

EnerHarv 2024 Workshop:

Ecosystems Panel - UBIGIOT: Ultra-Low Design-Effort, Energy-Efficient and Battery-Indifferent Sensor Node for the Green Internet of Things



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OVERVIEW

- What is UBIGIOT?
- What do we do?
- 🔯 How do we do it?
- How can you collaborate with our ecosystem?







What is UBIGIOT?

Ultra-Low Design-Effort, Energy-Efficient, and Battery-Indifferent Sensor Node for the Green Internet of Things (UBIGIOT): an EU MSCA Staff Exchange program ID: 10101086359 – 48 months project: December 2022 – November 2026

MISSON:

"substantially enhance the energy efficiency of an IoT sensor node by a synergetic approach targeting both multisource harvesters and System-on-Chip (SoC) design.

The latter aims for a comprehensive approach in which macroblocks of different natures are designed by exploiting at most an automated (digital) design flow."

- Add value for members/stakeholders as outlined by our purpose:
 - Improve members' knowledge and educate the entire consortium/[ecosystem] on the importance of co-design on energy harvesting to power sensor nodes operating under power constraints from energy harvesting to IC design strategies.
 - Relay less and less by bulky batteries: ideally moving from battery indifferent IC building block prioritizing low-power consumption instead of performance in most applications where the state-of-art performance is not strictly required (actually most of the applications!).
 - Dissemination action among the project partners and beyond: world-wide invited Seminars, Tutorials, and Keynotes at International conferences of the IEEE Circuits and System Society (CASS) to address academic and industrial challenges in the Internet of Things sensor node: develop collaborative, pragmatic, application-specific insights to drive solutions.
 - The project targets to be innovative, interdisciplinary, and inter-sectoral across academics, an EU-based semiconductor company, and partners mostly from the ASEAN (East Asia) region.





What is UBIGIOT?

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Consortium of Institutions devoted to the design of low-power IC building blocks that rely less and less on bulky batteries





What is UBIGIOT?

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🔯 EU institutions



University of Genova (UniGE, Italy) →Orazio Aiello



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🔯 Extra-EU institutions

 \rightarrow Fakhrul Zaman Rokhani

University Putra Malaysia (UPM)

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Lebanese International University (LIU) →Ali Ibrahim

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In bold the institutions and the attendees you can meet at EnerHarv2024 🙂



WP1: Multisource harvested power for energy-autonomous sensor node

WP2: Ultra-low Power Management IC

EnerHarv 2024 WP3: Ultra-Low-Voltage and Ultra-low-power environmental IC sensors and interface

WP4: Wireless front-end and overall validation of the energy-autonomous IoT sensor node

How do we do it?

The Four Pillars for an effective sensor node co-design:

- Co-design among different blocks of any sensor nodes
 - \circ harvested source of energy,
 - o power management,
 - Sensing interface,

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 $\,\circ\,$ data processing, and RX-TX communication

In other words, UBIGIoT focuses on:

- Merge the best harvested source (type/shape/efficiency/sustainability) to the specific IC solutions (i.e. environmental monitoring, implanted IC device)
- Ultra-low-power by Near-subthreshold operation and /or bulk driven
- Comprehensive approach in which macroblocks of different natures are designed by exploiting at most an automated (digital) design flow
- Novel design paradigm: from voltage domain to time to domain → regulator-less approach to save more and more power
- Engage more with stakeholders to solve the Internet of things challenges



How do we do it?

Delivering Impactful Outputs

Conferences & Workshops

o Presentation of the results at international conferences

○ Seminars, Tutorial, Keynotes

 ○ Getting part to EnervHarv2024 ☺ with demos (i.e. Pietro Firpo, Filippo Nicora, Hieu Bui), posters (i.e. Marco Privitera) and talks (i.e. Andrea Ballo, Corrado Boragno)

Technical Documents

Conference proceedingsJournal papers

Applications

• Battery-less applications, Energy efficiency, reliability, energy harvesting







How can you become part of our ecosystem? UBIGIoT... toward next collaborations..

- Any support both from universities and companies is appreciated (from the harvesters to the innovative IC solution approaches): Let's brainstorm together
 - → next grant call together? ☺ Let's have a chat: orazio.aiello@unige.it
- You are welcome to join our next EU project for networking/mobility and research
- 🔯 The more we are, the better 😊

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Q & A



Thanks very much for your time and attention!

Questions/comments???



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