The terahertz (THz) part of the electromagnetic spectrum falls between the lower frequency millimetre wave region and, at higher frequencies, the far-infrared region. The frequency range extends from 0.1 THz to 10 THz, where both these limits are rather loose. As the THz region separates the more established domains of microwaves and optics, a typical THz technique will incorporate aspects of both realms, and may even draw on the best of both. The two bounding parts of the spectrum also yield distinct sets of methods of generating and detecting THz waves. These approaches can thus be categorised as having either microwave or optical/photonic origins. As a result of breakthroughs in technology, the THz region is finally finding applications outside its traditional heartlands of remote sensing and radio astronomy. Extensive research has identified many attractive uses and has paved the technological path towards flexible and accessible THz systems. Examples of novel applications include medical and dental imaging, gene theory, communications and detecting the DNA sequence of virus and bacteria. The presentation will discuss the range of THz applications and will present the components and systems that are utilised for the frequency region.

BIOGRAPHY
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Message From the Section Chair

By Joseph Wu

I’d like to invite everyone in the Tucson Section to participate in IEEE. In the last year, we’ve conducted activities for schools, the University of Arizona, the community, and for you, the membership. These activities are a great way to get involved in IEEE and show the impact of engineers in our community.

Before the end of the year, we’ll be electing new officers, starting up a micromouse contest and a student paper contest at the U of A, starting our preparations for next year’s Engineers Week, and organizing additional meetings. All of this is done on a volunteer basis.

We have a great core of volunteers but we could always use your help. I’m asking people to get involved. With more people the Tucson Section could do so much more for the membership and this community.

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Student Paper Contest and Micromouse Competition

The Tucson Section of the IEEE sponsors a Student Paper Contest and a Micromouse competition. Winners can win cash prizes and advance to regional contests and win extra money.

For the Student Paper Contest, entries will be judged by the content of the paper and an oral presentation.

For the Micromouse, teams of students will build a microprocessor controlled mouse to negotiate a maze to find the center.

These contests will be held in March or April of 2010 so stay tuned for details!

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This joint chapter is formed from members of the Antennas and Propagation, Microwave Theory and Techniques, Communications, and Electromagnetic Compatibility Societies. There are approximately 150 members in these societies combined in the Tucson Section. If you're interested, contact Hao Xin at hxin@ece.arizona.edu.

University of Arizona Student Chapter

The student chapter at the University of Arizona has a motivated team of students, officers and advising faculty that take an avid interest in doing that "little bit extra" to gain an edge. Every year, they host a full schedule of activities and events, including the popular MicroMouse competition, a student paper competition, and much more.

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Even if you only have a little bit of time, there's sure to be an IEEE opportunity that will interest you. Even if you have no free time at all, but have ideas for meetings or activities that promote engineering and the IEEE, let us know! We'd like to hear from you. Please contact Joseph Wu at joewu@ieee.org or at 325-4781.