Department of Electrical Engineering Signals, Communications & Networking

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Communication theory and systems; coding & sequences; adaptive signal processing. Applications to signal waveform design; multiplexing, multiple-access & interference channels; secure wireless communications; cognitive radios and networks; L1-subspace signal processing; compressed sensing; error correcting coding; data embedding & hiding; antenna arrays and array radar.

Konstantinos Slavakis



Signal processing; Machine learning; Big data analytics; (Stochastic) optimization; Online learning; Adaptive signal processing; Dimensionality reduction; Clustering; Image processing; Communications





Wireless Communication and Networking in Extreme Environments, Metamaterial Enhanced Communicatio and Networking, Wireless Intra-Body Networks, Cyber Physical Systems, Wireless Underground Sensor Networks

Stella Batalama



Statistical and Adaptive Signal Processing; Wireless Communication Systems and Networks including CDMA Cellular Communications; Cognitive and Collaborative Networks; Underwater Communications; Multimedia Security and Data Hiding; Covert Communications; Compressed Sensing; Small Sample Support Optimization

Josep M. Jornet



Electromagnetic nanonetworks, graphene-enabled wireless communication, Terahertz Band communication networks, Wireless Nanosensor Networks and the Internet of Nano-Things.

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Performance evaluation and resource management for communication networks; traffic engineering and provisioning of quality of service in different types of wireless networks; ranging from mobile cellular systems to Dynamic Spectrum Access networks

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Information Theory, Coding Theory, Network Communication and Network Coding, "Big Data" in the form of Succinct Data Representation via Geometric Clustering, and Probabilistic Methods in Combinatorics

Nick Mastronarde



Energy-Efficient Multimedia Systems, Resource Allocation and Scheduling, Airborne Networking and Communications, Incentive Mechanisms for D2D Relaying, Cross-Layer Optimization, Markov Decision Processes, Reinforcement Learning.

Weifeng Su



Wireless Communications and Networking, MIMO Systems and Space-Time Coding, MIMO-OFDM Systems, Cooperative Communications for Wireless Networks





Digital Signal Processing; Arithmetic Intensive Computing; Communications and Radar

Mehrdad Soumekh



Signal and Image Processing; Medical and Radar Imaging; Inverse Scattering Solid State Electronics Signals, Communications & Networking

Energy Systems

Optics and Photonics



Current Research Projects in Signals, Communications and Networking:

Secure physical-layer communications • Small-sample-support interference suppression to pn-masked data streams • Minimum-distortion data embedding in multimedia files • Compressed-sensed video and deterministic measurement matrices • Underwater acoustic communications: Novel sub-symbol fading optimal receivers • Channel-data blind signal separation in underwater communications • Stochastic channel access for underwater acoustic sensor networks with spatial and temporal interference uncertainty • Analog network coding for multi-hop underwater acoustic networks • Jointly optimal channelization and routing in cognitive networks • Optimized hybrid-ARQ links Waveform-domain interference alignment on a software-defined radio network • Detection of unknown modulation schemes • Information-theoretic design of linear block codes • Uniquely-decodable overloaded multiplexing of digital waveforms • Performance vs complexity driven design of space-time block code transmission systems • Cross-layer optimized video streaming • Video streaming in cooperative networks • Online learning for energy-efficient delay-critical communication in unknown and dynamic wireless environments • Energy-efficient multicore video decoding • Data center power management • Magnetic induction-based wireless communication and networking in RF-challenged environments • Self-contained micro wireless sensor network in oil reservoirs • Disaster-immune communication and localization in mines and tunnels • Underground infrastructure monitoring and fault detection • Cooperative communications and relaying techniques • Cross-layer resource allocation for cognitive and cooperative ad hoc networks • Cooperative ARQ protocol design and analysis • Airborne MIMO communication systems • Interference alignment in multi-hop MIMO networks • Dynamic decision making under uncertainty and partial information in large-scale networks • Variational Inequalities: A new paradigm for cognitive network layering • Toward distributed decision making in cognitive radio ad-hoc networks based on bilevel equilibrium programming • Learning equilibria in mean-field networks via differential variational inequalities • Extending the realm of optimization for complex systems: Uncertainty, competition and dynamics • Robust compressed sensing reconstruction algorithms • Dynamic magnetic resonance imaging • Tissue parameter mapping • Non-Fourier encoding for magnetic resonance imaging • Kernel-based nonlinear image reconstruction techniques • Blind compressed sensing and its applications • Compressed sensing for photoacoustic imaging • Active networking and software-defined networked systems • Sensor networks for energy efficiency in buildings • Ultrasonic networking for intra-body implantable sensor networks • Multi-view rate control for multimedia sensor networks • Mobile cloud computing • Queuing games in interference-limited wireless networks • Jamming and anti-jamming in infrastructure-less wireless networks • Design and simulation of next-generation HF communication systems • Reliability aware design of multicore processor systems-onchip (MPSoCs) • Energy aware design of network-on-chip based systems-on-chip • Embedded systems: Optimization and design methodologies • Reconfigurable and parallel computing • L1-subspace signal processing

Sample of Research Contributions:

N. Mastronarde and M. van der Schaar, "Joint physical-layer and system-level power management for delay-sensitive wireless communication," *IEEE Trans. on Mobile Computing*, vol. 12, no. 4, pp. 694-709, April 2013.

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