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Postdoctoral researcher with expertise in data privacy and privacy-preserving machine learning. I am passionate about research and committed to the creation and development of high-quality solutions.

Education

- 2019 – 2022 **Ph.D. in Computer Science:** University Bourgogne Franche-Comté ([UBFC](#)), France.
Laboratory: [FEMTO-ST](#) (Franche-Comté Electronique Mécanique Thermique et Optique – Sciences et Technologies).
Research: Production of Categorical Data Verifying Differential Privacy: Conception and Applications to Machine Learning [[link](#)].
Funding: CADRAN project, Region Bourgogne Franche-Comté.
Supervisor: [Jean-François Couchot](#), Univ. Bourg. Franche-Comté, Besançon, France.
Co-supervisor: [Bechara Al Bouna](#), Université Antonine, Hadat-Baabda, Lebanon.
Co-supervisor: [Xiaokui Xiao](#), National University of Singapore, Singapore.
Defense date: 5th January 2022.
Dissertation jury: [Mathieu Cunche](#), *Rapporteur*, INSA Lyon; [Benjamin Nguyen](#), *Rapporteur*, INSA Centre Val de Loire; [Mário S. Alvim](#), *Examineur*, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais; [Stéphane Chrétien](#), *Examineur*, Université Lyon 2.
- 2017 – 2019 **M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering:** São Paulo State University ([UNESP](#)), Brazil.
Laboratory: [LIEB](#) (Laboratório de Instrumentação e Engenharia Biomédica).
Research: A Novel Robust and Intelligent Control Based Approach for Human Lower Limb Rehabilitation via Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation [[link](#)].
Funding: Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES).
Supervisor: [Aparecido Augusto de Carvalho](#), São Paulo State University, Brazil.
Defense date: 19th August 2019.
Dissertation jury: [Marcelo A. A. Sanches](#), São Paulo State University; [Raphaël Couturier](#), Univ. Bourg. Franche-Comté.
- 2012 – 2017 **B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering:** Mato Grosso State University ([UNEMAT](#)), Brazil.
Research: Um Estudo Complementar ao Projeto de Controle PID no Caso do Pêndulo Invertido (in Portuguese) [[link](#)].
Supervisor: [Rogério B. Quirino](#), Mato Grosso State University.
Defense date: 20th July 2017.
Dissertation jury: [Rogério Lúcio Lima](#), Mato Grosso State University; [Maria Helena Vieira Kelles](#), Mato Grosso State University.

Research Experience

- Fev. 2022 – Present **Postdoctoral Researcher at [Comète team](#) - [Inria](#), [LIX](#) (Current Position):** Research on local differential privacy, machine learning privacy, and machine learning fairness.
Funding: [HYPATIA Project](#).
Hosted by Director of Research [Catuscia Palamidessi](#).
- Oct–Dec 2022 **Visiting Researcher at The University of British Columbia – [UBC](#) (2 months):** Research on local differential privacy auditing.
Laboratory: [SYSTOPIA](#).
Hosted by Profs. [Mathias Lecuyer](#) and [Sébastien Gambs](#).

Jan. 2022	Visiting Ph.D. Student at Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais – UFMG (3 weeks): Investigation and development of data-driven solutions based on machine learning for applications in medicine. Laboratory: EEFFTO / HRTN . Hosted by Prof. Ligia de Loiola Cisneros .
Nov. 2021	Visiting Ph.D. Student at Université du Québec à Montréal – UQAM (1 month): Investigation of privacy risks when collecting multidimensional data with local differential privacy. Funding: EIPHI Graduate School (Ph.D. Student Mobility Grant). Laboratory: LATECE . Hosted by Prof. Sébastien Gambis .

Co-Supervision

2022 – 2024	Karima Makhlouf: Ph.D. Student at Comète team - Inria , LIX . Main Supervisor: Catuscia Palamidessi .
2022	Majid Zolfaghari: Visiting Ph.D. Student from the Sharif University of Technology at Comète team - Inria , LIX . Main Supervisor: Catuscia Palamidessi .

Teaching Experience

2022	Teaching Assistant on Introduction to Computer Science with Java at École Polytechnique (40 hours): Assist students enrolled in the discipline and evaluate students' tests.
2021	Lecturer at Workshop on Privacy for IoT at Master IoT UBFC (20 hours): Theory and practical methods of anonymization for 12 students of Master 1.
2020	Lecturer at Workshop on Privacy for IoT at Master IoT UBFC (20 hours): Theory and practical methods of anonymization for 21 students of Master 2.

Work Experience

2017	Electrical Engineer Intern at “Losan Engineering” (3 months): Developing low and high-tension electrical projects.
2013 – 2016	Responsible for the Development of Cooperative Groups in the FOCCO program at UNEMAT (4 years): Planning, executing, and maintaining study groups with the purpose of increasing the permanence and approval rate in undergraduate courses.
2016	Co-Founder and Voluntary Member at “Energy Electrical Projects and Consulting Junior Enterprise” (1 year): Low and high tension electrical projects; optical fibers and telecommunications projects; and consulting.
2014	Voluntary Tutor on Differential and Integral Calculus at UNEMAT (6 months): Assist students enrolled in the discipline, dedicate and plan activities to develop student learning.

Academic Community Services

Program Committee

2023	10th IEEE Swiss Conference on Data Science (SDS 2023)
2022	European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML/PKDD 2022)

2022	International Conference on Software Engineering Advances (ICSEA 2022)
Reviewer	
2022	IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, Expert Systems with Applications, Information Sciences, MDPI Modelling, IEEE Access, Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS 2023), PPAI Workshop 2023
2021	Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS 2022)
2020	Security and Communication Networks Journal

Conference/Workshop Organization

2022	1st Comète Workshop on Ethical AI at Inria, LIX.
2017	II Semana da Animação, Modelagem e Automação at UNEMAT.
2014	I Semana da Faculdade de Ciencias Exatas at UNEMAT.

Software

Python	Multiple Frequency Estimation Under Local Differential Privacy in Python: multi-freq-ldpy . MIT License, GitHub .
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Peer-Reviewed Publications: The superscript * indicates equal contributions to the paper.

Journal Articles: Classified according to four JCR ([SCImago Journal Rank](#)) quartiles (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) and its Impact Factor (IF), *retrieved in the year of publication*.

Summary of Journal Article Publications by JCR quartiles.

Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Unranked
8	5	1	0	1	1

2022	Improving the Utility of Locally Differentially Private Protocols for Longitudinal and Multidimensional Frequency Estimates. Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X. Digital Communications and Networks, Early Access. JCR: Q1 , IF: 6.348 . https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcan.2022.07.003
2022	Privacy-Preserving Prediction of Victim's Mortality and Their Need for Transportation to Health Facilities. *Arcolezi, H. H.; *Cerna, S.; Couchot, J.-F.; Guyeux, C.; Makhoul, A. IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, vol. 18(8), p.5592-5599. JCR: Q1 , IF: 11.648 . https://doi.org/10.1109/tii.2021.3123588
2022	Differentially Private Multivariate Time Series Forecasting of Aggregated Human Mobility With Deep Learning: Input or Gradient Perturbation? Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Renaud, D.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X. Neural Computing and Applications, vol. 34(16), 13355–13369. JCR: Q2 , IF: 5.102 . https://doi.org/10.1007/s00521-022-07393-0
2021	Machine learning-based forecasting of firemen ambulances' turnaround time in hospitals, considering the COVID-19 impact. Cerna, S.; Arcolezi, H. H.; Guyeux, C.; Royer-Fey, G.; Chevallier, C. Applied Soft Computing, vol. 109, p.107561. JCR: Q1 , IF: 6.725 . https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asoc.2021.107561

- 2021 **RISE Controller Tuning and System Identification Through Machine Learning for Human Lower Limb Rehabilitation via Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Nunes, W. R. B. M.; de Araujo, R. A.; Cerna, S.; Sanches, M. A. A.; Teixeira, M. C. M.; de Carvalho, A. A.
 Eng. Applications of Artificial Intelligence, vol. 102, p.104294. JCR: **Q1**, IF: **6.212**.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engappai.2021.104294>
- 2021 **Preserving Geo-Indistinguishability of the Emergency Scene to Predict Ambulance Response Time.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Cerna, S.; Guyeux, C.; Couchot, J.-F.
 Mathematical and Computational Applications, vol. 26(3), p.56. JCR: –, IF: –.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/mca26030056>
- 2020 **Forecasting the Number of Firefighter Interventions per Region with Local-Differential-Privacy-Based Data.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Cerna, S.; Guyeux, C.; Royer, G.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X.
 Computers & Security, vol. 96, p.101888. JCR: **Q1**, IF: **3.579**.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cose.2020.101888>
- 2020 **Identifying the knee joint angular position under neuromuscular electrical stimulation via long short-term memory neural networks.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Nunes, W. R. B. M.; Cerna, S.; de Araujo, R. A.; Sanches, M. A. A.; Teixeira, M. C. M.; de Carvalho, A. A.
 Research on Biomedical Engineering, vol. 36(4), p.511-526. JCR: **Q4**, IF: –.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s42600-020-00089-1>

International Conference Proceedings: Classified according to four 2021 CORE ([Computing Research and Education](#)) rankings (A*, A, B, and C).

Summary of International Conference Papers by CORE ranks.

Total	A*	A	B	C	Unranked
10	1	3	1	3	2

- 2023 **On the Risks of Collecting Multidimensional Data Under Local Differential Privacy.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Gambs, S.; Couchot, J.-F.; Palamidessi, C.
 International Conference on Very Large Data Bases. CORE: **A***.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.01684> (published version to appear)
- 2023 **Frequency Estimation of Evolving Data Under Local Differential Privacy.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Pinzón, C.; Palamidessi, C.; Gambs, S.
 International Conference on Extending Database Technology. CORE: **A**.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.00262> (published version to appear)
- 2022 **Multi-Freq-LDPy: Multiple Frequency Estimation Under Local Differential Privacy in Python.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Gambs, S.; Palamidessi, C.; Zolfaghari, M.
 European Symposium on Research in Computer Security. CORE: **A**.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-17143-7_40
- 2021 **Random Sampling Plus Fake Data: Multidimensional Frequency Estimates With Local Differential Privacy.**
Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X.
 International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management. CORE: **A** (Acceptance rate: 21.7%).
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3459637.3482467>

- 2020 **Mobility modeling through mobile data: generating an optimized and open dataset respecting privacy.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Baala, O.; Contet, J.-M.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X.
 International Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing. CORE: **B** (Acceptance rate: 38%).
<https://doi.org/10.1109/iwcmc48107.2020.9148138>
- 2020 **A Comparison of LSTM and XGBoost for Predicting Firemen Interventions.**
 Cerna, S.; Guyeux, C.; Arcolezi, H. H.; Couturier, R.; Royer, G.
 World Conference on Information Systems and Technologies. CORE: **C**.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-45691-7_39
- 2020 **Longitudinal Collection and Analysis of Mobile Phone Data with Local Differential Privacy.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X.
 IFIP International Summer School on Privacy and Identity Management. CORE: **—**.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-72465-8_3
- 2020 **Boosting Methods for Predicting Firemen Interventions.**
 Cerna, S.; Guyeux, C.; Arcolezi, H. H.; Couturier, R.; Royer, G.
 International Conference on Information and Communication Systems. CORE: **—**.
<https://doi.org/10.1109/icics49469.2020.239488>
- 2019 **Long Short-Term Memory for Predicting Firemen Interventions.**
 Nahuis, S. L. C.; Guyeux, C.; Arcolezi, H. H.; Couturier, R.; Royer, G.; Lotufo, A. D. P.
 International Conference on Control, Decision and Information Technologies. CORE: **C**.
<https://doi.org/10.1109/codit.2019.8820671>
- 2019 **A RISE-based Controller Fine-tuned by an Improved Genetic Algorithm for Human Lower Limb Rehabilitation via Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Nunes, W. R. B. M.; Nahuis, S. L. C.; Sanches, M. A. A.; Teixeira, M. C. M.; de Carvalho, A. A.
 International Conference on Control, Decision and Information Technologies. CORE: **C**.
<https://doi.org/10.1109/codit.2019.8820357>

National Conference Proceedings.

- 2021 **Machine Learning Algorithms to Predict In-Hospital Mortality in Patients with Diabetic Foot Ulceration.**
 Cisneros, L. L.; Arcolezi, H. H.; Cerna, S.; Brandão, J.L.; Santos, G.C.; Navarro, T.P.; Carvalho, A.A.
 Congresso da Sociedade Brasileira de Diabetes.
https://www.aem-sbem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/25298_Supl.-65_04_ABEM_SBD_2021.pdf
- 2020 **Prévisions géographiques du nombre d'interventions des pompiers respectant la confidentialité différentielle locale.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Couchot, J.-F.; Cerna, S.; Guyeux, C.; Royer, G.; Al Bouna, B.; Xiao, X.
 Conférence Nationale sur les Applications Pratiques de l'Intelligence Artificielle.
http://pfia2020.fr/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Actes_CH_PFIA2020_V3.pdf
- 2019 **On the Ability to Identify the Knee Joint Position Under Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation Using Long Short-Term Memory Neural Networks.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Nunes, W. R. B. M.; de Araujo, R. A.; Cerna, S.; Sanches, M. A. A.; Teixeira, M. C. M.; de Carvalho, A. A.
 Conferência Brasileira de Dinâmica, Controle e Aplicações.
<http://soac.eesc.usp.br/index.php/dincon/xivdincon/paper/view/1685/1153>

- 2019 **A Robust and Intelligent RISE-based Control for Human Lower Limb Tracking via Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Nunes, W. R. B. M.; de Araujo, R. A.; Cerna, S.; Sanches, M. A. A.; Teixeira, M. C. M.; de Carvalho, A. A.
 Conferência Brasileira de Dinâmica, Controle e Aplicações.
<http://soac.eesc.usp.br/index.php/dincon/xivdincon/paper/view/1683/1152>
- 2017 **Um Estudo Complementar do Controle PID Servo e Regulador Aplicado ao Sistema Pêndulo Invertido.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Quirino, R. B.
 Congresso Brasileiro de Educação em Engenharia.
http://www.abenge.org.br/sis_artigos.php
- 2017 **Um Estudo Complementar ao Projeto de Controle PID do Pêndulo Invertido.**
 Arcolezi, H. H.; Quirino, R. B.
 Congresso Nacional de Pesquisa e Ensino em Ciências.
<http://editorarealize.com.br/artigo/visualizar/28867>
- Preprint (0):** Submitted articles to peer-reviewed journals and/or conferences.
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Additional Training

- 2021 **Participant of the 6th Rencontre Entreprises DOCTORANTS en Sécurité (REDOCS'21):** Research of a privacy-preserving solution for collecting user statistics by cryptographic and differential privacy means ([Final Presentation](#)).
- 2021 **Participant and Presenter at the Data Anonymisation and Reidentification Competition (DARC), part of the 11th Atelier sur la Protection de la Vie Privée (APVP'21):** Research and development of a privacy-preserving solution for trajectory data.
- 2021 **Participant of the 1st Inria-DFKI European Summer School on AI (IDAI'21).**
- 2020 **Participant and Presenter at the 15th IFIP Summer School on Privacy and Identity Management:** Presentation of a privacy-preserving call-detail-records processing system research paper.

Presentations & Media

- 2022 **Seminar:** Locally differentially private protocols for frequency estimation of longitudinal data. In: **Groupe de travail Protection de la Vie Privée (GT-PVP).** Online.
- 2022 **Tutorial:** A Brief Introduction to Local Differential Privacy. In: **The University of British Columbia (SYSTOPIA Lab).** In-person.
- 2022 **Invited talk:** Data anonymization and Artificial Intelligence models (in Portuguese). In: **Hospital Risoleta Tolentino Neves.** Hybrid format (in-person and online). [Press journal](#).
- 2021 **Invited talk:** Improving Utility and Privacy in Multidimensional Frequency Estimates Under Local Differential Privacy. In: **Université du Québec à Montréal (LATECE Seminar).** Hybrid format (in-person and online).
- 2021 **Invited talk:** Introduction to Privacy Preservation and Machine Learning Techniques in Healthcare (in Portuguese). In: **Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais.** Online.
- 2021 **Oral presentation:** Privacy-Preserving Human Mobility Analytics Through Mobile Phone Data. In: [APVP 2021](#) - 11e Atelier sur la Protection de la Vie Privée. Online.

Expertise

Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conception and application of global, shuffle, and local differential privacy protocols for statistical learning. • Application of syntactic anonymization methods for privacy-preserving data publishing. • Development of machine learning models with differential privacy guarantees.
Machine Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of machine learning and deep learning methods for regression and time series forecasting tasks. • Development of machine learning and deep learning methods for classification (binary, multiclass, and multi-output) tasks.
Control System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and implementation of closed-loop linear and nonlinear control methods. • Identification of linear and nonlinear systems with mathematical and black-box methods.
Optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and utilization of linear and metaheuristic optimization methods.
Biomedical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting practical rehabilitation experiments on people with spinal cord injury through automatized methods.

Tools

Programming languages:	Python, Java, Matlab & Simulink, Visual Basic.
Libraries:	Keras, TensorFlow, TensorFlow Privacy, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, Pandas, Numpy, GEKKO, Scipy, Sympy, Ray, Numba, Scikit-fuzzy.
Operating Systems:	Linux (Debian and Ubuntu) and Windows 7/10/11.
Others:	MySQL, ARX anonymization tool, Labview, Latex, Sun Grid Engine (SGE), MS Office, AutoCAD, AltoQI Lumine, and Multisim.

Languages

Portuguese	Mother Tongue
English	Advanced - C1
French	Intermediate - B2
Spanish	Intermediate - B2