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Our group's research is focused at the intersection of mechanics and biology. We are interested in elucidating the underlying molecular mechanisms that give rise to the complex mechanical properties of cells, extracellular matrices, and tissues. Conversely, we are investigating how complex mechanical cues influence important biological processes such as cell division, differentiation, or cancer progression. Our approaches involve using force measurement instrumentation, such as atomic force microscopy, to exert and measure forces on materials and cells at the nanoscale, and the development of material systems for 3D cell culture that allow precise and independent manipulation of mechanical properties.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute
- Faculty Fellow, Sarafan ChEM-H

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Member, Bio-X, (2013- present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, (2013- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- CAREER Award, National Science Foundation (2019)
- Rising Star award, Biomedical Engineering Society, Cell and Molecular Bioengineering group (2019)
- MERIT award, National Cancer Institute (2018)
- Hellman Faculty Scholar, Hellman Fellows Fund (2015)
- National Academy of Engineering Frontiers in Engineering Symposium, National Academy of Engineering (2015)
- Young Faculty Award, DARPA (2014 - 2016)
- National Research Service Award, National Institutes of Health (2010 - 2013)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, National Science Foundation (2006 - 2009)
- Graduate Research Award, Biomedical Engineering Society (2006)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow, American Society for Engineering Education (2003 - 2006)
- Engineering Science Departmental Citation, University of California, Berkeley (2002)
- Engineering Science Departmental Citation, University of California, Berkeley (2001)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University , Biomaterials (2013)
- Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley and San Francisco , Bioengineering (2009)
- B.S., University of California, Berkeley , Engineering Physics (2003)

LINKS

- Group website: chaudhurilab.stanford.edu
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Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Introduction to Biomechanics and Mechanobiology: ME 283 (Win)
- Mechanics of Materials: ME 80 (Aut)

2020-21

- Mechanics of Materials: ME 80 (Win)
- Mechanotransduction in Cells and Tissues: BIOE 283, BIOPHYS 244, ME 244 (Aut)
- The Future of Mechanical Engineering: ME 228 (Win)

2019-20

- Introduction to Biomechanics and Mechanobiology: ME 283 (Spr)
- Mechanics of Materials: ME 80 (Win)
- Mechanotransduction in Cells and Tissues: BIOE 283, BIOPHYS 244, ME 244 (Aut)

2018-19

- Mechanics of Materials: ME 80 (Win)
- Mechanotransduction in Cells and Tissues: BIOE 283, BIOPHYS 244, ME 244 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

John Eugenis, Katarina Klett, Bauer LeSavage, Joseph Pace, Julien Roth, Amelie Schaefer, Sauradeep Sinha, Lucy Wang, Kevin Zhang

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Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Laurel Kroo, Yung-Hao Lin

Doctoral (Program)

Sebastian Hendrickx-Rodriguez, Sarah St. Pierre, Brian Vuong

Publications

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- **Viscoelasticity and Adhesion Signaling in Biomaterials Control Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Morphogenesis in 3D Culture.** *Advanced materials (Deerfield Beach, Fla.)*
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- **Enhanced substrate stress relaxation promotes filopodia-mediated cell migration.** *Nature materials*
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- **Matrix stiffness induces a tumorigenic phenotype in mammary epithelium through changes in chromatin accessibility.** *Nature biomedical engineering*
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- **Mechanical confinement regulates cartilage matrix formation by chondrocytes.** *Nature materials*
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