# Essentially ADS modules and rings

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**Abstract:** The main objective of the talk is to present significant structural properties of *essentially absolute direct summand modules* (e-ADS), i.e. such modules $M$ that for every decomposition $M = S \oplus T$ and every complement $T'$ of $S$ with $T' \cap T = 0$ and $S \cap (T' \oplus T) \leq^e S$, we have $M = S \oplus T'$. This notion generalizes the notions of ADS modules (introduced by Fuchs) as well as automorphism invariant modules and it appears to be useful as a tool for characterization of various classes of rings. Finally, we describe basic properties of right e-ADS rings, i.e. rings which are e-ADS as right modules over itself, in particular, we prove a criterion of this condition for non-singular rings.