



Energy Harvesting Committee (EHC) Minutes 29th Oct 2024

| Attendees | Apologies/Non attendees | |
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| John Horzepa, PSMA Toshi Yamamoto, Nichicon Cristina Rusu, RISE Maeve Duffy, Univ. of Galway Eoin Ahern, Tyndall Lorandt Foelkel, Wurth Brian Zahnstecher, PowerRox Mike Hayes, Tyndall | Matthias Kirn, WTO Norm Elias, Norm Elias Model/Sim Roberto la Rosa, ST Jean-Michel Bidault, ITEN Ed Spence, Machine Instrumentation Group Ningning Wang, Hangzhou DU Soumyajyoti Maji, Univ of Galway Torben Dankwort, Fraunhofer ISIT Pallawi Joshi, Juniper Networks Dan Stieler, PowerFilm Francesco Carobolante, IoTissimo John Fiske, Armor James Rohan, Tyndall Ed Spence, TMIG (guest) Justin Henspeter, IBM Eric Swenson, IBM Pulgurtha Markondeya Raj, (Dr. Raj), FIU Sergiy Tykhonov, FRABA Baoxing Chen, Analog Devices Dinesh Kithany, Wired & Wireless Cem Som, Wurth Vincenzo Pecunia, SFU-SEE | Lisa Horzepa, PSMA Peter Spies, Fraunhofer IIS Denis Pasero, Ilika George Slama, Wurth Renee Yawger, EPC Technologies David Tang, Netbit Gary Johnson, Ilika Toby Best, FRABA Johan Pederson, Ignion Nathan Jackson, Univ of New Mexico Mike Donnelly, Mentor/Siemens Christian Pennisi, Jennova TBD, Wisepower Juan Carlos Rodriguez, ADI Andreas Beckes, FRABA Dusan Vuckovic, Zvertech John Flannery, Tyndall Thomas Becker, Thobecore Michalis Kiziroglou, Imperial College London Sebastian Bader, MIUN Hani Kanaan, Dracula Tech Prateek Asthana, Wago Steve Savulak, Collins Aerospace |

(Co-chairs in bold font) (New/First-time members indicated in GREEN)

Next meeting:- **Tues 3rd Dec 9am CT US** Brian to chair, Mike to type.

Agenda for today

1. Welcome any new members/guests.
2. APEC 2025 planning.
3. EnerHarv 2024 close out & 2026 planning
4. Media activities.

1. Welcome new members

Welcome Eoin Ahern of Tyndall!!!!

2. APEC 2025 - PSMA Energy Harvesting Industry Session

- o We plan to collaborate with the PSMA Energy Management & Storage committees at APEC2025 & applied for an 8 slot industry session for the morning of Thurs 13 Mar. We have been allocated 2 presentation slots (#4 & #5) + time for some demos at the back of the room during coffee break (built into slot #4). The overall session will be broad, covering energy for microwatt IoT, computing and micro-grid applications.

o (<https://apec-conf.org/attendees/sessions-seminars/industry-sessions/>)

o Planned Demos

- i. Nichicon will be there so Toshi will attend with a booth. Will plan a demo.
- ii. Reach out to ambient photonics & ePeas for a demo. **ePeas actually reached out to us for further engagement, was in holding pattern pending finalization of rest of IS logistics/speakers.**
- iii. **Wurth will be there so Lorandt will attend with a booth. Will plan a demo(s).**
- iv. **Tyndall will plan to support a demo.**

- o Tyndall has also applied for a poster, if accepted will promote EHC. Large potential audience. Oct 7 will hear if our application was successful. **Declined – Tyndall had planned a high level poster not a detailed tech presentation.**

3. EnerHarv 2024 close out & 2026 planning

Ref www.enerharv.com and [Energy Harvesting Forum | Power Sources Manufacturers Association \(psma.com\)](http://EnergyHarvestingForum.com)

- Mike presented final budget (~\$20 k, 46.1 %...too much but money fed back into PSMA for future events!), confirmed by Brian, final acceptance by Cristina/PSMA confirmed, John says closed out with Tim (PSMA Treasurer).
- PSMA published newsletter 9/24/24 (<https://www.pasma.com/HTML/newsletter/page10.html>), EPS derivative published 10/15/24 (<https://eps.ieee.org/publications/enews/october-2024/1234-enerharv-2024-report.html>). **Bodos/H2P derivatives PENDING.**
- Maeve as an APEC '25 reviewer seeing many micro-power EH submissions, consider for 2026 onwards as a tech track. Keep eye out for EnerHarv 2026 participants. Also watch demography, looking to strengthen N American engagement. **Maeve notes EH activity at Univ of Alberta Edmonton.**
- Need to start EnerHarv 2026 cycle EARLY to secure speakers, participants, venue, etc. Updated GANTT chart shared to capture improved timeline/mitigate issues from lessons learned. Start looking NOW for potential hosts in N. America. Keep an eye out to kick up EnerHarv 2026 opportunities in mid-2025. Thinking Georgia Tech, SFU... what about, UCB, UCSD, NorthWestern, NorthEastern, OSU? **Brian established new (to EHC, not BZ) contacts to facilitate at both SFU (Ignacio "Nacho" Zurbriggen) & GT (local PELS chapter, Maryam Saeedifard, Deepak Divan, etc.)! Preface with satellite event at APEC '25 since in Atlanta (co-lo with GT)?**
- Also watch out for fees from IEEE if formally affiliated even if no publications. **This drove systemic change within PELS...changing official policies to address this, proposing to cover for events moving forward.**

4. MEDIA ACTIVITIES – Any updates?

(a) Webinars/PTR? **PERPETUAL OPEN CALL TO EHC FOR WEBINAR SUGGESTIONS.**

- Toshi Yamamoto, Nichicon – LTO Battery Tech. Possibly leverage material related to Sensors Converge (already has ~50% of required content)? Upgrade & share overview with team by next meeting (early-'24). TOSHI PROVIDED PROPOSAL/ABSTRACT/DRAFT PPT FOR TEAM REVIEW. Still Worked with Ed Spence on white paper, perhaps better content/collaborate with him. **Mike & Brian to review and follow up.**
 - Ed (Spence) considering and will revert. **NEED TO PING HIM FOR WEBINAR ABSTRACT IF STILL INTERESTED.**
- Lorandt Foelkel, Wurth – EH Tech Update. **LORANDT SHARED PREVIOUS DIGIKEY WEBINAR FOR REFERENCE.** Mike & Brian feel it is good but needs higher % of new material – under review. **LORANDT WORKING TO CREATE A NEW PPT FOR '25 WITH ~90 % NEW MATERIAL BY END-DEC.**
- Any other topics?
- Look out for webinar derivatives from EnerHarv. Upcoming BZ talks for possible leverage.
 - IEEE PELS Long Island Power Electronics Symposium (Nov 7, Long Island, NY, FREE!, <https://www.ieee.li/pes/>)
 - Conference on Emerging Technologies for a Smarter World (CEWIT2024, Nov 13-14, Long Island, NY, <https://www.cewit.org/conference2024/>). POSTPONED TBD
 - IEEE Long Island Systems, Applications and Technology Conference (LISAT, Nov 15, Long Island, NY, FREE!, <https://www.ieee.li/lisat/forauthors>). **BZ INVITED, DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY WITH NO \$ SUPPORT.**

(b) Conferences/workshops

- **Electronica '24 (<https://electronica.de/en/trade-fair/>). Wurth (Booth A6.502) & Nichicon in attendance.**

(c) Publications

- Jean Michel – ITEN working on a white paper for release in Dec. Let us know if we can help with preparation, distribution, promotion, etc. Resource issue – delayed but still being planned, hopefully Sept. possible webinar.
- Roberto – we should consider putting together an updated white paper, esp. application focused, with lots of new EHC members, leverage EnerHarv?
- Also looking at cross promotions for IPC – industrial automation, Industry 4.0, smart mobility, etc.
- Any material you want to re-cycle.... once not too much of a sales pitch?
- New suggestions
 - Hoping to mine upcoming events (APEC, EnABLES, APEX, EnerHarv, etc.)*

(d) Virtual conferences, articles, etc.

- Suggestions please

5. Industry Event Watch & List of EH companies – on hold till Nov

•Event tracker

- Revisit/update the list of good industry events for tracking.
- Make more sense to transition from standalone doc to list in mtg mins...capturing lots of good contributors via current efforts in EnerHarv/RISEnergy/Infrachip, etc.
- Company ecosystem** (review quarterly, next due post-EnerHarv '24, supported by APEC/EnerHarv activities)
- BZ CONTINUES TO UPDATE AS INFO TRICKLES IN.**

TREASURE CHEST

Approach these items one at a time in future meetings as people raise them.

6A. Sponsorship of a program where students build demonstrators.

- Lorandt has a budget to supply kits
- Help with education links – Qualcomm 'High Tech High'. Francesco will follow up.
- Green story. International dimension. Technology and applications dimensions.
- Wurth running design challenge.
- Keep simple, easy to use
- Competition or roadshow?
- PSMA has money to support.
- **Action:- write ½ page strawman for student engagement mechanism **NEED A CHAMPION TO LEAD EFFORT FOR COMM****

“Here are Katherine’s thoughts on the competition:

There are two main styles of the competition that could be developed:

1. Engineering-Style Competition

- planning committee chooses specific EH devices that can be used and the target load
- planning committee also specifies energy input conditions (lighting setup, vibrational input, etc) for testing
- specifications are announced and teams would develop the power converter solution based on the specification
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they test their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on technical criteria measured during the test (size, weight, efficiency, etc.)
- implementation is the most important aspect for this style of competition
- over different years, the specification and scenarios would focus on different technologies with the same basic format
- more similar to the International Future Energy Challenge run by PELS

2. Design-Style Competition

- planning committee could choose a theme based on a technology or application (e.g. smart homes, wearables, building monitoring, etc.)
- planning committee may want to specify some constraints or scenarios for the competition
- teams come up with complete EH design ideas (transducers, circuitry, load) and develop a prototype
- teams can submit videos and/or reports on their team and proposed idea
- final teams are selected and they present and demonstrate their prototypes on site at an event competition (could be a conference)
- judging is based on mostly qualitative and some quantitative judging criteria (so balanced judge selection will be important)
- this style of competition is more focused on the idea and design, but implementation is also important

There should probably be some discussion on which style the committee would like to see. The engineering-style requires a lot of prep work before even announcing the competition, while the design-style is more work for the judging and evaluation. I could see either being good for students. I hope someone can take these basics ideas and further development them into a competition.”

6B. Updated Goals

- Open to suggestions.

- We should try to forge links with other groups/sessions, e.g. capacitor, magnetics, packaging. – addressing this via “Tiger Team” effort within PSMA (multiple focused initiatives with small teams from various committees).

6C. Forward-looking Thoughts

- Software? Packaging/industrial design? Modelling? Hackathon?
- Incorporate some kind of student competition as part of EnerHarv (Best Student Demo/Poster) or otherwise.

**Mike Hayes & Brian Zahnstecher,
29th Oct 2024.**