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Schedule:
- deadline for submissions: July 1, 2019
- first decision (accept/reject/revise expected): September 2, 2019
- submission of revised papers: October 1, 2019
- notification of final decision (expected): December 13, 2019

With the rapid advancement of computing technologies in all domains (i.e., handheld devices, autonomous vehicles, medical devices, and massive supercomputers), testability, reliability and security of electronic systems are crucial issues to guarantee safeness of human life. Emerging technologies coupled with new computing paradigms (e.g., approximate computing, neuromorphic computing, in-memory computing) are altogether exacerbating these problems posing significant challenges to researchers and designers. To address this increased complexity in the hardware testing/reliability/security domain, it is imperative to employ design and analysis methods working at all levels of abstraction, starting from the system level down to the gate level. The IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing (TETC) seeks original manuscripts for a Special Section on Emerging Trends and Computing Paradigms for Testing, Reliability and Security in future VLSI systems. All aspects of design, manufacturing, test, monitoring and securing of systems affected by defects and malicious attacks are of interest. The relevant topics for this special section include, but are not limited to:
  - Yield Analysis and Modeling: Defect/Fault analysis and models; statistical yield modeling; critical area and metrics.
  - Error Detection, Correction, and Recovery: Self-testing and self-checking solutions; error-control coding; fault masking and avoidance; recovery schemes, space/time redundancy; hw/sw techniques, architectural-specific techniques, system-level strategies.
  - Cross-layer Dependability Analysis and Validation: fault injection techniques; dependability characterization; aging modeling and analysis with emphasis on cross-layer solutions.
  - Defect and Fault Tolerance: Reliable circuit/system synthesis; radiation hardened and/or tolerant processes & design; design space exploration for dependable systems, transient/soft faults and errors; aging management and recovery strategies.
  - Safe design for critical applications: methodologies and case study applications to automotive, railway, avionics, industrial control, biomedicine, space and smart power networks.
  - Design for Security: fault attacks, fault tolerance-based counter-measures, Scan-based attacks and counter-measures, hardware trojans, security vs reliability trade-offs, interaction between VLSI test, trust, and reliability.
  - Reliable and secure systems design with emerging computing paradigms: Reliable and secure design techniques for emerging computing paradigms (e.g., approximate computing, neuromorphic computing, in-memory computing).

Submitted papers must include a new significant research-based technical contribution. The submitted papers must include a clear evaluation of the proposed solutions (based on simulation and/or implementations results) and comparisons to state-of-the-art solutions. Purely theoretical, technological or lacking methodological-and generality papers are not suitable. For additional information please send an email to tetc.sivlsitest@gmail.com. Papers under review elsewhere are not acceptable for submission. Extended versions of published conference papers are welcome but there must be at least 40% of new impacting technical/scientific material in the submitted manuscript. As an author, you are responsible for understanding and adhering to the submission guidelines. You can access them at the IEEE Computer Society web site, www.computer.org. Please thoroughly read these before submitting your manuscript. Please submit your paper to Manuscript Central at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tetc-cs. While submitting through Scholarone, please select the option “Special Section on Emerging Trends and Computing Paradigms for Testing, Reliability and Security in Future VLSI Systems “.
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