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Computing on Encrypted Data Hardware Day

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How it started: ERC Advanced Grant “Hardware acceleration for computing on Encrypted Data”

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BELFORT Hardware Acceleration for Computing on Encrypted Data

This is prof. Verbauwheide's second ERC grant ([Cathedral](#)).

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How it started: 10 years anniversary

Early work: Somewhat Homomorphic Encryption

Compact Ring-LWE crypto processor, 2014

YASHE CHES 2015 papers:

- “Modular Hardware Architecture for Somewhat Homomorphic Function Evaluation,” PhD work of Dr. Sujoy Sinha Roy
- “Accelerating Homomorphic Evaluation on Reconfigurable Hardware,” PhD work of Dr. Thomas Pöppelmann (in parallel)



Previous events

Leuven, May 2024

- Belfort
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Hardware, Compilers

Today

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| • 0xParc | • Google |
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| • Cornami | • Nokia Bell Labs |
| • Duality | • Optalysys |
| • Fabric | • Sunscreen |

Hardware, Compilers, Applications



Program: morning

08:30 – 09:00 (30min)	Welcome Coffee	10:30 – 10:50 (20min)	Coffee Break
09:00 – 09:10 (10min)	Welcome Talk Ingrid Verbauwhede (Belfort / KU Leuven)	10:50 – 11:15 (25min)	Lessons Learned On the Very Long Road From the First-Ever FHE Co-Design to Real-World Products Kurt Rohloff (Duality Technologies)
09:10 – 09:35 (25min)	The Power of Scale Paul Master (Cornami)	11:15 – 11:40 (25min)	FHE for all: Practical Applications on Hardware Platforms with HEIR Shruthi Gorantala (Google) Wouter Legiest (Google & COSIC (KU Leuven))
09:35 – 10:00 (25min)	Niobium's Modular FHE Accelerator: Architecture, Market, Challenge and Directions David Archer (Niobium Microsystems)	11:40 – 12:05 (25min)	Our Curious Adventures Enabling ProgCrypto from F(HE) to Z(K): Designing, Programming and Deploying the Verifiable Processing Unit (VPU) Michael Gao (Fabric Cryptography)
10:00 – 10:15 (15min)	End-to-end encrypted group voice calls Emad Heydari Beni (Nokia Bell Labs)	12:05 – 14:00 (1h 55min)	Lunch
10:15 – 10:30 (15min)	From Hardware to Private AI: Seamless Paths to Deployment Rotem Tsabary (LatticaAI)		
10:30 – 10:50 (20min)	Coffee Break		



Afternoon

12:05 – 14:00 (1h 55min)	Lunch	15:25 – 15:50 (25min)	FrogZone Justin Glibert (0xPARC)
14:00 – 14:30 (30min)	From Theory to Throughput: Deploying FHE in the Cloud with AMD, AWS & Belfort Girish Malipeddi (AMD) Mark Azadpour (AWS) Laurens De Poorter (Belfort)	15:50 – 16:05 (15min)	FHE That Ships: Our Journey from Research to Real Deployment Ajay Joshi (CipherSonic Labs)
14:30 – 14:55 (25min)	Accelerating Secure Genomics: Tales from the FHE Trenches Vishakh (Monadic DNA)	16:05 – 16:20 (15min)	Parasol: A FHE compiler pioneering circuit bootstrapping Ravital Solomon (Sunscreens)
14:55 – 15:25 (30min)	Coffee Break	16:30 – 17:15 (45min)	Panel Ingrid Verbauwhede (Belfort, moderator) Flavio Bergamaschi (Optalysys) Alexander Viand (Intel Labs) Pankaj Rohatgi (Google)



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Welcome!

