Call for Special Sessions

Special Session proposals on new and emerging topics within the scope of the conference are welcome. The special session organizer(s) should submit their special session proposal to the special session chairs as detailed below.

Special Session Details

A special session will usually include 5-6 papers. It is expected that Special Session Organizers engage with their research community to promote their special session and thus support an appropriate number of quality submissions to ensure sufficient coverage of the Special Session topic at the conference. For a special session with less than 5 accepted papers, regular submissions may be identified according to the organizers to complete the special session. Alternatively, papers associated with the special session may be placed in the regular program.

For special sessions with a high number of accepted papers, a split into multiple sessions may be considered. Special session paper submissions are reviewed via the same exact process as submissions to the regular program, and papers are expected to meet the same quality standards.

Proposal Submission and Evaluation

Proposals and inquiries should be sent as a single PDF file (not exceeding 3 pages) via e-mail to the Special Sessions Chairs: Yanning Shen (yannings@uci.edu) and Yao Xie (yao.xie@isye.gatech.edu).

The proposals should contain:

- A topical title and a brief rationale of the special session (one/two paragraphs);
- Contact details and bio-sketches of the organizers.
- Names of contributors and (tentative) paper titles

All proposals will be evaluated by the Organizing Committee. Proposals submitted after the deadline may not be considered.

Important Dates

Special Session Paper Submission Deadline: the same as the regular paper deadline



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