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IEEE Signal Processing Society: Celebrating 75 Years of Remarkable Achievements (Part 2)

It is our great pleasure to introduce the second part of this special issue to you! The IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) has completed 75 years of remarkable service to the signal processing community. The eight selected articles included in this second part are clear portraits of that. As the review process for these articles took longer, however, they could not be included in the first part of the special issue, and we are glad to bring them to you now.

In the first article, “Audio Signal Processing in the 21st Century,” Richard et al. [A1] provide an overview of the long history of research on audio and acoustics, including the analysis and modeling of room acoustics, generation of artificial reverberation, spatial rendering, echo cancellation, dereverberation, acoustic feedback control, source separation, music information retrieval, plus other related and relevant topics.

Next is the second article, “Twenty-five Years of Evolution in Speech and Language Processing,” by Yu et al. [A2], who describe major breakthroughs in each of the following speech processing subfields: language processing, automatic speech recognition, speech synthesis, speech coding, speech enhancement, speaker recognition, language identification, language understanding, dialog systems, and deep learning. They also comment on the main driving forces that

led to the current state of the art in the field. The societal impacts and potential future directions are complementarily discussed by them.

The third article in this special issue is “The Foundations of Computational Imaging,” where Fowler et al. [A3] present historical perspectives on the field of computational sensing and imaging, providing some context on how it has arrived at its present state as well as on its role within the SPS. Physics-driven imaging and explicit inverse operators, optimization formulation, and model-based reconstruction, in addition to data-driven models and machine learning for image processing, are among the main details discussed.

“Superresolution Image Reconstruction: Selective Milestones and Open Problems” is the title of the next article, in which Li et al. [A4] present a systematic review of the evolution of superresolution methodology in the past 25 years with an emphasis on theoretical insights, complemented with various well-cited superresolution algorithms, and the progression in both model- and learning-based approaches, in addition to open challenges in the field.

The fifth article, “Information Forensics and Security: A Quarter Century Long Journey,” is authored by Barni et al. [A5]. They present an introductory section providing the context in the 1990s, where readers could find the main knowledge and technological challenges, focus areas such as

digital watermarking, steganography, steganalysis, biometrics, multimedia forensics, and adversarial signal processing. Finally, they present future trends in the domain and a discussion about the unethical use of information security tools.

In the next article, “Signal Processing for Brain–Computer Interfaces: A Review and Current Perspectives,” Wu et al. [A6] cover the wide field of brain–computer interfaces, particularly discussing the history, types, and general flow of those interfaces, including key related aspects such as signal filtering, blind source separation, time-frequency analysis, compressive sensing, and machine learning. Future directions on the field, with pros, cons, and tradeoffs, are also presented by the authors.

“Networked Signal and Information Processing,” authored by Vlaski et al. [A7], overviews the very significant advances in networked signal and information processing that have enabled extending decision making and inference, optimization, control, and learning to the increasingly ubiquitous environments of distributed agents. Taxonomies, networked algorithms, and stochastic optimization are among the key aspects explored by the authors, who carefully address the most relevant aspects that have dominated the field over the previous decades.

The final article in this special issue is “Seventy Years of Radar and Communications: The Road from Separation

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to Integration,” where Liu et al. [A8] present an introduction to the field accompanied by key concepts such as information delivery and acquisition, basic principles of radar and communications, and the integration of sensing and communications. The early development of radar and communications, spectrum engineering, and multiple-input, multiple-output antenna arrays are additional relevant topics discussed by the authors, who conclude their article with a discussion on open challenges and future research directions in the field.

This concludes the second part of this special issue. Once again we express our gratitude to all the contributing authors and reviewers, in addition to our administrative staff: Rebecca Wollman, who consistently helped us with all the administrative details, and the efficient team led by Sharon Turk, who carefully supervised the editorial process, taking care of every detail.

We sincerely hope you enjoy reading this second part of the special issue and that you, as a member of the SPS, feel represented by the articles we have selected for your perusal.

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Appendix: Related articles

[A1] G. Richard, P. Smaragdakis, S. Gannot, P. A. Naylor, S. Makino, W. Kellermann, and A. Sugiyama, "Audio signal processing in the 21st century," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 12–26, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3276171.

[A2] D. Yu et al., "Twenty-five years of evolution in speech and language processing," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 27–39, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3266155.

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[A5] M. Barni et al., "Information forensics and security," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5,

pp. 67–79, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3275319.

[A6] L. Wu, A. Liu, R. K. Ward, Z. J. Wang, and X. Chen, "Signal processing for brain–computer interfaces," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 80–91, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3278074.

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[A8] F. Liu, L. Zheng, Y. Cui, C. Masouros, A. P. Petropulu, H. Griffiths, and Y. C. Eldar, "Seventy years of radar and communications," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 106–121, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3272881. 

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plenary talk, Andrea Goldsmith emphasized two important future developments. First, that SP will play an outsized role in next-generation wireless technologies. And second, that machine learning can be viewed as a tool in the SP toolbox, while knowledge about the application and the data can lead to more effective and explainable machine learning algorithms for wireless communications. Richard Baraniuk's talk, "The Local Geometry of Deep Learning," discussed a new way to view the geometry of deep learning through the lens of approximation theory via splines. This approach provides a window to the inner workings of those algorithms. Michael Jordan provided the keynote talk, "An Alternative View on AI: Collaborative Learning, Incentives, and Social Welfare," sharing his view of a future AI that is more collective and autonomous, with particular attention on statistical inference, such as prediction-powered inference, for computing valid confidence intervals.

The IEEE Historical Center exhibited photographs of pioneers and early contributions in SP at the 75th anniversary lounge (Figure 5).

In this issue

The second part of this *SPM* special issue on the SPS 75th anniversary includes eight articles that will help readers appreciate the diversity of SP, including how its expansion is impacted by technological progress, especially in microelectronics and computer science, and on many application domains that impact our everyday lives. The contents of these articles are presented in more detail in the "From the Guest Editors" column [A1]. Here is a summary of the key factors that illustrate the evolution of SP, with the emergence of new domains and technologies that have touched all aspects of our lives.

- Audio, speech, and language processing, and radar, and communications have a long history, which began before the term *SP* appeared, but they continued to evolve quite dramatically with technological innovations and societal needs becoming increasingly synergistic.
- Major technological advancements such as computer technologies, the cloud and the Internet of Things have recently spawned new SP domains, such as computational imaging, superresolution image

reconstruction, information forensics and security, and networked information.

- Brain–computer interfaces, a concept introduced by Vidal in 1973 [3], required both technological and SP advances, illustrating that complex technologies impact human health and also come with complex ethical issues related to the development of science.

We finish this editorial with the help of Constantinides, who concluded his talk with the message, "Keep calm and carry on. The future is yours."

Appendix: Related article

[A1] R. C. Guido, "IEEE Signal Processing Society: Celebrating 75 years of remarkable achievements (Part 2)," *IEEE Signal Process. Mag.*, vol. 40, no. 5, pp. 8–11, Jul. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2023.3285483.

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