



# 2023

## Annual report



# Foreword

TIMA Laboratory is a joint research laboratory between the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), the Grenoble Institute of Technology (Grenoble INP) and the Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA).

TIMA addresses some of the most urgent and ambitious challenges related to the design of integrated circuits and Systems-on-chip (SoC). The research activities cover the specification, design, verification, test, CAD tools and design methods for integrated systems, including analog and digital components, smart sensors and actuators, up to multiprocessor SoCs together with their operating system. More in particular, researchers at TIMA cover the following topics:

- Low power design
- Asynchronous design
- New sampling and data processing techniques
- MEMS, Smart Sensors and Actuators
- Design of AMS/RF/mmW devices, circuits and systems
- Modeling, control and calibration of AMS/RF devices, circuits and systems
- Robustness, reliability and test
- Hardware security and embedded trust
- New hardware computing and digital design
- Hardware/Software co-design
- Simulation and verification
- Embedded AI

The laboratory is structured in the following four research teams:

**Architectures and Methods for Resilient Systems (AMfoRS):** Robustness and dependability evaluations of embedded systems; Hardened and robust architecture; Design for reliability with respect to variability, aging, and soft errors; Modeling, analysis and testing at the system level; Hardware security and embedded trust; New computational approaches and technologies

**Circuits, Devices and System Integration (CDSI):** Asynchronous circuits, design methods and tools, design for ultra-low power, FDSOI technology, MEMS, Smart sensors and actuators

**Reliable RF and Mixed-signal Systems (RMS):** Design for test of analog, mixed-signal and RF circuits; Estimation of test metrics; Calibration of RF devices; Embedded control for efficient energy management; Prediction and control of quality and energy management; High-level modeling of heterogeneous and multi-physic systems

**System Level Synthesis (SLS):** Highly efficient architectures for general purpose computing or AI-dedicated algorithms; system-level modeling and design methodology (specification, simulation and verification of hardware/software systems on chip); design exploration and synthesis of hardware

TIMA takes an active part in the organization of the Grenoble Alpes research community, being linked to the poles "Mathematics, Informatics and Communication" (MSTIC) and "Physics, Engineering and Materials" (PEM). TIMA is also a member of the Carnot Institute LSI, the Laboratory of Excellence Persyval and the local federation of micro and nanoelectronics laboratories FMNT.

The 2023 edition of the TIMA annual report presents a brief and synthetic presentation of the scientific achievements of each research team.

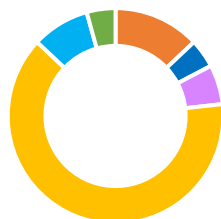
Giorgio DI NATALE  
Director

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# TIMA at a glance

## Workforce 2023



**185 members**

- 24 Professors & associate professors
- 8 Researchers & emeritus
- 11 Permanent ITA
- 118 Students (69 PhD students + 49 interns)
- 16 Post-docs – Engineers – Experts – Teaching Assistants (ATER)
- 8 Visitors

## Scientific production 2023



**33**

Journal articles



**59**

Conference papers and posters



**5**

Books and book chapters



**3**

Patents



**9**

Defended theses and HDR

## Resources 2023

**> 9 024 k€**

Institutions support

**> 1 050 k€**

Contractual resources

**> 7 974 k€**

**1 120 k€**

Europe

**2 084 k€**

PEPR

**1 242 k €**

ANR

**1 229 k€**

State

**103 k€**

Région

**697 k€**

Parent institutions

**876 k€**

CIFRE

**416 k€**

Industry

**202 k€**

SATT



**25 represented nationalities**

# Focus research and innovation

## List of our active projects and contracts in 2023

Project	Funding framework	Principal investigator	Managing institution
NEUROPULS	EUROPE	Ioana VATAJELU	CNRS
SHIFT EU	EUROPE	Philippe FERRARI	UGA
SWAN-on-chip	EUROPE	Florence PODEVIN	Grenoble INP
Resilient Trust	EUROPE	Giorgio DI NATALE	Grenoble INP
ARCHI-CESAM	ANR (PEPR)	Arthur PERAIS	Grenoble INP
ARSENE	ANR (PEPR)	Paolo MAISTRI	UGA
HOLIGRAIL	ANR (PEPR)	Frédéric PÉTROT	Grenoble INP
NF-SYSTERA	ANR (PEPR)	Sylvain BOURDEL	Grenoble INP
NF-YACARI	ANR (PEPR)	Philippe FERRARI	Grenoble INP
SPINCOM	ANR (PEPR)	Florence PODEVIN	Grenoble INP
BAC4NOSE	ANR	Ioana VATAJELU	Grenoble INP
EMINENT	ANR	Ioana VATAJELU	Grenoble INP
IMHOTEP	ANR	Florence PODEVIN	Grenoble INP
MAPLURINUM	ANR	Olivier MULLER	Grenoble INP
MITIX	ANR	Paolo MAISTRI	CNRS
PiezoKnee	ANR	Skandar BASROUR	UGA
POP	ANR	Giorgio DI NATALE	Grenoble INP
PRECISE	ANR	Jean-Daniel ARNOULD	Grenoble INP
RAKES	ANR	Frédéric PÉTROT	Grenoble INP
SMART IMAGER	ANR	Laurent FESQUET	Grenoble INP
EAUDI	DGA (State)	Skandar BASROUR	UGA
MucoPiezoRheo	BPI (State)	Skandar BASROUR	UGA
SHIFT BPI	BPI (State)	Philippe FERRARI	UGA
MAMBO	DGAC (State)	Libor RUFER	UGA
FAIR	AURA (Région)	Skandar BASROUR	Grenoble INP
MULTIRAD	AURA (Région)	Rodrigo POSSAMAI BASTOS	UGA
80 PRIME 2022	CNRS	Ioana VATAJELU	CNRS

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding framework</b>	<b>Principal investigator</b>	<b>Managing institution</b>
CAFET	UGA	<b>Mounir BENABDENBI</b>	UGA
CLAM	UGA	<b>Paolo MAISTRI</b>	UGA
IRGA SETH	UGA	<b>Martial DEFOORT</b>	UGA
MASHWave	UGA	<b>Manuel BARRAGAN</b>	UGA
MIAI Digital Hardware AI Architectures	UGA	<b>Frédéric PÉTRO</b>	UGA
NPATH-LOW-POWER	UGA	<b>Florence PODEVIN</b>	UGA
Thèse APACHE	UGA	<b>Katell MORIN-ALLORY</b>	UGA
Thèse SARTORI	UGA	<b>Rodrigo POSSAMAI BASTOS</b>	UGA
SYNCONNECT	UGA	<b>Ioana VATAJELU</b>	UGA
Thèse Nathan BAIN	STMicroelectronics (CIFRE)	<b>Frédéric PÉTRO</b>	INPG Entreprise SA
Thèse Oumayma BELKHADRA	NXP (CIFRE)	<b>Sylvain BOURDEL</b>	INPG Entreprise SA
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# TIMA's staff



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Deputy Director



**Florence PODEVIN**  
Deputy Director  
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## Administrative and Financial pole

### **Viviana GIORDANO**

Manager - Human resources - Special events – Communication

### **Laurence BEN TITO**

Executive & laboratory assistant - Publications

### **Murielle RUSTAT** (since 28/08/2023)

Budgets, contracts

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Teams finance administrator

### **Youness RAJAB**

Teams finance administrator - Common expenses administrator

Budgets, contracts

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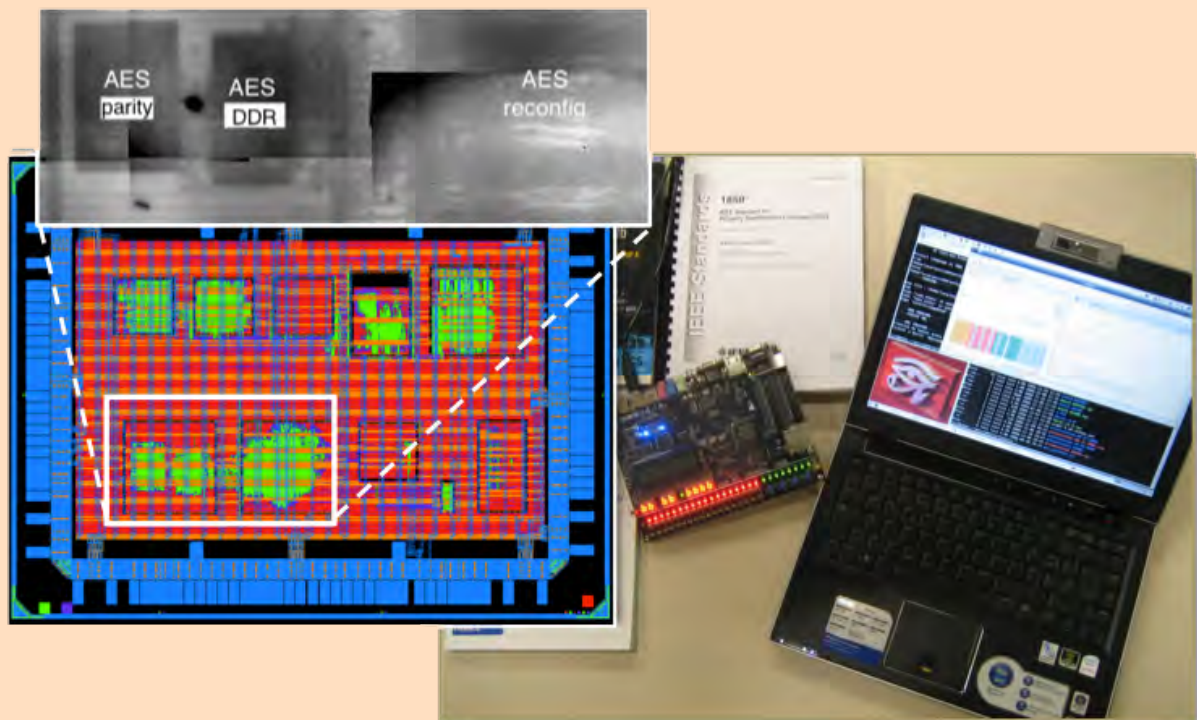
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Development engineer

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Development engineer



## Architectures and Methods for Resilient Systems



# Architectures and Methods for Resilient Systems (AMfoRS team)

<http://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/tima/fr/amfors/amforsoverview.html>

The **AMfoRS** team addresses dependability and trust of digital systems at multiple abstraction levels for specific application domains (e.g., automotive, avionics, smartcards, IoT), by guaranteeing that digital circuits possess properties such as quality, reliability, safety, security, availability. The work of the team is focused on design and analysis methods, techniques and tools to assess and improve circuits dependability and trust, for the above-mentioned domains.

## Research activities

### Robustness and dependability

Many domains have functional safety among the classical list of design constraints e.g., ISO 26262 standard in automotive. Our work aims at improving **early evaluations of dependability** w.r.t. errors induced by environmental disturbances. The goal, to reduce development and production costs, is to be able to evaluate accurately and at an early stage of the design the potential functional effects of soft and permanent errors. We have recently proposed a **cross-layer fault simulation method** to perform the robustness evaluation of critical embedded systems, based on fault injections in both Transaction Level Model (TLM) and Register Transfer Level (RTL) descriptions to make a trade-off between simulation time and realism of the simulated high level faulty behaviors. Another important characteristic of the approach is taking into account the global system specifications in order to discriminate actually critical faults from faults leading to effects with no real consequences on the system behavior. The approach has been applied to an airborne case study. In 2021, the approach has been improved with an iterative flow allowing both the global reduction of the fault injection durations and the improvement of the TLM models along the iterations in order to achieve a good correlation between the consequences of faults injected at TLM and RTL levels.

Another study started in 2021 aims at better evaluating (and predicting) the impact of the software workload on the dependability of complex digital components such as microcontrollers and SoCs. Ultimately, one goal is to define a set of representative benchmarks, allowing a dependability evaluation on critical systems before the actual application program is available. The first step was to develop a versatile profiling tool based on a virtual platform adapted to many processors, corresponding to a modified version of QEMU. This analysis flow has been applied on the RISC-V target and Mibench softwares, allowing us to better understand the impact of software load on SoC fault tolerance. Our proposed metric called "Likelihood Percentage" demonstrated that a high level evaluation with our tool can be very efficient to obtain significant information on program behaviour, coherent with results obtained from both a reference instruction set simulator and a hardware architecture. We have also shown that our profiling tool allows us to compare the behaviour of several programs and exhibits specific characteristics. This data helps in understanding how the processor architecture will be used for each application and therefore what level of fault tolerance can be expected depending on the software load. We formulated three hypotheses that will have to be confirmed with more program examples, the use of several hardware platforms and finally actual tests under particle beams.

In the field of automatic quality or safety assurance level evaluation, we have proposed the first approach towards the automation of the extraction processes of both the valid and faulty state machines within a System-on-a-Chip. The data automatically extracted by this method is a relevant input for behavioural modelization and FMEA (Failure Modes and Effects Analysis) analysis. The method is based on a semi-automated approach for the systematic extraction of failure modes of a digital design in the hypothesis of a single-event upset (SEU) or stuck-at in flip-flops. This procedure aims to enhance human driven failure analysis and provide inputs for RAMS (Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Safety) frameworks in the process of quality assurance of complex devices. The main objective is to transport and apply RAMS methods and tools in the area of SoCs design. Experimental results have been conducted on an I2C - AHB system, laying the base for a complete and more complex analysis on an entire SoC [CI3]

Due to technology scaling and transistor size getting smaller and closer to atomic size, the last generation of CMOS technologies presents more variability in various physical parameters. Moreover, circuit wear-out degradation leads to additional temporal variations, potentially resulting in timing and functional failures. To handle such problems, one conventional method consists in providing more safety margins (also called guard bands) at design-time. Therefore, the usage of delay violation **monitors** becomes a must. Placing the monitors is a critical task as the designer has to carefully select the place that will age the most and may become a potential point of failure in a given design.

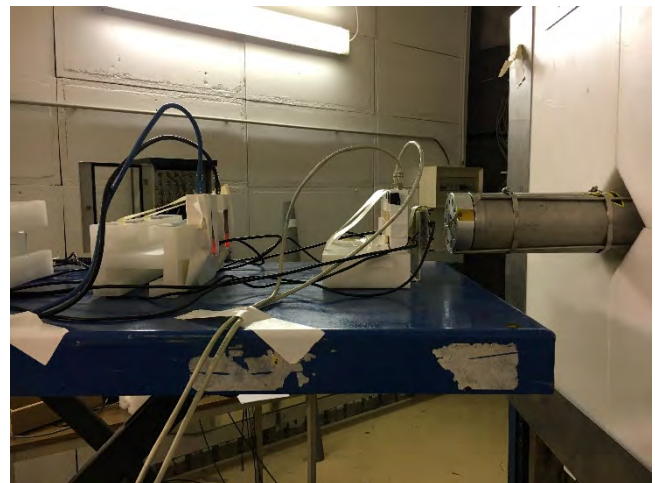
We have explored the use of **Machine Learning techniques** in order to drive the automated selection of potential insertion points of such monitors. Digital delay analysis of basic gates using multiple linear regression has been modeled, predicted, and validated against original data using spice simulation. We have compared multiple linear regression algorithms and used them to study the aging mechanism of CMOS basic gates using supervised learning algorithms. We have showed how it is possible to reliably estimate activity-related path aging and tune the prediction framework by extracting activity profiles from simulations on a synthesized design, which allows a finer grain estimation by obtaining activity profiles at both the path and gate-level.

### High-energy particle radiation effects in computing systems

In space environments, aviation altitudes, and ground levels, computing systems' components are liable to high-energy particle radiation-induced transient, accumulative, permanent, and destructive effects. At atmospheric altitudes, for example, neutron environment is primarily responsible for inducing radiation-induced transient effects in avionics and their computing systems. Moreover, the advent of artificial intelligence (AI) systems further extends the computing system applications with self-driving cars, climate-smart agriculture technologies, intelligent medical devices, autonomous monitoring robots/drones, nanosatellites, and spacecraft, making them even more ubiquitous. Within the new era of autonomous things, AI computing solutions are being developed also for the edge of applications, close to sensors, in order to minimize data transfer to/from the cloud and reduce related risks in case of unavailable connections. On the other hand, edge computing is normally resource-constrained in terms of latency, power, and memory, demanding the development of tiny and also reliable machine learning (ML) systems.

In this context, our recent works have assessed and compared the effectiveness of three prominent ML algorithms for tiny ML computing systems in tolerating neutron-induced soft errors. Radiation test-based results suggest that the case-study ML algorithms retain a certain intrinsic level of effectiveness in tolerating neutron effects even though without any mitigation technique. Notably, random forest algorithm has performed no misclassification during different radiation testing campaigns carried out with 14-MeV and thermal neutron beams.

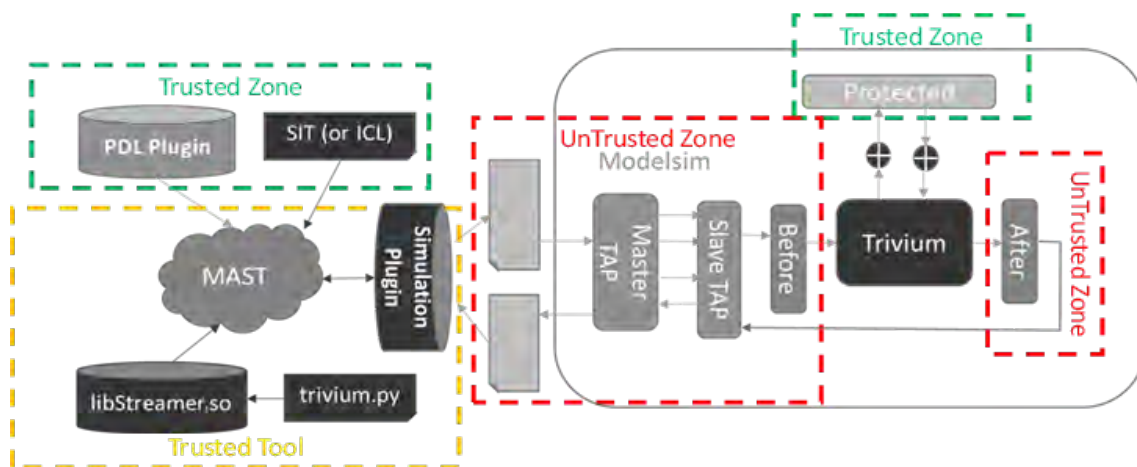
Furthermore, we have also recently assessed neutron radiation effects on the attitude estimation (AE) processing typically embedded in inertial navigation systems (INS) and modern autonomous things. Findings highlight the importance of radiation-induced critical failures that are able to upset INS embedding AE processing modules. Radiation tests were conducted running three strategies for computing different advanced AE algorithms on a case-study processing module exposed to 14-MeV neutron and thermal neutron radiation. Results and analysis suggest that the contribution of radiation-induced soft errors to be mitigated on the AE processing modules is essentially related to single event functional interrupts that can lead inertial navigation to critical failures.



TIMA is also participating of NASA/GFSC's SET program (<https://lws-set.gsfc.nasa.gov/>) since 2005. The experimental FPGA-based board called COTS-2, devised and designed at TIMA, was included in the NASA/GFSC's SET payload, embedded in the AFRL's DSX spacecraft that was successfully launched on June 25, 2019 at the NASA's Kennedy Space Center (Florida, USA). The DSX spacecraft was in operation until May 31, 2021, weekly providing data to TIMA researchers since June 2019. The NASA/GFSC's SET payload aimed at getting experimental data to study how to better protect satellites/spacecraft against effects of energetic radiation particles present at a medium Earth orbit (MEO) of space, operating around Earth between 6000 km and 12000 km above sea level. The TIMA's COTS-2 board includes an SRAM-based FPGA in which the implemented computing system design was protected by using a classical state-of-the-art fault-tolerance scheme based on Triple Modular Redundancy (TMR). First spaceflight results provide experimental evidences of the risks of using TMR-based schemes in COTS FPGAs operating within MEO.

### System-level test and standards

The IEEE 1687-2014 standard and its evolutions like the IEEE P1687.1 (under development) propose solutions for the access and usage of Embedded Instruments, but Electronic Design Automation (EDA) is still limited to only a small subset of the new features. In this context we have improved our innovative Test Flow and Environment called “**Manager for SoC Test**” (**MAST**), a software backend able to provide features and performance superior to the industrial legacy solutions. We have proposed innovative solutions that exploits the dynamic nature of the standard to integrate Security features directly into the flow. Our framework extends MAST with novel solutions developed within the team, namely Stream cyphers and Dynamic authentication. We were notably able to integrate Scan Encryption directly inside the EDA tool, allowing Encryption to be natively integrated as a P1687.1 element and be freely mixed inside the Design-of-Test (DfT) infrastructure while retaining full interactive capabilities, while legacy solutions are limited to top-level encryption with offline processing. We then merged this new feature with the ongoing work on Scan Authentication, obtaining the Encryption SIB (eSIB, see Hardware Security and Trust), an Authentication-based Secure Access framework able to provide a trusted, configurable, efficient, and transparent interface to the test infrastructure depending on user-defined security levels. Security-wise, secret sharing is limited to a minimum; from a performance point of view, the tool fully leverages its strength in terms of topology resolution and concurrent execution. Last but not least, we are able to clearly separate the system in Trusted and Untrusted areas, providing an optimal user experience, as security is handled automatically and transparently.



### Hardware security

The team works on the design of cryptographic/secure primitives, and the analysis of security threats, by proposing effective countermeasures. We work on algorithms, schemes, and protocols. We have improved our Authenticated and Secure access to the test infrastructure by presenting the **Encryption SIB**, which provides segment-level confidentiality thanks to the dynamic topology supported by our MAST tool (see System-Level test). Our framework not only supports secure procedures such as user authentication or data encryption, but provides these functionalities with a flexible approach that is totally transparent to the user. We also evaluate the resistance of post-quantum cryptography algorithms against physical attacks, which is necessary besides their theoretical evaluation by cryptanalysis. We highlighted a weakness in the Classic McEliece cryptosystem, which can be attacked by laser fault injection. We are working right now on extending this attack to rely only on side-channel analysis, which incurs a much less restrictive attacker model.

Concerning the security threats, we work regularly on implementation attacks. In 2021, we have improved our experimental platform for **physical attacks** on embedded systems. We have acquired the equipment for active EM fault injection and we are currently building a motorized stage to perform extensive experimental campaigns, thanks to the partial support by CNRS (INS2I) and UGA. We have also worked on an emulation platform on FPGA, aimed at evaluating the effects of EM Fault Injection (EMFI) early in the design flow without the need of either EMFI equipment, nor the final ASIC implementation. In an effort to generalize the characterization of fault attacks on complex systems such as CPUs and microcontrollers, we have started working on a **Cross-Layer Methodology** aiming



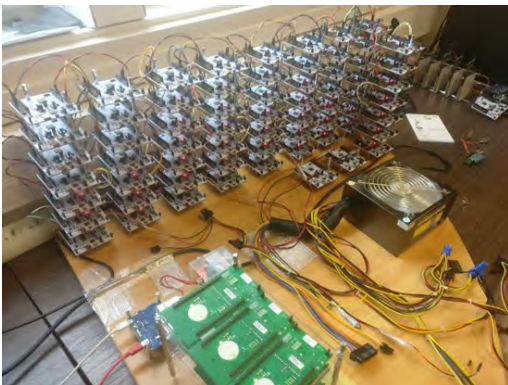
at understanding and modelling the fault occurrence mechanisms within the microarchitecture of modern processors, and map this model to upper levels with the final goal of designing optimal countermeasures. We have addressed the problem of cache timing attacks, which have become very popular in recent years. Eviction set construction is a common step for many such attacks, and algorithms for building them are evolving rapidly. On the other hand, countermeasures are also being actively researched and developed. However, most countermeasures have been designed to secure last-level caches and few of them actually protect the entire memory hierarchy. Cache randomization is a well-known mitigation technique against cache attacks that has a low-performance overhead. We have proposed solutions to determine whether address randomization on first-level caches is worth considering from a security perspective. The work included the implementation of a noise-free cache simulation framework that enables the analysis of the behavior of eviction set construction algorithms. We show that randomization at the first level of caches (L1) brings about improvements in security but is not sufficient to mitigate all known algorithms, such as the recently developed Prime–Prune–Probe technique [CI-14]

In the same context, a study has first shown that Intel mitigations to avoid attacks against secure enclaves (SGX) can be efficient, but not sufficient in all attack scenarios. We have also evaluated the feasibility of the Prime&Probe attack on a system with the CVA6 RISC-V processor. With a bare-metal implementation, it has been shown that the attack works, although a noticeable effort was necessary in terms of reverse engineering of the cache accesses and analysis of the behavior. An attack considered as “turnkey” is not so easy to implement, even without mitigations. Adding additional processes as perturbators, the attack is more complex but still succeeds after analysis of the cache behavior. Currently, work is on-going with the attack implemented under Linux.

In the context of **Control Flow Hardening**, we have proposed the use of nonlinear codes. Hardware-based control flow monitoring techniques enable to detect both errors in the control flow and the instruction stream being executed on a processor. However, these techniques may fail to detect malicious carefully tuned manipulation of the instruction stream in a basic block. We have shown how using a non-linear encoder and checker can cope with this weakness [RI-8]

### Hardware trust

The quest of low production cost and short time-to-market, as well as the complexity of modern integrated circuits pushed towards a globalization of the supply chain of silicon devices. Such production paradigm raised a number of trust threats. We are actively working on the proposition of novel solutions to address this problem. In particular, we are proposing novel methods, architectures and protocols for the identification and authentication of hardware devices based on Physically Unclonable Functions (PUFs), as well as mitigation techniques for Hardware Trojans.



Concerning the PUFs, we have proposed: (i) an experimental platform for the evaluation of SRAM-based PUFs; (ii) a theoretical method for the assessment of the reliability of PUFs; (iii) the use of emerging technologies (resistive and magnetic memories) as building block for new PUF architectures; (iv) a novel concept for the enrollment of strong PUF based on machine learning; (v) a new protocol for key exchange which does not require cryptographic primitives [CI-8] [O-1]

In the context of Hardware Trojans (HTs), we worked on the use of software obfuscation to protect systems against HTs that aim at stealing information from the microprocessor while it is executing a program. The method is enhanced by a Genetic Algorithm-based approach to optimize the obfuscation level

while minimizing the introduced overhead. We proved the effectiveness and efficiency of the proposed methodology on the Ariane 64bit RISC-V microprocessor running a set of MiBench benchmarks and cryptographic programs.

We also proposed an HT attack for analog circuits, in the context of Systems-on-Chip (SoCs) comprising both digital and analog Intellectual Property (IP) blocks. The HT trigger is placed inside a dense digital IP block where it can be effectively hidden, whereas the HT payload is in the form of a digital pattern transported via the test bus or generated within the test bus, reaching the Design-for-Test (DfT) or programmability interface of the victim analog IP with the test bus. The HT payload unexpectedly activates the DfT and sets the victim analog IP into some possibly partial and undocumented test mode or changes the nominal programmability [RI-3].

### New hardware computing approaches

Today's computing systems are facing several issues related to architectural and technological limitations. To mitigate these issues, novel computing paradigms, such as **Computing-in-Memory**, **Neuromorphic Computing** and **Approximate Computing**, are being researched, in conjunction with novel emerging technologies such as memristive and spintronic devices. Concerning these devices, our research aims at using enhanced compact models to perform failure analysis, and define pertinent fault models to establish design-for-test and design-for-reliability methodologies. Concerning the Computing-in-Memory paradigm, we are investigating feasible design solutions, with a special focus on applications for security [CI-10] [CI-13]. Concerning Neuromorphic Computing, we are focusing on the design of efficient Spiking Neural Networks with on-line unsupervised learning and the reliability analysis and test of such networks. Concerning the Approximate Computing paradigm, which has been gaining momentum both in the industry and in academia, we are studying the trade-offs between selective approximation (or occasional violation of specifications) and power consumption. We have focused on Floating Point dynamic approximation, with an impact evaluated i) at algorithm and application level and ii) at hardware level with the design of a configurable FPU ([RI-2] and [RI-9]). We are also working on an extension of a tool initially developed for dependability evaluation (EARS) in order to identify from RTL descriptions the operators that are the less sensitive to approximations for a given application. In 2021, EARS has been modified to include new metrics and also to better link the multi-bit elements in the RTL description (e.g., operators) to the analysis results. Several benchmarks have also been prepared; the next step is to compare the results of EARS with the results of the manual benchmarks analyses.

### Involvement in research activities:

- Elena Ioana VATAJELU: responsable axe systèmes robustes fiables et sécurisés GDR SoC2
- Elena Ioana VATAJELU: Member of IEEE CEDA Executive Committee
- Participation to the IEEE P1687.1 Working Group
- Participation to the Grenoble Alpes CyberSecurity Institute
- Chair of TTTC – IEEE Computer Society
- Chair of TTEP Educational Program of TTTC
- In charge of Microelectronics within FMNT

### Platforms and demonstrators:

- A comprehensive platform for hardware/software co-design based on the RISC-V processor architecture. The platform supports several RISC-V implementations (such as the Rocket Chip or CVA6) and it features high modularity and tuning capabilities (<https://tima-amfors.gricad-pages.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/learnv/>).
- Hardware demonstrator for Secure Access to 1687 Test Infrastructure
- Experimental platforms for Physical Attacks and PUF evaluation
- Emulation platform for EM Fault Injection
- Accelerated radiation testing platform for assessing computing systems under high-energy neutron radiation effects

## Recent highlights

**January 24, 2023: HDR thesis defence of Elena Ioana VATAJELU: Emerging Memories for Dependable Computing**

[https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/hdr-thesis-defence-Elena Ioana-vatajelu-amfors-team-emerging-memories-dependable-computing](https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/hdr-thesis-defence-Elena%20Ioana-vatajelu-amfors-team-emerging-memories-dependable-computing)

**February 7, 2023: HDR thesis defence of Mounir BENABDENBI: Contributions to the Test, Fault Tolerance and Approximate Computing of System on a Chip**

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/hdr-thesis-defence-mounir-benabdenbi-amfors-team-contributions-test-fault-tolerance-and-approximate>

**March 3, 2023: Scientific Day: Hardware Security**

These Scientific Days are meant to present the research topics and to disseminate the recent advances of TIMA researchers. These presentations are open to everybody, whether they are members of TIMA or not. Program: [2023\\_03\\_03\\_amfors\\_hardware\\_security.pdf](#)

**April 5, 2023: Paolo MAISTRI's speech at FIC 2023 (Forum International de la Cybersécurité)**

Paolo's speech (TIMA - AMfoRS team) at FIC 2023 - Hacking Lab:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4z0mn-sLt4&list=PLsaypbHfNQukAVvWa4o3bTZMwX-b9vkn &index=9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4z0mn-sLt4&list=PLsaypbHfNQukAVvWa4o3bTZMwX-b9vkn&index=9)

**April 25, 2023: DATE 2023 - Outstanding Performance Servicing DATE**

Congratulations to Giorgio DI NATALE



**May 5, 2023: DDECS 2023 Best student paper award**

Congratulations to Sergio VINAGRERO GUTIERREZ, Pietro INGLESE, Giorgio DI NATALE, Elena Ioana VATAJELU

## June 9, 2023: Elena-Elena Ioana VATAJELU's talk at IEEE CASS RS Talks 2023

Elena Ioana VATAJELU's talk at IEEE CASS RS Talks 2023

UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Title: Versatility of Emergent Memory Technologies: Friend or Foe?

IEEE CASS RS Talks 2023  
UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

YouTube Live @ IEEE CASS Rio Grande do Sul Chapter  
<https://www.youtube.com/cassriograndedosul>

1:30 PM (Brasilia Time, GMT-3), June 9, 2023

Dr. Elena-Ioana Vatajelu, TIMA Laboratory, Grenoble, France

**Versatility of Emergent Memory Technologies: Friend or Foe?**

**Abstract:**  
The rapid development of low power, high density, high performance SoCs has pushed the CMOS devices to their limits and opened the field to the development of emerging technologies. The spintronic, memristive and ferroelectric devices have emerged as promising choices for embedded memories due to their reduced read/write latency and high CMOS integration capability. Their inner properties promise huge advantages in the implementation of: memory blocks (cache and main memory), logic and arithmetic circuits, basic security primitives. This talk will present a survey of today's emergent technologies and show their impressive versatility (use for memory, storage, in-memory computing, neuromorphic computing and security primitives) while looking at the major drawbacks to arrive at their full maturity.

**Short CV:**  
Dr. Elena-Ioana Vatajelu is a researcher with CNRS in TIMA Laboratory, Grenoble, France. She received a PhD in Electronic Engineering with distinction from Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain) in 2011. She has been involved in several European Projects (FP5 and FP7) and National projects. She has served on the Technical Program Committees and Organizing Committees of conferences and symposia in design automation and test domains, including DATE (as Topic Chair) and IEEE ETS (as Program Chair). She is reviewer, guest editor and associate editor of several international journals. Her main research interests are on reliability and robustness assessment, design-for-reliability, test strategies and security primitives for CMOS and beyond CMOS RAMs in traditional and non-Von Neumann computing (neuromorphic and CIM) paradigms.



Logos: UFRGS, INF INSTITUTO DE INFORMÁTICA UFRGS, UFRGS PGMICRO, ESCOLA DE ENGENHARIA, IEEE, CAS

## September 27, 2023: Elena-Elena Ioana VATAJELU's interview for CNRS INS2I newsletter

Elena-Elena Ioana VATAJELU's interview for CNRS INS2I newsletter (27/09/2023)

Title: L'informatique neuromorphique en quête d'un calcul plus efficace en ressources (french only)

<https://www.ins2i.cnrs.fr/fr/cnrsinfo/linformatique-neuromorphique-en-quete-dun-calcul-plus-efficace-en-ressources>

## November 16, 2023: CARDIS 2023 Best Student Paper Award

Congratulations to Ihab ALSHER, Brice COLOMBIER and Paolo MAISTRI for receiving the CARDIS 2023 Best student paper Award for their work entitled:

**"Microarchitectural Insights into Unexplained Behaviors under Clock Glitch Fault Injection"**



## Academic and research members

### Mounir BENABDENBI

**Position**

Associate Professor at Grenoble INP - Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

### Giorgio DI NATALE

**Position**

Research Director at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

Director of TIMA Lab. Since 01/01/2021

### Paolo MAISTRI

**Position**

Researcher at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Leader of AMfoRS team

Researcher in AMfoRS team

### Rodrigo POSSAMAI BASTOS

**Position**

Associate Professor at UGA - IM2AG school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

### Raoul VELAZCO

**Position**

Emeritus research Director at CNRS until 20/10/2023

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team until 20/10/2023

### Cyrille CHAVET

**Position**

Associate Professor at Grenoble INP - Phelma school since 01/09/2023

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team since 01/09/2023

### Régis LEVEUGLE

**Position**

Professor at Grenoble INP - Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

### Michele PORTOLAN

**Position**

Associate Professor at Grenoble INP - Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

### Elena-Elena Ioana VATAJELU

**Position**

Researcher at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

Responsible for Gender equality

### Nacer-Eddine ZERGAINOH

**Position**

Associate Professor at UGA - Polytech school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in AMfoRS team

CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research)  
Grenoble INP (Grenoble Institute of Technology)  
IM2AG school (Informatique, Mathématiques et Mathématiques Appliquées)  
PHELMA school (Physique-Electronique-Matériaux)  
POLYTECH school (École Polytechnique de l'Université Grenoble Alpes)  
UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes)



## Ph. D. candidates

### 1. ALSHAER Ihab

Title of thesis: **Cross-Layer Fault Analysis for Microprocessor Architectures (CLAM)**

Completed on: **October 16, 2023**

Previous degrees: Engineer

### 2. BOULIFA Roua

Title of thesis: **Robust and Secure RISC-V Architecture**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master - Université de Tunis - El Manar - Le kef, Tunisia (2022)

### 3. DADDINOUNOU Salah

Title of thesis: **Test and reliability of emerging memory-based spiking neural networks**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master - Université Paris-Sud Orsay – Paris, France (2019)

### 4. DOUADI Aghiles

Title of thesis: **Design and evaluation of countermeasures against power-off laser fault injection attacks**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master STS - Université de Bourgogne – Dijon, France (2022)

### 5. EL AMRAOUI Sami

Title of thesis: **Fault Injection on Digital Circuits: Modelling and Protecting against ElectroMagnetic Pulses**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer – INPT (Institut National des Postes et Télécommunications) – Rabat, Morocco (2022)

### 6. FIORUCCI Tiziano

Title of thesis: **Qualification methodology for ISO26262 certification of automotive SoC systems**

Completed on: **June 6, 2023**

Previous degrees: Master - Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata - Roma – Italy (2019)

### 7. INGLESE Pietro

Title of thesis: **Exploration of security threats in In-Memory Computing Paradigms**

Completed on: **December 7, 2023**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Politecnico di Torino - Italy (2019)

### 8. KOROLEVA Aleksandra

Title of thesis: **Study and development of La2NiO4 memristive devices for bio-inspired computing**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master of Science - Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology – Russia (2019)

### 9. KOUAMO Jules

Title of thesis: **Architectures and Software Methods for Mixed System Testing**

Expected date of defense: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master of Computer science – Yaoundé University – Cameroon (2023)

### 10. KRAEMER SARZI SARTORI Tarso

Title of thesis: **Mitigation of radiation effects on the attitude estimation processing of autonomous things**

Completed on: **October 17, 2023**

Previous degrees: Master – Aerospace engineering – Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil (2020)

### 11. LAURINI Luiz Henrique

Title of thesis: **Online Functional Testing and Designing Methods for Embedded Computing Systems**

Expected date of defense: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master of EEA – Université Grenoble Alpes – France (2023)

### 12. MARTINOLI Valentin

Title of thesis: **Secure Processors with respect to Micro Architectural Attacks**

Completed on: **March 23, 2023**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Ecole des Mines – Saint-Etienne / Gardanne, France (2019)

### 13. NOIZETTE Luc

Title of thesis: **Predictive fault tolerance analysis methodology for complex components with consideration of the application**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer - Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2020)

### 14. OULDEI TEBINA Nasr-Eddine

Title of thesis: **Sensitivity Analysis and Design Methodology for Secure Digital Circuits against X-Rays**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master - Université de Montpellier Montpellier, France (2020)

### 15. SUZANO DA FONSECA Juan

Title of thesis: **3D Heterogeneous technologies for Digital secured & sovereign solutions**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer - CPE Lyon, France (2021)

### 16. TALY Emilien

Title of thesis: **Design of a very low power Artificial Intelligence system (Tensor Processing Unit - TPU) based on memory computation**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master – Université de Montpellier, France (2020)

### 17. VINAGRERO GUTIERREZ Sergio

Title of thesis: **Design and Evaluation of Resistive-based Security Primitives (Physically Unclonable Function & True Random Number Generator)**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes), France (2021)

## Other members

### Post-doctoral position – Engineers – Experts – Teaching Assistants (ATER)

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. DADDINOUNOU (ATER)	Salah	ALGERIA	3 months
2. NGUYEN (engineer)	Ngoc-Anh	VIET NAM	4,5 months

### Visitors

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. DE AZAMBUJA	Jose Rodrigo	FRANCE	2 months

### Trainees

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. BASSO PEREIRA	Isabella	FRANCE	4 months
2. BOUAAMRI	Malak	MOROCCO	3 months
3. BURGHOORN	Gijs Juurd	NETHERLANDS	7 months
4. CHARLES	Matthieu	FRANCE	6 months
5. CLEMENT	Arthur	FRANCE	2,5 months
6. DUCHADEAU	Romain	FRANCE	3 months
7. HOLLMANN	Kevin	FRANCE	3 months
8. IBRAIM	Alua	KAZASTAN	2,5 months
9. KULAGIN	Vasilii	FRANCE	3,5 months
10.LAURINI	Luiz Henrique	BRAZIL	6 months
11.OLIVEIRA	Aquiles	BRAZIL	2,5 months
12.SABIA PEREIRA CARPES	Victor	BRAZIL	3 months
13.ZYNGER CAPAVERDE	Betina		2,5 months

## Contracts

TIMA has a long tradition of international cooperation, both with industrial and academic partners in the context of multinational projects. This chapter provides a short abstract of the topics and objectives of the contracted partnerships that were active in 2023.

### ANR

#### **BAC4NOSE (2023 – 2027)**

Scientific manager: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

#### **EMINENT (2019 – 2023)**

Scientific manager: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

#### **MITIX (2020 – 2027)**

Scientific manager: Paolo MAISTRI

#### **POP (2021 – 2025)**

Title: Attaque laser de primitives de sécurité non alimentées

Scientific manager: Giorgio DI NATALE

### CIFRE

#### **Thèse Tiziano FIORUCCI (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Qualification methodology for ISO26262 certification of automotive SoCsystems

Thesis director: Giorgio DI NATALE

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Antoine LINARES (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Flexible Hardware for Intrinsic Secure Computing

Thesis director: Giorgio DI NATALE

Industrial partner: SiFive

#### **Thèse Valentin MARTINOLI (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Secure Processors with respect to Micro Architectural Attacks

Thesis director: Régis LEVEUGLE

Industrial partner: Thalès

#### **Thèse Luc NOIZETTE (2021 – 2024)**

Title: Predictive fault tolerance analysis methodology for complex components with consideration of the application

Thesis director: Régis LEVEUGLE

Industrial partner: Nucléotides

#### **Thèse Emilien TALY (2021 – 2024)**

Title: Design of a very low power Artificial Intelligence system (Tensor Processing Unit - TPU) based on memory computation

Thesis director: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

### EUROPE

#### **NEUROPULS (2023 – 2026)**

Program: Horizon Europe

Scientific manager: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

### PEPR

#### **ARSENE (2022 – 2026)**

Program: Cyber

Scientific manager: Paolo MAISTRI

### REGION

#### **MULTIRAD (2020 – 2023)**

Program: Pack Ambition International

Scientific manager: Rodrigo POSSAMAI BASTOS

## TUTELLE

### **80 PRIME 2022 (2023 – 2024)**

Program: Prime

Scientific manager: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

### **CAFET (2023 – 2024)**

Program: Labex Persyval

Scientific manager: Mounir BENABDENBI

### **CLAM (2020 – 2023)**

Program: Equipe-Action Labex Persyval

Title: Cross-Layer Fault Analysis for Microprocessor Architectures

Scientific manager: Paolo MAISTRI

### **SYNCONNECT (2022 – 2024)**

Program: MIAI

Scientific manager: Elena Ioana VATAJELU

### **Thèse SARTORI (2020 – 2023)**

Program: Labex Persyval

Scientific manager: Rodrigo POSSAMAI BASTOS

## Organization and participation of international conferences, workshops, forums

### **AI-TREATS 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> IEEE Workshop on AI Hardware: Test, Reliability and Security**

May 25-26, 2023 - Venice, ITALY

Rank: NC

general chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **DATE 2023 - Design, Automation & Test in Europe**

April 17-19, 2023 - Antwerp, BELGIUM

Rank: A+

DATE Fellow: DI NATALE Giorgio

proceedings chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

topic member: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **DDECS 2023 - 26th International Symposium on Design and Diagnostics of Electronic Circuits and Systems**

May 3-5, 2023 - Tallinn, ESTONIA

Rank: B

technical program committee: LEVEUGLE Régis, MAISTRI Paolo, PORTOLAN Michele

topic chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **DFT 2023 - 36th IEEE International Symposium on Defect and Fault Tolerance in VLSI and Nanotechnology Systems**

October 3-5, 2023 - Juan-les-Pins, FRANCE

Rank: A

technical program committee: DI NATALE Giorgio

### **ETS 2023 - 28th IEEE European Test Symposium**

May 22-26, 2023 - Venice, ITALY

Rank: A

organization committee: DI NATALE Giorgio

steering committee: DI NATALE Giorgio, VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

technical program committee: BENABDENBI Mounir, LEVEUGLE Régis, PORTOLAN Michele

topic chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **GDR SoC 2 2023 - 17ème Colloque du GDR SoC2**

June 12-14, 2023 - Lyon, FRANCE

Rank: NC

animation committee: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **GDR SoC 2 2023 – Barcamp X-GDR Défis d'Implémentation de l'IA – Sécurité, Fiabilité, Soutenabilité et Nouvelles Technologies**

December 13-15, 2023 – Aussois, FRANCE

Rank: NC

general chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

### **IOLTS 2023 - 29th IEEE International Symposium on On-Line Testing and Robust System Design**

July 3-5, 2023 - Chania (Crete), GREECE

Rank: B

emeritus chair: NICOLAIDIS Michael

program committee: DI NATALE Giorgio, PORTOLAN Michele

steering committee: NICOLAIDIS Michael

### **ISVLSI 2023 - IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI**

June 20-23, 2023 - Iguazu Falls, BRAZIL

Rank: A

track chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

**LATS 2023 - 24th IEEE Latin-American Test Symposium**

March 21-24, 2023 - Veracruz, MEXICO

Rank: NC

past chair: VELAZCO Raoul

program committee: BENABDENBI Mounir, LEVEUGLE Régis, PORTOLAN Michele, POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo, VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

publicity chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

steering committee: VELAZCO Raoul

**PESW 2023 - 11th Prague Embedded Systems Workshop**

June 29-July 1, 2023 - Prague, CZECH REP.

Rank: NC

program committee: DI NATALE Giorgio

**RADECS 2023 - RADIation and its Effects on Components and Systems**

September 25-29, 2023 - Toulouse, FRANCE

Rank: NC

program committee: POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo

**SBCCI 2023 - 36th Symposium on Integrated Circuits and Systems Design**

August 28-September 1, 2023 – Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

Rank: B

program committee: POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo

track co-chair: POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo

**SETS 2023 – South-European Test Symposium**

March 6-10, 2023 – Bourg Saint-Maurice, FRANCE

Rank: NC

general chair: VATAJELU Elena Ioana

**TSS 2023 – Test Spring School**

May 19-22, 2023 – Venice, ITALY

Rank: NC

co-general chair: VATAJELU Elena Ioana

**VTS 2023 - 41st IEEE VLSI Test Symposium**

April 24-26, 2023 - San Diego (CA), USA

Rank: A

registration chair: VATAJELU Elena-Elena Ioana

## Responsibilities

Role	TIMA member	Starts	Ends	Comments
<b>Faculties / Schools</b>				
<b>Phelma school PHysique – ELectronique - MATériaux</b>				
Manager of SEOC/PHELMA branch	PORTOLAN Michele	01/09/2017		
<b>Polytech Grenoble</b>				
Manager of 4th & 5th years internship	ZERGAINOH Nacer-Eddine	01/09/2021		
<b>UFR IM2AG Informatique, Mathématiques et Mathématiques Appliquées</b>				
Manager of Office Automation and Informatics	POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo	01/09/2017		Formation à tous les parcours du Département Licence Sciences et Technologies de l'UGA
<b>UGA DLST Département licence sciences et technologies / Science and technology degree department</b>				
Head of Licence 2 (L2) course in Mathematics - Computer Science International (MIN Int)	POSSAMAI BASTOS Rodrigo	01/01/2022		
<b>TIMA Laboratory</b>				
<b>TIMA Laboratory</b>				
Parity referent	VATAJELU Elena Ioana	01/09/2022		
Partnership and Development Correspondent	PORTOLAN Michele	01/09/2022		
<b>Research structures</b>				
<b>MSTIC pole Mathématiques, sciences et technologies de l'information et de la communication</b>				
Council member of MSTIC cluster	LEVEUGLE Régis	01/09/2015		Elected member - Examine invited professors files, mobilities, jobs perspectives for IATS/EC



# Scientific production

## International journals

**Gava Jonas\***, **Hanneman Alex\*\***, **Abich Geancarlo\***, **Garibotti Rafael\*\*\***, **Cuenca-Asensi Sergio\*\*\*\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo, Reis Ricardo\***, **Ost Luciano\*\***

A Lightweight Mitigation Technique for Resource-constrained Devices Executing DNN Inference Models under Neutron Radiation  
IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , pp. 1-1, 2023

\*UFRGS - *Universit e f ed erale du Rio Grande do Sul*, \*\*Loughborough University, \*\*\*PUCRS - *Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul*, \*\*\*\*Universidad de Alicante

**Khuu Thoai-Khanh\***, **Koroleva Aleksandra\***, **Degreze Arnaud\***, **Vatajelu Elena Ioana, Lef evre Gauthier\*\***, **Jimenez Carmen\***, **Blonkowski Serge\*\***, **Jalagui er Eric\*\***, **Bsiesy Ahmad\*\*\***, **Burriel M onica\***

Analogous Memristive Devices based on La<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>4</sub>+δ as Synapses for Spiking Neural Networks

Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics, Volume: , 2023

\*Laboratoire des Mat eriaux et du G enie Physique, \*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*\*Laboratoire de Spectrom etrie Physique

**Gava Jonas\***, **Moura Nicolas\*\***, **Lucena Joaquim\*\***, **Da Rocha Vinicius\*\***, **Garibotti Rafael\*\***, **Calazans Ney\*\***, **Cuenca-Asensi Sergio\*\*\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo, Reis Ricardo\***, **Ost Luciano\*\*\*\***

Assessment of Radiation-Induced Soft Errors on Lightweight Cryptography Algorithms Running on a Resource-constrained Device  
IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , 2023

\*UFRGS - *Universit e f ed erale du Rio Grande do Sul*, \*\*PUCRS - *Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul*, \*\*\*Universidad de Alicante, \*\*\*\*Loughborough University

**Serrano-Cases Alejandro\***, **Martinez-Alvarez Antonio\*\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo, Cuenca-Asensi Sergio\*\***

Bare-Metal Redundant Multi-Threading on Multicore SoCs under Neutron Irradiation

IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , pp. 1, 2023

\*Barcelona Supercomputing Center - *Centro Nacional de Supercomputacion*, \*\*Universidad de Alicante

**Kraemer Sarzi Sartori Tarso\***, **Kraemer Sarzi Sartori Tarso, Laurini Luiz Henrique, Fourati Hassen\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

Effectiveness of Attitude Estimation Processing Approaches in Tolerating Radiation Soft Errors

IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , 2023

\*GIPSA-Lab

**Farahmandi Farimah\***, **Srivastava Ankur\*\***, **Di Natale Giorgio, Tehranipoor Mark\***

Introduction to the Special Issue on CAD for Security: Pre-silicon Security Sign-off Solutions Through Design Cycle

ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems, Volume: 19, pp. 1-4, 2023

\*Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering [Gainesville] , \*\*Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering [Univ. of Maryland]

**Laurini Luiz Henrique, Dos Santos Martins Joao Baptista\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

Investigation of Edge Computing Hardware Architectures Processing Tiny Machine Learning under Neutron-induced Radiation Effects

Microelectronics Reliability, Volume: , 2023

\*Universidade Federal de Santa Maria

**Kraemer Sarzi Sartori Tarso, Fourati Hassen\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

Learning-based Mitigation of Soft Error Effects on Quaternion Kalman Filter Processing

Sensors Journal , Volume: , pp. 1-1, 2023

\*GIPSA-Lab

**Possamai Bastos Rodrigo, Gorchs Picas Marti, Velazco Raoul**

Medium-Earth Orbit Spaceflight Radiation Effects in Triple Modular System on Programmable Device

IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , pp. 1, 2023

**Vinagrero Gutierrez Sergio, Di Natale Giorgio, Vatajelu Elena Ioana**

Python Framework for Modular and Parametric SPICE Netlists Generation

Electronics, Volume: 12, pp. 3970, 2023

**Papavramidou Panagiota, Nicolaidis Michael**

Reducing Power Dissipation in Memory Repair for High Fault Rates

IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) Systems , Volume: 31, pp. 2112-2125, 2023

**Anghel Lorena\***, **Cantoro Riccardo\*\***, **Masante Riccardo\*\***, **Portolan Michele, Sartoni Sandro\*\***, **Sonza Reorda Matteo\*\***

Self-Test Library Generation for In-field Test of Path Delay faults

IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems, Volume: , pp. 1-1, 2023

\*Spintec, \*\*Politecnico di Torino

**Inglese Pietro, Vatajelu Elena Ioana, Di Natale Giorgio**

Side Channel and Fault Analyses on Memristor-Based Logic In-Memory

IEEE Design & Test, Volume: , pp. 1, 2023

**Rajappa Anuj Justus\***, **Reiter Philippe\***, **Kraemer Sarzi Sartori Tarso, Laurini Luiz Henrique, Fourati Hassen\*\***, **Mercelis Siegfried\***, **Famaeya Jeroen\***, **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

SMART: Selective MAC zero-optimization for neural network reliability under radiation

Microelectronics Reliability, Volume: , 2023

\*Universiteit Antwerpen = *University of Antwerpen [Antwerpen]* , \*\*GIPSA-Lab

**Vinagrero Gutierrez Sergio, Martin Honorio\***, **de Bignicourt Alice, Vatajelu Elena Ioana, Di Natale Giorgio**

SRAM-Based PUF Readouts

Scientific Data, Volume: 10, 2023

\*Universidad Carlos III of Madrid - *Electronics Technology Department*

**Dyer Clive\***, **Ryden Keith A.\***, **Morris Paul\***, **Hands Alex D. P.\***, **McNulty Peter J.\*\***, **Vaill e Jean-Roch\*\*\***, **Dusseau Laurent\*\*\***,

**Cellere Giorgio\*\*\*\***, **Paccagnella Alessandro\*\*\*\***, **Barnaby Hugh J.\*\*\*\***, **Benedetto Adalin R.\*\*\*\***, **Velazco Raoul, Possamai**

**Bastos Rodrigo, Brewer Dana\*\*\*\*\***, **Barth Janet L.\*\*\*\*\***, **Barth Janet L.\*\*\*\*\***, **LaBel Kenneth A.\*\*\*\*\***, **LaBel Kenneth**

**A.\*\*\*\*\***, **Campola Michael J.\*\*\*\*\***, **Zheng Yihua\*\*\*\*\***, **Xapsos Michael A.\*\*\*\*\***

The Living With a Star Space Environment Testbed Payload

IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: , pp. 1, 2023

\*Surrey Space Centre [Guildford] - *University of Surrey* , \*\*Department of Physics and Astronomy, *Clemson University*, \*\*\*Universit e de

Montpellier, \*\*\*\*Department of Information Engineering [Padova], \*\*\*\*\* School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering - *Arizona*

*State University*, \*\*\*\*\*NASA Headquarters, \*\*\*\*\* Cornell Technical Services, \*\*\*\*\*NASA Goddard Space Flight Center,

\*\*\*\*\*Science Systems and Applications, Inc. [Lanham]

**Noizette Luc, Miller Florent\*, Colladant Thierry\*\*, Helen Youri\*\*\*, Leveugle Régis**  
Understanding the Link Between Complex Digital Devices Soft Error Rate and the Running Software  
IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, Volume: 70, pp. 1747-1754, 2023  
*\*Nucleudes, \*\*Direction générale de l'Armement, \*\*\*DGA Maîtrise de l'information (Bruz)*  
**Martin Honorio\*, Dupuis Sophie\*\*, Di Natale Giorgio\*\*\*, Entrena Luis\***  
Using Approximate Circuits Against Hardware Trojans  
IEEE Design & Test, Volume: 40, pp. 8-16, 2023  
*\*UC3M - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, \*\* LIRMM Montpellier*

### Invited conference talks

#### **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

MultiRad Platform for Testing Case-Study Algorithm Applications in Computing Systems under Neutron Radiation  
Invited talk presented at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Porto Alegre, Brazil, April 27, Porto Alegre, BRAZIL

#### **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

Reliability of Computing Systems and Components Facing Cosmic Ray Radiation Effects  
Invited talk presented in the work group FIMA (Modèles Aléatoires pour la Fiabilité et la Maintenance des Systèmes) of the IMDR (Institut pour la Maîtrise des Risques), Grenoble, France, March 2, 2023

#### **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

Reliability of Computing Systems and Components Facing Cosmic Ray Radiation Effects  
Invited talk presented as a course within the "Formation continue : ingénierie système appliquée au spatial : instrumentation spatiale et données" organized by the CSUG (Centre spatial universitaire de Grenoble) of the UGA. Grenoble, October 26, 2023

#### **Possamai Bastos Rodrigo**

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**Circuits, Devices and System Integration**

# Circuits, Devices and System Integration (CDSI team)

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## The CDSI team

The team activity covers a broad spectrum of activities from MEMS to systems. Indeed, the team postulates high performances are achieved thanks to disruptive technologies, which are at the frontiers of different fields of applications. Nevertheless, the team is built on two key pillars, sensing and event processing.

Event-based techniques are key for enhancing integrated circuits and systems because they offer a unique opportunity to rethink circuit design, which does not take well into account most of the non-functional specifications, such as power, security, safety or electromagnetic emissions. This paves the way to ultra-low power systems, enhanced secured systems, proven design methods but also near sensor computing.

Sensing is the second key. Taking advantage of smart sensors and actuators requires globally envisioning systems, favors a smart sensing approach limiting useless information and pushes new experiments and usage.

## Event-based technologies

### Event-based approach

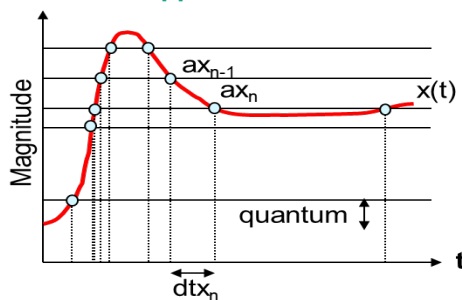


Figure 1: Level Crossing Sampling Scheme

Event-based is a quite simple idea, which suggests operating a circuit only when needed. Nevertheless, this is countercurrent when looking the semiconductor industry. Indeed, everything is clocked synchronized, analog-to-digital conversion is clock-sampled. In practice, clock is used as an event generator giving the pace of the circuits generating a large number of events and producing useless activity, computation, storage or communication. The event-based approach tends generating sparse events related to natural events such as a pressure variation or a heartbeat. Therefore, the team works on alternative analog-to-digital converters able to drastically reduce the number of samples and, hence, limit useless activity and energy consumption (see Figure 1).

### Asynchronous Circuits

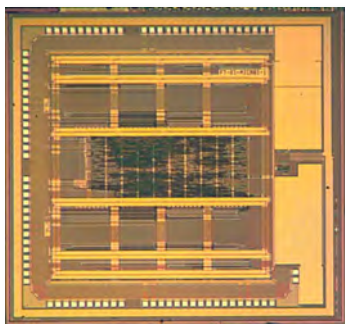


Figure 2: Asynchronous microcontroller with on-chip NFC antenna

Since more than 20 years, the team works on new synchronization paradigms, which are not based on a clock but on handshake signals. Such techniques reveal many opportunities for rethinking the circuit design process and opening new degrees of freedom. The first expected advantage is probably the reusability of existing blocks that can simply be connected together, making the assembly of a system a kind of LEGO build. Indeed, the timing assumptions are locally fulfilled guarantying an easy block association. Moreover, many other advantages are of interest such a lower power consumption, a better robustness, lower electromagnetic emissions, safer and more secured circuits...

## Targeting Ultra-low power

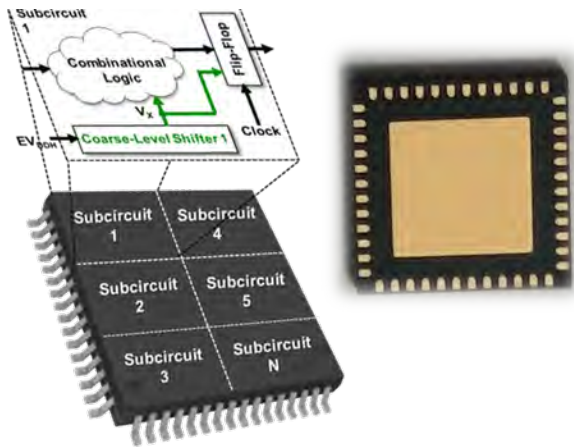


Figure 3: FDSOI 28 nm asynchronous testchip managing several local fine-grain body-bias domains

Today power is a main concern for chip design. The event-based strategy is probably the best technique for reducing power at least by one order of magnitude. Indeed, a sparse sampling scheme produces much less data, which are non-uniformly spaced in time. Each datum is no more than an event that can be sporadically processed by asynchronous circuits. Indeed, these latter are data-driven and consume energy only when computing. Moreover, the intrinsic robustness of asynchronous circuits favors their use at low-voltage, near- or subthreshold. Indeed, lowering the voltage is an efficient and well-known strategy to save power. Its main drawback is the decrease of the circuit speed. The Fully Depleted Silicon on Insulator (FDSOI) technology allows mitigating this speed drop thanks to forward body biasing. As asynchronous circuits use communication protocols indicating circuit activity, the handshake signals are perfectly suited for controlling local body-bias domains ensuring low-energy expenses for body biasing and compensating the speed loss.

All these mechanisms can be implemented for mitigating the energy and helping the adoption of energy harvesting in batteryless systems.

## Security

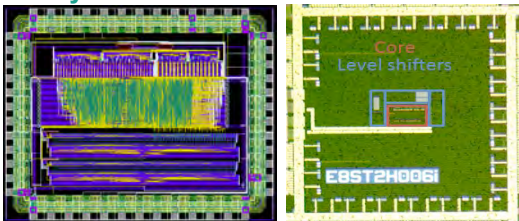


Figure 4: TRNG with entropy monitoring (left) and Ultra-low power TRNG (right) (30 pJ/bit@0.3 V)

Another opportunity offered by the asynchronous circuits is its ability to make more difficult the side-channel analysis and attacks in trusted devices. Indeed, the absence of clock synchronization, the specific encoding and the computation time control makes them of interest for developing trusted platforms. They also offer disruptive strategies for true random number generators (TRNG) and physically unclonable functions (PUF) while consuming a few energy.

## Design flow and proven technology

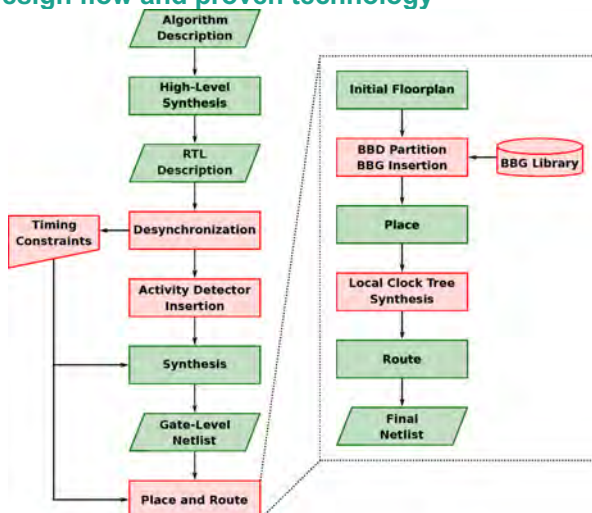


Figure 5: Asynchronous circuit HLS to layout design flow

Developing non-conventionally synchronized circuits is not obvious because of the lack of dedicated CAD tools. Although the first good idea is to implement such tools, there is some overcoming hurdles. The first one is clearly the quasi-absence of trained people with the know-how for designing efficient and performant asynchronous circuits. The second is the impact, the reliability and the engineer confidence into a new design flow. Therefore, for more than 10 years, the team is developing dedicated flows based on the standard commercial tools with a particular emphasis on a proven by construction synthesis.

## Near-sensor computing

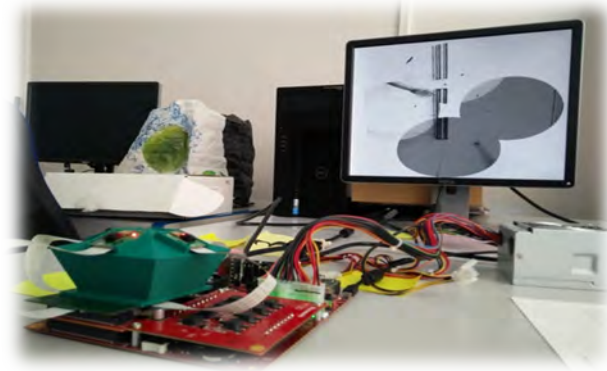


Figure 6: Panoptic camera for laparoscopy

With the dissemination of autonomous and connected objects, it appeared the need to limit the amount of transmitted raw data, especially in RF communications where the problem is more acute. Therefore, developing tiny sensor platforms able to preprocess data before transmitting information is becoming a challenging topic. Indeed, enhancing the sensing techniques and immediately processing the raw data with a reduced energy budget is the grail in near-sensor computing. The team developed several strategies based on event-based techniques or improving the adequacy between the algorithms and the circuit architecture. This is typically the case for many image-processing applications such as panoptic camera for laparoscopy.

## Smart-sensing technologies

### In-sensor computing

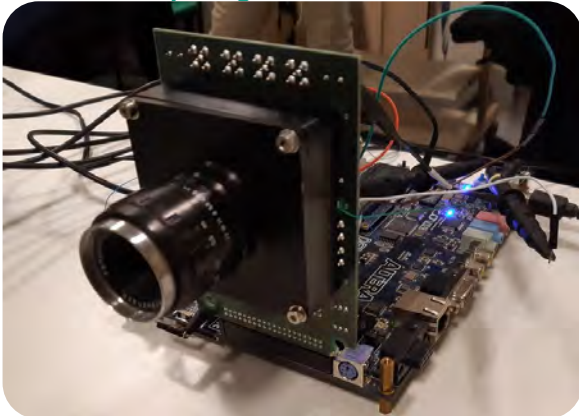


Figure 7: Event-based camera

As previously stated, smart sensing is a key for envisioning systems with advanced features such as detection, pattern recognition or low-power. Beyond the state of art of sensor technology, the enhancement can be obtained thanks to new architectures or in-sensor computing. One of the approach concerns image sensors, which usually permanently read the image. This is a waste of energy and time for acquiring an image. In order to reduce these issues, the image capture can be performed thanks to an event-based readout, which only samples a pixel when this latter fires. In this case, the firing pixel indicates that its value has to be changed in the image memory. Such a strategy is applied for reducing the power consumption and increasing the speed sensor thanks to a dedicated readout canceling the spatial and temporal redundancies.

### Measuring time



Figure 8: Asynchronous multiphase oscillator (under test) used in TDC

Using an event-based sensing implies a duality with the standard Nyquist analog-to-digital conversion because the quantization is no more applied to the amplitude but to the time elapsed between two successive events. Therefore, designing advanced Time-to-Digital Converters (TDC) is an important block for many sensors or even for some security primitives such as TRNG or PUF.



## Harvesting for ultra-low power systems

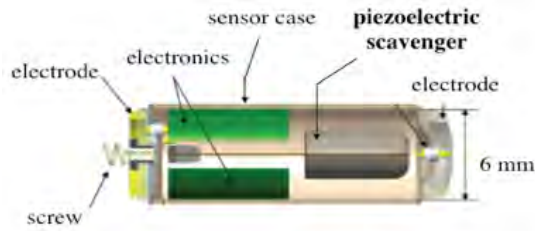


Figure 9: Piezoelectric scavenger for autonomous pacemaker (Vibration: 10 - 25 Hz, Size: L = 30 mm,  $\varnothing$  = 6 mm, energy: 5 - 10  $\mu$ J)

With the advent of the Internet of Things, the system requirements in term of power are extremely demanding, especially for smart sensing and actuating. A typical highlight targets the medical implant such as pacemakers. Indeed, they need today a battery, which lasts less than 10 years. Then the pacemaker has to be explanted because this is not a rechargeable battery. Wireless power transfer may overcome this issue via acoustic wave propagation, using piezoelectric transducers to generate and harvest acoustic power. The MEMS are particularly well-suited for this purpose, for small autonomous and smart objects.

## Security (chaotic approach)

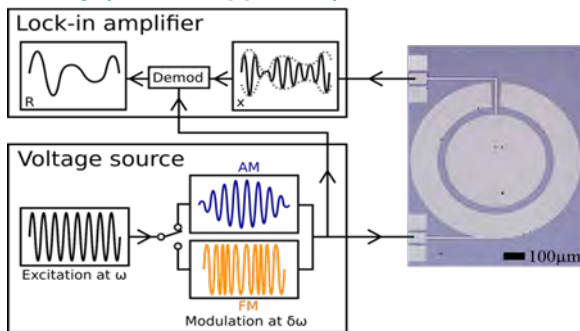


Figure 10: Experimental Setup and modulations in the Duffing's regime. The MEMS (photography) is driven by a voltage modulated voltage source (AM or FM). The Lock-in-Amplifier extracts the displacement magnitude of the MEMS to observe the chaos.

MEMS have opened the doors to intense researches covering most of the technology fields. It is not surprising that they can be of interest for security. They offer original solutions for designing chaotic generators using the dynamical bistability of a Duffing's microresonator. This approach is particularly relevant for generating true random numbers because MEMS already exist on various systems such as mobile phones and are useable for extracting chaos. Moreover, this could be employed for securing communications in various transduction schemes. In acoustics, chaotic MEMS can be used as ultrasonic jammers. In optics, synchronization of chaotic MEMS takes benefit from both high complexity yet controllable chaos and large data rate for secured telecom applications.

## New Sensors and actuators

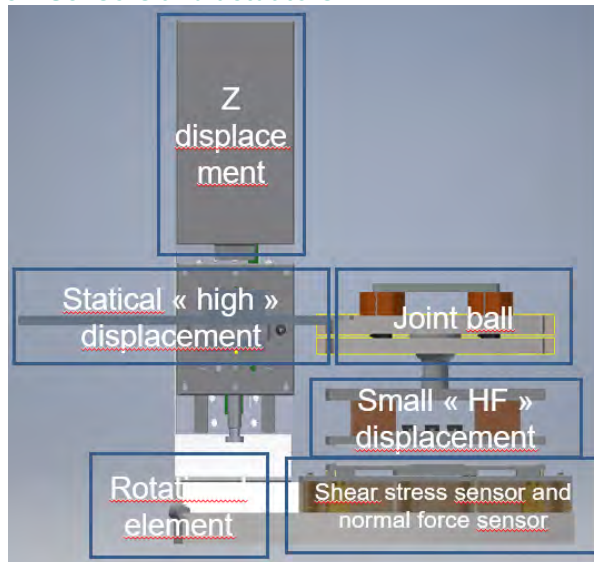


Figure 11: The 3D representation of the new piezo rheometer with description of its functions

The team is also developing a new kind of piezo-based sensors and actuators for applications in rheometry, earphones, or microphones.

The piezorheometer permits to obtain high frequency strain compared to standard equipment. This rheometer combines piezoelectric actuator, slaved by accelerometers to give accurate strain to a media, with piezoelectrics ceramics which are the sensors to extract the stress given to this media. With a precise extraction of the imposed strain synchronized with the stress, the shear modulus is calculated. Innovation comes from the slaving of the actuators. Moreover, this kind of rheometer only applied small strain so a linear piezoelectric actuator has been implemented to evaluate the shear modulus from very low to very high strain. Finally, this rheometer will be as precise as classical rheometer but less expensive and with a smaller volume.



Figure 12: ActivMotion earphones concept

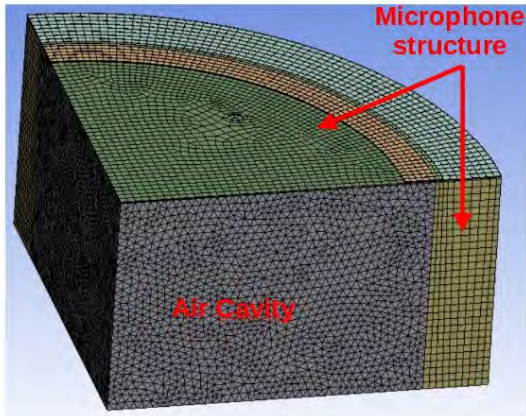


Figure 13: Finite element model for MEMS piezoelectric microphone.

Piezoelectric actuators can also be implemented in earphones to replace the widely used electrodynamic transducers. They offer new possibilities in term of design and integration, which ActivMotion is pushing. In their concept, the user's ears become the emitting surface which allows for new earphone ergonomics. High power density piezoelectric actuators working at low voltages are ideal for this use case. With the resonance control of the actuator, a linear performance over the audible frequency range is obtained.

CDSI team is also part of the project MAMBO aiming at reducing airplanes noises. The knowledge of noise sources in airplanes is crucial and requires specific microphones characteristics to measure them (high pressure, wide dynamic and frequency range, low SNR,...). In this context, the team work is focused on the conception of a MEMS piezoelectric microphone using finite element method and lumped element equivalent circuit to predict the microphone performances for aeroacoustic measurements.

## Recent highlights

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Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes) (2021)

### 11. NAIMI Aii

Title of thesis: **Real-Time unconventional adaptive cameras for multimodal acquisition**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer - INPT (Institut National des Postes et Télécommunications) - Rabat, Morocco (2022)

#### 12. TACYNIAK Pierre

Title of thesis: **Study of a secured wireless acoustic power transfer for medical implants**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master ENSAM (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers) – Paris, France (2021)

#### 13. THAJTE Azzadine

Title of thesis: **Built-in Asynchronous Detection for Hardware Cryptography (BAD4HaCr)**

Expected date of defense: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master – Université de Bretagne Occidentale – Brest/Rennes, France (2022)

#### 14. TRAN Rosalie

Title of thesis: **Smart Event-Based Image Processing**

Thesis stopped on July 13, 2023

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma – Grenoble, France (2021)

#### 15. ZUCCALA Damiano

Title of thesis: **Real-Time unconventional adaptive cameras for multimodal acquisition**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master in Physics - Università degli Studi dell'Insubria – Como, Italy (2021)

## Other members

### Post-doctoral position – Engineers – Experts – Teaching Assistants (ATER)

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. BOCCALERO	Gregorio	ITALY	11 months
2. ESTEVES	Josue	FRANCE	2 months
3. PASSY KENGANI	Marco Erickson	CONGO	3,5 months

### Visitors

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. FUMAT	Samuel		5 months
2. MANQUAT	Hugo	FRANCE	3 months

### Trainees

NAME	FORENAME	COUNTRY	DURATION
1. BOUCHARD	Elliot	FRANCE	1,5 month
2. GONSALVES SANTOS	Jéssica	FRANCE	1 month
3. KULAGIN	Vasilii	FRANCE	1,5 month
4. NEAIMEH	Fouad		2,5 months
5. SAUER DE ARAUJO	Luca	BRAZIL	3 months
6. WELZEL	Fernando	FRANCE	4 months
7. YAHMADI	Mohamed		2,5 months

## Contracts

TIMA has a long tradition of international cooperation, both with industrial and academic partners in the context of multinational projects. This chapter provides a short abstract of the topics and objectives of the contracted partnerships that were active in 2023.

### ANR

#### **PiezoKnee (2023 - 2026)**

Scientific manager: Skandar BASROUR

#### **SMART IMAGER (2022 - 2025)**

Program: IRT

Scientific manager: Laurent FESQUET

### CIFRE

#### **Thèse Jérémy BELOT (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Towards compact, low energy and with adjustable accuracy Bayesian computers

Thesis director: Laurent FESQUET

Industrial partner: Hawai.Tech

#### **Thèse Florent CROZET (2022 – 2025)**

Title: Extreme Learning Machine for embedded neural networks

Thesis director: Stéphane MANCINI

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Adrien GODARD (2023 - 2026)**

Title: Development of an ultra-low-power asynchronous embedded RISC processor

Thesis director: Laurent FESQUET

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Diana KALEL (2021 - 2024)**

Title: Development of an advanced flow of structural, formal and semi-formal verification of asynchronous paths using appropriate formal verification methods and tools, for high-performance integrated processor-based subsystems

Thesis director: Katell MORIN-ALLORY

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Cristiano MERIO (2022 - 2025)**

Title: Using artificial intelligence for near field communication and low-energy signal demodulation

Thesis director: Laurent FESQUET

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Damiano ZUCCALA (2022 - 2024)**

Title: Real-Time unconventional adaptive cameras for multimodal acquisition

Thesis director: Katell MORIN-ALLORY

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

### ÉTAT

#### **EAUDI (2021 – 2025)**

Title: Ecouteur extra AURiculaire Dissimulé

Scientific manager: Skandar BASROUR

#### **MAMBO (2021 – 2027)**

Title: Méthodes Avancées pour la Modélisation du Bruit moteur et aviOn

Scientific manager: Libor RUFER

#### **MucoPiezoRheo (2020 – 2023)**

Scientific manager: Skandar BASROUR

### REGION

#### **FAIR (2018 – 2023)**

Program: Pack Ambition Recherche

Title: Conception et fabrication par Fabrication Additive de produits Intelligents

Scientific manager: Skandar BASROUR



## **SATT**

### **EMIR (2021 – 2023)**

Title: Event-based Microbolometer for IR sensors and ultra low power applications

Scientific manager: Laurent FESQUET

## **TUTELLE**

### **IRGA SETH (2023 – 2024)**

Scientific manager: Martial DEFOORT

### **Thèse APACHE (2022 - 2025)**

Program: IRGA

Thesis director: Katell MORIN-ALLORY

## Organization and participation of international conferences, workshops, forums

### **ASYNC 2023 - 28th IEEE International Symposium on Asynchronous Circuits and Systems**

July 16-19, 2023 - Beijing, CHINA

Rank: A+

program chair: FESQUET Laurent

### **CENICS 2023 - 16th International Conference on Advances in Circuits, Electronics and Micro-electronics**

September 25-29, 2023 – Porto, PORTUGAL

Rank: NC

technical program committee: FESQUET Laurent

### **DATE 2023 - Design, Automation & Test in Europe (DATE 2023)**

April 17-19, 2023 - Antwerp, BELGIUM

Rank: A+

topic chair: MORIN-ALLORY Katell

### **JNRSE 2023 - Journées Nationales sur la Récupération et le Stockage de l'Energie**

June 12-13, 2023 - Paris, FRANCE

Rank: NC

organization committee: BASROUR Skandar

program committee: BASROUR Skandar

### **NMN 2023 - 1st Nonlinear Micro/Nanosystems symposium**

May 30 & 31, 2023 - Grenoble, FRANCE

Rank: NC

general chair: DEFOORT Martial

### **SIGNAL 2023 – 8th International Conference on Advances in Signal, Image and Video**

March 13-17, 2023 – Barcelona, SPAIN

Rank: NC

technical program committee: FESQUET Laurent

## Responsibilities

Role	TIMA member	Starts	Ends	Comments
<b>Faculties / Schools</b>				
<b>Phelma school PHysique – ELectronique - MATériaux</b>				
Manager of SEI branch	MORIN-ALLORY Katell	01/09/2017		
<b>Graduate school@UGA</b>				
Coordinator of SUMMIT program	BASROUR Skandar	01/09/2020		
<b>Research structures</b>				
<b>CIME Nanotech Centre Interuniversitaire de MicroElectronique et Nanotechnologies</b>				
CIME platform relationship	MORIN-ALLORY Katell	01/09/2022		
Deputy Director	FESQUET Laurent	01/09/2017		
Manager of Communicating objects platform	MANCINI Stéphane	01/09/2017		
<b>FMNT Fédération des Micro et Nanotechnologies</b>				
Deputy Director	BASROUR Skandar	01/01/2021		
<b>Parent institutions</b>				
<b>Grenoble INP Grenoble Institute of Technology</b>				
Board of Directors member (elected member)	MANCINI Stéphane	12/12/2019	01/01/2024	Strategy, jobs, promotion files, invited professors, teaching assistants

# Scientific production

## International journals

**Nastro Alessandro\***, **Baù Marco\***, **Ferrari Marco\***, **Rufer Libor\*\***, **Basrou Skandar**, **Ferrari Vittorio\***

Cell Alignment in Aqueous Solution Employing a Flexural Plate Wave Piezoelectric MEMS Transducer  
IEEE Access, Volume: Open access, 2023

*\*Department of Information Engineering [University of Brescia], \*\*-*

**Gassab Marwa\***, **Papanastasiou Dorina\*\***, **Sylvestre Alain\*\*\***, **Bellet Daniel\*\***, **Dridi Cherif\***, **Basrou Skandar**

Dielectric Study of Cost-Effective, Eco-Friendly PVA-Glycerol Matrices with AgNW Electrodes for Transparent Flexible Humidity Sensors

Advanced Materials Interfaces, Volume: 10, 2023

*\*NANOMISENE RD Laboratory [Sousse], \*\*Laboratoire des Matériaux et du Génie Physique, \*\*\*Laboratoire de Génie Electrique de Grenoble*

**Lesage Xavier\***, **Lesage Xavier**, **Tran Rosalie**, **Mancini Stéphane**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Velocity and Color Estimation Using Event-Based Clustering

Sensors, Volume: 23, 2023

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## Patents

**Alshakoush Ali**, **Bourdel Sylvain**, **Podevin Florence**, **Lauga-Larroze Estelle**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Mélangeur à N Chemins à réjection d'harmoniques - Brevet N° FR3125934A1, delivered on Feb 03, 2023

**Lauwers Thomas\***, **Basrou Skandar**, **Coutard Jean-Guillaume\***, **Glière Alain\***, **Laffont Guillaume\***

Optical device for detecting an acoustic wave

Brevet N° United States Patent Application 2023/0037289 A1, delivered on Feb 09, 2023

*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information*

**Defoort Martial**, **Basrou Skandar**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Chaotic physical true random number generator and associated method - Brevet N° 20230266945, delivered on Aug 24, 2023

## Invited conferences talks

**Fesquet Laurent**

Event-based Image Sensing and Processing for Low-Power Applications

IEEE Vision workshop, Sensors and smart (AI) processing, 2023

**Fesquet Laurent**

Sensing and Processing Image at Low-Power

FMNT/Summit Workshop, Low-power for a sustainable electronic, 2023

## International conferences

**Kalel Diana**, **Brignone Jean-Christophe\***, **Fesquet Laurent**, **Morin-Allory Katell**

A Generic CDC Modeling for Data Stability Verification

IEEE 30th International Conference on Electronics, Circuits and Systems (ICECS 2023), 2023

*\*STMicroelectronics [Grenoble]*

**Esteves Josue**, **Rufer Libor\***, **Ekeom Didace\*\***, **Defoort Martial**, **Basrou Skandar**

Approaches to piezoelectric micromachined microphone design: comparative study

Forum Acusticum 2023 (10th Convention of the European Acoustics Association), 2023

*\*-, \*\*Microsonics*

**Merio Cristiano**, **Lesage Xavier**, **Naimi Ali**, **Engels Sylvain**, **Morin-Allory Katell**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Data-driven Pruning for Bundled-data Circuits

28th International Symposium on Asynchronous Circuits and Systems (ASYNC 2023), 2023

**Nastro Alessandro\***, **Bertelli Stefano\***, **Ferrari Marco\***, **Rufer Libor\*\***, **Basrou Skandar**, **Ferrari Vittorio\***

Flexural Plate Wave Piezoelectric MEMS Pressure Sensor

EUROSENSORS 2024, pp. 97(1), 185, 2023

*\*Department of Information Engineering [University of Brescia], \*\*-*

**Nastro Alessandro\***, **Bertelli Stefano\***, **Ferrari Marco\***, **Rufer Libor\*\***, **Basrou Skandar**, **Ferrari Vittorio\***

Flexural Plate Wave Piezoelectric MEMS Pressure Sensor

EUROSENSORS 2024, pp. 97(1), 185, 2023

*\*Department of Information Engineering [University of Brescia], \*\*-*

**Zuccalà Damiano**, **Daveau Jean-Marc\***, **Roche Philippe\***, **Morin-Allory Katell**

Formal Temporal Characterization of Register Vulnerability in Digital Circuits

IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI 2023)

*\*ST-CROLLES - STMicroelectronics*

**Fesquet Laurent**, **Tran Rosalie**, **Lesage Xavier**, **Akrarai Mohamed**, **Mancini Stéphane**, **Sicard Gilles\***

Low-Throughput Event-Based Image Sensors and Processing

Design, Automation & Test in Europe Conference & Exhibition (DATE 2023), 2023

*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information*

**Moussa Hasan**, **Gonsalves Santos Jéssica**, **Lauga-Larroze Estelle**, **Ibrahim Sana**, **Podevin Florence**, **Bourdel Sylvain**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Making Digital N-Path Mixers

38th Conference on Design of Circuits and Integrated Systems (DCIS 2023), 2023

**Merio Cristiano**, **Lesage Xavier**, **Naimi Ali**, **Engels Sylvain**, **Morin-Allory Katell**, **Fesquet Laurent**

Method for Data-Driven Pruning in Micropipeline Circuits

31st IFIP/IEEE Conference on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI-SoC 2023), 2023

**Lim Olivier\***, **Lim Olivier**, **Mancini Stéphane**, **Dalla Mura Mauro\***, **Dalla Mura Mauro\*\***

Potential of an Embedded Hyperspectral Compressive Imaging System for Remote Sensing Applications

2023 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS 2023), pp. 4238-4241, 2023

*\*GIPSA-Lab, \*\*Institut Universitaire de France*

**Crozet Florent\*, Mancini Stéphane, Nicolas Marina\***

Pseudo-Randomisation Partielle et Quantification pour la compression des réseaux de neurones convolutifs  
GRETSI 2023

*\*ST-GRENOBLE - STMicroelectronics [Grenoble]*

**Damiano Zuccalà Damiano, Daveau Jean-Marc\*, Roche Philippe\*, Morin-Allory Katell**

Real-Time Switched Capacitor Based Power Side-Channel Attack Detection  
VLSI-SOC 2023

*\*ST-CROLLES - STMicroelectronics [Crolles]*

### National conferences

**Fesquet Laurent, Lesage Xavier, Merio Cristiano, Naimi Ali, Engels Sylvain**

Développer la compétence recherche en école d'ingénieurs - 17èmes journées pédagogiques du CNFM (JPCNFM 2023), 2023

**Fesquet Laurent**

Gestion du flot de conception sur une plateforme CAO - 17èmes journées pédagogiques du CNFM (JPCNFM 2023), 2023

**Lim Olivier\*, Mancini Stéphane, Dalla Mura Mauro\*<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**

Estimation de performances d'un imageur hyperspectral compressif sur système embarqué pour des applications de télédétection

GRETSI 2023 - XXIXème Colloque Francophone de Traitement du Signal et des Images

*\*GIPSA-SIGMAPHY, \*\*IUF - Institut universitaire de France*

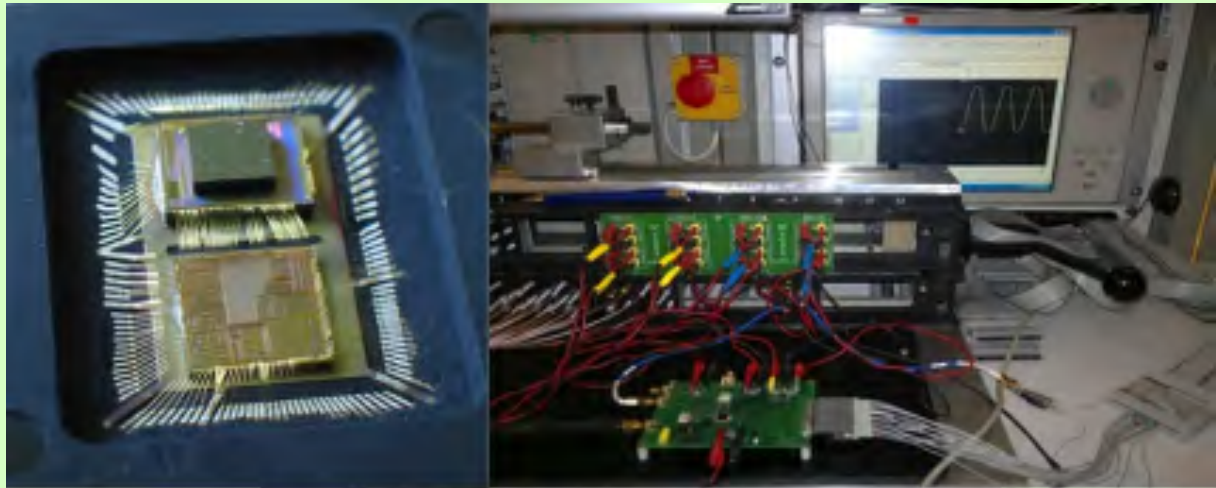
### Theses

**Akrarai Mohamed**

Event-based Image Sensor for low-power

These de Doctorat, Université Grenoble Alpes, spécialité "", Jun 19, 2023

# RMS team



**Reliable RF and Mixed-signal Systems**

# Reliable RF and Mixed-signal Systems (RMS team)

## Description

The Reliable RF and Mixed-signal Systems group (RMS) is focused on the design, test and control of analog/mixed-signal/RF/mm-Wave integrated circuits and systems. 2021 has been a transition year for the RMS team, in preparation for the integration of the researchers in RFIC-Lab within the team in 2022. In this regard, the research axes of the team have evolved to better describe the wider scope of the team activities after the integration. Our research can be declined into the following four main axes:

### Design of AMS-RF integrated circuits and systems

Novel AMS-RF design solutions are required in a wide variety of state-of-the-art applications, including communications, computing, imaging, etc. In this regard, the RMS group explores the multiple challenges of state-of-the-art AMS-RF current and emerging design paradigms, especially focusing on low-power and/or low-voltage applications. Our research includes the development of low-power mixed-signal and RF design techniques, state-of-the-art area-efficient high-resolution and ultra-low power data converters for imaging applications, integrated control electronics for quantum computing, and advanced RF design techniques for 5G and beyond-5G applications.

### Integration and miniaturization of RF-mmW circuits

In this research axe our activities are focused on exploring novel integration solutions, including “More Moore” approaches, such as taking advantage of optimized Back-End-Of-Line metal stacks for integrating novel 3D passive structures, and “More-Than-Moore” approaches, where heterogeneous 2.5D and 3D solutions using mmW interposers.

### Design for test and reliability of AMS-RF/mmW circuits and systems

Testing AMS-RF/mmW functions in a complex integrated system represent nowadays a major challenge for the IC industry. Our research in this area is focused on two main research lines: a) the development of AMS-RF-mmW state-of-the-art on-chip test instruments for Built-In Self-Test (BIST) applications and dedicated DfT techniques; and b) the development of novel indirect test methodologies based on the applications of advanced machine learning algorithms.

### Control, optimization and self-healing of AMS/RF and mm-Wave circuits

In parallel with the test challenge, performance calibration and tuning are of key interest in the IC industry. Performance calibration in the production line enables a yield enhancement, while providing tuning capabilities during the lifetime of the circuit opens the door to self-healing applications and enhanced reliability. In this line, we develop optimized, minimally intrusive tuning knobs for performance calibration, together with novel performance control algorithms based on machine learning models.

## Research milestones

- Non-intrusive mm-wave test: we have outlined and experimentally demonstrated a machine learning-based non-intrusive test methodology for mm-Wave circuits.
- Advanced modeling of mm-wave couplers for design enhancement: design-oriented model considering frequency-dependent electrical losses.
- Inversion-based design methodology for low-power LNA design.
- Design-oriented modeling of short-channel MOS transistors: based on the ACM model, we have developed a 7-parameter MOS transistor DC model including the main short-channel effects in advanced nanometric technologies.
- Quantum dot test structures have been fabricated in FD-SOI technology and the characteristic Coulomb blockade diagrams have been successfully measured.
- Ultra low-power and area-efficient high resolution analog to digital converter
- Low noise read-out for integrated quantum random number CMOS sensors
- First-ever OBT technique for mm-wave circuits: we have demonstrated the potential of Oscillation-Based Test techniques for the test and calibration of phased arrays.
- Development of Embedded Test Instruments for the static and dynamic test of state-of-the-art ADCs and for the characterization of clock jitter.
- Development of machine learning-based image quality evaluation and correction techniques.
- Low-cost controller synthesis: we have developed a software platform for automatic generation of logic control codes for a wide variety of low-cost microcontroller targets.
- Scheduling control for lifetime optimization in Wireless Sensor Nodes technologies: we have proposed a novel solution to the Maximum Lifetime Coverage Problem (MLCP) that takes into account the non-zero energy of nodes in sleep mode.

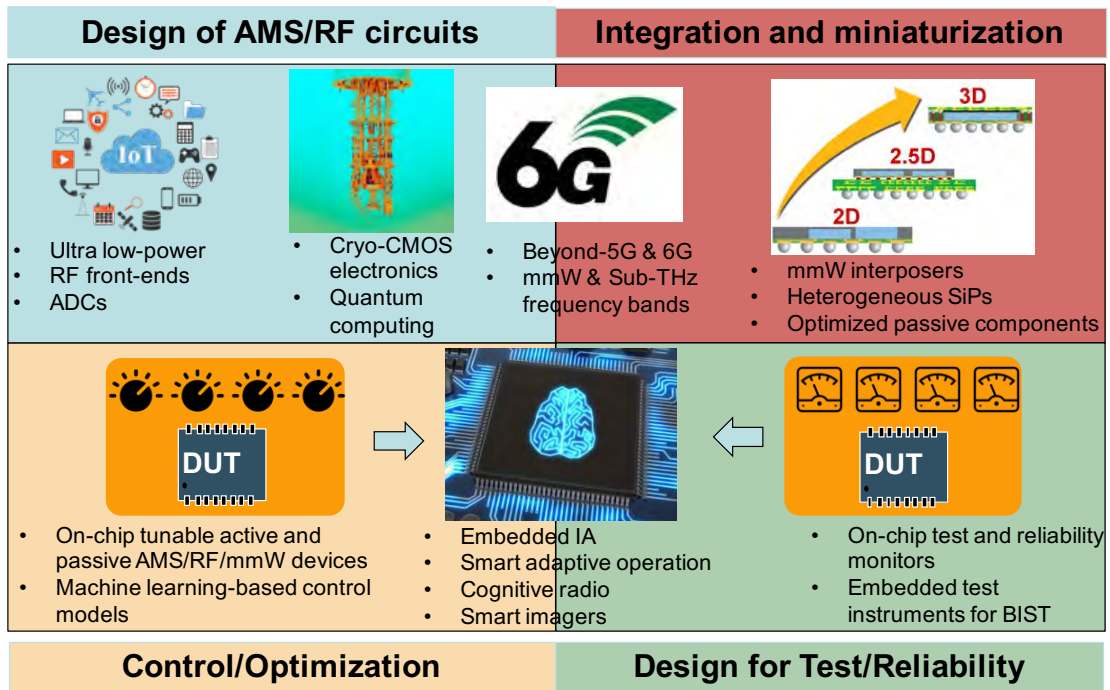


Figure 1: RMS research activities at a glance



## Recent highlights

### International Cooperation

#### GISS project (Ghana Instrumentation Sensors and Systems)

Scientific Manager: Daniel DZAHINI

Partners: Ashesi University

City: Berekuso

Country: GHANA

Start the: May 17, 2022 until May 17, 2024

#### April 3, 2023: Joint IEEE & SoC2 Day On Inversion Coefficient and its Applications

Chairman: Sylvain BOURDEL

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/joint-ieee-soc2-day-inversion-coefficient-and-its-applications>

#### June 28, 2023: Best Paper Award at NEWCAS 2023

Congratulations to Mohamed Khalil BOUCHOUCHA, Manuel BARRAGAN and Sylvain BOURDEL for receiving the NEWCAS 2023 Best Paper Award for their work entitled:

*"A 5-DC-Parameter MOSFET Model for Circuit Simulation in QucsStudio and Spectre"*



#### September 18, 2023: Seminar by Prof. Sugako Otani (Renesas Electronics, Tokyo) & Prof. Makoto Ikeda (University of Tokyo)

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/seminar-prof-sugako-otani-renesas-electronics-tokyo-prof-makoto-ikeda-university-tokyo>

#### November 10, 2023: Scientific Day: Embedded Control Strategies for Energy provision Management and Enhancement of Consumption

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/scientific-day-embedded-control-strategies-energy-provision-management-and-enhancement-consumption>

#### December 11, 2023: Seminar by Prof. Jai Narayan Tripathi (Assistant Professor at Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India)

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/seminar-prof-jai-narayan-tripathi-assistant-professor-indian-institute-technology-jodhpur-rajasthan>

## Academic and research members

### Jean-Daniel ARNOULD

**Position**

Associate Professor at Grenoble INP - Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Sylvain BOURDEL

**Position**

Full professor at Grenoble INP – Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Philippe FERRARI

**Position**

Full professor at UGA – IUT1

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Salvador MIR

**Position**

Research Director at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Florence PODEVIN

**Position**

Full professor at Grenoble INP – Phelma school

**Responsibilities**

Deputy director (since 09/06/2023)

Researcher in RMS team

### Manuel BARRAGAN

**Position**

Researcher at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Leader of RMS team

Researcher in RMS team

### Daniel DZAHINI

**Position**

Research engineer at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Estelle LAUGA-LARROZE

**Position**

Associate professor at UGA – IUT1

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Emmanuel PISTONO

**Position**

Associate professor at UGA – IUT1

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

### Emmanuel SIMEU

**Position**

Full professor at UGA – Polytech school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in RMS team

CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research)  
Grenoble INP (Grenoble Institute of Technology)  
PHELMA school (Physique-Electronique-Matériaux)  
POLYTECH school (École Polytechnique de l'Université Grenoble Alpes)  
UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes)

## Ph. D. candidates

### 1. AGOUZOUL Abdelali

Title of thesis: **Synthesis of optimized control system of alternative energies for the building**

Expected date of defence: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – EMSI (École Marocaine des Sciences de l'Ingénieur) - Casablanca, Maroc (2021)

### 2. ALSUKOUR Mohammad

Title of thesis: **Synthesis High-density 3D integration of electronic components by hybrid bonding with MOS transistors for millimeter-scale applications**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Engineer – University of Amman, Jordan (2022)

### 3. BELKHADRA Oumayma

Title of thesis: **Self-tuning power amplifier in advanced CMOS technology for automotive radar**

Expected date of defence: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Enseirb-Matmeca - Bordeaux, France (2020)

### 4. BENDJEDDOU Imadeddine

Title of thesis: **Energy-efficient wake-up radio system based on spintronic devices**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master – UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2019)

### 5. BONTEMS William Illich

Title of thesis: **Design of a 15-bit analog to digital converter for ultra low power applications**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2020)

### 6. BOUCHOUCHA Mohamed Khalil

Title of thesis: **Design methodology based on the inversion coefficient for RF and mmW circuits optimization using 28 nm FDSOI technology**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2020)

### 7. BOUKHEZAR Larbi

Title of thesis: **Agile front-end topology at millimetre frequencies using in situ calibration solutions. Application to the design of D-band phase shifters, Comparison of active and passive approaches**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master Université Grenoble Alpes, France (2022)

### 8. BOUZAR Tarek

Title of thesis: **Contribution to the design of miniature high frequency probes for precision microwave measurements on silicon wafers**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2022)

### 9. BRITTON OROZCO Giovanni Crasby

Title of thesis: **Design of an FD-SOI read / control circuit dedicated to the field of quantum computing under Cryogenic conditions**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer - Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2020)

### 10. BUREAU Benjamin

Title of thesis: **Investigation of single spin qubits fabricated with industrial processes as a resource for quantum application with hybrid quantum circuits**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Ecole Centrale de Lyon, France (2023)

### 11. DA COSTA GUEDES Thalys

Title of thesis: **Study and development of new structures against electrostatic discharges (ESD) for radio frequency and millimetre wave applications**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2022)

#### 12. DOBRIN Catalin Andrei

Title of thesis: **Design of self-adjusting Radiofrequency circuits to optimize the energy efficiency of applications**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master – Université Grenoble Alpes, France (2023)

#### 13. GENTIL LÉ Joao Eduardo

Title of thesis: **Study of RF circuits in D Band in BiCMOS 55nm technologies**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Diplôme étranger – Baccalauréat en génie – Université de Sao Paulo, Brazil (2021)

#### 14. HAI Joycelyn

Title of thesis: **RF Reliability in C065SOI FEM mmW : Device Model and Application to Power Amplifier**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma, France (2020)

#### 15. IBRAHIM Sana

Title of thesis: **Clock Generation For Low Power Receiver based on N-Path Mixers**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2020)

#### 16. MADHVARAJ Manasa

Title of thesis: **IPS for mixed-signal/high speed integrated circuits dependability and control**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master SJCE, Visvesvaraya Technological University – Mysore, India (2015)

#### 17. MALBEC Pierre

Title of thesis: **Analysis of the pollutions of a switch mode power supply on a Bluetooth Low Energy type Radio Frequency transmitter embedded on a same System on Chip**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master – Université de Montpellier – France (2020)

#### 18. MAMGAIN Ankush

Title of thesis: **On-chip generation of high-frequency sinusoidal signals using harmonic cancellation techniques**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master MTEch – IIT Delhi - New Delhi, India (2018)

#### 19. MOHSEN Fadel

Title of thesis: **HRNPM\_based low power receivers - Spintronic diodes based wake-up radios**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2022)

#### 20. NAOUI Ayoub

Title of thesis: **Integration of RF switches based on chalcogenide phase change materials: application to millimeter wave imaging**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2021)

#### 21. OCCELLO Olivier

Title of thesis: **Self-learning self-test and self-calibration for integrated millimeter-wave systems**

Expected date of defense: **2024**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2020)

#### 22. OTMANI Mehdi

Title of thesis: **Towards More Efficient 5G/6G Wireless Communication Systems: Design and of a Hybrid RF Front-End Module**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Bordeaux INP – Enseirb Matmeca (2023)

#### 23. OUATTARA David

Title of thesis: **Design of phase shifters based on new architectures for mm-wave applications: 5G/6G & automotive radar**

Completed on: **March 23, 2023**

Previous degrees: Bordeaux INP - ENSEIRB-Matméca Talence - Bordeaux, France (2019)

**24. PALOMINO MARCELO Gustavo Adolfo**

Title of thesis: **Implementation of heterogeneous technologies for the integration of “front-end” type systems in D band (140-170 GHz)**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master in electric engineer – State University of Campinas, Brazil (2021)

**25. PINO MONROY Dayana Andrea**

Title of thesis: **RF design methodology based on MOS transistors for circuit / technology optimization**

**Completed on: March 30, 2023**

Previous degrees: Master WICS UGA – (Université Grenoble Alpes) – France (2019)

**26. POUPON Julien**

Title of thesis: **Study of the Gm/ID design methodology for low-power RF/mmW frequency synthesizers in SOI technology**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Bordeaux INP - ENSEIRB-Matméca Talence - Bordeaux, France (2022)

**27. WEHBI Mohammed**

Title of thesis: **Design of patch filters for millimeter-wave applications in BiCMOS 55-nm technology**

**Completed on: March 6, 2023**

Previous degrees: Master - Arab University of Beyrouth - Lebanon (2017)

**28. ZIDANE Hajar**

Title of thesis: **Sub-THz circuits based on substrate integrated waveguides in integrated and above-IC technologies**

Expected date of defence: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master – Université Grenoble Alpes, France (2023)

## Other members

### Post-doctoral position – Engineers – Experts – Teaching Assistants (ATER)

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. BENDJEDDOU	Imadeddine	ALGERIA	9 months
2. BOUCHOUCHA	Mohamed Khalil	TUNISIA	1 month
3. CORSI	Jordan	FRANCE	12 months
4. EL CHAAR	Mohamad	LEBANON	9 months
5. HELLIER	Pierre-Louis	France	3 months

### Visitors

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. DE MARCO	Raffaele	ITALY	3 months
2. HAMID ALLAH	Abdelhak	MOROCCO	2 months
3. LACORTE CANIATO SERRANO	Ariana	BRAZIL	8 months
4. LELLOUCH	Alexandre	FRANCE	4 months
5. PLAMPLONA REHDER	Gustavo	BRAZIL	8 months

### Trainees

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. AKARRACHI	Widad	FRANCE	3 months
2. ALSUKOUR	Mohammad	FRANCE	3 months
3. BRIDET	Adrien	FRANCE	4 months
4. DOBRIN	Catalin Andrei	France	9 months
5. FOURCADE	Léandre	FRANCE	3 months
6. GRANADOS	Irwin	FRANCE	4 months
7. HOURDRY	Benjamin	FRANCE	3 months
8. JEANNIN	Lucie	FRANCE	4,5 months
9. KHACHAB	Mohamad	LEBANON	3 months
10.KHIBANE	Nouhaila	FRANCE	3 months
11.LI	Xiao	FRANCE	10,5 months
12.MEKHALDI	Amine	FRANCE	3 months
13.MO	Manqi	CHINA	6 months
14.OLIVEIRA	Aquiles	BRAZIL	3 months
15.SABIA PEREIRA CARPES	Victor	BRAZIL	3 months
16.SILVA	Felipe	BRAZIL	2,5 months
17.SIMIONATO	Eligia	BRAZIL	3 months
18.WANG	Zitian	FRANCE	3 months
19.XUAN	Hanwen	FRANCE	3 months
20.ZIDANE	Hajar	FRANCE	9 months

## Contracts

TIMA has a long tradition of international cooperation, both with industrial and academic partners in the context of multinational projects. This chapter provides a short abstract of the topics and objectives of the contracted partnerships that were active in 2023.

### ANR

#### **IMHOTEP (2022 – 2024)**

Scientific manager: Florence PODEVIN

#### **PRECISE (2022 – 2025)**

Scientific manager: Jean-Daniel ARNOULD

### CIFRE

#### **CIFRE Oumayma BELKHADRA (2021 – 2024)**

Title: Self-tuning power amplifier in advanced CMOS technology for automotive radar

Thesis director: Sylvain BOURDEL

Industrial partner: NXP

#### **CIFRE Mohamed Khalil BOUCHOUCHA (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Design methodology based on the inversion coefficient for RF and mmW circuits optimization using 28 nm FDSOI technology

Thesis director: Sylvain BOURDEL

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **CIFRE Larbi BOUKHEZAR (2023 – 2026)**

Title: Agile front-end topology at millimetre frequencies using in situ calibration solutions. Application to the design of D-band phase shifters, Comparison of active and passive approaches

Thesis director: Philippe FERRARI

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **CIFRE Giovanni BRITTON (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Design of an FD-SOI read / control circuit dedicated to the field of quantum computing under Cryogenic conditions

Thesis director: Salvador MIR

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **CIFRE Benjamin BUREAU (2023 – 2026)**

Title: Investigation of single spin qubits fabricated with industrial processes as a resource for quantum application with hybrid quantum circuits

Thesis director: Salvador MIR

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

Academic partner: University of Sherbrooke

#### **CIFRE Thalys DA COSTA GUEDES (2023 – 2026)**

Title: Study and development of new structures against electrostatic discharges (ESD) for radio frequency and millimetre wave applications

Thesis director: Philippe FERRARI

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **CIFRE Pierre MALBEC (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Analysis of the pollutions of a switch mode power supply on a Bluetooth Low Energy type Radio Frequency transmitter embedded on a same System on Chip

Thesis director: Jean-Daniel ARNOULD

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

### ETAT

#### **SHIFT BPI (2022 – 2025)**

Program: KDT JU

Scientific manager: Philippe FERRARI

## EUROPE

### **SHIFT EU (2022 – 2025)**

Program: KDT JU

Scientific manager: Philippe FERRARI

### **SWAN-on-chip (2022 – 2025)**

Program: HORIZON

Scientific manager: Florence PODEVIN

## INDUSTRIE

### **CIMITRANS (2023 – 2027)**

Program: France 2030

Scientific manager: Sylvain BOURDEL

## PEPR

### **NF-SYSTEMA (2023 – 2027)**

Program: 5G

Scientific manager: Philippe FERRARI

### **NF-YACARI (2023 – 2027)**

Program: 5G

Scientific manager: Sylvain BOURDEL

### **SPINCOM (2023/2027)**

Program: SPIN

Scientific manager: Florence PODEVIN

## TUTELLE

### **MASHWave (2022 – 2024)**

Title: MACHine learning-based Self-Healing of mmW ICs

Program: IRGA

Scientific manager: Manuel BARRAGAN

### **NPATH LOW-POWER (2022 - 2024)**

Program: IRGA

Scientific manager: Florence PODEVIN



## Organization and participation of international conferences, workshops, forums

### **ESSCIRC-ESSDERC 2023 - IEEE 49th European Solid-State Circuits Conference / IEEE 53rd European Solid-State Device Research Conference**

September 11-14, 2023 - Lisbon, PORTUGAL

Rank: A

technical program committee: BARRAGAN Manuel

### **ETS 2023 - 28th IEEE European Test Symposium**

May 22-26, 2023 - Venice, ITALY

Rank: A

technical program committee: BARRAGAN Manuel, MIR Salvador

### **ICCAD 2023 - 7th International Conference on Control, Automation and Diagnosis (ICCAD (Control Automation and Diagnosis)'2023)**

May 10-12, 2023 – Rome, ITALY

Rank: NC

program chair: SIMEU Emmanuel

### **IOLTS 2023 - 29th IEEE International Symposium on On-Line Testing and Robust System Design**

July 3-5, 2023 - Chania (Crete), GREECE

Rank: B

program committee: BARRAGAN Manuel, MIR Salvador, SIMEU Emmanuel

### **LASCAS 2023 - IEEE 14th Latin American Symposium on Circuits and Systems**

February 28-March 3, 2023- Quito, ECUADOR

Rank: B

technical program committee: MIR Salvador

### **LATS 2023 - 24th IEEE Latin-American Test Symposium**

March 21-24, 2023 - Veracruz, MEXICO

Rank: NC

program committee: MIR Salvador

### **NEWCAS 2023 - 21st IEEE International NEWCAS Conference**

June 26-28, 2023 - Edinburgh (Scotland), UNITED KINGDOM

technical committee: BARRAGAN Manuel

### **VLSI-SoC 2023 - 31st IFIP/IEEE International Conference on Very Large Scale Integration**

October 16-18, 2023 - Dubai, UNITED ARABIAN EMIRATES

Rank: A

publication co-chair: MIR Salvador

steering committee: MIR Salvador

technical program committee: MIR Salvador

### **VTS 2023 - 41st IEEE VLSI Test Symposium**

April 24-26, 2023 - San Diego (CA), USA

Rank: A

program committee: BARRAGAN Manuel, MIR Salvador

## Responsibilities

Role	TIMA member	Starts	Ends	Comments
<b>Faculties / Schools</b>				
<b>Polytech Grenoble</b>				
Manager of Risks Prevention department	SIMEU Emmanuel	01/09/2017		
Restricted council member	SIMEU Emmanuel	01/09/2017		Examine promotion files, invited professors, teaching assistants
School council member	SIMEU Emmanuel	01/09/2017		Elected members - School Strategy, relations with industrial partners
<b>TIMA Laboratory</b>				
<b>Research structures</b>				
<b>EEATS doctoral school Électronique, Électrotechnique, Automatique, Traitement du Signal</b>				
Council member of EEATS doctoral school	SIMEU Emmanuel	01/09/2017		

# Scientific production

## International journals

- Quattara David, Durand Cédric\*, Bourdel Sylvain, Paillard Frédéric\*\*, Vincent Loïc\*\*\*, Corsi Jordan, Ferrari Philippe**  
120 GHz 2-bit reflection-type phase shifter based on PIN diodes switched-lines  
Electronics Letters, Volume: , 2023  
*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Crolles], \*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Genève], \*\*\*Centre Interuniversitaire de Micro-Electronique*
- Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea\*, Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea, Scheer Patrick\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil, Galup-Montoro Carlos\*\*, Barragan Manuel, Cathelin Philippe\*, Fournier Jean-Michel, Cathelin Andreia\*, Bourdel Sylvain**  
Corrections to "Design-Oriented All-Regime All-Region 7-Parameter Short-Channel MOSFET Model Based on Inversion Charge"  
IEEE Access, Volume: 11, 2023  
*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Crolles], \*\*UFSC - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina = Federal University of Santa Catarina [Florianópolis]*
- Artemio Schoultzen Felipe\*, Vauché Rémy\*, Gaubert Jean\*, Bourdel Sylvain, Mariano André Augusto\*\***  
Design of a multi-standard IR-UWB emitter in a 28 nm FD-SOI technology based on the frequency transposition pulse synthesis  
Journal of Integrated Circuits and Systems, Volume: 18, pp. 1-11, 2023  
*\*Institut Matériaux Microélectronique Nanosciences de Provence, \*\*Universidade Federal do Paraná [Curitiba]*
- De Saxe Joseph\*, Siah Chun Fei\*\*, Tan Chong Wei\*\*, Passerieux Damien\*, Bila Stéphane\*, Podevin Florence, Tay Beng Kang\*\*, Coquet Philippe\*\*, Coquet Philippe\*\*, Baillargeat Dominique\***  
E-Band Vertically Aligned Carbon Nanotubes-Based Air-Filled Waveguide  
IEEE Microwave and Wireless Technology Letters, Volume: , pp. 1-4, 2023  
*\*XLIM, \*\*CNRS International - NTU - Thales Research Alliance, \*\*\*Institut d'électronique, de microélectronique et de nanotechnologie*
- Bendjeddou Imadeddine, Jotta Garcia Mafalda\*, Sidi El Valli Ahmed\*\*, Litvinenko Artem\*\*, Cros Vincent\*, Ebels Ursula\*\*, Jenkins Alex\*\*\*, Ferreira Ricardo\*\*\*, Dutra Roberta\*\*\*, Morche Dominique\*\*\*\*, Pistono Emmanuel, Bourdel Sylvain, Le Guennec Yanniss\*\*\*\*\*, Podevin Florence**  
Electrical Modeling of Spin-Torque Diodes Used as Radio Frequency Detectors: A Step-by-Step Methodology for Parameter Extraction  
IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, Volume: , pp. 1-11, 2023  
*\*Unité mixte de physique CNRS/Thalès (PALAISEAU), \*\*Spintec, \*\*\*International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, \*\*\*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*\*\*\*GIPSA-Lab*
- Zahran Sherif\*, Moscato Stefano\*\*, Fonte Alessandro\*\*, Oldoni Matteo\*\*, Traversa Antonio A\*\*, Tresoldi Dario\*\*, Ferrari Philippe, Amendola Giandomenico\*, Boccia Luigi\***  
Flippable and Hermetic E-Band RWG to GCPW Transition With Substrate Embedded Backshort  
IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, Volume: 71, pp. 2582 - 2593, 2023  
*\*Millimeter-wave Antennas and Integrated Circuits Laboratory, \*\*SIAE Microelettronica [Milan], \*\*\*Dipartimento di Eletttronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria (POLIMI)*
- Melis Tommaso\*, Simeu Emmanuel, Auvray Etienne\*\*, Saury Luc\***  
Light Emission Tracking and Measurements for Analog Circuits Fault Diagnosis in Automotive Applications  
Journal of Electronic Testing: Theory and Applications (JETTA), Volume: , 2023  
*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Grenoble], \*\*Fastnet-technologies*
- Bontems William, Dzahini Daniel**  
Methodology for a Low-Power and Low-Circuit-Area 15-Bit SAR ADC Using Split-Capacitor Mismatch Compensation and a Dynamic Element Matching Algorithm  
Chips, Volume: 2, pp. 31-43, 2023
- Corsi Jordan, Plamplona Rehder Gustavo\*, Ferrari Philippe, Lacorte Caniato Serrano Ariana Maria Da Conceição\*, Pistono Emmanuel**  
Modeling and Design of a Partially Air-Filled Slow Wave Substrate Integrated Waveguide  
IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, Volume: 71, pp. 750-762, 2023  
*\*University of Sao Paulo*
- Cilici Florent\*, Margalef-Rovira Marc\*\*\*, Lauga-Larroze Estelle, Bourdel Sylvain, Leger Gildas\*\*\*, Vincent Loïc\*\*\*\*, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel**  
Nonintrusive Machine Learning-Based Yield Recovery and Performance Recentering for mm-Wave Power Amplifiers: A Two-Stage Class-A Power Amplifier Case Study  
IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, Volume: 72, pp. 3046-3064, 2023  
*\*NXP semiconductors  
\*\*ST-CROLLES - STMicromicroelectronics [Crolles]  
\*\*\*IMSE-CNM - Instituto de Microelectrónica de Sevilla  
\*\*\*\*CIME Nanotech*
- Charlet Ismaël\*, Guerber Sylvain\*, Naoui Ayoub\*, Naoui Ayoub\*\*, Naoui Ayoub, Charbonnier Benoit\*, Dupré Cécilia\*, Lugo-Alvarez José\*, Héllion Clémence\*, Allain Marjolaine\*, Podevin Florence, Perret Etienne\*\*, Reig Bruno\***  
Optical Actuation Performance of Phase-Change RF Switches  
Electron Device Letters, Volume: Early access, pp. 1-1, 2023  
*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*Laboratoire de Conception et d'Intégration des Systèmes*
- Kriekouki Ioanna\*, Kriekouki Ioanna, Kriekouki Ioanna\*\*, Philippopoulos Pericles\*\*\*, Beaudoin Félix\*\*\*, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel, Pioro-Ladrière Michel\*\*, Galy Philippe\***  
Simulation process flow for the implementation of industry-standard FD-SOI quantum dot devices  
Solid-State Electronics , Volume: 209, pp. Article 108777, 2023  
*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Crolles], \*\*Institut Quantique [Sherbrooke], \*\*\*Nanoacademic Technologies Inc.*
- Kriekouki Ioanna\*, Kriekouki Ioanna, Kriekouki Ioanna\*\*, Beaudoin Félix\*\*\*, Philippopoulos Pericles\*\*\*, Zhou Chenyi\*\*\*, Camirand-Lemyre Julien\*\*, Rochette Sophie\*\*, Rohrbacher Claude\*\*, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel, Pioro-Ladrière Michel\*\*, Galy Philippe\***  
Understanding conditions for the single electron regime in 28 nm FD-SOI quantum dots: Interpretation of experimental data with 3D quantum TCAD simulations  
Solid-State Electronics , Volume: 204, 2023  
*\*STMicromicroelectronics [Crolles], \*\*Institut Quantique [Sherbrooke], \*\*\*Nanoacademic Technologies Inc.*

## Patents

**Alshakoush Ali, Bourdel Sylvain, Podevin Florence, Lauga-Larroze Estelle, Fesquet Laurent**

Mélangeur à N Chemins à réjection d'harmoniques  
Brevet N° FR3125934A1, delivered on Feb 03, 2023

## International conferences

**Alves Neto Deni Germano\*, Missel Adotnes Cristina\*, Maranhão Gabriel\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil\*\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil, Barragan Manuel, Cathelin Andrea\*\*, Schneider Marcio Cherem\*, Bourdel Sylvain, Galup-Montoro Carlos\***

A 5-DC-parameter MOSFET model for circuit simulation in QucsStudio and SPECTRE  
21st IEEE Interregional NEWCAS Conference (NEWCAS 2023), 2023

\*Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, \*\*STMicroelectronics [Crolles]

**Seré Andres\*, Barboni Leonardo\*, Bourdel Sylvain, Silveira Fernando\***

Active inductors modelling and trade-offs reexamined

IEEE 14th Latin America Symposium on Circuits and Systems (LASCAS 2023), 2023

\*UDELAR, Facultad de Ingeniería, Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay

**Mamgain Ankush, Mir Salvador, Tripathi Jai Narayan\*, Barragan Manuel**

A harmonic cancellation-based high-frequency on-chip sinusoidal signal generator with calibration using a coarse-fine delay cell  
IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS 2023), 2023

\*Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur

**Doan Phi-Long, Corsi Jordan, Tay Beng Kang\*, Jiang Rongtao\*, De Saxce Joseph\*\*, Coquet Philippe\*, Coquet Philippe\*\*\*, Wang Jianxiang\*, Baillargeat Dominique\*\*, Pistono Emmanuel, Podevin Florence**

Air-Filled and Slow-Wave CNT-Based Substrate Integrated Waveguide

53rd European Microwave Conference (EuMC 2023), pp. 850-853, 2023

\*CNRS International - NTU - Thales Research Alliance, \*\*XLIM, \*\*\*Institut d'électronique, de microélectronique et de nanotechnologie

**Dzahini Daniel, Leheurteux Etienne\*, Gallin-Martel Laurent\*\*, Zeloufi Mohamed\***

A low crosstalk 768-channel of 14-bit analog to digital converters for high resolution array of detectors

Topical Workshop on Electronics for Particle Physics (TWEPP 2023), 2023

\*XDIGIT, \*\*LPSC - Laboratoire de Physique Subatomique et de Cosmologie

**Saïd Aïcha\*, Hameau Frédéric\*, Vauché Rémy\*\*, Siligaris Alexandre\*, Podevin Florence, Bourdel Sylvain**

A Millimeter Wave High Isolation Resistive Coupler In 45nm RFSOI Technology for Sensing Application

Asia-Pacific Microwave Conference (APMC 2023), pp. 611-613, 2023

\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*Institut Matériaux Microélectronique Nanosciences de Provence

**Mamgain Ankush, Madhvaraj Manasa, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel, Tripathi Jai Narayan\***

A sub-picosecond resolution jitter instrument for GHz frequencies based on a sub-sampling TDA

21st IEEE Interregional NEWCAS Conference (NEWCAS 2023), 2023

\*Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur

**Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil, Barragan Manuel, Cathelin Andrea\*, Bourdel Sylvain**

A wideband sub-6GHz continuously tunable gm-booster CG Low Noise Amplifier in 28 nm FD-SOI CMOS technology

IEEE 49th European Solid State Circuits Conference (ESSCIRC 2023), 2023

\*STMicroelectronics [Crolles]

**Zahran Sherif\*, Zahran Sherif, Alati Antonio\*, de Marco Raffaele\*, Moscato Stefano\*\*, Fonte Alessandro\*\*, Amendola Giandomenico\*, Ferrari Philippe, Boccia Luigi\***

Bondwire Integration Challenges in E-band Systems: from PCB to Die Level

53rd European Microwave Conference (EuMC 2023), 2023

\*Millimeter-wave Antennas and Integrated Circuits Laboratory, \*\*SIAE Microelettronica [Milan]

**Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea\*, Scheer Patrick\*, Bouchoucha Mohamed Khalil\*, Galup-Montoro Carlos\*\*, Barragan Manuel, Fournier Jean-Michel, Cathelin Andrea\*, Bourdel Sylvain**

Design-oriented model for short-channel MOS transistors based on inversion charge

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**Agouzoul Abdelali, Simeu Emmanuel, Tabaa Mohamed\***

Enhancement of Building Energy Consumption Using a Digital Twin based Neural Network Model Predictive Control

International Conference on Control, Automation and Diagnosis (ICCAD 2023), 2023

\*Laboratoire Pluridisciplinaire de recherche et innovation

**Zahran Sherif\*, Boccia Luigi\*, Podevin Florence, Amendola Giandomenico\*, Ferrari Philippe**

Fully Integrable BiCMOS Classical Rat-Race Coupler Based on BEOL CPS Transmission Lines

International Microwave and Antenna Symposium (IMAS 2022), 2023

\*Millimeter-wave Antennas and Integrated Circuits Laboratory

**Zahran Sherif\*, Zahran Sherif, Boccia Luigi\*, Podevin Florence, Amendola Giandomenico\*, Ferrari Philippe**

Fully Integrable BiCMOS Classical Rat-Race Coupler Based on Coplanar Striplines

International Microwave and Antenna Symposium (IMAS 2023), 2023

\*Millimeter-wave Antennas and Integrated Circuits Laboratory

**Naoui Ayoub\*, Naoui Ayoub, Reig Bruno\*, Perret Etienne\*\*, El Chaar Mohamad, Podevin Florence**

Indirect electrical-control through heating of a GeTe phase change switch and Its application to reflexion type phase shifting

International Microwave & Antennas Symposium (IMAS 2023), pp. 13-18, 2023

\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*Laboratoire de Conception et d'Intégration des Systèmes

**Barthélémy Hervé\*, Barthélémy Florent\*\*, Vauché Rémy\*, Bourdel Sylvain**

Inductive relaxation oscillator with current-limiting

21st IEEE Interregional NEWCAS Conference (NEWCAS 2023), 2023

\*Institut Matériaux Microélectronique Nanosciences de Provence, \*\*École nationale supérieure de physique, électronique, matériaux (Grenoble INP)

**Hai Joycelyn\*, Cacho Florian\*, Federspiel Xavier\*, Garba-Seybou Tidjani\*, Divay Alexis\*\*, Lauga-Larroze Estelle, Arnould Jean-Daniel**

Integrated Test Circuit for Off-State Dynamic Drain Stress Evaluation

IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium (IRPS 2023), 2023

\*STMicroelectronics [Crolles], \*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information

**Moussa Hasan, Gonsalves Santos Jéssica, Lauga-Larroze Estelle, Ibrahim Sana, Podevin Florence, Bourdel Sylvain, Fesquet Laurent**

Making Digital N-Path Mixers

38th Conference on Design of Circuits and Integrated Systems (DCIS 2023), 2023

**Britton Orozco Giovanni Crasby, Mir Salvador, Lauga-Larroze Estelle, Dormieu Benjamin\*, Berlingard Quentin\*\*, Cassé Mickaël\*\*, Galy Philippe\***

Noise modeling using look-up tables and DC measurements for cryogenic applications

31st IFIP/IEEE International Conference on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI-SoC 2023), pp. 1-6, 2023

*\*STMicronics [Crolles], \*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information*

**Srinivassane Naveen\*, Saïd Aïcha\*, Hameau Frédéric\*, Vauché Rémy\*\*, Podevin Florence, Bourdel Sylvain**

Oscillator Based Bio-Sensor for Skin Sweating Detection: A Feasibility Survey

18th Conference on Ph.D Research in Microelectronics and Electronics (PRIME 2023), 2023

*\*Laboratoire d'Electronique de Technologie de l'Information, \*\*Institut Matériaux Microélectronique Nanosciences de Provence*

**Bouchouha Mohamed Khalil\*, Bouchouha Mohamed Khalil, Coustans Mathieu\*, Barragan Manuel, Cathelin Andreia\*, Bourdel Sylvain**

Performance benchmark of State-of-the-art Sub-6-GHz wideband LNAs Based on an Extensive Survey

IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS 2023), 2023

*\*STMicronics [Crolles]*

**Bouchouha Mohamed Khalil\*, Bouchouha Mohamed Khalil, Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea\*, Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea, Scheer Patrick\*, Cathelin Philippe\*, Fournier Jean-Michel, Barragan Manuel, Cathelin Andreia\*, Bourdel Sylvain**

Resistive Feedback LNA design using a 7-parameter design-oriented model for advanced technologies

IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS 2023), 2023

*\*STMicronics [Crolles]*

**Kriekouki Ioanna\*\*\*, Philippopoulos Pericles\*\*\*, Beaudoin Félix\*\*\*, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel, Pioro-Ladrière Michel\*\*, Galy Philippe\***

Simulation process flow for the implementation of industry-standard FD-SOI quantum dot devices

Joint International Eurosol Workshop and International Conference on Ultimate Integration on Silicon (EuroSOI-ULIS) 2023

*\*ST-CROLLES - STMicronics [Crolles]*

*\*\*UdeS - Institut Quantique [Sherbrooke]*

*\*\*\*Nanoacademic Technologies Inc.*

**Mamgain Ankush, Mir Salvador, Tripathi Jai Narayan\*, Barragan Manuel**

Special Session: A high-frequency sinusoidal signal generation using harmonic cancellation

IEEE 24th Latin American Test Symposium (LATS 2023), pp. 1-2 (Proceedings of LATS), 2023

*\*Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur*

**Madhvaraj Manasa, Mir Salvador, Barragan Manuel**

Special Session: On-chip jitter BIST with sub-picosecond resolution at GHz frequencies

IEEE 24th Latin American Test Symposium (LATS 2023), pp. 1-2 (Proceedings of LATS), 2023

**Palomino Marcelo Gustavo Adolfo\*, Griep Gabriel\*\*, Griep Gabriel\*, Marcati Gustavo\*, Lacorte Caniato Serrano Ariana Maria Da Conceição\*, Plamplona Rehder Gustavo\*, Ferrari Philippe**

Suspended CPW Integration on Nanoporous Alumina Interposer for Millimeter Wave Applications

53rd European Microwave Conference (EuMC 2023), 2023

*\*University of São Paulo, \*\*Instituto de Pesquisas Tecnológicas*

**Malbec Pierre\*, Malbec Pierre\*\*, Malbec Pierre\*\*\*, Arnould Jean-Daniel, Voltaire Christian\*, Duchamp Jean-Marc\*\*, Chesneau David\*\*\***

Switched-Mode Power Supply Impact on a Bluetooth Low Energy Receiver Inside a Microcontroller

53rd European Microwave Conference (EuMC 2023), 2023

*\*Ampère, \*\*Laboratoire de Génie Electrique de Grenoble, \*\*\*STMicronics [Grenoble]*

**Zimmer Thomas\*, Bouzar Tarek\*, Arnould Jean-Daniel, Fregonese Sebastien\***

What causes the fluctuations in f<sub>max</sub> with respect to frequency?

35th BipAK 2023 (Bipolar Arbeit Kreis)

*\*IMS - Laboratoire de l'intégration, du matériau au système*

## Other communications

**Artemio Schoultzen Felipe\*, Vauché Rémy\*, Gaubert Jean\*, Bourdel Sylvain, Mariano André Augusto\*\***

Conception d'un émetteur-récepteur pour les communications par impulsion à courte portée

Séminaire recherche de l'IUT d'Aix-Marseille, Marseille, FRANCE

*\*Institut Matériaux Microélectronique Nanosciences de Provence, \*\*Universidade Federal do Paraná [Curitiba]*

**Bontems William, Dzahini Daniel**

Design of a very low power 12 bits 40 MS/s ADC based on a time-interleaved SAR architecture

Topical Workshop on Electronics for Particle Physics (TWEPP 2023), Geremeas (Sardinia), ITALY

## Theses

**Quattara David**

Design of phase shifters based on new architectures for mm-wave applications: 5G/6G & automotive radar

These de Doctorat, Université Grenoble Alpes, spécialité "", Mar 23, 2023

**Pino Monroy Dayana Andrea**

RF design methodology based on MOS transistors for circuit / technology optimization

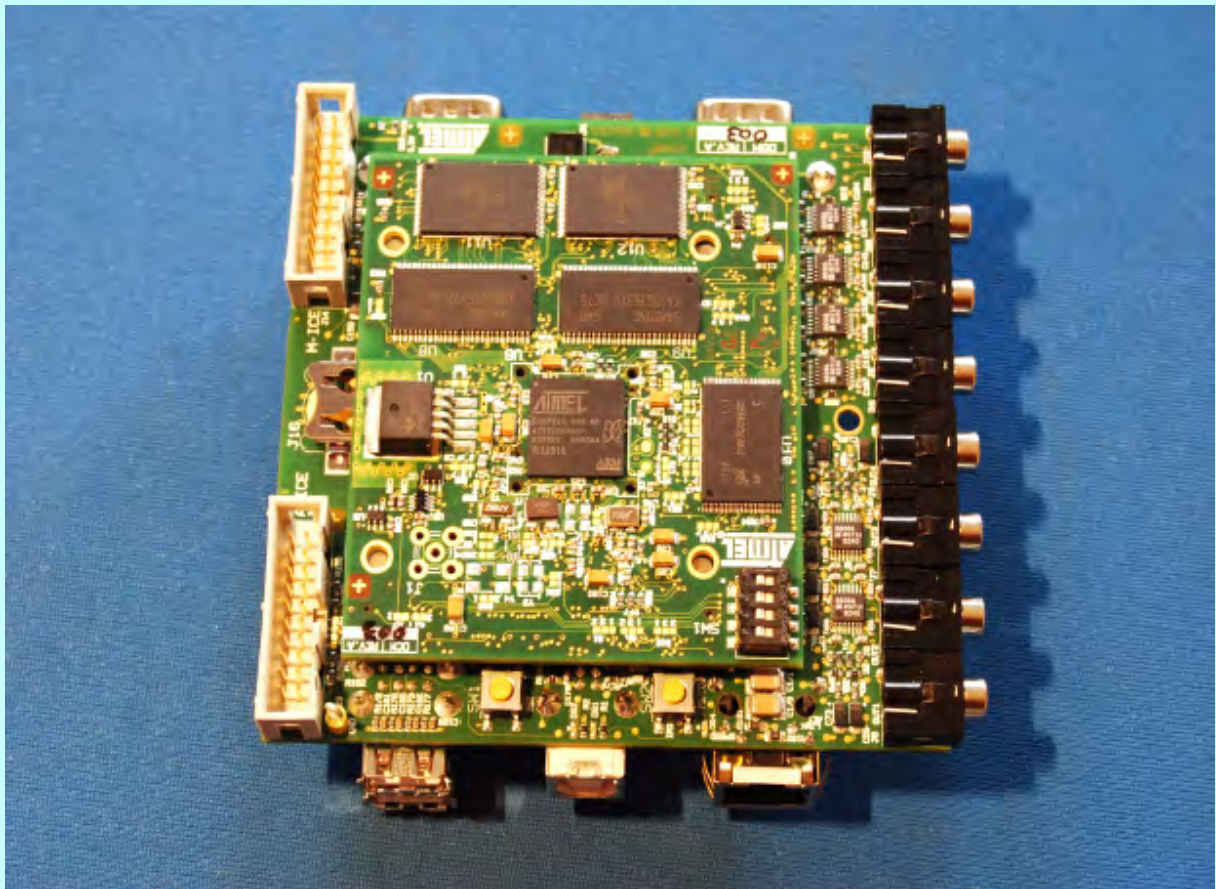
These de Doctorat, Université Grenoble Alpes, spécialité "", Mar 30, 2023

**Wehbi Mohammed**

Design of patch filters for millimeter-wave applications in BiCMOS 55-nm technology

These de Doctorat, Université Grenoble Alpes, spécialité "", Mar 06, 2023

# SLS team



## System Level Synthesis

# System Level Synthesis (SLS team)

## Research activities

The SLS team focuses on (a) highly efficient architectures for general purpose computing or AI-dedicated algorithms, (b) system-level modeling and design methodology : specification, simulation and verification of hardware/software systems on chip; design exploration and synthesis of hardware. The work of the team is included in the Laboratory themes “Hardware/software codesign” and “Simulation and verification of systems” described below.

### Hardware/software codesign

Our research on high performance general purpose processors explores the use of value prediction in processor design. We have shown that simple value prediction can be implemented by reusing existing pipeline structures, leading to increased performance with reduced overheads. We have also shown that predicting values enables the dynamic "reduction" of some instructions (e.g., transforming an add into a nop at runtime), which further improves performance. So far, we have considered value prediction for out-of-order microarchitectures only. In the meantime, through a collaboration with University of Murcia in Spain, we have shown that conservative implementations of atomic read-modify-write instructions (which are used to write higher-level synchronization primitives) in x86 processors incurred significant overhead and proposed a more aggressive implementation to significantly reduce the time spent synchronizing threads.

Multi-core and many-core architectures have evolved towards a set of clusters. Each cluster integrates a set of cores, a cache memory and a local memory shared by all the cores of the cluster. We have worked on hardware methods for distributing memory bank accesses in many-core architectures by experimenting on the MPPA Kalray processor. In addition, we have proposed an innovative hardware support for synchronization locks. This decentralized solution manages dynamic re-homing of locks in a dedicated memory, close to the latest access-granted core.

On the dedicated architecture side, the team is still working on Artificial Intelligence. After our work on high-throughput ternary neural network, we have collaborated with the university of Salerno on the design of a tiny Binary Neural Network for human recognition applications.

Through a collaboration with OVHcloud, we also worked on a dedicated IP used in their mitigation systems to face Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDOS) attacks. In this domain, hardware development has to be agile. By introducing the Chisel hardware construction language in the hardware design flow, we showcase how Chisel unleashes the power of agile development methodologies through development iterations. We have also shown through a General Matrix Multiply implementation case study that Chisel can be used to generate highly parametrizable circuits, bringing huge benefits in design exploration, reuse and designer productivity.

### Simulation and verification of systems

Modeling and simulation of cyber-physical devices is challenging because of their heterogeneity: discrete events simulation progresses by discrete timesteps while continuous time simulation does so in a time continuum. The SystemC AMS synchronization strategy is based on fixed timesteps and can generate inaccuracies overcame only at expense of simulation speed. We have proposed a new continuous time and discrete events synchronization algorithm on top of the SystemC framework and have proven its causality, completeness and liveness. In addition, we have also proposed an adaptive algorithm to adjust the synchronization step to provide near to optimum simulation speed. Results on various cases studies have demonstrated that our algorithm circumvents these challenges, attains high accuracy with respect to established tools, and improves simulation speed. This work aims at enlarging the modeling and simulation capabilities of SystemC as a heterogeneous design tool.

Today's SoCs require a complex design and verification process. In early design stages, high-level debugging of the SoC functionality is feasible on TLM (Transaction-Level Modeling) descriptions. To ease debugging of such SoC's models, Assertion-Based Verification (ABV) enables the runtime verification of temporal properties. In the last design stages, RTL (Register Transfer Level) descriptions of hardware blocks expose microarchitectural details. To gain confidence in the validity of system level properties after this TLM-to-RTL synthesis, transaction level assertions must be reverifiable on RTL models. To address that issue, we propose refinement rules for the automatic system level to signal level transformation of PSL assertions (Property Specification Language, IEEE standard 1850).

Many scientific applications require higher accuracy than what can be represented on 64 bits of the floating-point IEEE 754 standard, and to that end make use of dedicated arbitrary precision software libraries such as MPFR. To reach a good performance/accuracy trade-off, developers use variable precision, requiring e.g. more accuracy as the computation progresses. Hardware accelerators for this kind of computations do not exist yet, and independently of the actual quality of the underlying arithmetic computations, defining the right instruction set architecture, memory representations, etc, for them is a challenging task. We have investigated the support for arbitrary and variable precision arithmetic in a dynamic binary translator (QEMU implementation), to help gain an insight of what such an accelerator could provide as an interface to compilers, and thus programmers. Through collaborations, we also worked on a FP representation supporting both static and dynamically variable precision: by designing its compilation flow to hardware FP instructions or software libraries, and by demonstrating its performance, far better than the Boost programming interface for the MPFR library on the PolyBench suite. Simulations of manycores architectures take a lot of time with gem5 (simulator used for manycores architectures), to improve this point we explore the accuracy of QEMU. QEMU used the DBT (Dynamic Binary Translation) mechanism which transforms instructions from a target ISA to a host ISA. In our experimentations, the target ISA is RISC-V, several of the team works used RISC-V eco-system. To reduce the simulation time of manycores architectures with QEMU, we propose to pin vCPUs (virtual CPUs simulated by QEMU) to physical CPUs on the host, e.g. forcing vCPU to run on a chosen physical CPU. PARSEC benchmarks are used to obtain results. Unfortunately, pinning vCPUs does not improve the execution time of our programs. Simulators based on the DBT are fast because they focus on instructions and do not modeling architecture. We propose to add the cache representation in QEMU to improve the accuracy.

## Recent highlights

### Online learning and prototyping of digital systems

Scientific Manager: ROUSSEAU Frédéric  
Partners: National University Galway  
City: Galway  
Country: IRELAND  
Start the: Jan 01, 2017 until Dec 31, 2024



## Academic and research members

### Liliana ANDRADE

**Position**

Associate professor at UGA - Polytech school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in SLS team

### Julie DUMAS

**Position**

Associate professor at Grenoble INP – Ensimag school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in SLS team

### Olivier MULLER

**Position**

Associate professor at Grenoble INP – Ensimag school

**Responsibilities**

Leader of SLS team

Researcher in SLS team

### Arthur PERAIS

**Position**

Researcher at CNRS

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in SLS team

### Frédéric PÉTROT

**Position**

Professor at Grenoble INP – Ensimag school

**Responsibilities**

Researcher in SLS team

### Laurence PIERRE

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*ENSIMAG school (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Informatique et de Mathématiques Appliquées)*

*Grenoble INP (Grenoble Institute of Technology)*

*IM2AG school (Informatique, Mathématiques et Mathématiques Appliquées)*

*UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes)*

## Ph. D. candidates

### 1. BADAROUX Marie

Title of thesis: **Fast and accurate simulation of multi/many-core SoCS**

Expected date of defence: **2024**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Ensimag - Grenoble, France (2020)

### 2. BAIN Nathan

Title of thesis: **Methods for the learning and adapting formal neural networks to the constraints of hardware accelerators for applications optimized in power and / or throughput**

Expected date of defence: **2023**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Phelma - Grenoble, France (2020)

### 3. CATHELINIEAU Benjamin

Title of thesis: **Test and reliability analysis for cyber-physical system models**

Thesis stopped on August 31, 2023

Previous degrees: Master UGA (Université Grenoble Alpes) – Grenoble, France (2022)

### 4. CHRIST Maxime

Title of thesis: **Learning in very low precision**

Thesis stopped on August 31, 2023

Previous degrees: Engineer - INSA Lyon, France (2017)

### 5. DESHPANDE Chandana

Title of thesis: **Building an Efficient 128-bit General Purpose Processor**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master - Visvesvaraya Technological University – Bangalore, India (2014)

### 6. ISAAC—CHASSANDE Valentin

Title of thesis: **Design of a Memory System for Sparse Data Processing**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Master UGA Polytech - Grenoble, France (2022)

### 7. LE BERRE Timothée

Title of thesis: **Neural Nets with Hybrid Quantization: Theory, Design, and Hardware Acceleration**

Expected date of defense: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master Sorbonne Université - Paris, France (2023)

### 8. MILLION Davy

Title of thesis: **Open Source Heterogeneous Multi-Core Chiptlet Architecture Exploration**

Expected date of defense: **2026**

Previous degrees: Master Université Clermont Auvergne – Clermont-Ferrand, France (2022)

### 9. RAVENEL Pierre

Title of thesis: **Improving the performance of in-order processors under hardware complexity constraints**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Ensimag - Grenoble, France (2022)

### 10. TOMASI RIBEIRO Eduardo

Title of thesis: **Single address space for massively parallel computers**

Expected date of defense: **2025**

Previous degrees: Engineer – Grenoble INP – Ensimag - Grenoble, France (2019)

## Other members

### Post-doctoral position – Engineers – Experts – Teaching Assistants (ATER)

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. PINZARI	Ana	FRANCE	12 months

### Visitors

No visitors in 2023

### Trainees

Name	Forename	Country	Duration
1. BITAUDEAU	Luca	FRANCE	2 months
2. LE BERRE	Timothée	FRANCE	5,5 months
3. SEBAN	Jules	FRANCE	2 months
4. TROUCHET	Ninon	FRANCE	1,5 month

## Contracts

TIMA has a long tradition of international cooperation, both with industrial and academic partners in the context of multinational projects. This chapter provides a short abstract of the topics and objectives of the contracted partnerships that were active in 2023.

### ANR

#### **MAPLURINUM (2021 - 2025)**

Title: Machinae pluribus unum - (faire) une seule machine avec plusieurs

Scientific manager: Olivier MULLER

#### **RAKES (2019 – 2023)**

Scientific manager: Frédéric PETROT

### CIFRE

#### **Thèse Nathan BAIN (2020 – 2023)**

Title: Methods for the learning and adapting formal neural networks to the constraints of hardware accelerators for applications optimized in power and / or throughput

Thesis director: Frédéric PETROT

Industrial partner: STMicroelectronics

#### **Thèse Pierre RAVENEL (2022 – 2025)**

Title: Improving the performance of in-order processors under hardware complexity constraints

Thesis director: Frédéric PETROT

Industrial partner: Kalray

### PEPR

#### **ARCHI-CESAM (2023 – 2030)**

Program: CLOUD

Scientific manager: Arthur PERAIS

#### **HOLIGRAIL (2023 – 2027)**

Program: Intelligence Artificielle

Scientific manager: Frédéric PETROT

### TUTELLE

#### **MIAI (2019 – 2023)**

Program: MIAI

Scientific manager: Frédéric PETROT

## **Organization and participation of international conferences, workshops, forums**

### **ARCHI 2023 - Ecole thématique portant sur l'architecture des systèmes matériels et logiciels embarqués, et les méthodes de conception associées**

March 27-21, 2023 - Sarcenas, FRANCE

Rank: NC

general chair: PERAIS Arthur

### **COMPAS 2023 - Conférence francophone d'informatique en Parallélisme, Architecture et Système**

July 4-7, 2023 – Annecy, FRANCE

Rank: NC

reading committee: MULLER Olivier

### **DATE 2023 - Design, Automation & Test in Europe (DATE 2023)**

April 17-19, 2023 - Antwerp, BELGIUM

Rank: A+

topic member : PIERRE Laurence

### **MPSoC 2023 - 21st Multicore and Multiprocessor SoCs**

June 25-30, 2023 - Fort Collins, USA

Rank: NC

co-finance chair : ROUSSEAU Frédéric

local organization: MULLER Olivier, ROUSSEAU Frédéric

publicity chair: PETROT Frédéric

technical program committee: PETROT Frédéric

### **RSP 2023 - 34th International Workshop on Rapid System Prototyping**

September 21, 2023 - Hamburg, GERMANY

Rank: B

publication chair: MULLER Olivier

program chair: ROUSSEAU Frédéric

steering committee: PETROT Frédéric, ROUSSEAU Frédéric

## Responsibilities

Role	TIMA member	Starts	Ends	Comments
<b>Faculties / Schools</b>				
<b>ENSIMAG school</b> <b>École nationale supérieure d'informatique et de mathématiques appliquées de Grenoble</b>				
Restricted council member	PETROT Frédéric	01/09/2017		Examine promotion files, invited professors, teaching assistants
	MULLER Olivier	01/09/2017		
School council member	MULLER Olivier	01/09/2017		Elected members - School Strategy, relations with industrial partners
	PETROT Frédéric	01/09/2017		
<b>Polytech Grenoble</b>				
Manager of E2I branch	ANDRADE Liliana	01/10/2019		5th year - Apprenticeship training
Deputy director in charge of education and training	ROUSSEAU Frédéric	01/09/2018		
Restricted council member	ROUSSEAU Frédéric	01/09/2017		Examine promotion files, invited professors, teaching assistants
<b>UFR IM2AG</b> <b>Informatique, Mathématiques et Mathématiques Appliquées</b>				
Research commission member	PIERRE Laurence	01/09/2017		Examine promotion files, invited professors, teaching assistants
UFR Council member	PIERRE Laurence	01/09/2017		
<b>TIMA Laboratory</b>				
<b>TIMA Laboratory</b>				
Scientific animation	ANDRADE Liliana	01/09/2022		
Laboratory contact for european projects	ROUSSEAU Frédéric	01/09/2017		
<b>EEATS doctoral school</b> <b>Électronique, Électrotechnique, Automatique, Traitement du Signal</b>				
HDR commission president	ROUSSEAU Emmanuel	01/01/2020		
HDR commission member of EEATS doctoral school	ROUSSEAU Frédéric	01/09/2013		
<b>MSTII doctoral school</b> <b>Mathématiques, Sciences et Technologies de l'Information, Informatique</b>				
Council member of MSTII doctoral school	PIERRE Laurence	01/09/2017		
HDR commission member of MSTII doctoral school	PETROT Frédéric	01/09/2017		
<b>MSTIC pole</b> <b>Mathématiques, sciences et technologies de l'information et de la communication</b>				
TIMA representative of MSTIC cluster	PETROT Frédéric	01/09/2016		



# Laboratory life



# Scientific events

## Congratulations to Ioana VATAJELU and Mounir BENABDENBI for their HDR theses

Ioana VATAJELU and Mounir BENABDENBI (AMfoRS team) both defended their HDR theses (habilitation to conduct research).

**January 24, 2023**

Ioana VATAJELU (AMfoRS team)

**“Emerging Memories for Dependable Computing”**

More information: <https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/actualites/hdr-thesis-defence-ioana-vatajelu-amfors-team-emerging-memories-dependable-computing>

**February 07, 2023**

Mounir BENABDENBI (AMfoRS team)

**“Contributions to the Test, Fault Tolerance and Approximate Computing of System on a Chip”**

More information: <https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/actualites/hdr-thesis-defence-mounir-benabdenbi-amfors-team-contributions-test-fault-tolerance-and-approximate>



## TIMA Laboratory's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

June 20, 2023

TIMA Laboratory has celebrated its 30th anniversary on June 20, 2023.

This was a day of science and conviviality, to present our history and our future projects.

Round table: a number of industry leaders have shared their perspectives on the challenges facing the electronics industry, its technological obstacles and its development in Europe, France and the Grenoble area.

Thank you to our panelists, from left to right:

M. Jean-René LÉQUEPEYS – CEA

M. Yannick TEGLIA – Thalès

M. Philippe MAGARSHACK - ST Microelectronics

M. Benoit DUPONT DE DINECHIN – Kalray

M. Daniel SAIAS – Asygn



All former TIMA directors honoured us with their presence.

From left to right:

M. Bernard COURTOIS: TIMA-CMP director from 1994 to 2006

Mrs Dominique BORRIONE: TIMA director from 2007 to 2014

M. Salvador MIR: TIMA director from 2015 to 2020

M. Giorgio DI NATALE: current TIMA director since 2021



## TIMA welcoming newcomers and PhD day

**November 30, 2023**

TIMA PhD day has taken place in amphitheater C (Grenoble INP).

TIMA doctoral students had the opportunity to present themselves (studies / past work experience, thesis subject, presentation of their native country).



# Social life / Quality of life at work (QWL)

## Team building around Grenoble

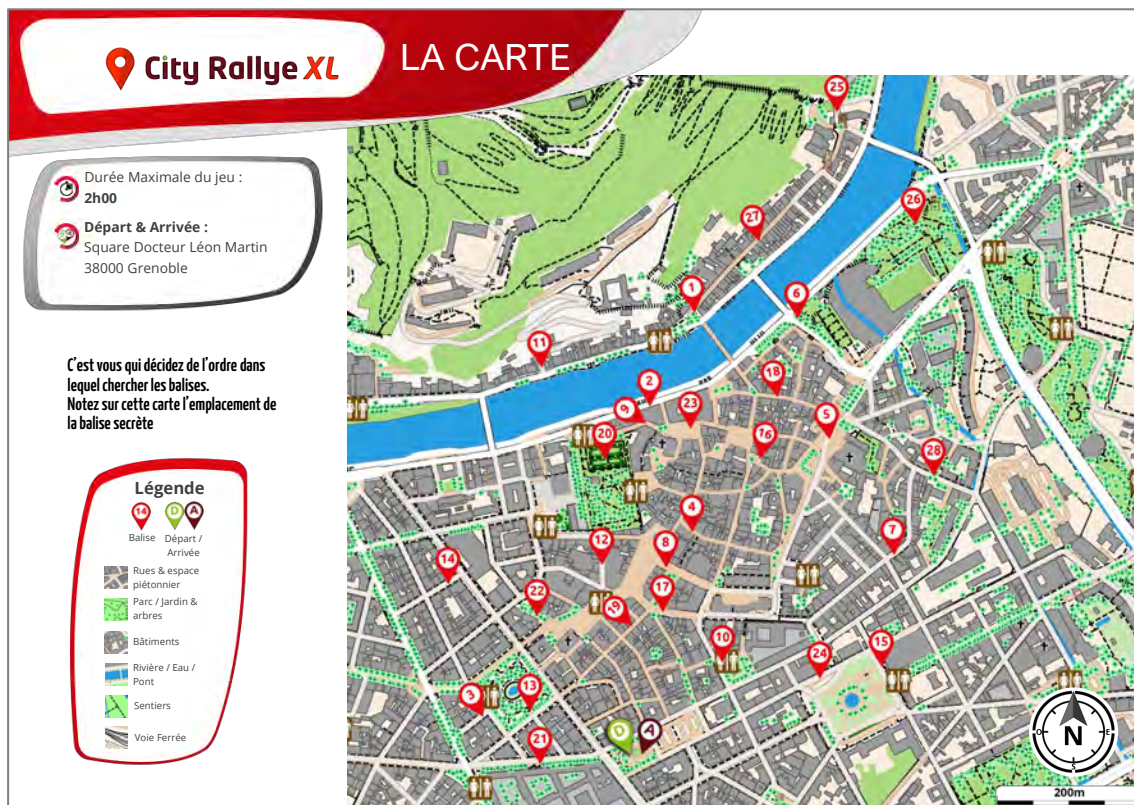
June 26, 2023

A conviviality day has been organized on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

It was a great rally in the town of Grenoble.

There were 8 teams of 5 people.

They had to walk around the city, with challenges to complete and places to guess.



# A step ahead of 2024 ...

Here are some news of early 2024 we can't wait to announce in the next annual report !

## Congratulations to Michele PORTOLAN for his HDR these

Michele PORTOLAN (AMfoRS team) has defended his HDR these (habilitation to conduct research) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**“Evolutions of the Software Flow for Automated Testing”**

<https://tima.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/news/hdr-thesis-defence-michele-portolan-amfors-team-evolutions-software-flow-automated-testing>





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