

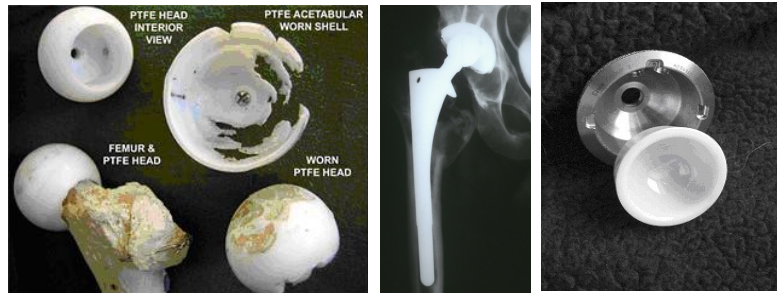
A person wearing a dark jacket and bright blue pants is walking on a paved path in a park. The background features a large green lawn, trees with some autumn-colored leaves, and a clear blue sky. A large white text box is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'CHEMICAL PHYSICS RESEARCH' in bold black letters, followed by a red arrow pointing to the right.

CHEMICAL PHYSICS

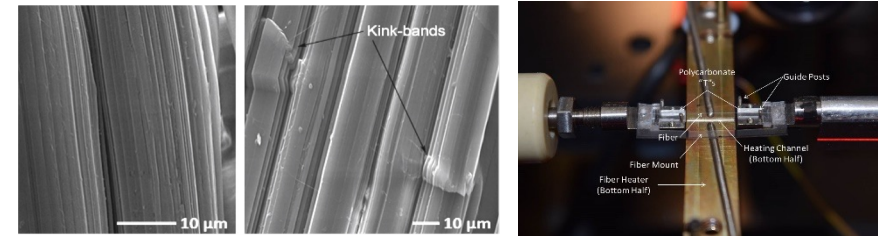
RESEARCH 

Mohamad Al-Sheikhly-Laboratory for Radiation and Polymer Science

1. Irradiation of UHMWPE for Hip Replacement



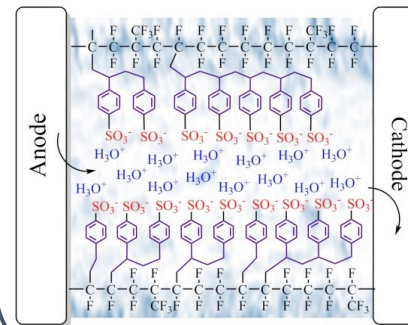
5. Long Term Stability of Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene Fibers as Soft Ballistic Inserts



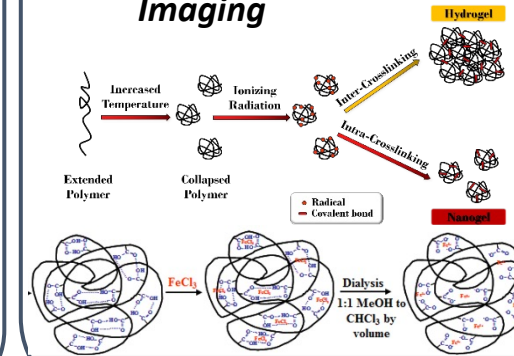
2. Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Polymeric Cable Insulators in Nuclear Power Plants



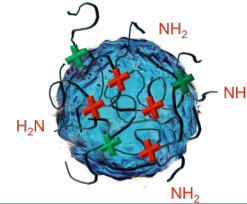
6. Fabrication of Polymer Electrolyte Membranes for Fuel Cells using Radiation Grafting



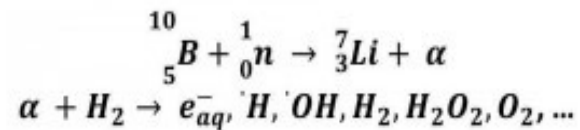
7. Biocompatible Nanomaterials for Drug Delivery & Magnetic Nanocomposites for Imaging



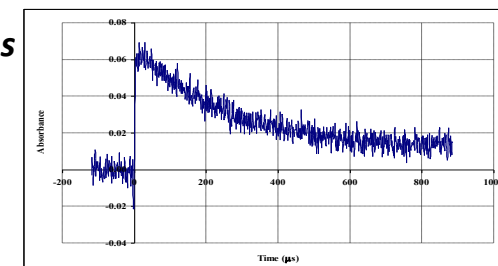
3. Functionalization of Polyvinylpyrrolidone nanogel for drug delivery systems

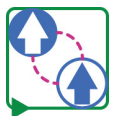


4. Critical Hydrogen Concentration Determination in Alpha Particle Irradiated Water



8. Polymerization reactions of 2-Ethylhexyl Acrylate



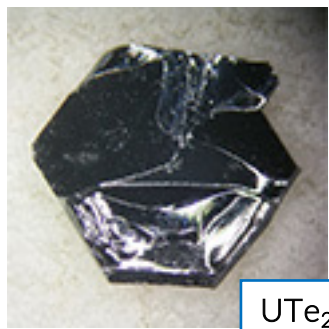


Quantum Materials: Magnetism, Superconductivity, Topology

Materials Synthesis



Cu₂OSeO₃



UTe₂



USb₂

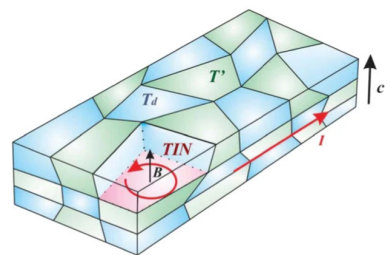
Quantum + Topological Physics



"Lazarus" extreme high field reentrant superconductor (UTe₂)

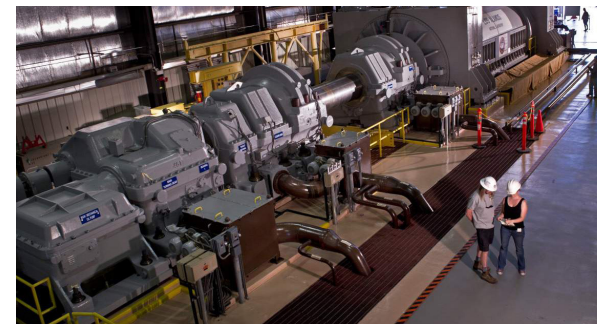


Chiral surface states in a topological superconductor (UTe₂)



Topological Interface Network under pressure (MoTe₂)

Extreme Environments, Big Experiments



Pulsed Field Facility, Los Alamos National Lab – high magnetic field experiments to 65 T and up



NIST Center for Neutron Research (nearby) – studying quantum magnetic excitations



Nicholas Butch
NIST & Physics



Yanne Chembo's Group @UMD

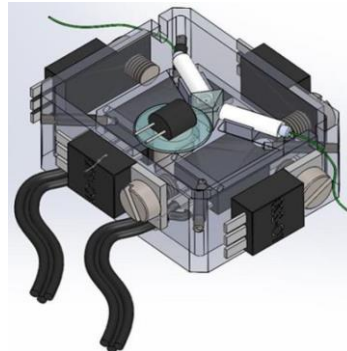
Photonic Systems Laboratory



The group currently has 8 members, including one PhD student from CHPH

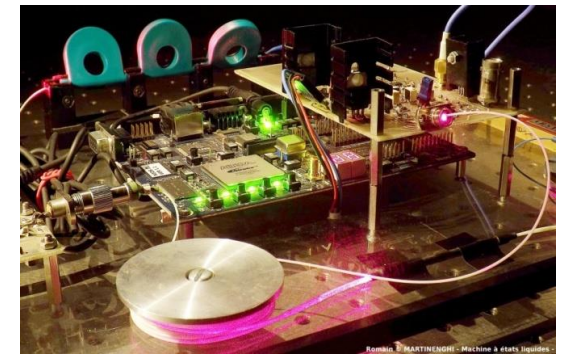
Aerospace Engineering

- Ultra-low phase noise optoelectronic oscillators
- Kerr optical frequency comb generation
- Navigation and sensing



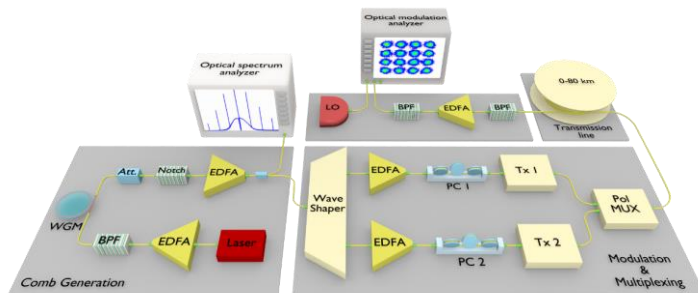
Photonic Neuromorphic Computing

- Fundamental principles
- Application to ultrafast classification tasks



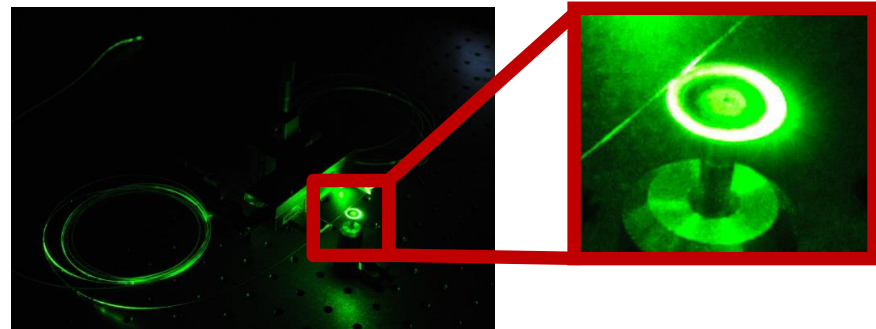
Telecommunication Engineering

- Optical chaos communication
- Wavelength division multiplexing using Kerr combs



Nonlinear and Quantum Photonics

- Laser-based all-optical signal processing using ultra-high-Q cavities
- Quantum communications



Prof. Russ Dickerson, AOSC

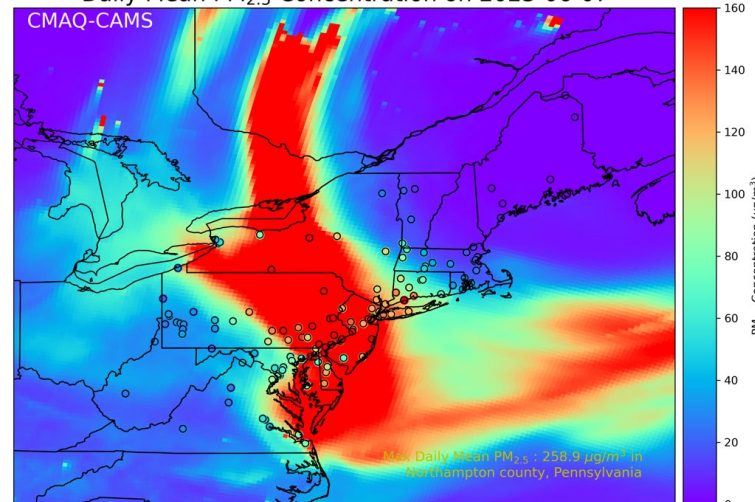
Topics: Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics,
Air Quality, Climate, and
Environmental Justice

Methods: In situ and remote measurements
Numerical simulations

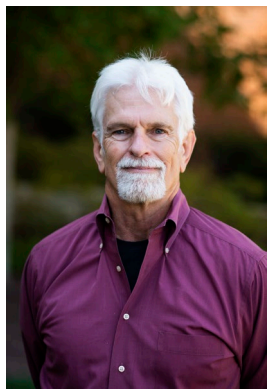
Support: NOAA, NASA, NIST, DOE, MDEs



Daily Mean $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration on 2023-06-07

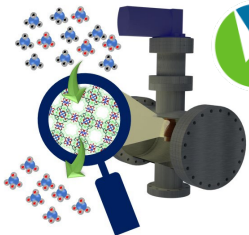


Canadian wildfires
generated the worst
air quality in decades:
impacts on health and
climate





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Early Career

Dodson Group Chemistry/Chemical Physics
Research

Gas/Surface Interactions

Cryogenic Spectroscopy

Buffer-Gas Cooling

High-Resolution Spectroscopy



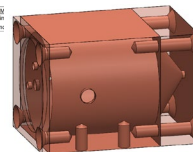
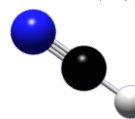
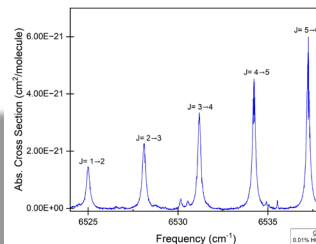
Hydrocarbon Radical Chemistry

Metal-Ion Chemistry

Synchrotron Photoionization Mass Spectrometry

Ion-Trap Mass Spectrometry

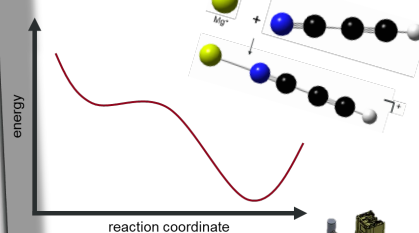
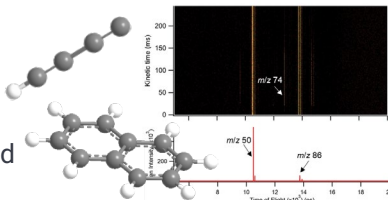
Measured Absorption Cross Section of HCN $2v_1$



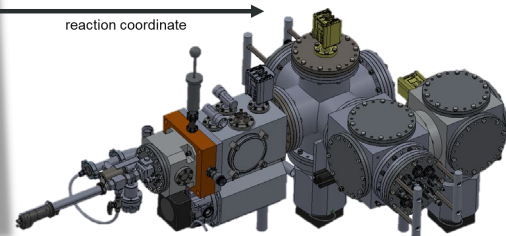
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Catalyst Fund



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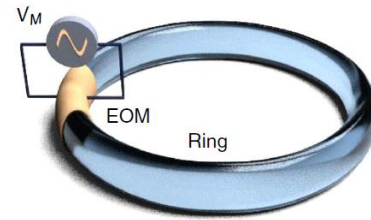
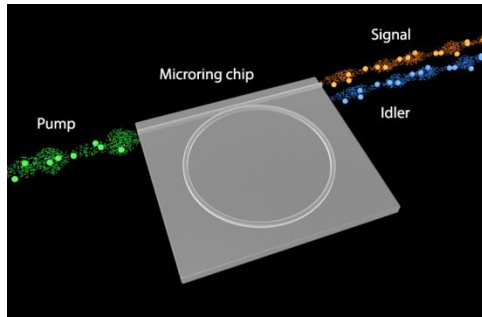


Partner



BSF Startup

FearLess Optics, Quantum Engineering and Technology



Nonlinear photonics
(frequency combs, spectroscopy, metrology)

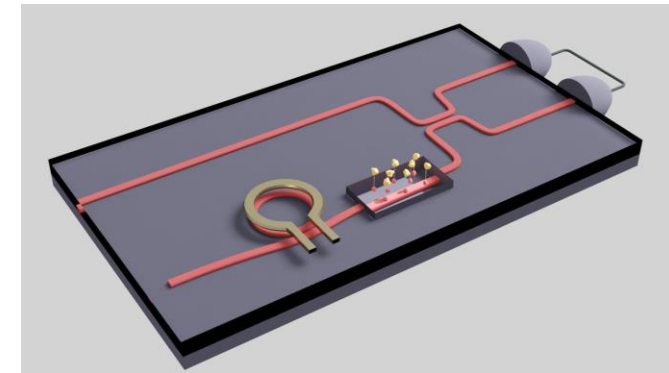


Quantum nanophotonics
(entangled/ squeezed light generation, quantum frequency conversion)

Topological photonics
(higher-order phases, high dimensions, quantum Hall effects, phase transitions)

[arxiv:2305.02238](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.02238)

A. Dutt et al., *Science* (2020); *Nat. Comm.* (2019); Wang*, Dutt* et al., *Science* (2021)

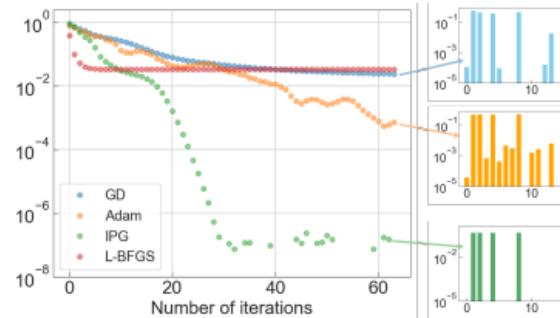
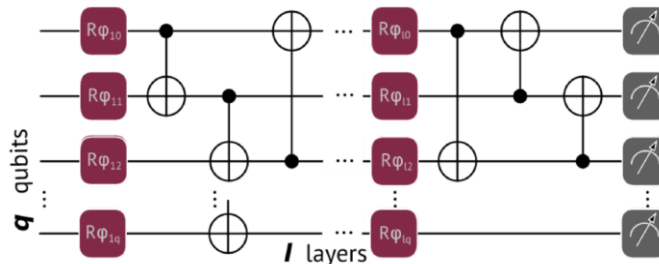


- For studying novel **emergent phases of light and matter**
- For applications in ultrafast, resource-efficient devices for **(quantum-enhanced) communications, computing and sensing**

Quantum sensing using squeezed light
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[arxiv:2309.09957](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.09957)

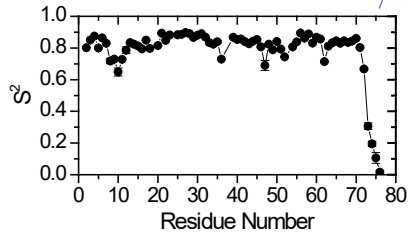
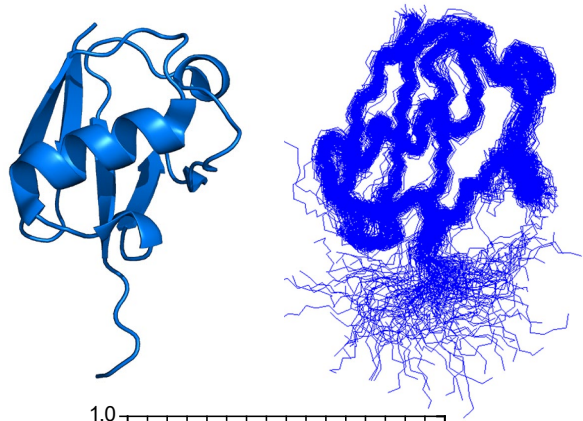
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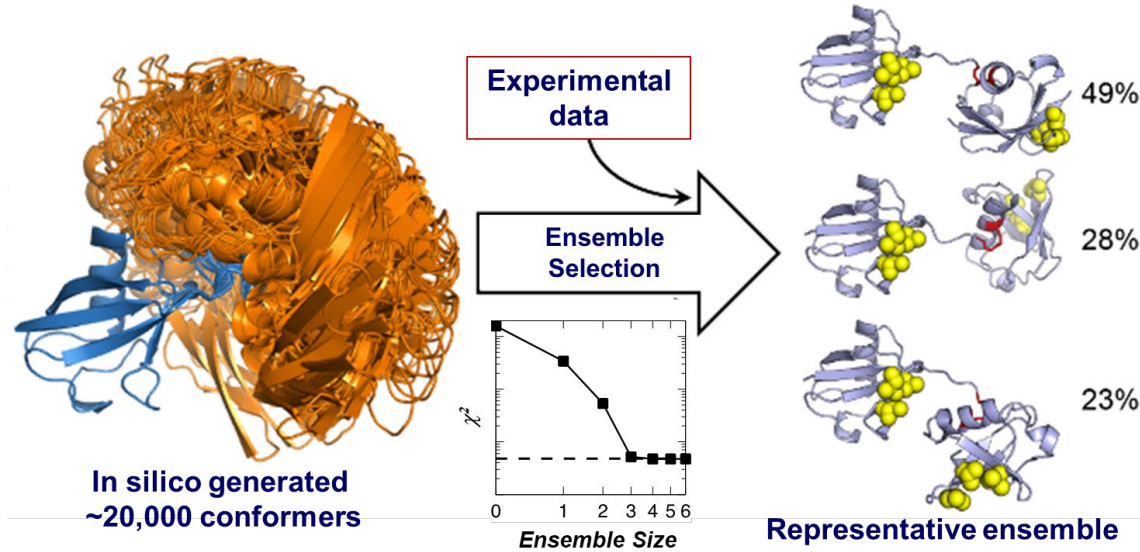


Most research projects involve three or more aspects \in {theory, simulation, design, nanofabrication, experiments}

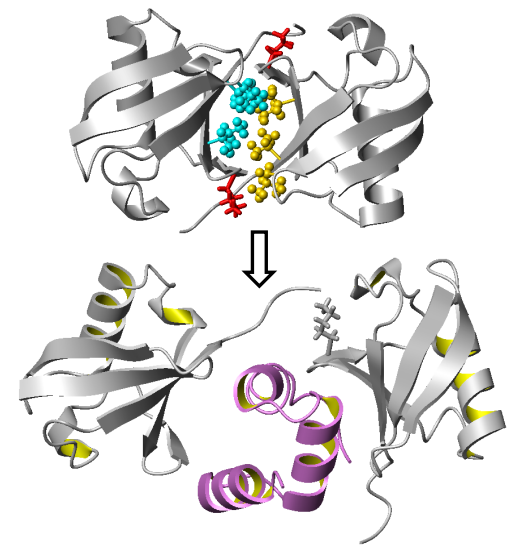
Proteins in motion: dynamics as the bridge between structure and function



Elucidating motions inside a protein



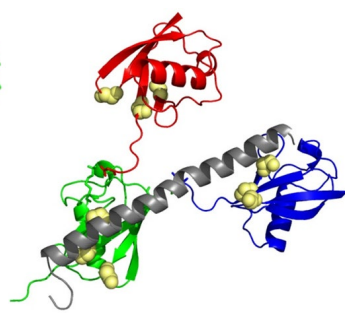
Representing multi-domain proteins as dynamic conformational ensembles



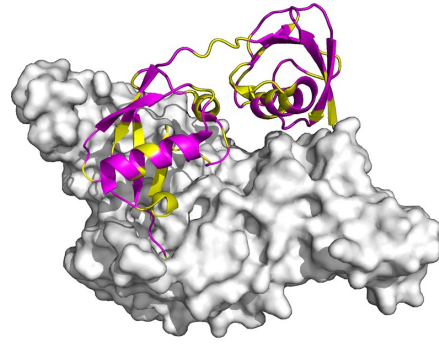
Mechanisms of cellular signaling by poly-Ubiquitin chains and how to modulate them



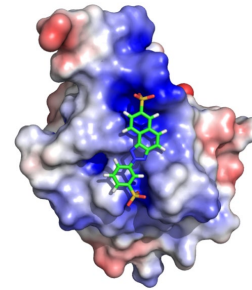
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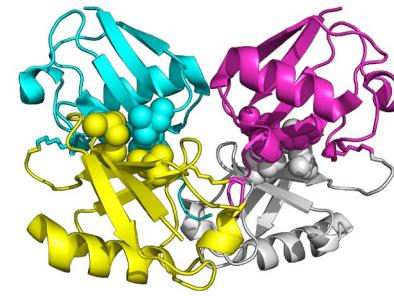
Structure, 2013



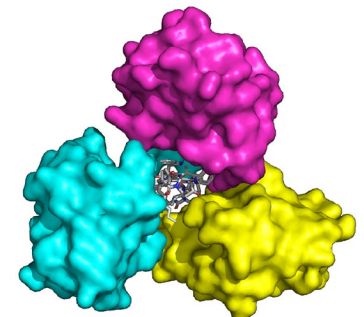
Nature Comm, 2023



Structure, 2017



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We combine experiments (NMR, X-ray, SAXS/SANS) and computer modeling to determine the structure, dynamics, and function of proteins and to address the challenge of painting an adequate portrait of a protein as a dynamic ensemble of multiple structures



David Fushman



The Combustion Laboratory at UMD

State of the art Lab. with comprehensive Diagnostics & Experimental facilities

Theme: Clean and efficient combustion of fossil and future fuels

Sample Projects

- Gasification, pyrolysis and Waste to clean fuel conversion
- Colorless Green Distributed Combustion (CDC) for gas turbine application using High Temperature Air Combustion Technology (HiTAC)
- High speed combustion/Propulsion
- Micro-combustor with regeneration using gas and liquid fuels
- Sensors and diagnostics for combustion control in combustors and power plants
- Sulfur and energy recovery from acid gases
- Underwater propulsion and two phase mixing
- Mixing and ignition in rocket injectors

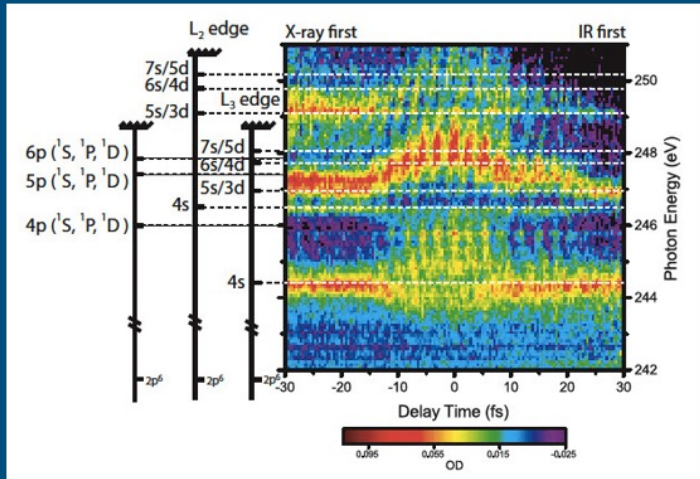
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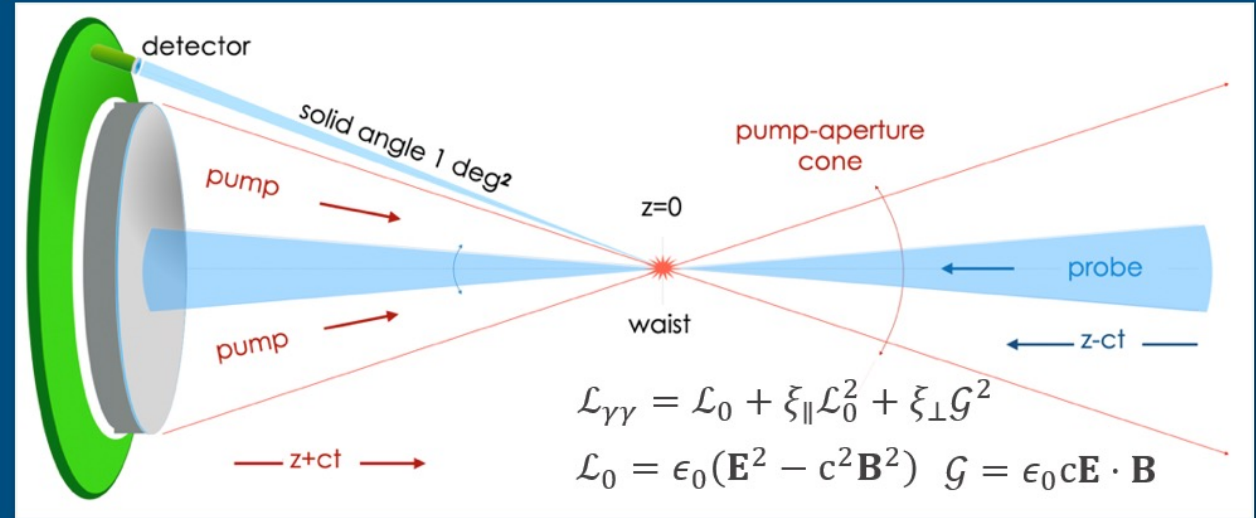
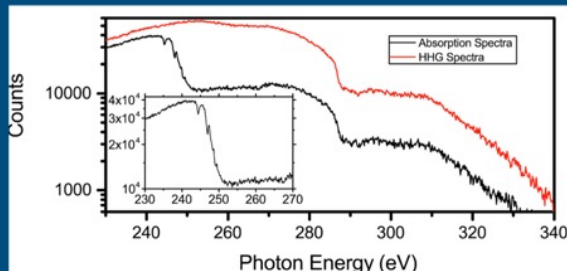
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Wendell Hill's AMO Lab

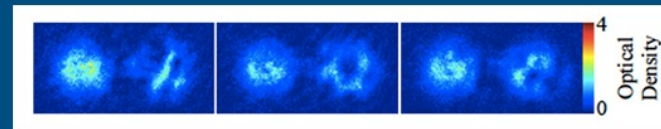
Quantum dynamics under extreme conditions



Ultrafast charge migration probed with femto and attosecond pulses
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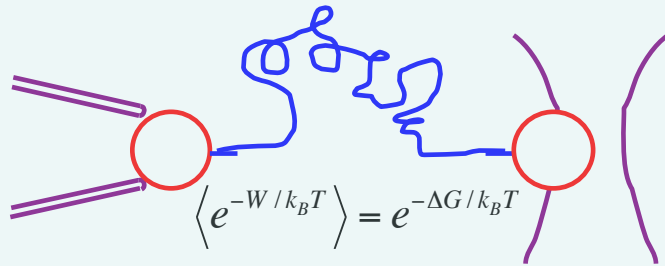
Nonlinear quantum electrodynamics (QED) induced at extreme intensities:
 New J. Phys. 24, 025010.



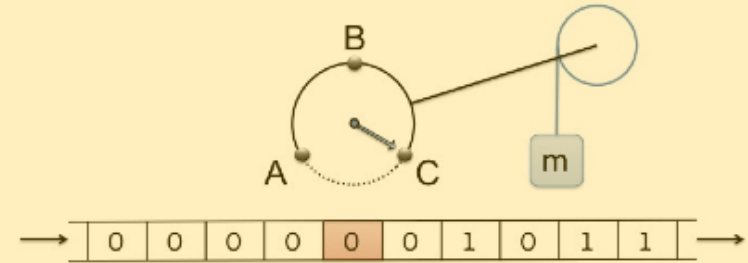
Exploiting ultracold degenerate atomic ensembles to explore fundamental processes
 Phys. Rev. A 93, 063619

Theory and Computation in the Jarzynski group

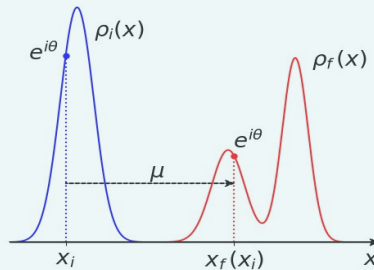
Thermodynamics at the nanoscale



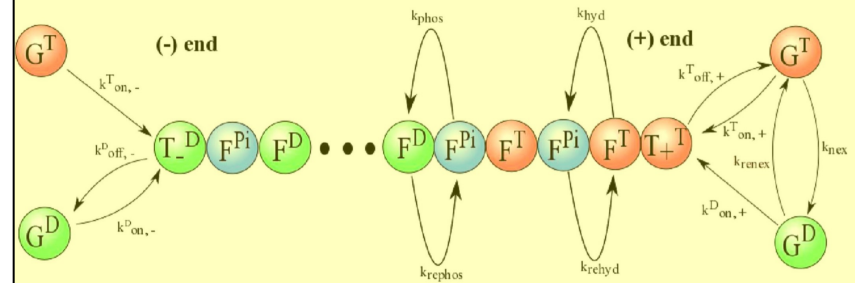
Physics of information processing



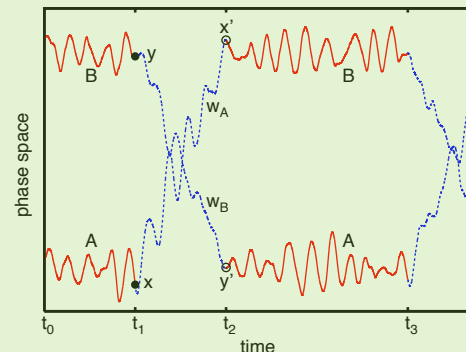
Quantum dynamics and thermodynamics



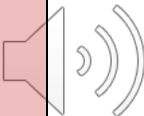
Biophysics out of equilibrium



Computational thermodynamics



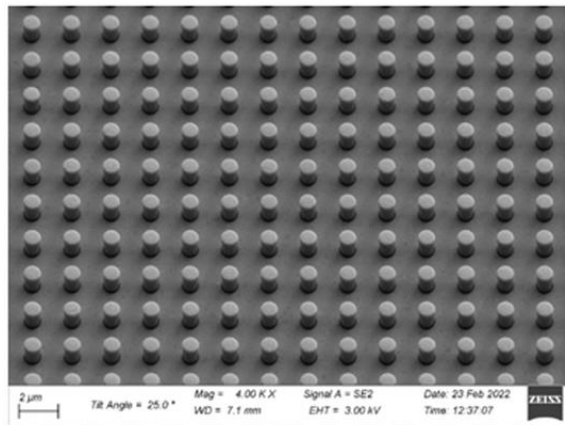
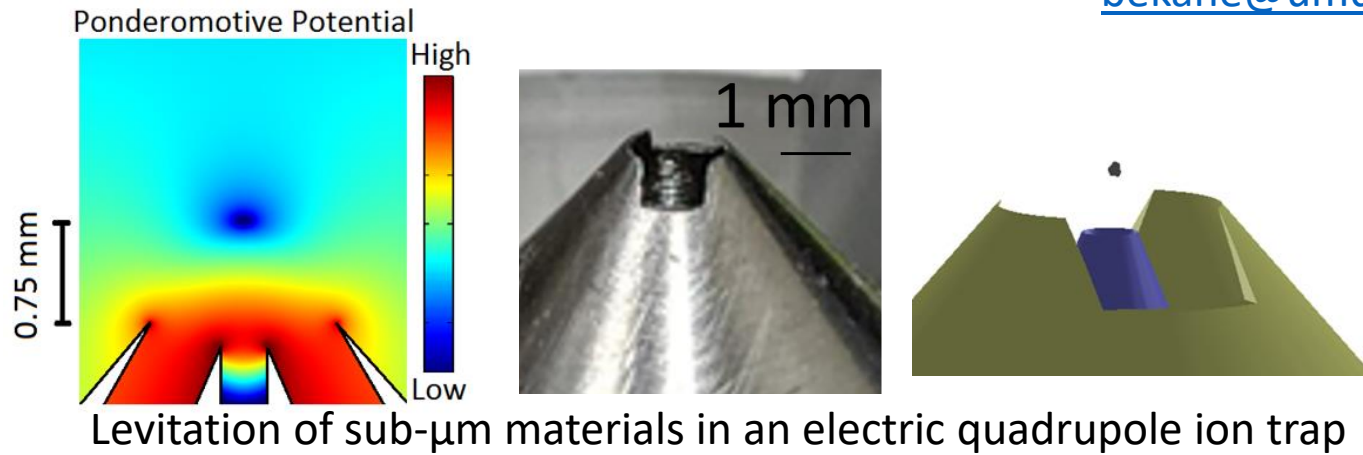
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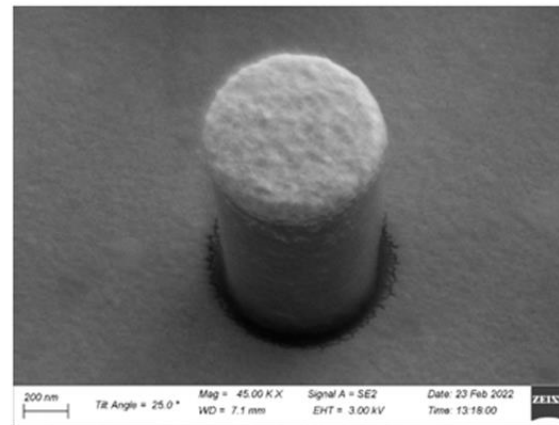
Research in levitated nanomaterials at the Laboratory for Physical Sciences (LPS)

Dr. Bruce Kane, LPS,UMD,JQI

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Preparation of samples in LPS clean room



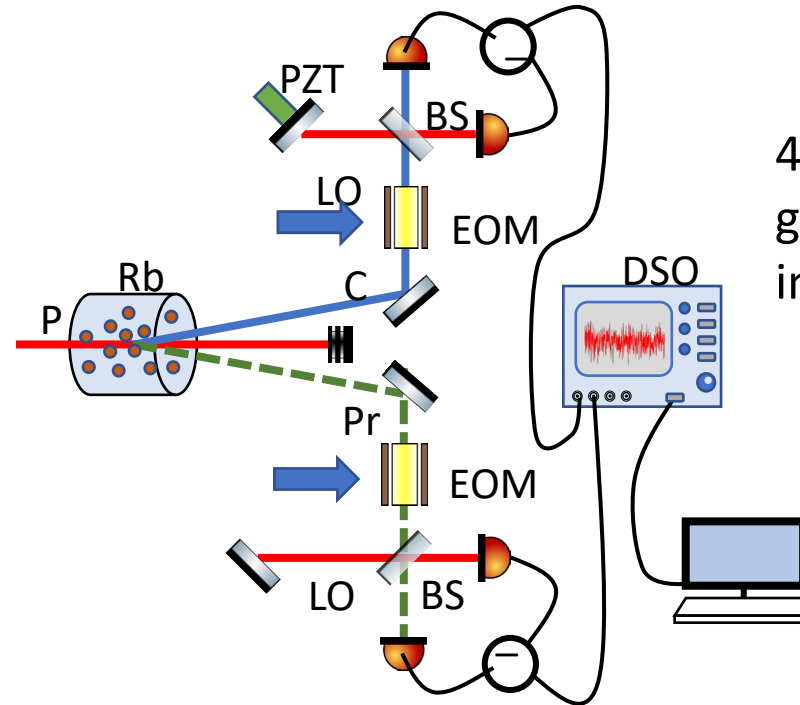
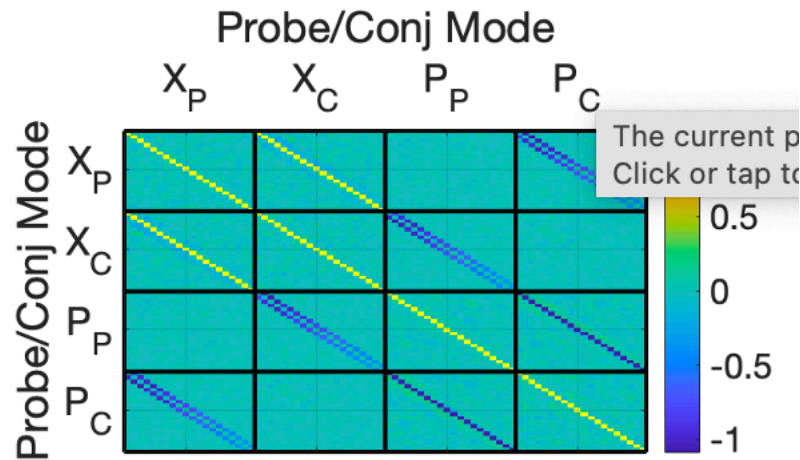
Thermal, mechanical, and chemical properties of levitated samples determined from optical scattering

Nonlinear/Quantum Optics

Paul D. Lett – National Institute of Standards and Technology / Joint Quantum Institute
UMD Chemical Physics Program

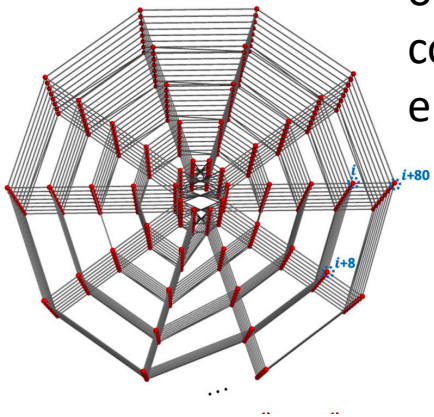


Full SQ Covariance Matrix

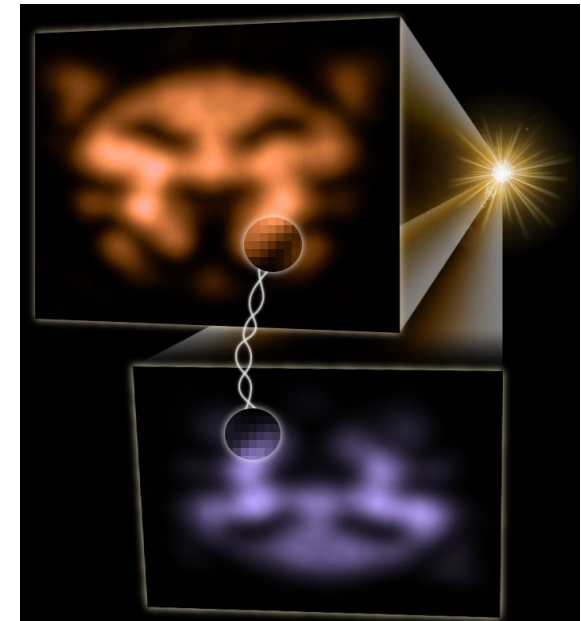


4-wave mixing in atomic vapors to generate quantum-entangled images and improve measurements.

optical cluster states
covariance matrix and
entanglement structure



We study both the fundamental physics of entangled atoms and photons, as well as their applications to precision measurements and quantum sensing.

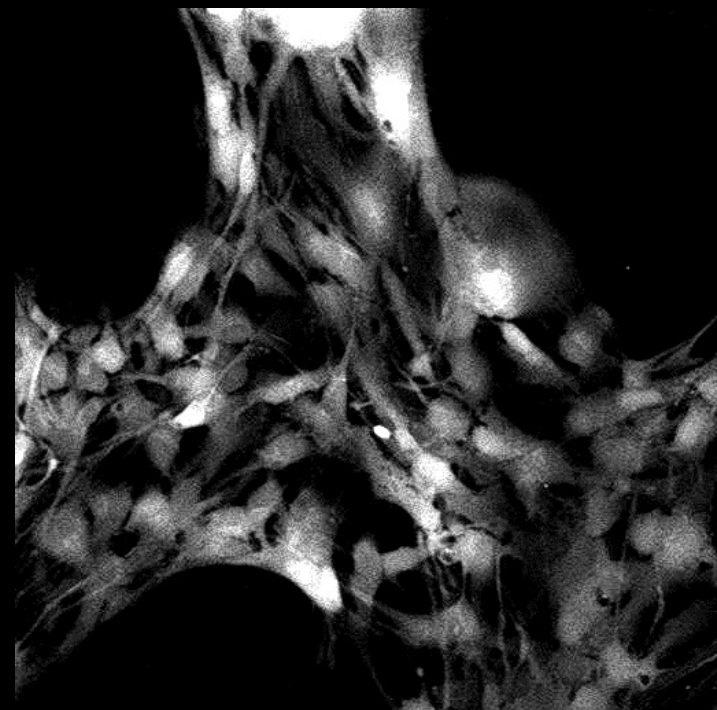




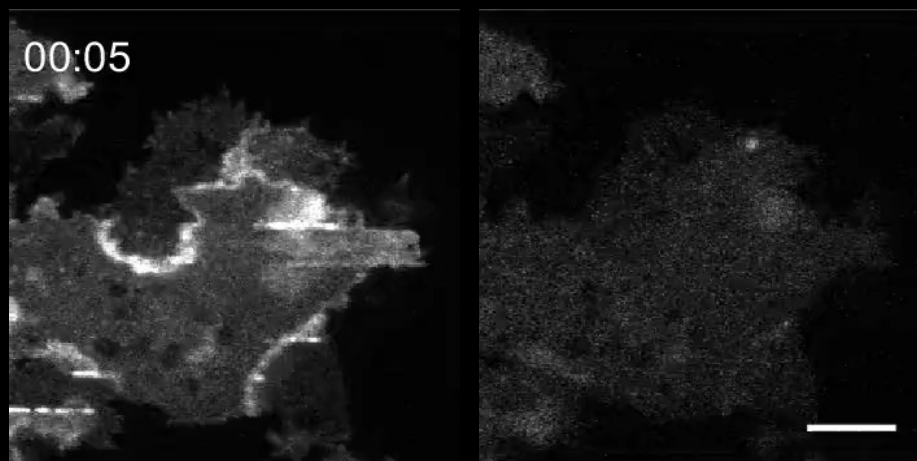
Dynamics of Living Systems Lab



Living Neural Networks – Multimodal Dynamics

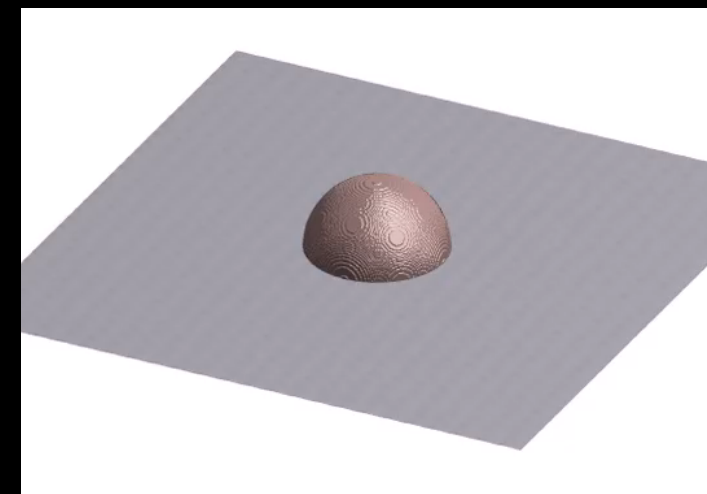


Mechano-chemical Waves as Primary Sensors of the Physical Environment



Yang et al *PNAS* (2023)

Information in Shapes, Dynamics and Rhythms



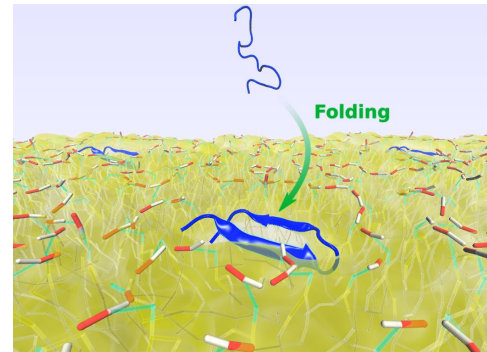
Herr et al , *CommsPhys* (2022)

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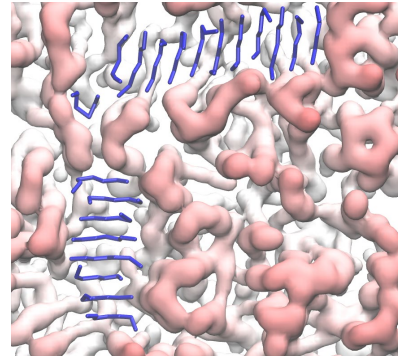
Recruiting one biophysics PhD student per year with interest in microscopy, cell biophysics, or data analytics/machine learning

Peptide folding and aggregation in complex environments

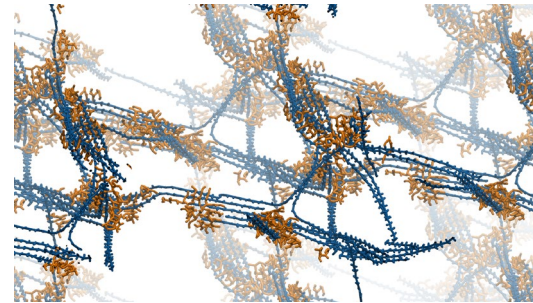
Membrane induced peptide folding¹



Peptide aggregation in lipid bilayers²

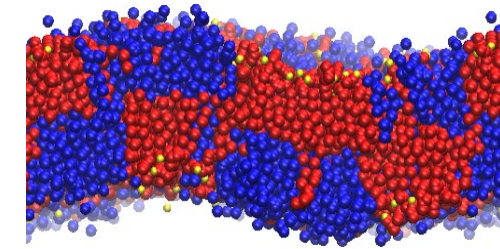


Peptide aggregation in extracellular matrix mimetics



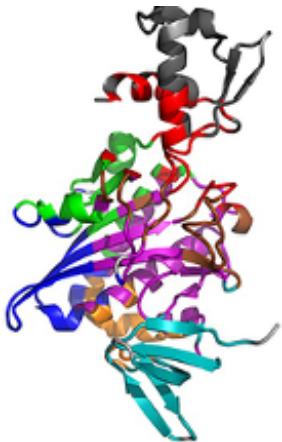
Biophysical properties of lipid bilayers

Lipid domain formation³

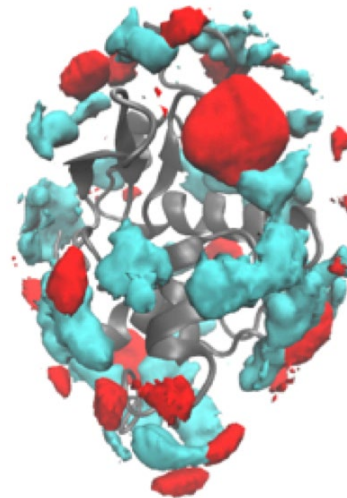
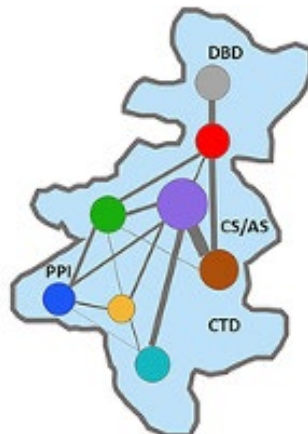


Protein allostery/evolution and stability

Biotin Protein ligases⁴

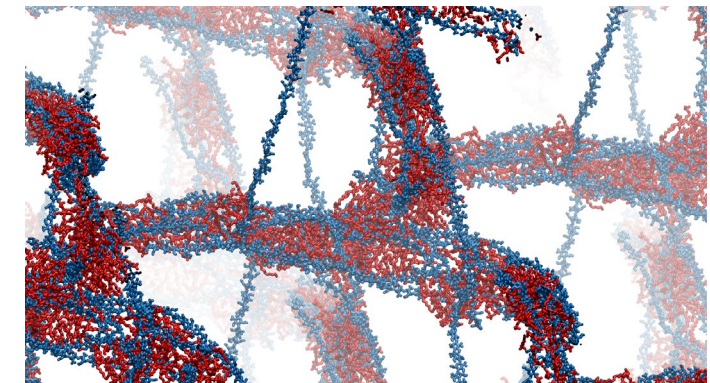


Protein stability in non-conventional solvents⁵



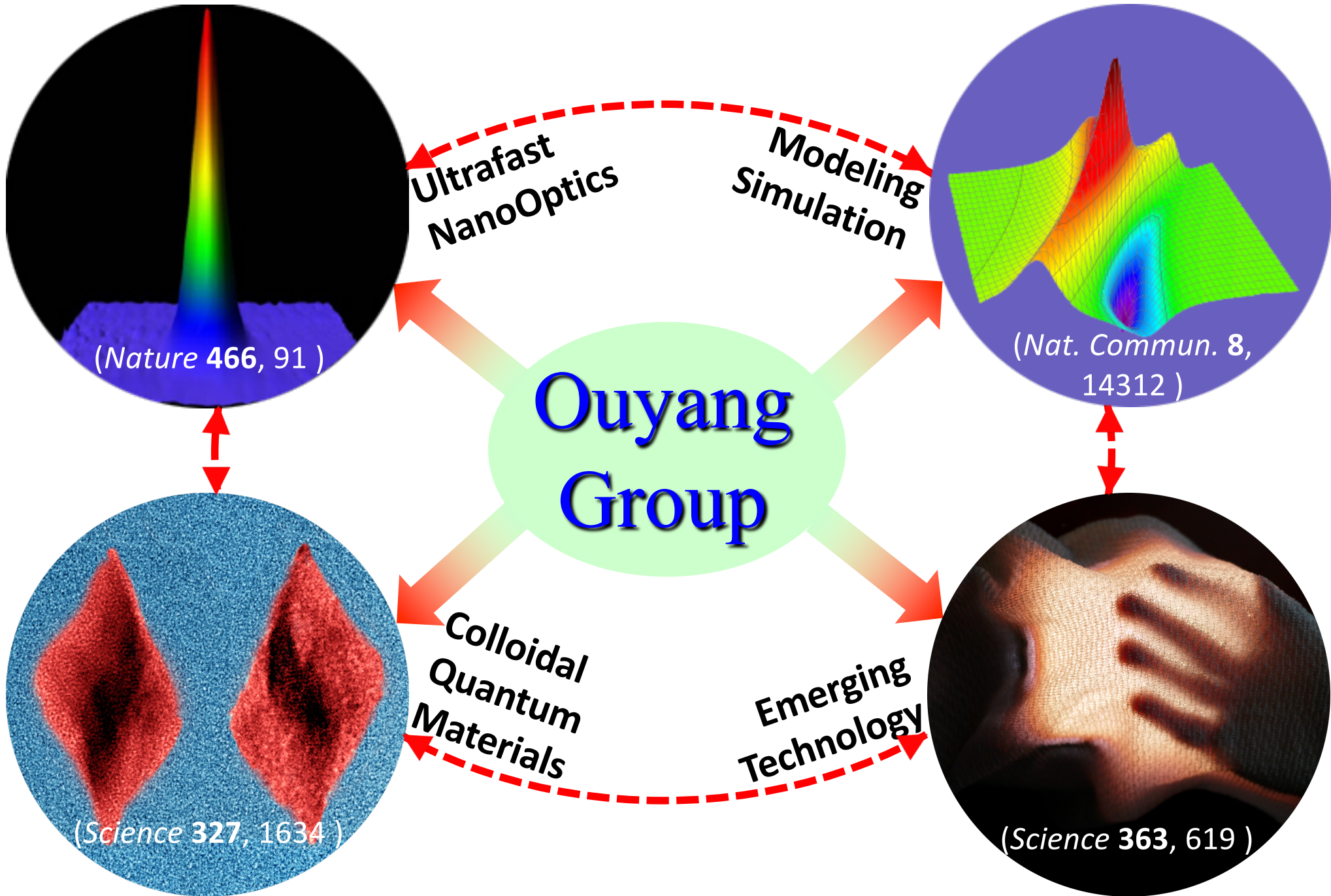
Mechanical properties of hydrogels

Polysaccharides/surfactants Hydrogels⁶



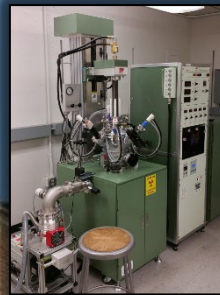
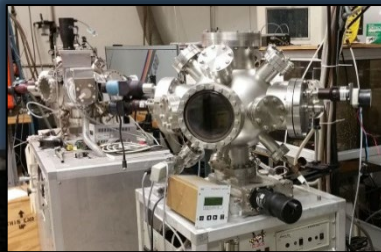
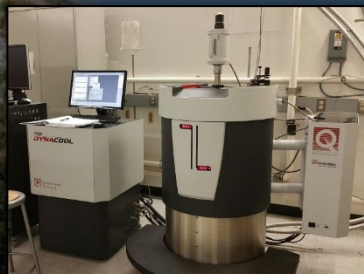
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Probing and Controlling Nanoscale Chemical and Physical Processes

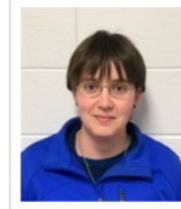


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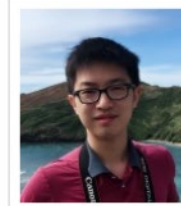
Rodriguez, Efrain



Takeuchi, Ichiro



Aaron Sternbach



Zhou, You

Research Facilities:

- 15 shared labs
- bulk materials synthesis
- thin-film synthesis (PLD + MBE)
- physical properties (mK, 20T, Mbar)
- XRD facilities
- ion mill, sputtering, evaporation
- AFM, STM, surface probes

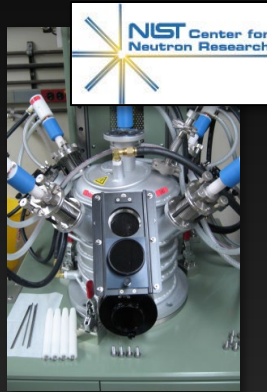
materials synthesis facilities



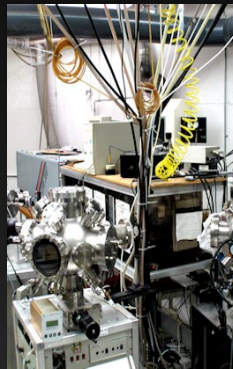
Molten Flux Solvent



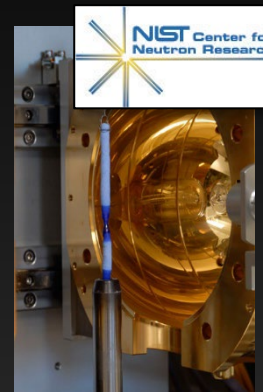
Bridgman Gradient



Czocharlski Tetra-Arc



Pulsed Laser Deposition



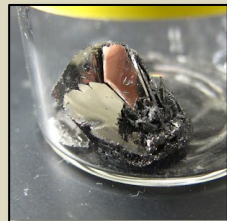
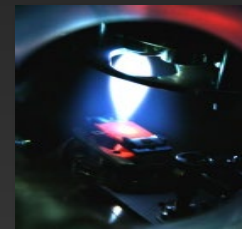
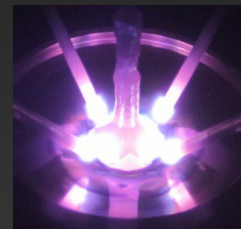
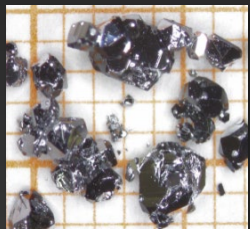
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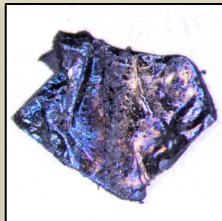
single-arc melters



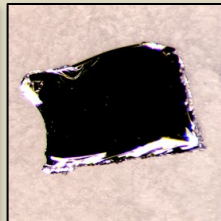
1700C argon furnaces



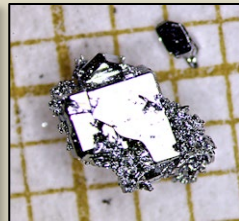
Fe-based superconductor
 BaFe_2As_2



Correlated
 $\text{KFe}_{2-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Se}_2$



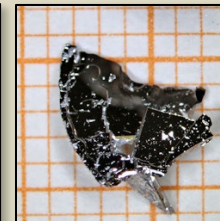
Ferro-TI
 $\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{V}_x\text{Te}_3$



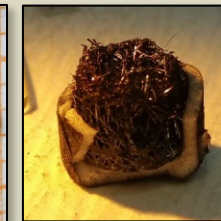
Dirac semimetal
 RhSb_3



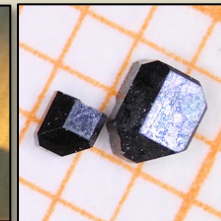
Heavy fermion
 YbAu_3



Kondo-FM
 CeAlGe



Quasi-1D
 $\text{Rb}_2\text{Cr}_3\text{As}_3$



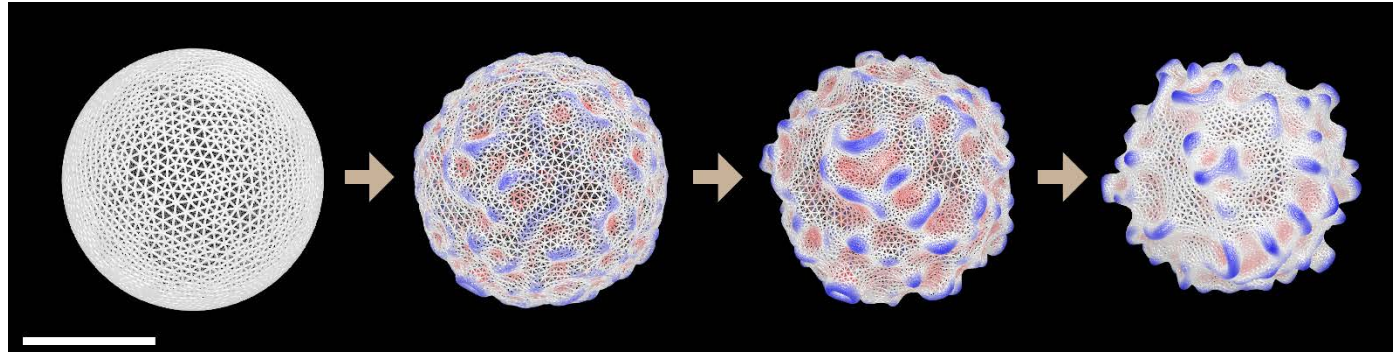
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 SmB_6



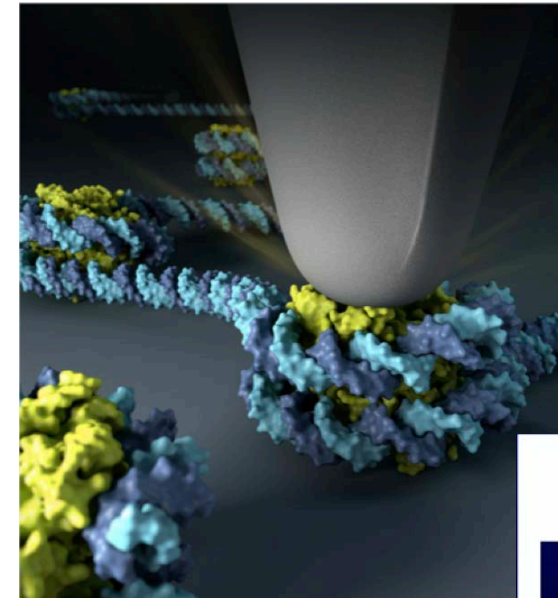
Biological Active Matter. Statistical Mechanics. Protein Physics.

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Molecular Modeling of the Cell

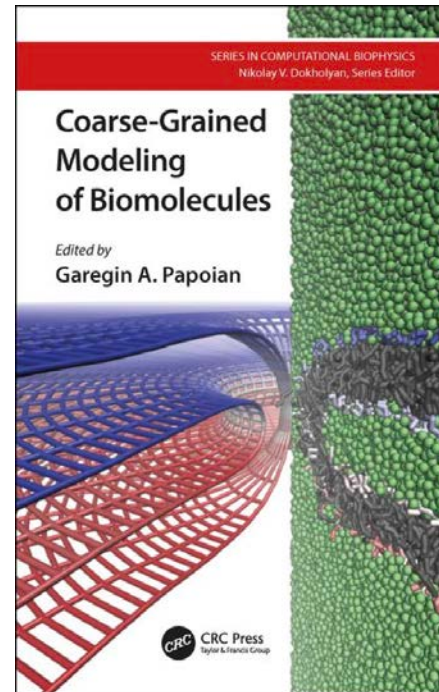
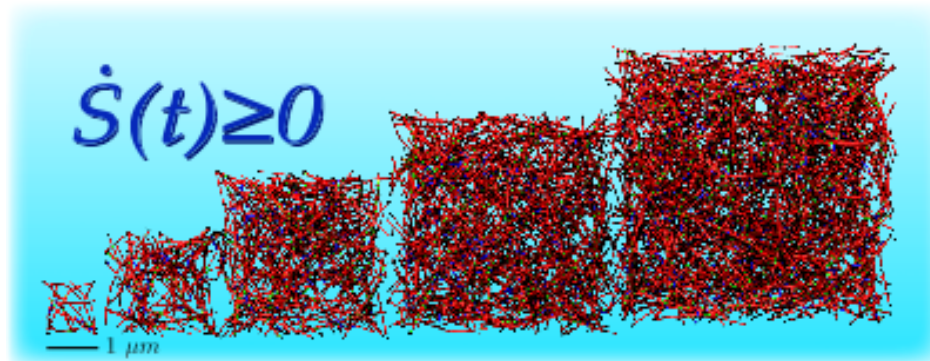


Chromatin

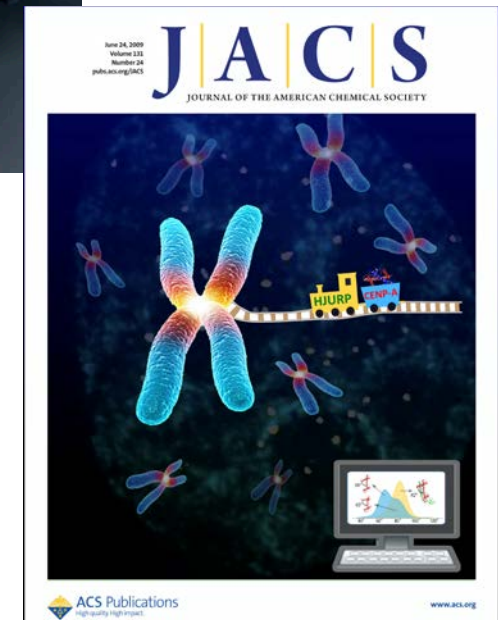


Molecular Dynamics

Entropy Production of the Cytoskeleton



Coarse-Graining



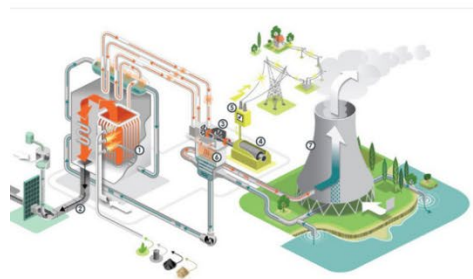


In laboratories on both the National Institute of Standards and Technology and University of Maryland campuses of the Joint Quantum Institute, our group studies the coldest materials in existence. Cold atoms and quantum degenerate gases are the starting points for a variety of research directions in experimental and theoretical quantum science:

- Cold quantum chemistry
- Quantum Information Science
- Quantum simulation and computing
- Squeezed light—beyond quantum limits
- Topological matter
- Quantum thermodynamics
- Atomtronics
- More...

Thermoelectric Materials for Energy & Space

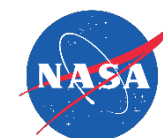
Energy Production



Space Exploration



Hypersonic Flight



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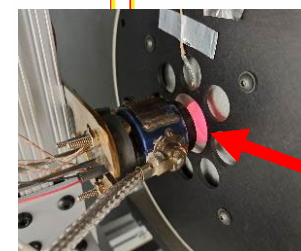
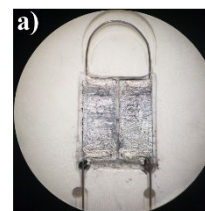
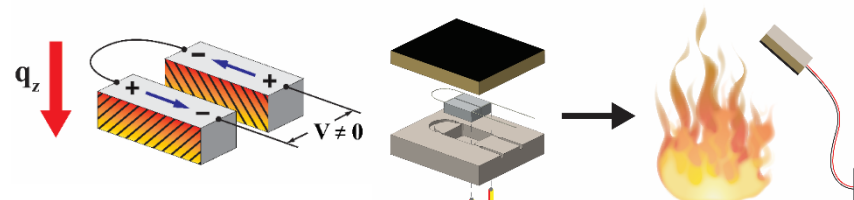
Solid-state physics guided:

- Fabrication of materials & nanostructures
- Computer guided design
- Construction and testing of thermoelectric devices

Goals:

- Operation at extreme temperature
- Operation at extreme speeds
- Waste heat to electricity conversion
- Accurate measurements of heat fluxes

Hi-T Heat Flux Sensor
 (MOST RECENT WORK)



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Complex Fluids and (Soft) Nanomaterials Group



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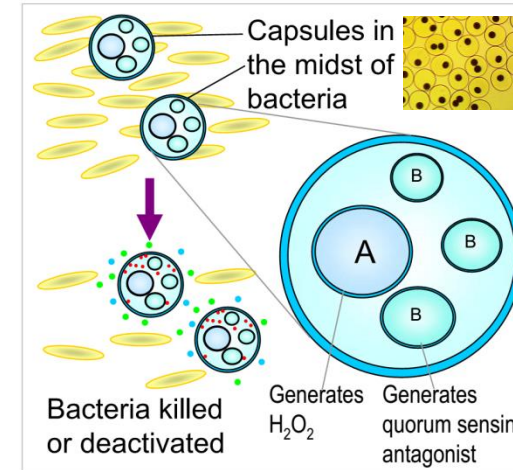
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Polymers that Stop Bleeding

We have invented polymers that convert liquid blood into a gel via self-assembly.

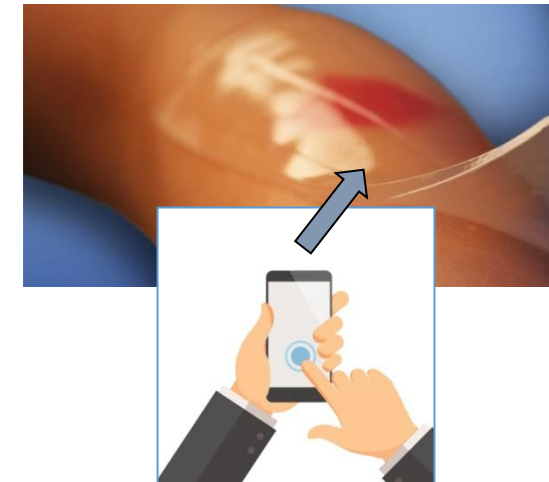
A gel to stop bleeding based on it is available at CVS/Walgreens.



Cell-Like Microcapsules

We have made capsules with many inner compartments, similar to organelles in a cell.

These are being used as agents to kill or deactivate bacteria.



Smart Gels for Drug Delivery

We are using electrical signals as well as irradiation by X-rays to induce drug delivery.

One use is in wireless delivery of drugs through skin to treat pain.

Keywords associated with research:

- *Self-assembly; smart fluids; nanostructured fluids; micelles; vesicles; rheology; neutron scattering*
- *Bionanotechnology; drug delivery; hydrogels; microcapsules; stimuli-responsive/smart materials*

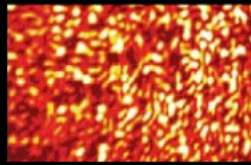
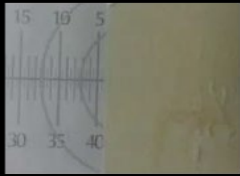
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Light-Matter Interactions in the Bio-Universe



G. Scarcelli

Imaging through turbid media



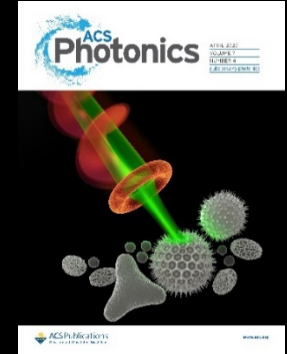
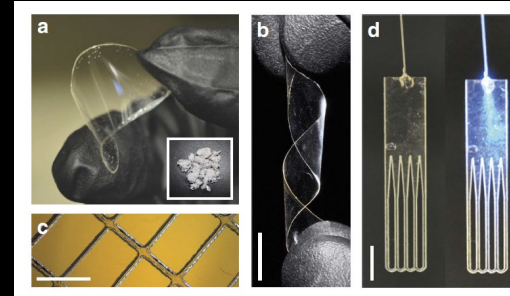
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Edrei & Scarcelli, *Optica* (2016)

Edrei & Scarcelli, *Nature Comm.* (2021)

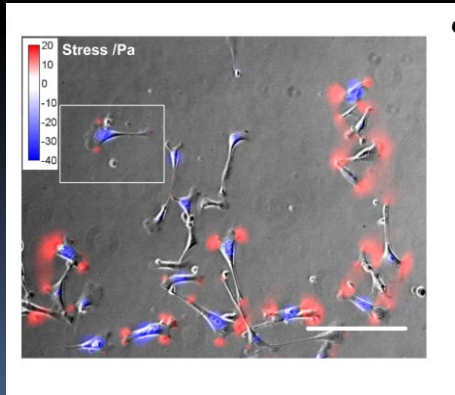
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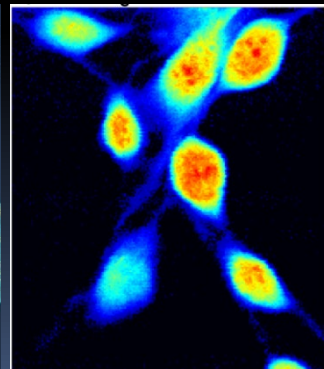
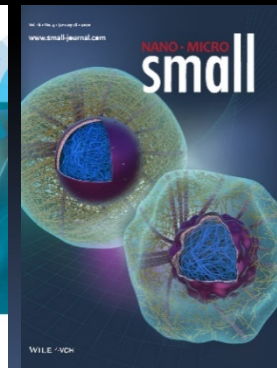
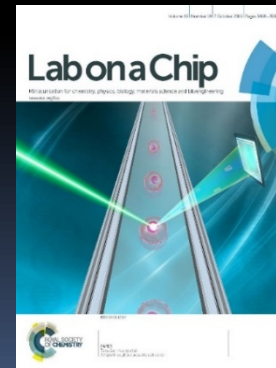
Edrei & Scarcelli, *ACS photonics* 2020

Soft-matter “lasers” to map forces



Kronenberg et al, *Nature Cell Bio* (2017)

Photon-phonon probe to map stiffness



Scarcelli & Yun, *Nature Photonics* (2008)

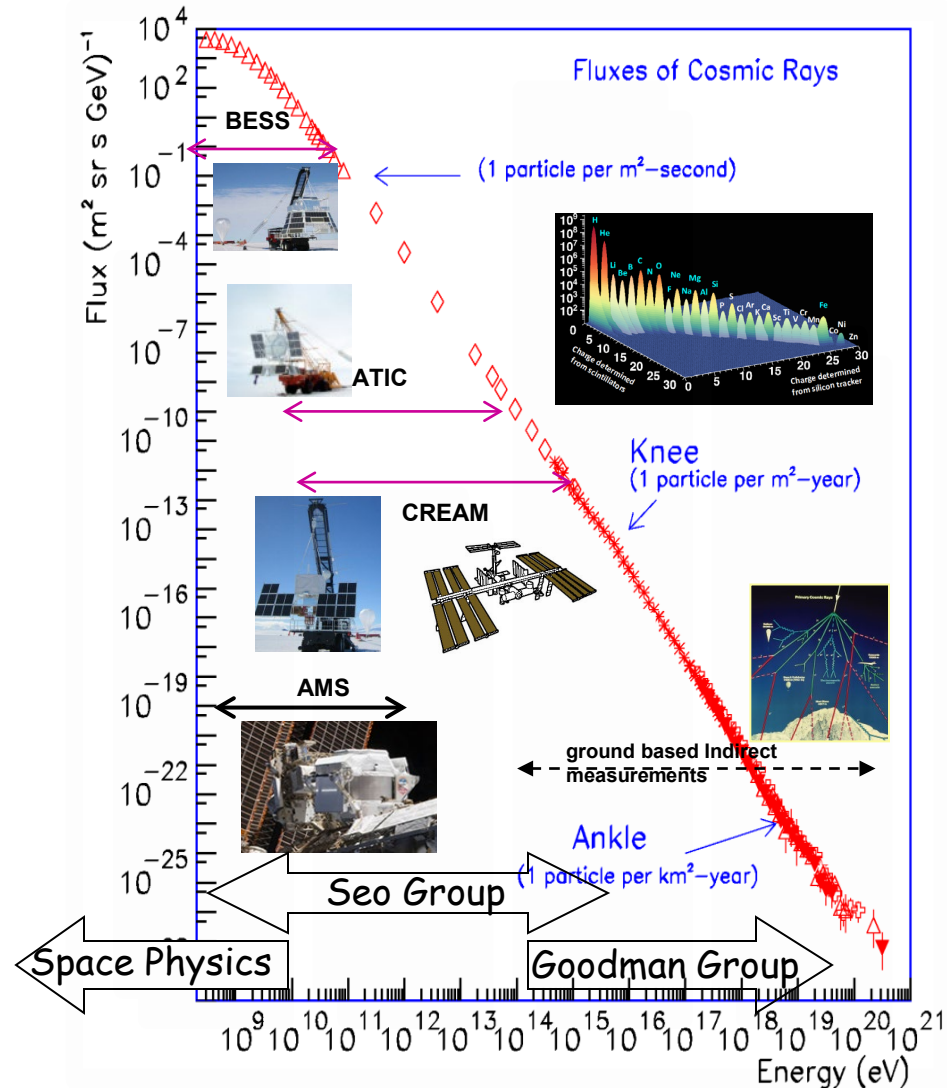
Scarcelli et al, *Nature Methods* (2015)

Zhang and Scarcelli, *Nature Protocols* (2021)

Cosmic Ray Physics Group

<http://cosmicray.umd.edu/>

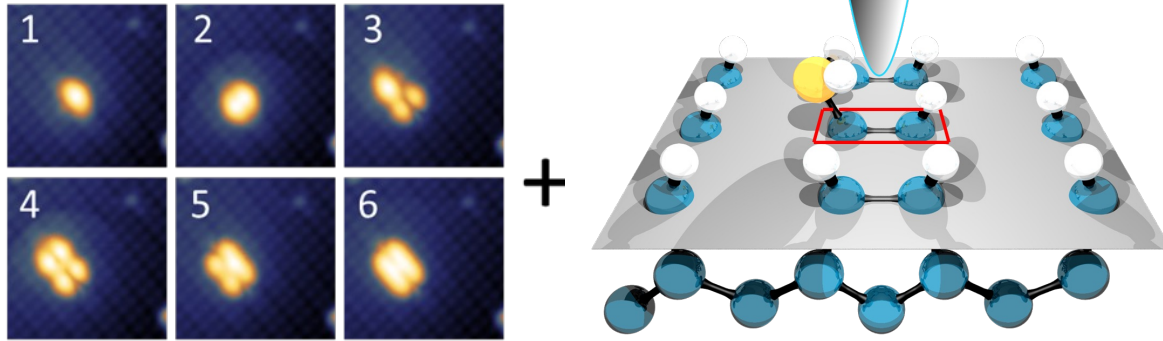
- This group's precision measurements fill the gap between space- and ground-based research activities of other groups on campus.
- The AMS, ATIC, BESS, and CREAM instruments are based on particle detectors like those used at accelerators, but they are flown in space for cosmic ray measurements
- The instruments are for the most part built in-house by students and young scientists, many of them currently working in the on-campus laboratory.
- The CREAM Science Operation Center at UMD remotely controls the instruments flying in Antarctica by sending commands and receiving data via satellite.



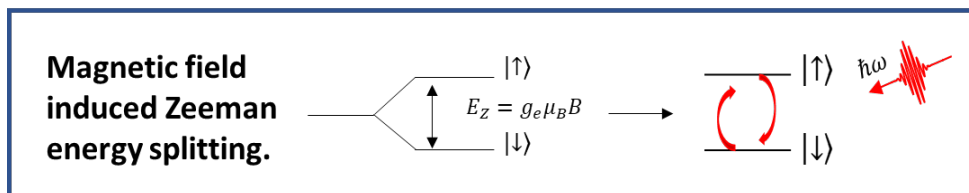
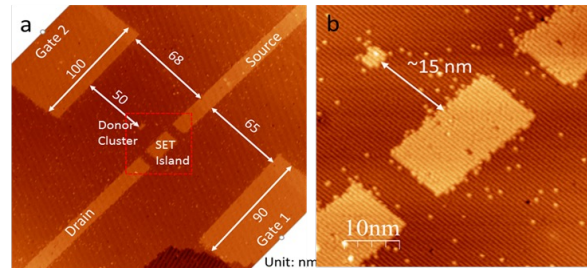
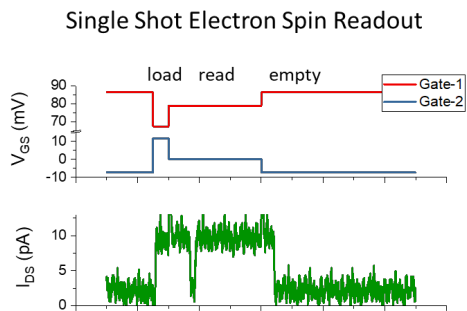
Solid-State Atom-Based Devices for Quantum Computing and Analog Quantum Simulation

Richard Silver, Chemical Physics Program UMD, Dept. of Physics UMD, and NIST

STM is used to create atomically precise structures in silicon.

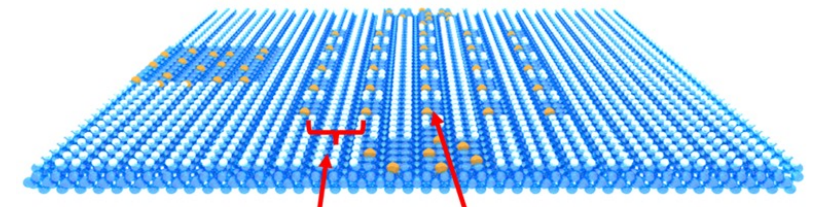


We use single electron transistors as charge sensors to measure the spin of individual electrons. These charge sensors, coupled to single or few atom structures, form the basis of electron spin qubits for applications in quantum computing.



Wyrick J, Wang X, Namboodiri P, Schmucker SW, Kashid R, Silver R. M. Nano Letters 2018, 18 (12).
Wyrick, J., Wang, X., Namboodiri, P., Kashid, R., Fei, F., Fox, J., Silver, R. M., ACS Nano Nov. 2022.

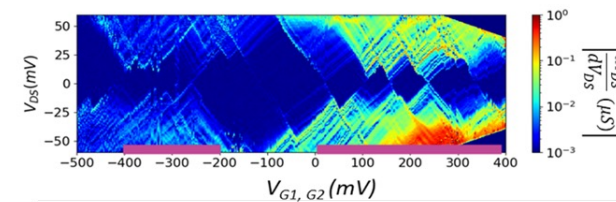
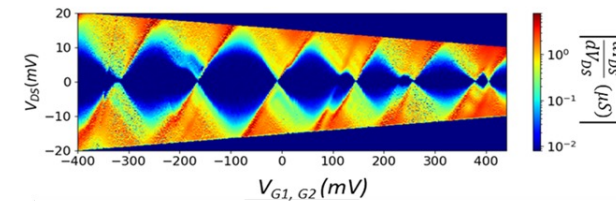
We fabricate atomically precise arrays of atoms to perform the analog quantum simulation of quantum systems such as the extended Fermi Hubbard model. These simulators are used to investigate quantum mechanical systems beyond the scope of classical computation.



$$H_{array} = H_t + H_\mu + H_U + H_J$$

Controlled by spacing and electrostatic gates.

Controlled by adsorbed species, number of atoms per site, and electrostatic gates



Tunable Parameters in the Hubbard array:

- Tunnel coupling**

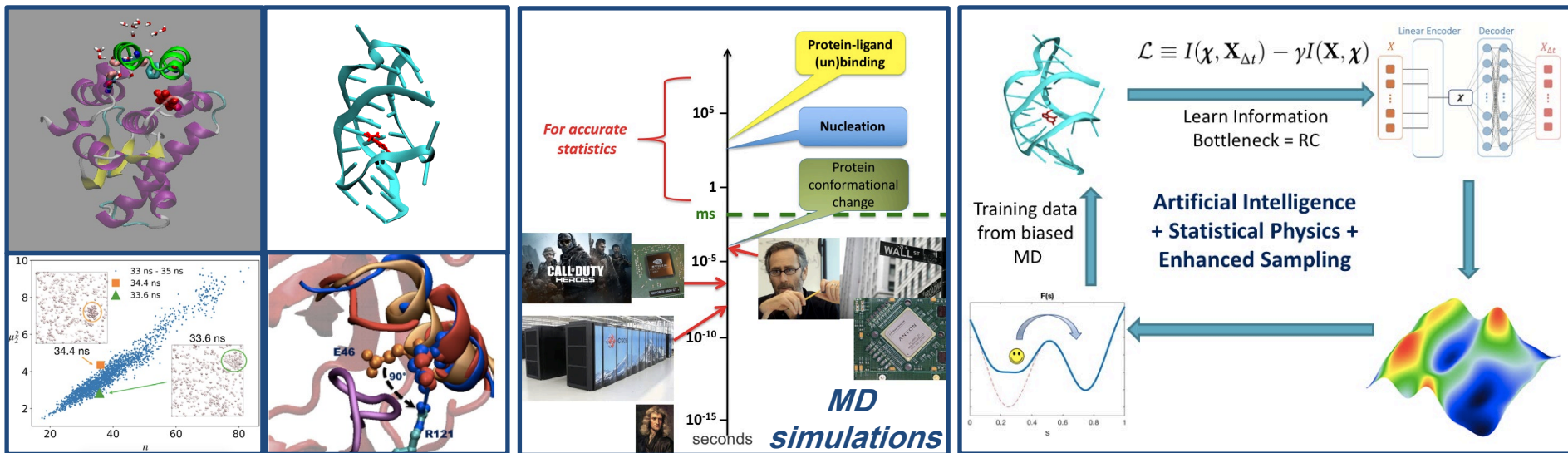
$$H_t = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \sigma} (-t c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + H.c.)$$
- Coulomb Interactions**

$$H_U = \sum_i U_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \sum_{i,j} [U_{i,j} (n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\downarrow}) + \dots + V_{i,j}]$$
- Chemical potential/electron occupation**

$$H_\mu = \sum_{i\sigma} (\mu_i n_{i\sigma} + E_{bi})$$

X. Wang, E. Khatami, F. Fei, J. Wyrick, P. Namboodiri, R. Kashid, A. Rigosi, G. Bryant, and R. M. Silver, Quantum Simulation of an Extended Fermi-Hubbard Mode..., Nature Comm. 13, No. 6824 (Nov. 2022).

From atoms to mechanisms: with a little help from AI and Stat Phys



Complex problems in
chemical and biophysics

We develop & apply new
simulation methods

Tiwary research group, University of Maryland



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Ribeiro, Bravo, Wang, Tiwary *J. Chem. Phys.* 2018

Tsai, Smith, Tiwary *J. Chem. Phys.* 2019

Wang, Ribeiro, Tiwary *Nature Comm.* 2019

Ravindra, Smith, Tiwary *Mol. Sys. Des. Engg.* 2020

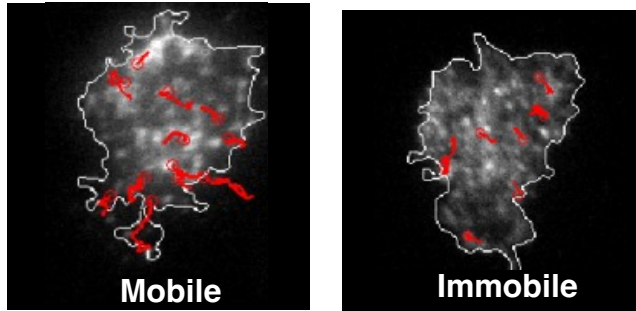
Smith, Ravindra, Wang, Cooley, Tiwary *J. Phys. Chem. B* 2020

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Mechanobiology of immune response and gene regulation

Immune receptor dynamics

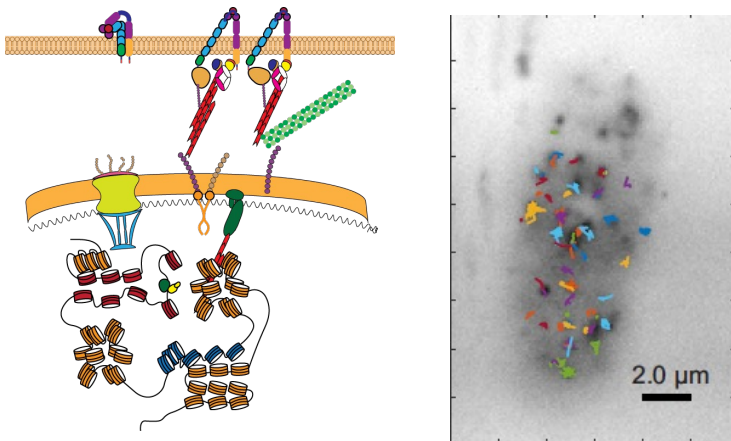
Regulation of T & B cell signaling



Biophys J. 2014, Nature Comm., 2020

Gene regulation

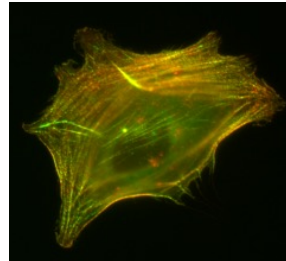
Imaging of transcription factor dynamics in live cell nuclei



Molecular Cell, 2019

Arpita Upadhyaya

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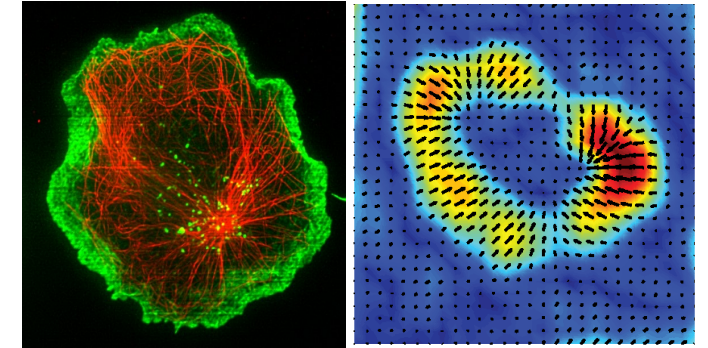
How do cells sense and respond to physical cues?

- Stiffness
- Topography
- Mobility

Techniques:

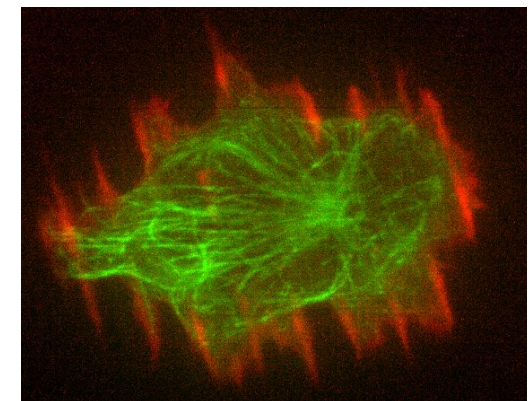
Single molecule imaging
Traction force microscopy
Super-resolution microscopy
Computational image analysis

Cellular Force generation



Mol. Biol. Cell 2015, PNAS, 2018

Cytoskeletal dynamics



Mol. Biol. Cell 2018

Quantum sensing & imaging

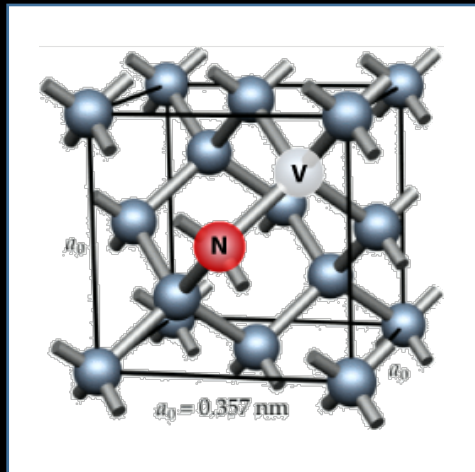
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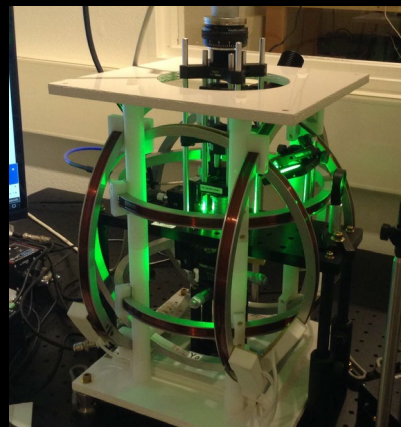
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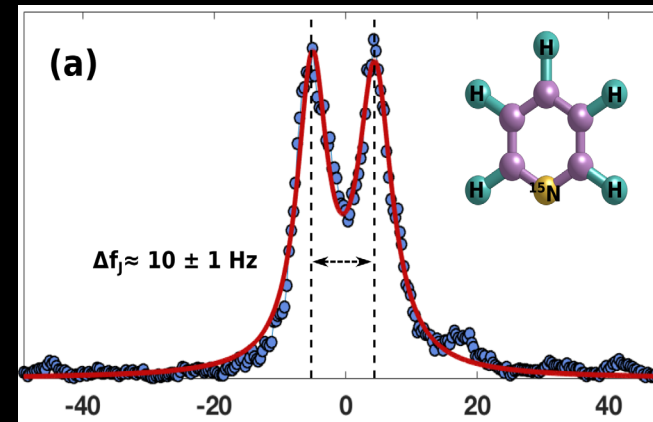
Quantum defects
in diamond



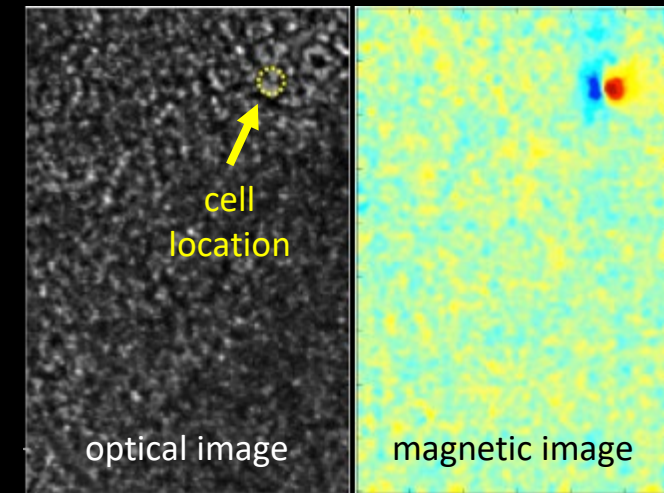
Quantum Diamond
Microscope



NMR of single cells & proteins
=> metabolomics

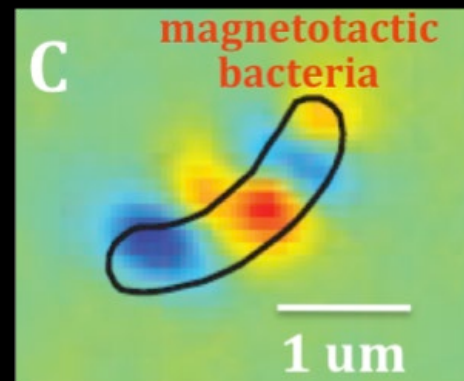


Single cell & biomarker
detection

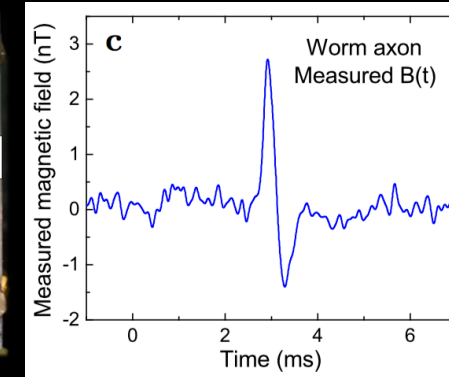
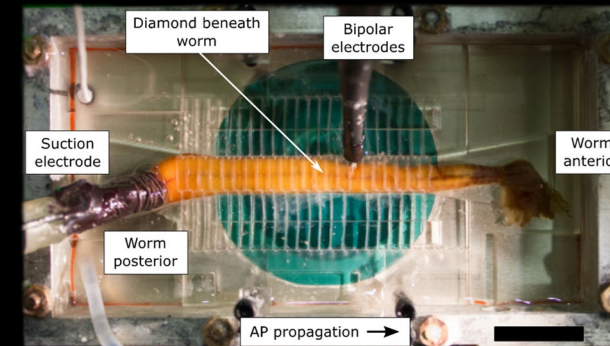


Nanoscale sensor of
fields, temperature, forces
+
robust biocompatible
material

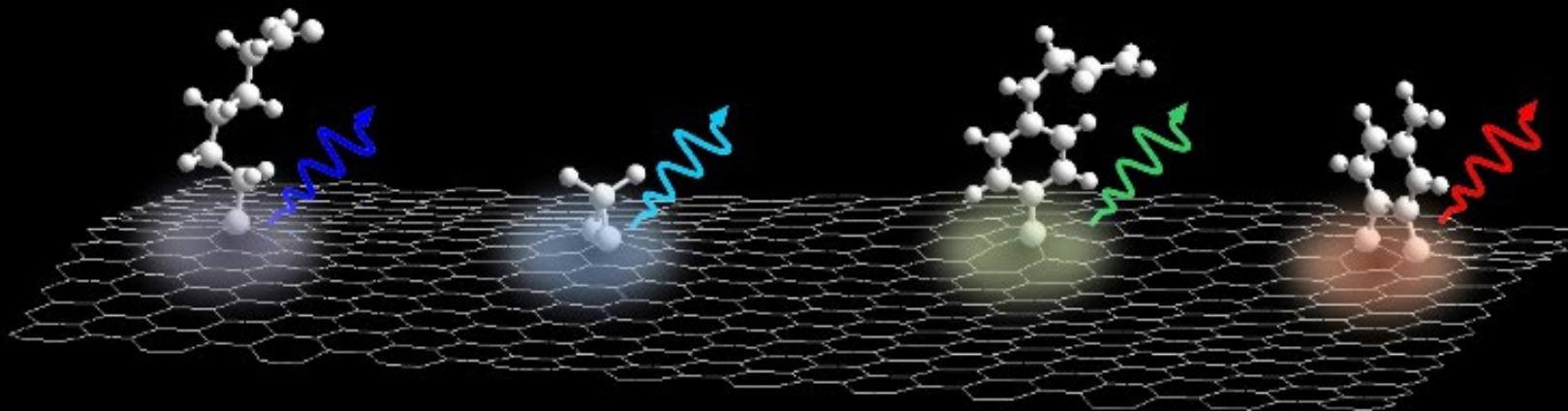
Live cell magnetic imaging



Single-neuron MEG in whole animals



Organic Color-Center Quantum Defects



- *What happens when organic chemistry meets quantum physics?*
- *How does an exciton—electron-hole pair—in an atomic defect trap respond to local chemical perturbation?*
- *What if chemical information can be gathered, transformed, and transmitted at the Heisenberg limit of sensitivity and precision?*

Recent papers on the subject

[“Selective filling of n-hexane in a tight nanopore”](#)

[“Nanosensor-based monitoring of autophagy-associated lysosomal acidification in vivo.”](#)

[“Single Particle Imaging in Live Brain Slices at Ultra-Low Excitation Doses”](#)

[“Probing Trions at Chemically Tailored Trapping Defects”](#)

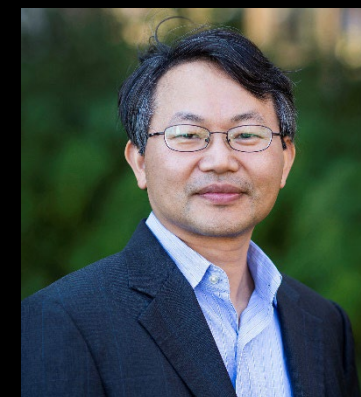
[“Single-defect spectroscopy in the shortwave infrared”](#)

[“organic colour-centre quantum defects”](#) – a review

[“Engineering Defects with DNA.”](#)



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