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Nathan McKay Monroe

Cambridge, MA 02139

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) - Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering – GPA: 4.4/5.0

Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering – GPA: 5.0/5.0

Thesis: Broadband Acoustic Energy Harvesting via Synthesized Electrical Loading

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Thesis: High Angular Resolution Beam Steering Terahertz Antenna Arrays for Imaging Applications

June 2013 June 2017

EXPERIENCE

Cambridge Terahertz, Inc. - Cambridge, MA

Day-one Founder and CEO of deeptech semiconductor company

- Leads seed-stage startup through complex and dynamic process of pairing novel technologies with market need
- Fundraising, team building, company building, management leadership
- Successful award and performance on government and military grants
- Company building, culture setting
- Marketing, product development

Playground Global - Palo Alto, CA

Electrical Engineering consultant for venture capital firm portfolio companies

Defined product requirements, drove cross-functional product development

Microsoft Corporation Xbox Sensor Development - Redmond, WA

Focus on high performance and mobile audio system design, characterization

- Architecture, schematic, board design for sensor-based systems
- High-speed and high layer count board design
- Electrical engineering project lead (unannounced project)
- DFM, on-site factory build support
- Focus on low-noise audio electronics and rapid prototyping
- Optimized cost for high-volume production

Microsoft Corporation Xbox Silicon Development - Mountain View, CA

Contributed to test bench and developed test cases in SystemVerilog and C++ for verification and validation of mixed-signal ASIC design

improved test coverage for digital and analog verification and validation

Bar-Ilan University Molecular Photonics Lab – Ramat Gan, Israel

Developed first ever photovoltaic cell based on ordered carbon nanotubes

Studied UV-induced carbon nanotube functionalization

MIT Laboratory of Organic and Nanostructured Electronics - Cambridge, MA

Optimized organic solar cell efficiency

Independently designed experimental processes for device optimization

University of Florida Laboratory of Organic Optoelectronics - Gainesville, FL September 2006 – February 2009

- Improved Polymer solar cell efficiency via optimization of device composition and morphology
- Developed procedure to precisely tune spin-casted thin film thickness and Zinc Oxide nanostructure morphology

LEADERSHIP

Co-founder, Co-President - MIT Live Music Connection

- January 2010 June 2013 Director, Open Source Music Project- expanding musical interest/skills on campus
- Taught and organized free guitar lessons for MIT community
- Designed course and taught guitar curriculum to 100+ students

December 2021

May 2018 – August 2018

January 2022 - Present

August 2013 – April 2015

May 2012 – *August* 2012

May 2011 – August 2011

May 2010 – August 2010

ACTIVITIES / ACCOLADES

Winning Team, MIT Kickstart Pitch Competition 2016 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2008, 2009

Second Place Grand Award Winner, two-time

International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering, Environment Project Olympiad

2008

Gold medalist

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association National Science Fair (AFCEA)

2008

• Grand prize winner

PUBLICATIONS / PATENTS / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Eunseok Lee, Muhammad Ibrahim Wasiq Khan, Xibi Chen, Utsav Banerjee, Nathan Monroe, Rabia Tugce Yazicigil, Ruonan Han, Anantha P Chandrakasan., "A 1.54-mm2, 264-GHz Wake-Up Receiver With Integrated Cryptographic Authentication for Ultra-Miniaturized Platforms," in *IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits*, vol. 59, no. 3, pp. 653-667, March 2024, doi: 10.1109/JSSC.2023.3332504.
- Eunseok Lee, Muhammad Ibrahim Wasiq Khan, Xibi Chen, Utsav Banerjee, Nathan Monroe, Rabia Tugce Yazicigil, Ruonan Han, Anantha P Chandrakasan, "A 1.54mm2 Wake-Up Receiver Based on THz Carrier Wave and Integrated Cryptographic Authentication," 2023 IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC), San Antonio, TX, USA, 2023, pp. 1-2, doi: 10.1109/CICC57935.2023.10121285.
- Invited speaker, International Microwave Symposium 2023, San Diego, CA. Workshop: *History and Recent Advances in Reflect Arrays for SATCOM*, 5G/6G and Imaging Systems. Talk title: Sub-THz and THz Reflect Arrays for Imaging Systems: Challenges and Opportunities.
- Jinchen Wang, Mohamed I Ibrahim, Isaac B Harris, Nathan M Monroe, Muhammad Ibrahim Wasiq Khan, Xiang Yi, Dirk R Englund, Ruonan Han, "34.1 THz Cryo-CMOS Backscatter Transceiver: A Contactless 4 Kelvin-300 Kelvin Data Interface," 2023 IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference (ISSCC), San Francisco, CA, USA, 2023, pp. 504-506, doi: 10.1109/ISSCC42615.2023.10067445.
- Xibi Chen, Xiang Yi, Muhammad Ibrahim Wasiq Khan, Xingcun Li, Wenhua Chen, Jianfeng Zhu, Yang Yang, Kenneth E. Kolodziej, Nathan M. Monroe, Ruonan Han, "A 140-GHz FMCW TX/RX-Antenna-Sharing Transceiver With Low-Inherent-Loss Duplexing and Adaptive Self-Interference Cancellation," in *IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits*, vol. 57, no. 12, pp. 3631-3645, Dec. 2022, doi: 10.1109/JSSC.2022.3202814.
- Qiang Yu, Gwang-Soo Kim, Jeffrey Garrett, Derek Thomson, Georgios Dogiamis, Nathan Monroe, Ruonan Han, Yunzhe Ma, James Waldemer, Ye Seul Nam, Gustavo Beltran, Vijaya Neeli, Surej Ravikumar, Said Rami, Chris Pelto, Eric Karl, "Low-Loss On-Chip Passive Circuits Using C4 Layer for RF, mmWave and sub-THz Applications," 2022 IEEE/MTT-S International Microwave Symposium IMS 2022, Denver, CO, USA, 2022, pp. 325-328, doi: 10.1109/IMS37962.2022.9865589.
- M. I. W. Khan, E. Lee, N. M. Monroe, A. P. Chandrakasan and R. Han, "A Dual-Antenna, 263-GHz Energy Harvester in CMOS for Ultra-Miniaturized Platforms with 13.6% RF-to-DC Conversion Efficiency at –8 dBm Input Power," 2022 IEEE Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits Symposium (RFIC), Denver, CO, USA, 2022, pp. 291-294, doi: 10.1109/RFIC54546.2022.9863171.
- Xibi Chen, Muhammad Ibrahim Wasiq Khan, Xiang Yi, Xingcun Li, Wenhua Chen, Jianfeng Zhu, Yang Yang, Kenneth E Kolodziej, Nathan M Monroe, Ruonan Han, "A 140GHz Transceiver with Integrated Antenna, Inherent-Low-Loss Duplexing and Adaptive Self-Interference Cancellation for FMCW Monostatic Radar," Dig. *Tech. Pap. IEEE Int. Solid-State Circuits Conf.*, vol. 2022-Febru, pp. 80–82, 2022, doi: 10.1109/ISSCC42614.2022.9731637.
- N. M. Monroe, G. C. Dogiamis, R. Stingel, P. Myers, X. Chen, and R. Han, "Electronic THz Pencil Beam Forming and 2D Steering for High Angular-Resolution Operation: A 98×98-Unit 265GHz CMOS Reflectarray with In-Unit Digital Beam Shaping and Squint Correction," in ISSCC, 2022, pp. 15–17.
- N. M. Monroe, "High Angular Resolution Beam Steering Terahertz Antenna Arrays for Imaging Applications," Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2022. [Online]. Available: https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/143401

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- N.M. Monroe, J.H. Lang. Broadband, Large Scale Acoustic Energy Harvesting via Synthesized Electrical Load: Part I. Harvester Design and Model. *Smart Materials and Structures*. 2019. doi: 10.1088/1361-665X/ab114a
- N.M. Monroe, J.H. Lang. Broadband, Large Scale Acoustic Energy Harvesting via Synthesized Electrical Load Part II: Electrical Load. *Smart Materials and Structures*. 2019. doi: 10.1088/1361-665X/ab1158
- Monroe, N. (2010, August 25). Increasing the efficiency of a hybrid polymer photovoltaic cell with polymer nanofiber complexes of varied thickness. *Young Scientists Journal*, *3*(8), 26-32.
- Presenter, AFCEA International Joint Warfighting Conference Virginia Beach, VA

June 2008

SKILLS

- Audio system design, modeling, optimization, test
- Audio Precision, anechoic audio system test
- Board-level system integration
- Design for manufacturing
- Cadence-based CAD toolchain
- Low power electronics
- Optoelectronics
- High performance digital system design
- FinFET Circuit Design

- Power Electronics design
- RF Integrated Circuit Design
- Analog Integrated Circuit Design
- System architecture
- High-speed PCB design
- FPGA development
- Computer Vision
- Embedded system development
- Design for EMC
- RF IC Design
- Cadence Virtuoso
- Ansys HFSS

- Thin-film device fabrication
- Semiconductor fabrication processes/equipment
- Kicad, Eagle, LTSPICE, Abaqus, Solidworks, MATLAB, Python, C++
- Mixed signal chip verification/validation
- Working Knowledge: Tensorflow, Mechanical design, machine shop fabrication
- RF Systems

TEACHING

- FAA Advanced Ground Instructor
- Graduate Teaching Assistant MIT

MIT 6.152 – Microelectronics Processing Technology

o Instructor Rating: 6.3 / 7

MIT 2.678 – Electronics for Mechanical Systems

o Instructor Rating: 6.6 / 7

MIT 2.678 – Electronics for Mechanical Systems

o Instructor Rating: 6.8 / 7

Fall 2015

Spring 2018

Fall 2018

AVIATION

- FAA Commercial Pilot | Multi Engine | High Performance | Complex
- Instrument Rated | Advanced Ground Instructor
- FAA Second Class Medical
- 460 Flight Hours | 390 Hours Pilot in Command

PERSONAL

Classical / Spanish Flamenco Guitar | Audio Production | Rock Climbing | Hiking

Languages

Spanish (Intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (Intermediate)