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The origins of Information Theory date back to Claude E. Shannon's publication of the paper "A Mathematical Theory of Communication" in the *Bell System Technical Journal* in 1948. In terms of the colloquial meaning of information, Shannon's paper deals with the carriers of information, and not with information itself. However, the importance and flexibility of Shannon's work was quickly recognized, and many attempts were made to apply his theory in various fields outside its original scope of communications. Very soon after Shannon's initial publication, several manuscripts were published which provide the foundations of much of the current use of Information Theory in neuroscience.

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