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Education

2018–2022 Ph.D. (Fluid Dynamics)

Physics of Fluids Group, University of Twente

Supervisor **Prof. Dr. Detlef Lohse**

Thesis *Viscous free-surface flows*, (OA) DOI: [10.3990/1.9789036554077](https://doi.org/10.3990/1.9789036554077)

Graduated Doctor cum laude, met lof (with distinction).

2013–2018 B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering) & M.Tech (Thermal Engineering)

Two-Phase Flow & Instability Lab, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

Thesis *Understanding of mutual interactions between liquid jets: Entrainment and sheet formation*, DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.22294.04166](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.22294.04166)

Supervisor **Prof. Arup Kumar Das**

Graduated First Division with distinction (CGPA: *9.1/10*).

Professional Experience

2022–2025 **Postdoctoral researcher**, *Physics of Fluids Group*
at University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands.

May–July, 2016 **Research Intern**, *Fluid Mechanics & Acoustics Laboratory - UMR 5509*
at Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France.

2014–2018 **Research Assistant**, *Two-Phase Flow & Instability Lab*
at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India.

Personal Awards & Achievements

2024 **J. Fluid Mech. outstanding reviewer**, *top 1% of the reviewers in 2023*.

2024 **KIVI Hoogendoorn Fluid Mechanics Award**, *for the best PhD thesis defended in the academic year 2022-2023 in the Netherlands*.

2024 **Young scientist**, *at the 73rd Lindau Nobel Laureate meetings*, among the **seven** participants from the Netherlands, nominated by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

2022 **Doctor cum laude, met lof (with distinction)**, University of Twente.

2018 **Department Gold Medal**, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

- 2017 **All India Rank 2988**, *GATE*, among 190648 candidates.
- 2015 **Summer Undergraduate Research Award**, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.
- 2013 **All India Rank 1512**, *JEE Advanced, India*, top 1% of the appearing students.
- 2013 **All India Rank 765**, *JEE Mains, India*, Percentile score of 99.8%.
- 2013 **City Rank 1**, *AISSCE (High School)*, highest score (96.4%) in the district of Darbhanga.

Service to the Community

Co-Organization

- 2022–Now Physics of Fluids **weekly seminar** (about 10 international speakers over one year with average 40 participants).
- May 2025 Symposium on “Bubbles & bubbly flows” (about 75 participants).
- Jun 2024 Lorentz Center workshop on “(De)Constructing Complex Contact Lines” (about 25 participants).
- May 2024 35th Dutch Soft Matter meeting (about 100 participants). Received NWO Scientific Meetings and Consultations grant (Domain: Science)
- Oct 2023 **Flow for Future conference**: 25 years of Physics of Fluids (about 200 participants).

Referee

- 2018–Now J. Fluid Mech. (72), Phys. Rev. Lett. (5), Phys. Rev. Fluids (2), Phys. Rev. E (6), among others.

Research Funding

- 2025 Ammodo Science Fellowship of EUR 170000 to study **Mycofluidic transport** at University of Cambridge (announcement under embargo until Feb. 2025).
- 2023 10 million CPU hours or EUR 150000 computational research grant as Co-PI for the Snellius High-Performance Cluster in the Netherlands.

Scientific Outreach

- 2020–Now Twitter account for Physics of Fluids Group, **@pofwente**.
- 2022–Now APS-DFD peer mentoring program (as a mentor).
- 2022–Now Skype a Scientist: interact with high-school students.
- 2022–2023 Physicist To-Go (APS): interact with high-school students.
- 2021 Panel discussion on **Future of fluid dynamics**
- 2021 Panel discussion on **Research & higher education**

Supervision & Teaching

Theses Supervised

- PhD **A. Bhargava** (Topic: Inertial contact lines, ongoing since Jan '24),
- A. Dixit** (Topic: Non-Newtonian flows, ongoing since Jul '23),

J. Talukdar, starting in May 2025,
S. Jana, starting in June 2025.

Masters [F. Hoek \(UT, ongoing\)](#), [J. Talukdar \(UT, ongoing\)](#), [V. Rosario \(UvA, '24\)](#),
[S. van den Heuvel \(UT, '23\)](#), [C. H. Maurits \(UvA, '23\)](#), [T. Appleford \(UvA, '22\)](#), [S. Meuleman \(UT, '20\)](#).

Bachelors [M. Sent \(UT, ongoing\)](#), [N. Kuipers \(UT, '23\)](#), [J. Talukdar \(UT, '23\)](#), [T. Heijink \(UT, '21\)](#), [T. Kroeze \(UT, '20\)](#), [C. Verschuur \(UT, '20\)](#), [P. J. Dekker \(UT, '19\)](#), [L. Bruggink \(UT, '19\)](#).

Teaching Assistant

2018–Now Advanced Fluid Mechanics, co-lecturer, University of Twente.

2017–2018 Two Phase Flow and Heat Transfer, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Bin Zhang, Cunjing Lv, and Detlef Lohse,
The role of viscosity on drop impact forces on non-wetting surfaces,
J. Fluid Mech., in press (2024) [24 pages];
(OA) DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2311.03012](#).
2. Lohit Kayal, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Nikhil Yewale, Anil Kumar, and Ratul Dasgupta,
Focusing of concentric free-surface waves,
J. Fluid Mech., in press (2024) [41 pages];
(OA) DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2406.05416](#).
3. Arivazhagan G. Balasubramanian, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Maziyar Jalaal, Ricardo Vinuesa, and
Outi Tammisola,
Bursting bubble in an elasto-viscoplastic medium,
J. Fluid Mech., 958, A9 (2024) [36 pages];
(OA) DOI: [10.1017/jfm.2024.1073](#);
Cover of that volume of J. Fluid Mech.
4. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Pierre Chantelot, and Detlef Lohse,
When does an impacting drop stop bouncing?,
J. Fluid Mech., 958, A26 (2023) [20 pages];
(OA) DOI: [10.1017/jfm.2023.55](#).
5. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Srinath Lakshman, Pierre Chantelot, Jacco H. Snoeijer, and Detlef Lohse,
Drop impact on viscous liquid films,
J. Fluid Mech., 958, A25 (2023) [28 pages];
(OA) DOI: [10.1017/jfm.2023.13](#).
6. Bin Zhang, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Songlin Shi, Yinggang Zhao, Cunjing Lv, Xi-Qiao Feng, and
Detlef Lohse,
Impact forces of water drops falling on superhydrophobic surfaces,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 104501 (2022) [7 pages],
DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevLett.129.104501](#), OA: [10.48550/arXiv.2202.02437](#);
see also

- As of March/April 2024, this *highly cited paper* received enough citations to place it in the top 1% of the academic field of Physics based on a highly cited threshold for the field and publication year. Source: Web of Science.
 - Editor's Suggestion of that issue.
 - Davide Castelvetti, Research Highlight: "The physics of a bouncing droplet's impact", *Nature*, article: [d41586-022-02302-w](#) (29/8/2022)
7. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Uddalok Sen, Pallav Kant, and Detlef Lohse, Taylor-Culick retractions and the influence of the surroundings, *J. Fluid Mech.* 948, A14 (2022) [37 pages]; (OA) DOI: [10.1017/jfm.2022.671](#).
 8. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Detlef Lohse, and Maziyar Jalaal, Bursting bubble in a viscoplastic medium, *J. Fluid Mech.* 922, A22 (2021) [24 pages]; (OA) DOI: [10.1017/jfm.2021.489](#).
 9. Olinka Ramirez-Soto, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Detlef Lohse, Jonathan T. Pham, and Doris Vollmer, Lifting a sessile oil drop with an impacting one, *Sci. Adv.* 6, eaba4330 (2020) [11 pages]; (OA) DOI: [10.1126/sciadv.aba4330](#).
 10. Abhinav Jain, **Vatsal Sanjay**, and Arup Kumar Das, Consequences of inclined and dual jet impingement in stagnant liquid and stratified layers, *AIChE J.* 65(1), 372-384 (2019) [12 pages], DOI: [10.1002/aic.16373](#), OA: [archived pdf](#).
 11. Anurag Soni, **Vatsal Sanjay**, and Arup Kumar Das, Formation of fluid structures due to jet-jet and jet-sheet interactions, *Chem. Eng. Sci.* 191, 67-77 (2018) [11 pages], DOI: [10.1016/j.ces.2018.06.055](#), OA: [archived pdf](#).
 12. **Vatsal Sanjay** and Arup Kumar Das, Numerical assessment of hazard in compartmental fire having steady heat release rate from the source, *Build. Simul.* 11(3), 613-624 (2018) [12 pages], DOI: [10.1007/s12273-017-0411-y](#), OA: [archived pdf](#).
 13. **Vatsal Sanjay** and Arup Kumar Das, On air entrainment in a water pool by impingement of a jet, *AIChE J.* 63(11), 5169-5181 (2017) [23 pages], DOI: [10.1002/aic.15828](#), OA: [archived pdf](#).
 14. **Vatsal Sanjay** and Arup Kumar Das, Formation of liquid chain by collision of two laminar jets, *Phys. Fluids* 29, 112101 (2017) [12 pages]; DOI: [10.1063/1.4998288](#), OA: [archived pdf](#).

Works Under Review/In preparation

1. **Vatsal Sanjay** and Detlef Lohse,
Unifying theory of scaling in drop impact: Forces & maximum spreading diameter,
submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett. and received positive review in the first round,
(OA) DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2408.12714](#).
2. Ayush K. Dixit, Alexandros Oratis, Konstantinos Zinelis, Detlef Lohse, and **Vatsal Sanjay**,
Viscoelastic Worthington jets & droplets produced by bursting bubbles,
submitted to J. Fluid Mech. and received positive review in the first round,
(OA) DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2408.05089](#).
3. Aleksandr Bashkatov, Florian Bürkle, Çayan Demirkır, Wei Ding, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Alexander Babich, Xuegeng Yang, Gerd Mutschke, Jürgen Czarske, Detlef Lohse, Dominik Krug, Lars Büttner, and Kerstin Eckert,
Electrolyte spraying within H₂ bubbles during water electrolysis,
submitted to Nat. Commun.,
(OA) DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2409.00515](#).
4. **Vatsal Sanjay**, Aleksandr Bashkatov, Çayan Demirkır, Kerstin Eckert, Dominik Krug, and Detlef Lohse,
Worthington jet injects droplets during coalescence of asymmetric bubbles,
to be submitted to J. Fluid Mech., [click here for results](#).
5. Vincent Bertin, **Vatsal Sanjay**, Charu Datt, Alexandros T. Oratis, Jacco H. Snoeijer,
Elastic Taylor-Culick retraction,
to be submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett., [click here for results](#).
6. Jnandeep Talukdar, Uddalok Sen, Christian Diddens, Detlef Lohse, **Vatsal Sanjay**,
Sliding drops on dry & wet substrates,
to be submitted to Phys. Rev. Fluids, [click here for results](#).
7. Saumili Jana, John Kolinski, Detlef Lohse, and **Vatsal Sanjay**,
Impacting spheres: from liquid drops to elastic beads,
to be submitted to Soft Matter, [click here for results](#).

Invited & Contributed Talks

Invited talks

1. 30.1.2025,
Can polymeric flows be the Drosophila of unsteady continuum mechanics?,
invited talk (1h) at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US, Virtual.
2. 20.1.2025,
Hydrodynamic singularities in soft matter flows,
invited talk (1h) at Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMPT),
University of Cambridge, UK.
3. 6.1.2025,
Can polymeric flows be the Drosophila of unsteady continuum mechanics?,

- invited talk (45 mins) at Chaotic Flows in Polymer Solutions workshop, University of Edinburgh, Scotland (UK).
4. 9.10.2024,
Hydrodynamic singularities in soft matter flows,
invited talk (1h) at Fluid Dynamics Research Centre, University of Warwick, UK.
 5. 30.5.2024,
Viscous free-surface flows,
invited talk (15 mins) at Buggers Symposium, annual meeting of Dutch fluid dynamicists (NL).
 6. 12.4.2024,
Soft matter singularities,
invited talk (1h) at Institute for Multiscale Thermofluids–Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, Scotland (UK).
 7. 4.3.2024,
Deformable soft matter,
invited talk (30 mins) at Dynamics of interfaces, University of Augsburg, Germany.
 8. 20.1.2023,
Impact of droplets,
invited talk (1h) at Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France.
 9. 10.1.2023,
Impact of droplets,
invited talk (1h) at the IIT-Delhi, India.
 10. 4.1.2023,
Impact of droplets,
invited talk (1h) at the IIT-Patna, India.
 11. 26.12.2022,
Taylor-Culick retractions,
invited talk (1h) at the IIT-Kharagpur, India.
 12. 12.12.2022
Taylor-Culick retractions,
invited talk (1h) at the IIT-Roorkee, India.
 13. 7.12.2022
Drop impact forces,
invited talk (1h) at the IIT-Bombay, India.
 14. 26.10.2022,
Drop impact forces,
invited talk (1h) at the Complex Fluids and Soft Matter (CFSM) Seminar Series, **Virtual**.
 15. 12.10.2022,
Drop impact forces,
invited talk (1h) at the Virtual University of Arkon.

16. 8.1.2018,
Formation of liquid chain by collision of two laminar jets,
invited talk (1h) at the Physics of Fluids Group, University of Twente, the Netherlands.
17. 27.3.2017,
Understanding of mutual interactions between liquid jets: Entrainment and sheet formation,
invited talk (30 mins) at the Cognizance technical festival at IIT-Roorkee, India.

Selected Contributed Talks

1. 24.11.2024,
Dissipative anomaly in sliding drops,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in Salt Lake City, UT, USA.
2. 25.9.2024,
Drop Impact Forces,
contributed talk at 12th Liquid Matter Conference, Mainz, Germany
3. 16.9.2024,
A unifying approach for drop impact dynamics on rigid surfaces,
contributed talk at 1st European Fluid Dynamics Conference, Aachen, Germany
4. 9.4.2024
Bursting bubbles in a viscoelastic medium,
contributed talk at the Annual European Rheology Conference in Leeds, UK.
5. 21.11.2023,
A unifying approach to account for droplet impact forces,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in Washington, DC, USA.
6. 21.11.2022,
Impact forces of water drops falling on superhydrophobic surfaces,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.
7. 7.7.2023,
Viscous free-surface flows,
contributed talk at Basilisk/Gerris Users' Meeting 2023, Paris, France.
8. 14.9.2022,
When does an impacting drop stop bouncing?,
contributed talk at EFMC14, Athens, Greece.
9. 21.11.2021,
Viscous dissipation dictates Taylor-Culick type retractions,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in Phoenix, Arizona, USA.
10. 22.11.2020,
When does a viscous drop stop bouncing?,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in virtual Chicago.

11. 10.2.2020,
Jumping & Bouncing Drops & Bubbles,
contributed talk at Max Planck meeting, Mainz, Germany.
12. 23.11.2019,
Droplet Encapsulation,
contributed talk at APS-DFD in Seattle, Washington, USA.
13. 18.9.2019,
Bursting Bubbles: from Champagne to Mudpots,
contributed talk at VPF8 Viscoplastic Fluids: from Theory to Application, Cambridge, UK.
14. 23.8.2019,
Impinging drop lifts a sessile drop,
contributed talk at 9th 4U Summer School Complex Motion in Fluids, Gilleleje, Denmark.
15. 16.12.2016,
Investigation of jet atomization: a multi-scale approach,
contributed talk at the 6th International and 43rd National Conference on Fluid Mechanics and Fluid Power, Allahabad, India.
16. 24.5.2016,
On the gas-liquid entrainment by impingement of liquid jet onto a pool,
contributed talk at the 9th International Conference on Multiphase Flow, Florence, Italy.
17. 8.12.2015,
Building fire safety: numerical simulation and evacuation planning,
contributed talk at the 14th International Conference of the International Building Performance Simulation Association at Hyderabad, India.

Summary of Key Numbers (January 4, 2025)

- Researcher ID: [K-1856-2019](#)
- Orcid: [0000-0002-4293-6099](#)
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