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FIELD OF RESEARCH

Many problems of theoretical chemistry can be ultimately reduced to the equivalent problems of either maximizing or minimizing a function or a functional. For complex functions and functionals deterministic search for critical points is often not the best way when the surfaces being explored have a rather large number of critical points. A number of soft-computing methods that can do the job better exist, notable among these are the Simulated Annealing method (SAM), evolutionary algorithms (EA^s) like Genetic Algorithms, Ant Colony Algorithms, Swarm-Intelligence driven algorithms and the Neural Networks. My focus has been towards exploring these algorithms, especially the hybrids of them, to handle the following problems:

(1) Computing eigen-spectra of Hermitian matrices and to explore the various matrix partitioning schemes available, like the energy-dependent and the energy-independent wave operator formalism; to extract a small number of eigen-values and vectors for moderate size matrices.

(2) Finding local and global minima and maxima on complex potential energy surfaces of atomic and molecular clusters, spin-clusters etc.

(3) Finding 1^{st} and 2^{nd} order saddle points of the above-mentioned surfaces with a view to locating the transition structures.

(4) Thermal effects on cluster geometry and other properties, especially response properties.

(5) Constructing localized orbitals and optimizing basis functions.

(6) Development of methodologies to scope out the reaction pathways for some simple problems.

Presently, I have done some work towards the solution of the reactive scattering problem for three body systems using the wave packet evolution (in hyperspherical co-ordinates); parallelization of the code using MPI, OpenMP and mixed MPI-OpenMP parallelization.

Special emphasis has been given on the fine-tuning of relevant parameters of each algorithm and parallelization of the methods proposed, so that they become competitive with the existing computing schemes.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

Serial Number	Year of Publication	Title	Name of the authors	Name of the Journal	Volume and Pages
1	2025	Designed Synthesis of Amino-Azo-Quinoline and Their Nickel (II) Complexes: Molecular Structure, Electrochemistry and an Insight Into Their In Vitro Anti-Cancer Activities	Srijita Naskar, Koushik Sarkar, Supriyo Halder, Bidisha Chatterjee, Debjeet Chakraborty, Arka Laha, **Rahul Sharma**, Arup Kumar Mitra, Kausikisankar Pramanik, Sanjib Ganguly	Chemistry & Biodiversity	Vol: 2 e2024024362, Pg:
2	2024	Fluorene and Triazine-Based Conjugated Polymer Networks with Tuned Frontier Orbital Energy Levels for Improving Organic Photocatalysis	Raj Laxmi, Anshuman, Neelam Gupta, Anamika, Arpita Maurya, Ravi Prakash Behere, **Rahul Sharma**, Biswajit Maiti, Biplab K Kuila	ACS Applied Polymer Materials	Vol: 6, Pg:15136-15149
3	2021	Dynamical calculations of O (3 P)+ OH (2 Π) reaction on the CHIPR potential energy surface using the fully coupled time-dependent wave-packet approach in hyperspherical coordinates	S Ghosh, **R Sharma**, S Adhikari, AJC Varandas	Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics	Vol: 23, Pg:21784-21796
4	2020	Structure elucidation and construction of isomerisation pathways in small to moderate-sized (6–27) MgO nanoclusters: an adaptive mutation simulated annealing based analysis with quantum chemical calculations	K Ghosh, **R Sharma**, P Chaudhury	Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics	Vol: 22, Pg: 9616-9629
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10	2015	Coupled 3D Time-dependent Wave-packet Approach in Hyperspherical Coordinates: the D++ H2 Reaction on the Triple-sheeted DMBE Potential Energy Surface	S Ghosh, T Sahoo, S Adhikari, **Rahul Sharma**, AJC Varandas	The Journal of Physical Chemistry A	Vol: 119, Pg: 12392-12403
11	2015	Low-temperature D+ + H2 reaction: A time-dependent coupled wave-packet study in hyperspherical coordinates	Tapas Sahoo, Sandip Ghosh, Satrajit Adhikari, **Rahul Sharma,** António J. C. Varandas	The Journal of Chemical Physics	Vol: 142 Pg: 024304
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18	2011	Solving symmetric eigenvalue problem via genetic algorithms: Serial versus parallel implementation	S Nandy, **Rahul Sharma,** SP Bhattacharyya	Applied Soft Computing	Vol: 11 Pg: 3946-3961
19	2011	A Density-Genetic Algorithm Method for Computing Electronic Structures of Doped and Undoped Polythiophene Oligomers: A Modified Su–Schrieffer–Heeger Hamiltonian-Based Study	**Rahul Sharma,** S Nandy, P Chaudhury, SP Bhattacharyya	Materials and Manufacturing Processes	Vol: 26 Pg: 354-362
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25	2009	Computation of molecular electronic structure by genetic algorithm	**Rahul Sharma,** R Saha, S Nandy, SP Bhattacharyya, P Chaudhury	Materials and Manufacturing Processes	Vol: 24 Pg: 155-161
26	2009	Theoretical prediction of ring structures for ZnS quantum dots	S Pal, **Rahul Sharma,** B Goswami, P Sarkar	Chemical Physics Letters	Vol: 467 Pg: 365-368

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