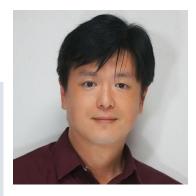
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Biography

I received the B.E., M.E., and Dr. Eng. degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan in 1995, 1997, and 2000, respectively. Currently, I am a Professor and Director of the Center for International Research on Integrative Biomedical Systems (CIBiS), Institute of Industrial Science (IIS) at the University of Tokyo. My team and I have authored more than 160 peer-reviewed publications and filed over 70 patents, and I have been recognized with honors, including the MEXT Young Scientists' Prize in 2008, the JSPS prize in 2010, and the ACS Analytical Chemistry Young Innovator Awards in 2015. My current research interests include 3D tissue fabrication, implantable devices, artificial cells/lipid bilayer systems, and biohybrid MEMS.

Research

Our group focuses on the design and fabrication of bio-hybrid systems that combine bio functional materials with micro/nano devices. The development of microfabrication technologies has realized ultrasmall sensors and actuators at micro and nanometer scale, although the real biological systems are often more sensitive, efficient and functional than the micromachines. One idea to solve this problem is to create hybrid systems by fusing the mechanical components with biomaterials such as biological cells and molecular machines. For example, we have succeeded in the fabrication of microelectrodes which have small microfluidic channels using a flexible polymer to stimulate neural cells chemically and detect neural signals electrically. Biohybrid neural probes which can connect artificial systems and brain will contribute to a better understanding of our brain.

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