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Title: Signal Processing and System-on-Chip Designs for Ultrasonic Imaging

Applications

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Course Description

In this short course, we present signal processing algorithms and system-on-chip designs for ultrasonic imaging applications. Topics includes (1) ultrasonic signal modeling and echo classification, (2) time-frequency analysis and split-spectrum processing, (3) order statistics and neural networks for flaw detection, (4) chirplet echo estimation, (5) detection and deconvolution using expectation-maximization and matching pursuit methods, (6) discrete wavelet transform for 3D ultrasonic data compression, and (7) system-on-chip implementation of detection, estimation, and compression algorithms using FPGA devices. This course will cover several case studies such as detecting defects in steam generator tubes used in nuclear power plants, transducer pulse-echo wavelet estimation, thickness sizing of thin layers, and flaw detection in large grained materials.

Jafar Saniie, IEEE Fellow for contributions to ultrasonic signal processing for detection, estimation and imaging, received his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1974. He received his M.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering in 1977 from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, and his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1981 from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. In 1981 Dr. Saniie joined the Department of Applied Physics, University of Helsinki, Finland, to conduct research in photothermal and photoacoustic imaging. Since 1983 he has been with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology where he is the Filmer Professor, Director of the Embedded Computing and Signal Processing (ECASP) Research Laboratory, and Associate Chair and Director of the Graduate Program. Dr. Saniie's research interests and activities are in ultrasonic signal and image processing, statistical pattern recognition, estimation and detection, data compression, time-frequency analysis, embedded digital systems, digital signal processing with field programmable gate arrays, and ultrasonic nondestructive testing and imaging. Dr. Saniie has been a Technical Program Committee member of the IEEE Ultrasonics Symposium since 1987 (currently he is the chair of Sensors, NDE and Industrial Applications), Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control since 1994. He has over 230 publications and supervised 28 Ph.D. dissertations.

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