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Education

University of Minnesota <i>Minneapolis, MN, US</i>	Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering	Oct. 2020
➤ Best Dissertation Award: 3D Printing Multifunctional Optoelectronic and Microfluidic Devices		
University of Cincinnati <i>Cincinnati, OH, US</i>	M.S. in Mechanical Engineering	July 2015
Huazhong University of Sci. and Tech. <i>Wuhan, Hubei, China</i>	B.S. in Mechanical Engineering	July 2013

Research

Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>Professor Wojciech Matusik</i>	Postdoctoral Researcher Computational Design & Fabrication	2021 – Present
➤ Applied computational design and optimization methods to camera systems, including lens and image sensors, which were embodied by 3D printing. This was the first end-to-end pipeline that reduced aberration and increased field-of-view of imaging systems via the incorporation of hardware feedback.		
University of Minnesota <i>Professor Michael C. McAlpine</i>	Graduate & Postdoctoral Researcher 3D Printing Functional Devices	2015 – 2021
➤ First demonstrated the methodology of fabricating OLED displays entirely on 3D printers via novel organic-inorganic junction design and printing modalities. The multi-modal printing approach improved pixel brightness and created individually addressable pixel arrays.		
➤ Investigated the yield-stress behavior of viscoelastic inks which was leveraged to print self-supporting microfluidic structures. Created the methodologies of printing functional components, including mixers, valves, and pumps. Demonstrated the first microfluidic networks that were printed on micro sensors and curvilinear surfaces.		
➤ Investigated the methodologies of 3D printing organic and inorganic optoelectronic devices. Demonstrated the first fully 3D printed polymer photodetectors with a commercial-level quantum efficiency of 25.3%. First incorporated silicon nanocrystals as the bandgap emission material for 3D printed red-IR LEDs.		
University of Cincinnati <i>Professor Mark J. Schulz</i>	Graduate Researcher Nanoscience & Technology	2013 – 2015
➤ Investigated the synthesis of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) via floating catalyst chemical vapor deposition (CVD), for which the precursor composition and convective flow were discovered to largely affect the electrical and mechanical properties of CNT products.		
Huazhong University of Sci. and Tech. <i>Professor Bao Song</i>	Undergraduate Researcher Numerical Control	2012
➤ Assisted in making a position control board for the Numerical Control Field Bus. Programmed the position control board utilizing the Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) language.		

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- **R. Su**, G. Haghighashtiani, M. C. McAlpine, Advances in Materials, Integration, and Functionalities of 3D Printed Microfluidics, *Lab on a Chip* (2022) [Review in preparation]

- X. Ouyang, **R. Su**, G. Han, D. W. H. Ng, D. R. Pearson, M. C. McAlpine, 3D Printed Skin-Interfaced UV-Visible Photodetectors, *Advanced Science*, (2022) [Under revision]
- **R. Su**, S. H. Park, X. Ouyang, S. I. Ahn, M. C. McAlpine, 3D Printed Flexible Organic Light-Emitting Diode Displays, *Science Advances* **8**, eabl8798 (2022)
 - Highlighted: *Nature* (2022). DOI: 10.1038/d41586-022-00043-4
- **R. Su**, J. Wen, Q. Su, M. S. Wiederoder, S. J. Koester, J. R. Uzarski, M. C. McAlpine, 3D Printed Self-Supporting Elastomeric Structures for Multifunctional Microfluidics, *Science Advances* **6**, eabc9846 (2020)
- S. H. Park* (co-first), **R. Su*** (co-first), J. Jeong, S.-Z. Guo, K. Qiu, D. Joung, F. Meng, M. C. McAlpine, 3D Printed Polymer Photodetectors. *Advanced Materials* **30**, 1803980 (2018)
 - Highlighted: *Nature* (2018). DOI: 10.1038/d41586-018-06193-8
- K. Qiu, Z. Zhao, G. Haghighashtiani, S.-Z. Guo, M. He, **R. Su**, Z. Zhu, D. Bhuiyan, P. Murugan, F. Meng, S. H. Park, C.-C. Chu, B. M. Ogle, D. A. Saltzman, B. R. Konety, R. M. Sweet, M. C. McAlpine, 3D Printed Organ Models with Physical Properties of Tissue and Integrated Sensors. *Advanced Materials Technologies* **3**, 1700235 (2017)
- G. Hou, D. Chauhan, V. Ng, C. Xu, Z. Yin, M. Paine, **R. Su**, V. Shanov, D. Mast, M. Schulz, Y. Liu, Gas Phase Pyrolysis Synthesis of Carbon Nanotubes at High Temperature. *Materials and Design* **132**, 112-118 (2017)
- G. Hou, **R. Su**, A. Wang, V. Ng, W. Li, Y. Song, L. Zhang, M. Sundaram, V. Shanov, D. Mast, D. Lashmore, M. Mark, Y. Liu, The effect of a convection vortex on sock formation in the floating catalyst method for carbon nanotube synthesis. *Carbon* **102**, 513–519, (2016)

Book Chapter

- **R. Su**, S. H. Park, Z. Li, M. C. McAlpine, “3D Printed Electronic Materials and Devices,” in *Robotic Systems and Autonomous Platforms: Advances in Materials and Manufacturing*. Eds: S. M. Walsh, M. S. Strano. CH 13 (Woodhead, Cambridge, 2019)

Conference Proceeding

- J. R. Uzarski, M. S. Wiederoder, C. Luckhardt, R. Paffenroth, **R. Su**, M. C. McAlpine, Novel data science driven chemical and biological agent sensors: towards better discrimination in complex environments, *18th International Meeting on Chemical Sensors*, Montreal, Canada (2020)

Patents

- M. C. McAlpine, **R. Su**, S. H. Park, “Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED) Display and Methods of Fabrication Using a Multimodal Three-Dimensional (3D) Printing Technique,” US Provisional Patent Application 63/247,358.
- M. C. McAlpine, **R. Su**, S. J. Koester, J. R. Uzarski, “Additively Manufactured Self-Supporting Microfluidics,” U.S. Patent Application 16/951,794. International Patent Application PCT/US2020/061072.
- E. Crist, D. K. Wood, **R. Su**, M. C. McAlpine, “Three-Dimensional Microfluidic Metastasis Array,” U.S. Provisional Patent Application 63/201,276.

Presentations

Talks

- “3D Printed Flexible Organic Light Emitting Diode Displays” Dec. 2021
Presentation in Materials Research Society (Boston, MA)
- “3D Printed Microfluidics with Applications in Drug Screening and Oncology Research” Sep. 2021
Invited talk on the “6th Annual 3D Tissue Models Summit” (Boston, MA)
- “3D Printed Self-Supporting Elastomeric Microfluidics with Yield-Stress Polymers” May 2021
Invited seminar presentation at Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (Online)
- “3D Printed Self-Supporting Elastomeric Structures for Multifunctional Microfluidics” Nov. 2020

- Presentation in Materials Research Society (Online)*
- “3D Printed Polymer Photodetector” Nov. 2018
- Presentation in Materials Research Society (Boston, MA)*

Posters

- “3D Printed LED and Photodetectors” July 2019
- Poster on Purdue Mi-Bio Summit on Flexible and Stretchable Bioelectronics (West Lafayette, IN)*
- “3D Printed Silicon Nanocrystal LED” Mar. 2017
- Poster on NSF MnDRIVE Symposium (Minneapolis, MN)*

Awards

- Best Dissertation Award** Apr. 2021
- Department of Mechanical Engineering of UMN
- MRS Best Presentation Award** Dec. 2020
- Material Research Society, Additive Manufacturing Symposium
- MRS Graduate Student Silver Award** Nov. 2018
- Material Research Society (<https://www.mrs.org/gsa-past>)
- Outstanding Research Award** July 2015
- Nanoworld Lab at the University of Cincinnati
- National Encouragement Scholarship** Oct. 2010
- Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- Excellent Freshman Study Scholarship** Apr. 2010
- Mechanical School of HUST

Academic Services

- **Journal editorial boards:** *Micromachines* (Topic Editor, since 2021)
- **Journal reviewer:** *Nature Communications*, *MRS Advances*, *Journal of Materials Chemistry C*, *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, *npj Flexible Electronics*, *PLOS ONE*

Teaching & Leadership

- **Mentorship:** 2017 Summer NSF MRSEC undergrad researcher: Nicholas Fuhr
- **Guest lecturer:** Introduction to Nanoscience (2021 Fall, Virginia Commonwealth University), Biofabrication (2021 Spring, University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Introduction to Nanotechnology (2019 Fall, University of Minnesota)
- **Teaching assistant:** Vibration Engineering (University of Minnesota), Kinematics and Kinetics of Machines, Structural Mechanics, Engineering Economics (University of Cincinnati)
- **Lab safety officer** of the McAlpine Research Lab at University of Minnesota (2017 – 2020)
- **Secretary** of ME Grad Student Council, University of Minnesota (2017 – 2019)
- **Volunteer supervisor** of environmental protection nonprofit – Great River Greening (2017)

Press Report

- “Print job completed: a bendable image display,” *Nature Research Highlight*, Jan. 2022
- “How microfluidics can automate drug discovery and development,” *Drug Target Review*, May 2021
- “3D printing microfluidic channels for medical testing,” *National Academy of Engineering Frontier of Engineering*, Jan. 2021
- “Eyes, wasps and asteroid dust — August’s best science images,” *Nature News*, Sep. 2018
- “12 innovations that will revolutionize the future of medicine,” *National Geographic*, Dec. 2018