vAsitthu-kANoNAthathu

The chanDam for the song is:

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[thAna-tthath-] [thAna] [thAnana] [thAna-tthath-] [thAna] [thAnana] [thAna-tthath-] [thAna] [thAnana]
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(thAna-tthath -) = 6 mAtAas = thaka - Dhimi - thaka

(thAna) = 3 mAtrAs = thakita

(thAnana) = 4 mAtrAs = thaka - Dhimi

(thanthaa-thAna) = 6 mAtrAs = ?

The 'thongal' has 6 mAtrAs. Guruji added 7 more to the 'thongal', to make it 13 mAtrAs, equal to the total (6 + 3 + 4) = 13 mAtrAs. With this, we have 2 units of 13 mAtrAs = 6.5 aksharams in maDhyama kAlam = (thaka - Dhimi - thaka) (thakita) (thaka - Dhimi)