

# K B Vinaya Kumar

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## Research Interests:

Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS), Internet-of-Things (IoT) sensors, Lab-on-chip devices, Analog Circuit Design, Chip-scale particle accelerator.

## Work Experience:

**Staff Researcher:** July-2018 [International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory \(INL\)](#), Portugal

**Postdoctoral Associate:** December 2015-June 2018, [Sonic MEMS Lab, Cornell University](#), USA

**Research Associate:** July 2015-December 2015, [Sensors Lab, Indian Institute of Science](#), India.

## Education:

**PhD (2011- 2015)**, Department of [Instrumentation & Applied Physics](#) and [Electronic System Engineering](#)  
(Advisors: [Prof. K Rajanna](#) and [Prof. N S Dinesh](#))

[Indian Institute of Science \(IISc\)](#), Bangalore, India (**Best PhD Thesis award from ISSS**)

**M.Tech. (2009-2011)**, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

[Kuvempu University](#), Karnataka, India.

**B.E. (2005-2009)**, Electronics and Communication

[Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College](#), Karnataka, India

## Research Experience:

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| 2016-present | <b>Pyroelectric-based high voltage generation for gas sensor/vacuum pump/robotic actuator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Developed pyroelectric lithium niobate-based ionizers to ionize VOCs</li><li>➤ Integrated ionizer, piezoelectric fans and microfabricated electrode array in a portable 3D printed package for portable gas-sensing</li><li>➤ Demonstrated a transimpedance amplifier to detect nano ampere (nA) of current from ionizer</li><li>➤ Working on miniaturized ion pump for chip-scale atomic sensor application</li><li>➤ High voltage generation for soft robotic actuator application</li></ul> |
| 2015-present | <b>MEMS-based compact particle accelerator (in collaboration with LBNL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Designed and Developed a PC board and silicon based Electrostatic Quadrupole (ESQ) wafers</li><li>➤ Demonstrated a high voltage pulse generator using SiC MOSFET</li><li>➤ Designing a coplanar/microstrip resonator to generate high voltage for particle accelerator</li></ul>   |
| 2016-present | <b>Transient/Vaporizable sensor array</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Used vaporizable polymer as a support layer for sensor array</li><li>➤ Metal heaters were deposited to patterned and vaporize polymer</li><li>➤ Graphene was transferred on to the polymer membrane to demonstrate accelerometer sensor</li></ul>  |
| 2011-2015    | <b>Microneedle and micropump-based insulin delivery system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Designed and Developed a Silicon, Metal and Polymer microneedle array</li><li>➤ Developed and characterized a peristaltic micropump for drug delivery</li><li>➤ Precision flow controlling was demonstrated using developed micropump</li><li>➤ Microneedle and micropump was integrated to deliver the insulin into the diabetic rat</li></ul>   |
| 2013-2014    | <b>Low range (millibar) pressure calibrator using micropump</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Developed an automatic pressurization system to calibrate low range (millibar) pressure sensors</li><li>➤ Developed a closed loop control system to detect and adjust the pressure leaks in the chamber</li><li>➤ The complete system has been integrated into a portable product</li></ul>  |
| 2009-2011    | <b>Structural, Electrical and Optoelectronic properties of CuO cluster of nanoparticles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Synthesized Cupric oxide (CuO) clusters of nano particles of size ~ 25-30 nm</li><li>➤ DC electrical conductivity for CuO clusters of nanoparticles was carried out from 300 to 500 K</li><li>➤ Direct band gap of 3.77eV was measured using optical absorption spectrum</li></ul>   |

## Teaching and Mentoring Experience:

Teaching Assistant for "Sensors and Measurement Techniques" course at Indian Institute of Science, Jan-Jun 2014. **One** Masters (M.tech.) project on pressure calibration project, **One** Undergraduate (B.E.) project on high voltage pulse generation using SiC MOSFET and **Two**, Undergraduate projects on sensor integration with embedded controller

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## Scientific Honors, Awards and Recognitions:

1. **R&D 100 Award-2017** Finalist "MEMS-ACCEL-Microelectromechanical-Systems-Based Particle Accelerator", USA
2. **Best Ph.D. Thesis award** from Institute for Smart Structures and Systems (**ISSS**), India, 2015
3. Work appeared in the **cover page** of "**Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering**" 26, no. 6, 2016
4. Work appeared in the **cover page** of "**Review of Scientific Instruments Journal**", Vol 88 no. 6, 2017
5. Recipient of International **Travel Grant** from "Department of Science and Technology (DST)" Government of India and Center for International Co-operation of Science (CICS) for attending "Workshop on Enabling Future Health Care: The Role of Micro and Nano technologies", NAPA, USA, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.
6. Recipient of International **Travel Grant** from "Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR)" Government of India for attending "Workshop on Enabling Future Health Care: The Role of Micro and Nano technologies", NAPA, USA, August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.
7. Recipient of the "**GARP fund**" from Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for attending the Sensors in Medicine conference, London, UK, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.
8. **Scholarship** during Ph.D. tenure from "Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD)", Government of India, from August 2011 to July 2015.

## Invited talks:

1. Electron Devices Society, Cornell University, USA, September 2016 Title: "Microneedle and Micropump-based Transdermal Drug Delivery system"
2. University of Bradford, Bradford, UK, March 2015 Title: "Solid and Hollow Microneedle to improve the transdermal drug delivery"

## Active peer reviewer:

IEEE sensor conference series (2017), Microelectronics Engineering journal, Micromachines.

## Patents:

1. Thomas Schenkel, Amit Lal, Arun Persaud, Qing Ji, Peter Seidl, Will Waldron, Serhan Ardanuc, **K B Vinayakumar**, "Particle accelerator apparatus, methods, and applications" WO2017192834A1
2. K. Rajanna, N.S Dinesh, **K B Vinayakumar**, Naveen Kumar G, and M. M. Nayak, "*Portable low pressure calibration device*" **6728/CHE/2014**, filed Indian Patent

## Publications in Journal/Proceedings:

1. **K B Vinayakumar**, Ved Gund, Amit Lal "Miniaturized Low Power Vacuum Pump Using Pyroelectric Crystal", Manuscript in preparation for **Applied Physics Letter**
2. **K. B. Vinayakumar**, S. Ardanuc, A. Persaud, P. A. Seidl, Q. Ji, T. Schenkel, A. Lal "Demonstration of waferscale on-board voltage amplifier and electrostatic quadrupole focusing array for compact linear accelerators" Manuscript in preparation for **IEEE Transaction on Instrumentation and Measurement**.
3. Ved Gund, Alexander Ruyack, Amanda Leonardi, **K. B. Vinayakumar**, Chris Ober, and Amit Lal "Electronic Singulation of Silicon Pillars from Flexible Substrates Utilizing Vaporizable Polymer" Manuscript in preparation for **Advanced Materials**
4. P.A. Seidl, A. Persaud, W. Ghiorso, Q. Ji, W.L. Waldron, T. Schenkel, A. Lal, and **K.B. Vinayakumar** "Demonstration of a compact linear accelerator" **Review of Scientific Instruments**, Vol 89, 053302 (2018)
5. **K. B. Vinayakumar**, A. Persaud, P. A. Seidl, Q. Ji, W. L. Waldron, T. Schenkel, S. Ardanuc, and A. Lal "Waferscale Electrostatic Quadrupole Array for Multiple Ion Beam Manipulation" **IEEE MEMS 2018**, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, 21-25 January 2018
6. V. Gund, A. Ruyack, **K B Vinayakumar**, C. K. Ober, A. Lal "Individually detachable polymer-silicon micro-parts for vaporizable electronics" Solid-State Sensors, Actuators and Microsystems (**TRANSDUCERS**), 2017 19th International Conference, Taiwan
7. A. Persaud, Q. Ji, E. Feinberg, P.A. Seidl, W.L. Waldron, T. Schenkel, A. Lal, **K B Vinayakumar**, and S. Ardanuc, "A compact linear accelerator based on a scalable microelectromechanical-system RF-structure" **Review of Scientific Instruments**, Vol 88 no. 6, (2017) (**Cover Page**)
8. A. Persaud, P. A. Seidl, Q. Ji, W. L. Waldron, T. Schenkel, S. Ardanuc, **K. B. Vinayakumar**, Z.A. Schaffer, A. Lal, "A compact MEMS-based ion accelerator" **Physics Procedia**, 2017, Vol 90
9. **K B Vinayakumar**, V. Gund, N. Lambert, S. Lodha, and A. Lal, "*Enhanced Lithium Niobate based pyroelectric ionization for chip-scale ion mobility-based gas sensing*", **IEEE Sensors**, 2016 USA
10. Anitha Shiva, Nagaraj K.S, Karthik J, **K.B.Vinayakumar**, G.M. Hegde and K. N Bhat, "Fabrication of nanoindenters on pdms for drug delivery" Accepted in **ISSS journal of micro and smart systems**.

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11. **K B Vinayakumar**, K Rajanna, NS Dinesh and MM Nayak, "Out-of-plane cup shaped stainless steel microneedle array for drug delivery" **IEEE NEMS**, 2016 Japan
12. **K B Vinayakumar**, Girish nadiger, Vikas r shetty, N.S Dinesh, M.M Nayak and K Rajanna, "Packaged peristaltic Micropump for Controlled Drug Delivery Application" **Review of Scientific Instruments** 88, no.1 (2016)
13. **K B Vinayakumar**, Prachit G. Kulkarni, M. M. Nayak, N. S. Dinesh, Gopalkrishna M. Hegde, S. G. Ramachandra, and K. Rajanna. "A hollow stainless steel microneedle array to deliver insulin to a diabetic rat." **Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering** 26, no. 6 (2016): 065013 (**Cover Page**)
14. **K B Vinayakumar**, G. Naveen Kumar, M. M. Nayak, N. S. Dinesh, and K. Rajanna. "Peristaltic pump-based low range pressure sensor calibration system." **Review of Scientific Instruments** 86, no. 11 (2015): 115113.
15. **K B Vinayakumar**, G. M. Hegde, M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna, "Development of Cup Shaped Microneedle Array for Transdermal Drug Delivery" **Biointerphases** 10(2), June 2015, 021008-1.
16. **K B Vinayakumar**, G. M. Hegde, M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna, "Fabrication and characterization of gold coated hollow silicon microneedle array for drug delivery" **Microelectronic Engineering** 128 (2014) 12-18
17. **K B Vinaya Kumar**, M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna, "Characterization and Performance Study of Packaged Micropump for Drug Delivery" 8th International Microsystems, Packaging, Assembly and Circuits Technology Conference (**IMPACT**) Taipei, Taiwan on Oct 22-25, 2013.

## Oral/Poster Presentations:

1. Q Ji, A Persaud, PA Seidl, WL Waldron, T Schenkel, S Ardanuc, **K B Vinayakumar**, A Lal "Acceleration of Ion Beams using a scalable microelectronmechanical-system-based RF structures", 17th International Conference on Ion Sources, CERN, Geneva, Oct 2017
2. A Persaud, PA Seidl, Q Ji, WL Waldron, T Schenkel, S Ardanuc, **K B Vinayakumar**, ZA Schaffer, A Lal "MEMS based ion beams for fusion" **APS Meeting**, 2016 USA
3. **K B Vinayakumar**, S Souravi, S Anitha, G M Hegde, M M Nayak, N S Dinesh, K Rajanna, "Tip Functionalized Polymer Microneedle Array for Transdermal Drug Delivery", **IWPSD**, December 7-10, 2015 at IISc, Bangalore
4. **K B Vinaya Kumar**, M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna, "Microneedle and Micropump-based Precision Drug Delivery System", Workshop on Enabling Future Health Care: the Role Micro and Nano Technology, **NAPA**, USA August 24-26, 2015
5. **K B Vinaya Kumar** M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna. "Out-Of-Plane Microneedle Array for Drug Delivery" **Sensors in Medicine**, London, UK, March 24- 26, 2015
6. **K B Vinayakumar**, G.Naveen kumar, M.M.Nayak, N.S.Dinesh and K.Rajanna, "Pressure Calibrator Using Peristaltic Micropump" **seventh ISSS** International Conference on Smart Materials, Structures and Systems, Bangalore, India July 08 -11, 2014.
7. **K B Vinaya Kumar**, G. M. Hegde, M. M. Nayak, N.S Dinesh, K. Rajanna, "Microneedle Technology For Transdermal Drug Delivery" **Sixth ISSS** National Conference on MEMS, Smart Materials, Structures and Systems which will be held at R&DE (Engrs) Pune on Sept 6-7, 2013.
8. **K B Vinaya kumar**, K. Kiran Kumar, V.A.P Sharma, N.Balashanmugam, G.M.Hegde, K.Rajanna, M.M.Nayak, N.S Dinesh. "Metal microneedle precision fabrication technology and limitations" **CMTI** organized First National Conference on Micro and Nano fabrication from Jan 21-23, 2013 Bangalore, India (**Cover Page**)
9. **K B Vinaya Kumar**, N. P. Vamsi Krishna, Suma B. N, G. M. Hegde, K. Rajanna, M. M. Nayak and N.S Dinesh, "Fabrication of Silicon and Stainless Steel Microneedles for Bio-compatibility Packaging Applications", **NCEDAR** 2012 organized by IPC India on at J N Tata Auditorium, IISc Bangalore, India.
10. **K. B. Vinayakumar** , J. Manjanna, G.D. Prasanna, H.S. Jayanna, H. C. Barshilia, S. Kobayashi "Formation of superparamagnetic CuO cluster of nanoparticles" **NanoSEC 2011** Organized by Indian Ceramic society, IISc, Bangalore. India.
11. **K. B. Vinayakumar**, J. Manjanna, S. Kobayashi and H.C. Bela, "Superparamagnetic behavior of antiferromagnetic CuO nanoclusters" **NCNM 2010**, Palakkad, Kerala, India.

## Media and Press Interest:

["Taking the sting off needles" published in the daily newspaper \*\*The Hindu\*\* on Aug 25, 2014.](#)

["Microneedle that stings less" published in \*\*The New Indian Express\*\* on Aug 24, 2014](#)