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Personal Information

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Higher Education

1996-2001	Tel Aviv University, Israel Ph.D. studies in physics — condensed matter. Research subject: Elasticity of Entropy-Dominated Systems. Supervisor: Prof. Yacov Kantor. 2001 – **Ph.D.** in Physics — *with distinction*.
1993-1996	Tel Aviv University, Israel Graduate studies in physics — condensed matter. Thesis: Directed Chaotic Motion. Supervisor: Prof. Yacov Kantor. 1997 – **M.Sc.** in Physics — *Summa Cum Laude*.
1988-1991	Tel Aviv University, Israel Undergraduate studies in physics and mathematics. 1992 – **B.Sc.** in Physics and Mathematics — *Magna Cum Laude*.

Professional Experience

2005-present	Biomedical Engineering Department, Ben Gurion University *2005-present* Senior Lecturer, *2005* Lecturer.
2001-2004	Materials Research Laboratory, University of California, Santa Barbara. Post-doctoral research associate.
2002-2004	Also with the Department of Physics, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, South Korea.
2002	Boulder Summer School for Condensed Matter and Materials Physics,

	University of Colorado, Boulder.
1994-2001	Tel Aviv University, Israel *1999-2001* Instructor, *1994-1999* Research and teaching assistant.
1999	NATO Summer School on Soft and Fragile Matter, St. Andrews, UK.
1991-1994	Israel Defense Forces, Israel.

Teaching Experience

2005-present	Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva. *1. Biomaterials* (undergraduate) *2. Mechanical Properties of Living Tissues* (undergraduate) *3. Statistical Thermodynamics* (undergraduate) *4. Complex Fluids* (graduate)
2004	University of California, Santa Barbara. Lectures in an undergraduate course, *Electromagnetism*.
2004	University of California, Santa Barbara. Lectures in a graduate course, *Complex Fluids*.
2002	University of California, Santa Barbara. Lectures in a graduate course, *Concepts and Phenomena of Condensed Matter Physics*.
1996-2001	Tel Aviv University. Teaching assistant in two undergraduate courses, *Numerical Methods in Physics* and *Physics for Engineering Students*.
1994-1996	Tel Aviv University. Undergraduate physics lab instructor.

Fellowships and Awards

2001	Caltech Prize Fellowship in Theoretical Physics (declined).
2000	The Shenkar Foundation Award for Academic Achievement.
1999	Tel Aviv School of Physics and Astronomy Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Invited and Contributed Talks

2006	Third International Conference on Multiscale Materials Modeling, Freiburg, Germany *Meso-scale computer modeling of lipid-DNA complexes for gene therapy*. (**Invited**).
2006	Biophysics of the cell. Mini-Symposium at Ben Gurion University. *Meso -scale computer modeling of lipid-DNA complexes for gene therapy*. (**Invited**).
2005	Multiscale Modeling of Macromolecule/Membrane interactions. CECAM - Centre Europen de Calcul Atomique et Molculaire, Lyon, France. *"Solvent -free" computer modeling of lipid-DNA complexes for gene therapy*. (**Invited**).
2005	Biological Membranes: Current Challenges, Benasque Center for Science, Benasque, Spain. *Implicit solvent coarse-grained modeling of membranes*
2003	American Physical Society Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas. *"Water-free" computer model for fluid bilayer membranes*.
2002	4^{th} KAIST-UCSB Invitation Workshop on Soft-Matter and Bio-Molecular Materials, Daejeon, South Korea. *Elasticity of polymers - beyond the basic models*. (**Invited**).
2001	4^{th} Minerva Student Symposium on Molecular, Interfacial and Biological Aspects of Mesostructures. Mashabei-Sade, Israel. *Elasticity of entropy -dominated systems*.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

1. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Directed chaotic motion in a periodic potential
   Physica A **249**, 151–155 (1998).

2. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Pseudo-boundaries in discontinuous 2-dimensional maps
   J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. **31**, 445–451 (1998).

3. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Fluctuation formalism for elastic constants in 'hard-spheres-and-tethers' systems
   Phys. Rev. E **61**, 2478–2489 (2000).

4. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Entropic elasticity of two-dimensional self-avoiding percolation systems
   Phys. Rev. Lett. **85**, 2533–2536 (2000).

5. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   The elastic behavior of entropic "fisherman's net"
   Eur. Phys. J. E **3**, 253-258 (2000).

6. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Elasticity of Gaussian and nearly Gaussian phantom networks
   Phys. Rev. E **62**, 6094-6102 (2000).

7. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Entropic elasticity of phantom percolation networks
   Europhys. Lett. **52**, 413-419 (2000).

8. O. Farago and Y. Kantor
   Entropic elasticity at the sol-gel transition
   Europhys. Lett. **57**, 458-463 (2002).

9. O. Farago and P. Pincus
   Solute effects on the helix-coil transition
   Eur. Phys. J. E **7**, 393-396 (2002).

10. O. Farago, Y. Kantor, and M. Kardar
    Pulling knotted polymers
    Europhys. Lett. **60**, 53-59 (2002).

11. O. Farago
    "Water-free" computer model for fluid bilayer membranes
    J. Chem. Phys. **119**, 596-605 (2003).

12. O. Farago and P. Pincus
    The effect of thermal fluctuations on Schulman area elasticity
    Eur. Phys. J. E **11**, 399-408 (2003).

13. O. Farago and P. Pincus
    Statistical mechanics of bilayer membrane with a fixed projected area
    J. Chem. Phys. **120**, 2934-2950 (2004).

14. O. Farago and C. D. Santangelo
    Pore formation in fluctuating membranes
    J. Chem. Phys. **122**, 044901 (2005).

15. O. Farago, N. Grønbech-Jensen, and P. Pincus
Meso-scale computer modeling of lipid-DNA complexes for gene therapy
Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 018102 (2006).

16. O. Farago and N. Grønbech-Jensen
Computational and Analytical Modeling of Cationic Lipid-DNA Complexes
Submitted to Biophys. J. (2006).

17. C. D. Santangelo and O. Farago
Membrane fluctuations around inclusions
Proceedings of Third International Conference on Multiscale
Materials Modeling, Ed. Peter Gumbsch, pp. 644-650 (2006) .