

# Resume: Vivek C. Maheshwari

## Education

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**Ph.D. Macromolecular Science and Engineering (Chemical Engineering) 2007**

Virginia Tech

Advisor: Dr. R.F.Saraf

Dissertation: Large area electro-optical tactile sensor: Characterization and design of a polymer, nanoparticle based tunneling device

**M.S. Chemical Engineering 2001**

Wayne State University

Advisor: Dr. R.M. Kannan

Thesis: Effect of tacticity on Rheo-optical properties of Metallocene catalyzed Polypropylene

**B.Tech. Chemical Engineering 1998**

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India

Advisor: Dr. U.S. Agarwal

Thesis: Polymerization of Styrene using living free radical polymerization

## Professional Experience

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**2009- present** Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry & the Nanotechnology Program, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Canada

**2007- 2009** Research Assistant Professor; Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; University of Nebraska, Lincoln USA

**2002- 2006** Research Assistant; Virginia Tech, Blacksburg USA

**1999- 2001** Teaching/Research Assistant; Wayne State University, Detroit USA

**1998- 1999** Young Professional; Pasupati Acrylon Ltd. India

## Publications

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- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; "High Resolution Thin Film Device to Sense Texture by Touch"  
*Science*, **312**, 1501-1504 June 2006
- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; "Mineralization of Monodispersed CdS Nanoparticles on Polyelectrolyte Superstructure forming an Electroluminescent 'Necklace-of-Beads'"  
*Langmuir*, **22**, 21, 8623-8626, 2006
- V. Maheshwari, J. Kane, R.F. Saraf; "Self-Assembly of Microns Long One Dimensional Network of Cemented Au Nanoparticles", *Advanced Materials*, **20**, 284-287, 2008  
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- S. Kundu, V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; "Photolytic Metallization of Au Nanoclusters and Electrically Conductive Au Nanostructures on DNA Scaffold", *Langmuir*, **24**, 2, 551-555, 2008

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- S. Kundu, V. Maheshwari, S. Niu, R.F. Saraf; "Polyelectrolyte mediated scalable synthesis of highly stable silver nanocubes in less than a minute using microwave irradiations" ***Nanotechnology, 19, 6, 065604, 2008 (Featured on nanotechweb.org)***
- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; "Tactile Devices to Sense Touch at Par with Human Finger", ***Invited review article for Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 47, 7808- 7826, 2008***
- V. Maheshwari\*, C. Nguyen, R.F. Saraf; "Mechanics of Nanocomposite films from ion transport: Are they Foams" (***Manuscript preparation in progress***)
- V. Maheshwari\*, D. Fomenko, G. Singh, R.F. Saraf; "Ion mediated interfacing of nanoparticles with live organisms: differentiating age in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*" (***Manuscript preparation in progress***)

## News and Features

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V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; "High Resolution Thin Film Device to Sense Texture by Touch" ***Science, 312, 1501- 1504 June 2006 Featured in***

- 'Toward Robots That can Sense Texture by Touch', Perspectives by Dr. R. Crowder, ***Science, 312, 1478- 1479 June 2006***
- 'A Sense of touch', ***Chemical & Engineering News, 84, 24, 10 June 2006***
- Selected as one of the **top 7 technological stories** of 2006, ***Discover Magazine, Jan 2007*** issue
- ***Scientific American, Aug 2006*** issue
- ***New Scientist, June 2006***, No.2556
- Over 50 web citations including, ***Science News, Time online, Nature News, Sunday Times (U.K.), BBC (radio interview), NPR (radio interview), CNN, Indian Express*** and others

## Presentations

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- C. Nguyen, V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf "Mechanics of nanoscale composite films from stress- electrical measurements: A nanoscale foam", Annual Meeting of *The American Physical Society, March 2009*.
- V. Maheshwari, C. Nguyen, R.F. Saraf "Mechanics of nanoscale composite films from stress- electrical measurements: A nanoscale foam", Fall Meeting of *Materials Research Society, December 2008*
- R.F. Saraf, V. Maheshwari, C. Nguyen "Linear Tactile Nanodevice with Resolution on Par with Human Finger", *IEEE/LEOS International Conference on Optical MEMS and Nanophotonics, August 2007*.
- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf "A Self- Assembled, Nanoparticle Based Tactile Sensor with Sensitivity & Resolution of Human Finger", Spring Meeting of *Materials Research Society, April 2007*.
- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf "A Nanoparticle Self- Assembled Tactile Sensor with Sensitivity and Resolution of Human Finger", Annual Meeting of *The American Physical Society, March 2007*.
- V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf "In-situ process for synthesis of monodisperse semi-conducting nanoparticles in polyelectrolyte matrix", Annual Meeting of *The American Physical Society, March 2005*.
- V. Maheshwari, S. Shivakumara, R.F. Saraf; "Self- assembled Diode with Memory from Protein and Nanoparticles", Annual Meeting of *The American Physical Society, March 2003*.

- G. Singh, V. Maheshwari, R.F. Saraf; “Ultrafast Electromechanical Response in Non-Gibbs Thin Film of Polymers”, Annual Meeting of *The American Physical Society*, **March 2003**.
- V. Maheshwari, M. Sevegney, G. Parthasarathy, R. M. Kannan, ‘Rheology and orientation behavior of metallocene- catalyzed semi- syndiotactic polypropylenes: Role of Tacticity’, *AICHE meeting*, Reno, **November 2001**.
- V. Maheshwari, S. Kharchenko, R.M. Kannan; “Quantitative first and third normal stress measurements in polymer melts: Role of tacticity and architecture”, 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of *The Society of Rheology*, **October 2001**.
- V. Maheshwari, G. Parthasarthy, R.M. Kannan; “Role of tacticity on the rheological and orientation behavior of metallocene catalyzed semi- syndiotactic polypropylene”, Annual meeting of *The American Physical Society*, **March 2001**.
- D. Karmakar, V. Maheshwari, U.S. Agarwal; “Multi- step process for regulation of high MW polystyrene by living free radical polymerization”, *International symposium on polymers beyond AD 2000: Polymer '99*, **June 1999**.

### **Patents Filed**

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- “High Resolution Thin Film Device as Electronic Skin”, Private enterprise
- “Fabrication of ultra long necklace of nanoparticles”, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln