

# **Instrumentation Technologies and EDF project**

# Instrumentation Technologies

- Est. 1998
- Data acquisition and signal processing
- 50+ employees
- Work with more than 70 research institutes and other companies around the world
- Delivered more than high-tech 7000 instruments
- Off-the-shelf products and customizations, co-development of electronics and tenders.



# Providing innovations in high-speed data acquisition market

Sensorics



Acquiring high-speed or low amplitude signals in range of 4 GS/s

Data acquisition & processing



Processing those signals into meaningful data

Communication

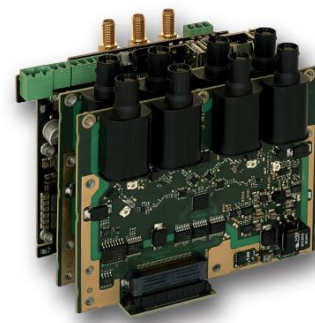


Transmitting the data towards the end systems

## ... resulting in products like:



Synchrotrons:  
LIBERA Digit 500



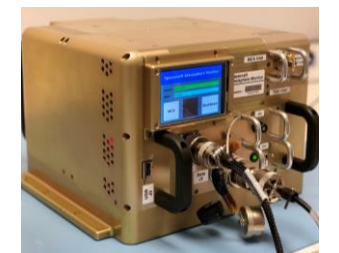
Railways: Ruggedized high-speed DAQ



Energy sector: Digital power network analyzer



Space: Ruggedized DAQ and processing unit for a gas detection



# EDF Defense project ARCHYTAS

## → Purpose

The project focuses on developing advanced technologies, including **optoelectronic-based accelerators**, volatile and non-volatile processing-in-memory, and neuromorphic devices.

Development of **photonic computing accelerator** that utilizes photons, instead of electrons, **to perform calculations** to have massive parallelism, enabling faster computations and reduced latency.

Enhancement of energy efficiency, speed, and cost-effectiveness in defense operations.

## → Project ARCHYTAS highlights

- Research project with 20 mio € budget
- Consortium with 25 members
- Seven work packages
- Project timeline: from December 2024 till the end of 2027



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### ARCHitectures based on unconventional accelerators for dependable/energy efficient AI Systems

#### SELECTED PROJECTS EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND (EDF) 2023

<b>CALL TITLE:</b>	Research actions on digital transformation
<b>TOPIC TITLE:</b>	Dedicated hardware architectures for energy-efficient AI
<b>DURATION OF THE PROJECT:</b>	36 months
<b>TYPE(S) OF ACTIVITIES:</b>	Integrating knowledge, Studies, Design
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST:</b>	€ 19,976,637.23
<b>MAXIMUM EU CONTRIBUTION :</b>	€ 19,976,637.23



#### SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

The goal of ARCHYTAS is to investigate non-conventional Artificial Intelligence (AI) accelerators for defence applications, using novel technologies at the device and package level.



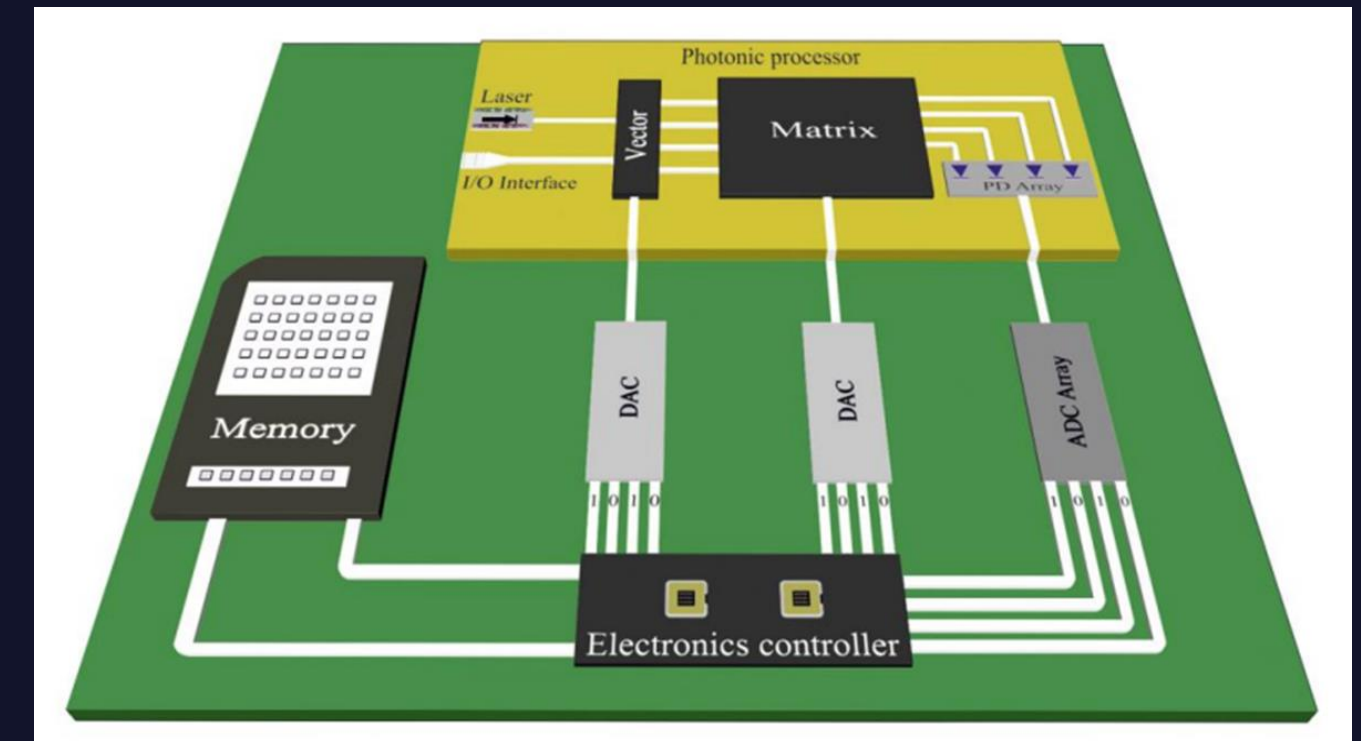
# Instrumentation Technologies in ARCHYTAS

Focus on signal conditioning circuitry, ADC/DAC selection, and **ADC/DAC interfacing** to the FPGA (electrical and logical), memory for photonic computing engine controller (ECPCE).

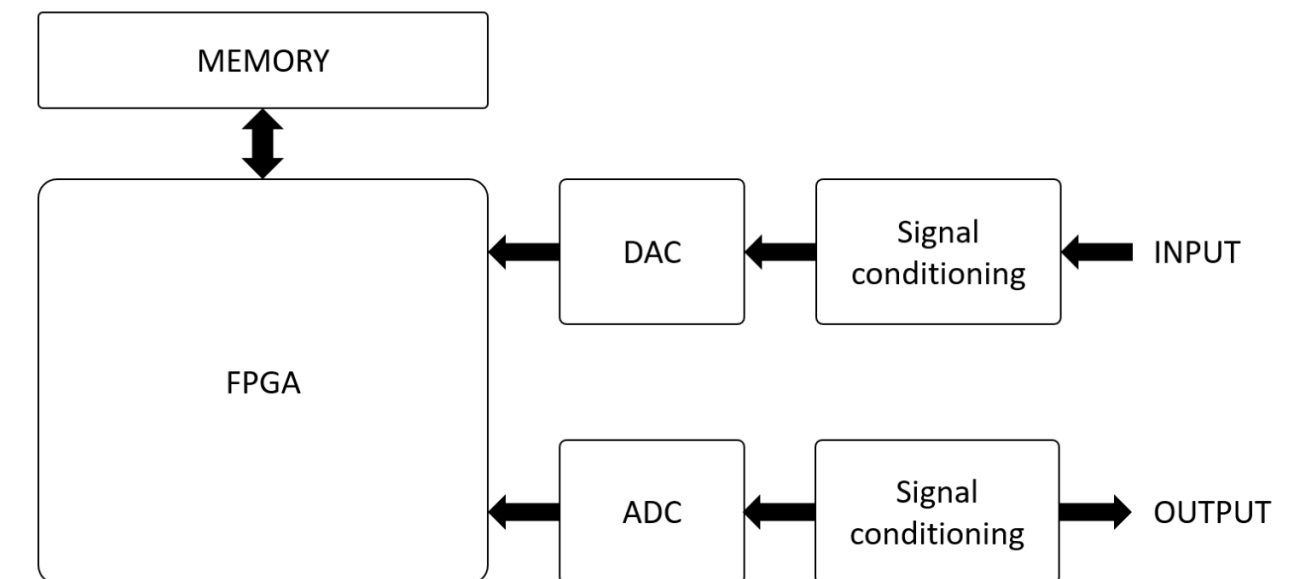
**Parallel processing techniques** within the FPGA will be evaluated.

Several important aspects of system characteristics, such as **power consumption, overall size, performance, and technology maturity**, will be examined.

Study of implementing the **dynamic non-linear quantization** to reduce the number of bits.



Source: University Trento



# Advanced solutions for defence

- 1: Back up communication system
- 2: Generation of encrypted keys using quantum technology
- 3: Communication earth-satellite
- 4: Communication between satellites
- 5: Quantum antenna (quantum radar)
- 6: wireless sensors and monitoring systems for military camps (SWICSSY)

