Essam A. Marouf

Professional Summary

Education

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (Major) and Computer Science (Minor), Stanford University, Stanford, California, 1975. Dissertation: The Rings of Saturn: Analysis of a Bistatic-Radar Experiment.

B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering (Communications), University of Alexandria, Egypt, 1965 and 1968, respectively.

Areas of Expertise

Digital and statistical signal processing; spectral estimation; signal reconstruction and restoration; electromagnetic wave propagation and scattering; waves in random media; Fourier and statistical optics; inverse scattering; application to planetary exploration using unmanned spacecraft.

Professional Positions

- 2018- : Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Research, College of Engineering, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.
- 2014-2017: Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.
- 1990- : Professor of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.
- 2005-2006: Visiting Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, CA (on sabbatical leave from San Jose State University).
- 1998-1999: Senior Visiting Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, CA (on sabbatical leave from San Jose State University)
- 1981-1990: Senior Research Scientist, Space Telecommunications and Radio Science (STAR) Lab, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, CA.
- 1978-1981: Research Associate, STAR Lab, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, CA.
- 1975-1978: Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Alexandria, Egypt.
- 1970-1975: Graduate Research Assistant, STAR Lab, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University, CA.

Professional Involvement

- Principal Investigator and Team Member, the International Cassini-Huygens Mission to the Saturn System, Cassini Radio Science Team (1990-present)
- Co-Investigator and Team Member, the Rosetta Mission to a Comet, Rosetta Radio Science Investigation Team (1996-2013)
- Associate Team Member, the Voyager Mission to Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, Voyager Radio Science Team (1979-1989)

Principal Investigator, NASA Planetary Geology and Geophysics (PG&G) Program (1992-1999)

Member of the NASA Outer Planets Science Working Group, a NASA Headquarters Advisory Board (1993-1995)

Member of the Science Working Groups for the Cassini Mission to Saturn (1991-present)

- Member of the Science Working Groups for the Voyager Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune encounters (1979-1989)
- Investigator on many completed research projects (1980-present).

Academic Activities

- Chair and Member of the San Jose State University, Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering Dean Search Committee (Fall 2012).
- Chair and Member of the San Jose State University, Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering Research Committee (2010-2012).
- Served on the SJSU President's Scholar Award Selection Committee, 2007-08 and 2008-09, 2010-2011, 2011-12.
- Served on the SJSU Wang Family Excellence Award Committee 2007.
- Member of the College of Engineering Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Committee, San Jose State University (2003-2005).
- Chair and Member of the San Jose State University Graduate Studies and Research Committee (1993-1995).
- Member of the College of Engineering Graduate Studies and Research Committee, San Jose State University (1990-1993).
- Research Advisor of many completed M.S. Projects and Theses, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, San Jose State University (1990-present).

Research Activities

For many years, I have been actively involved in research related to planetary exploration by unmanned spacecraft using Radio Science techniques. My research attempts to bring radio wave scattering and signal processing techniques to bear on characterization and understanding of the structure and physical properties of planetary rings, atmospheres, and surfaces. Research efforts over the past nearly 30 years were devoted primarily to the planning, design, implementation, data analysis, and scientific interpretation of a set of Cassini experiments to study Saturn, its remarkable ring system, and its enigmatic planet-size satellite Titan. Cassini orbited Saturn from 2004 until September 2017. As a Cassini Radio Science Team Member, I played a leading rule in all aspects of the efforts above. Rich Cassini Radio Science data sets have been acquired, revealing a wealth of new information about the Saturn system.

The Cassini research efforts (1990-present) build on another nearly 15 years of research experience related to analysis of similar observations collected from Radio Science experiments completed during two Voyager spacecraft grand-tour of the outer solar system: Jupiter (1979), Saturn (1981), Uranus (1986), Neptune (1989), and their satellites Titan (1981) and Triton (1989).

Other Research Activities: Guidance of graduate student research addressing topics that include: inverse scattering using Bayesian techniques, time-frequency analysis of nonstationary signals, turbo-coding in digital communications, adaptive multipath equalization in GPS and mobile communication receivers, implementation of digital phase locked loops using DSP processors, subband and wavelets image coding, image watermarking, adaptive interference cancellation, among others.

Publications

Author or co-author of about 40 papers published in refereed journals, 6 book chapters, and over 120 conference papers. The following is a Harvard University web link to access listing of the papers: http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-abs_connect. Please Enter Marouf, E in the authors search field. Selected Database to the query should include 'Astronomy' and 'arXiv e_prints.'.

Teaching Activities San Jose State University (1990-):

Graduate:

- Led teaching graduate courses in the area of Digital Signal Processing, primarily the two courses sequence EE253 (fundamentals of time/frequency analysis and digital filtering) and EE254 (filter-banks and wavelets, optimal filtering, linear predictive coding, classical and modern spectral estimation, and adaptive signal processing). The sequence offers a comprehensive foundation for graduate students interested in working or doing research in this core area. The material covered graduates from the fundamentals to state-of-the-art research topics. All topics covered are supported by computational examples (based on Matlab) that provide hands-on experience with algorithm development. I wrote a set of lecture notes for this course sequence.
- Developed and taught a new course on Computed Imaging EE264 (basic image processing techniques and related applications in Fourier optics, ultrasonic medical imaging, computed tomography, synthetic-aperture radar, and planetary exploration). I wrote a set of lecture notes for this course.
- Developed and taught a new course on Digital Communications Processing EE296M (digital signal processing algorithms for analysis and simulation of basic digital communication functions, including digital modulation, optimal receivers, carrier and symbol synchronization, channel equalization and adaptive implementations).
- Restructured and taught a graduate core course on Linear System Theory. I wrote a set of lecture notes for this course.

Undergraduate:

Taught a broad spectrum of courses including Computational Methods in Electrical Engineering

 EE104, Signals and Systems – EE112, Principles of Electromagnetic Fields – EE140,
 Electromagnetic Waves – EE142, and Digital Communications – EE160, Network Analysis
 EE110. Led the EE Department curriculum update of EE110 (now a course on Circuits and Systems) and EE112 (now an Introduction to Signal Processing).

Stanford University (1970-1975; 1978-1990):

Graduate:

- Taught courses on the Fourier Transform and its Applications, Digital Signal Processing, and Statistical Signal Processing.
- Updated and taught a course on Electromagnetic Scattering Theory and Applications, emphasizing both computational and analytical techniques.
- Taught Waves I (common mathematical and physical aspects of acoustic, electromagnetic, and elastic waves), and Waves II (intermediate electromagnetic waves and applications).

Undergraduate:

- Taught Digital and Analog Electronic Design Laboratories.

Honors and Awards

Academic

- SJSU College of Engineering McCoy Family Faculty Award for Excellence in Service, 2013.
- SJSU College of Engineering Newnan Brothers Award for Faculty Excellence, 2012
- SJSU President's Scholar Award, Academic Year 2006-2007.
- SJSU College of Engineering Excellence in Scholarship Award, 2001.

Professional

- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Solstice Pre-Integration Team, 2011
- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Radio Science Team, 2010
- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Rings Target Working Group, 2009
- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Saturn Target Working Group, 2009
- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Titan Orbiter Science Team, 2009
- NASA Cassini Group Achievement Award to Cassini Magnetosphere Target Working Group, 2009
- NASA Voyager Group Achievement Award for Saturn (1981), Uranus (1986), and Neptune (1989) encounters.
- NASA Voyager Certificate of Appreciation Award for "exceptional scientific and engineering design of the Voyager 1 Saturn's ring occultation and scattering experiments," 1981