

Green Intelligent & Connected Systems with Sensory Intelligence on Chip: Pushing AI Out of the Cloud and into the Physical World

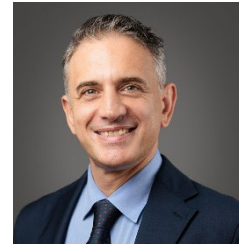
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ABSTRACT Recent semiconductor scaling trends continue to support the evolution of intelligent and connected silicon systems. Such evolution vastly outranges any application ever deployed by human beings, and its sustained growth is now fundamentally impeded by the ludicrously high levels of power consumption that next-generation datacenters are expected to require. At the same time, moving intelligence into trillion-scale distributed edge devices is fundamentally impeded by batteries, which threaten economic and environmental sustainability of the underlying scaling trend, and hence feasibility.

This talk introduces key ideas and silicon demonstrations to enable a new breed of always-on silicon systems with sensory intelligence with no battery inside (or any other energy storage). Highly power-scalable systems with adaptation to the highly-fluctuating power profile of energy harvesters is shown to enable next-generation pervasive integrated systems with cost well below 1\$, size of few millimeters, long lifetime well beyond the traditional shelf life of batteries, yet at near-100% up-time.

Sensor interfaces, processors and wireless transceivers fitting existing infrastructure (e.g., WiFi, Bluetooth) with power reductions by orders of magnitude and down to sub-leakage are exemplified by numerous silicon demonstrations from our Green IC research group, along with their system integration. Ultimately, the technological pathway discussed in this talk supports sustainable growth of applications leveraging large-scale deployments of silicon systems, making our planet smarter. And greener too.

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