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Wireless Electronic Tattoos

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Bioelectronics – Closing the Loop for Internet of Health (IoH)



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Example Applications of Wearable Electronics







HUMAN-ROBOT INTERFACE





Silicon vs. Skin – A Mechanical Challenge

 $E_{\rm Si} = 130 \text{ GPa}, \ \varepsilon_{\rm frac} = 1\%$



Credit: Intel



$$E_{\text{Skin}} = 130 \text{ kPa}, \ \varepsilon_{\text{ouch}} = 20\%$$



Credit: ICTGraphicsLab @ USC







FEM

Theoretical

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E-Tattoo



Bio-Electronics Interface

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Stretchability and compliance can be achieved by serpentine structures of ANY material.



Epidermal Electronics (E-Tattoos)

Ultrathin, ultrasoft, noninvasive, stretchable and multifunctional



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Ultra-Soft & Ultra-Thin \rightarrow Ultimate Conformability



Conformable contact ensures

- Low interface impedance \rightarrow higher signal to noise ratio
- No slippage \rightarrow less motion artifacts, more accurate measurement of skin deformation
- Better heat or mass transfer across the skin-tattoo interface



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

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Ecoflex on skin

World's Thinnest Materials – 2D Materials





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Cut-and-Paste Manufacture of Graphene E-Tattoo Sensors (GETS)



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Ameri, Akinwande*, Lu*, et al., ACS Nano 11, 7634 (2017).

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GETS Characterization



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Stretchability of Graphene/PMMA



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GETS Are Fully Conformable to the Skin



Ameri, Akinwande*, Lu*, et al., ACS Nano 11, 7634 (2017).





GETS Are as Deformable as Skin



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Multifunctional GETS



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Transparent GETS for Electrooculogram (EOG)



Time (s)

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Time (s)

Imperceptible Human Robot Interface (HRI) by GETS



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Graphene-Based E-Tattoo for Diabetics



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Going Wireless – Near Field vs. Far Field Technology





Near Field (Induction)		Far Field (Radiation)	
Advantage	Disadvantage	Advantage	Disadvantage
 Less power consumption 	 Data transfer rate : 424 kpbs 	 Data transfer rate : 3 Mbps 	 Battery powered
 Passive mode without battery 	 Operating range : ~10 cm 	 Operating range : ~10 m 	



DOMINANT TERMS IN THE REGION (**Power density** attenuation)

r : distance





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"Cut-Solder-Paste" Method for Integrating ICs on E-Tattoos





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Robustness of Wireless E-Tattoos



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Assembly and Disassembly up to 20 times







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