

# Rishabh Sharma

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## Research Interests

World models, AI for science, and building physically grounded AI systems.

## Positions

**Simons Center Independent Postdoctoral Fellow** *Jul 2025 – present*  
Simons Center for Computational Physical Chemistry, New York University

## Education

**Integrated Ph.D. in Physics** *2019 – 2025*  
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad, India Advisor: Prof. Smarajit Karmakar

**B.E. in Mechanical Engineering** *2014 – 2018*  
Panjab University, Chandigarh, India

## Awards & Fellowships

**Ramakrishna Cowsik Medal, TIFR** *2025*  
Best paper across the TIFR system by a researcher under 35.  
**Simons Center Independent Postdoctoral Fellowship, NYU** *2025*  
**Sarojini Damodaran International Student Travel Fellowship, TIFR** *2023*

## Publications

- [1] **R. Sharma**, G. Hogervorst, W. E. Mackey, D. J. Heeger, S. Martiniani. *Cross-View World Models*. arXiv preprint (2026). [arXiv:2602.07277](https://arxiv.org/abs/2602.07277)
- [2] **R. Sharma**, S. Karmakar. *Activity-induced annealing leads to a ductile-to-brittle transition in amorphous solids*. Nature Physics (2025). [doi:10.1038/s41567-024-02724-5](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-024-02724-5)  
Featured in [Nature Physics News & Views](#).
- [3] M. Adhikari\*, **R. Sharma**\*, S. Karmakar. *Encoding fast and fault-tolerant memories in bulk and nanoscale amorphous solids*. Physical Review Letters (2025). [doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.134.018202](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.134.018202)
- [4] U. A. Dattani\*, **R. Sharma**\*, S. Karmakar, P. Chaudhuri. *Cavitation instabilities in amorphous solids via secondary mechanical perturbations*. arXiv preprint (2023). [arXiv:2303.04529](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.04529)

\*Equal contribution.

## Research Visits

**Roskilde University**, Denmark *Nov – Dec 2023*  
Hosted by Prof. Jeppe Dyre

**Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf**, Germany *Dec 2023 – Jan 2024*  
Hosted by Prof. Jürgen Horbach

## Talks

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“Glass and Time” Group, Roskilde University, Denmark	Nov 2023
Institut für Theoretische Physik, University of Göttingen, Germany	Jan 2024
Computational Soft Matter Seminar, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands	Jan 2024
Soft Matter Group, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany	Jan 2024

## Selected Media Coverage

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