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## EDUCATION

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Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 2019 - Present

Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering

- Advisor: *Prof. Zhenyu (James) Kong*
- Dissertation: *Searching for the Optimal Process Parameters in Metal Additive Manufacturing*
- Secondary Certificate: *Future Professoriate Certificate*

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, India 2014 - 2019

Dual Degree (B.Tech & M.Tech) in Mechanical Engineering

- Specialization: *Intelligent Manufacturing*
- Thesis: *Machine Vision-Based Surface Characterization & Roughness Prediction of Machined Surfaces*
- Minor: *Materials Science*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- **Methodology:** *Bayesian Learning; Physics-informed Machine Learning; Partial Differential Equations.*
- **Applications:** *Advanced Manufacturing; Laser Powder Bed Fusion; Cyber Physical Systems.*

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Outstanding **PhD Student of the Year**, ISE at Virginia Tech 2023
- Travel Awards, ISE at Virginia Tech 2022-2023
- Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering Fellowship, Virginia Tech 2019-2020
- Undergraduate Scholarship, NLC India Ltd. 2014-2019

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Winner**, IISE QCRE ProcessMiner Industrial Data Challenge 2023
- **Winner**, IISE QCRE ProcessMiner Industrial Data Challenge 2022
- **Winner**, INFORMS DMDA Workshop Poster Competition 2022
- **Finalist**, INFORMS QSR Data Challenge 2022

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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### Under Review/Revision

1. **R. Gnanasambandam**, B. Shen, J. Chung, X. Yue, and Z.J. Kong. “Self-scalable Tanh (Stan): Multi-scale Solutions for Physics-Informed Neural Networks”. Revision Submitted (March 2023). *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. DOI:10.48550/arXiv.2204.12589.
  - **Winner, IISE QCRE ProcessMiner Data Challenge Competition**
  - **Winner, INFORMS DMDA Workshop Poster Competition**
2. **R. Gnanasambandam**, B. Shen, A.C.C. Law, X. Yue, and Z.J. Kong. “Deep Gaussian Process for Enhanced Bayesian Optimization and its Application in Additive Manufacturing”. Revision Submitted (June 2023). *IISE Transactions*.

### Published/Accepted

1. B. Shen, **R. Gnanasambandam**, R. Wang, and Z.J. Kong. “Multi-task Gaussian Process Upper Confidence Bound for Hyperparameter Tuning and its Application for Simulation Studies of Additive Manufacturing.” *IISE Transactions* 55.5 (2023): 496-508. DOI: 10.1080/24725854.2022.2039813.

2. V. Akhil, **R. Gnanasambandam**, N. Arunachalam, and D.S. Srinivas. “Image Data-Based Surface Texture Characterization and Prediction Using Machine Learning Approaches for Additive Manufacturing.” *J. Comput. Inf. Sci. Eng.* 20.2 (2020): JCISE-19-1222. DOI: 10.1115/1.4045719.
3. V. Akhil, N. Arunachalam, **R. Gnanasambandam**, and D.S. Srinivas. “Surface Texture Characterization of Selective Laser Melted Ti-6Al-4V Components using Fractal Dimension and Lacunarity Analysis.” *J. Comput. Inf. Sci. Eng.* 20.2 (2020): JCISE-19-1222. DOI: 10.1177/0954405420971081.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- **Office of Naval Research** – Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI) 2019-2024
  - Rationalization of Interphase Instabilities During Thermo-Mechanical Gyration Typical to Metal Additive Manufacturing (AM).
- **IIT Madras & Prisms India Pvt. Ltd.** 2017-2018
  - Automation of Straightness Measurement in Autocollimator with a Vision System.

## RESEARCH TALKS

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- **Self-Scalable Tanh for Physics-Informed Neural Networks**
  - *IISE QCRE ProcessMiner Data Challenge*, Seattle, WA, May 21-24, 2022. **(Winner)**
  - *IISE Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA, May 21-24, 2022. (Invited)
  - *INFORMS DMDA Workshop*, Indianapolis, IN, October 16-19, 2022.
  - *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, October 16-19, 2022. (Invited)
  - *ONR MURI Fifth Year Review*, San Diego, CA, March 16-17, 2023.
  - *IISE Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2023. (Invited)
- **Bayesian Optimization with Stochastic Imputation of Deep Gaussian Process**
  - *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, CA, October 24-27, 2021. (Invited)
  - *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN, October 16-19, 2022. (Invited)
  - *IISE Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2023.
- **Sequence-to-Sequence LSTM for Fungal Spores Concentration Prediction**
  - *IISE QCRE ProcessMiner Data Challenge*, New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2023. **(Winner)**
- **Automatic Gear Shifting Strategy with Artificial Neural Networks**
  - *AI in Manufacturing Course*, IIT Madras, India, March, 2019. (Invited)

## RESEARCH POSTERS

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- ISE 3004: Industrial Cost Control, GTA, Spring 2021. Virginia Tech
- ISE 3214: Facilities and Logistics, GTA, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020. Virginia Tech
- ISE 2214: Manufacturing Processes Lab (Lab Instructor), GTA, Spring 2020. Virginia Tech
- ME 2400: Measurement, Instrumentation, and Control, GTA, Spring 2019. IIT Madras
- ME 2050: Machine Drawing Practice (Lab Instructor), GTA, Fall 2018. IIT Madras

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **RF Wave Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**, Summer Intern, Chennai, India. 2017

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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- Mentor, Project EduAccess (India) 2022-2023
- Project Leader at Intl. Networked Team for Engg. Des. & Innov. (MANE 4173, UTRGV) 2022
- ISE Graduate Student Mentor (Virginia Tech) 2021-2022

## SERVICE

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- **Session Chair**, *Data-driven Approaches for CPS*, INFORMS Annual Meeting. 2023
- **VP Operations**, INFORMS Student Chapter, Virginia Tech. 2023-2024
- **Graduate Student Ambassador**, Virginia Tech. 2022-2023
- **Research Poster Judge**, ISE Senior Symposium, Virginia Tech. 2022 & 2023
- **Student Volunteer**, ISE Senior Symposium, Virginia Tech. 2021
- **Secretary**, Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), Virginia Tech. 2020-2021

## PEER REVIEW

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- IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering (IEEE-TASE).
- Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing (JIMS).
- IISE Annual Conference (Manufacturing and Design Track).

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Graduate Academy for Teaching Excellence at Virginia Tech (VT GrATE).
- Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE).
- Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS).