

Introduction about myself

Wenwen Zhang

Keywords: Creative, passionate, leadership

Research interests: AI + Optics, machine learning, biomedical/biology data processing, Optical engineering

Bio

Wenwen Zhang received her B.Sc. degree from Tianjin University, Tianjin, China, in 2020. She will receive her master degree (research based) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. She is interested in **AI + Applied Optics, biomedical/biology data processing, optical engineering**. From January 2016 to March 2020, she was with Tianjin University, where she was involved with microwave engineering with machine learning (dual-band bandpass filter applied for 5G sub-6 GHz base station). From September 2020, her research focuses on machine learning based ML auto-driven silicon photon design (supervised by Prof. Lukas Chrostowski), wearable sensor data process and biomedical information process (Supervised by Prof. Peyman Servati and Prof. Calvin Kuo). From Sept 2022 to April 2023, she is a visiting student (supervised by Dr. Grigory Tikhomirov) at the University of California, Berkeley. She is working on implementing automatic workflow label-free DNA microscopy sensing by using machine learning.

- **09/2020-06/2023 MAS.c Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of British Columbia (UBC)**
 - Research Assistant at flexible electronics and energy lab
 - Research Assistant at Silicon photonic group
- **09/2022-04/2023 Visiting Graduate Researcher, EECS, University of California, Berkeley(UCB)**
 - Visiting research student (Friedman Scholar)
- **08/2016-06/2020 BS.c Electrical & Computer Engineering, Tianjin University (TJU)**
 - Sub area: Electric engineering
 - Overall GPA: 3.9/4.0
 - Rank 8/104

Course highlights: Introduction to Quantum Computing | Active/Passive silicon photonic devices | Signal processing and systems | Deep Learning | Digital Signal Processing | Microwave engineering | Fields and waves of electromagnetic



Awards

- UBC Faculty of Applied Science Excellent Graduate Award - \$9000/year
- UBC Friedman Award for Scholars in Optics+Health - \$38000/7 months
- UBC International Tuition Award - \$9000/year
- UBC Research Assistance Graduate Award - \$24000/year
- Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme MS/Ph.D. (HKPFS) (declined) \$41,690/Stipend
- Exemption from entrance examination for MS/Ph.D. Program (decline)
- China College Students Integrated Circuit Competition (the north region), (Top 1 of 140)
- China College Students Integrated Circuit Competition (Final), Second Prize (1%) ¥ 6000
- USRP Excellent Project Award of Province (Top 1% in Engineering department) ¥ 8000
- First Prize in China Mathematical Contest in Modeling (5% - Tianjin area).
- The first class “Merit Student” Scholarship of Tianjin University (3 years)
- Career Certification of HCNA Huawei (Second prize)
- “Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate of Achievement (MCM)”, Honorable Mention

Certificates and Workshops

- 2022 Stanford AI + Health online conference
- 2022 NeurIPS and Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) (New Orleans)
- 2022 SPIE Photonic + Optics conference (San Diego)
- The Smart Innovations for Technology Connected Health (STITCH)
- 2021 SIEPIC Active Silicon and Laser Photonics Workshop
- 2020 SIEPIC Passive Silicon and Laser Photonics Workshop
- QSciTech-QuantumBC Virtual Workshop: Gate-based Quantum Computing Using IBM-Q
- 2019/2020 International Workshop on Microwave and Microsystems

Publications and Patents

2021-2023 MASc works

* = equal contributions

- Tashakori A*, Zhang W*, Wang Z J, et al. SemiPFL: Personalized Semi-Supervised Federated Learning Framework for Edge Intelligence[J]. IEEE Internet of Things Journal, 2023. doi: 10.1109/JIOT.2022.3233599.
- W. Zhang*, J. Wang*, C. Silva, and L. Sigal. Make Unsupervised Clustering Discriminative and Informative for Source-Free Domain Adaptation: A Feature Graph Guided Contrastive Learning Method (*In progress for 2023 NIPs*).
- W. Zhang*, A. Tashakori, Z. Jiang, A. Servati, C. Kuo, and P. Servati. Endorse Vision to Textile: 3D Human Pose Generation from Tactile Knee Sleeves. (*In progress for 2024 CVPR*).
- W. Zhang*, C Kuo and P Servati. L4P: A Method for Learning Pathological Gait Parameters from wearable sensors for Parkinson's patients. *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering* (*Under review*).
- A. Tashakori, W. Zhang, Z. Wang, , A Servati and P. Servati *Stretchable Smart Textile Gloves for Dynamic Tracking of Articulated Hands*. (*Reviewing by Nature Electronics*)
- W. Zhang*, H. Zhang, R. Gordon, L. Chrostowski, P. Servati, Probing Ring Resonator Sensor Based on Vernier Effect. *Accepted by 2023 IEEE Silicon Photonics Conference (Washington, US)*.
- W. Zhang*, J. Wang, L. Chrostowski, N Jaeger and P. Servati. Weight Bank Addition Photonic Accelerator for Artificial Intelligence. *Submitted to Optics Express (Under review)*
- W. Zhang*, H. Zhang, L. Chrostowski, N Jaeger and P. Servati. Ring resonator sensor based on Vernier Effect. *Submitted to Optics Express (Under review/2nd revision)*

- W. Zhang*, Ma K*, Zhang H, et al. Design of a compact SISL BPF with SEMCP for 5G Sub-6 GHz bands[J]. *IEEE Microwave and Wireless Components Letters*, 2020, 30(12): 1121-1124.
- Zhang H, Ma K, Zhang W, et al. A Nover Self-packaged DBBPF with multiple TZs for 5G sub-6GHz applications. *Microw Opt Technol Lett. 2022, 0895-2477, doi: 10.1002/mop.33455*.
- Ma K, Zhang H, Fu H, Zhang W. 5G dual passband filter based on dielectric integrated suspension line. *CN 201910528184. (CN Patent)*
- Ma K, Zhang W, Fu H, Zhang H. Band-pass filter based on 5G double-frequency dielectric integrated suspension lines. *CN 201910862414. (CN Patent)*

2018-2020 Undergrad works

Conferences and Presentations


- **W. Zhang***, et. al, **Probing Ring Resonator Sensor Based on Vernier Effect. Poster/paper** – Accepted by 2023 IEEE Silicon Photonics Conference (Washington, US).
- **W. Zhang***, et. al, **A Flexible Sensor System for Lower Body Locomotion Estimation Using Machine Learning. Poster - 2022 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting.** [\(Link\)](#).
- **W. Zhang***, et. al, **A Wearable Sensor System for Measuring Pathological Gait Parameters. Poster - 2022 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting.** [\(Link\)](#).

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Research topic
Pathological gait pattern analysis

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Research supervisor(s)
[Peyman Servati](#)
[Calvin Kuo](#)

Home town
Vancouver

Country

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A GRADUATE DEGREE?

I'd like to contribute my humble efforts to make any progress that is meaningful and beneficial to the human health. Engineering is a creative and amazing field where everything is possible. I hope to devote myself on the intersecting areas of biomedical/biology and state-of-art technology (machine learning) to develop more innovative applications and be prepared to all the challenges in this rapidly changing world full of opportunity.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO STUDY AT UBC?

UBC is a world-class university, providing me the opportunity to get access to the top-level platform, more diversified learning experience and more excellent scholars. Being able to cooperate with the innovative professors and students here, I can have a better insight into my doctoral academic direction and get more inspiration on the future research topic.

WHAT IS IT SPECIFICALLY, THAT YOUR PROGRAM OFFERS, THAT ATTRACTED YOU?

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UBC is a diversified place where we are able to get touched with different kinds of excellent people. We can explore varied fields from circuit fabrication to model design. This precious experience can help us find out where exactly our academic research interest lays as well as give us guidance on future directions.

WHAT WAS THE BEST SURPRISE ABOUT UBC OR LIFE IN VANCOUVER?

Living with all the wildlife from racoon to coyotes, from geese to deer makes me so excited. Learning how to appreciate them while not disturbing their life is extremely important and meaningful. Also being within a campus where you can find cultures from all over the world also teaches me that showing respectful to others makes everyone's life better.

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UBC Friedman Award for Scholars ([The first female student at ECE department](#))



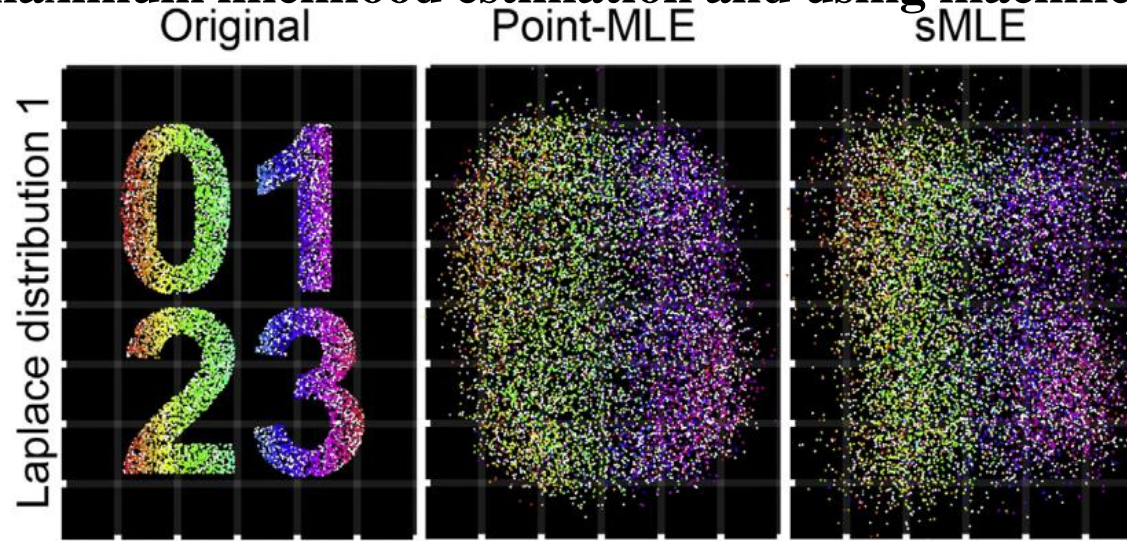
Ti Lab

Supervisor: Prof. Grigory Tikhomirov

Electronic Engineering and Computer Science Department, Graduate Scholar (funded by Canada health care)

DNA Microscopy Imaging by Machine Learning 09/2022-04/2023

- Post-processing cell chemical reaction bio-information and locating molecule relative position through spectral maximum likelihood estimation and using machine learning. (Python)**



- ***Flexible Electronics and Energy Lab (FEEL)*** **Supervisor: Prof. Peyman Servati**
Electronic and Computer Engineering Department, Research Assistant



Personalized Semi-supervised Federated Learning for Embedded Intelligence 09/2021-01/2022

- Federated learning method considering large proportion of no-label data with huge data heterogeneity at different device end.

Wearable Sensor System for Gait Disorder Patients 01/2022-09/2022

- Developing real-time algorithms to predict gait parameters of patients with disorders (Parkinson, stroke & geriatric).

Smart Knee Sleeves Based on Flexible Sensors 12/2021-06/2022

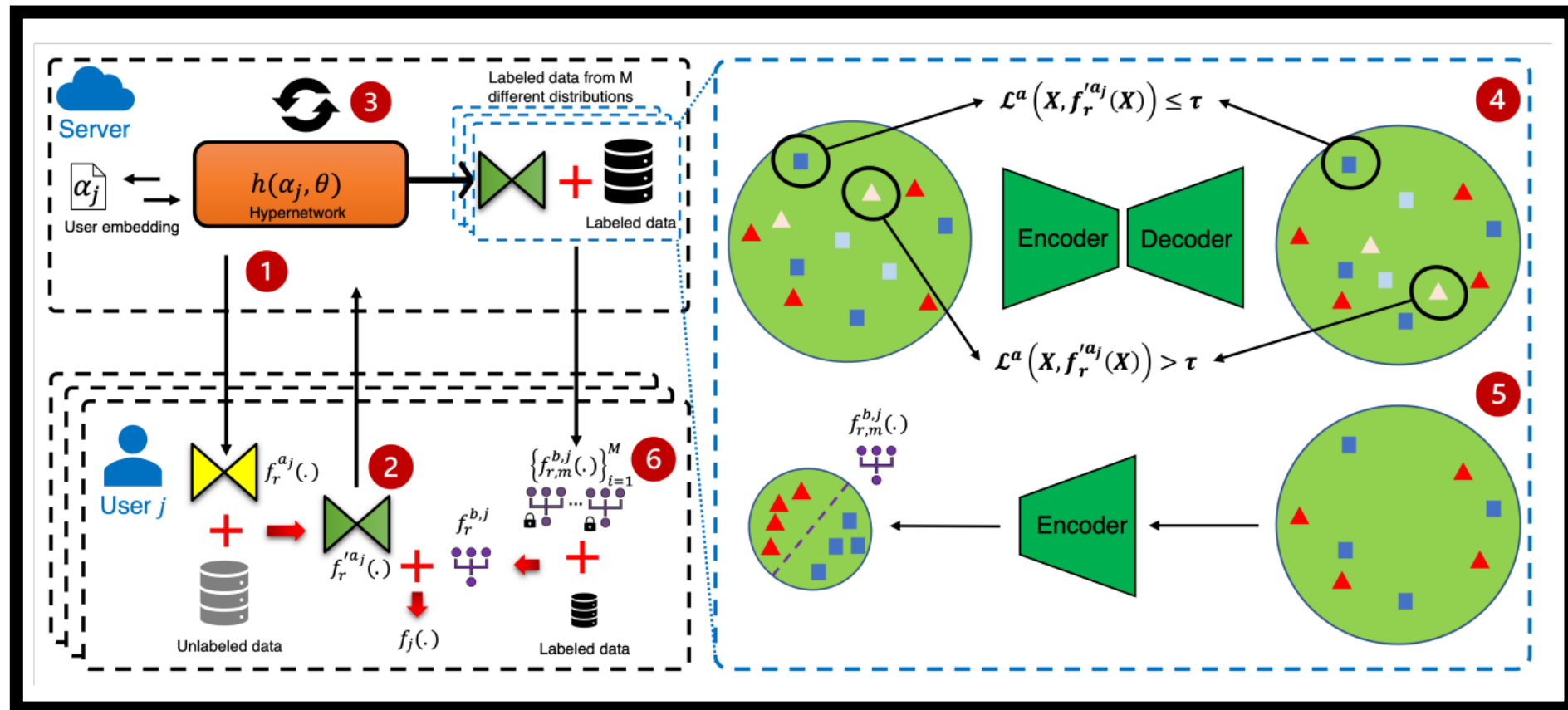
- Lower extremity estimation & movement tracking & muscle condition monitoring by data from flexible sensors (stress, temperature, etc.) integrated into knee braces. (prepare for CVPR)

Intelligent Glove with Embedded Wearable Sensors. 12/2021-03/2022

- Hand gesture reconstruction of post-stroke patients to assess upper extremity function and help motivate recovery progress. (submitted to Nature Electronics)

SemiPFL: Personalized Semi-Supervised Federated Learning Framework for Edge Intelligence

- With the evolution of sensor and wearable technologies, tremendous data from numerous clients have contributed to various datasets with huge heterogeneous. To take advantage of those unlabeled data, semi supervised is proposed for this special situation.
- High quality dataset with elaborate labels are usually confined to a small portion of the whole data. To make accurate estimations for unlabelled data, we initialize a hyper network at the central server, and keep updating network parameters while sending personalized encoder to different client during each iteration.



Working Experience



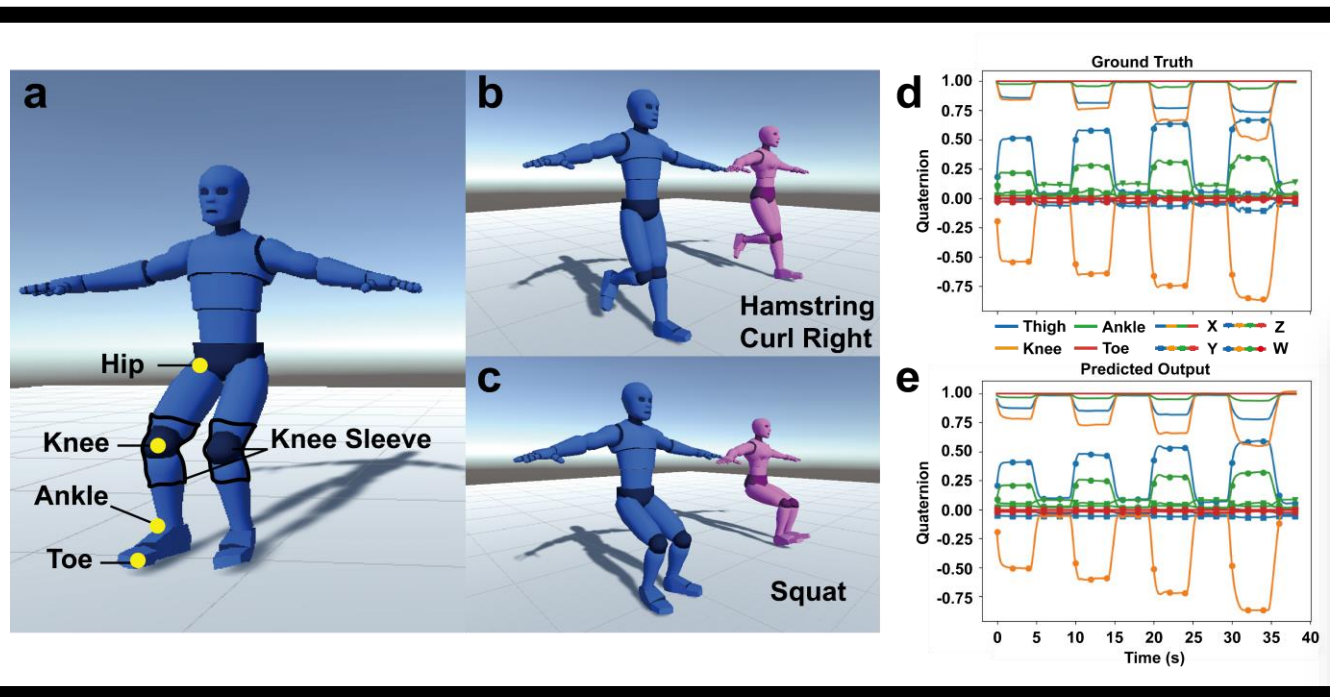
Texavie Technologies, Inc. - R&D Intern, Hardware and Data Processing (12/2021-06/2022)

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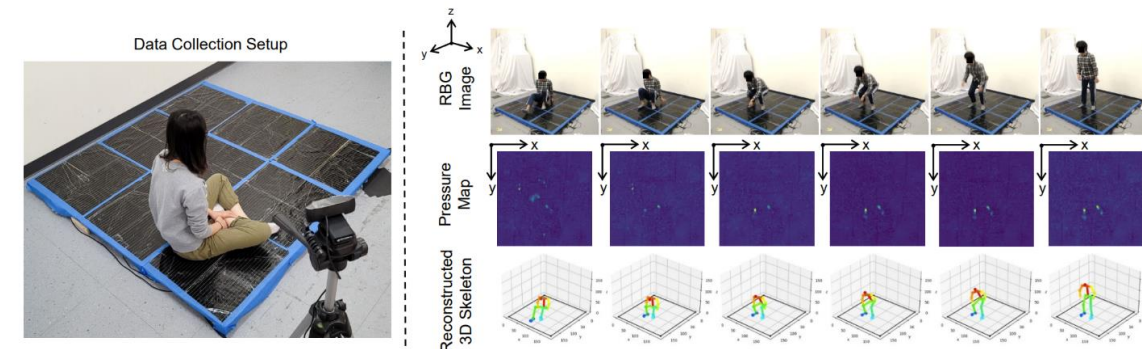
A Flexible Sensor System for Lower Body Locomotion Estimation

- Knee sleeves with strain sensors around thigh and shank can detect muscle activation during movements. Combined with IMUs located around knee, it's able to estimate lower body locomotion with a pair of knee sleeve only.
- The accuracy on major joints in lower body would be higher than insignificant joints. For example, the toe joints prediction is worse than knee and thigh joint angle estimation.



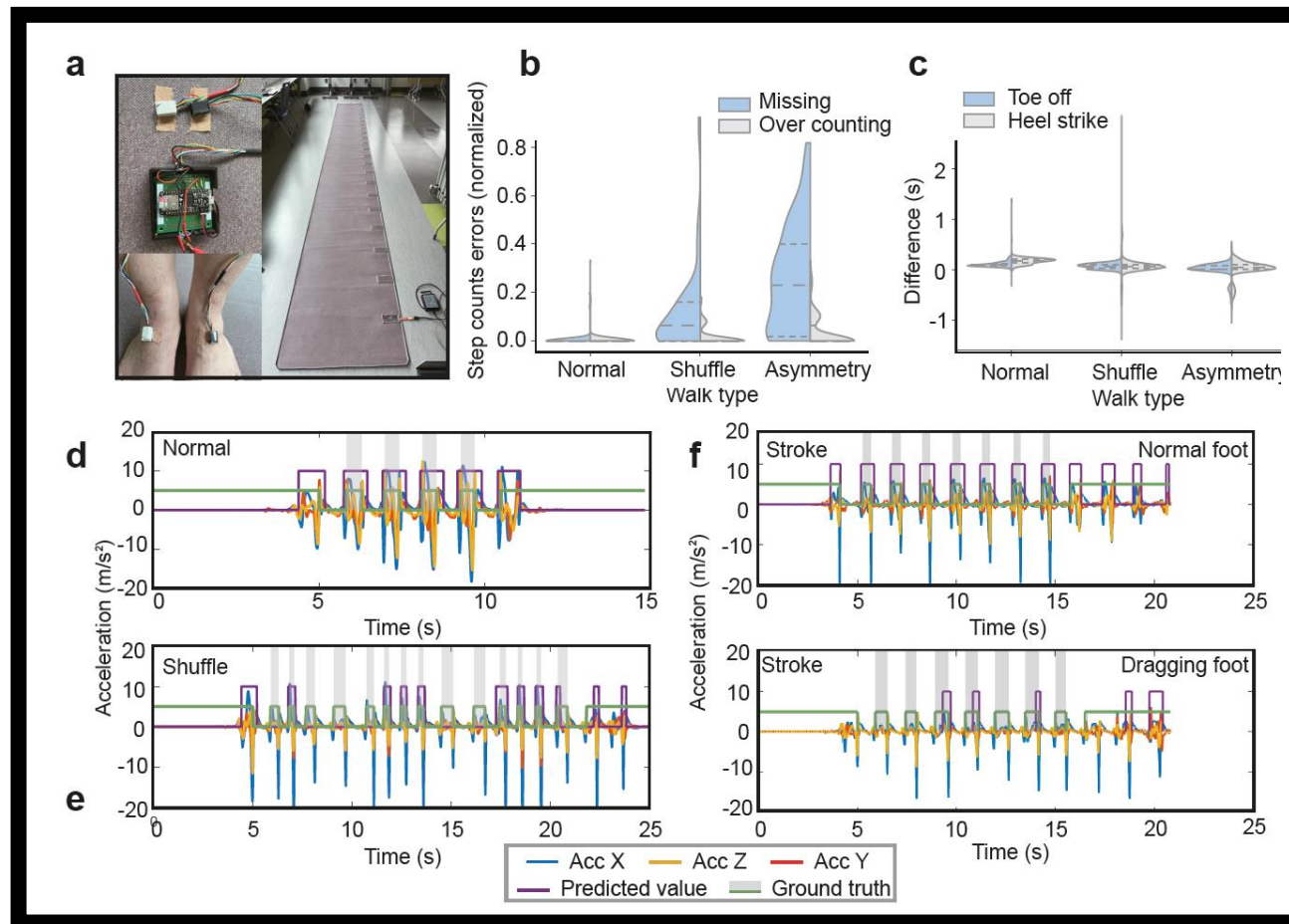
IntelligentCarpet: Inferring 3D Human Pose from Tactile Signals

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A Wearable Sensor System for Measuring Pathological Gait Parameters.

- Gait parameters such as step length and step time are important indicators to monitor patient progress.
- The prediction accuracy is largely dependent on the first step segmentation results. Missed steps or over counted steps will heavily mess up integration results in downstream tasks. Even foot segmentation is correct, because of the lacking in magnetometer, it's still hard to get accurate result for step length. Due to patients' gaits have different characteristics, it's also hard for traditional ways to set velocity threshold in estimations process, which will lower accuracy as well.



Microsystems and Nanotechnology (MiNa) Optical Lab (2020/09-2022/01)

Electronic and Computer Engineering Department, UBC

Instructor: *Prof. Lukas Chrostowski*



Weight Bank Addition Photonic Accelerator in Neuromorphic Networks

- Implementing automatic workflow for silicon photonic circuit design (simulation track)
- Designing and implementing cascaded micro-ring weight bank reporting the observations of weight addition and subtraction in neuromorphic networks based on silicon on insulators (SOI).
- Extended FSR Micro-Ring Modulator on SOI.
- Designed, fabricated and tested parallel and cascaded ring resonators exhibiting Vernier effect and extended free spectral range (FSR).



SiEPIClab Public

Python code for Silicon Photonics Automated Probe stations

Python 19 17 1 (1 issue needs help) 0 Updated last week

SiEPIC_EBeam_PDK Public

SiEPIC EBeam PDK & Library, for SiEPIC-Tools and KLayout

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SiEPICfab-EBeam-ZEP-PDK Public

SiEPIC Program EBeam PDK for the ZEP process

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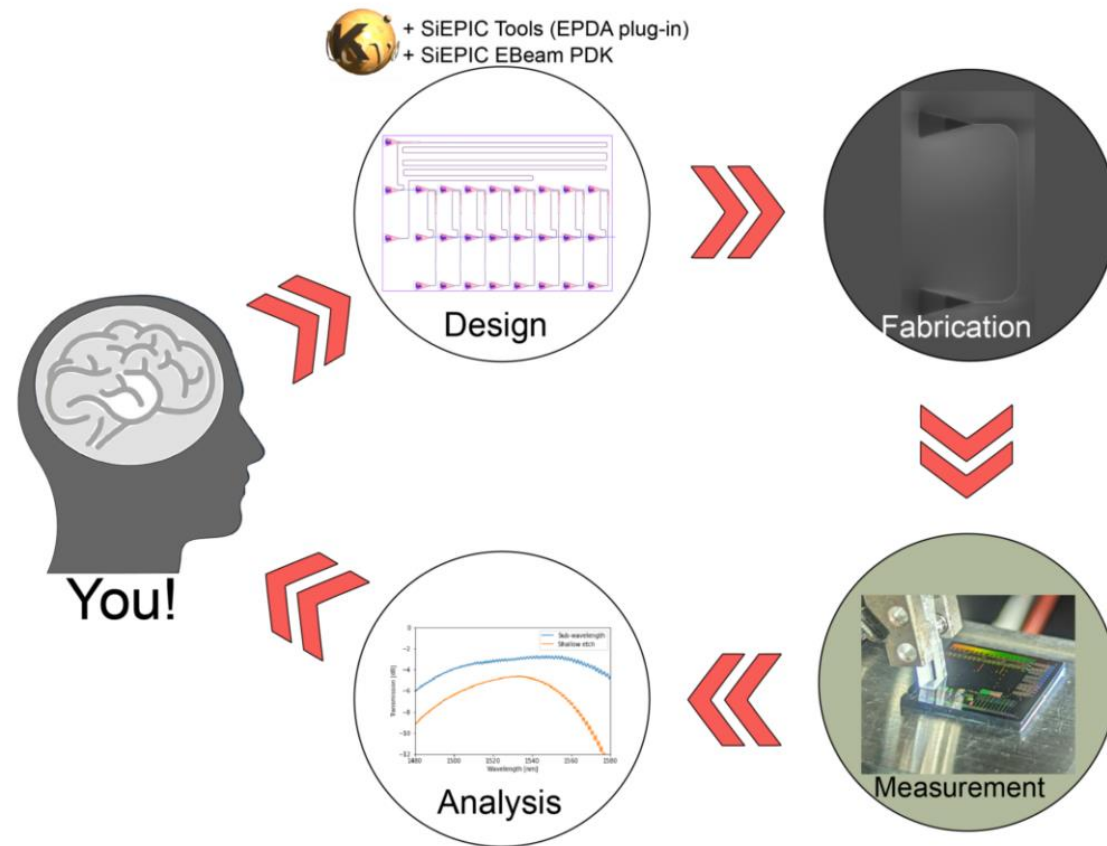
Package for KLayout to add integrated optics / silicon photonics functionality (waveguides, netlist extraction, circuit simulations, etc)

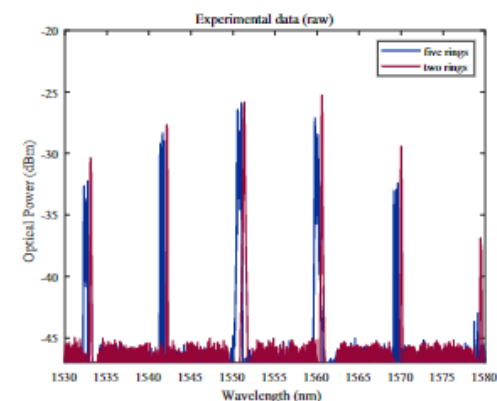
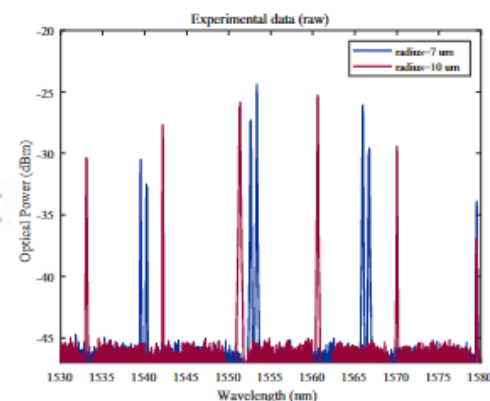
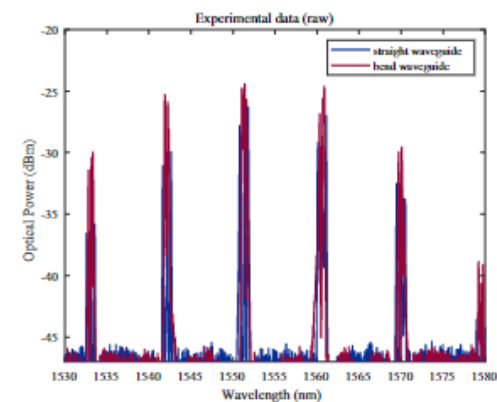
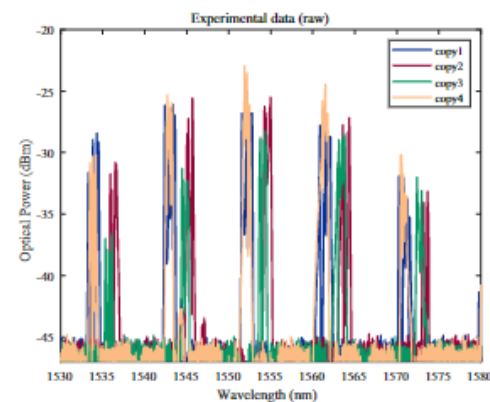
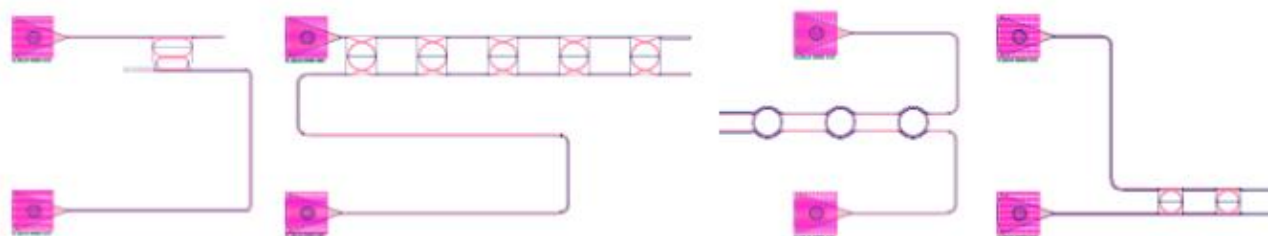
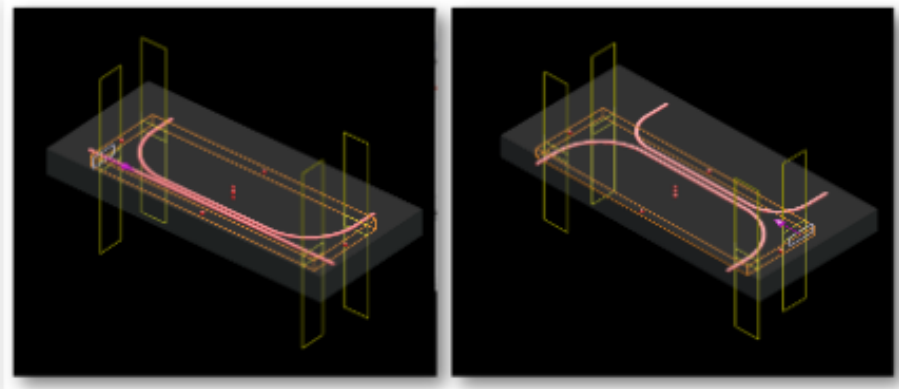
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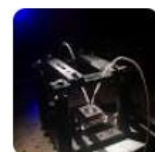
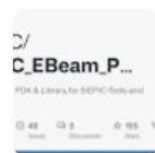
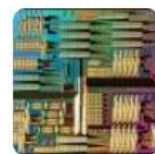




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SiEPIC - GitHub

SiEPIC-Tools: A python package that enables electronic-photonic design automation (EPDA) functions on the free open-source layout editor KLayout.



https://github.com/SiEPIC/SiEPIC_EBeam_PDK ▼ 翻译此页

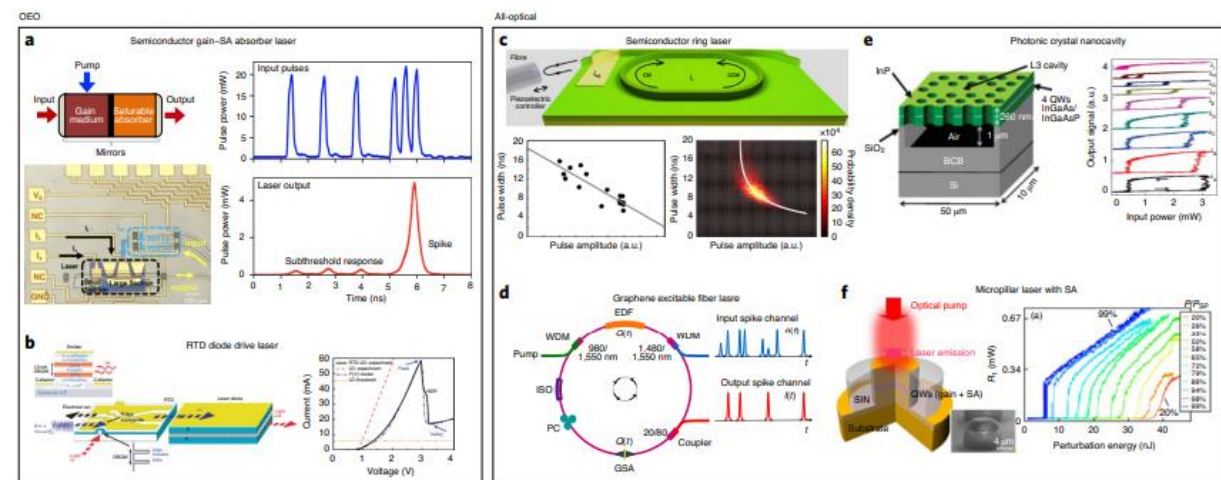
SiEPIC/SiEPIC_EBeam_PDK - GitHub

The SiEPIC-Tools package includes: · Netlist generation · Creating a Spice netlist suitable for for circuit simulations. · Menu item "Lumerical INTERCONNECT" will ...

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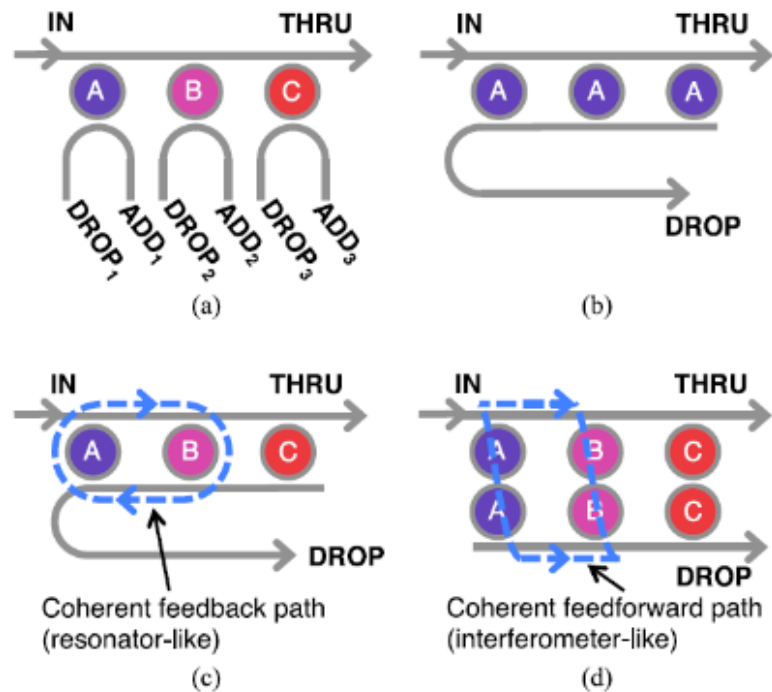
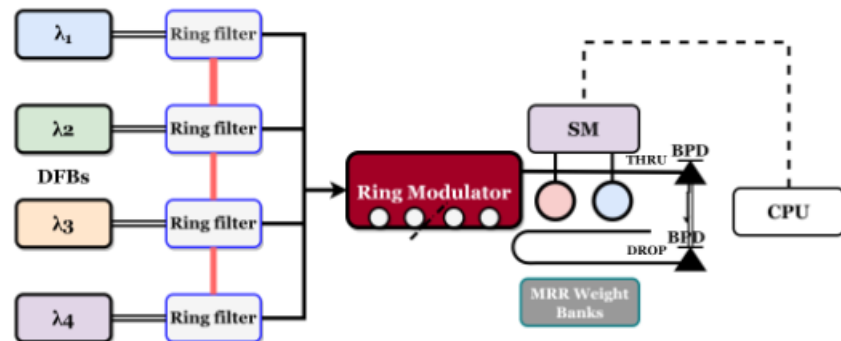


Fig. 1. Different types of weight bank [24]. (a). Add-drop multiplexer. (b). Dual-band double channel side-coupled integrated spaced sequence of resonators (SCISSORs). (c). 1-pole MRR filters. Each MRR controls a separate WDM channel. Two waveguides make coherent feedback between surrounding MRRs. (d). 2-pole MRR filters. Interferometer-like feedforward coherent interactions. A B and C letters represent different WDM channels affected by the appointed resonator.



Prof. Lukas Chrostowski



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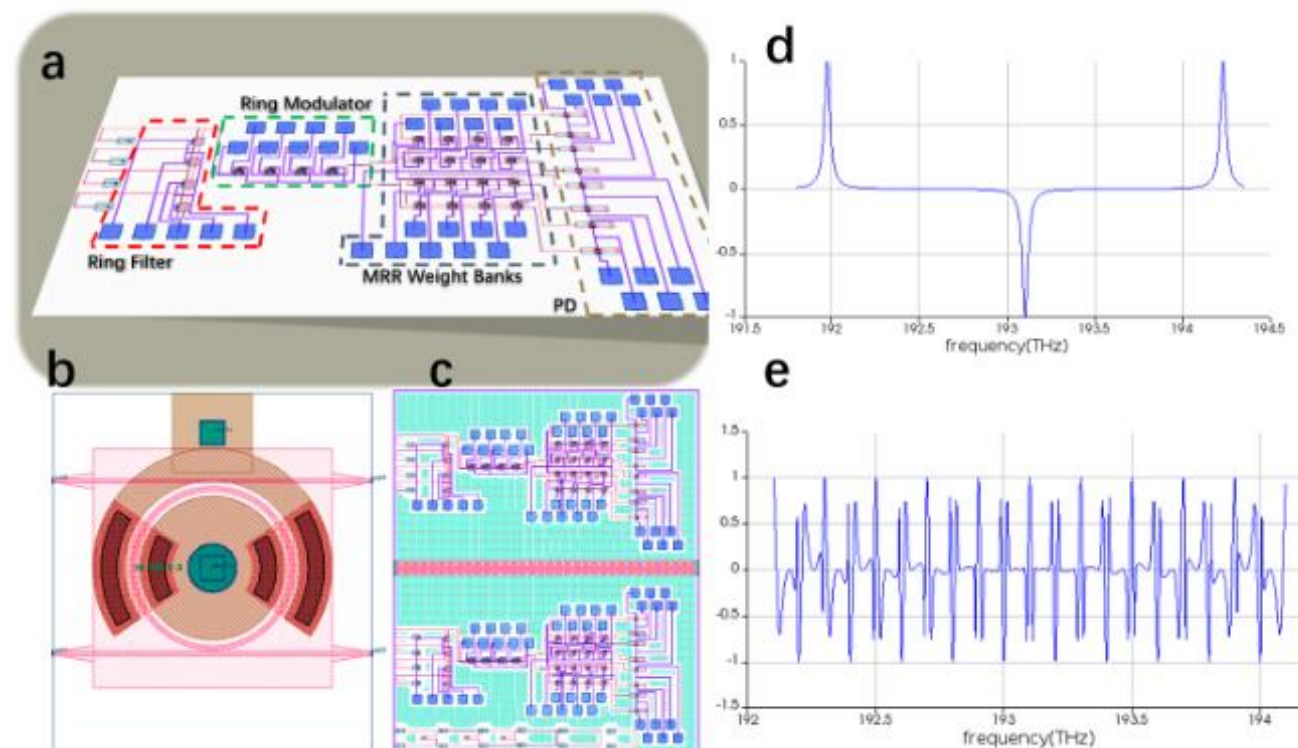
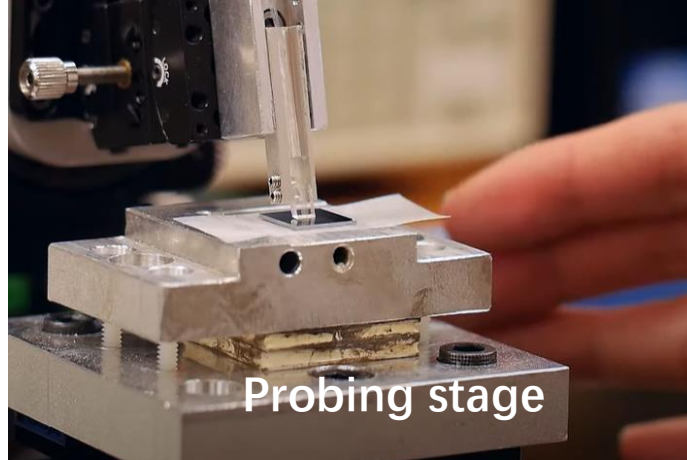


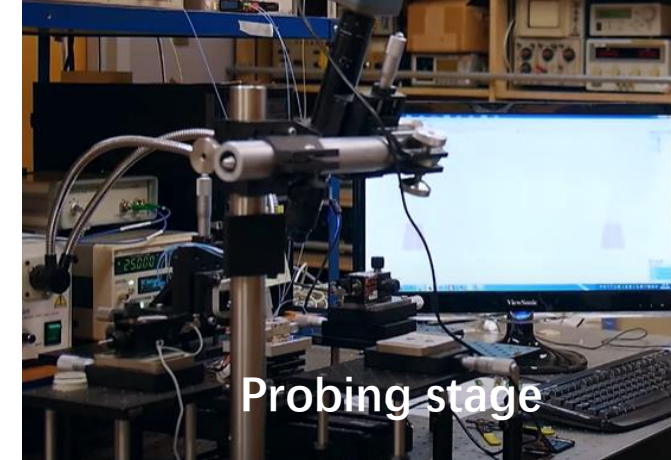
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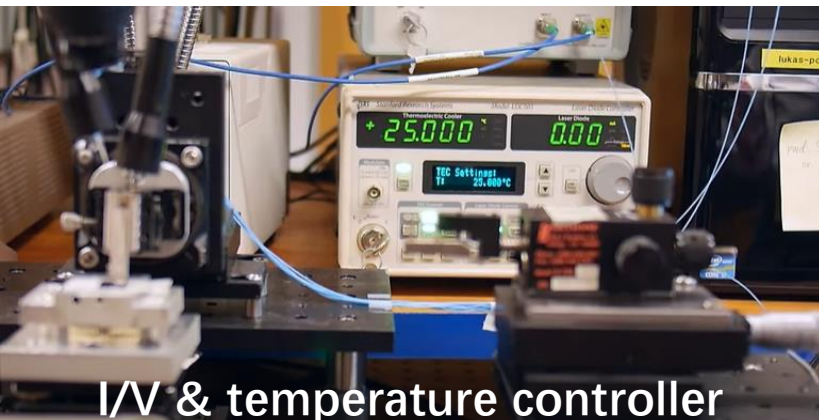
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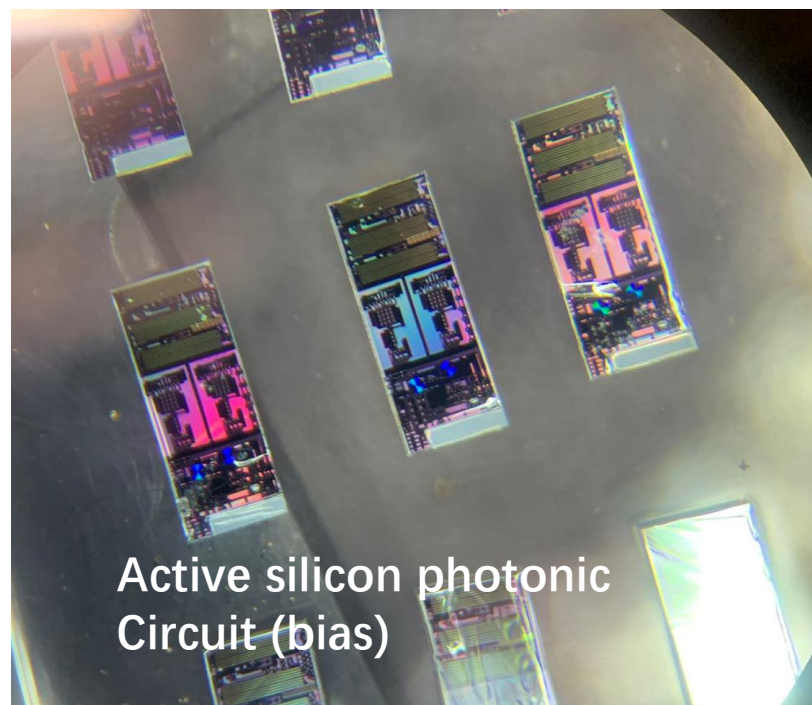
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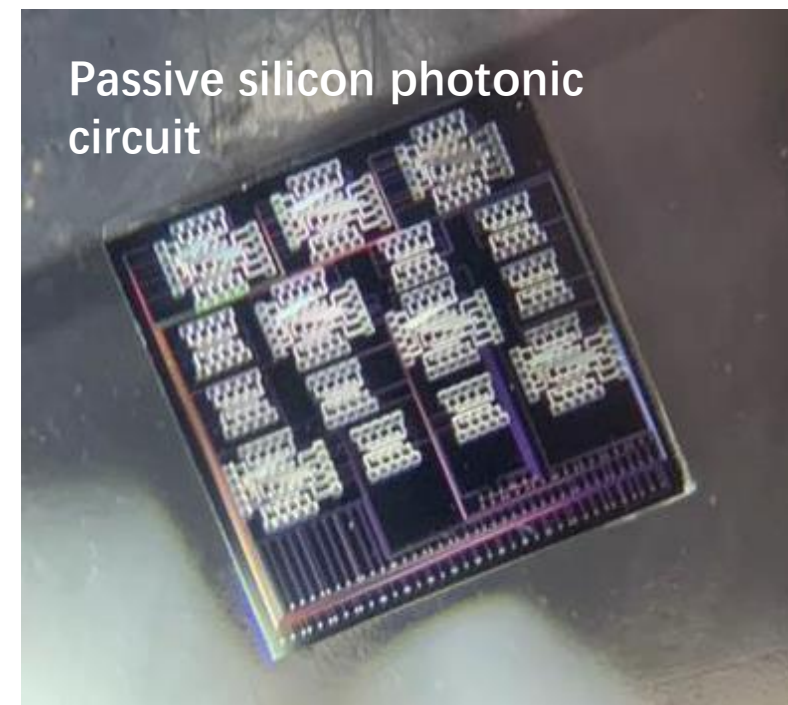
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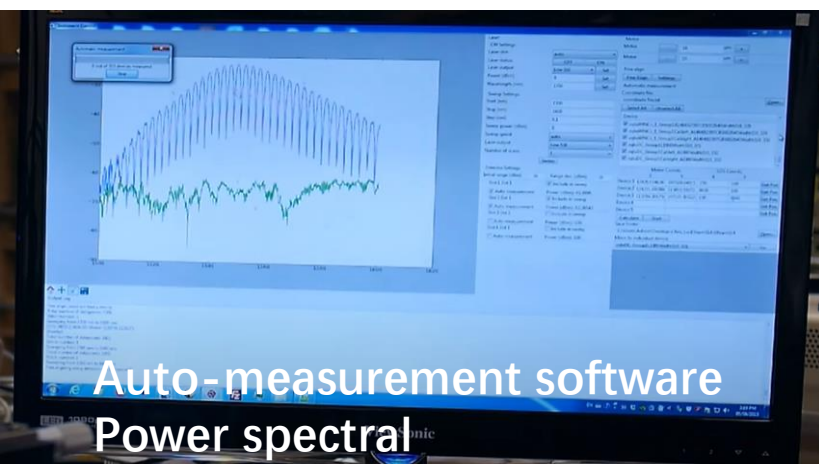
I/V & temperature controller



Active silicon photonic
Circuit (bias)



Passive silicon photonic
circuit

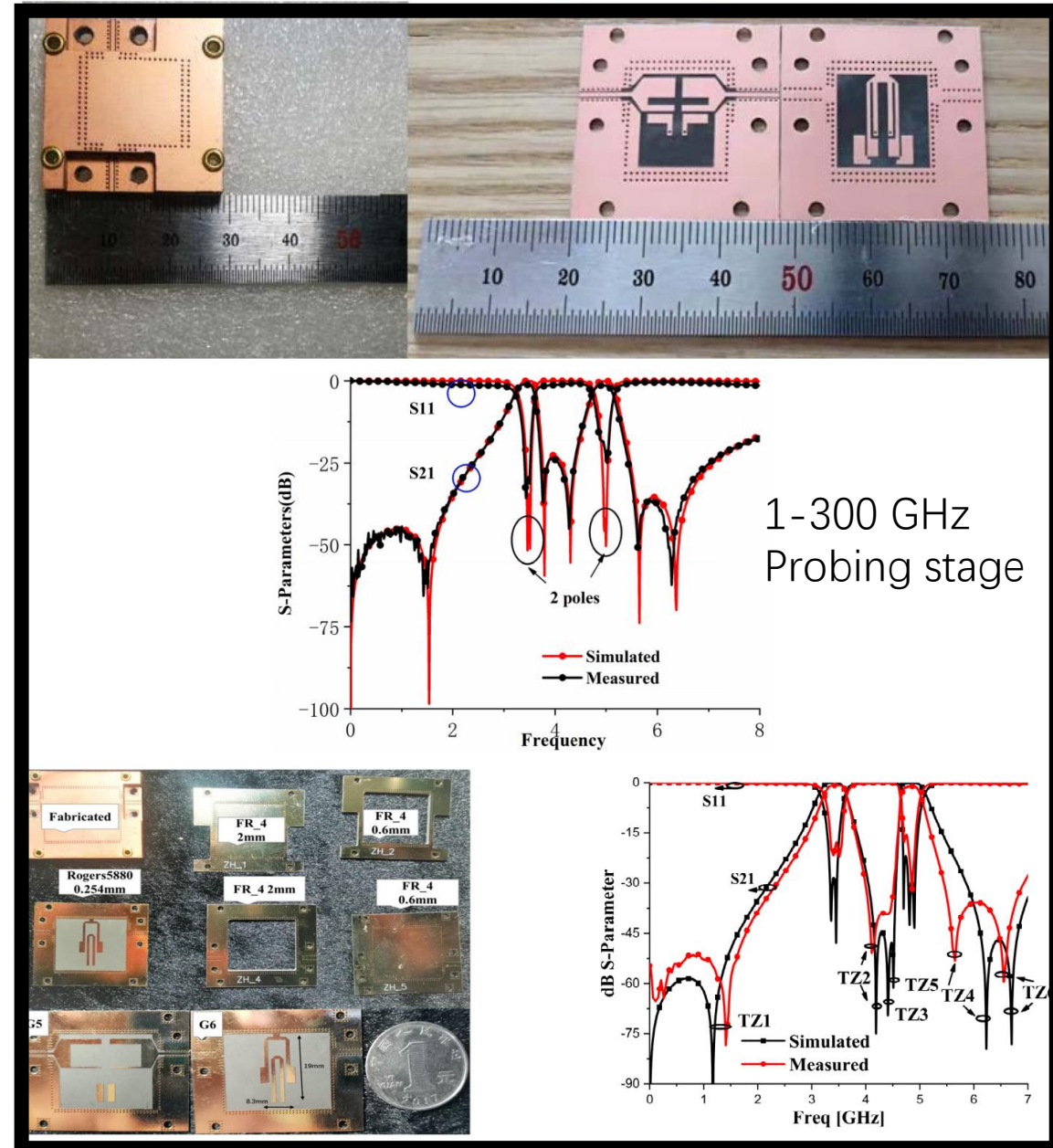


Auto-measurement software

Power spectral

09/2018-05/2020 Interconnection Perception
Microelectronics Laboratory of Tianjin University
Research Assistant Supervisor: Prof.
Kaixue Ma (Dean at the school of Microelectronics)

- Undertaking an Innovative Project for College Students in the Laboratory (**the Excellent USRP in Province, 1%**). The project aimed to design a Self-Packaged dual bandpass filter with multiple transmission zeros for 5G sub-6 GHz applications. I proposed a novel **coupling topology (optimized by using machine learning)** for designing a dual-band bandpass filter with multiple and controllable transmission zeros TZs. In this USRP, two types of dual bandpass filters are designed, fabricated, and tested.
- The project has been published two paper in Wiley and IEEE (SCI JCR Q2), seperatly.
- Designed a dual-band board-level antenna with machine learning for 5G sub 6 GHz applications.



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Inference in artificial intelligence with deep optics and photonics

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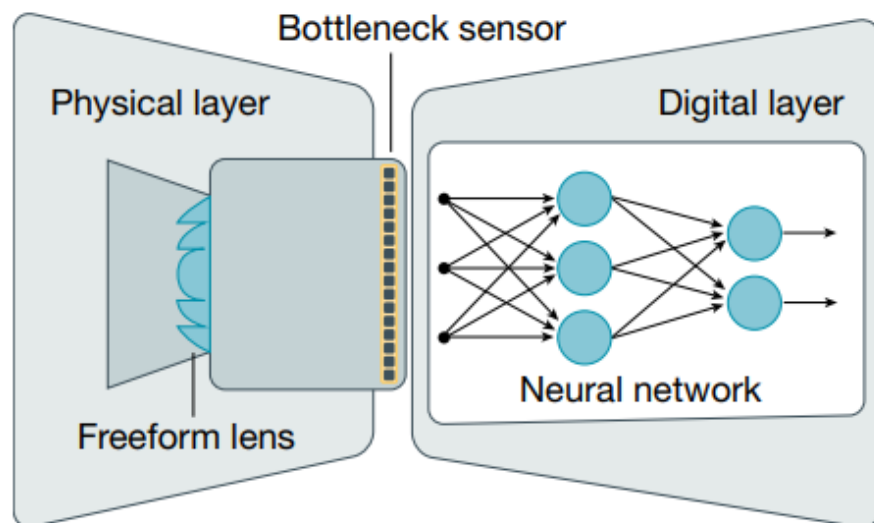
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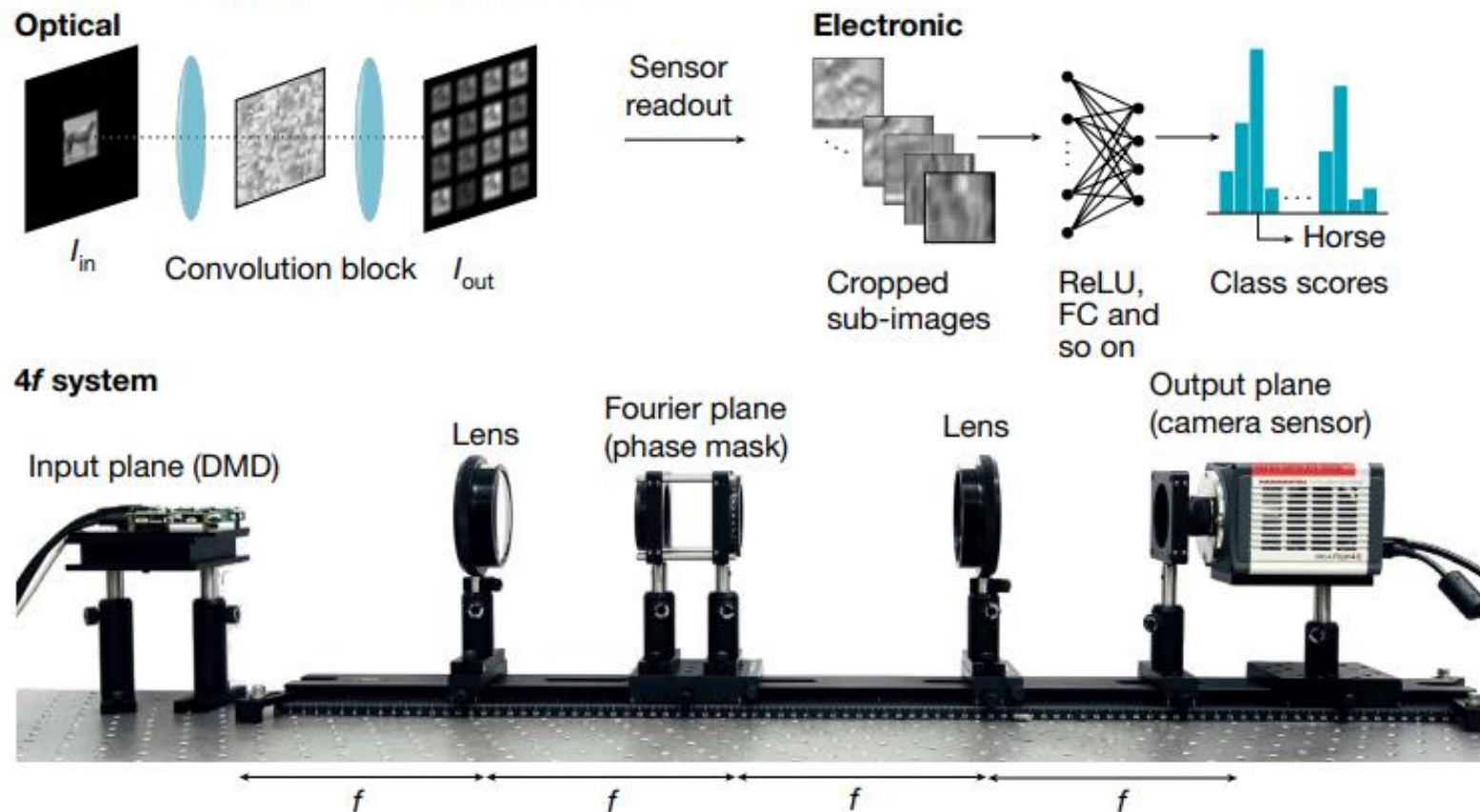


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Schematic of a hybrid optoelectronic CNN





Optical devices

Nanophotonics and nano-devices



High Frequency Structure Simulator
HFSS-Software



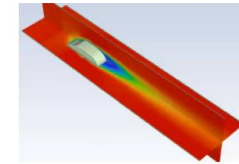
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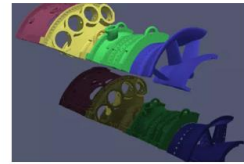
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Skills

- Operation System: MS Windows, Linux OS, MAC OS
- Software: MS Office, MATLAB, Git, Unity
- Tool Language: Python, Swift, PHP, C/C++/C#, LaTeX (Overleaf)



Community Services:

- Student Member in ACM/IEEE/Optica/SPIE/Women in Engineering
- Reviewer in ICCV, IEEE MWCL, Wiley MOTL, OE

Hobbies

Marathon, skiing, photography, hiking, camping, astronomical observation, badminton, basketball.

Github

<https://github.com/Zhang-Wenwen>

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The Great thankful to my current/past supervisors, collaborators, and references



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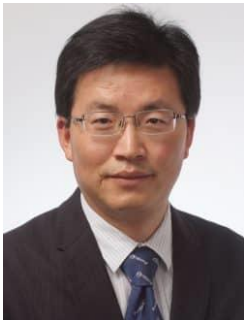
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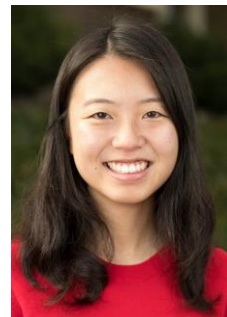
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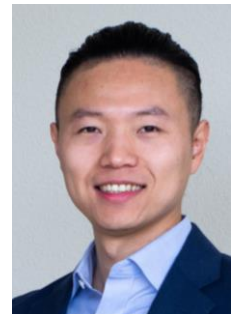
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