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Sensors and actuators are now part of our everyday life and appear in many appliances, such as cars, vending machines and washing machines. MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) are micro systems consisting of micro mechanical sensors, actuators and micro electronic circuits. A variety of MEMS devices have been developed and many mass produced, but the information on these is widely dispersed in the literature. This book presents the analysis and design principles of MEMS devices. The information is comprehensive, focusing on microdynamics, such as the mechanics of beam and diaphragm structures, air damping and its effect on the motion of mechanical structures. Using practical examples, the author examines problems associated with analysis and design, and solutions are included at the back of the book. The ideal advanced level textbook for graduates, Analysis and Design Principles of MEMS Devices is a suitable source of reference for researchers and engineers in the field. * Presents the analysis and design principles of MEMS devices more systematically than ever before. * Includes the theories essential for the analysis and design of MEMS includes the dynamics of micro mechanical structures * A problem section is included at the end of each chapter with answers provided at the end of the book.

Developments in the connected fields of solid state physics, bioengineering, mechatronics and nanometrology have had a profound effect on the emergence of modern technologies and their influence on our lives. In all of these fields, understanding and improving the basic underlying materials is of crucial importance for the development of systems and applications. The International Conference Inter-Academia 2016 has successfully married these fields and become a regular feature in the conference calendar. It consisted of seven thematic areas in the field of material science, nanotechnology, biotechnology, plasma physics, metrology, robotics, sensors and devices. The book Recent Global Research and Education: Technological Challenges is intended for use in academic, government and industry R&D departments, as an indispensable reference tool for the years to come. Also, we hope that the volume can serve the world community as the definitive reference source in Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing. This book comprises carefully selected 68 contributions presented at the 15th International Conference on Global Research and Education INTER-ACADEMIA 2016, organized by Faculty of Mechatronics, Warsaw University of Technology, on September 26-28, in Warsaw, Poland. It is the second volume in series, following the edition in 2015. It brings together the knowledge and experience of 150 leading researchers representing 13 countries. We would like to thank all contributors and reviewers for helping us to put-together this book.

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Interface Circuits for Microsensor Integrated Systems" that was published in Micromachines

This book presents all aspects of situational awareness using acoustic signals. It starts by presenting the science behind understanding and interpretation of sound signals. The book then goes on to provide various signal processing techniques used in acoustics to find the direction of sound source, localize gunfire, track vehicles and detect people. The necessary mathematical background and various classification and fusion techniques are presented. The book contains majority of the things one would need to process acoustic signals for all aspects of situational awareness in one location. The book also presents array theory, which is pivotal in finding the direction of arrival of acoustic signals. In addition, the book presents techniques to fuse the information from multiple homogeneous/heterogeneous sensors for better detection. MATLAB code is provided for majority of the real application, which is a valuable resource in not only understanding the theory but readers can also use the code as a spring-board to develop their own application based software code.

This book features selected papers presented at the Fifth International Conference on Nanoelectronics, Circuits and Communication Systems (NCCS 2019). It covers a range of topics, including nanoelectronic devices, microelectronics devices, material science, machine learning, Internet of things, cloud computing, computing systems, wireless communication systems, advances in communication 5G and beyond. Further, it discusses VLSI circuits and systems, MEMS, IC design and testing, electronic system design and manufacturing, speech signal processing, digital signal processing, FPGA-based wireless communication systems and FPGA-based system design, Industry 4.0, e-farming, semiconductor memories, and IC fault detection and correction.

The Handbook of Silicon Based MEMS Materials and Technologies, Second Edition, is a comprehensive guide to MEMS materials, technologies, and manufacturing that examines the state-of-the-art with a particular emphasis on silicon as the most important starting material used in MEMS. The book explains the fundamentals, properties (mechanical, electrostatic, optical, etc.), materials selection, preparation, manufacturing, processing, system integration, measurement, and materials characterization techniques, sensors, and multi-scale modeling methods of MEMS structures, silicon crystals, and wafers, also covering micromachining technologies in MEMS and encapsulation of MEMS components. Furthermore, it provides vital packaging technologies and process knowledge for silicon direct bonding, anodic bonding, glass frit bonding, and related techniques, shows how to protect devices from the environment, and provides tactics to decrease package size for a dramatic reduction in costs. Provides vital packaging technologies and process knowledge for silicon direct bonding, anodic bonding, glass frit bonding, and related techniques Shows how to protect devices from the environment and decrease package size for a dramatic reduction in packaging costs Discusses properties, preparation, and growth of silicon crystals and wafers Explains the many properties (mechanical, electrostatic, optical, etc.), manufacturing, processing, measuring (including focused beam techniques), and multiscale modeling methods of MEMS structures Geared towards practical applications rather than theory

This book describes the design of CMOS circuits for ultra-low power consumption including analog, radio frequency (RF), and digital signal processing circuits (DSP). The book addresses issues from circuit and system design to production

design, and applies the ultra-low power circuits described to systems for digital hearing aids and capsule endoscope devices. Provides a valuable introduction to ultra-low power circuit design, aimed at practicing design engineers; Describes all key building blocks of ultra-low power circuits, from a systems perspective; Applies circuits and systems described to real product examples such as hearing aids and capsule endoscopes.

Micromanufacturing and Nanotechnology is an emerging technological infrastructure and process that involves manufacturing of products and systems at the micro and nano scale levels. Development of micro and nano scale products and systems are underway due to the reason that they are faster, accurate and less expensive. Moreover, the basic functional units of such systems possesses remarkable mechanical, electronic and chemical properties compared to the macro-scale counterparts. Since this infrastructure has already become the preferred choice for the design and development of next generation products and systems it is now necessary to disseminate the conceptual and practical phenomenological know-how in a broader context. This book incorporates a selection of research and development papers. Its scope is the history and background, underlying design methodology, application domains and recent developments.

To derive an optimum design of a MEMS microphone in any application (i.e. photoacoustic instrumentation), it is important to understand the underlying physics that govern the behavior of the device. In addition, one must have a good understanding of the specific requirements imposed on the device in the intended application. In the particular case of photoacoustic detection, signal-to-noise ratio is the overwhelmingly important parameter. Other parameters such as size and required operating voltage may be compromised to achieve the best possible signal-to-noise ratio. An important property, to be shown below, is the low sensitivity to vibration in MEMS microphones due to a much smaller mass of inertia of the sensing diaphragm, when compared to state-of-the-art conventional microphones. In photoacoustic detection, a microphone is used to detect the minute thermal expansion/pressure wave generated in a gas due to molecular absorption, and subsequent release, of energy generated from a light source [1,6]. This method is very well suited for molecular fingerprinting, since the absorption versus applied light energy/wavelength is uniquely dependent on the exact molecular structure. The measurement, in which light of various wavelengths is applied, to map the molecular absorption, is referred to as photoacoustic spectroscopy (PAS). Current PAS instrumentation utilizes state-of-the-art conventional microphone technology in combination with high powered light sources to maximize the sensitivity of the system. It is well known from literature (such as [2]), that electrostatic, or capacitive, microphones have the highest sensitivity and the lowest self-noise of the known detection principles. While conventional capacitive microphones provide excellent signal-to-noise ratio, there is a significant problem with vibration-borne artifacts.

Simon Grimm examines new multi-microphone signal processing strategies that aim to achieve noise reduction and dereverberation. Therefore, narrow-band signal enhancement approaches are combined with broad-band processing in terms of directivity based beamforming. Previously introduced formulations of the multichannel Wiener filter rely on the second order statistics of the speech and noise signals. The author analyses how additional knowledge about the location of a speaker as well as the microphone arrangement can be used to achieve further noise reduction and dereverberation.

This book constitutes the revised post-conference proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Digital Forensics and Watermarking, IWDW 2016, held in Beijing, China, in September 2016. The 45 papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 70 submissions. The contributions are organized in topical sections on digital forensics, visual cryptography, reversible data hiding, and steganography and steganalysis.

Smart Sensors and MEMS: Intelligent Devices and Microsystems for Industrial Applications, Second Edition highlights new, important developments in the field, including the latest on magnetic sensors, temperature sensors and microreaction chambers. The book outlines the industrial applications for smart sensors, covering direct interface circuits for sensors, capacitive sensors for displacement measurement in the sub-nanometer range, integrated inductive displacement sensors for harsh industrial environments, advanced silicon radiation detectors in the vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) and extreme ultraviolet (EUV) spectral range, among other topics. New sections include discussions on magnetic and temperature sensors and the industrial applications of smart micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS). The book is an invaluable reference for academics, materials scientists and electrical engineers working in the microelectronics, sensors and micromechanics industry. In addition, engineers looking for industrial sensing, monitoring and automation solutions will find this a comprehensive source of information. Contains new chapters that address key applications, such as magnetic sensors, microreaction chambers and temperature sensors Provides an in-depth information on a wide array of industrial applications for smart sensors and smart MEMS Presents the only book to discuss both smart sensors and MEMS for industrial applications

Without sensors most electronic applications would not exist they perform a vital function, namely providing an interface to the real world. The importance of sensors, however, contrasts with the limited information available on them. Today's smart sensors, wireless sensors, and microtechnologies are revolutionizing sensor design and applications. This volume is an up-to-date and comprehensive sensor reference guide to be used by engineers and scientists in industry, research, and academia to help with their sensor selection and system design. It is filled with hard-to-find information, contributed by noted engineers and companies working in the field today. The book will offer guidance on selecting, specifying, and using the optimum sensor for any given application. The editor-in-chief, Jon Wilson, has years of experience in the sensor industry and leads workshops and seminars on sensor-related topics. In addition to background information on sensor technology, measurement, and data acquisition, the handbook provides detailed information on each type of sensor technology, covering: technology fundamentals sensor types, w/ advantages/disadvantages manufacturers selecting and specifying sensors applicable standards (w/ urls of related web sites) interfacing information, with hardware

and software info design techniques and tips, with design examples latest and future developments The handbook also contains information on the latest MEMS and nanotechnology sensor applications. In addition, a CD-ROM will accompany the volume containing a fully searchable pdf version of the text, along with various design tools and useful software. *the only comprehensive book on sensors available! *jam-packed with over 800 pages of techniques and tips, detailed design examples, standards, hardware and software interfacing information, and manufacturer pros/cons to help make the best sensor selection for any design *covers sensors from A to Z- from basic technological fundamentals, to cutting-edge info. on the latest MEMS and the hottest nanotechnology applications

This book explores the life and scientific legacy of Manfred Schroeder through personal reflections, scientific essays and Schroeder's own memoirs. Reflecting the wide range of Schroeder's activities, the first part of the book contains thirteen articles written by his colleagues and former students. Topics discussed include his early, pioneering contributions to the understanding of statistical room acoustics and to the measurement of reverberation time; his introduction of digital signal processing methods into acoustics; his use of ray tracing methods to study sound decay in rooms and his achievements in echo and feedback suppression and in noise reduction. Other chapters cover his seminal research in speech processing including the use of predictive coding to reduce audio bandwidth which led to various code-excited linear prediction schemes, today used extensively for speech coding. Several chapters discuss Schroeder's work in low-peak factor signals, number theory, and maximum-length sequences with key applications in hearing research, diffraction gratings, artificial reverberators and de-correlation techniques for enhancing subjective envelopment in surround sound. In style, the articles range from truly scientific to conversationally personal. In all contributions, the relationship between the current research presented and Manfred Schroeder's own fields of interest is, in general, evident. The second part of the book consists of Schroeder's own memoirs, written over the final decade of his life. These recollections shed light on many aspects not only of Schroeder's life but also on that of many of his colleagues, friends and contemporaries. They portray political, social and scientific events over a period that extends from pre-war to the present. These memoirs, written in an inimitable and witty style, are full of information, entertaining and fun to read, providing key insight into the life and work of one of the greatest acousticians of the 20th century.

This two-volume book presents an unusually diverse selection of research papers, covering all major topics in the fields of information and communication technologies and related sciences. It provides a wide-angle snapshot of current themes in information and power engineering, pursuing a cross-disciplinary approach to do so. The book gathers revised contributions that were presented at the 2018 International Conference: Sciences of Electronics, Technologies of Information and Telecommunication (SETIT'18), held on 20–22 December 2018 in Hammamet, Tunisia. This eighth installment of the event attracted a wealth of submissions, and the papers presented here were selected by a committee of experts and underwent additional, painstaking revision. Topics covered include: · Information Processing · Human-Machine Interaction · Computer Science · Telecommunications and Networks · Signal Processing · Electronics · Image and Video This broad-scoped approach is becoming increasingly popular in scientific publishing. Its aim is to encourage scholars and professionals to overcome disciplinary barriers, as demanded by current trends in the industry and in the consumer market, which are rapidly leading toward a convergence of data-driven applications, computation, telecommunication, and energy awareness. Given its coverage, the book will benefit graduate students, researchers and practitioners who need to keep up with the latest technological advances.

This report describes the initial design study of a project to develop a MEMS microphone optimized for photoacoustic signal detection. A MEMS based design has been developed with a predicted sensitivity 48 times that of current state of the art microphones and a 27 dB lower sensitivity to mechanical vibration. This new design is a modification of a commercial MEMS microphone currently in production. Arrangements have been made to produce a commercial prototype of this microphone for photoacoustic applications using a modification of the process that has been proven successful in the manufacture of millions of commercial telecom microphones.

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Imaging: Sensors and Technologies" that was published in Sensors Drawing on their experiences in successfully executing hundreds of MEMS development projects, the authors present the first practical guide to navigating the technical and business challenges of MEMS product development, from the initial concept stage all the way to commercialization. The strategies and tactics presented, when practiced diligently, can shorten development timelines, help avoid common pitfalls, and improve the odds of success, especially when resources are limited. MEMS Product Development illuminates what it really takes to develop a novel MEMS product so that innovators, designers, entrepreneurs, product managers, investors, and executives may properly prepare their companies to succeed.

Ambient Diagnostics addresses innovative methods for discovering patterns from affordable devices, such as mobile phones, watches, cameras, and game interfaces, to interpret multimedia data for personal health monitoring and diagnosis. This is the first comprehensive textbook on multidisciplinary innovations in affordable healthcare—from sensory fusion, pattern detection, to classification. Connecting the Dots The material in this book combines sensing, pattern recognition, and visual design, and is divided into four parts, which cover fundamentals, multimedia intelligence, pervasive sensors, and crowdsourcing. The author describes basic pattern discovery models, sound, color, motion and video analytics, and pattern discovery from games and social networks. Each chapter contains the material's main concepts, as well as case studies, and extensive study questions. Contains overviews about diagnostic sensors on mobile phones Reflects the rapidly growing platforms for remote sensing, gaming, and social networking Incorporates cognitive tests such as fatigue detection Includes pseudo code and sample code Provides vision algorithms and multimedia analytics Covers Multimedia Intelligence Extensively Ambient Diagnostics includes concepts for ambient technologies such as point-and-search, the pill camera, active sensing with Kinect, digital human labs, negative and relative feature spaces, and semantic representations. The book also introduces methods for collective intelligence from online video games and social media.

Capacitive MEMS Microphone Optimized Research

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 52nd Annual Convention of the Computer Society of India, CSI 2017, held in Kolkata, India, in January 2018. The 59 revised papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 157 submissions. The theme of CSI 2017, Social Transformation – Digital Way, was selected to highlight the importance of technology for both central and state governments at

their respective levels to achieve doorstep connectivity with its citizens. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: Signal processing, microwave and communication engineering; circuits and systems; data science and data analytics; bio computing; social computing; mobile, nano, quantum computing; data mining; security and forensics; digital image processing; and computational intelligence. In the past few years we have written and edited several books in the area of acoustic and speech signal processing.

The reason behind this endeavor is that there were almost no books available in the literature when we first started while there was (and still is) a real need to publish manuscripts summarizing the most useful ideas, concepts, results, and state-of-the-art algorithms in this important area of research. According to all the feedback we have received so far, we can say that we were right in doing this. Recently, several other researchers have followed us in this journey and have published interesting books with their own visions and perspectives. The idea of writing a book on Microphone Array Signal Processing comes from discussions we have had with many colleagues and friends. As a consequence of these discussions, we came up with the conclusion that, again, there is an urgent need for a monograph that carefully explains the theory and implementation of microphone arrays. While there are many manuscripts on antenna arrays from a narrowband perspective (narrowband signals and narrowband processing), the literature is quite scarce when it comes to sensor arrays explained from a truly broadband perspective. Many algorithms for speech applications were simply borrowed from narrowband antenna arrays. However, a direct application of narrowband ideas to broadband speech processing may not be necessarily appropriate and can lead to many misunderstandings.

The Environmental Noise Directive (END) requires that a five-year updating of noise maps is carried out to check and report on the changes that have occurred during the reference period. The updating process is usually achieved using a standardized approach consisting of collecting and processing information through acoustic models to produce the updated noise maps. This procedure is time consuming and costly, and has a significant impact on the financial statement of the authorities responsible for providing the maps. Furthermore, the END requires that easy-to-read noise maps are made available to the public to provide information on noise levels and the subsequent actions to be undertaken by local and central authorities to reduce noise impacts. In order to update the noise maps more easily and in a more effective way, it is convenient to design an integrated system incorporating real-time noise measurement and signal processing to identify and analyze the noise sources present in the mapping area (e.g., road traffic noise, leisure noise, etc.) as well as to automatically generate and present the corresponding noise maps. This wireless acoustic sensor network design requires transversal knowledge, from accurate hardware design for acoustic sensors to network structure design and management of the information with signal processing to identify the origin of the measured noise and graphical user interface application design to present the results to end users. This book is a collection in which several views of methodology and technologies required for the development of an efficient wireless acoustic sensor network from the first stages of its design to the tests conducted during deployment, its final performance, and possible subsequent implications for authorities in terms of the definition of policies. Contributions include several LIFE and H2020 projects aimed at the design and implementation of intelligent acoustic sensor networks with a focus on the publication of good practices for the design and deployment of intelligent networks in other locations. This book is based on the 18 presentations during the 21st workshop on Advances in Analog Circuit Design. Expert designers provide readers with information about a variety of topics at the frontier of analog circuit design, including Nyquist analog-to-digital converters, capacitive sensor interfaces, reliability, variability, and connectivity. This book serves as a valuable reference to the state-of-the-art, for anyone involved in analog circuit research and development.

This edition of 'CMOS-MEMS' was originally published in the successful series 'Advanced Micro & Nanosystems'. Here, the combination of the globally established, billion dollar chip mass fabrication technology CMOS with the fascinating and commercially promising new world of MEMS is covered from all angles. The book introduces readers to this field and takes them from fabrication technologies and material characterization aspects to the actual applications of CMOS-MEMS - a wide range of miniaturized physical, chemical and biological sensors and RF systems. Vital knowledge on circuit and system integration issues concludes this in-depth treatise, illustrating the advantages of combining CMOS and MEMS in the first place, rather than having a hybrid solution.

This volume presents the proceedings of the CLAIB 2014, held in Paraná, Entre Ríos, Argentina 29, 30 & 31 October 2014. The proceedings, presented by the Regional Council of Biomedical Engineering for Latin America (CORAL) offer research findings, experiences and activities between institutions and universities to develop Bioengineering, Biomedical Engineering and related sciences. The conferences of the American Congress of Biomedical Engineering are sponsored by the International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE), Society for Engineering in Biology and Medicine (EMBS) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), among other organizations and international agencies and bringing together scientists, academics and biomedical engineers in Latin America and other continents in an environment conducive to exchange and professional growth. The Topics include: - Bioinformatics and Computational Biology - Bioinstrumentation; Sensors, Micro and Nano Technologies - Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering and Artificial Organs - Biomechanics, Robotics and Motion Analysis - Biomedical Images and Image Processing - Biomedical Signal Processing - Clinical Engineering and Electromedicine - Computer and Medical Informatics - Health and home care, telemedicine - Modeling and Simulation - Radiobiology, Radiation and Medical Physics - Rehabilitation Engineering and Prosthetics - Technology, Education and Innovation

The exciting world of crystalline silicon is the source of the spectacular advancement of discrete electronic devices and solar cells. The exploitation of ever changing properties of crystalline silicon with dimensional transformation may indicate more innovative silicon based technologies in near future. For example, the discovery of nanocrystalline silicon has largely overcome the obstacles of using silicon as optoelectronic material. The further research and development is necessary to find out the treasures hidden within this material. The book presents different forms of silicon material, their preparation and properties. The modern techniques to study the surface and interface defect states, dislocations, and so on, in different crystalline forms have been highlighted in this book. This book presents basic and applied aspects of different crystalline forms of silicon in wide range of information from materials to devices.

Microsystems technologies have found their way into an impressive variety of applications, from mobile phones, computers, and displays to smart grids, electric cars, and space shuttles. This multidisciplinary field of research extends the current capabilities of standard integrated circuits in terms of materials and designs and complements them by creating innovative components and smaller systems that require lower power consumption and display better performance. Novel Advances in Microsystems Technologies and their Applications delves into the state of the art and the applications of microsystems and microelectronics-related technologies. Featuring contributions by academic and industrial researchers from around the world, this book: Examines organic and flexible electronics, from polymer solar cell to flexible interconnects for the co-integration of micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS) with complementary metal oxide semiconductors (CMOS) Discusses imaging and display technologies, including MEMS technology in reflective displays, the fabrication of thin-film transistors on glass substrates, and new techniques to display and quickly transmit high-quality images Explores sensor technologies for sensing electrical currents and temperature, monitoring

structural health and critical industrial processes, and more Covers biomedical microsystems, including biosensors, point-of-care devices, neural stimulation and recording, and ultra-low-power biomedical systems Written for researchers, engineers, and graduate students in electrical and biomedical engineering, this book reviews groundbreaking technology, trends, and applications in microelectronics. Its coverage of the latest research serves as a source of inspiration for anyone interested in further developing microsystems technologies and creating new applications.

The book describes recent developments in aeroacoustic measurements in wind tunnels and the interpretation of the resulting data. The reader will find the latest measurement techniques described along with examples of the results.

Wireless MEMS Networks and Applications reviews key emerging applications of MEMS in wireless and mobile networks. This book covers the different types of wireless MEMS devices, also exploring MEMS in smartphones, tablets, and the MEMS used for energy harvesting. The book reviews the range of applications of wireless MEMS networks in manufacturing, infrastructure monitoring, environmental monitoring, space applications, agricultural monitoring for food safety, health applications, and systems for smart cities. Focuses on the use of MEMS in the emerging area of wireless applications Contains comprehensive coverage of the range of applications of MEMS for wireless networks Presents an international range of expert contributors who identify key research in the field

This book is based on the 18 invited tutorials presented during the 27th workshop on Advances in Analog Circuit Design. Expert designers from both industry and academia present readers with information about a variety of topics at the frontiers of analog circuit design, including the design of analog circuits in power-constrained applications, CMOS-compatible sensors for mobile devices and energy-efficient amplifiers and drivers. For anyone involved in the design of analog circuits, this book will serve as a valuable guide to the current state-of-the-art. Provides a state-of-the-art reference in analog circuit design, written by experts from industry and academia; Presents material in a tutorial-based format; Covers the design of analog circuits in power-constrained applications, CMOS-compatible sensors for mobile devices and energy-efficient amplifiers and drivers.

Capacitive sensors produce spectacular resolution of movement to one part in 10¹⁰ meters and maintain exceptional long-term stability in hostile environments. They are increasingly used for a variety of jobs in consumer and industrial equipment, including wall stud sensors, keypads, lamp dimmers, micrometers, calipers, rotation encoders, and more. The most focused, authoritative book available in the field, Capacitive Sensors brings you complete information on the research, design, and production of capacitive sensors. This all-in-one source provides detailed, comprehensive coverage of key topics, including underlying theory, electrode configuration, and practical circuits. In addition, you'll find reviews of a number of tested systems never before published. Capacitive Sensors is a must-have for product designers and mechanical and electrical engineers interested in using this fast-developing technology to get top price and performance advantages.

This textbook introduces readers to digital signal processing fundamentals using Arm Cortex-M based microcontrollers as demonstrator platforms. It covers foundational concepts, principles and techniques such as signals and systems, sampling, reconstruction and anti-aliasing, FIR and IIR filter design, transforms, and adaptive signal processing.

This book presents computational methods for extracting the useful information from audio signals, collecting the state of the art in the field of sound event and scene analysis. The authors cover the entire procedure for developing such methods, ranging from data acquisition and labeling, through the design of taxonomies used in the systems, to signal processing methods for feature extraction and machine learning methods for sound recognition. The book also covers advanced techniques for dealing with environmental variation and multiple overlapping sound sources, and taking advantage of multiple microphones or other modalities. The book gives examples of usage scenarios in large media databases, acoustic monitoring, bioacoustics, and context-aware devices. Graphical illustrations of sound signals and their spectrographic representations are presented, as well as block diagrams and pseudocode of algorithms.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Applied Reconfigurable Computing, ARC 2018, held in Santorini, Greece, in May 2018. The 29 full papers and 22 short presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 78 submissions. In addition, the volume contains 9 contributions from research projects. The papers were organized in topical sections named: machine learning and neural networks; FPGA-based design and CGRA optimizations; applications and surveys; fault-tolerance, security and communication architectures; reconfigurable and adaptive architectures; design methods and fast prototyping; FPGA-based design and applications; and special session: research projects.

Sensors were developed to detect and quantify structures and functions of human body as well as to gather information from the environment in order to optimize the efficiency, cost-effectiveness and quality of healthcare services as well as to improve health and quality of life. This book offers an up-to-date overview of the concepts, modeling, technical and technological details and practical applications of different types of sensors. It also discusses the trends for the next generation of sensors and systems for healthcare settings. It is aimed at researchers and graduate students in the field of healthcare technologies, as well as academics and industry professionals involved in developing sensing systems for human body structures and functions, and for monitoring activities and health.

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