

Semester/Master Thesis:

A Prototype Context-Aware Medical Monitoring Device

Motivation and Informal Description:

The goal of this semester thesis is to design and construct a prototype of a battery-operated medical monitoring device that can capture both human vital signs (e.g. oxygen saturation and heart rate) in combination with ambient characteristics (e.g. temperature and humidity). A proposed system architecture is illustrated in Figure 1. The prototype device must be designed using a combination of low-power system design principles (e.g. power gating, duty cycling, MCU sleep modes and dynamic frequency scaling) in order to maximize system lifetime.

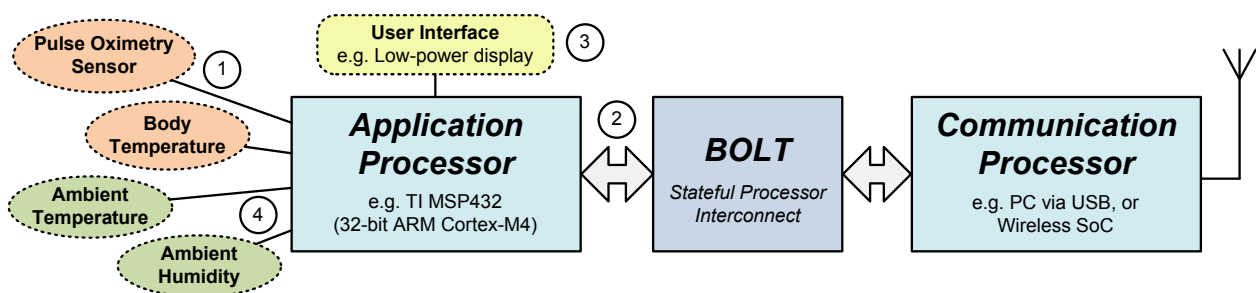


Figure 1: Proposed system architecture.

Your project: The goal of the project is to (i) integrate a commercial pulse oximetry sensor [1] to a state-of-the-art microcontroller [2], (ii) integrate the microcontroller to BOLT [3] using the FreeRTOS [4] real-time operating system, (iii) devise a suitable user interface, and (iv) optionally integrate additional ambient sensors.

This is a challenging thesis that provides the opportunity to gain practical experience with hardware/software co-design, real-time processing and communication, and low power system design.

Requirements: You should have experience with low-level C programming and have experience in developing and debugging embedded systems.

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