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**Abstract:** This work presents the design of a system of a highly flexible pseudorandom number generator system (PRNG) incorporating both conventional and neuro-generators. The system integrates four internal generators with different conditions, to produce new output sequences with an adequate bits distribution and complexity. Two generators function at a frequency of 100 MHz with adjustable frequency settings, while two neuro-generators employ impulse neurons with distinct behaviours at 4 kHz, also modifiable. The proposed, system meets 12 statistical randomness based on NIST's *National Institute of Standards and Technology of U. S.* test suite, including the Frequency test, Binary Matrix Rank test, Linear Complexity test, Random Excursion test, among others. Each resulted in a *P-Value* greater than 0.01, confirming the pseudo-randomness of the generated sequences. The system is implemented on an FPGA *Field Programmable Gate Array Virtex 7xc7vx485t-2ffg1761*, with a low occupancy percentage, demonstrating its feasibility for various applications.

Keywords: FPGA; generator; linear complexity; NIST; PRNG; pseudorandom; P-value; system

# 1. Introduction

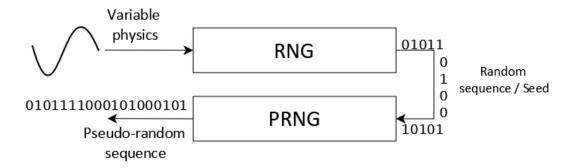
Random numbers are widely used in a variety of application, including statistics, computer programming, videogames, numeric analysis, cryptography, among others [1–3]. Random numbers can be obtained from random sequences produced by random number generators (RNGs) [1]. The quality of an RNG is determined by its ability to produce sequences with good statistical properties, minimal predictability and uniform digit distribution [4–7].

The development of random number generation methods dates back to the 1940s, with contributions from Von Neumann, Metropolis, Ulam and Lehmer. They pioneered the Montecarlo simulation method [8–10]; which was published by N. Metropolis and Stanislaw M. Ulam in 1949 [9,11]. The method estimates outcomes in unpredictable events across multiple fields, including sales forecasting, integral approximations, sampling experiments and artificial intelligence [12–15]. The Monte Carlo method is based on sequences of pseudorandom numbers, where a set of results is predicted in an estimated range of values, building a model with possible results [12–15]. However, unlike random numbers, pseudorandom numbers are deterministic, meaning their sequences eventually repeat [6,7]. Thus, pseudorandom numbers must meet specific statistical criteria to ensure

unpredictability, e.g. the random appearance of the length and uniformly distributed bits [6,7]. Some applications of pseudorandom sequences include cryptography, financial models, communications, artificial intelligent, etc. [6,7,16,17].

Random Number Generators RNG and Pseudorandom Number Generator PRNG

Various types of random number and pseudorandom number generators (RNGs and PRNGs) have been designed. Examples of RNGs are the QRNG *Quantum Random Generator* and the TRNG *True Random Generator* [18–20], which used physical variables, such as electronic noise from electronic circuits, biological signals and quantum processes (e.g. semiconductors) [18–20]. The quality of the generators depends on the concordance between their output properties and those of a process of generating uniform and independent data [21]. The goal is to ensure that the random number sequences meet the necessary characteristics for various applications, such as generating initial data or seed data for a PRNG, as shown in Figure 1. From the seed data, the PRNG is initialized to produce a new pseudorandom sequence [4].



**Figure 1.** RNG generator providing the initial or seed data to a PRNG type generator.

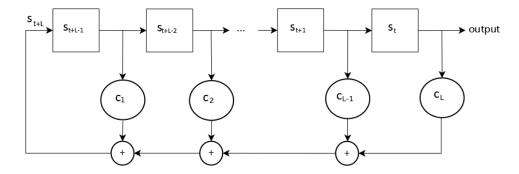
PRNGs use deterministic algorithms to generate sequences, ensuring uniformity and independence [22]. A common method is the *Linear Congruential Generator* (LCG) invented by D. H. Lehmer, defined by the recursive relation in equation (1) where each number is computed as a function of the previous number.  $X_0$  is defined as seed ( $X_0 > 0$ ),  $x_0 = a$  is the constant multiplier ( $x_0 > 0$ ),  $x_0 = a$  is the active constant ( $x_0 > 0$ ) and  $x_0 = a$  is the modulus ( $x_0 > a$ ). According to the recursive relation,  $x_0 = a$  is the remainder when dividing  $x_0 = a$  is the modulus ( $x_0 = a$ ).

$$X_{n+1} = (aXn + c)mod m (1)$$

Another widely used PRNG method is the *Linear Feedback Shift Register* (LFSR), which employs storage registers that shifts bits in response to clock pulses, generating pseudorandom sequences. Each register cell stores a bit that is shifted one position to the right for each clock pulse [28–33]. This component is often used in generators for stream encryption, due the flexibility of hardware implementation. Additionally, the register's statistical properties [28–33] allow it to be used for the design of news generators.

Every time a shift to the right occurs in the LFSR, a cell in the register becomes empty, allowing a new bit to be stored in the vacant position [28–33]. Feedback is a linear feedback function, as shown in equation (2). In an LFSR of length L over  $F_q$ , the system functions as a finite state automaton that generates a semi-infinite sequence of element of  $F_q$ , denoted  $s = (s_t)_{t \ge 0} = s_0 s_{1...}$ , which satisfies a linear recurrence relation of degree L over  $F_q$  [28–33]. The coefficients of L  $c_1, \ldots, c_L$  are elements of  $F_q$  and are referred to as feedback coefficients of the LFSR; Figure 2 illustrates, an LFSR representing this concept [28].

$$s_{t+L} = \sum_{i=1}^{L} c_i \, s_{t+L-i}, \ \forall t \ge 0$$
 (2)



**Figure 2.** LFSR of length L over  $F_q$  [28].

All random and pseudorandom number generators must be validated through statistical tests to determine whether the sequences they produce exhibit randomness or pseudo-randomness. Examples include the Diehard tests and the NIST statistical tests [34–37], which consists of 15 tests proposed by the National Institute of Standard and Technology to evaluate the RNG or PRNG generator sequences. Some of the tests include: the Frequency (Monobit) test [35,38,39], which ensures that the sequence contains approximately equal proportions of zeros and ones, with uniform a distribution [35,38]; The Frequency within a Block test, which examine the proportion of ones within M-bits bocks [35,38,40]; the Runs test, which evaluates the total number of runs (uninterrupted by identical) in the entire sequence [35,38,43]; the Binay Matrix Rank test, which checks the linear dependence between fixed length substrings of the original sequence [34,35,38,42]; the Maurer's Universal Statistical test, which measures the number of bits between matching patterns to determine whether the sequence can be compressed without losing information [35,38,43]; the Linear Complexity test, which assesses whether the sequence is complex enough to be consider random [35,38,44,45]; the Cumulative Sums (Cusums), which analyzes the maximum deviation from zero in a random walk defined by the cumulative sum, where sequence digits are adjusted to -1 and +1 [35,38,46]; the Random Excursion test, which determine the number of K visit cycles in a cumulative random walk [35,38,46] and the Random Excursion Variant test, which examines the total number of times a particular state is visited in a sequence [35,38,46]. These statistical tests help validate the quality of RNG and PRNG sequences, ensuring their suitability for cryptographic, simulation, and other applications.

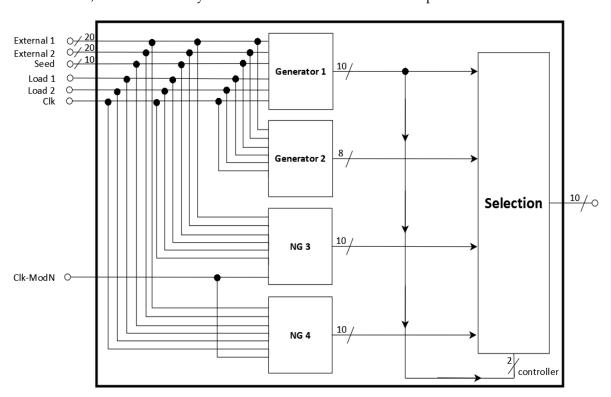
Each test in the suite evaluates pseudo-randomness independently. A sequence is considered satisfactory only if the *P-Value* is greater than 0.01; otherwise, the sequence is deemed completely non-random or non-pseudorandom [35,38]. The *P-Value* is derived from hypothesis testing, assessing whether the observed result is consistent with the assumption of randomness [35,38]. Each test follows a hypothesis testing framework: under the null hypothesis H0, the sequence is random, while under the alternative hypothesis Ha, the sequence is not random [35,38]. Two types of errors can occur during hypothesis tests: type I error, where H0 is rejected (concluding non-randomness) when the sequence is actually random [35,38], or type II error, where H0 is accepted (concluding randomness) when the sequence is actually non-random [35,38]. For a sequence to pass the test, it must be random enough to accept H0; if it is non-random, H0 is rejected in favor of Ha [35,38].

This work presents the design and implementation of a system incorporating PRNGs generators and neuro-generators on the *Virtex 7 xc7vx485t-ffg1761* reconfigurable FPGA (*Field Programmable Gate Array*) device [38,47–49]. The system features four internal PRNG generators with good statistical properties and a uniform bit distribution, which meet the criteria to pass various NIST tests. The system allows for the generation of new pseudorandom sequences by selecting from all internal generators. In addition, a specific generator can be chosen to produce a previously validated sequence. Some of the tests confirming the pseudo-randomness of the generated sequences include the Frequency (Monobit) test, Frequency within a Block test, Linear Complexity test, Binary Matrix Rank test, among others. The results demonstrate that the generators system is suitable for various applications, such as biological systems, simulations, for testing electronic circuits, etc.

# 2. Design of a System of PRNG Generators and Neuro-Generators

A system of pseudorandom number generators and neuro-generators was designed, as shown in Figure 3. The proposed system consists of two PRNG generators (Generator 1 and Generator 2) and two neuro-generators (NG 1 and NG 2). Each of these was designed individually with specific conditions, to pass different NIST statistical tests with satisfactory pseudo-randomness results [38,47–49].

The system's generators are connected to a selection device that determines, which set of bits is passed to the output. It features four input connections for initial data: *External 1* and *External 2* (each 20 bits) or *Seed* data (10 bits per generator). These inputs are loaded into the internal LFSRs of each generator, only when the *Load* signals are active. Additionally, the system includes an independent clock signal for the neuro-generator neuronal blocks, allowing their frequency to be adjusted without affecting the entire system. The sequences produced by each generator, along with different selection combinations, were validated by NIST statistical tests to confirm their pseudo-randomness.



**Figure 3.** System of generators and neuro-generators type PRNG.

Generator 1, shown in Figure 4 (a) [47], is a PRNG with a 10 bits output and two LFSR shift registers. These registers are loaded in parallel with either external data or seed data, depending on the *Load* signals and the selection of the multiplexer, which is controlled by a controller [47]. Once both LFSRs are loaded, each CLK signal pulse generate a 10-bit output, while simultaneously shifting a bit to the right, allowing a feedback bit to enter the register. This feedback is produced by an XOR gate, with one of its inputs negated, connected to bits 16 and 20 a configuration recommended by Xilinx to maximize the number of LFSR output sequences before repetition occurs. The outputs of LFSR1 and LFSR2 are further processed by two logic blocks, referred to as *Logic Field 1*, *Logic Field 2*, *Xor Field 1* and *Xor Field 2*. The final output is determined by multiplexer *Mux 3*, which directs the bit word to the generator output. The *Mux 3 Controller* selects LFSR1 data when set to 0 and LFSR2 data when set to 1 [47].

On the other hand, Generator 2, shown in Figure 4b [48], consists of a general block with an LFSR connected to a parallel register for seed data input. Similar to Generator 1, each CLK pulse shift the sequence one bit to the right, allowing the input of the feedback bit, while simultaneously producing the LFSR output sequence. In this design, outputs 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15 and 17 are connected

to an addressing bus, which enables random access to predefined words in the generator and produce the output sequence [48].

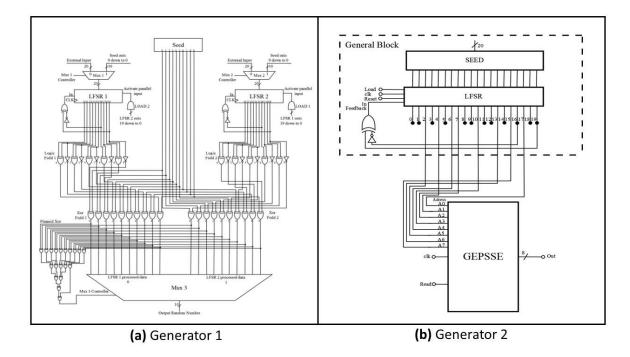


Figure 4. PRNG generators of the system: (a) Generator 1 [47]; (b) Generator 2 [48].

The NG 3 and NG 4 neuro-generators, shown in Figure 5 [38,49], follow a similar topology to Generator 1, but incorporate a neuronal module connected to each neuro-generators. These modules generate a non-periodic clock signal that enters the CLK of the LFSR 1, causing the bits to shift and producing an output sequence whenever the CLK of the LFSR 1 receives a pulse from the neuronal module. Meanwhile, the LFSR 2 operates at a periodic frequency of 100 MHz [38,49].

The neuronal modules are designed with hardware impulse neurons operating at a 4 kHz clock signal, with the option to modify this frequency. Their behaviour is based on the Izhikevich biological neurons [38,49–51]. For neuro-generator NG 3, shown in Figure 5a, the neuronal module exhibits phasic bursts, producing six impulses and tonic bursts, generating 16 impulses at the output. These impulses are triggered, only when the neuron is stimulated by an input impulse, without the need to remain in high state. On the other hand, the neuronal module of the neuro-generator NG 4, shown in Figure 5b, consist of six impulse neurons with different behaviours: frequency adaptation, tonic impulse, mixed mode, phasic bursts, tonic bursts and phasic impulse. Each neuron produces a unique number of impulses per series, activated only upon stimulation [38,49–51]. In both neuro-generators, the output data from the LFSRs are processed by *Channel 1* and *Channel 2*, which are then passed through a selection module to form the final output sequence. This sequence is subsequently validated by the NIST statistical tests.

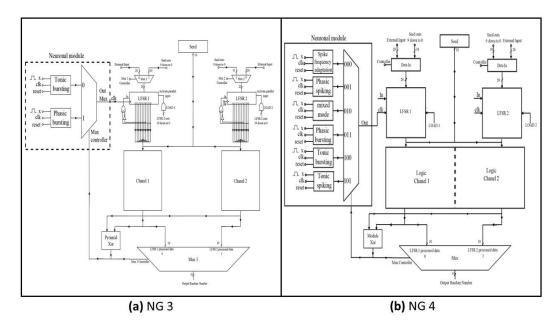


Figure 5. Neuro-generators of the system: (a) Neuro-Generator NG 3 [49]; (b) Neuro-Generator NG 4 [38].

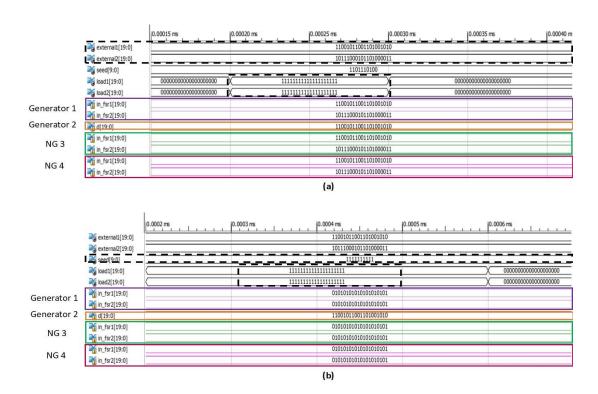
# 3. Simulation and Implementation of the System Generators

The design of the generators and neuro-generators system was implemented using the VHDL hardware description language and developed in ISE 14.6, a software tool from the Xilinx AMD design platform [52]. This software was used to simulate the system and test its operation. Additionally, it generated a txt text file containing the new output sequences, which were subsequently using NIST statistical tests. The system also provided occupation percentages, detailing the resource usage of each generator within the *Virtex 7 xc7vx485t-2ffg1761* reconfigurable FPGA device [53].

### 3.1. Simulation Results

The simulation was performed at a frequency of 100 MHz for the entire system, including the neuronal modules of the neuro-generators. This is despite the fact that the clock frequency of the impulse neurons in hardware is 4 kHz. In Figure 6a, the initial data (*external1* and *external2*) are loaded into each of LFSR of the generators when the *Load* signals are activated (set to 1). The loaded data is visible in the *in\_lfsr* signals, which are color coded, to indicate their respective generators. For Generator 2, represented by the brown *d* signal, only a single shift register is used, and the *external1* data is loaded into it. A similar process occurs when the seed data is used instead of external data, as shown in Figure 6b. However, in this case, the bits are distributed differently when loaded into the LFSR, due to the difference in the bit word length between each one.

With the *Load* signal disable, the data is processed by each of the generator stages to produce the system output sequences as shown in Figure 7. The selector corresponding to the *aux\_sel\_mux* signals, indicate the output data that form a new sequence. In this case, the corresponding bit word is marked in green, starting with 1101001101 of the neuro-generator NG 3 and ending with 00101110 of the Generator 2. In the latter, the output is eight bits, so in the ten bits word of the output system only the first eight bits change from right to left, keeping the last two bits of the previous word. As well as the generator sequences, this one is also validated by NIST statistical tests to demonstrate its pseudorandomness in specific tests or the entire set.



**Figure 6.** Loading the initial data to the LFSRs of the generators and neuro-generators of the selection system: (a) External data (*external 1* y *external 2*); (b) *Seed* data.

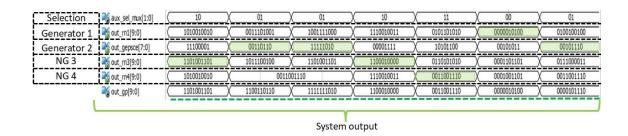
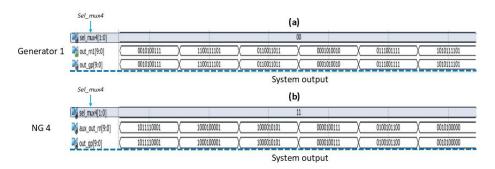


Figure 7. Selection of generators by the system to form the new output sequence.

The design of this system has the flexibility to select the output of a single generator, to obtain the sequence already validated by NIST, as shown in Figure 8. Where the <code>sel\_mux4</code> signal in Figure 8 (a) shows only the output of Generator 1 with the combination 00 and in Figure 8b of the neurogenerator NG 4 by having 11 in the selector. Therefore, the system is not limited to just the combination of the generators to produce new sequences, but it also has the option of obtaining the output of a specific generator immediately.



**Figure 8.** Selection of a single generator by the selector to obtain the output sequence: (a) Sequence of Generator 1; (b) Sequence of the neuro-generator NG 4.

# 3.2. Occupancy Percentages of the System Generators and Neuro-Generators in the FPGA Virtex 7 xc7vx485T-2FFG1761

The resource occupancy percentages of the FPGA, for each of the system generators are shown in Table 1, where all generators have a low percentage of resources used. Including the neurogenerators NG 3 and NG 4, which reach 20.04% and 31.70% of LUT-FF, as the number of highest resources. These results show that each of the generators can be implemented individually. However, in Table 2 it can be observed that the system has the flexibility to be implemented in the same reconfigurable device as the generators and neuro-generators. This is due to the percentages that the design occupies in each of the resources, where none reaches 50% utilization, with 37.602% in LUT-FF, which is the number of Flip-Flops used by the system, being the resource with the highest percentage of occupation and the lowest the number of registers with 0.056%. In addition, it has 0.097% of RAM, which corresponds to the data storage block of Generator 2, 0.219% of LUTs *LookUp Table* occupancy, 16.428% of IOBs inputs and outputs and 21.875% of BUFGs which are clock inputs and outputs.

**Table 1.** Occupancy percentages of the generators and neuro-generators of the generator system in the *Virtex 7 xc7vx485T-2FFG1761*.

Logic utilization	Available	Gene	rator 1	Gene	erator 2	N	G 3	N	G 4
		Used - utilization							
Slices Registers	607200	60	0.009%	60	0.009%	104	0.01%	156	0.025%
Slice LUTs	303600	82	0.02%	21	0.006%	247	0.08%	409	0.134%
LUT-FF	429	55	12.82%	20	4.66%	86	20.04%	136	31.70%
IOBs	700	105	15%	35	5%	66	9.42%	110	15.71%
BUFG/BUF GCTRLs	32	2	6.25%	3	9.37%	3	9.37%	3	9.37%
RAM/FIFO	1030	-	-	1	0.097%	-	-	-	-

**Table 2.** Generators system occupancy rates in *Virtex 7 xc7vx485T-2ffg1761*.

Logic utilization	Available	Used	Utilization
Slices Registers	607200	343	0.056%
Slice LUTs	303600	667	0.219%
LUT-FF	734	276	37.602%
IOBs	700	115	16.428%
BUFG/BUF GCTRLs	32	7	21.875%
RAM/FIFO	1030	1	0.097%

## 4. Results and Discussion

The PRNG generators and neuro-generator of the system, were validated by NIST statistical tests to demonstrate that the sequences they produce are pseudorandom for a set or a specific test, as shown in Table 3. In the case of Generator 1, the sequences produced by this design are considered pseudorandom for a set of ten statistical tests proposed by NIST. These are the Frequency (Monobit) test, Runs test, Binary Matrix Rank test, Non-overlapping Template Matching test, Maurer's Universal Statistical test, Linear Complexity test, Approximate Entropy test, Cusums test, Random Excursion test and Random Excursion Variant test. Instead, Generator 2 is designed to meet the number of cycles required for the Random Excursion and the Random Excursion Variant tests, with satisfactory *P-Value* values in some of the states that make up this test. The first neuro-generator NG 3 of the system, the sequence generated with the entire system at 100 MHz and then at 4 kHz is

Random Excursions Variant

considered complex enough to be considered pseudorandom. The same occurs for the neurogenerator NG 4, which is also pseudorandom for the Frequency (Monobit) and Runs test.

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Test	Generator 1	Generator 2	NG 3	NG 4
Frequency (Monobit)	X			X
Frequency within a Block				
Runs	X			X
Longest-Run-of-Ones in a Block				
Binary Matrix Rank	X			
Discrete Fourier Transform (Spectral)				
Non-overlapping Template Matching	X			
Overlapping Template Matching				
Maurer's Universal Statistical	X			
Linear Complexity	Х		Х	Х
Serial				
Approximate Entropy	X			
Cumulative Sums (Cusums)	Х			
Random Excursions	Х	Х		

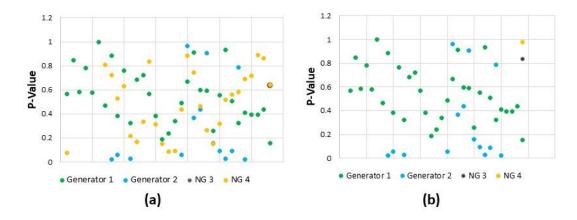
**Table 3.** NIST statistical tests passed on the system's PRNG generators and neuro-generators.

In the graph of Figure 9, the distribution of the *P-Value* of the validated output of each generator of the system can be observed, at a frequency of 100 MHz. Figure 9a, shows the pseudo-randomness results, with the *external* 1 and *external* 2 data loaded to the LFSRs of the generators. Where it is observed that the majority of the *P-Value* values are above 0.5, reaching values with a high level of pseudo-randomness, as in the case of Generator 1. The same occurs with the *P-Value* data in Figure 9 (b), where is observed that again Generator 1 maintain in some cases values of *P-Value*=1.

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Otherwise, when loading the seed data to the neuro-generators NG 3 and NG 4, the output sequence maintains its complexity and pseudo-randomness for the NIST Linear Complexity test. As shown in Table 3 and Figure 9. All the values of *P-Value* can be consulted in [38,47–49], which corresponds to the scientific articles where the first results obtained from each generator were presented, with frequencies of 100 MHz and 4 kHz. With the aim of respecting the frequency of the neuronal module connected to the neuro-generator and with the initial seed and external data modified [38,47–49].



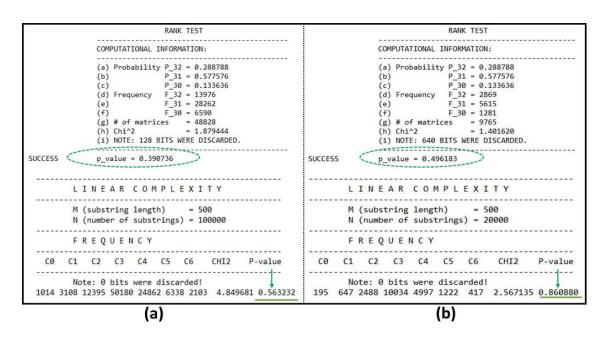
**Figure 9.** Distribution of *P-Value* results of the generators and neuro-generators of the system: (a) Generators and neuro-generators with initial data *external* 1 y *external* 2; (b) Generators and neuro-generators with initial seed data.

The first validation results of pseudo-randomness of the generators and neuro-generators system were with the entire system at a frequency of 4 kHz. Where, the external data and then the seed data were loaded. The results observed in Table 4, show satisfactory conclusion for the Binary Matrix Rank test with P-Value = 0.810078 and Linear Complexity test with P-Value = 0.464674 when loading the external data. These same tests are approved when loading the seed data, but with a difference between the P-Value values of 0.056173 for the first test and 0.191298 for the Linear Complexity test.

Test	Loaded data	4 kHz
		P-Value
Frequency (Monobit)	external	0.810078
Frequency within a Block	external	0.464674
Runs	seed	0.753905
Longest-Run-of-Ones in a Block	seed	0.655972

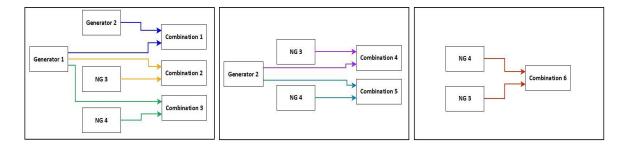
**Table 4.** NIST statistical testing passed the system at 4 kHz frequency.

The results were also obtained with the system at a frequency of 100 MHz, including the neuronal module of each neuro-generator NG 3 and NG 4 and with the external data loaded to the LFSRs. Where the results were satisfactory for the Binary Matrix Rank test with P-Value = 0.390736 and the Linear Complexity test with P-Value = 0.563232, as observed in Figure 10a. When the seed data was loaded, the results were greater than 0.01 for the same tests, but, with different levels of pseudo-randomness in P-Value, as shown in Figure 10b. This indicates that the system sequences maintain their complexity and pseudo-randomness without being influenced by the working frequency.



**Figure 10.** *P-Value* results with the system at 100 MHz: (a) *P-Value* results with the external data loaded to the generators system; (b) *P-Value* results with the seed data loaded to the generators system.

Keeping the system at 100 MHz, the combination between two different generators was made to obtain new pseudorandom sequences, which had good statistical properties to pass different NIST tests. These were performed following the combination shown in Figure 11, where it begins with the selection of Generator 1 and Generator 2. Continuing with the same Generator, but now combined with neuro-generator NG 3 and NG 4. These with Generator 2 and the last combination with themselves.



**Figure 11.** Combinations between the internal generators and neuro-generators of the system to produce new pseudorandom sequences.

For each case, the new output sequences of the system were validated by NIST statistical tests. The *P-Value* results were satisfactory for the Binary Matrix Rank test and Linear Complexity test as seen in Table 5. Which shows variation in the *P-Value* value, without affecting the pseudorandomness of the sequence. However, when selecting only the neuro-generators NG 3 and NG 4, the sequence is pseudorandom for all states of the Random Excursions and Random Excursion Variant tests, as shown in Table 6. Therefore, all sequences produced by the system when taking the bits from two generators, are complex and pseudorandom.

**Table 5.** *P-Value* results from the NIST statistical tests Binary Matrix Rank and Linear Complexity when selecting two generators, to produce different sequences.

Test	Selection					
		Generator 1		Gene	rator 2	NG 3
	Generator 2	NG3	NG4	NG 3	NG 4	NG4
Binary Matrix Rank	0.472606	0.855380	0.232187	0.908661	0.078402	0.067799
Linear Complexity	0.668705	0.794940	0.970823	0.198228	0.081943	0.338502

**Table 6.** *P-Value* results of the Random Excursion and Random Excursion Varian tests when selecting neurogenerators NG 3 and NG 4.

Test	State	P-Value
	-4	0.144909
	-3	0.634359
•	-2	0.205829
Random Excursion	-1	0.663797
	1	0.654933
	2	0.359742
	3	0.361715
	4	0.462300
	-9	0.646087
	-8	0.754622
	-7	0.972531
	-6	0.415538
Random Excursion Variant	-5	0.296039
Random Excursion variant	-4	0.981281
	-3	0.461922
	-2	0.184810
	-1	0.113429
•	1	0.641517
	2	0.389698

3 0.211564	4
4 0.296439	9
5 0.346447	7
6 0.359074	4
7 0.339301	1
8 0.214167	7
9 0.130250	0

Considering the *P-Value* results obtained in each situation in which the generators and neurogenerators system was put, it is demonstrated that the sequences with an adequate bit distribution are generated. In addition to being complex enough to pass different statistical tests proposed by NIST, such as the Frequency (Monobit) test, Runs test, Binary Matrix Rank test, Non-overlapping Template Matching test, Maurer's Universal Statistical test, Linear Complexity test, Approximate Entropy test, Cumulative Sum (Cusums) test, Random Excursion test, Random Excursion Variant test and including the Frequency within a Block test and the Longest-Run-of-Ones in a Block test. These are added to the test approved by the generator and neuro-generator system, as shown in Table 7 marked with *X*, with 12 tests approved out of 15 proposed by NIST. Even when combining the bits from two different generators as demonstrated by the results in Tables 5 and 6, where different levels of pseudo-randomness were observed for the sequence obtained from each combination.

**Table 7.** NIST statistical tests passed by the PRNG generators and neuro-generators of the system.

Test	System
Frequency (Monobit)	Χ
Frequency within a Block	Χ
Runs	Χ
Longest-Run-of-Ones in a Block	Χ
Binary Matrix Rank	Χ
Discrete Fourier Transform (Spectral)	
Non-overlapping Template Matching	Χ
Overlapping Template Matching	
Maurer's Universal Statistical	Χ
Linear Complexity	Χ
Serial	
Approximate Entropy	Χ
Cumulative Sums (Cusums)	Χ
Random Excursions	Χ
Random Excursions Variant	Χ

# 5. Conclusions

The system of generators and neuro-generators can produce sequences with adequate bit distribution and statistical properties at a frequency of 100 MHz and 4 kHz, respectively. As observed in the results section, the *P-Value* showed variation only in the levels of pseudo-randomness, due to the condition that each internal generator must pass tests independently or in specific sets. For the neuro-generators, the neuronal module operates at a 4 kHz, but it can be adjusted to operate at a frequency of 100 MHz without affecting the complexity and bit distribution of the output sequence. The same results are observed with Generators 1 and 2, which were designed to pass a specific set of tests, regardless of whether the working frequency matches that of the neuro-generators or whether the initial data were the external or seed data.

It was also demonstrated that the combination of two generators can produce pseudorandom sequences that pass the Binary Matrix Rank test, Linear Complexity test, and all the states of the Random Excursion and Random Excursion Variant tests. Therefore, the system of generators and

neuro-generators is capable of generating sufficiently complex sequences, with adequate bit distribution, to pass 80% of the 15 NIST statistical tests proposed. This design offers flexibility, allowing for the selection of a specific generator to obtain a validated output sequence and the ability to adapt to different frequencies without affecting the pseudo-randomness of the sequences. This makes the system suitable for use for a wide range of different applications, including biological systems, mathematical systems simulation, electronic circuit testing, and even as initial data for other generators. In addition, it can be implemented in reconfigurable FPGA devices, such as the *Virtex 7 xc7vx485T-2ffg1761*.

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### **Abbreviations**

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

PRNG Pseudorandom Number Generator

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array RNG Random Number Generator

QRNG Quantum Random Number Generator
TRNG True Random Number Generator
LCG Linear Congruential Generator
LFSR Linear Feedback Shift Register

JCR Journal Citation Report

NG Neuro-generator

VHDL Very High-Speed Integrated Circuits

MHz Mega Hertz kHz Kilo Hertz

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