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Research Information:

My research interests are testing and probing the fundamentals of quantum mechanics using time-resolved spectroscopy with a stepwise laser excitation sequence. With this technique my group at Miami has studied alkali-rare-gas collision processes, depolarization cross section and hyperfine structure of the alkali excited states, and probed the excited state multipoles. Currently, we focus on the experimental study of the radiative lifetime of sodium diatomic molecules. Our goal is to map out the lifetime measurements as a function of vibrational and rotational quantum numbers of the highly excited ion-pair state of sodium molecules.

Selected Honors & Awards

- 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF), Experimental Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics (AMO) Fund Award
- 2015 American Physical Society (APS) Woman Physicist of the Month (May) Award
- 2013 National Science Foundation (NSF), Experimental Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics (AMO) Fund Award

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- Membership of the American Physical Society (APS)
- Advanced Laboratory of Physics Association (ALPhA)