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## EDUCATION

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**Cranfield University**

Jan 2023 - Oct 2024

**MSc by Research in Manufacturing**

**Thesis:** Understanding and improving the Inherent Strain Method for mechanical analysis of Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing

**Supervisors:** Dr Yongle Sun & Dr Pradeeptta Taraphdar

- Part of the NEWAM project for developing Wire based DED for Ti6Al4V aerospace components.
- Developed theoretical understanding of strain evolution during various stages of Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing process through thermo-mechanical FE models.
- Proposed modifications to the Inherent Strain Method for increasing accuracy of distortion and residual stress predictions.
- Designed and performed verification experiments for the proposed improved modeling method.

**Birla Institute of Technology & Science**

August 2017 - June 2021

**B.E. in Mechanical Engineering**

**Cummulative GPA:** 7.71 on a scale of 10 (Class - I)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**WAMC, Cranfield University**

June 2024 - Present

*Research Assistant*

*Cranfield, UK*

- Involved in multiple industry funded projects to develop Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing for industry adoption.
- Developed thermo-mechanical FE models of CW-MIG process for Additive Manufacturing of duplex stainless steels for predicting micro-structure evolution.
- Created prediction models for Cladding process to understand and mitigate root cause of crack initiation.

**Sona Comstar**

July 2021 - July 2022

*GET - Drivetrain Component Design*

*Gurugram, IN*

- Designed and optimized drivetrain gears manufactured using proprietary precision forging process.
- Worked on in-house software for generating optimized Bezier surfaces for gear teeth to improve noise, load bearing and manufacturability.
- Created mathematical models and scripts for Loaded Tooth Contact Analysis (LTCA).
- Collaborated with several industry clients on design for manufacturing and cost optimization.

**Mercedes Benz R&D India**  
*Student Trainee - Crash Structures*

February 2021 - June 2021  
*Bangalore, IN*

- Developed Non-Linear Finite Element Model of Fibre Reinforced composites in rubber tires for low speed car crash simulations.
- Developed a finite element mesh model for tires in LS-Dyna with various material and mesh formulations.
- Studied the impact of various air pressure models of tyres on the lagrangian contact at tyre-road interface.
- Developed test plan and procedure for verification of the model.

**Daimler India Commercial Vehicles**  
*In-Plant Trainee*

May 2019 - July 2019  
*Chennai, IN*

- Perfomed efficiency analysis for rework processes at End of Line.
- Conducted lean manufacturing study for several rework processes and developed proposals to reduce non-value added activities.
- Exposed to root cause analysis for rework processes in the assembly line.

## RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

*Full list of publications available on [ORCID:0000-0001-5388-8785](https://orcid.org/0000-0001-5388-8785)*

- [1] J. Walker, B. Mills, Y. Javadi, *et al.*, "Study of residual stress using phased array ultrasonics in ti-6al-4v wire-arc additively manufactured components," *Sensors*, vol. 24, no. 19, 2024, ISSN: 1424-8220. DOI: [10.3390/s24196372](https://doi.org/10.3390/s24196372). [Online]. Available: <https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/24/19/6372>.

## AWARDS

- **AIAA/USU SmallSat Travel Award** : Financial Award sponsored by Blue Origin to present at the AIAA/USU SmallSat conference.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Computer Languages</b>	Python, MATLAB, C/C++, BASH, FORTRAN
<b>Simulation Tools</b>	ABAQUS, NASTRAN, LS-Dyna
<b>3-D/2-D CAD</b>	Unigraphics/NX, CATIA V5, Solid Edge, Fusion 360
<b>Experimental Methods</b>	X-Ray Diffraction, Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD), Thermal Imaging, Laser Scanning, Reverse Engineering

## REFERENCES

Name & Designation	E-mail
<b>Dr Yongle Sun</b> <i>Lecturer, Cranfield University</i>	<a href="mailto:Yongle.Sun@cranfield.ac.uk">Yongle.Sun@cranfield.ac.uk</a>
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