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Professional Experience

08/2017 – Assistant Professor of Medical Engineering
Division of Engineering and Applied Science
California Institute of Technology Pasadena, CA, USA

01/2021 – Investigator, Heritage Medical Research Institute

Education

07/2014 – 06/2017 Postdoctoral Fellow in Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences
University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA, USA
Advisor: Professor Ali Javey

09/2009 – 06/2014 Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering
University of California, San Diego La Jolla, CA, USA
Advisor: Professor Joseph Wang

09/2007 – 07/2009 M.S. in Precision Instrument
Tsinghua University Beijing, China

09/2003 – 07/2007 B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
Huazhong University of Science & Technology Wuhan, Hubei, China

Research Interests

Wearable Devices, Biosensors, Micro/Nanorobotics, Flexible Electronics, Micro/Nanomachines, Nanomotors, Nanomaterials, Nanomedicine, BioMEMS, Electrochemistry.

Awards & Honors

2021 Heritage Medical Research Institute (HMRI) Investigator
2021 Pittsburgh Conference Achievement Award
2021 US Frontiers of Engineering Symposium (USFOE), National Academy of Engineering
2021 Office of Naval Research (ONR) Young Investigator Award
2021 3M Non-Tenured Faculty Award
2021 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2021 Associate Editor of Science Advances
2020 Biocom Life Science Catalyst Award
2020 Highly Cited Researcher 2020 (Web of Science by Clarivate Analytics)
2020 IEEE Senior Member
2020 Young Scientist Award by Nature Research Journal - Microsystems & Nanoengineering
2020 IEEE EMBS Early Career Achievement Award
2020 Chemical Society Review Emerging Investigator
2020 World Economic Forum Young Scientist (Class 2020)
2020 Inaugural ACS Nano Rising Star Lecture (in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology)
2019 Amgen Chem-Bio-Engineering Award
2019 AHA Transformational Project Award (TPA)
2019 IEEE Sensors Council Technical Achievement Award (Early Career)
2019 Member of Global Young Academy (Class of 2019)
2018 McKenna Family Innovation Award
2018 Interstellar Initiative by the New York Academy of Sciences
2018 Sensors Young Investigator Award
2017 ACS Nano Junior Fellow
2016 R&D 100 Award, Finalist

- 2016 MIT Technology Review Top 35 Innovators Under 35 (TR35, Global List)
- 2015 ACS Young Investigator Award (Division of Inorganic Chemistry)
- 2015 IUPAC-SOLVAY International Award for Young Chemists (Honorable Mention Award)
- 2014 MRS Graduate Student Award
- 2013 AIChE Bionanotechnology Graduate Student Award (1st place)
- 2013 Distinguished Young Scholars Summer Seminar (Speaker), University of Washington
- 2013 MRS Graduate Student Award
- 2013 Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Students Abroad
- 2012 HHMI International Student Research Fellowship (2012-2014)
- 2009 Jacobs Fellowship, University of California, San Diego (2009-2010)

Professional Activities

- Associate Editor of *Science Advances* (one of the five sister journals for *Science Magazine*).
- Associate Editor of *Sensors & Diagnostics* (RSC).
- Member of Journal Editorial/Advisory Board of *Science Advances* (AAAS), *Microchimica Acta* (Springer Nature), *Advanced Intelligent Systems* (Wiley), *Analysis & Sensing* (Wiley), *IEEE Journal on Flexible Electronics* (IEEE), *Micromachines* (MDPI), and *Sensors* (MDPI).
- Member of AAAS, ACS, AHA, AIChE, BMES, ECS, GYA, IEEE, MRS, and SPIE.
- Invited Guest Editor for *Talanta*, Special Issue on Wearable Sensors, 2020.
- Invited Guest Editor for *Journal of Semiconductors*, Special Issue on Flexible Materials and Structures, 2020.
- Invited Guest Editor for *iScience* (Cell Press), Special Issue on Wearable Electronics, 2021.
- Invited Guest Editor for *Advanced Healthcare Materials*, Special Issue on Wearable/Implantable Devices, 2021.
- Invited Guest Editor for *Biosensors and Bioelectronics*, Special Issue on Wearable Biosensors, 2021.
- Invited Guest Editor for *Applied Physical Reviews*, Special Issue on Flexible and Smart Electronics, 2021.
- Conference Organizer/Session or Track Chair: ECS PRiME 2020 (Wearable Biosensors and POCT); IEEE NEMS 2020 (Wearable Multifunctional Micro/Nanosystems); BMES 2020 (Wearable Sensors and Devices); 2021 IEEE Metronind 4.0 & IoT (Wearable Sensor Special Session); IEEE FLEPS 2021 (Bio- and Wearable Electronics); 2021 1st Workshop of Next Generation of Sensors (Springer Nature); ACS-Western Regional Meeting (WRM-2022) 'Chemical Sensors' Symposium.
- Panelist for NSF (ECCS, Biosensing), DOD (CDMRP), NASA (HERO), and NIH.
- Proposal Reviewer for NIH, NSF, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), European Research Council (ERC), Ontario Research Fund, AAAS/MTI, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, A*STAR, NWO Domain Applied and Engineering Sciences, etc.
- Independent Reviewer of over 100 International Journals, including: *Nature*, *Science*, *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Biomedical Engineering*, *Nature Electronics*, *Nature Materials*, *Nature Nanotechnology*, *Nature Review Materials*, *Nature Communications*, *Science Robotics*, *Science Translational Medicine*, *Science Advances*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Joule*, *Neuron*, *Matter*, *Light: Science & Applications*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Angewandte Chemie*, *Chemical Reviews*, *Accounts of Chemical Research*, *Nano Letters*, *ACS Nano*, *Advanced Materials*, *Advanced Functional Materials*, *Advanced Energy Materials*, *Advanced Healthcare Materials*, *Advanced Optical Materials*, *Advanced Materials Interfaces*, *Advanced Science*, *Advanced Biosystems*, *Advanced Intelligent System*, *MRS Bulletin*, *Trends in Chemistry*, *Research*, *Trends in Analytical Chemistry*, *Microsystems & Nanoengineering*, *Energy & Environmental Science*, *Nano Today*, *Nano Energy*, *Nano Research*, *Small*, *Small Methods*, *Chemistry - A European Journal*, *Chemistry - An Asian Journal*, *npj Digital Medicine*, *npj Flexible Electronics*, *Communication Materials*, *PLOS One*, *Scientific Reports*, *iScience*, *Heliyon*, *Analytical Chemistry*, *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, *ACS Materials Letters*, *ACS Sensors*, *Langmuir*, *ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering*, *Chemical Science*, *ChemSusChem*, *ChemCatChem*, *ChemElectroChem*, *The Chemical Record*, *Chemical Communications*, *Nanoscale*, *Journal of Materials Chemistry A, B, C*, *Lab on a Chip*, *Soft Matter*, *Analyst*, *RSC Advances*, *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, *New Journal of Chemistry*, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*, *Nano-Micro Letters*, *Biosensors and Bioelectronics*, *Electrochimica Acta*, *Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical*, *Talanta*, *Electroanalysis*, *ChemistrySelect*, *International Journal of Pharmaceutics*, *Materials Science & Engineering C*, *Materials Science & Engineering - R: Reports*, *Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids*, *Applied Physics Letters*, *Journal of Applied Physics*, *AIP Advances*, *Applied Materials Today*, *Microchimica Acta*, *Microchemical Journal*, *Sensors*, *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, *IEEE Sensors*,

IEEE Sensors Letters, IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, IEEE Transactions on NanoBioscience, Journal of Fluids and Structures, IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering, IEEE Journal of Translational Engineering in Health & Medicine, The Journal of The Electrochemical Society, ECS Journal of Solid State Science and Technology, Review of Scientific Instruments, etc.

Teaching

MedE 201a. Principles and Design of Medical Devices. Taught in Winter 2018-2021.
MedE 201b. Principles and Design of Medical Devices. Taught in Spring 2018-2020.
MedE 202. Sensors in Medicine. Taught in Winter 2019-2021.
MedE 100 abc. Medical Engineering Seminar. From Fall 2017 to Spring 2021.

Graduates and postdocs supervised

Current graduate students: Yiran (Isabella) Yang, Changhao Xu, Jihong Min, Jiabing Tu, Heather Lukas, Daniel Mukasa, Jiahong Li, Wenzheng Heng, Samuel Solomon, Canran Wang, José Lasalde Ramírez, Hong Han.

Current postdoc scholars: You Yu, Ehsan Shirzaei Sani, Yu Song, Minqiang Wang, Ben Sadri, Juliane R. Sempionatto, Emil Karshalev, Roland Tay, Elham Davoodi, Cui Ye, Yongsuk Choi.

Past postdocs: Rebeca M. Torrente-Rodríguez, Joanna Nassar, Zhiguang Wu.

Research Grants

Serving as the Principal Investigator (PI) for projects funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) (R01 and R21), National Science Foundation (NSF), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH), Office of Naval Research (ONR), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, American Heart Association (AHA), Amgen Inc., 3M, University of California Office of the President (UCOP), Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP), Caltech Rothenberg Innovation Initiative (RI²), Rosen Bioengineering Center, Caltech-COH Initiative, Merkin Institute for Translational Research, and Information Science and Technology (IST) initiative for developing and evaluating the wearable biosensors and synthetic micro/nanorobots in research, clinical, and real life settings.

Publications (>100 papers, >17,300 citations, h-index 68, Google Scholar - 08/2021). *Corresponding author

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6. J. Tu, W. Gao*, Spray-on Magnetic Skin for Robotic Actuation, *Science Robotics*, 2020, 5, eabf1390.
7. H. Lukas, C. Xu, Y. Yu, W. Gao*, Emerging Telemedicine Tools for Remote COVID-19 Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Management, *ACS Nano*, 2020, 14, 16180-16193.
Highlighted in Virtual Special Issue "Advances in COVID-19 Testing".
8. R. M. Torrente-Rodríguez, H. Lukas, J. Tu, J. Min, Y. Yang, C. Xu, H. B. Rossiter, W. Gao*, SARS-CoV-2 RapidPlex: A Graphene-based Multiplexed Telemedicine Platform for Rapid and Low-Cost COVID-19 Diagnosis and Monitoring, *Matter*, 2020, 3, 1981-1998.
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Highlighted in Electronic skins sweat it out, Editor's Research Highlight, Nature Electronics, 2020, 3, 235.
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20. Y. Yu, H. Y. Y. Nyein, W. Gao*, A. Javey, Flexible Electrochemical Bioelectronics: The Rise of In Situ Bioanalysis, *Advanced Materials*, 2020, 32, 1902083.
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 34. W. Gao,[§] S. Emaminejad,[§] H. Y. Y. Nyein, S. Challa, K. Chen, A. Peck, H. Fahad, H. Ota, S. Hiroshi, D. Kiriya, D. H. Lien, G. A. Brooks, R. W. Davis, A. Javey, Fully-Integrated Wearable Sensor Arrays for Multiplexed In-Situ Perspiration Analysis, *Nature*, 2016, 529, 509-514.
Selected by Nature Publisher Group as 'Hot Topics' (one paper per week from all NPG journals).
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8. [W. Gao](#), *keynote*, 7th International Symposium of Flexible and Stretchable Electronics (ISFSE), Jun 2021.
9. [W. Gao](#), RSC Chemical Society Review Emerging Investigator Webinar, Jun 2021.
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11. [W. Gao](#), World Economic Forum Community Young Scientist Seminar, Jun 2021.
12. [W. Gao](#), Terasaki Institute Seminar, CA, Jun 2021.
13. [W. Gao](#), Nature Conference - Microrobots and Nanorobots for Biotechnology, May 2021.
14. [W. Gao](#), *Laser-engraved sensors*, 239th ECS Meeting with the 18th IMCS, May 2021.
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31. [W. Gao](#), University of Houston, Distinguished Seminar of Materials Science and Engineering, Jan 2021.
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54. [W. Gao](#), US National Nanotechnology Initiative, Sensors NSI Webinar Series, Jun 2020.
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56. [W. Gao](#), 44th Annual Virtual Conference of American Society of Preventive Oncology, Jun 2020.
57. [W. Gao](#), Wearable Tech + Digital Health + Neurotech conferences, Menlo Park, CA, Feb 2020.
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59. [W. Gao](#), National University of Singapore, Biomedical Engineering, Singapore, Dec 2019.
60. [W. Gao](#), *keynote*, ICBME 2019, Singapore, Dec 2019.
61. [W. Gao](#), University of Texas, Austin, Texas Wireless Summit, Nov 2019.
62. [W. Gao](#), NASA Space Health Innovation Conference 2019, San Francisco, Nov 2019.
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73. W. Gao, *plenary*, AACR - Modernizing Population Sciences in the Digital Age, San Diego, Feb 2019.
74. W. Gao, IEEE EMBS Micro & Nanotechnology in Medicine Conference, Hawaii, Dec 2018.
75. W. Gao, IST Lunch Bunch Seminar, Caltech, Nov. 2018.
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