

Q1: current trends

- Speech and machine learning
 - Deep learning
 - Gaussian process
- Important modeling approach:
 - use a very large number of models implicitly or explicitly and select models which are important to capture temporal and spatial characteristics in the data
- Important estimation approach: there exists global solution.
- Important theoretical issues to be resolved:
 - Feasible algorithms
 - Post analysis methods, especially for latent variables

Q2: important open areas

- Use of different kinds of massive spatial and temporal data
- New applications, e.g. elderly care

Q3: examples of recent research in SSM

- Data assimilation, e.g., Tsunami prediction, Guerrilla heavy rain prediction
- Estimation challenges: massive data, real-time computation

Q4: thoughts

- Speech
 - Conferences: ICASSP (, Interspeech)
 - Journals:
 - IEEE trans. on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing (IF: 1.675)
 - Speech Communication (ISCA) (IF: 1.283)
- Machine learning
 - Conferences: NIPS, ICML
 - Journals:
 - Journal of Machine Learning Research (IF: 5.952)
 - NIPS

Q5: package/tool boxes

- SVM: libsvm, liblinear (National Taiwan U.)
 - <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm/>
 - <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear/>
- HMM: HTK (Cambridge U.)
 - <http://htk.eng.cam.ac.uk>
- GP: gpml (Rasmussen et al:)
 - <http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/>

Q6: data sets / problem settings

- Speech
 - LDC (1992-2014 Linguistic Data Consortium)
 - <https://www.ldc.upenn.edu>
 - ELRA Catalogue of Language Resources
 - <http://catalog.elra.info>
 - Speech Resources Consortium (NII-SRC)
 - <http://research.nii.ac.jp/src/en/index.html>
- Machine learning
 - Classification, regression