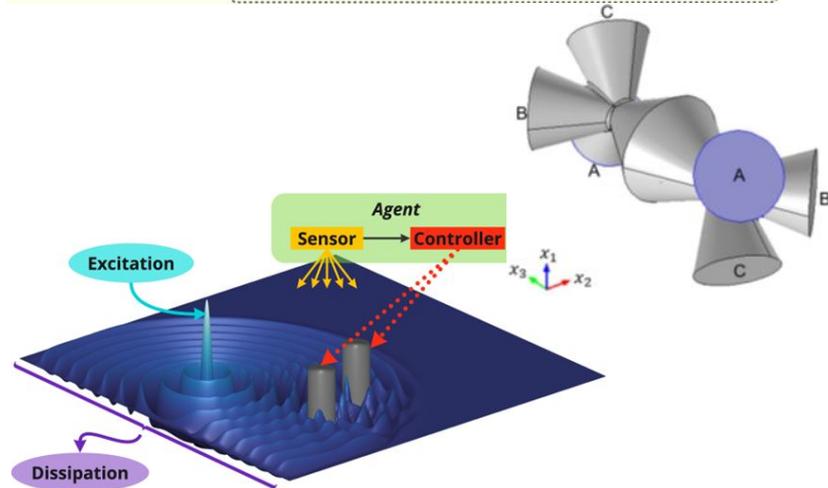
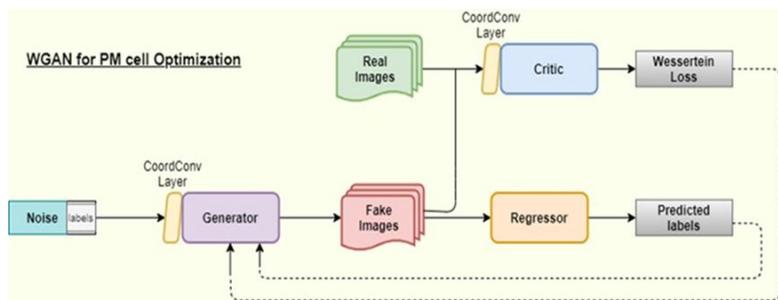


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## Research Interests and Keywords:

acoustic and elastic wave propagation/scattering, metamaterials, dynamic material, deep learning, reinforcement learning, optimal control, generative AI, optimization, high performance computing

Supervision Preference:  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

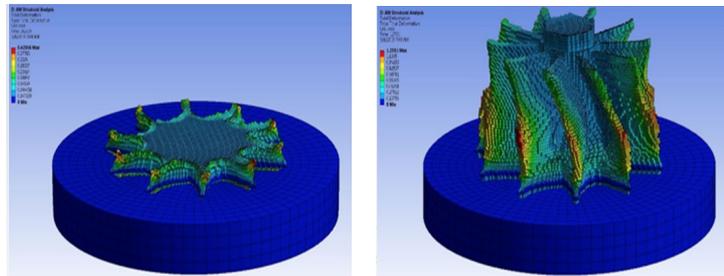
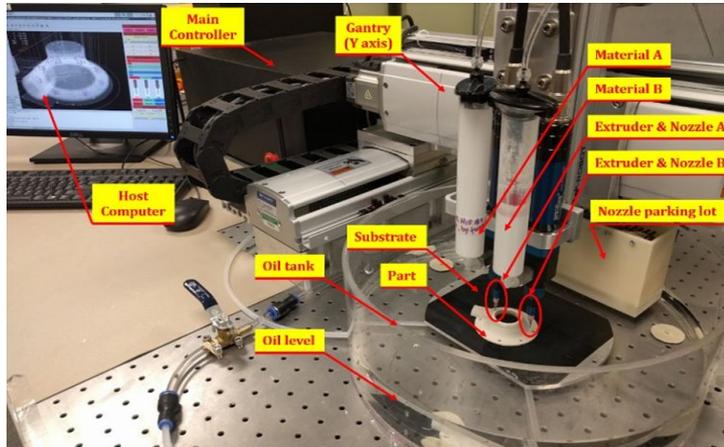
- Design of broadband Acoustic and Elastic Metamaterials using generative neural network, optimization, and reinforcement learning
- AI-Facilitated Knowledge Discovery of Complex Wave Dynamics for wave manipulation

## Examples of Recent Projects and Publications:

- Pentamode metamaterial design via wave simulation and machine learning (Cheng Qiu, December 2024)
- Data-driven control of acoustic waves using movable and flexible scatterers (Noam Smilovich, December 2024, Outstanding Thesis Award)
- [Acoustic wave manipulation through sparse robotic actuation](https://gladisor.github.io/waves/). Paper # 3655 accepted for presentation at the IRCA 2025 conference <https://gladisor.github.io/waves/>

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## Research Interests and Keywords:

additive manufacturing, design optimization, structural ceramics, and functionally graded materials

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## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Finite element simulation of superalloy 3D printing
- Additive manufacturing and mechanical characterization of advanced ceramics
- Tool-path planning for extrusion-based 3D printing

## Examples of Projects or Theses in Progress or Completed:

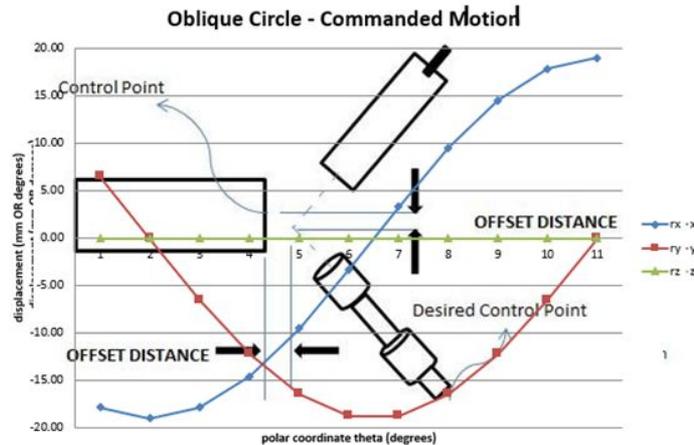
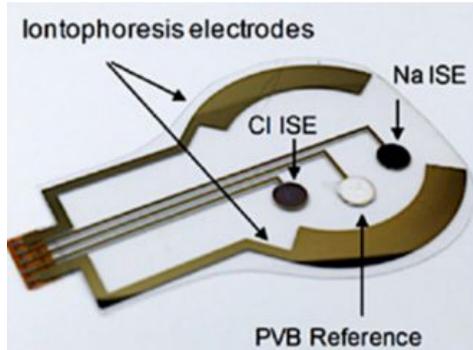
- Improving the quality of additively manufactured parts using machine learning algorithms
- Optimal design of functionally graded materials for 3D printing

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AI-driven robots, pattern recognition, sensors, signal conditioning

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## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Hyper-local Low-cost Sensor Nodes and AI Forecasting (Sponsored by NIH grant)
- Wearable Sensor Systems for Monitoring Cognitive Function During Physical Exercise Using EEG, fNIRS
- Brain-Heart Interaction: Dual-Sensor Systems to Evaluate Cognitive Load and Physical Stress
- AI-Powered Sweat and Saliva Biosensors for Non-Invasive Metabolite Detection

## Examples of Projects or Theses in Progress or Completed:

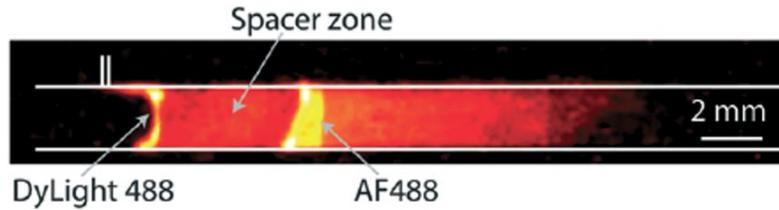
- Migraine detection and characterization via EEG signal acquisition and conditioning circuit analysis
- Kinematic characterization and remote control of a six-axis denso robotic arm for Massage Therapy

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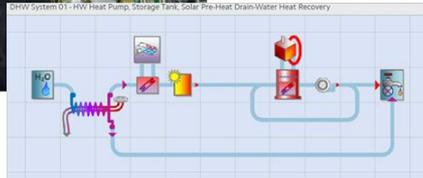
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Size based DNA separation in a microfluidic channel visualized using fluorescent dyes, DOI: 10.1039/c9lc00311h



Industrial assessment



Energy modeling for industrial processes from <https://www.iesve.com/software/loads>

## Research Interests and Keywords:

microfluidics, biological sample purification, micro total analysis system, industrial energy management and efficiency, industrial energy assessment

**Supervision Preference:**  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- TBA (due to potential sabbatical leave AY25-26)

## Examples of Projects or Theses in Progress or Completed:

- Quantifying energy efficiency and performance of floating head pressure controls on industrial chiller systems in different climates
- Development of a lab-on-a-chip for simultaneous DNA extraction and amplification using isotachopheresis

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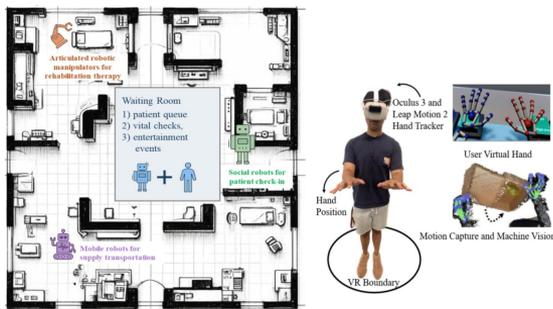
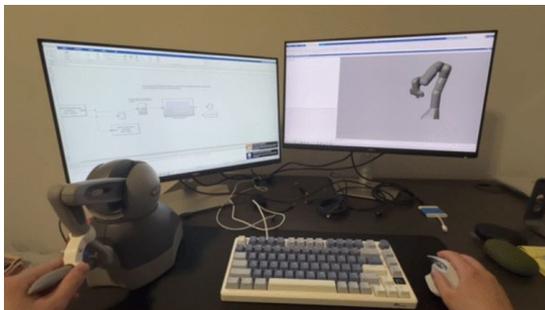


Figure a) Human Robot Interaction Digital Twin Platform, b) Mixed reality human-robot co-adaptation and co-existing between human-physical environment and human AI-driven Digital Twin pair

## Research Interests and Keywords:

human-robot interactions, human-AI co-adaptation, haptic technology, human biomechanics, and medical devices

**Supervision Preference:**  faculty-led   
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## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Mixed-reality-based platform for AI-driven, collaborative HRI environments
- Design a robotic oral feeding bottle with bioanalytical sensors for effective milk delivery

## Examples of Related Publications:

- Integrating motion intention and impedance control in teleoperated robotic rehabilitation for upper extremity disorders [[publication](#)]
- SmartLact8: A bio-inspired robotic breast pump for customized and comfort milk expression [[publication](#)]

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thermal system optimization, energy system in grid interactive buildings, fair and equitable power distribution for smart grid, solid state thermal energy conversion

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## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Sustainable energy generation and management
- Grid interactive buildings
- Equitable power distribution

## Example of Recent Project in Progress:

- HVAC control modification to improve energy fairness for low income households (V. Flores Casarrubias)

From <https://arist.org/article/2009-08-31-california-students-take-refract-house-to-solar-decathlon/>

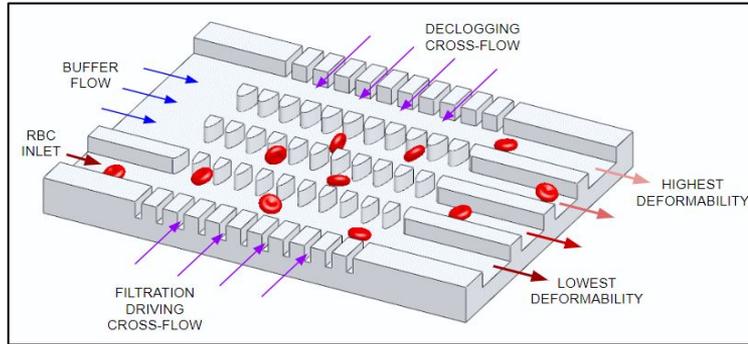
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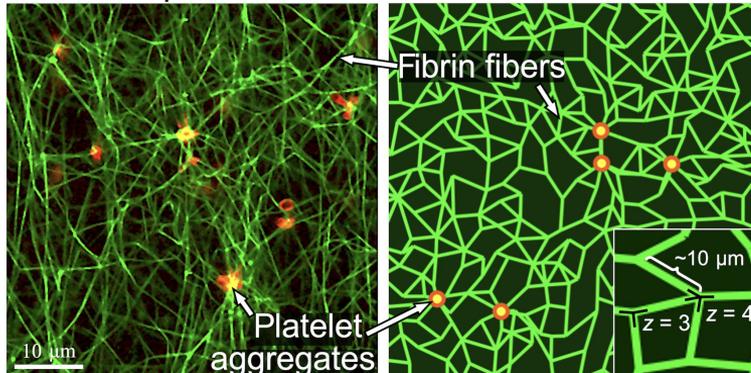
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Results from <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.03.24.534185>

## Research Interests and Keywords:

microfluidics, soft and biological tissue mechanics, microfabrication, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS)

Supervision Preference:  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Theses:

- Microfluidic interrogation of red blood cell deformability
- Localized mechanics of active biopolymer networks
- Nanoscale stiffness mapping of solid polymer electrolytes

## Examples of Theses in Progress:

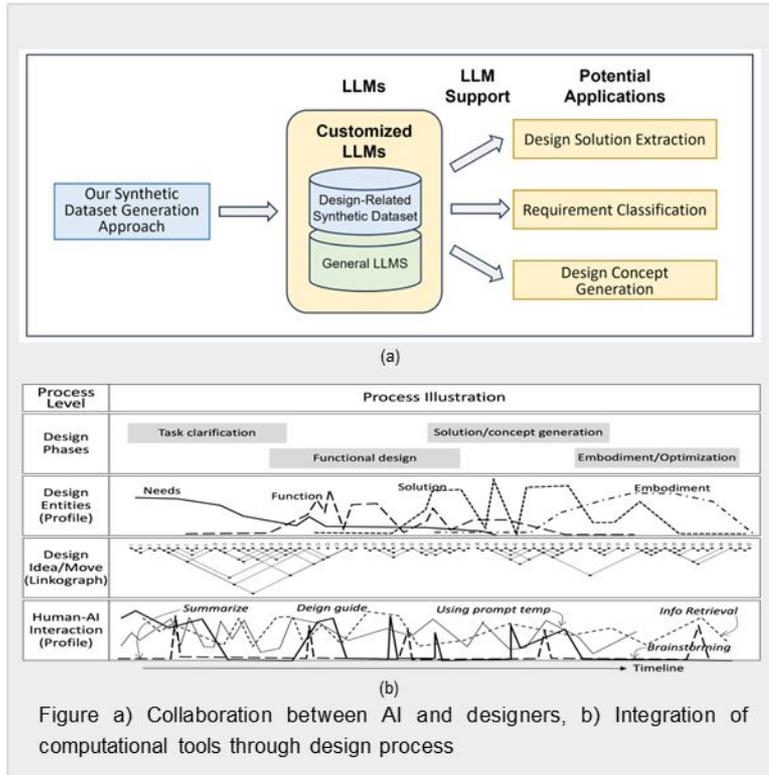
- Effects of microgravity on the dynamic response of a closed-loop perfusion system (A. Schweizer)
- Multiphysics simulation of polymer-ceramic composite electrolytes under compression (M. Suski)

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## Research Interests and Keywords:

AI for engineering design support, design solution exploration for human-centered design, design theory and methodology

**Supervision Preference:**  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Investigating cognitive aspects of human–AI collaboration during engineering design.
- Exploring potential bias in AI-generated design outcomes within human–AI interaction contexts.
- Designing modular robotic systems with adaptability across VR/AR environments.
- Autonomous experimentation enabled by knowledge capture and reuse.

## Example of Related Publication:

- A method for synthesizing ontology-based textual design datasets: evaluating the potential of large language model in domain-specific dataset generation [[publication](#)]

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(a)



(b)

(a) Smart walker and (b) lower limb exoskeleton (Exo-H3) designed and controlled for assisting people with disabilities with different sensors, actuators and components

## Research Interests and Keywords:

medical and assistive robotics, human-robot interaction, biomedical engineering, mechatronic systems, intelligent control, machine learning

Supervision Preference:  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Design and development of an assistive robotic system for people with dementia (funded by CSU grant)
- Intelligent control of lower-limb exoskeleton with machine learning tools (funded by NSF grant)

## Examples of Projects or Theses in Progress or Completed:

- Structural design, analysis and manufacturing of an intelligent robotic walker [[publication](#)]
- Adaptive gait planning with learning-based torque estimation and control for exoskeletons [[publication](#)]

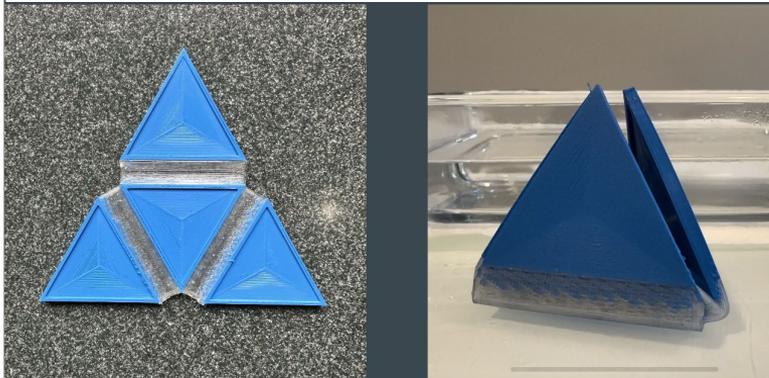
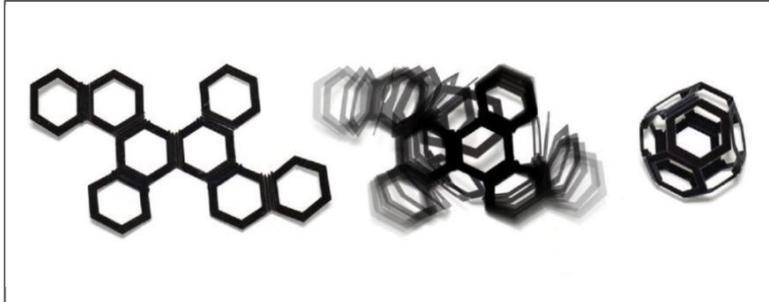
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[TOP] Schematic showing the idea of 4D printing [1] [BOTTOM] A sample with multi-material lattice structure demonstrating shape memory effect - developed by David Pokras, a previous MSME student

[1] "4D Printing," Self-Assembly Lab [Online]. Available: <https://selfassemblylab.mit.edu/4d-printing>.

## Research Interests and Keywords:

engineering & mechanical design, new product development, 3D and 4D printing, sustainable manufacturing

Supervision Preference:  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

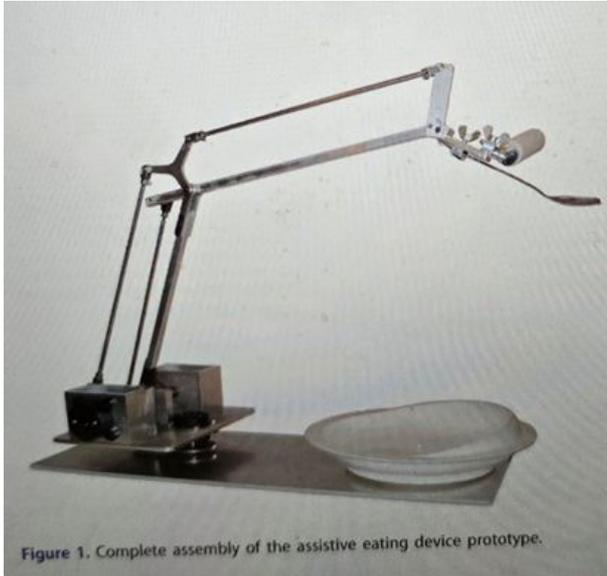
- Comparison of mechanical properties of 3D/4D printed polymers with uni and multi-directional fibers
- Use of ML/AI for automation of product design and development

## Examples of Related Publications:

- Shape memory polymers in 4D printing: investigating multi-material lattice structures [[publication](#)]
- Enhancing product design through AI-driven sentiment analysis of Amazon reviews using BERT [[publication](#)]

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170–177 <https://doi.org/10.1080/10400435.2020.1734111>  
Article: Mechanical design of a new device to assist eating  
in people with movement disorders

## Research Interests and Keywords:

mechanical design, materials behavior, fracture mechanics, finite element analysis, biomechanics devices

Supervision Preference:  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Assistive Eating/Feeding Device for Aging/Rehab Population with Facial Positioning Detection Capability.

To design and develop a mechatronic kinematic device to detect a person's mouth while sitting at the table, scope up the food (solid or liquid) from a plate/bowl, and successfully feed a targeted person.

This device will help enhancing self-feeding, maintaining an acceptable level of life quality, The envisioned project is suitable for mechanical design and mechatronics students.

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## Research Interests and Keywords:

Solar-powered automated transportation, precision machine design, mechatronic systems, dynamics

**Supervision Preference:**  faculty-led  student-proposed

## Potential Topics for Upcoming Projects or Theses:

- Modeling the dynamics of a suspended ATN vehicle
- Design of full-scale test facility for the Spartan Superway automated transportation system

## Examples of Projects or Theses in Progress or Completed:

- Spartan Superway Modular Guideway Support Design and Analysis
- Spartan Superway SolidWorks Motion and ANSYS Motion curriculum and case study