# Sudarson Nanthacoumarane



### Profile

Mechanical Engineer with 4+ years of R&D experience in robotics and automotive applications. Proven track record in CAD/CAE design, FEA, and product lifecycle management. Seeking innovation-driven opportunities to develop high-performance mechanical systems.

### **Contact Details**

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### Skills



#### Software



#### Languages

- English Fluent C2
- French Intermediate B2
- Tamil Native

#### Hobbies

- Guitarist (10 years)
- Cyclist
- Motorsport enthusiast

# Experience

#### Vitibot, France

Mechanical Engineer Mechanical Engineering Intern Oct 2022 - Present Feb 2022 - Jul 2022

- Designed the entire chassis for the next generation of BAKUS vineyard robots to be 23% stiffer and 5% lighter than the current model
- Averted complete recall of the robot fleet by developing retrofitable reinforcements to combat fatigue-induced chassis failure
- Redesigned battery casings in thermoplastic to double the lifespan of batteries
- Designed, prototyped, and tested electric intervine mowers to trim weeds around vine trunks, and converted hydraulic intervine mowers to fully electric systems
- Created a tool to calculate the inverted mechanics and truss forces of the BAKUS tool holder as a 4-bar linkage with movement controlled by a linear actuator
- Conducted detailed FEA analyses on the robot chassis and various vineyard tools
- Used IronPython/ANSYS ACT scripting to extract and visualise FEA results
- Spearheaded the adoption of ISO GD&T and welding standards companywide

#### **Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France** Mechanical Research Engineer Aug 2021 - Sept 2021

- Designed the initial concepts for Cable Driven Parallel Robots (CDPR) used in the XXL Robotics Platform of the TIRREX project (worth €41.6 million)
- Created detailed robot animations using Solidworks Motion
- Conducted month-long experiments to study creep in polymer CDPR cables
- Characterized theoretical formulae for cable creep based on experimental results

#### Makara Cycles, Chennai, India

Mechanical Engineer

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Aug 2018 - Dec 2019
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- Designed, prototyped, and tested modular bicycle frames
- Headed the development of in-house high performance aluminium hubs, a 6-speed bicycle gearbox, and bicycle frame sizes based on anatomical data
- In charge of all 3D printing and rapid prototyping activities
- Carried out long term testing and validation of bicycle components using DFMEA
- Created patent drawings and managed company suppliers
- Established company standards for project management

## Education

#### Centrale Nantes, France

- MSc. Mechanical Engineering Sept 2020 Jul 2022
- Specialization in Advanced Manufacturing

**Visvesaraya Technological University, India** B.E. Mechanical Engineering

Sept 2014 - Jun 2018

#### EduCadd Learning Solutions Ltd., India

Master Diploma in Mechanical CAD

July 2015 - Nov 2017

Certification in AutoCAD, CATIA V5, Solidworks, Altair Hypermesh

## Motorsports Projects

- Formula Student 2021 Chassis and Suspension Designer
- Ecokart 2017 Team Captain/Lead Designer
- ESVC 2017 Vice Captain/Lead Designer
- Int'l Series of Karting 2017 Team Captain/Lead Designer

# Publications

**Sudarson Nanthacoumarane**, Bozhao Wang, Afia Kouadri-Henni, Philippe Cardou, Stéphane Caro. **Polymer Cable Characterization in Cable-Driven Parallel Robots**. 25ème Congrès Français de Mécanique Nantes, Aug 2022, Nantes, France (hal-03758221).