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*Assistive Technologies and Embedded Systems*

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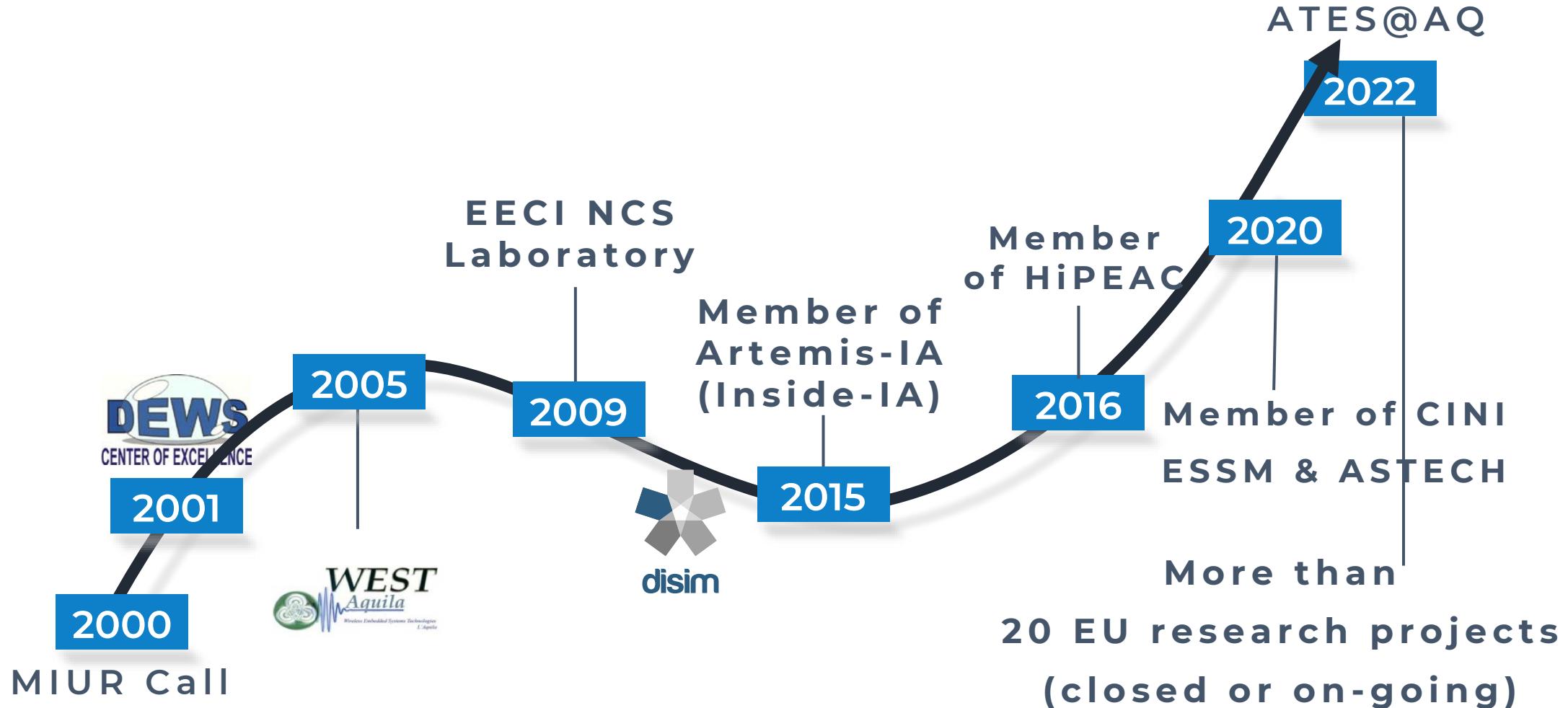
Design methodologies for Embedded controllers,  
Wireless interconnect and System-on-chip





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# ATES@AQ - Research Topics

- **1. Embedded ICT (eICT)**
- **2. On-Chip Monitoring**
- **3. Support on HW reconfiguration**
- **4. AI @ Edge layer**
- **5. Electronic System-Level HW/SW Co-Design**
- **6. Assistive Technologies**



# 1. embedded ICT (eICT)

- **Experimentation, analysis, and characterization of all the ICT typically involved in the embedded systems domain (both traditional and high-performance)**

## HW

- **uC:** Microchip/Atmel, ST, etc.
- **DSP:** Texas Instruments, etc.
- **FPGA/SoPC:** Xilinx/AMD

## SW

- **Bare-metal C/C++**
- **EOS/RTOS/HPV:** Linux, FreeRTOS, VxWorks, RTEMS, PikeOS, Xtratum

## COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

- **Wired:** USB, SPI, I2C, UART, RS485, CAN, etc.
- **Wireless:** IEEE 802.15.11, IEEE 802.15.4, BT, LORA, etc.



## 2. On-Chip Monitoring

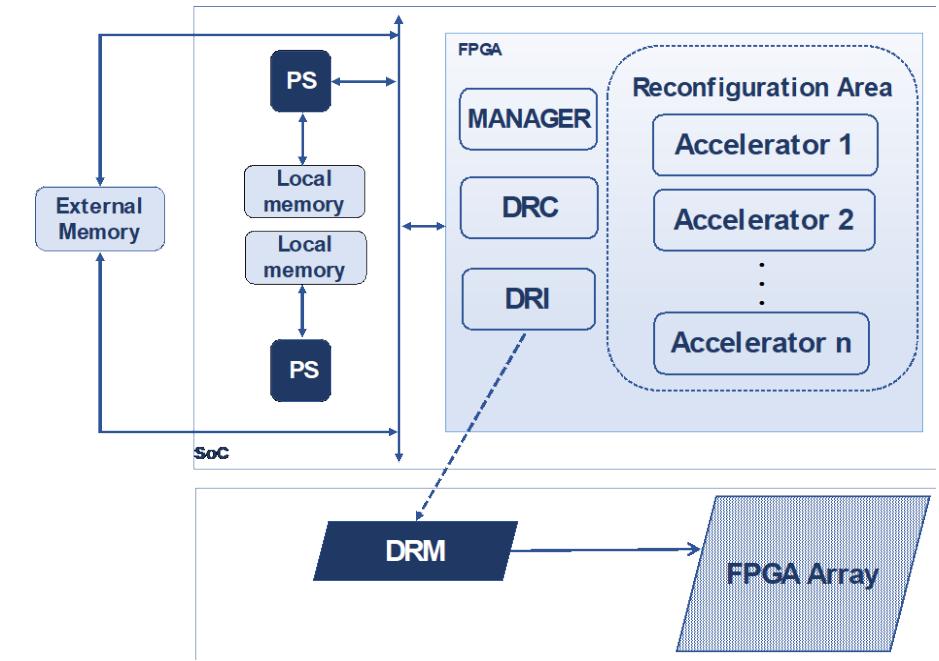
- **Automatically finding on-chip monitors from requirements**
  - MONICA Tool (<https://monicatool.cloud/>)
- **Support on custom generation of on-chip hardware monitors**
  - Library: JOINTER
    - Unobtrusive tracing
    - Runtime characterization of system behavior
    - Tightly coupled bandwidth regulation



# 3. Support on HW reconfiguration

- **Dynamic Partial Reconfiguration Profitability & Off-Loading**

- Accurate evaluation of DPR time
  - Reconfiguration Time
  - Multiple DPR requests
- Support on HW-tasks context-switch





## 4. AI @ Edge layer

- **AI inference at the Edge**

- Support to the designers in the analysis of the trade-offs provided by acceleration alternatives of CNNs on embedded/edge platforms
  - Acceleration on FPGAs, GPUs and dedicated cores
  - Optimization for constrained devices

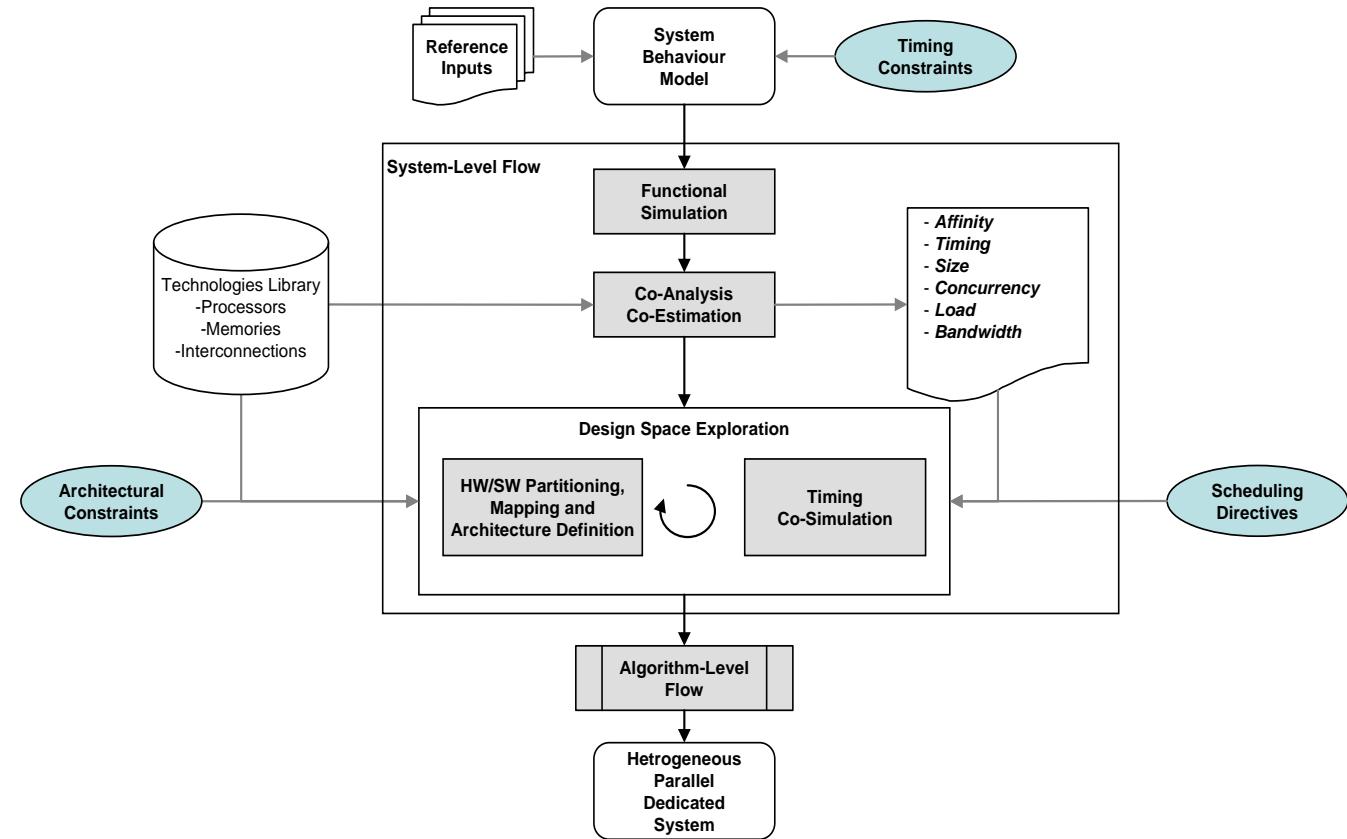


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# 5. ESL HW/SW Co-Design

# Hepsy Code

HW/SW Co-Design of  
Heterogeneous Parallel  
Dedicated/Embedded  
Systems



<http://www.hepsycode.com>



# 6. Assistive Technologies

- **The CrazySquare Project**
  - ICT-Game based system for music education learning
- **IVR-based Serious Game for ASD People**
  - Serious games for the treatment of autistic people using immersive virtual reality technologies



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# ATES@AQ - Figures

- **2010/2022**

- More than 15 funded EU/National research projects
- More than 10 industrial research contracts
  - Thales Alenia Space Italy, Thales Italy and several SMEs
- Member of several international/national associations
  - INSIDE-IA, HiPEAC, ESSM & AT CINI National Laboratories



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