

# Viva R. Horowitz

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Condensed matter experiment and optics:  
Quantum emitters, resonance, anomalous diffusion, microfluidics, and sensing

**EDUCATION** **University of California Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA 2012  
PhD in Physics  
Dissertation: “[Optically trapped fluorescent nanodiamonds](#)”  
Advisor: Prof. David D. Awschalom

**Swarthmore College**, Swarthmore, PA 2005  
BA in Physics, with honors  
Thesis: “[Fundamental measurements on an aggregated dye liquid crystal](#)”  
Advisor: Prof. Peter J. Collings

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** **Hamilton College**. Clinton, NY 2016–ongoing  
*Assistant Professor*, Physics Department  
Provide opportunities for students through active learning strategies and a vibrant research program in optics

**Griffiss Institute**. Innovare Advancement Center, Rome, NY 2024–ongoing  
*Visiting Faculty*, Computing & Communications  
Photon correlation measurements of superconducting qubits

**University of Oregon**. Eugene, OR 2018–ongoing  
*Courtesy Research Assistant Professor*, Materials Science Institute  
Analyze quantum emitters and nanomechanical resonant systems.

**Harvard University**. Cambridge, MA 2013–2016  
*Postdoctoral Fellow in Physics*, Prof. Vinothan N. Manoharan  
Built a dynamic artificial cell

**California Institute of Technology**. Pasadena, CA 2013  
*Postdoctoral Research Scholar*, Prof. Oskar J. Painter  
Designed an optomechanical gyroscope for measuring angular velocity

**University of California, Santa Barbara**. Santa Barbara, CA 2005–2012  
*Graduate Student Researcher*, Prof. David D. Awschalom  
Developed mobile spin-based sensing with optically trapped nanodiamonds in solution

## PUBLICATIONS (856 citations)

\* Undergraduate student co-authors

Updated publication information: [scholar.google.com/citations?user=723APdEAAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=723APdEAAAAAJ)

### Peer-reviewed

1. Validating an algebraic approach to characterizing resonator networks. Viva R. Horowitz, Brittany Carter, Uriel Hernandez, Trevor Scheuing,\* & Benjamín J. Alemán. *Scientific Reports*, **14**, 1325 (2024).  
News: [hamilton.edu/news/story/resonator-networks-viva-horowitz-trevor-scheuing](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/resonator-networks-viva-horowitz-trevor-scheuing)
2. Coupled Nanomechanical Graphene Resonators: A Promising Platform for Scalable NEMS Networks. Brittany Carter, Uriel Hernandez, David J. Miller, Andrew Blaikie, Viva R. Horowitz, & Benjamín J. Alemán. *Micromachines*, **14**, 2103 (2023).  
News: [hamilton.edu/news/story/nanomechanical-resonators-viva-horowitz](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/nanomechanical-resonators-viva-horowitz)
3. Deterministic quantum emitter formation in hexagonal boron nitride via controlled edge creation. Josh Ziegler, Rachael Klais, Andrew Blaikie, David Miller, Viva R. Horowitz, & Benjamín J. Alemán. *Nano Letters*, **19**, 2121–2127 (2019).  
News: [sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190411131557.htm](https://sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190411131557.htm)
4. Active colloidal particles in emulsion droplets: A model system for the cytoplasm. Viva R. Horowitz, Zachary C. Chambers\*, İrep Gözen, Thomas G. Dimiduk, & Vinothan N. Manoharan. *European Physical Journal Special Topics*, **227**, 2413–2424 (2019).  
News: [hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-cell-transport-research](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-cell-transport-research)
5. Electron spin resonance of nitrogen-vacancy centers in optically trapped nanodiamonds. Viva R. Horowitz, Benjamín J. Alemán, David J. Christle, Andrew N. Cleland, & David D. Awschalom. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **109**, 13493 (2012).  
News: (1) “Nitrogen vacancies detect magnetic fields in fluids,” Belle Dumé, physicsworld.com, (4 Sept 2012). [physicsworld.com/a/nitrogen-vacancies-detect-magnetic-fields-in-fluids](https://physicsworld.com/a/nitrogen-vacancies-detect-magnetic-fields-in-fluids)  
(2) “Nanodiamonds make magnetic field sensors”, Belle Dumé, *nanotechweb.org*, (3 Sept 2012).
6. Generating spin currents in semiconductors with the spin Hall effect. V. Sih, W. H. Lau, R. C. Myers, V. R. Horowitz, A. C. Gossard, & D. D. Awschalom, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **97**, 096605 (2006).
7. Mechanical control of spin-orbit splitting in GaAs and In<sub>0.04</sub>Ga<sub>0.96</sub>As epilayers. V. Sih, H. Knotz, J. Stephens, V. R. Horowitz, A. C. Gossard, & D. D. Awschalom, *Phys. Rev. B* **73**, 241316 (2006).
8. Aggregation behavior and chromonic liquid crystal properties of an anionic monoazo dye. Viva R. Horowitz, Lauren A. Janowitz, Aaron L. Modic, Paul A. Heiney, & Peter J. Collings, *Phys. Rev. E* **72**, 041710 (2005).

### In review

9. Spatial mapping and analysis of graphene nanomechanical resonator networks. Brittany Carter, Viva R. Horowitz, Uriel Hernandez, David J. Miller, Andrew Blaikie, & Benjamín J. Alemán. Submitted and in review. [arxiv.org/abs/2302.03680](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.03680)

## Review article

10. Optofluidics: field or technique? [Viva R. Horowitz](#), David D. Awschalom, & Sumita Pennathur. *Lab on a Chip*, **8**, 1856 (2008).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

*Assistant Professor*

	Semesters	Course name	Course number
1	Fall '16, '17, '18, '20	Physics I	Phys 200
2	Fall '16, '17, '20 (×2)	Survey of Physics Lab I	Phys 100L
	<i>Fall 2020: Developed a new curriculum for hands-on remote education</i>		
3	Spr '17, '18, '19, '21	Electromagnetism	Phys 295
4	Spr '17, '18, '19, '23 (×2)	Waves and Field Lab	Phys 195L
5	Spring 2018	Quantum Theory Seminar	Phys 450
6	Fall '18 (×2), '22, '23, '24	Quantum Physics Lab	Phys 290L
7	Spring 2021	Introduction to Quantum Computing	Phys 207
	<i>New course at Hamilton College</i>		
8	Fall 2022, '23, '24	Quantum Physics	Phys 290
9	Spring 2023	Research Seminar (Advanced Lab)	Phys 390W
10	Spring 2024	Physics II	Physics 205
11	Spring 2024	Survey of Physics Lab II	Physics 105L
12	Spring 2019	Amorphous Materials Research	Physics 298
	<i>A research seminar co-taught with K. Burson, on the topic of bubble rafts</i>		
13	throughout, 16 theses	Senior Research Project	Phys 550
14	throughout	Physics Research	Physics 298

### University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

*Guest Lecturer*

Engineering Lecture. Nanotechnology. ECE/ME 141A. Fall 2009

*Teaching Assistant*

Engineering Lecture. Nanotechnology. ECE/ME 141A. Winter 2009

Physics Discussion Section. Electricity and Magnetism. Physics 24. Winter 2008

Developed weekly student-led presentations to foster peer instruction.

Physics Laboratory. Magnetism, Circuits, and Optics. Physics 4L. Winter 2007

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Sidney Wertimer Award for Teaching	2023
Works-in-Progress, Hamilton College	2023
Innovations in Digital Pedagogy Fellowship, Hamilton College	2019
Society of Sigma Xi Member	2017
CSEP Excellence in Mentoring Award, UCSB	2012
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nominee, UCSB	2009–2010
GAANN Fellowship, US Dept. of Education (covering tuition and salary)	2006–2009
Graduate Student Fellowship, Spintech III and IV School & Conference	2005, 2007
Ferrando-Fithian Physics Fellowship	2005
Howard and Gertrude Evans Scholarship	2005
Joseph Gillingham Scholarship	2005
Society of Sigma Xi Associate Member	2004
National Merit Scholarship	2001

## NEWS

1. Physics Students Contribute Research on a Microscopic Level  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/cellular-physics-student-summer-research-viva-horowitz](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/cellular-physics-student-summer-research-viva-horowitz) Aug 2024
2. Bess Lawrence '23 won the Future of Physics Days (FPD) Top Presenter award  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/scholarship-fellowship-student-achievement-watson-bristol](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/scholarship-fellowship-student-achievement-watson-bristol) May 2024
3. “Horowitz, Scheuing '23 Co-Author Paper”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/resonator-networks-viva-horowitz-trevor-scheuing](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/resonator-networks-viva-horowitz-trevor-scheuing) Feb 2024
4. “Horowitz Publishes Research on Nanomechanical Resonators”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/nanomechanical-resonators-viva-horowitz](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/nanomechanical-resonators-viva-horowitz) Nov 2023
5. Teaching Award  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/faculty-teaching-students-awards-professors](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/faculty-teaching-students-awards-professors) May 2023
6. “Horowitz Presents Research at American Physical Society Meeting”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-interpret-data-connected-resonators](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-interpret-data-connected-resonators) Mar 2023
7. JEDI talk: Society of Physics Students at Utica University  
[twitter.com/utica\\_sps/status/1627894174031773701](https://twitter.com/utica_sps/status/1627894174031773701) Feb 2023
8. “Bringing ‘Significant Figures’ to Podcast”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/science-faculty-significant-figures-horowitz-podcast](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/science-faculty-significant-figures-horowitz-podcast) Oct 2021
9. Student Researchers Building, Analyzing Artificial Cells  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/cell-cytoplasm-replicate-physics](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/cell-cytoplasm-replicate-physics) July 2021
10. “Stressed? Depressed? You are not alone”  
Physics Today 74, 3, 20 (2021); [doi.org/10.1063/PT.3.4696](https://doi.org/10.1063/PT.3.4696) Mar 2021
11. “Physics is a Blast!”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-pressure-rockets-test-predictions](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-pressure-rockets-test-predictions) Sept 2020
12. “Horowitz Interviewed in Physics Podcast”  
[hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-world-interview-viva-horowitz](https://hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-world-interview-viva-horowitz) Mar 2020

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| 13. “Coronavirus Hits the Conference Calendar”<br><a href="https://blubrry.com/physicsworldweeklypodcast/56967250/coronavirus-hits-the-conference-calendar-physicists-excel-in-deep-tech-start-up-challenge-remembering-freeman-dyson">blubrry.com/physicsworldweeklypodcast/56967250/coronavirus-hits-the-conference-calendar-physicists-excel-in-deep-tech-start-up-challenge-remembering-freeman-dyson</a> | Mar 2020         |
| 14. “Horowitz the Speaker in UO Career Seminar”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-teaching-career-viva-horowitz">hamilton.edu/news/story/physics-teaching-career-viva-horowitz</a>  | Mar 2020         |
| 15. “Horowitz on ‘Luminescent Colloids and Beyond’”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/quantum-systems-nanodiamonds-viva-horowitz">hamilton.edu/news/story/quantum-systems-nanodiamonds-viva-horowitz</a>  | Nov 2019         |
| 16. “Horowitz Talks Physics with Projansky ’21”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-andrew-projansky-whcl">hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-andrew-projansky-whcl</a>  | Jul 2019         |
| 17. “Scientists Drill Into White Graphene to Create Artificial Atoms”<br><a href="https://sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190411131557.htm">sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190411131557.htm</a>  | Apr 2019         |
| 18. “Horowitz Publishes Cell Transport Research”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-cell-transport-research">hamilton.edu/news/story/viva-horowitz-physics-cell-transport-research</a>   | Mar 2019         |
| 19. “Hamilton Researchers Present at APS Meeting”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/hamilton-researchers-present-at-aps-meeting">hamilton.edu/news/story/hamilton-researchers-present-at-aps-meeting</a>  | Mar 2019         |
| 20. “Horowitz Conducting Research at University of Oregon”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/horowitz-appointed-as-courtesy-faculty-at-the-university-of-oregon">hamilton.edu/news/story/horowitz-appointed-as-courtesy-faculty-at-the-university-of-oregon</a>   | Jun 2018         |
| 21. “Horowitz Presents Research at Union College”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/professor-physics-viva-horowitz-presents-research-at-union-college">hamilton.edu/news/story/professor-physics-viva-horowitz-presents-research-at-union-college</a>  | Dec 2017         |
| 22. “The Changing of the Guard”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/magazine/winter17/the-changing-of-the-guard">hamilton.edu/magazine/winter17/the-changing-of-the-guard</a>  | Fall–Winter 2017 |
| 23. “Horowitz and Burson Present at APS Meeting”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/professor-physics-viva-horowitz-and-kristen-burson-present-at-aps-meeting">hamilton.edu/news/story/professor-physics-viva-horowitz-and-kristen-burson-present-at-aps-meeting</a>   | Mar 2017         |
| 24. “New Faculty Appointed for 2016-17 Academic Year”<br><a href="https://hamilton.edu/news/story/new-faculty-appointed-for-2016-17">hamilton.edu/news/story/new-faculty-appointed-for-2016-17</a>  | Aug 2016         |
| 25. “Nitrogen Vacancies Detect Magnetic Fields in Fluids”<br><a href="https://physicsworld.com/a/nitrogen-vacancies-detect-magnetic-fields-in-fluids">physicsworld.com/a/nitrogen-vacancies-detect-magnetic-fields-in-fluids</a>  | Sept 2012        |

## RESEARCH MENTORING

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| <b>Hamilton College, Clinton, NY</b>                                     | 2017–ongoing     |
| 1. Madeleine Petro ’25 (thesis student)<br>Diffusion in a crowding agent | Summer–Fall 2024 |
| 2. Maya Kannan ’25<br>Diffusion in a crowding agent                      | Summer 2024      |

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| 3. Sara Conti '27<br>Diffusion in a crowding agent and refining particle tracking   | Fall 2023–Fall '24                     |
| 4. Lydia Bullock '26<br>Comparing NEtMAP and nonlinear least squares fitting for a three-mass resonator system  | Summer–Fall 2024                       |
| 5. Aaron Butler '26<br>Fabricating microfluidic devices   | Summer 2024                            |
| 6. Eliana Gibs '26<br>Fabricating microfluidic devices  | Summer 2024                            |
| 7. Kai Haesslein '24 (thesis student and summer researcher)<br>Fabricating a microfluidic sorter using a mini-CNC<br>Measuring electron spin resonance (ESR) of fluorescent nanodiamonds  | 2021–2024<br>Summer 2023               |
| 8. Sam Feldman '24 (thesis student)<br>Thesis. Comparing NetMAP to nonlinear least squares fitting  | Spr 2024                               |
| 9. Mohammed Isa Khan '26<br>Fabricating a microfluidic sorter   | Spr 2024                               |
| 10. Elizabeth (Pippi) Seider '24 (thesis student)<br>Thesis. Artificial Cytoplasm: Crowding components causing anomalous diffusion<br>Developing a method for studying enhanced diffusion of Janus swimmers                     | 2022–ongoing<br>Fall 2023<br>Fall 2022 |
| 11. Leah Bell '24 (thesis student)<br>Thesis. Exploring the fabrication process for PDMS microfluidic sorters   | Fall 2023                              |
| 12. Yongwoo Park '24 (thesis student)<br>Thesis. Engineering a magnetometer using diamond NV centers.<br>3D printing parts for microfluidics.   | 2022, 2023<br>Fall 2023<br>Summer 2022 |
| 13. Rebecca Dalphin '24<br>Measuring and analyzing diffusion and subdiffusion in aqueous polyethylene glycol  | May 2023                               |
| 14. Alex Axton '24<br>Measuring and analyzing diffusion and subdiffusion in aqueous polyethylene glycol   | May 2023                               |
| 15. Elisabeth (Bess) Lawrence '23 (thesis student)<br>Thesis. Artificial cytoplasm: Observing anomalous diffusion & progress towards drift-reduction<br>Conference presentation: APS Future of Physics Days Top Presenter award | Spr 2023                               |
| 16. Lauren Kuster '23 (thesis student)<br>Thesis: Characterizing a Microfluidic Device for Sorting Micro and Nanodiamonds<br>Developing a plastic mold using laser etching  | 2022–2023<br>Spr 2023<br>Summer 2022   |
| 17. Ryan Smolarsky '23 (thesis student)<br>Thesis: Diffusion and drift reduction in artificial cells  | Fall 2022                              |
| 18. Greg Bauman '23<br>Fabricating a microfluidic sorter.   | 2021–2022                              |

19. Clare Nelle '24	2021–2022
Developing a method for studying enhanced diffusion of Janus swimmers.	
20. Estelle Khairallah '23	Fall 2021
Studying diffusion in various crowding conditions	
21. Trevor Scheuing '23	May–Dec 2021
Developing a method for studying enhanced diffusion of Janus swimmers	
22. Matt Jankowski '22	May–Sept 2021
Optimizing the analysis of enhanced diffusion of Janus swimmers	
23. Connor Feldman '22	Spr 2021
Fabricating a microfluidic sorter	
24. Asa Szegvari '23	Spr 2021
Fabricating a microfluidic sorter	
25. Lucas Wright '21 (thesis student)	Fall 2020–Spr 2021
Thesis: Progress toward microfluidic nanodiamond sorting	
26. Mitch Bierman '21 (thesis student)	Fall 2020
Thesis: Crowding in active colloidal particle solution: A more optimized model for cellular cytoplasm	
27. Sean Conroy '21 (thesis student)	Fall 2020
Thesis: Ultrasonic transmission through a single layer of bubbles	
Temperature dependence of amorphous bubble rafts (jointly with K. Burson)	
28. Hongyu Zhang '24	Spr 2019
Assisted with ultrasonic transmission through a single layer of bubbles	
29. Mikel Zemborain '19 (thesis student)	Fall 2020
Thesis: Developing a microfluidic microdiamond sorter	
30. Eileen Wilcox '21	2017–2019
Fabricating a microfluidic sorter using ShrinkyDink mastermolds.	
31. Samantha D'Angelo '21	Spr 2019
Fabricating a microfluidic sorter using ShrinkyDink mastermolds.	
32. Roger Danilek '21 (jointly with K. Burson)	Fall '18–Spr '19
Temperature dependence of amorphous bubble rafts	
33. Alexandra Golub '21 (jointly with K. Burson)	Fall '18–Spr '19
Exploring the crystallinity of bubble rafts over time	
34. Daniel Wall '19 (jointly with K. Burson)	Spr 2019
Exploring the crystallinity of bubble rafts over time	
35. Elisabeth Howard '20 (jointly with K. Burson)	Spr 2019
Calculating the radial distribution function using Python	
36. Lindsay Gearty '21 (jointly with K. Burson)	Spr 2019
Calculating the radial distribution function using Excel	
37. Matthew Zielezienski '22 (jointly with K. Burson)	Spr 2019
Understanding the radial distribution function	

38. George Tucker '19 (Summer at University of Oregon & thesis at Hamilton) Summer & Fall 2018  
Thesis: A non-linear microfluidic resonator Fall 2018
39. Jacob Engelman '19 (thesis student) Fall 2018  
Thesis: Microfluidic sorting: Design and manufacture of a multilayer microfluidics device to sort nanodiamonds.
40. Lucy Guzzardo Fall 2018  
Animating the quantum levels of the nitrogen-vacancy center in diamond.
41. Colin May '21 2017–2018  
Progress toward building a confocal microscope
42. Houghton Yonge '18 (thesis student) Summer & Fall 2017  
Thesis: Development of microfluidic devices for a particle-sorting apparatus
43. Fuming Qiu '20 Summer 2017  
Developed code to control a photon counter and tested microfluidic designs.  
[digitalcommons.hamilton.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=posters](https://digitalcommons.hamilton.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=posters)
- Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**
44. Zachary Chambers '18 2015–2016, 2018  
Developed high-yield production of Janus particles and investigated their superdiffusive dynamics in artificial cells
45. Yue (Nini) Ren '16 2014  
Encapsulation of motor particles in phospholipid vesicles using microfluidic devices. *The Nucleus*, **93**, 2 (May 2015).
- University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA**
46. Erzsebet Vincent '15, now has PhD from University of Chicago Summer 2011  
Investigated optical properties of cephalopod skin  
[eureka-csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/scholars/vincent](https://eureka-csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/scholars/vincent)  
Conference presentation: “Optical Properties of Cephalopod Skin” Oct 2011  
Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) National Conference
47. Daniel Kirby '11, now has PhD from Dublin City University Summer 2010  
Developed a device for measuring electron spin resonance in solution
48. Lijuan (Lily) Li '12 Summer 2009  
Investigated the surface chemistry of nanodiamonds

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited talks

1. Utica University Society of Physics Students Apr 2024  
Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) talk: “Charting my path”
2. Utica University Society of Physics Students Feb 2023  
Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) talk: “Charting my path”  
[twitter.com/utica\\_sps/status/1627894174031773701](https://twitter.com/utica_sps/status/1627894174031773701)



3. Physics Colloquium, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT Oct 2019  
“Luminescent colloids and beyond: From dynamic artificial cells to quantum emitters”
4. Sigma Xi Colloquium, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY Jan 2019  
“Luminescent quantum emitters”
5. Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY Nov 2018  
“Confined colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to magnetic sensing with luminescent levitated nanodiamonds”
6. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR March 2018  
“Active colloidal particles in emulsion droplets: A model system for cytoplasm”
7. Union College, Schenectady, NY October 2017  
“Confining colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
8. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY October 2017  
“Confining colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
9. The Broad Reach of Materials Physics Symposium, Swarthmore College. June 2017  
“Measuring magnetic fields with photoluminescent nanodiamonds”
10. Williams College Physics Seminar, Williamstown, MA Dec 2015  
“Confined Colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
11. Hamilton College Physics Seminar, Clinton, NY Dec 2015  
“Confined Colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
12. Oxford College of Emory University, Oxford, GA Dec 2015  
“Gauss’s Law.” Teaching presentation.
13. Hendrix College Physics Seminar, Conway, AR Nov 2015  
“Confined colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
14. Mount Holyoke College Physics Seminar, South Hadley, MA Nov 2015  
“Confined colloids: From dynamic artificial cells to luminescent nanodiamond sensors”
15. American Physical Society March Meeting, Baltimore, MD Mar 2013  
“Mobile quantum sensing with spins in optically trapped nanodiamonds”  
Invited speaker, D. D. Awschalom, talk based on my PhD work
16. Physics seminar, Amherst College, Amherst, MA Feb 2013  
“Spin-based sensing using optically trapped nanodiamonds in solution”

17. SPIE Photonics West, San Francisco, CA Feb 2013  
 “Electron spin resonance of nitrogen-vacancy centers in optically trapped nanodiamonds”
18. Applied Physics Seminar, Caltech, Pasadena, CA Jan 2013  
 “Spin-based sensing using optically trapped nanodiamonds in solution”
19. CRISP Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, CT Dec 2012  
 “Spin-based sensing using optically trapped nanodiamonds in solution”
- Contributed presentations**
20. American Physical Society March Meeting, Minneapolis, MN Mar 2024  
 “Observing subdiffusion in artificial cytoplasm: polyethylene glycol as a crowding agent.” My student Bess Lawrence’s talk; she won Top Presenter.
21. American Physical Society March Meeting, Las Vegas, NV Mar 2023  
 “Validating an algebraic approach to characterizing resonator networks.” Talk.
22. American Physical Society March Meeting, Boston, MA Mar 2019  
 “Active colloidal particles in emulsion droplets: A model system for the cytoplasm.” Talk.
23. American Physical Society March Meeting, New Orleans, LA Mar 2017  
 “Walking the tightrope: Colloidal surfers mimicking molecular motors” Talk.
24. Active and Smart Matter Workshop, Syracuse, NY June 2016  
 “Walking the tightrope.” Talk.
25. Physics Postdoc Retreat, Dedham, MA. Organizer. Sept 2015  
 “Superdiffusion in artificial cells.” Quick talk and poster.
26. Gordon Research Conference: Soft Condensed Matter, New London, NH Aug 2015  
 “Enhanced diffusion in an artificial cell.” Poster.
27. American Physical Society March Meeting, San Antonio, TX Mar 2015  
 “Building a dynamic cell from the bottom up.” Talk.
28. New England Workshop on Complex Fluids, Cambridge, MA Dec 2014  
 “Building a dynamic cell from the bottom up.” Soundbite.
29. Harvard Physics Postdoc Retreat, North Andover, MA. Organizer. Sept 2014  
 “Building a cell from the bottom up.” Quick talk and poster.
30. Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Boston, MA Nov 2012  
 “Electron spin resonance of nitrogen-vacancy centers in optically trapped nanodiamonds.” Talk.
31. American Physical Society March Meeting, Boston, MA Feb 2012  
 “Optically trapped fluorescent nanodiamonds.” Talk.

## SERVICE

### **Hamilton College, Clinton, NY**

- Advisor to Hamilton College students 2017–ongoing
- Honor court advisor May 2024
- Member, two search committees for tenure-track assistant profs of Physics Sept 2022–Jan 2023
- Member, search committee for Assistant Professor of Instruction in Physics Fall 2022–Spr 2023
- Organizer, Physics Colloquium series 2018–’19, ’21–’24
- Co-organizer, Panel: What I did with my major in physics: Medical careers Fall 2022
  - Hamilton Alumni Panelists: Ahtesham Khan ’17, Clare Munroe ’18, Spencer Newman ’96
- APS-IDEA Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Alliance 2020–2022
  - Hosted meetings at Hamilton College
  - Networking with other colleges
  - Subcommittee: Inclusive Pedagogies Spring 2021
- Chemical Physics Committee 2017–ongoing
  - Program director Fall 2020–June 2023
- Member, two search committees for visiting assistant professors of Physics Spr ’21, Summer ’21
- Honor Court 2020–2021
- Co-director, Clare Booth Luce grant program 2020–2021
- Organizer, physics grad school Q&A events
  - Hamilton Alumni Panelists: Elise LePage ’18, Alexei Smith ’19, Kenneth Ratliff ’16 Jan 2021
  - Hamilton Alumni Panelists: Joelle (Baer) Corrigan ’16, Mike Verostek ’16, Anya Nugent ’18, Robert [RJ] Taylor ’19 July 2020
- Presenter, physics demos for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, Hamilton College Summer 2019
- Committee member, mass email working group 2018–2019
- Member, search committee for two visiting assistant professors 2018–2019
- Presenter, physics demos, Hamilton College Family Weekend, 50 attendees Oct 2017
- Presenter, physics demos for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Hamilton College Summer 2017
- Member, search committee for a visiting assistant professor Spring 2017

### **American Association of Colleges and Universities**

Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) Feb 2022

- Moderator, “Incorporating EDI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) in Undergraduate Physics Curricula: From Exercises to Full Courses”

### **University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia**

- External examiner, Doctoral thesis examination of Johannes Froech Fall 2020

### **Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, honors program**

- External examiner, Statistical Physics Spr 2020

**Mentor:** Providing advice and support to a disadvantaged student in California

2019–ongoing

### **University of Oregon, Eugene, OR**

- Presenter, “Putting your physics degree to work” seminar series

Mar 2020

- Judge of student poster presentations, OMQ Symposium, Bend, OR Sept 2019
- Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**
- Co-coordinator, Harvard Physics Research Scholar Advisory Committee 2014–2016
- Moderated faculty panel on grant writing Apr 2016
- Organized leadership workshop for physicists given by Harvard Business School Prof. Willy Shih Jan 2015
- Co-organized two Harvard Physics postdoc retreats 2014 and 2015  
 Guest speakers: Alan Guth, Nobel laureate Roy J. Glauber, NY Times deputy science editor Dennis Overbye, NSF program director Krastan B. Blagoev, and DOE program manager Simona Rolli
- Referee for *Nano Letters*, *Physical Review E*
- Secretary, Caltech Postdoc Association, Pasadena, CA 2013
- Certified first responder for mental health crises 2012  
 Certification from Mental Health First Aid USA, Santa Barbara, CA
- Co-coordinator, UCSB Women in Science and Engineering 2011
- Recruiter, UCSB Physics
- Visit Day poster presentation, Santa Barbara, CA Apr 2012  
 “Optically trapped fluorescent nanodiamonds for magnetometry”
- Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics, Los Angeles Jan 2008
- Joint Annual Meeting of the National Society of Black Physicists and the National Society of Hispanic Physicists (NSBP/NSHP), Boston, MA Feb 2007
- Co-president and mentor, Swarthmore Women in Astronomy and Physics. 2002–2005  
 Ran discussion groups, organized mentorship program, organized events, including annual liquid nitrogen ice cream parties and rocket launching, and mentored underclassmen.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Works-in-Progress group Spr 2023  
*Initiator and participant*
- Faculty Success Program (FSP) Bootcamp, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) Fall 2022  
*Participant*
- Statistics and Research Methods in Psychology, Prof. Tara McKee Fall 2021  
*Audit student*
- Change Your World leadership course, Maria Maier Fall 2021  
*Participant*

American Association of Physics Teachers, Summer Virtual Meeting <i>Attendee</i> Networked and developed plans for teaching during the pandemic, especially teaching lab remotely	July 2020
Virtual sessions on teaching in a pandemic, Hamilton College <i>Participant</i> Attended numerous sessions on how to teach during the pandemic	Summer 2020
The Physics behind Quantum Computing, Prof. Steven van Enk, University of Oregon <i>Audit student</i>	Spring 2020
STEM Engaged and Active Learning (SEAL) AHA group, Hamilton College <i>Participant</i> Discussed and implemented active learning strategies, including gallery walks and jigsaw activities.	2018–2019
Physics Faculty Journal Club: Building a More Inclusive Department AHA group <i>Participant</i> Read and discussed articles about increasing inclusivity and diversity in physics	Spring 2019
The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR): Beginning a Research Program <i>Participant</i> Attended three-day workshop to learn techniques for building my research program.	Nov 2018
American Association of Physics Teachers, Faculty Online Learning Community <i>Participant</i> Attended twice-monthly meetings to discuss best teaching practices.	2017
American Association of Physics Teachers New Faculty Workshop College Park, MD <i>Attendee</i> Attended four-day workshop to learn physics education methods and skills	Nov 2016

## ADDITIONAL TEACHING

<b>Hamilton College.</b> Clinton, NY <i>Radio show host</i> , Significant Figures, WHCL <a href="https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/viva-horowitz">podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/viva-horowitz</a>	Fall 2021
<i>Consulting professor</i> , Quantum Theory study group I met weekly with three Hamilton students who studied chapters 7–11 of Townsend’s Quantum Mechanics text.	Summer 2020
<i>Radio show guest</i> , WHCL <a href="https://soundcloud.com/viva-horowitz/andrew-projansky-interviews-viva-r-horowitz">soundcloud.com/viva-horowitz/andrew-projansky-interviews-viva-r-horowitz</a>	June 2019
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, MA <i>Judge</i> , Applied Physics 50 Crack-a-thon Judged teams of students who had each built a locked safe based on electromagnetic puzzles.	Apr 2016

<i>Organizer</i> , Visit day for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students from Martinique Guided 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students from Collège Aimé Césaire on a physics-centered tour of Harvard in French. Each student group also had the opportunity to 3D-print an object and create a hologram of it to keep.	Mar 2016
<i>Guest advisor</i> , Physics 15C Waves and optics lab Coached students creating instruments and presentations on holographic imaging and optical tweezers	Nov 2013, 2014
<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA <i>Circus presenter</i> , UCSB Physics Circus Presented scientific demos for elementary school students	2008
<b>Private Tutor</b> , Santa Barbara, CA. Tutored a Santa Barbara City College student for her Conceptual Physics class	2007
<b>Department of Physics and Astronomy</b> , Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA <i>Clinic Coordinator and Clinician</i> . Coordinated 10 clinicians, assisted 40 students weekly with problem sets, and planned funding with department chair	2004–2005
<i>Grader</i> , Mathematical Methods of Physics	Spring 2004
<i>Clinician</i> . Assisted students with problem sets	Fall 2003
<b>Learning for Life, Swarthmore College</b> , Swarthmore, PA <i>Instructor</i> . Taught staff at Swarthmore College the basics of using a computer. Developed my own hands-on course; created a new webpage for the class.	Summer 2004
<b>Swarthmore College Tutoring Program</b> , Swarthmore, PA <i>Physics Tutor</i> . Reviewed electricity and magnetism subject matter with a student who was going deaf and having trouble following lectures.	Fall 2003
<b>Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology</b> , Washington, DC <i>Intern</i> . Created an educational experiment in physics and seismology at the college level.	Jan 2003
<b>Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Swarthmore College</b> , Swarthmore, PA <i>Grader</i> , Discrete Mathematics	Fall 2002
<b>Norris Square Community House</b> , Philadelphia, PA <i>Volunteer</i> . Assisted students with homework in an after-school program.	Fall 2002

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

*Materials*: colloidal solutions, diamond qubits, water-in-oil emulsions, Janus particles, 2D materials (graphene, hexagonal boron nitride), silicon nitride, silicon

*Tool-building*: microscope, optical trapping, confocal microscope, microfluidic devices, electrospray for nanoparticle deposition, instrument control/automation

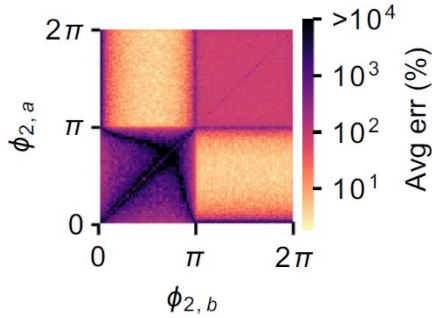
*Techniques*: photolithography, electron-beam lithography, image analysis, particle tracking, microfluidics, mechanical design, CAD, machining, microwave measurements, fiber optics

*Imaging*: optical microscopy (brightfield, fluorescence, differential interference contrast, etc.), atomic force microscopy (AFM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), holographic imaging

*Measurement:* single photon counting, time-correlated single photon counting, fluorescence spectroscopy, UV/vis spectrophotometry, fluorimetry, automated data acquisition and analysis, pump-probe optical measurements

*Programming languages:* Python, LabVIEW, MATLAB, Mathematica, C, C++

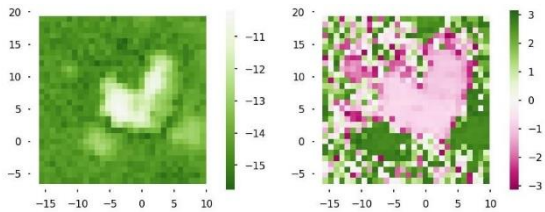
## RESEARCH BACKGROUND



### (1) Network Mapping and Analysis of Parameters (NetMAP): A new tool for characterizing resonator networks

(with Alemán lab, University of Oregon; Lydia Bullock, Sam Feldman and Trevor Scheuing, Hamilton)

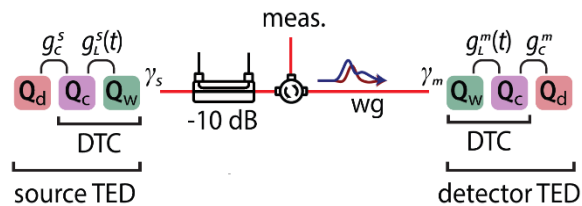
Resonator networks appear everywhere in natural and engineered systems, and the physicists' view of these is to model such networks as a series of coupled masses on springs. We have developed a new algebraic approach to characterize resonator networks, with applications in diverse fields from physics and engineering to neuroscience and biology. This approach, using Singular Value Decomposition (SVD), is more accurate and scalable than traditional iterative least-squares fitting. We tested this approach with graphene resonators using Scanning Interference Microscopy (SIM) and found promising results, validating the technique through simulations and experiments. Our approach, Network Mapping and Analysis of Parameters (NetMAP), serves as a diagnostic tool for understanding and programming individual nodes and connectivity in resonator networks. In the future, we plan to study larger resonator topologies and further develop the field of large-scale nanoelectromechanical (NEMS) resonator networks.



### (2) Spatially Resolved Graphene Resonator Networks

(with Alemán lab, Oregon)

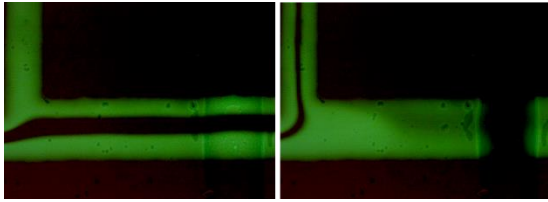
Mechanical resonators provide insight into manipulation of a phononic bandgap, classical Rabi oscillations and Ramsey interferences, and synchronization between two resonators. We mapped and interpreted the shape of the modes of these suspended resonators.



### (3) Microwave photon emitter and detector

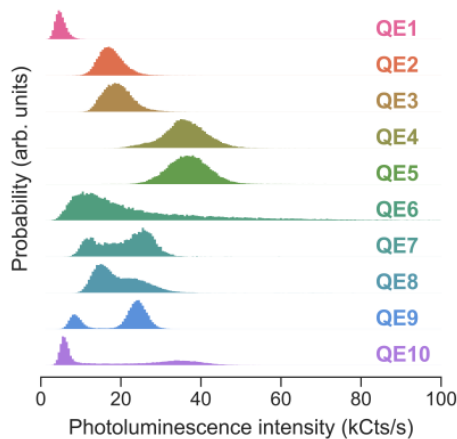
(with Dan Campbell, Innovare Advancement Center, Air Force Research Lab, Rome, NY, and Hamilton College students Bakir Husremovic and Sam Marash).

We are using a set of three superconducting Josephson junction transmons as a system for detecting or emitting single photons.



**(4) Multilayer microfluidic control** (with Kai Haesselein, Mikel Zemborain, Jake Engleman, Lucas Wright, Fuming Qiu, Eileen [Leenie] Wilcox, Asa Szegvari, Connor Feldman, Lauren Kuster, Greg Bauman, Samantha D'Angelo, Isa Khan, and Yongwoo Park, Hamilton)

We control the direction of water flow in a microfluidic channel using a second channel underneath the first. When the second channel pinches the main channel closed, it controllably diverts the water to an alternate channel.



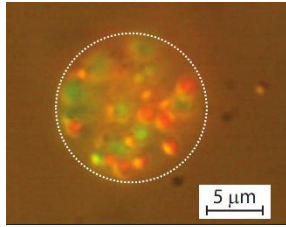
**(5) Analyzing quantum emitters in hexagonal Boron Nitride** (with Alemán lab, Oregon)

Quantum emitters (QEs) in 2D hexagonal boron nitride (hBN) are extremely bright, continue to luminesce under high temperature and harsh chemical conditions, and have the potential for strong coupling to hybrid optoelectromechanical devices due to their 2D host crystal. I analyzed the stability and blinking behavior of quantum emitters that are created when holes are patterned in the hBN material.

**(6) Building a platform for studying a dynamic artificial cytoplasm** (with Elizabeth [Pippi] Seider, Elisabeth [Bess] Lawrence, Ryan Smolarsky, Sara Conti, Madeleine Petro, Maya Kunnan Clare Nelle, Trevor Scheuing, Matt Jankowski, Estelle Khairallah, and Mitch Bierman, Hamilton)

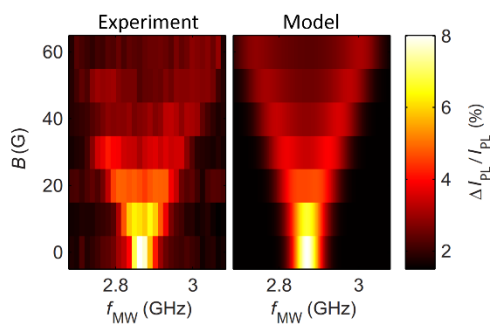
Living cellular cytoplasm is both an active and crowded environment. In order to better understand active cytoplasm, we study the trajectories of tracer particles in artificial cytoplasm where we can control the ingredients. However, large-scale currents, or drift, make it difficult to quantify the microscale mixing. We are building a platform for studying active crowded artificial cytoplasm in a chamber where drift is reduced but ingredients can flow in and out through microscopic pores in an agarose hydrogel barrier.





**(7) Building a dynamic artificial cell using micro-swimmers in lipid vesicles** (with Manoharan lab, Harvard)

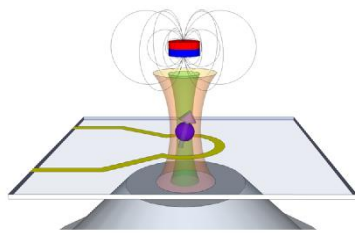
Living cells are active, nonequilibrium systems that use active elements (molecular motors) to drive transport in the cytoplasm. Living cells must transport molecules and larger structures through their interior to make precursors available for biochemical reactions and to organize internal material for cell division, among other functions. I encapsulated self-propelled particles in a phospholipid vesicle to introduce an active interior environment. This research will lead to greater understanding of the flow phenomena involved in cytoplasmic streaming in living cells. In addition to providing a way to increase and modulate the rates of chemical reaction in artificial cells, this study may lead to insights into cytoplasmic reaction dynamics in living cells.



**(8) Spin-based sensing with optically trapped nanodiamonds in solution** (Awschalom lab, UCSB)

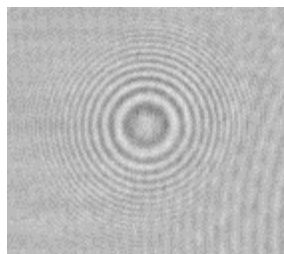
The nitrogen-vacancy (NV) color center in diamond has emerged as a powerful, optically addressable, spin-based probe of electromagnetic fields and temperature. For nanoscale sensing applications, the NV center's atom-like nature enables the close-range interactions necessary for both high spatial resolution and the detection of fields generated by proximal nuclei, electrons, or molecules. Using a custom-designed optical tweezers apparatus, I demonstrated three-dimensional position control of nanodiamonds in solution with simultaneous optical measurement of electron spin resonance (ESR). It was my own idea to use optically trapped nanodiamonds for measuring magnetic fields. Despite the motion and random orientation of NV centers suspended in the optical trap, I observed distinct peaks in the ESR spectra from the ground-state spin transitions. Accounting for the random dynamics of the trapped nanodiamonds, I modeled the ESR spectra observed in an applied magnetic field and estimated the dc magnetic sensitivity based on the ESR line shapes to be  $50 \mu\text{T/Hz}^{1/2}$ . I used the optically trapped nanodiamonds to characterize the magnetic field generated by current-carrying wires and ferromagnetic structures in microfluidic circuits. These measurements provide a pathway to spin-based sensing in fluidic environments and biophysical systems that are inaccessible to existing scanning probe techniques, such as the interiors of living cells.

**(9) Tool-building: Optical tweezers and confocal microscope** (Awschalom lab)



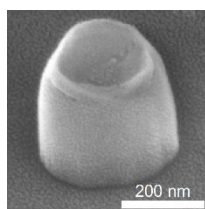
Optical tweezers are valuable for manipulating particles using light radiation pressure. I designed and built a single-beam optical trapping apparatus for trapping small particles. An infrared beam is tightly focused through a high numerical aperture objective and

aligned to create a three-dimensional potential well. By analyzing the interference pattern in the forward-scattered beam, I tracked the confined motion of single particles in the trap. I integrated a customized confocal microscope apparatus with single photon detection for combined confocal fluorescence microscopy and optical trapping.



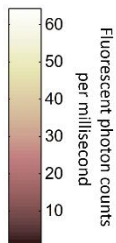
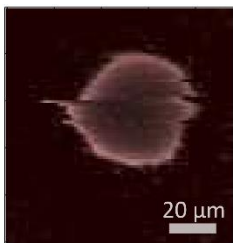
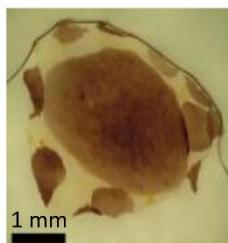
**(10) Tool-building for particle tracking: Holographic microscopy**  
(Manoharan lab)

Holographic images encode the entire three-dimensional volume of a sample. I built a holographic microscope and used the Hologpy software package to identify the x, y, and z position of a micro-swimmer as it traversed tens of microns in just a few seconds.



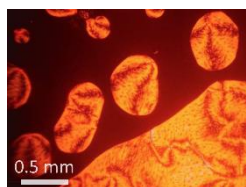
**(11) Creating better nanodiamonds through top-down fabrication**  
(Awschalom lab)

Nanoparticle diamonds vary greatly in quality. In order to create high-quality diamond particles, I used a top-down approach to fabricate nanoparticle diamonds. I reduced diamond membranes to the desired thickness using a nonselective inductively coupled plasma etch and then deposited gold nanoparticles as an etch mask on the diamond membrane. A selective anisotropic oxygen etch removed the membrane except beneath the etch mask, leaving diamond nanoparticles on the substrate. This has paved the way for top-down fabrication of high-quality nanoparticle and nanorod diamonds.



**(12) Optical measurements of cephalopod chromatophores** (Awschalom lab)

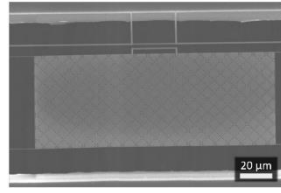
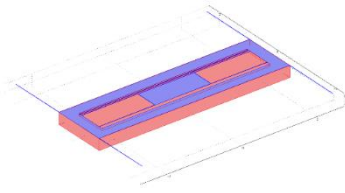
Cephalopods use the controlled expansion and contraction of sacs of pigment called chromatophores in order to alter their appearance for dynamic camouflage. Using the confocal microscope I built, my undergraduate student and I measured and mapped the fluorescence of *Loligo opalescens* squid chromatophores.



**(13) Investigating a lyotropic chromonic liquid crystal** (Collings Lab)

As an undergraduate at Swarthmore College, I measured the phase diagram, birefringence, and order parameter of aqueous Sunset Yellow, an aggregated dye liquid crystal. The results suggested a model of the aggregation in which the nitrogen-nitrogen double bonds of the Sunset Yellow molecule are perpendicular to the long axis of the aggregate. This work has become a classic in the field.

**(14) Fabricating optomechanical gyroscopes for angular velocity detection** (Painter lab, Caltech)



We developed a vibrating structure gyroscope based on a photonic zipper cavity for detecting the acceleration of a test mass sensitive to the Coriolis effect. I studied mechanical resonances of the gyroscope

using simulations in COMSOL Multiphysics with MATLAB and, in collaboration with graduate students, fabricated silicon nitride devices with a measured mechanical Q of 1 million.