

# Sima Mitra

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Motivated engineer with a diverse technical background ranging from algorithm development to PCB design. Passionate about tackling challenging problems and improving lives by developing cutting edge technologies.

## SKILLS

**Interests:** Algorithm Development, Wearables, Optics, Computer Vision

**Programming:** MATLAB, Embedded C, C#, Python, Mathematica, Assembly, HTML, JQL

**Technical:** Circuit Design, PCB Layout, SMD soldering, OrCAD Designer, Test Equipment, OpenSCAD, Verilog

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### TemperatureAlert | Boston, MA | September 2015 – November 2016

Electrical Engineer

- Increased wireless pressure sensor battery life 6x by implementing successive back-off when sensor was unresponsive.
- Hardened the embedded C firmware to create a robust data uplink from sensors to central hub to server.
- Circuit design, layout, and assembly of rechargeable battery backup for WiFi product.
- PCB Layout for new -40°C tolerant BLE cold-chain monitoring product.
- Board design and firmware development for new Oxygen sensor.
- Designed an extensive automated firmware-testing platform in C#. The platform automatically programmed devices, interacted with debug ports, controlled sensors, and read LED blink patterns.
- Successful FCC/IC Certification of an OEM ZigBee module.
- Created a python tool that automatically diagnosed the cause of missing or late sensor readings by parsing device packets.

### Quanttus, Inc. | Cambridge, MA | March 2014 – August 2015

R&D Engineer

- Developed pulse transit time algorithms in MATLAB to estimate blood pressure.
- Analyzed datasets to understand factors that affected biological signal morphology and quality.
- Evaluated electrocardiogram (ECG) and electrodermal activity (EDA) sensors on the wrist.
- Evaluated potential partner companies' photoplethysmography (PPG) sensors.
- Collaborated with the product development team to preserve signal quality during many prototype iterations.
- Defined test protocols and developed test rigs to evaluate PPG sensor performance.
- Researched optical properties of human skin to develop suitable human analogs for sensor testing.
- Wrote computer vision algorithms to automatically assess light output shape and intensity of different sensing elements.

## EDUCATION

**Masters of Engineering**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Cornell University, May 2013

**Bachelors of Science**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Cornell University, May 2012

## UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

### Design of [TicTocTrac](http://www.tictotracc.com), A Wristwatch that measures Time Perception ([www.tictotracc.com](http://www.tictotracc.com)) – Team Project

- Created an Open Source LED wristwatch that enables a user to track their perception of time.
- Wrote embedded C firmware for the on board ATmega32U4 microcontroller.
- Designed custom PCBs incorporating a  $\mu$ c, RTC, USB, microSD, and vibrate motor into a wearable form-factor.
- Featured on the Forbes, Hackaday, Makerbot, Adafruit, and Arduino Blogs.

### **Autonomous Quadcopter Docking System - Masters of Engineering Project**

- Inexpensive open-source quadcopter controller using only easily available components and free software.
- Compensates for short battery life of UAVs by safely landing them in a designated recharging location.
- Wrote Python scripts to use computer vision from a live video stream to control the quadcopter.

### **Host and Embedded Software Design for Fab@Home 3D Printing Student Project Team**

- Implemented core control commands on the MSP430 based motherboard of the next generation of the 3D printers.
- Wrote embedded system software in C and host software.

### **Nintendo Ninja - FPGA based hardware AI Design – Team Project**

- Verilog AI on the Cyclone II FPGA that utilized computer vision to play World 1-1 of Super Mario Bros. on a NES.

### **Automatic Segmentation of *Tachycineta bicolor* – Team Project**

- Designed a C computer vision algorithm that locates and segments the outline of an adult tree-swallow from videos.