

mUla-manthiram

The chanDam for the song is :

[thAna] [thanthana] [thAna] [thanthana]
[thAna] [thanthana] [thAna] [thanthana]
[thAna] [thanthana] [thAna] [thanthana] [thana-thAna]

(thAna) = 3 mA+Aas = thakita
(thanthana) = 4 mAtrAs = thaka - Dhimi

The 'thongal' has 5 mAtrAs. In many songs Guruji has expanded / elongated the 'thongal' to add to the melody. In this song, he added 9 more mAtrAs, thus making the 'thongtal' to have 14 mAtrAs.

With this, we have the 'thakita - thaka - Dhimi' = misra chApu thAlam for the song, with two misra chApu for the 'thongal'.