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EDUCATION

- JAN. 2016-FEB. 2019 Doctor of Philosophy
Institute: Mathematics Division of the Center for
Computational Engineering Sciences (MathCCES),
RWTH, Aachen, Germany
Thesis: Entropy Stable Hermite Approximations
of The Boltzmann Equation
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Manuel TORRILHON
- OCT. 2013-OCT. 2015 Master of Science (*with distinction*) | [details of the master's courses](#)
Institute: Simulation Sciences,
RWTH, Aachen, Germany
Cumulative GPA: 1.1/4.0 (Max. 1.0)
Thesis: Hermite Approximations for Chemically Reacting
Gaseous Mixture
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Manuel TORRILHON
- AUG. 2009-APRIL 2013 Bachelor of Technology
Faculty: Mechanical Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology,
Delhi, India
Cumulative GPA: 8.1/10.0 (Max. 10)
Thesis: Computational and Experimental Study of
a Water Turbine Interaction with Granular Media
Advisor: Prof. Dr. P.M.V SUBBARAO

WORK EXPERIENCE

- MARCH. 2019-present Postdoctoral Researcher
Institute: Computational Methods in
Systems and Control Theory (CSC),
Max Planck Institute, Magdeburg,
Germany
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Peter BENNER and Dr. Sara GRUNDEL
- OCT. 2014-OCT.2015 RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Hiwi)
Employer: Prof. Dr. Siegfried Müller,
Institute of Geometry and Practical Mathematics,
RWTH, Aachen, Germany
- NOV. 2013-NOV. 2015 RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Hiwi)
Employer: Prof. Dr. Manuel Torrilhon,
MathCCES, RWTH, Aachen, Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Non-linear and data-driven model reduction of hyperbolic equations.
2. Entropy stable and adaptive numerical schemes for kinetic equations.

3. Error analysis for modeling and discretization errors.
4. Software development for scientific computing.

PREPRINTS

1. Neeraj Sarna and Sara Grundel. Model reduction of time-dependent hyperbolic equations using collocated residual minimisation and shifted snapshots. *arXiv:2003.06362*, 2020.
2. Jonas B nger, Neeraj Sarna, and Manuel Torrilhon. Stable boundary conditions and discretization for PN equations. *arXiv:2004.02497*, 2020

PUBLICATIONS

1. Neeraj Sarna, Harshit Kapadia, and Manuel Torrilhon. Simultaneous-approximation-term based boundary discretization for moment equations of rarefied gas dynamics. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 407:109243, 2020a.
2. Neeraj Sarna, Jan Giesselmann, and Manuel Torrilhon. Convergence analysis of Grad’s hermite expansion for linear kinetic equations. *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, 58(2):1164–1194, 2020b.
3. Neeraj Sarna and Manuel Torrilhon. Entropy stable Hermite approximation of the linearised Boltzmann equation for inflow and outflow boundaries. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 369:16 – 44, 2018a.
4. Neeraj Sarna and Manuel Torrilhon. On stable wall boundary conditions for the Hermite discretization of the linearised Boltzmann equation. *Journal of Statistical Physics*, 170(1):101–126, 2018b.
5. Manuel Torrilhon and Neeraj Sarna. Hierarchical Boltzmann simulations and model error estimation. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 342:66 – 84, 2017.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Neeraj Sarna and Manuel Torrilhon. On the moments of the Boltzmann’s collision operator arising from chemical reactions. *AIP Conference Proceedings*, 1786(1):140005, 2016.
2. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Neeraj Sarna, and Manuel Torrilhon. Grad’s moment equations for binary hard sphere gas-mixtures. *4th Micro and Nano Flows Conference, University College London, UK*, pages 26–59, 2014.

CONTRIBUTED TALKS IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

1. ICIAM19, International Conference on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Valencia, Spain, 2019.
Talk: *Grid and Model Adaptivity for Kinetic Equations*.
2. MPI GROUP RETREAT & WORKSHOP19, Identification, Simulation and Control of Complex Dynamical Systems from Data.
Talk: *Adaptive Dictionaries: Model Order Reduction of Hyperbolic Equations*.
3. NEGF18, 3rd European Conference on Non-Equilibrium Gas Flows, Strasbourg, France, 2018.
Talk: *Model Adaptivity for the Boltzmann Equation on Bounded Position Domains*.
4. FEF17, 19th International Conference on Finite Elements in Flow Problems, Rome, Italy, 2017.
Talk: *Numerical Study of Higher Order Discontinuous Galerkin Schemes for Hermite approximation of the Boltzmann equation*.

5. RGD30, 30th International Symposium on Rarefied Gas Dynamics, Victoria, Canada, 2016.
Talk: *Hermite Spectral approximation of Boltzmann Equation with Chemical Reactions.*

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

1. INSTITUTE: Technical University of Darmstadt, HOST: Prof. Dr. Jan Giesselmann.
Talk: *Linear Kinetic Equations and its Stable Discretization.*
2. INSTITUTE: University of Cologne, HOST: Prof. Dr. Gregore Gassner.
Talk: *Entropy Stable Numerical Methods for Kinetic Equations.*
3. INSTITUTE: RWTH, WEEKLY SEMINAR, GRADUATE SCHOOL: Energy, Entropy, and Dissipative Dynamics.
Talk: *L^2 -Stable Numerical Schemes for Linear Kinetic Equations.*

AWARDS, HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- FEB. 2020 ICERM/NSF funding to attend semester workshop (Feb-May) titled *Model and Dimension Reduction in Uncertain and Dynamical Systems*, ICERM, Brown University, USA.
- MAY 2011 GEORGIUS AGRICOLA SCHOLARSHIP for summer research stay at University Of Ostrava, Czech Republic.
- JULY 2009 All India Rank-587 in Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

RESEARCH STAYS

- FEB.-MARCH 2020 ICERM, Brown University, USA.
- JUNE 2019 Mathematics Department, TU Darmstadt, Germany
Host: Prof. Dr. Jan Giesselmann.
- MAY-JUNE 2011 Mechanical Engineering Department,
University Of Ostrava, Czech Republic.

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- 2018: Mathematical Foundations-4 | [details of the course](#)
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Sebastian NOELLE and Prof. Dr. Manuel TORRILHON
- 2017: Mathematical Foundations-5 | [details of the course](#)
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Jan GISSELMANN
- 2016 & 2017: Mathematical Models in Science and Engineering | [details of the course](#)
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Manuel TORRILHON, Dr. Hossein GORJI
- 2016: Mathematical Foundations-2 | [details of the course](#)
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Martin FRANK

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

1. *Advanced Programming Knowledge:* C, C++, OpenMP, MPI, Matlab
2. *Intermediate Programming Knowledge:* Python, Fortran 90, Fortran 77

DETAILS OF MASTER'S COURSES

- SEMESTER-1: Applied Quantum Mechanics,
Data Analysis and Visualisation,
From Molecular To Continuum Physics-1,
Numerical Methods for PDEs,
Parallel Programming-1
- SEMESTER-2: Fast Iterative Solvers,
Finite Volumes and Finite Element Techniques,
From Molecular To Continuum Physics-2,
Model Based Estimation Methods,
Parallel Computing for Computational Mechanics
- SEMESTER-3: Numerical Methods for the Geo-Sciences,
Computational Contact Mechanics,
Lattice-Boltzmann Method,
Simulation Sciences Laboratory

DETAILS OF COURSES TAUGHT

- Mathematical Foundations-2: differential calculus, ODE's, interpolation techniques,
numerical integration and quadrature,
direct solvers for linear systems,
Newton-Raphson method
- Mathematical Foundations-4: finite differences, a-priori convergence analysis,
Von-Neumann stability analysis,
fast fourier transforms, iterative solvers,
fundamental solutions, distributions, Hilbert spaces.
- Mathematical Foundations-5: weak derivatives, L^p spaces,
Sobolev spaces, finite element methods,
Lax-Milgram theorem, mixed finite element methods,
inf-sup stability conditions,
hyperbolic conservation laws,
entropy solutions, finite volume schemes,
Riemann solvers, discrete entropy inequality.
- Mathematical Models in Science
and Engineering: tensor analysis, kinematics,
Reynold's transport theorem, conservation laws,
Piola-Kirchoff-Tensors, Mooney-Rivlin material
Hooke's law, kinetic gas theory, electrodynamics,
magnetohydrodynamics