# Mohammad Afzal Shadab

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**EDUCATION** 

Doctor of Philosophy | Computational Science, Engineering & Mathematics Aug 2019 - Aug 2024 (Expected) The University of Texas at Austin, United States GPA: 3.90/4.0

Advisor: Prof. Marc Hesse

Aug 2019 – Aug 2021 Master of Science | Computational Science, Engineering & Mathematics

The University of Texas at Austin, United States GPA: 3.90/4.0

Advisor: Prof. Marc Hesse

Master of Philosophy | Mechanical Engineering

Aug 2016 – Sept 2018

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong GPA: 4.0(A)/4.3(A+)

Thesis: Fifth-order Finite Volume WENO in General Orthogonally-curvilinear Coordinates 🖪

Advisor: Prof. Kun Xu

Bachelor of Technology | Mechanical Engineering

Aug 2012 – June 2016 GPA: 9.62/10.0 Aligarh Muslim University, India

Thesis: Designing and Analysis of Supersonic Combustion Ramjet Engine 🗷

Advisor: Prof. M.F. Baig

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Modeling Meltwater Percolation in Greenland's Firn

NASA Jet Propulsion Lab Graduate Fellow (Stipend: \$900/week)

NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, Caltech

May 2022 – July 2022

Advisor: Dr. Surendra Adhikari

Developed a two-dimensional, three-phase (snow/water/air), firn infiltration simulator.

- Derived and validated vertically integrated model for meltwater gravity currents.
- · Formulated kinematic wave theory of firn infiltration, inverted for model parameters and investigated meltwater infiltration in Greenland.

Two Phase Flow in Viscously Compacting Matrix

The University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Research Assistant, *Doctoral Thesis* (Stipend: \$2,500/month)

August 2019 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Marc Hesse

Independent Research

- Developed and validated a conservative finite-difference based solver in Python for simulating a 2D two-phase flow in non-deforming porous media.
- Implemented the solver to study the behavior of Post Impact Hydrothermal systems on Mars.
- Implementing the solver to investigate the melt percolation on ice masses to study effects of global warming.

Investigating Groundwater Flows using Physics Informed Neural Networks 🖹

**UT** Austin August 2020 - Present

Collaborators: DingCheng Luo, Yiran Shen, Eric Hiatt, and Prof. Marc Hesse

- Wrote python codes for data-driven discovery of steady-state PDE from experimental data.
- Investigated the effect of PDE regularization in PINNs and the role of PDE & data misfit.
- Learned the PDE parameters and boundary conditions for the transient seepage across edge of a porous reservoir simulated using finite-differencing.

Free Fall of a Viscous Drop in a Viscoelastic Medium

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Graduate Student Researcher (Stipend: \$2,150/month)

October 2018 - April 2019

*Advisor*: Prof. Irmgard Bischofberger

- Performed a literature review of computational and experimental methods for investigating drop dynamics.
- Designed the experiments and apparatus with high-speed imaging.
- Wrote MATLAB scripts for analyzing moving camera videos using template matching.

High-Order Finite-Volume Reconstruction in Curvilinear Coordinates

HKUST, Hong Kong

Graduate Research Assistant, M.Phil. Thesis (Stipend: \$2,150/month)

December 2016 - September 2018

Advisor: Prof. Kun Xu

- Proposed a general theory for state-of-art fifth order finite volume WENO in curvilinear coordinates.
- Derived analytical relations and developed Fortran codes along with Riemann solvers and gas-kinetic scheme.

## Modal Decomposition Techniques on a Thermoacoustic System 🖹

**HKUST & U of Cambridge** 

Collaborative Research (Stipend: \$2,150/month)

August 2016 - December 2016

Advisor: Prof. Larry Li

- Analyzed and compared the prominent modal decomposition techniques for developing low order models.
- Investigated nonlinear interactions between flame & external forcing for different amplitudes & frequencies.

Designing & Analysis of Supersonic Combustion Ramjet Engine 🗵 Aligarh Muslim University, India Bachelor's Thesis September 2015 – June 2016

Advisor: Prof. M.F. Baig

- Developed and validated Fortran codes for designing Scramjets and analyzed its performance during unstart.
- Proposed Single-Input-Single-Output mechanism based on pressure feedback to avert engine unstart.

### Effective Lewis Number for Multicomponent Hydrocarbon-Air Mixtures

IIT-Delhi, India

Summer Research Intern

June 2015 – August 2015

Advisor: Prof. M.R. Ravi

- Analyzed combustion characteristics of methane and natural gas mixtures with varying hydrogen blending.
- Performed the experiments using constant pressure combustion chamber apparatus with Schlieren imaging.
- Simulated the corresponding flames in 1D on CHEMKIN using PREMIX module.

### INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND PROJECTS

**Hummingbird – Wearable Device for Exchanging Information** MIT & Hong Kong Innovation Node May 2018 - February 2019 Co-founder (US based Startup Project)

- Ideated and validated consumer problems and market opportunities through market research.
- Designed prototype on AutoCAD, fabricated using 3D printing, and implemented fast & accurate algorithms.
- Received MIT Sandbox Innovation Fund worth \$5000 and won both Judge's & Audience Awards at MIT Entrepreneurship and Maker Skills Integrator program (2018).

# Industrial Compressors and Gas Turbines

Gas Authority of India Limited, India June 2014 - July 2014

Worked at a C2C3 plant at GAIL, participating in its pre-commissioning and commissioning testing.

Studied the working of several industrial compressors and a gas turbine (Siemens SGT700).

Formula Student Race Car and Hybrid Tricycle Society of Automotive Engineers, Aligarh Chapter Technical Member & Team Lead January 2013 – June 2014

- Conceptualized ergonomically designed the vehicles with improved aerodynamic performance.
- Designed the vehicles on AutoCAD, simulated on ANSYS, and then finally fabricated.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer Intern

Spring 2023
Austin
Fall 2022
Austin
Spring 2018
Hong Kong

MECH-3690 Aerospace Engineering Laboratory (Level: Senior, Junior)

Spring 2017

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Position: Teaching Assistant, Instructor: Prof. Jinglei Yang

Hong Kong

For all teaching feedback reports and certificates, click  $\square$ .

UT Austin Professional Development Award 🗹 October 2022 For presenting two researches conducted at the UT Austin. \$500 NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Graduate Fellowship April - June 2022 To study effect of climate change on Greenland ice sheet with Dr. Surendra Adhikari at JPL. \$9,000 Purdue Climate Scholar by Purdue University and Office of Naval Research June - August 2022 \$4,000 To attend Summer Institute for Sustainability & Climate Change at Purdue University. MIT - Houston Energy Innovation Student Fellow March 2022 Representing UT Austin as a liaison between MIT's Martin Trust Center and Greentown Labs. Lunar and Planetary Institute Career Development Award 🗹 Feb 2022 \$1,000 For first author abstract and application materials submitted at LPSC 2022. UT Austin Cactus Standout Award (estd. 1894) April 2022 For academic excellence and leadership contributions. Inducted into Annual Yearbook, 2022. Student Research Award in Planetary Habitability by Cent. for Planetary Sys. Habitability 🗹 Jan 2022 For proposal on finding life-supporting conditions on Europa using computational methods. \$16,425 Outstanding Student Presenters Award by Unsaturated Zone Technical Committee, AGU Dec 2021 Third prize for oral presentation: H52D-10 Rainwater Infiltration at AGU Fall Meeting 2021. 🗹 \$175 SIAM Certificate of Recognition by Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics February 2021 For outstanding service and contributions to the UT Austin Student Chapter of SIAM. University of Texas Institute for Geophysics Student Fellowship by UTIG, UT Austin January 2021 Year-long fellowship covering tuition, insurance & stipend awarded for collaborative research. \$2,491/month Best Teaching Assistant Award - II by Dept of Mech & Aero Engg, HKUST August 2018 Awarded for MECH-1907 Introduction to Aerospace Engineering course based on student surveys and jury of professors. HK\$300 Judge's Award and Audience Award at MIT MEMSI Program June 2018 Awarded by MIT and Hong Kong Innovation Node to best startup idea & pitch in the program. Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing Recognition by Journal of Computational Physics June 2018 For being in the top 10th percentile of reviewers. Postgraduate Studentship by HKUST Aug 2016 - Sept 2018 Competitive stipend for research postgraduate students (M.Phil.) at HKUST. \$2,150/month Global Scholar Award by Sir Syed Education Society of North America May 2015 For top 20 students of AMU based on their academic achievements and research, for higher education. \$1,000 National Summer Research Fellowship by Indian Academy of Sciences March 2015 Awarded national fellowship to pursue research in Indian research institutes like IITs/IISc. \$220/month University Merit Scholarship by AMU Alumni Association Toronto, Canada March 2015 Merit based scholarship for students pursuing education at AMU. \$70 PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

### **Advanced Teaching Preparation Series Certificate**

Spring – Fall 2022

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin

Advance teaching certificate for learning and practicing techniques of good classroom teaching.

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Program**

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Hong Kong

Learned the fundamentals of teaching assistantship and effective pedagogy.

### TRAVEL GRANTS AND FUNDED SHORT SCHOOLS

Center for Planetary Systems' Habitability Student Travel Funding Award Awarded a travel grant to attend the LPSC 2022.	February 2022 \$1,000 December 2021
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AGU Fall Meeting Grant Awarded a travel grant to attend the AGU Fall Meeting 2021.	
SIAM Student Travel Award  Awarded a student travel grant to attend the SIAM Annual Meeting 2021.	June 2021 \$650
ICOSAHOM Conference Travel Grant  Awarded a student travel grant to attend the International Conference on Spectral And High Order Methods at Imperial College London.	July 2018 \$2500
Numerical Simulations ICNM 2017 Conference Travel Grant Awarded full funding from HKUST for attending the 5th International Conference on Numerical Simulations for Multimaterial and Multiphysics Problems in China.	July 2017 \$2200
Advanced Research in Turbomachniery Summer School Grant Received a scholarship to attend this summer school organized by the University of Florence, Italy and sponsored by ANSYS and GE.	July 2019 €800
MIT StartMIT Course Grant Received full sponsorship from MIT Martin Trust Center to attend this hands-on MIT course on entrepreneurship involving multiple trips to companies within USA.	January 2019
Fluid Dynamics across Scales Summer School Grant Received full-funding from HKUST to attend the Centre for Doctoral Training in Fluid Dynamics across Scales at Imperial College London.	July 2018 \$1000
MIT Entrepreneurship and Maker Skills Integrator Bootcamp Funding Received full funding from MIT and Hong Kong Innovation Node to attend the program involvi trips to startup incubators in China.	June 2018
Community Involvement	
Executive Secretary and Reviewer, NASA Proposal Review Panel 🗹	Jan 2023 – Present

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# Managing the panel review, assisting the group chief and reviewing the proposals.

Coordinator, Center for Planetary Systems Habitability Student Travel Award 🗹 Jan 2023 - Present Organizing, coordinating and liaising the application process for student travel to LPSC 2023.

Exec. Board Member & DEI Team Lead, US Assoc. of Polar Early Career Scientists Sept 2022 – Present Fostering climate and DEI-conscious collaborations between academia & polar organizations.

Member, AGU Hydrology Section Student Subcommittee (AGU-H3S) Jan 2023 – Present Providing professional development & networking opportunities to early career hydrologists.

### MIT - Houston Energy Innovation Student Fellow 🗹 March 2022 - Present

Creating energy innovation ecosystem considering the threat of climate change.

Volunteer / Braindate Lounge Assistant, AGU Fall Meeting 2022 🖸 Dec 2022 Facilitated collaborations between researchers and scientists through Braindate at AGU 2022.

Mentor, American Geophys. Union Earth & Planetary Surface Processes (EPSP) ☑ Oct 2022 – Dec 2022 Mentoring graduate students across the world for developing technical and research skills in EPSP. Virtual

Geoscience Ambassador, Jackson School of Geosciences, UT Austin 🖸 Sept 2021 - Present Making geoscience accessible to broader community & promoting interdisciplinary research. Austin, USA Session Chair, Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics Annual Meeting 2021

July 2021 Virtual

Chaired the "CP15: Machine Learning and Data Mining" Session.

President & Senior Advisor, Soc. for Industrial & Applied Math, Austin Chapter Sept 2020 – Present Spearheaded several programs & Won Best Graduate Organization at UT Austin Award. Austin, USA

Mentor, Mentoring365, American Geophysical Union 🗹

Aug 2021 – Present

Facilitating an exchange of professional knowledge, skills, and experiences in Earth and space sciences.

Mentor, SIAM Applied Mathematics Mentorship

Jan 2021 – Present

Conceptualized the program and mentoring UT students for applied math concepts and prospects. Austin, USA

Volunteer, Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2022 🗹

March 2021

Managed a virtual and an in-person session and moreover conference logistical tasks.

Houston, USA

Mentor, Sir Syed Global Scholar Award

Jan 2016 – Present

Mentoring top AMU students from humble backgrounds for US grad school applications.

Aligarh, India

Vice-Chairperson, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Aligarh Chapter Sept 2014 – June 2016 Organized various events including paper presentation and annual technical festival. Aligarh, India

Zonal Head & College Head Ambassador, Smilyo Educational Charitable Society 2 Jan 2014 – Jan 2015 Managed multi-university teams & provided educational resources to not-so-privileged. New Delhi, India

Senior Under Officer, National Cadet Corps, Govt. of India (Similar to ROTC) [ Jan 2013 – April 2015 C certificate holder, best cadet, organized blood donation, awareness, & army camps Aligarh, India

### REVIEWER FOR TECHNICAL JOURNALS

Geoscience: Computational Geoscience, Water Resources Research, Journal of Geophysical Research Fluid Mechanics: Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Physics of Fluids, Physical Review Fluids, Springer Nature Numerical Methods: Journal of Computational Physics, Computer and Fluids, Computer and Geotechnics

### SKILLS

Languages: C, C++, Fortran 77/90, Python (SciPy, NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Tensorflow, Tkinter), MATLAB, Mathematica, Shell Scripting, LATEX, High Performance Computing

Software: AutoCAD, SolidWorks, ANSYS, Fluent, COMSOL Multiphysics, TecPlot, ParaView, CHEMKIN,

COSILAB, Microsoft Office, Git, Travis CI, Docker, Hydrus, VPLanet

OS: Linux, Windows, Mac

### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

American Geophysical Union Association of Polar Early Career Scientists Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics American Physical Society

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Shadab, M.A. and Hesse, M.A., 2022. Analysis of gravity-driven infiltration with the development of a saturated region, Water Resources Research (AGU), DOI: 10.1029/2022WR032963

Shadab, M.A., Balsara, D., Shyy, W. and Xu, K., 2019. Fifth order finite volume WENO in general orthogonally curvilinear coordinates. Computers & Fluids (Elsevier), 190, pp.398-424.

Shadab, M.A., Ji, X. and Xu, K., 2018. Fifth-order finite-volume WENO on cylindrical grids. Spectral and High Order Methods for Partial Differential Equations (Springer), p.637.

### UNDER REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

**Shadab, M.A.**, Hiatt, E. and Hesse, M.A., 202X. Kochina (1962) solutions for steady unconfined groundwater flow: a free tool and its applicability. (under review in Groundwater)

**Shadab, M.A.** and Hesse, M.A., 202X. A hyperbolic-elliptic PDE model and conservative numerical method for gravity-dominated variably-saturated groundwater flow. arXiv preprint arXiv:2210.04724. (under review in Journal of Computational Physics, Elsevier)

Hiatt, E. **Shadab, M.A.**, Hesse, M., Goudge, T., Gulick, S., 202X. Limited Recharge of a Deep Groundwater Aquifer In the Southern Highlands On Early Mars. (under review in Icarus, Elsevier)

**Shadab, M.A.**, Luo, D., Shen, Y., Hiatt, E. and Hesse, M.A., 202X. Investigating Steady Unconfined Groundwater Flow using Physics Informed Neural Networks. arXiv preprint arXiv:2112.13792. (under revision in Advances in Water Resources, Elsevier)

### CONFERENCES

**Shadab, M.A.**, Hiatt, E. and Hesse, M.A., 2023. A Deep Crustal Aquifer Model for Southern Highlands of Noachian Mars Shows Groundwater Age and Near-Surface Dynamics. Brines Across the Solar System: Ancient and Future Brines Conference 2023, Abstract #2025. (submitted)

Barnes, R., ... **Shadab, M.A.**,..., 2023. The History and Habitability of the LP 890-9 Planetary System. Biennial European Astrobiology Conference (BEACON) 2023. (submitted)

**Shadab**, M.A., Hiatt, E. and Hesse, M.A., 2023. Investigating groundwater dynamics and residence times on early Mars using unconfined aquifer model with vertical heterogeneity. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2023, Abstract #1736.

Hesse, M.A., **Shadab, M.A.** and Hiatt, E., 2023. Time scales for Terminal Groundwater Drainage from the Southern Highlands on Mars. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2023, Abstract #1637.

Hiatt, E., **Shadab**, **M.A.** and Hesse, M.A., 2023. Planetary Scale Groundwater and Surface Water Interaction on Early Mars. 54th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2023, Abstract #2415.

Barnes, R., ... **Shadab, M.A.**,..., 2023. History and Habitability of the LP 890-9 Planetary System. 241st American Astronomical Society Meeting 2023.

**Shadab, M.A.**, and Hesse, M.A., 2022. An extended kinematic-wave theory for infiltration in soils with declining porosity causing delayed perching. 2022 American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, and Hesse, M.A., 2022. Extending Richards equation to simulate variably saturated flows. 2022 AGU Fall Meeting.

Hiatt, E. **Shadab, M.A.**, Hesse, M., Goudge, T., Gulick, S., 2022. Limited Recharge On Early Martian Aquifers: Numeric Analytic Recharge Rate Estimates As Constrained By Geomorphic and Geochemical Observations. 2022 AGU Fall Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, Hiatt, E., and Hesse, M.A., 2022. Estimates of Martian mean recharge rates from analytic groundwater models. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2022, Abstract #1775.

Hiatt, E., **Shadab**, **M.A.**, et al, 2022. Estimates of groundwater divides and basins on Noachian Mars. 53rd Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2022, Abstract #2618.

**Shadab, M.A.**, Grima, C., Rutishauser, A., and Hesse, M.A., 2021. Analytical Solutions for Melt Percolation in Ice Masses and a Pathway to Ice Lens Formation. 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, and Hesse, M.A., 2021. Fluid Infiltration in Unsaturated Porous Medium with The Development of a Saturated Region. 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

Hesse, M.A., **Shadab, M.A.**, Luo, D., Shen, Y., and Hiatt, E., 2021. Investigating Groundwater Flow Dynamics using Physics Informed Neural Networks (PINNs). 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

Hiatt, E., **Shadab**, **M.A.**, et al, 2021. Experimental and Numerical Investigation of Seepage Face Dynamics. 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

Hesse, M.A., **Shadab, M.A.**, Hiatt, E., Liebeck, J., 2021. Groundwater-ocean interaction on Mars. 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

Hiatt, E., **Shadab**, **M.A.**, et al, 2021. Numerical Modeling of the Formation of Hellas Planitia with Focus on Spatio-Temporal Scales Required for Hydrologic Equilibration. 2021 AGU Fall Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, Luo, D., Shen, Y., Hiatt, E., and Hesse, M.A., 2021. Investigating fluid drainage from the edge of a porous reservoir using Physics Informed Neural Networks. 2021 SIAM Annual Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, Divoux, T. and Bischofberger, I., 2020. Suppression of drop breakup in a viscoelastic bath. Bulletin of the American Physical Society.

Hiatt, E., **Shadab**, **M.A.** et al., 2020. Groundwater filling times for large impact basins on early Mars and implications for the onset of post impact hydrothermal systems. American Geophysical Society 2020 Fall Meeting.

**Shadab, M.A.**, Ji, X. and Xu, K., 2018. Fifth-order finite-volume WENO on Cylindrical Grids: Flux Evaluation Using Riemann Solvers and Gas-kinetic Scheme. In International Conference on Spectral And High Order Methods (ICOSAHOM), Imperial College London.

**Shadab, M.A.**, and Xu, K., 2017. Fifth order finite volume WENO in orthogonally-curvilinear coordinates. In 5th International Conference on Numerical Simulations for Multimaterial and Multiphysics Problems.

**Shadab, M.A.** and Baig, M.F., 2017. Investigation and Control of Unstart Phenomenon in Scramjets. In 21st AIAA International Space Planes and Hypersonics Technologies Conference (p. 2298).

### MEDIA COVERAGE

ALDIT COVERTOR	
Fulfilling my NASA dream - Sir Syed Global Scholar Award Story of the Month C On my post-baccalaureate experience towards landing a graduate fellowship at NASA JPL.	Aug 2022
Mars may have less water than previously estimated - Multiple news outlets UT Austin Website (front cover) , , , Phys.org , Times of India , Bailey Universe	April 2022
Outstanding Student Presentation Award at AGU 2021 - UT Austin   For outstanding student presentation on Rainwater Infiltration in AGU Fall Meeting 2021.	April 2022
CPSH Travel Grant Sends 11 Students to LPSC - UT Austin ☑ For travel grant of \$1,000 from Center for Planetary Systems Habitability to attend LPSC 2022.	March 2022
Lunar & Planetary Institute Career Devel. Award News - UT Austin , LPI News  For outstanding first-authored work on fate of water on early Mars submitted at LPSC conference.	Feb 2022
How To Stay Productive While in Quarantine - Oden Institute Feature Article  For academic & research achievements and service at Oden Institute during quarantine.	March 2021

### SOFTWARES

**Shadab, M.A.**, Hiatt, E., and Hesse, M.A., 2022. mashadab/polubarinova-kochina-solutions: P-k tool v1.1 (v1.1). Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.74786522

**Shadab, M.A.**, Luo, D., Shen, Y., Hiatt, E., and Hesse, M.A., 2021. PINNs for Unconfined Groundwater Flow (v1.0). Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5803542

**Shadab, M.A.** and Hesse, M.A., 2022. Gravity driven infiltration with the development of a saturated region (v1.0). Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.6558260. URL: https://github.com/mashadab/hyperbolic-infiltration-theory

**Shadab, M.A.**, 2021. Reservoir-Simulator. Zenodo. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6581752. URL: https://github.com/mashadab/Reservoir-Simulator