A Brief Profile of Dr. D. Krishna Bhat

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Educational Qualification: M.Sc. (Mangalore University, 1992), Ph.D. (Mangalore University, 1997)

Areas of Research Interest:

- Nanomaterials: Synthesis of nanoparticles and nanocomposites with polymer and graphene based 2D materials by various methods for energy and environmental applications like supercapacitors and photocatalysis.
- Thermoelectrics: Synthesis of chalcogenides and perovskite oxide based thermoelectric materials and electronic structure engineering for achieving high figure of merit.
- Nanofluids: Synthesis of metal/metal oxide nanofluids with enhanced thermal conductivity and stability for advanced heat transfer applications.
- Polymer Science: Preparation of biodegradable polymer blends using commercial and natural polymers; characterization and study of physico-chemical properties of polymer blends.
- Solution Chemistry: Study of molecular interactions in polymer solutions; solutions of biologically important molecules in water and non-aqueous solvents in the presence of metal salts.

Research Projects:

- Principal Investigator of CSIR Research project titled 'Development of novel thermoelectric materials', Grant amount: 10.5 lakhs (2017-20).
- Principal Investigator of SERB Research project titled 'High performance thermoelectric materials via band engineering', Grant amount: 26.76 lakhs (2016-19).

- Co-Investigator of DRDO Research project titled 'Development of supercapacitors based on polymer electrolytes', Grant amount: 14.9 lakhs (2010-13).
- Principal Investigator of DRDO Research project titled 'Molecular interactions in dipeptide metal salt solution systems', Grant amount: 14.12 lakhs (2008-11).
- Co-ordinator of TEQIP Network Institutions Project titled 'Preparation of ZnO nanomaterials for photocatalytic applications', Grant amount: 1.5 lakhs (2007-08).
- Co-ordinator of SERC Young Scientist Project titled 'Development of new magnetic nanocomposites', Grant amount: 11.52 lakhs (2006-09).
- Co-ordinator of MHRD R&D Project titled 'Development of new biodegradable polymers', Grant amount: Rs. 9.0 lakhs (2005-08).
- Co-Investigator of DRDO Research project titled 'Synthesis and evaluation of electrical, electronic, electrochemical and optical properties of some conducting polyheterocycles', Grant amount: Rs. 15.21 lakhs (2003-06).
- Co-ordinator of MHRD R&D Project titled 'Molecular interactions in some ionomer and polyelectrolyte solutions', Grant amount: Rs.5.0 lakhs (2003-06).

Awards/Recognitions:

- Secured a position in the list of top 2% scientists of the world for career long and single year impact continuously for the last three years (2020, 2021 and 2022) according to the study conducted by Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier publications.
- Recognized as Highly Cited Author (top 5 %, capped at top 100 papers) across Royal Society of Chemistry journals (2020, 2021, 2022).
- **SERC Young Scientist Award**, Department of Science and Technology (2006).
- **SERC Visiting Fellowship**, Department of Science and Technology (2006).

Publications:

Google scholar link: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Oa-3JSQAAAAJ&hl=en Vidwan profile link: https://nitk.irins.org/profile/54553

Recognition received by the research publications:

- Editor's Choice paper in Materials Today Physics: Bhat DK, Shenoy SU. Mat. Today Phys. 2018; 4: 12 18.
- Most cited articles (top 25) since 2017 as per scopus data in Materials Today Chemistry: Sadiq MMJ, Shenoy SU, Bhat DK. Mat. Today. Chem. 2017; 4: 133 - 141.
- Most cited articles (top 25) since 2018 as per scopus data in Materials Today Physics: Bhat DK, Shenoy SU. *Mat. Today Phys.* 2018; 4: 12 18.
- Most cited articles (top 25) since 2019 as per scopus data in Materials Today Physics: Bhat DK, Shenoy SU. *Mat. Today Phys.* 2019; 11: 100158.
- * Hot article in Nanoscale Advances in 2020: Bhat DK, Bantawal H, Shenoy SU. Nanoscale Adv. 2020; 2: 5688 - 5698.
- Most popular article in Journal of Materials Chemistry C in 2020: Shenoy SU, Bhat DK. J.
 Mater. Chem. C 2020; 8: 2036 2042.
- * Hot paper in Energy Advances in 2022: Shenoy SU, Bhat DK. Energy Adv. 2022; 1:9-14.
- * Hot paper and Highlight India in Energy Advances in 2022: Shenoy SU, Bhat DK. Energy Adv. 2022; 1:15-20.

List of Research Publications (Last five years):

- D.K. Bhat, S.P. Kumar, U.S. Shenoy, Design, synthesis, and characterization of stable copper nanofluid with enhanced thermal conductivity, *Materials Today Communications*, 2024, 39, 109129.
- U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "Towards achieving an ideal convergence of light and heavy electron conduction bands in SnTe: Insights into copper doping." *Journal of Alloys and Compounds Communications*, 2024, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacomc.2024.03.001.
- D.K. Bhat, S.P. Kumar, U.S. Shenoy, "In-situ synthesis of cuprous oxide nanofluid using ribose for enhanced thermal conductivity and stability." *International Journal of Heat and Fluid Flow*, 2024, 106, 109321.

- U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "Tuning the electronic structure of rhombohedral and cubic GeTe for thermoelectric application: Influence of molybdenum doping." *Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids*, 2024, 188, 111943.
- A. Bhava, U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "Silver doped barium titanate nanoparticles for enhanced visible light photocatalytic degradation of dyes." *Environmental Pollution*, 2024, 344, 123430.
- S.P. Kumar, U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "A direct approach towards synthesis of copper nanofluid by one step solution phase method." *Journal of Crystal Growth.*, 2024, 630, 127591.
- S.K. Kihoi, U.S. Shenoy, H. Kim, J.N. Kahiu, C.M. Kim, K. Park, D.K. Bhat, H.S. Lee, "Enhanced electrical, thermal and mechanical properties of SnTe through equimolar multication alloying for suitable device applications." ACS Applied Energy Materials, 2024, 7, 1149 - 1161.
- D.K. Bhat, H Bantawal, PI Uma, SP Kumar, US Shenoy, 'Designing Sustainable Porous Graphene-CaTiO3 Nanocomposite for Environmental Remediation', *Sustainable Chemistry for the Environment*, 2024, 5, 100071
- D.K. Bhat, P.I. Uma, U.S. Shenoy, "Insights into the dopant engineering in copper-doped SrTiO₃ nanocubes." *Journal of Hazardous Materials Advances*, 2023, *12*, 100380.
- P.I. Uma, U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "Nanocubic copper doped SrTiO₃ for photoreduction of Cr (VI) and photodegradation of methyl violet." ACS Applied Nano Materials, 2023, 6, 16798 - 16804.
- D.K. Bhat, H. Bantawal, P.I. Uma, U.S. Shenoy, "Enhanced photoresponse and efficient charge transfer in porous graphene-BaTiO₃ nanocomposite for high performance photocatalysis." *Diamond and Related Materials*, 2023, *139*, 110312.
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- P.I. Uma, U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, "Doped BaTiO₃ cuboctahedral nanoparticles: Role of copper in photocatalytic degradation of dyes." *Applied Surface Science Advances*, 2023, 15, 100408.
- J.N. Kahiu, S.K. Kihoi, H. Kim, U.S. Shenoy, D.K. Bhat, H.S. Lee, "Asymmetric thermoelectric performance tuning in low-cost ZrFe_xNi_{1-x}Sb double half-Heusler materials." ACS Applied Energy Materials, 2023, 6, 4305 - 4316.
- P.I. Uma, U.S. Shenoy, **D.K. Bhat**, "Electronic structure engineering of BaTiO₃ cuboctahedrons by doping copper to enhance the photocatalytic activity for environmental remediation." *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, **2023**, *948*, 169600.
- S.K. Kihoi, U.S. Shenoy, J.N. Kahiu, H. Kim, D.K. Bhat, H.S. Lee, "Pushing the limit of synergy in SnTe-based thermoelectric materials leading to an ultra-low lattice thermal conductivity and enhanced ZT." *Sustainable Energy and Fuels*, 2023, 7, 1916 - 1929.
- H. Kim, S.K. Kihoi, U.S. Shenoy, J.N. Kahiu, D.H. Shin, D.K. Bhat, H.S. Lee, "High thermoelectric and mechanical performance achieved by hyperconverged electronic structure and low lattice thermal conductivity in GeTe through CuInTe₂ alloying." *Journal* of Materials Chemistry A, 2023, 11, 8119 - 8130.
- Y.N. Sudhakar, M. Selvakumar, D.K. Bhat, "Enhancement and investigation of biodegradability of poly (methyl methacrylate) and poly (vinyl chloride) by blending with biodegradable polymer." *Polymer Bulletin*, 2022, 80, 5623 - 5639.
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thermoelectric material." Journal of Alloys and Compounds, 2022, 905, 164146.

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- 40. **D.K. Bhat**, U.S. Shenoy, "Resonance levels in GeTe thermoelectrics: Zinc as a new multifaceted dopant." *New Journal of Chemistry*, **2020**, *44*, 17664 17670.
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- 6. Life member of Indian Science Congress Association.
- 7. Life member of Materials Research Society of India.
- 8. Life member of Catalysis Society of India.
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- 10. Life member of Society for Materials Chemistry.
