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SUMMARY OF RESEARCH INTERESTS:

I am interested exploring fundamental physical phenomena at the micro/nanoscale using a combination of theory, experiment and numerics and finding new applications for micro/nanofluidic technology through multidisciplinary collaboration. Although based in Mechanical Engineering, my work traverses soft matter physics and materials science. Specific active projects include examining the fundamental driving mechanism of active colloids at the single particle level in dilute systems and collective motion in concentrated suspension, characterization and optimization of microscale cargo transport. A novel multidisciplinary application I am developing is the integration of AI and micro/nanofluidic systems to perform quantitative real time analysis of impact of nanoplastics on marine species. Experimental techniques include epifluorescent and confocal microscopy, particle tracking and micro particle image velocimetry, cleanroom fabrication of micro/nano scale Janus particles and microfluidic devices and automated data and imaging analysis.

EDUCATION

PhD in Mechanical Engineering **2012-2017**

Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Israel

Dissertation title: Symmetry breaking in non-linear electrokinetic colloidal transport at the micro/nano scale

Advisors: Prof Touvia Miloh and Prof. Gilad Yossifon

MSc in Mechanical Engineering, *summa cum laude* **2008-2012**

Tel Aviv University, Israel

Dissertation title: Dipolophoresis of hydrodynamically asymmetric and dielectric Janus particles

Advisor: Prof Touvia Miloh

B.Eng (Mech), *Honors* **2002-2007**

Monash University, Australia

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor **2021-Present**

Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Florida International University

PREVIOUS POSITION

Visiting Research Assistant Professor **2019-2021**

Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Florida International University

HONORS AND AWARDS

Aryeh and Rivkah Shotosovsky award for outstanding Doctoral thesis **2017**

First prize - Langmuir Graduate Student Oral Presentation Award (ACS Colloids, Boston) **2016**

RBNI scholarship for excellence **2015-2016**

RBNI scholarship for excellence **2014-2015**

Gutwirth fellowship **2014-2015**

AES Travel award (Excellence based) **2014**

Poster represented Mechanical Engineering at Technion Board of Governors meetin **2014**

RBNI scholarship for excellence **2013-2014**

RBNI Travel grant **2013**

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PATENTS

- [1] Boymelgreen, A.M., Yossifon, G., “Device and method for dielectrophoresis”, Patent filed with ISPTO 5/6/16

LECTURES IN CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- [15] Boymelgreen, A.M., Balli, T, Yossifon, G, Miloh, T “Mobile Microelectrodes:”, ACS-Colloids, New York, USA (November 2017)
- [14] Boymelgreen, A.M., Balli, T, Yossifon, G, Miloh, T “Novel propulsion of active colloids by self-induced field gradients with potential for cargo transport”, APS-DFD, Portland, USA (November 2016)
- [13] Boymelgreen, A.M., Balli, T, Yossifon, G, Miloh, T “Novel propulsion of active colloids by self-induced field gradients with potential for cargo transport”, ACS - Colloids, BOSTON, USA (June 2016)
- [12] Boymelgreen, A.M., Balli, T, Yossifon, G, Miloh, T “Frequency dispersion of electrokinetically activated Janus particles”, APS-DFD, BOSTON, USA (November 2015)
- [11] Boymelgreen, A.M, Balli, T, Yossifon, G., Miloh, T “Frequency dispersion of electrokinetically activated Janus particles”, AIChE, Salt Lake City, USA (November 2015)
- [10] Boymelgreen, A.M., Yossifon, G, Miloh, T , “Spinning Janus doublets driven in uniform AC electric fields”, Belfer Symposium, Israel (January, 2015)

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- [4] Boymelgreen, A.M., Yossifon, G, Miloh, T, "An electrokinetically driven Janus micromixer: Stability and Rotation", Society of Engineering Science, ASME Summer meeting, Rhode Island, USA (July 2013)
- [3] Boymelgreen, A.M., Yossifon, G, Miloh, T, "Stability and Rotation of Metallodielectric Janus particles", Bifurcations and Instabilities in Fluid Dynamics, Haifa, Israel (July 2013)
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POSTERS IN CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- [3] Boymelgreen, A.M, Park,S, Yossifon,G, Miloh,T, "Persistently spinning Janus micromotors driven by induced-charge electrophoresis", Technion Board of Governors meeting, Israel, 2014
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