

Topic: **Sub-Nyquist Sampling: Recent Advances and Applications**

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The Shannon-Nyquist sampling theorem is a widely used method for discrete representation of analog bandlimited signals. In this framework, the signal is represented by its samples taken at the Nyquist rate, which is greater than equal to twice the maximum frequency present in the signal. In 1977, Papoulis proposed a generalized multichannel sampling method for bandlimited signals where the signal is represented by samples of filtered signals taken at a sub-Nyquist rate. Hence, the overall sampling rate is equal to Nyquist rate. In many practical applications, signals are not bandlimited. To accommodate such signals within the Shannon-Nyquist framework, one passes the signal through an anti-aliasing filter, which retains most of the signal energy in a certain band.

With the advancement of the communication technologies such as cognitive radio, software defined radio, ultra wideband communication for infostations, wideband RADAR, etc. the requirement of higher sampling rate is continuously increasing. It is difficult to realize analog-to-digital converters with higher bits per sample at large sampling rates. Hence, one has to look for alternate ways to discretize such wideband analog signals.

In the past two decades, various sampling methods have been developed for sampling non-bandlimited signals by using prior information about the analog signals. In applications such as RADAR, SONAR, ultrasound imaging, optical coherence tomography (OCT), multiband signal communication, wideband spectrum sensing, etc., the signals to be sampled have a certain structure, which could be of in a form such as: (i) sparsity or parsimony in certain basis function; (ii) signals belonging to a shift-invariant space; (iii) multiband structure of the signal spectrum; (iv) a finite rate of innovation, etc. By using the structure to advantage, one can sample and reconstruct such signals at much lower rates than the Nyquist rate.

The goal of this tutorial is to introduce the audience to some recent sub-Nyquist sampling methods and give a review of major technical advancements and challenges. Starting from the Shannon sampling technique, we shall discuss different sampling and reconstruction methods for multiband signals. We will give a brief overview of sampling signals in shift-invariant spaces and analog compressive sensing. We conclude with a detailed discussion on the topic of finite-rate-of-innovation signals sampling, which has been widely used for low-rate sampling in many practical applications. The major topics we intend to cover are as follows:

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1. Shannon-Nyquist sampling framework:
 - 1.1 Sampling of bandlimited and essentially bandlimited signals
 - 1.2 Papoulis generalized sampling
2. Sub-Nyquist sampling:
 - 2.1 Sampling of signals in shift-invariant space:
 - I. Introduction to shift invariant spaces
 - II. Basis splines, exponential splines, and wavelets
 - III. Kernel-based sampling and reconstruction
 - 2.2 Multiband signal sampling:
 - I. Introduction to multiband signals
 - II. Landau's theorem for minimal sampling rate
 - III. Multicoset sampling
 - IV. Xampling: Random demodulated wideband converters
 - 2.3 Analog compressive sensing (CS)
 - I. Parsimonious representation
 - II. Conventional CS: sparse vector recovery problem
 - III. Random demodulators-based analog CS
 - IV. A generalized analog CS
 - 2.4 Finite-rate-of-innovation signal sampling:
 - I. Introduction
 - II. Sampling kernels
 - III. Reconstruction mechanism
 - IV. Applications: Sub-Nyquist RADAR, sub-Nyquist ultrasound imaging, and high-resolution frequency-domain optical-coherence tomography.

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