Abstract—Advancements in digital signal processing and communications have spearheaded developments in many disciplines such as: 1. power transmission, through the smart grid; 2. agriculture, through sensor networks; 3. transportation, through connected vehicular networks; 4. robotics, through machine-to-machine communications; and 5. medicine, through telemedicine and molecular communications, etc. This extensive use of wireless devices will consequently result in greater demand for both bandwidth and bandwidth efficiency. The former is anticipated to be addressed via the use of the millimeter-wave band, i.e., frequencies above 30 GHz, while the latter has been subject of continuous research that has resulted in new technologies, e.g., reconfigurable antennas, full duplex relaying, heterogeneous networks, and massive multi-input and multi-output (MIMO) systems. In the first part of this talk, we will focus on the role of digital signal processing in advancing these technologies and enhancing bandwidth utilization and efficiency at millimeter-wave frequencies. The second part of this talk, looks beyond the traditional applications of signal processing and communications, and focuses on their role in areas such as sensor networks via energy harvesting systems, and medicine through molecular communications.

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