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**Wiedemann-based Parallel GNFS Algorithms for
Integer Factorization**

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RSA is one of the most popular public-key cryptographic algorithms at present. The strength of RSA algorithm lies on the difficulty of factoring large integers efficiently. GNFS algorithm is currently the most efficient algorithm for factoring integers greater than 110 digits. One of the most time consuming steps in GNFS algorithm is solving large sparse linear systems over $GF(2)$. In the thesis, the Wiedemann algorithm and its block version have been adapted and paralleled in order to speed up the step of solving large sparse linear systems over $GF(2)$ in GNFS algorithm. Some preliminary experimental results conducted on high performance computer architectures will be presented and the plan for future work will also be described.

Refreshments will be served before the talk in AX24A