

# AYANGA IMESHA KALUPAHANA

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Wearable computing/sensing, application of privacy and security to energy constraint devices, wearable health sensing, wearable energy harvesting, wearable power and latency optimization

## EDUCATION

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Jan 2020-Jan 2026 Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science  
National University of Singapore  
Advisor : [Prof. Peh Li-Shiuan](#)  
CAP: 4.08/5  
2011-2016 BSc. Eng. (Hons) specialized in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering  
University of Moratuwa (UoM), Sri Lanka  
FYP Advisor: [Dr. Ajith Pasqual](#)  
CGPA: 3.57/4.2 (34<sup>th</sup> of 101)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Jan 2024 - May 2024	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant -CS4222/CS5222 Wireless Networking</b> @ School of Computing, NUS <b>Module Instructor:</b> <a href="#">Prof. Ambuj Varshney</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted tutorials and provided consultation for Final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students</li><li>Evaluated assignments and course projects of 164 enrolled students</li></ul>
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Aug 2019 - Dec 2019	<b>Graduate Research Intern</b> @ LSP Group, NUS <b>Advisors :</b> <a href="#">Prof. Peh Li-Shiuan</a> and <a href="#">Prof. Xiaokui Xiao</a> Evaluated <a href="#">Rastogi et al.s' Distributed Differential Privacy algorithm</a> 's performance and limitations on off-the-shelf smartwatches
May 2016	<b>Research Engineer</b> @ <a href="#">Synergen Technology Labs LLC, USA</a>

- July 2019	(Headquarters in Dallas, Texas, USA, Innovation center in Sri Lanka) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed a 4-layer PCB (36mmx19mm) for a spine care wearable patch with inductive wireless charging circuit</li> <li>• Developed a single IMU-based smoke detection mechanism</li> <li>• Developed an algorithm for de-noising Ambulatory ECG by fusion with accelerometer data and activity detection for Synergen's now <a href="#">FDA-approved Scio-Cardio ambulatory ECG monitor</a></li> <li>• Developed a respiration estimation algorithm for the PPG signal input taken from the infant's ankle-worn wearable in <a href="#">patented Synergen Baby monitor</a> which is available in the market as <a href="#">Hälsa Baby</a>.</li> <li>• Developed a cry detection algorithm</li> <li>• Supervised five UoM undergraduate engineering students' internships related to wearable stress monitor, smoke detection and baby monitor in 2016, 2018 and 2019</li> </ul>
Nov 2014 - March 2015	<b>Research &amp; Development Engineering Undergraduate Intern</b> @ Integrated System Development (ISD) Ltd, UK (Headquarters in London, UK, Research & Development center in Sri Lanka) Now ISD is operated as <a href="#">Verox Labs Ltd</a> <b>Mentor:</b> <a href="#">Mr. Harin De Silva</a> , Managing/Technical Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted in developing their next version of the "Heated Glass Stage Device", which is used to inject sperm into egg cells in-vitro fertilization process</li> <li>• Researched, experimented, and developed algorithms to provide even heat signature to the living cell</li> <li>• Designed a heated glass stage protection circuit</li> </ul>

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. [SeRaNDiP - Leveraging Inherent Sensor Random Noise for Differential Privacy Preservation in Wearable Community Sensing Applications](#)  
**Ayanga Kalupahana, Ananta Narayanan Balaji, Xiaokui Xiao and Li-Shiuan Peh**  
Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies 2023 (IMWUT/Ubicomp)  
Project webpage : [SeRaNDiP: Leveraging Inherent Sensor Random Noise for Differential Privacy Preservation in Wearable Community Sensing Applications](#)

## CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

1. [FPAA and FPGA Based Universal Sensor Node Design](#)  
**Ayanga Kalupahana, Nisal Hemadasa, Nipun Wijerathne, Anuranga Ranasinghe and Ajith Pasqual**  
Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Sensing Technology (ICST 2017), Sydney, Australia

## PHD THESIS

**Advisor:** [Prof. Peh Li Shiuan](#), Dept. of Computer Science, NUS

Under my Ph.D. thesis, I am studying and solving problems, gaps, and bottlenecks in implementing privacy and security algorithms for wearable devices in both community sensing and remote monitoring.

First I have proposed [SeRaNDiP](#) which is a framework that leverages low-power wearable sensors' inherent noise for varying Differential Privacy noise requirements without hardware modification. As per our knowledge, this is the first inherent noise-based Dif-

ferential Privacy-providing framework applicable to existing smartwatches and fitness trackers. It resulted in 1.4X-1.8X computation/communication speedup and 1.2X-1.5X energy savings against state-of-the-art DP implementation.

Secondly, I am exploring the potential of wireless signals to induce controllable white noise on EEG electrodes by changing wireless configuration to provide privacy for users wearing EEG headsets.

## RESEARCH COLLABORATION-WORK IN PROGRESS

I am collaborating with [Prof. Ambuj Varshney](#)'s Wireless, Embedded Intelligence, Sensing and Emerging Technologies (WEISER) group to develop low power EEG headset by leveraging tunnel diodes and off-the-shelf EEG electrodes.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

May 2024 - Aug 2024	<b>CP2107-Odyssey 2024</b> @ School of Computing, NUS I am co-mentoring two NUS computer science undergraduate students' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Munhui</li> <li>• Wen Fanyu</li> </ul> summer research projects related to EEG application development (Attention and Relaxation) focusing on both edge devices and community sensing servers with fellow PhD student, Goh Teck Lun.
June 2019 - July 2019	<b>Synergen Undergraduate Industrial Training Program 2019</b> @ <a href="#">Synergen Technology Labs LLC, USA</a> (Headquarters in Dallas, Texas, USA, Innovation center in Sri Lanka) I co-mentored two University of Moratuwa Electronics and Telecommunication undergraduates : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malitha Gunawardhana</li> <li>• Methni Weerasinghe</li> </ul> for their engineering internship projects related to baby monitor along with two newly joined junior research engineers: Rasangika Wetthasinghe and Pubudu Roopasinghe.
June 2018 - December 2018	<b>Synergen Undergraduate Industrial Training Program 2018</b> @ <a href="#">Synergen Technology Labs LLC, USA</a> (Headquarters in Dallas, Texas, USA, Innovation center in Sri Lanka) I mentored two University of Moratuwa Biomedical Engineering undergraduates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sachithra Warnakula</li> <li>• Anosha Iggi</li> </ul> for their engineering internship projects related to wearable stress monitoring.
June 2016 - December 2016	<b>Synergen Undergraduate Industrial Training Program 2016</b> @ <a href="#">Synergen Technology Labs LLC, USA</a> (Headquarters in Dallas, Texas, USA, Innovation center in Sri Lanka) I mentored one University of Moratuwa Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering undergraduate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harshani Prasangika</li> </ul> for her engineering internship project related to wearable smoke detection.

## REVIEWER

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2023	ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems(CHI)
2023,2024	Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference (MERCon)
2022,2023,2024	ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies(IMWUT)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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2023	SOC Research Incentive Award worth SGD 2,500 (One-time award)
2023	Graduate Student Travel Grant worth SGD 4,000 (To attend Tier 1 ACM UbiComp 2023)
2020-2024	NUS Research Scholarship Award
2017	Presentation Award- 2nd Runner up (Student Category), 11th International Conference on Sensing Technology, ICST 2017, Sydney, Australia
2011	18 plus Scholarship 2010 Award For the outstanding academic performance of G.C.E. Advanced Level 2010

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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Proficient:	C/C++ (Embedded software development), Python, Java, Matlab, Bluetooth Low Energy
Basic Knowledge:	Differential Privacy, Verilog, Altium, Solid Works, Eagle, R language
Development Boards:	Raspberry Pi, Beaglebone, Odroid, Pynq FPGA, ESP-32, Spartan 3E FPGA, AN231E04 FPAA etc.
Sensors:	PPG, ECG, Temperature, Accelerometer, Barometer sensors, GSR and micro-phones

## REFERENCES

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1. Dr. Li-Shiuan Peh  
Provost's chair professor, School of Computing, National University of Singapore.
2. Dr. Ajith Pasqual  
Senior Lecturer, Department of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineering,  
University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka