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Education:

Ph.D. in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University, January 2001.

M.A. in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University, June 1997.

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Professional Experience:

Sep. 2014 – present	Professor Aerospace & Ocean Engineering Department Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
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Professional Affiliations:

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Associate Fellow
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Senior Member
International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), Member
Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), Ridge & Valley Chapter, Member & Treasurer

Professional & University Service:

Associate Editor, *AIAA J. Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* (2023 – present)
AIAA Atmospheric Flight Mechanics TC Member (2017 – present; Vice-chair, 2021 – 2023; Chair, 2023 – present)
IEEE CSS TC on Manufacturing Automation and Robotic Control (2017 – present)
IFAC TC on Marine Systems: TC 7.2 (2017 – present)
AUVSI Ridge & Valley Chapter (Treasurer, 2022 – present; President, 2019 – 2021; Secretary, 2016 – 2018)
VT University Promotion & Tenure Committee, College of Engineering (CoE) Representative (2016 – 2019)
VT AOE Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (2022 – 2023; Co-Chair, 2022 – 2023)
VT AOE Promotion & Tenure Committee (2014 – 2023; Chair, 2022 – 2023)
VT AOE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2012 – 2022)
VT AOE Dynamics, Control, & Estimation Group (2006 – present; Chair, 2006 – 2022)
Director, Virginia Center for Autonomous Systems (2006 – 2014)
VT AOE Assistant Department Head for Graduate Studies (2008 – 2014)
VT AOE Graduate Committee (Member, 2006 – 2019; Chair, 2007 – 2014)
Faculty Advisor, VT AUVSI Student Chapter (2018 – present)
Faculty Co-Advisor, VT Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Team (2002 – 2013)
Faculty Co-Advisor, VT Student Chapter of AIAA (2003 – 2008)
VT ADVANCE Advisory Board (2003 – 2008)
Chair, VT AOE Student Opportunities Committee (2003 – 2007)
Presbyterian Campus Ministry (Board, 2001 – 2007; Endowment Committee, 2007 – present)
Conference Organizing Service:
- General Chair: *15th IFAC Conf. Control Appl. in Marine Systems, Robotics and Vehicles: CAMS 2024*
- Organizing Committee: *18th Int'l. Symposium on Mathematical Theory of Networks & Systems* (2008)
- Organizing Committee: *AUVSI Ridge & Valley Chapter Fall Symposium* (2016 -- present)
Conference Program and/or Associate Editor Service:
- *14th IFAC Conf. Control Appl. in Marine Systems, Robotics and Vehicles: CAMS 2022* (Lyngby, Denmark, 2022)
- *American Control Conf.* (2006-2009, 2013-14, 2021, 2023)
- *1st IFAC Workshop on Guidance & Control of Underwater Vehicles* (Newport, South Wales, U.K., 2003)
Reviewer for numerous journals and conferences. Special recognition:
- Excellent Reviewer (2015, 2017, 2022): *AIAA J. Guidance, Control, & Dynamics*
- Excellence in Review (2012): *IEEE J. Oceanic Engineering*

Honors & Awards:

AIAA SciTech Forum Atmospheric Flight Mechanics Best Student Paper Award (Gahan et al, 2023)
AIAA SciTech Forum Atmospheric Flight Mechanics Best Student Paper Award (Hopwood et al, 2022)
AIAA SciTech Forum Atmospheric Flight Mechanics Best Paper Award (McClelland & Woolsey, 2019)
National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAS) Committee to Assess the Risks of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration (2017-2018)
Virginia Tech College of Engineering Dean's Award for Excellence in Research (2017)
Virginia Tech Student Engineers Council Undergraduate Research Advisor of the Year (2015)

Virginia Tech Master Online Instructor (2013)
Virginia Tech College of Engineering Certificate of Teaching Excellence (2013)
SAE Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award (2008)
NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award (2002—2007)
ONR Young Investigator Program Award (2002—2005)
NASA Institute for Advance Concepts Fellow (2004-2005)
Virginia Tech College of Engineering Faculty Fellow (2003 – 2006)
Virginia Tech College of Engineering Dean’s Award: Outstanding New Assistant Professor (2003)
NDSE (Department of Defense) Graduate Fellowship (1995–1998)
NSF Graduate Fellowship (deferred) (1995)
Guggenheim Fellowship (Princeton University) (1995)
Georgia Tech President’s Scholar (1990 – 1995)
Tau Beta Pi Senior Engineering Cup (Georgia Tech) (1995)
College of Engineering Award (Georgia Tech) (1994)
CIA Exceptional Performance Award (1993)

Publications:¹

Journal publications (peer-reviewed):

- [1] “Wind estimate uncertainty quantification and sensitivity analysis using generalized polynomial chaos,” K. C. Gahan*, J. Hopwood”, and C. A. Woolsey (In review.)
- [2] “Wind estimation using an H_∞ filter with fixed-wing aircraft flight test results,” K. C. Gahan*, J. Hopwood”, and C. A. Woolsey (In review.)
- [3] “Performance analysis of three predictors for mitigating input and output time delays,” N. Sakib*, Z. Ahmed*, C. A. Woolsey (In review.)
- [4] “Depth dependent added mass computations using impulse motion simulations for shallowly submerged vehicles- Part 1: Accelerating from rest”, W. Lambert*, S. Brizzolara, and C. A. Woolsey. (In review.)
- [5] “Depth dependent added mass computations using impulse motion simulations for shallowly submerged vehicles- Part 2: Accelerating from steady forward velocity”, W. Lambert*, S. Brizzolara, and C. A. Woolsey. (In review.)
- [6] “A survey of indirect wind estimation methods using small uncrewed aerial vehicles,” Z. Ahmed*, M. Halefom*, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Aerospace Information Systems* (To appear.)
- [7] “Unsteady aerodynamics in model-based wind estimation from small, fixed-wing aircraft motion,” M. Halefom*, J. Hopwood*, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* (To appear.) [[10.2514/1.G007836](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.G007836)]
- [8] “A structure-inspired disturbance observer for finite-dimensional mechanical systems,” Y.-C. Chen* and C. A. Woolsey. *IEEE Trans. Control Systems Tech.* **32**(2), pp. 440-455, March 2024 [[10.1109/TCST.2023.3327510](https://doi.org/10.1109/TCST.2023.3327510)]
- [9] “Spin aerodynamic modeling for a fixed-wing aircraft using flight data,” J. L. Gresham*, B. M. Simmons*, J. W. Hopwood*, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Aircraft* **61**(1), pp. 128-139, January 2024 [[10.2514/1.C036835](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.C036835)]
- [10] “Virginia Tech advanced towing carriage,” C. Gilbert, M. Javaherian, C. Woolsey, and M. Shephard, *Part M: Journal of Engineering for the Maritime Environment* **237**(4), pp. 867-877, November 2023 [[10.1177/14750902231166958](https://doi.org/10.1177/14750902231166958)]

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- [11] "A study of the wind sensing performance of pusher and puller hexacopter small unmanned aircraft," J. González -Rocha*, P. Sharma, E. Atkins, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Aircraft* **60**(5), pp. 1712-1720, September–October 2023. [[10.2514/1.C036792](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.C036792)]
- [12] "Flight-test system identification techniques and applications for small, low-cost, fixed-wing aircraft," B. M. Simmons*, J. L. Gresham*, and C. A. Woolsey, *AIAA J. Aircraft* **60**(5), pp. 1503-1521, September–October 2023 [[10.2514/1.C037260](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.C037260)]
- [13] "A free surface corrected lumped parameter model for near-surface horizontal maneuvers of underwater vehicles in waves," W. Lambert*, L. Miller, S. Brizzolara, and C. A. Woolsey, *Ocean Engineering* **278**, June 2023 [[10.1016/j.oceaneng.2023.114364](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.oceaneng.2023.114364)]
- [14] "Experimental validation of port-Hamiltonian based control of fixed wing unmanned aircraft," J.-M. Fahmi*, J. Gresham*, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* **46**(6), pp. 1169-1175, June 2023 [[10.2514/1.G007018](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.G007018)]
- [15] "Nonlinear dynamic modeling for aircraft with unknown mass properties using flight data," B. M. Simmons*, J. L. Gresham*, and C. A. Woolsey. *AIAA J. Aircraft* **60**(3), pp. 968-980, May-June 2023 [[10.2514/1.C037259](https://doi.org/10.2514/1.C037259)]
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Externally Sponsored Research:

Summary of External Research Funding

Number of Projects	Total Amount	Woolsey Component
58	\$22,664,603	\$8,279,460

Projects directed by C. Woolsey (reverse chronological order by end date)

- [1] **Proposal Title:** AF21B-T003 Restricted SWAP-C Air Direction Sensing to Enable Single Vehicle Chemical Reactive Tracking: Phase II
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: April 19, 2023 –April 18, 2025
Sponsor: Barron Associates, Inc. (AFRL)
Amount: \$225,000
Woolsey Component: \$225,000 (100%)
- [2] **Proposal Title:** A23B-T009 Small Unmanned Aerial System for Surveying the Electromagnetic Spectrum: Phase I
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: October 1, 2023 –March 31, 2024
Sponsor: Sabre Systems, Inc. (NAVAIR)
Amount: \$70,000
Woolsey Component: \$70,000 (100%)
- [3] **Proposal Title:** Bayesian Localization of Multiple Atmospheric Contaminant Sources
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Sponsor: C2IAS
Amount: \$46,234
Woolsey Component: \$46,234 (100%)
- [4] **Proposal Title:** AF21B-T003 Restricted SWAP-C Air Direction Sensing to Enable Single Vehicle Chemical Reactive Tracking: Phase I
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 30, 2022 –October 20, 2022
Sponsor: Barron Associates, Inc. (AFRL)
Amount: \$30,000
Woolsey Component: \$30,000 (100%)
- [5] **Proposal Title:** Wind Sensing From UAVs

- Principal Investigator:** C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: October 21, 2021 to January 31, 2022
Sponsor: NIA (NASA LaRC flowthrough)
Amount: \$13,074
Woolsey Component: \$13,074 (100%)
- [6] **Proposal Title:** Classification Scheme for Multirotor Aircraft
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: February 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021
Sponsor: Perspecta Labs (CCDC Armaments Center)
Amount: \$70,000
Woolsey Component: \$70,000 (100%)
- [7] **Proposal Title:** Real-time Weather Awareness for Enhanced UTM Safety Assurance
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2024
Sponsor: NASA (via Oklahoma State University)
Amount: \$600,000
Woolsey Component: \$600,000 (100%)
- [8] **Proposal Title:** eSPAARO UAS Project for USAF TPS/AF
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 16, 2019 to August 15, 2021
Sponsor: USAF Test Pilot School
Amount: \$220,000
Woolsey Component: \$220,000 (100%)
- [9] **Proposal Title:** FW-HTF: First Person View and Augmented Reality for Airborne Embodied Intelligent Cognitive Assistants
Principal Investigator: J. Gabbard, M. Hebdon, P. Tokekar, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2018 to August 31, ~~2021~~ 2022 (No-cost extension)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$1,500,000
Woolsey Component: \$375,000 (25%)
- [10] **Proposal Title:** Submarine Motion in Waves
Principal Investigator: E. Paterson and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: July 1, 2016 to June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020 (No-cost extension)
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$395,584
Woolsey Component: \$197,792 (50%)
- [11] **Proposal Title:** Collaborative Research: Unsteady Hydrodynamics and Geometric Control of Pisciform Locomotion
Principal Investigator: M. Hajj and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2016 to August 31, ~~2019~~ 2020 (No-cost extension)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$270,000
Woolsey Component: \$135,000 (50%)
- [12] **Proposal Title:** I/UCRC: Center for UAS Phase II Site: Virginia Tech
Principal Investigator: K. Kochersberger and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: March 1, 2017 to February 2022
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$500,000
Woolsey Component*: \$250,000 (50%)
Note: Virginia Tech Site within an existing NSF I/UCRC established by BYU and CU-Boulder. This Phase II site supersedes a Phase I site which ended with the original Phase I grant to BYU and CU-Boulder. Funds from

NSF are supplemented by membership fees from industry/government members of the C-UAS. Industry membership fees of \$44,000/Year per member support a varying roster of investigators and projects. **Member fee contributions through 2020 total \$1.7M.** Funding totals above account only for direct NSF sponsorship.

- [13] **Proposal Title:** I/UCRC: Center for UAS Phase I Site
Principal Investigator: K. Kochersberger and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2015 to August 31, ~~2020~~ 2018
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: ~~\$324,996~~ \$130,000
Woolsey Component*: ~~\$162,498~~ \$65,000 (50%)
Note: Phase I industry membership fees of \$40,000/Year per member supported a varying roster of investigators and projects. Member fee contributions range from \$200,000 to \$300,000 annually, but funding totals reported here **do not account for member-sponsored research tasks.**
- [14] **Proposal Title:** Planning Grant: I/UCRC Center for UAS Site Addition
Principal Investigator: K. Kochersberger and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: February 10, 2015 to February 29, 2016
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$10,000
Woolsey Component: \$5000 (50%)
- [15] **Proposal Title:** Motion Prediction & Control for Submarines in High Sea States: The Virginia Tech Component of an International Collaboration
Principal Investigator: L. McCue-Weil, E. Paterson, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2017
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$590,229
Woolsey Component: \$200,668 (34%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at DSTO and Queensland University of Technology
- [16] **Proposal Title:** Hybrid UA/UV: Support for Barron Associates
Principal Investigator: E. Paterson, D. Stilwell, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017
Sponsor: Barron Associates (Office of Naval Research SBIR Flow-through)
Amount: \$24,000
Woolsey Component: \$8,000 (34%)
- [17] **Proposal Title:** Bioloocomotion Analysis and Design Using Geometric Control and Averaging Methods
Principal Investigator: M. Hajj and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2016
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$350,000
Woolsey Component: \$175,000 (50%)
- [18] **Proposal Title:** Underwater Gliders in Significant Currents
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: December 26, 2012 to October 31, 2014
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$194,975
- [19] **Proposal Title:** Ultra-Efficient Transport Aircraft
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 10, 2012 to August 9, 2014
Sponsor: National Institute of Aerospace
Amount: \$71,837
Note: Project coordinated with Mr. M. D. Guynn (NASA Langley Research Center)
- [20] **Proposal Title:** Autonomous Systems Technology, Economics, & Policy Survey

Principal Investigator: T. Campbell, J. Greene, J. Shand, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: October 1, 2013 to May 14, 2014
Sponsor: Virginia Department of Aviation
Amount: \$139,798
Woolsey Component: \$90,958 (65%)

- [21] **Proposal Title:** Additional Support for Impact/Sikorsky ASPEC Program
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013
Sponsor: Sikorsky, formerly Impact Technologies (NUWC-Newport flowthrough)
Amount: \$56,657
Woolsey Component: \$19,263 (34%)
- [22] **Proposal Title:** Support for “A Propulsion-Enabled Control System for Precise Submarine Maneuvering”
Principal Investigators: W. Neu, D. Stilwell, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: April 1, 2011 to January 30, 2013
Sponsor: Impact Technologies (NUWC-Newport flowthrough)
Amount: \$180,000
Woolsey Component: \$60,000 (33%)
- [23] **Proposal Title:** Efficient Motion Control for Undersea Gliders: Experimental Implementation and Assessment
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$209,929
Note: Project coordinated with Dr. K. Morgansen (U. Washington)
- [24] **Proposal Title:** Marine and Hydrokinetic Technology: Support for THOR, LLC
Principal Investigators: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
Sponsor: Turner Hunt Ocean Renewable (DOE flowthrough)
Amount: \$60,213
- [25] **Proposal Title:** Efficient Motion Control for Undersea Gliders: Implementation and Assessment Using *Seaglider*
Principal Investigators: E. Cliff and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$55,039
Woolsey Component: \$27,520 (50%)
Note: Project coordinated with Dr. K. Morgansen (U. Washington)
- [26] **Proposal Title:** UAV Flying Qualities Criteria Development and Evaluation
Principal Investigators: W. Durham and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010
Sponsor: Naval Air Warfare Center (NAVAIR)
Amount: \$166,450
Woolsey Component: \$83,225 (50%)
- [27] **Proposal Title:** Evidence Based Approach to Improved Small UAV Reliability
Principal Investigators: J. Marchman and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: July 1, 2008 to December 10, 2009
Sponsor: Naval Air Warfare Center (NAVAIR)
Amount: \$134,673
Woolsey Component: \$67,337 (50%)
- [28] **Proposal Title:** Motion Planning for Underwater Gliders
Principal Investigators: E. Cliff and C. Woolsey (Lead)

Period of Performance: October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$213,044
Woolsey Component: \$174,696 (82%)

- [29] **Proposal Title:** In-Flight Data Collection Using a N~ASK Transponder
Principal Investigators: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2009 to August 15, 2009
Sponsor: N~ASK, Inc.
Amount: \$33,928
Woolsey Component: \$33,928 (100%)
- [30] **Proposal Title:** Internally actuated lateral-directional maneuvering for a blended wing-body underwater glider
Principal Investigators: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: May 15, 2005 to December 31, 2007
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$259,688
Woolsey Component: \$259,688 (100%)
- [31] **Proposal Title:** CAREER: Internal shape control for ocean and atmospheric vehicles (NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award)
Principal Investigators: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2007
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$381,000
Woolsey Component: \$381,000 (100%)
- [32] **Proposal Title:** Fleet applications of AUVs: A technology development roadmap
Principal Investigators: W. Neu, D. Stilwell, and C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: May 15, 2006 to December 31, 2006
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$27,694
Woolsey Component: \$9416 (34%)
- [33] **Proposal Title:** Heterogeneous teams of autonomous vehicles: Advanced sensing and control
Principal Investigators: D. Hong, N. Hovakimyan, M. Johnson, C. Reinholtz, D. Stilwell, A. Wicks, C. Woolsey (Lead), C. Wyatt
Period of Performance: July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$1,050,000
Woolsey Component: \$180,712 (17%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School
- [34] **Proposal Title:** Collaborative Research: A two-stage towing system for swath-mapping ocean turbulence
Principal Investigator: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 16, 2002 to August 15, 2005
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$217,936
Woolsey Component: \$217,936 (100%)
Note: Project coordinated with Dr. A. Gargett (Old Dominion U.)
- [35] **Proposal Title:** Real-time flow-field estimation for cooperative autonomous underwater vehicle mission planning (Supplement to YIP Award to support collaboration with a U.S. Navy laboratory.)
Principal Investigators: C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$50,000
Woolsey Component: \$50,000 (100%)

- [36] **Proposal Title:** Low velocity attitude control for underwater vehicles using internal actuators (ONR Young Investigator Program Award)
Principal Investigators:
Period of Performance: May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2005
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$300,000
Woolsey Component: \$300,000 (100%)
- [37] **Proposal Title:** A self-sustaining, boundary-layer-adapted system for terrain exploration and environmental sampling
Principal Investigators: G. Hagerman, C. Woolsey (Lead)
Period of Performance: October 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005
Sponsor: NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts
Amount: \$69,513
Woolsey Component: \$47,424 (66%)

Projects directed by collaborators (reverse chronological order by end date)

- [38] **Proposal Title:** I/UCRC: Center for Autonomous Air Mobility and Sensing: Virginia Tech
Principal Investigator: K. Kochersberger (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: March 2022 to February 2027
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$506,628
Woolsey Component*: \$253,314 (50%)
Note: Virginia Tech Site within a 6-university NSF Phase I I/UCRC. Funds from NSF are supplemented by membership fees from industry/government members of the C-UAS. Industry membership fees of \$50,000/Year per member support a varying roster of investigators and projects. The funding amounts shown above account only for direct NSF sponsorship.
- [39] **Proposal Title:** Identification and validation of a Lagrangian nonlinear maneuvering and seakeeping model
Principal Investigator: S. Brizzolara (PI) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2023
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$577,637
Woolsey Component: \$288,818 (50%)
- [40] **Proposal Title:** Omniscient Planning and Control Environment for the Naval Enterprise
Principal Investigator: D. Stilwell (PI), E. Paterson, M. Farhood, and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 25, 2018 to ~~September 30, 2020~~ December 31, 2022 (No-cost extension)
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$3,000,000
Woolsey Component: \$750,000 (25%)
- [41] **Proposal Title:** Advanced towing carriage and instrumentation for the study of small vessels in waves
Principal Investigator: C. Gilbert (PI) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 15, 2018 to June 14, 2019
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$620,057
Woolsey Component: \$310,028 (50%)
- [42] **Proposal Title:** Structure-preserving numerical methods for engineering applications
Principal Investigators: M. Patil (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: July 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$220,059
Woolsey Component: \$110,030 (50%)

- [43] **Proposal Title:** Hazards SEES: Uncovering the hidden skeleton of environmental flows: Advanced Lagrangian methods for hazards prediction, mitigation and response*
Principal Investigator: S. Ross (Sub-Award PI), D. Schmale, III (Key Person), and C. Woolsey (Key Person)
Period of Performance: September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2019
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Amount: \$514,192
Woolsey Component: \$128,117 (25%)
***Note:** Virginia Tech component of \$3M award to Thomas Peacock (PI) and Co-PI's Pierre Lermusiaux, Shane Ross, Irina Rypina, and Shawn Shadden
- [44] **Proposal Title:** Virginia Tech Airworthiness Center
Principal Investigators: R. Canfield (PI) M. Farhood, K. Lowe, L. McCue, C. Sultan, and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 15, 2015 to June 2, 2016
Sponsor: NAVAIR
Amount: \$519,950
Woolsey Component: \$83,192 (16%)
- [45] **Proposal Title:** UAS in the NAS
Principal Investigators: R. Mooney (PI) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 15, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Sponsor: Northrop Grumman – Information Systems
Amount: \$95,000
Woolsey Component: \$47,500 (50%)
- [46] **Proposal Title:** THOR: Tactical Hazardous Operations Robot (Phase 1)
Principal Investigators: D. Hong and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: October 1, 2012 to December 21, 2013
Sponsor: DARPA
Amount: \$2,999,968
Woolsey Component: \$60,000 (2%)
- [47] **Proposal Title:** AFRL-VT Collaborative Center On Multidisciplinary Analysis And Design Of Future Aerospace Vehicles
Principal Investigators: R. Batra, R. Canfield, M. Hajj, R. Kapania (Lead), W. Mason, M. Patil, D. Tafti, L. Watson, and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: December 22, 2008 to December 21, 2013
Sponsor: Air Force Research Laboratory, WPAFB
Amount: \$1,595,028
Woolsey Component: \$79,751 (5%)
- [48] **Proposal Title:** Exploration of Under-ice Regions with Ocean Profiling Agents (EUROPA)
Principal Investigators: L. McCue (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 15, 2012 to August 14, 2013
Sponsor: National Institute for Aerospace (NIAC flowthrough)
Amount: \$53,977
Woolsey Component: \$21,590 (40%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School
- [49] **Proposal Title:** Sensing and Autonomy for Riverine Vessels
Principal Investigators: D. Stilwell (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: January 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$119,493
Woolsey Component: \$29,873 (25%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School
- [50] **Proposal Title:** Sensing and Autonomy for Riverine Vessels

Principal Investigators: M. Patil (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$60,000
Woolsey Component: \$27,000 (45%)

[51] **Proposal Title:** A Hardware Testbed for Distributed Learning, Estimation and Approximation Theory with Sensor Vehicle Networks

Principal Investigators: A. Kurdila (Lead), A. Leonessa, D. Stilwell, C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: June 15, 2010 to June 14, 2011
Sponsor: Army Research Office
Amount: \$441,970
Woolsey Component: \$110,493 (25%)

[52] **Proposal Title:** Enhanced Riverine Drifter

Principal Investigators: P. Diplas, D. Stilwell (Lead), and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011
Sponsor: Barron Associates (ONR flowthrough)
Amount: \$49,966
Woolsey Component: \$16,655 (25%)

[53] **Proposal Title:** Autonomous USV Navigation in Riverine Environments

Principal Investigators: D. Stilwell (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: September 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$259,969
Woolsey Component: \$129,985 (50%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School

[54] **Proposal Title:** Experimental Scale Underwater Glider

Principal Investigators: L. McCue-Weil (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: May 6, 2010 to September 30, 2010
Sponsor: University of Michigan (Naval Engineering Education Consortium)
Amount: \$69,348
Woolsey Component: \$34,674 (50%)

[55] **Proposal Title:** USV Autonomy in Riverine Environments

Principal Investigators: D. Stilwell (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: May 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$381,757
Woolsey Component: \$190,879 (50%)
Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School

[56] **Proposal Title:** Design and Prototype Development of a Flight Vehicle for Large Event Surveillance

Principal Investigators: J. Marchman (Lead) and C. Woolsey
Period of Performance: August 1, 2007 to October 31, 2009
Sponsor: Virginia Space Grant Consortium (flow-through from NAVAIR)
Amount: \$143,533
Woolsey Component: \$71,767 (50%)

[57] **Proposal Title:** Coordinated sensing and control for surveillance and tracking by heterogeneous autonomous vehicle teams.

Principal Investigators: N. Hovakimyan, A. Kurdila, M. Roan, C. Reinholtz, D. Stilwell (Lead), A. Wicks, C. Woolsey, C. Wyatt
Period of Performance: October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Amount: \$1,417,500

Woolsey Component: \$226,000 (16%)

Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Naval Postgraduate School

[58] **Proposal Title:** Adaptive sampling in dynamic environments using AUVs

Principal Investigators: D. Stilwell (Lead), C. Woolsey

Period of Performance: May 30, 2005 to May 29, 2006

Sponsor: Office of Naval Research

Amount: \$479,750

Woolsey Component: \$86,969 (18%)

Note: Project coordinated with investigators at Tulane University

Courses Taught:³

AOE 3034: System Dynamics and Control

AOE 3104: Aircraft Performance

AOE 3134: Air Vehicle Dynamics

AOE 3234: Ocean Vehicle Dynamics

AOE 4004: State-Space Control

AOE 4224/5224G: Atmospheric & Ocean Vehicle Model Identification

AOE 4804: Special Topics in Dynamics, Control, and Estimation: Ethics and Autonomy

AOE 4984 (Special Topics): Navigation and Guidance

AOE 5774: Nonlinear Systems Theory

AOE 6744: Linear Control Theory

AOE 5984 (Special Topics): Real-time Control (Co-taught with Prof. Chris Hall)

AOE 6984 (Special Topics): Geometric Control Theory (Co-taught with Prof. Andy Kurdila)

Advising:

Post-Doctoral Scholars

Current:

None

Complete:

Dr. Ahmed Hussein

Co-advised with Dr. M. Hajj

Dr. Hye-Young Kim

Co-advised with Dr. C. Hall

Dr. C. Konda Reddy

Co-advised with Dr. N. Hovakimyan

Dr. Lili Ma

Co-advised with Dr. N. Hovakimyan

Dr. Sevak Tahmasian

Sole Advisor

Graduate Scholars (Ph.D. Candidates)

Current:

Garrett Asper (Ph.D. A.E., expected 2028)

Sole Advisor

Jeremy Hopwood (Ph.D. A.E., expected 2025)

Sole Advisor

Ian Willebeek-LeMair (Ph.D. A.E. expected 2027)

Sole Advisor

Mohamed Zakaria (Ph.D. A.E. expected 2025)

Co-Advisor (with Dr. S. Ross)

Complete:

Chris Gahan (Ph.D. A.E., 2024)

Sole Advisor

Zakia Ahmed (Ph.D. M.E., 2024)

Sole Advisor

Mekonen Halefom (Ph.D. A.E., 2024)

Sole Advisor

Nazmus Sakib (Ph.D. A.E., 2024)

Sole Advisor

Ying-Chun Chen (Ph.D., A.E. 2023)

Sole Advisor

Liam Lambert (Ph.D. A.E., 2023)

Secondary Advisor (with Dr. S. Brizzolara)

Ben Simmons (Ph.D. A.E., 2023)

Primary Advisor (with Dr. E. Morelli)

Jean-Michel Fahmi (Ph.D. A.E., 2022)

Sole Advisor

³ The teaching requirement in Virginia Tech's Department of Aerospace & Ocean Engineering is 3 courses per year.

James Gresham (Ph.D. A.E., 2022)
Emmanuel Skamangas (Ph.D. A.E., 2021)
Javier González-Rocha (Ph.D. A.E., 2020)
Seyong Jung (Ph.D. A.E., 2020)
Changkoo Kang (Ph.D. A.E., 2020)
Harsh Sharma (Ph.D. A.E., 2020)
Hisham Shehata (Ph.D. E.S.M., 2020)
Hunter McClelland (Ph.D. A.E., 2019)
Tom Battista (Ph.D. A.E., 2018)
Jacob Bean (Ph.D. A.E., 2018)
David Allen (Ph.D. A.E., 2016)
Andrew Rogers (Ph.D. A.E., 2016)
Sevak Tahmasian (Ph.D. E.S.M., 2015)
Artur Wolek (Ph.D. A.E., 2015)
Brad Atkins (Ph.D. A.E., 2014)
Christian Sonnenburg (Ph.D. A.E., 2012)
Chris Cotting (Ph.D. A.E., 2010)
Robert Kraus (Ph.D. A.E., 2010)
Amanda Young Dippold (Ph.D. A.E., 2009)
Nina Mahmoudian (Ph.D. A.E., 2009)
Laszlo Techy (Ph.D. A.E., 2009)
Chevva Konda Reddy (Ph.D. E.S.M., 2005)

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Primary Advisor (with Dr. W. Durham)
Primary Advisor (with Dr. E. Cliff)
Secondary Advisor (with Dr. N. Hovakimyan)
Sole Advisor
Primary Advisor (with Dr. D. Schmale, III)
Primary Advisor (with Dr. A. Nayfeh)

Graduate Scholars (M.S. Candidates, Thesis Option)

Current:

Patrick Corrigan (M.S. A.E., expected 2026)
Genevieve Petsopoulos (M.S. A.E., expected 2025)
Sam Widman (M.S. A.E., expected 2026)

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Primary Advisor (with Dr. K. Crandall)
Sole Advisor

Complete:

Zakia Ahmed (M.S. M.E., 2022)
Ryan Fisher (M.S. A.E., 2022)
Kendy Edmonds (M.S. A.E., 2021)
Khanh Nguyen (M.S. A.E., 2021)
Kushal Patel (M.S. E.C.E., 2021)
Alberto Post (M.S. A.E., 2021)
Mekonen Halefom (M.S. A.E., 2020)
Griffin Hyde (M.S. A.E., 2019)
Meghan Burns (M.S. A.E., 2018)
Ben Simmons (M.S. A.E., 2018)
Chang Koo Kang (M.S. A.E., 2017)
Poorva Shukla (M.S. E.S.M., 2017)
Chris Kevorkian (M.S. A.E., 2016)
Tejaswi Gode (M.S. E.E., 2015)
David Allen (M.S. A.E., 2014)
Kevin Antcliff (M.S. A.E., 2014)
Jeffrey Garnand-Royo (M.S. A.E., 2013)
Mark Palframan (M.S. A.E., 2013)
Justin Murtha (M.S. A.E., 2009)
Jesse Geisbert (M.S. O.E., 2007)
Chris Schultz (M.S. A.E., 2006)
Amy Linklater (M.S. A.E., 2005)
Michael Morrow (M.S. A.E., 2005)
Chris Nickell (M.S. A.E., 2005)
Eric Schuch (M.S. A.E., 2004)

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