

# Sedigheh Rashidi

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## OBJECTIVE

Seeking an opportunity to utilize my passion and skills in material science and the experiences of working with teams in various industries (data storage, energy, & automotive) to contribute to development and selection of advanced materials.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Subject matter expert in the characterization and modeling of high-temperature corrosion/oxidation of high-Performance superalloys and ceramics with publications and conference presentations.
- Experienced materials scientist with accomplishments and publications on synthesis and characterization of magnetic nanomaterials.
- Strong research professional, conducted research studies on additive manufacturing (3D printing), coating and aluminizing, nanoparticles and nanocomposites, and superalloys.
- Industrial research and development experience through working with Western Digital, LG Fuel Cells, & IKCO.
- Conducted collaboration studies on high temperature oxidation of coatings and super alloys with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- FE-SEM, EDS, FIB, STEM, HR-TEM, EBSD
- FTIR, XRD, TGA
- PANalytical X'Pert HighScore, Sigma Plot, Origin, DOE (DX-7), Rietveld Refinement Analysis MAUD, Minitab Gage R&R
- COMSOL Multiphysics
- M4D-CCI/ChemApp
- PANDAT
- JMat Pro
- Image Analyzer and MIP
- Vicker's micro-indenter
- IFM, Optical Microscopy
- X-Ray CT
- Potentiostat

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Chemical, Biomolecular, and Corrosion Engineering**, The University of Akron, Ohio, USA 2017 – 2020  
**Dissertation:** "Effect of advanced manufacturing processes on the high temperature oxidation (HTO) behavior of super-alloys"

**M.Sc., Materials Selection and Engineering**, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran 2011 – 2014  
**Thesis:** "Characterization of cobalt ferrite/polymer nanocomposite synthesized by mechanical alloying route"

**B.Sc., Materials Science and Engineering**, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran 2006 – 2011  
**Thesis:** "Investigation of antibacterial effect of nanosized silver colloidal solution on Thiobacillus and sulfate-reducing bacteria"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**North Carolina State University**, Raleigh, North Carolina Fall 2020  
*Visiting Student*

- Conducted TEM characterization of IN625 super alloys for HTO studies at 850 °C and 1000 °C.

**Western Digital Corporation**, San Jose, California Summer 2020  
*Intern*

- Studied high temperature oxidation in Heat Assisted Magnetic Recording (HAMR) writer heads using COMSOL Multiphysics.
- Worked with design, reliability, wafer fabrication, and backend characterization teams to deliver magnetic writer heads.
- Experienced working with integration of various modules (CMP, Metrology, ion mill, wet & dry etch) to deliver final product.

**The University of Akron**, Akron, Ohio 2017 – Present  
*Research Assistant*

- Conducted research on high temperature oxidation (HTO) behavior of Fe & Ni based super alloys with advanced manufacturing processes (additive manufacturing (AM), heat isostatic pressing (HIP) and reactive air aluminizing (RAA).
- Collaborated with LG Fuel Cells Inc. on evaluation of adv. manufacturing processes on HTO of superalloys.
- Lead a study on HTO of RAA alloys in collaboration with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).
- Published papers in the prestigious journals of Corrosion Science and JOM. Presented at TMS, NACE, Gordon, MS&T.

- Mentored and trained undergraduate students on HTO testing and characterization of fuel cell material specimens.

*Teaching Assistant (for “Fundamental of Dry Corrosion” and “Heat Exchange Laboratory”)*

**University of Tehran**, Tehran, Iran

2011 – 2014

*Research Assistant*

- Conducted research on synthesis and characterization of magnetic nanoparticles and magnetic/polymer nanocomposites for biomedical applications. Published three journal papers and presented at three conferences.

*Teaching Assistant (for Physical Metallurgy)*

**Iran Khodro Company (IKCO)**, Tehran, Iran

Summer 2009

*Intern*

- Designed display module bracket of Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)”

## **SOFT SKILLS**

- High level problem solving and comfortable with doing multiple projects at the same time
- Strong communication skills
- Strong teamwork and leadership skills

## **SELECTED HONORS**

- **Session Chair** in Advance in Surface Engineering-Session I, TMS 2019 conference
- **Reviewer** of Journal of the Minerals, Metals, and Materials

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (AVAILABLE on GOOGLE SCHOLAR)**

- **S. Rashidi**, J. P. Choi, J. W. Strevenson, A. Pandey, R. K. Gupta, “High temperature oxidation behavior of aluminized Haynes 230”, Corrosion Science, 174 (2020) 108835.
- **S. Rashidi**, A. Ataie, “Structural and magnetic characteristics of PVA/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanocomposites prepared via mechanical alloying method”, Materials Research Bulletin, 80 (2016) 321-328.