

ISC-Presentation

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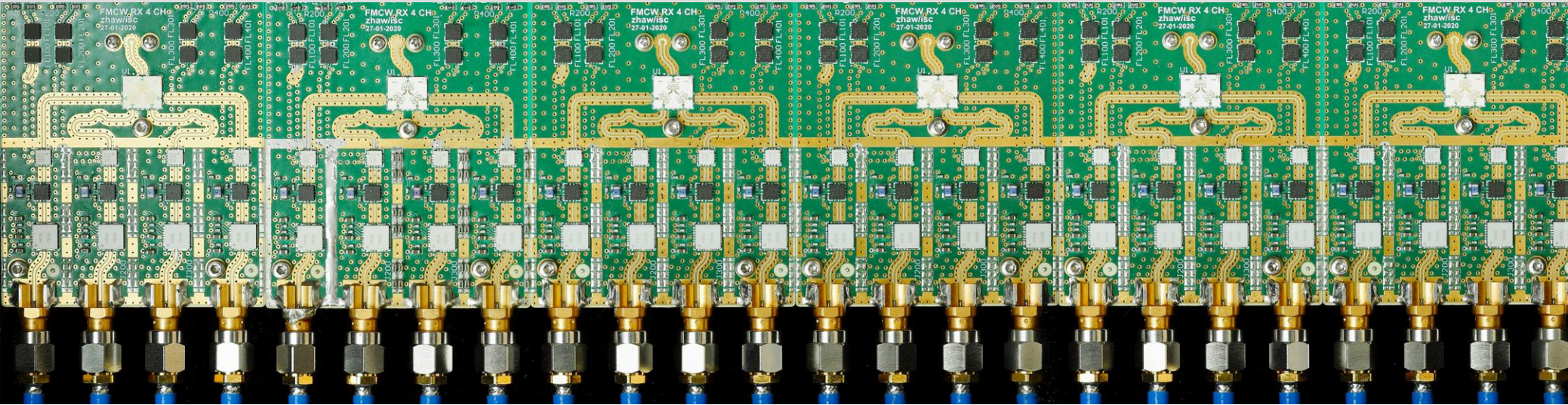
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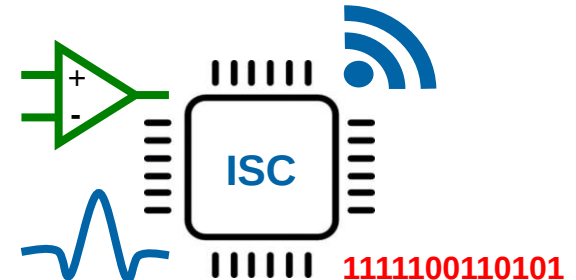
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ISC Institute of Signal Processing and Wireless Communications



Radar-Frontend 9-18 GHz, ISC, 2021.

Focus on the Signal Processing Chain
from the Sensor / Antenna to Data Evaluation



A Motivated and Creative Team

Lecturers: **12**

Scientific Staff: **21**

(with Bachelor- or Master Degree in Electrical Engineering)

Office: **1**



[Prof. Dr. Marcel Rupf](#)
Head of Institute
and of Digital Signal
Processing Group



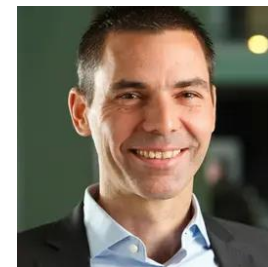
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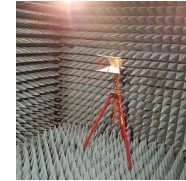
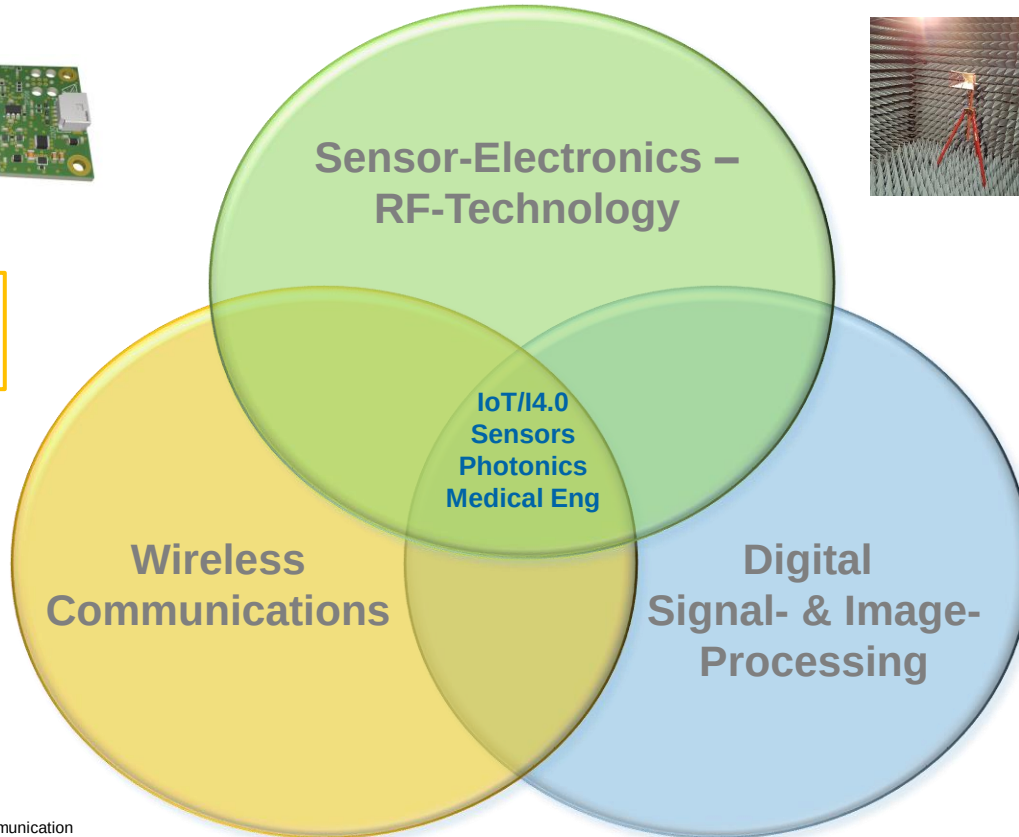
ISC-Focus on Research and Teaching



Wireless communications with focus on PHY/MAC-layers and localisation

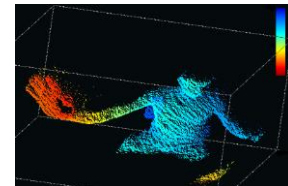
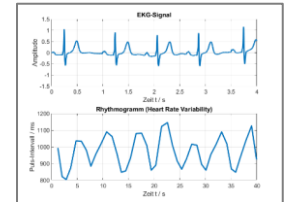


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Institute of Signal Processing and Wireless Communication



Design of low-noise and low-power electronics for analog frontends up to highest frequencies

Processing of measurement-, sensor-, radio-, geo-, bio-, speech-, audio- and image-signals with efficient algorithms on multiple platforms (CPU, GPU, MCU/DSP, FPGA, SoC)



Forms of Cooperation with Industry

R&D Direct Orders

- According to offer with scope of services, costs and deadlines

Funded Research Projects

- Innosuisse-Innoscheck (Testing the feasibility of a new idea)
- Innosuisse-Projekte (Development of prototypes for innovative products)

Student Projects in the Bachelor's or Master's Program

- For non-time-critical feasibility and technology studies

Workshops

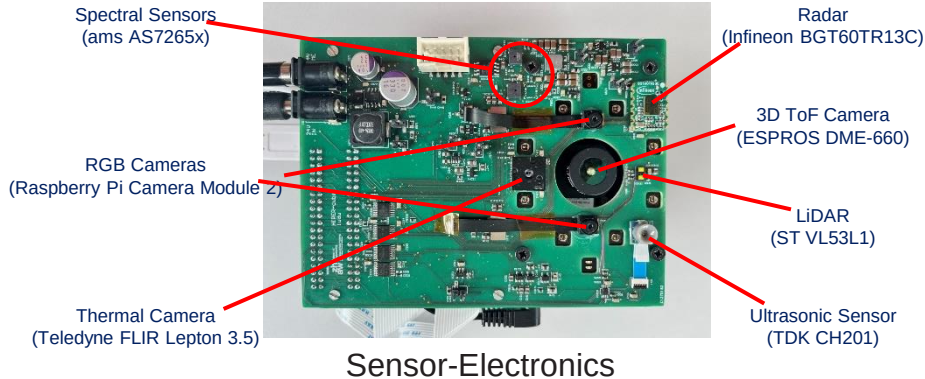
- For certain technologies or problems, also under NDA

Weiterbildungskurse (dt.)

- WBK Hochfrequenztechnik, WBK Digitale Signalverarbeitung

Sensor-Electronics - RF-Technology

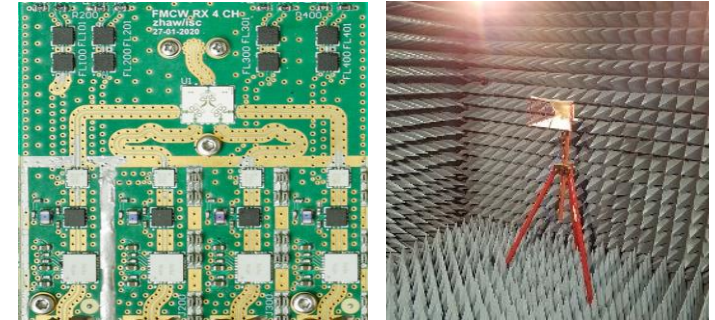
Design of **low-noise**
and **low-power** electronics
for **analog frontends** up to
highest frequencies



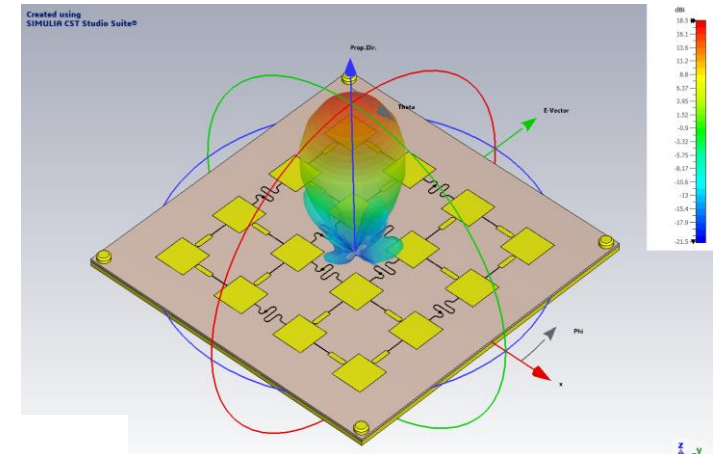
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Optoelectronics
(small 3D-ToF-Module)



RF-Frontend and Antenna Measuring Chamber



Digital Signal - and Image Processing

Processing of

- Measurement / Sensor Signals
- Radio Signals
- Geo / Bio Signals
- Speech / Audio Signals
- Images of multiple Cameras

with efficient algorithms
on multiple platforms

- MCU / DSP, FPGA, SoC
- GPU / CPU



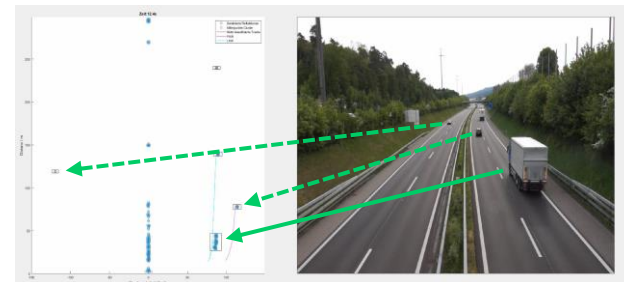
Ultrasonic System
([Hauswasserzähler](#), GWF)



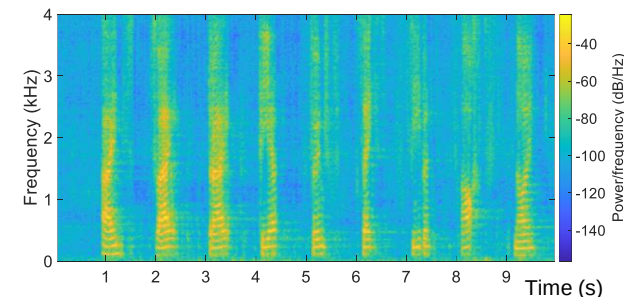
IMU Signal Processing
(Data Fusion, [Pose Tracking](#))



Non Destructive Testing
(acoustic)

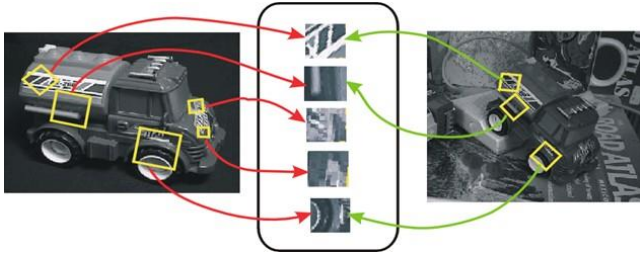


Radar Signal Processing
(Range-Doppler-Map, [Kalman-Tracking](#))



Speech Signal Processing
(Numbers 1-9, AI-based deverbation)

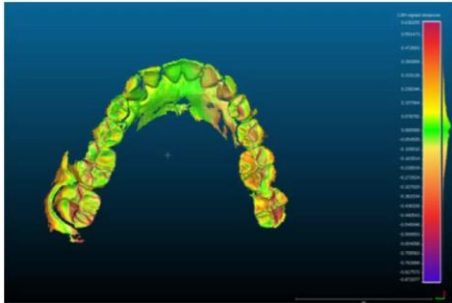
Digital Signal - and Image Processing



Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)



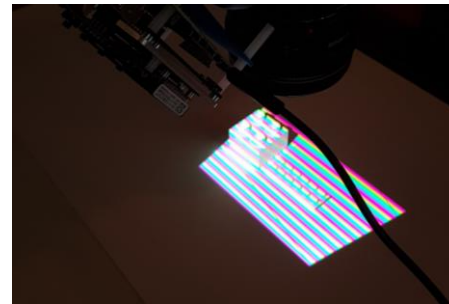
Image Stitching



Depth Map
(of [Intraoralscanner](#))



Video Processing
(Student project with TI-SoC)



Color Fringe 3D Profilometry



Measurement Signal Processing
([Laserscanner](#), ELAG)

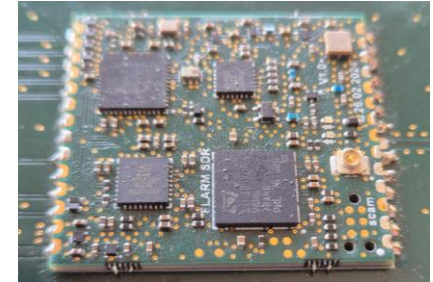
Wireless Communications

Wireless communications with focus on PHY/MAC-layers and Lokalisation

- RFID / NFC
- Bluetooth, WLAN / Wi-Fi
- LoRa (169/868 MHz / 2.4 GHz)
- UWB (Transmission, RTLS)
- Avionics (ADS-B, FLARM, ADS-B light)
- Mobile (4G/LTE Adv., NB-IoT, LTE-M, 5G)
- Radar (X-/K-band/mm-wave, FMCW, MIMO)
- GNSS (GPS/Galileo, RTK, GBAS)
- Software Defined Radio (SDR, GNU radio)
- Simulation of Radio Propagation



Avionics Receivers
(ADS-B 1090 MHz, [FLARM 868 MHz](#))

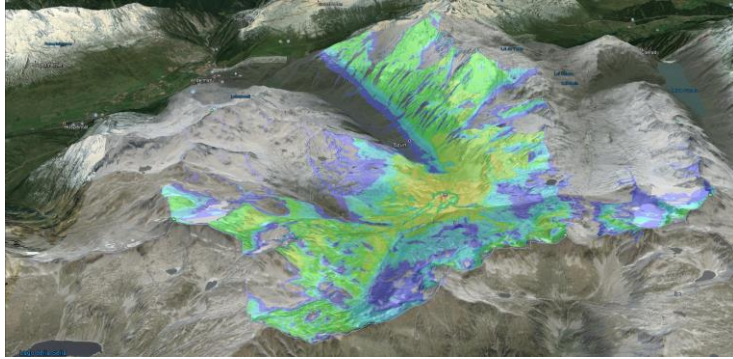


Bluetooth
(one of the first "industrial"
BLE applications in CH, [CTI](#))

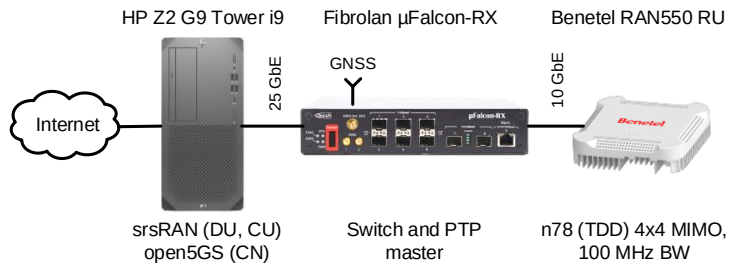


Wearable
(4G, GNSS, Bluetooth 5.0)

Wireless Communications



Simulation of LoRa coverage
(Radio Mobile, 868 MHz, LPWAN for livestock tracking)



5G Campus Network

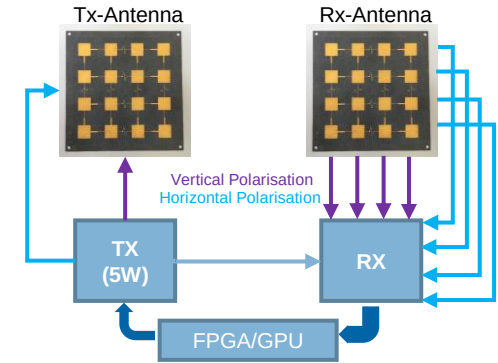


Redundant Radio System
(sub 1-GHz, monitoring natural hazards)



NB-IoT

(sensor and connectivity module)

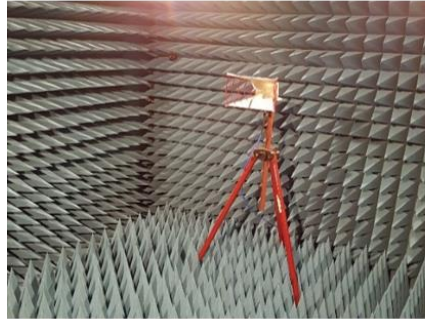


X-Band FMCW Bird Radar
(block diagram)



X-Band FMCW Bird Radar
(field test, [Innosuisse-Project](#))

5 Teaching Labs and 3 R&D-Labs



Equipment

- Audiointerfaces and microphones
- RGB-, IR-, multispectral-, event-based-Cameras
- Digital oscilloscopes up to 40 GS/s
- Spectrum analyzer / RTSA up to 26 GHz (60-90 GHz)
- Vector network analyzers up to 20 GHz
- Field strength meter up to 3 GHz
- Signal generators / AWG up to 6 GHz
- SMD workplace with steam-phase soldering oven (VP 310 Asscon) and «Leichtmanipulator» Fritsch LM901
- GPS simulator / generator
- Rubidium time standards
- Climate control cabinet 37I, -40°C up to 180°C
- Antenna measuring chamber (LxBxH inside: 3.7 x 1.9 x 1.8 m, 500 MHz up to 110 GHz, 3D positioner DAMS 6000 with DFSM10-18)
- CST Studio, AWR Microwave Office, Altium, Matlab
- SoC / SoM boards, e.g. AMD RFSoc 4x2-Kit
- SDRs e.g. Ettus / NI
- small mechanical workshop and 3D printer