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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Atlanta

Ph.D., Chemical Engineering with Minor in Computational Science, GPA 3.91/4.0 — Aug, 2019
M.S., Chemical Engineering — July, 2018

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee

M.Tech., Hydrocarbon Engineering, GPA 9.15/10.0 — June, 2013
B.Tech., Chemical Engineering — May, 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Delaware Energy Institute, University of Delaware
Post-Doctoral Researcher — Sep, 2019 –

Research Theme: "Harnessing Microwave Photons for Chemical Transformations"
<u>Advisor</u>: Dr. Dionisios G. Vlachos

- Creating multiphysics *computational models* combining electromagnetics, thermal transport, fluid flow and reaction engineering to develop sustainable manufacturing.
- Simulated electrified reactors under reaction conditions to elucidate experimentally reported improved selectivities.
- Developed novel reactor configuration for improving microwave assisted reaction engineering.

Georgia Institute of Technology
Graduate Research Assistant — Aug, 2014 - Aug, 2019

Dissertation: "Exploring Thermal Transport in Semiconductor Nanostructures"
<u>Advisor</u>: Dr. Martin Maldovan

- Created simulation tools to predict thermal properties of different nanostructure geometries.
- Implemented fundamental phonon physics numerically to develop space-discrete models to evaluate role of morphologies and surfaces in heat conduction.
- Developed a multi-year research collaboration between three research groups on campus.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ITC Ltd., Haridwar, India
Assistant Manager — June, 2013 - Jan, 2014

Managed the production lines of carton packaging unit, including inventory, scheduling, crewing and skill development of >30 employees, to achieve production targets of $1.2M/yr.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Course Design, RAPID Manufacturing Institute's Process Intensification Module. — 2020

Reviewer Panel, President Undergraduate Research Award proposals at Georgia Tech. — 2018-19

Elected Senator to Georgia Tech's Student Government. Influenced administrative policies to benefit graduate students. — 2015-2017

Treasurer, Association of Chemical Engineering Graduate Students of Georgia Tech. — 2015-2016

Chair, Hospitality Committee, ChBE Graduate Research Symposium at Georgia Tech. — 2015

Co-Convenor Events, Co-led a team of >300 volunteers at IIT Roorkee. — 2013

Awards and Honors	Travel Award, Machine Learning in Science and Engineering Symposium, Atlanta	2019
	Travel Grant, College of Engineering, Georgia Tech	2018
	Travel Grant, Student Government Association, Georgia Tech	2017
	Exemplary Academic Achievement Award (4.0 GPA in core courses), Georgia Tech	2015
	Ministry of Human Resources Development Fellowship (100% funded masters), India	2012-13
	Dr. B.R. Varshney Award (for top chemical engineering undergraduate), IIT Roorkee	2011
	Imperial College India Foundation Fellowship ($\sim$1/yr)[*]	2014

<div align="right">* awarded – respectfully declined</div>

Peer-reviewed Publications

† Co-first authored. Citations online at Google Scholar or `http://bit.ly/AMPapers`.

14. † Tütüncüoglu, G., <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kommandur, S., Yee, S., Maldovan, M., and Filler, M.; Boundary Scattering Dominates Thermal Conductivity in Diameter-modulated Si Nanowires. [IN PREPARATION]

13. † Chen, W., <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Zheng, W., Plaza-Gonzalez, P., Catala-Civera, J., Santamaria, J., and Vlachos, D.G.; A Stable and Intensified Microwave-Assisted Heterogeneous Catalytic Reactor. [TO BE SUBMITTED]

12. † <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Chen, W., Goyal H., Plaza-Gonzalez, P., Catala-Civera, J., Santamaria, J., and Vlachos, D.G.; Temperature Homogeneity under Selective and Localized Microwave Heating in Structured Flow Reactors. [SUBMITTED]

11. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Phononic Pathways towards Rational Design of Nanowire Heat Conduction. [INVITED REVIEW] *Nanotechnology* 30, 372002, (2019).

10. Kothari, K., <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Cross-Plane Heat Conduction in III-V Semiconductor Superlattices. *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter* 31, 345301, (2019).

9. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Thermal Transport in Semiconductor Nanotubes. *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* 130, 368, (2019).

8. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kothari, K., and Maldovan, M.; Cross-Plane Thermal Conduction in Superlattices: Impact of Multiple Length Scales on Phonon Transport. *Journal of Applied Physics* 125, 044304, (2019).

7. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kothari, K., and Maldovan, M.; Modulating Thermal Conduction via Phonon Spectral Coupling. *Journal of Applied Physics* 124, 124302, (2018).

6. Kothari, K., <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Unconventional Thermal Transport in Thin Film-on-Substrate Systems. *Journal of Physics D* 51, 365302, (2018).

5. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kothari, K., and Maldovan, M.; Enhancing Thermal Transport in Layered Nanomaterials. *Scientific Reports* 8, 1880, (2018).

4. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kothari, K., and Maldovan, M.; Spatial Manipulation of Thermal Flux in Nanoscale Films. *Nanoscale and Microscale Thermophysical Engineering* 21(3), 145, (2017).

3. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Surface Scattering Controlled Heat Conduction in Semiconductor Thin Films. *Journal of Applied Physics* 120, 204305, (2016).

2. <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, and Maldovan, M.; Impact of Phonon Surface Scattering on Thermal Energy Distribution of Si and SiGe Nanowires. *Scientific Reports* 6, 25818, (2016).

1. Kumar, S., Arya, D., <u>Malhotra, A.</u>, Kumar, S. and Kumar, B.; Biodegradation of dual phenolic substrates in simulated wastewater by *Gliomastix indicus* MTCC 3869. *Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering* 1, 865, (2013).

Other Publications

2. Understanding Indian Premier League with Data Science, *medium.com* (Feb 2020).

1. Entering the Matrix: ELI5 Introduction to Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors, *medium.com* (June 2019).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS	‡ Presented online. § Accepted, postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.	
	§ International Symposium on Chemical Reaction Engineering (ISCRE26), New Delhi, India.	2021
	‡ American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA.	2020
	‡ Faculty Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, India.	2020
	Sabarmati Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, India. [INVITED]	2019
	American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, Boston, USA.	2019
	American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, USA.	2018
	American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, Los Angeles, USA.	2018
	American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting, New Orleans, USA.	2017
	Georgia Tech ChBE Annual Colloquium, Atlanta, USA.	2017
	Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting, Boston, USA.	2017
	Georgia Tech ChBE Graduate Symposium, Atlanta, USA.	2016
	Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting, Boston, USA.	2015

SCIENTIFIC MEMBERSHIPS American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE); American Physical Society (APS); Materials Research Society (MRS)

OTHER PROJECTS

Master's Project
"Oxidative reforming of methane: Thermodynamic and Modeling Study"

- Modeled the thermodynamics of methane to syngas conversion in MATLAB to narrow down the feasible state-space.
- Solved PDEs for a Ni-based tubular reactor in the feasible state-space to identify optimal operating conditions.

Course: Data Analytics for Chemical Engineers
- Developed supervised machine-learning models to predict bandgaps and formation energies of transparent semiconductors using a DFT generated material database.

Course: Machine Learning for Trading
- Trained a machine-learning based stock trading algorithm on time-series data to optimize performance in a simulated trading scenario.

Course: Artificial Intelligence Systems
- Implemented A* search, Dynamic Bayes Nets and Q-learning in Python to improve the performance of a Pacman AI agent.

Course: Computations in Material Science
- DFT calculations using VASP package to calculate electronic bandgap in graphene with molecules adsorbed.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages: FORTRAN, Python, MATLAB, Unix shell scripting, some use of C++, MPI.

Applications: COMSOL, LaTeX, some use of Mathematica, QuantumEspresso and OpenFOAM.

Proficiency in Machine Learning Algorithms and Tools in Python and MATLAB.

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