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EDUCATION

Université Grenoble Alpes (Bionanotechnology Track)

Grenoble, France

Erasmus Masters in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (Phase 2)

Sept. 2023 - Aug. 2024 (expected)

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Leuven, Belgium

Erasmus Masters in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (Phase 1)

Sept. 2022 - Aug. 2023

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Goa, India

Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering

Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2021

<u>CGPA:</u> 8.96/10; <u>Rank:</u> 6/72

 $(Graduated\ one\ semester\ early)$

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Synthesis and characterization of Cyclometalated Iridium Complexes

July 2023 – August 2023

Guided by Prof. Shin Aoki, Tokyo University of Science

(Certificate)

Applied synthetic organic chemistry protocols to synthesize, functionalise and characterise cyclometalated iridium complexes.

Microfluidic electrochemistry in a Urine Biosensor

February 2023 - May 2023

Guided by Jinane Elias and Anita Ahmadi, OnePlanet Research Center (iMEC Netherlands)

Used numerical simulations in COMSOL Multiphysics to optimize the antigen and antibody interaction in a biosensor.

Metabolomics study on therapeutic biomarkers

 $January\ 2022-August\ 2021$

Guided by Prof. Pramod Wangikar, IIT Bombay

Worked on Metabolomics Data Analysis and website design for Clarity Bio Systems India Pvt. Ltd.

Effect of mutation in peptides on their interactions with proteins

January 2022 – June 2022

Guided by Prof. Raviprasad Aduri, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus

Studied the effect of mutation in a peptide on its interaction with a protein using molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulations using GROMACS.

Graphene based drug delivery systems

August 2021 – December 2021

Guided by Prof. Sutapa Roy Ramanan, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus

Designed a graphene based nano vehicle assembly for targeted and efficient drug delivery.

Recent advancements in Life Cycle Assessment

January 2021 - August 2021

Guided by Prof. Sampatrao Daggu Manjare, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus

Studied the advancements done in field of Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Engineering to come up with new models to integrate the pillars of sustainability and costing into the methods.

Material Modeling and simulation of CNT reinforced polymer

 $May\ 2020-July\ 2020$

 $As\ a\ summer\ research\ intern\ at\ Dhio\ Research\ Institute\ Pvt. Ltd.$

(Certificate)

Carried out molecular dynamics simulations by embedding single wall CNT (5,5) into acrylate based polymer with periodic conditions imposed in NPT ensemble using the COGNAC modeller on J-OCTA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, BITS Goa

• Kinetics and Reactor Design

August 2021 - December 2021

• Material Science and Engineering

January 2021 - May 2021

• Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics

August 2020 - December 2020

Relevant Coursework and Skills

Cleanroom Training: A practical cleanroom training session with hands-on experience with basic protocols, deposition methods, electrical and physical characterisation techniques as part of the Spring Workshop 2023 at NaMLab, TU Dresden.

Relevant Courses: Biosensors and Bioelectronics, Biomachines and Biomimetics, Chemistry at Nanoscale, Nanostructured Biomacromolecules, Physical Chemistry of Biosystems, Supramolecular Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Transport phenomena, Semiconductor Devices, Quantum Physics, Semiconductor Physics

Lab Courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Heat Transfer, Engineering Chemistry, Separation Processes, Kinetics and Reactor Design, Process Control, CFD, Fluid Mechanics

Languages: Python, C, MATLAB

Software: ASPENPlus, AutoCad, COMSOLMultiPhysics, MS-DIAL, GROMACS, SimaPro

Seminars and Workshops: Computational Structure based Screening and Explicit Molecular Dynamics

Specialisations (Online): Fundamentals of Immunology (Rice University); Cancer Biology (John Hopkins University); Drug Development Product Management (UCSD)

MOOC: Introduction to Molecular Spectroscopy (University of Manchester); Nanotechnology: A Maker's Course Materials Data Sciences and Informatics (Georgia Institute of Technology); Psychological First Aid (John Hopkins University) Python for Everybody - Basics, Data Structures, Accessing Web Data (University of Michigan)

SCHOLARSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

• Erasmus Mundus Category A Scholarship (2022-2024)

Full funding for Masters studies including contribution to student participation costs, travel, installation and monthly allowance

• Hindustan Times Scholarship (2014)

One of the 150 students chosen from over 27,000 applicants and 250+ schools across Mumbai, Pune and Chandigarh to be rewarded with a scholarship.

• Jaganath Cancer Aid Foundation (June-July '19)

Engaged in the cancer awareness campaign and educated the family members of the patient at the shelter homes

• Mentor in the Peer Mentorship Program (August '19 - August '20)

Guided seven freshers through academic and extra curricular in their first year at BITS Pilani

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BEST Soft Skills Track (BSST), Board of European Students of Technology (BEST) March 2023 Participated in the "Become the BEST version" workshop track of BSST 2023 (Certificate)

Research and Collaboration Head, *Alumni Relations Cell*Led a team of 70+ students, Member of BITS Echo editorial team, Content head

May 2020-July 2021

Event Manager, Organising Committee, BITSAA Global Meet

January 17-19 2020

Managed the event with 1000+ dignitaries and 60+ events

Performer, Mime Club

August 2018- August 2019

Performed in front of 3000 people during college fests