Fluid and Thermal Sciences

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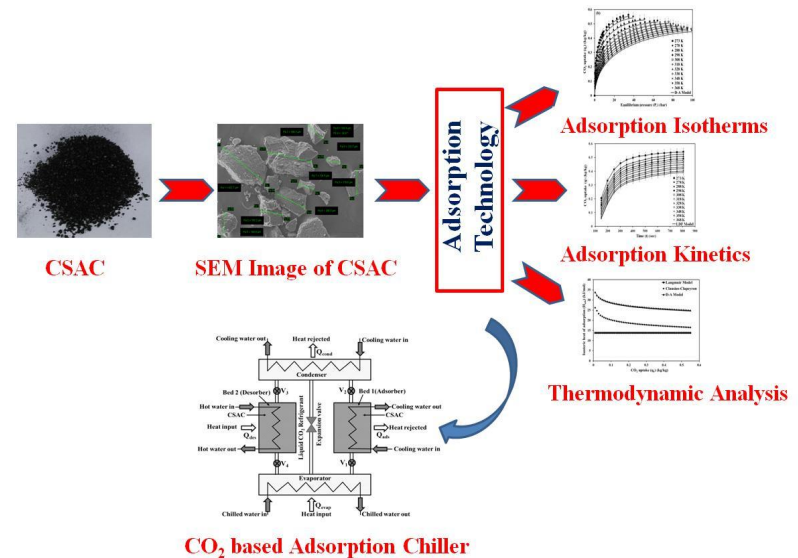
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- PhD – IIT Madras

- Areas of Specialization – Hydrogen storage, metal hydrides, energy storage

Areas of Research

- Hydrogen storage – Metal hydrides
- Thermal energy storage

- Sorption heating and cooling systems

- CO_2 capture and sequestration

CSAC SEM Image of CSAC Adsorption Technology

Adsorption Isotherms

Adsorption Kinetics

Thermodynamic Analysis

CO_2 based Adsorption Chiller

Development of adsorption chiller using coconut shell based activated carbon.

Vinod Kumar Singh, **E. Anil Kumar**, Bidyut Baran Saha, Adsorption isotherms, kinetics and thermodynamic simulation of CO_2-CSAC pair for cooling application, Energy, 160 (2018) 1158-1173.

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IIT TIRUPATI

- PhD – IISc, Bangalore

- Postdoc experience – Brunel University London

- Areas of Specialization – Atomization and Combustion

Areas of Research

- Atomization and combustion of multicomponent fuels and blends

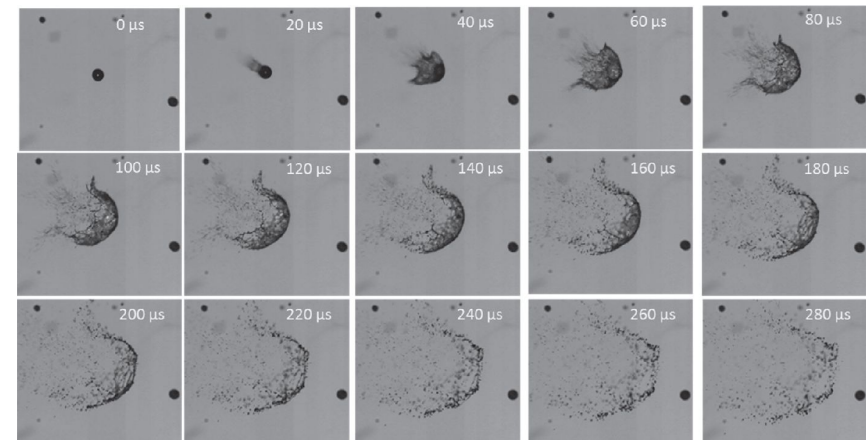- Atomization of viscous liquids

- Agriculture sprays

Image sequence showing micro-explosion of secondary droplets resulting from the explosion of suspended droplets. Micro-explosion of droplets start as strong puffing making droplet bag or sheet like structure before it breaks up into smaller droplets

Madan Mohan A, Lionel Ganippa, Jun Xia and Athanasios Megaritis , Puffing and micro-explosion of diesel-biodiesel-ethanol blends, Fuel, 166,59-66, 2016.
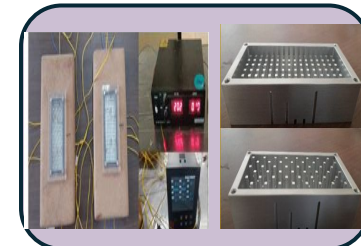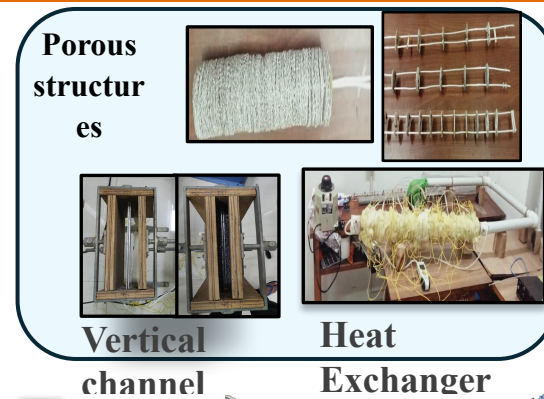
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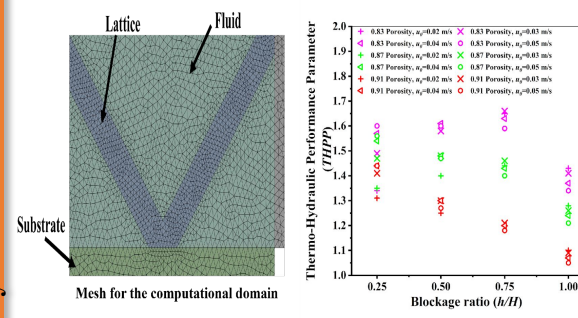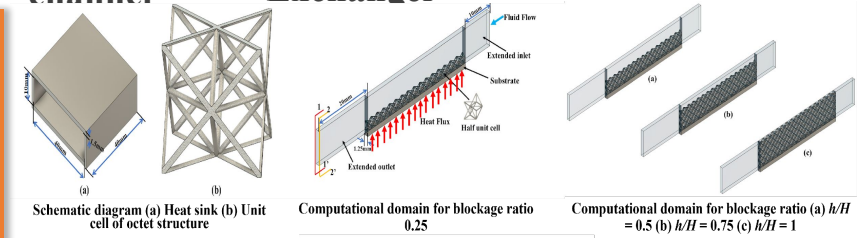भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान तिरुपति

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- Ph.D. – IIT Madras, India

- Post-doc – Federal University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Areas of Specialization – Inverse Heat Transfer, Energy Systems & Porous media

Areas of Research

- Estimation of unknown parameters using inverse techniques

- Fluid flow and heat transfer through porous structures

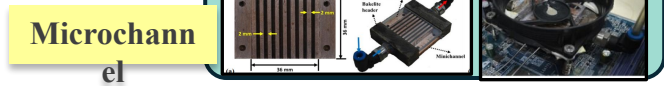- Development of compact heat exchangers using additively manufactured lattice structures

- Phase change materials

- Microchannel heat transfer

Porous structures

Vertical channel   Heat Exchanger

Heat Sink with PCM

Dynamics of fluids in lattice structure

Schematic diagram (a) Heat sink (b) Unit cell of octet structure

Computational domain for blockage ratio 0.25

Computational domain for blockage ratio (a) h/H = 0.5 (b) h/H = 0.75 (c) h/H = 1

Mesh for the computational domain

Conclusions:

- For higher blockage ratios (1/0.75), pressure drop increases as the porosity of the octet structure decreases, but this effect diminishes for lower blockage ratios (0.5/0.25).

- Based on the thermo-hydraulic performance parameter, the optimal configuration is a heat sink with a blockage ratio of 0.75, a porosity of 0.83, and an inlet velocity of 0.03 m/s.

Microchannel

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T I R U P A T I

- PhD – ETH Zurich, Switzerland

- Postdoc experience – UC Santa Barbara, CA

- Areas of Specialization – Experimental and computational fluid dynamics, wind energy

Areas of Research

- Demonstrate the effectiveness of drone based wind resource assessment

- Active flow control employed in rotor to improve wind turbine efficiency

- Designing and building a 5 kW low cost horizontal axis wind turbine blade in-house
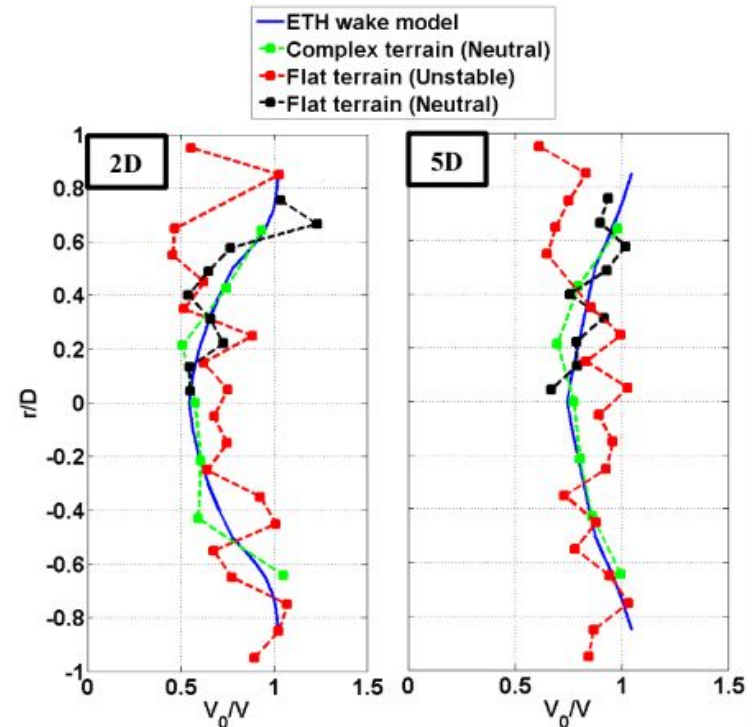
Comparison between the spatially-averaged spanwise profiles of wind speed measured using drone based wind measurement system under different atmospheric conditions and the predictions from the ETH wake model at two-diameter and five-diameter downstream of a wind turbine.

B.Subramanian, N.Chokani and R.S.Abhari, 2018, "Impact of Atmospheric Stability on Wind Turbine Wake Evolution," *Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics*, v.176, p. 74-82.

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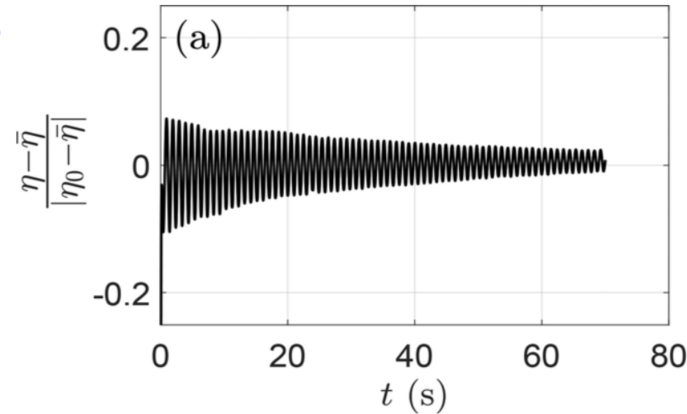## Assistant Professor
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- MA (Mathematics) - Penn State
- MS (Mech. Engr.) - Penn State
- PhD (Mech. Engr.) - Penn State
- Areas of Interest:
  - Fluid Mechanics
  - Wave Hydrodynamics
  - Applied Mathematics

Wave damping in a rectangular tank:
Time series of measured displacement of water surface covered with a thin layer of oil when a 1 Hz standing wave is generated in the tank

Ref: **Rajan, G. K.**, Damping rate measurements and predictions for gravity waves in an air-oil-water system, Physics of Fluids, Vol. 34(2), p. 022113, **2022**.
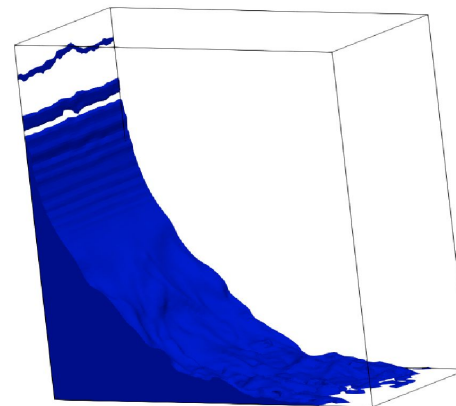
Areas of Research

- Surface gravity waves
- Interfacial waves in fluids
- Wave dissipation
- Mathematical modeling of fluid flows
- Sloshing Dynamics
- CFD simulation of fluid flows

Sloshing in a rectangular container:
CFD simulation of flow within a rectangular container moving over an uneven terrain. Result shown for a specific time instant.

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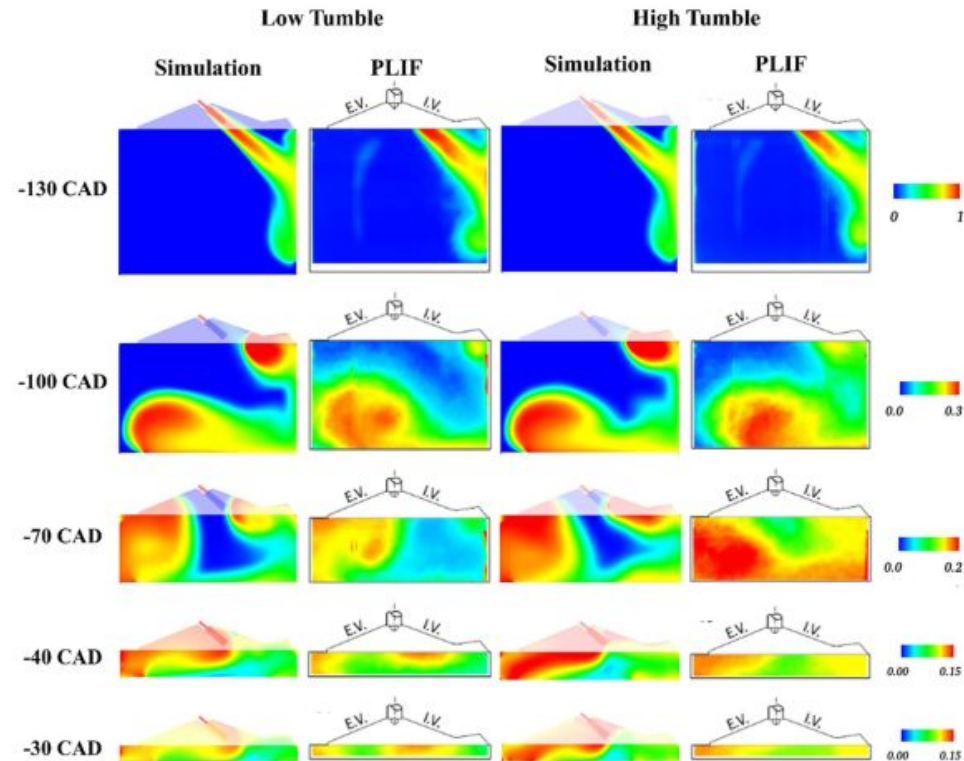## Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering

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- PhD – IIT Madras

- Post-Doc – Argonne National Laboratory, USA

- Area of Specialization – Energy Systems, CFD, Combustion

Areas of Research

- Carbon-less fuels for transportation
- Machine learning techniques for combustion modeling

S.K. Addepalli, Y Pei, Y Zhang, R Scarcelli, Multi-dimensional modeling of mixture preparation in a direct injection engine fueled with gaseous hydrogen, International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, 2022, Vol. 47 (67), 29085-29101.
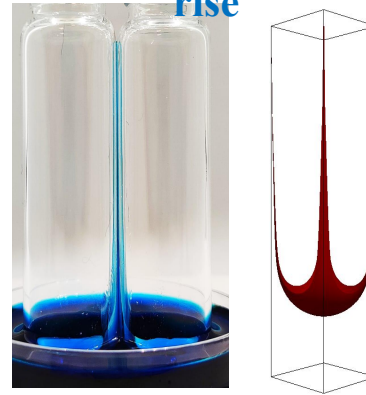
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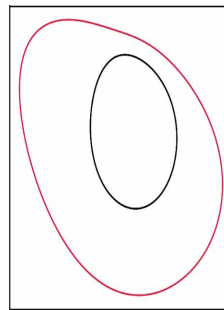
- PhD – Technische Universitat Darmstadt
- Areas of Specialization – Multiphase flows (Particles, Drops, Bubbles & Thin films)

Areas of Research

- Dynamics of corner capillary rise
- Marangoni spreading of drops on thin films and complex substrates
- Inkjet printing dynamics of shear thinning liquid
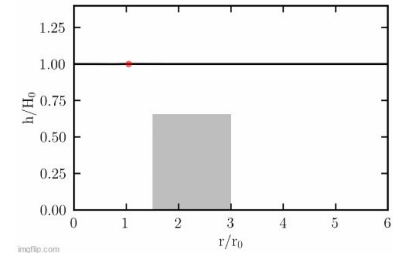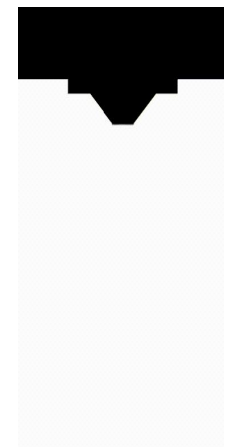- Dynamics of compound drops and bubbles

Corner capillary rise

Marangoni spreading on thin films

Compound drop dynamics

Particle impact on free surface

Inkjet printing

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- Areas of Specialization – Fluid-Structure Interaction, Computational Mechanics

Areas of Research

- Flow-Induced Vibration
- Inflatable Structures
- Finite Element Method/Numerical Algorithms
- Convective Heat Transfer
- Compressible flows
- Meshless Methods
- Energy Harvesting

Energy absorption densiy of flexible plate

FIV of a membrane

Heat transfer from buildings

Vortex particles solver

Inflating & bursting of a balloon

Vibration of flexible splitter plate

Fast mesh deforming scheme

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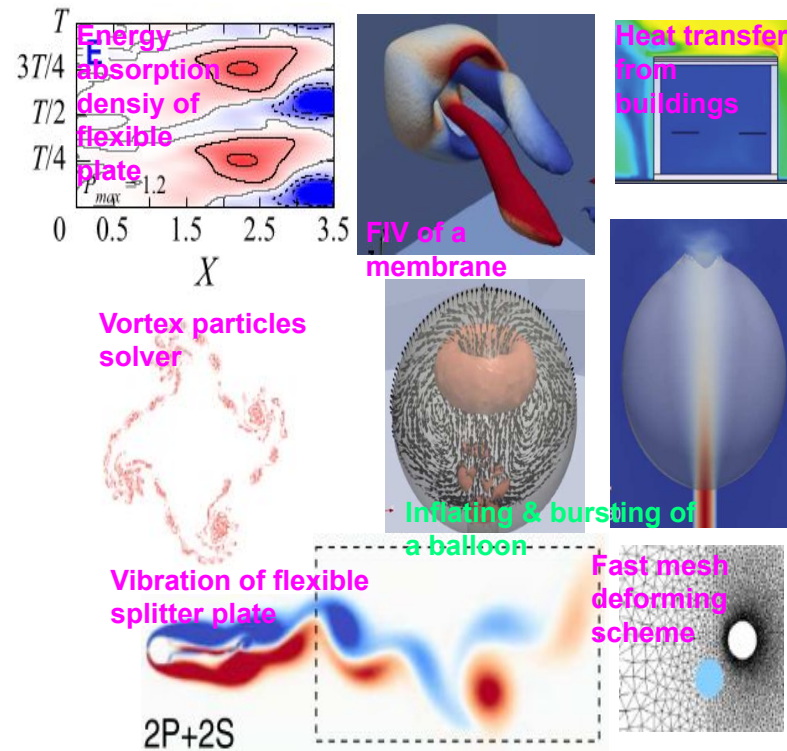
M. Furquan, S. Mittal, "A finite element framework for fluid–membrane interactions
involving fracture"Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, 2023, Volume 417, Journal of Materials Processing Technology, 2019, Volume 266, Pages 116438.