

# Mohan Ananth

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## Education

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI, USA

*Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, CGPA – 3.9/4.0,*

*2018-2024*

Minor in Mathematics

### Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, KA, India

*Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, CGPA – 6.8/8.0,*

*2014-2016*

### R. V. College of Engineering

Bangalore, KA, India

*Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, CGPA – 9.42/10*

*2009-2013*

## Work Experience

### Trane Technologies, USA

*Modeling Engineer*

*2024-present*

#### Modeling and Analytics, Commercial HVAC Americas

- Developing and maintaining software products and models for centrifugal chiller performance and selection software, used by global sales team.
- Collaborate with engineering and product support teams to translate needs into software solutions, focusing on sustainable performance prediction and new product development.

### Mahindra Research Valley, India

*Senior Engineer*

*2016-2017*

#### Powertrain and fuel intake system

- Developed tools to calculate the *position and stiffness of the mounts* for 3-point and 4-point mount systems, using *moment of inertia* and *center of mass* of powertrain.
- Computer Aided Designing of fuel intake system and its integration into the vehicle body.

### Tata Technologies, India

*Graduate Engineer Trainee*

*2014*

#### Design of Manufacturing systems

- Computer aided design (CAD) and geometric design and tolerance (GDT) for positioning robotic arms in the manufacture and assembly of automotive parts.

## Technical Skills

**Programming:** Matlab, Fortran, C#, CUDA, Python, C++, Latex

**Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):** OpenFoam, Ansys Fluent, Converge-CFD

**Computer Aided Design (CAD):** Unigraphics, SolidWorks, Catia

## Leadership Experience

**Board member of Graduate Engineering Mechanics Society (GEMS),** which organizes weekly graduate student seminars related to mechanics.

- Orientation for new graduate students and organizing weekly seminars in Fall and Spring semesters.

**Board member of Indian Graduate Student Association (IGSA),** which is a registered student organization that aims to represent all Indian graduate students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

- Organizing events, including an annual cultural event, applying for grants, and helping new graduate students by providing information about housing, travel, and other related queries.

**Member of ASHA for education - Madison Chapter:** A fundraising organization for NGOs working towards providing education to underprivileged children in India.

- Organizing events to raise funds. Reviewing proposals from NGOs and disbursing funds. Raised funds by cycling 40 miles in 2021 and 80 miles in 2022.

## Research Experience

### Multiphase Computational Fluid Dynamics Lab, UW-Madison

Graduate Research Assistant

2018-present

#### Thermal analysis of urea spray injection to reduce $NO_x$ in an engine exhaust system:

- Lagrangian-Eulerian (LE) simulations of urea sprays along with evaporation, thermolysis, and hydrolysis reactions of the vapors.
- Studied concentration of ammonia at the catalyst inlet of engine exhaust to reduce emission of nitrogen oxides.

#### Hybrid Solver to model urea water solution (UWS) spray and evaporation in cross flow:

- Developed hybrid solver in OpenFOAM framework, which consisted of
  - Volume of Fluid (VoF) method for large spray dynamics and
  - Lagrangian-Eulerian (LE) method for small droplets.
- Developed Computer Aided Design (CAD) model and meshed complex 3-hole urea injector.
- Implemented multicomponent vaporization model for UWS droplets.
- Energy and species transport equations were implemented to accommodate for the phase change.

#### Stability analysis tools for multi-phase flows:

- Developed tools to solve hydrodynamic stability in multi-phase flows using spectral discretization for
  - 2D Planar jets and
  - 3D Cylindrical jets.

#### Improvements in curvature and surface tension predictions in OpenFOAM solver interFOAM:

- Distance-based function implemented to improve prediction of surface tension forces.

#### Understanding primary modes responsible for high-speed liquid sheet breakup:

- Existing Kelvin-Helmholtz (KH) instability model for liquid sheet atomization predicts small-scale modes but it is observed that Large-scale asymmetric modes are primary factors for breakup.
- Our enhanced stability analysis tool predicted these large-scale modes, which was verified using high-fidelity computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations.

#### Data-driven techniques to analyze the modes in jet atomization:

- Analysed the spray characteristics in 3D cylindrical jets using two techniques:
  - Machine learning technique called Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD) and
  - Continuous Wavelet transforms (CWT).

### Indian Institute of Science, India

Graduate Research

2014-2016

#### Multi-component evaporation of Heavy Fuel Oil using Fluent:

- Developed a user defined function in Ansys Fluent software to model evaporation of multicomponent droplet.
- Simulated Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) evaporation and studied effects of concentration of HFO residue on evaporation rate.

## Publications

- Mohan Ananth and Mario F. Trujillo, *Breakup of Planar Liquid Sheets Injected at High Speed in a Quiescent Gas Environment*, Journal of Fluid Mechanics, 2023.
- Mohan Ananth and Mario F. Trujillo, *2PJIT: Two-phase 3D jet instability tool in cylindrical coordinates*, SoftwareX, 2022.
- Arpit Agarwal, Mohan Ananth and Mario F. Trujillo, *Evaluation and Improvements to Interfacial Curvature Predictions in interFoam*, Fluids, 2022.
- Mario F. Trujillo and Mohan Ananth, *Insights into primary liquid atomization*, Science Talks, 2024.

## Selected Conference Presentations

- Mohan Ananth and Mario F. Trujillo, *Large-scale instabilities observed in the breakup of high-speed 3D cylindrical jets injected into quiescent gas*, Institute for Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2024.
- Mohan Ananth and Mario F. Trujillo, *Large-scale instabilities in the breakup of liquid sheets*, Institute for Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2023.
- Chia-Wei Kuo, Mohan Ananth, Andrea Strzelec and Mario F. Trujillo, *VoFLE simulations to model UWS spray evaporation*, ASME-ICEF, 2022.