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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Sep. 2023 - Present

Master in Mechanical Engineering

GPA: 3.86/4

Advisor: Dr. Rajat Mittal and Dr. Jung-Hee Seo

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, U.S.

2022-2023

Aviation Technologies (Dual Degree Program with SAU)

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Dean's list: Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Magna cum Laude

Shenyang Aerospace University, Shenyang, Liaoning, China

2019-2023

Aircraft Propulsion Engineering

GPA: 3.8/4.0

National Scholarship (2021, top 1% in Department)

SAU First Class Scholarship (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

MAJOR HONORS AND AWARDS

- **National Scholarship (2021)**: Top 1% in Department (Academic Performance).
- **First Prize of National Mathematics Competition (China, 2020)**: Top 8%
- **Third Prize of Mechanics Competition of Zhou Peiyuan (China, 2021)**
- **Top 5 in China of iCAN Innovation Contest (2021)**: 5/3000 in China, AI video surveillance clarity process

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fluid dynamics, applied mechanics, computational fluid dynamics, multiphase flows, biological flows, immersed boundary methods, multi-physics modeling

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Johns Hopkins University** *Sep. 2023 - Present*
Master Thesis (Advisor: Dr. Rajat Mittal, Dr. Jung-Hee Seo) – Department of Mechanical Engineering

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 - Built a pipeline for generating patient-specific PD models using cine-MRI data.
 - Formulated a theoretical flow model to predict pressure variations along the PD.
 - Simulated the mechanism of PD flow, correlating pressure drop with ERCP-related pain score.
 - Integrated computational models with clinical insights for potential diagnostic applications.
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VOLUNTEERING

Core Team Member

Mar. 2016 - Apr. 2017

Institute Counseling Service, IIT Kanpur

- Part of 10-member team responsible for campus-wide counseling service activities.
- Negotiated with banks to raise 150k INR in scholarships for needy students.
- Led a team of 137 student guides during 6-day long orientation program for freshers with a budget of 450k INR.
- Worked with professional counselors to aid in providing emotional, mental, and financial support to students.
- Hosted sessions aimed at providing academic or career help to students.

Assisting my PhD advisor with writing funding grants, submitting annual project reports, and peer-reviewing manuscripts in the field of modeling flow inside the stomach and the intestines.

MENTORING

- **Masters Research:** Weixuan Li, Johns Hopkins University *2023 - Present*
- **Undergraduate Research:** Aditi Gupta, Johns Hopkins University *May 2023 - Jul. 2023*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at Shenyang Aerospace University:

- Calculus I, Fall 2018
- Turbulent Flow, Spring 2019