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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Degree	Institute	Year of Completion	$\overline{ ext{CPI}/\%}$
B.Tech, MSE	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	2024	8.2/10

### PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS

- Patent: "Eco-friendly Stapling Material and Device" Ram Munde and Amitendra Singh Indian Patent Application No- 202221043097 USA Patent Application No -63438506 CPA Dr. Alan Wolf, Cooper Union Edu. New York USA
- Archive (Under Review): A Deep Learning Approach To Estimate Stress Distribution on Aorta, S. Somya, Y. Verma, Rahul S., Vishal, Ram Munde, Affiliation: Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

#### INTERNSHIPS

• United Phosphorus Limited, Bangalore - Research Internship Agromolecule Analysis

May-Jul '23

- A robust machine learning model was constructed to predict the feasibility of chemical compounds for agrochemical applications, employing density functional theory for the computation of energy of formation.

  \*Received letter of appreciation from Manager, United Phosphorus Ltd
- Cooper Union Edu. New York Invention Internship Product Prototyped at IITGN

May-July '22

- Synthesized a polymer clay that serves as an adhesive for paper binding, contributing to the enhancement of
  paper recycling processes. Successfully patented a binding device with material invention in both the United
  States and India, and I had the honor of presenting this innovation at the prestigious Lemelson Student
  Prize event at MIT, USA, demonstrating my dedication to advancing the field of materials science.
- The University of New South Wales, Sydney- Research Internship Prof. Jiaojiao Jiang, UNSW Computing Lab

Jan 2022 - April 2022

• The research aims to develop a robust framework called Input-Output Network Embedding (IONE) to capture network heterogeneity by preserving structural proximity, aligning anchor nodes, and incorporating structural diversity. It utilizes mathematical objective functions and optimization techniques for accurate network representation.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Computational Insights into Modulating the Performance of Mxene Based Electrocatalyst

  Senior Thesis Heterostructure Electrocatalysts Prof. Dibyajyoti Ghosh, IIT Delhi 

  Jul Dec '25
  - Performed computational simulations to determine the adsorption energies of various potential active sites on MXenes using Density Functional Theory (DFT). Our objective was to discover the most reactive site for the Hydrogen Evolution Reaction (HER). In order to evaluate the electronic characteristics, we utilized the band structure functionalities within vaspkit to construct electronic band structures for different MXenes.
  - $\circ$  The MXenes considered in this study are those that have been modified with halogen functional groups, specifically  $Ti_3C_2F_2$ ,  $Ti_3C_2Cl_2$ ,  $Ti_3C_2Br_2$ , and  $Ti_3C_2I_2$ . The efficiency of MXenes as an electrocatalyst has been improved through several changes.
  - The catalytic characteristics are improved through the synthesis of high entropy MXenes. Currently engaged in research pertaining to the outcomes of high entropy MXenes.
  - All calculations are done using pseudo-potential potpaw-PBE-54, KPOINTS generated from vaspkit (9 x 9 x1) for SCF and (4 x 4 x 1) for force optimisation, and DFT-D3 for vDW corrections.
- Fabrication of Large-Area Blade-Coated Perovskite Solar Cells

Mitacs Globallink Research Internship, Prof. Vivek Maheshwari, University of Waterloo Nov '22- Jan '23

- $\circ$  Manufactured plain and 1 wt% polystyrene  $MAPbI_3$  solar cells with an active area of  $1cm^2$  under ambient conditions using the blade-coating technique.
- $\circ$  Optimised the key parameters such as the annealing temperature and duration, spin coating speed, active layer thickness, electrode deposition technique, and surface treatment technique to achieve a power conversion efficiency of 4.59%.
- A Deep Learning Approach to Estimate Stress Distribution on Aorta MLL213, Computational Materials Science Prof. S. Vikrant Karra, IIT Delhi 🔾

• Estimated stress on materials using supervised learning demonstrating its feasibility over FEA approach. Deployed CNN with Prewitt Operator to calculate strain to satisfy static equilibrium analysis of stress. Encoded and decoded data by implementing unsupervised learning using PCA and SVD to reduce computation costs. Achieved remarkable AME and AE values of approximately 1.8 and 1.6 and generated a comprehensive report using LaTeX.►

# • Molecular Dynamics Simulations of $WS_2$ Using SW Potential

Summer Research Internship Prof. Alexander Shluger, University College London

July'23 - Sept'23

- $\circ$  Tested the performance of the Stillinger Weber (SW) potential in modeling the properties of  $WS_2$  by conducting Molecular Dynamics simulations using LAMMPS.
- o Calculated the geometric properties, cohesive energy, Young's modulus, and poison ratio for two system sizes and compared them with known experimental and DFT calculations.
- Visualized and analyzed the tensile deformation simulation results using Ovito.

# • Superhydrophobic Brass Surface with Fabricated via Micro-Etching

Winter Research Project - Advancing Superhydrophobicity Prof. Lakshmi Narayana, IIT Delhi Nov-Jan '21

- o Made a superhydrophobic brass surface using solution immersion & chemical leaching method. The increase in the contact angle of the brass substrate by fabrication via micro-etching followed by modifications using STA. The resulting contact angle was 155° which is superhydrophobic in nature.
- Used SEM for & characterization tools for morphological micro-nanostructural analysis of substrate. The CAs for water were measured using the sessile drop method. The chemical composition was analyzed using XPS and XRD (Bruke D8 Advance).

#### RELEVANT COURSES

Electromagnetic Waves& Quantum Mechanics (PYL101) Numerical Methods & Computation (MTL107) Characterization of Materials (MLL104) Corrosion & Degradation of Materials (MLL452) Nanostructures and Nanomaterials (MLL740)

Deep Learning in Solid Mechanics (APL405) Thermodynamics of Materials (MLL103) Math. Methods in Materials Eng (MLL212) Materials Modelling (MLL213) Transport Phenomenon (CLL110)

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- o Technical Overall Coordinator, Offices of Career Services, IITD (Sept 2021 Present):
  - \* Managing a team of 4 staff, 2 coordinators, 2 technical members & 3 executives to develop the OCS portal, which is currently being used by 10000+ students and 1000+ recruiters.

Awarded Best Contribution (2022) and Significant Contribution (2023) by Senate.

- o Convener: Department of Materials Science & Engineering (March 2023 Present):
  - \* Managing academic administrative concerns for 120+ students. Actively addressed potential issues within the branch, collaborating with faculty and students to develop effective solutions.
- o Coordinator, Board of Sports Activities (May 2022 April 2023):
  - \* Led a 3-tier team with 20+ executives. Spearheaded the organization of the sports fest (INTER-IIT) spanning over 15 days with all 13 sports being played after a gap of many years.
- o Academic Mentor, Board for Student Welfare (May 2022 Dec 2022):
  - \* Mentoring 20+ freshmen in their classes to help them adjust to the new IIT academic culture.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Spin Coating, Blade coating, UV-vis spectroscopy, Glovebox, XRD, SEM, FTIR VASP, LAMMPS, Linux, HPC, Ovito, VESTA, COMOSOL Multiphysics Python, C++, Bash, SML, SQL, Node js, Matlab, Java, Latex • Experimental: Computational:

Languages:

 ML/AI Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Matplotlib, Numpy, Flask

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- o Aquatics Captain (Jun 2022 May 2023): Managed swim team activities, coordinating training sessions, representing the team in competitions & events. Team won the silver in INTER-IIT.
- o Athletics Vice Captain (Jun 2021 May 2022)
  - \* Won Silver Medal in 200m event in Sportech the Institute Annual Sports Fest ( Aug 2022)
  - \* Won gold medal in 100m event in Athletics Premium League (Jun 2021)
  - \* Won gold medal in 4\*4 100m relay in Athletics Premium League (Jun 2021)
  - \* Participation in 400m, 800m event in the Annual Sports Fest Sportech 2022 IIT Delhi
- o 1st Place Winner, Micron Semiconductor Hackathon: A Champion of the Memory Optimization Hackathon, demonstrating remarkable memory optimization skills.  $\stackrel{2}{2}$