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RESEARCH OF INTEREST

The theory of source and channel coding, information–reliability–system theory, digital storage systems, software-defined storage, wireless/wireline multimedia communications, data and failure modeling using stochastic processes, joint source–channel coding, image/video compression and processing applications, parallel/distributed computing and storage architectures, cross-layer design optimizations and cloud storage for big data management/analytics.



ACADEMIC POSITIONS

MEF University (Department of Computer Engineering), Istanbul, Turkey *March 2015-Current*
Associate Professor

MEF University (Department of Computer Engineering), Istanbul, Turkey *March 2014-March 2015*
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION HISTORY

Graduate:

University of California, San Diego, (Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering), La Jolla, CA, USA *Sept. 2006- March 2012*
Doctorate of Philosophy

- Thesis topic: “Bandwidth and Rate Allocation Tradeoffs of Source-Channel Coding, Packetization and Modulation in Unequally Protected Multimedia Communication Systems”.
Advisors: Prof. Pamela C. Cosman and Prof. Laurence B. Milstein.
- GPA: 3.8/4.00.

University of California, San Diego, (Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering), La Jolla, CA, USA *March. 2009*
Master of Science

- Project Title: “Progressive Source Transmissions using Joint Source-Channel Coding (JSCC) and Hierarchical Modulation in Packetized Networks”.
Advisors: Prof. Pamela C. Cosman and Prof. Laurence B. Milstein.

Undergraduate:

Bogazici University (Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering), Rumeli hisar üstü, Istanbul, Turkey *Sept 2003 - June 2006*
Bachelor of Science

- Research concentration: “UWB Communications, Spread spectrum systems, Space Time block coding, Forward Error Correction (FEC) coding, Encrypted Mobile & Satellite communications/Networks”.

- GPA: 3.85/4.00.
- Senior Project: Robust Receiver Design for Alamouti STB Coded UWB systems under Non- Gaussian Noisy Environment".

Advisors: Assoc.Prof. Mutlu Koca and Prof. Hakan Delic.

Bogazici University (Department of Mathematics), Rumeli hisar üstü, Istanbul, Sept 2002 - 2003 Turkey

Bachelor of Science - Transfer Student

- Research interests: "Discrete Mathematics, Fields and Graph Theory".
- GPA: 3.84/4.00.

High School:

Kabatas High School, (Kabatas Erkek Lisesi), Ortaköy, Istanbul.

Sept 1997 - June 2001

PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Advanced Development Lab., Quantum Corp., Irvine, CA

Sept. 2011 - present

Principal R & D Design Engineer

- Extensive expertise on Error Correction Coding (ECC), efficient code design and decoding architectures, reliability estimations of Disk and Tape Drives.
- Extensive expertise on software-defined Cold & Cloud storage system design and rateless/network coding.
- Expertise on signal processing for communication/magnetic channel modeling.
- Design and analyze the constrained codes such as Run Length Limited (RLL) and Maximum Transition Run (MTR) codes.
- Design and implement improved detector/decoding architectures such as Viterbi, MAP and Belief Propagation. Design of reduced complexity soft decision algorithms such as Chase.
- Efficient and accurate data modeling for reliability performance predictions of tapes using hidden markov models.
- Efficient and accurate disk failure modeling for distributed storage.
- Submit patent applications for next generation Linear Tape Open (LTO) drives and propose innovative format changes with IBM and HP as copartners.
- Submit patent applications for next generation cloud systems using deduplication and fountain codes.
- Implementation of simple post-processor of tape-out data on multicore GPU chips using CUDA-C and CUDA-MEX (for Matlab).

Wireless Comm. Lab., UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA

March 2007 - March 2012

Graduate Student Researcher

- ◇ **ADVISORS:** Prof. Pamela C. Cosman and Prof. Laurence B. Milstein.
 - Lossy and Lossless data compression techniques.
 - ◇ Image and Video source coding. Efficient entropy coding techniques.
 - Joint Source-Channel coding and optimal packetization methodologies for multimedia.
 - Hierarchical modulations for data transmission and storage for solid state drives.
 - Cross layer optimization of multimedia communication systems.
 - Efficient and capacity achieving coding techniques for multimedia storage and protection against noisy wireline and fade-dominated wireless channels.

Channel Group, Quantum Corp, Irvine, CA.

June 2011 - Sept. 2011

Research Intern

- ◇ **SUPERVISORS:** Turguy Goker, Dr. Jaewook Lee
 - Error Event Study for noise predictive maximum likelihood detection algorithms for tape drives.

- Development of List-Noise predictive maximum likelihood detection (List-NPMLD) algorithm based on periodic error detections for magnetic recording channels.
- Post-ECC performance evaluation based on low complexity estimation algorithms and the quantification of the Post-ECC SNR gains using various detection algorithms.

Imaging Group, Mitsubishi Electric Research Lab., Cambridge, MA.
Research Intern

May 2009 - Sept 2009

◇ **SUPERVISOR:** Dr. Fatih Porikli

- Development of a fast C-MEX based tissue simulation program using bi-cubic interpolation methods and a Finite Element Method for object morphing (a tumor in our case) for a given 3D volume.
- Image and Video processing algorithm development, generating synthetic images for tracking a visible or an invisible object,
- Optimum spectral clustering for large dimensional data, robust nonlinear least squares regression for the improvement of segmentation algorithms,
- Unsupervised multilevel segmentation algorithm based on confidence maps based on a set of random seed allocations,
- 2D texture coding and tracking based on a subgroup of general linear group theory. Application to more complex motion models such as bilinear or planar surface flow models.

Transmission department of Turk Telekom A.S., Istanbul, Turkey
Coordinator & Engineer Intern

June - Sept. 2005

- Analyzed DWDM technology(Optical Networking) to increase the maximum multiple access under the given tolerable interference.
- Development of techniques used in analysis of SONET & SDH technologies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MEF University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Instructor

- **EE 203:** *Digital System Design* Fall 2016.
 - **COMP 206:** *Computer Architecture* Spring 2016.
- Information about classes can be found at .

Channel Group, Quantum Corp, Irvine, CA.

Instructor

- **QTM ECC:** *Fundamentals of Coding Theory* Summer 2013.
Algebraic and probabilistic codes and their performances.
Some of the class notes can be found at <http://suaybarslan.com/teaching.html>.

UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Teaching Assistant

- **ECE 53:** *Fundamentals of Electric Circuits* Electrical & Computer Engineering, UC San Diego,CA,
INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Pamela Cosman, Fall 2009.
- **ECE 258B:** *Digital Communications* Electrical & Computer Engineering, UC San Diego,CA, **INSTRUCTOR:** Prof. Laurance Milstein, Spring 2008.
- **ECE 154A:** *Communications Systems I* Electrical & Computer Engineering, UC San Diego, CA,
INSTRUCTOR: Prof. Laurance Milstein Fall 2007.
- **EE 374:** *Communication Engineering* Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Bogazici University, Turkey, **INSTRUCTOR:** Asistant Prof. Mutlu Koca, Oct. 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

• *Publication record and citation information available online:*
<http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=TjrQ9YEAAAAAJ&hl=en>

Thesis:

- **S. S. Arslan**, “Bandwidth and Rate Allocation Tradeoffs of Source-Channel Coding, Packetization and Modulation in Unequally Protected Multimedia Communication Systems” Ph.d. Thesis, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of California, San Diego, March 2012, Advisor: Prof. Pamela Cosman, Coadvisor: Prof. Laurence Milstein.
Available Online: <http://www.escholarship.org/uc/item/97c3938x>

Recently working papers:

- **S. S. Arslan**, “An extension to birthday problem: Collision analysis of convergent-like encryption”, to be submitted to IEEE Security Magazine.
- **S. S. Arslan**, “Incremental Redundancy, Fountain Codes and Advanced Topics”, in submission, *IEEE Communications Surveys and Tutorials*.
This is a comprehensive study. Initial Version is available at <http://suaybarslan.com/FountainCodes.pdf> and in Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fountain_code.
- **S. S. Arslan**, “Dependent MDS Disk Array Reliability: More Parity or More Decorrelated Failures?,” in submission, *IEEE Trans. on Information Theory*.
- J. Lee, **S. S. Arslan**, James Peng, Turguy Goker, John Moore, and Mark Pastor, “Continuously Improving Technology Enables Tape to Provide Best-In-Class Data Durability,” in submission to *IEEE 31th International Conference on Massive Storage Systems and Technology, MSST 2016*.

Recently submitted papers:

- **S. S. Arslan**, Rod Wideman and Turguy Goker, “Joint Dedup-Fountain coded Archival Storage System,” submitted to GLOBECOM’16 , Washington, USA.

Recently accepted papers:

- **S. S. Arslan**, “Implementation of Multi-threaded Erasure Coding under Multi-Processing Environments”, accepted to 24th IEEE Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference, Zonguldak, Turkey.

Refereed Journal Papers:

- **S. S. Arslan**, Jaewook Lee, Jerry Hodges, James Peng, Hoa Le and Turguy Goker, “MDS Product Code Performance Estimations under Header CRC Check Failures and Missing Syncs”, *IEEE Transactions on Device and Materials Reliability* Vol. 14, No. 3, pp. 921-930, Sept. 2014.
- **S. S. Arslan**, “Redundancy and Aging of Efficient MDS-Parity Protected Distributed Storage Systems,” *IEEE Transactions on Device and Materials Reliability*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 275-285, Mar. 2014.
- **S. S. Arslan**, J. Lee and T. Goker, “Cycle Slip Detection and Correction through Classification of Run Length Limited Code Failures,” *IEEE Transactions on Magnetics*, Vol. 49, No. 9, pp. 4988-4998, Sept. 2013.
- **S. S. Arslan**, J. Lee and T. Goker, “Error Event Corrections Using List-NPMLD Decoding and Error Detection Codes,” *IEEE Transactions on Magnetics*, Vol. 49, No. 7, pp. 3775–3778, July 2013.
- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein, “Concatenated Block Codes for Unequal Error Protection of Embedded Bit Streams,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 1111-1122, March 2012.
- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein, “Coded Hierarchical Modulation for Wireless Progressive Image Transmission,” *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, vol.60, no.9, pp. 4299-4313, Nov. 2011.

- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman and L.B. Milstein, "Generalized Unequal Error Protection LT Codes for Progressive Data Transmission," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, Vol. 21, No. 8, pp. 3586-3597, August 2012.

Refereed Conference Papers:

- **S. S. Arslan**, "Minimum Distortion Variance Concatenated coding for Scalable Multimedia Transmission," accepted paper, *ICNC 2014* (acceptance rate < 25%), a draft of this paper is also available at *arXiv:1210.2815v1 [cs.MM] 2012*.
- **S. S. Arslan**, J. Lee and T. Goker, "Embedding Noise Prediction into List-Viterbi Decoding using Error Detection Codes for Magnetic Tape Systems," *In proceedings of the ASME 2013 Conference on information storage and processing systems*, Jun. 24-25, Santa Clara, CA, USA, 2013.
- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein, "Optimization of Generalized LT Codes for Progressive Image Transfer," *VCIP 2012*, San Diego. (Finalist, Best Paper Award)
- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein, "On hard decision upper bounds for coded M-ary hierarchical modulation," *IEEE Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, Baltimore, MD, USA, 2011.
- M. Hussein, F. Porikli, R. Li and **S. S. Arslan**, "CrossTrack: robust 3D tracking from two cross-sectional views," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Colorado springs, CO, USA, 2011.
- **S. S. Arslan**, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein, "Progressive Source Transmissions using Joint Source-Channel Coding and Hierarchical Modulation in Packetized Networks," *IEEE Globecom 2009*, Hawaii, USA.

For more info: <http://suaybarslan.com/researchpub.html>

Other working papers:

- S. S. Arslan and F. Porikli, "On the Performance of Object/Tumor Segmentation and Contour Tracking for Biomedical Applications", in submission to the journal of IEEE computer society.

Poster presentations, Seminars & Invited talks:

- S. S. Arslan, "The Evolution of Erasure Codes for Large Scale Data Storage and Multimedia Broadcast", *Bahcesehir University*, Sept. 2013.
- S. S. Arslan, "Magnetic Tape Recording: Future Projections, Challenges and Quantum's Research Focus", *Bogazici University*, Jan. 2013.
- S. S. Arslan "Challenges of Tape Recording: Past and Present", *Bilkent University*, Feb. 2013.
- S. S. Arslan, J. Lee and Turguy Goker, "Error Event Corrections Using List-Noise Predictive Maximum Likelihood Decoding and Error Detection Codes", *12th IEEE International Magnetics Conference*, Chicago, IL, USA, Jan. 2013.
- S. S. Arslan, P.C. Cosman, and L.B. Milstein "Concatenated Coding for Embedded Bit streams " *Center for Wireless Communications (CWC) Research Review*, UC San Diego, La Jolla, 2011.
Available Online: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mstIuokbQX0>
- S. S. Arslan and Fatih Porikli, "Tumor Segmentations and Tracking (Visible/Invisible), *MERL Imaging Workshop*, Cambridge, MA, Sept 2009.
- S. S. Arslan, "Novel Ideas in Multiple Description Coding", *Network Information Theory mini-Workshop*, Calit2, UC San Diego, La Jolla, June ,2007.

Patents:

- T. Goker, S. S. Arslan, J. Lee, "HDD based Storage Subsystem Architecture for Data Centers", *pending, U.S. patent office*.
- R. Wideman, S. S. Arslan, J. Lee and T. Goker, "Data Deduplication with adaptive Erasure Code Redundancy", US 20160013815 A1.

- Rod Wideman, S. S. Arslan, Jaewook Lee, Turguy Goker, "Doubly Distributed Erasure Codes", Application number: US 14/727,893
- S. S. Arslan and Turguy Goker, "Efficient high/low energy zone solid state device data storage", Application number: US 15/006,403.
- S. S. Arslan, Turguy Goker and Rod Wideman, "A method for joint dedup-erasure coded distributed storage system", *pending, U.S. patent office.*
- S. S. Arslan, T. Goker, J. Lee, Hoa Le and P. Kiebach, "Tape layout optimization for reliable ECC decoding based on media defect characteristics", under review by *Patents Review Committee.*
- S. S. Arslan, J. Lee and T. Goker, "A method and apparatus for header error correction coding for Tape systems", accepted by *Patents Review Committee.*
- S. S. Arslan, J. Lee and T. Goker, "A method and apparatus for cycle slip detection and correction using ECC-assisted RLL decoding," *pending, U.S. patent office.*
- S. S. Arslan, J. Lee and T. Goker, "Bit Error Detection and Correction with Error detection code and List-NPMLD", US 20140173381 A1.

Research Reports:

- S. S. Arslan, Gelisme Raporu (Technical Document) 01/09/2015–01/03/2016, "Bulut depolama sistemleri için özelleştirilmiş sistematik pınar kod tasarımı ve büyük bit yığınları üzerindeki uygulaması", Under the umbrella of TUBITAK 2232 Project.
- S. S. Arslan, "Header Error Statistics for LTO5 and next generation LTO systems", TR_QTM_LTO_0001 *Sept. 2012.*
- S. S. Arslan, "LTO format CWI allocation strategies for improved ECC decoding", TR_QTM_LTO_0007 *Nov. 2012.*
- S. S. Arslan, "On the modes of C1 and C2 decoding and complexity estimations of RS decoders", TR_QTM_LTO_0011 *Feb. 2013.*
- S. S. Arslan, "Tape map and error characterizations", TR_QTM_LTO_0019 *Feb. 2013.*
- S. S. Arslan, "Iterative Reed Solomon (C1-C2) decoding based on generalized minimum distance decoders and hard decisions", TR_QTM_LTO_0027 *May. 2013.*
- S. S. Arslan, "LTO reliability and capacity loss due to read/write failures and tokens", TR_QTM_LTO_0033 *March. 2013.*
- S. S. Arslan, Jaewook Lee and Turguy Goker, "Header ECC and code design for reliable header protection", TR_QTM_LTO_0035 *Apr. 2013.*

Other Research Projects Involved:

- IBM, HP and QTM – Joint Development Agreement (JDA), "Logical TWG for next generation LTO format", 2012-2013.
- Jieun Oh, HyeGyeong Park, JS Ha and Jae Moon, "RS-LDPC concatenation: Simulation and Performance evaluation for the Tape Channel", A project funded by Information Storage Industry Consortium (INSIC), 2013.
- Suayb S. Arslan and Ahmet Erten, "Reduced Complexity Face Recognition and Classification in Transform Domain", 2012 (to be TUBITAK funded).

Funding Organizations:

- 2016, MEF University & Horizon 2020 & TUBITAK.
- 2013, Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.,
- 2013, Quantum Corporation, Irvine, CA,
- 2012, LG Electronics Inc., San Diego, CA
- 2006–2009, Intel Inc., Portland, OR
- 2006–2011, The Center for Wireless Communications at the University of California at San Diego,
- 2006–2011, the University of California Discovery Grant Program of the state of California,
- 2006–2011, the National Science Foundation (NSF) under Grant CCF-0915727.
- 2006 UCSD ECE Supplemental Departmental Fellowship.

- 2006 TUBITAK fellowship.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- **GLOBECOM 2016** Technical Program Committee (TPC) Member – Data Storage.
- **Quantum representative**, LTO LTWG 2014.
- **Reviewer**, IEEE VTC 2014. {Seoul, 2014}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MAGNETICS. {2013-present}
- **Reviewer**, SAIIE AFRICA RESEARCH JOURNAL. {2013-present}
- **Reviewer**, ELSEVIER JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION. {2013-present}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE JOURNAL ON SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS. {2012-present}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS. {2012-present}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE COMMUNICATION LETTERS. {2012-present}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING. {2010-present}
- **Reviewer**, HINDAWI PUBLISHING CORPORATION, "Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering" {2009-present}
- **Reviewer**, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VEHICULAR TECHNOLOGY. {2009-present}
- **Student Editor**, IEEE potentials. {2008-2009}
- **Volunteer Student**, Information Theory and Applications Workshop . {Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2007}, San Diego, CA.
- **Volunteer Student**, Portland International Center for Management of Engineering and Technology. {July 8 - 13, 2006}, Istanbul, Turkey.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Listed in Marquis Who's Who Publications, 2013.
- Recipient of **Quantum Outstanding Research Award**, Dec. 2012, Nov. 2013.
- Finalist, Best Paper Award, VCIP 2012.
- Intel and LG Electronics (LGE) Research fellow during the graduate study at UC San Diego.
- Recipient of ECE departmental **Fellowship** Supplement, University of California, San Diego (July 2006).
- Selected for the **Dean's office high honor list** in all semesters completed in Bogazici University (2002-2006)
- Recipient of **Fellowship** of US \$ 35,000 by TUBITAK, (2006)
- Recipient of **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Full Scholarship** US \$3000.(2001,2006)
- Recipient of **First** standing in Department of Mathematics, Bogazici University.(June-2002).

SPECIAL SKILLS

Language:

- Turkish (native), English (fluent), French(fair), Spanish(Beginner)

Computer Software:

- C, C++, C-MEX, CUDA C-MEX, Pascal, Perl(Beginner stage), QT C++, LATEX, Visual Basic, Javascript editor, Microsoft Outlook Express, Macromedia Fireworks, Swish, Corel Draw, Wings3D, Macromedia Dreamwaver , Videowave, Lightwave 3D, Ms-Dos, Microsoft Office tools.

Simulation Software:

- Matlab, DesignLab, Pspice, NVIDIA's CUDA, Multism, Modelsim, Catapult, Labview.

Other:

- H.264/AVC, MPEG 2 Part 2/10, EZW, SPIHT, JPEG2000, Random walker & Graphcut segmentation algorithms, Adaboost, Histogram classification, All channel coding algorithms (Linear block codes like Reed-solomon codes, Convolutional codes, Turbo codes, LDPC, IRA, Online, LT, Raptor, etc...), Linear Tape Open (LTO) systems, Distributed Storage Systems, ML (Noise predictive and list architectures) and MAP detectors, 60-GHz channel modeling with link breaks, Linear/Dynamic Programming, CDMA, LTE, WiMax.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- IEEE, Member (9th year),
- Sigma Xi, Associate Member (5th year),
- IEEE Communications Society,
- INSIC, Industry Member (2nd year),
- ASME, Member (2nd year)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.