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## SUMMARY

- Award winning, Oxford Educated scientist whose areas of expertise include imaging, electronics, semiconductors, MEMS, medical engineering, sensors, signal processing and image processing.
- Experience in industries/applications including medical devices, imaging, consumer electronics, biometric security, and electrical power delivery.
- Extensive Intellectual Property experience including patent development, analysis, licensing, and strategy. Serial inventor holding 23 U.S. Patents with several pending.
- Diverse industry experience includes multi-nationals such as GE, Medtronic, Fujifilm, Samsung and Siemens as well as several start-ups.
- Well published in peer-reviewed scientific journals.
- Winner of grants from National Institute of Health (NIH) and DARPA. Extensive international consulting experience.
- Three years at University of Illinois teaching electrical and computer engineering.
- IEEE Senior Member since 2004.

## EDUCATION

- D. Phil. (equal to Ph.D.) in Materials Science, Oxford University, UK, 1987. Thesis title: *Acoustic microscopy of biological tissue*.
- M.A. in Physics, Oxford University, UK, 1985.
- B.A. in Physics with 1<sup>st</sup> class honors, Oxford University, UK, 1984.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT WORK

- Deposition and trial experience in patent litigation (PTAB and ITC), product liability and medical malpractice matters.
- Advising start-ups on patent strategy, product positioning and business strategy.
- System design for a wearable cancer monitoring device.

- Portable point-of-care imaging (research supported by a grant to River Sonic Solutions from the National Institutes of Health).
- Design of beam formation and image reconstruction techniques for medical imaging and surgical guidance.
- Acoustics and transducer design for medical and industrial applications.
- Design of MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) transducers, signal processing and front-end electronics for pediatric otitis diagnosis.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Senior Key Expert*, Siemens AG, February 2009: Siemens defines the Key Expert position as “a career path for key technology experts analogous to that for our top managerial talents.”
- *Willis R. Whitney Technical Achievement Award*, GE Global Research, August 2000: For participating in the development of a Six-Sigma software toolkit, which was widely deployed within GE.
- *Six-Sigma Certified Green Belt*, GE Global Research, April 1998: A certified Green Belt at GE has taken classes and completed several projects resulting in cost savings for the company. In my case these involved Design for Six-Sigma (DFSS).
- *Dushman Award*, GE Global Research, June 1994: GE’s highest-ranking team award for contributions to the introduction of their first premium ultrasound product, the LOGIQ 700.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- *Member of the Board of Directors*, IEEE-CNSV (Consultants' Network of Silicon Valley), January 2017-present. IEEE-CNSV is the Silicon Valley chapter of the IEEE-USA Consultants' Network. This dynamic group brings together consultants, clients and other interested parties to exchange ideas about electrical, electronic and software engineering. I currently serve as the Secretary of this organization.
- *Project Manager*, Keizai Silicon Valley, May 2013-present. KSV is a non-profit business and professional networking organization. It provides a venue for showcasing specialists with expertise on issues critical to the success of entrepreneurs and companies doing business with Japan and the U.S.
- *Member of Technical Program Committee*, IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium. This committee is responsible for the technical content of the IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium.

## ISSUED PATENTS AND PUBLISHED APPLICATIONS

1. Ultrasonic device and operation method therefor: United States Published Application US2018185011

2. Piezoelectric transducer device for configuring a sequence of operational modes: United States Patent 10,022,751
3. Redistribution layer in an ultrasound diagnostic imaging transducer: United States Patent 9,274,088
4. Switch for aperture control in medical diagnostic ultrasound imaging: United States Patent 8,795,182
5. Volume mechanical transducer for medical diagnostic ultrasound: United States Patent 8,647,279
6. Aperture synthesis using cMUTs: United States Patent 8,641,628
7. Multi-dimensional CMUT array with integrated beam formation: United States Patent 8,465,431
8. Piezoelectric and CMUT layered ultrasound transducer array: United States Patent 8,277,380
9. Ultrasound imaging transducer array for synthetic aperture: United States Patent 7,963,919
10. Apparatus for two-dimensional transducers used in three-dimensional ultrasonic imaging: United States Patent 7,824,338
11. Method and apparatus for improving the performance of capacitive acoustic transducers using bias polarity control and multiple firings: United States Patent 7,780,597
12. Apparatus for two-dimensional transducer used in three-dimensional ultrasonic imaging: United States Patents 7,719,166 & 7,679,263
13. Electric circuit for tuning a capacitive electrostatic transducer: United States Patent 7,670,290
14. Microfabricated ultrasonic transducer array for 3-D imaging and method of operating the same: United States Patent 7,618,373
15. Apparatus for two-dimensional transducers used in three-dimensional ultrasonic imaging: United States Patent 7,508,113
16. Microfabricated ultrasonic transducers with bias polarity beam profile control and method of operating the same: United States Patent 7,087,023
17. System and method for statistical design of ultrasound probe and imaging system: United States Patent 7,006,955
18. Method and system for conducting medical imaging transactions: United States Patent 6,931,270
19. Ultrasound imaging system having post-beamformer signal processing using deconvolution algorithm: United States Patent 6,245,016
20. Ultrasound imaging system with dynamic window function generator: United States Patent 5,817,023
21. Focused ultrasound surgery system guided by ultrasound imaging: United States Patent 5,769,790
22. Method for adaptively filtering doppler signals using a complex time domain filter: United States Patent 5,445,156
23. Color flow imaging system utilizing a time domain adaptive wall filter: United States Patent 5,349,524

24. Ultrasound imaging system with dynamic window function: United States Patent 5,345,939

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### *Invited Papers*

- Daft, C.M.W., "Conformable transducers for large-volume, operator-independent imaging," Ultrasonics Symposium, 2010 IEEE, pp.798-808, 11-14 Oct. 2010
- Daft, C.; Wagner, P.; Bymaster, B.; Panda, S.; Patel, K.; Ladabaum, I., "cMUTs and electronics for 2D and 3D imaging: monolithic integration, in-handle chip sets and system implications," Ultrasonics Symposium, 2005 IEEE, vol.1, pp.463-474, 18-21 Sept. 2005
- Daft, C.M.W., "Neural networks for image analysis," Ultrasonics Symposium, 1990. Proceedings., IEEE 1990, pp.1425-1433 vol.3, 4-7 Dec 1990

### *Other Papers*

- Nistorica, C.; Latev, D.; Gardner, D.; Imai, D. and Daft, C., "Characterization of a 3D-MEMS piezoelectric transducer for portable imaging systems," 2015 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS), Taipei, 2015, pp. 1-4.
- Daft, C.; Brueske, D.; Wagner, P.; Liu, D., "A Matrix Transducer Design with Improved Image Quality and Acquisition Rate," Ultrasonics Symposium, 2007. IEEE, pp.411-415, 28-31 Oct. 2007
- Daft, C.; Panda, S.; Wagner, P.; Ladabaum, I., "Two Approaches to Electronically Scanned 3D Imaging Using cMUTs," Ultrasonics Symposium, 2006. IEEE, pp.685-688, 2-6 Oct. 2006
- Liu, D.; Brueske, D.; Willis, T.; Daft, C., "Sigma-delta dynamic receive beamforming," Ultrasonics Symposium, 2008. IUS 2008. IEEE, pp.1270-1273, 2-5 Nov. 2008
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- Wildes, D.G.; Chiao, R.Y.; Daft, C.M.W.; Rigby, K.W.; Smith, L.S.; Thomenius, K.E., "Elevation performance of 1.25D and 1.5D transducer arrays," Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control, IEEE Transactions on, vol.44, no.5, pp.1027-1037, Sept. 1997
- Daft, C.M.W.; Engeler, W.E., "Windowing of wide-band ultrasound transducers," Ultrasonics Symposium, 1996. Proceedings., 1996 IEEE, vol.2, no., pp.1541-1544 vol.2, 3-6 Nov 1996
- Daft, C.M.W.; Wildes, D.G.; Thomas, L.J.; Smith, L.S.; Lewandowski, R.S.; Leue, W.M.; Rigby, K.W.; Chalek, C.L.; Hatfield, W.T., "A 1.5D transducer for medical ultrasound," Ultrasonics Symposium, 1994. Proceedings., 1994 IEEE, vol.3, no., pp.1491-1495 vol.3, Oct. 31 1994-Nov. 3 1994
- Daft, C.M.W.; Siddiqi, T.A.; Fitting, D.W.; Meyer, R.A.; O'Brien, W.D., Jr., "In-vivo fetal ultrasound exposimetry," Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control, IEEE Transactions on, vol.37, no.6, pp.501-505, Nov. 1990
- Daft, C.M.W.; Smith, L.S.; O'Donnell, M., "Beam profiles and images from two-dimensional arrays," Ultrasonics Symposium, 1990. Proceedings., IEEE 1990, pp.775-779 vol.2, 4-7 Dec 1990
- Conrath, B.C.; Daft, C.M.W.; O'Brien, W.D., Jr., "Applications of neural networks to ultrasound tomography," Ultrasonics Symposium, 1989. Proceedings., IEEE 1989, pp.1007-1010 vol.2, 3-6 Oct 1989
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- Daft, C.M.W.; Briggs, G.A.D., "Wideband acoustic microscopy of tissue," Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control, IEEE Transactions on, vol.36, no.2, pp.258-263, March 1989
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- Daft, Christopher M. W.; Briggs, G. A. D., "Wideband acoustic microscopy of tissue," The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, 83, S110-S110 (1988)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- *IEEE Consultants Network of Silicon Valley*: member from 2012 to Present.
- *IEEE Senior Member*: September 1987 to Present. The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers is the world's largest professional association dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.
- *Associate Member, American Bar Association*, July 2016 to Present. Member of Intellectual Property Law section.

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

### **RIVER SONIC SOLUTIONS LLC (2012 – present)**

*Principal*

Technical Consulting and Expert witness practice in: Imaging, especially Medical Imaging; Patents; Ultrasound; Electronics; Transducers; Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC); Micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS); FDA approval of medical devices; Signal Processing; Design for Six-Sigma (DFSS); Semiconductors/ICs; Biometric security; Surgical Tissue Ablation; Tomography; Parallel Computing; Minimally Invasive Surgical Guidance; Wearables and Hearables.

### **CEPHASONICS, INC. (previously Samplify)**

*Chief Scientist, Santa Clara, CA: 2011-2013*

- Responsible for technical direction of a start-up seeking to commoditize front-end and beam formation electronics.
- Advised CEO on all technical matters; also deeply involved in angel and VC fundraising.
- Extensive customer interaction: marketed products to imaging and non-traditional customers.

### **SIEMENS HEALTHCARE, ULTRASOUND DIVISION**

*Senior Manager, Engineering, Mountain View, CA: 2005-2011*

- Delivered 3 ASICs on tight schedule to support new Silicon Ultrasound product line.
- Managed team of eight engineers to design, test and manufacture all electronics needed for introduction of Silicon Ultrasound transducers.
- Technology evangelist presenting weekly to customers at Siemens' Innovation Center.

## **SENSANT CORPORATION**

*Manager, Research and Development, San Leandro, CA: 2003-2005*

- Managed group which created electronics for first 2D and 3D images using silicon ultrasound transducer.
- Co-authored successful grant proposal to DARPA on battlefield ultrasound imaging and surgery. \$7.5 M was awarded to Sensant and its collaborator.

*Senior Staff Engineer, San Leandro, CA: 2000-2003*

- Design of new types of imaging systems using capacitive micro-fabricated ultrasound transducers (cMUTs, also known as Silicon Ultrasound.)
- Co-authored several successful SBIR grant proposals.

## **GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**

*Physicist, Corporate R&D, Niskayuna, NY: 1990-2000*

- Designed algorithms for IC implementation; resulting beamforming IC was the heart of GE's successful entry into the premium ultrasound market.
- Developed statistical methods (now patented) for robust simultaneous design of transducer and imaging system to six-sigma quality standards.
- Much transducer design, acoustic field simulation and measurement.
- Research in signal processing for improved image quality and blood flow estimation. Several of these signal processing innovations are used in current GE products.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

*Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Urbana, IL: 1987-1990*

- Research in scanning laser acoustic microscopy to characterize tissue, and applications of neural networks to ultrasonic imaging.
- Taught undergraduate courses in circuit theory, medical imaging and acoustics.
- Thesis Advisor for Master's students and undergraduate senior projects.

## **EXPERT WITNESS EDUCATION**

- SEAK Expert Witnessing seminars attended (total of 98 hours, on-site):
  - How to Start, Build, and Run a Successful Expert Witness Practice.
  - How to be an Effective Expert Witness.
  - How to Excel at Your Expert Witness Deposition.
  - Advanced Testifying Skills for Experts.
  - How to Write a Bulletproof Expert Witness Report.

- How to Excel and Succeed as an Expert Witness in Patent Cases: Special Techniques.
  - How to Be a More Persuasive Expert Witness at Trial.
- Expert Witness Conferences attended:
  - Forensic Expert Witness Association National Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2016 and 2018.
  - National Expert Witness Conference, Clearwater, FL, 2017 and 2019.