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Why Not? The Magazine Way

Robert F. Kennedy said, “I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?” As researchers and engineers, our job is to ask, “Why not?” This is also the spirit of *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*.

There are many well-qualified experts in our signal processing community. That is why we try to engage the community and encourage all those who have ideas to contribute and participate when we are developing a special issue. *Why not?* The door is open to all.

We are fortunate to have many successful senior colleagues who can share their experiences with us as role models. Could we have a leadership column where they could reflect their journeys? “Why not?” we asked.

Watermarking has been a controversial issue; there are many different points of view regarding its future and practice. How about having a free debate forum with a panel of experts? Well, *why not?* Let’s see the pros and cons of all sides.

Signal processing practitioners need to learn more about what really works in practice beyond textbooks and research papers. How about creating a series to provide tips and tricks to serve such a purpose? Of course! *Why not?*

There are many insightful ways to teach technical aspects of signal processing. Could we share these teaching and education ideas and experiences? Sure, *why not?* Let’s create a column called “Lecture Notes.”

There are many interesting stories about how important signal processing discoveries came about, were developed, and eventually had a major impact on millions of people. Some of us may have forgotten or never learned about these innovations. How about having a history column to share these lost stories again? Certainly! *Why not?*

IEEE Signal Processing Magazine is developing a tradition of responding to good ideas like these with the answer, *why not?* Do you have any

“*why not?*” for us? We would be delighted if you would share them; it is becoming the magazine way.

Given so many new features, does the magazine now need more pages to cover everything? *Why not?* However, before that happens, we have to address a very limited page budget! Will I have to write more succinctly?



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Although I am reluctant, *why not?*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Liu". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

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