



# Workshop on Approximate Computing

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## Preliminary Program

### 9:00 – 10:00 Opening and Keynote

**Chair:** Hans-Joachim Wunderlich, University of Stuttgart, Germany

#### Opening Remarks

Sybille Hellebrand, University of Paderborn, Germany

#### Keynote

Anand Raghunathan, Purdue University, USA

### 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee and Posters

#### Approximate Computing: Facing The Control Flow

M. Ammar Ben Khadra, Dominik Stoffel and Wolfgang Kunz  
University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

#### Towards Approximate Computing Applications by Employing Mutation Code Approach

Mario Barbareschi<sup>1,2</sup>, Domenico Amelino<sup>1,2</sup>, Antonino Mazzeo<sup>1,2</sup> and Alberto Bosio<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>DIETI - University of Naples Federico II, Italy, <sup>2</sup>CeRICT srl - Centro Regionale Information, Communication Technology, <sup>3</sup>LIRMM, France

#### The Gamma multiset rewriting paradigm: a parallel approximate computing framework

Gabriel Paillard<sup>1</sup>, Rubens Almeida<sup>2</sup>, Rui Mello Junior<sup>2</sup> and Felipe França<sup>3</sup>  
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#### Data Driven Optimizations for MTJ based Stochastic Computing

Ankit Mondal and Ankur Srivastava  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

#### Weather and Climate Simulations with Approximate Computing

Stephen Jeffress, Tim Palmer and Peter Duben  
University of Oxford, Department of Atmospheric Physics, UK

### 10:30 – 12:30 Session 1 – Multi-Level Design and Test

**Chair:** Jörg Henkel, KIT, Germany

#### Data Dependent Loop Approximation Technique in High-Level Synthesis

Seogoo Lee, Lizy K. John and Andreas Gerstlauer  
The University of Texas at Austin, USA

## **Multi-Level Approximation for Inexact Accelerator Synthesis Under Voltage Island Constraints**

Georgios Zervakis, Sotirios Xydis, Vasileios Tsoutsouras, Dimitrios Soudris and Kiamal Pekmestzi  
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

## **Hardware/Software Co-Characterization for Approximate Computing**

Alexander Schöll, Claus Braun and Hans-Joachim Wunderlich  
University of Stuttgart, Germany

## **A Case Study on the Approximate Test of Integrated Circuits**

Imran Wali<sup>1</sup>, Arnaud Virazel<sup>1</sup>, Patrick Girard<sup>1</sup>, Mario Barbareschi<sup>2</sup> and Alberto Bosio<sup>1</sup>  
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## **12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

## **14:00 – 15:30 Session 2 - Near Memory Computing and Deep Learning**

**Chair:** Marco Platzner, University of Paderborn, Germany

### **NAX: Near Data Approximate Computing**

Amir Yazdanbakhsh<sup>1</sup>, Choungki Song<sup>2</sup>, Pejman Lotfi-Kamran<sup>3</sup>, Hadi Esmaeilzadeh<sup>1</sup>, Nam Sung Kim<sup>4</sup>  
and Jake Sacks<sup>1</sup>

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Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM), USA, <sup>4</sup>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA

### **Approximate Computing in Deep Neural Networks**

Hokchhay Tann, Soheil Hashemi, Iris Bahar and Sherief Reda  
Brown University, USA

### **Using deep learning and imprecise computation for safety critical applications**

Chi-Sheng Daniel Shih<sup>1</sup>, Chang-Min Yang<sup>1</sup>, Chun-Yo Lin<sup>1</sup>, Pei-Kuei Tsung<sup>2</sup> and Roy Ju<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>MediaTek Inc. Taiwan

## **15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

## **16:00 – 17:30 Session 3 - Applications**

**Chair:** TBA

### **Trading sharpness with energy consumption in a lens autofocus application**

Anca Molnos, Yves Durand and Nicolas Gonthier (Presenter: Christian Fabre)  
Univ. Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France. CEA - LETI, MINATEC Campus, Grenoble, France

### **Numeric Function Approximation with Separate Accuracy Domains**

Jochen Rust and Steffen Paul  
Institute of Electrodynamics and Microelectronics (ITEM), University of Bremen, Germany

### **Using Approximate Computing in Scientific Codes**

Michael Lass, Thomas D. Kühne and Christian Plessl  
University of Paderborn, Germany