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EDUCATION AND TRAINING Department of Materials Engineering, KU Leuven, Belgium (Mar. 2019 - Present) **Assistant Professor** in printed energy materials for wearables. Hardware Engineering, Apple Inc., USA. (Jan. 2018 - Feb. 2019) Senior Touch Module Process Engineer: Designing process steps, driving vendors in Asia, collaborating with cross-functional teams.

Department of Chemical Engineering, Stanford University, USA (Apr. 2016 – Jan. 2018)

- Postdoctoral Researcher at Bao Research Group.
- Project: Inkjet-Printed Stretchable Organic and CNTs-Based Transistors for Biomedical Applications and Skin-Like Electronics.
- Supervisor: Prof. Zhenan Bao.
- Acquired competences: Experience in processing functional organic materials (ionic dielectrics, conjugated semiconducting and conducting polymers, sorted and unsorted CNTs) from solution, inkjet printing of functional materials for unconventional electronics, fabrication and characterization of stretchable and biocompatible field effect transistors.

Department of Chemical Engineering, Stanford University, USA (Oct. 2014 – Apr. 2016)

- Swiss National Science Foundation Early PostDoc research fellow at Bao Research Group.
- Project: Tuning the Morphology of Solution-Based Organic Semiconductors for Fully-Printed Electronics with Improved Performance.
- Supervisor: Prof. Zhenan Bao.
- Acquired competences: Knowledge in thin-film preparation and morphological characterization of organic semiconductor materials by means of microscopy/spectroscopy (SEM, AFM, UV-Vis) and synchrotron x-ray diffraction methods; fabrication and electrical characterization of organic FETs and organic photovoltaic cells; theoretical knowledge in transport phenomena (fluid mechanics, heat and mass transfer).

- Collaboration in x-ray characterization: Michael Toney's group at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL), SLAC (USA).

Institute of Microengineering (IMT), EPFL, Switzerland

(Mar. 2010 – Jun. 2014)

- PhD in Microsystems Engineering.
- Dissertation title: Inkjet-Printed Multisensor Platform on Flexible Substrates for Environmental Monitoring.
- Supervisors: **Dr. Danick Briand** and **Prof. Nico de Rooij** at the Sensors, Actuators and Microsystems Laboratory (SAMLAB).
- Committee: Prof. H. Shea (EPFL, Switzerland), Prof. J. Brugger (EPFL, Switzerland), Prof. K. Persaud (University of Manchester, UK) and Dr. A. Oprea (University of Tübingen, Germany).
- Funding & Project framework: FP7-*Marie Curie* Initial Training Network (ITN) **fellowship** within the project **FlexSmell** Gas Sensors on Flexible Substrates for Wireless Applications.
- Acquired competences: Knowledge on printed, large-area and flexible electronics; proficiency in microfabrication processes (printing and cleanroom related methods); proficiency in design, fabrication and characterization (electrical and mechanical) of MEMS and chemical/physical sensors; experience in integration of electronics in smart textiles acquired throughout the Swiss Nano-Tera project TWIGS.
- Collaborations in several industrial and research projects and with different research institutions such as CSEM (Switzerland), ETH Zürich (Switzerland), the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), Holst Centre (The Netherlands), University of Manchester (UK) and VTT (Finland).

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland (Oct. 2011 – Jan. 2012 & Dec. 2012 – Feb. 2013)

PhD research visitor under supervision of Dr. Maria Smolander within the frame of the FP7-Marie Curie ITN
 FlexSmell project.

University of Granada, Spain

(Sep. 2002 – Sep. 2009)

- Double Major in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 8.091 / 10) and Physics (GPA: 8.265 / 10).
- Awarded highest GPA in Electrical Engineering, class of 2008.

University of California San Diego, USA

__(Sep. 2008 – Jun. 2009)

- Undergraduate education abroad (Year GPA: 3.771 / 4) within the Education Abroad program from the University of California.

- Acquired competences: knowledge and training in Nanotechnology and Nanoelectronics; experience in microfabrication within a cleanroom facility.

EPFL, Switzerland (Oct. 2006 – Jun. 2007)

- Undergraduate education abroad (Year GPA: 5.3 / 6) within the European Erasmus program.
- Acquired competences: Training in analog / digital integrated electronic circuits design; experience with IC design software Cadence.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<u>Dept. of Electrical Eng. University of California San Diego, USA</u> (Jul. 2009 – Aug. 2009)

- **Research Internship** at the High Speed Devices Group. Supervisor: Prof. Peter Asbeck.
- Work description: Monte Carlo simulation of carrier transport in graphene following a semi-classical approach.

Institute of Microengineering, EPFL, Switzerland

(Jul. 2007 – Aug. 2007)

- Research Internship at the Laboratory of Microsystems and Microelectronics. Supervisor: Prof. R. S. Popovic.
- Work description: Measurements, characterization and simulation of a Hall-effect magnetic microsensor using a multi-step spinning current method.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- Supervised and co-supervised three undergraduate students and a master student, respectively, during semester-long research projects.
- Assisted for two years in a bachelor course of Mechanics taught by Prof. Herbert Shea at EPFL. The teaching tasks included developing/correcting weekly assignments, holding office hours for students and developing/grading exams.
- Mentored a first year PhD student.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Awarded the Swiss National Science Foundation Early PostDoc Mobility Fellowship, Fully-printed organic electronics and sensors on flexible substrates for wearable point-of-care applications, budget of 94829 CHF to cover my salary as postdoctoral researcher and travel expenses at Stanford University from Oct. 2014 to Mar. 2016.

- Awarded for obtaining the **highest GPA** (8.091 out of 10) in the major of **Electrical Engineering** at the **University of Granada** (Spain) in 2008.
- Elected by the University of California to participate in its *Education Abroad Program*.
- Honors in Final Degree Project (Semester Project at EPFL).

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

- Reviewer of the international journals: Sensors and Actuators A: Physical (Elsevier), Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical (Elsevier), Flexible and Printed Electronics (IOPscience), Small (Wiley), and Nature Communications (Nature Research).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (h index = 18, complete list in https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=YaAZ2PIAAAAJ&hl=en)

- U. Kraft, F. Molina-Lopez, D. Son, Z. Bao and B. Murmann, Ink Development and Printing of Conducting Polymers for Intrinsically Stretchable Interconnects and Circuits, Advanced Electronic Materials (2019), pp. 1900681. DOI: 10.1002/aelm.201900681.
- F. Molina-Lopez, T. Z. Gao, U. Kraft, C. Zhu, T. Öhlund, R. Pfattner, V. R. Feig, Y. Kim, S. Wang, Y. Yun and Z. Bao, *Inkjet-Printed Stretchable and Low Voltage Synaptic Transistor Array,* Nature Communications (2019), vol. 10, 2676. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-019-10569-3.
- 3. G. Chen, R. Rastak, Y. Wang, H. Yan, V. Feig, Y. Liu, Y. Jiang, S. Chen, F. Lian, **F. Molina-Lopez**, L. Jin, K. Cui, J.W Chung, E. Pop, C. Linder and Zhenan Bao, *Strain- and Strain-Rate-Invariant Conductance in a Stretchable and Compressible 3D Conducting Polymer Foam*, **Matter** (2019), vol. 1, pp. 1-14. DOI: 10.1016/j.matt.2019.03.011.
- 4. J. Xu, H.-C. Wu, C. Zhu, A. Ehrlich, L. Shaw, M. Nikolka, S. Wang, **F. Molina-Lopez**, X. Gu, S. Luo, D. Zhou, Y.-H. Kim, G.-J.N. Wang, K. Gu, V.R. Feig, S. Chen, Y. Kim, T. Katsumata, Y.-Q. Zheng, H. Yan, J.W. Chung, J. Lopez, B. Murmann and Z. Bao, *Multi-scale ordering in highly stretchable polymer semiconducting films*, **Nature Materials** (2019), vol. 18, pp. 594-601. DOI: 10.1038/s41563-019-0340-5.
- D. Son, J. Kang, O. Vardoulis, Y. Kim, N. Matsuhisa, J.Y. Oh, J.W.F. To, J. Mun, T. Katsumata, Y. Liu, A.F. McGuire, M. Krason, F. Molina-Lopez, J. Ham, U. Kraft, Y. Lee, Y. Yun, J.B.-H. Tok and Z. Bao, An integrated self-healable electronic skin system fabricated via dynamic reconstruction of a nanostructured conducting network, Nature Nanotechnology (2018), vol. 13 (11), pp. 1057-1065.
- 6. T.Z. Gao, T. Lei, **F. Molina-Lopez** and Z. Bao, *Enhanced Process Integration and Device Performance of Carbon Nanotubes via Flocculation*, **Small Methods** (2018), vol. 2 (10), pp. 1800189.

- 7. G.-J.N. Wang, **F. Molina-Lopez**, H. Zhang, J. Xu, H.-C. Wu, J. Lopez, L. Shaw, J. Mun, Q. Zhang, S. Wang, A. Ehrlich and Z. Bao, *Nonhalogenated Solvent Processable and Printable High-Performance Polymer Semiconductor Enabled by Isomeric Nonconjugated Flexible Linkers*, **Macromolecules** (2018), vol. 51 (13), pp. 4976-4985.
- 8. **F. Molina-Lopez**, H.-C. Wu, G.-J. N. Wang, H. Yan, L. Shaw, J. Xu, M.F. Toney and Z. Bao, *Enhancing Molecular Alignment and Charge Transport of Solution-Sheared Semiconducting Polymer Films by the Electrical Blade Effect*, **Advanced Electronic Materials** (2018), vol. 4, pp. 1800110.
- 9. S. Wang, J. Xu, W. Wang, G.-J.N. Wang, R. Rastak, **F. Molina-Lopez**, J.W. Chung, S. Niu, V.R. Feig, J. Lopez, T. Lei, S.-K. Kwon, Y. Kim, A.M. Foudeh, A. Ehrlich, A. Gasperini, Y. Yun, B. Murmann, J.B.-H. Tok and Z. Bao, *Skin electronics from scalable fabrication of an intrinsically stretchable transistor array*, **Nature** (2018), vol. 555 (7694), pp. 83-88.
- 10. X. Gu, Y. Zhou, K. Gu, T. Kurosawa, Y. Guo, Y. Li, H. Lin, B.C. Schroeder, H. Yan, **F. Molina-Lopez**, C.J. Tassone, C. Wang, S.C.B. Mannsfeld, H. Yan, D. Zhao, M.F. Toney, Z. Bao, *Roll-to-roll printed large area all-polymer solar cells with 5% efficiency based on a low crystallinity conjugated polymer Blend*, **Advanced Energy Materials** (2017), vol. 7 (14), pp. 1602742.
- 11. Y. Wang, C. Zhu, R. Pfattner, H. Yan, L. Jin, S. Chen, **F. Molina-Lopez**, F. Lissel, J. Liu, N.I. Rabiah, Z. Chen, J.W. Chung, C. Linder, M.F. Toney, B. Murmann and Z. Bao, *A highly stretchable, transparent and conductive polymer*, **Science Advances** (2017), vol. 3 (3), pp. e1602076.
- 12. **F. Molina-Lopez**, H. Yan, X. Gu, Y. Kim, M.F. Toney, Z. Bao, *Electric field tuning molecular packing and electrical properties of solution-shearing coated organic semiconducting thin films*, **Advanced Functional Materials** (2017), vol. 27 (8), pp. 1605503.
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- 15. **F. Molina-Lopez**, D. Briand, N.F. de Rooij, *Inkjet and microcontact printing of functional materials on foil for the fabrication of pixel-like capacitive vapor microsensors*, **Organic Electronics** (2015), vol. 16, pp. 136-147.
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- 18. J.F. Salmerón, **F. Molina-Lopez**, D. Briand, J.J. Ruan, A. Rivadeneyra, M.A. Carvajal, L.F. Capitan-Vallvey, N.F. de Rooij and A.J. Palma, *Properties and printability of inkjet and screen-printed silver patterns for RFID antennas*, **Journal of Electronic Materials** (2014), vol. 86 (18), pp. 604-617.
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- 23. F. Molina-Lopez, D. Briand and N.F. de Rooij, *All additive inkjet printed humidity sensors on flexible substrate*, Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical (2012), vol. 166-167, pp. 212-222.

OTHER PERSONAL SKILLS

- Ability to adapt to **multicultural situations** acquired through working and living in many countries: Spain, Switzerland, Finland, USA and Belgium.
- Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), German (Beginner), Mandarin (Beginner).
- Extracurricular activities: I have studied classical music for ten years, obtaining the certificate for intermediate level in piano from the Superior Conservatory of Music Victoria Eugenia of Granada (Spain).