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WIMS² News and Events

New WIMS² Member Partners

Two major, 1st tier automotive suppliers joined the Center this past year. Denso International in Japan, and Dana, Inc. in Toledo, are both leaders in their respective markets. Both major companies have joined the Center to investigate how WIMS² technology and research can help them address the vast challenges in the

automotive market. Both companies recognize the acceleration in the trend to "sensorize the transportation infrastructure."





Anonymous Alumnus Endows Award in Recognition of EECS Professors



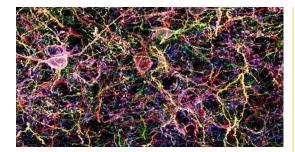


An anonymous alumnus of the MEMS/ECE program and his spouse (who also attended U-M) have generously provided a gift to endow the Wise-Najafi Prize for Engineering Excellence in the Miniature World. The donors have established this award in recognition of U-M College of Engineering Profs. Kensall D. Wise and Khalil Najafi and their pioneering

Khalil Najafi

work in the field of microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) over many decades.

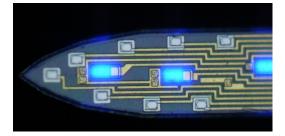
The Wise-Najafi Prize for Engineering Excellence in the Miniature World will recognize and incentivize outstanding research and scholarship related to engineering at the meso-scale, micron-scale, nano-scale and beyond. Faculty from across campus who have shown exceptional creativity in the science and engineering of miniaturization are eligible for consideration of this distinguished prize. [More]



NSF Grant for Mapping Circuits in the Brain

Tools developed by a new NSF Tech Hub aim to advance our understanding of the brain. Developers funded by the Tech Hub are coming together to demonstrate and share these new tools. "We want to put our technology into the hands of people who can really use it," said Prof. Euisik Yoon, leader of the project and professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan.

Over the last decade or so, several new tools have emerged that, together, can enable the mapping of circuits within the brain. The most recent, from U-M, is an implant that uses light to stimulate specific neurons in genetically modified mice or rats and then records the response from other neurons with electrodes.



To share these new tools, the team will bring in neuroscientists for annual workshops and then provide them with the hardware and software they need to run experiments in their own labs. For the tools that prove to be most useful, they will seek commercialization opportunities so that they remain available after the project ends.

The project is called Multimodal Integrated Neural Technologies (MINT) and has been awarded as a 5-year National Science Foundation NeuroNex Technology Hub. *[More]*

WIMS² Faculty Win Three IARPA Grants



"The Intelligence Advanced Projects Agency (IARPA)'s MAEGLIN program intends to develop an ultra-low power chemical analysis system for remote site detection and identification of explosives, chemical weapons, industrial toxins and pollutants, narcotics, and nuclear materials in the presence of significant background and interferents."

Of the nine IARPA project grants under this program, WIMS² Center faculty teams won 3 projects, more than any other research organization.



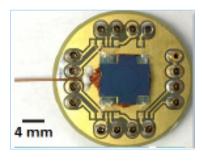
Profs. Sherman Fan and Katsuo Kurabayashi aim to develop an automated multi-channel, multi-dimensional, portable gas chromatography device. Preliminary results show that the portable GC is able to provide the peak capacity and peak capacity production (peak capacity over time) that are the same as or even better than large benchtop GC instruments. The team also invented a microfluidic photo-ionization

detector (PID) that has 20X sharper peak width than the commercial PIDs.



Prof. Yogesh Gianchandani, and assistant research scientist Yutao Qin aim to develop a sub-system for vapor collection and chromatographic separation using a novel progressive cellular architecture (PCA), comprised of a series of heterogeneous cells, which provides partial separation during vapor collection. This facilitates analyses covering a wide range of vapors in an energy efficient manner. This ap-

proach substantially reduces the need for column heating, thereby providing massive energy savings.



Prof. Ted Zellers and adjunct research scientist Joe Potkay aim to develop a two-stage micro collector injector (μ COIN) with unprecedented low-power operation and flexibility. The first stage is a passive sampler, which diffusively collects mixtures of volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds spanning a wide structure and volatility range. The second stage is a focuser-injector that accepts

the vapors (actively) transferred from the first stage. This generates a narrow injection band, which is critical for efficient separations in μ GC columns. The ultimate result is a design that reduces (>10×) the required desorption flow rate, increases flow uniformity, and minimizes energy consumption.

Becky Peterson Received 2018 Henry Russel Award

Prof. Becky Peterson, assistant professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering, has received a University of Michigan



Henry Russel Award for her extraordinary record of accomplishment in scholarly research, as well as excellent record of contributions as a teacher. This

award, established in 1925, is considered the University's highest honor for faculty at the early to mid-career stages of their career.

Prof. Peterson directs the PetersonLab, which is developing new thin film technologies and devices to enable "Electronics on Anything." One goal of her research is roll-to-roll fabricated large-area flexible e-skins, displays or detectors at low cost using environmentally-friendly methods. This work has applications in electronics cybersecurity and low-power environmental monitoring.

In addition, she is developing new alloys of oxide semiconductors for the next generation of high-power electronics and deep ultraviolet optoelectronic devices, with specific applications in renewable energy and health care. [More]

WIMS² Seminar



Jaesung Park Engineering for Extracellular Vesicle Analysis February 22, 2018

Jerome Lynch Named Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Beginning July 1, 2017, Prof. Jerome Lynch was named the Donald Malloure Department Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Lynch, who has been on the U-M faculty since 2003, is known for working at the interfaces of traditional civil engineering and other engineering disciplines, such as electrical engineering, computer science and materials science. He directs the Laboratory for Intelligent System Technologies, which works to convert traditional civil infrastructure into



more intelligent and reactive systems by integrating sensing, computing and actuation technologies.

With a distinguished academic track record crossing disciplinary boundaries, and a solid presence in the local startup community, Jerry brings new perspective into his CEE leadership role," said Alec D. Gallimore, the Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering. "I look forward to his innovative approaches to elevating the department's impact.

"I am extremely honored to have been selected to serve as chair of CEE," Lynch said. "I am excited to lead this exemplary community of scholars, especially as we continue to be global leaders providing transformative solutions to the many complex grand challenges facing our society." [More]

Khalil Najafi Completes a Decade of Leadership of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Division, 2008 to 2018

Prof. Najafi was named Chair of ECE in September 2008, just a few months after the new two-division structure was approved by the Regents. He was the right man at the right time to be the first Chair of the newly organized Electrical and Computer Engineering at Michigan. He was a man of ideas and an agent of change. He brought enormous research credibility to the position, combined with an abiding patience and an appreciation for both individuals and teams. Prof. Najafi will step down in July 2018. [More]



WIMS² Startups, An Update

The mission of the Center is to transfer technology to industry, by conducting research, graduating students, and engaging with industrial members. Perhaps one of the most successful means of engagement for the Center to accomplish its mission, is its support for startups. There have been 20 startups, that resulted from research conducted by WIMS² faculty. Below is a brief summary of the current status of several.



Co-founded in 2010 by WIMS² professor, David Wentzloff, Ambig Micro

is recognized as the pioneer and leader in ultra-low power solutions. Extremely low power semiconductors are the key to the future of electronics, and are required to create and capture value in the Internet of Everything. Along with its partners, the Austin, Texas-based company has recently introduced three new products: (1) a low power voice control subsystem for portable consumer products; (2) the power and computing for a wearable health tag; and (3) the sensor and power for a new line of lightweight fitness wearables. [More]



ePack provides electronic packages and package assembly services to stabilize and enhance the perfor-

mance of devices including timing references, inertial sensors, optical sensors and ICs. Jay Mitchell and Sangwoo Lee used the education, training, and experience from their PhD and Postdoc work under WIMS² faculty, plus the advice and support from the WIMS Industrial Program to start ePack in 2007. They licensed university IP invented by Sangwoo Lee during his Postdoc appointment under Prof. Najafi. This formed the basis of their offering to industry in the form of unique, ruggedized packaging at the wafer and discrete levels. [More]



psikick was co-founded in 2012 by WIMS² professor, David Wentzloff, who is also co-CTO. Utilizing revolutionary

ultra-low-power digital and RF circuit technologies from the Universities of Virginia and Michigan, psikick builds completely self-powered sensing systems that do not require batteries or maintenance, can be deployed nearly anywhere, and unlock new data streams that generate significant value for our customers. psikick ICs, are systems-on-chips with sensor analog front-ends, programmable processing and memory, integrated power management, programmable hardware accelerators, and RF (wireless) communication capabilities across multiple frequencies. [More]



WIMS² professors, David Blauuw, Dennis Sylvester, and David Wentzloff, (and

others) co-founded Cubeworks in 2013 to make next-generation millimeter-scale computing available today. The company's origins come from the Michigan Micro Mote (M³) initiative, a project from the University of Michigan seeking to push the frontiers of computing. The company's platform enables the first truly autonomous wireless sensing platform measuring less than a millimeter. Their tagline is "real-life smart dust". [More] [Article]

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Muhammad Faisal and Jeffrey Fedenburg founded Movellus lin 2014. The

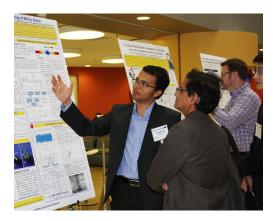
Movellus software and IP innovations enable a novel way to build analog and mixed signal components used in System on a Chip devices. The company's technology extends digital design and verification tools to automatically implement functionality that has traditionally required months-long custom analog design. Both Muhammad and Jeff got their PhD's within the framework of the WIMS² Wireless Interfaces Thrust under Prof. Wentzloff. They licensed the technology they developed in their PhD program to form the technology base for their startup. The company also won the grand prize of \$25,000 as the best emerging company at the 2014 annual Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest business plan competition. [More]



Co-founded by WIMS² Yogesh Gianchandani, and

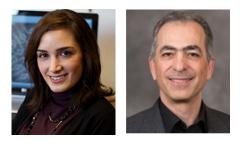
a past U-M graduate and Silicon Valley entrepreneur, Sassan Teymouri, Omniscent is a company with the revolutionary goal to democratize emissions sensing through technology. Based on the research conducted by WIMS² scientist, Yutao Qin, the Omniscent service includes sensors that can differentiate between different VOCs, and reports individual gas levels separately. It also provides the back end, which provides subscribers with tools to manage, report, and integrate sensor data in the cloud. Users can examine concentration levels of each VOC and take corrective action if needed. This dramatically reduces the cost of accurate monitoring and enabling real-time data access. [More]

Fall 2017 Research Review and IoT Workshop



The Fall 2017 Research Review and IoT Workshop in Ann Arbor was a great success. More than one hundred and twenty-five guests attended: including WIMS² industrial members, faculty, students, and alumni; regional faculty and students; MicRO Alliance members from Kyoto and Freiburg Universities; and invited guests. These events included a review of ongoing research from seven thrusts, a full day of Internet of Things-oriented research presentations, an extended poster session with awards, and a tour of Central Campus. Technical presentations and posters were provided by faculty and researchers from 8 universities: Michigan, Freiburg, Osaka, Kyoto, Wayne State, Michigan State, Western Michigan, and Iowa State. Also, last year's event included business-oriented presentations (Autonomous Vehicles, Startups, Human Performance), which were a popular complement to the technical presentations. Stay tuned for announcements of this year's events.

WIMS² Faculty Contribute to This Year's Hilton Head



The eighteenth in the series of Hilton Head Workshops on the science and technology of solid-state sensors, actuators, and microsystems will be held on June 3-7, 2018, on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. These workshops provided a forum for North, Central, and South American researchers to present

and discuss recent advances in microfabrication technologies. Prof. Mina Rais-Zadeh has been namedmTechnical Program Chair, and Prof. Khalil Najafi will give a plenary talk. *[More]*

WIMS² Professor Named General Co-chair of the 2018 IEEE Sensors Conference



IEEE Sensors Conference, is the flagship conference of the IEEE Sensors Council, an organization currently consisting of 25 IEEE member societies. This year, it will be held in New Delhi, October 28-31. Prof. Gianchandani, WIMS² Center Director, is general co-chair of the conference. *[More]*

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