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## Education

- 08/2012 – 08/2018 Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering – GPA 3.87/4  
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** – West Lafayette, IN, USA  
• Advisor: Prof. Babak Ziaie
- 08/2008 – 07/2012 Bachelor of Science in Microelectronics – GPA 91.9/100  
**TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY** – Beijing, China

## Work and Research Experience

### Sensor System Engineer

*Zoex*

01/2022 – present

#### Perception Sensor Architecture

- Develop top-down sub-system technical requirements for sensors and compute platform
- Sensor coverage simulation and analysis
- Lidar module modeling

### Sensor Design & Integration Engineer

*Apple*

10/2018 – 01/2022

#### iPhone Touch & Force Sensor Technologies

- Development of sensing solutions from conception through product release (iPhone 12 portfolio).
- Propose/design/build/measure prototype sensing solutions that demonstrate architecture feasibility.
- Develop architecture (AFE to DSP) modeling, optimization, and validation frameworks (MATLAB, Python, C).
- Define calibration, test, and reliability methodology/requirements across the supply chain.
- Cross-disciplinary experience in ASIC/firmware/algorithm/mechanical/system integration
- Design schematics and provide layout constraints for PCBs/FPCs.
- Analyze engineering build data (JMP) and assess process capability.
- Perform failure mode analysis, root-cause diagnosis, and technical problem-solving.
- Manage external partners and suppliers, including providing engineering guidance on failure analysis and corrective actions.
- Author hardware specifications, engineering build documentation and executive communications.

### Graduate Research Assistant

*Ziaie Biomedical Microdevices Laboratory, Purdue University*

09/2014 – 07/2018

#### Autonomous diaper-embedded photometric sensing platform with on-board urine-activated battery for urinary tract disease screening (*Ph.D. Dissertation*)



This platform is a thin and conformal add-on into a diaper, which autonomously wakes upon a urination event, analyzes the urine and sends results wirelessly (via BLE) to a mobile phone.

- System architecture and fabrication design: laser patterning polymeric films and metallic sheets with CorelDRAW layout; integration of off-the-shelf electronics with polymeric substrate and paper-based battery; device passivation and packaging
- Design and characterization of urine-activated battery: deviation from Nernst equilibrium; activation time; discharging capacity; geometry optimization
- Sensor calibration: light absorption in porous medium in various hydrated states; noise analysis
- Fluid transport control: capillary/microfluidic flow study in confined porous matrix
- Multi-sensor signal-multiplexing interface circuit design (Multisim simulation)
- Commercialization activities: product demo; manufacturing cost estimate



01/2017 – 02/2018

#### Flexible electrochemical nitrate sensor by Roll-to-Roll fabrication for precision agriculture



- Developed test fixtures for characterizing 16 sensors simultaneously, test automation process using multifunction DAQ (NI USB 6211), and EM noise prevention
- Designed 3D-printed prototyping mold for controlled coating of ion-selective membrane
- Analysis of nitrate sensor potential variations and drifts
- Investigation of biodegradable substrates and membrane materials for large-scale fabrication

01/2014 – 05/2017



### **Magnetically-activated capsule for gastrointestinal tract location-specific drug release**

- Design (Solidworks) and laser machining/3D-printing fabrication of a  $\varnothing 9\text{mm} \times 26\text{mm}$  capsule with a magnetic-activated-fusible latch (low melting point thread)
- Characterization of 3D magnetic actuation range, and data fitting/visualization using MATLAB
- Study on supercapacitor discharging ( $C$ ,  $U$ ) to heat NiCr wire ( $T_{MAX}$ )
- Integrated wireless charging capability
- In-vitro study on the performance and reliability of the capsule

11/2015 – 03/2016



### **Modular customizable 3D-printed Zn-air batteries**

- Electroplating of Zn on 3D-printed conductive PLA (polylactic acid)
- Solidworks model design and rapid prototyping with dual-extrusion 3D printer
- Hand-on experience in assembly of extrusion 3D printer and filament maker (Filastruder)

03/2013 – 10/2014

### **Stretchable/Flexible interconnect and strain sensor for wearable applications**

- Fabrication process innovation involving material science/engineering on elastomers and conductive/soluble polymers.
- Conducted electrical characterization of the strain sensors.
- Mechanical reliability characterization of stretchable interconnect.
- Developed MATLAB code for test automation using Agilent 4396B net analyzer

04/2016 – 07/2018

### **Research group website management – <https://engineering.purdue.edu/ZBML/>**

- Modernized website style using open-source Bootstrap template.
- Created MySQL database for managing publication records and project information
- Created interactive visualization (keyword cloud) of highlighted research topics using JS/PHP

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Department of Mathematics, Purdue University*

08/2016 – 12/2016

Prepared online (Lon-capa) homework and solutions for course (MATH373 Financial Mathematics) using HTML/Perl/LaTeX.

### **Undergraduate Thesis**

*M. AI. N (MEMS, Advanced Integration, Nanotechnology) Group, Tsinghua University*

03/2012 – 06/2012

### **Thermal stress analysis on through-silicon-vias (TSVs) with liners of different materials**

Created FEA models in ANSYS to simulate thermal stress mitigation by the liners made of different materials ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , BCB, air, etc.) between copper via and silicon wafer.

### **Skills**

#### **Programming**

MATLAB, Python, C/C++, HTML/JS/PHP/MySQL

#### **Simulation**

SPICE, Multisim, ANSYS

#### **Graphic design**

Solidworks, CorelDRAW, Adobe Illustrator/Photoshop (for 3D model drawings, laser machining patterns, flexible PCB layouts and technical illustrations in project designs, reports, publications, patents and research proposals)

#### **Data analysis**

JMP, Origin, SAS (statistical analysis and visualization)

#### **Rapid prototyping**

Laser Machining, SLA and Extrusion 3D printing, Soft Lithography, PCB Design and Etching

#### **Others**

Electrical measurements (multimeter, oscilloscope, LCR meter, network analyzer, Multifunction I/O DAQ), UV-Vis Spectroscopy, Electrochemistry, iWork/MS Office

### **Scholarship & Awards**

2009 – 2011

Academic Merit Scholarship / Zheng Geru Scholarship, Tsinghua University

2010

Li & Fung scholarship, (for exchange study at the University of Hong Kong)

2009

First prize of Beijing University Student Physics Competition, Non-physical Group A

2007

First prize of China Physics Olympiad (CPHO) for high school students, Jiangxi Province

### **Publications – 8 journal publications, 11 conference publications & 2 patents**

#### Journal

- H. Jiang, M. Ochoa, R. Rahimi, W. Yu, et al. "Laser-treated glass platform for rapid wicking-driven transport and particle separation in bio microfluidics." *RSC Advances* 9.34 (2019): 19531-19538.

- H. Jiang, **W. Yu**, et al. "A Smart Capsule with a Hydrogel-Based pH-Triggered Release Switch for GI-Tract Site-Specific Drug Delivery." *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering* (2018).
- W. Seo, **W. Yu**, et al. "Diaper-Embedded Urinary Tract Infection Monitoring Sensor Module Powered by Urine-Activated Batteries." *IEEE transactions on biomedical circuits and systems* 11.3 (2017): 681-691.
- R. Rahimi, **W. Yu**, et al. "Directly embroidered microtubes for fluid transport in wearable applications." *Lab on a Chip* 17.9 (2017): 1585-1593.
- **W. Yu**, et al. "A Smart Capsule With GI-Tract-Location-Specific Payload Release." *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering* 62.9 (2015): 2289-2295.
- R. Rahimi, M. Ochoa, **W. Yu**, et al. "Highly stretchable and sensitive unidirectional strain sensor via laser carbonization." *ACS applied materials & interfaces* 7.8 (2015): 4463-4470.
- R. Rahimi, M. Ochoa, **W. Yu**, et al. "A sewing-enabled stitch-and-transfer method for robust, ultra-stretchable, conductive interconnects." *Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering* 24.9 (2014): 095018.
- Q. Chen, **W. Yu**, et al. "Reliability of through-silicon-vias (TSVs) with benzocyclobutene liners." *Microelectronics Reliability* 53.5 (2013): 725-732.

#### Conference

- H. Jiang, **W. Yu**, et al. "Inkjet-printed Solid-state Potentiometric Nitrate Ion Selective Electrodes for Agricultural Application." *IEEE Sensors*, 2019
- H. Jiang, **W. Yu**, et al. "A biodegradable sensor housed in 3d printed porous tube for in-situ soil nitrate detection." *Solid-State Sensors, Actuators and Microsystems Workshop*, Hilton Head, 2018.
- H. Jiang, **W. Yu**, et al. "A pH-sensitive hydrogel-based smart switch for GI-tract payload release." *Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS), 2017 IEEE 30th International Conference*.
- **W. Yu**, et al. "Modular customizable 3d-printed batteries for wearable applications", *The 20th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences(MicroTAS), 2016*.
- **W. Yu**, et al. "A diaper-embedded disposable nitrite sensor with integrated on-board urine-activated battery for UTI screening." *Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 2016 IEEE 38th Annual International Conference*.
- W. Seo, **W. Yu**, et al. "Diaper-embedded urinary tract infection monitoring system powered by a urine-powered battery." *Biomedical Circuits and Systems Conference (BioCAS), 2015 IEEE*.
- R. Rahimi, M. Ochoa, **W. Yu**, et al. "A highly stretchable pH sensor array using elastomer-embedded laser carbonized patterns." *Solid-State Sensors, Actuators and Microsystems (TRANSDUCERS), 2015 Transducers-2015 18th International Conference*.
- R. Rahimi, **W. Yu**, et al. "A low-cost fabrication technique for direct sewing stretchable interconnections for wearable electronics." *Solid-State Sensors, Actuators and Microsystems (TRANSDUCERS), 2015 Transducers-2015 18th International Conference*.
- R. Rahimi, M. Ochoa, **W. Yu**, et al. "A facile fabrication technique for stretchable interconnects and transducers via laser carbonization." *Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS), 2015 28th IEEE International Conference*.
- R. Rahimi, M. Ochoa, **W. Yu**, et al. "Flexible supercapacitor based on MnO<sub>2</sub> coated laser carbonized electrodes." *Journal of Physics: Conference Series*. Vol. 660. No. 1. IOP Publishing, 2015.
- **W. Yu**, et al. "Optical nitrite sensor and urine-activated electrochemical power source on paper through laser-assisted patterning and lamination." *Proceedings of the MicroTAS, San Antonio* (2014).

#### Patents

- B. Jung, B. Ziaie, **W. Yu**, W. Seo, "DEVICES, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGETED COMPOUNDS." WIPO Patent Application WO2017160399A1. 21 Dec. 2017. Print.
- B. Ziaie, R. Rahimi, and **W. Yu**. "Smart capsule with GI-tract-location-specific payload release." U.S. Patent Application No. 14/919,120.