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EXPERIENCE

Specialist Materials Development Engineer, R&D **3D Systems**

February 2017 - Present

- Market research for defining product road map for laser powder bed fusion 3D printers.
- Optimizing laser based powder bed fusion process parameters for different metal powders.
- Coordinating intellectual property related tasks within the R&D team.

PROJECTS

Material properties of Ag based electrical contacts KU Leuven & Umicore AG & Co. KG

2012-2016

Leuven, Belgium

- Correlation between microstructure, processing routes and material properties to essentially improve the existing product and process, furthermore explore novel compositions.
- Understanding the solidification behavior of the liquid metal after infiltration in a porous body.

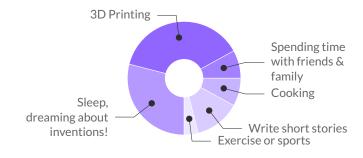
Shock wave deformation of metals Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

2011-2012

Pangalore, India

• High velocity forming as an alternative to conventional sheet metal forming to overcome the underlying drawbacks of the traditional processes.

A DAY OF MY LIFE



LANGUAGES

English	••••
Bengali	••••
Hindi	••••
Dutch	•••••

MY LIFE PHILOSOPHY

"I consider the glass to be always full."

ACHIEVEMENTS

Rising Star Award 2022, 3D Systems In recognition of outstanding performance, constant innovation in scientific research, and being one of the most prolific inventors over the last 3 years (2022)

Gold Medal, B.Tech.

University gold medalist, Kolkata, India (2010)

Placed 2nd in Student Speech Contest Belgian Ceramic Society Meeting, Ghent, Belgium (2014)

STRENGTHS

Hard-working Resourceful Eye for detail **Trustworthy**

LPBF Powder Metallurgy 3D Printing Statistical Analysis

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Materials Engineering KU Leuven, Belgium

Sept 2012 - December 2016

Dissertation: Silver Based Refractory Metal/metal Carbide Electrical Contacts for Circuit Breaker Application

M.E. in Materials Engineering Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

August 2010 - July 2012

First class with distinction (CGPA: 7.4/8) Dissertation: Response of shock wave deformation in AA5086 aluminum alloy

B.Tech. in Ceramic Technology WBUT, Kolkata, India

August 2006 - June 2010

First of class (CGPA: 9.66/10)

PUBLICATIONS

Patents

- Borgstrom, C., N. Ray, and et al. (2023). "Three-Dimensional Printing System with Improved Powder Coating Uniformity". US20230124531A1.
- Coeck, S., N. Ray, A. Nguyen, et al. (2022). "Three-dimensional printing system with laser convergence calibration based upon acoustic analysis". US11433604B2.
- Coeck, S., **N. Ray**, and B. Valkenborgs (2022). "Calibration method for powder fusion system". US11426930B2.
- Coeck, S., J. Van Vaerenbergh, and N. Ray (2022). "Three Dimensional Printing System with Speed Optimized Vector Processing System". US20220314553A1.
- N. Ray and U. Paggi (2022). "Three Dimensional Printing System with Improved Surface Properties". US11731348B2.
- N. Ray and J. Plas (2022). "Three-dimensional printing system optimizing contour formation for multiple energy beams". US11440098B2.
- Plas, J. and **N. Ray** (2021). "Three-dimensional printing system optimizing seams between zones for multiple energy beams". EP3722076B1.
- N. Ray, P. Geboes, et al. (2020). "Three-dimensional printing system with self-maintaining powder distribution subsystem". US11691222B2.

Journal Articles

- Bisht, M. et al. (2018). "Correlation of selective laser melting-melt pool events with the tensile properties of Ti-6Al-4V ELI processed by laser powder bed fusion". In: *Additive Manufacturing* 22, pp. 302–306.
- N. Ray, L. Froyen, et al. (2018). "Wetting and solidification of silver alloys in the presence of tungsten carbide". In: *Acta Materialia* 144, pp. 459–469.
- Bisht, A. et al. (2017). "Microstructural and crystallographic response of shock-loaded pure copper". In: Journal of Materials Research 2, pp. 1– 15.
- N. Ray, B. Kempf, G. Wiehl, et al. (2017). "Novel processing of Ag-WC electrical contact materials using spark plasma sintering". In: *Materials & Design* 121, pp. 262–271.
- N. Ray, B. Kempf, T. Mützel, et al. (2016). "Effect of Ni addition on the contact resistance of Ag-WC electrical contacts". In: *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* 670, pp. 188–197.
- N. Ray, G. Jagadeesh, and S. Suwas (2015). "Response of shock wave deformation in AA5086 aluminum alloy". In: *Materials Science and Engineering*: A 622, pp. 219–227.
- N. Ray and B. Kempf (2015). "Effect of WC particle size and Ag volume fraction on electrical contact resistance and thermal conductivity of Ag-WC contact materials". In: Materials & Design 85, pp. 412–422.

Conference Proceedings

- Beckers, A. et al. (2020). "On the advances to obtain excellent and repeatable mechanical properties and build quality of LaserForm®Ti gr23 (A) across whole build platform". In: $The\ 14^{th}$ World Conference on Titanium (2019). MATEC Web of Conferences, 321, p. 03015.
- N. Ray, M. Bisht, et al. (2018). "DMP Monitoring as a Process Optimization Tool for Direct Metal Printing (DMP) of Ti-6Al-4V". in: Proceedings of the 29^{th} Annual International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium, 2018. TX, USA: Solid Freeform Fabrication, pp. 2244–2253.

REFERENCES

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