

US009392946B1

(12) United States Patent

Sarantos et al.

(54) HEART RATE SENSOR WITH HIGH-ASPECT-RATIO PHOTODETECTOR ELEMENT

- (71) Applicant: Fitbit, Inc., San Francisco, CA (US)
- (72) Inventors: Chris H. Sarantos, San Francisco, CA (US); Peter W. Richards, San Francisco, CA (US)
- (73) Assignee: Fitbit, Inc., San Francisco, CA (US)
- (*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.
- (21) Appl. No.: 14/724,750
- (22) Filed: May 28, 2015
- (51) Int. Cl. *A61B 5/024* (2006.01) *A61B 5/00* (2006.01) (2006.01)
- (58) Field of Classification Search
 CPC . A61B 5/02427; A61B 5/02438; A61B 5/681
 See application file for complete search history.

(56) References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,367,752	Α	1/1983	Jimenez et al.
4,771,792	Α	9/1988	Seale
5,036,856	Α	8/1991	Thornton
5,101,831	Α	4/1992	Koyama et al.
5,318,597	Α	6/1994	Hauck et al.
5,738,104	Α	4/1998	Lo et al.
6,076,015	Α	6/2000	Hartley et al.
6,131,076	Α	10/2000	Stephan et al.
6,241,684	B1	6/2001	Amano et al.

(10) Patent No.: US 9,392,946 B1

(45) **Date of Patent:** Jul. 19, 2016

6,289,230 B1	9/2001	Chaiken et al.
6,402,690 B1	6/2002	Rhee et al.
6,418,394 B1	7/2002	Puolakanaho et al.
6,583,369 B2	6/2003	Montagnino et al.
6,731,967 B1	5/2004	Turcott
6,997,882 B1	2/2006	Parker et al.
7,539,532 B2	5/2009	Tran
7,720,306 B2	5/2010	Gardiner et al.
8,040,758 B1	10/2011	Dickinson
8,152,745 B2	4/2012	Smith et al.
8,172,761 B1	5/2012	Rulkov et al.
8,211,503 B2	7/2012	Tsao et al.
8,346,328 B2	1/2013	Mannheimer et al.
8,386,042 B2	2/2013	Yudovsky et al.
8,444,578 B2	5/2013	Bourget et al.
8,475,367 B1	7/2013	Yuen et al.

(Continued)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

CN	101615098 A	12/2009
CN	102389313 A	3/2012

(Continued)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

U.S. Appl. No. 14/214,655, filed Mar. 14, 2014, Hong et al. (Continued)

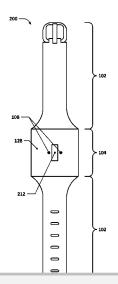
Primary Examiner — Bo J Peng

(74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Weaver Austin Villeneuve & Sampson LLP

(57) **ABSTRACT**

Heart rate sensors including high-aspect-ratio photodetector elements are discussed herein. Such high-aspect-ratio photodetector elements may provide improved signal-strength-topower-consumption performance for heart rate sensors incorporating such photodetector elements as compared with heart rate sensors incorporating, for example, square photodetector elements.

30 Claims, 14 Drawing Sheets



Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at docketalarm.com.

(56) References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

8,579,827 B1	11/2013	Rulkov et al.
8,792,981 B2	7/2014	Yudovsky et al.
8,868,377 B2	10/2014	Yuen et al.
8,920,332 B2	12/2014	Hong et al.
8,945,017 B2	2/2015	Venkatraman et al.
8,948,832 B2	2/2015	Hong et al.
		U
8,954,135 B2	2/2015	Yuen et al.
8,956,303 B2	2/2015	Hong et al.
8,998,815 B2	4/2015	Venkatraman et al.
9,005,129 B2	4/2015	Venkatraman et al.
9,005,129 B2		
9,042,971 B2	5/2015	Brumback et al.
9,044,149 B2	6/2015	Richards et al.
, ,		
9,044,150 B2	6/2015	Brumback et al.
9,049,998 B2	6/2015	Brumback et al.
9,089,760 B2	7/2015	Tropper et al.
9,113,794 B2	8/2015	Hong et al.
9,113,795 B2	8/2015	
		Hong et al.
9,237,855 B2	1/2016	Hong et al.
2001/0044588 A1	11/2001	Mault
2003/0163710 A1	8/2003	Ortiz et al.
2004/0236227 A1	11/2004	Gueissaz
2005/0054940 A1	3/2005	Almen
2005/0245793 A1	11/2005	Hilton et al.
2006/0195020 A1	8/2006	Martin et al.
2007/0213020 A1	9/2007	Novac
2007/0265533 A1	11/2007	Tran
2008/0097221 A1	4/2008	Florian
2009/0012433 A1	1/2009	Fernstrom et al.
2009/0132197 A1	5/2009	Rubin et al.
2009/0163783 A1	6/2009	Mannheimer et al.
2009/0292332 A1		
	11/2009	Li et al.
2009/0318779 A1	12/2009	Tran
2010/0106044 A1	4/2010	Linderman
2010/0152600 A1	6/2010	Droitcour et al.
2010/0204550 A1	8/2010	Heneghan et al.
2010/0249633 A1	9/2010	Droitcour et al.
2010/0274100 A1	10/2010	Behar et al.
2010/0292568 A1	11/2010	Droitcour et al.
2010/0298650 A1	11/2010	Moon et al.
	11/2010	
		Moon et al.
2010/0298653 A1	11/2010	McCombie et al.
2010/0298661 A1	11/2010	McCombie et al.
2010/0331145 A1	12/2010	Lakovic et al.
2010/0331657 A1	12/2010	Mensinger et al.
2011/0009727 A1	1/2011	Mensinger et al.
2011/0032105 A1	2/2011	Hoffman et al.
2011/0066010 A1	3/2011	Moon et al.
2011/0112442 A1	5/2011	Meger et al.
2011/0118621 A1	5/2011	Chu
2012/0083705 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0083714 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0083715 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0083716 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0084053 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0084054 A1	4/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0123232 A1	5/2012	Najarian et al.
	6/2012	Yanev et al.
2012/0172733 A1	7/2012	Park
2012/0226471 A1	9/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0226472 A1	9/2012	Yuen et al.
2012/0232432 A1	9/2012	Kahn et al.
2012/0245439 A1	9/2012	Andre et al.
2012/0253486 A1	10/2012	Niemimaki
2012/0255875 A1	10/2012	Vicente et al.
2012/0274508 A1	11/2012	Brown et al.
2012/0316471 A1	12/2012	
		Rahman et al.
2013/0009779 A1	1/2013	Wittling et al.
2013/0073254 A1	3/2013	Yuen et al.
2013/0073255 A1	3/2013	Yuen et al.
2013/0077826 A1	3/2013	Cowperthwaite et al.
		· .
2013/0080113 A1	3/2013	Yuen et al.
2013/0106684 A1	5/2013	Weast et al.
2013/0151196 A1	6/2013	Yuen et al.

DOCKE

Δ

RM

Δ

2013/0211265	A1	8/2013	Bedingham et al.
2013/0218053	A1	8/2013	Kaiser et al.
2014/0073486	A1	3/2014	Ahmed et al.
2014/0074431	A1	3/2014	Modi
2014/0099614	A1	4/2014	Hu et al.
2014/0107493	A1	4/2014	Yuen et al.
2014/0135631	A1	5/2014	Brumback et al.
2014/0142403	A1	5/2014	Brumback et al.
2014/0241626	A1	8/2014	Sull et al.
2014/0275821	A1	9/2014	Beckman
2014/0275852	A1	9/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0275854	A1	9/2014	Venkatraman et al.
2014/0276119	A1	9/2014	Venkatraman et al.
2014/0278139	A1	9/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0288390	A1	9/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0288391	A1	9/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0288392	A1	9/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0288435	A1	9/2014	Richards et al.
2014/0288436	A1	9/2014	Venkatraman et al.
2014/0288438	A1	9/2014	Venkatraman et al.
2014/0303523	A1	10/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0378786	A1	12/2014	Hong et al.
2014/0378787	A1	12/2014	Brumback et al.
2014/0378872	A1	12/2014	Hong et al.
2015/0025393	A1	1/2015	Hong et al.
2015/0025394	A1	1/2015	Hong et al.
2015/0196256	A1	7/2015	Venkatraman et al.
2015/0201853	A1	7/2015	Hong et al.
2015/0201854	A1	7/2015	Hong et al.
2015/0223708	A1	8/2015	Richards et al.
2015/0230761	A1	8/2015	Brumback et al.
2016/0034634	A9	2/2016	Hong et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

CN	103093420 A	5/2013
EP	1 721 237	8/2012

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

U.S. Appl. No. 14/724,750, filed May 28, 2015, Sarantos et al.

US Office Action, dated Aug. 4, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 13/924,784.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Nov. 19, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 13/924,784.

US Office Action, dated Oct. 22, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/290,884.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Feb. 6, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/290,884.

US Office Action, dated Jun. 22, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/693,710.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Jul. 27, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/693,710.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Sep. 23, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,669.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Oct. 14, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,669.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Dec. 31, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,669.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Oct. 14, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,144.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Dec. 3, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,144.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Sep. 26, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295, 158.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Dec. 31, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,158.

US Office Action, dated Jan. 23, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,184.

US Final Office Action, dated May 11, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,184.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Aug. 11, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,184.

(56) **References Cited**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

US Notice of Allowance, dated Apr. 14, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,161.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Jul. 28, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,161.

US Office Action, dated May 11, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/673,630.

US Office Action, dated Jan. 27, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,173.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Apr. 17, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,173.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Jul. 16, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,173.

US Office Action, dated Jun. 8, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/673,634.

US Office Action, dated Aug. 5, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,673.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Dec. 8, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,673.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Mar. 5, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/292,673.

US Office Action, dated Sep. 18, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,059.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Jan. 28, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,059.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Mar. 11, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,059.

US Office Action, dated Dec. 24, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,076.

US Final Office Action, dated Apr. 15, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,076.

US Office Action, dated Jul. 31, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,122.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Nov. 24, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295.122.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Jan. 5, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,122.

US Office Action, dated Mar. 14, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,009.

US Office Action, dated Sep. 29, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,009.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Jan. 21, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,009.

US Office Action, dated Nov. 25, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,019.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Mar. 20, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,019.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated May 14, 2015, issued U.S. Appl. No. 14/154,019.

US Office Action, dated Dec. 10, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/484,104.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Mar. 19, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/484,104.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated May 6, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/484,104.

US Office Action, dated Dec. 4, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/216,743.

US Final Office Action, dated Apr. 8, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/216,743.

US Office Action, dated Mar. 12, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,020.

US Final Office Action, dated Jul. 7, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,020.

US Office Action, dated Aug. 22, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/250,256.

US Final Office Action, dated Nov. 21, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/250,256.

RM

US Office Action, dated Oct. 7, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,762.

US Final Office Action, dated Dec. 19, 2014, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,762.

US Office Action, dated Jul. 7, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,762.

Chinese First Office Action (no translation) dated Aug. 7, 2015 issued in CN 201410243180.6.

"Activator is One of the Best Cydia iPhone Hacks | Control your iPhone with Gestures," iphone-tips-and-advice.com, [retrieved on Jul. 9, 2013 at http://www.iphone-tips-and-advice.com/activatior. html], 10 pp.

Chudnow, Alan (Dec. 3, 2012) "Basis Wristband Make Its Debut," *The Wired Self, Living in a Wired World*, published in Health [retrieved on Jul. 22, 2013 at http://thewiredself.com/health/basis-wrist-band-make-its-debut/], 3pp.

Cooper, Daniel (Aug. 16, 2013) *Withings Pulse review*, http://www.engadget.com/2013/08/16/withings-pulse-revew/, 8 pages.

DesMarais, Christina (posted on Sep. 3, 2013) "Which New Activity Tracker is Best for You?" *Health and Home, Health & Fitness*,

Guides & Reviews, [Retrieved on Sep. 23, 2013 at http://www.techlicious.com/guide/which-new-activity-tracker-is-right-for-you/] 4 pp. Empson, Rip, (Sep. 22, 2011) "Basis Reveals an Awesome New Affordable Heart and Health Tracker You Can Wear on Your Wrist," [retrieved on Sep. 23, 2013 at http://techcrunch.com/2011/09/22/ basis-reveals-an-awesome-new ...], 3 pp.

Fitbit User's Manual, Last Updated Oct. 22, 2009, 15 pages.

Forerunner® 201 personal trainer owner's manual, (Feb. 2006) Garmin Ltd., 48 pp.

Forerunner® 301 personal trainer owner's manual, (Feb. 2006) Garmin Ltd., 66 pp.

Forerunner[®] 50 with ANT+Sport[™] wireless technology, Owner's Manual, (Nov. 2007) Garmin Ltd., 44 pp.

Forerunner® 205/305 Owner's Manual, GPS-enabled trainer for runners, (2006-2008), Garmin Ltd., 80 pp.

Forerunner® 405CX Owner's Manual, "GPS-Enabled Sports Watch With Wireless Sync," (Mar. 2009), Garmin Ltd., 56 pp.

Forerunner® 110 Owner's Manual, (2010) "GPS-Enabled Sport Watch," Garmin Ltd., 16 pp.

Forerunner® 210 Owner's Manual, (2010) "GPS-Enabled Sport Watch," Garmin Ltd., 28 pp.

Forerunner® 410 Owner's Manual, (Jul. 2012) "GPS-Enabled Sport Watch with Wireless Sync," Garmin Ltd., 52 pp.

Forerunner® 10 Owner's Manual (Aug. 2012), Garmin Ltd., 10 pp. Forerunner® 310XT Owner's Manual, Multisport GPS Training Device, (2009-2013), Garmin Ltd., 56 pp.

Forerunner® 405 Owner's Manual, (Mar. 2011) "GPS-Enabled Sport Watch with Wireless Sync," Garmin Ltd., 56 pp.

Forerunner® 910XT Owner's Manual, (Jan. 2013) Garmin Ltd., 56 pp.

Garmin Swim[™] Owner's Manual (Jun. 2012), 12 pp.

Larklife, User Manual, (2012) Lark Technologies, 7 pp.

Lark/Larkpro, User Manual, (2012) "What's in the box," Lark Technologies, 7 pp.

LIFETRNR, User Manual (2003, specific date unknown), NB new balance®, Implus Footcare, LLC, 3 pages.

Nike+ FuelBand GPS Manual, User's Guide (Product Release Date Unknown, downloaded Jul. 22, 2013), 26 pages.

Nike+SportBand User's Guide, (Product Release Date Unknown, downloaded Jul. 22, 2013), 36 pages.

Nike+SportWatch GPS Manual, User's Guide, Powered by TOMTOM, (Product Release Date Unknown, downloaded Jul. 22, 2013), 42 pages.

"Parts of Your Band," (Product Release Date Unknown, downloaded Jul. 22, 2013) Jawbone UP Band, 1 page.

Polar WearLink® + Coded Transmitter 31 Coded Transmitter W.I.N. D. User Manual, Polar® Listen to Your Body, *Manufactured by Polar Electro Oy*, 11 pages.

Rainmaker, (Jun. 25, 2012, updated Feb 16, 2013) "Garmin Swim watch In-Depth Review," [retrieved on Sep. 9, 2013 at http://www.

(56) **References Cited**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Rainmaker, (Jul. 25, 2013) "Basis B_1 Watch In-Depth Review," [retrieved on Feb. 4, 2014 at http://www.dcrainmaker.com/2013/07/ basis-b1-review.html], 56 pp.

"Withings pulse, Quick Installation Guide" (Jul. 24, 2013) Withings Pulse QIG, v 1.3, withings.com/pulse, 16 pages.

Zijlstra, Wiebren, (2004) "Assessment of spatio-temporal parameters during unconstrained walking," *Eur J Appl Physiol*, 92:39-44.

Duun et al., "A Novel Ring Shaped Photodiode for Reflectance Pulse

Oximetry in Wireless Applications," IEEE Sensors Conference 2007, 4 pp.

U.S. Appl. No. 14/954,753, filed Nov. 30, 2015, Richards et al.

US Notice of Allowance (Corrected Notice of Allowability), dated Dec. 18, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/507,184.

US Notice of Allowance, dated Nov. 25, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/673,630.

US Final Office Action, dated Nov. 4, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/673,634.

US Office Action, dated Oct. 22, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/295,076.

US Office Action, dated Oct. 2, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/216,743.

US Final Office Action, dated Feb. 8, 2016, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/216,743.

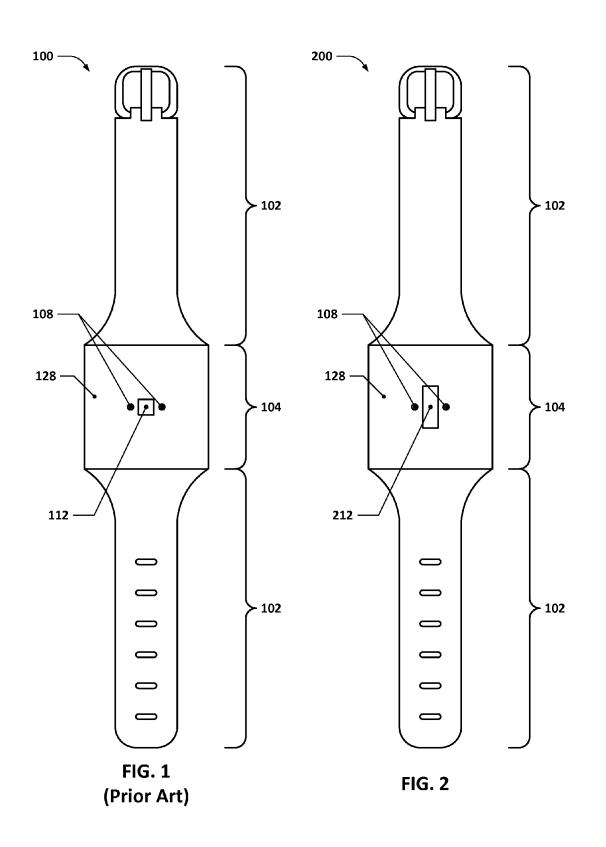
US Office Action, dated Oct. 27, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,020.

US Final Office Action, dated Oct. 23, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/250,256.

US Final Office Action, dated Nov. 5, 2015, issued in U.S. Appl. No. 14/481,762.

Litigation Document—"Complaint for Patent Infringement," filed Oct. 29, 2015, in U.S. District Court of Delaware [Re: U.S. Pat. No. 8,868,377, 8,920,332, and 9,089,760].

Litigation Document—"Report on the Filing or Determination of an Action Regarding a Patent or Trademark," filed Oct. 29, 2015, in U.S. District Court of Delaware [Re: U.S. Pat. No. 8,868,377, 8,920,332, and 9,089,760].



DOCKET A L A R M



Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.