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Employment

Carnegie Mellon University Mechanical Engineering,	Associate Professor (without Tenure)	July 2019-Present
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External Consulting and Advisory Board Memberships

QuantumScape Corp. (NYSE: QS)	Consultant, Scientific Advisory Board	2015-Present
Role: Provide technical consulting for new material design for next generation batteries.		
Aionics Inc.	Chief Scientist	2020-Present
Role: Guide the scientific efforts on machine learning and materials informatics.		
Pratt & Whitney	Technical Consultant	2018-Present
Role: Provide technical consulting for batteries for electric flight.		

Educational Qualifications

Year	Degree	Institute	CGPA	Rank
2008-2013	Ph.D. Advisor: Jens K. Nørskov	Stanford University	4.1/4.0	
2003-08	B.Tech/M.Tech Mechanical Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	9.18/10.0	1

Awards

- 2020 MIT Technology Review: Innovators Under 35
2019 Office of Naval Research (**ONR**): **Young Investigator** Award
2018 **Alfred P. Sloan Fellow** in Chemistry
2018 George Tallman Ladd Award in College of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon 2 awardees in College of Engineering
2018 Faculty Fellow, Scott Institute for Energy innovation, Carnegie Mellon University
2017 Pittsburgh Magazine “40 under 40” award: 40 awardees in all areas
2016 National Science Foundation: **CAREER** award
2014 American Chemical Society: Petroleum Research Fund: New Investigator
2010 **ECS Daniel Cubicotti Award for electrochemistry research**
2009 United Technologies Fellow for Sustainable Energy research, Stanford University
2009 **ECS Herbert H. Uhlig Summer Fellow**
2008 Best All-rounder (Institute Blues) award at IIT Madras
2008 Institute Merit prize at IIT Madras: Awarded for the best academic record in Mechanical Engineering
2003 Gold Medalist, Indian National Chemistry Olympiad

Publications

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1. Title: **High-fidelity Accelerated Design of High-performance Electrochemical Systems**
 - Source: ARPA-E DIFFERENTIATE.
 - Award Amount: \$1,581,103
2. Title: **CAREER: Engineering electrode-electrolyte interfaces through electrolyte selection for improved performance in lithium-air batteries and fuel cell electrocatalysis**
 - Source: National Science Foundation.
 - Award Amount: \$500,000
3. Title: **Fast-Discharge Capable Batteries**
 - Source: Aurora Flight Sciences.
 - Award Amount: \$250,000
4. Title: **Large-Area Lithium Electrode Sub-Assemblies (LESAs) Protected by Self-Forming Microstructured Polymer-inorganic Single-ion Conducting Composites**
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 - Award Amount: \$613,312+\$110,000
5. Title: **Metal Hydrides**
 - Source: Google
 - Award Amount: \$50,000
6. Title: **Design Principles for Tunable Electrode-Electrolyte Interfaces**
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 - Award Amount: \$65,000
7. Title: **Towards a Comprehensive Understanding through Coupled Theoretical-Experimental Analysis of Dendrite Nucleation and Mitigation in Current and Next-Generation Li-Ion Battery Anodes**
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 - Award Amount: \$500,000
8. Title: **Machine Learning Unified Synchronous Experimentation (MUSE): Autonomous Experimental Discovery/Optimization of Novel Electrode and Electrolyte Materials**
 - Source: Toyota Research Institute.
 - Award Amount: \$1,132,915
9. Title: **Advanced PGM-free Cathode Engineering for High Power Density and Durability**
 - Source: DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
 - Award Amount: \$211,388
10. Title: **Platooning for Improved Safety and Efficiency of Semi-trucks (PISES)**
 - Source: Department of Transportation, Mobility21 National University Transportation Center.
 - Award Amount: \$280,000
11. Title: **Electric and Hybrid Electric Flights**
 - Source: Zunum Aero Inc.
 - Award Amount: \$100,000
12. Title: **SEED: System for Electrolyte Exploration and Discovery**
 - Source: QuantumScape Corp.
 - Award Amount: \$10,000

External Funding (Past) (Award amounts are the PI portion)

1. Title: **Batteries for electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft**
 - Source: Airbus A³
 - Award Amount: \$270,000
2. Title: **Defending Cyberattacks on Electric, Hybrid, and AV Battery Systems**
 - Source: Department of Transportation, University Transportation Center.
 - Award Amount: \$127,500
3. Title: **Electrolyte Design through Physics Driven Machine Learning.**
 - Source: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania PITA program.
 - Award Amount: \$105,000
4. Title: **Analyzing and Defending CyberAttacks on Electric & Autonomous Vehicle Battery Systems**
 - Source: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania PITA program.
 - Award Amount: \$122,803
5. Title: **Identification of electrocatalysts and reaction mechanisms for electrochemical conversion of methane to methanol using density functional theory**
 - Source: ACS Petroleum Research Fund.
 - Award Amount: \$110,000
6. Title: **Data-driven discovery of Resilient Energy Storage for Grid Applications**
 - Source: Siebel Energy Institute.
 - Award Amount: \$50,000
7. Title: **Enhancing the Oxygen Reduction Reaction for Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells**
 - Source: Volkswagen.
 - Award Amount: \$450,000

Postdoctoral Scholars

1. Pinwen Guan (Ph.D., Materials Science, Penn State University) 2018-
2. Rachel Kurchin (Ph.D., Materials Science, MIT) 2019-
3. Lei Zhang (Ph.D., Materials Science, Georgia Tech), 2020-
4. Dong Zhang (Ph.D., UC Berkeley), 2020-
5. Gregory Houchins (Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon), 2020-

PhD Students

1. Dilip Krishnamurthy (MechE) 2015-
2. Olga Vinogradova (ChemE) 2016-
3. Matthew Guttenberg (MechE) 2017-
4. Victor Venturi (MechE) 2017-
5. Holden Parks (MechE) 2017-
6. Adarsh Dave (MechE) 2017-
7. Yumin Zhang (MS&E) 2017-
8. Shashank Sripad (MechE) 2018-
9. Alexander Bills (MechE) 2018-
10. Varun Shankar (MechE) 2018-
11. Venkatesh Krishnamurthy (MS&E) 2018-

12. Aniruddh Mohan (EPP) 2018-
13. Mgcin Keith Phuthi (MechE) 2019-
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15. Mohd Babar (MechE) 2019-
16. Shang Zhu (MechE) 2019-
17. Alexius Wadell (MechE) 2020-
18. Jiankun Pu (MechE) 2020-
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20. Mingze Yao (MechE), 2020-

Research Staff

1. Vedant Puri, 2020-
2. Paul Shen, 2020-
3. Ernest Zhang, 2020-

Masters Students

1. Hongyi Lin 2019-
2. Xiaoyu Sun 2020-

Former Post-docs

1. Zijian Hong (Ph.D., Materials Science, Penn State University) 2017-2020, Currently Faculty, Zhejiang University
2. Abhishek Khetan (Ph.D. RWTH Aachen) 2017-2018, Tenure-track faculty, RWTH Aachen (2021).
3. Hasnain Hafiz (Ph.D., Physics, Northeastern University) 2018-2020, Currently Post-doc at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Graduated Students (PhD)

1. Vikram Pande 2014-2019 (currently Research Engineer at Bosch RTC, USA)
2. Oleg Sapunkov 2014-2019 (currently at U.S. Army TARDEC)
3. Zeeshan Ahmad (MechE) 2015-2020 (currently postdoc at U. Chicago)
4. Gregory Houchins (Physics) 2015-2020 (currently Swartz Innovation Fellow at Carnegie Mellon, Co-Founder, Chement)

Graduated Students (Masters and Undergraduate)

1. Siddharth Deshpande 2014-2015 (currently Ph.D. student at Purdue University)
2. Vaidish Sumaria 2016-2017 (currently Ph.D. student at University of California, Los Angeles)
3. Andrew Lee 2016-2018 (currently Ph.D. student at Northwestern University)
4. Yoolhee Kim, (ESTP) 2016-2017 (currently Data-scientist at Citrine Informatics)
5. Mikael Matossian, (ESTP) 2016-2017 (currently Green Energy Engineer at United Nations Development Programme)
6. Andrew Sams (ESTP) 2016-2017 (currently Consultant at West Monroe Partners)
7. Thomas Alumoottil (MechE) 2016-2017 (currently Safety CAE Integration Engineer at General Motors)
8. Siying Li (ChemE) 2018-2019 (currently Ph.D. student at University of California, Berkeley)

Teaching Highlights

- 24-721, Instructor, Advanced Thermodynamics, Fall 2018, FCE Score 4.45/5.0, Fall 2016, FCE Score 4.43/5.0, Fall 2014, FCE Score 5.0/5.0.
- 24-643, Instructor, Electrochemical Energy Storage Systems, Fall 2019 FCE 4.23/5.0, Fall 2017 FCE 4.18/5.0 Spring 2016 FCE Score 4.46/5.0.
- Statistical Thermodynamics: Molecules to Machines, CMU's first Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) offered through Coursera. Enrollment: 10,000+, Completion rate: ~20%.
- Teaching Innovation Award, Finalist, Carnegie Mellon University.

Media Discussion of Work and Quotes

[WIRED \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Washington Post \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[MIT Tech. Review \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Real Engineering \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Axios \(Pickup Trucks\)](#)
[Inverse \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Quartz \(Tesla/ Ultracapacitors\)](#)
[Tech Xplore \(ML Safer Batteries\)](#)
[Electrek \(Jaguar I-Pace\)](#)
[Quartz \(Batteries\)](#)
[Wall Street Journal \(Galaxy Note\)](#)
[Inside EVs \(Tesla Roadster\)](#)
[Quartz \(Batteries\)](#)
[Air & Space Magazine](#)
[Inverse \(E-Cigarette Fires\)](#)
[MIT News \(Batteries\)](#)
[Chemistry World \(Li-air Batteries\)](#)
[Phys.org \(Water Purification\)](#)
[Inside EVs \(Batteries\)](#)
Other media highlights

Appeared on National television CBS This Morning

Appeared on Bloomberg Green

[Reuters-1 \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[The Economist \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Business Insider \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Quartz \(EV Batteries\)](#)
[The Drive \(Electric Hypercars\)](#)
[Futurism \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[MIT Tech. Review \(Electric Flights\)](#)
[Freight Waves \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
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[Quartz \(Batteries\)](#)
[MIT News \(Batteries\)](#)
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[Scientific American \(Hype Chart\)](#)
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[Reuters-2 \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
[Fortune \(Semi-Trucks\)](#)
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[Inside Science \(Electric Flights\)](#)
[MIT Tech. Review \(EVs\)](#)
[Quartz \(Batteries\)](#)
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[The Drive \(Electric Vehicle Motors\)](#)
[Quartz \(Batteries\)](#)
[Big Think \(Batteries\)](#)
[Design News \(Batteries\)](#)
[Jalopnik \(Autonomous Vehicles\)](#)

External Service Highlights

- Organizer, Battery Modeling Webinar Series (BMWS): Weekly webinar series promoting early-career researchers
- Organizer, Scientific Machine Learning Webinar Series
- Editorial Advisory Board, ACS Energy Letters
- Executive member of APS Topical Group on Energy Research and Applications (GERA)
- Organized Telluride Meeting on “Molecular Chemistry in Electrochemical Energy Storage” in 2018