## Convergence: Impacting Engineering Curricula, Patient Care & Implantable Microanalytical Systems

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## Disclosures





Collect, store and share health information securely



## Improvia Hgalth

Functional neurostimulation for improved health outcomes





Diagnostic biosensors for the management of hemorrhagic trauma



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# Thank you!



## **My High-level Motivations**

**Grand Challenge Problems** 

biomedical devices using organic materials – **More of Moore** – *for biology* 

Enabling direct electronic communication between solid state devices and the biology – **More than Moore** – the abo-bio interface.

## **My Guiding Axiom**

**Grand Challenge Problems** 

which you cannot measure."

systems are far too complicated to control."

## Outline

**Convergence in the Academy** EnMed and Liberal Arts-Engineering

**Convergence in Research** 

- Electroconductive Hydrogels Biosensors and Bioelectronics
- Microanalytical Systems

Hemorrhagic Trauma and Allotransplantation

ElectOMICS

Polymers, Fields, and Genes

Summary

# Convergence

... the integration of historically distinct fields or disciplines that leads to the emergence of a new and unified whole to address need and create

transformative impact.



Facilitating Transdisciplinary Integration of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Beyond



**Convergence:** Facilitating Transdisciplinary Integration of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Beyond (**2014**)

Committee on Key Challenge Areas for Convergence and Health; Board on Life Sciences; Division on Earth and Life Studies; National Research Council.

Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2014 Jun 16.ISBN-13: 978-0-309-30151-0ISBN-10: 0-309-30151-3

# **Convergence: Engineering-Medicine**

- Defining "Transformative Impact" Example of Biomedical Engineering.
- Create a "Biomedical Engineer".



# The Whitaker Foundation **710 million USD Expended on BME**

- 1,500 faculty grants awarded
- 400 graduate fellowships
- 75 BME departments
- 13 BME buildings built

Katona PG. Biomedical engineering and the Whitaker foundation: a thirty-year partnership. *Ann Biomed Eng.* **2006** Jun;34(6):904-16. doi: 10.1007/s10439-006-9087-7.

## Convergence

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# Convergence: Engineering-Medicine

**Convergence: Liberal Arts-Engineering** 



### EnMed is an innovative engineering medical school option created by Toyas A&M University

## **Program Objectives**

transformational technology for health care.

Produce a **Physicianeer** 

### **EnMed Working Group**









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John E. Hurtado Assoc. Dean, Academic Affairs



**Timothy Jacobs** Director, Interdisciplinary Engineering Programs



Victor Ugaz TEES Director of Research Development



- April 2018
- Track approved for the HM Campus
- Inaugural class to matriculate in July 2019



## **LCME\*** Approval



What does this mean? A campus expansion in Houston **200 TAMU students in Houston** A uniquely blended Engineering and Medicine curriculum **Opportunity for motivated faculty** 

## **ENMED PROGRAM OBTAINS LCME APPROVAL**

\*Liaison Committee on Medical Education

### Academic Program – From Engineer to Physicianeer





## MD-MEng 🗸

### Every EnMed admit will have

• A BS in Engineering, Computer Science or equivalent undergraduate preparation

Ramping to...



### Every EnMed graduate will earn an MD and MEng

- Expert at life science and technology
- Invent something transformational
- Understand research and commercialization
- Be prepared to be early adopters and thought leaders

EnMed students / year



## Leadership



- A world-class physicianscientist
- Internationally recognized leader in biomedical imaging and bioengineering
- Member of National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Engineering



### **RODERIC I. PETTIGREW, PHD, MD**

CEO of EnHealth and Executive Dean for EnMed

Founding Director, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Best to Lead

### Academic Program – From Engineer to Physicianeer





### MD-MEng 🗸

### Medicine Content Sequence

- Duration 18 months
- Course titles and duration same as regular curriculum
- Weekly theme and case relevant learning activities
- Mapped to USMLE Step 1 Content

### **Engineering Content Sequence**

- Four-course sequence
- Students will learn to view the human body as an integrated <u>engineered</u> system.
- Presented from a new perspective that values the confluence of engineering principles and its problem-solving approach with those taught during medical training.





### Academic Program – From Engineer to Physicianeer





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### From Engineer to Physicianeer







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2017-18 Pilot Cohort

2018-19 Pilot Cohort

### Kenneth Livingston UT Dallas Electrical Engineering

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## **EnMed Curriculum - at a glance**

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# Program Outcomes

**Class of 2023** 

### Every EnMed graduate will earn an MD and MEng

- Expert at life science and technology
- Invent something transformational
- Understand research and commercialization
- Be prepared to be early adopters and thought leaders

## Dual Medicine-Engineering degree



Ollscoil na Gaillimhe UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

MD/MS

? years

MB, BCh, BAO, and BE 8 years

School of Medicine and **Advanced Medical** Engineering



**Dual Medicine-Engineering** Degrees

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS** UIC **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

MD/MS (BIOE) 5 years

An M.D. Program Built at the Nexus of Engineering and Innovation

Carle Illinois MD **COLLEGE OF MEDICINE** 

4 years

## Convergence

... the integration of historically distinct fields or disciplines that leads to the emergence of a new and unified whole to address need and create transformative impact.

# Convergence: Engineering-Medicine

**Convergence: Liberal Arts-Engineering** 

# **Convergence: Liberal Arts-Engineering**

- Provide a well-rounded education that combines technical akillo with a breader understanding of opcial, cultu
   Program Objective
- Premium value on fostering creativity, critical thinking, and effective communication skills alongside engineering expertise.

Produce a Socratic Engineer



## ANDERSON® UNIVERSITY

**College of Engineering** 

- Christian (Southern Baptist Convention)
- Liberal Arts
- Regional serving
- ~4,117 students ('22-'23)



# College of Engineering Design. Build. Sustain.





Phillip Sharp, MIT Institute Professor and Nobel Laureate (2011)

## Outline

### **Convergence in the Academy**

**EnMed and Liberal Arts-Engineering** 

### **Convergence in Research**

- Electroconductive Hydrogels Biosensors and Bioelectronics
- Microanalytical Systems

Hemorrhagic Trauma and Allotransplantation

### ElectOMICS

Polymers, Fields, and Genes



## **Biomedical Problems of Interest**

### **Hemorrhagic Trauma**

Physiologically informed patient resuscitation and reanimation.

Golden hour ~ 45 min

VCA Score of 0, 1, 2, or 3

### Allotransplantation

Physiologically informed allograft stratification.

National Trauma Institute. (2018). Trauma Statistics & Facts

https://www.nattrauma.org/what-is-trauma/trauma-statistics-facts/

Kauvar D.S. et al. (2006) Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, 60(6), S3-S11.

Traumatic defects in electrical tissue from cardiac infar or axomy. Ischemic damage Electrobiology

**Wound Healing** 

**Exogenous and endogenous** electric fields in biology.



### Cao et al. "Electrical and mechanical strategies to enable cardiac repair and regeneration." IEEE Reviews in Biomedical Engineering (2015)

### **Drug Delivery**

**Bio-responsive drug delivery** to address homeostasis.



Q.-X. A. Sang et al. Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. (2000), 274, 780. Wilson and Guiseppi-Elie Int. J. of Pharmaceutics (2014) 461(1-2) 214-222. Chu, David S., et al., Biomat. Sci. (2015) 3.1: 41-45.

### **Biomedical Solutions Under Development**

Hemorrhagic Trauma
Allograft Stratification



Minimally invasive Physiological Status Monitoring **(PSM) Biochip** – Five metabolite biomarkers.

Aggas et al. (**2023**) *Bioengineering MDPI* 2023, 10(4), 434. Bhat et al. (**2020**) *Journal of Translational Medicine* **18**, 348. Kotanen, et al. (**2012**) *Biosensors and Bioelectronics* 35(1), pp. 14-26. Guiseppi-Elie, et al. (**2011**) *Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry*, *399*(1), 403-419.

### **Wound Healing**

Electrobiology



Micro and nano- fabrication (electrospinning, 3D printing, microlithography) of **electroconductive polymers**:

fibers, films and microforms.

Mancino et al. (**2022**), *Nanomedicine* 44, 102567. Abasi et al. (**2019**) *IEEE Xplore* 875-878. Abasi et al. (**2019**) *Mat. Sci. and Eng.: C* 99 1304-1312. Aggas et al. (**2018**) *Bioengineering* 5(4) 87. Li Yao, et al. (**2003**) *Chem. Mater.* 15(9) 1860 – 1864. **Drug Delivery** 



Sensing, Measuring, and Actively Responding Technical (**SMART**) Hydrogels.

Whitney et al. (2024) Adv. Sensor Res. (Accepted)
Bhat et al. (2020) ACS Sensors 5, 2, 500–509.
Wilson and Guiseppi-Elie (2013) Adv. Healthcare Mat. 2(4) 520-532.
Wilson et al. (2012) Journal of Controlled Release 160.1: 41-47.
Guiseppi-Elie et al., J. Bioact. Compat. Polym., (2010), 25(2) 121-140.

### Impact of hemorrhage on trauma

### > Hemorrhage is the primar

- Leading cause of death
- Accounts for 62% of
- High contribution to

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Golden hour period ~ 45 minutes

National Trauma Institute. (12/2018). Trauma Statistics & Facts <u>https://www.nattrauma.org/what-is-trauma/trauma-statistics-facts/</u> Kauvar D.S. et al. (2006) *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery , 60*(6), S3-S11.

### Pathophysiology of Hemorrhage and Hemorrhagic Shock

- Vasoconstriction
- Reduced peripheral blood flow
- High oxygen demand



Peripheral muscles are most systemically affected during hemorrhage



## Patent – Indwell a biochip within a major muscle







A. Guiseppi-Elie, (2012) US Patent Application US 13/317,236

### Design of a penta-analyte biosensor – PSM Biochip



### Pathophysiological Intravascular Ranges: Metabolic Indicators

Analytes	F	Pathophysiological r	ange
	LOW	NORMAL	HIGH
Glucose	Hypoglycemia <3.88 mM <70 mg/dL	Euglycemia 3.88 – 5.5 mM 70-99 mg/dL	Hyperglycemia >5.5 – 10 mM 99 Liu et al. <i>Cell Metabolism</i> , 32(4) 2020, 619-628.e21
Lactate	Hypolactatemia < 0.5 mM	Eulactatemia 0.5 – 2.0 mM	Hy Cother TCA
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pO <sub>2</sub>	Hypoxia <5.18 mM <100 mmHg	5.18 - 6.22 mM While breathing in, 160 mmHg, gradient 100-120 mmHg	Hy >1 Liver Input TCA

Glucose: Hirshberg, Eliotte et al. (2008), *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*, *9*(4), 361-366 Potassium: Viera, Anthony J., (2015) *American family physician*, *58*(4), 777-782 Lactate and pH: Andersen, Lars W., et al, (2013) *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, Vol. 88, No. 10, pp. 1127-1140 pO<sub>2</sub>: de Jonge, Evert, et al.(2008), *Critical care*, 12(6), R156

# Physiologically relevant analytes and the electrochemical techniques and device structures used in their measurement

Analyte	Motivation	Method	Technique	Transducer	
Glucose	Levels fall during trauma-associated hemorrhage	Glucose Oxidase Biosensor	Amperometry (Apply voltage measure current)	Microdisc Electrode Array (MDEA) φ = 25 μm	
Lactate	Levels rise during trauma trauma- associated hemorrhage	Lactate Oxidase Biosensor	Amperometry (Apply voltage measure current)	Microdisc Electrode Array (MDEA) φ = 25 μm	
Potassium	Hyperkalemia	Ion Specific Electrode (ISE)	Potentiometry (Measure voltage vs. REF)	Microdisc Electrode (MDE) φ = 10 μm	•
рН	Lactate in the tissues causes acidosis	pH Responsive Hydrogel	Impedimetry (Apply V sin(wt) Measure I sin(wt+θ)	Interdigitated Microelectrodes (IME) φ = 1 μm	
pO <sub>2</sub>	Hypoxia in the muscle bed	Electrocatalytic Layer	Voltammetry (Sweep voltage measure peak current)	Microdisc Electrode (MDE) φ = 10 μm	

## **Electroconductive Hydrogels**

### Full Paper Available online at www.sciencedirect.com Electroconductive Hydrogels: Electrical and Electro SCIENCE DIRECT **Biomaterials Properties of Polypyrrole-Poly(HEMA) Composites** ELSEVIE Biomaterials 26 (2005) 4767-4778 www.elsevier.com/locate/biomaterials Sean Brahim,<sup>a</sup> Anthony Guiseppi-Elie<sup>a,b\*</sup> <sup>a</sup> The Center for Bioelectronics, Biosensors and Biochips (C3B), Virginia Commonwealth University, § Molecularly engineered p(HEMA)-based hydrogels for Box 843038, 601 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 22284 2028 LIS <sup>b</sup> Departments of Chan Box 843038, 601 Elie<sup>a,b,c,\*</sup> \*e-mail: guiseppi@ **Biosensors and Bioelectronics** Street, Richmond Volume 176, 15 March 2021, 112889 3-8656, Japan **Hydrogels:** The Effects On the intersection of molecular arge Density on the Storage bioelectronics and biosensors: 20 Years of d Biosensor C<sub>3</sub>B John R. Aggas<sup>abl</sup>⊠, Brandon K. Walther<sup>acl</sup>⊠, Sara Abasi<sup>abl</sup>⊠, Christian N. Kotanen<sup>abd</sup>, Olukayode Karunwi<sup>ae</sup>, Ann M. Wilson<sup>afg</sup>, Anthony Guiseppi-Elie a b c g 🙎 🖂 Amperometric glucose bid Christian N. Kotanen<sup>a,b</sup>, Chaker Tlili<sup>a,c</sup>, Anthony Guiseppi-Elie<sup>a,b,c,c</sup> Received: 11 September 2011 / Accepted: 29 November 2011 / <sup>a</sup> Center for Bioelectronics, Biosensors and Biochips (C3B), Clemson University Advanced Materials Center, 100 Teci Published online: 3 January 2012 <sup>b</sup> Department of Bioengineering, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, SC 29634, USA <sup>c</sup> Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, SC 29634, © Springer Science+Business Media, LLC 2011

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#### p(HEMA)-based Electroconductive Hydrogel



Gusphyl Justin and Anthony Guiseppi-Elie<sup>\*</sup>, "An Electroconductive Blend of p(HEMA-co-PEGMA-co-HMMA-co-SPMA) Hydrogels and p(Py-co-PyBA): In Vitro Biocompatibility" Journal of Bioactive and Compatible Polymers (2010), 25(2) 121-140.

#### Hydrogels on solid surfaces







#### The role of the $\omega$ -functionality in attachment <u>vs</u> adhesion



# Elastic modulus measured by nano-indentation of Au\*|hydrogel-PPy (electropolymerization charge densities)



PC12 cell densities post-incubation (4 days) on Au\*, Au\* | hydrogel, Au\* | PPy, Au\* | hydrogel-PPy (5, 25 and 50s electropolymerization times)



# PC12 cell viability and elastic modulus of Au\*|hydrogel-PPy (electropolymerization times)



Anthony Guiseppi-Elie, Chenbo Dong and Cerasela Zoica Dinu "Crosslink Density of a Biomimetic Poly(HEMA)-based Hydrogel Influences Growth and Proliferation of Attachment Dependent RMS 13 Cells" J. Mater. Chem. (2012) 22 (37), 19529 – 19539

#### Bioactive Electroconductive Hydrogels Electropolymerization to entrap GOx



# Fabrication of the electrochemical Glucose and Lactate GEN I biotransducers



#### **Experimental Approach II - Enzyme Engineering**



#### Glucose biotransducer sensitivity as a function of enzyme conjugation ratio



#### Design of a penta-analyte biosensor – PSM Biochip



# *In vivo* amperometric performance of the implanted PSM BioChip during hemorrhage – *Sprauge Dawley* - rat model.

Amperometric response of an intramuscularly implanted lactate biosensor during hemorrhage, the mean arterial pressure (MAP) and the systemic blood lactate obtained using a YSI Biostat Bioanalyzer.



# *In vivo* amperometric performance of the implanted PSMBioChip during hemorrhage – *Sus scrofa* – pig model.



Sus scrofa



# Patient stratification for improving hemorrhagic trauma outcomes



PSM Biochip Data To Hemorrhage Intensive Severity and Survivability (HISS) Score

#### Pathophysiological Intravascular Ranges: Metabolic Indicators

Analytes	F	Pathophysiological r	ange
	LOW	NORMAL	HIGH
Glucose	Hypoglycemia <3.88 mM <70 mg/dL	Euglycemia 3.88 – 5.5 mM 70-99 mg/dL	Hyperglycemia >5.5 – 10 mM 99 Liu et al. <i>Cell Metabolism</i> , 32(4) 2020, 619-628.e21
Lactate	Hypolactatemia < 0.5 mM	Eulactatemia 0.5 – 2.0 mM	Hy Cother TCA
Potassium	$\begin{array}{c c} Hy \\ (<3 \end{array}  [K^+]_i = randor \\ Provella$	$n([K^+]_{normal}) + (7.3)$	5 - pH[i]) * 6 Glucose $\rightarrow$ Lactate
рН	Ac	7.35 - 7.45	All Plasma Glucose Lactate
pO <sub>2</sub>	Hypoxia <5.18 mM <100 mmHg	5.18 - 6.22 mM While breathing in, 160 mmHg, gradient 100-120 mmHg	Hy >1 Liver Input TCA

Glucose: Hirshberg, Eliotte et al. (2008), *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*, *9*(4), 361-366 Potassium: Viera, Anthony J., (2015) *American family physician*, *58*(4), 777-782 Lactate and pH: Andersen, Lars W., et al, (2013) *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, Vol. 88, No. 10, pp. 1127-1140 pO<sub>2</sub>: de Jonge, Evert, et al.(2008), *Critical care*, 12(6), R156

### Patient Data Sets for Key Metabolites

# 1. Sensibly Rationalized Fictitious Patient (SRFP) Data for deep learning model

- Unavailability of adequate clinical **stat** data
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Flowchart for classification, pattern recognition and possibility analysis to produce accuracy from the confusion matrix (CM).



#### **Sensibly Rationalized Fictitious Patient (SRFP) Data** to Hemorrhage Intensive Severity and Survivability (**HISS**) Score

Ei etitione	Sensibly	Rationalized	Fictitic	HISS Score						
Patient	Glucose Lactate (mg/dL) (mmol/L)		рН	Potassium (mmol/L)	pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
	LOW	(0) GUARDI	ED (1)	ELEVATED (2)	HIGH (3)	SEVE	RE (4)	1	1	1

Total patient data set size is 100

http://people.tamu.edu/~guiseppi/resources-HISS.html

#### **Questions addressed**

- Which classification algorithm is best suited to the challenge of fusion scoring?
- What is the minimum data set needed to achieve 99% and 99.9% accuracy in patient stratification



Support Vector Machine - Linear



Decision Tree: Ensemble Bagged



Artificial Neural Network with Bayesian Regularization (ANN:BR)

### **Mean Test and Training Accuracy**

	Class	Frequency [%]								
	Class	[100]D1	[100]D2	[100]D3	[100]D4	[100]D5				
	LOW (0) 0	56	43	37	43	53				
GUA	RDED (1) 1	14	20	27	18	17				
ELE\	/ATED (2) 2	5	18	7	15	13				
	HIGH (3) 3	19	17	11	24	17				
S	EVERE (4) 4	6	2	18	0*	0*				
	SVM-L accuracy [%]	78.3±0.5	92.7±0.5	78.3±2.4	88.3±0.5	86.7±0.9				
	EBDT accuracy [%]	83.3±1.2	96.3±0.9	72.3±0.9	90.0±0.0	87.7±1.2				
	Class with the highest confusion (TPR – sensitivity for EBDT)	4 (17%)	4 (0%)	2 (14%)	2 (60%)	2 (77%)				

### Summary



<u>Bhat, A.</u>, Podstawczyk, D., Walther B. K., Aggas J.R., Machado-Aranda D., Ward K.R., & Guiseppi-Elie, A.). **Toward a hemorrhagic** trauma severity score: fusing five physiological biomarkers *Journal of Translational Medicine* (2020) 18(1)384.

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## Stratification of Vascularized Composite Allografts

The next slide contains surgically graphic images

## Vascularized Composite Allografts

Allotransplantation ...the transfer of anatomical structures containing multiple tissue types including skin, bone, fat, muscle, and connective tissue from one individual to another.



**Face Transplant** 



**Hand Transplant** 

**Edema** (swelling due to fluid retention) is the main clinical Indicator of acute rejection in VCA

Edema may be measured and monitored by Bioimpedance Spectroscopy (BIS)



Abasi, Aggas, Garayar-Leyva, Walther and Guiseppi-Elie<sup>\*</sup> "Bioelectrical Impedance Spectroscopy for Monitoring Mammalian Cells and Tissues under Different Frequency Domains: A Review" *ACS Measurement Science Au* (**2022**) 2, 6, 495–516.

#### Extracorporeal System used in VCA ex-vivo Perfusion



Kruit et al. (2021), Transpl Int, 34: 365-375



### Banff classification of acute rejection in skincontaining allografts

Grade	Classification	Comments
Grade 0	None	No or rare inflammatory infiltrates.
Grade I	Mild	Mild perivascular infiltration. No involvement of the overlying epidermis.
Grade II	Moderate	Moderate-to-severe perivascular inflammation with or without mild epidermal and/or adnexal involvement (limited to spongiosis and exocytosis. No epidermal dyskeratosis or apoptosis.
Grade III	Severe	Dense inflammation and epidermal involvement with epithelial apoptosis, dyskeratosis, and/or keratinolysis.
Grade IV	Necrotizing acute rejection	Frank necrosis of epidermal or other skin structures.

#### Multielectrode Multiplexed Bioimpedance Spectroscopy (MMBIS) for Monitoring of Edema in VCA



### **Al-enabled Predictive Analytics**

#### Diagnostic Monitoring and Prognostics for Vascularized Allographs





- A) Inkjet-printed gold electrode array for impedimetric analysis of surfaces with imprinted insulation, from Khan et al. 2016.
- B) Electrode array used to generate tomographical impedance map of collapsed tissue, from Swisher et al. 2015.
- C) Application of multiplexed electrode arrays to abdominal wall VCA graft and subsequent data analysis from Guiseppi-Elie et al. 2020.

#### Pathophysiological Intravascular Ranges: MMBIS Profiles

#### Multielectrode Multiplexed Bioimpedance Spectroscopy (MMBIS)

		Pathophysiological Range									
Tissue Under Test	LOW	NORMAL (L)	NORMAL (H)	HIGH							
Tissue Type:	Blood Plasma	Muscle	<b>Bone</b> (Cancellous)	Fat							
Permittivity, ε <sub>100MHz</sub> (S/m)	????	6.60E+1	2.76E+1	1.27E+1							
Conductivity Av±SD (S/m)	1.41E+0 ±2.14E-1	4.61E-1 ±2.44E-1	8.05E-2 ±9.42E-2	7.76E-2 ±9.31E-2							
Time Constant ( $\tau$ ) (ms) $\tau = [(R_0 - R_\infty)C]^{1/\alpha}$	2.30E-4	9.84E-4	3.19E-3	2.23E-1							

https://itis.swiss/virtual-population/tissue-properties/database/

#### Pathophysiological Intravascular Ranges: Cytokine Profiles

Analyte	Pathophysiological range							
	LOW	NORMAL	HIGH					
IL-1α	< 5 pg/mL (1)	5-50 pg/mL (1)	> 50 pg/mL (1)					
IL-6	< 5 pg/mL (1) <4.3 pg/mL (7)	5-30 pg/mL (1) 1.2+/-0.6 pg/mL (2) 0-43.5 pg/mL (6) 0-1.8 pg/mL (8) <5 pg/mL (9) <14.8 pg/mL (11) 5-15 pg/mL (13)	> 30 pg/mL (1) >35 pg/mL (12)					
IL-10	< 1 pg/mL (1) <10 pg/mL	1-10 pg/mL(1) 1.9+/- 1.1 pg/mL (2) <2 pg/mL (11)	> 10 pg/mL (1) >10 pg/mL (7)					
TNF-α	< 5 pg/mL (1) <0.55 pg/mL (5)	5-20 pg/mL (1) 5.11-7.23 pg/mL (3) 0.55 – 1.65 pg/mL (5) <5.6 pg/mL (11) 0-16 pg/mL (13)	> 20 pg/mL (1) > 7.79 pg/mL (3) > 8.1 pg/mL (4) >1.65 pg/mL (5)					
IFN-γ	< 5 pg/mL (1)	5-50 pg/mL (1) <2.2 pg/mL (11)	> 50 pg/mL (1) >19.5 pg/mL (10)					

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#### **Clinical Expert Data**

	Sensibly Rationalized Fictitious Patient (SRFP) Data											VCA Score (0,1,2,3)		
DP	Glucose (mg/dL)	Lactate (mmol/L)	рН	K⁺ (mmol/L)	pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	IL-1α	IL-6	IL-10	TNF-α	IFN-γ	MMBIS	CE-1		CE-N
1	70	2.7	7.42	5.10	78	22	28	4	22	40	2.219E-3	1	0	1
2	160	6.0	7.11	6.14	44	45	22	15	40	32	4.521E-4	2	0	3
n	41	9.7	7.26	4.84	97									
		••	••	••	••									
<i>n</i> +1	123	3.3	7.41	5.00	86									
<u>n+2</u>	49	8.7	7.13	5.92	53									
			••	••	••									
<i>n</i> +25	220	8.6	7.23	4.52	92									

0 = NO ISCHEMIC DAMAGE (no edema) 1 = MILD ISCHEMIC DAMAGE (mild edema, no erythema) 2 = MODERATE ISCHEMIC DAMAGE (edema and erythema) 3 = SEVERE ISCHEMIC DAMAGE (epidermolysis and/or necrosis)

#### **Accessing and/or Building Data Sets**



Aggas et al. *Bioengineering* (**2023**) Mar 29;10(4):434.

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W81XWH-17-1-0630 (Grayson) W81XWH-16-RTRP-IIRA (Grayson) W81XWH-13-0409 (Guiseppi-Elie)



Texas A&M Engineering TEES-246413 (Guiseppi-Elie) **Experiment Station** 

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## Electomics

#### Gene Expression Under an Exogenous Electric Field

- Cellular gene expression and cell proliferation are known to be affected by electric fields (EF)<sup>1</sup>.
- An apparatus (ECSARA) has been fashioned for concomitant application of EFs and multiplexed multi-frequency bioelectrical impedance spectroscopy (MMBIS) for isolating the effects of EF on cell biology<sup>2</sup>.
- Trans Endothelial Electrical Resistance (TEER), cell proliferation and gene expression were examined under EF stimulation, with specific attention to a uniquely physically responsive yes-associate protein: YAP.

### **Electric Cell Stimulation And Recording Apparatus (ECSARA)**



Computer with LabVIEW software

Sara Abasi et al. *Biosensors and Bioelectronics* (**2020**) 147, 111793 Sara Abasi et al. *Electroanalysis* (**2020**) 32(12), 2589-3188
### **Electric Cell Stimulation And Recording Apparatus (ECSARA)**



### **Typical Experiment Timeline**

← – – – – – – – – – Total Experiment Run Time (days) -



Selected E-Field signal<br/>applied to selected<br/>wells.Multiplexed, serial Z-Interrogation of<br/>selected cells

# Effect of cell culture insert pore size on trans-membrane impedance



### Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells (HUVEC) - TEER



## **Electrical Stimulation**

Three EF stimulation conditions were explored:

- T1 : Amp: 0.6V Freq.: 1.2 Hz Pulse Width: 2mS 81 mV/mm
- T2: Amp: 1.2V Freq.: 1.2 Hz Pulse Width: 2mS 162 mV/mm
- T3: Amp: 1.2V Freq.: 0.6 Hz Pulse Width: 2mS 162 mV/mm
- CTRL: No stimulation



Sara Abasi and Brandon Walter et al. BMES 2020 (2020) abstract on-line

## **Growth: Viability and Impedance Monitoring**

### • Viability Assay:

- 10% Alamarblue<sup>®</sup> was added to the cells at predefined times and the absorbance of the supernatant was measured.
- Impedance Spectroscopy:
  - At predefined time, ES was stopped and MMBIS was performed using an interrogation voltage of 20mV p-t-p over freq. range of 0.01 Hz – 1.0 MHz.

## Immunostaining and RT-PCR

### **Confocal Microscopy:**

• YAP + VE-Cadherin stain – analysis of nuclear to total YAP ratio: Nuclear YAP  $YAP \ Partition = \frac{1}{Total \ YAP}$ 

- This value is between 0 and 1, normalizing relative YAP activity across conditions and cell morphology
- Maximum Z projection used for all analysis

### Gene Expression:

 Downstream YAP targets (CTGF and ANKRD1) and junctional marker (VE-Cadherin/CD144) using RTqPCR

## **Gene Expression**

- Strong gene expression increase evident in CD144 (VE-Cadherin)
- CTGF and ANKRD1 have little evident modulation
- Electrical stimulation expedites junctional formation

Control 12 h		Control 24 h	
<b>T</b> 1	12 h	🗾 T1	24 h
<b>T</b> 2	12 h	🔳 T2	24 h
<b>T</b> 3	12 h	📕 ТЗ	24 h



## Yes-Associated Protein-1 (YAP) Localization

- 12-hour general upward trend of YAP nuclear partitioning with electrical stimulation (activation **RED**)
- General downward trend of YAP partitioning at 24 • hours with electrical stimulation (deactivation **BLUE**)

### **OVERALL:**

**Inactive YAP** 

Active

YAP

**Biological Target** 

Electrical stimulation activates YAP, accelerating HUVEC proliferation





## **Key Findings**

- Mild electrical stimulation can be used to turn on/ off genes expressed by endothelial cells.
- Electrical stimulation has a proliferative effect, evidenced by accelerated junctional formation and increased YAP partitioning.
- EF seems a promising external stimulus where vasculogenesis and formation of endothelial cell monolayer are sought such as in tissue and regenerative engineering.



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