured as Principal Investigator at Indian Institute of Science \approx INR 100 million
	Research supervision: PhD students
2020 - present	Yazdan Naderzadah, Local flame displacement speed measurements in tur- bulence University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
2020 – present	 Arnab Mukherjee, Large scale disease dynamics from flow physics of airborne transmission University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies

2019 - present	Kartikeya Akojwar , Coke formation in supercritical fuel flows University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
2019 – present	Yuvraj , Turbulence-flame interaction at high Karlovitz numbers University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
2015 – present	Ankit Dutta, Synchronization and combustion dynamics in lean premixed combustors Indian Institute of Science
2013 - 2020	 Gopakumar R, Dynamics of actuated and interacting swirl premixed flames in model gas turbine combustors Indian Institute of Science Present position: postdoc at Sandia National Laboratories
2013 - 2020	 Prasenjit Kabi, A study of internal transport mechanisms in evaporating sessile droplets leading to dynamic self-assembly Indian Institute of Science, co-supervised with S. Basu Present position: postdoc at University College London
2014 - 2019	 Himanshu L. Dave, Structure and propagation of premixed flames in turbulence Indian Institute of Science Present position: postdoc at Université libre de Bruxelles
2013 - 2018	Harshavardhana Uranakara, Flame Particle Tracking analysis of turbulence- premixed flame interaction Indian Institute of Science Present position: postdoc at KAUST
	Research supervision: MASc students
2017 - 2021	Vishal Singh , Spray interaction with supersonic crossflow Indian Institute of Science
2017 - 2019	Mallikarjuna Tilak, Analysis of interacting swirling flows Indian Institute of Science
2017 - 2019	Abinesh Mohan , Lagrangian flame element analysis of turbulence-premixed flame interactions Indian Institute of Science
	MTech project supervision
2018 - 2019	Nitin Chandy Joseph Indian Institute of Science
2018 - 2019	Nithin Somasekharan Indian Institute of Science
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2017 - 2018	Mehul Kumar Indian Institute of Science
2017 - 2018	Harish S. Indian Institute of Science
2016 - 2017	Mohammad Anwar Indian Institute of Science
2016 - 2017	Abhijit Kalbhor Indian Institute of Science
2016 - 2017	Lakshmi Ganesh Shankar Indian Institute of Science
2013 - 2014	Kaladasi Dileep Kumar Indian Institute of Science

Teaching

Fall 2021	AER 1324: Introduction to Turbulence
	University of Toronto
Spring 2021	AER 510: Aerospace Propulsion
Spring 2020	University of Toronto
Fall 2017	AE 245: Mechanics and Thermodynamics of Propulsion
Fall 2015	Indian Institute of Science
Spring 2016	AE 250: Advanced Combustion
Spring 2015	Indian Institute of Science
Spring 2014	
Fall 2018	AE 276: Experimental Techniques (few lectures)
Fall 2016	Indian Institute of Science
Fall 2014	
Summer 2017	Combustion in Air Breathing Aero Engines (NPTEL) 30 hours MOOC https://nptel.ac.in/courses/101/108/101108068/

Invited Talks

October 2021	Hydrogen in aerospace propulsion, part 1: Ignition and extinction
	Pratt and Whitney mini conference on hydrogen
September	Hydrogen in aerospace propulsion, part 2: Flame propagation, interaction, and
2021	dynamics
	Pratt and Whitney mini conference on hydrogen

July 2021	Turbulent Combustion II: Structure and propagation of turbulent flames Princeton Combustion Institute Summer School 2021
July 2021	Local Structure and Propagation of Turbulent Premixed Flames Pratt and Whitney Canada Seminar Series
June 2021	Estimating overdispersion from turbulent diffusion of infectious aerosols Ontario Science Table
June 2021	Analyzing overdispersion from turbulent diffusion of infectious aerosols Modeling Consensus Table
March 2021	Propagation and structure of premixed flames in turbulence Guest lecture in graduate course on Combustion: Princeton University
March 2021	Genesis and evolution of premixed flames in turbulence Pratt and Whitney Canada Seminar Series
February 2021	Constructing an ab-initio disease spread model to decipher Covid-19 type pan- demics
	Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Connecticut
February 2021	Constructing a disease spread model from the flow physics of infectious droplets and aerosols
	The Fields Institute, Toronto
December 2020	Analyzing the dominant SARS-CoV-2 transmission routes towards an ab initio disease spread model
	Complex Fluids Conference, IIT Bombay
March 2019	How Swirl Flames Interact in a Multi Nozzle Model Gas Turbine Combustion International Workshop on Energy Power and Environment, Kurukshetra
November	Evolution of Flame Speeds in Turbulence at Different Pressures
2018	International Conference on Combustion and Energy Utilization, Sendai, Japan
May 2018	Autoignition of Hydrogen in Shear Flows ASeT 2018: Future Directions in Propulsion Conference, LPSC ISRO
April 2018	Genesis, Evolution and Annihilation of Premixed Flames in Turbulence Taiwan Annual National Conference on Energy and Combustion
March 2018	Turbulent Combustion Dynamics in Aero Engine Combustors University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
March 2018	Genesis, Evolution and Annihilation of Premixed Flames in Turbulence KAUST Research Conference on Combustion in Extreme Environments
February 2018	Genesis and Evolution of Premixed Flames in Turbulence Prof. P. J. Paul Memorial Meet, Hyderabad
December 2016	Dispersion, Propagation and Extinction of Flame Elements in Turbulence International Discussion Meeting on Chemical Kinetics for Aerospace Applica- tions, IISc

February 2016	Mitigating Instability by Actuating the Swirler in a Combustor Prof. P. J. Paul Memorial Meet at VSSC, Trivandrum
February 2016	Lagrangian Investigations of Turbulent Premixed Flames Complex System Approach to Self-Organization, IIT Madras
August 2015	Local and Global Viewpoints in Turbulent Combustion IISc Astrophysics Seminar
August 2015	Lagrangian Viewpoint of Turbulent Premixed Combustion Prof. P. J. Paul Memorial Meet, Mahabalipuram
January 2015	Local and Global Viewpoints in Turbulent Combustion: Turbulent Flame Speed and Flame Particle Tracking International Workshop on Sustainable Energy Power and Propulsion, organized by Jadavpur University, IITK, University of Maryland, University of Illinois and Chicago
March 2014	Turbulent Combustion at NCCRD, IISc Pan India Combustion Workshop IITM
February 2014	Two Problems in Turbulent Combustion: Experiments and DNS Prof. P. J. Paul Memorial Meet, Jain University
February 2014	Blowoff Dynamics and its Measurements Thermo-acoustic and Aero-acoustic nonlinearities in green combustors with ori- fice structures Workshop, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
July 2013	Turbulent Combustion: Flame Speed and Flame Blowoff Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, ISRO
July 2013	Two Problems in Turbulent Combustion: Flame Propagation and Stabilization Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
July 2013	A Brief Journey with Turbulent Reacting Flows Jadavpur University
January 2012	Two Problems in Turbulent Combustion: Flame Propagation and Stabilization Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
December 2011	Propagation and Stabilization of Turbulent Premixed Flames Imperial College London
November 2009	Dynamics and Diagnostics of Turbulent Premixed Flames Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self Organization, Göttingen
August 2009	Blowoff Mechanism and Forced Response of Bluff Body Stabilized Turbulent Premixed Flames Princeton University

University Service

2020 – present UTIAS Curriculum Committee

2020 - present	UTIAS Seminar Committee (Chair)
$2020 - \mathrm{present}$	UTIAS Planning Committee
2017	IISc AE Department Review Committee
2017	IISc AE Department Review Committee
2014	IISc AE Department Development Committee
2013	GATE Examination Committee
2013 - 2019	IISc ICER Research Student Admission
2013 - 2019	IISc AE Research Student Admission
2013 - present	Doctoral and Masters evaluation committees at UTIAS and at IISc

Academic service

Served as reviewer for the following journals and conferences

1. Combustion and Flame 2. Progress in Energy and Combustion Science 3. Proceedings of the Combustion Institute 4. Journal of Fluid Mechanics 5. AIAA Journal 6. AIAA Journal of Propulsion and Power 7. International Journal of Spray and Combustion Dynamics 8. Physics of Fluids 9. Combustion Science and Technology 10. International Journal of Hydrogen Energy 11. Experimental Thermal and Fluid Sciences 12. Chinese Journal of Aeronautics, Elsevier 13. Sadhana, Indian Academy of Sciences, Springer 14. Physics Letters A 15. Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science 16. PLOS One 17. International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer 18. International Symposium in Combustion 19. ASME Turbo Expo 20. ASME GT India Conference 21. ILASS Asia 22. International Heat Transfer Conference 23. Asia Pacific Conference on Combustion 24. International Conference on Computational Methods in Thermal Problems 25. Journal of Aerospace Technology and Management 26. Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics 27. Science of the Total Environment 28. Current Science 29. Springer Books

Served as reviewer for the following funding agencies

1. Science and Engineering Research Board, Government of India. 2. ISRO-IISc Space Technology Cell

Professional memberships

- 2021 Present Modeling Consensus Table, Ontario
- 2019 Present AIAA Propellants and Combustion Technical Committee
- 2006 Present American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- 2006 Present Combustion Institute