

Professional Experiences

- Sept. 2025 – **Assistant Professor, EPITA Rennes**
Automata and Applications Team, Rennes
- 2024 – 2025 **Teaching and Research Associate (ATER), Université Paris Cité**
IRIF - ASV team, Paris
- 2023 – 2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher - ANR BisoUS, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord**
LIPN - LOVE team, Villetaneuse
- Keywords *Verification, Parametric timed automata, Control, Opacity*
- Real-time systems have become ubiquitous in recent years. Checking for errors and avoiding them is paramount. Although tests can be carried out to detect errors, they do not guarantee safety, unlike formal methods such as model-checking. Timed automata and their various extensions are widely used in this context. On the other hand, opacity problems, where the system aims to be opaque enough that an outside observer cannot deduce the actions performed from the execution time, have also been studied in the context of timed automata, whether parametric or not. The problematic here is to tackle opacity problems with controllers for (parametric) timed automata.
- 2022 – 2023 **Postdoctoral Researcher - European project BIOS, Université Paris-Saclay, INRAE - Micalis lab, Jouy-en-Josas**
- Keywords *Artificial Neural Network, Metabolic Network, Mechanistic Modeling, FBA*
- In this postdoc, I used active learning for synthetic biology in various projects. In machine learning, we need data to train our models. In synthetic biology, these data are the results of experiments. Having a good set of data is crucial to having a good model, but doing all the possible experiments can be too costly, in terms of time or resources. Active learning is a branch of machine learning that can be used to select the relevant data for training and therefore limit the number of experiments.
- 2021 – 2022 **Teaching and Research Associate (ATER), Université Côte d'Azur**
I3S - COMRED & MDSC team, Sophia-Antipolis

Education

University

- 2018 – 2021 **Ph.D. in Computer Science, Université Côte d'Azur, Sophia-Antipolis**
Laboratoire I3S, COMRED & MDSC teams
- Title **Synchronizability for distributed systems**
- Advisors Étienne LOZES, *Directeur*
Professeur des Universités, Université Côte d'Azur
- Cinzia DI GIUSTO, *Co-encadrante*
Maîtresse de Conférences, Université Côte d'Azur
- Keywords *Distributed Systems, Verification, Communicating Automata*
- Abstract In order to check for errors in distributed systems, they can be modeled as systems of communicating automata. Verification problems such as reachability are undecidable in such a model. Because of that, the use of approximations is necessary. k-synchronizability is one of these techniques. A system is k-synchronizable if, for all executions, there is an equivalent execution that can be divided into phases containing k messages. This thesis contains an analyse of k-synchronizable systems (reachability problem, various cases of membership problem) but also some variations to the definition of k-synchronizability and a comparative study of the state-of-art classes of systems and our new classes.

- 2016 – 2018 **Research Master in Computer Science**, *Université de Nice Sophia-Antipolis*, Nice
Fundamental Computing Research
- Title **Decidability of synchronizability for mailbox systems**
Research Internship Master 2
Laboratoire I3S, MDSC team, Sophia-Antipolis
- Advisors Dr. Cinzia DI GIUSTO & Pr. Étienne LOZES
- Abstract We focus on the synchronizability property of distributed systems modelled in communicating automata. A system is synchronizable if its asynchronous behavior is equivalent to the one with synchronous communication, according to their send traces. By reduction to Post's problem, we give an alternative proof of the undecidability of synchronizability for a peer-to-peer system, as well as for systems communicating in mailbox with the addition of final states.
- Title **Parameter learning for neural networks modeled as timed automata**
Research Internship Master 1
Laboratoire I3S, MDSC team, Sophia-Antipolis
- Advisors Dr. Elisabetta DE MARIA & Dr. Cinzia DI GIUSTO
- Abstract In this work, biological neurons are formalized as timed automata. The objective is to study the learning of parameters by model checking and by simulation. In the second case, two back-propagation algorithms are defined. We find that by enriching the neuron model, in particular by adding a priority on the algorithm to be applied on each neuron of the system, better results can be achieved.
- 2013 – 2016 **Bachelor Degree in Computer Science**, *Université de Nice Sophia-Antipolis*, Nice
- Schools**
- 2023 **Summer School: Formal Modelling of Biological Regulation Networks (Bioregul)**, *Université Côte d'Azur*, Porquerolles, Pr. Jean-Paul COMET
- 2022 **School for Young Researchers in Mathematical Informatics (EJCIM)**, *Université Côte d'Azur*, Nice, Pr. Bruno MARTIN
- 2018 **Summer School: Verification Technology, Systems and Applications**, *INRIA*, Nancy, Dr. Stephan MERZ
- 2018 **Winter School: Software Verification and Computer Proof**, *INRIA*, Sophia-Antipolis, Dr. Yves BERTOT

Publications

Conferences

- 2024 **Execution-Time Opacity Control for Timed Automata**
Étienne ANDRÉ, Marie DUFLLOT, Laetitia LAVERSA, Engel LEFAUCHEUX
In International Conference on Software Engineering and Formal Methods (Rank B)
doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-77382-2_20
- 2024 **Synchronisability in Mailbox Communication**
Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Laetitia LAVERSA, Kirstin PETERS
In Combined 31th International Workshop on Structural Operational Semantics
doi.org/10.4204/EPTCS.412.3
- 2023 **A Partial Order View of Message-Passing Communication Models**
Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Davide FERRÉ, Laetitia LAVERSA, Étienne LOZES
In 50th Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, POPL 2023 (Rank A*)
doi.org/10.1145/3571248
- 2021 **A Unifying Framework for Deciding Synchronizability**
Benedikt BOLLIG, Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Alain FINKEL, Laetitia LAVERSA, Étienne LOZES, Amrita SURESH
In 32th International Conference on Concurrency Theory, CONCUR 2021 (Rank A)
doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CONCUR.2021.14
- 2021 **Guessing the Buffer Bound for k-synchronizability**
Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Laetitia LAVERSA & Étienne LOZES
In 25th International Conference of Implementation and Application of Automata, CIAA 2021 (Rank B)
doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-79121-6_9

- 2020 **On the k-synchronizability of Systems**
 Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Laetitia LAVERSA & Étienne LOZES
 In 23th International Conference of Foundations of Software Science and Computation
 Structures, FOSSACS 2020 (Rank A)
doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-45231-5_9

Journals

- 2021 **Guessing the Buffer Bound for k-synchronizability**
 Cinzia DI GIUSTO, Laetitia LAVERSA & Étienne LOZES
 Long version of CIAA 2021 paper
 International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science, 2022
doi.org/10.1142/S0129054122430018
- 2020 **Spiking Neural Networks Modelled as Timed Automata: with Parameter Learning**
 Elisabetta DE MARIA, Cinzia DI GIUSTO & Laetitia LAVERSA
 Natural Computing
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11047-019-09727-9>

Teaching & Supervisions

Total: 539h

156h – In Computer Science Departement, Université Paris Cité

Introduction to programming (Python) Licence 1 - 56h (2024)

Introduction to operating system Licence 1 - 52h (2024)

Introduction to software engineering Licence 3 - 48h (2025)

384h – In Computer Science Departement, Université Côte d’Azur

Computer Science Basis Licence 1 - 54h (2018), 40h (2019), 56h (2020), 168h (2021)

Database Licence 2 - 22h (2019), 24h (2021)

Object-oriented Programmation Licence 3 - 18h (2018)

Communication and concurrency Master 1 - 2h (2021)

Supervisions of Research Internship

- 2023 **Ambre Picard-Marchetto**, M2 - *Probabilistic Automata, Spiking Neural Networks*
- 2022 **Davide Ferré**, M2 - *Communicating Systems, Temporal Logic*
- 2020 **Thomas Portet**, M1 - *Communicating Automata, k-synchronizability*

Invited Stay

- 2020 **Laboratoire Spécification et Vérification, Université Paris-Saclay**
 Collaboration with Pr. Finkel Alain, Pr. Bollig Benedikt and Suresh Amrita
 (Ph.D. student) during 2 months

Communications

Conferences

- 2024 **Execution time opacity control for timed automata**
 SEFM’24, Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal
- 2024 **Execution time opacity control for timed automata (very short version)**
 Highlights of Logic, Games and Automata, LABRI, Bordeaux
- 2021 **Guessing the buffer bound for k-synchronizability**
 CIAA – in remote
- 2020 **On the k-synchronizability of Systems**
 FOSSACS – in remote

Invited talk

- 2023 **Active learning for BIOS project**
 BIOS Meeting, Palma de Majorque, Spain

Seminar

- 2025 **Execution-time opacity control for timed automata**
Séminaire STR, LS2N, Nantes
Séminaire inFormel, LMF, Gif-sur-Yvette
Séminaire SHARP, Lab-STICC, Brest
Séminaire du laboratoire, LACL, Créteil
- 2025 **About the k -synchronizability of communicating automata**
PACTS, IRIF, Paris
- 2024 **Contrôle pour l'opacité des automates temporisés**
Séminaire parité du LIPN, Provins
- 2024 **Safety and security of systems through automata**
Ph.D. seminar – LIPN, Villetaneuse
- 2024 **Controller synthesis for opacity problems on timed automata**
Mefosyloma, LACL, Créteil
Séminaire LOVe, LIPN, Villetaneuse
Séminaire Vérification, IRIF, Paris
- 2024 **Communicating automata and k -synchronizability**
Séminaire Veridis, LORIA, Nancy
Séminaire Automates, IRIF, Paris
Séminaire d'équipe, MoVe, LIP6, Paris
- 2024 **Timed automata and communicating automata**
Séminaire 68NQRT, IRISA, Rennes
- 2024 **Active learning for synthetic biology**
BCM Seminar, TIMC, Grenoble
- 2022 **Formal methods for distributed systems**
Liechtenstein meets Côte d'Azur, Sophia-Antipolis
Séminaire organisé par l'Association des Doctorants STIC à l'occasion de la visite d'étudiants venus du Liechtenstein, chaque sujet était présenté par deux doctorants dont les recherches étaient proches mais distinguables pour montrer la diversité de la recherche, présentation partagée avec Loïc GERMERIE GUIZOUARN
- 2021 **Guessing the buffer bound for k -synchronizability**
GT ALGA, in remote
- 2020 **Decidability of existentially strong-synchronizability**
Seminar during stay, LSV, Gif-sur-Yvette
- 2020 **La synchronisabilité pour les systèmes distribués**
Internal seminar, I3S, Sophia-Antipolis
- 2018 **Synchronisabilité de machines à états communicantes**
Team day MDSC – I3S, Sophia-Antipolis

Popularizing science

- 2024 **“Fête de la science”, Université Paris Cité**
Unplugged computer workshops
- 2020 **“Ma thèse en 180 secondes”**
Explain the context and the aim of our Ph.D. in 3 minutes
- 2018, 2019 **“Fête de la science”, Université Côte d'Azur**
Games presentations as help for computer science and algorithms introduction

Responsibilities

- 2025 **Representant of non-permanent members in Lab Council**
- 2024 – 2025 **Member of *Commission égalités de l'IRIF***
- 2020 – 2022 **Treasurer of the Association of Ph.D. Students STIC (ADSTIC)**
Association of interns, Ph.D. students and post-doctoral fellows of the Sophia-Antipolis STIC campus
- Organisation of social, sporting and scientific events
 - Account management and budgeting
 - Support for Ph.D. students in difficulty

2018 **Programming competition**

Université de Nice Sophia-Antipolis

- Organisational assistance
- Support for students

Responsabilities in conferences

2024 **Member of program committee of reproductibility evaluation**

International Conference on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC'25)

2024 **Session chair**

GT Data, Automata, Algebra and Logic (GT DAAL'24)

2021 **Member of the organising committee for JFPC 2021**

- Organisational assistance

2020 **Subreviewer**

Workshop on Programming Language Approaches to Concurrency and Communication-centric Software (PLACES'20)