Signal Processing Everywhere—a Perspective on History, Synergies and Opportunities

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ABSTRACT

Signal processing techniques and technologies are truly ubiquitous in the devices and services that we take for granted in this age of information. The Field of Interest (FOI) of the IEEE Signal Processing Society http://www.signalprocessingsociety.org/about-sps/scope-mission/ succinctly describes the fundamental components and aims of what is, and likely to be in the foreseeable future, broadly defined as signal processing. This statement also highlights the blurred lines and convergence of approaches with a number of other fields such as computing, information theory, communications and networking, and machine intelligence.

This talk will provide a perspective on the history of the development of modern signal processing as manifested in the growth and technical diversification of the IEEE Signal Processing Society. A number of examples are provided to illustrate the trends in the field and some likely future directions made possible by developments in sensing, computational and communication technologies, and opportunities ranging from entertainment to grand challenge problems in energy and health care.

Speaker's Short Bio:

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