

Curriculum Vitae and Publication List of Omar A. Saleh

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EDUCATION

2003	Ph.D., Physics (advisor: Lydia L. Sohn) <i>Thesis title:</i> "A novel resistive pulse sensor for biological measurements"	Princeton University
1997	B.S., Physics	Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-present	Chair, Materials Department	UCSB
2022-present	Joint appointment in the Physics Dept.	UCSB
2015-present	Full Professor, Materials Dept. and BMSE Program	UCSB
2017-2018	Visiting researcher (sabbatical stay)	Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich
2013-2017	Director, Biomolecular Science and Engineering Program	UCSB
2011-2015	Associate Professor, Materials Dept. and BMSE Program	UCSB
2005-2011	Assistant Professor, Materials Dept. and BMSE Program	UCSB
2002-2005	Post-doctoral fellow, Bensimon/Croquette Lab	Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	Fellow of the American Physical Society, Division of Biological Physics
2017-2018	Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2017-2018	Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
2010	UC Regents Junior Faculty Fellowship
2008	NSF CAREER Award
2005	Young Speaker's Award, Single Molecule Symposium, ACS conference
2002-2004	French Ministry of Research Post-doctoral Fellowship
1999-2002	Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship
1997-1998	Princeton Materials Institute Graduate Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member, American Physical Society (Active in DSOF and DBIO)
Member, Biophysical Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

>25 quarters of graduate classroom teaching, including courses in Thermodynamics of Materials (including statistical mechanics); Complex Fluids (covering aspects of polymer/soft matter physics); and Biomolecular Mechanics (covering DNA/protein mechanics and unfolding, and motor proteins). Note that both Materials and BMSE are graduate-only programs at UCSB.

6 quarters of undergraduate classroom teaching, including courses in Biophysics, Statistical Mechanics, and Introduction to Materials

Student ratings of teaching consistently result in scores for course and lecturer quality that are better than department and campus averages

ADVISING

Post-doctoral researchers (4 total): Kipom Kim (2006-2009; currently at Korea Brain Research Institute,

Daegu, South Korea); Chang-Young Park (2012-2015; currently at LG, Seoul, South Korea); Byoung-Jin Jeon (2015-2019; currently at DNA nanotech startup); Sam Wilken (2020-present); Michio Tateno (2024-present)

Graduate students (15 total, 4 current): Noah Ribeck (Physics Ph.D, 2006-2011; currently data scientist at Uber); Jun Lin (BMSE Ph.D., 2006-2011); Andrew Dittmore (Materials Ph.D., 2007-2013; currently in industry); Dustin McIntosh (Physics Ph.D., 2007-2013; currently data scientist at Google); Bob Lansdorp (Materials, 2011-2015; currently at local start-up MILO); John Berezney (Materials, 2008-2016, currently independent researcher at Brandeis); David Jacobson (Physics, 2011-2016; currently faculty at Clemson); Dan Nguyen (BMSE, 2012-2018; currently in biotech startup); Sarah Innes-Gold (Materials, 2015-2021; currently post-doc at Harvard); Ian Morgan (BMSE, 2015-2022; currently post-doc at NIH); Nathaniel Conrad (Physics, 2016-2023; currently post-doc at UT Austin); Gabrielle Abraham (Physics, 2017-present); Frank Truong (Materials, 2018-present); Anna Nguyen (BMSE, 2019-); Aria Chaderjian (Physics, 2019-)

Undergraduate interns: My lab has hosted more than 40 undergraduate interns, both American and international, since 2006. Most of them went on to graduate school, and a few published papers with us.

CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

Organized: APS March Meeting Sessions on DNA assembly, macromolecular phase separation (2022-2024); LMU/UCSB Junior Nanotech Network Student Exchange and Symposium (2015, 2019), Telluride Summer Workshop on Biophysical Dynamics (2013, 2015); Joint UCSB/KAIST/ CWNU Workshop on Biologically Inspired Soft Matter (2013); UCSB Summer School on Nanoscale Science of Biological Interfaces (2010)

Taught at: Soft Matter Summer School: Charged Systems in Soft Matter (2016, UNIST, South Korea); Soft Matter Summer School: Polymers in Biology (2015, KIAS, South Korea); Summer School on Active Systems (2014, GIST, South Korea); UCSB Summer School on Nanoscale Science of Biological Interfaces (2010)

REVIEWING

Journal reviewing for: ACS Macro Lett.; Appl. Phys. Lett.; Biochemistry; Biopolymers; Biophys. J.; Chem. Bio. Chem.; Cell. and Mol. Bioeng.; Colloids Surf. B; eLife; Europhys. Lett.; J. Am. Chem. So.; J. Chem. Phys.; J. Vis. Exp.; J. Mol. Bio; J. Phys. Chem. Lett.; J. Phys. Photonics; J. Polym. Sci. B; Langmuir; Macromolecules; Phys. Rev. E; Phys. Rev. Lett.; Nanoletters; Nat. Comm.; Nat. Materials; Nat. Methods; Nat. Nanotechnol.; Nat. Phys.; Nucleic Acids Res.; Phys. Biol.; PLoS Bio.; Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA; Proc. R. Soc. A; Protein J.; Rev. Sci. Instrum.; Science; Sens. Actuators A Phys.; Soft Matter

Grant reviewing for: National Science Foundation (programs: Biomaterials; Biological Physics; Physics of Living Systems; Macromolecular, Supramolecular and Nanochemistry; Condensed Matter Physics; Condensed Matter and Materials Theory; Polymers; Mechanics of Materials); National Institutes of Health; European Research Council (ERC); French National Research Agency (ANR); Dutch Foundation for Fundamental Research on Matter (FOM); Air Force Office of Scientific Research; Dept. of Energy

Grant review panels for: National Science Foundation (programs: DMREF, Biomaterials, Physics of Living Systems); National Institutes of Health (ZRG1 F05-D (21): Fellowship applications in Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, and Bioengineering)

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Current support:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Agency/type</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Period</i>
Materials Research Science & Engineering Center (MRSEC) at UCSB	Co-PI; co-lead of 10-member IRG	NSF	\$24M (\$750k for IRG)	9/1/23-8/31/29

Direct force measurements and analysis of intrinsically disordered proteins	PI (co-PI: Beck, TAU)	NSF/BSF – Molecular and Cellular Bioscience	\$835k	7/1/2021-6/30/2025
Ion and ligand interactions of hyaluronic acid	PI	NSF, Biomaterials program	\$478k	7/15/2020-7/14/2024
Isostatic elasticity in a Biomolecular Network	PI (co-PI: Fygenson, UCSB)	NSF, Mechanics of Materials program	\$462k	6/1/2020-5/31/2024
Synthetic Chromatin	PI (co-PI: Yeung, UCSB)	W.M. Keck Foundation Grant	\$1,000k	4/1/2020-12/31/2023
MRI: Development of a High-Speed Light-Sheet Light-Field Microscope for Imaging in Materials Sciences, Physics, and Biology	Co-PI (PI: Streichan, UCSB)	NSF, Major Research Instrumentation Grant	\$525k	9/1/2020-8/31/2023
GAANN Fellowships in Materials Science with an Emphasis on Functional Materials	Co-PI (PI: Chabinyc, UCSB)	Department of Education	\$764k	10/1/22 – 9/30/25

Career-long support totals more than \$7M; sources include DOE, NSF, NIH, Keck, HFSP, Dept of Ed.

PATENTS

O. A. Saleh and L. L. Sohn. Particle analyzer and methods for use thereof
U.S. Patent No. 7,279,883; October 9th, 2007.

RESEARCH STATEMENT

My overall research direction is driven by the belief that the understanding of the microscopic workings of soft, biological systems is a great scientific challenge of this century. I approach this challenge from a largely curiosity-driven viewpoint aimed at determining fundamental principles of biomolecular behavior. Such principles help illuminate the basic processes governing life, as well as providing a template for practical applications based on biomimetic principles. Methodologically, I pursue experimental work, as I believe only experimental data on actual biomolecular systems can reveal the truth of the workings of nature. I strive to be aware of the various ways that experiments can mislead, which I generally combat by *i*) focusing on high-precision studies with a careful accounting of noise and error, and *ii*) making a habit of comparing quantitative results to simple, robust, mathematical models (many of which we develop ourselves), which I feel is critical in developing intuition and rigorously assessing experimental interpretations.

More specifically, my research is currently focused on two major directions:

1) *Biopolymer elasticity*. The mechanical properties of soft systems display a rich and complex set of behaviors due to the interplay of entropic and energetic contributions to system structure. Further, mechanical measurements can be used as a tool to study structural aspects of soft systems that are difficult to discern otherwise. I pursue research in this area using precision single-molecule stretching experiments. A related focus has been on the interplay of solution electrostatics with biopolymer behavior, a mechanism that, while widely used by biology, has historically proven difficult to understand.

2) *In vitro biomimetic organelles*. Inspired by the work of the cytoskeleton biophysics community, we are interested in re-creating life-like behavior with reconstituted, *in vitro* assemblies of nucleic acids and

proteins that mimic biological organelles. This reconstituted approach permits highly quantitative investigation of physical phenomena underlying biological function. Our work includes both careful study of the mechanics and structures formed by self-assembled DNA materials, as well as development of active, functional DNA structures through coupling to enzymes and other solutes. This includes study of liquid-phase DNA droplets that form micron-scale droplets that are excellent models for biological condensates

Selected significant results

- First experimental verification of the non-linear, ‘Pincus blob’ regime of swollen polymer elasticity, unifying single-molecule elasticity measurements with classic scaling pictures of polymer physics
- Development of the ‘internal tension’ concept of biopolymer structure and behavior, and application to electrostatic and bottle-brush interactions
- A range of new insights into the behavior of charged polymers, including their unique ‘snake-like’ elasticity, and their response to ions (incl. refutation of OSF theories of electrostatic stiffening), with specific applications to single-stranded DNA, RNA, hyaluronic acid, and intrinsically-disordered proteins
- Development of single-molecule experimental methods, particularly the introduction to the magnetic tweezer of multiplexing and ultra-high-speed acquisition, along with novel Allan-variance based calibration approaches.
- Development of droplet-based DNA liquids as in vitro synthetic biology substrates, including establishing physical properties, coupling to enzymes, and partitioning gene-length DNA
- Observation and control of Maxwell-isostatic elastic behavior in a nano-structured biomaterial
- New insights into the behavior of motor proteins, including those involved in DNA replication, along with the discovery (as a post-doc) of the anomalously slow rotation, and sequence sensitivity, of the bacterial motor protein FtsK
- Graduate work: Development and application of biosensors based on chip-based nano- and micro-pores

PUBLICATIONS

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2. H. P. Truong & O. A. Saleh. [Magnetic tweezers characterization of the entropic elasticity of intrinsically disordered proteins and peptoids](#). *Methods in Enzymology* **694**, 209 (2024).
3. M. Kravikass, G. Koren, O. A. Saleh & R. Beck. [From isolated polyelectrolytes to star-like assemblies: the role of sequence heterogeneity on the statistical structure of the intrinsically disordered neurofilament-low tail domain](#). *The European Physical Journal E* **47**, 13 (2024).
4. H. P. Truong, I. L. Morgan, G. Koren, R. Avinery, R. Beck & O. A. Saleh. [Pincus blob elasticity in an intrinsically disordered protein](#). *The European Physical Journal E* **46**, 200 (2023).
5. H. P. Truong, S. Mengel, B. Yu, R. Segalman & O. A. Saleh. [Single-molecule polypeptoid stretching reveals effects of charge sequence on chain conformation](#). *Macromolecules* **56**, 8558 (2023).
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INVITED TALKS

- Mar 2024 Physics Department Colloquium, CSU Long Beach
"DNA Liquids"
- Jan 2024 Materials Department Colloquium, UC Irvine
"DNA Liquids"
- Dec 2023 Chemistry Department Colloquium, Stony Brook University
"DNA Liquids"
- Sep 2023 Banff International Research Center, Mechanics of Cells and Polymer Networks Workshop
"DNA nanostar networks: Structures, mechanics and functions"
- Aug 2023 American Chemical Society, Colloids Symposium
"Structures and functions of a colloidal DNA liquid"
- May 2023 Physics Department Colloquium, UC Santa Barbara
"Structure and function in a DNA liquid"
- Mar 2022 Conference presentation, American Physical Society March Meeting (Chicago)
"An active DNA liquid"
- Feb 2022 Virtual colloquium, University of Ashoka (India) Molecular Biology Dept
"A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein"
- Dec 2021 Virtual colloquium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Materials Dept
"A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein"
- Nov 2021 Virtual Colloquium, University of Buffalo Physics Department
"A functional DNA liquid"
- July 2021 Virtual Conference Presentaion, INASCON conference (hosted in Tel Aviv)
"A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein"
- April 2021 Virtual Keynote Presentation, American Chemical Society Colloids meeting
"A functional DNA liquid"
- Mar 2021 Virtual Seminar, Biophysics and Physical Biology series
"A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein"
- Nov 2020 Seminar, University of Akron
"A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein"
- Nov 2020 Tutorial on graduate school applications, Cal Poly SLO (with Herb Waite)
"A discussion of the graduate school application process"
- May 2020 Short course on DNA Self-Assembly, APS March Meeting (virtual session)
"Programmable DNA liquids (and some gels)"
- Feb 2020 Seminar, Chemistry Department, University of Texas

“A protein that acts like a paper ball: Glassy dynamics and memory effects in the mechanical response of a disordered protein”

- July 2019 Seminar, Physics Department, Sapienza - University of Rome
“A functional DNA liquid”
- July 2019 Seminar, Biochemistry Department, University of Zurich
“A protein that acts like a paper ball: Non-monotonic mechanical effects in the disordered tails of neurofilament proteins”
- June 2018 Seminar, Physics Department, Freie Universität Berlin
“Self-assembled DNA liquids: Properties and protein activation”
- June 2018 Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz
“Self-assembled DNA liquids: Properties and protein activation”
- June 2018 Seminar, Physics Department, Tel Aviv University
“Self-assembled DNA liquids: Properties and protein activation”
- Apr. 2018 Soft Matter Frontiers Symposium, Georgia Tech, Atlanta
“Self-assembled DNA liquids: Properties and protein activation”
- Apr. 2018 Seminar, Physics Department, University of Barcelona
“Biopolymer elasticity: Low-force scaling regimes and electrostatic effects”
- Mar. 2018 March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Los Angeles
“Low-force single-molecule elasticity of complex polymers”
- Jan. 2018 Seminar, Theory Department, LMU, München
“Self-assembled DNA liquids”
- Dec. 2017 Center for Advanced Studies Evening Lecture, LMU, München
“Rubber elasticity of genes”
- Nov. 2017 Colloquium, Center for NanoScience (CeNS), LMU, München
“Self-assembled DNA liquids”
- Aug. 2017 Department of Energy PI Meeting
“Structure and dynamics of enzyme-driven self-assembled DNA systems”
- June 2017 Workshop on DNA electrostatics, Telluride, CO
“Internal tension in nucleic acids”
- May 2017 New Forms of Organization in Soft Matter Physics, Les Houches, France
“DNA gels and liquids”
- May 2016 Symposium in Celebration of Phil Pincus’s 80th Birthday, UC Santa Barbara
“Pincus Blobs”
- Mar. 2016 March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Baltimore, MD
“Polymer mechanics across the force regimes”
- Sep. 2015 Workshop of the Center for Nanoscience (CeNS), LMU, Venice, Italy
“Polymer mechanics across the force regimes”
- Apr. 2015 Physics Department, UC Merced

“The elastic response of charged biopolymers”

- Dec. 2014 Bioengineering Department, UC Los Angeles
“The elastic response of charged biopolymers”
- Nov. 2014 Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies, Sandia National Lab:
Users Meeting, Santa Fe
“The elasticity of a single polyelectrolyte”
- Apr. 2014 Physics Department, UC San Diego
“Single-molecule mechanical studies of nucleic acid electrostatics”
- Feb. 2014 Gordon Research Conference: Colloidal, Macromolecular & Polyelectrolyte Solutions,
Ventura, CA
“Low-force polymer mechanics: There’s plenty of room at the bottom”
- Jan. 2014 International Symposium on Polyelectrolytes, Ein Gedi, Israel
“The elastic response of charged biopolymers”
- Jan. 2014 Mechanical Engineering Department, UC San Diego
“Active DNA Gels”
- Oct. 2013 Physics Department, UC Irvine
“Active DNA Gels”
- Jun. 2013 Aspen Summer Workshop, Physics of Functional Biological Assemblies, Aspen, CO
“Active DNA Gels”
- May 2013 Mini-Symposium on Designer Soft Materials, TU Eindhoven, The Netherlands
“Active DNA Gels”
- May 2013 Kavli Institute of NanoScience, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
“Active DNA Gels”
- Jan. 2013 Southern California Systems Biology conference, UC Irvine
“Active DNA Gels”
- Jan. 2013 Physics Department, UC Santa Barbara
“Active DNA Gels”
- Jan. 2013 Gordon Research Conference: Macromolecular Materials, Ventura, CA
“Scaling and thermodynamics of single-polymer elasticity”
- Dec. 2012 4th International Symposium on Slow Dynamics in Complex Systems, Sendai, Japan
“A DNA gel with active, motor-driven mechanics”
- Nov. 2012 Colloquium, Materials Dept., UCSB
“The active and passive mechanics of biomolecular systems”
- Sep. 2012 Workshop of the Center for Nanoscience (CeNS), LMU, Venice, Italy
“A DNA gel with active, motor-driven mechanics”
- Jun. 2012 IUPAC World Polymer Congress, Blacksburg, VA
“There’s plenty of room at the bottom: The low-force mechanics of (bio)polymers”
- Jun. 2012 Society for Experimental Mechanics conference, Costa Mesa, CA
“Optimized calibration for single-molecule manipulation instruments”
- Mar. 2012 Junior Nanotech Network Workshop, UCSB
“A DNA-based active gel”
- Mar. 2012 UMass Amherst Polymer Science Dept.
“There’s plenty of room at the bottom: The low-force mechanics of (bio)polymers”
- Oct. 2011 Allergan Medical, Goleta, CA

“Research at the MRL”

- Aug. 2011 Physics Department, KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea
“There’s plenty of room at the bottom: The low-force mechanics of (bio)polymers”
- May 2011 Biological Frontiers of Polymer and Soft Matter Physcs, KITP, UCSB
“Stretching flexible (bio)polymers”
- Sep. 2010 Electrostatics in Soft Matter Workshop, Aspen, CO
“The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- May 2010 Dept of Physics, KAIST, Korea
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- May 2010 Single-molecule Biophysics Conference, Seoul National University, Korea
“Translocation and Unwinding by DnaB”
- Apr 2010 Bioengineering Dept, UCLA
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- Apr 2010 Dept of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, UCSB
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- Apr 2010 National Institutes of Health
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- Apr 2010 U. Maryland Department of Physics
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- Mar 2010 NYU Department of Soft Matter Physics
“The single molecule mechanics of helicases and single-stranded DNA”
- Dec. 2009 Condensed matter physics seminar, UCLA
“Single-molecule meets scaling: The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- Sept. 2009 Division of Solid-State Physics, Lund University, Sweden
“Single-molecule meets scaling: The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- Sept. 2009 Laboratoire de Physique Statistique, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France
“Single-molecule meets scaling: The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- July 2009 Los Alamos National Laboratory
“The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- May 2009 Physics Department Colloquium, UCSB
“Single-molecule meets scaling: The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- Mar. 2009 March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Pittsburgh, PA
“The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- Feb. 2009 Materials Research Outreach Symposium, UCSB
“Polyelectrolyte elasticity: Single-molecule meets Scaling”
- Feb. 2009 Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
“Translocation and Unwinding by DnaB”
- Sept. 2008 International Workshop on Current Problems in Soft Condensed Matter
KAIST, Daejeon, Korea
“The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”
- Sept. 2008 Physics Department Colloquium, Busan University, Busan, Korea
“The low-force elasticity of single-stranded DNA”

- Mar. 2007 March Meeting of the American Physical Society, Denver, CO
“Mechanisms of the hexameric motor protein FtsK: Translocation and sequence detection”
- May 2006 Biomachine Conference, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB
“FtsK: A ‘Formula 1’ Molecular Motor”
- Jan. 2006 Materials Research Outreach Program, UCSB
“Single molecule measurements of DNA/protein interactions”
- Oct. 2005 Materials Department Colloquium, UCSB
“Single molecule measurements of the motor protein FtsK”