2012 Research Report

The School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering



We are pleased to publish this report which reflects the research strengths and achievements in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering (AMME) for 2012. The School has a number of world class research groups and has continued to maintain its position as the dominant research school in the faculty, and one of the leading engineering research schools in the country.

During the year \$15.5 million of new research funding was obtained, 311 research articles and books were published, 138 research students were under supervision and 18 research students completed. With 31 permanent academic staff members our performance per capita places us on a par with the top engineering schools in the world.

I would like to thank all the staff whose hard work and dedication has produced this outstanding research profile, and in particular to congratulate Andrew Ruys and Salah Sukkarieh on their promotion to Professor.

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ARC Discovery Projects

DP130100900

Project Title: Conjugate natural convection boundary layers

Armfield, Prof Steven W; Kirkpatrick, Dr Michael P; Lei, A/Prof Chengwang; Lin, A/Prof Wenxian; Patterson, Prof John C

\$425,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: Conjugate natural convection systems occur when a conducting vertical wall separates fluids at different temperatures (that is at a window separating the interior of a room from the outside or when a container of fluid is placed in a refrigerator). This project will provide accurate predictions of such flows together with scaling relations.

DP130100763

Project Title: Predictive models for the combustion of multi-component bio-fuels

Cleary, Dr Matthew J; Bilger, Prof Robert W; Lakshmisha, Prof Krishnarajnagar N \$290,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project will develop advanced, computationally efficient models for predicting pollutant emissions from the combustion of bio-fuels. The models will target practical engineering-scale applications with the aim of achieving improved energy conversion and improved urban air quality.

DP130104435

Project Title: Biotransport design for engineering microenvironment in scaffolds

Li, A/Prof Qing \$315,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: Tissue engineering signifies an exciting opportunity to solve shortage of transplantable tissues. This project targets a critical issue in engineering thick tissue and aims to introduce computational structural optimisation to biotransport problems. The optimal scaffold is expected to create a more desirable microenvironment for better tissue growth.

DP130104648

Project Title: Multi-functional graphene interleaves in multi-scale carbon fibre reinforced composites

Mai, Prof Yiu-Wing; Kim, Prof Jang Kyo \$460,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This research project will lead to the development of a new class of multi-functional composites with improved mechanical/fracture performance and inbuilt health monitoring capability. The new composite systems will revolutionise the design of composite structures for the new generation aerospace vehicles.

DP130100551

Project Title: Reliable and efficient algorithms for modelling dynamical systems from data

Manchester, Dr Ian R; Megretski, Prof Dr Alexandre \$337,000 2013 - 2015 Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: Mathematical and computational models are increasingly important in diverse areas of science and engineering including aircraft and automotive design, robotics, medical sensing, and biology. However, finding an accurate model remains a difficult task. This project will develop new methods to reliably find highly accurate models from recorded data.

DP130104904

Project Title: Investigations of the atomisation and turbulent combustion of biodiesels

Masri, Prof Assaad R; Dunn, Dr Matthew J \$500,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project will provide a quantitative understanding of the atomisation, and turbulent combustion characteristics of biodiesel fuels. Such knowledge will facilitate the optimisation of biodiesel blends and hence the uptake of renewable fuels that yield lower emissions without compromising efficiency.

DP130104385

Project Title: Probabilistic graphical models for detecting outbreaks

Ramos, Dr Fabio T; Chawla, Prof Sanjay \$345,000 2013 - 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project will create a novel class of probabilistic graphical model algorithms for learning and inference in problems involving unfrequent events such as anomaly detection. The outcome will be a methodology for seamlessly integrating space-time correlated data that will enable the early prediction of outbreaks in a principled statistical manner.

DP130103958

Project Title: Understanding multi-scale reinforcement of carbon fibre composites

Tong, Prof Liyong; Yan, Dr Guirong 381,000 2013 – 2015

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: Addition of nano scale entities, such as nanotubes, on the surface of a carbon fibre forms a bottle-brush like architecture and strengthens fibre-matrix interface. This project will pioneer development of a systematic approach for analysis and design of such multiscale reinforced composite materials for use in aerospace and civil industries.

ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)

LE130100165

Project Title: Thermal and mechanical simulation laboratory for light metals

Ferry, Prof Michael; Barnett, Prof Matthew R; Davies, Prof Christopher H; Zhang, A/Prof Ming-

Xing; Ringer, Prof Simon P; Munroe, Prof Paul R; Stanford, Dr Nicole; Laws, Dr Kevin J; Cairney, A/Prof Julie M; Hoffman, Prof Mark J; Ma, A/Prof Qian; Bettles, Dr Colleen J; Quadir, Dr Md Z

\$390,000 2013

Partner/Collaborating Eligible Organisation(s): Deakin University, Monash University, The University of Queensland, The University of Sydney

Administering Organisation: The University of New South Wales

Project Summary: The creation of a thermal and mechanical simulation laboratory for light metals will provide the critical infrastructure needed for generating new alloys and composites. This will extend Australia's competitive advantage in the design of better alloys for expanding applications in the construction, packaging, automotive and aerospace sectors.

LE130100203

Project: Autonomous benthic observing system

A/Prof Stefan Williams \$385.000

2013

Partner(s): University of Western Australia, University of Tasmania, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, The Australian Institute of Marine Science, NSW Department of Primary Industries

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project seeks to improve our ability to monitor marine habitats and characterise their variability by enhancing the Integrated Marine Observing system (IMOS) Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) Facility. The new AUV infrastructure will reduce operating costs, increase robustness of the sampling effort and insure continued operation for the next decade.

Appointments & Promotions

Associate Professor **Andrew Ruys** is promoted to Professor

Associate Professor is ${\bf Salah\ Sukkarieh\ }$ promoted to Professor

ARC Linkage Projects

LP130100111

Project Title: Wear resistant alloys for the mining industry

Cairney, A/Prof Julie M; Dolman, Mr Kevin F; Lucey, Mr Timothy \$300,000 2013 - 2016

Partner Organisation(s): Weir Minerals Australia Ltd

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project will create new metal matrix composite alloys that are extremely resistant to wear. They will be used in products that are designed and manufactured to meet the highest specifications for robust and reliable use in Australia's mines, which are among the world's most demanding environments.

LP130101175

Project Title: High quality benthic and demersal surveys from small form factor underwater robots

Pizarro, Dr Oscar; Williams, A/Prof Stefan B; Edmunds, Dr Matthew J \$290,000 2013 - 2016

Partner Organisation(s): Australian Marine Ecology Pty Ltd

Administering Organisation: The University of Sydney Project Summary: This project will develop improved surveying systems for environmental consultancies. By enhancing the imaging and mapping capabilities of small underwater robots and extending automated interpretation tools to work with their data, this project will reduce operating costs, and increase the quality and quantity of scientifically useful data that they generate.

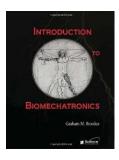
Awards & Honours

Dr KC Wong was elected as an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Babak Fakhim Ghanbarzadeh and **Christopher Brunner** received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Tutoring 2012.

Books Published

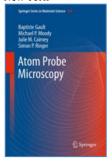
Dr Graham Brooker Introduction to Biomechatronics SciTech Publishing Raleigh, USA



Dr Baptiste Gault, Dr Michael Moody (AMMRF), A/Prof Julie Cairney and Prof Simon Ringer

Atom Probe Microscopy

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- → Unmanned aerial vehicles
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- Hybrid electrical propulsion for unmanned aerial vehicles
- → Hydrogen in aviation
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- → Non-linear vibration
- → Non-linear system identification
- → Gust response
- → Aeroelastic tailoring
- → Design of composite structures
- → Morphing structures
- → Natural selection optimization
- → Frangibility

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- → Hierarchical Asynchronous Parallel Evolutionary Algorithms (HAPEAs)
- Robust evolutionary methods for multi-objective and Multidisciplinary Design Optimisation (MDO) in aeronautics
- → Grid free flow-solvers and evolutionary algorithms
- → Adaptive aerofoils/wings design and optimisation using evolutionary algorithms

Flight Mechanics

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The Variable Stability Flight Simulator (VSFS) is an exclusive project to the University of Sydney, a national first. In addition to the application of the VSFS to AMME flight mechanics courses, the simulator offers significant potential in other areas. For instance, current post-graduate study is being performed with the aim of producing

an avionics course based on the simulator systems. Other post-graduate projects involve guidance and control (landing and flight path) using visual systems - simulated with the VSFS.

Finite Element Analysis; Composite & Intelligent Structures

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(Also a member of the Center for Advanced Materials Technology, CAMT)

Current research areas and projects include:

- Failure analysis and damage tolerance of adhesive bonded composite joints
- Modeling behavior of 3D reinforced composite materials, including transverse stitching
- → Behavior of composite plates and shells
- Smart structures using PZT sensors/actuators, including damage detection and performance control of thin-walled structures

Space Engineering

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The DSMC (Direct Molecular Simulation - Monte Carlo Method) gas flow simulation technique was pioneered by Emeritus Professor Graeme Bird in this School. The method was originally used for simulation of rarefied gas flow around re-entry vehicles, but has now progressed to the stage of being a useful tool for solving a large range

of aerodynamic and aerospace problems such as:

- Simulation of flow separation in near continuum region
- Rankine-Heugonot weak/strong shock reflection solutions
- → Nano-Fluid Simulations
- → Investigation of stability of low Reynolds number flows

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- → Planetary Rover Systems
- → Navigation in GPS denied environments
- → Multi-robot systems for Space
- → Multi-satellite navigation and control
- → Robotics for Education
- → Robotics for Agriculture
- → Commercial Aviation

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- → Fault tolerance systems design
- → Remote sensing

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Design

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Current UAV related research activities include the following:

- → Autonomous remote sensing using UAVs
- Decentralised navigation and control of autonomous flight vehicles
- → Simultaneous localisation and map building for autonomous flight vehicles
- → Design and development of rapid prototype UAVs
- → Wind-tunnel and flight based experimental research in aerodynamics and flight performance
- Modelling of engine/propeller performance and aircraft stability characteristics
- High fidelity aircraft model development for simulation based control system validation
- Trajectory optimisation and autonomous guidance for unmanned aircraft
- Sensor fusion strategies for state estimation using multiple redundant sensors, including Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- → Using GPS for aircraft attitude determination
- → System identification methods and neural networks for fault detection and reconfiguration
- → Robustness analysis of control laws in the presence of uncertain dynamics and wind gusts
- → Robust nonlinear high-performance manoeuvre tracking for autonomous aircraft
- → Autonomous safe recovery and landing of a UAV
- → Terrain Following for autonomous flight vehicles
- → Integration of available technologies into operational UAV systems
- → Real-time fight control software synthesis for UAVs
- Design and fabrication of airframe components using advanced composite materials

Research Grants*

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Tong, Liyong	Design of compliant structure systems with integrated actuators	Jan 2011 - Mar 2014	290,000
Defence Science and Technology Organisation Research Support	Verstraete, Dries	Fuel-Cell Unmanned Aircraft System Hardware-in-the-loop Simulation	Jul 2011 - Jun 2014	52,000

^{*}Professor Salah Sukkarieh's research grants are reported under <u>Australian Centre for Field Robotics, ACFR</u>

Mars no limit for earthling engineers

10 August 2012

Exploring Mars with roving robotics may become a virtual reality for remote and rural students as part of a program underpinning the National Broadband Network (NBN)-Enabled Education and Skills Services Program, announced yesterday by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).



Students will be able to remotely control robots similar to those sent to Mars from their classrooms says Professor Salah Sukkarieh, the Australian Centre for Field Robotics' Director of Research and Innovation.

Professor Sukkarieh and his team were awarded \$1.3 million to bring futuristic technologies to life as the centre piece of the 'Education 2020: enabling learning in science, engineering and mathematics' project.

The project's aim is to entice students to study science, engineering and mathematics in early years at high school and to foster interest in careers in these areas.

"Our participation in the project involves building space robots, tele-operation software and designing new online engineering education curriculum material for high school and university students across Australia," says Professor Salah Sukkarieh, himself a former mechatronic engineering student at the University who completed his PhD in aerospace systems and now teaches space robotics.

"Using the NBN, students will be able to control the robots, which will be located at the Powerhouse Museum. We already have experimental Mars Rovers housed there and can already control them remotely via our labs on campus."

'Education 2020' is one of a number of programs the University is involved in focused on encouraging study in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), areas that have been identified as a priority by the Australian Government.

New partnership with Qantas will mean smarter flying

25 September 2012

The University of Sydney and Qantas have entered into a four-year partnership to develop a flight planning system that will help the airline fly optimised routes, reduce fuel consumption and improve operational effectiveness.



The Qantas Future Flight Planning Project (QFFPP) follows closely on the tail of a successful pilot program that targeted the development and demonstration of a prototype commercial aviation flight-planning system.

Professor Salah Sukkarieh, the Australian Centre for Field Robotics' (ACFR) Director of Research and Innovation, says the commencement of the QFFPP punctuated a decade of research in the area of flight planning and control, and multi-vehicle coordination and optimisation.

"Our initial work looked at how aerodynamics, flight mechanics, large-scale optimisation and machine learning algorithms can be used to design better flight planning routines and fuel prediction models. We believe this will help pave the way for optimised flight routes that will improve operational efficiency for Qantas - complementing its existing focus on new navigation technology - and support greener commercial aviation," says Professor Sukkarieh.

The agreement with the University will look at further developing the system as well as conduct new research into operational factors such as weather avoidance and traffic flow. The project will support six research fellows and up to 10 PhD students.

Professor Sukkarieh says overall the system is the first of its kind in the world, offering Qantas a suite of algorithms that are custom made to Qantas' operation and that will support its future needs.

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- Medical device design and testing

Bone Biology & Biomaterials

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A/Prof Dunstan is a respected authority on bone metabolism with over 30 years of experience in both clinical and basic research. He has extensive experience in both academic and industry (Amgen) settings. A/Prof Dunstan has researched extensively the regulation of bone formation and resorption, both in vivo and in vitro,

leading to publications in Nature and Cell. A primary career achievement has been in contributing to the discovery of the roles of RANKL, RANK and osteoprotegerin in regulating bone resorption and in the development of the RANKL antagonist denosumab, now approved for use as a therapeutic for clinical use in both osteoporosis and metastatic bone disease. In addition, he conducts research into bone and cancer cell interactions and since 2008 he has also been an active researcher of biomaterial interactions with bone cells, contributing to discoveries leading to patents and a licensing agreement.

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- Computational scaffold tissue engineering
- Design optimization for stents
- Topology optimisation for metamaterials
- Bone remodeling for orthopaedics
- Dental biomechanics & biomaterials

Tissue Engineering & Biomaterials

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Professor Zreiqat is a National Health and Medical Research Fellow, Head of the Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Research Unit. Her group consists of multidisciplinary team of researchers including engineers, cell and molecular biologists and clinicians. She specializes in developing engineered biomaterials and scaffolds for skeletal tissue applications, and investigating their effect on in vitro and in vivo osteogenesis. Her team conducts research to gain greater understanding of bone/cartilage and endothelial cells biology when in contact with engineered biomaterials.

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Li, Qing	Topology Optimisation of Periodic Structures for Stent Design	Jan 2010 - Dec 2014	300,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Li, Qing	Topology Optimisation? An Engineering Approach to Design of Metamaterials	Jan 2011 - Apr 2014	210,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowships (FT)	Li, Qing	Computational Design for Engineering Micro/Nanotopography	Dec 2012 - Jun 2016	822,014
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Li, Wei	Topography optimization of implants for enhancing osseointegration	Jan 2010 - Jan 2015	600,000
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Early Career Fellowships (ECF)	Lu, Zufu	Smart synthetic biomaterial for bone tissue regeneration	Jan 2012 - Dec 2015	324,892
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Ruys, Andrew	Cochlear implants: Identifying current paths through computational modelling of MRI data	Jan 2007 - Aug 2012	102,346

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Cancer Council New South Wales Research Project Grants	Seibel, Markus	Novel Cytoplasmic Functions of the Vitamin D Receptor in Bone Metastases	Jan 2013 - Dec 2015	359,673
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)	Zhou, Shiwei	Topology Optimisation for Advanced Engineered Nanostructures	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	375,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Zreiqat, Hala	Scaffolds for bone tissue regeneration and use in orthopaedic applications	Jan 2009 - Jan 2015	504,000
Harvard Club of Australia Foundation Australia - Harvard Fellowship	Zreiqat, Hala	Australia-Harvard Fellowship 2012	Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	12,500
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Project Grants	Zreiqat, Hala	Novel coatings for orthopaedic implants	Jan 2009 - Dec 2012	430,125
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Project Grants	Zreiqat, Hala	Harnessing the physiological effects of strontium and zinc to produce novel biomaterials for orthopaedic applications	Jan 2010 - Dec 2014	539,500
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Career Awards: Research Fellowships	Zreiqat, Hala	Senior Research Fellowship A	Jan 2011 - Dec 2015	570,640

Fourth Tissue Engineering Symposium, organised by Associate Professor Hala Zreiqat, founder of the Sydney University Tissue Engineering Network, SuTEN

27 to 29 August 2012



The symposia is an opportunity to discuss how we can transform exciting discoveries in bone, blood and cartilage regeneration into useful real life therapies, says Professor Hala Zreiqat.

Synthetic materials developed by tissue engineers that may replace damaged bone in the body and encourage normal bone regrowth are to be discussed at a three-day international symposia being held at the University of Sydney.

Tissue and cell engineering visionaries from across the globe have converged at the University to discuss the future of stem and tissue cell research for the regeneration of blood, bone, cartilage and musculoskeletal tissue.

The Sydney University Tissue Engineering Network (SuTEN) is conducting its fourth Tissue Engineering Symposium, 27 to 29 August, titled 'Programming Stem

Cells for Bone, Blood, and Cartilage Regeneration: current state and future prospective'.

Associate Professor Hala Zreiqat, founder of SuTEN, says the discipline of tissue engineering is advancing rapidly and the conference will give Australian scientists the chance to network with both local and international experts.

"There will also be an opportunity for us to discuss the challenges of transforming our exciting discoveries in bone, blood and cartilage regeneration into useful real life therapies for patients of all ages," says Professor Zreiqat.

Center for Advanced Materials Testing (CAMT)

The Centre for Advanced Materials Technology (CAMT) within the school has a high international profile for its quality research over a wide field in materials characterisation and processing, information technology, nanotechnology, advanced manufacturing, solid mechanics and biotechnology.

Advanced Materials & Fracture Mechanics

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- Materials science and engineering covering processing-structure-property relations, manufacturing and development of innovative materials including: (a) particulate and fibre composites; polymer (b) ceramic nanocomposites; (c) toughened ceramics; (d) polymers, their blends and alloys; (e) thin films and coatings and (f) biomaterials
- Smart materials, eco-materials and biomimetics
- Nanomaterials and nanoengineering
- Fracture and fatigue mechanics of materials and structure
- Design, characterisation and mechanics of interfaces/interphases
- Tribology and surface engineering and science

Composite Materials

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 Property profile of composite materials (fatigue and fracture, residual strength, long-term properties, structure-property relationship and microscopic characterisation)

- Interlaminar stresses and delamination in composite laminates
- Manufacturing techniques and processing models for high performance polymer composites
- Composites design
- Rehabilitation of infrastructure using fibre composites, polymer composite tribology and epoxy adhesive joints for engineering structures

Precision Manufacturing & Nanotribology

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- Precision manufacturing
- Nanomechanics
- Friction and wear
- Polymer composites
- Nanomaterials and nanocomposites

Transmission Electron Microscop

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Professor Xiaozhou Liao uses advanced electron microscopy techniques to examine materials at atomic resolution, laying the groundwork for the design of superior materials for applications including in the semiconductor, automobile and aviation industries.

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Fed) Australia China Science and Research Fund - Group Missions	Chang, Li	Electrastatic Levitation Aided Near-Contact Sliding: Superlubricity in Micro- and Nano-Electromechanical Systems	Jan 2012 - Jun 2013	38,400
Group of Eight Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme	Chang, Li	Nanomechanical characterization of the ultra- thin transfer film in polymer tribology	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	20,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Liao, Xiaozhou	Atomistic mechanisms of the mechanical behaviour of nanostructured silicon carbide films	Jan 2009 - Dec 2013	300,000

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Liao, Xiaozhou	In-situ transmission electron microscopy nanoindentation investigation of advanced structural metallic materials	Jan 2010 - Jan 2014	301,338
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Liao, Xiaozhou	Interactions between linear and interfacial crystalline defects and their impact on mechanical properties in nanostructured metals and alloys	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	300,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowships (FT)	Liao, Xiaozhou	The effect of structure and size on the mechanical behaviour of III-V semiconductor nanowires	Jan 2012 - Feb 2016	817,856
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)	Liao, Xiaozhou	Joint processing facility for the production of far-from-equilibrium alloy structures	Jan 2012 - Aug 2013	131,915
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)	Liao, Xiaozhou	National in-situ transmission electron microscope facilities	Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	164,476
Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowships (FT)	Liu, Hong- Yuan	Fatigue Life Prediction of Nano- filler Modified Composites	Nov 2009 - Nov 2014	624,300
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Mai, Yiu- Wing	Nanostructure Design and Toughening Mechanisms of Novel Thermosets	Jan 2008 - Mar 2013	630,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Mai, Yiu- Wing	Toughening Thermosets by Highly Ordered Nanostructures	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	345,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)	Tang, Youhong	Water-swellable rubber with nanoparticle-enabled super capacity as smart water- leakage sealant	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	375,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Wang, Yanbo	Effects of grain size on the deformation mechanisms and mechanical properties of Gum Metals (Ti alloys)	Jan 2011 - Jan 2014	255,000

Australian Center for Microscopy and Microanalysis

The Australian Center for Microscopy & Microanalysis (ACMM) is a cross-disciplinary research center, bringing together world-class research activities on the characterisation of materials and biological structures at the micro, nano and atomic scales.

The center's research services are delivered by Sydney Microscopy & Microanalysis (SMM), one of the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world.

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Director, ACMM

- o High resolution microscopy of materials
- o Microstructure property relationships in materials
- o Atomic clustering processes and materials design
- o Light Alloys
- o Ultra-high strength steels
- o Functional nanomaterials
- o Atom probe microscopy

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Deputy Director, ACMM

- o Relationship between microstructure & properties of materials
- Current materials of interest include steels, nonferrous engineering alloys (such as Ni-based superalloys and Ti alloys), nanocrystalline metals, hard coatings (including nanocomposites and thermal barrier coatings), and thin films (including ferroelectrics)
- Characterisation techniques include Focused Ion Beam (FIB) Techniques, Atom Probe Tomography (APT) Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD), Nanoindentation and Mechanical Testing

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Cairney, Julie	Atomic - scale insights into interfaces in ultrafine - grained, low - solute alloys	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	270,000
National eResearch Collaboration Tools and Resources Research Support	Ringer, Simon	Characterisation Virtual Laboratory: research environments for exploring inner space	Jun 2012 - Dec 2014	186,082

Australian Centre for Field Robotics

The Australian Centre for Field Robotics (ACFR) is a teaching and research centre based in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at The University of Sydney.

The ACFR is one of the largest robotics research institutes in the world and has been instrumental in developing breakthrough technologies and in conducting world-leading research and development of field robotics principles and systems.

Research Program

The research program focuses on enabling technologies in four core areas:

- Sensors, Fusion & Perception: sensing, representations of information, the modelling and management of uncertainty, data fusion and perceptual interpretation.
- 2. **Actuators, Control & Decision** of individual micro and macro machines, of heterogeneous groups of platforms and sensors, and of contact and interaction with the environment and each other.
- Modelling, Learning & Adaptation: supervised and unsupervised learning in unstructured and dynamic environments, multi-agent learning, pattern recognition, concept formation and adaptation to the environment.
- 4. Architectures, Systems & Cooperation: design and optimisation of "systems of systems", modelling and management of complexity, large scale systems theory, and modelling of information flow, negotiation and cooperation between platforms and intelligent systems.

These four core research areas define the science of field robotics and intelligent systems and represent the main focus of the ACFR. They draw together common themes and research priorities from within the various research groups and labs within the ACFR, with the goal of supporting long-term developments across the whole field robotics and intelligent systems area.

The research groups and labs ensure that the many threads of the core research areas are brought together and that a bridge exists to future commercial development of research results for our partners and centres and new application areas.

ACFR Industry and Government Partners

- · Agency for Defence Development
- · Australian Defence Force (ADF)
- Australian Plague Locust Commission
- Australian Space Research Program
- BAE Systems
- Brambles Industrial Services
- DEEDI
- Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO)
- Electrolux
- · Horticulture Australia Limited

- Integrated Marine Observing System
- Itech
- Komatsu
- L3-Communications Interstate Electronics
- Leica
- · Meat and Livestock Australia
- NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)
- Patrick Stevedores
- Qantas

- Renault
- Rio Tinto
- · Singapore Technologies Aerospace
- Thales
- Toll Holdings
- Toyota
- US Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)
- US Air Force Research Laboratories (AFRL), Eglin AFB
- US Air Force Research Laboratories (AFRL), Wright Patterson AFB
- US Office of Naval Research

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Group Leader, Intelligent Vehicles and Safety Systems

Our group conducts research in the areas of vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication, vehicles safety systems, navigation, and driver intent and safety evaluation.

We are currently running a number of projects in the area of sensing, localisation, mapping and safety. Some of these works are in collaboration with industry partners. We have deployed our systems to a number of above ground mining sites around the world.

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(Also a member of Aerospace Research Group)

- ➤ Planetary Rover Systems
- Navigation in GPS denied environments
- Multi-robot systems for Space
- Multi-satellite navigation and control
- Robotics for Education
- Robotics for Agriculture
- Commercial Aviation

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Co-Director of the Centre for Social Robotics
Our objective is to study and understand human-robot interaction in social environments.

Our current projects include:

- Autonomous Interactive Robots
- Automated Cooking Project
- > Hand-held Autonomous Interactive Objects
- Modelling Human Movement
- Photodynamic Crystal Screen

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Program Leader, Marine Robotics

We undertake fundamental & applied research in a variety of areas related to the development & deployment of marine autonomous systems. The ACFR, as operator of a major national Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) Facility, conducts AUV-based surveys at sites around Australia and

overseas. These AUV surveys are designed to collect highresolution stereo imagery and oceanographic data to support studies in the fields of engineering science, ecology, biology, geoscience, archaeology and industrial applications.

Member of the Centre for Social Robotics

My research involves Fish-Bird, an interactive kinetic artwork in which two robots in the form of wheelchairs communicate with their audience, and with each other, through movement and written text.

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Radar systems

Integration and synchronisation of a pair of 77GHz imaging radars to produce bistatic images of targets, with particular emphasis on foreign object detection on runways.

Member of the Mine Intelligent Vehicles and Safety Systems Group

Our group focuses on the development of algorithms, sensors and system models to provide situational awareness capabilities for the prediction of vehicle movement and the estimation of risk.

Rehabilitation engineering

I am currently working on a number of devices, including a system to investigate walking balance to identify vestibular diseases; an at-home test to evaluate people with Parkinson's disease; a birth simulator to help midwives learn how to rotate foetal heads and so minimise the requirement for caesarean sections; and a glasses-mounted device for people with dementia to identify where they are and prompt them to perform activities they might have forgotten, or to notify their carers about their activities.

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- $\blacktriangleright \quad \text{Nonlinear system identification and model reduction}$
- Control and motion planning for highly dynamic robots
- > Stability and robustness of limit cycles
- Dynamic vehicle routing and multi-robot control
- Experiment design for system identification
- Optimization, convex relaxations, etc.
- Applications in neuroscience and medicine

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Douillard, Bertrand	Multi-Scale Recognition: Generating Meaning from Multi- Resolution Data	Jun 2011 - Jun 2015	255,006
Australian Research Council (ARC) Federation Fellowship (FF)	Durrant-Whyte, Hugh	Data Fusion and Perception in Autonomous Networks	Jan 2007 - Oct 2014	1,606,210
US Army Research Laboratory (USA) Subcontract	Durrant-Whyte, Hugh	MAST: Micro Autonomous Systems and Technology	May 2008 - Nov 2013	260,982
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Manchester, Ian	Reliable and efficient algorithms for modelling dynamical systems from data	Jan 2013 - Dec 2015	337,000

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Agency for International Development (AUSAID) Public Sector Linkages Program (PSLP) Asia	Nebot, Eduardo	Enhanced capacity for the design and deployment of new technology for increased mining safety in Latin America	Jul 2012 - Jun 2013	212,960
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Nebot, Eduardo	Development of fundamental perception technology and algorithms for mining safety	May 2012 - Jul 2016	480,800
Asian Office of Aerospace Research And Development Research Support	Peynot, Thierry	Sensor data integrity and mitigation of perceptual failures	Feb 2010 - May 2012	278,708
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Pizarro, Oscar	Cost-effective autonomous technologies for long term monitoring of marine protected areas	Jan 2010 - Jan 2015	798,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)	Ramos, Fabio	Data fusion and active sensing for environment monitoring	Mar 2012 - Mar 2015	375,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Sukkarieh, Salah	The endangered swift parrot as a model for managing small migratory birds	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014	60,051
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Education 2020: Enabling learning in science, engineering and mathematics	Sukkarieh, Salah	Education 2020: Enabling learning in science, engineering and mathematics	Sep 2012 - May 2015	1,297,003
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Federal) Australian Space Research Program	Sukkarieh, Salah	Pathways to space: Empowering the internet generation	Jan 2009 - Dec 2013	283,196
Horticulture Australia Limited Research and Development Industry Call	Sukkarieh, Salah	Autonomous perception systems for horticulture tree crops	May 2012 - Nov 2015	599,500
Meat & Livestock Australia Ltd Livestock Production Research & Development Program: Strategic & Applied Research Funding	Sukkarieh, Salah	New detection and classification algorithms for mapping woody weeds from UAV data	Jun 2011 - Aug 2012	152,813
Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation Research Contract	Sukkarieh, Salah	Multi-sensor Fusion and Classification of Aerial Imagery for Automated RIFA Detection	Jan 2012 - Dec 2013	820,916
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Velonaki, Mari	Physicality, Tactility, Intimacy: Interaction between Humans and Robots	Jan 2009 - Dec 2013	753,757
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Velonaki, Mari	Physicality, Tactility, Intimacy: Interaction between Humans and Robots	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	21,390
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Williams, Stefan	Autonomous repeatable surveys for long term monitoring of marine habitats	Jan 2009 - Oct 2014	320,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Williams, Stefan	Supervised autonomy for autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) using limited bandwidth communication channels	Jan 2011- Jan 2014	245,538
Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowships (FT)	Williams, Stefan	Delivering information suitable for studying spatial and temporal variability in benthic habitats using Autonomous Underwater Vehicles	Feb 2012 - Feb 2016	759,836

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Fed) Research Support	Williams, Stefan	Marine Video	Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	255,000
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Federal) National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	Williams, Stefan	Use of Autonomous Underwater Vehicle at the IMOS AUV Facility	Jul 2008 - Jun 2013	1,582,499
Science and Industry Endowment Fund John Stocker Postdoctoral Fellowships	Williams, Stefan	Image-based automated macrobenthic species identification, counting and sizing - Fellow Nourani Vatani	Jan 2011 - Dec 2013	276,000

Aquatic Robot Sirius audits the health of Ningaloo Reef

Radio Australia, 10 April 2012
Interview with Associate Professor Stefan Williams

An Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) will take up to 50,000 images in a day with its high resolution cameras and will also collect detailed multi-beam sonar and water-column measurements while underway.



AUV Sirius on the ship's deck over Ningaloo Reef, NW Australia (Credit: ABC Licensed)

Nicknamed "Sirius", the AUV will dive to depths of 200m to conduct surveys and gather data on the complex ocean environs. Sirius is capable of creating detailed three dimensional models of the seafloor by using software systems and algorithms developed by robotics engineers at the University of Sydney's Australian Centre for Field Robotics (ACFR).

Sirius initially surveyed the world heritage listed area at Ningaloo five years ago. The data collected will provide scientists with unparalleled information on how our deepsea communities may have been distributed, damaged or altered over time.

Associate Professor Stefan Williams, who will lead the robotics team from the University of Sydney, says the new images collected will be cross-referenced with those taken in 2007 and will give marine biologists from AIMS the first insights into changes over time on the deeper areas of seabed.

Professor Williams says that since the first visit ACFR engineers have advanced the functions of their AUV.

"We have developed Sirius to a point where it can return to the precise spot where it captured images five years ago. And unlike an underwater diver it can gather data from several kilometres of terrain in a single day.

"Also since our first survey we have developed algorithms that automate the analysis of the data we collect. The new technology groups the 3D images into categories of interest for marine scientists, for example, the machine vision algorithms can automatically identify groups of similar images representing different habitats such as coral, algae, kelp or sponge beds. This process helps our partners to identify patterns of biodiversity related to the areas being surveyed.



One of 200,000 images taken after only 4 days of surveying the Ningaloo Reef. (Credit: ABC Licensed)

"Repeating the 2007 survey will help scientists assess changes in the Ningaloo underwater habitats over time, and perhaps help in predicting future changes in these areas."

The technology is now being used around the Australian coastline to gather information on changes to the underwater world.

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- Rheology
- Polymer processing
- Computational mechanics

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- Soft Matter: modelling/ experiments/simulation of complex materials (e.g. polymers, suspensions, biological).
- Molecular rheology: understanding rheological properties of complex materials from their molecular structure.
- Surface phenomena: Understanding the phenomena at liquid-solid interfaces (e.g. wetting, nano-fluidics)
- Nanotribology: understanding friction/lubrication/wear at the molecular/atomic level.
- High performance computational nanotechnology: developing/implementing efficient algorithms to simulate systems at molecular/atomic level on supercomputers.

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Tanner, Roger	Modelling soft viscoelastic solids	Jan 2010 - Dec 2012	400,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Tanner, Roger	Rheology of suspensions with viscoelastic matrices	Jan 2011 - Dec 2014	360,000
CRC for Polymers Research Grants	Tanner, Roger	Project 4.1 Effect of additives on Polymer properties	Jan 2006 - Dec 2012	234,009

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- Lifted flames
- Incineration of halons and CFC's
- Chemical inhibition of halons in flames
- Experimental investigations of methanol and ethanol flames
- PDF-Monte Carlo calculations of turbulent nonpremixed flames

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- Turbulent combustion modelling
- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD)
- Biofuels
- Carbon dioxide capture technology
- Turbulent dispersion of multiphase flows (combustion and biomedical applications)
- Stochastic modelling of marine mammals for ship collision avoidance

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- Premixed, stratified and non-premised combustion
- Turbulent flows and CFD
- Laser diagnostics and spectroscopy
- Biofuels and Biodiesels
- Multiscale wavelet analysis
- Refrigeration and HVAC systems
- Thermodynamics and energy generation

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Masri, Assaad	Investigations of Surface-Gas Reactions and Mixing in Micro- combustion	Jan 2008 - Jun 2012	390,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Masri, Assaad	Strongly Transient Processes in Turbulent Combustion	Jan 2010 - Dec 2013	653,555
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Masri, Assaad	Towards a Unified View of Clean Turbulent Combustion	Jan 2011 - Apr 2016	1,250,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)	Masri, Assaad	Multi-Dimensional, High-Speed Laser Imaging Facility for Fluids and Combustion	Jan 2011 - Nov 2012	600,000
Newspec Research Support	Masri, Assaad	n/a	Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	40,000

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My main focus is on the development of computational models and algorithms to allow the prediction of highly unsteady, buoyancy-driven and -dominated flows, such as the natural convection boundary layers that develop adjacent to vertical heated surfaces, the two-layer mixing flow that occurs when a lighter fluid passes over a denser fluid, and thermal fountains and plumes. Such flows occur in many environmental and industrial settings, such as in rivers, estuaries and atmospheric boundary layers, and in building heating, cooling and ventilation.

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- Ventilation
- Biomedical fluid mechanics

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- Environmental Fluid Dynamics
- Mathematical Modelling and Computational Methods
- Renewable Energy Technology
- Engines

Research Grants

Sponsor/ Grant Name	Chief Investigator	Project Title	Duration	Awarded Amount (AUD)
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Armfield, Steven [Kirkpatrick, Michael]	Investigation and optimisation of displacement ventilation and cooling systems	Jan 2009 - Jun 2014	300,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Kirkpatrick, Michael	The Dynamics of Turbulent Entrainment in Sheared Convective Boundary Layers	Jun 2011 - Nov 2014	350,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP)	Nagarathinam, Srinarayana	Design tools for optimising data centre layout to minimise energy usage	Jan 2010 - Dec 2013	288,000
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects (DP)	Williamson, Nicholas	Purging and destratifying of thermal and saline pools in Australia's inland rivers	Jan 2011 - Jan 2014	301,400

The Faculty of Engineering & IT hosted the 24th Annual Research Conversazione on Friday, 2 November, 2012.

Research Conversazione is the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies' annual showcase of research to industry. This event highlights our students' innovative, applied research that addresses both current and future global challenges.

The event provides a forum for our industry guests to engage with our leading research and coursework students, meet our academic experts and forge linkages for future collaborations.

There were 39 posters presented from the School of Aerospace, Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering which were judged by industry guests and academics from the Faculty for the following prizes generously sponsored by Shelston IP Patent Attorneys.

Shelston IP Best Poster Award for Undergraduates - \$500

Jack Umenberger (Aeronautical)

Aouni El-Hajje (Biomedical)

Hsiu-Hsien Wu (Mechanical)

Michael Sammons (Mechatronics)

Chattarin Chanhom (Space)

Shelston IP Best Poster Awards for Postgraduates - \$500

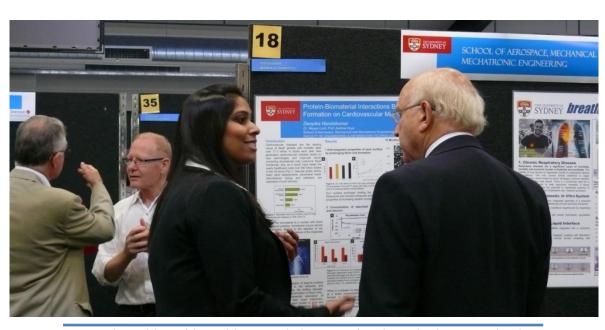
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Jiao Jiao Li (Biomedical)

Abouzar Moshfegh (Mechanical)

Donald Dansereau (Mechatronics)

Jen Jen Chung (Space)



Ms Deepika Nandakumar (PhD candidate, Biomedical Engineering) speaking with Industry Guest about her Poster "Protein-Biomaterial Interactions Behind Blood Clot Formation on Cardiovascular Materials"

Research Output

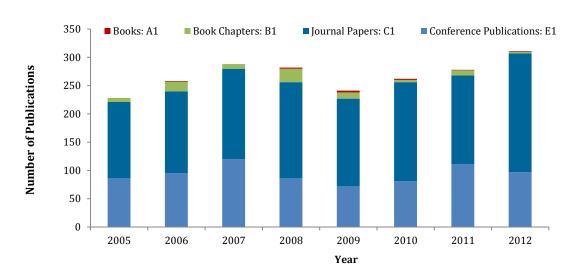
Publications as reported and approved for the University's Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) 2012

A1: Authored research books published by commercial publisher : 1

B1: Authored research chapters in commercially published books: 3

C1: Refereed articles in peer reviewed journals: 210

 $E1: Full \ length \ peer \ reviewed \ papers \ published \ in \ conference \ proceedings: 97$



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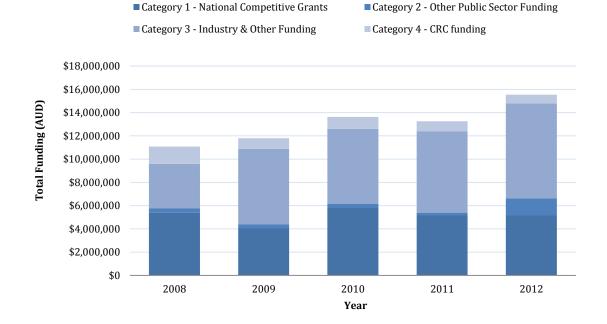
Category 1 - National Competitive Grants: \$5,187,833

Category 2 - Other Public Sector Funding: \$1,449,747

Category 3 - Industry & Other Funding: \$8,156,935

Category 4 - CRC funding: \$744,572

Research Income



Doctor of Philosophy Graduates 2012

Agamennoni, Gabriel

Towards Probabilistic Reasoning in Multi-vehicle Scenarios for Intelligent Transportation Systems

Boughton, Elizabeth Anne

Development of Bioactive Soft Tissue Scaffold Systems

Brown, Sonya Ann

A Localised Experimental-Numerical Technique for Evaluating Mixed Mode Strain Energy Release Rates in Composite Structures

Dittko, Karl Albert

A Numerical Study into Flow in Sidearms of Lakes and Reservoirs

Lee, Chang-joon

Hemodynamic Studies on Design Optimization of Intracranial and Coronary Stents

Medagoda, Eran Dimantha Bandara

Efficient Predictive Guidance and Control for Aircraft Applications

Miles, Brad Peter

Reducing the Risk of Peri-Prosthetic Femoral Fracture: Prosthesis, Patient or Procedure?

Ni, Song

Effects of high-pressure torsion on the structure and mechanical properties of a nanocrystalline Ni-Fe alloy

Richardson, Adam

Airline Operation Optimisation and Risk Management Using Evolutionary Algorithms

Yu, Nicole Y C

Manipulation of the Anabolic and Catabolic Responses for Bone Tissue Engineering

Master of Philosophy Graduates 2012

Ball, Adrian Keith

Human Recognition Through Gait Analysis Using an Inexpensive Visual Sensor

Bartos, Nicholas Paul

Laboratory Investigations Into Displacement Ventilation

Lian, Qi

Mechanical Property and Microstructural Evolutions of a Twinning - Induced Plasticity Steel Deformed by High - Pressure Torsion

Liyanage, Sandeep Sheranga

Deployment of a Microwave Ablation Catheter System into the Left Atrium to Perform Pulmonary Vein Isolation

Sivapalan, Kumaresan

Experimental and Numerical Studies in Premixed Combustion

Tugcu, Kaan

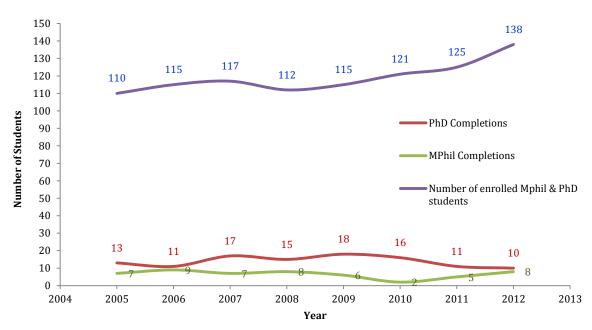
The effect of high-pressure torsion processing at different temperatures on the microstructure and mechanical properties of Al-Mg-Si alloy

Wang, Xiaohang

Effects of High-Pressure Torsion on the Structures and Mechanical Behaviours of Bulk Metallic Glasses

Zhu, Yiwei

Transmission Electron Microscopy Investigation of Nanostructured Silicon Carbide Thin Film and Pillar



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Roohani-Esfahani, S, Zreiqat, H 2012, Ceramic Scaffolds, Current Issues and Future Trends, *Integrated Biomaterials in Tissue Engineering*, Scrivener Press, Canada, 1, 25-46

Upcroft, B, Makarenko, A A, Brooks, A M, Moser, M, Alempijevic, A, Donikian, A, Sprinkle, J, Uther, W, Fitch, R C 2012, Empirical Evaluation of an Autonomous Vehicle in an Urban Environment, *Experience from the DARPA Urban Challenge*, Springer, London, 1, 273-301

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