

# ASPIDA SPIDA

Study, Design, Development and Implementation of a Holistic System for Upgrading the Quality of Life and Activity of Seniors (ASPiDA)

**Duration: 34 Months** 



# **Aging Population**

### **01** Life Expectancy

Steep increase in life expectancy due to better living conditions and improved quality of life

### **02** Birth deficit

Intense low birth rate in mainly developed countries

### **03** Aging Increase

For the first half of the 21st century the total population is expected to increase 3 times and reach 2 billion people by 2050

### **04** Aging in Greece

Greece presents one of the oldest populations in the European Union (2nd after Italy and 5th worldwide, showing a strong upward trend in terms of aging)



# ASPiDA



#### The Challenge

how will we manage to adequately care for our fellow human beings, who are aging by offering a holistic system to upgrade their quality of life and activities?

The ASPiDA program includes a series of innovative technologies that are able to assess potential health risks as well as predict unpleasant situations in time during the activity of the elderly in a smart home environment

Thanks to the use of IoT sensors and the development of sophisticated artificial intelligence technological tools, ASPiDA evaluates the motor health problems of the elderly and examines their connection with other health issues that will be possible to prevent in time.

A special basis is given to **falls**, which occupy the first position of mortality from accidents, while they are responsible for more than 40% of deaths from injuries in people of the 3rd age.



# Objectives

#### 5. Decongestion & strengthening 3. Reduction of of health services hospitalization costs Detecting problems early ÷ The ASPiDA includes a avoids referral to medical library of data, for the rehabilitation centers. Cases effective treatment & prevention requiring observation during of falls for future generations recovery can be replaced by of elderly people. Decongesting the system the existing health system from events that require simple monitoring

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#### 1. Autonomous living

ASPiDA includes risk assessment & prevention, cooperation of mechanisms for assessing the physicalkinetic/biometric state of the individual with optimal decision-making mechanisms, optimization of the physical strengthening routine

#### ASPiDA's Main Impact

The individual's autonomous action & self-service within a smart home environment

#### 6. Reduction of Mortality from Falls

The ASPiDA program includes early fall detection tools. Presupposes Immediate provision of first aid using a robotic assistant in the home environment.

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#### 4. Commercial retirement system production

ASPiDA presupposes the use of smart homes that are friendly to the elderly and the environment - the system is an economical solution by limiting unnecessary expenses and situations that burden the psychology

#### 2. Improving quality of life

With the help of ASPiDA technology & automation, the elderly will feel safe in a space that will automatically adapt to their needs and work with them and for them. particularly friendly interaction environment that helps the elderly discover technology & use it to their advantage

### MEMBERS OF ASPIDA CONSORTIUM



# Activities



In this context, the proposed system will be able to integrate-synthesize and co-operate innovative technologies from the field of electronics, the internet of things, IT, communications, robotics, optimal control, etc. such as:



## Actions and Technologies developed





# $A\Sigma\Pi i\Delta A$ in numbers



### AΣΠiΔA in numbers...

Participating Faculty Members: 25 (17 Professors, 6 Associate Professors, 2 Assistant Professors)	<b>Postdoctoral Researchers: 20</b> (14 Postdocs E.C.E. and P.M.E., 6 Postdocs S.E.F.A.A.)	PhD Candidates: <b>39</b> (28 Ph.D. of E.C.E. and 2 Ph.D. of P.M.E., 7 Ph.D. of S.E.F.A.A., 2 Ph.D. Doctors of Medicine).	Laboratories of DUTh.:13 (11 E.C.E. Laboratories, 1 S.E.F.A.A. Laboratory, 1 P.M.E. Laboratory)
Participating Seniors: > <b>300</b>	Participants KAPI and KEFO: <b>&gt;5</b>	Deliverables: <b>44</b>	Aspida Site: <u>aspida.ee.duth.g</u> r (video: <u>https://www.ee.duth.gr/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/ee_duth_gr-</u> <u>1.mp4</u> )
	Publications: >70	ASPiDA duration: <b>34</b> months	



# Laboratory Measurements KAPI/S EFAA



#### **Researcher Training & Data Analysis**

#### **Training of researchers**

- In field measurements: fitness tests and interviews
- Biomechanical analysis of movement through VICON
- Musculoskeletal modeling through OpenSim
- Code generation and algorithms development in Python

#### Measurement tools and data analysis

- Translation and cross-cultural adaptation of questionnaires
- · Pilot measurements: field tests and interviews
- Creating algorithms for data analysis
- Analysis of self-report and accelerometry data
- Creating protocols
- Laboratory pilot measurements
- Analysis of data from laboratory measurements and from measurements at KAPIs





#### ASPiDA promotional/informative material and participant feedback



#### **ASPiDA** promotional actions

- Interview on Radio CHRONOS
- Interview at ERT Komotini
- Interview with local newspaper

- Meeting with the representatives of KAPI
- Meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Social Policy
- Meeting with the Mayor of Maroneia Sapon

#### **Measurements at KAPI**









#### Laboratory measurements at T.E.F.A.A.

Recording of movement, forces and muscle activity:

- walking
- static balance on each leg
- reactive balance with increasing weight
- changes of direction while walking
- standing and sitting (chair).







# **Robotic Assistant**

Main Functionalities





Robotic Platforms: 1) YUJIN, 2) HOBBIT, 3) Mobile Robot+ Kinect Sensor (MRKS), 4) Omni-directional mobile base (OMB), 5) SANBOT ELF.



#### 1. Human-aware robot navigation



- (a) Perception
- ( $\beta$ ) Mapping
- (y) Localization
- ( $\delta$ ) Path planning
- (ε) Human-awareness
- 2. Energy-efficient robotic manipulation
- 3. Human body pose estimation through camera

Synthesis of ASPIDA robotic assistant	
ClearPath Robotics Ridgeback	Robotic mobile base
ClearPath Robotics tower for arms	Trunk
UR-3e Remote Integration Kit with tower	UR3 robotic arm installation kit
Universal Robots UR3cb	Robotic arm
On RobotRG2	2-finger gripper
LIDAR SICK TIM551	Laser scanner
Flir Camera Flea3	RGB Camera
Dell - Intel RealSense D435	Stereo Camera



#### **Platform Setup**

Assembly of robotic system components

Installation of ROS operating system as well as the operating and handling packages of the robotic platform

Tests of sensors (LIDAR, stereo camera and FLIR camera) and actuators (robotic base and arm)





Fall Assist Emergency Algorithm

#### **Global map creation**

<u>Description</u>: The robotic assistant navigates the space and with the help of the cloud of points from the laserscan creates a map (global map) of the area of interest.

<u>Objective</u>: To create the map of the area in the knowledge base of the robotic assistant, so that the positioning, navigation and obstacle avoidance algorithms can be based along the way.



#### Localization

<u>Description</u>: The robotic assistant can and does locate its exact pose (position and orientation) at any time within the knowledge map it has created.

<u>Objective</u>: The robotic assistant has a precise awareness of its position and orientation, so that it can accurately and safely execute any future navigation or object avoidance scenario or even placement of dynamic obstacles (as well as the presence of a human) that can to occur in the environment.



#### Obstacle and dynamic entities modelling

<u>Description</u>: The robotic assistant models the obstacles of the global map and adjusts a safety distance radius from each of them. In addition, using its sensors it constantly monitors for new obstacles and dynamic entities which it adds in real time to its map. <u>Objective</u>: The robotic assistant has an accurate awareness of the location of all obstacles and safety distances to model a cost function with respect to the environment in which it is located. In this way, navigation is an optimization of the following cost function with the robot's pose as the starting point, given by the positioning function above, and a point on the map given by the user or some algorithm as the final point robot automation (e.g. emergency fall support algorithm described above).



#### Fall Assist Emergency Algorithm

<u>Description</u>: The robotic assistant observes and locates people moving in space using the Real Sense camera. The position of moving people is calculated in real time, recorded and displayed on the map of the robotic assistant with a green dot. If a fall is detected, the dot turns red and the emergency algorithm is activated, alerting the robotic assistant to approach the fallen human at a safe distance.

<u>Objective</u>: The immediate approach of the person who fell by the robotic assistant, in order to support him (e.g. by informing the doctor in charge, assessing the situation, collecting photos after the person's consent, etc.).



#### Human-aware navigation scenarios



#### **Main Outcomes**

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The ASPiDA assistive robot deploys algorithms that:

- work in real-time to promote independence and safety in ambient assisted living scenarios;
- provides a realistic action plan in the emergency case of human fall;
- provides the full open-source implementation code is provided in Github.

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As part of future work

- The incorporation of additional data analysis and machine learning models holds the potential to further refine the fall detection
- Increase robustness in more severe conditions, i.e., low lighting, multi-person fall detection, occlusions etc.

# **Robotic Assistant**

### Advanced research outcomes



### Robotic navigation and mapping



- Creation of a knowledge base by the robotic assistant in the form of a map,
- Identifying known areas, checking and re-tracking.









### Energy-efficient robotic manipulation

#### Key characteristics

- Object detection and approach using a camera,
- 6 DoF robotic arm manipulation using reinforcement learning,
- utilization of state-of-the-art Spiking Neural Networks for the development of energy-efficient models.







### Energy-efficient robotic manipulation



- An actor-critic reinforcement learning algorithm is employed to train the robotic arm,
- The **actor** is a Spiking Neural Network exploring the right joints' actions, in order to reach the target,
- The **critic** is a Deep Neural Network penalizing/rewarding the actor based on the results of each episode,
- After the training procedure the critic is discarded, thus leaving only the energy-efficient SNN actor during inference.
- Simulations have been conducted both for 2-DoF and 6-DoF robotic arms, before final testing.







### Energy-efficient robotic manipulation





### Skeleton extraction and elderly activity recognition using cameras

The aging of the global population poses significant challenges in providing adequate care and support for elderly individuals.

Technological developments -> address the needs of elderly people

- maintain their independence
- quality of life.

Methods:

- wearable sensorssophisticated ambient sensors
- interconnected devices

expensive and/or intrusive systems

Domestic environments require **real-time** and **power efficient** models.

#### Contributions

• Complete **bioinspired ambient and low-cost** elderly action recognition system using only a **non-intrusive RGB** camera;

• **Training on time-series data** extracted from the RGB sensor, providing valuable insights into their capabilities to handle human data;

• The investigation of the effectiveness of the energy efficient HTM and SNN bio-inspired architectures in accurately recognizing and classifying actions;

• The illustration of a comprehensive **comparative** analysis between the **bio-inspired networks** and the **SVM**, proving their efficiency both in terms of recognition performance and execution time

#### **Data Acquisition**

Elderly individuals may exhibit unique characteristics

- different movement patterns
- mobility limitations
- gestures

We exploited a custom dataset of 8 elderly individuals performing daily tasks.

**5 particular action** scenarios while an RGB camera recorded the execution.

MMPose is an open-source toolbox for pose estimation based on PyTorch. It is a part of the <u>OpenMMLab project</u>.

RGB Videos/Images -> 3-dimensional position of joints





#### Human body pose extraction





- RGB video streams capturing multiple iterations of 5 action scenarios performed by 8 subjects;
- mmpose model is employed to extract the 3-D human skeletal posture captured RGB video frame;
- the output of the pose extraction subsystem was a skeleton matrix  $S \in R^{(17\times3)}$ . By processing all the frames of a video clip and focusing on a single joint and coordinate, let us assume the x-axis of the j-th joint with j = {1, 2, ..., 17},we end up with a time-series  $s_{\{j,x\}}$



HTM theoretical framework introduced by Numenta and was implemented using the Nupic open-source software platform

#### WHY HTM ?

- emulate the neocortex's functioning;
- focusing on its ability to process sensory data;
- identify patterns;
- make predictions in real-time;
- Based on *hebbian learning*.

**Hebbian learning** is a model for long-term potentiation in neurons, in which weights are increased when the input and output are simultaneously active.



- 2 hidden layers consisting of a SparseWeights format followed by a linear transformation;
- KWinners layer is then applied, selecting the top-k winners among the neurons based on their activation values;
- the output layer (linear transformation), maps the hidden layer's activations to the desired output  $o \in \mathbb{R}^5$ .

SNN model implemented using the Nengo library

#### WHY SNN with NENGO ?

• the construction of complex biologically realistic models of the brain circuits enabling users to define neural populations & their connectivity rules;

• supports the integration of external libraries, such as TensorFlow and Keras, for incorporating deep learning technique.

#### **SNN** architecture

- Consists of an input layer with an input size equal to 51 × 200 followed by a hidden and an output layer;
- The hidden layer is a single dense layer followed by an activation function, utilizing the Leaky Integrate-and-Fire (LIF) neuron model;
- The input data is fed into the dense layer, which serves as a feature extractor;
- The output layer comprises a dense layer with five units, i.e., the different action classes.

#### WHY SVM?

- Well-established non-neural classifier;
- Compare the performance of the introduced bio-inspired network.

We utilized a Euclidean space SVM classifier with a radial basis function (RBF) kernel, given that it ensured optimal results compared to other versions of SVM and types of the kernel;

• the input of the SVM was a 1-D feature vector of length 51 × 200.

#### Leave-one-subject-out (LOSO) cross-validation procedure to evaluate all three models.

TABLE I: Accuracy results of HTM, SNN and SVM for all 8 subjects and 5 action scenarios

	HTM			SNN			SVM								
	drink	gait	turn_l	turn_r	sit2std	drink	gait	turn_l	turn_r	sit2std	drink	gait	turn_l	turn_r	sit2std
$S_1$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.8	1.00	0.86	1.00	1.00
$S_2$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.71	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.86	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$S_3$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.80	1.00	0.71	0.86	1.00
$S_4$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.83	1.00	1.00	0.71	1.00
$S_5$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.83	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$S_6$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
$S_7$	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.40
$S_8$	1.00	1.00	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

#### Evaluation strategy

TABLE II: Overall mean and standard deviation classification performance (%)

	HTM	SNN	SVM
$\mu \pm Z(\sigma/\sqrt{n})$	$99.49 \pm 1.35$	$99.36 \pm 1.70$	$95.47 \pm 3.57$

 TABLE III: Time efficiency in sec

	HTM	SNN	SVM
$\mu \pm Z(\sigma/\sqrt{n})$	$0.11\pm0.07$	$0.36 \pm 0.003$	$0.22\pm0.29$

#### Confusion matrix resulted from HTM, SNN and SVM on the eight subjects.



#### Conclusions

• an end-to-end ambient solution for elderly action recognition from RGB data using bio-inspired classifiers;

• the efficacy of both investigated bio-inspired networks, viz., HTM and SNN, in recognizing the seniors' actions;

• time efficiency is evaluated on a conventional CPU module, highlighting the ability of lightweight processing by the HTM model

# Thank you for your attention





### Continuous emotion recognition and long-term behavior modelling



- Russel Model: Vector Representation of emotion,
- Arousal and valence coefficients
- Continuous estimation and long-behavior modelling



Valence:









### Data set taken with Kinect v2 (SEFAA-DUTH).

- Total number of action = 2.139:
  - 1) Left and right turn = 33.6% (720)
  - 2) Gait = 26.6% (569)
  - 3) Treadmill = 2% (43)
  - 4) Sit = 12.6% (270)
  - 5) Stand = 12.7% (267)
  - 6) Drink water and turn = 12.6% (270)
- Total number of subjects = 51
- Minimum number of frames: ~30 (gait),
- Maximum number of frames: ~550 (Drink water and turn)





# Ανάπτυξη Αλγορίθμων – Μοντέλων

- Το κύριο έργο της ερευνητικής δραστηριότητας αφορά την βελτίωση αλγορίθμων-μοντέλων για αναγνώριση ενέργειων.
- Τα μοντέλα αυτά ανήκουν στην κατηγορίας νευρωνικών δικτύων επεξεργασίας γραφών (GNN).
- Δοκιμαστήκαν τα state-of-the-art μοντέλα με παραλλαγές τους για βελτίωση της απόδοσης τους.
- Για παράδειγμα η δοκιμή του CTR-GCNN με πρόσθετη είσοδό γωνίες είχε τα εξής αποτελέσματα στο σύνολο δεδομένων ΤΕΦΑΑ-ΔΠΘ:
  - Ακρίβεια αναγνώρισης στο σύνολο δεδομένων επαλήθευσης= 100%
  - Ακρίβεια αναγνώρισης στο σύνολο δεδομένων ελέγχου = 98.88%
- Η ίδια προτεινόμενη μέθοδος αυξάνει την απόδοση και σε εργασία πάνω σε δημόσια δεδομένα



### Ανέπαφες Φυσιολογικές Μετρήσεις με την χρήσης απλής κάμερας

- Αντικείμενο αυτής της ενότητας είναι η λήψη κρίσιμων μεγεθών, που αφορούν την υγεία των ηλικιωμένων ανέπαφα.
- Η ανέπαφη εκτίμηση προσφέρει μια εναλλακτική μέτρηση μεγεθών, ώστε οι ηλικιωμένοι να μη φέρουν πάνω τους συσκευές μετρήσεων, τις οποίες θα πρέπει να χειρίζονται (π.χ. φορτίζουν).
- Συγκεκριμένα, επιδιώκουμε την ανέπαφη εκτίμηση των ακόλουθων μεγεθών:
  - Καρδιακός ρυθμός (HR)
  - Κορεσμός Οξυγόνου (SpO2)
  - Συστολική και Διαστολική Πίεση
- Επιμέρους στόχοι είναι:
  - η λήψη δεδομένων με κανονική RGB κάμερα και με υπέρυθρ
     η (για νυχτερινή χρήση), σε συνδυασμό με τις μετρήσεις SpO2
     , HR, πίεσης.
  - Η βελτίωση τεχνικών ανέπαφης εκτίμησης.



## Αισθητήρες



- Ανάπτυξη ηλεκτρικών επαφών
- Κατασκευή πειραματικών διατάξεων για χαρακτηρισμό αισθητήρων
- ✓ Κατασκευή και μελέτη αισθητήρων θερμοκρασίας, ατμών ακετόνης και καρδιακών παλμών φωτός



# Energy Harvesters – Σχηματικά Διαγράμματα και Πλακέτα



Πρότυπο κύκλωμα RF energy harvester

Σχηματικό διάγραμμα κυκλώματος iPowerKit





CPU	WiFi	Display	BT	Awake	Users In.	Sleep Base	Sleep Watch F.D.	Συν.
11,5	2,8	17,7	5,8	5,8	0,3	26,1	30,1	100 (%)
9,62	2,34	14,22	4,85	4,85	2,51	20,16	25,1	86,68 mW

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Διαστάσεις (mm) 22,61 x 13,59 x 5,1

Top layer Bottom layer Προσεγγιστική Κατανάλωση ανά μονάδα του συνολικού συστήματος

## Εφαρμογή σε Wearable για Συλλογή Δεδομένων





## Πλήρης και βέλτιστη διαχείριση κατοικίας ηλικιωμένων

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### Χαρακτηριστικά

- ✓ Κτίρια διασυνδεδεμένα με το δίκτυο
- Τα κτίρια αποτελούνται από τουλάχιστον 3 δωμάτια
- Έλεγχος θερμικών φορτίων σε κάθε δωμάτιο
- Τα κτίρια είναι εξοπλισμένα με φωτοβολταϊκά πάνελ και μπαταρίες
- ✓ Χρήση του Net-Metering
- Χρήση Οικιακών Συσκευών στην διάρκεια της ημέρας

### Στόχοι συστήματος διαχείρισης

- Μείωση κατανάλωσης ενέργειας
- Μείωση κόστους θέρμανσης
- Ιδανικές θερμικές συνθήκες
- Βέλτιστες συνθήκες φωτισμού
- Εξασφάλιση αποθηκευμένης ενέργειας
- Επόπτευση δυνητικά επικίνδυνων φορτίων

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## Αποτελέσματα συστήματος διαχείρισης

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## Αποτελέσματα συστήματος διαχείρισης

	RBC <sub>22</sub>	RBC <sub>23</sub>	CCU	Improvement wrt to R BC
Occupancy Schedule 1	1383	1919	1201	14% - 38%
Occupancy Schedule 2	1189	1374	1007	16% - 27%
Occupancy Schedule 3	1384	1705	1233	11%- 25%

## Αποτελέσματα Ενεργειακής Αναβάθμισης

![](_page_59_Picture_1.jpeg)

	Αρχικό κ	κτήριο	
End uso	Annual electricity energ	y consumption (kWh <sub>e</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> year)	
End-use	Dynamic simulation tool	Quasi steady-state simulation tool	
Heating	106.6	97.8	9%
Cooling	6.1	7.1	14%
DHW	17.3	31.3	44%
Total	130	136.2	4,5%

Σενάριο ενεργειακής αναβάθμισης

End-use	Annual electricity energy consumption (kWh <sub>e</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> year)			
	Dynamic simulation tool	Quasi steady-state simulation tool		
Heating	14.2	19.3	26%	
Cooling	5.3	7.7	31%	
DHW	9.1	35.4	74%	
PV production	37.4	34.9	7%	
Total	28.6	62.4	54%	

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