



AI Institute for Advances
in Optimization

TECHFEST

November 9, 2023

8 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Welcome
Pascal Van Hentenryck
AI4OPT Director

8:45 a.m.

Research at Georgia Tech
Chaouki Abdallah
Executive Vice President of Research
Georgia Tech

9:00 a.m.

Best Buy
Wes Strait, Director Technology
Transformation
Warren Hearnese, Vice President
Head of Data Science: Chief Data Scientist

10 a.m.

Morning Break

10:15 a.m.

GE Research
Nurali Virani, Senior Scientist
Machine Learning

11:15 a.m.

Kinaxis
Chantal Bisson-Krol, Vice President
Machine Learning Solutions

12:15 p.m.

Lunch

ai4opt.org

1:15 p.m.

Southern Company
Jeff Baker
Modeling and Analytics Manager
Kyle Corley
Operating Services Analyst

2:15 p.m.

Union Pacific
Arun Giri, Head Platform Engineering
Lead Enterprise Engineer

3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Break

3:30 p.m.

Beep
Tejas Santanam
Research Engineer

4:30 p.m.

Concluding remarks
Pascal Van Hentenryck

Reception and student poster session
following concluding remarks.