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RESEARCH INTERESTS	I am interested in developing novel, privacy-aware sensing hardware co-designed with lightweight ML to solve the challenges of continuous health and activity inferencing. More broadly, my interests lie in HCI, mobile/ubiquitous sensing systems, and privacy.	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI	Sep 2019 - Present
	Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering	
	Advisor: Alanson Sample	
	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI	Aug 2020
FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS	M.S.E., Computer Science and Engineering	
	Harvard College , Cambridge, MA	May 2014
	S.B., Engineering Sciences:	
	Electrical Engineering & Biomedical Engineering	
FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS	<u>MobiCom Student Travel Grant, 2024</u>	
	The MobiCom Travel Grant supports student academic travel to conferences.	
	<u>AccessComputing Service Honorarium, 2024</u>	
	Along with Prof. Elaine Short at Tufts University, I developed a guide to aid faculty in supporting and mentoring neurodivergent students seeking a Ph.D. in computing.	
	<u>NextProf Nexus Future Faculty Workshop, 2024</u>	
	Sponsored by the University of Michigan, UC Berkeley, and Georgia Tech, Nexus is an effort to strengthen and diversify the next generation of academic leaders in engineering.	
	<u>Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, 2024–2025</u>	
	The Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship is an honor given to doctoral candidates with an outstanding achievement in research, as well as excellence in teaching and/or service.	
	<u>Rackham Conference Travel Grant, 2022, 2023, 2024</u>	
	The Rackham Travel Grant supports student academic travel to conferences.	
	<u>CHI 2023 Best Paper Award – SAWSense</u>	
	The ACM CHI Best Paper Awards honor exceptional papers published at the CHI conference. Best Paper Awards represent the top 1% of papers.	
	<u>Meta PhD Research Fellowship, 2022–2024</u>	
	The Meta Research PhD Fellowship encourages and supports promising doctoral students engaged in innovative and relevant research related to computer science.	
	<u>University of Michigan e-HAIL Summer Research Support, 2022</u>	
	e-HAIL is a joint Michigan Medicine and College of Engineering initiative that aims to make U-M a premier hub for research that innovates in health through AI.	
	<u>CHI 2021 Best Paper Honorable Mention Award – PrivacyMic</u>	
	The ACM CHI Best Paper Awards honor exceptional papers published at the CHI conference. Honorable Mention Awards represent the top 5% of papers.	
	<u>2020 UM CSE Graduate Student Honors Competition – First Place</u>	
	Finalists are selected from five research areas (Systems, AI, Theory, Human-Centered Computing, Computer Engineering). I represented Human-Centered Computing.	
	<u>CHI 2019 Best Paper Honorable Mention Award – Interferi</u>	
	The ACM CHI Best Paper Awards honor exceptional papers published at the CHI conference. Honorable Mention Awards represent the top 5% of papers.	

- PUBLICATIONS**
- 21) Yaxuan Li, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Yichen Zhu, Hyunmin Park, Alanson P. Sample. HandSAW: Wearable Hand-based Event Recognition via On-Body Surface Acoustic Waves. *In Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT)*, 2025 [Link](#)
 - 20) Kunpeng Huang, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Dongyao Chen, Alanson P. Sample. MagDesk: Interactive Tabletop Workspace based on Passive Magnetic Tracking. *In Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT)*, 2024 [Link](#)
 - 19) Jike Wang, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Alanson Sample, Kang G. Shin, Xinbing Wang, Dongyao Chen. Polaris: Accurate, Vision-free Fiducials for Mobile Robots with Magnetic Constellation. *In The 30th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom '24)*, 2024 [Link](#)
 - 18) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Pardis Emami-Naeini, Alanson Sample. SoK: (Un)usable Privacy: the Lack of Overlap between Privacy-Aware Sensing and Usable Privacy Research. *In Proceedings of the 25th Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS '25)*, 2025 [Link](#)
 - 17) Yaxuan Li, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Hyunmin Park, Yiming Liu, Alanson Sample. ECG Signal Construction From Heart Sounds via Single Node, Surface Acoustic Sensing. *In The 46th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC '24)*, 2024 [Link](#)
 - 16) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Thomas Krolkowski, William Wang, Kang G. Shin, Alanson Sample. PrivacyLens: On-Device PII Removal from RGB Images using Thermally-Enhanced Sensing. *In Proceedings of the 24th Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS '24)*, 2024 [Link](#)
 - 15) Jike Wang, Shanmu Wang, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Mingke Wang, Alanson Sample, Kang G. Shin, Xinbing Wang, Chenghu Zhou, Dongyao Chen. METRO: Magnetic Road Markings for All-weather, Smart Roads. *In The 21st ACM Conference on Embedded Networked Sensor Systems (SenSys '23)*, 2023 [Link](#)
 - 14) Chen Liang, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Thomas Krolkowski, Ruijie Geng, Alanson Sample, and Anhong Guo. BrushLens: Hardware Interaction Proxies for Accessible Touchscreen Interface Actuation. *In Proceedings of the 36th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '23)*, 2023 [Link](#)
 - 13) Laura Aguilera, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Alanson Sample, Marcos Lazaro Alvarez, Bahillo Martinez Alfonso, Elba Caneon. Privacy-Preserving Automatic Collection of Acoustic Voiding Events. *In The 45th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC '23)*, 2023 [Link](#)
 - 12) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Yi Zhao, Kenrick Kin, Alanson Sample. SAWSense: Using Surface Acoustic Waves for Surface-bound Event Recognition *In Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23)*, 2023 [Link](#) **Best Paper Award (Top 1%)**
 - 11) Amani Alkayyali, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Jaylin Herskovitz, Alanson Sample. Ubi-Chromics: Enabling Ubiquitously Deployable Interactive Displays with Photochromic Paint. *In ACM Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ACM ISS)*, 2022 [Link](#)
 - 10) Mingke Wang, Qing Luo, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Xiaomeng Chen, Alanson Sample, Kang G Shin, Xiaohua Tian, Xinbing Wang, Dongyao Chen. Automatic calibration of magnetic tracking. *In The 28th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom '22)*, 2022 [Link](#)

- 9) Dongyao Chen, Mingke Wang, Chenxi He, Qing Luo, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Alanson Sample, Kang G. Shin, Xinbing Wang. MagX: Wearable, Untethered Hands Tracking with Passive Magnets. *In The 27th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom '21)*, 2021 [Link](#)
- 8) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Karan Ahuja, Mayank Goel, Chris Harrison, Alanson Sample. PrivacyMic: Utilizing Inaudible Frequencies for Privacy Preserving Daily Activity Recognition. *In Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21)*, 2021 [Link](#) **Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**
- 7) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Mayank Goel, Chris Harrison. Digital Ventriloquism: Giving Voice to Everyday Objects. *In Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '20)*, 2020 [Link](#)
- 6) Yang Zhang, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Haojian Jin, Swarun Kumar, and Chris Harrison. 2019. Sozu: Self-Powered Radio Tags for Building-Scale Activity Sensing. *In Proceedings of the 32nd Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '19)*, 2019 [Link](#)
- 5) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Yang Zhang, Evi Bernitsas, Mayank Goel, Chris Harrison. Interferi: Gesture Sensing using On-Body Acoustic Interferometry. *In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19)*, 2019 [Link](#) **Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**
- 4) **Yasha Iravantchi**, Mayank Goel, Chris Harrison. BeamBand: Hand Gesture Sensing with Ultrasonic Beamforming. *In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19)*, 2019 [Link](#)
- 3) Sunyoung Kim, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Krzysztof Z. Gajos. SwellFit: Developing a Wearable Sensor for Monitoring Peripheral Edema. *In Proceedings of the 52nd Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-52)*, 2019 [Link](#)
- 2) Sunyoung Kim, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Krzysztof Z. Gajos, Barbara Grosz. SwellFit: a Wearable Sensor for Patients with Congestive Heart Failure. *In Proceedings of the Workshop on Interactive Systems in Healthcare (WISH) 2016*, 2016. [Link](#)
- 1) Sunyoung Kim, **Yasha Iravantchi**, Krzysztof Z. Gajos, Barbara Grosz. Exploring Opportunities for Social Infrastructure in Congestive Heart Failure Management. *In Proceedings of the CSCW 2015 workshop on Moving Beyond e-Health and the Quantified Self*, 2015 [Link](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

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|---|---------------------|
| PhD Research Intern - Nimble XR Team | Sep 2021 - Jan 2022 |
| Meta Reality Labs, Redmond, WA | |
| Mentor: Eve (Yi) Zhao | |
| Design Specialist in Electrical Engineering | Jun 2014 - Jun 2017 |
| Active Learning Labs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA | |
| Product Design and Engineering Intern | Summers 2009-2013 |
| Design Catapult, Inc., Fountain Valley, CA | |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor:**
Yasha Iravantchi, Alanson Sample. T4Train: Rapid Prototyping of ML-Driven Interactive Applications. *A Course in the 2024 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24)*, 2024 [Link](#)
- Teaching Fellow (a.k.a. Teaching Assistant):**
 [Harvard] ES155: Biological Signal Processing (Spring 2016, Fall 2016)
 [Harvard] ES50: Introduction to Electrical Engineering (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
 [Harvard] BE110: Physiological Systems Analysis (Fall 2013)
- Course Assistant:**
 [Michigan] EECS598: Engineering Interactive Systems (Winters 2020-2023)

[Harvard] ES52: The Joy of Electronics - Part I (Fall/Spring 2014-2017)
 [Harvard] ES96: Engineering Problem Solving and Design (Fall/Spring 2014-2017)
 [Harvard] ES100: Engineering Design Projects (Fall/Spring 2014-2017)
 [Harvard] ES151: Applied Electromagnetism (Spring 2016)

REFERENCES

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SCHOLARLY SERVICE & OUTREACH

Paper Reviewer:

CHI 2019-2024, *UIST* 2019-2024, *IMWUT* 2020-2024
DIS 2020, *MobileHCI* 2021, *ISS* 2022, *SIGGRAPH* 2024, *IJHCS* 2024, *TEI* 2024

Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews:

IMWUT 2020, *UIST* 2023, *IMWUT* 2023, 2×*CHI* 2024, 2×*UIST* 2024

Student Volunteer:

ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing, April 2018
 ACM CHI Conference Building Devices Committee, Oct 2021 & Oct 2022

President and Founding Member, **KIND**

2024 - Present

Knowledge, Inclusion, + NeuroDiverse (KIND) is a UM College of Engineering organization with the express goal of supporting neurodiverse graduate students in engineering through coordination of stakeholder university entities (e.g., CAPS, Student Disability Office), community building, and securing an assistive technologies library.

Member at Large, [AccessSIGCHI](#)

2023 - Present

Web Chair, [AccessSIGCHI](#)

2024 - Present

[AccessSIGCHI](#) advocates for disability visibility in conference organizing within [SIGCHI](#), focusing on making conferences and the publication process more accessible to the point where accessibility is the default in conference organization and disabled researchers can participate in all [SIGCHI](#) activities comfortably.

Member at Large, [AccessComputing](#)

2024 - Present

Student Coordinator, [MISC](#)

2024 - Present

Mentor & Judge, [MHacks](#)

2023, 2024

LANGUAGES SKILLS

Human: Persian (Heritage), English (Native), Spanish (Proficient)

Computer: Python, \LaTeX , C/C++, MatLab, Java, HTML, PHP, JavaScript

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