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# **GREETINGS**

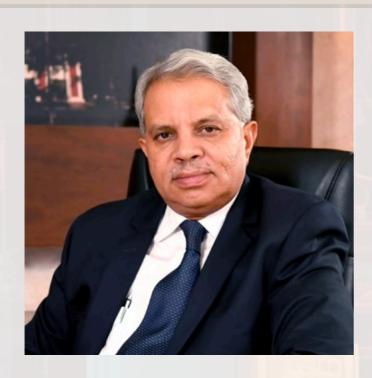
We are delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Newsletter. This edition serves as a testament to the tireless efforts and exceptional achievements of our faculty, staff, and students. Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive overview of our department's recent endeavors, highlighting contributions across research, education, and outreach activities.

This issue showcases a breadth of accomplishments, including groundbreaking publications, innovative patents, and insightful book chapters penned by our esteemed faculty members. We celebrate the dedication of our students as well, featuring their participation in conferences and workshops, along with the valuable knowledge gained from visiting scholars and guest lectures. Additionally, we take pride in sharing the success of our ongoing collaborations and the impressive milestones achieved by our talented student body.

As you delve into this newsletter, we invite you to be inspired by the dynamism and ingenuity flourishing within the ECE Department. We are committed to fostering a vibrant learning environment that fuels discovery and propels our community towards the forefront of electrical and computer engineering.

Warm Regards, Content Team, ECE Newsletter.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



I am pleased to announce the release of the ECE 2024 Newsletter.

Mahindra University strives to equip students with cutting-edge technical skills and fosters innovation through industry partnerships. A11 schools emphasize experimental learning and research, preparing students to excel in their chosen This learning fields. immersive empowers environment students develop critical thinking skills and prepares them to become the next generation of innovators.

Additionally, students at MU have the Mahindra e-hub opportunity to ioin Incubation Program, designed 10 accelerate and scale up early-stage to mid-stage start-ups. Entrepreneurs joining Mahindra e-hub program are provided with the best opportunities and knowledge refine their idea. launch enterprises, and grow it into scalable business.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at Mahindra University remains persistent in its commitment to providing a world-class engineering education. To keep pace with the dynamic nature of technology, we continuously update our curriculum, ensuring our students have the latest skills.

This year, we are revamping our B. Tech in Electrical Engineering program with specialization in E-Mobility - to equip students with the knowledge and skills to design, develop, and implement electric vehicle (EV) technologies. In consonance with Gol's India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) establish semiconductor to a ecosystem in India, we are offering a specially curated B. Tech. in VLSI Design and Technology program, which will enable students to become proficient in design and development of semiconductor devices and integrated circuits (ICs) that power almost everything electronic in our world. These additions strategically align with evolving industry demands, ensuring our graduates are exceptionally prepared to lead in today's world.

Furthermore, the ECE department is also introducing M. Tech. in Smart Grid and Energy Storage Technologies, enabling students to learn and address critical challenges in the area of smart grids with focus on renewable energy systems and technologies. storage pedagogical approach emphasizes handson learning, interdisciplinary research, and technology integration. This nurtures development of well-rounded the engineers equipped with the technical expertise, adaptability, and solving skills necessary to excel in the global marketplace.

Best wishes to all for the ECE 2024 Newsletter.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE HOD



Dear students,

Welcome to the latest edition of the ECE Department newsletter, where we bring you the latest updates, valuable insights, and engaging content from our department.

As we are nearing the end of the semester and you are busy preparing for your major exams, it is the right time to reflect on what you have achieved this year and take pride in those accomplishments. Very soon, you will head off for your summer break and take your time off studies, but remember that students that utilize the summer break to review what they have learned so far and look into the coming semester do better. Do take some time to relax but also find some time to study for the upcoming semester. I wish all of you a very safe summer break.

In the Fall semester of 2024 you will see two new B. Tech. programs being offered in the department - B. Tech. in VLSI Design & Technology (VDT) and B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering & E-mobility (EEM). As evident from the names, the former (VDT) will focus on teaching the students the engineering of chip design and fabrication technology, which is aligning with India Semiconductor Mission an initiative by the Government of India to self-reliant become the area semiconductor manufacturing. The latter program (EEM) will focus on the study of control and electronics with an emphasis on electric vehicles and related areas. These two new programs will be introduced as an addition to the already existing ECE and ECM program.

In addition to the B. Tech. programs, we will also be introducing a new M. Tech. program in the area of Smart Grid and Energy Storage Technologies (SGET). With the continued focus on shifting away from fossil fuels as a source of power, this program will concentrate on renewable sources of energy and the smart grid which relies on sourcing from smaller sources of power generation feeding into the supply grid.

This edition of the newsletter will have articles on the major events that have taken place during the last year. You will learn about the major accomplishments of some of your fellow students – including some start up companies that are originating from Mahindra University. Some students have published papers in journals and papers, while others have received patent awards. There is no end to what can be accomplished and I hope learning about the accomplishments of your fellow students will motive more of you to achieve and surpass these accomplishments in the coming years!

As always and more so now than ever before, it is important that we understand the value of sustainability and do our part to leave the world a better place than what we received. Not enough can be said about the value of community and the importance of connection. As in the previous editions, we will be highlighting the achievements, stories, and experiences of our incredible community. We encourage you to share your success stories, suggestions, and feedback, as this newsletter is a platform for all of us to learn and grow together.

I would like to appreciate the effort put in by the faculty members and students who have worked hard to bring this edition of the department newsletter to all of you. I hope this edition of our newsletter brings you joy, knowledge, and a renewed environmental responsibility. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community, and we look forward to sharing an incredible journey with you in the coming months and year. Happy reading! Good luck to all the students for your final exams of the semester. Have a productive and safe summer!

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# PATENT GRANTED

June 2023 to May 2024



TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

A HIGHLY EFFICIENT

METHODOLOGY FOR SOLAR

PVFARMS BY USING SYNCHRONOUS

BYPASS AND BLOCKING SWITCHES.

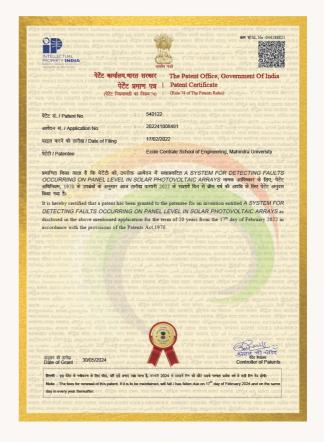
Indian Patent Granted-Inventors: Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty, ShanthiKumar NB, Nandini Somarapu

Date of grant: 11-March-2024

TITLE OF THE INVENTION:
A SYSTEM FOR DETECTING
FAULTS OCCURRING ON PANEL
LEVEL IN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC
ARRAYS

Indian Patent Granted-Inventors: Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty, ShanthiKumar NB

Date of grant: 30-May-2024



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# **PROJECT**

June 2023 to May 2024



# विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

सत्यमेव जयते

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), under the Government of India, has recently sanctioned a groundbreaking project "OFF-Grid PV-VRFB-SC Based Electric vehicle charging Infrastructure" aimed to develop the off-grid EV charger with PV (Photo voltaic), VRFB (Vanadium Redox Flow Battery) and SC (Super Capacitor). This initiative aligns with India's commitment to sustainable development and reducing carbon footprints. The DST sanctioned Rs. 191.550 Lakh for this project for 3 years (Sep 2023-Aug 2025) duration.

PI: Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty Co-PI: Prof. Bhaskar Tamma



# **EVENTS: CONFERENCES**

#### ICPEEV-2023 Conference



The First International Conference on Cyber Physical Systems, Power Electronics and Electric Vehicles- ICPEEV 2023 was held at Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India, from September 28th to 30th 2023. The conference provided a platform and opportunities for various domain experts to exchange their research experiences and share new ideas to promote their research progress in the field of IoT, Cyber Physical Systems, Power Electronics, Electric Vehicles and Vehicle Engineering with the discussion on practical issues, challenges encountered as well as solutions adopted.

The conference consisted of keynote lectures by invited experts and technical paper presentations by practitioners. People across various domains were invited to submit papers from all areas of Power Electronics and Power Systems Engineering, Electric vehicles and Battery charging and Computational Intelligence.

The keynote speakers included Dr Shankar Venugopal (Vice President, Mahindra & Mahindra), Ned Mohan (Regents Professor, Oscar A. Schott Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering), Dr. Rajendra Naik (GE Healthcare) & Prof. Subhashish Bhattacharya (Duke Energy Distinguished Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, North Carolina State University). Participants got valuable insights from the keynote speakers. For more information click here.

# **EVENTS: CONFERENCES**

#### ICPEEV-2024 Conference



Mahindra University is proud to host the Second International Conference on Cyber physical Systems, Power Electronics and Electric Vehicles- ICPEEV 2024 will be held at Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India, from September 26th - 28th 2024. The objective of this conference is to provide a platform and opportunities for researchers, scientists, scholars and engineers to exchange their research experiences and share new ideas to promote their research progress in the field of IoT, Cyber Physical Systems, Power Electronics, Electric Vehicles and Vehicle Engineering with the discussion on practical issues, challenges encountered as well as solutions adopted. For more information click here.

# **EVENTS: IET ON CAMPUS**

"Beginning of a new chapter"



The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) is a prestigious international organization for engineers and technicians. IET On Campus chapter was inaugurated at Mahindra University, Hyderabad in the presence of dignitaries including Hon. VC Prof. Y Medury and Ms. Varsha Kothari, South Asia Head IET. This marks the first IET campus chapter in Telangana State. This signifies IET's recognition of Mahindra University and its aim to collaborate with them. Having an IET chapter allows students to connect with a global network of engineers, participate in professional development activities, and gain insights into the latest engineering advancements. IET's mission aligns with inspiring the next generation of engineers to tackle global challenges, and this new chapter provides Mahindra University students with greater opportunities to contribute.



# **EVENTS: WORKSHOPS**

The IET student chapter at Mahindra University has already conducted two successful workshops this year. A one-day workshop on LabVIEW Programming and Data Control was held on February 17th, 2024 with participants from across India. The second workshop, a two-day program on Leveraging Ansys Solutions for Electric Vehicle Development, took place on March 21st and 22nd 2024. Students from various years and disciplines participated in both workshops.

#### LabVIEW Programming and Data Control

Conducted a One-Day Hands-on Training and Workshop on "LabVIEW Programming and Data Control" 17th Feb 2024 with 51 participants across the India.





#### Leveraging Ansys solutions for Electrical Vehicle Developments

Conducted a Two-Days Workshop on "Leveraging Ansys solutions for Electrical Vehicle Developments" 21st-22nd March 2024 with 40 participants across the India. This event offered a comprehensive exploration of Ansys tools and methodologies crucial for designing and optimising electric vehicles.





# **EVENTS: WORKSHOPS**

# Recent Trends on VLSI Design and Embedded systems



The ECE department recently organised a 4-day workshop on "Recent Trends on VLSI Design and Embedded Systems" sponsored by SERB & Mahindra University from April 30 to May 3, 2024. This immersive experience brought together research scholars, undergraduate, postgraduate students, and entrepreneurs to equip them with the skills to craft high-performance integrated circuits from the fundamentals of devices, circuits to systems design.

As part of the workshop, we also had talks from the distinguished guests Dr. Niranjan Soundararajan, Principal Member of Technical Staff, AMD India, Dr. Surya Shankar Dan, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, Ms. Pratyusha and Mr. Venkatesh Narasimhan from Silicon Labs. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including performance modeling for CPU core development, the physical design flow for VLSI and embedded systems, low-power SRAM design, high electron mobility transistors, and the application of machine learning in VLSI design.



# **EVENTS: WORKSHOPS**

# Recent Trends on VLSI Design and Embedded systems



The workshop was a huge success, with participants praising the organisers for the well-structured program, informative talks, and handson training sessions. The event provided a unique platform for participants to network with peers and experts in the field, and we are confident that the knowledge and skills gained will have a lasting impact on their research and professional pursuits.

The success of the workshop would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, who worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth execution of the event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their dedication and commitment.

The department is grateful to the esteemed speakers, participants, and organisers for making this workshop a memorable experience. We look forward to organising more such events in the future.

#### Feedback from the guest speaker Dr. Niranjan Soundararajan:

"I had a wonderful experience visiting the lush Mahindra University and meeting the faculty and students. I got a first-hand experience in the effort the faculty put in making the syllabus interesting and relevant. The Master's students are sharp and inquisitive and clear on the problems they are working on. The undergraduate students are curious to explore emerging domains. The RTVDES workshop is a wonderful gateway to expose students to cutting-edge tools in the VLSI domain and it was great to see a lot of students and faculty, both from Mahindra and outside, attending the workshop."

# **EVENTS: AETHER**

#### **Embedded Challenge**





#### FIRST PLACE

Team Bala

- Bala, SE23UMEC006
- Srikar, SE23UMEC034
- Ananya, SE23UMEC004 AND

Team Jayanth Varma

- Jayanth, SE21UECM024
- Pramod, SE21UCSE156
- Bhuvana SE21UCSE035

#### SECOND PLACE

- Reuben, SE21UMEC012
- Parth, SE21UCSE145
- Abhishek, SE21UECM003

#### THIRD PLACE

- Mouneesh, SE21UMEC010
- Murali, SE21UMEC005

The annual Aether technocultural fest was abuzz with the Embedded Challenge, expertly organized bv E C M students Adarsh Saraf, Hiten Sachani, Sudhamshu Suri, Neha Pandey, Aadarsh Kanchibhotla, and Venkata Rajeev Durga under the mentorship of Dr. Bharghava Rajaram. Participants put their Arduino skills to the test, tackling **GPIO** interfacing, integration, serial communication, decryption, signal and correction. Judged by esteemed faculties Dr. Ram Vemuri, Dr. Dr. Gopinath, and Subbarao Boddu, the competition saw fierce but friendly rivalry.



# NEW MEMBERS IN THE DEPARTMENT



Dr. Bhogeswara Rao Angara is an Assistant Professor in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Mahindra University École Centrale School of Engineering. He has received his Ph.D. Degree from IIT Madras in April 2024.

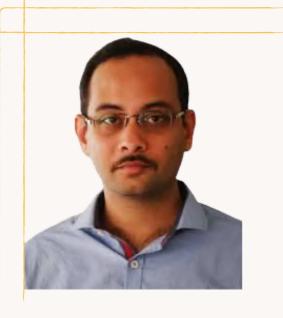
Prior to Ph.D., he worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering at the SRKR Engineering College in Andhra Pradesh.

# TOTELL



Mr. V. V. Satyanarayana Akula is a Faculty Associate in Electrical and Computer Engineering department at Mahindra University Ecole Central School of Engineering. With 16 years of experience, he previously taught at MVSR Engineering College, JNTU College of Engineering (JNTU-H) Kukatpally, St. Martin's Engineering College, and Swarnandhra Engineering College. His research interests include Power Converters, FACTS Devices, and HVDC Transmission.

# PROMOTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT



Dr. Gopinath G R has been promoted to Associate Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering department at Mahindra University École Centrale School of Engineering. He has notable industry experience at IBM India Pvt. Ltd. and research expertise in sensorless electric drives, power electronic converters, power convertors for renewable energy integration and FPGA based implementation of advanced Kalman filters.

# CONGRATULATIONS CONGRATULATIONS CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. Bharat Lal Rai has been promoted to Sr. Lab assistant in the Electrical and Computer Engineering department at Mahindra University École Centrale School of Engineering. He is associated with advanced electronics lab of the department.

# **DELEGATES VISITS**

#### Visit from International Delegate faculties



Mahindra University had the privilege of hosting a delegation of esteemed faculty members to explore potential collaborative opportunities.

The visitors toured the university's advanced Cyber-Physical System Lab, led by Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty, where they observed leading-edge research in autonomous vehicles and the application of power electronics for electric vehicles. Discussions provided in-depth insights into these technologies. The exchange of ideas and knowledge between the universities will undoubtedly lead to innovative research projects and advancements in relevant fields.

#### Visit from Hyderabad Battery Limited (HBL)

Mahindra University had the honor of hosting a delegation of distinguished industry members from Hyderabad Battery Limited (HBL) for an enlightening visit.



The purpose of the visit was to explore the possibility of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between HBL and Mahindra University. During their time at the university, the delegation was given a comprehensive tour of Mahindra University's cutting-edge Cyber-Physical System Lab, where they had the opportunity to observe various ongoing research projects, many of which are at the forefront of technological innovation. The discussions centered around the latest developments in electric vehicles and the application of power electronics.

# **DELEGATES VISITS**

#### Visit from AirBus Company



Airbus company personnel visited our Cyber-Physical System lab where they explored how power electronics innovations can contribute to sustainable transportation.

We showcased a variety of products customized for electrical vehicles (EVs). From high-efficiency electric drive trains to intelligent battery management systems, they experienced the engineering marvels shaping the future of mobility. They gained invaluable insights into EV propulsion systems, charging infrastructure like high-power DC-DC converters, and energy storage solutions, including battery pack design and thermal management of battery pack.

#### Visit from EV retron Energies India Private Limited

EV Retron Energies is an innovative energy storage systems and power management start-up based in Hyderabad, born with the idea providing cutting-edge technology solutions. Thev visited cyber-physical lab of the ECE department.



During their visit, the team gained firsthand experience with various EV components, including high power DC-DC converter, inverters for grid connected solar PV system applications. This exposure to the latest advancements in both solar PV systems and automotive technology equipped the EV Retron Energies team with a deeper understanding of the intricate relationship between these two rapidly evolving fields.

# **DELEGATES VISITS**

#### Visit from Tektronix Company



A team from Tektronix, India's leading oscilloscope manufacturing company, visited the CPS Lab to explore cutting-edge products related to electric vehicles (EVs).

During their visit, they gained valuable insights into advanced EV technology and its applications, including high-power DC-DC converters, bi-directional converters for G2V and V2G applications, battery management systems, and charging infrastructure. The exposure to the latest EV products led to the collaboration between MU and Tektronix.

#### Visit from Ecole Centrale Team

We are pleased that from Ecole delegation Centrale recently visited Mahindra University, marking a significant step fostering international collaborations. academic The visit included a detailed tour of our cutting-edge Cyber Physical Systems Lab.



The Ecole Centrale team, consisting of teachers and researchers, interacted with our students, discussed ongoing research initiatives, and explored potential collaboration areas. They were particularly impressed by advanced research in power electronics and development of products. The lab, known for its pioneering work in integrating physical processes with computation and networking, showcased several innovative projects. Highlights included demonstrations of smart manufacturing systems, real-time monitoring frameworks, and autonomous electrical vehicles.

In today's interconnected world, collaborations with institutions and industries offer a wealth of benefits for faculty, students, and the organizations themselves. ECE department of MU is also leading in making connections with the outside world. We are making connections with the universities and industries to seek academic and research partnerships. Merging expertise and resources from different domains can lead to groundbreaking discoveries and advancements in various fields.

#### With Industries

#### <u>Telangana Academy for Skill</u> <u>and Knowledge</u> (TASK)



Mahindra University signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), an initiative of the Department of IT E&C, Govt. of Telangana, to set up the TASK-Kalam Centre for Automotive Excellence. Together, we will skill the youth of Telangana for the EV industry.

The signing ceremony took place on World Youth Skills Day in the presence of Shri Malla Reddy, Minister of Labour and Employment, Govt. of Telangana; Mr. Deepak Anand, Member Of Provincial Parliament, Ontario; and Mr. C Shekar Reddy, Chairman, CII Telangana State Council where Mr. Shrikant Sinha, CEO, TASK and our VC, Dr. Yajulu Medury, exchanged the MoU.

(With Industries)

#### Tektronix

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**Tektronix**, a leading technology company, has recently signs a MoU with Mahindra University's Cyber-Physical Lab. This partnership aims to foster collaborative research and development in the fields of cyber-physical systems and advanced technology integration.

Tektronix company specializes in innovative solutions ranging from wearable technology to advanced materials. Their collaboration with Mahindra University's Cyber-Physical Lab will provide a unique opportunity for students and researchers to engage in cutting-edge projects, leveraging both academic expertise and industry insights.

Through this MoU, Tektronix and Mahindra University aim to drive innovation, knowledge exchange, and skill development in emerging technological domains. The partnership underscores a commitment to pushing the boundaries of research and development, ultimately contributing to advancements in the technology landscape.

(With Industries)

#### Hyderabad Battery Limited (HBL)



#### HBL POWER SYSTEMS LIMITED

Hyderabad Battery Limited (HBL) and Mahindra University have announced a collaborative initiative offer 10 students training under the expert guidance of HBL group professionals. This collaboration represents significant opportunity for students to enhance their skills and knowledge. objective The primary of collaboration is to provide students with insights into the latest industry developments and requirements.

Through industrial training and exposure facilitated by this partnership, students will gain confidence and readiness for a seamless transition from academia to their professional careers. Students will have the opportunity to engage in workshops, live projects, and internships provided by HBL group mentors.

#### India Nippon Electricals Pvt. Ltd.

The collaboration between India Nippon Electricals Pvt. Ltd. (INL) and Mahindra University, facilitated by a MoU, aims to strengthen industry-academic synergy. Through this partnership, INL Group will provide students with opportunities to engage in practical projects, enabling them to tackle real-world challenges and enrich their educational journey.



Especially, students from the M.Tech AEV program will benefit significantly from this collaboration. They will have the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios, gaining practical experience and enhancing their skills. Moreover, students may secure employment with INL group upon completing their courses.

#### With International Universities

#### University of Southern Denmark (SDU)



Mahindra University and the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) have announced a collaborative effort to promote student exchange programs. This initiative will provide students from both universities with

the enriching opportunity to study abroad and broaden their academic horizons. Students will gain experience of a different culture and education system. As a part of this initiative, two M.Tech. AEV students from MU will be visiting SDU for a four-month internship. During their visit, they can explore new courses, perspectives, and research opportunities. This is just the beginning of a productive partnership between Mahindra University and SDU. This paves the way for future student exchanges as well as research collaboration, allowing students from various disciplines to participate in this exciting initiative.

#### La Trobe University, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Mahindra University and University (LTU) pleased to announce the signing of a MoU to explore and develop collaborative initiatives academic various disciplines. This exciting partnership aims to foster a vibrant exchange of knowledge and expertise, creating new opportunities for faculty, students, and researchers from both institutions.



# POTENTIAL COLLABORATIONS

(With international Universities)

#### University of Tasmania



23rd April 2024. Mahindra University had productive discussions University of with the Tasmania regarding potential collaborative research initiatives. The discussions focused on exploring potential research collaborations in fields that align with both institutions' strengths.

Both universities identified common research interests in critical areas like renewable energy, battery charging technologies and smart grid development. The discussions concluded with a positive agreement between both universities to move forward and explore collaborative research opportunities in the identified areas. This is a promising step towards a fruitful partnership that will allow researchers from both institutions to combine their expertise and tackle critical challenges, which in turn will open up more opportunities for students interested in these areas of study.

# **GUEST LECTURES**

Title: "Unravelling the Evolution of WiFi Technology" Talk by Dr. Srikanth from Nanocell Networks Pvt Ltd



On **April 2nd**, **2024**, the ECE Department had the privilege of hosting **Dr**. **Srikanth**, Chief Knowledge Officer at Nanocell Networks Pvt Ltd, who delivered an enlightening talk on the evolution of WiFi technology. The event was a huge success, with students and faculty members alike gathering to learn about the fascinating journey of WiFi from its inception to its current state.

In the talk, he started with the origins of Wifi, its implementation from inception to the latest and upcoming WiFi 7 generation. Then it delved into the fundamental 802.11 standard that underpins Wi-Fi and explored the latest advancements. The talk also covers the advancements into Spectrum, PHY & MAC layers. He shed light on the concept of Multi-Link in WiFi, which allows devices to aggregate multiple links to increase reliability. Later the audience were exposed to various features of WiFi technology that have contributed to its widespread adoption. To conclude, an interactive session allowed students and faculties to engage with the speaker on topics like future of security in the growing adoption of wifi, adoption of spectrum and more.

The evolution of WiFi technology talk by Dr. Srikanth was a timely reminder of the rapid pace of innovation in the field of electronics and wireless communication. The insights shared by Dr. Srikanth will undoubtedly inspire our students to explore the vast opportunities in this field and contribute to its future growth.

# **GUEST LECTURES**

# Tech Talk on Real Life Design Aspect from Silicon Labs

The recent tech talk hosted by Silicon Labs provided valuable insights into the company's operations. Mr. N Venkatesh, Senior Director at Silicon Labs, discussed the company's vision for growth and its interest in recruiting talent from educational institutions like ours.



Silicon Labs, a nearly \$4 billion company, presented itself as a dynamic entity poised for further expansion.

Ms. Pratyusha outlined the diverse roles available for student internships, emphasizing the company's commitment to nurturing young talent and providing hands-on industry experience.

Our fourth-year student, **Pravallika Nori**, shared her internship journey at Silicon Labs, offering firsthand insights into the internship experience and the transition to a full-time role. The tech talk allowed students to engage with industry professionals, gain a deeper understanding of Silicon Labs' operations, and explore potential career avenues.

Overall, the tech talk bridged the gap between academia and industry, benefiting both students and organizations.



Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari's accomplishments include prestigious appointments within the IEEE and recognition for her expertise in the field of electrical engineering. She currently serves as a member of IEEE Fellow nomination resource committee for the Power and Energy Society from R10 (Asia Pacific Region). Additionally, she is a member of fellow evaluation committee in IEEE Transportation Electrification Council (TEC).

She is also an Associate Editor for the Electrical Engineering section of the Transactions of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE).



Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari



Prof. Ram Mohan Vemuri

Prof. Ram Mohan Vemuri, HOD of ECE, has been invited to chair two sessions at the GLSVLSI'24 conference, held from 12th to 14th June 2024 in Clearwater, Florida. He has accepted the invitation and will chair two sessions focusing on Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and IoT and Smart Systems.

Dr. Subbarao Boddu's quote on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024

"In the realm of sustainable development, digital innovation takes center stage, with telecommunications playing a pivotal role. The introduction of 5G technology marks transformative era in India's education sector, ushering in unparalleled advancements in connectivity and learning. Leveraging 5G's high-speed, low-latency networks, online education becomes seamless, bridging geographical divides between urban and rural areas. Collaborative efforts between academia, telecommunications firms. and research institutions are fostering the growth of private 5G campus networks, enriching educational infrastructure and accessibility.



Dr. Subbarao Boddu

Moreover, 5G-enabled remote and virtual labs revolutionize traditional learning environments, offering students immersive experiences virtually. These advancements enhance educational content also promote environmental sustainability by reducing reliance on physical resources and travel. At Mahindra University, our Wireless Innovation and 5G Lab are dedicated to crafting technical solutions for private 5G networks, empowering students with real-time experiences and limitless exploration. As we continue to integrate digital technologies into education, the symbiotic relationship between academia and the telecommunications industry becomes imperative in propelling sustainable development and equipping future generations for a globally connected world."

#### Media Coverage:

- Voice and Data
- Techglocal
- InsightConvey
- Fintech Biz News
- CXO Today

#### Panel discussion (ET's 5G/6G Congress 2024)

Dr. Subbarao Boddu was a panelist at the prestigious ET Telecom's 5G/6G Congress event held on March 14 at ITC Maurya, New Delhi.

#### Monetisation: Making 5G Work for Enterprise Verticals

Touted as an early use case, telcos are banking on fixed wireless access (FWA) but a few policy measures are needed to boost it further. Telecom players have been trying to monetise 5G networks following huge investments. Enterprises across sectors are expected to adopt 5G in a big way. With telecom players showcasing multiple use cases for healthcare, retail, logistics, mining, automobiles and manufacturing sectors, the real test of deployment begins now.



In addition, 5G together with IoT is set to revolutionise the consumer and enterprise verticals in the coming years. 5G's low latency, high bandwidth, and faster data speeds will enable IoT-connected devices to execute tasks smartly. It is high time for telecom carriers and technology partners to bring awareness and collaborate with enterprises closely. The government should sensitize public sector departments and organisations to adopt 5G-led transformation for a cost-friendly and efficient workflow.



#### Guest Lectures by our faculties

- **Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari** delivered a talk titled "Challenges and opportunities for women in academia" at the IEEE ICASSP satellite event on April 2, 2024, held at the Hyderabad Convention Center.
- **Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari** spoke about "Importance of IEEE Fellow nomination form and process" under the aegis of IEEE India Council on December 8, 2023.
- First A.S. Rao memorial lecture titled "Are we poised for a complete EV transition in the next few years?" was delivered by **Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari** under the aegis of IEEE-IES Chapter of Hyderabad section as a distinguished lecturer on October 31, 2023.
- On April 5, 2023, **Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari** gave a talk on "Can we do away with oil completely for road transport in the next few years?" under the aegis of IEEE IES in the program "Extraordinary women in IES" Webinar series.
- The IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) Chapter-Hyderabad It section, and the IEEE Education Hyderabad a five-day Professional offered Development Program "E-Mobility and its challenges sustainability" from April 2nd to April 6th, 2024. Addressing the Sustainable Development (SDGs), the program digs into the importance of electric vehicles (EVs) in building sustainable cities. During this program, Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty delivers a lecture on the importance of cyber security in Autonomous Electric Vehicles (AEV).



#### Guest Lectures by our faculties

• VNR VIJET Hyderabad held a two-day workshop on "Hands-on Training Program on PCB Design and Fabrication for Power Converters" on May 3rd and 4th, 2024. In this workshop, Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty delivered a talk on the necessity of designing PCBs for power electronics converters.



• ESCI Hyderabad conducted a guest lecture on "power train architecture in EV" in December 2023. In this program, Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty delivered a lecture on important aspects of power train in electric vehicles.



#### Guest Lectures by our faculties



In March 2024, Prof. Ram Vemuri and Dr. Sayantan Hazra visited Vignan Institute of Technology and Science (VITS), Hyderabad. The visit aimed to strengthen collaboration between the two institutes.

- **Prof. Vemuri** presented an informative session on the various M.Tech. programs offered by the ECE department at Mahindra University. This provided VITS students with valuable insights into potential postgraduate studies at MU.
- **Dr. Hazra** delivered a talk on the topic "Digital Signal Processing for Wireless Communication". This talk was focused on the technical aspects of signal processing and its applications in modern wireless communication systems.
- After the presentations, faculty members from both the VITS and MU had discussions about the possibility of student exchange program. The primary focus of the discussion was on the possibility of VITS students visiting the MU specialized Labs (e.g. 5G Lab). Furthermore, VITS expressed interest in hosting more technical talks by the faculty members of MU.

### STUDENT CORNER

#### **Electronics Club**



## Calling all Electronics Enthusiasts!

Get ready to spark your passion for electronics! Mahindra University is thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Electronics Club starting in the Academic Year 2024-25!

#### What's in it for you?

- Explore and Learn: Dive deeper into the exciting world of electronics.
- Get Creative: Bring your electronic design ideas to life! Build awesome projects and showcase your skills at exciting events.
- Connect and Collaborate: Network with industry leaders in VLSI/Electronics for potential projects, internships, and even job opportunities!
- Build Your Future: Get insider tips and guidance on higher education and career paths in the electronics field.

## Sounds exciting? Here's how to get involved:

Whether you're a seasoned electronics buff or just starting out, the Electronics Club welcomes everyone! We're here to learn, build, and grow together.

For more information, get in touch with Dr. Pooran Singh at pooran.singh@mahindrauniversity.edu.in

Let's get those circuits buzzing!





R Jitesh Reddy (SE22UECE012)

Award Winning Certificate Statement:

One of our students Jitesh Reddy's paper, "RF Front End Combinational Filter for Airborne V/UHF Communication System" received the Best Paper in the Microwave Track at WAMS 2024. This accolade was bestowed during the IEEE Conference on Wireless, Antenna, and Microwave Symposium (WAMS) held from February 29th to March 3rd, 2024. The event took place at Raghu Engineering College (A) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. The paper's recognition underscores its significance and contribution to the field of microwave technology, particularly in advancing RF frontend filters for airborne V/UHF communication systems.

#### DROIDCREW

DroidCrew: Pioneering Companion Robotics

DroidCrew, a dynamic startup founded by Soumik Rao (SE20UEEE033) and Shashank (SE20UCSE022), is pushing the boundaries of companion robotics. Their cutting-edge robots seamlessly integrate advanced AI technology to offer personalized support, assistance, and entertainment. Whether providing companionship during lonely hours, helping with tasks, or simply being a fun presence, DroidCrew's creations are designed to improve everyday life. Their dedication to innovation promises to shape the future of human-robot interaction, making a positive impact on how we live.

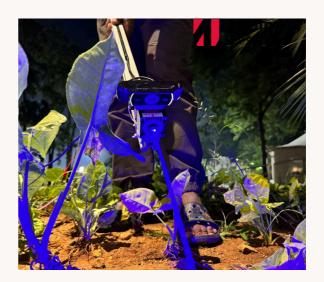


#### HARVESTED ROBOTICS



Rahul final-year Computer Science student along with his friends Pranav Mogli (SE20UECM063), Nitesh Reddy (SE20UECM058) and Likith Gadde (SE20UECM039) sought to address the pervasive challenge of weeds in agriculture. His solution, Rakshak, is an innovative laser-weeding system designed to protect crops with precision.

Rakshak features a custom-designed scanner to direct the laser beam. coupled with camera-based feedback advanced computer vision intelligent algorithms for weed identification. of set microcontrollers orchestrates the system's operation, ensuring seamless execution. To power this solution, Rahul integrated a power conversion module that efficiently transforms from energy tractor batteries, fueling the laser that selectively eliminates weeds.



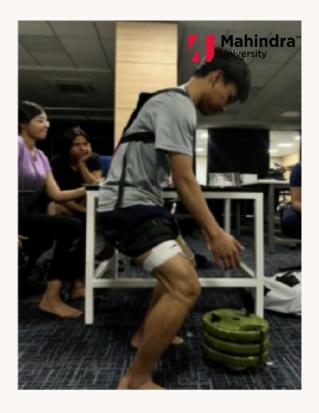


#### EXTRIVE INNOVATIONS



Making waves in industrial ergonomics are Abhishek Pratap (SE21UECM003), Ronak Oinam (SE20MEE031), Prem Ningombam (SE21UMEC020). and Yashaswi Matla (SE22UCSE300). Their startup, Extrive Innovations, is a shining example of how engineering can address real-world challenges. Extrive's pathbreaking exosuit, the "Kanglei Backex," tackles worker fatigue, muscle strain, and posture issues in logistics and assembly lines.

This innovative product leverages EMG sensors, tested and developed at Mahindra University's Robotics Lab, to track and record muscle activity in the back and thighs. By integrating advanced exosuit technology, Extrive is poised to revolutionize industrial work environments, enhancing worker well-being and productivity.





#### M. Tech (AEV) 2023-2025

(Internships Opportunities)

The Autonomous Electric Vehicle course was developed in collaboration with the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) and Mahindra University. Students from both colleges will be able to participate in summer internships through this relationship. For this initiative, two of our M.Tech. AEV students, Durga Mahesh and M. Rama Krishna, are selected to do their summer internship in the SDU.



M. Rama Krishna



Durga Mahesh

Recently, two of our M.Tech. AEV students, P.Gowthami and P. Chandrakala, received internship offer of 5 lakh per annum from HBL Hyderabad. These internships may lead to full-time employment after successful completion.



P. Gowthami



P. Chandrakala

(Placements)

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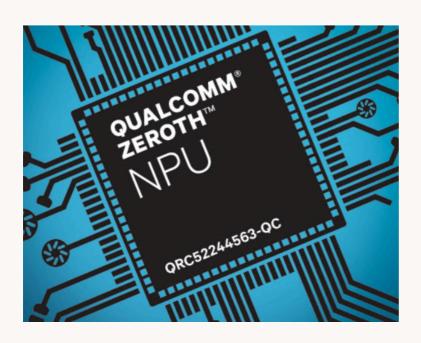
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### STUDENT ARTICLES

#### The evolution of CPU->GPU->NPU



We have come along a long history of having different processing units in our computers.

CPUs - The Beginning
Let's go back to mid-20th
century when a computer
is expected to perform
tasks like calculations,
execute instructions, etc.
That's where CPUs took
charge of work and made
the desired things possible.
CPUs evolved over time in
performing tasks faster,
efficient in lesser amount
of time.

#### GPUs - The Emergence

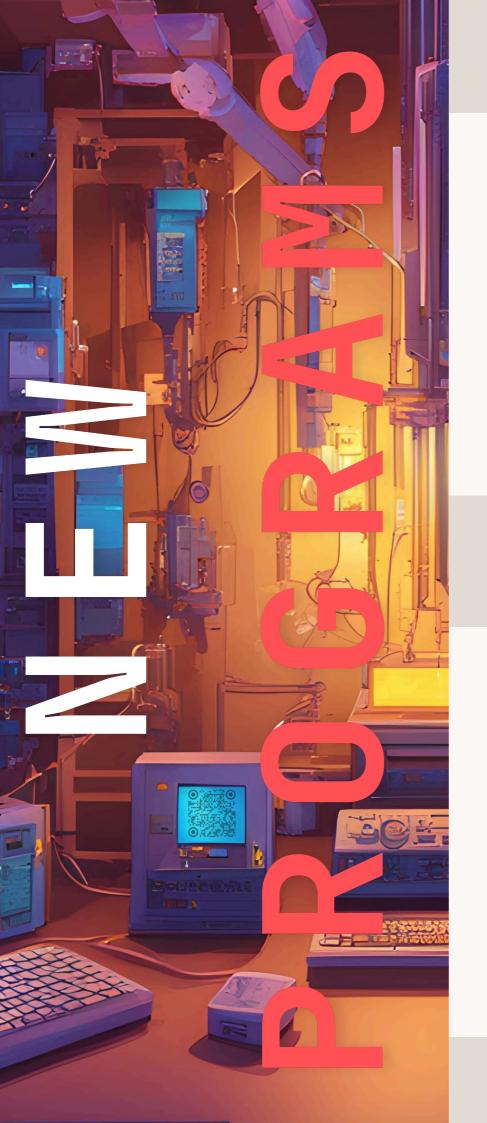
It was the early 70s when computer graphics began to gain popularity, particularly in the fields of engineering, architecture and video games. The need for a processor that could render graphics and perform parallel computing was a need of the time as CPUs weren't enough capable of performing these tasks and were designed to perform serial processing. Over time GPUs were designed to handle tasks such as graphics rendering, data processing and machine learning.

#### NPUs - The Newcomer

In recent years, with the exponential rise of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning and Neural Network processing tasks to be performed, the need for a separate processor came into rise for these workloads. NPUs are optimised for matrix multiplication, a critical component of AI and ML algorithms.



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# B.Tech.

- Electrical Engineering and E-Mobility
- VLSI Design and Technology

# M.Tech.

 Smart Grid and Energy Storage Technologies (SGETs)

### NEW B.TECH. PROGRAM

Electrical Engineering and E-Mobility



This B.Tech. degree in Electrical Engineering and Electric Mobility offers a comprehensive and practical curriculum. Students gain hands-on experience through laboratory and project courses focused on power converters, drives, and EVs. The first four semesters cover basic sciences and electrical engineering fundamentals, including signals and systems, digital and analog circuits, microcomputers, and electrical machines. Advanced courses in electric mobility include power electronics, electric drives, smart grid energy storage systems, and battery management. Additionally, four elective courses and projects allow students to specialize further in the EV sector.

### Potential employers for graduates include:

- Railways and Metro Rail Corporations
- 2/3 Wheeler Industries
- Electric Car/Bus Companies
- EV Feeder Industries
- Battery Manufacturers
- Battery-Charging Industries

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### NEW B.TECH. PROGRAM

### VLSI Design and Technology



Mahindra University's B. Tech. in VLSI Design and Technology program is designed to teach engineering students in conformity with AICTE criteria. The Indian government is pursuing the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) to create a semiconductor ecosystem in India. MU is committed to becoming a part of this effort to teach the human resources needed for the semiconductor industry in coming years. This four-year curriculum will expose students to VLSI Design, Advanced Algorithms in Design Automation, Analog VLSI Design, Logic Synthesis, Testability and Design for Testability, Semiconductor Devices, and Physical Verification Flows. The VLSI Design program has been intended to meet the ever-changing demands of the VLSI industry as well as societal issues via research.

This program aims to improve the world through transformative education and impactful research by producing outstanding graduates who are knowledgeable, creative, and passionate about developing a vibrant semiconductor ecosystem to help India emerge as a global hub for electronics design and manufacturing.

### Scope of Employment:

Students of the B. Tech. program can expect to work with prospective employers such as Intel, Qualcomm, Synopsys, Cadence, Siemens, Dell, Broadcom, AMD, NVidia, Apple, TSMC, Global Foundries, Samsung, Apex Semiconductors, NXP Semiconductors, ST Microelectronics and many other companies that are in the semiconductor design or manufacturing and are having difficulty in finding talent to meet their needs.

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### NEW M.TECH. PROGRAM

Smart Grid and Energy Storage Technologies (SGETs)



As the demand for clean energy and the integration of renewable energy sources continue to grow, the role of energy storage in smart grids will become increasingly important. Advances in energy storage technologies, such as improved battery chemistries and materials, will further enhance the performance and cost-effectiveness of storage systems. Energy storage systems help address the inherent challenges associated with electricity generation and consumption, such as fluctuating demand, variable renewable energy generation, and grid reliability. The key benefits of energy storage in smart grids include:

Grid stability: Energy storage systems can instantaneously respond to abrupt changes in demand or supply, helping maintain grid stability and prevent power outages. Integration of renewable energy: Fluctuating renewable sources can be operated along with energy storage systems can increase the share of renewable energy in the grid and minimize reliance on fossil fuels.

Peak load shaving: Energy storage systems can discharge stored energy during peak demand periods, reducing the need for additional generation capacity and lowering electricity costs.

**Load leveling**: Energy storage can help balance energy consumption throughout the day, reducing the stress on the grid and improving overall efficiency.

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## B. Tech.

- Electronics & Computer Engineering (ECM)
- Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)

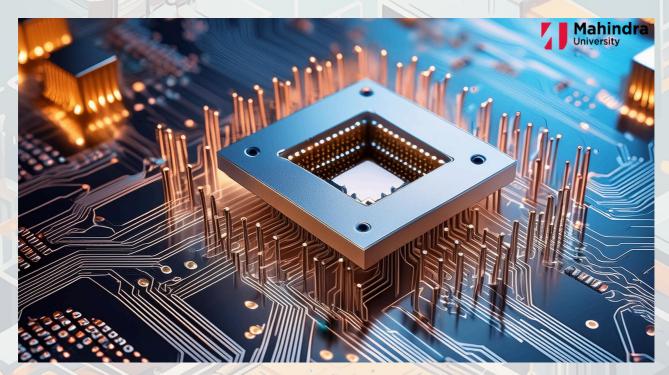
# M. Tech.

- Autonomous
   Electric Vehicles
   (A-EVs)
- VLSI Design and Embedded
   Systems
   (VLSID&ES)



### EXISTING B.TECH. PROGRAM

# Electronics & Computer Engineering (ECM)



The B. Tech in Electronics and Computer Engineering (ECM) program is a comprehensive four-year undergraduate degree that fosters a unique blend of skills in both electronics and computer science. It caters to students with a passion for understanding how hardware and software work together to create complex systems. This is a four-year program that starts with strengthening their concepts in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics and introducing them to the basics of Electrical/Electronics engineering concepts in the first two semesters of study. Progressively, the students delve into the more complex subjects and learn with an emphasis on Electronics and Computer engineering. In addition to the core subjects, there will be electives that will be offered which allow students to get more in-depth insight into certain areas of the subject and develop further expertise. Many of the core subjects also have laboratories associated with them that will expose the students to practice what they learn in the classroom.

#### Potential employers for graduates include:

Companies that can be potential employers can belong to the IT & Computer Engineering domains like Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Meta, etc.

Semiconductor companies like Intel, AMD, NVIDIA, Texas Instruments, Silicon Labs, Synopsys, etc

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### EXISTING B.TECH. PROGRAM

Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)



The Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) program is offered as part of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Mahindra University. This is a four-year program that starts with strengthening their concepts in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics and introducing them to the basics of Electrical and Electronics engineering concepts in the first two semesters of study. Progressively, the students delve into the more complex subjects and learn with an emphasis on Electronics and Communication engineering. In addition to the core subjects, there will be electives that will be offered which allow students to get more in-depth insight into certain areas of the subject and develop further expertise. Many of the core subjects also have laboratories associated with them that will expose the students to practice what they learn in the classroom.

#### Potential employers for graduates include:

Some companies that can be potential employers are Juniper Networks, Thales, Qualcomm, Untangle, Advansis Consulting, Schlumberger, Accolite Digital, Telstra, L&T, M&M, and many others.

### EXISTING M.TECH. PROGRAM

### <u>Autonomous Electric Vehicles</u> (<u>A-EVs</u>)



The Electric Vehicles market is projected to grow at 40% annually from 2020 to 2027, with new players entering daily, from e-bike makers to Level-3 autonomous electric vehicles. Achieving a fully electric ecosystem requires advancements in power trains, motors, batteries, charging stations, and power electronics, with the value chain expected to reach USD 5 billion by 2025.

Simultaneously, the market for vehicle intelligence and connectivity is expected to grow at 50% annually. These are crucial for fully autonomous vehicles, requiring expertise in sensors, embedded computing, vehicular communication, and AI algorithms. With the booming automobile market and the rise of Electric and Autonomous Vehicles, engineers must be well-versed in these interdisciplinary fields. The proposed M. Tech. program on A-EVs aims to meet this need.

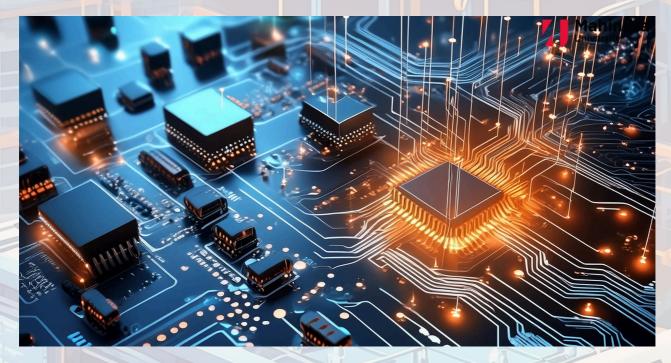
Students who complete this program should:

- 1.Be able to appreciate and understand the many components of an electric vehicle, both individually and as a whole.
- 2.Be able to envision, build, and construct an electric drive system for vehicles, including accompanying electrical circuitry.
- 3.Be able to characterize and develop Battery Management Systems (BMS) for electric vehicles.
- 4. Understanding the nature of intelligence in automobiles.
- 5.Be able to synthesize intelligent mechanisms for improving vehicle operation.

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### EXISTING M.TECH PROGRAMS

# VLSI Design and Embedded Systems (VLSID&ES)



Mahindra University provides a two-year M.Tech. degree in VLSI Design and Embedded Systems. The course covers VLSI Design, Advanced Computer Architecture, Machine Learning for VLSI, Low Power VLSI Design, Logic Synthesis, Testability, and Physical Verification. Students will use Synopsys design automation software and Cadence EDA tools for a variety of design and verification activities. They can develop bespoke circuits using technologies like UMC 65nm and GPDK 45, 90, and 180nm.

Mahindra University has a laboratory facility that will give students the opportunity to use the latest design automation software from the leading EDA company Synopsys. This lab will be made available to all M. Tech. students to learn using the entire suite of tools from Architectural Design to Physical Verification tools such as Design Compiler, ICC2, PrimeTime, StarRCXT, Sentaurus TCAD (Device and Process simulation of semiconductor devices, interconnect modeling and extraction). Students will only be limited by their creativity and initiative for the types of designs they can develop using the automation provided by these tools.

Graduates may look forward to working for firms like Intel, Qualcomm, Synopsys, Broadcom, AMD, NVidia, Apple, TSMC, Global Foundries, and Samsung.

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## **BOARD OF STUDIES (BOS)**

In April 2024, we have successfully gone through the Board of Studies for the following B.Tech. and M.Tech. programs offered by the ECE department.

- B.Tech. in Electronics & Computer Engineering (ECM)
- B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)
- B.Tech. in VLSI Design and Technology (VDT)
- B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering and E-Mobility (EEM)
- M.Tech. in VLSI Design and Embedded Systems (VLSI&ES)
- M.Tech. in Smart Grid and Energy Storage Technologies (SGETs)



The Board of Studies plays a critical role in ensuring the program's continued relevance and effectiveness. The Board assessed the program's curriculum and course content for its alignment with current industry needs and emerging technologies. This ensures that the program equips graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen careers.

External Panel Members of BoS:

- Prof. Vijaykumar Panganamala from IISc Bangalore
- Prof. R. N. Biswas from IIT Kanpur
- Prof. C. V. Jawahar from IIIT Hyderabad
- Dr. Niranjan Soundararajan from AMD Bangalore
- Dr. Srikanth from Nanocell Bangalore
- Mr. Navin Bishnoi from Marvell Technology
- Dr. Ramani Kalpathi from Industry Expert
- Prof. R Chudamani from SVNIT Surat



#### Power Electronics Lab



**Electronic Load** 

Introducing the IT8600. small and sophisticated AC/DC electronic load with 420V/20A/3600W input power. Its features include an oscilloscope display, inrush current measurement, voltage/current input waveform analysis, and measuring modes for various parameters. Allows you to set the Power Factor and Crest Factor values to evaluate your device's performance. The equipment has RS232, LAN, and USB connection interfaces, making it an excellent choice for testing AC related electrical supply and components.

The IT6000C series is programmable DC power supply based on thirdgeneration SiC technology, capable of producing up to 2 MW. Ιt has regenerative capabilities, a built-in generator, waveform and master-slave parallelism with averaging current distribution. It is ideal for high-speed source and sink current seamless switching and may be used in PCS, EV batteries, BOBCs, and bidirectional DC-DC modules.



Bi-Directional Power Supply

#### Power Electronics Lab



Hydrogen Fuel Cell Power Plant

A hydrogen fuel cell power plant (or station) generates energy for the power grid by using a hydrogen fuel cell. They are larger in size than backup generators like the Bloom Energy Server and can convert hydrogen to power with up to 60% efficiency. The fuel cell process, which occurs in a combined cycle hydrogen power plant, produces little to no nitrogen dioxide or sulfur dioxide. If hydrogen could be created using electrolysis, commonly known as green hydrogen, it might provide a solution to renewable energy's energy storage dilemma.

Electric vehicle (EV) charging entails recharging the battery with an external power source. There are three types of EV chargers: level one, level two, and DC rapid chargers. Level 1 chargers are simple and connect into a typical 220-volt outlet, offering 6-12 kilometers of range per hour. Level 2 chargers require a dedicated circuit and can charge up to 40 km per hour. DC fast chargers are commercial units that can charge up to 80% in 30 minutes. The CCS connection allows for both DC rapid and AC charging.



CCS 2 Electric Vehicle Charger

#### Power Electronics Lab



**Electric Bug** 

The "Electric Bug," a tiny, agile vehicle focused on electric efficiency last-mile and applications, represents the CPS Lab's distinctive approach to electric cars. The Electric focuses on light weight design and economical power consumption, perfect urban making for situations for short-distance deliveries. This initiative alternate vehicle investigates layouts and their ability to meet specific transportation demands.

The creation of the Electric Bug demonstrates the Lab's dedication to pushing the frontiers of electric vehicle technology. This project investigates novel solutions for sustainable urban mobility, laying the groundwork for a greener and more efficient transportation future.

The Lab is taking riding to the next level with a project to convert a standard bicycle into electric-assisted (e-bike) variant. This effort seeks to awareness about benefits of e-bikes by displaying the power of conversion technology. The project entails adding an electric motor, battery pack, and control system to a normal bicycle frame.



E-Bike

The motor will give the pedals more power, increasing acceleration and climbing abilities, while the battery will store the energy required for electric assistance. This e-bike refit project demonstrates the Lab's commitment to make sustainable transportation accessible. By demonstrating the potential of conversion technology, the initiative promotes a greener and more inclusive approach to riding.

#### Power Electronics Lab



**Autonomous Golf Cart** 

The CPS Lab is adopting a futuristic approach with the creation of an autonomous golf cart! This revolutionary initiative incorporates driving technology into familiar car, with the goal of revolutionizing mobility on beyond. campus and The autonomous golf cart will perceive its environment using a variety of sensors, including point LiDAR and cameras.

These sensors will generate a real-time map of the area, allowing the cart to move securely while avoiding impediments. Advanced algorithms will then interpret this information, directing the cart along pre-programmed courses or responding to human directions. The creation of an autonomous golf cart demonstrates Power Electronics and EV Lab's dedication to cutting-edge technology. This project has the potential to transform the way we traverse our surroundings, ushering in a future of safe, efficient, and easily accessible autonomous vehicles. Solar panels installed on the roof gather sunlight and convert it into electricity to run this self-contained golf buggy. This energy is then stored in a battery pack and used to power the electric motor that moves the cart.

Our lab is attacking dirt and garbage straight on by developing an electric truck. This unique idea sweeping combines environmentally friendly electric vehicle technology with the functionality typical of a sweeper, providing a long-term solution keeping our streets and sidewalks clean. The electric sweeping truck will run on an electric motor and battery pack, ensuring a clean and quiet operation. Brushes and a suction system will gather dirt, leaves, and debris, while the electric motor provides smooth operation and low emissions.



**Electric Sweeping Vehicle** 

#### Power Electronics Lab



Hydrogen Gas based Vehicle

The CPS Lab is exploring the future of transportation by designing a hydrogen gaspowered car. This research investigates the potential of hydrogen fuel cell technology as a cleaner and more efficient alternative to standard gasoline and electric cars. The hydrogen car will use a fuel cell to create power by combining hydrogen gas and oxygen from the surrounding air. This electricity drives an electric motor, which propels the car with no exhaust emissions. The car can travel 80 kilometers with a single fill of hydrogen gas.

"Autonomous The Electric Trike" designed and built by one of our M. Tech (AEV) students, Sidhartha Mohanta under the quidance of Dr. Sreedhar Madichetty, exemplifies the Power Electronics Lab's advanced studies into autonomous vehicles. This vehicle has two modes of operation:

- 1. Electric manual drive, and
- 2. Electric autonomous drive.



Autonomous Electric Trike

The major emphasis is on cost-effectiveness. This automobile senses its surroundings and performs accelerating, deceleration, and steering actions using basic microcontrollers and twelve distance sensors with 30-degree viewing angles each. Manual speed and steering controls are positioned on the dashboard. Image processing and artificial intelligence (AI) may be used with sensor fusion in the future.

#### Power Electronics Lab

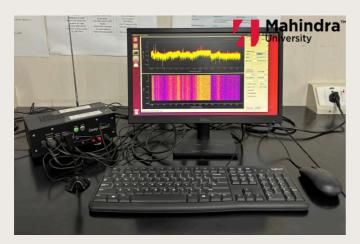


Mahindra XUV400

Our honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Yaj Medury's steadfast support was instrumental in acquiring the Mahindra XUV400 for Mahindra University's research endeavors. This contribution is a big step forward in our efforts to lead the way in automotive innovation. The Mahindra XUV400 will be a valuable tool in our research efforts, providing us with a platform to investigate cutting-edge technology and solutions. This vehicle will not only improve our research capacities, but also help to progress automotive technology and sustainable mobility.



#### 5G Communication Lab



Deep Radio is a transceiver device, which means that it can do both transmission and reception. It contains HackRF and GNU companion. The HackRF is one of the software Defined Radio (SDR) that enables fast and accurate reception of radio signals with its excellent range and capability.

#### Deep Radio

It can transmit and receive signals from 50 MHz to 6 GHz. It is basically an open-source platform. So, it can be programmed and managed as a standalone system. It is used to fest, develop, and modify the model for contemporary RF signals surrounded by radio waves such as Broadcasting stations, Wi-Fi, Smartphones, Bluetooth, and GPS systems. HackRF can have the ability to adopt the above-mentioned technology and these signals are captured easily. It contains a telescopic antenna which is suitable for 75 MHz to 1 GHz. So, we can capture the real-time RF signals from GSM (900 MHz) and LTE (883 MHz for Jio) bands.

Wi-Guv is software defined a radio (SDR) based wireless communication learning kit for designed especially understanding the present advanced wireless communication access technologies. SDR is the main part of the Wi-Guy's radio unit. SDR is a reconfigurable radio communication system where hardware components implemented in software.



Wi-Guv

The SDR converts the continuous-time radio signals captured by the antenna into discrete-time baseband signals. The baseband signals are then processed by the computing unit for decoding the information transmitted by different broadcasting stations at various frequency bands.

#### 5G Communication Lab



TMS3206748

Analog-based TMS3206748 - The equipment shown is the Digital Signal Processing based processor TMS3206748, which is operated with the Code Composer Studio platform by embedded programming. This processor takes the input and obtains the output by processing the inputs inside the hardware equipment. Here the input is in the analog format. For analog processing, function generator is used as the input provider and CRO is used for displaying the output plots.

Digital-based TMS3206748 -The equipment shown is the Digital Signal Processing based processor TMS3206748, which is operated with the Code Studio Composer platform bv embedded programming. This processor takes the input and obtains the output bу processing inputs inside the hardware equipment. Here the input is in the digital format. The input for processing is given in the coding platform itself. processor works with the audio input in addition to the two different inputs.



TMS3206748

#### B. Tech. students



Mahindra University's diverse course structure, extending beyond electronics and electrical engineering, equipped me with essential career skills. Supportive professors me through both academic quided personal challenges. These skills helped me secure an internship at Tworks Telangana, India's largest and the world's second-largest prototyping center. At Tworks, I utilize advanced equipment for rapid prototyping and manage real-world projects from ideation to product development.

Soumik Rao

The interdisciplinary nature of my projects allowed collaboration with other departments, enhancing my knowledge in 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC milling. Additionally, I conducted workshops on soldering and IoT wearables, fostering leadership and teamwork skills. This enriching experience has been incredibly rewarding, and I'm eager to learn more.

Mahindra University (MU) was pivotal in my academic journey. The B.Tech program provided foundational knowledge and skills for advanced research. Professors like J.L. Bhattacharya, Ram Dr. Gopinath, and Dr. Madichetty significantly shaped my understanding of Power Electronics, Power Systems, Electrical Engineering, emphasizing both theoretical and practical problem-solving skills. This foundation led to an internship at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIITH), in the Center for VLSI and Embedded Systems Technologies (CVEST), where I worked on "Energy Harvesting for Wearable Devices." Under Dr. Anshu Sarje's mentorship, I gained valuable theoretical and practical insights.



Nandini Somarapu

I am grateful to MU for nurturing my academic and research skills, preparing me well for advanced research at IIITH through comprehensive education, hands-on projects, and independent research opportunities.

#### M. Tech. students

My journey MU has been truly at transformative. Pursuing my M.Tech. at MU has provided an excellent opportunity for personal and professional growth. vibrant campus environment, along with topnotch facilities and culinary delights, made each day enriching. The cutting-edge labs equipped with the latest technology significantly enhanced mv learning experience. Moreover, MU's proactive career services not only offered tailored workshops facilitated valuable but also industry connections, leading to securing prestigious internship at Elmot Alternators Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. This internship marks a significant turning point in my professional journey, and I owe it all to MU for profoundly shaping my academic and career trajectory. I have benefitted significantly from the extensive expertise of our highly skilled faculty. My heartfelt thanks to them for their unwavering support guidance and throughout my academic pursuit.



Chandrakala Pannela



Durga Mahesh

The MTech program at Mahindra University is exceptional, fostering intellectual growth and critical thinking under the mentorship distinguished faculty. The university's cuttingfacilities research and resources. including advanced labs and extensive libraries, create an environment conducive to innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration. A standout aspect of my experience was securing an internship in Denmark, highlighting Mahindra University's commitment to research excellence and global opportunities. The supportive community, clear communication, work-life balance, and recognition of achievements have empowered me to excel and produce outstanding work.

#### M. Tech. students

I'm thrilled to share my transformative journey at Mahindra University, pursuing my M.Tech. in autonomous electric vehicles. Immensely grateful to Professor Dr. Sreedhar for this incredible opportunity, who helped me polish my resume, securing me an internship at Elmot, setting me up future success. The engaging academic environment, coupled with unwavering faculty support, enriched my experience. MU's workshops, and conferences presentations, invaluable learning and networking opportunities. experiments solidified Real-time lab understanding by blending theoretical knowledge with practical exposure. The vibe here is super motivating, and I've made some lifelong buddies along the way. Overall, my journey at MU has been incredibly fulfilling, shaping me into a confident professional. I am grateful to the dedicated peers, and the excellent faculty, supportive facilities at MU for nurturing my growth and preparing me for a successful career ahead.



Gowthami Pannela



M. Rama Krishna

I got into Mahindra University through my senior's reference and the M.Tech program at Mahindra University offers rigorous academic training and critical thinking. With distinguished faculty and state-of-the-art research facilities, it provides an environment conducive to innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration. Mahindra University stands out for its stress-free research atmosphere, promoting work-life balance and clear expectations. Access to resources, professional development opportunities, recognition of achievements further enhance the academic journey. Notably, the university's extends globally, as evidenced opportunities like my internship in Denmark. I'm grateful for the transformative experience Mahindra University has offered, propelling me towards academic and professional success.

#### Ph.D. Student

The PhD program at Mahindra University is a rigorous and comprehensive program that fosters intellectual growth and encourages critical thinking. The faculty members are distinguished experts in their respective fields, and their quidance and mentorship throughout my doctoral journey have been invaluable. The research facilities resources at Mahindra University are stateof-the-art. MU management supportive and has encouraged me to push limits. The university has significant investments in creating environment that fosters innovation and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration. I had access to well-equipped laboratories, extensive libraries. and advanced technological tools that allowed me to conduct cutting-edge research in my field. aspect that trulv sets University apart is a stress-free and effective PhD atmosphere. With a supportive community, open communication, work-life balance, clear expectations, access to resources. professional development opportunities, and recognition achievements, Mahindra University propelled me to thrive and produce highquality research.



Venkata Siva Prasad Chowdary Machina

#### **ERRATUM: LAST NEWSLETTER**

- 1.In the Vol. I of the newsletter on page 12, we incorrectly stated that Prof. G. Bhuvaneshwari had retired. Whereas Prof. Bhuvaneshwari was on leave and rejoined after the leave.
- 2.In the Vol. I of the newsletter on page 28, the team visit was incorrectly attributed to "Tech Mahindra Team visit." but the team that visited us was from "Mahindra & Mahindra".

We apologize for the above errors. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

## MEET THE TEAM



