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SUMMARY

- Extensive academic research experience in the field of computational material science involving diverse class of materials using state of the art quantum mechanical and multiscale materials modelling.
- 19 published papers, including: Nat. Comm. = 1, Phys. Rev. B-Rapid Comm. = 2 (first author), Phys. Rev. B = 4 (first author), Nat. Sci. Report = 2, JPCM = 1, JPCC = 1; 2 Book chapters, 3 articles under review, 4 articles in preparation. No. of citations = 360+ (Google Scholar), h-index = 11.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Apr. 2017 — Present	University of Kiel, Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics, Kiel, GERMANY
	Postdoctoral Researcher with Prof. Dr. Stefan Heinze
DEC. 2016 — MAR. 2017	Uppsala University, Department of Physics & Astronomy, Uppsala, Sweden
	Postdoctoral researcher with Prof. Biplab Sanyal & System Administrator
Apr. $2012 - Nov. 2016$	Uppsala University, Department of Physics & Astronomy, Uppsala, SWEDEN
	Doctorand with Prof. Biplab Sanyal and Prof. Olle Eriksson & System Administrator
Jul. 2009 — Jan. 2012	University of Pune, Centre for Modeling and Simulation & Department of Physics,
	Pune, India. Junior Research Fellow with Prof. Dilip Kanhere.

EDUCATION

Apr. $2012 - Nov. 2016$	Doctor of Philosophy in Physics & Licentiate of Philosophy in Physics
	Uppsala University, Department of Physics & Astronomy, Uppsala, Sweden.
July 2007 — June 2009	Master of Science in Physics, Department of Physics, Pune University
	Pune, India. Highest Grade & Top 5 within the class.
Aug. 2004 — July 2007	Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Physics, St. Xavier's College, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India. First Class Honours.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

KIEL University

- **Predicted sub-10 nanometer size skyrmion** in ultrathin films which is essential for **skyrmion based spintronic devices** using density functional theory and atomistic spin dynamics.
- Showed that thermal stability of skyrmions due to entropic effects can be strongly affected by external control parameters such as magnetic field and interface composition
- Led the simulation work to explain recent spin-polarized scanning tunneling microscopy experiments confirming intra-atomic noncollinear magnetism & tunnelling anisotropic magnetoresistance effect of adatoms on surfaces with a noncollinear magnetic structure e.g., spin spirals, skyrmions or domain walls.

PHD & Uppsala University

- Investigated the **influence of defects and impurities** on the properties of various 2D materials (PhD thesis)[link].
- **Predicted formation of metallic cluster** at a interface of in-plane 2D heterostructure of graphene and h-BN using *ab initio* **molecular dynamics** and **nudged elastic band method**.
- Exploration and analysis of electronic transport properties using Non Equilibrium Green's Function in 2D materials e.g., graphene, silicene.
- Investigated functionalization of various 2D materials using adatoms, molecular magnets, metal clusters, etc. to tune their properties for applications in spintronic devices.
- Demonstrated **prominent gas sensing activity & site selective fluorination** in defected graphene.

- Studied the surface, interface, edge effects, and excitonic properties in 2D materials.
- Investigated metal-free photochemical (hydro)silylations & transfer-hydrogenations in graphene.
- Used linear response theory to predict correct Hubbard U values for correlated electron metal center in organometallics and further investigated the effect of ligand on it.

- Predicted compact islands formation of adsorbed hydrogen from graphene to graphane showing semi-metal to metal to insulator transition.
- Investigated the structure and melting behavior of supported metallic clusters using ab initio Molecular Dynamics simulations.

MASTERS

• Studied the effect Defects in Semiconductor Clusters using density functional theory (M.Sc project). The thesis can be found here.[link]

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

SOFTWARE •

- Experience working with VASP, Quantum ESPRESSO, FLEUR, SIESTA, TranSIESTA, WIEN2k, Yambo, DFTB+, GPAW, Wannier90, Atomistic Spin Dynamics.
- Expert in code optimization, porting and maintenance on various high performance computing infrastructure.

DEVELOPMENT

• Developer of various utility codes for software related to my research activity.

PROGRAMING LANGUAGES

- Proficient in using Fortran, Python, C, Shell Scripts, Mathematica.
- Familiarity with C, C++, PHP, HTML, CSS, Javascript

SYSTEM AD-MINISTRATION

- Porting scientific applications on a range of HPC platforms, EU-INDIA grid, Garuda grid. Setting up 'Rocks' based HPC cluster for research. HPC Administration & Linux System Administration. Designing & maintaining different web servers.
- Involved in managing, purchasing of computer software & hardware and maintaining network infrastructure, web & storage servers of Materials Theory Division, Uppsala University.

Professional Activities

ORGANIZATION

- Member of organising committee, NU-MATHIMO workshop in Uppsala (June 2015)
- Project management, writing grants for computer time allocation.

SUPERVISION

• Diploma students: M. Gutzeit (2018), L. Stühmer-Herrmann (2019).

TEACHING

• Central University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan, India

Computational Physics for undergraduate students. (Visiting lecturer 2012)

CONFERENCES

• Regular participant of International conferences and workshops. Contributed talks in recent conferences - DPG2019 [link], JEMS2018, SolSkymag2018, DPG2018 [link]. Poster presentation in conferences — SPSTM-7, DPG2016 [link]

Grants, Honours and Awards

TRAVEL GRANTS • Graduate school on Advanced Materials travel grant

Sept 2013

AWARDS

• Junior Research Fellowship, Indo-Swiss joint research program.

July 2009

 National Eligibility Test for Junior Research Fellowship and Lectureship conducted June 2009 by CSIR and UGC in India

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PhD Student Representative - Equal Opportunity board, Physics dept, Uppsala University. 2014 - 2016

Responsible for maintaining the interests of PhD students in the ongoing equality work and plans at the department

Information Officer - TNDR Board (The PhD students' council of the faculty of science and tech-2014 - 2015 nology, Uppsala University)

Responsible for maintaining and developing information infrastructure, both physical and virtual

Election Committee Member - TNDR 2014 - 2015

Responsible for conducting and monitoring the election process of TNDR board members and representatives

Student Ambassador - Campus1477 Gym, Uppsala 2016

Responsible for promoting activities of Campus1477 among the Uppsala University students