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Colin Ophus is an Associate Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and a Center Fellow at the Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford University. He previously worked as a Staff Scientist at the National Center for Electron Microscopy (NCEM), part of the Molecular Foundry, at Lawrence Berkeley Lab. He was awarded a US Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career award in 2018, and the Burton medal from the Microscopy Society of America (MSA) in 2018. His research focuses on experimental methods, reconstruction algorithms, and software codes for simulation, analysis, and instrument design of transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and scanning TEM (STEM).

Colin advocates for open science and his group has developed open-source scientific software including as the Prismatic STEM simulation code and py4DSTEM analysis toolkit. He has taught many workshops around the world on topics ranging from scientific visualization to large scale data analysis. He also is the founder and editor-in-chief for a new journal based on interactive science communication named Elemental Microscopy.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Materials Science and Engineering
- Center Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Burton Medal in Physical Sciences, Microscopy Society of America (2022)
- Early Career Research Award, US Department of Energy (2018)

LINKS

- Colin Ophus Lab: <http://colab.stanford.edu/>
- Elemental Microscopy: <https://www.elementalmicroscopy.com/>
- Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=h5MPYJAAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- STEMentors: Thermodynamic Evaluation of Green Energy Technologies: MATSCI 144S (Win)
- Thermodynamic Evaluation of Green Energy Technologies: MATSCI 144 (Win)
- Transmission Electron Microscopy Analysis and Simulation: MATSCI 327 (Spr)

2024-25

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STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

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Corrie Barnes, Sangjoon Bob Lee, Cedric Lim, Caitlyn Obrero

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Guoliang Hu, Nicholas Marchese, Will Millsaps

Publications

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