

# Anurag Rajagopal

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IMMIGRATION	United States Citizen	
CURRENT OCCUPATION	Loads and Dynamics Engineer, Engines, Blue Origin, El Segundo, CA	
EDUCATION	<p><b>Ph.D.</b>, Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2014 <b>CGPA: 4/4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Advisor: Dr. Dewey H. Hodges</li><li>◦ Thesis title: Advancements in Rotor Blade Cross-Sectional Analysis Using the Variational Asymptotic Method</li></ul> <p><b>M.S.</b>, Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2011 <b>CGPA: 4/4</b></p> <p><b>B.Tech.</b>, Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2009 <b>CGPA: 8.97/10</b></p>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Structural mechanics, Computational mechanics, Finite element methods, Acoustics; Composite materials, Rotor blade analysis, Aeroelasticity; Ballistic impact, Structural health monitoring; Fracture & Fatigue, Nonlinear Dynamics; Numerical methods for PDEs and Nonlinear systems	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Blue Origin</b>, El Segundo, CA <i>Engine Design Office – Analysis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed system-level finite-element models and evaluated loads for engines</li><li>• Explored solutions for the alleviation of POGO instability</li></ul> <p><b>ATA Engineering, Inc.</b>, San Diego, CA <i>Engineering Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participated in projects in the areas of structural analysis and fluid-structure interaction</li><li>• Selected projects include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. High fidelity aeroelastic analysis</li><li>2. Rotorcraft structural mechanics</li><li>3. Coupled loads analysis</li><li>4. Efficient RMS outputs for random response</li></ol></li></ul> <p><b>Altair Engineering Inc.</b>, Irvine, CA <i>Solver Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engaged in tasks pertaining to the research, software development and application of the Noise, Vibration and Harshness (NVH) and aeroelastic capabilities of OptiStruct, a finite-element solver</li><li>• OptiStruct Solution sequences contributed to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Statics</li><li>– Normal Modes</li><li>– Complex Eigenvalue analysis</li><li>– Frequency response (of structural and acoustic systems)</li><li>– Transient response</li><li>– Random response</li><li>– Component Mode Synthesis for flexbody and external superelement generation</li><li>– Aeroelastic Flutter</li></ul></li></ul>	

- Selected OptiStruct features:
  1. Preloaded/ Pre-stressed analysis
  2. Instabilities of brake systems (Squeal)
  3. Acoustic absorber element
  4. Coupled fluid-structure modes for acoustics
  5. Infinite elements for exterior acoustics
  6. Energy outputs for acoustic analysis
  7. Rotor dynamics
  8. Adaptive time integration schemes and load computations for transient analysis
  9. Composite beam element
  10. Adaptive perfectly matched layer for exterior acoustics
- Working on projects related to the development of a Statistical Energy Analysis (SEA) tool
  - Laminated glass modeling

**Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA**

*Efficient High-fidelity Multi-Physics Tools for Smart Blade Analysis and Design*

- Worked on several tasks pertaining to increasing the capabilities and verifying existing features in VABS, a computer program used in composite rotor blade structural modeling
- For smart rotor blades, VABS reduces the labor and computational time associated with commercial FEA programs (for e.g., ABAQUS) by several orders of magnitude
- Achieved state of the art progress in several topics including:
  1. Modeling spanwise non-uniform rotor blades
  2. Analytical verification of the initial curvature effect
  3. Higher fidelity stress-strain-displacement recovery
  4. Theory for swept blades/wings
  5. Modeling initially twisted/curved thin-walled rotor blade segments
  6. Analysis of plates of variable thickness

**Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India**

*Oblique Ballistic Impact Behavior of Composites*

- Proposed an analytical model to study the behavior of composites under oblique ballistic impact; trends in ballistic limit velocity and energy absorbed by various mechanisms were studied.
- Engineered experimental studies using E-glass composites to successfully validate the model

*Structural Health Monitoring using Lamb Waves*

- Conducted a literature review from the historical perspective to the state of art on the health monitoring process of aircrafts using Lamb waves

**Ansys Inc, Pune, India**

*Study of Radiation Models*

- Carried out a detailed study and comparison of the radiation models in Fluent 12.0 and CFX 11.0 for various test cases

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA**

*School of Aerospace Engineering*

- Introduction to Structural Dynamics and Aeroelasticity
- Rotorcraft Dynamics
- Advanced Dynamics I

- Iterative Methods for Systems of Equations

JOURNAL  
ARTICLES

Hodges, Dewey H.; Rajagopal, Anurag; Ho, Jimmy C.; and Yu, Wenbin: “Stress and Strain Recovery for the In-plane Deformation of an Isotropic Tapered Strip-Beam,” *Journal of Mechanics of Materials and Structures*, Vol. 5, No. 6, 2010, pp. 963 – 975.

Rajagopal, Anurag; Hodges, Dewey H.; and Yu, Wenbin: “Asymptotic Beam Theory for Planar Deformation of Initially Curved Isotropic Strips,” *Thin Walled Structures*, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2012, pp. 106 – 115.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Analytical Beam Theory for the In-plane Deformation of a Composite Strip with In-plane Curvature,” *Composite Structures*, Vol. 94, No. 12, 2012, pp. 3793 – 3798.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Asymptotic Approach to Oblique Cross-Sectional Analysis of Beams,” *Journal of Applied Mechanics*, Vol. 81, No. 3, 2014, article 031015.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Naik, N.K.: “Oblique Ballistic Impact Behavior of Composites,” *International Journal of Damage Mechanics*, Vol. 23, No. 4, 2014, pp. 453 – 482.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Variational Asymptotic Analysis for Plates of Variable Thickness,” *International Journal of Solids and Structures*, Vol. 75 – 76, 2015, pp. 81 – 87.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Generalized Timoshenko and Vlasov Theories for Oblique Cross-Sectional Analysis of Rotor Blades,” *Journal of the American Helicopter Society*, Vol. 63, No. 3, 2018, pp. 1–13.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Moment vs. Curvature for a Beam under Self-weight,” *Engineering Structures*, Vol. 186, 2019, pp. 321–322.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Minimization of the Total Potential Energy using Variational-Asymptotic Warping Solutions for Beams,” *Mathematics and Mechanics of Solids*, Vol. 24, No. 6, pp. 1782–1784.

Rajagopal, Anurag: “A Variational Asymptotic based Shear Correction Factor for Isotropic Circular Tubes,” *AIAA Journal*, Vol. 57, No. 10, 2019, pp. 4125–4131.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

Rajagopal, Anurag; Hodges, Dewey H.; and Yu, Wenbin: “Asymptotic Beam Theory for Planar Deformation of Initially Curved Isotropic Strips,” *52nd Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference*, Denver, Colorado, April 4 – 7, 2011, Paper AIAA-2011-1853.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Laminated Beams with Initial Curvature: A Variational Asymptotic Approach,” *49th Annual Technical Meeting, Society of Engineering Science*, Atlanta, Georgia, October 10 – 12, 2012.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Asymptotic Approach to Oblique Cross-Sectional Analysis of Beams,” *54th Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Conference*, Boston, Massachusetts, April 8 – 11, 2013, Paper AIAA-2013-1610.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Hodges, Dewey H.: “Generalized Timoshenko and Vlasov Theories for the Oblique Cross-Sectional Analysis of Rotor Blades,” *Proceedings of the 70th Annual Forum of the American Helicopter Society*, Québec, Montréal, May 20 – 22, 2014.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Mandal, Dilip K.: “A Quasi-Static Solution for the Maneuvering Analysis of Vehicles with Rotors,” *AIAA Scitech 2019 Forum*, San Deigo, California, January 7 – 11, 2019, Paper AIAA 2019-0863.

Rajagopal, Anurag; Mandal, Dilip; Saiki, Junji; and Patnaik, Ujwal: “Exterior Acoustics Using Infinite Elements,” *SAE Noise and Vibration Conference and Exhibition*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10 – 13, 2019, Paper 2019-01-1508.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Mandal, Dilip: “An Evaluation of Mode Tracking Methods for Practical Rotor Dynamic Analysis,” *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition*, Virtual, Online, November 16 – 19, 2020, Paper IMECE2020-23160.

Rajagopal, Anurag; and Mandal, Dilip: “A Finite-Element Based Framework for Transient Rotor Dynamic Simulations,” *ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition*, Virtual, Online, November 16 – 19, 2020, Paper IMECE2020-23161.

Rajagopal, Anurag: “Deployment of Beam Theories in Determining Subsystem Properties for Statistical Energy Analysis,” *AIAA Scitech 2023 Forum*, National Harbor, Maryland, January 23 – 27, 2023, Paper AIAA 2023-0765.

Reveles, Nicolas; and Rajagopal, Anurag: “Application of a Novel Stability Method to CFD-Based Whirl Flutter Analysis,” *AIAA Scitech 2024 Forum*, Orlando, Florida, January 8 – 12, 2024, Paper AIAA 2024-1849.

Reveles, Nicolas; Rajagopal, Anurag; McCauley, Joseph; and Blades, Eric: “Development of a New Stability Method with Applications to Rotary Wing,” *6th Decennial VFS Aeromechanics Specialists’ Conference*, Santa Clara, California, February 6 – 8, 2024.

Mandal, Dilip; and Rajagopal, Anurag: “Adaptive Perfectly Matched Layer (APML): A Computationally Efficient Solution for Exterior Acoustics,” *Virtual Engineering Conference for Shock, Vibration, Acoustics, Fatigue*, Virtual, Online, February 24, 2024.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Awarded permanent residency in the US in EB1A category  
 Invited for Purdue University’s prospective faculty workshop 2014  
 Graduate research assistantship by US army Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence (VLRCE)  
 Awarded SGA, COE travel grants for attendance, oral presentations at AIAA conferences (2011,13)  
 All India rank 3 in GATE (AE) 2009  
 Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Aerospace Engineering (AE) class of 2009, IITB  
 Secured above 99 percentile in national level university entrance examination conducted by IIT  
 Stood fourth in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) junior intermediate examination  
 Second position in regional mathematics olympiad (A.P.) 2002  
 Winning entry in essay writing competition held by Vijay arts academy (Theme: Village Life)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Loads and Dynamics Engineer, Engines Blue Origin	Sep 23 – Present
Senior Project Engineer ATA Engineering, Inc.	Nov 22 – Sep 23
Technical Specialist, OptiStruct Altair Engineering Inc.	Dec 20 – Nov 22
Senior OptiStruct Developer Altair Engineering Inc.	May 17 – Dec 20
OptiStruct Developer Altair Engineering Inc.	Nov 14 – May 17
Post Doctoral Researcher Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Tech.	May 14 – Aug 14
Graduate Research Assistant Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Tech.	Aug 09 – Apr 14
Graduate Teaching Assistant Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Tech.	Jan 11/13/14 – Apr 11/13/14
Graduate Teaching Assistant School of Mathematics, Georgia Tech.	Jan 12 – Apr 12
Intern Ansys Fluent Pvt. Ltd., Pune, India	May 08 – Jul 08
Student organizer 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Meeting of the Society of Engineering Science	Oct 12
Coordinator Entrepreneurship-cell, IIT Bombay	Aug 06 – Apr 07

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<p><b>Journal reviewer:</b> International Journal of Engineering Science, Nonlinear Dynamics, European Journal of Mechanics-A/Solids, International Journal of Solids and Structures, Aeronautical Journal, Engineering Structures, Finite Elements in Analysis and Design, Journal of Engineering Mechanics, AIAA Journal, Mathematical and Computer Modelling of Dynamical Systems, Shock and Vibration, Earthquake Science, Mechanics of Composite Materials, Meccanica, Applied Mathematical Modelling, Multidiscipline Modeling in Materials and Structures</p> <p><b>Conference reviewer:</b> ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress &amp; Exposition</p>
PROGRAMMING	Fortran, C++, Python
SOFTWARE	<p><b>Finite Element:</b> Femap, Nastran; Hyperworks, OptiStruct; ABAQUS</p> <p><b>Math:</b> Matlab, Mathematica</p> <p><b>Scientific writing:</b> L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>, MS office, Inkscape</p>
LANGUAGES	English, Hindi
GRADUATE COURSEWORK	Structural Dynamics, Aeroelasticity, Aerospace Structural Analysis, Energy Methods, Elasticity, Structural Stability I&II, Finite Element Methods, Linear Algebra, Math Methods of Applied Sciences, Iterative methods for Linear and Nonlinear Equations, Numerical methods for PDEs, Advanced Dynamics I&II, Helicopter Stability and Control, Calculus of Variations, Kinetics and Thermodynamics of Gasses, Fracture and Fatigue, Rotorcraft Dynamics, Differential Geometry in Solid Mechanics, Unsteady Aerodynamics
UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK	Elastic analysis of Plates and Laminates, Spaceflight Mechanics, Optimization Methods, CFD, Aircraft Design, Aircraft and Aerospace Propulsion, System: Modeling, Dynamics & Control, Heat Transfer, Low and High Speed Aerodynamics, Flight Mechanics, Engineering Graphics, Multivariable Calculus, Real Analysis, ODE, Complex Analysis and PDE, Numerical methods for Differential Equations
OTHER COURSEWORK	Introduction to Computer Science and Programming Using Python, Introduction to Linux
HOBBIES	Swimming, Running, Hiking, Biking, Reading and Squash
PUBLIC PROFILES	<a href="#">LinkedIn</a> <a href="#">Google Scholar</a> <a href="#">ResearchGate</a> <a href="#">ORCID</a> <a href="#">GitHub</a>