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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Materials Scientist & AI Researcher specializing in accelerating semiconductor process discovery and optimization. Expert in integrating Physics-Informed Machine Learning with experimental workflows to reduce trial-and-error cycles in deposition and etching processes. Proven track record in industrial R&D (Fortune 100), delivering Digital Twin solutions that optimize manufacturing yield and experimental efficiency. Seeking to leverage expertise in Bayesian Optimization and Process Informatics to drive exploratory materials research.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D: Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, USA (*expected May 2026*)
 - Advisor: [Dr. Surya R. Kalidindi](#)
 - Thesis Title: "Computationally efficient molecular voxelizations for structure-property relationships in Multiscale Modeling"
- 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

- **Semiconductor & Process Knowledge:** Process Informatics, Design of Experiments (DOE), Yield Optimization, Failure Analysis (FMEA), Thermodynamics of Deposition/Etching, Semiconductor Manufacturing Physics.
- **AI for Process Discovery & Machine Learning:** PyTorch, Neural Networks, GNN, CNN, Autoencoders, Normalizing Flows, sklearn.
- **HPC, Cloud & Programming:** Python (Advanced), R, C, Java, MPI, CUDA, AWS, GCP, Azure, SLURM/PBS, Flask, Shell Scripting.
- **Process Informatics & Inverse Design:** Bayesian Optimization, Gaussian Processes (GPyTorch, BoTorch), Active Learning, Uncertainty Quantification (UQ), Pareto Frontier Analysis, Design of Experiments (DoE), FMEA.
- **Multiscale Simulation Packages:** VASP, PySCF, LAMMPS, GROMACS, QuantumExpresso, CG-Martini3, Ab Initio MD (AIMD), Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD), Forcefield Development, ML Interatomic Potentials (MLIPs/MACE).

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

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

Graduate Research Assistant (see [Google Scholar](#) & [LinkedIn](#))

MINED Group @ GT

Aug 2021 to Present

- **Inverse Design & Generative Optimization:** Engineered Bayesian Optimization frameworks to guide experimental design (DOE) for polymer topologies, optimizing material properties in data-scarce regimes typical of exploratory research.
- **Geometric Deep Learning:** Developed a **Voxel-based featurization** engine combined with **Lean CNNs** to map electron charge density fields to material properties, enabling rapid multi-element crystal screening and accelerating DFT workflows.
- **Physics-Informed Simulation:** Utilized Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD) and Molecular Dynamics (MD) to simulate microphase separation in block copolymers, integrating physical constraints with data-driven analysis for mesoscale morphology.
- **AI for Sustainability:** Collaborated with cross-functional teams (chemists and experimentalists) to screen degradation properties of PFAS, validating computational predictions against physical constraints.

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)

Data Science Manager & Materials Scientist Intern

Jan 2024 to Sep 2024

- **Industrial AI & Digital Twins:** Partnered with process engineers at major semiconductor clients to deploy Digital Twins for manufacturing workflows, reducing experimental trial-and-error iterations by 40%.
- **Process Optimization:** Utilized AI/ML to enhance process discovery (Bayesian Optimization) for inverse design, directly translating thermodynamic data into actionable recipe adjustments for yield improvement.
- **Cross-Functional Leadership:** Managed a global team of data scientists and engineers, ensuring computational models met strict product lifecycle and ROI requirements; benchmarked models for industrial deployment.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (Mumbai, India)

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

HP & SRPD

May 2019 to Aug 2021

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

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, India

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

IMaGen Lab

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

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

SRMSC Lab

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)

Project & Industrial Intern (Advisor: [Soumya Mandi](#))

Foundry & Forge Division

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.

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.
- **EII 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.

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

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](#)

- **Zr doped C₂₄ fullerene as efficient hydrogen storage material: insights from DFT simulations**

A. Kundu, A. Jaiswal, P. Ray, S. Sahu, B. Chakraborty | August 2024

[Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics](#) | Volume 57 | No. 49 | Pages 495502-13

- **Ti-decorated C₃₀ as a High-capacity Hydrogen Storage Material: Insights from Density Functional Theory**

H.T.Nair, A.Kundu, P.Ray, P.K.Jha, B.Chakraborty | August 2023

[RSC Sustainable Energy & Fuels](#) | Volume 7 | Issue 20 | Pages 5109-19

- **High Capacity Reversible Hydrogen Storage in Titanium Doped 2D Carbon Allotrope Ψ -Graphene: DFT Investigations**

B. Chakraborty, P.Ray, N.Garg, S. Banerjee | January 2021

[International Journal of Hydrogen Energy](#) | Volume 46 | Issue 5 | Pages 4154-67

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](#)

- **(INVITED) Bayesian frameworks for advanced materials design at the atomistic scale**

P.Ray, S.R. Kalidindi | October 2024 | Novelis' 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

Dr. Surya R. Kalidindi (surya.kalidindi@me.gatech.edu)

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