

Anupama Sharma

Ph.D. Computational Sciences



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About Me -

I am a Research Associate at IIIT Hyderabad with a PhD in Computational Sciences. My interests span liquids at interfaces, solvation, IDPs, and integrating MD with AI/ML based approaches. I aim to advance computational tools and multiscale modeling to uncover mechanisms in complex chemical and biomolecular systems for advance therapeutics.

Programming Skills —

Fortran

Bash Scripting

Python

tcl/tk

Awk

Perl

Scale: 0 (basic skills) - 6 (expert).

Software and Packages -

- · Operating system : Ubuntu, Windows, macOS
- · HPC job scheduling and resource handling via SLURM.
- Gromacs, AMBER, NAMD, CHARMM-GUI, Auto Dock Vina, Schrodinger, Alphafold, Proteinx Server, Gaussian, CP2K, psi4, Mulitwfn
- GaussView, Avogadro, VMD, Pymol, ChemDraw, Chimera, Xmgrace, gnuplot

Education

2018 - 2025 Ph.D. Computational Sciences

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab, India

- Thesis Title: Structure and Dynamics of Complex Liquids Inside Confined Environment.
- Skills acquired Classical MD using GROMACS, NAMD, AMBER and nonequilibrium or Enhanced sampling Methods.
- Statistical Analysis and Force-Field Parameterization.
- IR-Spectra, dynamic, and structural property extraction from simulations.

2016 - 2018 M.Sc Chemistry (Medicinal Chemistry)

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab, India

- · Thesis Title: In-vitro and In-silico study of essential oil components for Eucalyptus tereticornis as antibacterial agents.
- · Skills: Bacterial culture preparation and Agar well diffusion assay, MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) determination, Schrödinger, SwissADME, PyMOL, Discovery Studio.

2016 - 2018 B.Sc Chemistry (Honours)

University of Delhi, Shyam Lal College, New Delhi, India

• Graduated with 68.59% (First division)

Online Courses Attended

Oct 2021 to Jul 2022 Foundations of Modern Machine Learning conducted by, IIIT Hyderabad.

Work Experience

March 2025 – present Research Associate I

R&D, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad, India

• Project Title : Carbon Allotrope Dispersion in Ionic Liquids using Enhanced Sampling Simulations.

July 2024 - Feb 2025 Senior Research Fellow

I-HUB Data Foundation, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad, India

- Developing automated workflows in python and tcl/tk for HES simulations, mentoring interns, and analyzing ligand residence times from steered MD simulations. Preparation and correction of final Manuscript.
- IDP project, supported students with simulation and analysis tasks and wrote custom analysis and visualization codes in Fortran and Python.
- I worked in quantum/classical modeling of the diastereoselective Henry reaction catalyzed by the BmHNL and AtHNL enzyme. My contributions included identifying catalytic triad and simulating active-site interactions, which fed into subsequent DFT studies.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, CCNSB, IIIT-Hyderabad

Course: Biomolecular Structure Interaction and Dynamics (SC3.321), Monsoon-2024

Course: Physics of Soft Condensed Matter (S25SC2:301),

Spring-2025

Course: General and Structural Chemistry (S25SC2:101), Spring-2025

Achievements -

- (CSIR-NET/JRF-2017,Dec) All India Rank in Chemical Sciences
 126
- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE-2018) Gate
 Score 331
- Common University Entrance Test (CUCET(Ph.D.))-2018
- Common University Entrance Test (CUCET(Postgraduation))-2016

Workshop & Conferences —

- CECAM Conference MD@60-2024: Poster Presentation on "Micro-solvation of Propofol in Propylene Glycol-Water Binary Mixture: Molecular Dynamics Simulation Studies."
- TCB-2022, NIPER-Mohali:
 Poster Presentation on "Effect of Confinement On Water Dynamics: Dependence of Temperature and Diameter of Carbon Conduits."
- Workshop on "Introduction to gaussian: Theory and practice, Hyderabad" (Jan 20-24, 2020)

Referee Details -

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- Dr. Rakesh Srivastava (Asst. Prof.)
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Research Publications

- Roy, R.; Gahatraj, I.; Sharma, A.; Kumar, V.; Paul, R.; Kumar, D.; Bhattacharya, P.; Borah, A. Potentials of Cepharanthine and Tomatidine as Novel LpxC and TLR4 Inhibitors to Mitigate Gut-Mediated Inflammation in Parkinson's Disease: A High-Throughput Investigation through Molecular Docking and Dynamic Simulation. Biotech., (2025), 15(7), 1–24.
- 5. **Sharma, A.**; Anand, M.; & Chakraborty, S. Influence of CTAB Reverse Micellar Confinement on the Tetrahedral Structure of Liquid Water. *J. Phys. Chem. B.*,(**2025**), 129(4), 1289–1300.
- Saha, S.;Sharma, Anupama; Bhowmik, D.; & Kumar, D. Investigation into in silico and in vitro approaches for inhibitors targeting MCM10 in Leishmania donovani: a comprehensive study. *Mol. Divers.*, (2024),1-16.
- 3. Nandi, R.; **Sharma, A.**; Priya, A.; & Kumar, D. Integrating Traditional QSAR and Read-Across-Based Regression Models for Predicting Potential Anti-Leishmanial Azole Compounds. *Mol. Divers.*, (**2024**), *28*, 1–25.
- 2. Gahatraj, I.; Roy, R.; **Sharma, A.**; Phukan, B. C.; Kumar, S.; Kumar, D.; Pandey, P.; Bhattacharya, P.; Borah, A. Identification of Molecular Interactions of Pesticides with Keratinase for Their Potential to Inhibit Keratin Biodegradation. *In Silico Pharmacol.*, (2024), 12(1),54.
- Sharma, A.; Kumar, V.; Chakraborty, S. Micro-Solvation of Propofol in Propylene Glycol-Water Binary Mixtures: Molecular Dynamics Simulation Studies. *J. Phys. Chem.* B., (2023), 127(51), 11011-11022.

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Submitted Work

- PLAS-HES-5k A dataset of non-native protein-ligand conformations and binding affinities for machine learning applications in drug discovery. NeurIPS 2025 Datasets and Benchmarks.
- Mechanistic Aspects of Carbon Nanotube Dispersion in Imidazolium-based Room Temperature Ionic Liquids. PCCP, CP-ART-06-2025-002215

Collaborative Experience

I have worked with different research groups in collaboration with :

- Dr. Diwakar: Contributed to multiple research projects, with a primary focus on molecular dynamics (MD) simulations. Additionally, played a supportive role in applying machine learning techniques to biomolecular systems.
- Dr. Rakesh: Led the development of PLAS-HES-5k, a comprehensive dataset comprising non-native protein-ligand conformations and associated binding affinities. This resource is designed to facilitate machine learning applications in drug discovery, particularly in improving the prediction of ligand binding poses and affinities.