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#### Biography

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Prof. Hurley is a Fellow of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineering (IEEE), a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers of Ireland and a member of Sigma Xi. He received the IEEE Power Electronics Society Middlebrook Award for technical achievement in 2013 and he was appointed a Distinguished Lecturer of the IEEE for 2014-2015.

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- [The Application of Wavelet Theory to Power Quality Diagnostics](#) (1993-1996)
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