Compressive Sensing: 8 Years After

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Sensing and imaging systems are under increasing pressure to accommodate ever larger and higher-dimensional data sets; ever faster capture, sampling, and processing rates; ever lower power consumption; communication over ever more difficult channels; and radically new sensing modalities. Since its discovery in 2004, compressive sensing (CS) has stimulated a re-thinking of sensor and signal processing system design. In CS, analog signals are digitized and processed not via uniform sampling but via measurements using more general, even random, test functions. In contrast with conventional wisdom, the new theory asserts that one can combine "sub-Nyquist-rate sampling" with large-scale optimization for efficient and accurate signal acquisition when the signal has a sparse structure. In this talk, we will review the progress in field over the last 8 years, with a special emphasis on the pros and cons of the technique.