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EDUCATION Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering, December 2002

University of California, Santa Barbara, California

Scalable Source Coding Bounds: Analysis, Computation, and Applications

M.S., Electrical and Electronics Engineering, August 1997

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

Utilization of Improved Recursive-Shortest-Spanning-Tree Method in Video Object Segmentation

B.S., Electrical and Electronics Engineering, July 1995

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

EXPERIENCE

April 2017–Present	Associate Dean of the Graduate Division, University of California, Riverside.
Jul 2013-Present	Professor, University of California, Riverside.
Jul 2009–Jun 2013	Associate Professor, University of California, Riverside.
Jul 2003-Jun 2009	Assistant Professor, University of California, Riverside.
Jan 2003–Jun 2003	Postgraduate Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Jul 1998–Dec 2002	Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Jul 2000-Sep 2000	Summer Intern, Digital Media Division of Microsoft at Santa Barbara, California. Designed and implemented with C the linear spectral frequency quantization module for a variable bit-rate low-memory speech coder.

INTERESTS

RESEARCH Joint source-channel coding

- Distortion-energy tradeoff
- Low-delay scenarios
- Multi-terminal communications

Sep 1997–Jul 1998 **Teaching Assistant,** University of California, Santa Barbara.

- Hybrid digital/analog coding
- Robustness against varying source and/or channel parameters

Fundamental tradeoffs in data identification systems

- Identification capacity versus storage and/or search complexity constraints
- Relation to other source-channel problems

Distributed source coding

Zero-error information theory

Rate-distortion theory

Multi-resolution source coding

JOURNAL

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 - [J23] Y. Gao and E. Tuncel, "New hybrid digital/analog schemes for transmission of a Gaussian source over a Gaussian channel," IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, pp. 6014-6019, December 2010.
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 - [J21] J. Nayak, E. Tuncel, and D. Gunduz, "Wyner-Ziv coding over broadcast channels: Digital schemes," IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, pp. 1782-1799, April 2010.
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 - [J17] F. Altiparmak, E. Tuncel, H. Ferhatosmanoglu, "Incremental maintenance of online summaries over multiple streams," IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, pp. 216-229, February 2008.
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HONORS & AWARDS

- 2007 NSF CAREER Award: Low-delay communication in sensor networks via prediction- and transform-based distributed source coding.
- Ranked 2nd in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Middle East Technical University, and 3rd among the class of 1995 (over 2500 students).
- Ranked 97th in the nation among over a million students in Turkish national university entrance examinations.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Associate Editor for IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, May 2014-July 2017.
- Technical Program Committee member for IEEE International Conference on Communications, 2005, for IEEE GLOBECOM, 2007, and for IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.