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**Interests :** Graph Neural Networks, Transfer Learning, Computational Catalysis, Molecular Discovery

## EDUCATION

2020-2025 *PhD in Chemical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University*; Advisor : Zachary Ulissi

2016-2020 *B. Tech in Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi*

## PROJECTS

### ROTATION INVARIANT GRAPH NEURAL NETWORK USING SPIN CONVOLUTION

*Carnegie Mellon University and Facebook AI Research*

- Worked on developing a novel Graph Neural Network that predicts energies and forces of molecules and catalyst systems.
- This model captures 3D complex angular features in a novel way and is rotationally invariant.
- Results are demonstrated on OC20, QM9, MD17 Datasets.

Graph Neural Networks

### ACCELERATING GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION WITH GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS

*Carnegie Mellon University and Facebook AI Research*

- Developed a baseline for direct prediction of optimized geometry with Graph Neural Networks
- Analyzed and showed relative importance of various important metrics across conventional and recent methods

Geometric Optimization

Graph Neural Networks

Catalysts

### TRANSFER LEARNING FOR CATALYTIC/MOLECULAR PREDICTIONS USING OC20

*Carnegie Mellon University and Facebook AI Research*

- Conducted fine tuning experiments with pre-trained models on OC20 dataset to get upto to 50% improvement in performance on other small scale catalyst as well as 5-6% on small molecule databases.

Transfer Learning

Graph Neural Networks

Catalysts

Small Molecules

### DELTA LEARNING FOR LARGE SCALE CATALYST DATASET

DEC '20 - FEB '21

*Carnegie Mellon University*

- Calculated and compared results for delta learning methods with multiple tight binding potentials (xTB, DFTB) for OC20 dataset that improves 7-8% model accuracies. Explored various referencing and normalization schemes for energy targets .

Machine Learning potentials

Delta Learning

Graph Neural Networks

### MACHINE LEARNING BASED CONTROL OF AERATION RATE FOR MAMMALIAN CELLS IN A BIOREACTOR

AUGUST 2019 - MAY 2020

*B.Tech Thesis, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi | Advisor : Prof. Anurag Rathore*

- Developed a machine learning based control model to optimize aeration rate for mammalian cell in a stirred tank reactor.
- It predicts Viable Cell Concentration (VCC) through a random forest model and the mass transfer coefficient from theoretical approach and combined them to determine the optimal aeration rate.

Machine Learning

Process Control

Reactor Modeling

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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| 2022 | Phillips and Huang Family Fellowship in Energy from CMU College of Engineering                                    |
| 2020 | Merit Award : For being in the <b>Top 7%</b> of Chemical Engineering batch of IIT Delhi                           |
| 2018 | Distinctive Performance in Overall Activities from Chemical Engineering Society, IIT Delhi                        |
| 2018 | Colors Award : For being a promising sportsperson of IIT Delhi  |
| 2016 | KVPY Fellowship : Awarded by Govt. of India for being in the <b>Top 1%</b> in math and science across the country |
| 2016 | National Science Talent Search Exam (NSTSE) : Awarded Gold Medal, Tablet for securing <b>All India Rank 1</b>     |

## SKILLS

**Languages :** Python (PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric, DGL, TensorFlow, Keras), C++ **Software :** Ansys, Fluent, Matlab, Gromacs

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

**Advanced ChemE** : Advanced Process Control, Molecular Modeling and Simulations, Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics, Applications of Computational Fluid Dynamics

**CS & Math** : Linear Algebra, Probability & Statistics, Machine Learning, Advanced Machine Learning, Historical Advances in Machine Learning, Crafting Software

**Economics** : Microeconomics & Game Theory, Macroeconomics and Economic Policies

## PUBLICATIONS

- [3] **Open Challenges in Developing Generalizable Large Scale Machine Learning Models for Catalyst Discovery**  
A Kolluru\*, M Shuaibi\*, A Palizhati, N Shoghi, A Das, B Wood, L Zitnick, JR Kitchin, ZW Ulissi  
ACS Catalysis (*Submitted*)
- [2] **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
- [1] **Rotation Invariant Graph Neural Network using Spin Convolution**  
M.Shuaibi, A. Kolluru, A. Das, A. Grover, A. Sriram, Z. Ulissi, C.L. Zitnick  
arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.09575

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- > **Reviewer**  
*NeurIPS 2022 Competition Track*
- > **Talks**  
*Transfer Learning with Large Scale GNNs on Catalyst Datasets, AIChE 2021*
- > **Summer Schools Participation**  
London Geometry and Machine Learning Summer School 2021 [LOGML]  
Machine Learning Summer School 2021 Taipei [MLSS]
- > **Teaching Assistant**  
Mathematical Methods of Chemical Engineering - *Spring 2022, Spring 2021*  
Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics - *Fall 2021*
- > **Challenge Organization**  
Open Catalyst Challenge - NeurIPS 2021 Competition Track [Link]
- > **Tutorial Organization**  
Open Catalyst Project Tutorial [Link] - Climate Change with ML workshop, NeurIPS 2021

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Leadership

- Served as Sports Secretary of the Board for Sports Activities, IIT Delhi
- Captained the Aquatics and Water polo team in Intra-College competitions
- Conducted various National debating tournaments as Representative of Debating Club, IIT Delhi

### Sports

- Represented IIT Delhi in Waterpolo and won Silver medal in 4x100 Medley Relay Aavhan Sports Meet 2018, IIT Bombay
- Won Best Waterpolo Player award twice consecutively in Intra-College competitions of IIT Delhi

### Cultural

- Breaking Adjudicator, Intra-IIT Parliamentary Debate'18    • Breaking Speaker, Intra-IIT Parliamentary Debate'19

### Voluntary work

- Mentored a group of students as a part of Student Mentorship Program
- Volunteered for Humanity Foundation that works for the welfare of visually impaired students