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## Energy Harvesting 2011

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#### Introduction

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- Objectives and Activities
- 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Human Power
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## Network Background

- Strong R&D position of UK/Europe, a lead in commercialisation but still a huge unexplored promise of energy harvesting
- Inherently multidisciplinary but a fragmented community
- In need of new research challenges applications focus to move on to more challenging scenarios beyond miniaturisation
- Need better knowledge exchange between industry and academia and between academic disciplines

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## Why a network?

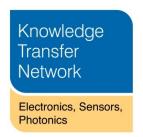
- Dedicated network of interested organisations is required to help promote new areas of collaboration and disseminate developments
- More challenging applications will require the involvement of new players and new approaches
- Community prepared to participate in workshops to define the future research challenges





#### Network has been established

- Funded by EPSRC for 3 years
- Managed on behalf of the community by Southampton
  University (PI Dr Steve Beeby, CI Dr Geoff Merrett, Dr Kai Yang)
  plus Dr Simon Aliwell and Dr Costis Kompis
- Steering Board in place
- Link established with Electronics, Photonics and Sensors KTN



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### **Steering Board Members**

- Members drawn from across the community to cover all major technology areas
- Both academic and commercial representation
- Responsibilities:
  - Drive activities to define new research themes
  - Steer network management on interests and needs of energy harvesting community
  - Approve networks outputs
  - Champion the Energy Harvesting Network and help develop links with other key networks and organisations

Robert Dorey, Cranfield University (Chair)
Costis Kompis, Vodera Ltd
Martin Judd, University of Strathclyde
Steve Burrow, University of Bristol
Eric Yeatman, Imperial College London
Geoff Merrett, University of Southampton

Kenichi Soga, University of Cambridge Markys Cain, National Physical Laboratory Haydn Thompson, Rolls-Royce UTC Roger Hazelden, TRW Conekt Simon Aliwell, Zartech Ltd

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Steve Beeby, University of Southampton



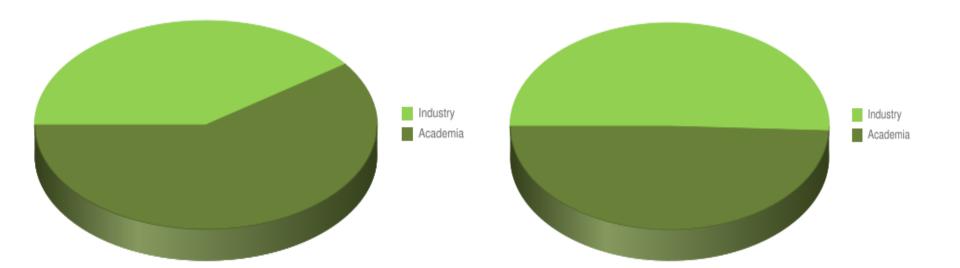


## Membership

- Open to all with an interest in energy harvesting
- 185 people from 142 companies and institutions

Registered Members

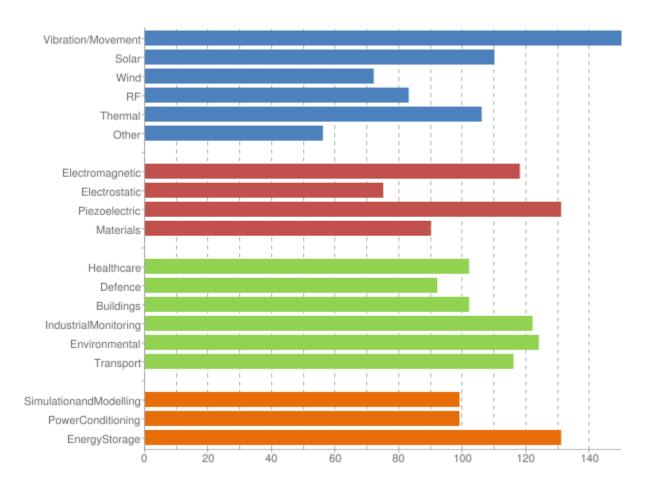
Registered Companies/Institutions







#### Member interests







#### Network Objectives

- Define new research challenges and catalyse new multidisciplinary collaborative research projects
- Facilitate the interaction and mobility of researchers
  - Important for wide range of expertise and facilities required
- Ensure that the advances in science and developments of the technology are more widely disseminated
  - Particularly to potential end user communities



#### Activities

- Define the research challenges
  - Steering Board led
  - Series of themed and facilitated workshops
  - Visits to key facilities
- Knowledge exchange
  - Website a community resource (news, blogs, papers...)
  - Electronic newsletter
  - Annual industry-academia dissemination event
  - Continued promotion of the network (presentations, press, articles)
  - Case studies
  - Conference support to include EH sessions
  - Research theme briefings to funding agencies



### 1st Workshop – Human Power

- Workshop designed to facilitate the definition of the new research challenges for EH applications in, on or near the human body.
- Participants expertise included a range of energy harvesting technologies and approaches, materials, electronics, medical devices including implantables, wireless and body sensor networks, standards, energy storage.
- Short presentations and panel discussions to get delegates thinking about the practical challenges of energy harvesting both inside and outside of the human body.
- Two sessions: Outside and inside the human body



#### **Workshop Outputs**

- Identification of the drivers (Economic, Social, Technical and Policy)
- Statement of the vision and identification of applications
- Roadmaps for
  - Technology Development
  - Underpinning Science
- Resources and skills required
- Definition of the challenges



## Technology Development

- Improved energy harvesters coupled to humans
  - Improved thermoelectric devices for smaller temperature gradients
  - Lower frequency/non-linear mechanical harvesters
  - 'Soft' and bio-compatible materials
  - Energy harvesting fabrics/clothing
- Underpinning science
  - Materials research
  - Microfabrication process development
  - Electronics development reducing power consumption





### Workshop Report

Available through the Network website

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop: EH for building and infrastructure monitoring

- 4<sup>th</sup> May, TRW Conekt, Solihull
- Interested parties please let us know!



## Agenda: AM

9.30	Arrival, Registration and Coffee
10.00	Introduction: The Energy Harvesting Network Steve Beeby (University of Southampton)
10.15	Keynote: Emerging Self Powered Systems Rob van Schaijk (Holst Centre)
10.45	Mobile Energy Harvesting Systems  Andrew Bell (University of Leeds)
11.05	Thermoelectric Energy Harvesting  Gao Min (Cardiff University)
11.25	Coffee Break and Networking
11.45	Next Generation Energy-Harvesting Electronics: A Holistic Approach Paul Mitcheson (Imperial College London)
12.05	`Elevator Pitches' from Companies with Stands at this Event Perpetuum, Micropelt, Techni Measure, Arveni, IDTechEx
12.30	Lunch and Poster Session



## Agenda: PM

13.50	Keynote: Nonlinear Consideration in Energy Harvesting  Daniel J. Inman (Virginia Tech)
14.20	Energy Harvesting in Aero Engines Haydn Thompson (Rolls-Royce UTC in Control Systems)
14.40	Energy Harvesting in Aeronautical Applications Dibin Zhu (University of Southampton)
15.00	Coffee Break and Networking
15.20	Energy Harvesting used for Wireless Condition Monitoring Tom Berry (General Electric)
15.40	ISA Standards for Energy Harvesting Roy Freeland (Perpetuum)
16.00	Open Discussion and Best Poster Award
16.15	End of Event

Please Complete the feedback form: help with identifying 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop theme and addressing sustainability of the Network.





## Thanks for your attention

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