

Eric Brown - Curriculum Vitae - updated February 11, 2025

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Education

- 07/2007 Ph. D. Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). Advisor: Guenter Ahlers.
05/2002 B. S. Physics, Harvey Mudd College (HMC). Advisor: Chih-Yung Chen.

Employment

- 03/2021 - present Owner and Principal Investigator, Eric Brown Labs, LLC.
08/2023 - 12/2023 Lecturer, Quinnipiac University.
01/2021 - 05/2023 Lecturer, Southern Connecticut State University.
07/2020 - 06/2021 Research Scientist, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Yale University.
07/2013 - 06/2020 Assistant Professor, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Yale University.
08/2011 - 06/2013 Assistant Professor, School of Natural Sciences, University of California, Merced.
12/2007 - 07/2011 Postdoctoral Scholar, James Franck Institute, University of Chicago.
10/2007 - 11/2007 Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Physics and IQCD, UCSB.
09/2006 - 06/2007 Teaching Associate, College of Creative Studies, UCSB.
04/2004 - 09/2007 Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Physics and IQCD, UCSB.
09/2002 - 03/2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, UCSB.
06/2001 - 08/2001 Undergraduate Summer Researcher, Department of Engineering, HMC.

Professional service and outreach

- 2008 - present Reviewing of manuscripts for journals and grant proposals.
2008 - 2019 Mentoring student research.
10/2008 - 12/2009 Organizer for Computations in Science seminar series, University of Chicago.
09/2002 - 03/2004 Organizer for Physics Circus outreach to elementary school students, UCSB.

Awards

- NSF CAREER Award, 2013.
Kadanoff-Rice Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007.
UCSB Physics Circus Award for outreach, 2003, 2004, 2005.
Harvey S. Mudd Merit Award, 2002.

Patents

Gripping and releasing apparatus and method, US 8882165 B2, 9120230 B2

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9. K. Bai, J. Casara, A. Nair-Kanneganti, A. Wahl, F. Carle, E. Brown. Effective magnetic susceptibility of suspensions of ferromagnetic particles. *J. Applied Physics* 124, 123901-1–12 (2018).
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15. K. Bai, D. Ji, E. Brown. Ability of a low-dimensional model to predict geometry-dependent dynamics of large-scale coherent structures in turbulence. *Phys. Rev. E* 93, 023117 (2016).
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17. E. Brown, H.M. Jaeger. Shear thickening in concentrated suspensions: phenomenology, mechanisms, and relations to jamming. *Reports on Progress in Physics* 77, 046602-1–23 (2014).
18. H. Song, R. Hawkins, E. Brown, P. Tong. Dynamics of Large-scale Circulation of Turbulent Thermal Convection in a Horizontal Cylinder. *J. Fluid Mech.* 740, 136-167 (2014).
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