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**Title: Computing in the Continuum: Harnessing a Pervasive Data Ecosystem**

**Abstract:** The exponential growth of digital data sources enabled by the IoT, coupled with the ubiquity of non-trivial computational power, at the edges, in the core and in-between, for processing this data have the potential for fundamentally transforming our ability to understand and manage our lives and our environment. However, despite tremendous advances in technology this vision remains largely unrealized -- while our capacity for generating data is expanding dramatically, our ability for managing, manipulating and analyzing this data, for transforming it into knowledge and understanding in a timely manner, and for integrating it with practice has not kept pace. In this talk I will explore computing in the continuum – a paradigm that opportunistically leverages loosely connected resources and services to process data in-situ and in-transit, to extract timely insights that are actionable. Using examples from our work as part of the CometCloud project, I will present research challenges and some initial solutions towards realizing this paradigm.

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