

I am a materials physicist whose work unites computation, ML and experiments for pressing materials discovery challenges in photovoltaics, catalysis and corrosion resistance.

Experience

Sep 2021–	Schmidt Science Fellow link Electrical & Computer Engineering (with	University of Toronto Ted Sargent, Jason Hattrick-Simpers)
2016-2021	PhD Researcher (Physics) link Rhodes Scholarship	University of Oxford
2016	Research Intern Inkjet Processed Semiconductors link	Italian Institute of Technology
2015	Research Intern Carbon Nanotube based FETs link	University of Groningen, Netherlands

Education

2016–2021	Doctor of Philosophy in Condensed Matter Physics	University of Oxford
	Rhodes Scholarship link; Advisor: Prof. Henry Snaith, FRS link Optical and Electronic Studies of New Materials for Multijunction Photovoltaics link Thesis award (2021) from MPLS Division, University of Oxford	
2012–2016	Bachelor of Science (Physics) With Distinction. KVPY Fellowship.	Indian Institute of Science

Published Articles and Book Chapters

Please see my Google Scholar

Patents

Pending Snaith, H. J and Mahesh, S. Multi-Junction Optoelectronic Device Comprising Device Interlayer, International Application Number: PCT/GB2019/053550 link

Grants, Fellowships and Prizes

2024	Catalyst Interdisciplinary Award (\$10,000) link Software engineering grant (1 FTE-year), Virtual Institute for Scientific Software li		ġ	Ŀ		, 11
2023	Software engineering grant (1 FTE-year), Virtual Institute for Scientific Software li	ink	1	(A	6	

2023	Acceleration Consortium Fellowship (\$110,000) link
2022	Optoelectronics Materials Discovery Grant, Schmidt Futures (\$42,000) link
202I	Schmidt Science Fellowship (\$200,000) link
202I	PhD Thesis Award, MPLS Division, University of Oxford
2019	Best Early Career Presentation, SUNRISE Solar Symposium (London)
2019	Best Early Career Presentation, Indo-UK Optoelectronics Meet (Pune, India)
2016	Rhodes Scholarship (\$150,000)

Recent Invited Talks

2024	Automated Catalyst Discovery using GAM workflows	Schmidt Science Summit
2023	ML-guided Discovery of Two-Dimensional Perovskites (invited) Synthace
2023	Beating the Negative Data Problem in Materials Science (invited	d) Rhodes Trust
2022	Thermodynamics of Optoelectronic Devices (invited)	University of Oxford
202I	Computational Modelling of Solar Absorbers (invited)	IISER Berhampur
202I	Spatial Inhomogeneities in Perovskite Photovoltaics (invited)	SUNRISE Symposium
2020	Origin of Phase Instabilities in Perovskite Semiconductors (invi	ted) Oxford PV

Outreach and Community

2023	Selector for Rhodes Scholarship	Rhodes Trust
202I	Selector for the RISE Award link	RISE
2019	Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (co-organiser)	Institute of Physics
2019	Stargazing Science Festival (outreach exhibit) link	University of Oxford
2018	Oxford Science Festival (outreach exhibit) link	University of Oxford
2014-16	Head of Scholarships, Notebook Drive link Notebook Drive is an NGO working to improve access to primary educat	Notebook Drive tion in rural India.

Other Interests

2023-	Co-creator of ambuda.org link Breakthrough digital library of Sanskrit with intelligent ML-based tools
Feb 2024	<i>How to Love in Sanskrit</i> (HarperCollins; co-authored with Anusha Rao) Compendium of 3000 years of Sanskrit verse in English translation

