About the GPU Research Center at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

The Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) did always show a strong commitment to parallel computing. Our HPC related projects range from large scale supercomputing simulation codes down to highly integrated industry solutions with real time constraints. CUDA capable GPUs allow us to achieve higher performance levels within a lower power envelope. We aim at increasing the efficiency of our solutions, especially within the context of heterogeneous systems and in the light of upcoming architectures.

About the co-PIs

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