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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Interdisciplinary scientist leveraging **materials science**, applied statistics, and **process informatics** to accelerate **manufacturing optimization** and yield improvement. Driving industrial innovation by translating complex, multiscale data into robust **Design for Manufacturing (DFM)** solutions and scalable engineering processes for microelectronics and material systems.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D: Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, USA (*expected May 2026*)
 - Advisor: [Dr. Surya R. Kalidindi](#)
 - Thesis Title: "Computationally efficient voxelized approaches for structure-property relationships in molecular systems"
- MS: Computational Science and Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, USA (2024)
- B.Tech: Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, National Institute of Technology - Durgapur, India (2020)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Management of Technology (MOT), Scheller College of Business, GeorgiaTech - Atlanta, USA (2025)
- Computational Materials Science & Engineering (CMSE), School of MSE, GeorgiaTech - Atlanta, USA (2023)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Manufacturing Statistics & Process Control:** Failure Modes & Effects Analysis (FMEA), Design of Experiments (DoE), Bayesian Optimization, Uncertainty Quantification (UQ), Pareto Frontier Analysis, Process Informatics, Root Cause Analysis.
- Engineering Experiments, Simulations & Physics:** Density Functional Theory (DFT), Molecular Dynamics (MD), VASP, LAMMPS, GROMACS, Multiscale Modeling, Material Property Prediction, Materials Characterization (SEM), Microscopy.
- Machine Learning & Data Analysis:** PyTorch, Graph Neural Networks (GNN), CNN, Scikit-learn, Autoencoders, Normalizing Flows.
- Programming, HPC & Cloud:** Python, R, C, Java, MPI, AWS, GCP, Azure, SLURM/PBS, Flask, Shell Scripting.

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering (Atlanta, USA)

Graduate Research Assistant

MINED Group @ GT

Aug 2021 to Present

- Architected physics-informed, interpretable models to solve complex inverse problems and capture relevant **process-structure-property** relationships, leveraging UQ with multiscale simulations to calibrate for multimodal fidelity & manufacturing tolerances.
- Led collaborative projects domestically & internationally. Published 5+ research papers in top journals ([Google Scholar](#) & [LinkedIn](#))

Head Teaching Assistant (ME8813 & ME4853)

Spring 2023 & Spring 2025

- Instructed & graded classes of 100 graduate and UG students on ML Fundamentals for AI4Science applications (MSE/ME)

Multiscale Technologies Inc (Seattle, USA)

R&D Team

Data Science Manager & Materials Scientist Intern

Jan 2024 to Sep 2024

- Defined product strategy and executed the roadmap for **Semiconductor Manufacturing Process Optimization (SMPO)** and AI-driven manufacturing solutions.
- Led cross-functional teams to deliver and deploy high-fidelity cost-saving tools for Fortune 100 clients, focusing on product life-cycle and ROI requirements. 10+ digital twins developed for manufacturing process simulation.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (Mumbai, India)

HP & SRPD

Research Assistant (Advisor: [Dr. Srikumar Banerjee](#) & [Dr. Brahmananda Chakraborty](#))

May 2019 to Aug 2021

- Theoretically discovered & published 3 distinct novel material systems for alternative fuels (Hydrogen Storage) using DFT & AIMD for material selection and characterization.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Bombay, India)

IMaGen Lab

Research Intern (Advisor: [Dr. Alankar Alankar](#))

July 2020 to Nov 2020

- Workflows for predicting the mechanical properties of materials from composition using lower order ML models (RF, SVMs, etc.)

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Kharagpur, India)

SRMSC Lab

Research Intern (Advisor: [Dr. Shibayan Roy](#))

June 2020 to Oct 2020

- Participated in a Phase-Field Modelling project involving DFT & MD Simulations (collab with Washington University at St. Louis)

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (Bangalore, India)

Foundry & Forge Division

Project & Industrial Intern (Advisor: Soumya Mandi)

May 2018 to July 2018

- Led and deployed projects on shop floors: (1) Led **failure analysis** investigations on casting defects, implementing **process control** measures that improved yield. (2) Applied **Lean management principles** to manufacturing quality control.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Board Member: Emerging Leaders Advisory Board @GT (2025-2026)
- Internal VP: Mechanical Engg Grad Association (MEGA) @GT (2023-2024)
- Peer Reviewer: Springer Nature, Journal of Materials, Chemical Papers (since 2023)
- Peer Reviewer: ICLR 2026, NeurIPS 2025, CVPR 2025, PEARC 2025, SciPy Conference (2023, 2024, 2025), GT UGRS 2025

HONORS & AWARDS

- Woodruff School Fellow** (2025): GWW School of Mechanical Engineering, GeorgiaTech (Atlanta, GA, USA)
- TMS Standout Article** (2025): Highlighted by TMS Editors as a standout 2025 publication for novel work on Lean CNNs.
- Novelis Graduate Scholar** (2024): Novelis Innovation Hub & [Novelis Inc.](#) (Kennesaw, GA, USA)
 - Featured in: [GTRI News](#) as a top scholar advancing sustainability, circularity, and AI-driven materials discovery.

- **EIF Fellow** (2022): TokyoTech & Strategic Energy Institute @GT (Honolulu, HI, USA)
- *Invited Scholar*: Selected by [GT Strategic Energy Institute](#) for the 2nd Energy & Informatics Forum.
- **CMS3 Fellow** (2022): NSF + Texas A&M University (College Station, TX, USA)
- **The Telegraph (India)** (2018): Featured in "Backyard Startups" for launching the bootstrapped venture #JustHashtags.

SELECTED RESEARCH

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- **ML Workflows for Screening Degradation-Relevant Properties of Forever Chemicals**
P. Ray, A. Castillo, M. Kolel-Veetil, S.R. Kalidindi | Jan 2026
Advanced Science | e23817 | [Code](#)
- **Universal electronic manifolds for extrapolative alloy discovery**
P. Ray, S. Bhowmik, P. Suryanarayana, S.R. Kalidindi, A.J. Medford | Jan 2026
RSC Digital Discovery (Under Review)
- **Unraveling the PFAS helix: A statistical approach**
P. Ray, H. Cavalli, K.D. Tynes, G. Bizana, A. Castillo, S. Vyas, R. Siefert, S.R. Kalidindi, M. Kolel-Veetil | Sep 2025
Angewandte Chemie (Under Review)
- **Assessing the accuracy of Bayesian-optimized CGMD in predicting polymer miscibility**
P. Ray, Y. Asoma, N. Vankireddy, A. P. Generale, M. Nakauchi, H. Lee, K. Yoshida, S.R. Kalidindi, Y. Okuno | Nov 2025
ChemRxiv preprint | RSC Chemical Science (Under Review)
- **Refining Coarse-Grained Molecular Topologies: A Bayesian Optimization Approach**
P. Ray, A. P. Generale, N. Vankireddy, Y. Asoma, M. Nakauchi, H. Lee, K. Yoshida, Y. Okuno, S.R. Kalidindi | July 2025
npj Computational Materials | Volume 11 | Article 234
- **Lean CNNs for Mapping Electron Charge Density Fields to Material Properties**
P. Ray, K. Choudhary, S.R. Kalidindi | January 2025
Integrating Materials and Manufacturing Innovation | Volume 14 | Issue 1 | Pages 1-13 | [Code](#)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE TALKS

- **Statistical quantification of helicity in linear PFAS**
P. Ray, H. Cavalli, et. al. | March 2026 | ACS Spring, Atlanta, GA, USA
- **(INVITED) Lean CNNs for materials discovery using electron charge density fields**
P. Ray, S.R. Kalidindi | October 2025 | Host: Prof. Stefano Sanvito | Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- **Structure-aware Bayesian optimization for efficient design of disordered CCAs**
P. Ray, S.R. Kalidindi | October 2025 | SES Annual Technical Meeting, Atlanta, GA, USA
- **(INVITED) Bayesian frameworks for advanced materials design at the atomistic scale**
P. Ray, S.R. Kalidindi | October 2024 | Novartis' Global Research and Technology Center, Kennesaw, GA, USA
- **(INVITED) Bayesian optimization of Coarse-Grained topologies: Applications to common polymers**
P. Ray, A.P. Generale, et. al. | October 2024 | TMS Fall Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- **(INVITED) Feature engineering of electron charge density fields for building AI/ML models to predict material properties**
P. Ray, S.R. Kalidindi | December 2022 | 2nd Energy & Informatics International Forum, Oahu, HI, USA

REFERENCES

<p>Dr. Surya R. Kalidindi (surya.kalidindi@me.gatech.edu) Regents' Professor, Rae S. and Frank H. Neely Chair Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA, USA 30332</p>	<p>Dr. Brahmananda Chakraborty (brahma@barc.gov) Scientist G, HP&SRPD, Bhabha Atomic Research Center Associate Professor, Homi Bhabha National Institute Mumbai, MH, India 400085</p>
<p>Dr. Manoj Kolel-Veetil (manoj.k.kolel-veetil.civ@us.navy.mil) Research Scientist, Chemistry Division US Naval Research Laboratory, Washington DC, USA 20375</p>	<p>Dr. Andrew J. Medford (ajm@gatech.edu) Associate Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA, USA 30332</p>