Epidermal Sensor Systems for Sensing and Therapy New Modality for Wearable Electronics

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Wearable Health Monitoring Devices



Wearable Device Market

Global Market for Wearable Health and Fitness Monitoring Devices

(Source: BCC research report, 2015)



Applications of Skin-Mounted Sensors

1. Mobile Health







2. Human-Machine Interface



Challenges for Heart Rate Monitors

Inaccurate



Pulse oximetry: used in all smartwatches



Uncomfortable

ECG: gold standard for heart rate measurement





- Need to wet the strap "Works great - if you "Lick it like a Dog...""
- **Restrict chest movement** "Slips when it gets to wet."
- Caus "Chaf
 - Cause skin irritation "Chafes, doesn't work reliably."

Quotes from customer feedbacks on Amazon.com Iyriboz, Y., et. al., British Journal of Sports Medicine, **25**, 162 (1991)

When Bio Meets Electronics



Soft Curvilinear Dynamic



Skin vs. Silicon

 $E_{\rm Skin} = 130 \times 10^3 \, {\rm Pa}$



DYNAMIC DISPLACEMENT MAPS

Credit: ICTGraphicsLab @ USC

$E_{\rm Si} = 130 \times 10^9 \, \rm Pa$



Credit: Intel

Flexible Electronics



Stretchable Electronics

Stretchable Transistors



Science 321, 1468 (2008).

Conformal LED



Nature Materials **9**, 929 (2010).

Tunable Electronic



PNAS 108, 1788 (2010).

Epidermal Electronics



Science 333, 838 (2011).

Balloon Catheter



Nature Materials **10**, 316 (2011).

Heart "Sock"



Nature Comm. 5, 3329 (2014).

Strategies for Stretchable Electronics

Out-of-Plane Buckling



Nat. Nanotech. 1, 201 (2006)





PNAS 105, 18675 (2008)

In-Plane Serpentines

Island + serpentine



Nat. Comm. 4, 1543 (2008)

Filamentary serpentine



Adv. Mat. 25, 2773 (2012)

Fractal serpentine



Stretchable Structure - Serpentine

Experiment Numerical Simulation



Microfabrication of Stretchable Electronics



Compliance of Filamentary Serpentines



Stretchability & Cycleability



Multi-Functionality



Kim*, Lu*, Ma* (*equal contribution), Rogers, et al., Science 333, 838, (2011).

Apps



Mounting and Removal of Epidermal Electronics



Epidermal Electronics on A Skin Replica



Yeo, Rogers, et al, Advanced Materials 25, 2773–2778 (2013).

Why Is Conformability Important?



Jeong, et. al., Adv. Mater. 2013, 25, 6839

Conformable contact ensures

- Low interface impedance → higher signal to noise ratio
- Less relative motion → less motion artifacts
- Better heat or mass transfer



Jeong, et. al., Adv. Healthcare Mater. **2014**, 3, 642–648

Recent Development in Epidermal Electronics

Kim*, Lu*, Ma* (*equal contribution), Rogers, et al., Science 333, 838, (2011).



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19.4 19.6

Time (s) Xu *et al*, *Science* 344, 70 (2014).

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Jeong et al, Adv. Mater. 25, 6839 (2013).



Webb et al, Nat. Mater. 12, 938 (2013).



Son et al, Nat. Nanotech. 9, 397 (2014).



Dagdeviren et al, Nat. Mater. 14, 728 (2015).

Microfabrication of Stretchable Electronics



Cleanroom, time consuming, low yield, high cost, wafer-based

Cost and Time Effective "Cut-and-Paste" Method

Yang, et al, Adv. Mater. DOI: 10.1002/adma.201502386 (2015).



Subtractive, dry, desktop, portable, green & roll-to-roll compatible

Multiparametric Epidermal Sensor System



Disposable Epidermal Sensor System (ESS)



Yang, et al, Adv. Mater. DOI: 10.1002/adma.201502386 (2015).

Different Types of Substrates



Yang, et al, Adv. Mater. DOI: 10.1002/adma.201502386 (2015).

Multifunctional Epidermal Sensor System (ESS)



Yang, et al, Adv. Mater. DOI: 10.1002/adma.201502386 (2015).

Synchronous Multimodal Measurements



Chen et al, to be submitted (2016).

Exp. 1 - EMG Sensor on Muscles



Quantification of Muscle Fatigue







Exp. 2 - Soft Strain Gauges Measuring Skin Deformation



Exp. 3 - Skin Mounted Heater

Perioperative Warming



Expedited Transdermal Drug Delivery



Son et al, Nature Nanotechnology 9, 397-404 (2014).

Thermal joint therapy



Epidermal Programmable Heater



Exp. 4 - Electrotactile Stimulator



Ying, Bonifas, Lu et al., Nanotech 23, 344004 (2012).

Long-term ECG



Conventional Holter Monitor



ZioPatch



V-Patch



VitalPatch



Stretch Med Guardian Patch

The Ultimate Goal – One Patch Solution for Telemedicine

Global Telemedicine Hardware Market





"Global markets for telemedicine technologies", BCC Research 2035

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Application of Stretchable Electronics

Epidermal Electronics





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Kim, D., et al., Science, **333**, 838 (2014) **Prof. Roger at UIUC**

Charge-Trap Floating-Gate Memory and Logic Devices



- Single-walled carbon nanotube (s-SWNT)-based devices
- Consists of units, capacitors, and logic circuits

Son, D., et al., ACS Nano, 9, 5585 (2015) Prof. Dae-Hyeong Kim at Seoul National U, Korea

Near-Field Communication (NFC)





i. The device on the skin

ii. The device under compression

iii. The device under compression with the cell phone showing text readout

Kim, J., et al., Small, **11**, 906 (2015) **Prof. Roger at UIUC**

Skin Prosthesis



Kim, J., et al., Nature Communication, 5, 5747, doi:10.1038/ncomms6747, (2014) Prof. Dae-Hyeong Kim at Seoul National U, Korea

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Stretchable and Transparent Heater



- Stretching up to 60%
- Device thickness less than 500 µm

Hong, S., et al., Advanced Materials, **27**, 4744 (2015) **Prof. Seung Hwan Ko at Seoul National U, Korea**

Transcutaneous Monitoring



Jang, K., et al., Nature Communication, 5, 4779, doi:10.1038/ncomms5779, (2014) Prof. Roger at UIUC

ESS for Drug Delivery







Son, J., et al., Nature Nanotechnology, 9, 397 (2014) Prof. Dae-Hyeong Kim at Seoul National U, Korea

Triboelectric Nanogenerator



Kim, K. N., et al., ACS Nano, 9, 6394, doi: 10.1038/ncomms8647, (2015) Prof. Jeong Min Baik at UNIST, Korea

Stretchable Electroluminescent Device









Wang, J., et al., Advanced Materials, **27**, 2876 (2015) **Prof. Pooi See Lee at Nanyang Technological U, Singapore** Fabrication of Stretchable Electronics

Gold Nanobelts with Sinusoidal Structures (Change to Rogers)



Qi, D., et al., Advanced Materials, **27**, 3145 (2015) **Prof. Zhe Yu at Nanyang Technological U, Singapore**

Kirigami-Inspired Engineering



Shyum T. C., et al., Nature Materials, **14**, 785 (2015) **Prof. Shtein at U Michigan**

Mesh-Like Engineering



• Fatigue-free, superstretchable, transparent, and biocompatible metal electrodes

Guo C. F., et al., Proceeding of National Academy of Science, **112**, 12332 (2015) **Prof. Ching-Wu Chua at U Houston**

Printable Electronics





Coflex substrate





Bandodkar, A., et al., Advanced Materials, **27**, 3060 (2015) **Prof. Wang at UCSD**

Printable Silver Nanowires

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• Stretching up to 50%, 500 cycle at 20% without significant loss in electrical property

Liang, J., et al., Nature Communication, 6, 7647, doi: 10.1038/ncomms8647, (2015) Prof. Pei at UCLA

Wet Spinning Method

Step 1. Wet spinning method



Step 2. Ag precursor absorption and reduction



- Stretching up to 220%
- Only biaxial stretch



Lee, L., et al., Advanced Functional Materials, **25**, 3114 (2015) **Prof. Taeyoon Lee at Yonsei U, Korea**

NTS () based Conductive Yarn



Twisted/wrapped yarns (µm-mm)

- Stretchable Carbon Nanotube Texile
- Highly stretchable (up to 1320%)

Liu, Z. F., et al., Science **349**, 400 (2015) Ghosh, T., Science **349**, 382 (2015) **Prof. Baughman at UT Dallas**