Report of Committee on Implementation of Transactions Supplements

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Committee Charge

By an email vote conducted in mid-February, 2014, the Board of Governors passed the motion:

“to allow for peer-reviewed online-only supplementary material to be posted together on Xplore with each IT Transactions paper.”

An ad-hoc committee was formed in March “to work out the details, included recommended page limit on papers, possible page charges above some page limit, as well as all implementation details.”

- The committee interacted via email.
- Additionally, Frank Kschischang met with IEEE staff at the March 2014 Panel of Editors meeting in Chicago, in particular with Dawn Melley, Director of Editorial Services, IEEE Periodicals.

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1Abbas El Gamal email, Feb. 12, 2014.
IEEE **does** currently support posting of supplementary material. The present interface appears aimed at supporting the posting of supplementary multimedia files.

The supplementary material associated with a paper is available from the same IEEE Xplore page from which the paper can be downloaded.

Current IEEE practice is to label supplementary material as “Multimedia;” we would need to work with IEEE to allow for a more general label such as “E-supplement.”
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Abstract

Partial separability (PS) and sparsity have been previously used to enable reconstruction of dynamic images from undersampled $(k,l)$-space data. This paper presents a new method to use PS and sparsity constraints jointly for enhanced performance in this context. The proposed method combines the complementary advantages of PS and sparsity constraints using a unified formulation, achieving significantly better reconstruction performance than using either of these constraints individually. A globally convergent computational algorithm is described to efficiently solve the underlying optimization problem. Reconstruction results from simulated and in vivo cardiac MRI data are also shown to illustrate the performance of the proposed method.

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According to Dawn Melley, we could have IEEE format the supplementary material. (Presumably, IEEE would then take responsibility for version migration.) However, the production cost would be the same as to produce a paper. Specifically:

- moderate editing at $31.50 per page (this includes producing a PDF from XML-tagged content);
- XML conversion at $4.00 per 8K characters;
- graphics conversion at $3.00 per page.
We inquired with IEEE about cost savings achievable by going “all electronic,” eliminating printed copies. According to Dawn Melley,

*If you were to eliminate print altogether, you would save about $140K per year.*
The committee considered the possibility of imposing overlength page charges in conjunction with the posting of electronic supplements. For example, imposing page charges when a paper exceeds 20, 18, or 16 pages might produce annual savings of about $30K, $50K, and $75K, respectively, but would affect between 1/5 and 1/3 of all papers.

The consensus is:

- imposing overlength page charges is, for many reasons, undesirable;
- imposing such charges is not justified by the potential cost-savings.

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Note: See the “Transitions” document from the February BoG meeting.
The committee recommends allowing for peer-reviewed online-only supplementary material to be posted on Xplore together with each IT Transactions paper, entirely at the authors’ discretion.
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