## Research in the Cheng Group

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#### Education and Training

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- Ph.D., Bioengineering, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
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#### Research Areas

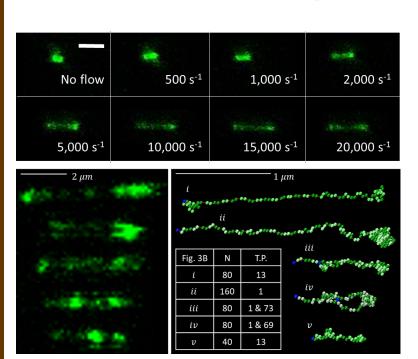
• Microfluidics, Lab on a Chip, Point-of-Care Diagnostics, BioMEMS, Biosensors, Biomaterials

#### Sample Publications

- Yi Wang et al., "Shear-Induced Extensional Response Behaviors of Tethered von Willebrand Factor," Biophysical Journal, 116(11), 2092-2102 (2019).
- Hang Li et al., "Differentiation of Live and Heat-killed E. coli by Microwave Impedance Spectroscopy," Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical, 255 (Part 2), 1614-1622 (2018).



# Von Willebrand Factor (vWF) under Flow and Artificial vWF (in Collaboration with Frank Zhang)

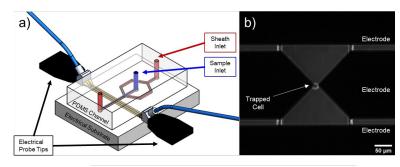


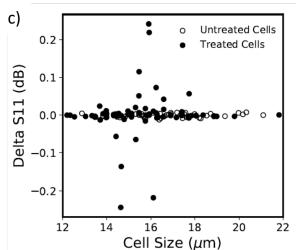
- What are the aims?
  - To understand biomechanics and function of VWF, a clotting factor responsive to high shear
  - To develop artificial molecules mimicking the shear response of VWF
- Why is this topic significant?
  - Fundamental understanding of VWF diseases (VWD)
  - Instrumental for development of diagnostics and therapeutics
  - Novel drug carriers
- How is the topic studied?
  - Single molecule characterization by force microscopy, microfluidics and optical microscopy
  - Brownian dynamics simulation
- What are the future directions of this research?
  - vWF responses to physiological flow
  - Drug carrier for model diseases



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### **Broadband Electrical Sensing of Cell Physiology**





#### What is the technology?

 Micro-sensors for analyzing nuclear changes and metabolic activities of single cells

#### • Why is this topic significant?

- An alternative to conventional optical and molecular analysis
- Potential for portable, automated and high-throughput systems for point-of-care single cell analysis

#### What are the target Diseases?

- Cancer
- · Chronic fatigue syndrome

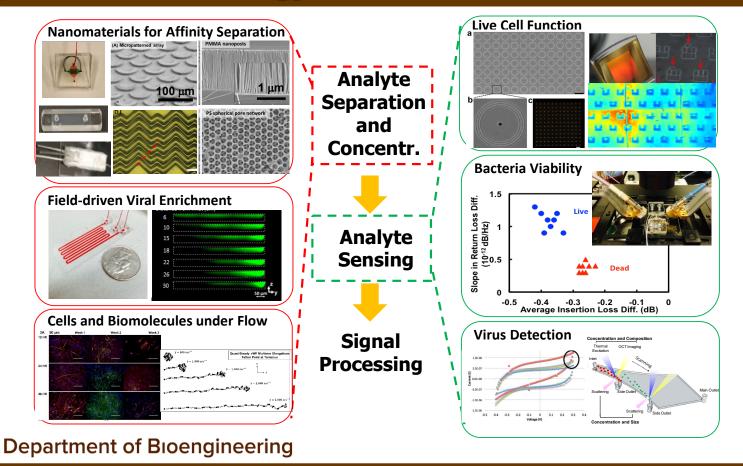
#### What are the future directions of this research?

- Theory of bioelectrics of single cells
- Validation using clinical samples



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