




Campus d'Excel·lència Internacional

## Doctoral training seminars: track microelectronics

# Emergent enabling technologies for wireless data, energy processing and communications

PhD students: Ignacio Llatser<sup>1</sup>, Sergi Abadal<sup>1</sup>, Mario Iannazzo<sup>1</sup>, Albert Mestres<sup>1</sup>, Julià Delós<sup>1</sup>, Raul Gomez Cid-Fuentes<sup>1</sup>, Elisenda Bou<sup>1</sup>  
 Faculties: Alberto Cabellos<sup>1</sup>, Josep Jornet<sup>1,2</sup>, Mario Nemirovsky<sup>3</sup>, Max Lemme<sup>4</sup>, Josep Solé-Pareta<sup>1</sup>, Heekwan Lee<sup>5</sup>, Ian F. Akyildiz<sup>1,2</sup>  
 Peter Fisher<sup>6</sup>, Tomas Palacios<sup>6</sup>, Kaushik Chowdhury<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> UPC BarcelonaTech and Nanonetworking Center (N3Cat-UPC)

<sup>2</sup> GeorgiaTech, Atlanta, US


<sup>3</sup> BSC Barcelona Supercomputing Center

<sup>4</sup> Royal Institute of Technology, KTH Stockholm, Sweden,


<sup>5</sup> Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology, Seoul, South Korea


<sup>6</sup> Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT, Cambridge, US


### Graphene-enabled wireless comms: Team and projects





- “Graphene-enabled Wireless Communications” funded by the **Samsung Advanced institute of Technology** (Seoul, Korea) under the GRO gift program
- “Graphene antennas for Wireless Networks-on-chip” by **Intel research**
- EU FET flagship project “Graphene”
- EU FET flagship accesit “Guardian Angels”
- EU FET flagship project “Human Brain project”





**Dr. Albert Cabellos (AC)**  
 UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH





**Ignacio Llatser**  
 UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH





**Josep Miquel Jornet (UPC, MIT)**  







**Prof. Eduard Alarcón (EE)**  
 UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH





**Prof. Ian Akyildiz (UPC Hon.)**  






**Dr. Mario Nemirovski**  
 



**Prof. Max Lemme**  




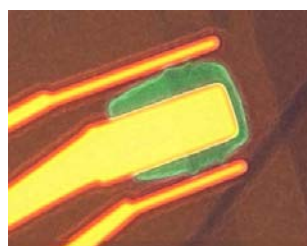
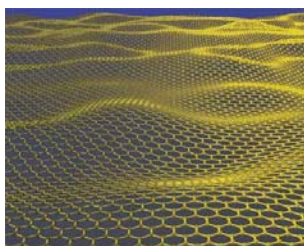
**Prof. Tomas Palacios**  
 

## Grafè



### ● Grafè

- Capa de carboni monoatòmic (d'un sol àtom de gruix)
- Xarxa cristal·lina en forma de niu d'abella
- Descobert per A. K. Geim i K. S. Novoselov el 2004
- Aquest descobriment els va valer el premi Nobel de física



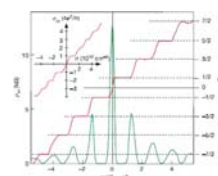
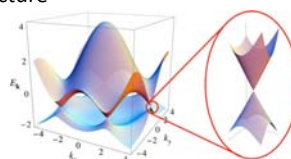
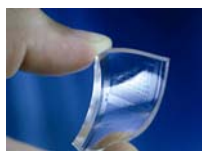
3

## Grafè




### ● Quines són les propietats extraordinàries del grafè que han atret l'atenció d'investigadors al voltant del món?

- Material més fi i lleuger observat a la natura (0.3 nanometers)
- Més dur que el diamant
- 300 cops més resistent que l'acer (Young modulus 1 TPa (Steel ~ 0.2 TPa))
- Condueix l'electricitat molt millor que el coure
- Transparent (97.7% optical transparency)
- Flexible: pot prendre qualsevol forma
- One-atom-thick impermeable membrane
- Gapless energy band structure

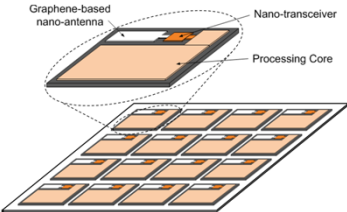


4

## Grafè

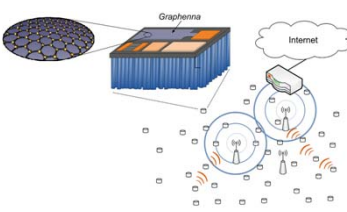


- Nano-electrònica
  - Transistors i circuits integrats ultra-ràpids
  - Super-condensadors (bateries)
  - Efecte piezoelèctric a la nano-escala
- Nano-òptica
  - Nano-làzers
  - Moduladors òptics
- Tecnologies de la informació i les comunicacions
  - **Comunicacions de rang ultra-curt basades en antenes de grafè**



Graphene-based nano-antenna  
Nano-transceiver  
Processing Core

Mid-term: Graphene-based Wireless Network-on-Chip for Multi-Core processors




Graphene  
Internet

Long-term: Wireless Nano-Sensor Networks (WNSN)

I. F. Akyildiz, J. M. Jornet, "The Internet of Nano-Things", IEEE Wireless Communications, 2010.  
 S. Abadal, A. Cabellos-Aparicio, J. A. Lázaro, E. Alarcón, J. Solé-Pareta, "Graphene-enabled hybrid architectures for multiprocessors: bridging nanophotonics and nanoscale wireless communication," in Proc. of the International Conference in Transparent Optical Networks (ICTON), 2012.

5

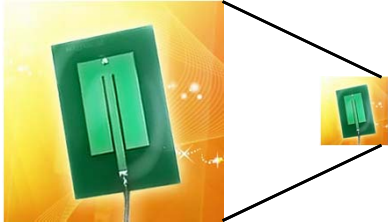
## Downscaling a traditional antenna

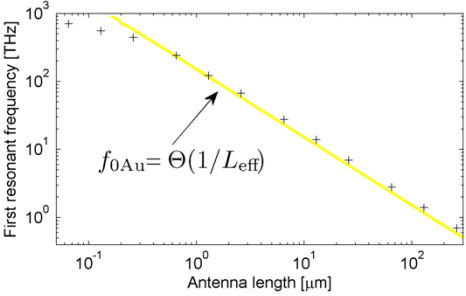


mm

➔

um





$f_{0Au} = \Theta(1/L_{eff})$

- Downscaling a traditional antenna to a few um is not possible
- Radiation frequency in the Optical Regime
- Downscalability factor:  $\Theta(1/L_{eff})$

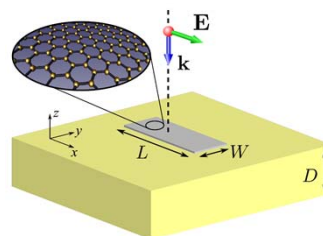
I. Llatser, C. Kremers, A. Cabellos-Aparicio, E. Alarcón and D. N. Chigrin, "Comparison of the Resonant Frequency in Graphene and Metallic Nano-antennas", in AIP Conference Proceedings, 2012

6

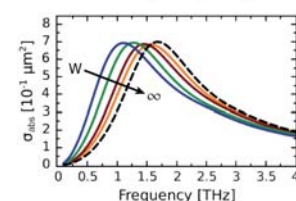
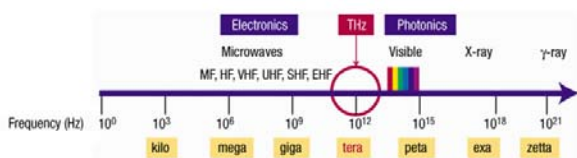
Graphene antennas at THz band



- Explore antennas that resonate
- much lower frequency than optical regime
- High end of the EM RF band
- Graphene-based plasmonic nano-antennas (graphennas)
- Size in the  $\mu\text{m}$  range
- Predicted to radiate in the THz band



$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{2e^2 k_B T}{\pi \hbar} \frac{1}{h} \ln \left[ 2 \cosh \left[ \frac{\mu_c}{2k_B T} \right] \right] \frac{i}{\omega + i\tau^{-1}}$$



●EU FET flagship project "Graphene"

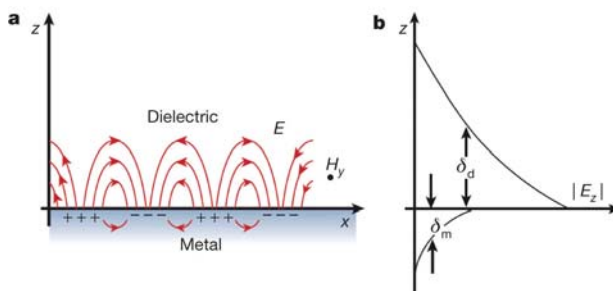


7

Analysis of graphene RF plasmonic antennas



- In order to understand the behavior of graphennas, we need to study the propagation of **Surface Plasmon Polariton (SPP)** waves in graphene
  - EM waves guided along a metal-dielectric interface which are generated by an incident high-frequency radiation



O. Benson, "Assembly of hybrid photonic architectures from nanophotonic constituents", *Nature*, 2011.

8

Analysis of graphene RF plasmonic antennas



- In order to calculate the resonant frequency of graphene antennas, we consider their **dispersion relation**
  - Relates the wavenumber with the frequency of SPP waves propagating in a graphene layer

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k_{\text{SPP}}^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}}} + \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{k_{\text{SPP}}^2 - \epsilon \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}}} = -i \frac{\sigma(\omega)}{\omega \epsilon_0}$$

$\epsilon$ : dielectric constant of the substrate  
 $\epsilon_0$ : dielectric constant of vacuum  
 $\beta$ : wavenumber  
 $\omega$ : angular frequency  
 $c$ : speed of light  
 $\sigma(\omega)$ : conductivity of graphene

$$n_{\text{eff}}(\omega) = \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sigma(\omega)^2}}$$

The graphene conductivity will determine the properties of SPP in graphene

Marinko Jablan, Hrvoje Buljan and Marin Soljačić, "Plasmonics in graphene at infrared frequencies" PHYSICAL REVIEW B 80, 245435 2009 (MIT)

Analysis of graphene RF plasmonic antennas



- The frequency-dependent **electrical conductivity** of a graphene monolayer is obtained using the random-phase approximation

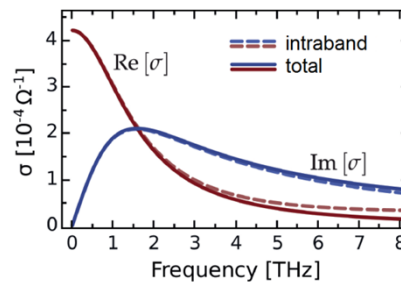
$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{2e^2}{\pi h} \frac{k_B T}{h} \ln \left[ 2 \cosh \left[ \frac{\mu_c}{2k_B T} \right] \right] \frac{i}{\omega + i\tau^{-1}} \quad \text{intradband contribution}$$

$$\sigma_i(\omega) = \frac{e^2}{4h} \left( H\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) + i \frac{4\omega}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{H(\epsilon) - H(\omega/2)}{\omega^2 - 4\epsilon^2} \right)$$

$$H(\epsilon) = \frac{\sinh(h\epsilon/k_B T)}{\cosh(\mu_c/k_B T) + \cosh(h\epsilon/k_B T)}$$

$\sigma(\omega)$ : conductivity of graphene  
 $\omega$ : angular frequency  
 $e$ : electron charge  
 $\hbar$ : reduced Planck's constant  
 $k_B$ : Boltzmann's constant  
 $T$ : temperature  
 $\mu_c$ : chemical potential  
 $\tau$ : relaxation time

interband contribution



Analysis of graphene RF plasmonic antennas



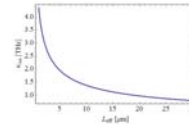
- The graphene patch acts as a Fabry-Perot resonator for SPP waves with the resonance condition

$$(1) \quad L = L' + 2\delta L = m \frac{\lambda_{SPP}}{2} = m \frac{\pi}{k_{SPP}}$$

*L*: effective antenna length  
*k*<sub>SPP</sub>: SPP wavenumber  
 $\lambda_{SPP}$ : SPP wavelength  
*m*: resonance order

- By combining the resonance condition (1) with the dispersion relation in graphene (2), we can obtain the resonant frequency of graphennas as a function of their length

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_{SPP}^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}}} + \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{k_{SPP}^2 - \epsilon \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}}} = -i \frac{\sigma(\omega)}{\omega \epsilon_0}$$



11

Analysis of graphene RF plasmonic antennas



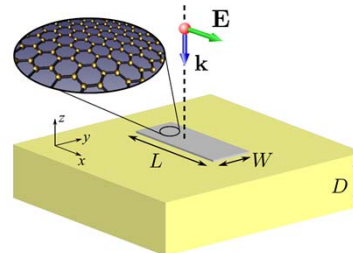
- The resonant frequency of graphennas can also be obtained by means of FEM electromagnetic simulations
  - Solve Maxwell's equations numerically with the appropriate boundary conditions
- An incident plane wave normally incident to the antenna is considered

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$

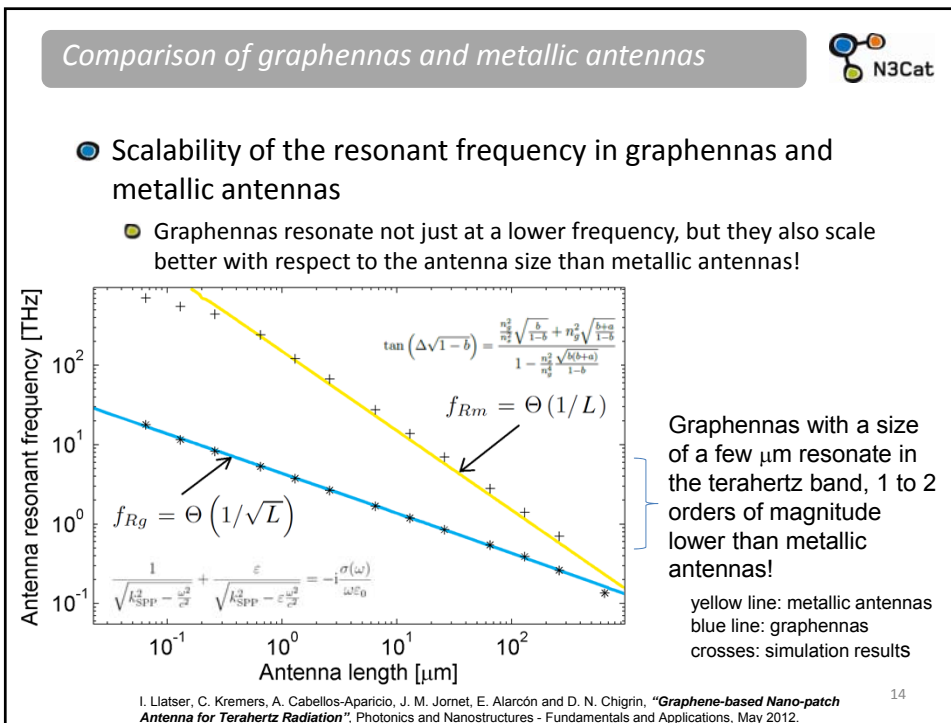
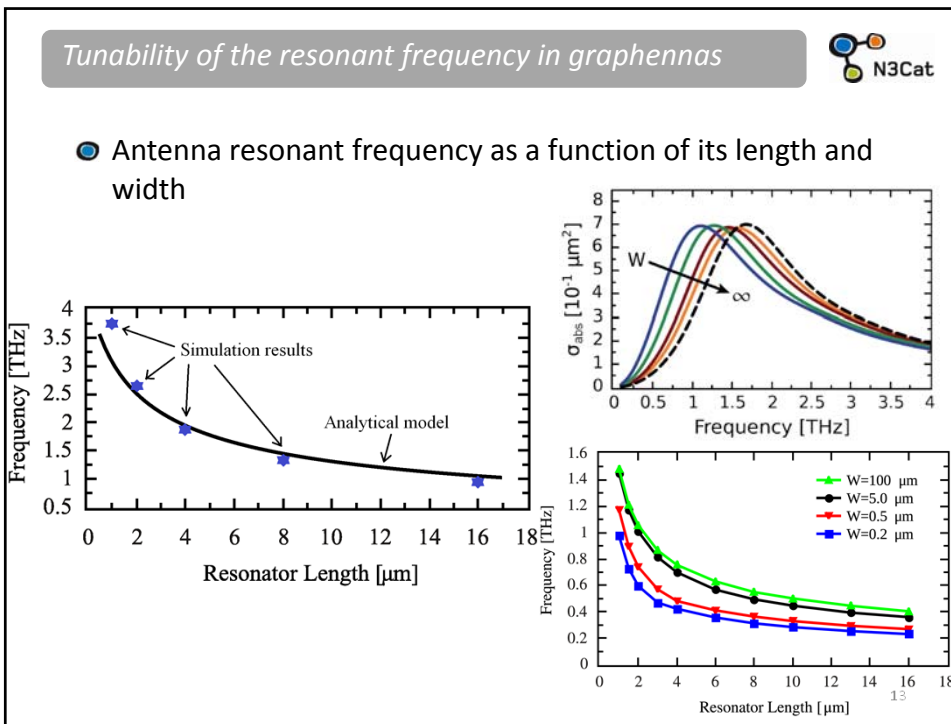
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_m}{dt}$$

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\Phi_e}{dt}$$



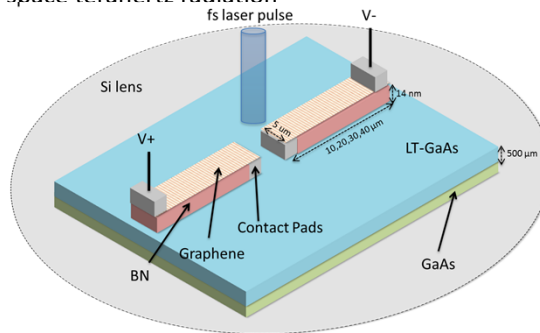
12



Photoconductive-fed graphennas



- A practical technique to feed graphennas is by means of photoconductive sources
  - Laser radiation excites photocarriers in the biased semiconductor and generates terahertz pulses
  - The excitation of SPP waves in the dipole graphenna produces a free-space terahertz radiation

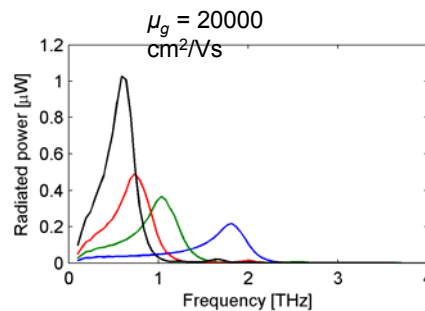
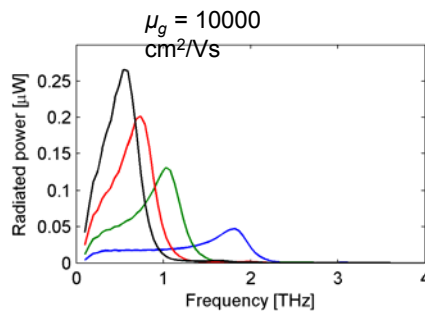
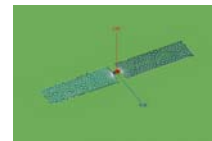


A. Cabellos-Aparicio, I. Llatser, E. Alarcón, A. Hsu and T. Palacios, "Use of THz Photoconductive Sources to Characterize Graphene RF Plasmonic Antennas", IEEE Transactions on Nanotechnology (UPC / MIT -ECE-)

Photoconductive-fed graphennas



- Power radiated by the photoconductive graphenna, for different antenna lengths
  - Frequency content in the terahertz band
  - Increases with the electron mobility in graphene

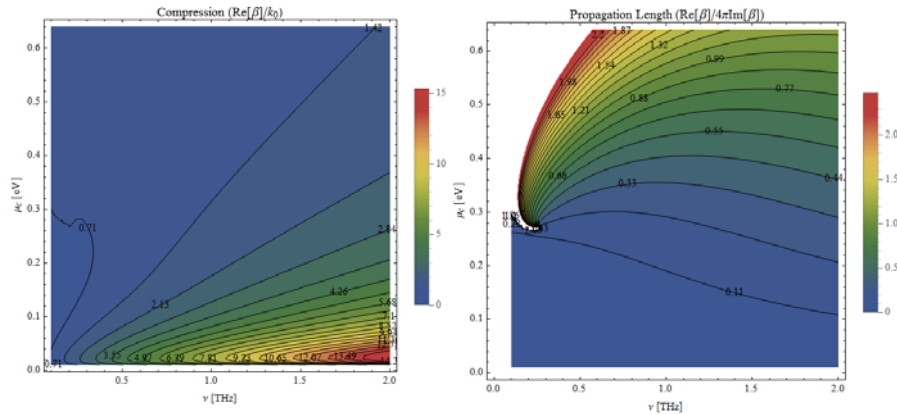




Operational range of graphene antennas



How graphene antennas downscalability advantage compares to metallic antennas?



A. Cabellos, I. Llatser, E. Alarcón, A. Hsu, and T. Palacios, Max Lemme, Mikael Östling  
 B. (UPC / MIT / KTH / Ericsson)

17

Application 1: wireless multicore processors



Computer performance improvement is no longer achievable by simply increasing the operation frequency

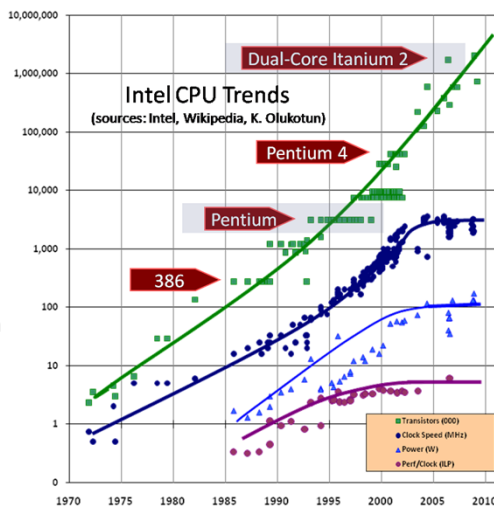
- Heat
- Power consumption
- Current leakage

Emergence of manycore processors

The performance bottleneck of multicore processors has shifted from clock frequency to inter-core communication capabilities.

- Need of new scalable communication techniques

Comms Network-on-Chip (NoC)



18

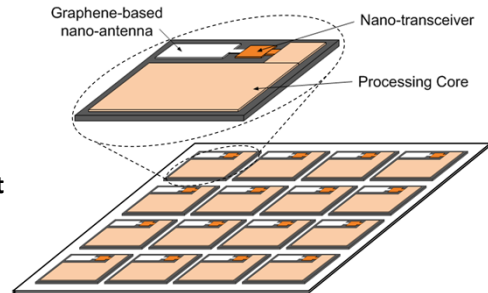
Graphene-enabled Hybrid Optical/Wireless NoC (II)



Graphene microantennas for wireless Network-on-Chip architectures

WHY WIRELESS for NOC?

- Multi-user shared RF medium
- Latency
- Reconfigurability
- Inherent broadcast and multicast
- 3D FFT supercomputers and
- Big Data (Google)



PhD Candidate Sergi Abadal "Intel Doctoral Student Award"  
 "Graphene-enabled Wireless Communications for Manycore Architectures"



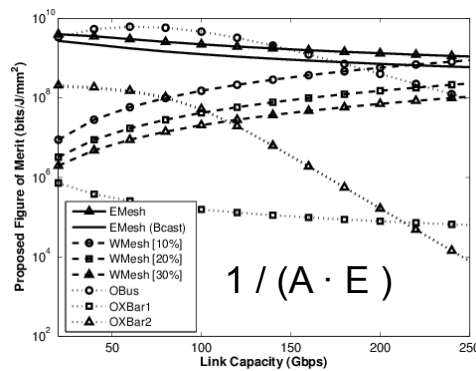
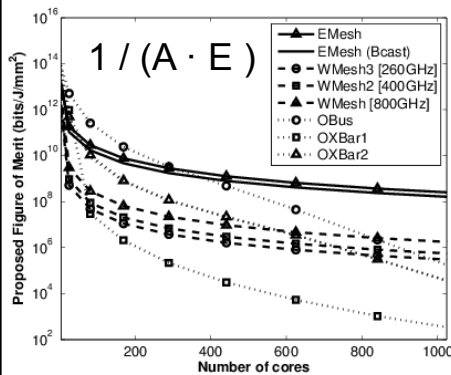
● EU FET flagship project "Human Brain project"

GWNoC: Feasibility Study



● Implementation-Communications

- How do area (A) and bit energy (E) scale?



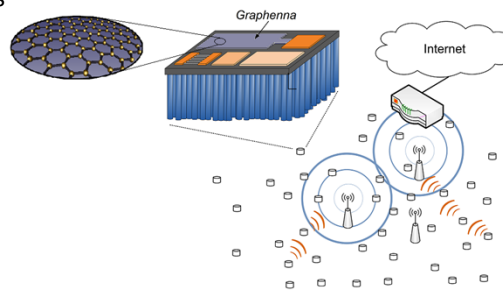
S. Abadal, M. Iannazzo, M. Nemirovsky, A. Cabellos-Aparicio, H. Lee, E. Alarcón, "On the Area and Energy Scalability of Wireless Network-on-Chip: A Model-based Benchmarked Design Space Exploration", submitted for publication on IEEE Transactions on Networking, Oct. 2013, revision in process.

Aplicació 2: xarxes de nano-sensors sense fils



● Nano-sensor

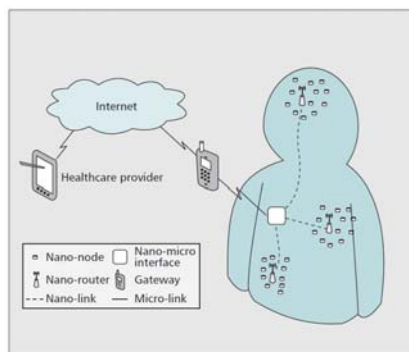
- Nanodispositius d'una dimensió de uns quants (pocs) micròmetres
- Capacitat de mesurar, processar i emmagatzemar informació
- I de recol·lectar l'energia que necessita per sensar i processar (*energy harvesting*), per exemple amb nanofils de zinc
- Equipats amb antenes de grafè per comunicar-se (via ràdio) amb d'altres nano-sensors



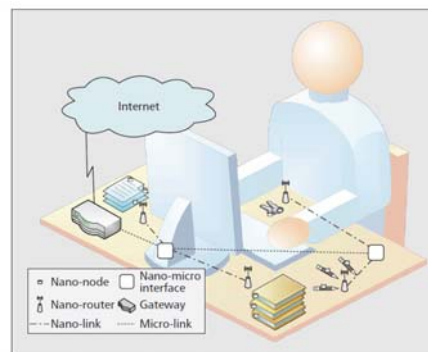
Aplicació 2: xarxes de nano-sensors sense fils



● Algunes aplicacions de les xarxes de nano-sensors:



Sistema de detecció de malalties i administració cooperativa de medicaments (Intrabody networks)



Internet de les nano-coses (Internet of nano-things)

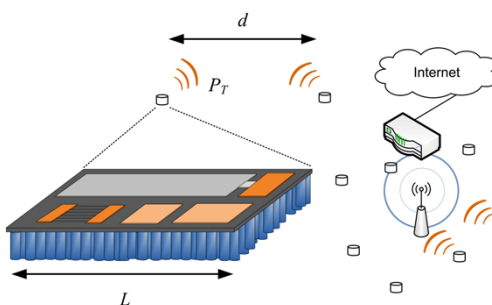
● EU FET flagship project "Guardian Angels"



### Channel capacity in GWC



- The scalability of the channel capacity in GWC is studied as a function of three scale parameters
  - Antenna length  $L$
  - Transmission distance  $d$
  - Transmitted power  $P_T$
- The results using graphennas and metallic antennas are compared



23

### Channel capacity in GWC



- The channel capacity is obtained with the Shannon-Hartley theorem, integrated over the whole terahertz band

$$C = \max_{S(f): \int_B S(f) df \leq P_T} \int_B \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{S(f)}{A(f)N(f)} \right) df$$

Transmitted power spectral density

$$S(f) = \begin{cases} P_T/B & \text{if } 0 < f < B, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Noise power spectral density

$$N(f, d) = k_B(T_{sys} + T_{mol}(f, d))$$

$$T_{mol}(f, d) = T_0(1 - e^{-k(f)d})$$

$$T_{sys} = T_0 = 293 \text{ K}$$

Channel attenuation

$$A = A_{spread} A_{abs}$$

$$A_{spread} = \left( \frac{4\pi f d}{c} \right)^2$$

$$A_{abs} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} = e^{k(f)d}$$

Bandwidth

$$B_m = \frac{k_1}{L} \quad B_g = \frac{k_2}{\sqrt{L}}$$

24

Channel capacity in GWC



● Expression of the channel capacity in GWC

- The factor  $P_T/d^2$  will have a key role

$$C(B, d, P_T) = \int_0^B \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P_T/B}{\left(\frac{4\pi f d}{c}\right)^2 N_0} \right) df$$

$$= \frac{B}{\log 2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{c^2 P_T}{(4\pi d)^2 B^3 N_0} \right) + \frac{c\sqrt{P_T}}{2 \log(2) \pi d \sqrt{N_0 B}} \arctan \frac{4\pi d B^{3/2} \sqrt{N_0}}{c\sqrt{P_T}}$$

$$C_m(L, d, P_T) = \frac{k_1}{\log(2)L} \log \left( 1 + \frac{c^2 L^3 P_T/d^2}{(4\pi)^2 N_0 k_1^3} \right) + \frac{c\sqrt{L P_T/d^2}}{2 \log(2) \pi \sqrt{N_0 k_1}} \arctan \frac{4\pi \sqrt{N_0 k_1^3}}{c\sqrt{L^3 P_T/d^2}}$$

$$C_g(L, d, P_T) = \frac{k_2}{\log(2)\sqrt{L}} \log \left( 1 + \frac{c^2 L^{3/2} P_T/d^2}{(4\pi)^2 N_0 k_2^3} \right) + \frac{c\sqrt[4]{L} \sqrt{P_T/d^2}}{2 \log(2) \pi \sqrt{N_0 k_2}} \arctan \frac{4\pi \sqrt{N_0 k_2^3}}{c L^{3/4} \sqrt{P_T/d^2}}$$

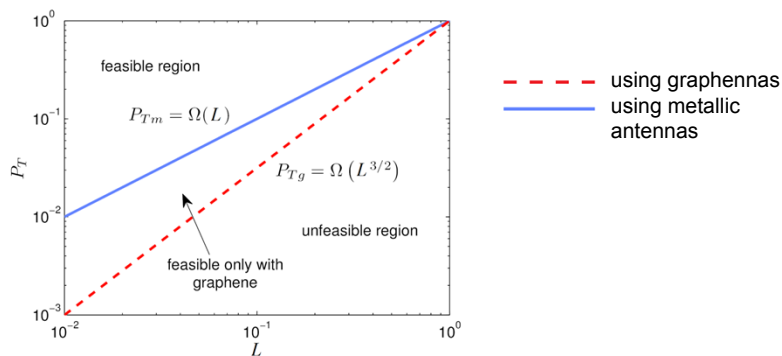
25

Channel capacity in GWC

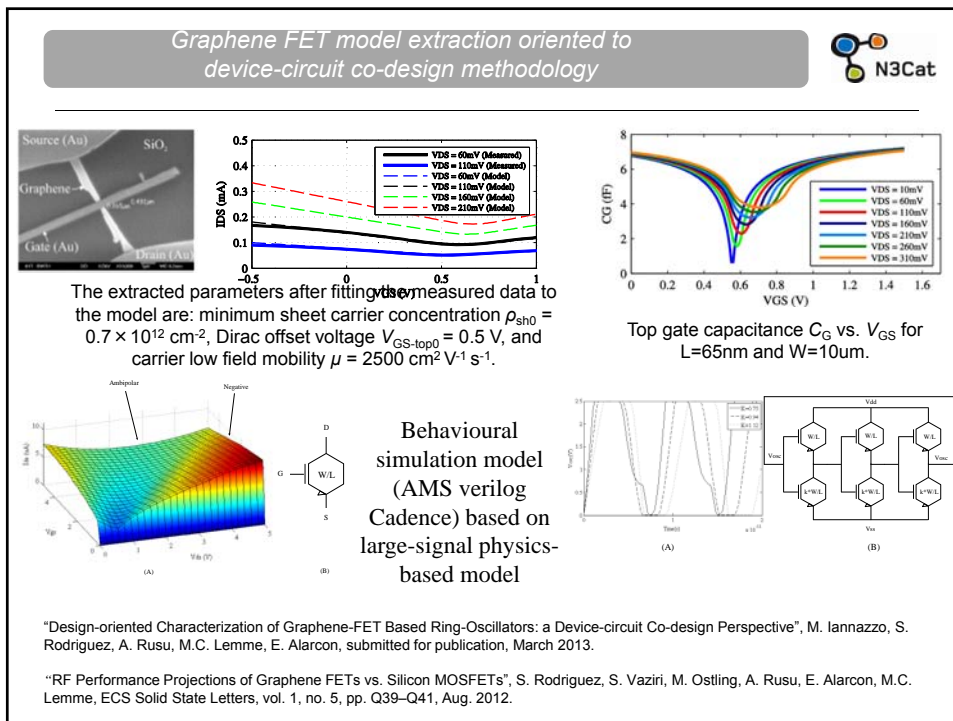
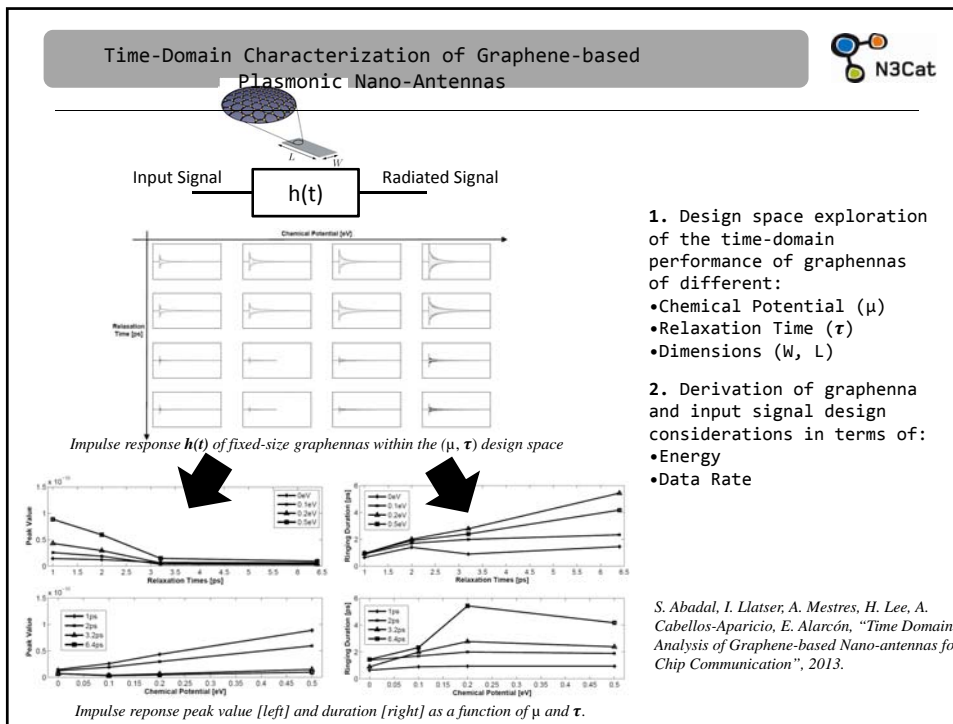


● Scalability of the transmitted power in GWC with respect to the antenna length

- Additional feasibility condition: the network shrinks proportionally
  - Transmission distance scales proportionally to the antenna length ( $\alpha=1$ )
- Graphennas require less power than metallic antennas as their size is reduced to the nanoscale



26



On-chip energy Harvesting: Team and projects



● Project: Energy Harvesting

**CONSOLIDER-INGENIO 2010** (Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology), "Advanced Wide Band Gap Semiconductor Devices for Rational Use of Energy (RUE)", Principal Investigator: José Millán (CNM-CSIC, Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain), Program period: Jan 2010 – Jan 2014, Investigators: 50 (CNM, UPM, UPC, UOvi, UZ, UPV, URV), Funding: 3MEuros

**MCYT (Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology)** (TEC2007-67988-C02-01) [coordinated project], "On-chip wideband adaptive energy management of RF power amplifiers: towards efficient next-generation mobile communications RF transmitters", PI: E. Alarcón (UPC) Program period: Jan 2008 – Dec 2010. Investigators: 12 (UPC, Universidad Pública de Navarra, Universidad Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona), Total: Euro 219K



Raul Gomez, PhD candidate



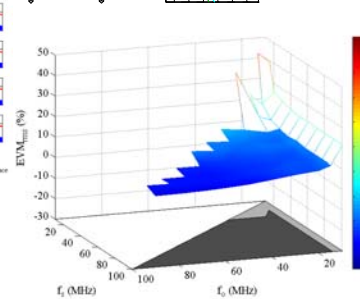
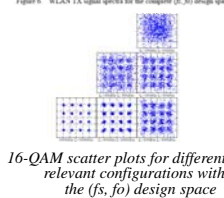
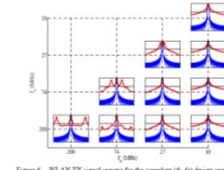
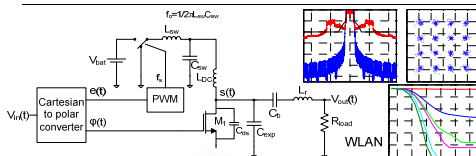
Prof. Eduard Alarcón (EE)



Prof. Kaushik Chowdhury (Northeastern Univ Boston)



Device-design-oriented translayer model for tracking RF TX:  
system-to-device




16-QAM EVMrms for configurations that fulfill (solid surface) or not (mesh surface) mode 5 EVM standard requirements.

- WLAN stringent specs (BW 50 MHz)
- Even with best topology (linear assisted multilevel) and control/modulation (nonlinear time optimal / asyn SD) efficiency is low in the available application/system-constrained design space
- Take behavioural model down to device level to derive guidelines and FOMs for next-generation (GaN) devices in terms of Ron and Qs

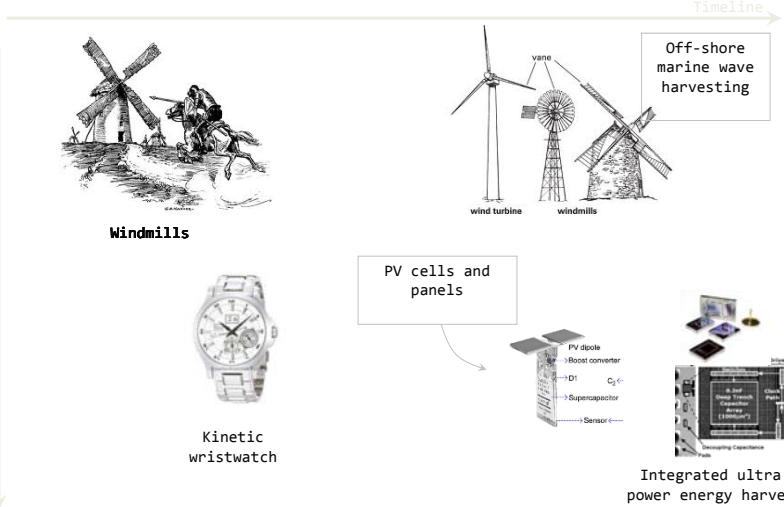
J. Marchán "Device-design-oriented translayer model for Circuit/system design space characterization of EER-based transmitter for 802.11a WLAN Standard", MSc's thesis, expected Dec 2011

J. Marchán, E. Barba, L. Marco, D. Maksimovic and E. Alarcón "Circuit/system design space characterization of EER-based transmitter for 802.11a WLAN Standard", IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems, 2012, ISCAS 2010

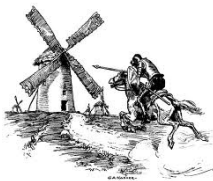
### Energy harvesting : the prehistory of a "new" concept



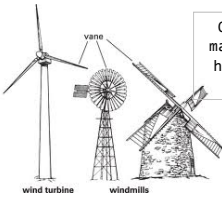
Miniaturization  
(in size and  
power level)



Timeline




**Windmills**



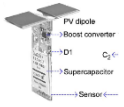
wind turbine  
windmills

Off-shore  
marine wave  
harvesting

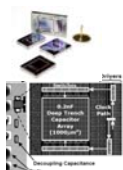



**Kinetic  
wristwatch**

PV cells and  
panels




Integrated ultra low  
power energy harvesters  
(mechanical vibration,  
acoustic, EM)



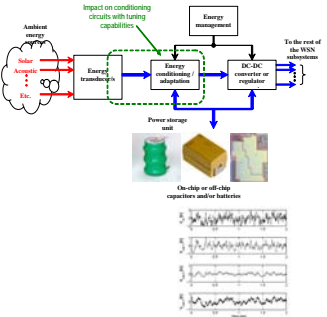


UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA  
DE CATALUNYA  
BARCELONATECH

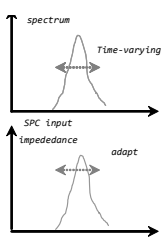
### Challenges for On-chip power management circuits targeting energy harvesting



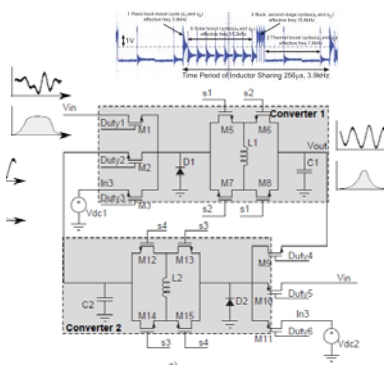
- Sophisticated functionality (time-varying burst-mode energy source -and load-)
- Adaptive power management frontend : in pursuit of instantaneous MPPT
- Inclusion of sophisticated power processing functionality, due to the time-varying burst-mode energy harvesting source. Most of the environmental energy sources have a time-dependent energy concentration of its frequency band, as a result of the aggregation of several energy sources of the same type. In this context, there is the need to explore adaptive power management frontends in pursuit of fast wideband MPPT [3] energy tracking schemes and optimal impedance matching and energy extraction




Ambient energy  
Energy conditioning  
Energy management  
Power storage unit  
To the rest of the WSN subsystem



spectrum  
Time-varying  
SPC input  
Impedance  
adapt




Converter 1  
Converter 2



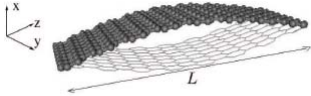
UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA  
DE CATALUNYA  
BARCELONATECH





## Graphene-based vibration harvester

Frequency matching through nonlinear chaotic oscillation of graphene membrane mechanical harvester



Uncompressed or weakly compressed graphene membrane

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{b}{m}\dot{x} - \frac{1}{m}\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\sigma^2}{m}\eta(t)$$

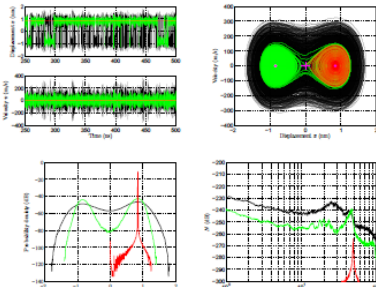




Figure 3. Dynamics of the graphene membrane under a stochastic external excitation  $\sigma^2 = 1$  pN (red),  $\sigma^2 = 50.5$  pN (green) and  $\sigma^2 = 100$  pN (black). (a) Time series, (b) Trajectories in the phase plane  $(x, v)$ . Equilibrium points of the free system are also plotted. (c) Probability density function (in dB) of the displacement  $x$  and (d) Smoothed FFT spectrum of the displacement  $x$  and noise  $\sigma^2 \eta(t)$ . Note that the spectrum is spread to low frequency regions when the noise intensity is sufficiently large so that the potential barrier can be crossed.

"Nonlinear Dynamics in a Nanostructured Graphene Device for Energy Harvesting Applications", E. Alarcon et al, IEEE ISCAS 2013 Beijing, special session

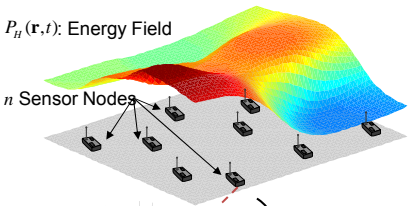


UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA  
 BARCELONATECH



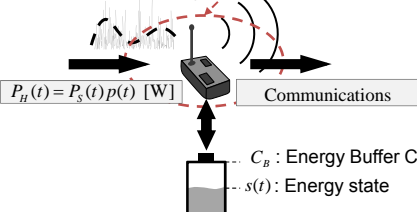
## Ambient Energy model with dynamics separation and spatiotemporal correlation

● Spatio-Temporal Correlation of the Energy Field



$P_H(\mathbf{r}, t)$ : Energy Field

$n$  Sensor Nodes



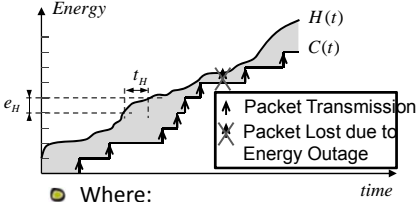
$P_H(t) = P_s(t)p(t)$  [W]

Communications

$C_B$ : Energy Buffer Capacity

$s(t)$ : Energy state

● The Energy Path



Where:

$$H(t) = \int_0^t P_H(\tau) d\tau + s(0) \quad C(t) = \int_0^t P_C(\tau) d\tau$$

Shaded area =  $s(t)$

● We discretize the state equation:

$$s^{k+1} = e_H^k - e_C^k + s^k$$

Subject to:  $0 \leq s^{k+1} \leq C_B$


● Where:

$$e_H^k = \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} P_H(t) dt$$

$e_C^k$  = Provided by the application

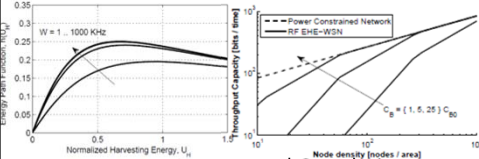
● "Scalability of Network Capacity in Energy-Harvesting-Enabled Wireless Sensor Networks", Raul Gomez Cid-Fuentes, Albert Cabellos, Eduard Alarcon, IEEE Transactions on Networking, 2014.

Using the Ambient Energy model: temporal storage dimensioning and network capacity scalability

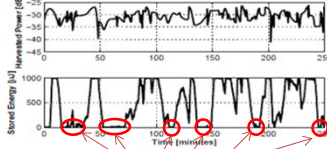


**Scalability**

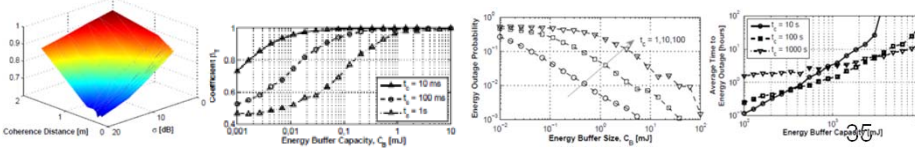
- Define Energy Path Function:
 
$$U_C = \frac{E_C}{C_B} = h \left( \frac{E_H}{C_B} \right) = h(U_H)$$
- It is found that the network scales as:
 
$$\tilde{\Theta} \left( h \left( n^{-\alpha/2} \right) n^{\alpha-1/2} \right)$$
- RF Example:




**Energy Buffer Dimensioning**

- The energy buffer must store energy to overcome slow fading in the energy harvesting.
- RF Example with Rayleigh Channel:
 
- Time-varying evaluation of the Energy Outage (no steady state):

**Spatio-Temporal Correlation**



Wireless power transfer: Team and projects




**Project: Resonant Inductive Near-field Generation System (RINGS)**


**Sponsors:**  
 Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)  
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Collaborators:** David Miller (Co-I), Peter Fisher, Alex Buck, Greg Eslinger (MIT)  
 John Merk (Co-I), Roedolph Opperman (Aurora Flight Sciences)  
 Elisenda Bou (UPC Barcelona Tech)


**Project proposals:**  
 Google Inc




Elisenda Bou, PhD candidate




UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH




Dr. Ray Sedwick







Prof. Eduard Alarcón (EE)




UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH



Prof. Peter Fisher (MIT Dept Physics)




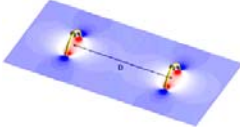
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



**Energy Harvesting concept extension: active energy mothership**

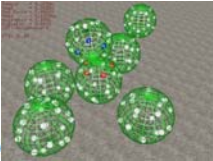
- Artificially increase ambient energy through active generation/radiation of a single energy source (energy broadcast):
  - EH-enables sensor node structure is intact, but feasible
  - Options like Resonant Wireless Power Transfer become appealing

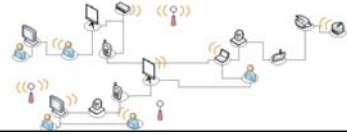





Coupled resonant non-radiative near-field antennas for WPT.  
Notable efficiencies can be obtained (60%) for distances larger (4/5x) than the coils size.


- Enables applications as **claytronics** and **IoT**







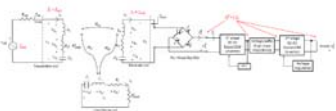
UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH

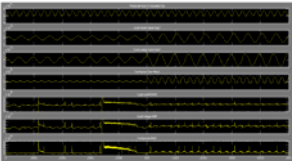


**UPC work on Resonant inductive coupling WPT**

**Open challenges in Resonant inductive coupling wireless power transfer:**

- Distance-insensitive WPT power link: *adaptive high-efficiency impedance matching*




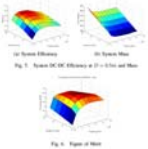


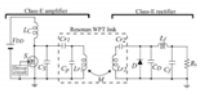
• "Automatic Impedance Matching Proposal Based on Power Factor Correction For a Wireless Power Transfer Resonant Inductive Coupling Link", Nuria Egidios, Raymond Sedwick E. Bou-Balust and E. Alarcon

**Overall system efficiency**

---







• "Class E2 Resonant Non-Radiative Wireless Power Transfer Link: A design-oriented joint circuit-system co-characterization approach", Elisenda Bou-Balust, Tomoharu Nagashima, Hiroo Sekiyay, Eduard Alarcon

**SIMO WPT system**

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & G_{21}G_1 & \dots & G_{n1}G_1 \\ G_{12}G_2 & 0 & \dots & G_{n2}G_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ G_{1n}G_n & G_{2n}G_n & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{in,1}G_1 \\ V_{in,2}G_2 \\ \vdots \\ V_{in,n}G_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta_{WPT} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n |I_j|^2 R_{L,j}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |I_{i,r}|^2 R(Z_i) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |I_{i,n}|^2 R(Z_i)}$$


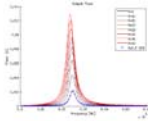



Fig. 1. Main Non-REC WPT System



$$\eta_{app} = \frac{G_r G_t G_L}{4C^2 G_r^2 - G_r(4G_m - (N-1)G_L^2 G_r) + 1}$$

• "Scalability Analysis of SIMO Non-Radiative Resonant Wireless Power Transfer Systems based on Circuit Models", Elisenda Bou-Balust, Raymond Sedwick and Eduard Alarcon

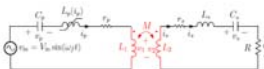


UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH

Chaotic nonlinear dynamics in RIC-WPT



Chaotic oscillation of RIC-WPT with nonlinear saturable inductors



$$x(t) = e^{A_i(t-t_i)}x(t_i) + \int_{t_i}^t e^{A_i(t-\tau)}B_i(\tau)d\tau$$

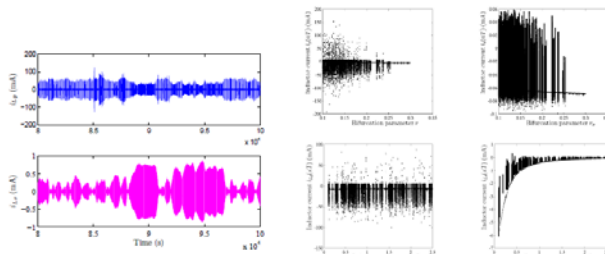
$$\Psi_i(t, t_i) = (A_i^2 + \omega^2 I)^{-1}[\Phi_i(t - t_i)\omega J \cos(\omega t_i) + A_i \sin(\omega t_i) - \omega J \cos(\omega t)] - A_i \sin(\omega t) B_i$$

$$:= \Phi_i(t - t_i)x(t_i) + \Psi_i(t, t_i)$$

$$\dot{x} = A_i x + B_i := f_i(x)$$

$$A_i = \begin{pmatrix} L_p r_p & MR & L_s & M \\ \Delta(t_p) & \Delta(t_p)R & M & \Delta(t_p) \\ MR_p & L_p(t_p)R & M & L_p(t_p) \\ \Delta(t_p) & \Delta(t_p) & \Delta(t_p) & \Delta(t_p) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ C_p & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ C_s & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_i = \begin{pmatrix} V_m L_p \\ \Delta(t_p) \\ V_m M \\ \Delta(t_p) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(\omega t) ; x = \begin{pmatrix} i_p \\ i_s \\ v_p \\ v_s \end{pmatrix}$$



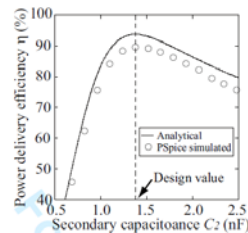
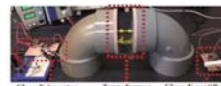
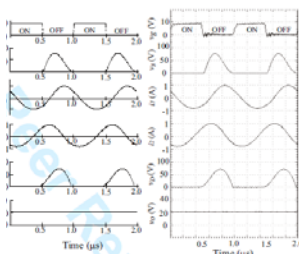
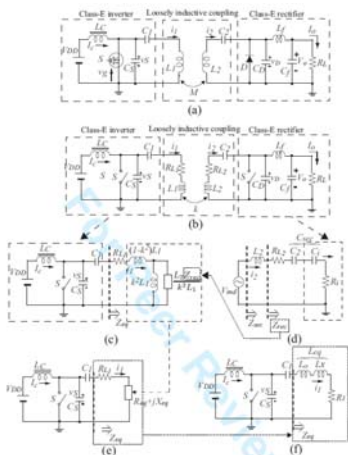
"Unveiling Nonlinear Dynamics in a Resonant Inductively Coupled Wireless Power Transfer Circuit", E. Bou-Balust, A. el Aroudi, P. Fisher, E. Alarcon, IEEE ISCAS 2014 Melbourne, special session (UPC / MIT / URV)



Embedding energy processing frontends in RIC-WPT



Resonant Inductively Coupled Wireless Power Transfer With Class-E2 DC-DC Converter for high efficiency



$$v_s(2\pi) = 0 \text{ and } \left. \frac{dv_s}{dt} \right|_{t=2\pi} = 0$$

$$\eta_{max} = \frac{k^2 \omega^2 L_1 L_2 R_2}{R_{L1}(R_1 + R_{L2})^2 + k^2 \omega^2 L_1 L_2 (R_1 + R_{L2})}$$

$$C_s = \frac{2 \sin(\pi D_5) \cos(\pi D_5 + \phi_5) \sin(\pi D_5) [(1 - D_5)\pi \cos(\pi D_5) + \sin(\pi D_5)]}{\omega \pi^2 (1 - D_5) R_1}$$

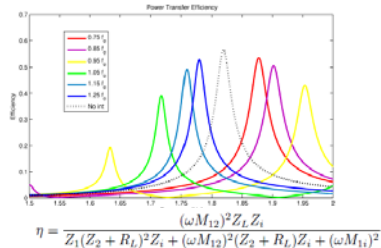
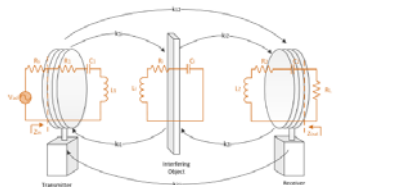
"Analytical Design Procedure for Resonant Inductively Coupled Wireless Power Transfer With Class-E2 DC-DC Converter", Tomoharu Nagashima, Kazuhide Inoue, Xiuqin Wei, Elisenda Bou-Balust, Eduard Alarcon, Marian K. Kazmierczuk, and Hiroo Sekiya, submitted to IEEE Journal on Emergent topics in Power (Chiba and Fukuoka Universities, Japan, Wright Univ. OH, UA and UPC)



Interference analysis in RIC-WPT



Model predicting effect of interfering objects on frequency detuning



Backplane metallic object. RING testbed for WPT/FF oriented to ISS

“Interference analysis on Resonant Inductive Coupled WireLess Power Transfer Links”, Elisenda Bou-Balust, Eduard Alarcon, Raymond Sedwick and Peter Fisher, IEEE ISCAS 2013 Beijing, (UPC/Maryland/MIT)

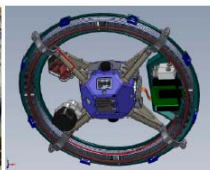


UPC work on Resonant inductive coupling WPT





On-going applications:

- Fractionated spacecrafts / nanosatellite constellation / flight formation



## UPC nanosatellite project (nanosat lab)





Conception, design and implementation of a multi-generation payload-centric Cubesat nanosatellite platform

Sensor team: I. Delportillo, A. Amezcua, R. Olivé, J. Muñoz, O. Vidal, C. Aguirre, M. Mari, JF. Muñoz, J. Vallés, A. Saez, S. Durroca  
 Faculty: Eduard Alarcón, Adriano Camps. Teaching Assistants: Roger Jové, Elisenda Bou

### USED AND THE CUBESAT INITIATIVE AT UPC

- Based on the Cubesat standard developed by Prof. Bob Tague and Jordi Puig-Suari and (CalPoly and Stanford, 1999)
  - 10-16 cm x 10-16 cm
  - Mass of up to 1.35 kg
- Cubesats include all the subsystems encountered in real satellite missions and their complex integration
- Dual nature: Cubesats are recently evolving from purely educational tools to a standard platform for technology demonstration and scientific instrumentation

### SYSTEM INTEGRATION

- MISSION ANALYSIS
  - Thermal analysis
  - Radiation analysis
- ENERGY SCHEDULER
  - Energy-production model
  - Based on PV Cells, Battery status and Attitude Control System

### NOVEL SCIENTIFIC PAYLOADS

- Measurement of Radiation Dose Rates with a Single Counter
- Study of plasma effects in Inductive Wireless Power Transfer
- Non-invasive oxygen REIS detector
- Characterization of Integrated Back-Contact Solar cells
- Characterization of radiation effects in Graphene transistors

### SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

- Modular
- Reusable
- Multi-layer approach
- Hardware transparent

**TASK SCHEDULER**

- RTOS-Based Logic-Core
- Artificial Intelligence
- Task-Scheduling Optimization

### MISSION OPERATION

Definition and execution of a test campaign following OSIS and SBES specifications with:

- TMIC
- Shake table
- Sun Simulator
- Earth Simulated station

### HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE

**OPERATIONALS**

- Isotropic omnidirectional antenna
- Self-powered RF beacon based on Pulse-width Energy Harvesting

**ATTITUDE DETERMINATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM**

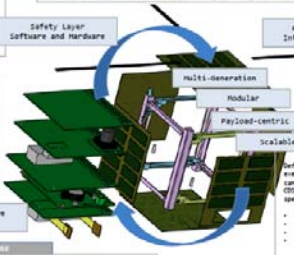
- Hybrid inertial passivation (roll)
- Control approach
  - Multi time scale
  - nested loop control
  - Time-modulated pulse
  - Signa-Matrix extended
  - Bit-dot control

**ON BOARD COMPUTER**

- Embedded Computer Platform with Linux OS
- Added Nonreal RTOS Libraries

### TOWARDS THE NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM

- Payload-oriented aggressive miniaturization of the hardware architecture
- Integration of operational hardware on a single 3D layer
- Future Global Navigation Satellite System Reflectorometer




**Hardware/Software Co-design**

**Hardware Integration**


**Summary**

- Multiple generation hardware, software and mission design of a payload-centric Cubesat nanosatellite platform
- Novel scientific payloads
- Emphasis on system integration and co-design
- Pre-operation test campaign
- Insight into next generation platform to accommodate more payloads

## On scalability of nanosat distributed architectures



**Project:** 2013. Google Faculty Research Award "Android Beyond the Stratosphere". PIs: Prof. Eduard Alarcón, Prof. Adriano Camps. Team: Elisenda Bou-Balust (UPC), Adria Recasens (MIT), Iñigo del Portillo (MIT), Daniel Selva (MIT)



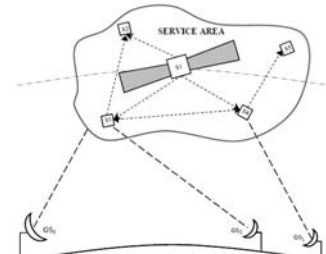


Fig. 3. Methodology for computing the QoS for a common backhauled satellite network configuration.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_{1,d}(t_1)P_{1,d}(t_1)^{R_1^{E_1}} & \dots & \eta_{N_s,d}(t_1)P_{N_s,d}(t_1)^{R_{N_s}^{E_1}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \eta_{1,d}(t_{N_t})P_{1,d}(t_{N_t})^{R_1^{E_{N_t}}} & \dots & \eta_{N_s,d}(t_{N_t})P_{N_s,d}(t_{N_t})^{R_{N_s}^{E_{N_t}}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_1^R \\ \vdots \\ R_{N_s}^R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{obt}^{R_1^{E_1}} \\ \vdots \\ R_{obt}^{R_{N_s}^{E_{N_t}}} \end{pmatrix}$$

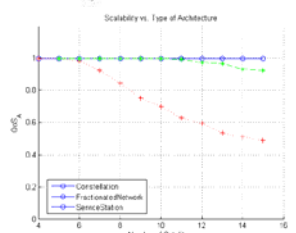
$$[MAX] z = \sum U_i p_i = \sum U_i \prod p_i^{\alpha} = \sum U_i \prod \frac{p_i^{\alpha}}{p_{max}^{\alpha}}$$

s.t.


$$R_{total}^R \geq ((T \cdot \eta^R) \cdot p^R) R_0^R$$

$$\sum_i \geq (p^R)^{\alpha} \mathbf{1}$$

$$p_i^R \geq 0$$



● "On Scalability Limits of Resource Constrained General Purpose Fractionated Satellite Network Architectures" Iñigo del Portillo, Elisenda Bou-Balust, Marc Sanchez, Daniel Selva, Eduard Alarcón, (UPC / MIT AeroAstro), submitted to ACTA ASTRONAUTICA, 2014



UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA BARCELONATECH