



Sho Takatori

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Bio

BIO

People say that a picture is worth a thousand words. We think that an equation is worth a thousand pictures. Literally. By collecting and processing data-rich images of complex fluids and matter, we develop “picture-perfect” equations to learn structure-property relationships for new material innovation.

In the Takatori lab, we combine theory, simulation, and experiment to discover mathematical models for complex fluids in engineered and natural environments. We use advanced microscopy and analyze pictures with data-driven methods to understand material properties that bridge the microscopic-to-continuum scales. Our research encompasses soft squishy materials like polymers and liquid crystals, as well as granular matter like sand, powders, and foams.

Outside of research, I have had a strong passion for public speaking since high school, taking speech courses in college and competing in speech contests in Toastmasters International (a professional organization to improve public speaking and leadership skills) for several years as a PhD student. More recently, as a professor and educator, I have channeled my passion for speaking towards science education and technical communication. I have always believed that effective science communication can make broad impacts to society by building public trust in science, promoting data-driven decisions in government and industry, and improving the accessibility of science to all communities. I look forward to continue working on effective science communication skills and storytelling techniques with Stanford graduate students and researchers.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Young Faculty Award (YFA), Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) (2025)
- NSF CAREER, National Science Foundation (2025)
- Packard Fellowship for Science and Engineering, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (2022)
- Doctoral New Investigator, American Chemical Society (2022)
- Miller Research Fellowship, Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science (UC Berkeley) (2017-2020)

- Milton and Francis Clauser Doctoral Prize, California Institute of Technology (2017)
- Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (2013-2016)
- University Medal Finalist, University of California, Berkeley (2012)
- Gates Millennium Scholar, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2008-2017)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Miller Research Fellow, Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, University of California, Berkeley (2020)
- PhD, California Institute of Technology, Chemical Engineering (2017)
- BS, University of California, Berkeley, Chemical Engineering (2012)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Applied Mathematics in Chemical Engineering: CHEMENG 105 (Spr)
- Applied Mathematics in the Chemical and Biological Sciences: CHEMENG 300, CME 330 (Aut)

2024-25

- Applied Mathematics in Chemical Engineering: CHEMENG 105 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Elias Mathews

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

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Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

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Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Saksham Malik

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Learning continuum-level closures for control of interacting active particles.** *The Journal of chemical physics*
Quah, T., Takatori, S. C., Rawlings, J. B.
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- **Motility Modulates the Partitioning of Bacteria in Aqueous Two-Phase Systems.** *Physical review letters*
Cheon, J., Choi, K. H., Modica, K. J., Mitchell, R. J., Takatori, S. C., Jeong, J.
2025; 135 (12): 128401
- **Phase field model for viscous inclusions in anisotropic networks.** *Soft matter*
Gubbala, A., Jena, A. M., Arnold, D. P., Takatori, S. C.
2025
- **Direct experimental measurement of many-body hydrodynamic interactions with optical tweezers** *PHYSICAL REVIEW FLUIDS*

Kim, D., Nagella, S. G., Choi, K., Takatori, S. C.
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- **Feedback Control of Active Matter** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS*
Takatori, S. C., Quah, T., Rawlings, J. B.
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