





# Siddharth Maddali, Ph.D

## Scientific Consultant

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## Experience

- **Independent**  
 – **Scientific Consultant**  
**Fremont, CA, USA**  
 Feb 2024 – present
- **KLA Corporation (KLA-Tencor)**  
 – **Research Scientist**  
 – Developed methods for sensitivity enhancement in semiconductor wafer inspection processes.  
**Milpitas, CA, USA**  
 Nov 2022 – Jan 2024
- **Argonne National Laboratory**  
 – **Staff Scientist**  
 1. Led the development and worked on **first demonstration** of the lens-less MR-BCDI imaging technique.  
 2. Led design of future experiments at DoE facilities with physics-based signal processing techniques.  
 3. Led the multi-scale X-ray imaging approach for materials in difficult-to-access environments (APS, ESRF).  
 4. Raised research funding (ANL LDRD) and led teams to run early-stage projects at synchrotron facilities.  
 5. Proposed and executed successful synchrotron experiments (US, France).  
 6. Published in high-impact journals, mentorship, organized/chaired international workshops.  
**Chicago, IL, USA**  
 Oct 2019 – Sep 2022
- **Postdoctoral researcher**  
 1. **First demonstration** of multi-scale, high-energy coherent diffraction imaging (HEDM) of 3D materials.  
**Jan 2017 – Sep 2019**
- **National Energy Technology Laboratory**  
 – **Postdoctoral Researcher: ORISE Fellow**  
 1. Developed guidelines for machine learning-driven materials discovery of novel, function-optimized alloys.  
**Pittsburgh, PA, USA**  
 May 2016 – Nov 2016
- **Carnegie Mellon University**  
 – **Graduate teaching/research assistant**  
 1. Dissertation on mining meso-scale materials physics from high-energy synchrotron data.  
 2. Created HierarchicalSmooth: mesh smoothing software for physical interface networks.  
 3. Taught mechanics & electromagnetism to undergraduate science majors.  
**Pittsburgh, PA, USA**  
 Aug 2009 – Feb 2016

## Education

- **Ph.D, & M.S., Physics** (Dissertation area: materials science)  
 — *Carnegie Mellon University*  
**Pittsburgh, PA, USA**  
 Aug 2009 – Feb 2016
- **M.Sc, Physics**  
 — *Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)*  
**Chennai, TN, India**  
 Aug 2007 – May 2009
- **B.Sc, Physics, mathematics, electronics**  
 — *Bangalore University*  
**Bengaluru, KA, India**  
 June 2004 – May 2007

## Technical skills

- **Science:** Geometric/Fourier optics, microscopy, X-ray science, condensed matter/materials physics, electromagnetics, mechanics, statistical physics, semiconductors, experimental design, quantum sciences
- **Math/computation:** Linear algebra, imaging/reconstruction, signal processing, inverse problems, simulations, statistics, probability, FDTD, RCWA, computational geometry, differential equations, machine learning/deep learning/CNNs
- **Programming:** Python scientific stack (numpy, scipy, matplotlib, scikit-learn, pandas + more), Matlab, Linux, git, bash,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HPC/parallel computing (mpich), GPU development (PyTorch, Tensorflow), C++, Qiskit
- **AI/ML:** Applied statistics, machine learning, deep learning for computer vision and imaging in science

## Awards & Grants

1. ANL LDRD Research grant: *Coherence-enhanced dark-field X-ray microscopy* (Role: PI; \$930,000).
2. ANL LDRD Research grant: *detecting critical microstructural processes with AI* (Role: PI; \$100,000).
3. Oak Ridge Institute for Science & Education (ORISE) post-doctoral fellowship (2016).
4. Indian Institute of Technology Madras Academic Merit Scholarship (2007 – 2009).
5. IIT Joint Admission to M.Sc (IIT-JAM) All-india rank 5 (out of  $\simeq$  4000) (2007).
6. Bangalore University undergraduate rank 5 (2007).

## Professional Activities & Outreach (Full CV link)

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- **Editorship:** *Crystals* special issue: Synchrotron Studies of Materials
- **Select invited talks:** The Minerals, Metals, Materials Society (TMS), Advanced Photon Source.
- **Society membership:** American Physical Society, Materials Research Society, TMS.
- **Select peer review:** US Department of Energy, American Physical Society, Optica.
- **Select workshop organization:** Advanced Photon Source User Meetings.

## Select publications (Full CV link)

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1. **Maddali, S.**, Frazer, T.D., Deegan, N. *et al*, *Concurrent multi-peak Bragg coherent x-ray diffraction imaging of 3D nanocrystal lattice displacement via global optimization*, **npj Computational Materials** 9, 77 (2023).
2. Wilkin, M., **Maddali, S.**, Hruszkewycz, S., Pateras, A., Sandberg, R., Harder, R., Cha, W., Suter, R., & Rollett, A. *Experimental demonstration of coupled multi-peak Bragg coherent diffraction imaging with genetic algorithms*, **Phys. Rev. B**, 103, 214103. (2021).
3. **Maddali, S.**, Allain, M., Cha, W., Harder, R., Park, J.S., Kenesei, P., Almer, J., Nashed, Y., & Hruszkewycz, S., *Phase retrieval for Bragg coherent diffraction imaging at high x-ray energies*, **Phys. Rev. A**, 99, 053838 (2019).
4. **Maddali, S.**, Park, J.S., Sharma, H., Shastri, S., Kenesei, P., Almer, J., Harder, R., Highland, M., Nashed, Y., & Hruszkewycz, S., *High-Energy Coherent X-Ray Diffraction Microscopy of Polycrystal Grains: Steps Toward a Multiscale Approach*, **Phys. Rev. Appl.**, 14, 024085 (2020).
5. Kandel, S., **Maddali, S.**, Allain, M., Hruszkewycz, S. O., Jacobsen, C., & Nashed, Y. S. G., *Using automatic differentiation as a general framework for ptychographic reconstruction*, **Opt. Express**, 27(13):18653–18672 (2019).