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RESEARCH INTEREST

Basic principles governing processing - microstructure - mechanical property relationships in metal-, ceramic- and intermetallic matrix composites, mechanical behaviour of high temperature materials such as superalloys, intermetallics, and ultrahigh temperature ceramics, nano-crystalline materials, processing of thin films, microstructural and mechanical characterization methods, Electron Microscopy, high temperature oxidation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering	Northwestern University, GPA= 3.83/4 Evanston, IL60208, U.S.A.	December, 1992
B. Tech (Honours) in Metallurgical Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology, GPA= 9.11/10 Kharagpur 721 302, India.	May, 1988

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Professor (HAG)	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Aug 15 – Present
Head	Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	Apr 17 – Dec 20
Head	School of Nano-Science and Technology	Oct 16 – Dec 20
Professor	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Teaching: Deformation Behaviour of Materials (UG), Mechanical Working of Materials (UG), Creep, Fatigue and Fracture (UG) Materials Characterization (UG) Advanced Materials and Processes (PG) Advanced Electron Microscopy and Analysis (PG) (New course developed) Deformation Behaviour of Materials (UG) (Course developed for Pedagogy) Research Scholar Coordinator (2008 – 2017)	Dec 08–Aug 15

	UG Course Coordinator (2009-2014)	
Chairman	Materials Science Division, Central Research Facility	Dec 09 – Nov 17
Vice-Chairman	Materials Science Division, Central Research Facility	Dec 06 - Nov 09
Visiting Professor (On leave from IIT)	University of Southern California, Los Angeles Mork Family Department of Chemical Engineering And Materials Science, Research on Al alloy-B ₄ C trimodal nanocomposites	Jan 01 – May 15, 08
Associate Professor	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Aug., '04 – Dec. '08
Professor-In-Charge	High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope Dual Beam FIB-FEG Microscope and Scanning Electron Microscope, Central Research Facility	August 05- Present
Assistant Professor	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Sept., '02 - Aug. '04
Scientist "E"	Defence Metallurgical Research Lab, Hyderabad Development of Mo-Si-B Based Alloys and Composites	July '02 – August, '02
Post-Doctoral Fellow (onLeave from DMRL) Prof. J.R. Weertman	Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. Processing-microstructure-property relationships in nanocrystalline metals. Magnetron sputtering of Nanocrystalline thin films (nickel) and characterization of grain size, residual stress and Nanoindentation hardness. In-situ TEM straining studies performed on free standing films to study the deformation mechanisms. Annealing studies on Al-Ti Multilayered films & Nanocomposites.	July '98 – June '00
Scientist "D"	Defence Metallurgical Research Lab, Hyderabad Development of MoSi ₂ matrix composites: Effect of alloying, effect of ductile and brittle phase reinforcements, room and elevated temperature mechanical behaviour, intermediate and high temperature oxidation behaviour.	July '97 – June '02
Scientist "C"	Defence Metallurgical Research Lab, Hyderabad (i) Processing-microstructure-property relationships in MoSi ₂ and Ti ₅ Si ₃ based composites for high temperature applications. (ii) Liquid phase sintering of metal matrix composites. (iii) Processing and characterization of zirconia-mullite composites.	April '93-June '97
Research Assistant Profs. M.E. Fine and J.R. Weertman	Northwestern University, U.S.A. Dissertation: Microstructure and Interfaces in XD Al/TiC Composites Atomic scale characterization, thermodynamic stability and structure-property relationship of interfaces in-situ Al/TiC composites	September '88 – December '92
Teaching Assistant Prof. M. Meshii	Northwestern University, U.S.A. Laboratory instructor for transmission electron microscopy	Winter Quarter 1991-1992
B. Tech. Project Prof. K. K. Ray	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Study of fracture behaviour of flake graphite cast iron by profilometric analysis	July 1987-May 1988

LABORATORIES DEVELOPED

Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

Creep Testing Laboratory:	Source of funds - Projects Tensile creep testing machine (up to 1000 °C) and Compression creep testing machine (up to 1500 °C)
Oxidation Laboratory:	Source of funds - Projects Horizontal and Vertical furnaces with microbalance for tests in dry air and humid air
Thin Film Processing and Characterization Laboratory:	Source of funds – Mr. Arun Sarin & Institute DC/RF Magnetron Sputtering, Electron Beam Evaporation, Instron Electropulse 1 kN capacity, Contact type stylus profilometer

Central Research Facility:

Major characterization facilities like Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope, Dual Beam FIB-FEG Microscope, Cryo-Analytical High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope, Analytical Transmission Electron Microscope, High Resolution Raman Spectroscopy facility, Scanning Auger Nanoprobe, Atomic Force Microscope, Nano-triboindenter, Small angle X-Ray Scattering facility, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR-600 MHz), Single Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer, X-Ray Micro-Computed Tomography facility, 3-D Non-Contact Optical Surface Profilometer, Table-top X-Ray Diffractometer, Vibrating Sample Magnetometer, and Pulsed Electron Paramagnetic Resonance facility along with a 380 kVA Silent Diesel Generator have been procured and installed during my tenure at the Central Research Facility. Total cost of these equipments procured through standard procedure of the Institute is around Rs. 65 crores. In addition, Electron Beam Lithography and Spark Plasma Sintering facilities of School of Nano-Science and Technology have been installed at CRF. These facilities not only serve the needs of researchers from different departments of IIT Kharagpur, but also other academic institutions, industries and R&D laboratories from all over the country. The slot-booking has been made fully transparent by introducing on-line booking with display of slot allotment as well as waiting list.

AFFILIATIONS WITH PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Life Member	Materials Research Society of India, The Indian Institute of Metals, The Indian Ceramic Society, Electron Microscopy Society of India
Chairman	Electron Microscope Society of India, East Zone Chapter (2020 – Present)
Chairman	Indian Institute of Metals, Kharagpur Chapter (2020 - 2023)
Council Member	Materials Research Society of India (2016 – Present)
Chairman	Metals and Alloys Group, Materials Research Society of India (2016 Onwards)
Executive Committee Member	Electron Microscopy Society of India (2018 – Present)
Council Member	Indian Institute of Metals (2017 – 2018) (2020 – Present)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board	Transactions of the Indian Ceramic Society	(2019 – 2020)
Editor	Transactions of the Indian Institute of Metals	(2010 – 2016)
Associate Editor	Bulletin of Materials Science (Springer/Indian Academy of Sciences)	(2015-16)
Associate Editor	Sadhana (Springer/Indian Academy of Sciences)	(2017-19)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Research Advisor	Nan Yang Academy of Sciences (Singapore)	(2018 Onwards)
Member	Materials Panel, Naval Research Board, Defence Research and Development Organization, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, New Delhi	(2016 onwards)
Member	Programme Advisory and Review Committee, Gas Turbine Materials Advancement Programme (Coatings), Aeronautical Research & Development Board, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, New Delhi	(2019 onwards)
Member	FIST Review Committee-Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India	(2019 onwards)
Member	Programme Advisory Committee of Minerals, Metals and Materials (2018-21) Science and Engineering Research Board, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi	
Member	Committees for Early Career Award, Start-up Research Grant, and National Post-Doctoral Fellow, Science and Engineering Research Board, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi	(2018-21)
Member (Co-opted)	Programme Advisory Committee of Minerals, Metals and Materials (2015-18) Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi	
Member	Programme Advisory Committee of Minerals, Metals and Materials (2012-15) Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi	
Member	Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on Engineering and Technology under Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A), Flagship program of Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Govt. of India	(2016-19)
Member	Technical Advisory Group for Centre for Ceramic Processing (CCP), Centre for Non-Oxide Ceramics (CNOC) and Centre for Sol-Gel Coatings (CSOL), International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARC-I), Hyderabad.	(2017-20)
Convenor	Swarna Jayanti Endowment Fellowship, Indian Institute of Metals	(2013-20)

(For providing partial travel support to PhD students and young scientists for visits to foreign conferences)

Member (past/present) (Board of Studies)	National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur, National Institute of Technology Rourkela, National Institute of Technology, Raipur, IEST Shibpur
Reviewer	Acta Materialia, Metallurgical and Materials Transactions, A, Philosophical Magazine, Materials Science and Engineering, A, Intermetallics, Surface and Coatings Technology, Materials and Manufacturing Processes, Journal of Alloys and Compounds, International Journal of Cast Metals, Journal of Materials Science, Transactions of the Indian Institute of Metals, Transactions of the Indian Ceramic Society, Diamond and Related Materials, Tribology Letters, Physical Review Letters, Journal of American Ceramic Society, Journal of the European Ceramic Society, Materials Characterization, Materials Letters, International Journal of Refractory and Hard Materials, Corrosion Science, Materials Letters.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Fellow	Electron Microscope Society of India (FEMSI)	2017
Fellow	Indian National Academy of Engineering (FNAE)	2016
Metallurgist of the Year (Metal Science Category)	Ministry of Steel, Government of India	2014
NMD Award		
Outstanding Review	Judged among the top reviews by the Metallurgical and Materials Transactions, A (Several times)	2003 -2015
MRSI Medal	Materials Research Society of India Research accomplishments	2003
In top 2% of Materials Scientists of the World (Whole career & 2019)	Publication by Stanford University Analyst Group PLoS Biol 18(10): e3000918. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3000918	2020
Best Oral/Poster Paper	Several National and International Conferences	
Associate Editor	Transactions of the Indian Institute of Metals	2001-03
Best DMRL Tech. Report	Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory Processing, microstructure and properties of MoSi ₂ /SiC _p composites	1995
Vidya Bharati Award	Indian Institute of Metals Academic excellence	1989
Institute Silver Medal	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Topper among students graduating in Metallurgical Engg.	1988 1988
Indranil Award (Silver Medal)	Mining, Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India Academic excellence	1988
Bengal Ingot Award (Silver Medal)	Institute of Indian Foundryman Best Project Work in Foundry	1988

First Prize in All India Essay Competition	Vishwesvaraiya Regional Engineering College, Nagpur Topic: Processing of complex Cu-Pb-Zn ores for extraction of metallic values.	1987
National Talent Search Scholarship (NTS)	National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) One of the 250 recipients selected through nation-wide competitive tests	1982-88

RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Prof. Rahul Mitra's research has involved processing of metallic, ceramic and intermetallic matrix composites by innovative routes, and fundamental studies on their structure-property relations with emphasis on mechanical behavior. During the last ten years, his major contribution is in developing heat-resistant materials for applications in aerospace and automotive sectors to achieve operating temperatures greater than that of Ni-based superalloys (i.e. >1100 °C). The materials investigated include multiphase alloys based on molybdenum silicides, titanium silicides, and niobium silicides as well as zirconium and hafnium diboride based composites with emphasis on microstructural evolution, mechanical property evaluation, and high temperature oxidation behavior. In addition, he has pioneered development of mushy state (semi-solid) rolling process to tailor microstructural refinement, enhanced age-hardening kinetics as well as desirable mechanical and tribological properties in cast in-situ metal matrix composites. Significant research has also been carried out on processing and structure-property correlation of reactively sputtered in-situ nanocomposite thin films. Furthermore, collaborative research through PhD work of sponsored students, has been carried out on fracture and wear behavior of carbon-carbon composites, processing and structure-property relations of silica foams. Prof. R. Mitra has worked on sponsored projects worth about 16 crores as the Principal Investigator. Moreover, he has supervised/co-supervised 18 Ph.D. theses to completion during his stay at IIT Kharagpur (Sept. 2002 to present), and is presently guiding 10 PhD students as Supervisor, and another 8 as Joint-Supervisor.

- A. **Silicide based intermetallic alloys and composites:** The work on silicides can be considered as pioneering, in India as it was initiated from scratch during his stay at DMRL, and subsequently followed up at IIT Kharagpur. The role of dispersed ductile phase in toughness enhancement, as well as the effects of matrix grain size, grain boundary purity and hard phase volume fractions on high temperature deformation behavior (up to 1300 °C) of alloys and composites based on MoSi₂, Ti₅Si₃, Mo-Si-B and Nb-Si-Mo ternary systems have been investigated. The dislocation based mechanisms and influence of interfacial purity and grain size on high temperature deformation and creep of MoSi₂ and Ti₅Si₃ have been investigated. Studies on oxidation behavior of these materials under non-isothermal, isothermal and cyclic conditions have helped to understand the mechanisms of environmental degradation and formation of protective scale. For the first time, it has been demonstrated that prior exposure of Mo-Si-B alloys at 1150 °C leads to the formation of a stable scale for protection against accelerated degradation at intermediate temperatures (700-800 °C). Studies on the initial transient stage of oxidation of the Mo-Si-B alloys have shown evidence for formation and viscoplastic flow of the borosilicate scale. Furthermore, the contribution of Mo addition to Nb-Si based intermetallic alloy to strength enhancement and formation of a protective scale at high temperatures (up to 1200 °C) has been impressive. Presently, work is going on to examine the effect of humid air on high temperature oxidation behavior. The results in these areas have led to several international journal publications along with a comprehensive review, which are very well-cited.

Very recently, he has authored a research monograph on structural intermetallics and intermetallic matrix composites, being published by CRC press in May 2015.

- B. **Ultra-high Temperature Ceramic Composites**: Studies on zirconium and hafnium diboride based ultrahigh temperature ceramic (UHTC) composites with SiC, ZrC and Si₃N₄ reinforcements have been carried out with financial support from DRDO aiming at developing materials for extreme environments faced by nose-cones and leading edges of hypersonic vehicles during re-entry into earth's atmosphere. The milestones reached in through such studies include optimization of pressureless sintering for near-net shaping, understanding the relationship of thermophysical and mechanical properties with microstructure, as well as the mechanism of protection against oxidation and ablation up to 2000 °C. The mechanisms of compression creep (1300 – 1425 °C) with emphasis on the role of grain boundary and interface sliding on damage and role of reinforcement phases have been analyzed on the basis of stress exponents, activation volumes and energies for the first time. A significant portion of this work has been published in reputed journals, and is regularly cited.
- C. **Mushy state rolled in-situ Al alloy matrix composites**: As a major pioneering innovation, mushy state rolling of cast in-situ Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ composites with liquid content between 10 and 30% has been optimized as a process to achieve grain size gradient, refined microstructure with bimodal grain size distribution, greater chemical homogeneity, and particle redistribution starting from initial dendritic microstructure. A higher volume fraction of finer grains formed near the surface due to dynamic recrystallization and rapid solidification of liquid phase during mushy state rolling cause surface hardening along with enhancement of wear resistance. It has also been observed that excellent uniformity of solute atom distribution through mushy state rolling leads to accelerated aging with the time for peak aging of the composite being reduced by nearly 90% compared to that of the as-cast alloy. The redistribution of reinforcement particles during mushy state rolling has been quantified by multi-scalar analysis of area-fractions in micrographs to estimate homogeneous length scales. Both strength and ductility are enhanced on mushy state rolling, whereas the crack propagation path changes from interface to matrix as observed through in-situ tensile straining experiments inside the SEM. These results suggest a novel method to industry for near net shape forming of the discontinuously reinforced Al alloy matrix composites. Further work is in progress to examine the microtexture developed during the course of mushy state rolling.
- D. **Interfaces in Aluminium Matrix Composites**: It has been shown that in-situ Al-TiC or Al-TiB₂ composites have particle-matrix interfaces exhibiting misfit-strain localization, and excellent bond integrity. The primary contribution in this area is evaluation of the effect of particle-matrix interfaces on mechanical behavior. It has been shown that interfaces with higher purity in the in-situ composites are resistant to damage and undergo strain-hardening on thermal cycling, whereas those having segregation of alloying elements show cracking. As a pioneering contribution in this area, it has been shown that increase in dislocation density due to plastic deformation near particle-matrix interfaces due to coefficient of thermal expansion mismatch between Al and SiC as well as decrease in subgrain size on thermal cycling of Al-SiC composites leads to increase in creep resistance. The related journal publications are well-cited.
- E. **Nanocomposites (Bulk materials and thin films)**: Bulk amorphous-nanocrystalline composites have been developed by mechanical alloying followed by consolidation of Al-Cu-Ti and Al-Ti-Si powders. These composites have exhibited very high compressive strength and wear resistance, and the results have been published in several reputed journals. Furthermore, his publications on processing and in-situ tensile straining of nanocrystalline thin films in transmission electron microscope, as well as correlation of their deformation behavior with grain size distributions have been highly cited. Recently, research has been carried out on structure-property correlations in

nanocomposite thin films (such as Ni-TiN) processed by reactive RF/DC magnetron sputtering of Ni and Ti targets in Ar+N₂ atmosphere. It has been shown that volume fraction and stoichiometry of TiN can be altered by controlling either the substrate bias or the Ar:N₂ ratio, which in turn affect stress, roughness and scratch resistance. These coatings have hardness exceeding the predictions based on rule of mixture, as well as superior corrosion resistance, and are of interest for use as protective coatings.

PUBLICATIONS

Books authored: 01; Books edited: 01; Book chapters: 08

Journal publications: 179 (Published or in press)

Conference Proceedings: 37 (Published)

Patents granted: 02

Total citations: 4475+, h-Index: 35, i10 index: 103

(Source:<https://scholar.google.co.in/citations?user=8uhvxucAAAAJ>)

H-index: 31 (Scopus) 30 (Research-gate)

Citations (Google scholar):

>400: 01

>200: 03

>100: 04

≥80: 08

≥60: 17

≥40: 32

≥20: 63

Book (Author):

R. Mitra, “*Structural Intermetallics and Intermetallic Matrix Composites* (ISBN 9781466511866-CAT# K14856),” IIT Kharagpur Research Monograph Series, CRC Press - Taylor and Francis Group, Boca Raton, Florida, USA, Published on April 28, 2015.

Book (Editor):

R. Mitra (Editor), *Intermetallic Matrix Composites - Properties and Applications* (ISBN 9780857093462), Woodhead Publishers-Elsevier, Published on June 5, 2017.

Book Chapters:

1. **R. Mitra**, R.J.H. Wanhill, “Structural Intermetallics,” in *Aerospace Materials and Materials Technologies*, Part of the [Indian Institute of Metals Series](#), Volume 1: Aerospace Materials, Edited by N. Eswara Prasad and R.J.H. Wanhill, pp 229-245 (2016).
2. **R. Mitra**, “Development of composite materials for high temperature and light weight structural applications,” *Annals of INAE*, Vol. XIV, pp. 107-121 (2017)
3. **R. Mitra**, “Structural Intermetallics and Intermetallic Matrix Composites: An Introduction.” in

Intermetallic Matrix Composites - Properties and Applications, Woodhead Publishers-Elsevier, pp. 1-18 (2018)

4. **R. Mitra**, “Molybdenum Silicide-based Composites,” in *Intermetallic Matrix Composites - Properties and Applications*, Woodhead Publishers-Elsevier, pp. 95-146 (2018).
5. **R. Mitra**, “Oxidation and environmental degradation of intermetallic matrix composites,” in *Intermetallic Matrix Composites - Properties and Applications*, Elsevier-Woodhead Publishers, pp. 321-358 (2018).
6. **R. Mitra**, “Oxidation behavior of silicides,” in *Diffusion Controlled Growth and Oxidation of Metal-Silicides*,” *Diffusion Foundations*, Vol. 21, edited by Alope Paul, Trans Tech Publications Ltd, Reinhard strasse 18, 8008 Zurich, Switzerland, pp. 127-156 (2019).
7. **R. Mitra**, “Silicides and Silicide Matrix Composites for High Temperature Structural Applications,” in *Handbook of advanced ceramics and composites*, edited by Yashwant R. Mahajan and Roy Johnson, Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2019, pp. 1-55 (2019)
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73255-8_40-1
8. **R. Mitra**, M. Mallik, and Sunil Kashyap, “High Temperature Environmental Degradation Behavior of Ultra-High Temperature Ceramic Composites: Case examples of Zirconium and Hafnium Diboride,” in *Handbook of advanced ceramics and composites*, edited by Yashwant R. Mahajan and Roy Johnson, Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2019, pp. 1-35 (2019).
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-73255-8_41-1

Journal papers:

1. Debdas Roy, Snehanu Pal, Chandra Sekhar Tiwary, Ashish Kumar Gupta, Pokula Narendra Babu, Rahul Mitra, “Stable nanocrystalline structure attainment and Strength enhancement of Cu base alloy using bi-modal distributed tungsten dispersoids,” *Philosophical Magazine (In press)*.
2. Kasturi Sala, Sunil Kashyap and **Rahul Mitra**, “Effect of Ti addition on the kinetics and mechanism of non-isothermal and isothermal oxidation of Nb-Si-Mo alloys at 900 °C-1200 °C,” *Intermetallics*, Vol. 138, 107338 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.intermet.2021.107338>
3. P. Bhuyan, S. K. Pradhan, **R. Mitra** and S. Mandal, “Strain-induced microstructural evolution and its implication on high-temperature hot corrosion (HTHC) phenomena in Alloy 617,” *Materials Characterization*, Vol. 178, 111272 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.matchar.2021.111272>
4. Sunil Kumar Kashyap and **Rahul Mitra**, “Microstructure and composition of multi-layered oxide scale evolved during isothermal exposure of ZrB₂-SiC-LaB₆ composite to air at 1500 °C”, *Philosophical Magazine Letters*, Vol. 201(7), pp. 265-276 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09500839.2021.1912426>
5. Kasturi Sala and **Rahul Mitra**, “Effect of Ti addition and microstructural evolution on toughening and strengthening behavior of as cast or annealed Nb-Si-Mo based hypoeutectic and hypereutectic alloys,” *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A*, Vol. 52, pp. 3436-59 (2021).
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6. Chinmaya Kumar Sarangi, Bibhu Prasad Sahu, Barada Kanta Mishra, **Rahul Mitra**, “Structure and corrosion property of pulse electrodeposited nanocrystalline nickel-tungsten-copper alloy coating,” *Journal of Applied Electrochemistry*, Vol. 51, pp. 1157-74 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10800-021-01564-y>
7. Sadananda Behra, Manmath Kumar Dash, N.K. Kumar, **R. Mitra**, and G. Appa Rao, “Microstructure and High Temperature Tensile Behaviour of Ni-Base Superalloy EP741NP for Aerospace applications,” *Journal of Materials Engineering and Performance*, Vol. 30, pp. 5834 – 44 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11665-021-05874-2>
8. Bharat.C.G.Marupalli, T Adhikary, BP Sahu, R Mitra, S Aich, Effect of annealing temperature on microstructure and mechanical response of sputter deposited Ti-Zr-Mo high temperature shape memory thin films, *Applied Surface Science Advances*, Vol. 6, 100137 (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apsadv.2021.100137>
9. S. Maitra, **R. Mitra**, and T.K. Nath, Molten Salt Synthesized MgNiO₂ Micro/Nano-Particles for High Energy Density Supercapacitor and Electrocatalyst for Hydrogen Evolution Reaction in Alkaline Medium,” *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*, Vol. 21(11), pp. 5556-5568 (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2021.19457> .
10. S. Maitra, **R. Mitra**, and T.K. Nath, “Investigation of electrochemical performance of sol-gel derived MgFe₂O₄ nanospheres as aqueous supercapacitor electrode and bi-functional water splitting electrocatalyst in alkaline medium,” *Current Applied Physics*, Vol. 27, pp. 73-88 (2021).
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11. Kasturi Sala, Swapnil A. Morankar, and **Rahul Mitra**, “Effect of Ti or Fe addition and annealing on microstructural evolution and mechanical properties of hypereutectic Nb-Si-Mo alloys,” *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A*, Vol. 52, pp. 1185-1211 (2021).
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13. P. Bhuyan, M. Paliwal, V. Subramanya Sarma, B. de Boer, **R. Mitra** and S. Mandal, “Precipitate evolution during aging and its individual role on high-temperature hot corrosion response in Alloy 617,” *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, Vol. 871, 159499 (2021).
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14. R. Rejeesh, Ankita Bhattacharya, Chandan Haldar, **Rahul Mitra**, Debalay Chakrabarti, C. R. Das, Shaju K Albert, Arun Kumar Bhaduri, “Relative effect of B and N concentrations on the microstructural stability and mechanical properties of modified 9Cr-1Mo steel,” *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, Vol. 867, 158971 (2021). (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2021.158971>)
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17. S. Maitra, **R. Mitra**, T.K. Nath, Sol-gel derived MgCr₂O₄ nanoparticles for aqueous supercapacitor and alkaline OER and HER bi-functional electrocatalyst applications, *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 858, 157679 (2021) (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2020.157679>)
18. Chinmaya Kumar Sarangi, Bibhu Prasad Sahu, Barada Kanta Mishra, **Rahul Mitra**, "Role of copper content on the structure and corrosion properties of pulse electrodeposited Ni-W-Cu alloy," *Journal of Metallurgy and Materials Science*, (published by CSIR-NML), Vol. 62(1-2), pp. 107-121 (2020) - Invited for a special issue on "Specialized or smart coatings" on the occasion of 70 years of CSIR-NML.
19. Bibhu Prasad Sahu, Monali Ray, **Rahul Mitra**, "Structure and properties of Ni_{1-x}Ti_xN thin films processed by reactive magnetron co-sputtering," *Materials Characterization*, Vol. 169, 110604 (2020). (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.matchar.2020.110604>).
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21. Sunil Kumar Kashyap, Ankit Kumar and **Rahul Mitra**, "Kinetics and evolution of oxide scale during various stages of isothermal oxidation at 1300°C in spark plasma sintered ZrB₂ - SiC - LaB₆ composites," *Journal of the European Ceramic Society*, Vol. 40, pp. 4997-5011 (2020) (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeurceramsoc.2020.07.053>)
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Ph.D. Guidance (Submitted: 23; Completed: 18)

1. **Kasturi Sala** (Roll No.15MT91R09-Institute, 2021) Microstructure-property correlation of as cast and annealed nb-Si-Mo alloys with selected alloying additions (Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra) – Thesis submitted.
2. **Sunil Kumar Kashyap** (Roll No. 15MT91R16-Institute, 2021) Densification behavior and structure-property relations of LaB₆-added ZrB₂-SiC based ultra-high temperature ceramic composites (Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra) – Thesis submitted
3. **Shuvodip Maitra** (Roll No. 15NT92R02-Institute, 2021): Development of Magnesium metal oxide electrodes for aqueous supercapacitor and alkaline electrocatalyst application. (Supervisor – Prof. T.K. Nath, Joint Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra) - Thesis submitted.
4. **Chinmaya Kumar Sarangi** (Roll No.12MT92S01-Sponsored, 2021): Influence of graphene oxide reinforcement and alloying with Cu on structure and properties of pulse electrodeposited nanocrystalline Ni-W alloy (Supervisor- Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor - Prof. B.K. Mishra, IMMT, Bhubaneswar) – Thesis submitted.
5. **Krishna Guguloth** (Roll No.12MT91S01-Sponsored, 2021): Creep and high temperature tensile properties of Zr-2.5Nb alloy (Supervisor-Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor-M. Swaminathan, NML Jamshedpur) – Thesis submitted.
6. **Bibhu Prasad Sahu** (Roll No. 14MT92R06, Institute, 2020): Structure-property relationship of DC magnetron sputtered amorphous/nanocrystalline Ni-Zr alloy thin films (Supervisor: R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor: A. Dutta)
7. **Nand Kishor Kumar** (Roll No.13MT92P02, Project/Institute, 2020): Effect of Zr and Fe addition on oxidation behavior of arc-melted or spark plasma sintered Mo-Si-B alloys in dry or moist air (Supervisor –R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor –J. Das, IIT Kharagpur)
8. **Monalisa Mandal** (Roll No. 13MT91R01, 2019): Evolution of microstructure and microtexture in thermomechanically processed Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ in-situ composite and its impact on mechanical and wear behavior (Supervisor: R. Mitra).
9. **Arya Chatterjee** (Roll No. 12MT92P02, 2018): Effect of Microstructure and Crystallographic Texture on Mechanical Properties of Modified 9Cr-1Mo Steel (Supervisor: D. Chakrabarti and Joint Supervisor: R. Mitra).
10. **Prasenjit Barick** (Roll No. 11MT92S01, Sponsored, 2018): Processing and structure-property relationship of nanocrystalline silicon carbide (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: Bhaskar Saha, ARC-I, Hyderabad).
11. **Jitendra Verma** (Roll No. 08MT9505, Sponsored, 2016): Processing, structure, and properties of silica foams (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: M. Vijayakumar, DMRL, Hyderabad)
12. **Poulami Maji** (Roll No. 08MT9702, Scheme, 2016), Structure-property Relationships in Nb-Si-Cr and Nb-Si-Ti alloys (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: K.K. Ray)
13. **Mukesh Kumar** (Roll No. 09MT9409, Institute, 2014), Processing and structure-property relations of Ni-TiN nanocomposite thin films deposited by reactive magnetron cosputtering (Supervisor: R. Mitra)

14. **Manab Mallik** (Roll No. 06MT9703, Scheme, 2014), Structure-Property Relations in Zirconium and Hafnium Diboride Based Ultra High Temperature Ceramic Composites (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: K.K. Ray)
15. **Suresh Telu** (Roll No. 09MT9703, Scheme+Institute, 2014), High Temperature Oxidation Behavior of Tungsten Based Materials Processed by Powder Metallurgical Route (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: S.K. Pabi).
16. **Sourav Sarkar** (Roll No. 05MT9503, Sponsored, 2011), Mechanical Properties and Tribological Behaviour of Carbon Fibre Reinforced Composites with Carbon, Phenolic or Epoxy Matrices (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: V.G. Shekaran, ASL, Hyderabad)
17. **Siddhalingeswar, I.G.** (Roll No. 07MT9702, QIP, 2011), Microstructure-Property Relationships In Mushy State Rolled In-situ Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ Composite (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: M. Chakraborty)
18. **Sharma Paswan** (Roll No. 04MT9703, Scheme, 2010), Non-Isothermal, Isothermal and Cyclic Oxidation Behaviour of Mo-Si-B and Mo-Si-B-Al alloys (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: S.K. Roy)
19. **Sharmilee Pal** (Roll No. 04MT9402, Institute, 2010), Creep Behavior of Hot Rolled Powder Metallurgy Processed Al-SiCp Composites (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: K. K. Ray)
20. **Sarika Mishra** (Roll No. 04MS9502, Sponsored, 2009), Processing, Structure and Properties of Porous Silica and Silica Fiber Reinforced Composite Foams (Supervisor: R. Mitra and Joint Supervisor: M. Vijayakumar, DMRL, Hyderabad) Was awarded the G.C. Jain Memorial Prize for the “Best PhD Thesis in Materials Science” by the Materials Research Society of India for the year 2009.
21. **Debdas Roy** (Roll No. 05MT9601, Self-financed, 2009), Nano-Intermetallic/Ceramic Dispersed Al-Based Amorphous/Nanocrystalline Matrix Composites Synthesized By Mechanical Alloying (Supervisors: I. Manna and R. Mitra)
22. **Kausik Chattopadhyay** (Roll No. 03MT9407, Institute, 2008), Structure-Property Relationships in Nb-Si-Mo alloys (Supervisors: R. Mitra and K. K. Ray)
23. **Mervin A. Herbert** (Roll No. 04MT9702, QIP, 2008), Some studies on the mushy state rolling of Al-4.5Cu alloy based in-situ composites reinforced with TiB₂ or TiC particles (Supervisors: R. Mitra and M. Chakraborty).

Ph.D. Guidance (On-going)

As Supervisor:

1. **Virushni S.N.**, Roll No. 20MT92R10-Institute (Supervisor-Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor-Prof. Santanu Dhara) Area of research: Development of near-net shaped ZrB₂-SiC based ultra-high temperature ceramic composites
2. **Jyotiprakash Beura**, Roll No. 20MT91R10-Institute (Supervisor-Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor-Dr. Sarabjit Singh, DMRL Hyderabad) Area of research: Processing and characterization of C_f/SiC composites
3. **Raashid Firoz**, Roll No. 19MT92R07-Institute (Supervisor-Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor-Prof. Amlan Dutta) Area of research: Mechanical behavior of high temperature alloy
4. **Ghewade Hrishikesh Dinkar**, Roll No. 18MT91P01-Institute (Supervisor-Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor-Prof. Tapas Laha) Area of research: Structure-property relation of Molybdenum Silicide Based Intermetallic Composites
5. **Ramya Krishna**, Roll No. 18MT91P01-Scheme (Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor – Dr. A. Udayakumar, NAL Bangalore) Area of research: Structure-property relations of C_f/SiC Composites processed by chemical vapour infiltration.
6. **Sudipta Roy**, Roll No. 16MT92R05-Institute (Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra, Joint Supervisor –

Prof. S. Mandal, IIT Kharagpur). Area of Research: Structure-Property Relations in Nanocrystalline Thin Films.

7. **Sumanta Bagui**, Roll No.13MT91S02-Sponsored(Supervisor- Prof. R. Mita, Joint Supervisor – Dr. S. Tarafder, NML, Jamshedpur) Area of Research: Creep deformation behavior of Ni-base superalloys

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Area of Research: Study on the impact toughness and fracture toughness of high-strength steels
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Area of research: Shape memory of alloys
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Area of Research: Nano-materials
11. **Pallabi Bhuyan**, Roll No.16MT91R04-Institute (Supervisor: Prof. S. Mandal, IIT Kharagpur Joint Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra)
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12. **Ankita Bhattacharya**, Roll No.16MT91R05-Institute(Supervisor- Prof. D. Chakrabarti, IIT Kharagpur, Joint Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra)
Area of Research: Development of high strength - high toughness steels for strategic applications
13. **Swarnalata Behera**, Roll No.15MT91Q01-QIP (Supervisor- Prof. D. Chakrabarti, IIT Kharagpur, Joint Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra)
Area of Research: Microstructure, texture, mechanical property relationship in high-carbon steel
14. **Pranabananda Modak**, Roll No. 14MT92R09-Institute (Supervisor- Prof. D. Chakrabarti, IIT Kharagpur, Joint Supervisor – Prof. R. Mitra)
Area of Research: Effect of microstructure and texture on fatigue crack initiation and propagation in low-carbon steel

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1. Swapnil Morankar, “Study of Structure-Property Relationships of Nb-Silicide Based Refractory Intermetallic Composites with Mo and Fe Additions”, May 2019.
2. Sambhagni Varna, “Microstructural evolution and mechanical behaviour of Cu-Ti thin films containing nanocrystalline and/or amorphous phases”, May 2019.
3. Aditya Kumar, “Effect of Boron and Zirconium on structure property correlation of Nb-Mo-Si alloys,” May 2018.
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9. Soma Hansda, “Structure and properties of nanocrystalline nickel films,” May 2016
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12. Sunil Kashyap, "Processing-microstructure-property relations in $\text{LaB}_6\text{-ZrB}_2\text{-SiC}$ composites prepared by pressureless sintering and spark plasma sintering of composites," May 2015
13. Kumar Bhaskar, "Mechanical behavior of Ni-TiN nanocomposite thin films," May 2015
14. Bibhu Prasad Sahu, "Structure and properties of Ni-TiN coatings on weathering steel," May 2014
15. Dipanjan Kumar, "Oxidation and creep behavior of pressureless sintered $\text{ZrB}_2\text{-SiC-Si}_3\text{N}_4$ composites," May 2014
16. Venkat Appala Narasaya, "Mode - I and Mixed-mode fracture behavior of 2024Al alloy in different aging conditions," May 2014
17. Kumar Karthik Imaneni, "Non-isothermal oxidation behavior of molybdenum silicide matrix composites," May 2014
18. Rahul Raghav, "Recovery and Efficacy of Cored Wire Injection in Steel Melt," May 2013.
19. Santu Chakraborty, "Creep behaviour of pressure-less sintered $\text{ZrB}_2\text{-SiC}$ composites," May 2013
20. Barna Roy, "Transient stage Oxidation behaviour of Mo-Si-B alloy," May 2012.
21. Jishnu Jyoti Bhattacharya, "Creep behaviour of Al-SiC composites," May 2011.
22. K. Pavitra, "Wear behaviour of mushy state rolled Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ composite," May 2011.
23. Kumud Kant Mehta, "Effect of varying cooling rate after solutionising on low cycle fatigue and cyclic stress strain behaviours of nickel base superalloy "Supercast 247", May 2009.
24. Arindom Bardhan, "Processing and structure-property relations of titanium and titanium-nickel thin films," May 2009.
25. R. Padhasaradhi, "Effect of rare earth additions on oxidation behaviour of molybdenum-silicide based alloys," May 2009.
26. Adiraj Behra, "Structure-property relations in In-Situ Al-Matrix composites subjected to mushy state forming," May 2009.
27. Kadali Neelima, "Structure-property relation in niobium silicide based ternary alloys," May 2008.
28. Vangala Sreedhar, "Effect of superficially applied CeO_2 coatings on the isothermal and cyclic oxidation behaviour of Ti-6Al-4V al high temperatures," May 2008.
29. Dibyendu Chatterjee: "Characterization of third generation nickel base superalloy single crystals with respect to as cast orientation and creep property" May 2008.
30. Atish Kumar Hatui, "Creep behaviour of P/M processed and hot rolled Al-SiC_p composites," May 2008.
31. Upender Sankari: "Structure-property relations in zirconium diboride based ultra high temperature ceramic (UHTC) composites," May 2007.
32. N.A.P. Kiran Kumar, "Structure-Property Relations of Nanocrystalline Cu-Ni Alloy Produced by Pulse Electrodeposition Technique," May 2006.
33. Subrata Chakraborty, "Damage Analysis of Thermally Cycled Zirconium Diboride Based Ultra High Temperature Ceramic Composites," May 2006.
34. Shubhakant Nayak, "Correlation Between Elastic Constants and Thermal Shock Behaviour of Intermetallics and Their Composites," May 2006.
35. Chandan Sarkar, "Forming Behaviour of Al-4.5Cu Alloy and Al-4.5Cu – TiB₂ Composite in Mushy State," May 2005 (**Awarded the Best Thesis in Foundry**).
36. Jogendra Majhi, "Isothermal Oxidation Behaviour of MoSi_2 and Mo-Si-W Ternary Alloys in the Temperature Range of 400°-900°C," May 2005.
37. Arvind Kumar Srivastava, "Microstructure and Mechanical Behaviour of Mo-Si-B Alloys with and without Al Alloying," May 2004.
38. Sharma Paswan, "Intermediate Temperature Oxidation Behaviour of Mo-Si-B and Mo-Si-B-Al Alloys," May 2004.
39. Sharmilee Pal, "Study of Interfaces in P/M 2124 Al Alloy-SiC and In-Situ Al-TiC Metal Matrix Composites," May 2004.
40. V. Siva Challapathi Rao, "Interface Characterization of SiC_p Reinforced Al Metal Matrix Composites," December 2002.

SPONSORED PROJECTS (>Rs. 15 Crores as PI)

1. Development of high performance materials for various defence related applications; PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. S. Kar, Prof. I. Sen, Prof. D. Chakrabarti, Prof. S. Mandal, Co-I: Prof. K. Biswas, Prof. S. Dhara; Sponsor: DRDO; Amount: Rs. 442.45 Lakhs; 30-01-2019 onwards (On-going).
2. Research services for studying and analyzing the phenomenon of segregation in T-72/T-90 PYT barrels; PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. D. Chakrabarti; Sponsor: Metal and Steel Factory, Ishapore, Nawabgunj, North 24 Parganas; Amount: Rs. 18 Lakhs. Duration: 31-07-2018 to 31-03-2021 (Consultancy)
3. Evaluation of Creep Crack Growth (CCG) Behaviour for IN625 Cast Material; PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. D. Chakrabarti; Sponsor: National Mission Project on Advanced Ultra Supercritical Technology, IGCAR; Amount: Rs. 422.99 Lakhs; Duration: 01-12-2017 to 31-01-2021.
4. Evaluation of Creep Crack Growth (CCG) Behaviour of SS 304HCu Weld Material; PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. D. Chakrabarti; Sponsor: National Mission Project on Advanced Ultra Supercritical Technology, IGCAR; Amount: Rs. 419.05 Lakhs; Duration: 01-12-2017 to 31-01-2021.
5. Structure - Property Relations of C_F-SiC Composites Prepared by Chemical Vapor Infiltration (GTMAP). PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. K. Biswas; Sponsor: ARDB (GTMAP), DRDO; Amount: Rs. 35.36 Lakhs; Duration: 07-04-2017 to 05-09-2021.
6. Evaluation of Fracture and Fatigue Crack Growth (FCG) for IN625 Cast Material; Sponsor: National Mission Project on Advanced Ultra Supercritical Technology, IGCAR; Amount: Rs. 478.77 Lakhs; Duration: 01-12-2017 to 31-12-2020.
7. Evaluation of Fracture and Fatigue Crack Growth (FCG) Behaviour of SS304HCu Weld Material; PI: Prof. D. Chakrabarti, Co-PI: Prof. R. Mitra; Sponsor: National Mission Project on Advanced Ultra Supercritical Technology, IGCAR; Amount: Rs. 470.63 Lakhs; Duration: 01-12-2017 to 31-12-2020.
8. Modelling of Oxidation and Exfoliation of Oxide in Grade T91 Steel; PI: Prof. S. Mandal, Co-PI: Prof. R. Mitra; Sponsor: NTPC, New Delhi; Amount: Rs. 20.39 Lakhs; Duration: 01-05-2018 - 31-04-2020.
9. Microstructure Engineering to Enhance Resistance Against Creep & High Temperature Hot Corrosion in a Ni-Based Superalloy. PI: Prof. S. Mandal; Co-PI: Prof. R. Mitra; Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB); Amount: Rs. 47.2805 Lakhs, Duration: 20-09-2016-19-09-2019.
10. Comparative study of the isothermal/cyclic oxidation behavior of molybdenum silicide based alloys and composites in wet and dry air, and effect of prior oxidation on their creep strengths. PI: Prof. R. Mitra, Co-PI: Prof. J. Das; Sponsor: DRDO ER&IPR; Amount: 36.02505 Lakhs, Duration: 26.09.2013 to 31.03.2017.
11. Microstructural evaluation and structure property correlations for nickel, titanium and iron based alloy systems. PI: Prof. R. Mitra; Sponsor: GE India Technology Center Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 122, EPIP Phase II, Hoodi Village, Whitefield Road, Bangalore-560 066; Amount: Rs. 9 Lakhs (Completed).
12. Development of Niobium Silicide Based Alloys and Composites for Elevated Temperature (Defence Research and Development Organization, Rs. 32.37 Lakhs); with Prof. K.K. Ray (as PI), Prof. S.K. Roy (Co-PI) (Completed)
13. Development of high temperature oxidation resistant tungsten based bulk refractory alloys (Defence Research and Development Organization, Rs. 27.30 Lakhs); with Prof. S.K. Pabi (as PI) (Completed)
14. Life Estimation and Microstructural Damage of Irradiated and Un-irradiated Cu-Cr-Zr Alloy (BRFST, Gujarat, Rs. 30.38 Lakhs) (Completed), with Prof. K.K. Ray as PI.

15. Effect of Rare Earth Additions on Oxidation Behavior of Molybdenum and Niobium Silicide (Defence Research and Development Organization, Rs. 14.31 Lakhs); Principal Investigator: Dr. Rahul Mitra ; CO-PI: Prof. S. K. Roy (Completed).
16. Structure-Property Relations In Ceramic Composites For High Temperature Applications In Nose Cone Tiles Of Hypersonic Vehicles (Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Rs. 72.96 Lakhs) Principal Investigator: Dr. Rahul Mitra ; Co-PI: Prof. K. K. Ray (Completed).
17. Effect of Cyclic Oxidation and Residual Stresses on Oxidation Kinetics and Mechanisms of Molybdenum Silicide Based Alloys and Composites (Defence Research and Development Organization, Rs. 22.95 Lakhs) Principal Investigator: Dr. Rahul Mitra ; CO-PI: Prof. S. K. Roy (Completed).
18. Development of High Strength In-Situ Al-TiC Composites (Defence Research and Development Organization, Rs. 31.56 Lakhs) Principal Investigator: Prof. M. Chakraborty ; CO-PI: Dr. Rahul Mitra (Completed).
19. Synthesis and Characterization of Nanostructured Materials for Functional and Structural Applications (Department of Science and Technology, Rs. 279.51 Lakhs) Principal Investigator: Prof. I. Manna ; Co-PIs: Prof. Samit Ray, Dr. Rahul Mitra (Completed).
20. Modernization of Mechanical Testing Laboratory (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Rs. 14 Lakhs), PI: Prof. Rahul Mitra.

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1. "Structural evolution, mechanical and corrosion behavior of Ni_xZr_{1-x} alloy thin films processed by dc magnetron co-sputtering," Third International Conference on Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Characterization and Applications (ICN 2018), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, 11-13 May 2018 (INVITED).
2. "Structure and Chemistry of Interfaces in Sintered SiC and ZrB_2 -SiC Based Composites," International Conference and XXXVIII Annual Meeting, Electron Microscope Society of India, Mahabalipuram, 17-19 July, 2017 (INVITED).
3. "Molybdenum and niobium silicide based multiphase alloys: structure-property relations and high temperature oxidation behavior," International Conference in Materials Engineering, IIT Kanpur, June 2-4, 2017 (INVITED).
4. "Mechanical properties of ceramic matrix composites" DST-SERB School on Mechanical Testing 2017, Department of Materials Engineering, IISc Bangalore, May 29, 2017 (INVITED).
5. "Mechanical properties of ceramic materials" DST-SERB School on Mechanical Testing 2017, Department of Materials Engineering, IISc Bangalore, May 29, 2017 (INVITED).
6. "Transmission Electron Microscopy," Short term course on "Processing, Characterization and Applications of Advanced Materials" (PCAAM-2017), Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur-713209, February 27-March 03, 2017 (INVITED).
7. "Nano-tribological and corrosion behavior of Ni-TiN and Ni-(Ni_xZr_{1-x}) nanocomposite thin films," Advances in Materials Engineering, 3rd Indo-Austrian Symposium on Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Powai, Mumbai, December 18-19, 2016. (INVITED)

8. "Development of composite materials for light-weight and high temperature structural applications," INAE Annual Convention, SAC-ISRO, Ahmedabad, December 8-9, 2016.(INVITED-NEW INAE FELLOW LECTURE)
9. "Evolution of Materials Education and approach for training research professionals," 70th Annual Technical Meeting 2016, Indian Institute of Metals, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, November 11-14, 2016 (INVITED).
10. "Effect of Reinforcements on Creep, Thermal Shock, Oxidation and Ablation Behavior of ZrB₂ and HfB₂ Based Ultra-high Temperature Ceramic Composites,"70th Annual Technical Meeting 2016, Indian Institute of Metals, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, November 11-14, 2016 (INVITED).
11. "Effect of reinforcement additions and W-contamination on mechanical and thermal properties as well as oxidation and ablation properties of ZrB₂ based ultra-high temperature ceramic composites," International Conference on Advances in Materials and Materials Processing, IIT Kharagpur, November 5-7, 2016. (INVITED)
12. "Effect of Mushy-State Rolling on Microstructure and Tensile Creep Behaviour of Al4.5Cu Alloy and In-situ Al4.5Cu-5TiB₂ Composite," Materials Science and Technology 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 21-27 (2016).
13. "Effect of SiC Content on Thermal and Ablation Properties of Pressureless Sintered ZrB₂-based UHTCs," Materials Science and Technology 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 21-27 (2016).
14. "Effect of Zr addition on oxidation behavior of Mo-Si-B alloys in dry and moist environments," Materials Science and Technology 2016, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 21-27 (2016).
15. "Creep and Stress Rupture," Workshop on Materials Characterization: Principles and Practices Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur, July 25 – August 5, 2016. (INVITED)
16. "Microstructural Evolution and Structure-Property Relationships of Mushy State Rolled In-Situ Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ Composite," International Conference on Metals and Materials Research, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560 012, June 20-22, 2016 (INVITED)
17. "Imaging, micro-texture analysis and nano-scale patterning using FIB-FEG scanning microscopy," International Conference on Electron Microscopy, EMSI – 2016, Varanasi, June 2-4, 2016 (INVITED)
18. "Transmission Electron Microscopy,"National Workshop on X-ray Powder Diffraction, Dynamic Light Scattering, Scanning and Transmission Electron Microscopy (NXDST-2016), Punjab University, Chandigarh, March 15-21, 2016.
19. "Advanced imaging and in-situ techniques for study of interfacial phenomena and deformation behavior of materials," Workshop on Advanced Probing techniques in TEM, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, February 15-16, 2016 (INVITED)
20. "Effect of Ceramic Reinforcements on Densification, Structure and Properties of ZrB₂ Based UHTCs," Workshop on Ultra High Temperature Ceramics for Thermo-structural Applications, Materials Research Centre, IISc, Bangalore, December 15, 2015 (INVITED)

21. "High Temperature Structural Intermetallics for Gas Turbine Applications," ASME 2015 Gas Turbine India Conference, Hyderabad, India, December 2-3, 2015 (INVITED)
22. "The Role of Interfaces in High Temperature Mechanical Behavior of Molybdenum Silicide and Zirconium Diboride Based composites," Electron Microscopy Society of India – 2015, Mumbai July 7-9, 2015 (INVITED)
23. "Structure-property relations in reactively co-sputtered Ni-TiN nanocomposite thin films," 78th Annual Session of the Indian Ceramic Society, Jamshedpur, February 2 -3, 2015 (INVITED)
24. "Structure-property relations in reactively co-sputtered Ni-TiN nanocomposite thin films," 3rd International Conference on Laser and Plasma Application in Materials Science (LAPAMS 2015) January 15-17, 2015 (INVITED)
25. "Study of Internal Interfaces and Deformation Mechanisms Using Transmission Electron Microscopy," Workshop on Current Trends of Research on Electron Microscopy in Materials Science, Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, December 22, 2014 (INVITED)
26. "Effect of mushy state rolling on the tensile creep behavior of Al-4.5Cu alloy and in-situ Al-4.5Cu-5TiB₂ composite," Conference on Advances in Light Metals and Composites (CALM 2014) in honour of Prof. M. Chakraborty, December 6-7, 2014, SRM University, Kattankulathur, Chennai (INVITED)
27. "Mechanical Behavior of Composite Materials: Some interesting results and surprises," 68th Annual Technical Meeting, College of Engineering, Pune, November 11-14 (2014) (NMD AWARD-METALLURGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD-METAL SCIENCE CATEGORY)
28. "Mechanical Behavior and Oxidation Resistance of Ultra-High Temperature Structural Materials," 67th Annual Technical Meeting, IIT-BHU Varanasi, November 11-14 (2013) – (PLENARY TALK INVITED)
29. "Interfaces in ZrB₂-SiC Composites" EMSI Conference, Kolkata, July 5-7, 2013 (INVITED)
30. "Structure-Property Relations of Interfaces in Metal and Ceramic Matrix Composites," Conference-cum Workshop on Electron Microscopy, IIT-BHU, December 6-8, 2012 (INVITED)
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