

Design of an Energy-Autonomous Bio-Sensing System Using a Biofuel Cell and 0.19V 53 μ W Integrated Supply-Sensing Sensor with a Supply-Insensitive Temperature Sensor and Inductive-Coupling Transmitter

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Motivation

Energy source of IoT for healthcare

▪ Conventional approaches

- ▶ Battery
- ▶ Wireless power delivery
- ▶ Energy harvesting

Technical challenges of healthcare applications

▪ Biofuel cells

Advantages

- Stable
- Low cost
- Safe
- Biofuel conversion for bio-sensing

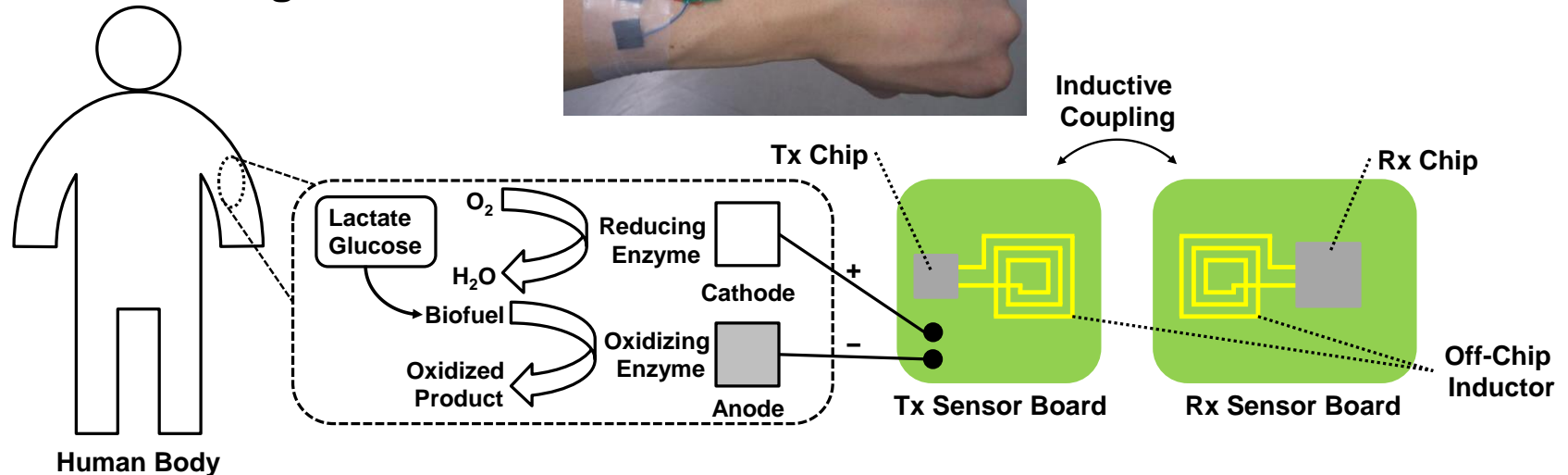
Disadvantages

- Temperature sensitive (Enzyme activity)
- Short lifetime
- Low output voltage/power

“Biofuel-cells-friendly sensing system is required”

Proposed Bio-sensing System

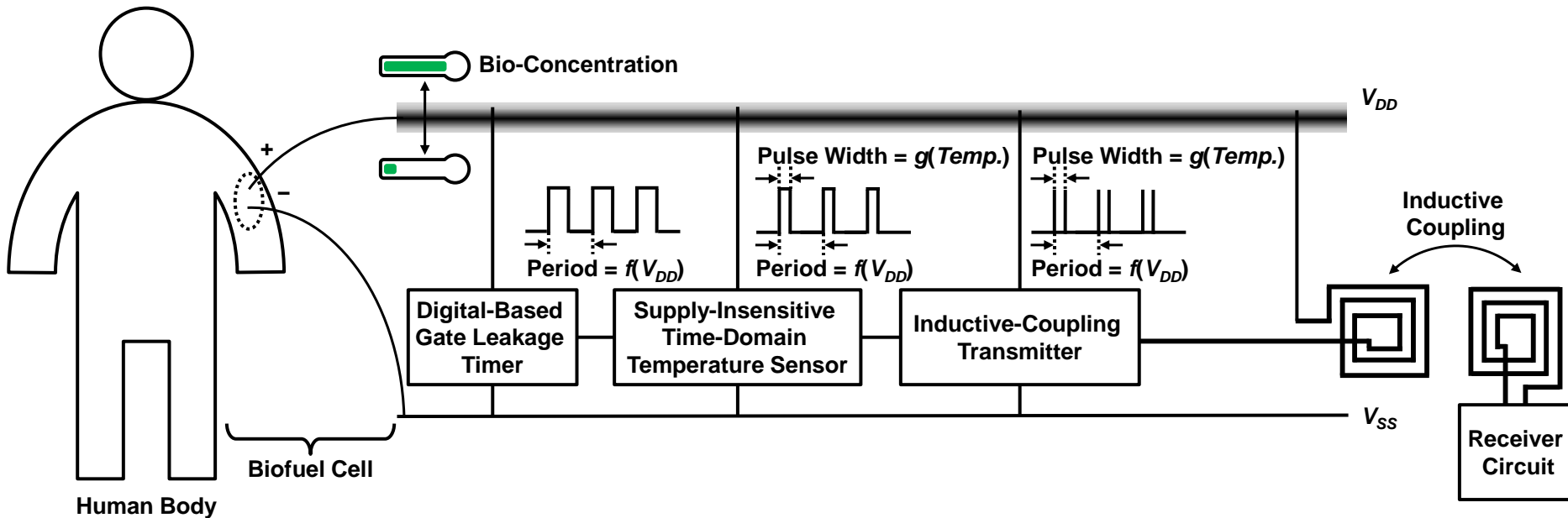
- **Biofuel from the human body: Lactate, glucose, ...**
 - ▶ Physical activity monitoring, diabetes monitoring, ...
- **Biofuel cell: Output power is a function of bio-concentration**
 - ▶ Power generation
 - ▶ Bio-sensing frontend



▪ Design

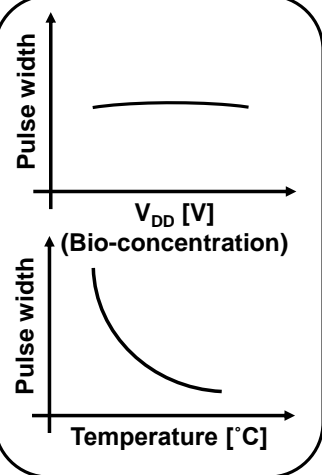
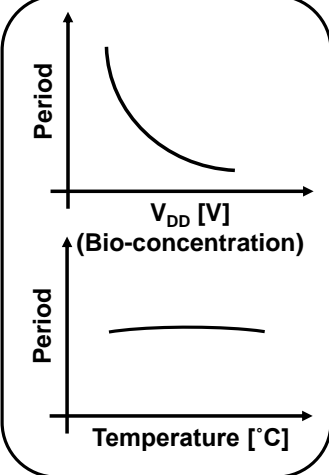
- ▶ Supply sensing → Low-voltage and low-power operation
- ▶ Temperature monitoring → Calibrating enzyme activity

Principles of the Bio-sensing System



Timer
(Bio-concentration sensor)

Temperature Sensor



- **Unregulated supply voltage operation**
 - ▶ **Supply sensing:**
Supply voltage \rightarrow Bio-concentration
- **Temperature-insensitive timer**
- **Supply-insensitive temperature sensor**
- **Concept feasibility was confirmed**
 - ▶ Tx operation: 0.19 V, 53 μ W