

Curriculum Vitae

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Postdoctoral Research Fellow (ETSL Lab)

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School of Mechanical Engineering
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Education:

Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy)

Jan. 2017-Dec. 2020

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India
(Institution of National Importance, Government of India)

Thesis: Recyclable Thermosets Polymer Materials Based on Dynamic Covalent Linkage for Various Applications

Supervisor: Prof. Umaprasana Ojha

M.Sc. Chemistry (Organic Chemistry)

Aug. 2011-Jul. 2013

Visva-Bharati University, Central University
Government of India, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.

B.Sc. Chemistry (Honours)

Aug. 2008-Jul. 2011

The University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal, India

Research Experience:

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Nov. 2025-Till Date

Purdue University, Mechanical Engineering Department
West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Nov. 2021-Oct. 2025

Purdue University, Chemical Engineering Department
West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

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RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Jan. 2021-July 2021

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India

(Institution of National Importance, Government of India)

URL: <https://sites.google.com/view/polymer-materials-lab-rgipt>**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Sep. 2016-Dec. 2017

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India

(Institution of National Importance, Government of India)

DAE Sponsored project (Bhabha Atomic Research Center, Mumbai, India)

PROJECT ASSISTANT LEVEL-II

Oct. 2014-Aug. 2016

CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum

Mohkampur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India

Refining Technology Division under the guidance of Dr. Nagavatla Viswanadham (Chief Scientist)

SUMMER PROJECT

May. 2014-Jul. 2014

Visva-Bharati University, Central University

Government of India, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.

Nano metal-catalyzed organic reactions Under the guidance of Prof. Alakananda Hazra

M.S.C. PROJECT WORK

May. 2012-Jul. 2013

Visva-Bharati University, Central University

Government of India, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.

Oxidation of Benzene to Phenol using chromium based nano catalyst.

Under the guidance of Prof. Alakananda Hazra

Teaching Experience:

- **Teaching Assistantship, Under Graduate courses:** Examination Invigilation Duty at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, 4 Year: 2017-2020 (Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities).
 - Introduction to Polymer Chemistry, Advanced Polymer Chemistry, Basic Chemistry Courses, Chemistry & Materials Science Lab
 - Operation and maintenance of Mechanical property of Polymer testing Lab (DMA, UTM, DSC, TGA, GPC), Spectroscopy Lab, NMR Lab, XPS Lab
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Research Experience:**Post-Doctoral Work:**

- Advanced Polymer Electrolytes for Enhanced Battery Safety and Performance
- Selective Lithium Extraction from Brine using Polymer Membrane
- Facilitating Ionic & Electronic Conduction in Radical Polymers through Controlled Assembly Overarching
- Synthesis of charge transport and magneto-responsive properties of open-shell single crystals, polymers, polyelectrolyte complexes, polymers in additive manufacture, conducting materials, electro-spinning, spin coating, sensing, Energy Materials, etc. applications.
- Synthesis of organic reaction-based bioinspired polymer materials by different polymerization techniques (Radical, ATRP, RAFT, and Living Polymerization).
- The synthesis of advanced polymers from recovered ocean plastic waste in close conjunction. Synthesizing High-Performance Renewable PET from Recovered Plastic

Waste.

- Developing new saliva-based polymers & hydrogels (i.e., saliva-gels) for different applications with faculty and students in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Purdue and clinical collaborators at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- Development of nanomaterials as a functional layer for next-generation hydrogen sensors

Doctoral Work:

- Synthesis of organic reaction-based bioinspired polymer materials by different polymerization techniques (Radical, ATRP, RAFT, and Living Polymerization).
- Reversible, degradable, reprocessable, reusable, shape memorable, and self-healable bio-based sustainable dynamic polymeric network synthesis and its various applications.
- Synthesis of dynamic, self-healable, degradable, moldable polyamide-based 3D printing materials.
- Hydrogels, Organogels, Hydrogel-Organogel hybrid material synthesis and its various applications (actuator, anisotropic behavior and shape memory behaviour, biological activities, low-temperature applications, and separations of aromatics from the azeotropic mixture, adhesives properties, etc.).

Research Interest: Polymer Electrolytes for Enhanced Battery Safety and Performance | Selective Lithium Extraction from Brine using Polymer Membrane | Conductive Polymer Materials | Ionic & Electronic Conduction in Radical Polymers | Bioinspired polymer materials | Stimuli-responsive Polymer materials | Reversible, degradable, reprocessable, reusable, shape-memorable, and self-healable bio-based sustainable dynamic polymeric network | Tough Hydrogels | Organogels, Hydrogel-Organogel hybrid material synthesis and its various applications | Saliva-Gel for Potential Xerostomia Treatment | Dynamic, self-healable, degradable, moldable polyamide-based 3D printing materials | Polymers for water Purification systems.

Publications

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journal: (*Corresponding Author)

- (1) **Suman Debnath***, Yun-Fang Yang, Jayant Naga, and Bryan W. Boudouris, Facilitating Ionic & Electronic Conduction in Radical Polymers through Controlled Assembly Overarching, 2025 (**Manuscript Under Preparation**).
- (2) **Suman Debnath***, Cristina Paz, Dimitri Scofield, Nicole Rogus-Pulia, Randall J. Kimple, Georgia A. Malandraki, Bryan W. Boudouris*, Poly (hydroxyethyl methacrylate) Saliva-Gel: A Polymer-Based Breakthrough for Potential Xerostomia Treatment, **ACS Applied Polymer Materials**, 7, 2025, 9578–9584. (IF:4.8)
- (3) **Suman Debnath***, Mahesh Parit, Aidan P. Brown, Jayden Pearson, Basudeb Saha, and Bryan W. Boudouris*, Renewable PET from Recovered Plastic Waste. **Chemistry of Materials**, 36, 2024, 10259–10266). (IF:8.6)
- (4) **Suman Debnath***, Hyunki Yeo, Lukas Yi Peng, Denniell A. J. Hurboda, Zihao Liang, Matthias Zeller, and Bryan W. Boudouris*, Charge Transport and Magneto-Responsive Properties of Open-Shell Single Crystals. **Chemistry of materials**, 36, 2024, 5661–5670. (IF:8.6)
- (5) **Suman Debnath**, Hyunki Yeo, Baiju Krishnan Pazhamkalathil, Bryan W. Boudouris*, Radical Polymers in Electronics & Spintronics Applications. **RSC Applied Polymers**, 2, 2024, 7-25 (**Invited Article**). (IF:NA)
- (6) **Suman Debnath**, Carsten Flores-Hansen, Nikhil F. Carneiro, William A. Swann, Zachary A. Siefker, George T.-C. Chiu, James E. Braun, Jeffrey F. Rhoads*, Bryan W. Boudouris*. Nanoparticle-functionalized Microsensors for Room-Temperature Hydrogen Detection. **Journal of Materials Science**, 59, 2024, 6436-6445. (IF:3.9)

- (7) **Suman Debnath**, Aaron B. Woeppel, Cristina Paz, Nicole Rogus-Pulia, Randall J. Kimple, Georgia A. Malandraki, Bryan W. Boudouris*, Acrylamide-based Saliva-gels as a Potential Xerostomia Treatment. **ACS Applied Polymer Materials**, 5, 2023, 7698–7704. (IF:4.5)
- (8) Zihao Liang, Ying Tan, Sheng-Ning, Jacob F. Stoeck, Hamas Tahir, Aaron B. Woeppel, **Suman Debnath**, Matthias Zeller, Letian Dou, Brett M. Savoie, Bryan W. Boudouris*, Charge transport and antiferromagnetic ordering in nitroxide radical crystals. **Molecular Systems Design & Engineering**, 8, 2023, 464-472. (IF:3.2)
- (9) **Suman Debnath**, Chandan Upadhyay, Umapiasana Ojha*. Healable, Recyclable, and Programmable Shape Memory Organogels Based on Highly Malleable Catalyst-Free Carboxylate Linkages. **ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces**, 14, 2022, 9618-9631. (IF:10.38)
- (10) Subhankar Mandal, Abey Vignesh, **Suman Debnath**, Umapiasana Ojha*, Mechanically Robust Anisotropic Hydrogel–Organogel Conjugates for Soft Actuators with Fast Response Time and Diverse Bi-Axial Programmable Folding Ability. **Chemistry of Materials**, 34, 2022, 5125-5137. (IF:10.5)
- (11) **Suman Debnath**, Saurabh Kr Tiwary, Umapiasana Ojha*, Dynamic Carboxylate Linkage Based Reprocessable and Self-Healable Segmented Polyurethane Vitrimers Displaying Creep Resistance Behavior and Triple Shape Memory Ability. **ACS Applied Polymer Materials**, 3, 2021, 2166-2177 (Most Read Article April 2021). (I.F: 4.7)
- (12) **Suman Debnath**, Swaraj Kaushal, Subhankar Mandal, Umapiasana Ojha*, Solvent Processable and Recyclable Covalent Adaptive Organogels Based on Dynamic Trans-Esterification Chemistry: Separation of Toluene from Azeotropic Mixtures. **Polymer Chemistry**, 11, 2020, 1471-1480 (Invited article and published as cover art). (IF:5.58)
- (13) **Suman Debnath**, Swaraj Kaushal, Umapiasana Ojha*, Catalyst-Free Partially Bio-Based Polyester Vitrimers. **ACS Applied Polymer Materials**, 2, 2020, 1006-1013 (Most read article in February 2020). (IF:5.0)
- (14) **Suman Debnath**, Rewati Raman Ujjwal, and Umapiasana Ojha*, Self-Healable and Recyclable Dynamic Covalent Networks Based on Room Temperature Exchangeable Hydrazide Michael Adduct Linkages. **Macromolecules**, 51, 2018, 9961–9973 (Most read Article 2018). (IF:5.99)
- (15) Rewati Raman Ujjwal, Chandan Sona, **Suman Debnath**, Prem Narayan Yadav, Umapiasana Ojha*, Dye Labelled Polyacryloyl Hydrazide–Ag Nanoparticle Fluorescent Probe for Ultra-sensitive and Selective Detection of Au Ion. **ACS Omega**, 2, 2017, 4278–4286. (IF:NA)
- (16) **Suman Debnath**, Sandeep K. Saxena, Nagabhatla Viswanadham*, Facile synthesis of crystalline nano porous Mg₃(PO₄)₂ and its application to aerobic oxidation of alcohols. **Catalysis Communications** 84, 2016, 129-133. (IF:3.4)
- (17) Nagabhatla Viswanadham*, **Suman Debnath**, Sandeep K. Saxena, Ala's H. Al- Muhtaseb, Carbonized glycerol nanotubes as efficient catalysts for biofuel production. **RSC Advances**, 6, 2016, 41364-41368. (IF:3.1)
- (18) Nagabhatla Viswanadham*, **Suman Debnath**, Peta Sreenivasulu, Devaki Nandan, Sandeep K. Saxena, Ala's H. Al-Muhtaseb, Nanoporous hydroxyapatite as a bi- functional catalyst for biofuel production. **RSC Advances**, 5, 2015, 67380-6 67383. (IF:3.3)

Conference Publications:

- (1) **Suman Debnath**, Umapiasana Ojha*, R. M. Tripathi, S.K. Sahoo, Spatial distribution of uranium and associated water quality parameters in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, Proceeding of Twentieth National Symposium on Environment, (NSE-20) IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Dec 13-15, 2018, page 407.
- (2) Niharika Pandey, **Suman Debnath**, Umapiasana Ojha*, R. M. Tripathi, S.K. Sahoo, Spatial distribution of uranium and associated water quality parameters in Pratapgarh district of Uttar Pradesh Proceeding of Twentieth National Symposium on Environment, (NSE-20) IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Dec 13-15, 2018, page 441.

(3) Subhankar Mandal, **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, R. M. Tripathi, S.K. Sahoo, Spatial distribution of uranium and associated water quality parameters in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh Proceeding of Twentieth National Symposium on Environment, (NSE-20) IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Dec 13-15, 2018, page 403.

Oral Presentations at International & National Conferences/ Workshop:

(1) **Suman Debnath**, Nicole Rogus-Pulia, Georgia A. Malandraki* and Bryan W. Boudouris*, Bioinspired Saliva-gels: an Improved Potential Xerostomia Relief Solution, Dysphagia Research Society at the 32nd DRS Annual Meeting at Puerto Rico, U.S.A, March 12-15, 2024.

(2) **Suman Debnath**, Hyunki Yeo, Bryan W. Boudouris*, Liquid Crystalline Nonconjugated Open-Shell Organic Molecules, **APS Spring Meeting, Minneapolis, U.S.A**, March 4-8, 2024.

(3) **Suman Debnath**, Mahesh Parit, Basudeb Saha*, and Bryan W. Boudouris*, Synthesizing High-Performance Renewable PET from Recovered Plastic Waste, **ACS Spring Meeting, Indianapolis, U.S.A**, March 26-30, 2023.

(4) **Suman Debnath**, Georgia A. Malandraki* and Bryan W. Boudouris*, Tailored Saliva Release using Hydrogels: First Steps for an Emerging Xerostomia Solution, Dysphagia Research Society at the **World Dysphagia Summit & 31st DRS Annual Meeting at San Francisco, California, U.S.A**, March 13-17, 2023.

(5) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, Solvent Processable and Recyclable Covalent Adaptive Networks Based on Dynamic Trans-esterification of β -keto Esters. **Suman Debnath**, Swaraj Kausal, Subhankar Mandal, Umaprasana Ojha*, **Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (National Symposium, October 31-November 1, 2019)**.

(6) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, Self-Healable and Recyclable Dynamic Covalent Networks Based on Room Temperature Exchangeable Hydrazide Michael Adduct Linkages. **Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (National Symposium, April 13, 2019)**.

(7) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, Statistical Analysis of data generated under National Uranium Project, Sept. 26 - 27, 2018, **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, Mumbai.

(8) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, Dynamic Polyamides with Tailored Curing Times for Real-Time 3D Printing Application. **Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (National Symposium, March 17-18, 2018)**.

(9) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, Generation of National database on Uranium in drinking water under National Uranium Project, Feb. 8-10, 2017, **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, Mumbai.

Poster Presentations at International & National Conferences/ Workshop:

(1) **Suman Debnath**, R. R. Ujjwal & Umaprasana Ojha*, Dynamic polyamides with tailored curing times for real-time 3D printing application. **ACS Meetings & Expositions, U.S.A**. April 5-30, 2021.

(2) **Suman Debnath**, R. R. Ujjwal & Umaprasana Ojha*, Dye-Labeled Polyacryloyl Hydrazide-AgNanoparticle Fluorescent Probe for Ultrasensitive and Selective Detection of Au Ion Nov 1, 2018, Expanding Frontiers in Chemical Sciences-2018, **Indian Academy of Science & ACS Publications, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras**.

(3) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha* Recyclable Thermosets based on dynamic Amidation and Aza-Michael addition reaction, **Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (National Symposium, January 4, 2017)**.

(4) **Suman Debnath**, Umaprasana Ojha*, R. M. Tripathi, S.K. Spatial distribution of uranium and associated water quality parameters in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh Sahoo Dec 13-15, 2018, NSE-20, IIT Gandhinagar & Bhabha Atomic Research centre (BARC), IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(5) **Suman Debnath**, Sandeep K. Saxenaa, Amit Sharma, Rajeev Panwar, Nagabhatla Viswanadham*, Carbonized glycerol nanotubes as efficient catalysts for biofuel production. April 29, 2016, **Indian Scenario, Department of Chemistry Uttaranchal University, Dehradun**.

Awards/Fellowships:

- (1) **Recognized as the 2023 recipient of the Mark Nicosia award (2500 U.S.D)** by the **Dysphagia Research Society** at the **World Dysphagia Summit & 31st DRS Annual Meeting at San Francisco**, California, U.S.A for my research work in the **treatment of Dry mouth or Xerostomia**. This award was designed for an early career scientist in the field of Biomedical Engineering pursuing innovative knowledge in the diagnosis and/or treatment of dysphagia.
- (2) **Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) award** in 2019 from Human Resource Development Group, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research Government of India.
- (3) **Best Oral Presentation Award**, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India (National Symposium 2019).
- (4) **Best Oral Presentation Award**, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India (National Symposium 2018).
- (5) **Junior Research Fellowship** from **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, Mumbai, **2016-2018**.
- (6) **Junior Research Fellowship** from **CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum**, Dehradun, **2014-2016**.
- (7) **Best Poster Award** in National Symposium on Biofuel: Indian Scenario **2016** at Department of Chemistry Uttarakhand University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India.
- (8) **National Scholarship**, West Bengal Board of Education, India, during **2006-2008 & 2011-2013**.
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Undergraduate Students Mentored (07 Total):

- (1) Kathryn Ann Bingenheimer (2024-2025), Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, USA. (2) Jayden Perason (2022-2023), Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, USA. (3) Aidan P. Brown (2022-2023), Chemical Engineering, Purdue University, USA. (4) Saurabh Kr Tiwary, (2020-2021), Chemical Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India. (5) Swaraj Kaushal (2019-2020), Chemical Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India. (6) Brijesh Saini (2018-2019), Chemical Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India. (7) Harshvardhan Pande (2018-2019), Chemical Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, India.
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Professional Associations:

- (1) Member of the **American Chemical Society (ACS)**, (2) Member of the **Dysphagia Research Society (DRS)**, (3) Member of the **American Physical Society (APS)**
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Reviewer of the Journals: American Chemical Society (ACS), Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), Elsevier, Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI), Taylor & Francis, Materials Plus (Universal Wiser Publisher), etc.

Declaration and Sign Off

I hereby declare that the all above-written particulars are true to the best of my knowledge.

Suman Debnath

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