



## Secondment report

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**Research project title:** "Reliable RISC-V based Architectures for Edge AI"  
**From:** TUT  
**To:** IFAG  
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#### Activities during the secondment

##### Scope and objectives

- Training on the Metagen automation framework and Cadence Xcelium simulation environment.
- Practical understanding of the SBST flow, including fault injection and PFC.
- Research on fault localization in a RISC-V processor using intermediate checks.
- A collaborative research paper with Infineon.

##### Activities

- Hands-on training on the Metagen automation framework and Cadence Xcelium simulation environment.
- Study and practical application of the SBST flow, including SBST execution, fault injection, and PFC-based detection.
- Experimental research on fault localization in a RISC-V processor using intermediate checks.

##### Main results achieved

- Working knowledge of Metagen, Cadence Xcelium, and the SBST flow was acquired.
- Fault localization using intermediate checks was demonstrated on a RISC-V processor.
- SBST pattern IDs responsible for fault activation were identified, reducing the fault search space and enabling runtime fault detection.

##### Next steps

- Automate the fault localization approach and further refine localization to fewer candidate signals.
- Complete experimental evaluation, consolidate results, and prepare a collaborative research paper with Infineon.

#### Self-evaluation

##### Overall score

*I consider this secondment successful, with regard to the research objectives achieved, skills developed, supervision quality and diversity of the resources. (Agree = 5 ... Disagree = 1)*

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##### Optional comments

None

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