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Education

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Summary

My work has been driven by the physics of sensing and imaging including interests in optical and plasmonic surface modes of nanoparticles, nanostructures, and thin multilayer films, the interaction of light with nanomechanical systems, contact and noncontact material characterization, and quantum sensing. This encompasses a broad class of systems in which specific surface states and modes, and more generally light-matter interaction, can be utilized to achieve energy conversion, light-by-light modulation, micro- and nanofluidic actuation, on-chip trapping and pumping, and biomedical and environmental applications. Exploring the nearfield and scattering properties of optical and mechanical probes, as well as optical response of materials, I am exploring hybrid optomechanical nanometrology, low count photon and electron detection and generation, including cases where the quantum nature of the light and the mechanical state may offer unique opportunities.

Professional Positions and Affiliations

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- 2010 – 2014 Research and Development Staff Member, Measurement Science and Systems Engineering Division, ORNL
- 2010 – Present Holding visiting professor fellowships, at Ecole Centrale Marseille, and Aix-Marseille Université in the Institut Fresnel UMR 7249 and ; at the Université Paris-Sud 91405 ORSAY Cedex, France in the ISMO – Institut des Sciences Moléculaires d’Orsay
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6. **A. Passian**, Infrared Remote Spectroscopy with Interferometric Multilaser Pump-Probe Excitation-Detection,” **patent pending**. (Technology transfer via licensing to startup)
7. J. Dawson, S. Prowell, and **A. Passian**, “Noise-Free Data Retrieval and Aggregation of Periodic OS Function Invocation Power Consumption for Rootkit Detection,” **patent filed**.

Selected projects and contracts

- ORNL-DOE LDRD, 2019

Multi-laser interferometric standoff sensor for the detection of illicit drugs

Objective: Development of an eye-safe, fast, and portable sensor for the trace amount detection of drugs and contraband

Role: Principal Investigator

- ORNL-DOE LDRD, 2017-2018

A novel plasmon-assisted few-to-single electron nanotip source for nanoscale dynamic imaging and magnetometry

Objective: plasmonic electron field emission is explored toward the development of a nano-optic electron gun for electron point projection microscopy (ePPM) and electron interferometry

Role: Principal Investigator

- ORNL-DOE LDRD 2016-2018

Dissipation Driven Quantum State Engineering On-Chip

Objective: exploiting the coherence and field enhancement of plasmonic nanoparticles near quantum emitters to generate entangled states

Role: Co-Investigator

- NIH/LEIDOS contract, 2015-2016

Physical Sciences Oncology Data Coordinating Center

The goal of this contract was to continue to develop an infrastructure to collect, annotate, archive, disseminate and coordinate heterogeneous data from numerous physical measurements conducted in cancer research for the NIH.

Notable data types: Scanning probe microscopy data including SEM, AFM, and Fluorescence super resolutions microscopy (TIRF etc).

Role: Principal Investigator

- BioEnergy Science Center (BESC), Characterization instrumentation 2010-2017

Development of the Hybrid-photonics nanomechanical force microscopy (HPFM) for simultaneous subsurface high-resolution non-destructive imaging and chemical mapping.

Role: Principal Investigator

- ORNL DOE

Data Acquisition and Software Interface Development for Mode synthesizing atomic force microscopy and sensing

The objective of this project was to streamline the frequency domain operation of the subsurface capabilities of the MSAFM.

Role: Principal Investigator

- BioEnergy Science Center (BESC), Characterization instrumentation 2009-2017

Development of the Mode Synthesizing atomic force microscopy (MSAFM) for subsurface high- resolution non-destructive imaging.

Role: Principal Investigator

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- BioEnergy Science Center (BESC), 2010-2017
Nanoscale molecular characterization and Imaging
The purpose of this project is to develop AFM-based measurement technologies for molecular level biomass characterization. The goal of this study is to conduct spectroscopic studies on Populus samples in order to analyze lignin, cellulose and hemicellulose content in an effort to find solutions for biomass recalcitrance.
Role: Principal Investigator

 - NIH/LEIDOS contract, 2012-2015
Physical Sciences Oncology Data Coordinating Center
The purpose of this project was to define, build and host a pilot informatics infrastructure data center to support the twelve NIH Physical Sciences-Oncology Centers (PS-OC). The goal of this 3-year contract is to design and develop an infrastructure to collect, annotate, archive, disseminate and coordinate heterogeneous data from numerous physical measurements conducted in cancer research for the NIH. Work included novel metadata scheme to annotate data covering many disciplines in the physical sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, computational modeling, engineering, etc.) and medicine.
Role: Principal Investigator

 - DHS SERRI
Objective: development of an integrated sensor system for real-time monitoring of metabolites of organophosphorus chemical warfare agents, pesticides, and e. coli in food and water.
The sensors include both MEMS and optical types with the final objective of achieving molecular recognition.
Role: Principal Investigator

 - DOE LDRD
Objective: phase change material detectors for single-photon detection in the UV-Vis region
Role: Co-Investigator

 - DARPA contract
Venous Imaging
Objective: demonstrate a semi-robotic infra-red (IR) imaging device to elucidate blood vessels on the forearm to aid medical practitioners in inserting catheters on the battlefield.
Role: Co-Investigator

 - ORNL-DOE LDRD
An All-Optical Plasmonic Pump for Integrated Applications
Objective: obtaining proof-of-principle of an all-optical nanoscale pump for use with miniaturized sensors and devices for developing applications in lab-on-chip.
Role: Principal Investigator

 - ORNL-DOE LDRD
A Nonlinear Plasmonic Nano-Circuit for Data Communications
Objective: demonstration of a light-by-light modulation with a thermo-plasmonic nanocircuit toward achieving fast communications, utilizing the nonlinear dependence of plasmonic systems.
Role: Principal Investigator

 - ORNL-DOE LDRD
Chemical Identification of Material Using Remote and Standoff Detection
Objective: development of a novel spectroscopic photothermal detection technique for chemical identification of adsorbed chemicals on remote surfaces using quantum cascade lasers (QCL).
Role: Principal Investigator

 - Colgate-Palmolive 2009
Microcantilever-based sulfur compound detection in breath
Objective: development of sensors capable of trace detection of hydrogen sulfide for the physiological detection of malignancies in breath
Role: Co-Investigator

- ORNL-DOE LDRD

A new form of photon scanning tunneling microscopy (PSTM)

Objective: development of a new plasmon enhanced PSTM where photon tunneling and plasmon coupling drives the signal for image formation.

Role: Principal Investigator

Teaching/Research Advising and Mentoring Experience

1996 – present

Supervising/mentoring students from the following selected institutions:

UTK, Department of Physics, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France, Département de Physique, Ecole Supérieure d'optique, Orsay cedex, France, Denison University, Cornell University, Eastern Illinois University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Tennessee Technological University, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Alcorn State University, Maryville College, Purdue University, Northern Arizona University, University of New Mexico, Florida State University, University of Southern Florida

1996 – 1999

Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee (UTK), Knoxville

Selected advised/mentored students and faculty:

Dissertation:

- **2002 - 2005**
Aude Lereu, Université de Bourgogne. PhD dissertation topic: Couplages Assistés par Plasmons de Surface
- **2002 - 2007**
Philip Evans, UTK, Department of Physics. PhD dissertation topic: Surface Plasmon Enhanced Heating of Gold Nanoparticles: A Plasmonic Optical Switch
- **2006 - 2010**
Laurene Tetard, UTK, Department of Physics. PhD dissertation topic: Surface and Subsurface Physical and Chemical Characterization of Materials at the Nanoscale
- **2011 - 2013**
Ghaneshwar Gautam, UTK, Department of Physics. PhD dissertation topic: Interferometry in the Nearfield microscopy. Expected graduation 2015.
- **2011 - 2016**
Marouane Salhi, UTK, Department of Physics. PhD dissertation topic: Plasmon excitation and decay in toroidal spaces. Expected graduation 2016.

Dissertation Advisory Committee Member/co-major professor:

- Maryam Bagherian, Dissertation Topic: “Modeling of quantum plasmonics in nanoparticles” Expected graduation date: 2019, Department of Mathematics, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA
- Kumar Vijay Garapati, Dissertation Topic: “Toroidal and poloidal plasmon eigenmodes and fields” Graduation date: 2017, Department of Mathematics, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA
- Eric Hawk, Dissertation Topic: “Nanoscale material characterization with scanning probe microscopy” Expected graduation 2018, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, The university of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
- Younes Sina, Dissertation Topic: “The effect of Zr implantation and

- transformation in metal oxides,” Graduation date: 2014, Department of Material Science and Engineering, UTK, USA
- Muamer Kadic, Dissertation Topic: “Metamaterials for surface plasmons,” Graduation date: 2012, Institut Fresnel and Université Aix-Marseille, MARSEILLE, France

Other Contribution to Dissertation

- Sohrab Eslami, Dissertation Topic: “Modeling and boundary force control of microcantilevers utilized in atomic force microscopy for cellular imaging and characterization,” Graduation date: 2011, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Northeastern University, USA

Mentor:

- **2008 Summer**
Department of Energy (DOE). Office of Science. Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program
(Institution: Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR)
 - Alejandro Suarez (Professor)
Project: The Measurement of Knudsen Forces on Microcantilevers
 - Marissa Morales (Student)
Project: Characterization of Platinum Nanoelectrodes with Atomic Force Microscopy and Conductivity Measurements
 - Raquelimar Rodriguez (Student)
Project: The Measurement of Knudsen Forces on Microcantilevers
 - Jimmy Zahra (Student)
Project: Detection Of Explosive By Photothermal Deflection Spectroscopy
- **2009 Summer**
Department of Energy (DOE). Office of Science. Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program
(Institution: Alcorn State University, Mississippi)
 - Yolanda Jones (Professor)
Project: Multiphysics sensors
 - Shonique Adams (Student)
Project: Quartz crystal microbalance sensors
 - Anthony McCarthy (Student)
Project: Quartz crystal microbalance sensors
- **2011 Summer**
Department of Energy (DOE). Office of Science. Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program
(Institution: Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR)
 - Viktor Zaharov (Professor)
Project: Laser spectroscopy
 - Daniel Webster (Student)
Project: Compound detection using a Standoff Photothermal Infrared Spectroscopy Technique
 - Julio Irizarry Benejam (Student)
Project: Open Architecture Reflective Spectroscopy
- **2011 Summer**
Summer Research Fellowship Program for Outstanding Physics Majors
(University of Tennessee, Department of Physics, Knoxville, TN)

- Caleb Redding
Project: Confocal and nearfield spectroscopy with Nearfield Scanning Optical Microscope (NSOM)
 - Steven Crawford
Project: Confocal and nearfield spectroscopy with Nearfield Scanning Optical Microscope (NSOM)
 - Lisa Agle
Project: Broadband photothermal standoff spectroscopy
- **2012, 2013, and 2015 Summers**
Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science, Faculty and Student Teams (FaST) Program
(Institution: Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR)
- Viktor Zaharov (Professor)
Project: Statistical analysis of spectroscopic data
- **2016 Summer**
Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science, Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI) Program
(Institution: University of South Florida)
- Edward Mitchell
Project: Temperature gradient driven fluid flow in confined spaces
- **2020 Summer**
Illinois physics REU program (NSF REU, DOD)
(Institution: University of Illinois)
- Benjamin Frey
Project: Computational studies of Fiber Brag Grating sensors

Other advised/mentored students, and postdocs:

- Serena Pham, Florida State University (2013-2015 Sponsored Project employee: Development of a cyber infrastructure for cancer data)
- Aaron Allen, The University of New Mexico (2014 ORNL Sponsored Internship, Research project: Plasmonics)
- Patrick Snyder, Eastern Illinois University (2012, and 2013 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project:
- Benjamin Thiesing, Northern Arizona University (2012 University Sponsored Internship, Research project: High resolution holography)
- Patrick Snyder, Eastern Illinois University (2012, and 2013 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project: Nanomechanical frequency mixing and coupling)
- Katherine Nadler, Maryville College (2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Internship, Research project: Detection of vaporized explosive molecules)
- Adam Krause, UTK (2009, Research project: Dynamics of MEMS microoscillators)
- Jeremy Nabeth, Purdue University (2008 University Sponsored Internship, Research project: Knudsen forces at the microscale)
- Rachel Fairbank, Cornell University (2008 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project: Atomic Force Microscopy)
- Jessica White, University of Tennessee (2007, Research project: Spectroscopy)

- Natasha Strande, Denison University (2007 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project: Biosensing of DNA hybridization using MEMS microoscillators)
- Hari Krishna, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2007 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project: Dynamics of frequency shift Atomic Force Microscopy)
- Dechang Yi, Tennessee Technological University (2007 ORAU Postdoctorate, Research project: Delay stochastic oscillations and coupling in microoscillators)
- Katherine Venmar, Denison University (2006 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, SULI, Research project: Atomic Force Microscopy)
- Vanessa Chauveau, Université de Bourgogne (2006 ORNL Sponsored Internship, Research project: Nearfield Scanning Optical Microscopy)
- Eric Hawk, University of Tennessee, Memphis (2004, Research topic: Delayed self-excitation of micro-oscillators)
- Sarah Arnel, ORNL, (2005, Research project: Novel sensors)
- Ramya Desikan, ORNL, (2007, Research project: Biosensing of DNA hybridization using MEMS microoscillators)
- Ivan Rothstein, Virginia Tech, (2005, Research project: Computational physics)

Selected collaborations

- Prof. Thomas Thundat: University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
- Dr. E. Le Moal, Université Paris-Sud, Orsay, France
- Prof. Alina Alexeenko: Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA
- Dr. Fabrice Meriaudeau: Université de Bourgogne, 71200 Le Creusot, France
- Prof. Sherwin Kouchekian: University of South Florida, FL, USA
- Prof. Eric Finot: Université de Bourgogne, 21011 Dijon, France
- Dr. Aude Lereu: Institut Fresnel UMR 7249 - Université Aix-Marseille, Marseille Cedex 20, France
- Dr. R. Alaei, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany
- Professor H. Batelaan, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA
- Prof. M. Kadic, CNRS, Institut FEMTO-ST, Besançon Cedex, France
- Dr. C. Amra, Aix Marseille Univ, CNRS, Centrale Marseille, Institut Fresnel, Marseille, France
- Prof. V. Zaharov, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, USA
- Dr. M. Yazdanpanah, NaugaNeedles LLC, Louisville, Kentucky, USA
- A. Ragauskas, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Dr. Robert A. Gatenby, MD, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida, USA

Software and programming experience

Fortran, Pascal, C, C++, IDL, SIMULA, Labview, MATLAB, MAPLE, COMSOL, FlexPDE, MATHCAD, Igor, Origin, Tex, Latex, Java, Python

Languages

English, Swedish, Persian, French (basic)

Professional Activities, Honors, Awards

- Proposal Review Panel Member:

National Science Foundation (NSF), National Health Institute (NIH), EU, Partner University Fund (PUF)

Department of Energy (DOE), Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD)

Selected Panels:

- **NSF**, Explosives and Related Threats: Frontiers in Prediction and Detection (EXP) for MPS/BIO/IDP (05/17/2007 – 05/18/2007).
 - **NIH/NCI**, Physical Sciences Oncology Centers (U54), RFA-CA-09-009 (06/28/2009 – 06/30/2009).
 - **NIH/NIGM**, Biomedical Instrumentation Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) for Instrument Development for Biomedical Applications (R21), RFA-RR-11-005 (02/21/2012 – 02/22/2012).
 - **NIH/NIGM**, Biomedical Instrumentation Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) for Instrument Development for Biomedical Applications (R21), RFA-GM-13-010 (03/13/2013).
 - **NIH/NIGM**, Biomedical Instrumentation Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) for Instrument Development for Biomedical Applications (R21), RFA-GM-14-014 (03/06/2014).
 - **NIH/NCI**, Expert review panel conducted by The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) to assess the impact and innovativeness of research funded by NCI's Physical Sciences - Oncology Centers (PS-OC) Program, NCI's Integrative Cancer Biology Program (ICBP), and NCI R01 awards, (2016).
 - **DOE/ASCR**, Smart Sensors and Devices for Science, Engineering, and Manufacturing, (01/22/2018 - 01/23/2018).
 - **NIH/NIGM**, Biomedical Technology Research Resource Centers (BTTR), (08/15/2018).
 - **DOE/BER**, FY2019 SBIR/STTR topic 27. Bioimaging Technologies for Biological Systems, Sub-Topic: a. New Instrumentation and Bioimaging Devices for Non-destructive metabolic imaging of plant and Microbial Systems, (2019).
- Selected journal refereeing:

Nature Nanotechnology, Nature, Scientific Reports, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review A, B, and E, ACS Nano, ACS Photonics, Ultramicroscopy, Sensors and Actuators A and B, J. MEMS, Optics Letters, Optical Engineering, Review of Scientific Instruments, Solid-State Electronics, J. Appl. Phys., and Appl. Phys. Lett., Optics Express, Appl. Opt., Nanotechnology, Nature Communications etc.
 - Member of APS; American Physics Society
 - Member of Sigma Pi Sigma, National Physics Honor Society, Chapter at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 - 2007 FLC Southeast Region Awards RePAS: Reverse Photo-Acoustic Spectroscopy
 - 2010 R&D 100 award for the development of Mode synthesizing atomic force microscopy
 - 2015 Mentor Certificate of Appreciation, Appalachian Regional Commission/ORNL 2015 High School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute.

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