

# Transformative Vertical Flight 2026

## Final Agenda

**Transformative Vertical Flight 2026**  
San Jose, CA | Jan. 27–29, 2026

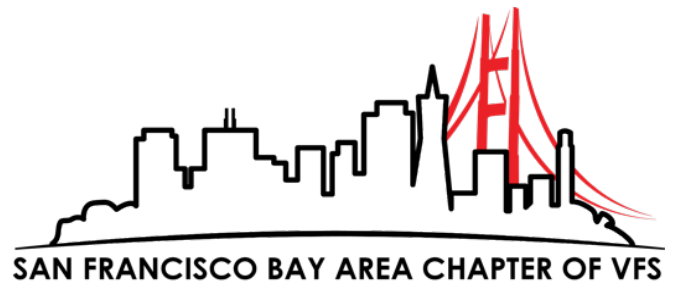


January 27–29, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

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Thank you for joining us at the Transformative Vertical Flight 2026 Conference. We hope this week is both informative and inspiring, and that you make many valuable connections.

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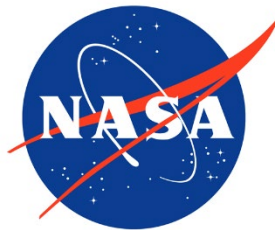
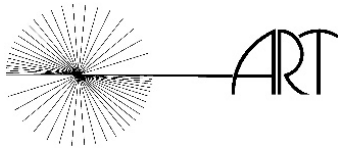
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Exhibitors (Bayshore Foyer)



**Monday, Jan 26, 2026: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Short Course Featured Events**

<b>eVTOL Design Short Course (Cedar Conf. Room)</b>	Dr. James Wang, NTU
<b>eVTOL Infrastructure Short Course (Pine Conf. Room)</b>	Rex Alexander, Five-Alpha LLC

**Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026**

**Registration: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (Gateway Foyer)**

**Transformative Vertical Flight Opening Plenary: FIR/OAK Gateway Ballrooms**

**Opening Plenary A**

8:30 – 8:35	Welcome TVF General Chair: Dr. Maryam Khoshlahjeh, Senior Manager Propellers, Archer Aviation ( <i>Silver Sponsor</i> )
8:35 – 8:55	VFS San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Welcome VFS HQ Update: Angelo Collins, Exec. Director
8:55 – 9:00	Welcome to San Jose: Matt Mahan, Mayor of San Jose
9:00 – 9:30	Bay Area Helicopter Airlines: Dennis Sharp, Curator, SFO Museum

<b>Networking Breaks:</b>		
Tuesday:	9:30 – 10:15am	Bayshore Foyer
Lunch	12:00 – 1:30pm	Bayshore Foyer
	3:00 – 3:30pm	Bayshore Foyer
Reception	5:00 – 6:30pm	Bayshore Foyer
Wednesday:	9:30 – 10:00 am	Bayshore Foyer
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Bayshore Foyer
	3:00 – 3:30 pm	Bayshore Foyer
Thursday:	9:30 – 10:00 am	Bayshore Foyer
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Bayshore Foyer

**Opening Plenary B**

10:15 – 10:45	Sponsor Keynote: Zhao Wang, COO of EHang ( <i>Platinum Sponsor</i> ) <i>Advancing Army Aviation Research at Ames: A 60-Year Legacy:</i>
10:45 – 11:10	Mike Hirschberg, H2 Advisors Dr. Bob Ormiston, Army Scientist Emeritus (Ret.)
11:10 – 11:30	<i>US AAM National Strategy and Comprehensive Plan:</i> Dr. Parimal (“PK”) Kopardekar, NASA Ames Research Ctr.
11:30 – 12:00	<i>DARPA Lift Challenge:</i> Phillip “Donna” Smith, Program Manager, Tactical Technology Office

**eVTOL Symposium: FIR/OAK Gateway Ballrooms**

**eVTOL Pilot Perspectives**

**Moderator: David Zahn, NASA Ames Research Ctr.**

1:30 – 3:00	Panelists: James (Buddy) Denham, Chief Test Pilot, Joby Aviation Kristina Menton, VP and Chief of Flight, Pivotal ( <i>Platinum Sponsor</i> ) Annie Cheng, Senior Program Mgr., Wisk ( <i>Gold Sponsor</i> )
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**Public Good – Disaster Relief**

**Moderator: Johnny Doo, LeVanta Tech**

3:30 – 5:00	Panelists: Dr. Marilyn Smith, Georgia Institute of Technology Dr. Zhaodan Kong, University of California, Davis Dr. Parimal (PK) Kopardekar, NASA Ames Research Ctr. Dr. Venkatakrishnan Iyer, Penn State UAS Research Lab (PURL)
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5:00 – 6:30 **TVF Reception: Exhibits Area (Bayshore Foyer)**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

**Registration: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (Gateway Foyer)**

**eVTOL Progress**

**Moderator: Sergio Cecutta, SMG Consulting**

8:00 – 8:25	<i>Advancing HIL &amp; SIL Validation for eVTOL from Tip to Battery to Tail</i> Peter Blume, President, Bloomy Controls ( <i>Gold Sponsor</i> )
8:30 – 9:30	Chen Rosen, Founder/CTO, AIR EV Ken Karklin, CEO, Pivotal ( <i>Platinum Sponsor</i> ) Willi Tacke, CEO, Flying Pages

**Foundations of Vertical Flight**

**Moderator: Tom Perkowski, Apex View**

10:00 – 10:20	<i>Smart Scaling: Resilient Advanced Composite Supply Chains for Sustainable High-Rate Manufacturing Growth</i> Mat Wynn, Senior Materials & Processes Engineer, Toray Group ( <i>Gold Sponsor</i> )
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Autonomous Operations in Today’s National Airspace Systems</i> Erick Corona, Head of Systems & Operations Integration, Wisk ( <i>Gold Sponsor</i> )
10:40 – 12:00	Rex Alexander, President, Five-Alpha, LLC Mickey Radotich, NASA Downwash / Outwash Testing, NASA Ames Research Ctr. Jesse Steele, UAS Range Manager, Pendleton UAS Test Range Ted Angel, Executive Director, National AAM Center of Excellence (NAAMCE)

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

**eVTOL Symposium: FIR/OAK Gateway Ballrooms**

**Energy Systems**

**Moderator: Mike Hirschberg, H2 Advisors**

1:00 – 2:45  
Dr. Anita Sengupta, CEO, Hydroplane  
Gad Shannan, CEO, Unmanned Aerospace  
John Piasecki, CEO, Piasecki Aircraft Corp.  
Willi Tacke, CEO, Flying Pages

**Power Systems**

**Moderator: Ben Chiswick, FEV Aerospace**

3:30 – 4:45  
John Sarazen, Business Development Mgr., Saft  
Eric Bartsch, CEO, VerdeGo Aero  
Ryan Kingshott, Business Development Manager, Evolito (*Bronze Sponsor*)

6:00 – 9:00  
**Social Event hosted by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter**  
**Venue: San Pedro Market @ 87 N. Pedro St., San Jose, CA 95110**

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

**Registration: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm (Gateway Foyer)**

**eVTOL Symposium: FIR/OAK Gateway Ballrooms**

**Special Topics**

8:00 – 9:30  
**Town Hall: Regulatory Readiness Level Calculator**  
Moderated by Dan Newman, Anduril Industries  
Pulkit Agrawal, Honeywell Aerospace  
Dean Rudolph, Collinear Group  
Sergio Cecutta, SMG Consulting  
Mike Hirschberg, H2 Advisors

10:00 – 10:30  
Special Presentation: *A Perspective on Global Industrial and Research Approach Differences*,  
Dr. James Wang, NTU

**Cargo eVTOL**

**Moderator: Ben Goldstein, Aviation Week**

10:30 – 12:00  
*Perseus Defense Special Presentation*, Dr. Jason Cornelius, Co-Founder & CEO  
Andrew Clare, CEO, Elroy Air  
Martin Peryea, CEO, Jaunt Air Mobility (*Bronze Sponsor*)  
Manal Habib, CEO, MightyFly

**Key Challenges**

**Moderator: Dr. Maryam Khoshlahjeh, Archer Aviation**

1:00 – 2:30  
Carl Russell, NASA Vertical Lift Research, NASA Ames Research Ctr.  
Ryan Naru, Joby Aviation  
Mike Hirschberg, Principal, H2 Advisors

**Symposium Wrap-up**

2:30 – 3:00  
Angelo Collins, Executive Director, VFS  
Dr. Maryam Khoshlahjeh, Conference General Chair, Archer Aviation (*Silver Sponsor*)  
Sarah Conley, eVTOL Symposium Chair, NASA Ames Research Ctr.

3:00  
**eVTOL Symposium Conclusion**

# Aircraft Design & Aeromechanics Technical Paper Presentations

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

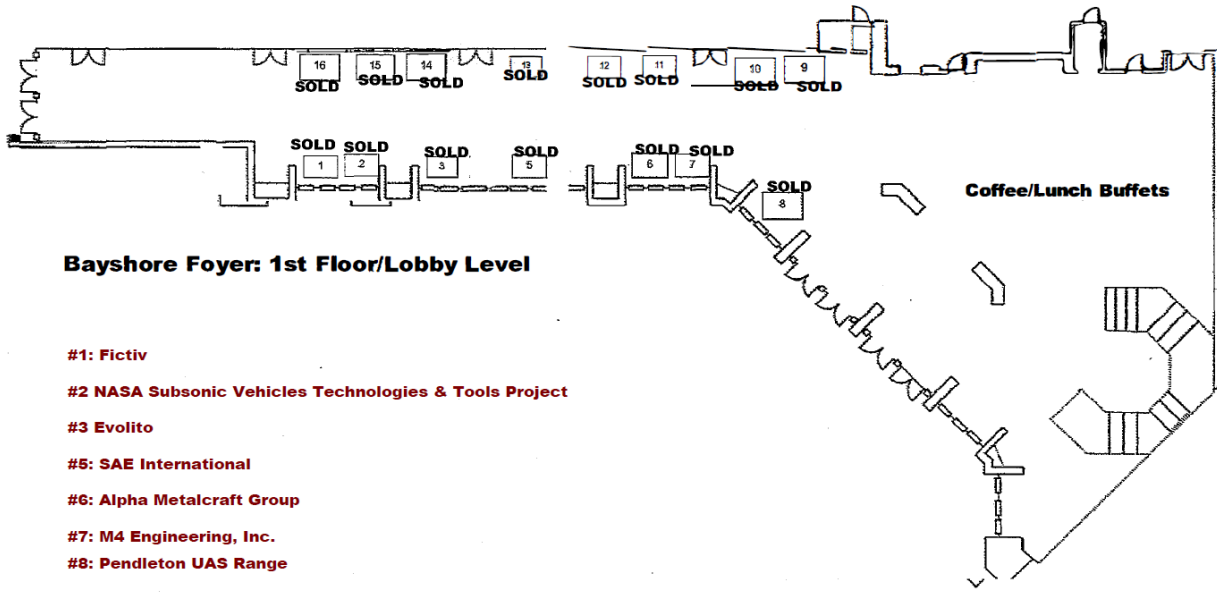
Aeromechanics Track A: CEDAR Gateway Ballroom		Aeromechanics Track B: PINE Gateway Ballroom	
<b>Computational Aeromechanics I</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Sung Jung, Konkuk University</b>		<b>Design &amp; Optimization</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Chris Cameron, VFS Member</b>	
1:30 – 2:00	<i>A Comparison of 2, 3, and 4 Bladed eVTOL Lift:</i> Syna Saberi, Matt Hasbun, Hossein-Ali Saberi, Advanced Rotorcraft Technology	<i>Extending Aeroelastic-Informed Helicopter Rotor Blade Optimization to Include Vibration Reduction in Transitional Flight:</i> Muhammad Muneeb Safdar, James D. Baeder, University of Maryland	
2:00 – 2:30	<i>Simulation of Higher Harmonic Vibration Control System Considering Actuator Amplitude Limit:</i> Do-Hyung Kim, Jae-Sang Park, Woo-Ram Kang, Korea Aerospace Research Institute	<i>Comparison of Dimensional Reduction Methods for Rotor Blade Parameterization:</i> Chad Hess, Adam Rozman, Phuriwat Anusonti-Inthra, Richard Healy, US Army	
2:30 – 3:00	<i>RAVEN Proprotor Performance and Aeroelastic Stability Predictions:</i> Stephen J. Wright, Christopher Silva, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	<i>RCOTools Upgrades: A Scalable Comprehensive Rotorcraft Design &amp; Coupled Optimization:</i> Carlos Z. Pereyra, Esther C. Kung, NASA Ames	
<b>Computational Aeromechanics I</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Sung Jung, Konkuk University</b>		<b>Design &amp; Optimization</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Chris Cameron, VFS Member</b>	
3:30 – 4:00	<i>Comprehensive Rotorcraft Analysis of a Propeller Driven Rotor in Hover and Forward Flight:</i> Robert Brown, US Navy; Seyhan Gul, Inderjit Chopra, University of Maryland	<i>uam4x: A Python-based Framework for Multi-modal UAM Design Space Exploration:</i> Thomas Nascenzi, Nathan Lang, M4 Engineering; Christopher Silva, NASA Ames Research Ctr.; Jason Welstead, NASA Langley Research Ctr.	
4:00 – 4:30	<i>Experimental and Numerical Investigation of Never-Exceed Speed Demonstration:</i> Mustafa Alperen Madenci, Murat Şenipek, Osman Güngör, Ahmet Alper Ezertaş, Turkish Aerospace Industries	<i>VAE-Based Surrogate Modeling of Fixed Pitch Rotor Airloads:</i> Jaeheon Jeong, Korea Aerospace Research Institute; Huisang Cho, LIG Nex1	
4:30 – 5:00	<i>Multicyclic Control for Vibration Reduction of Coaxial Rotor System with High-Fidelity Fluid-Structure Coupling:</i> Seong Hyun Hong, Young Jin Kim, Sung Nam Jung, Konkuk University	<i>Model-order Reduction using Operator Inference Approach for Aeromechanics Analysis of Rotorcraft:</i> Inho Jeong, Sehoon Chang, Sung Nam Jung, Haeseong Cho, Jeonbuk National University	
<b>Wednesday, January 28, 2026</b>			
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<b>Computational Aeromechanics II</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Mark Fulton, VFS Member</b>		<b>Public Good</b> <b>Chair: Ms. Sarah Conley, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>	
8:00 – 8:30	<i>The Effect of Rotation on the Boundary Layer Transition over the Rotor Blades:</i> Viktoriya Morozova, Andrew Heletkanycz, James G. Coder, Pennsylvania State University	<i>Help is on the Way: Opportunities and Challenges of Novel Rotorcraft and Associated Systems for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response:</i> Larry Young, Kristen Kallstrom, Sarah Conley, Dorsa Shirazi, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Analysis of Oscillating Flow Over a 2D Airfoil with Flow Reversal:</i> Colter Couillard-Rodak, Dave Peters, Washington University St Louis	<i>Applications and Assessments of Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles for Dual-Use Public Good and Military Missions:</i> Robert Scott, Sarah Conley, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
9:00 – 9:30		<i>Multiscale Design and Optimization of a VTOL Aircraft for Disaster Relief:</i> Rajan Bhandari, Imon Chakraborty, Auburn University	
<b>Computational Aeromechanics II</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Mark Fulton, VFS Member</b>		<b>Public Good</b> <b>Chair: Ms. Sarah Conley, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Computational Investigation of a Multirotor eVTOL Undergoing Hover, Forward, and Maneuvering Flight:</i> Chunhua Sheng, Qiuying Zhao, University of Toledo	<i>Design, Development, and Subscale Flight Testing of an Emergency Response eVTOL Aircraft:</i> Ripon C. Sarker, Anup Pudasaini, Anthony Comer, Zachary Atkinson, Zachary Miller, Pratibha Bhandari, Nabia Fardin, Pedram H. Dabaghian, Atanu Halder, Oklahoma State University	

10:30 – 11:00	<i>Assessment of Nonlinear Beam Models for Rotorcraft Aeromechanics Analysis with Fluid-Structure Interface:</i> Se Hoon Chang, Jae Seong Bae, Si Hyun Park, Sung Nam Jung, Inho Jeong, Haeseong Cho, Konkuk University	<i>Conceptual Design of Uninhabited Aircraft for Support of Wildfire Suppression:</i> Christopher Silva, Eduardo Solis, NASA Ames Research Ctr.
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Roughness Tolerant Airfoil Design for Rotor and Propeller Applications:</i> Michelle Ku, Lakshmi Sankar, Georgia Institute of Technology	<i>Group Discussion on Public Good</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Evaluation of Rotor Wake Models for Acoustic Predictions:</i> Brendan Smith, Phuriwat Anusonti-Inthra, Matthew Floros and Michael Muhlestein, DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory	
<b>Experimental Aeromechanics</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Oliver Wong, US Army DEVCOM AvMC (Ret.)</b>		<b>Vehicle Design</b> <b>Chair: Mr. Carl Russell, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>
1:00 – 1:30	<i>Experimental Investigation of Unsteady Tip Vortex in Plunging and Pitching Motions:</i> Andrew Glen Alm, Sicheng Kevin Li, Oklahoma State University	<i>Design of a Manned eVTOL Aircraft using Cycloidal Rotors:</i> Nabia Fardin, Cayden Brown, Moble Benedict, Atanu Halder, Oklahoma State University
1:30 – 2:00	<i>Experimental and Computational Evaluation of Rotor Induced and Profile Power:</i> Zachary Moore, Albert Abraham, Lokesh Silwal, Aditya Vijayaraj, Sven Schmitz, Vrishank Raghav, Auburn University	<i>Electromagnetic Noise Mitigation on an Electric Tiltrotor Rig and Hover Performance Testing:</i> William Ogle, Nathan O'Brien, Anubhav Datta, University of Maryland
2:00 – 2:30	<i>Recirculation-Delayed Anechoic Chamber (RDAC) for Propeller Acoustic Testing:</i> Grace E. Sian, Molly Dolan, Sicheng Kevin Li, Oklahoma State University	<i>A Comparison of Electric Powertrain Models for Conceptual Design of a Distributed Lift Aircraft:</i> Nathan Beals, J. Michael Vegh, Pierre-Marie Basset, DEVCOM Army Research Lab
2:30 – 3:00	<i>Experimental Investigation of Hover Performance and Acoustics of a Coaxial Counter-Rotating Rotor with Unequal Radii:</i> Vasha Sedlacek, Jayant Sirohi, University of Texas Austin	<i>Impact of Technology and Mission Variation on Aircraft Designed for Advanced Air Mobility:</i> Wayne Johnson, Christopher Silva, NASA Ames Research Ctr.
<b>Experimental Aeromechanics</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Oliver Wong, US Army DEVCOM AvMC (Ret.)</b>		<b>Vehicle Design</b> <b>Chair: Mr. Carl Russell, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>
3:30 – 4:00	<i>Hover Stand Development Enabling Expanded Experimental Capabilities for Mars Rotors:</i> B. Natalia Perez Perez, Haley V. Cummings, et al., NASA Ames Research Ctr.	<i>Gross Weight, CG Position and Airspeed Estimation for a UAM Lift + Cruise eVTOL:</i> Anubhav Halder, Farhan Gandhi, University of North Carolina
4:00 – 4:30	<i>Mitigation of Whirl-Flutter through Wind Tunnel Testing of a Hingeless-Hub Tiltrotor Model:</i> Nathan O'Brien, Anubhav Datta, University of Maryland	<i>Direct Deposition of Nickel Abrasion Guards on to Carbon Filled Composite Rotor Blade Structures:</i> Luigi Cazzaniga, Alpha Metalcraft

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

<b>Aeromechanics Track A: CEDAR Gateway Ballroom</b>		<b>Aeromechanics Track B: PINE Gateway Ballroom</b>	
<b>Flight Dynamics &amp; Control</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Carlos Malpica, NASA Ames Research Ctr</b>		<b>Safety &amp; Certification</b> <b>Chair: Christopher Silva, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>	
8:00 – 8:30	<i>Flight Dynamics Modeling of a Lift-Plus-Cruise UAV with Experimental Validation:</i> Reuben-Wayne Stewart, Cayden Brown, Moble Benedict, Texas A&M University	<i>Rotor Failure Analysis on Winged-eVTOL Aircraft in Hover :</i> Eve Fulton, Dakota Lemelin, Farhan Gandhi, North Carolina State University	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Robust Outer-Loop Control of Quadrotors via Reinforcement Learning:</i> Vishnu Saj, Sushil Vemuri, Dileep Kalathil, Moble Benedict, Texas A&M University	<i>Analysis of a Classical Octocopter with Single Rotor Failure:</i> Dakota Lemelin, Eve Fulton, Farhan Gandhi, North Carolina State University	
9:00 – 9:30	<i>Rotor-Rotor Interference Modeling for Flight Dynamics Analysis of a Mars Hexacopter Concept:</i> Tove Agren, Allen Ruan, Shannah Winthrow-Maser, NASA Ames Research Ctr.; Juan Garcia-Bonilla, Vivian Steyert, Nuno Filipe, Laura Jones-Wilson, Jacob Izraelevitz, Jet Propulsion Laboratory	<i>Fault Tolerance of RPM-Controlled Hexacopters with Reverse-Enabled Rotors:</i> Weston Fong, Farhan Gandhi, North Carolina State University	
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10:00–10:30	<i>Handling Qualities Analysis of an eVTOL Aircraft with Direct Side Force Control:</i> Soohyeon Lee, Joseph F. Horn, Pennsylvania State University; Todd Quackenbush, Jeffrey D. Keller, Continuum Dynamics	<i>Structural Analysis of a Mars Science Helicopter Blade: Lessons Learned:</i> Dorcas V. Kaweesa, Gianmarco Sahragard-Monfared, Joshua Bowman, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>On the Closed-Loop Feature-Based UAS Landing on a Moving Platform:</i> Kumardip Basak, Anubhav Datta, University of Maryland	<i>A Machine Learning Framework for Fault Detection, Isolation, &amp; Severity Prediction of Autonomous VTOL Aircraft:</i> Ripon C. Sarker, Pedram H. Dabaghian, Rman Goyal, Atanu Halder, Oklahoma State University	
11:00– 11:30	<i>Advanced Signal Domain Techniques for Real-Time Control and Prognostics in VTOL Systems:</i> David LaRue, FEV Group		
11:30– 12:00	<i>Development of Control Equivalent Gust Input (CEGI) and Rotor Control Equivalent Gust Input (RCEGI):</i> Tanaya Sinha, J.V.R. Prasad, Georgia Institute of Technology		
<b>Downwash/Outwash</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Juergen Raulder, Georgia Institute of Technology</b>		<b>Planetary Rotorcraft</b> <b>Chair: Micaela Crispin, NASA Ames Research Ctr.</b>	
1:00 – 1:30	<i>Experimental Investigation of Half-Ground Effects on Hovering Rotor Aerodynamics:</i> Steven Yon, Sicheng Kevin Li, Oklahoma State University	<i>Past, Present, and Future Conceptual Designs for Venus Aerial Explorers:</i> Larry Young, Michelle Dominguez, Natasha Schatzman, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
1:30 – 2:00	<i>Downwash Outwash Modeling of Conventional &amp; Multirotor VTOL Aircraft:</i> Dan Wachspress, Continuum Dynamics	<i>LILI (Long-term Ice-field Levitating Investigator): A Mars Aerial and Ground Explorer for Glaciers &amp; Polar Ice Fields:</i> Natasha Schatzman, Michelle Dominguez, Pascal Lee, David Caudle, Larry Young, NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
2:00 – 2:30	<i>Impact of Aircraft Parameters on AAM Downwash/Outwash Characteristics:</i> Jagdeep Batther, Zoren Habana, Jan Goericke, Chengjian He, Advanced Rotorcraft Technology	<i>Capabilities of Mars Helicopters Using Optimized Rotor Blades:</i> Haley Cummings, et. al., NASA Ames Research Ctr.	
2:30 – 3:00	<i>Computationally Efficient Lattice-Boltzmann Simulations of Multirotor Interactions in Boundary Effects:</i> Pyae Su, Juergen Raulder, Georgia Institute of Technology	<i>Numerical Analysis of Surface Interactions and Sediment Transport for a Rotorcraft Lander on Titan:</i> Jackson Asiatico, Ralph Lorenz, Michael Kinzel, Michael Marques Goncalves, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	

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**Bayshore Foyer: 1st Floor/Lobby Level**

- #1: Fictiv
- #2: NASA Subsonic Vehicles Technologies & Tools Project
- #3: Evolito
- #5: SAE International
- #6: Alpha Metalcraft Group
- #7: M4 Engineering, Inc.
- #8: Pendleton UAS Range
- #9: Safran Defense & Space Inc.
- #10: VerdeGo Aero
- #11: USAF/AEDC National Full-Scale Aerodynamic Complex
- #12: Continuum Dynamics
- #13: Toray Group
- #14: Amphenol CIT
- #15: Bloomy
- #16: Quantum 3D & Advanced Rotorcraft Technology



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- **General Meeting Chair:** Dr. Maryam Khoshlahjeh, Archer Aviation
- **Aeromechanics Specialists' Conference Flight Technical Chair:** Dr. Jeff Sinsay, Aeronautic Concepts, LLC
- **eVTOL Symposium Technical Chair:** Sarah Conley, NASA Ames Research Center
- **Administrative Chair:** Meridith Segall, NASA Ames Research Center
- **Conference Advisor:** Mike Hirschberg, H2 Advisors

We are also joined by many VFS members, the local San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and student volunteers representing California-based institutions, including San José State University, the University of California, Davis, and Sacramento State University, in addition to Auburn University and Oklahoma State University.



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