

Mukeswaran Balachandran

Postgraduate of Nanotechnology

Highly motivated and results-driven nanotechnologist with experience in the development and implementation of innovative nanotechnologies. Possessing a strong background in material science, I have a proven track record of successfully leading projects from conception to completion. I am constantly seeking new challenges and opportunities to expand my skill set and make a meaningful impact in the field of Science & Technology.

EDUCATION

Masters in Nanotechnology - M.Tech 9.37/10

SRM Institute of Science & Technology, India 2020 - 2022

Bachelors in Nanotechnology - B.Tech 8.31/10

Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, India 2014 - 2018

EXPERIENCE

Independent Researcher December'22 - Present

Freelancing

- Industrial integration of Nanotechnology processes
- Consulting research operations & overseeing Cleanroom (ISO 8) maintenance
- Scale up from lab to fab - Materials Sciences

Visiting Researcher - Student March '22 - October '22

Flinders Institute for Nanoscale Science & Technology - Flinders University, Australia

Flexible Organic Photovoltaic cell

The horizons of BHJ based PPDT2FBT: PC₆₁BM organic photovoltaic cells have been explored with environmentally friendly solvent O-Xylene, yielding high efficiencies.

- Co-managed & maintained the isolated Glove Box environment and laboratory inventory
- Lead market research for the photovoltaics industry
- Formulated polymers & bulk heterojunctions and synthesized Sol-gels
- Developed and followed efficient substrate cleaning process
- Nanofabricated flexible electronics using different processing techniques
- Regularly conducted characterisation & data analysis.
- Extensively researched and optimized fabrication parameters, creating benchmarks.
- Self-trained the techniques of Roll to Roll processing (R2R)
- Demonstrated my ability to collaborate effectively with cross-functional teams and to communicate complex technical concepts to a non-technical audience.

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PERSONAL DETAILS

- **Date of Birth:** 25/12/1996
- **Gender:** Male

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- English
- Tamil
- German

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Laboratory & inventory Management
- Polymer formulations
- DC & RF Magnetron Sputtering
- Thermal Evaporation
- Contact Angle measurement
- Scanning Electron Microscopy
- E-Beam Lithography
- Electrospinning
- Dip coating
- Sol Gel synthesis
- Spin coating

Research Intern

September '21 - October '21

Advanced Material Laboratory - Council of Scientific & Industrial Research - CLRI, India

Ag-SiO₂ NP Photocatalytic Disinfectant for leather processing wastewater

Ag-SiO₂ photocatalytic membrane was synthesized and functionalized with Dopamine for developing a disinfectant for leather processing wastewater.

- Formulated and synthesized photocatalytic membranes
- Performed bacterial cultures
- Operated the SEM and XRD for clients

Academic Researcher

September'20 - October'22

Dept. of Physics & Nanotechnology - SRM Institute of Science & Technology

Biocompatible hydrophilic PMMA OMMT Nanofiber

Biocompatible Poly(Methyl Methacrylate) - Organo-Montmorillonite Nanofiber membrane for aiding water retention in the kidney was developed.

Personalized Nanomedicine for Breast Cancer Therapy using Poly (lactic -co - glycolic acid) Nanoscaffolds

PLGA Nanoformulations were synthesized by double emulsion solvent evaporation technique and nanoprecipitation technique for encapsulating drugs for breast cancer therapy.

- Managed laboratory inventory
- Conducted commercial & market research for the nanofiber market
- Assisted with TEM operations
- Formulated and synthesized Sol-gels
- Fabricated nanofiber membranes
- Performed Electrospinning for external teams
- Guided undergrad students to conduct experiments

Coating Formulation Chemist & Operations Manager

May'18 - March'19

Coating Formulation Chemist

April'19 - September'20 (Remote)

Chanmuke Engineering Co

- Lead a team of lab technicians and interns (>10)
- Managed production operations of multiple projects simultaneously
- Regularly lead market research & analysis
- Formulating anti-rust and aesthetic coatings (Additive technology)
- Characterizing polymer formulations
- Blending of additives with paint
- Hosted weekly stakeholder meetings
- Clientele communications during production period
- Supervising coating operations & performing quality checks
- Managing Laboratory inventory and performing primary maintenance
- Strategized operations of entire asset lifecycle from concept to scrap, resulting in efficient time & cost management of production

- Scanning Tunneling Microscopy
- X-Ray Diffractometry
- UV-Visible Spectrometry
- Atomic Force Microscopy
- FTIR

NON-TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Project management
- Production supervision
- Clientele communications
- Problem analysis and solutions
- Data collection & analytics
- Data visualization
- MS Office
- Origin
- Critical Thinking

CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROBOTRYST 2014
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Bharath Mission to Mars 2016
All Terrain Vehicle

Academic & Student Researcher

Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research, India

Center of Excellence for Patterned Multiferroics & Nanotechnology

May '15 - May

'18

Nickel oxide (NiO) Thin Films for supercapacitor NiO Thin Films were deposited on glass substrates and the Non-stoichiometric effects of the thin films were studied for Supercapacitor applications.
ZrO₂ Dental implant Endosteal implant was designed and fabricated with ZrO ₂ with CNC precision machining
SiO₂ and Ag/SiO₂ Nanoparticle Core-Shell structured SiO ₂ and Ag/SiO ₂ Nanoparticles were synthesized for Catalytic Reduction
Graphene oxide from Agro waste Graphene oxide was synthesized from the waste product of Sugar cane.
Aluminum Nitride Thin Films The Microstructural & Nanomechanical properties of the Thin Films deposited on low carbon steel were studied.

- Co-Managed Sputtering laboratory and performed primary maintenance
- Managed laboratory inventory and research funding approvals by the Chancellery
- Formulated Sol-gel and executed coating procedures with several techniques for external clients and internal teams
- Created benchmarks for coating parameters for specific applications
- Operated the tabletop SEM for external clients and internal teams

Research Centre for Robotics

September '14 - May '18

- Designed and built unmanned aerial vehicles for surveillance
- Lead a robot combat team for domestic championships and devised strategies
- Supervised and guided new joiners of the robotics club until they were designated into their teams
- Performed regular primary laboratory maintenance
- Co-Built a 3D Printer

Operations Manager & Supervisor (Part time)

2014 - 2018

Chanmuke Engineering Co

- Managed Pilot Operations of manufacturing process
- Performed Quality checks and coating supervision
- Strategized Operations resulting in efficient time management and cost management of production
- Overseen employee roster schedule

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- INST Annual Conference 2022, Flinders Tonsley, Australia
- Tool Tech 2018, IMTEX Bangalore, India
- ICAN 2016, VIT University, India
- Tool Tech 2016, IMTEX Bangalore, India

SHORT COURSE CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Project Management - Google + Coursera
In Progress
- Certified Peer Reviewer - Elsevier
April 2021
- The Science of Medicines - Monash University, Australia
July 2020 - 6 weeks course
- Nanotechnology for Health - University of Twente, Netherlands
June 2020 - 4 weeks course

PUBLICATIONS

Microstructural and Nanomechanical Properties of Aluminum Nitride (AlN) Thin Films Deposited by RF Magnetron Sputtering

American Scientific Publishers Vol. 24 No.8

<https://doi.org/10.1166/asl.2018.12209>

Personalized Nanomedicine for Breast Cancer Therapy Using Poly (lactic-Co-Glycolic Acid) Nanoscaffolds: A perspective

Trends in Biomaterials & Artificial organs Vol. 35 No.3

<https://www.biomaterials.org.in/tibao/index.php/tibao/article/view/51>

REFERENCES

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