

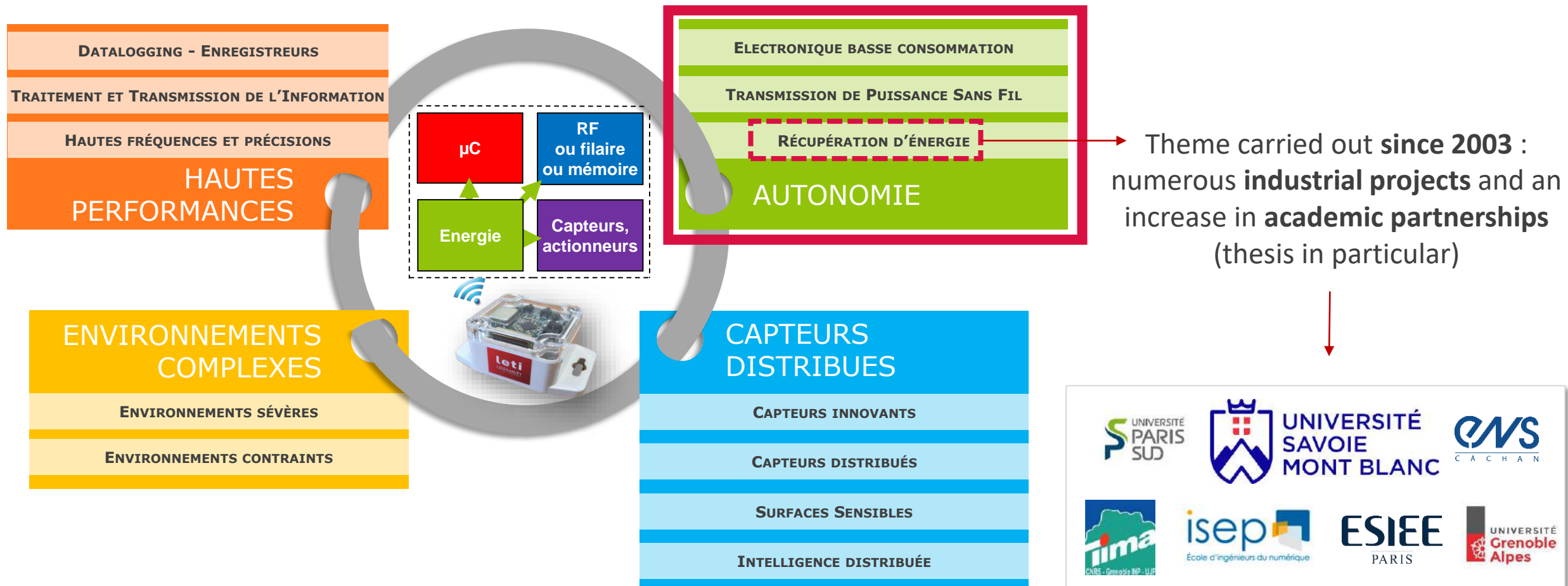
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Introduction : Energy Harvesting, dream and reality

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2  **Mechanical Energy Harvesters**
( + power management circuits)

3  **Flow-driven Energy harvesters**

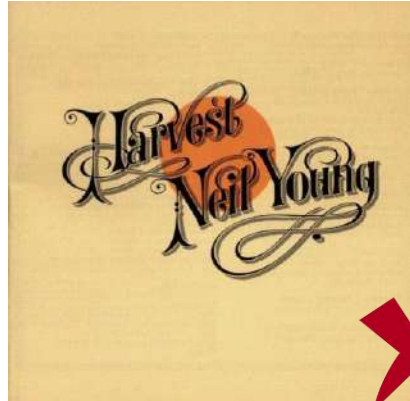
→ *Some general principles, State Of the Art, challenges + CEA examples*

Conclusion

- Energy Harvesting for small systems ? Let me google that for you ...



Camille Pissarro « *The Harvest* » - 1882



Neil Young « *Harvest* » - 1972



Key ring Dynamo
(Decathlon) → **generator**



Berkeley « *Smart-Dust* » - 2002
16 mm³ autonomous solar-
powered sensor node

- Some “good” key words

Energy harvesters

Energy Generators

Sporadic/intermittent/irregular

*Autonomous Wireless
Sensor Node (WSN)*

Battery-less

*Opportunistic
unintentional*

Energy Scavengers

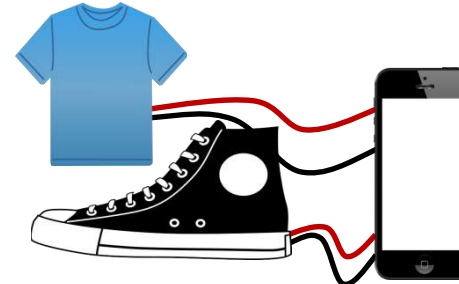
Micro power

Self-powered

*Solar-powered
Vibration-powered*

...

- Energy Harvesting : the dream



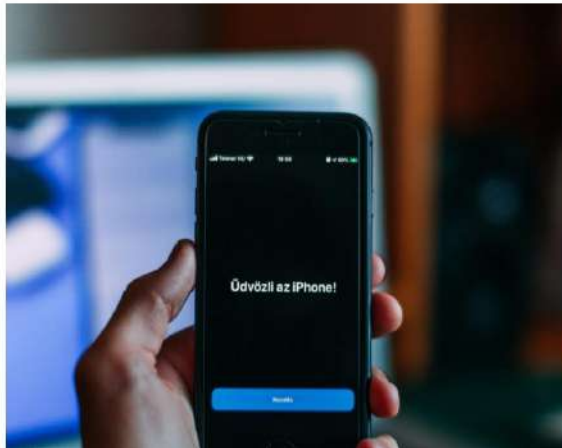
10 mW-500 mW

"Shoes or clothes can recharge your iphone!"

Charge Your Cell Phone With Your Skin

April 29, 2014

A battery can charge your cell phones when they are in your pockets as they are a great way to convert your body heat into electricity that can lead to the capabilities of the mobile phone to charge themselves when they are in your pockets. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers have developed that the self-charging batteries are button-sized and they can harvest from the energy even if the temperature is low. The devices can charge themselves even if the temperature is lower than the heat-harvesting technologies and Dr. Gong Chen said the technology can lead the new mobile phone batteries that can charge the devices without plugging them into the outlets.



incharged.com

🕒 AUGUST 12, 2014

Mobile phones come alive with the sound of music, thanks to nanogenerators

by Queen Mary, University of London

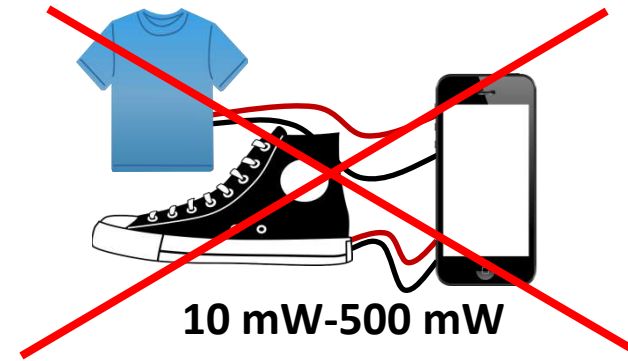


Credit: Peter Griffin/Public Domain

Charging mobile phones with sound, like chants from a football ground, could become a reality, according to a new collaboration between scientists from Queen Mary University of London and Nokia.

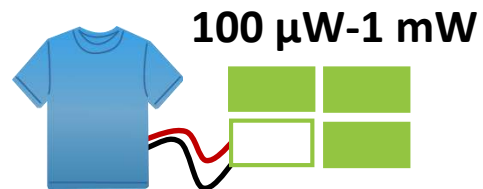
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- Energy Harvesting : the dream

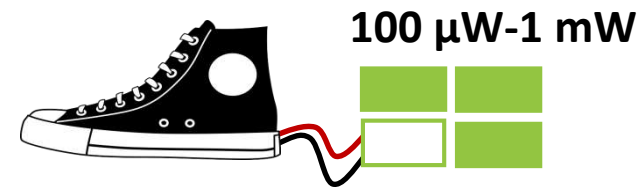


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- Energy Harvesting : the reality ...

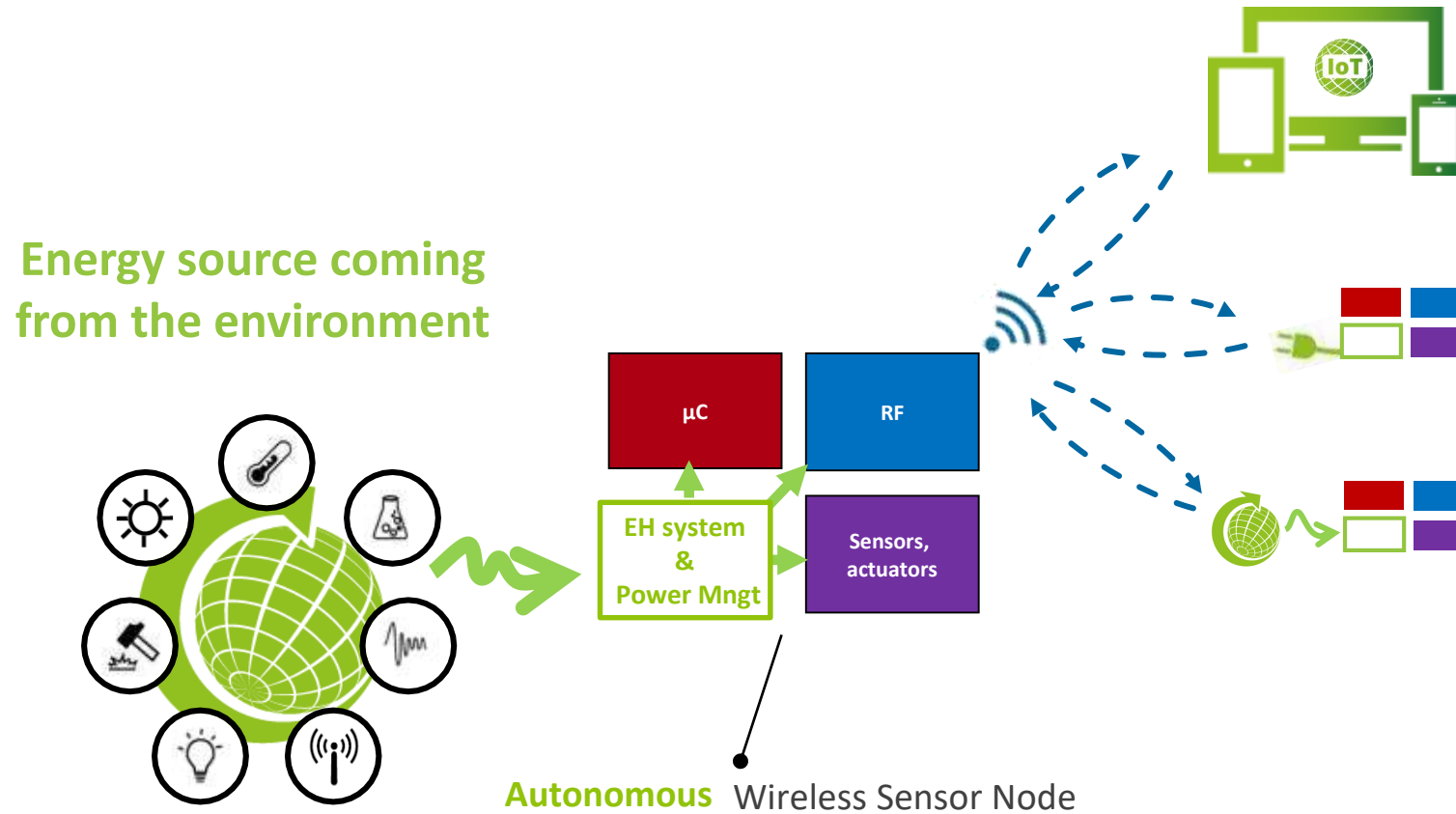


*"Tee-shirts could power an **optimized and low power** wireless cardio"*






*"Shoes could power **optimized and low power** wireless force sensors"*

- Towards Autonomous Wireless Sensor Nodes (WSN) :

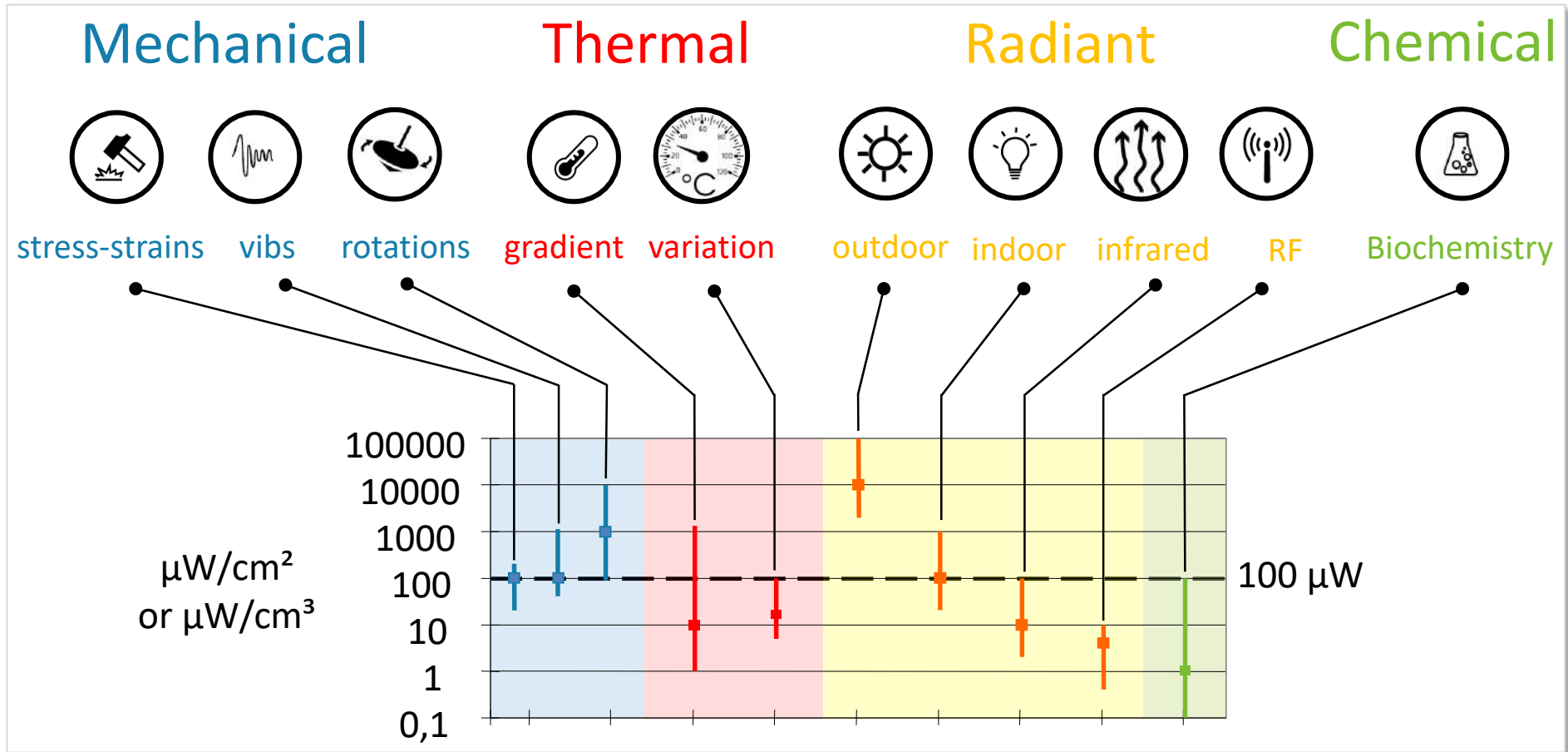


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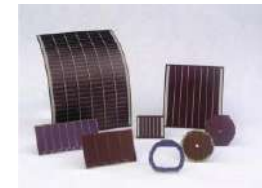
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- Quantitative aspect : harvestable powers (order of magnitude)

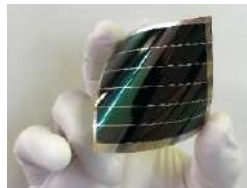


Radiant energy with PV cells :

- Crystalline Silicon vs Amorphous Silicon
- Numerous suppliers : Panasonic/Amorton, 3G solar, PowerFilm, ...
- best power densities
- Small scale indoor PV : $\approx 10\text{-}15\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ typ @200Lux



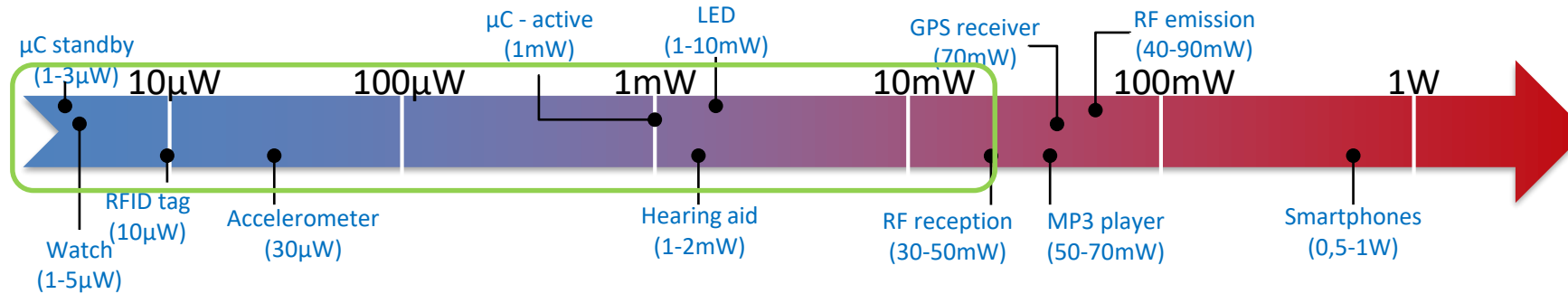
Amorphous (Amorton)



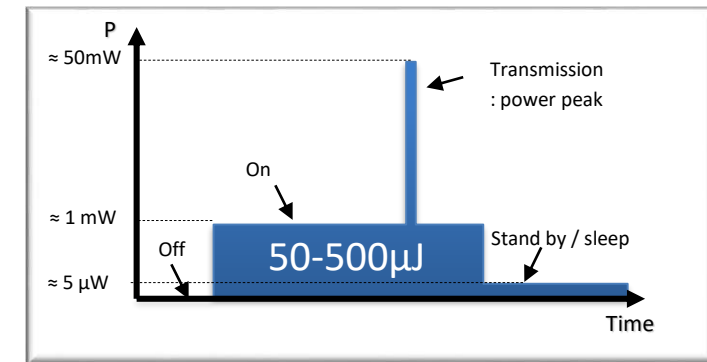
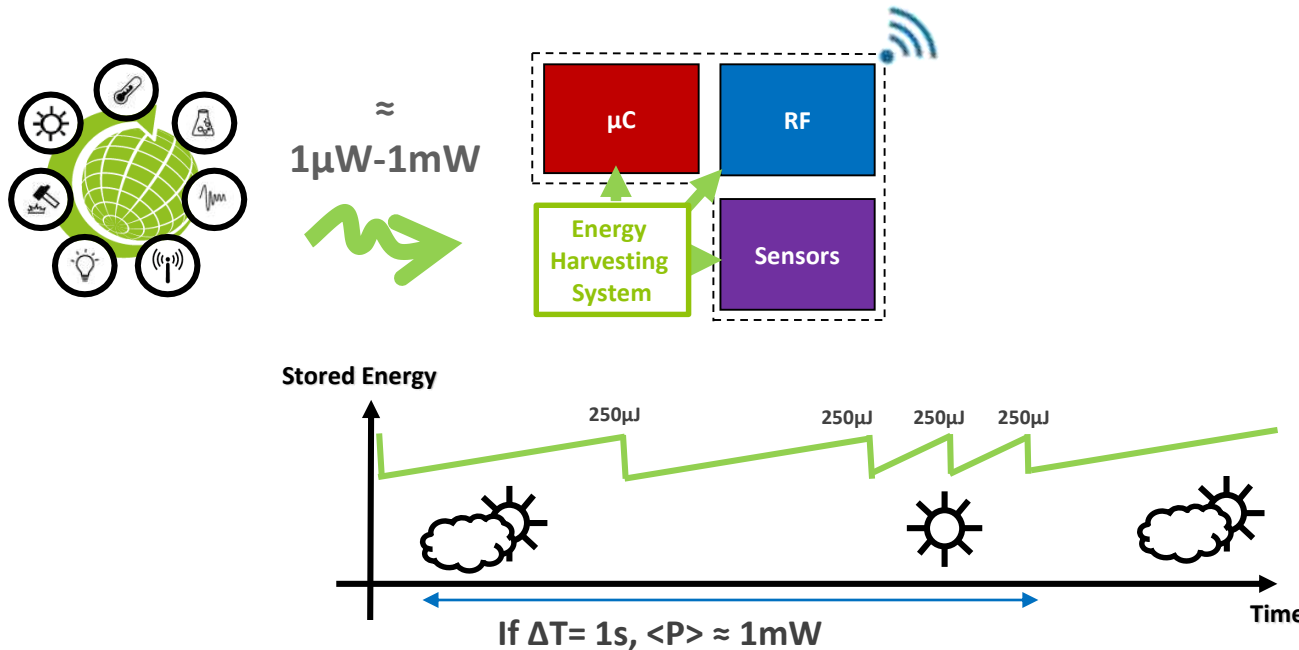
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... See following talk by John Fiske ARMOR

- Quantitative aspect : the power demand



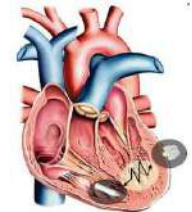
- Qualitative aspect : input power generally intermittent and irregular



→ Storing the energy is necessary
 → Asynchronous operation of the WSN generally required

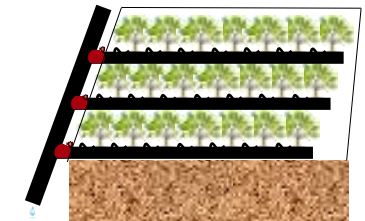
- Energy harvesting when it is unavoidable :
 - harsh environments (high temperature...)
 - location difficult to access
 - many WSNs : changing the batteries is expensive (maintenance costs)
 - long-life WSN (>10-20 years), sometimes in addition to a primary cell ...

Vehicle health monitoring, Medical applications...



Harsh Environments - ©Microturbo

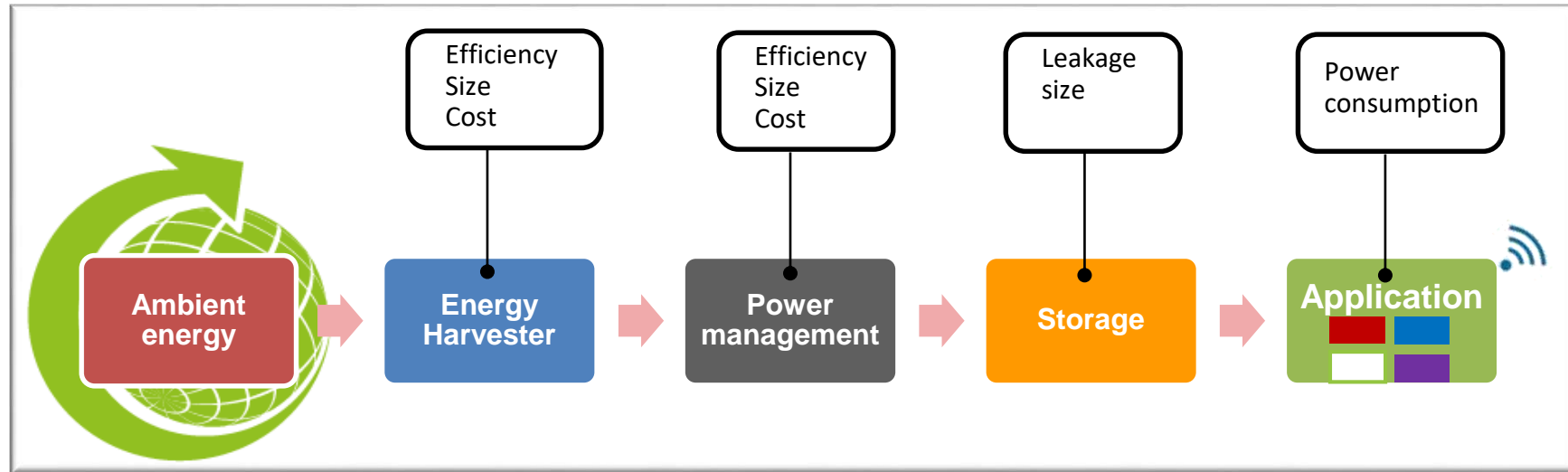
Smart-Buildings, industrial maintenance...



Abandoned Sensors- ©ITK

→ Energy harvesting technologies are still linked to specific applications

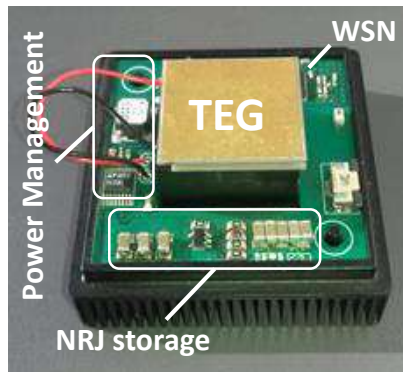
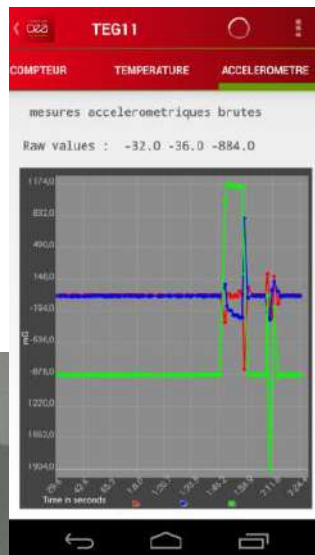
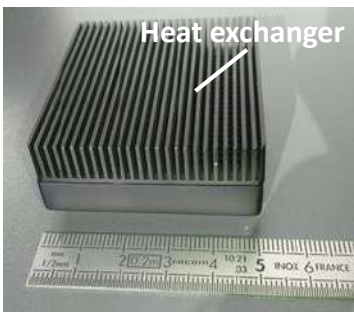
- From ambient energy to autonomous devices



- Constraints and optimizations on the complete chain: the importance of a "system view"
- Harvesters **dedicated** to the environment, **power management circuits** dedicated to the harvester
- Strong impact of the power management circuits on the efficiency /volume : **global power density**
- An approach often adopted :**
 - 1** Power demand (μW) and WSN operating mode ? \Rightarrow WSN optimization
 - 2** **The environment** : input energy and volume allocated to the harvester ? \Rightarrow Design of the harvester

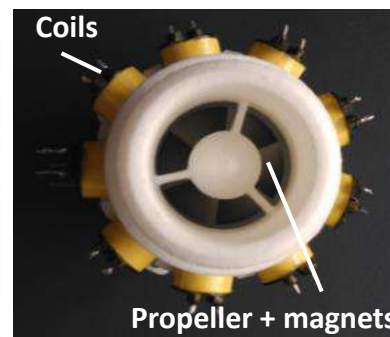
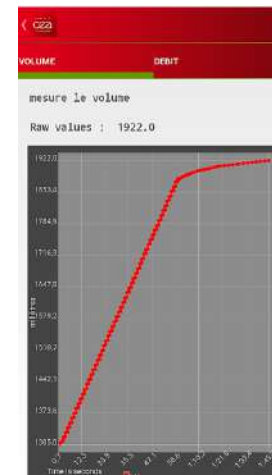
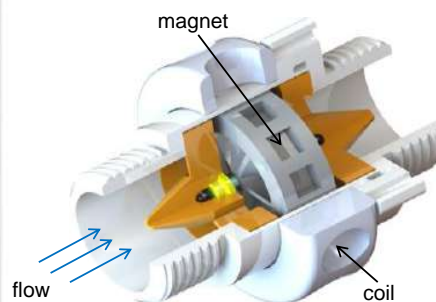
- Energy Harvester + Power management + Low-power WSN

Thermally-powered devices



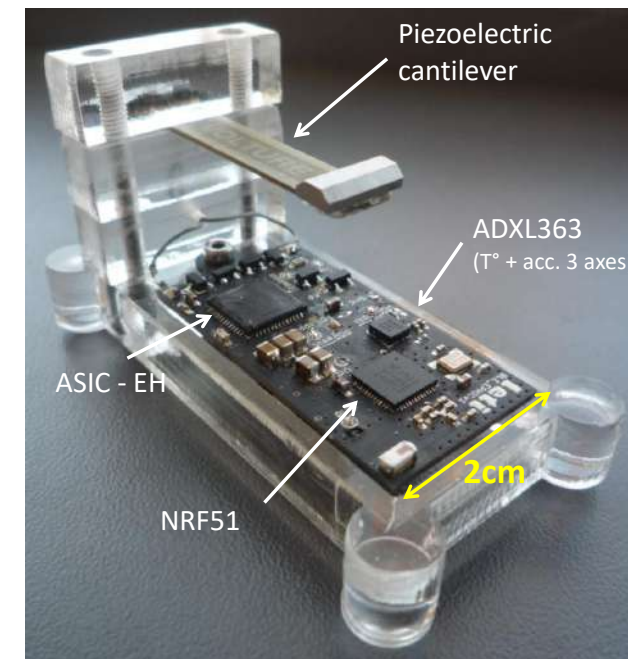
Thermoelectric EH + PMC + BLE node =
Temperature sensors & accelerometers
powered by thermal energy

Airflow/Waterflow-powered devices



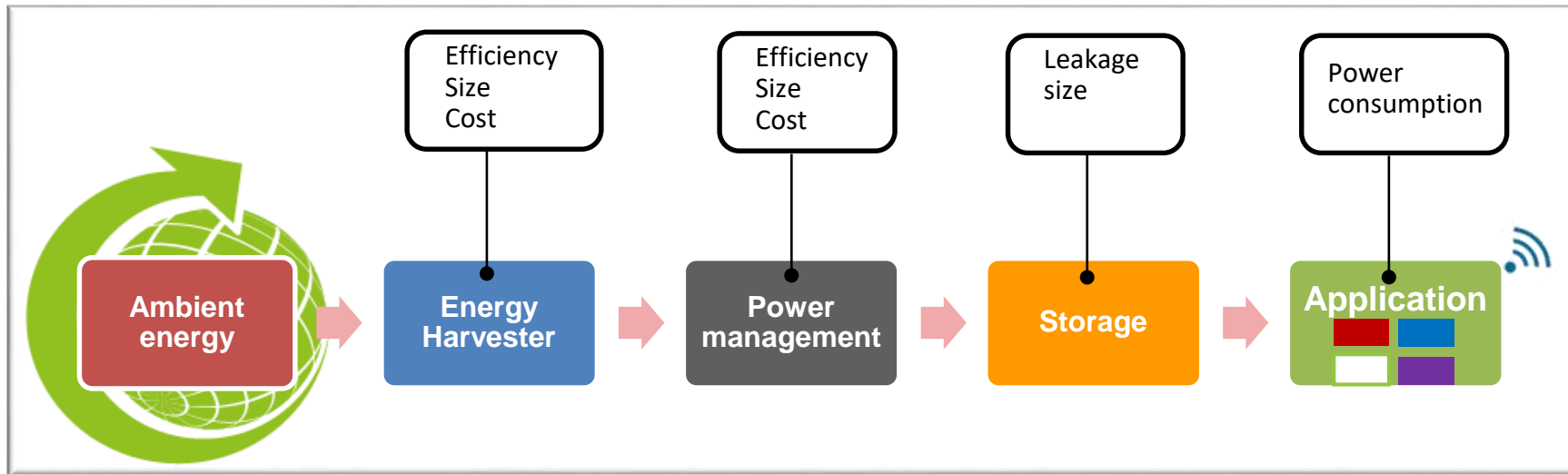
Turbine + PMC + BLE sensor node =
flowmeter powered by the water flow
⇒ connected irrigation

Vibration-powered devices



Vibration energy harvester + PMC + RF =
Autonomous T°/acc° sensors
⇒ predictive maintenance

- From ambient energy to autonomous devices

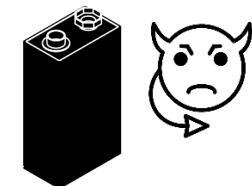


- Main challenges :




- their **power densities** or volumes ... but WSN are consuming less and less
- their **reliability** (particularly mechanical harvesters)
 - « Operational reliability » (Amplitude, frequency range, ...)
 - Ageing and robustness
- their **costs**
- their **environmental impact**

we focus on these aspects

... as compared with batteries

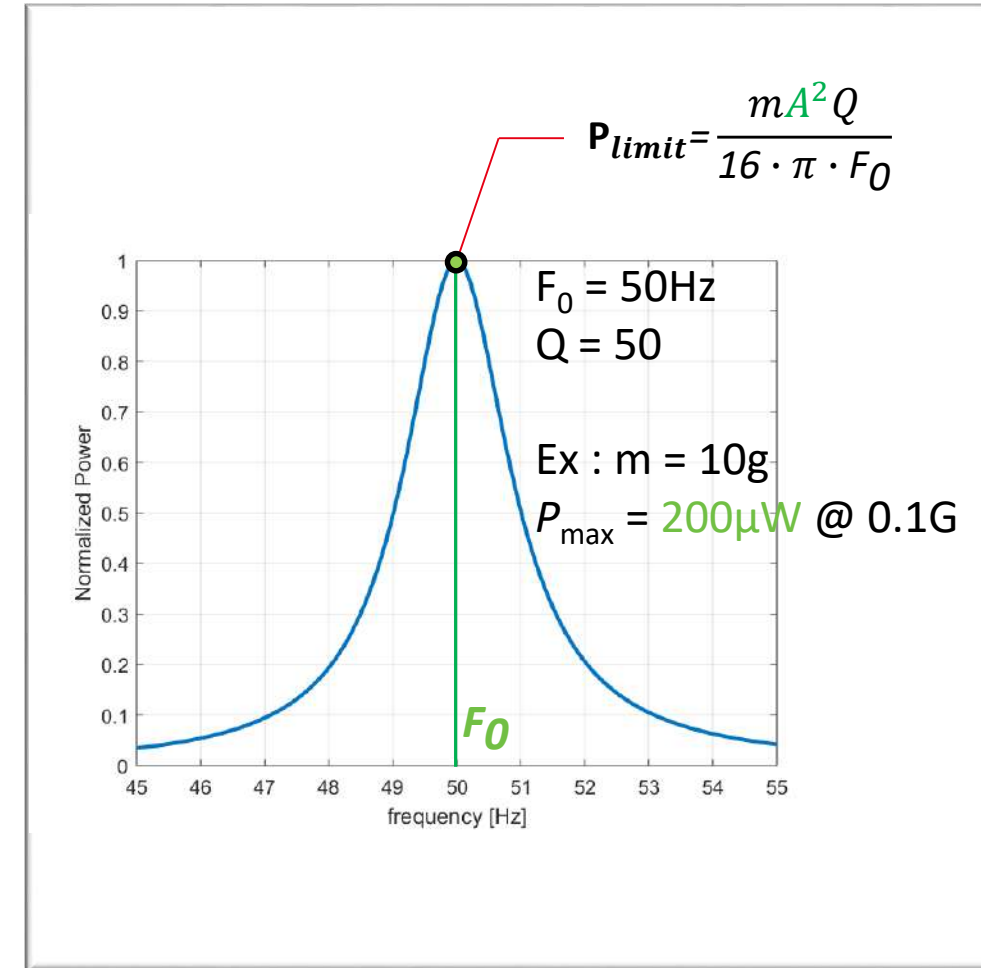
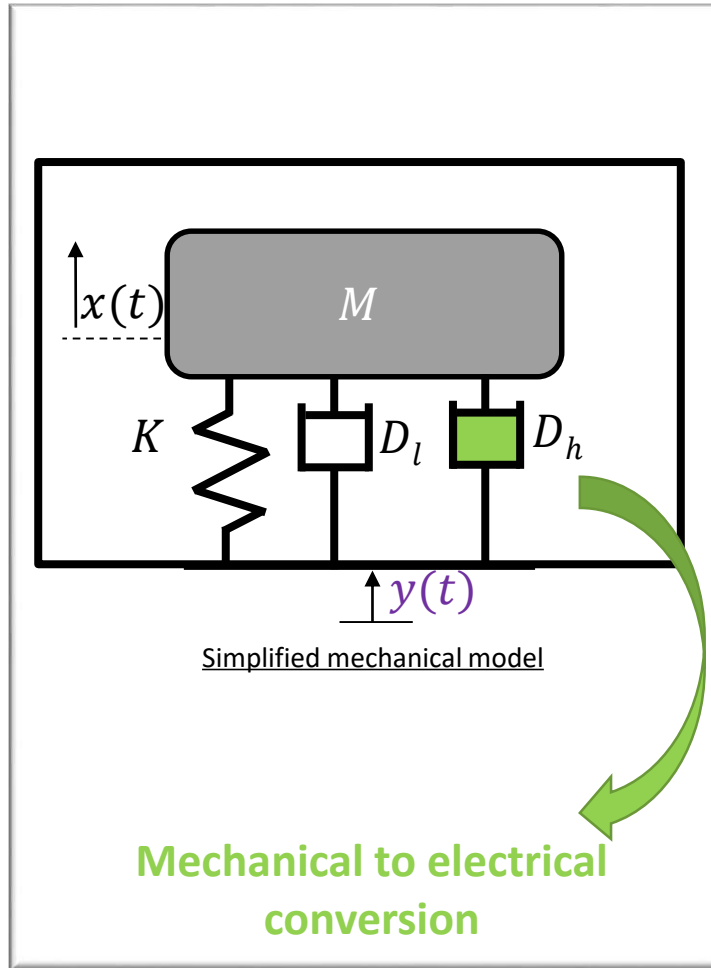
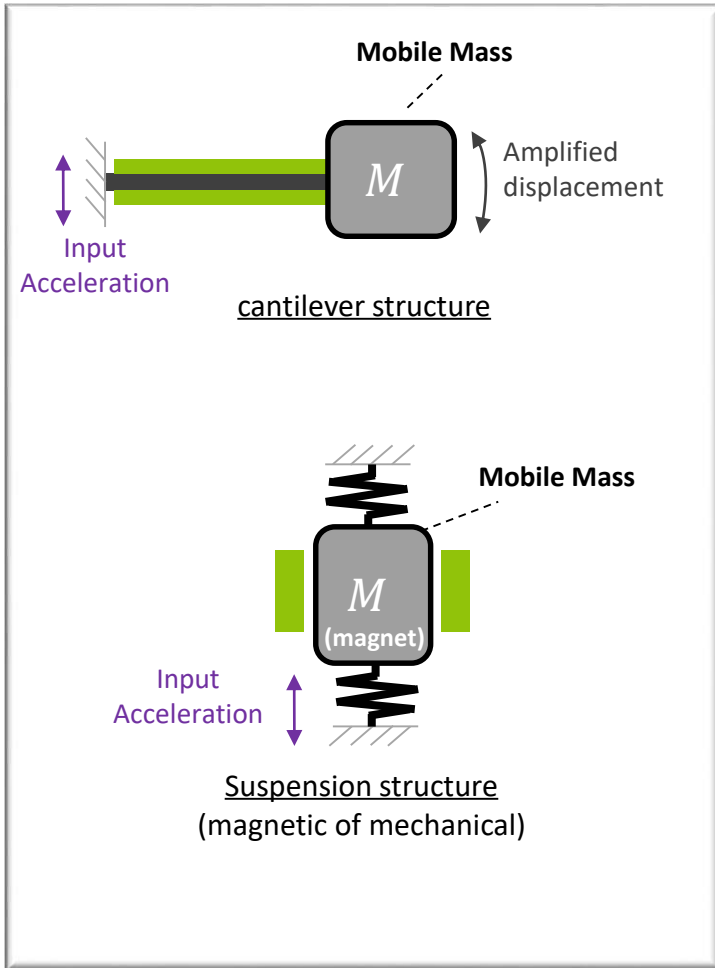


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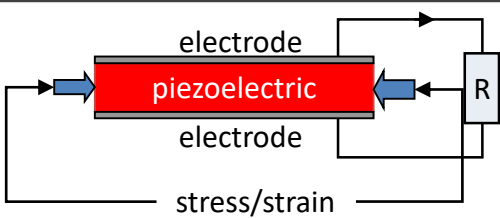
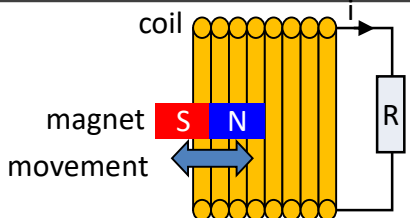
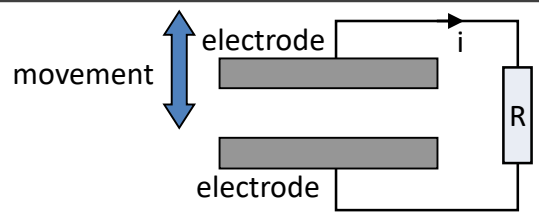
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- Resonators (Mass – stiffness – Damper) with high power densities



- Mechanical to electrical conversion (transduction)

| Piezoelectric | Electromagnetic | Electrostatic |
|---|---|---|
| Use of piezoelectric materials | Use of Lenz's law | Use of a variable capacitor |
|  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + high output voltages + high capacitances + no need to control any gap - piezo = part of the mech. suspension - Expensive material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + high output currents + conversion \neq mechanical suspension : - low output voltages - coils are resistive at low frequencies - hard to reduce coil dimensions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high output voltages + possibility to build low-cost systems + coupling coefficient easy to adjust + size reduction increases capacitances - low capacitances - high impact of parasitic capacitances |

Vibrations

- Piezoelectric
- Electromagnetic
- Electrostatic

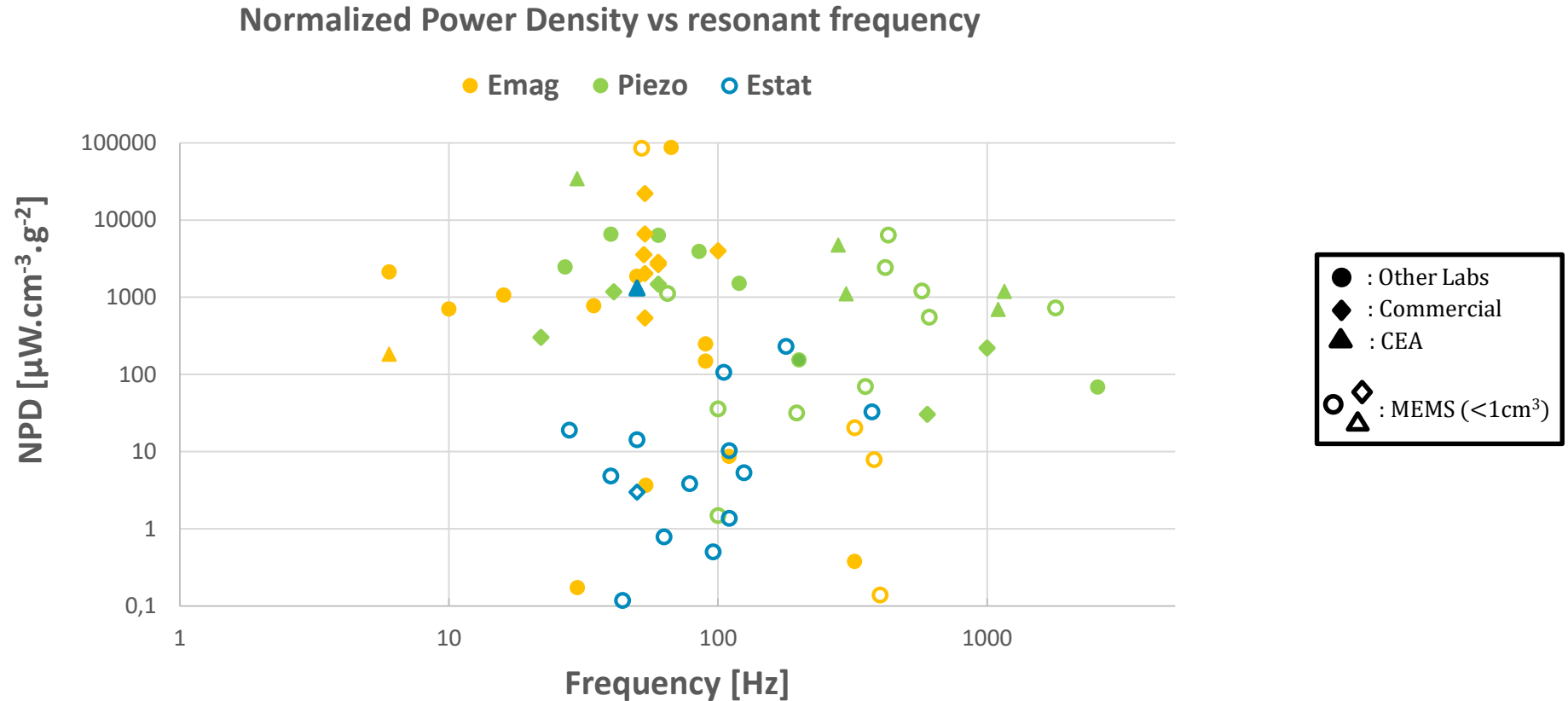
Rotations

- Electromagnetic
- Electrostatic
- (Piezoelectric)

Strains, stresses and shocks

- Piezoelectric
- Electromagnetic
- Electrostatic

- Power densities in practice ...

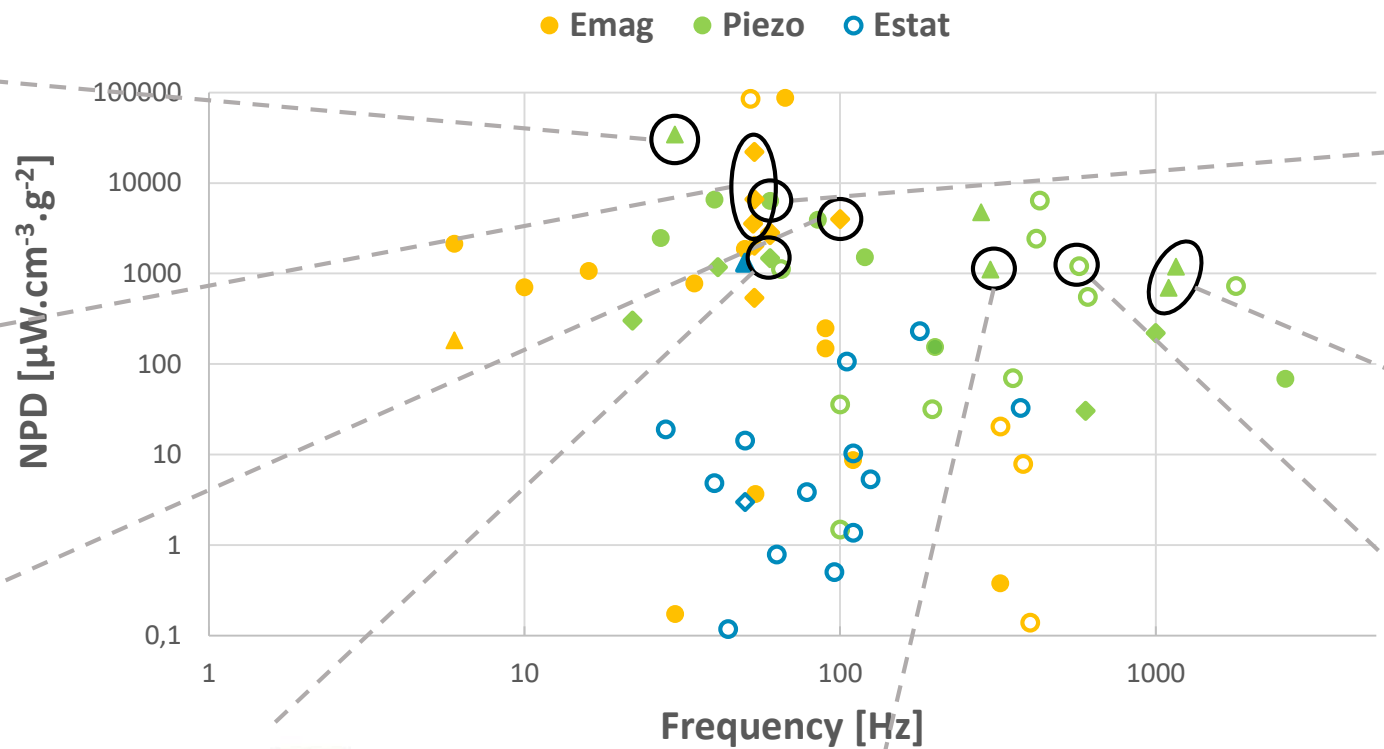


- **NPD Electromagnetic** \approx **NPD Piezoelectric** $>$ **NPD Electrostatic**
- **Electrostatic** : NPD relatively low in practice but enables MEMS device (size reduction)
- Operating frequencies : **Electromagnetic** \approx **10–100Hz**, **Piezoelectric** : **50-1000Hz**

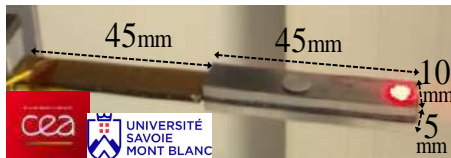
- : Other Labs
- ◆ : Commercial
- ▲ : CEA
- ◆ : MEMS (<1cm³)

● Power densities in practice ...

Normalized Power Density vs resonant frequency

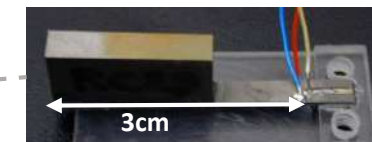


[Gibus et al., 2020]



$V_{harv} = 4,5 \text{ cm}^3$

[Roundy et al., 2003]



1 cm³

[Gasnier et al., 2018]



30 cm³



$V_{harv} = 43 \text{ cm}^3$

[Elfrink et al., 2009] IMEC



0,012 cm³

[Morel et al., 2016]



1,2 cm³



15-20 cm³



7,1cm

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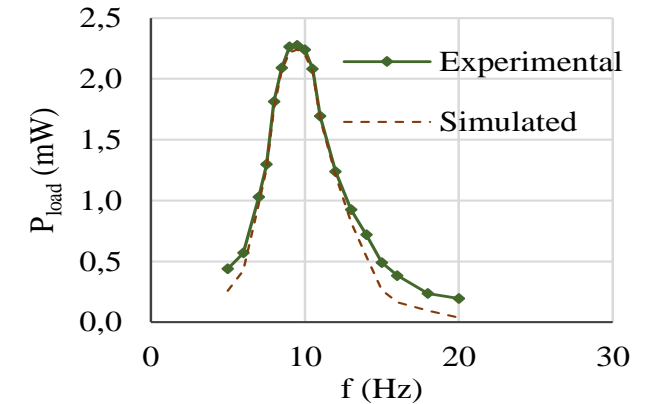
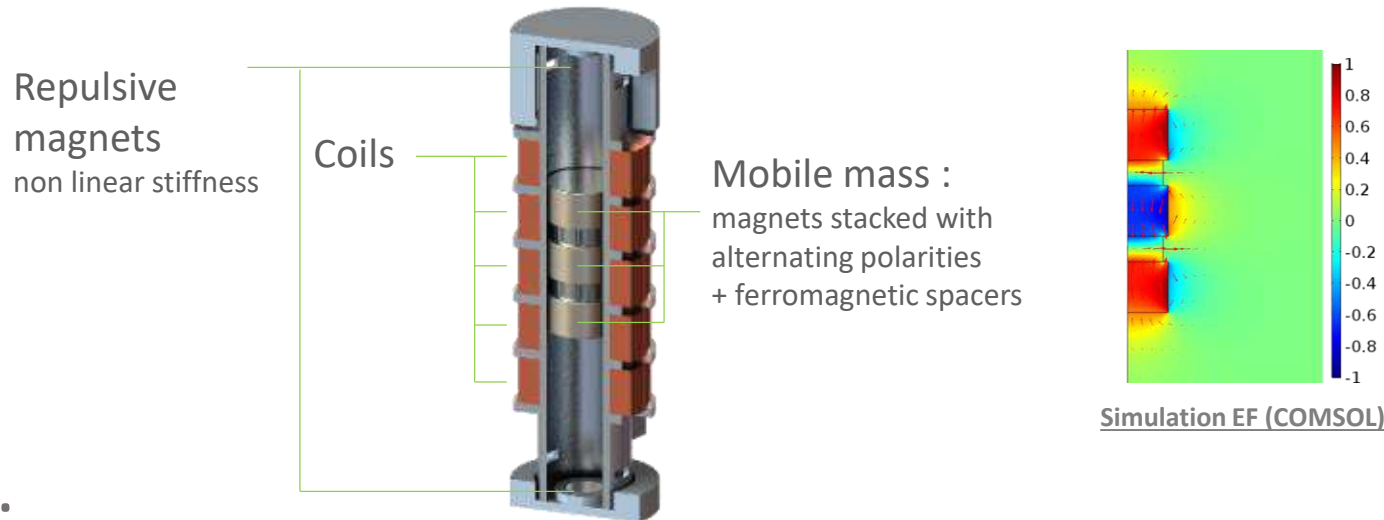


$V_{harv} = 250 \text{ cm}^3$



- **Wireless Body Area Networks (WBAN) applications : autonomous wearable sensors**

- Electromagnetic non-linear resonant system optimised for the **very low frequencies (<30Hz)**
- **"AA-battery size"** (9cm³) with a mobile mass (magnets) of 5.7g
- Optimization method
 - Based on a set of experimental acceleration measurements
 - Joint optimization of the electromagnetic coupling + magnetic repulsion



- **Results :**

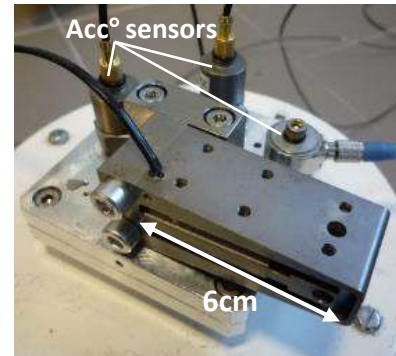
- Hand-shaking (6 Hz, 2g): 6,57mW
- Upper arm : Run @ 6.4 km/h : 3.94mW, Run @ 8 km/h : 4.96mW
- **550μW/cm³**



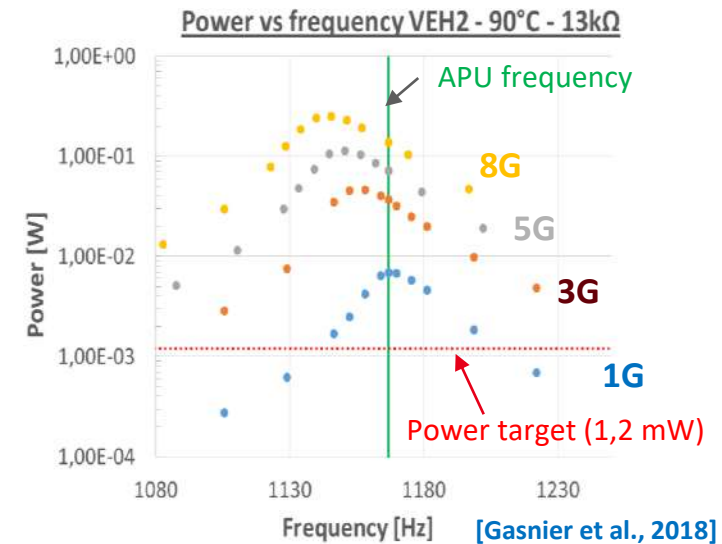
[M. Geisler et al., 2017]

- **Vibration energy harvesting for SHM in aeronautic environnements**

- Piezoelectric cantilever structure (bimorph)
- Analytical Modeling + Finite Elements (Comsol)
- Dedicated power management circuit
- Application : power supply of a conditioning circuit for 3 acceleration sensors
- Constraints :
 - « High » frequency : 1167Hz
 - High acceleration range (8G → 20G)
 - Nominal operation @ 90°C, up to @ 120°C



Test bench and harvester (130g, 30cm³)



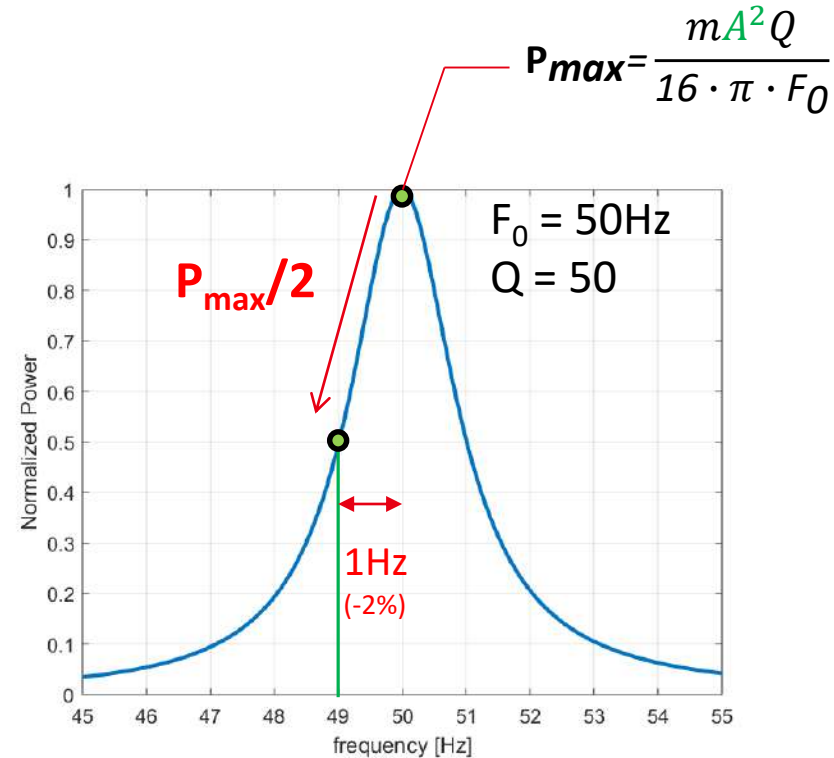
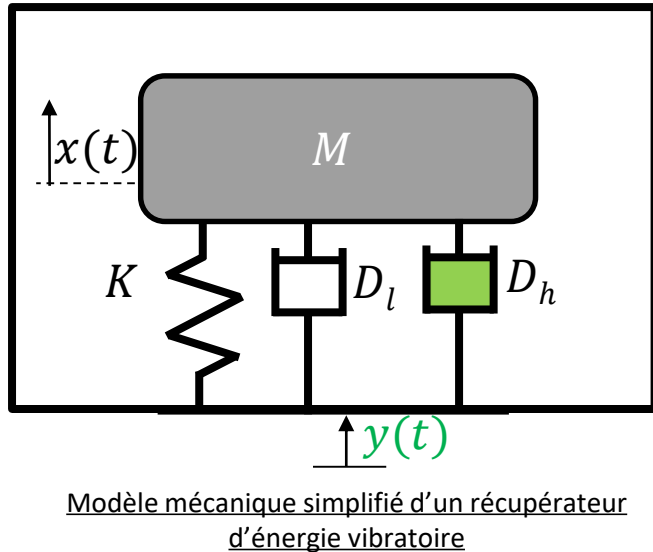
- **Results**

- Experimentally validated in climatic chamber (8G-20G @90°C et 120°C), 10⁷ cycles
- **Tested in real conditions** : SAFRAN's APU (13G-15G / 70°C)
- Maximum output power measured : **200mW@ 8G - 1167Hz**



APU SAFRAN

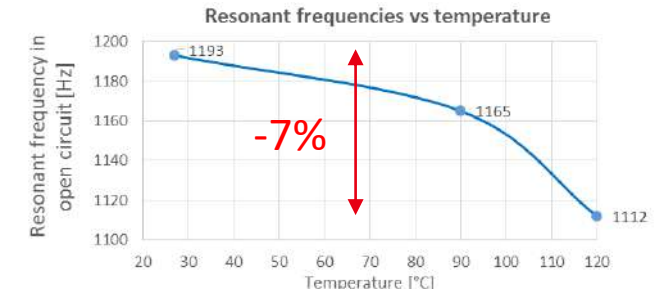
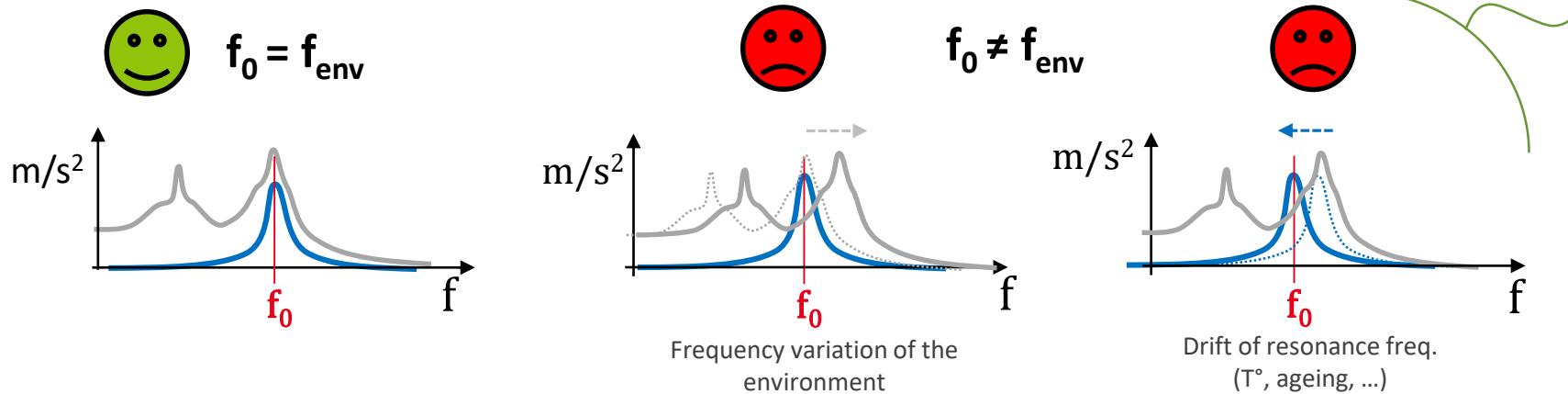
- Vibration Energy Harvesters are very selective



→ VEHS are « environnement specifics » (frequency, Amplitude)

→ Frequency selectivity has detrimental consequences on their functional reliability

- Harvester's resonance frequency vs environment's frequency



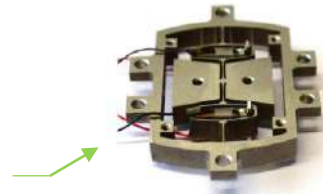
CEA prototype / SAFRAN

→ Need to dynamically tune the harvester to compensate for thermal drifts and ageing

Target \Rightarrow Bandwidth (BW) > 10-20% f_{res}

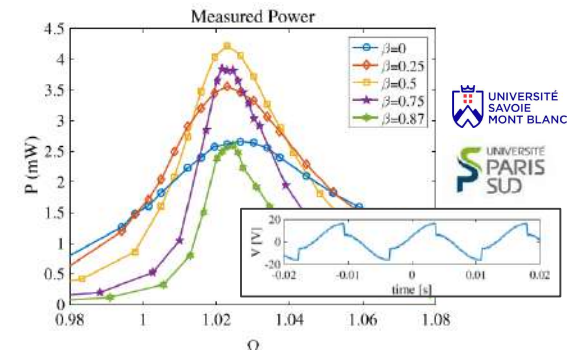
- Different approaches to counter frequency selectivity

- Multi-beam
- Frequency-up conversion
- Non-linear oscillators
- **Electrical frequency tuning**



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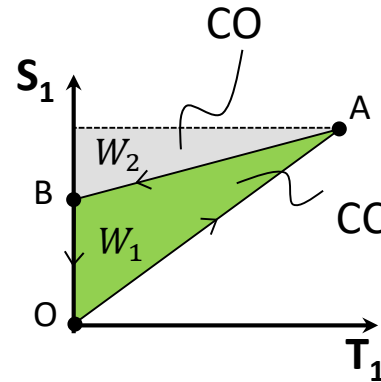
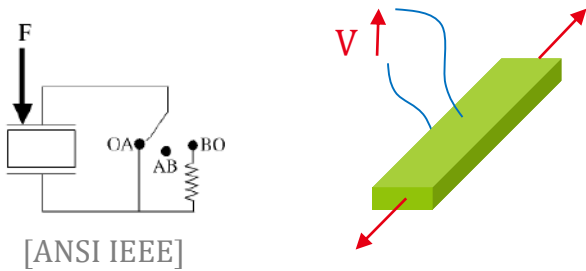
[Badel et al., 2014]



[Lefevre et al., 2017]

- The coupling : static case

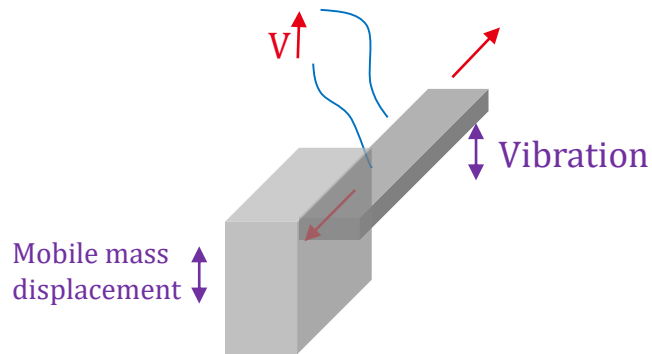
- The material coupling



$$k_{31}^2 = \frac{W_{elec}}{W_{elastic_piezo} + W_{elec}} = \frac{W_1}{W_1 + W_2}$$

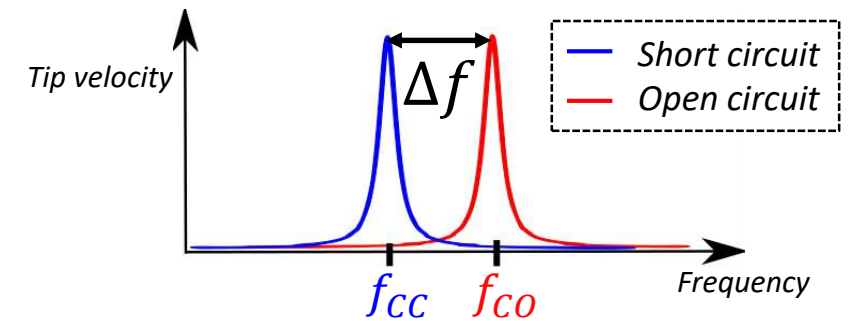
$$k_{31}^2 = \frac{S_{11}^E - S_{11}^D}{S_{11}^E}$$

- The global electromechanical coupling



$$k^2 = \frac{W_{elec}}{W_{total}} \propto \left[\frac{W_{elec}}{W_{useful_tot_Piezo}} \right] \times \frac{W_{useful_tot_Piezo}}{W_{total}}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{f_{co}^2 - f_{cc}^2}{f_{co}^2}$$



→ The higher k^2 , more the impact on the stiffness (thus the resonance freq.) and the damping is important

→ Design and fabrication of strongly coupled cantilevers (high k^2)

- **Goal : increase the global electromechanical coupling**

- By using intrinsically **highly coupled materials**

- High k^2 : very large bandwidth (BW)

High BW but strongly coupled materials (single-crystal) = poor temperature resistance

- By designing **structures** that

- ... **localize** the elastic energy in the piezo material
 - ... **homogenize** the deformation in the piezo material

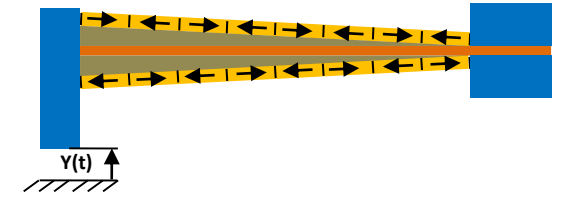
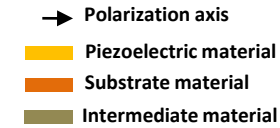
High BW but complex structures : fabrication cost, limited robustness, low quality factors ...

- **Phd-thesis CEA-USMB (D. Gibus)**

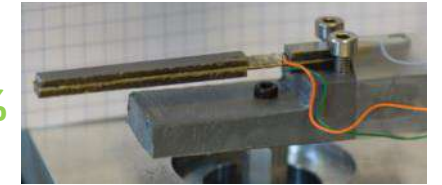
- Study, modeling and characterization of strongly-coupled structures adapted to industrial environment

- Easy to fabricate (cost, robustness)
 - Ceramic-based cantilevers operating @ high temperature

ex : PZT-5A ($k_{31}^2 = 15\%$, $T_c = 360^\circ\text{C}$)



BW : 38%

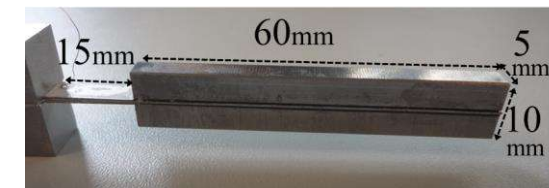


[Badel and Lefeuvre, 2014]

BW : 32%



[Ahmed-Seddik et al., 2012]



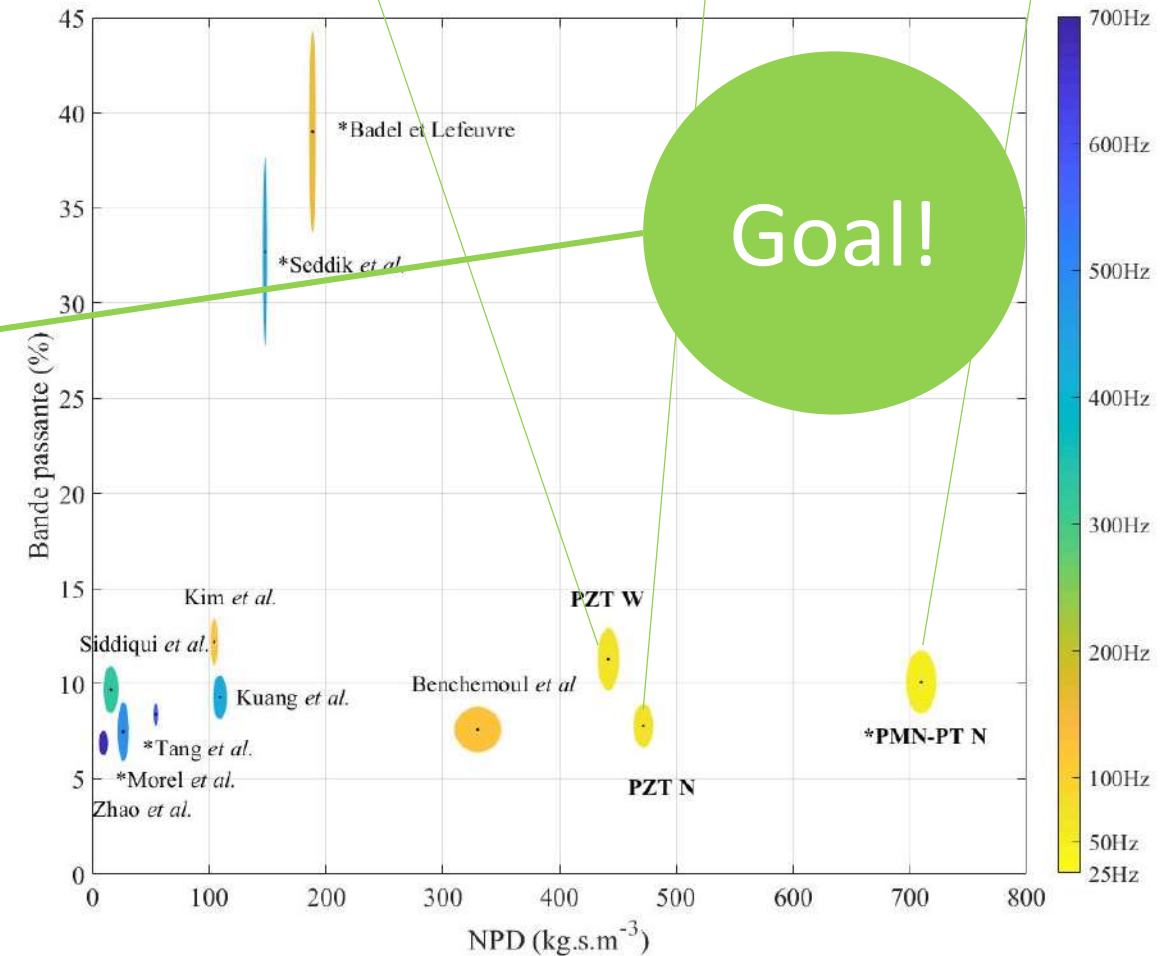
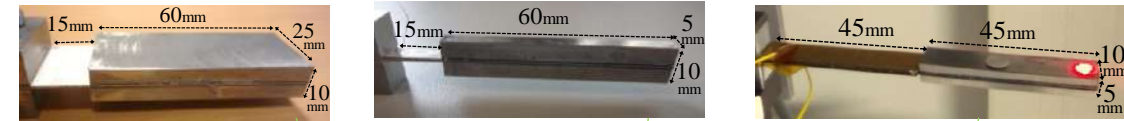
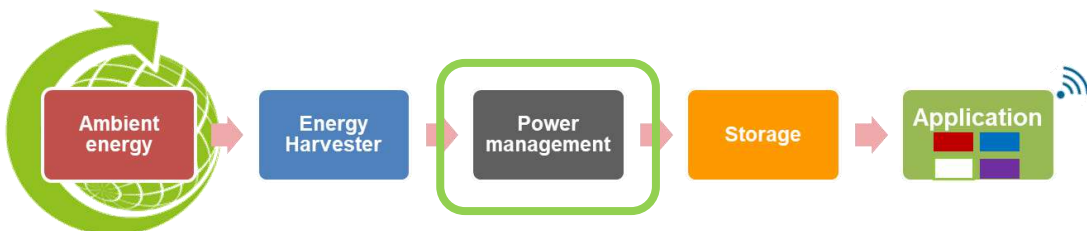
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Results

- Exploiting the 'long tip mass' (high rotary inertia) and plane strain configurations
- High couplings with ceramic-based structures ($k^2 > 10\%$) :
Bandwidths : 8% to 12% of the central frequency
- Very good power densities (400 to 700 kg.s.m^{-3})

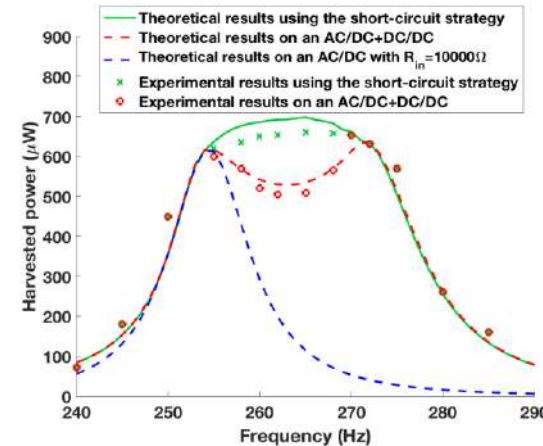
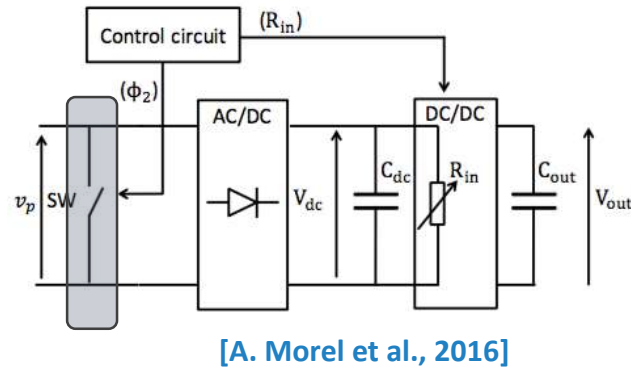
Perspectives :

- High power densities and Bandwidth
 - Size reduction
 - Robustness et ageing
- Need for intelligent **power management circuits** able to **dynamically** tune the harvester's behavior as a fonction of the input frequency



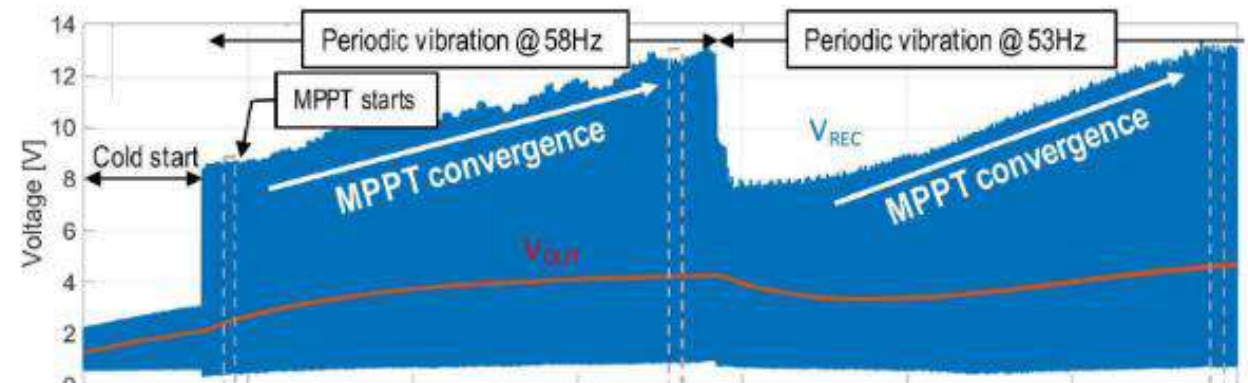
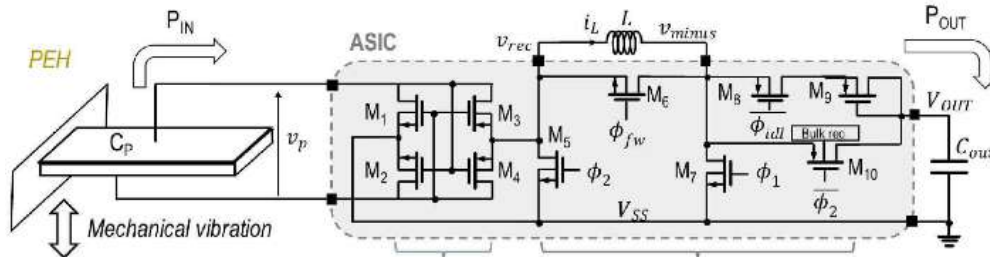
[David Gibus Phd, 2020]

- Non-linear extraction strategies for strongly-coupled devices : Phd-thesis CEA-USMB (A. Morel)
 - SC-SECE technique : emulation of a capacitive behavior between f_{cc} and f_{sc}
 - results : 600 μ W over a 20Hz bandwidth






→ No need of a large off-chip capacitive bank for the frequency tuning

- ASICs performing automatic frequency tuning to optimize the energy extraction



[Morel et al., ISSCC 2020]

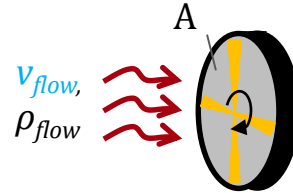
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Conclusion

- Power extractable from flows :

$$P_{elec} [W] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \eta_{tot} \cdot \rho_{flow} \cdot A \cdot v_{flow}^3$$

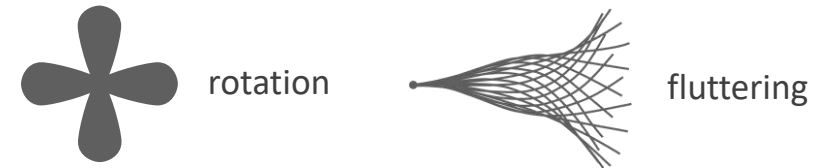


- Small size : expected efficiency and power :

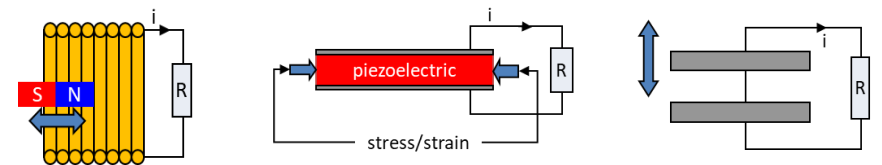
- $\eta_{tot} < 0,59$ (Betz's law)
- $0,3 < \eta_{tot} < 0,4$ for typical windmills
- $\eta_{tot} < 0,2$ for small scale devices

→ Flow driven energy harvesters enable to supply WSN from a few m/s

- Main types of flow-to-mechanical conversion :



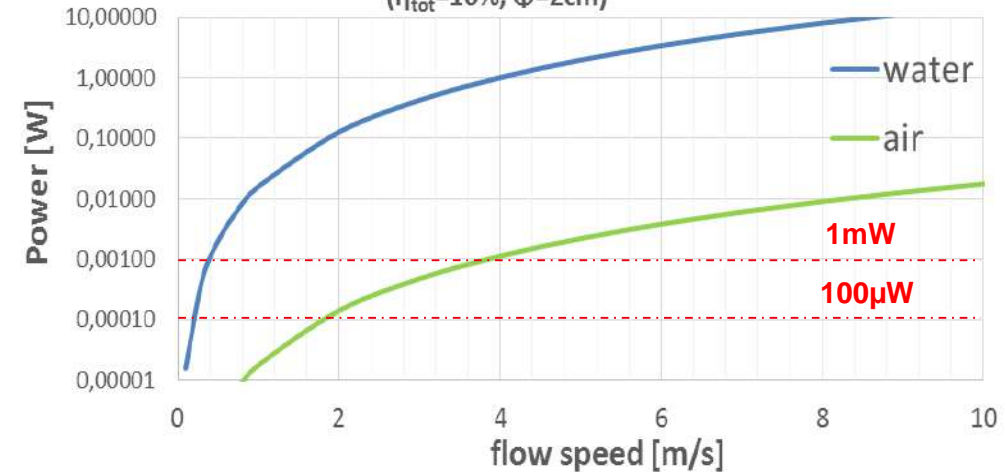
- Various types of mechanical-to-electrical converters :



→ Flow driven harvesters are less dependents to environmental conditions (no freq. component)

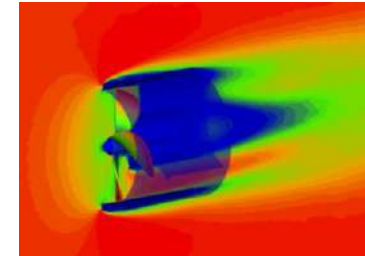
Electrical power of a small scale turbines

($\eta_{tot}=10\%$, $\Phi=2\text{cm}$)

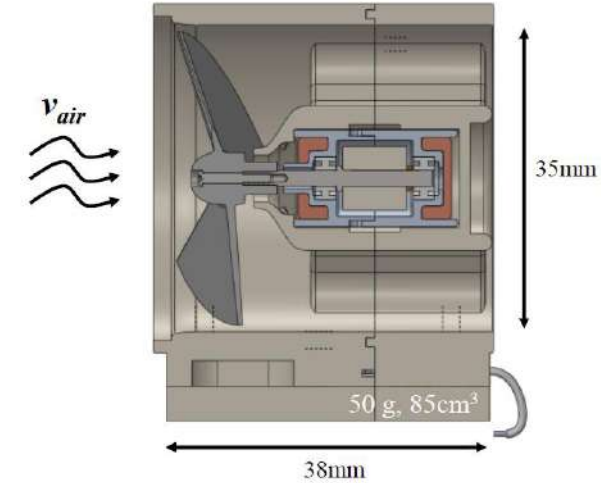


- Air flow energy harvesting thanks to μ -turbines (miniature turbines)

- Typical applications : harsh and HVAC applications
- Coreless Permanent magnet generator (no cogging issues) (rotating permanent magnet surrounded by a fixed coil)
- Experimental results :
 - Cuttin speeds (2 m/s to 5 m/s)
 - Electrical Powers : 200 μ W @1.5 m/s - 3.7 mW @ 3 m/s
 - End-to-end efficiency : 20.1% @ 2 m/s, 23.9% @ 3 m/s

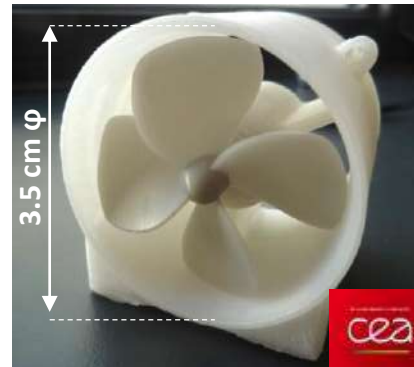


CFD solver (Altair AcuSolve)

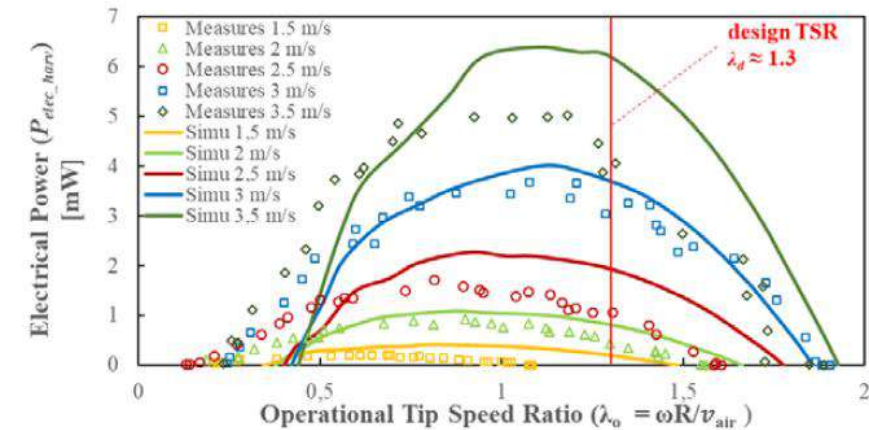


250°C compliant μ turbine
for aeronautic env.

[PowerMems 2018]



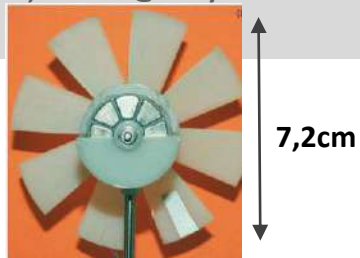
3D printed μ turbine for
HVAC applications



[PowerMems 2019]

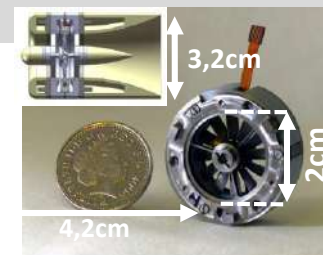
[Marin et al., 2015]

2,58mW @ 2m/s



[Howey et al. 2011]

0,08μW @ 3m/s



[Rancourt et al., 2007]

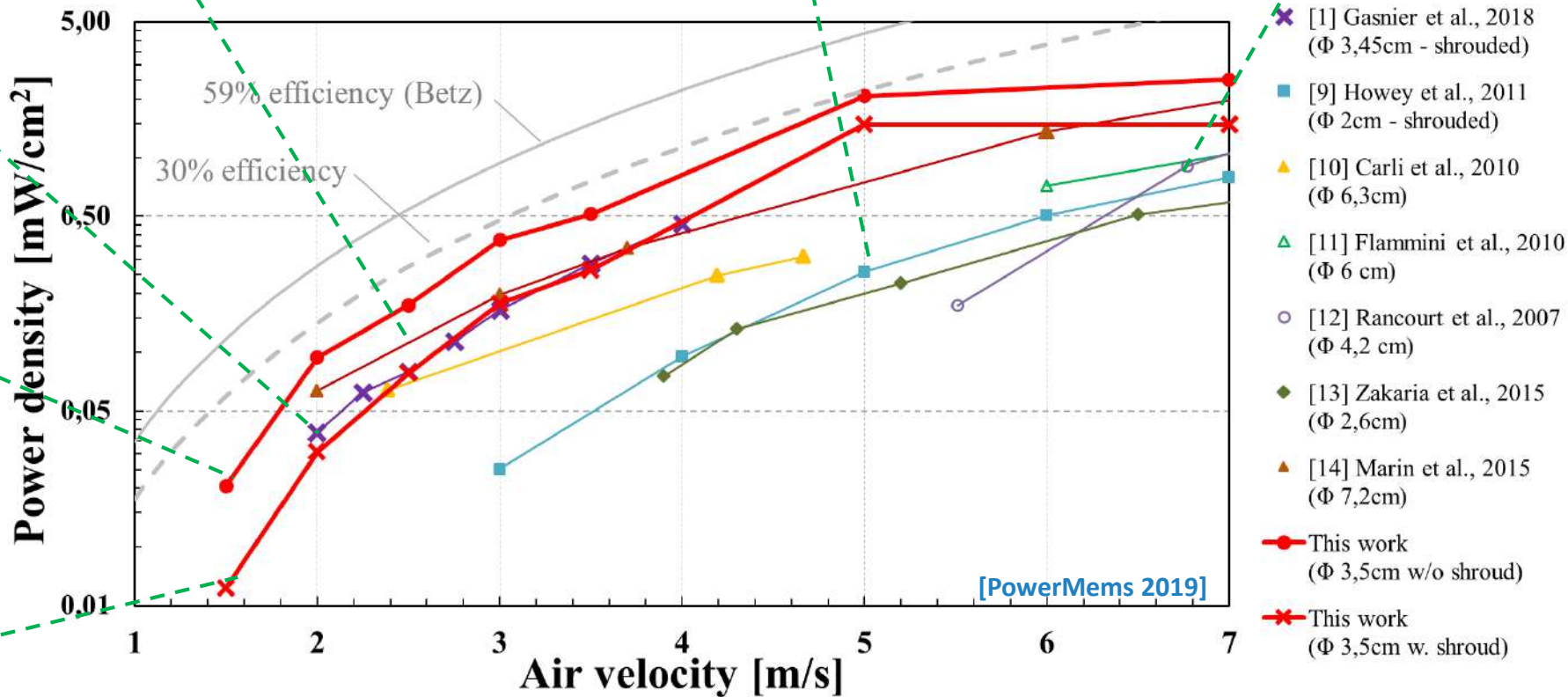
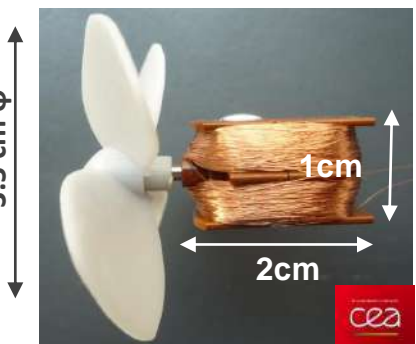
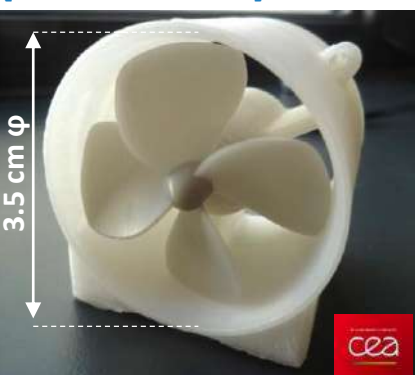
2,4mW @ 5,5m/s



[PowerMems 2018]

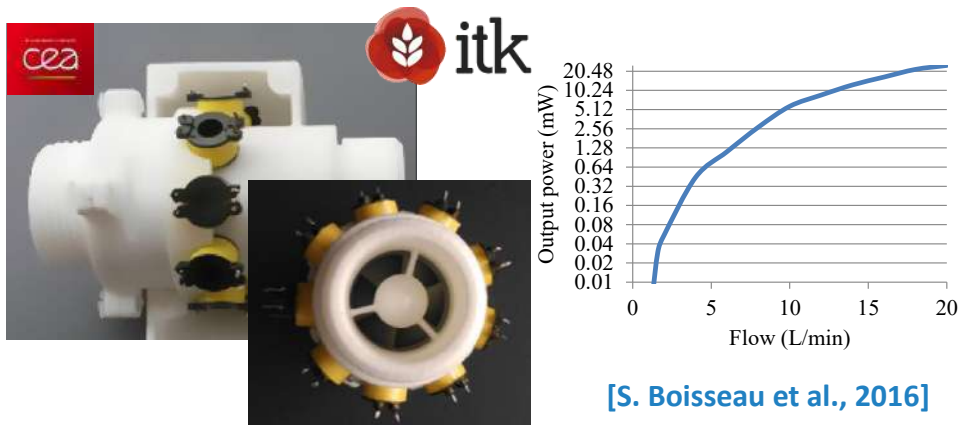
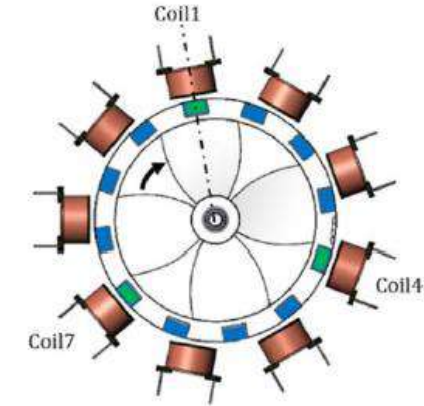
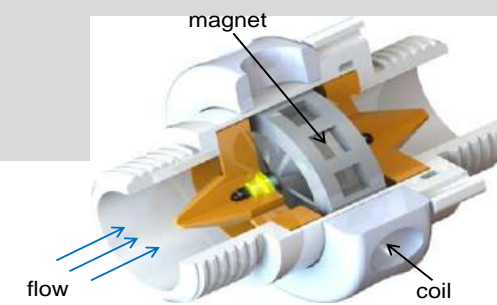


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→ μturbines operating from 2 m/s and having power densities from 50-100μW/cm² @ 2m/s to 250-500μW/cm² @ 3,5m/s

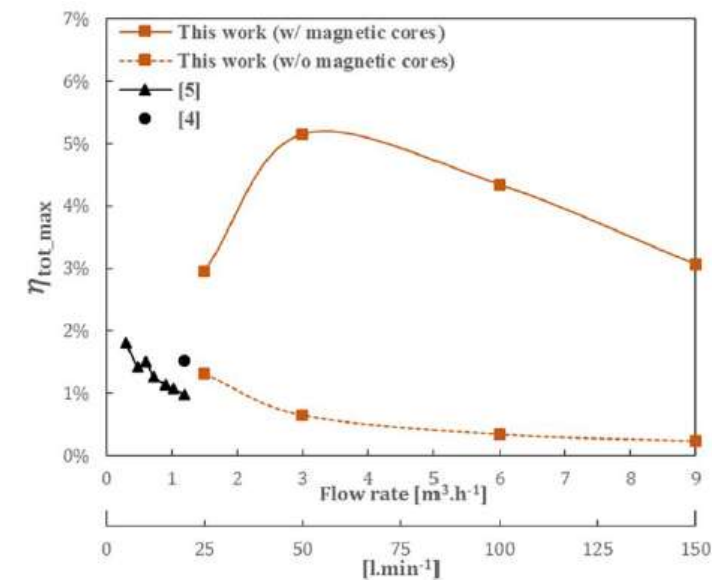
- **Water flow energy harvesting with electromagnetic converters**
 - Typical applications : district heating / cooling, culture monitoring / irrigation
 - Coreless Permanent magnet generator (no cogging issues)
 - Distributed magnets at the periphery of the turbine with alternate polarities
 - Experimental results :
 - Open-circuit voltages $\approx 4V @ 10L/min - 8V @ 20L/min$
 - Electrical powers $\approx 7,5mW @ 10L/min - 32mW @ 20L/min$
 - $\Delta p = 0,05 \text{ bars}@30L/min$ (coils short-circuited), minor loss coef of 3,94



First generation, DN20






second generation, DN40



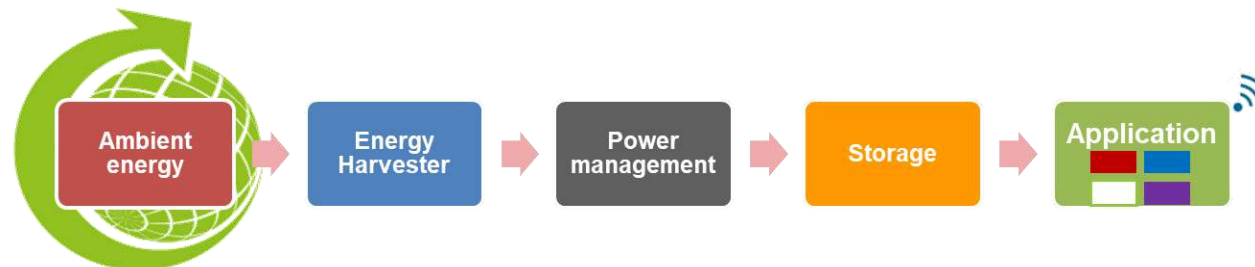
[P. Gasnier et al., 2018]

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- **Energy harvesting technologies for small systems :**
 - Still for **specific** applications and particular environments
 - where batteries cannot operate (high T° par ex.)
 - Isolated environments
 - But ... *mainstream* applications are increasing
 - 3 industrializations in progress at CEA (sport, domotic, connected irrigation)
 - A study of the **whole system** is needed
 - “Adequation Harvester – Circuit”



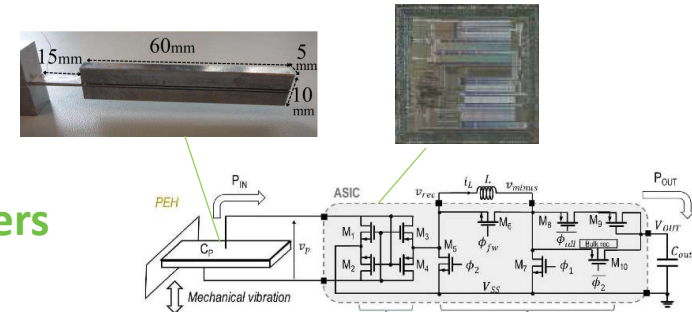
- The paradigm of "**sensors dissemination**" should not make us forget the environmental impact and the cost of the technologies it promotes

- **Mechanical Energy Harvesting : towards democratization and industrialization**

- Cost
- Reliability
 - Robustness and ageing
 - functional reliability

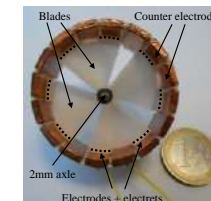
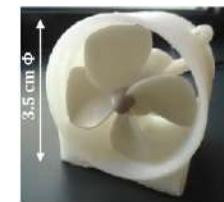
- **Vibration Energy Harvesting :**

- Good power densities ($>10\text{mW}/\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^2$) but very selective
 - **Countering frequency selectivity through strongly coupled piezo harvesters combined with self-adaptive power management circuits**



- **Flow Energy harvesting :**

- High power, no frequency dependence
 - **Decrease in dimensions**
 - **Towards wider operating ranges**
 - **Decrease in pressure losses**



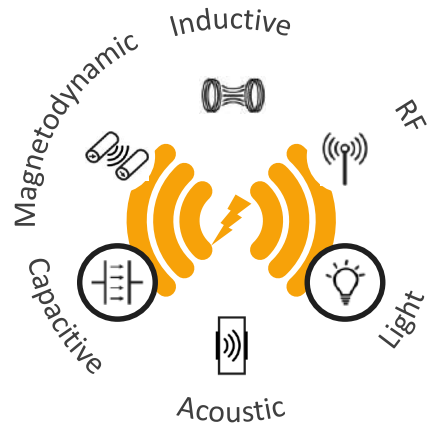
Energy harvesting to power WSN ... not only ...

Wireless Power Transfer

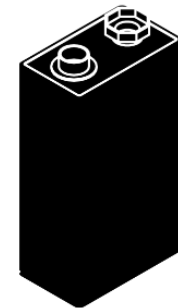
Energy Harvesting technologies



Wireless Power Transfer technologies



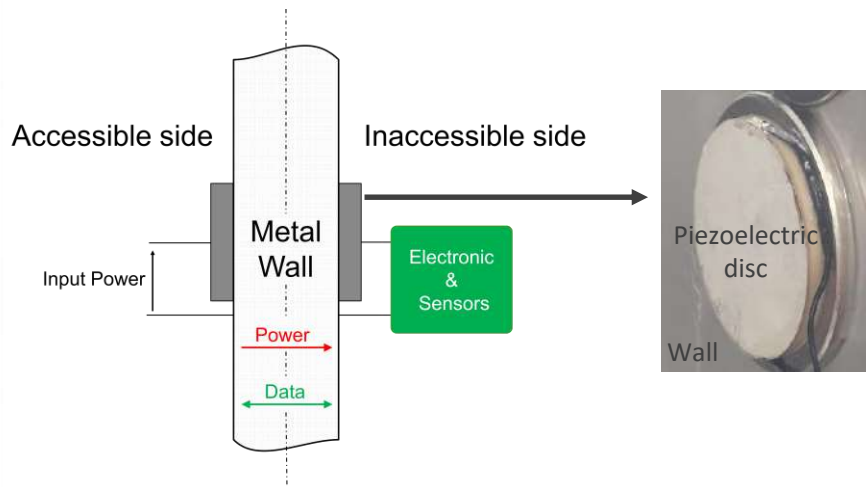
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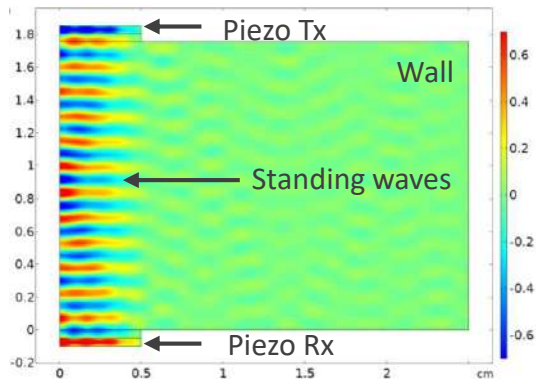
Acoustic WPT

- Power transfer through metal using 2 piezoelectric transducers
- **High power with high efficiency**



**10 W (50 % eff.)
through 55-mm-
thick steel wall
at 500 kHz**

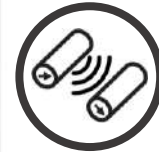
Finite element simulation



Acoustic WPT demo through thick wall

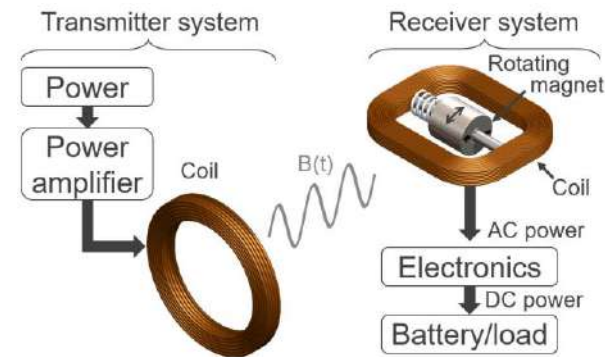


**Power LEDs
through 7-cm
wall**

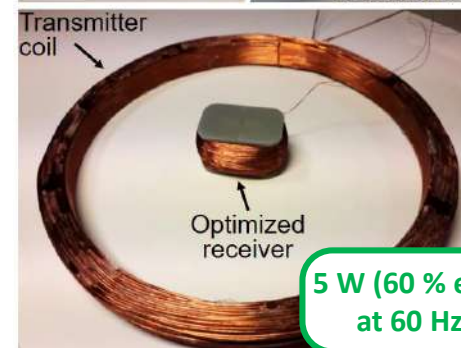
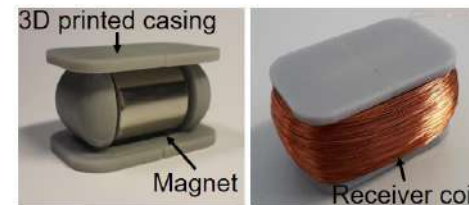


Magnetodynamic WPT

- Power transfer at **low frequency** using a moving magnet embedded in the receiver coil



Safe transmission possible through :



**5 W (60 % eff.)
at 60 Hz**

Magnetodynamic WPT demo through metal



**Power decreases
by 42% through
a 2.3-mm-thick
Aluminum box,
but it works!**

Merci à l'équipe récupération d'énergie actuelle



les (valeureux) doctorants

et merci de votre attention

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