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Cognitive Radio technology and Software Defined Radio

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May 7, 2018, 16:00-18:00 Aula Seminari ex Dip. Elettronica

Abstract: With the development of wireless communication technology, the need for bandwidth is increasing continuously, and the growing need makes wireless spectrum resources suffer from scarcity. Cognitive radio (CR) has been identified as a promising solution for the spectrum scarcity, and it is based on the dynamic spectrum access. It can opportunistically utilize the idle spectrum without causing harm to primary users, so that multiple services or users can share a part of the spectrum, thus achieving the goal of avoiding the high cost of spectrum resetting and improving the utilization of spectrum resources. In this seminar, we will start discussing the future demands in the wireless world in general then we will define and discuss the basics of CR technology and the CR cycle. An overview for the complete CR system (Spectrum sensing, accessing and sharing) will be given and the details of this part will be left for the upcoming seminars. Finally, we will have a look on the standardization process in CR and focus on the details of the IEEE 802.22 CR standard.

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Spectrum sensing techniques in Cognitive Radio

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May 9, 2018, 14:00-16:00 Aula E1

Abstract: Spectrum sensing is a key function for Cognitive Radio (CR) technology. In this seminar, the main classes of spectrum sensing and other types of classifications will be explained. Moreover, the need for geographical database and its cons/pros will be discussed. Based on that, we will detail the sensing techniques that are used in IEEE 802.22 CR standard. Finally, we will formulate a well understanding on how we can go from detecting a primary user to detecting a spectrum opportunity.

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Dynamic spectrum access techniques

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May 10, 2018, 11:00-13:00 Aula E4

Abstract: The dynamic behavior of primary network imposes the use of dynamic spectrum access techniques in Cognitive Radio (CR) technology. In this seminar, three main access schemes will be detailed, namely: Interweave (White Spaces), Underlay (Gray Spaces) and Overlay (Black Spaces). In the underlay scheme we will get the chance to have a look on the UWB radio technology in details. Finally, we will discuss together the Common Control Channel (CCC) problem in CR.

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The GnuRadio software tool

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May 11, 2018, 16:00-18:00 Aula Seminari ex Dip. Elettronica

Abstract: Software Defined Radio (SDR) is a key enabler for Cognitive Radio (CR) technology. Where hardware design cannot handle the dynamic nature of CR networks. In this seminar, we will introduce the Universal Software Radio Peripheral (USRP) as our tool to implement the CR functionalities. Then, tutorials on the Gnu radio as our signal processing software will be given. Finally, an Energy Aware Wireless System based SDR (EWS-SDR) protocol will be explained and discussed.

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