

# Adeesh Kolluru

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**Interests.** *AI for Science and Climate Change, Deep Learning, Graph Neural Networks, Multi-task Learning, Transfer Learning, Diffusion Models, Molecular and Material Discovery, Density Functional Theory.*

## EDUCATION

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### Carnegie Mellon University

*Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering*

*Thesis: Towards building foundation models across atomic domains*

Pittsburgh, PA

*Aug 2020 – May 2025 (Expected)*

*Advisors: John Kitchin, Zachary Ulissi*

### Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi

*B.Tech in Chemical Engineering*

*Thesis: Machine learning for bioprocess control*

Delhi, India

*August 2016 – July 2020*

*Advisor: Anurag Rathore*

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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### Machine Learning Research Intern

*Orbital Materials*

- Worked with the founding team; *Mark Neumann (Head of ML), Jonathan Godwin (CEO, Co-founder)*
- Worked on developing generative foundation model for material design in the application of porous materials.

London, UK (Remote)

*May 2023 – August 2023*

### Research Intern (AI)

*Meta*

- Worked with *Brandon Wood, Larry Zitnick* from [Open Catalyst Project](#) team at FAIR, Meta AI.
- Worked on developing a foundation model that works across molecules, materials, and proteins.
- Created graph neural network benchmark for Open Catalyst 2022 Dataset; [Paper](#), [Code](#)
- Contributed to developing novel Graph Neural Network for atomic interaction; [Paper](#), [Code](#)

Menlo Park, CA

*May 2022 – August 2022*

## PUBLICATIONS

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*[Google Scholar](#); 8 publications; Citations: 120; h-index: 5; i10-index: 5, \* represents equal contribution*

### From Molecules to Materials: Pre-training Large Generalizable Models for Atomic Property Prediction

*N. Shoghi\*, A. Kolluru\*, J. Kitchin, Z. Ulissi, B. Wood*

*Submitted to NeurIPS 2023*

### Materials cartography: A forward-looking perspective on materials representation and devising better maps

*SB Torrisi, MZ Bazant, AE Cohen, MG Cho, JS Hummelshøj, L Hung, G Kamat, A Khajeh, A Kolluru, X Lei, et al*

*APL Machine Learning 2023*

### The Open Catalyst 2022 (OC22) Dataset and Challenges for Oxide Electrocatalysis

*R Tran\*, J Lan\*, M Shuaibi\*, BM Wood\*, S Goyal\*, A Das, J Heras-Domingo, A Kolluru, A Rizvi, N Shoghi, et al*

*ACS Catalysis 2023*

### Spherical Channels for Modeling Atomic Interactions

*CL Zitnick, A Das, A Kolluru, J Lan, M Shuaibi, A Sriram, ZW Ulissi, B Wood*

*NeurIPS 2022*

### Open Challenges in Developing Generalizable Large Scale Machine Learning Models for Catalyst Discovery

*A Kolluru\*, M Shuaibi\*, A Palizhati, N Shoghi, A Das, BM Wood, L Zitnick, JR Kitchin, ZW Ulissi*

*ACS Catalysis 2022*

### Transfer Learning using Attentions across Atomic Systems with Graph Neural Networks (TAAG)

*A Kolluru, N Shoghi, M Shuaibi, S Goyal, A. Das, L. Zitnick, ZW Ulissi*

*The Journal of Chemical Physics 2022*

### The Open Catalyst Challenge 2021: Competition Report

*A Das, M Shuaibi, A Palizhati, S Goyal, A Grover, A Kolluru, J Lan, A Rizvi, A Sriram, B Wood, et al*

*NeurIPS 2021 Competitions and Demonstrations Track*

### Rotation Invariant Graph Neural Network using Spin Convolution

*M Shuaibi, A Kolluru, A Das, A Grover, A Sriram, Z Ulissi, CL Zitnick*

*arxiv preprint 2021*

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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*Phillips and Huang Family Fellowship* in Energy from CMU College of Engineering

Merit Award for being in the **Top 7%** of Chemical Engineering batch of IIT Delhi

*Distinctive Performance in Overall Activities* from Chemical Engineering Society, IIT Delhi

*Colors Award* for being a promising sportsperson of IIT Delhi

*KVPY Fellowship*: Awarded by Govt. of India for being in the **Top 1%** in math and science across the country

*National Science Talent Search Exam (NSTSE)*: Awarded gold medal, tablet for securing **All India Rank 1**

## PROJECTS

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### Foundation model development, multi-task learning and transfer learning

- Developed a novel transfer learning framework using attention framework across different layers of the model that gives improved results on out-of-domain molecular datasets. [Paper](#), [Code](#)
- Worked on developing a foundation model using supervised multi-task pretraining and demonstrated state-of-the-art results on datasets across molecules, materials, and proteins.

### Developing novel graph neural network architectures for representing atoms

- A novel approach to achieving rotation invariance in a graph neural network by incorporating a per-edge local coordinate frame and a novel spin convolution to effectively model angular information between sets of neighboring atoms in the network's edge messages. [Paper](#), [Code](#)
- A graph neural network architecture, for modeling atomic energies and forces, leveraging atom embeddings represented by spherical functions (spherical channels) using spherical harmonics, and incorporating rotation of embeddings based on 3D edge orientation to enhance information utilization while preserving rotational equivariance of messages. [Paper](#), [Code](#)
- Both models were state-of-the-art methods for predicting atomic energies and forces on large scale OC20 dataset.

### Large scale dataset development and benchmarking

- Contributed to developing the Open Catalyst 2022 (OC22) dataset, consisting of 62,331 Density Functional Theory (DFT) relaxations (9M single point calculations) across a range of oxide materials, coverages, and adsorbates.
- We tested baseline performance of several graph neural networks; and provided predefined dataset splits to establish clear benchmarks for future efforts. [Paper](#), [Code](#)

## SKILLS

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**Programming:** Python, MATLAB, SQL; **Frameworks:** Kubernetes, AWS, GCP, git

**Deep Learning / Data Science:** PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric, DGL, Tensorflow, Numpy, Pandas, Scikitlearn

**Packages:** ASE, VASP, Gromacs, Ansys, Fluent

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Reviewing

NeurIPS 2022-23, Learning on Graphs 2022-23

### Talks

Transfer Learning with Large Scale GNNs across Molecular Datasets - AIChE 2021, TRI Workshop 2022

Open Challenges in developing generalizable ML models for material discovery - AIChE 2022

### Teaching assistantship

Mathematical Methods of Chemical Engineering - Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics - Fall 2021

### Challenge organization

[Open Catalyst Challenge](#) - NeurIPS 2021-23

### Tutorials

[Open Catalyst Project Tutorial](#) - Climate Change with AI workshop - NeurIPS 2021-22

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- Served as Sports Secretary of the Board for Sports Activities, IIT Delhi
- Captained the Aquatics and Water polo team in Intra-College competitions of IIT Delhi
- Conducted various National debating tournaments as Representative of Debating Club, IIT Delhi
- Volunteered for Humanity Foundation that works for the welfare of visually impaired students