

UDRC-EURASIP Summer School Programme – 2021

	Monday 28 th June -Statistical Signal Processing	Tuesday 29 th June – Tracking and Sensing	Wednesday 30 th June - Machine Learning	Thursday 1 st July - Source Separation and Beamforming
08:30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
09:00	<p>Introduction: Introducing exemplar application areas that use statistical signal processing concepts, such as target localization, blind source separation, and other timely topics.</p> <p>Probability and Random Variables: Axioms of probability and classic paradoxes; scalar and vector random variables; probability transformations and applications; statistical descriptors; central limit theorem.</p> <p>Classical Estimation Theory: Basic concepts; properties of estimators; maximum likelihood; least squares. The theory will be linked to a “breakdown” of the localization problem. <i>James Hopgood, University of Edinburgh</i></p>	<p>State estimation and multi-target tracking: introduction: Mathematical foundations of tracking and state estimation – transition models, sensor models; Recursive state estimation (Bayes filtering). Single target tracking; the Kalman filter, extended Kalman filter (EKF), unscented Kalman filter (UKF) and particle filter (PF). <i>Jordi Barr, Dstl</i></p> <p>Single target tracking: Introduction to Stone Soup Practicals on Kalman filter, EKF, UKF and PF <i>Steve Hiscocks, Dstl</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Machine Learning: Basic concepts; problem formulation: data, labels, objective function, constraints, regularization; examples in pattern classification; kernel PCA and KDA, support vector machines, neural networks (NN).</p> <p>Deep Neural Networks I: Introduction; simple feed forward neural network architecture; how to train neural network; backpropagation theory; introduction to convolutional neural networks. <i>Sotirios Tsafaris, University of Edinburgh</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Array Processing: Discussion of applications, signal model, and assumptions. Narrowband array processing: steering vectors, angle or arrival (AoA) estimation, and beamforming. broadband processing via tap delay lines: broadband AoA estimation via coherent signal subspace methods; formulation of constraints for broadband beamforming and beamforming solutions. <i>Stephan Weiss, University of Strathclyde</i></p>
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10:30	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
11:00	<p>Further Estimation Theory and Examples: Cramér–Rao lower bounds and Examples; Generative modelling, physical modelling, and Bayesian Estimation Theory.</p> <p>Overview of Monte-Carlo Methods: Applications for integration and optimization, generating random variables, accept-reject and importance sampling, MCMC techniques. <i>James Hopgood</i></p>	<p>Practical session – continued. Multiple targets, clutter and data association: The issues introduced by ambiguous association, combinatorics; Absolute assignment schemes (nearest neighbour); Probabilistic assignment schemes.</p> <p>Multiple target tracking: practical session. Data association, multiple targets, PDA and JPDA. <i>Jordi Barr, Steve Hiscocks</i></p>	<p>Deep neural networks II: Deep learning architectures; key factors behind deep learning; residual neural networks; latest developments in neural network architectures. Some applications as examples of deep learning. <i>Sen Wang, Heriot-Watt University</i></p>	<p>Source Separation and Beamforming Background: Application of linear algebra to array problems, including subspace decompositions, and robust beamforming. Adaptive signal processing for beamforming, with application to minimum variance distortion less response beamformer. <i>Ian Proudler, University of Strathclyde</i></p>
12:00				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30	<p>Random Processes: Ensembles, statistical descriptors; input-output system statistics; spectral representations.</p> <p>Short talks on Advanced topics: Including: Bayesian Recursions and Particle Filtering Methods; Introduction to Hypothesis Testing and Detection Theory. <i>James Hopgood and João Mota, Heriot-Watt University</i></p>	<p>Multiple target tracking: practical session – continued. Practical aspects and simulation –Initiators/Deleters Metrics. Bringing all components together. Practical sessions on initiation/deletion/metrics and complete simulations. <i>Steve Hiscocks, Jordi Barr</i></p>	<p>Deep Neural Networks III: Deep learning on sparse data using meta-learning and self-supervised learning. Robust deep learning for adversarial defense and domain-shift. Some practical examples in vision, language and control. <i>Tim Hospedales, University of Edinburgh</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Polynomial Matrix Algebra and Applications: Formulation of broadband array problems using polynomial matrix notation; polynomial matrix factorisations; broadband AoA estimation via polynomial matrix techniques; broadband MVDR adaptive beamforming. <i>Stephan Weiss and Ian Proudler</i></p>
14:00				
15:00	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments	Refreshments
15:30	<p>Short talks on Advanced topics: Including: Sparsity in Signal Processing; Optimal Detection of Signals and other Applications. <i>João Mota, Heriot-Watt University</i></p> <p>Summary and Conclusions of Key Points from the Day. <i>João Mota and James Hopgood.</i></p>	<p>Demonstrations and Advanced Topics –Tracking in video, AIS-based tracking <i>Lyudmil Vladimirov, University of Liverpool; David Cormack, Leonardo; Steve Hiscocks</i></p>	<p>Resource Constrained Embedded Deep Learning: deployment complexities, optimised models, quantised DNNs, hardware accelerator architectures, real-word examples and demos. <i>Mehrdad Yaghoobi, University of Edinburgh</i></p>	<p>Exploring the Underwater Environment: applications of beamforming and Bayesian inference to sonar array processing. <i>Jason Ralph, University of Liverpool</i></p>
17:00	Close			

*Monday 28th June 2021 at 6:45 pm: Ghost Tour – Meet at Mercat Cross, High Street, Edinburgh

**Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7:30pm: Summer School dinner at theSalisbury Arms, 58 Dalkeith Rd, Edinburgh EH16 5AD