

Energy Efficient Spectrum Sensing and Access In Cognitive Radio Networks

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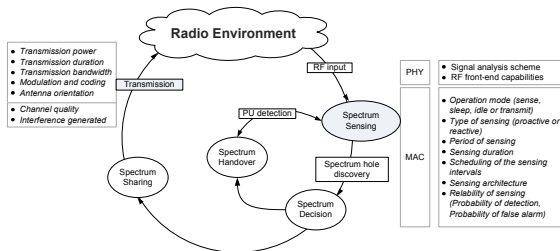
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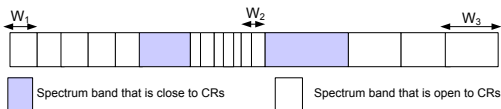
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Motivations

- 1 CR crucial for xG wireless communications
- 2 Battery-dependent devices
- 3 Energy may be the limiting factor

Energy efficiency (bits per Joule)

$$\text{Energy efficiency} = \frac{\text{Number of data bits transmitted (bits)}}{\text{Energy consumed (Joule)}}$$



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Our solution approaches

Optimization methods, design of heuristics, network flow, graph algorithms, analytic modeling and simulations



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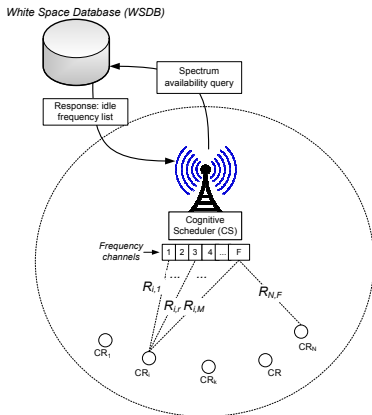
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Centralized CRN Model Under Consideration

Research question

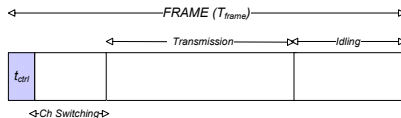
How to allocate idle frequencies out of F frequencies to N CRs such that energy efficiency is maximized? (*frequency, CR id*)



Our solutions

- NLP problem formulation and its optimal solution
- Energy-efficiency maximizing heuristic (Polynomial)
- Throughput max. but with energy consumption restriction
- Energy consumption min. but with minimum throughput guarantees
- Fairness criteria

Frame organization



- Control messaging (*ignored*)
- Channel switching (linear function of frequency separation)
- Transmission and Idling

Our proposal

- Queue-aware (Q_i : # bits in CR i 's buffer)
- Channel-aware ($L_{i,f}$: # bits in CR i can send in channel f)



CRN Throughput and Energy Consumption Modeling

Throughput (R)

- Shannon capacity of a link
- Number of bits in CR's buffer

Energy Consumption (E)

- CRs in transmission state
- CRs in idling state

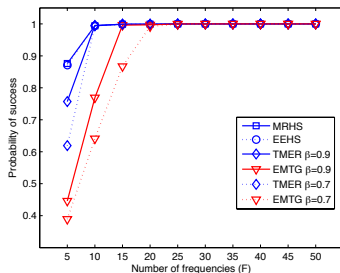
$$R = \sum_{f=1}^F \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i,f} L_{i,f} \text{ bits/frame}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E = & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_{tx}} ((P_{tx} + P_c)t_{tx} + P_{id}(T_{frame} - T_{sw} - t_{tx})) \\
 & + \sum_{i \notin \mathcal{N}_{tx}} P_{id} T_{frame} \\
 & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_{tx}} \sum_{f'=1}^F P_{sw} t_{sw} |f - f'| X_{i,f'}
 \end{aligned}$$

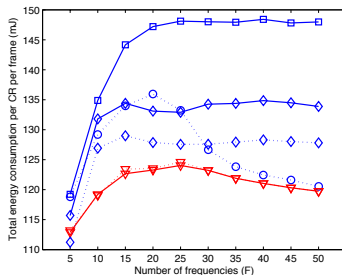
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Contiguous Spectrum



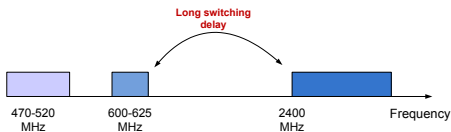
(a) Probability of success.



(b) Energy consumption.

Our energy consumption aware schedulers have the same throughput performance but consume less energy. Max. improvement 23% improvement

CR Clustering in Fragmented Spectrum



Effect of Fragmentation in Frequency Domain

- Schedulers assign frequencies to each CR in the same/neighbor fragment
- Decreased opportunity for a CR, decreased competition for a CR.
- If tackled, fragmentation on the average *does not significantly affect* the CRN performance.



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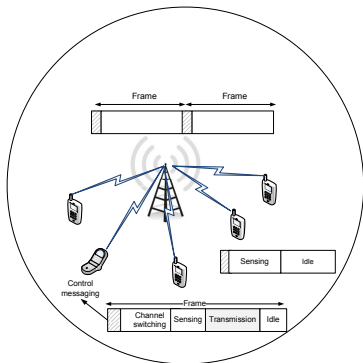
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Energy-Efficient Scheduling in CRNs Considering PU Interference

Research question

How should CBS assign frequencies such that all PUs are protected and energy efficiency is maximized?



- CRs apply listen-before-talk
- Sensing time is a function of $(P_d, P_{fa}, \gamma_f, f_s)$ (Liang *et al.* [1])
- Control messaging in uplink and downlink
- PU interference ratios below max. tolerable limits



Our Solutions

- Formulate utility (energy or throughput efficiency) maximization framework
- Expected interference calculation
- Frame length optimization (short frames due to control overhead are inefficient, long frames are prone to PU collision)

Utility maximization framework

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{f=1}^F P_{idle}^f X_{i,f} U_{i,f} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{s.t. } l_{i,f} X_{i,f} \leq \Gamma_{thresh}^f$$

$$l_{i,f} = \frac{\text{Expected interference time of CR } i \text{ at } f}{\text{Mean PU activity duration at } f}$$

Utility of CR i at frequency f

- Sensing is subject to errors: false alarm and misdetection
- $R_{i,f}$: Expected throughput, $E_{i,f}$: Expected energy consumption

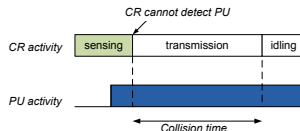
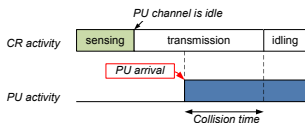
$$U_{i,f} = \begin{cases} \frac{R_{i,f}}{E_{i,f}} & , \text{ for } EE_{max} \\ \frac{(1 - \omega_i)R_{i,f}}{E_{i,f}} & , \text{ for } EE_{max} - fair \\ R_{i,f} & , \text{ for } Thr_{max} \\ (1 - \omega_i)R_{i,f} & , \text{ for } Thr_{max} - fair \end{cases}$$

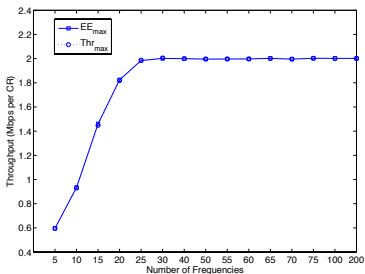


Utility Calculation

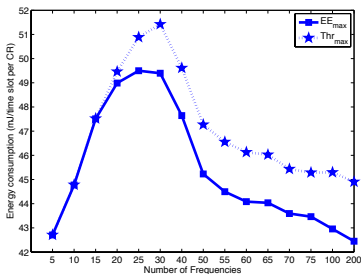
- 1 Channel switching (E_{sw})
- 2 Spectrum sensing (E_s) \Rightarrow Four outcomes
- 3 Transmission and idling

Case	Probability	Throughput	Energy Cons.	Interference Time
1) OPP	$P_{idle}^f (1 - P_{fa})$	$(1 - q)t_{tx} C_{i,f}$	$P_{tx} t_{tx} + P_{id}(t_r - t_{tx})$	$t_{tx} - \beta_f (1 - \exp(-\frac{t_{tx}}{\beta_f}))$
2) FA	$P_{idle}^f P_{fa}$	0	$P_{id} t_r$	0
3) PUD	$(1 - P_{idle}^f) P_d$	0	$P_{id} t_r$	0
4) PUM	$(1 - P_{idle}^f)(1 - P_d)$	0	$P_{id} t_{tx} + P_{id}(t_r - t_{tx})$	t_{tx}



Comparison of EE_{max} with Thr_{max} with increasing F 

(c) Throughput



(d) Energy consumption

$N = 50$, $\lambda_{CR} = 2Mbps$ and $\Gamma_{thresh} = 0.05$.

Our scheduler achieves the same throughput but consumes lower energy.

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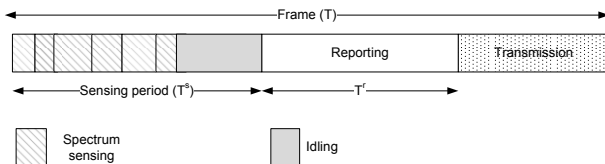


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Research question

- Given that sensing must be completed in sensing period and each channel's detection reliability must be above a threshold, how should CBS choose a set of CRs to sense a particular frequency?



Problem Formulation

Merit of our work:

- Heterogeneity among CRs (channel SNR)
 - The lower the SNR the longer the required sensing time.
- Mixed Integer Nonlinear Problem \rightarrow
 - Outer Linearization Method

$$\mathbf{P1:} \min w = \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N P^s \tau_{m,n} + \sum_{n=1}^N E_n^{rep} y_n \quad (3)$$

$$\tau_{m,n} \geq \tau_{m,n}^{min} x_{m,n} \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M \tau_{m,n} \leq T^s y_n \quad \forall n \in N \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N x_{m,n} \geq \delta^{min} \quad \forall m \in M \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N x_{m,n} \leq \delta^{max} \quad \forall m \in M \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M x_{m,n} \leq M y_n \quad \forall n \in N \quad (8)$$

$${}^{th}Q^d - Q_m^d \leq 0 \quad \forall m \in M \quad (9)$$

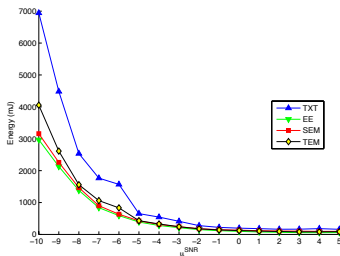
$$x_{m,n}, y_n \in (0, 1) \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N \quad (10)$$

$$\tau_{m,n} \geq 0 \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N, \quad (11)$$

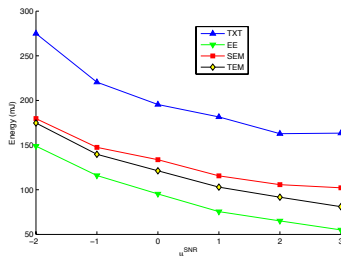


Performance Analysis

- Optimal energy-efficient solution (EE)
- Transmission time maximization (TXT)
- Sensing energy minimization (SEM)
- Transmission energy minimization (TEM)



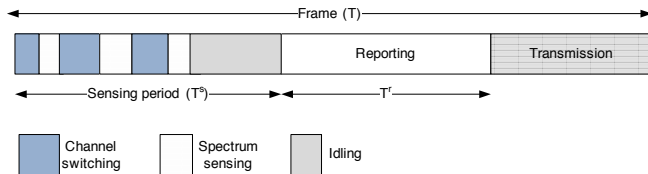
(e) μ^{SNR} between -10 dB and 5 dB.



(f) μ^{SNR} between -2 dB and 3 dB.



EE Cooperative Sensing Scheduling with Channel Switching

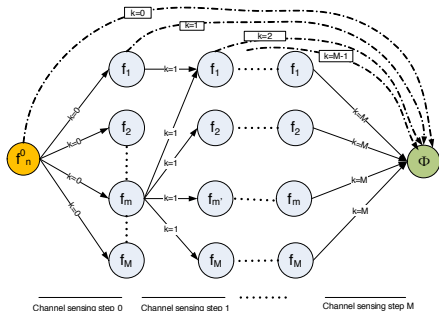


Research Challenges

- How to decide on the most EE channel sensing sequence
- For a particular CR, which frequencies should be sensed and in which order?



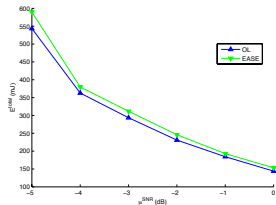
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 & + \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{m'=1}^M \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ m' \neq m}}^{M-1} |f_m - f_{m'}| x_{m, m', n}^k
 \end{aligned}$$

Subject to

- 1 Sensing quality related constraints
- 2 Flow related constraints
- 3 Sensing time related constraints



(g) Energy consumption



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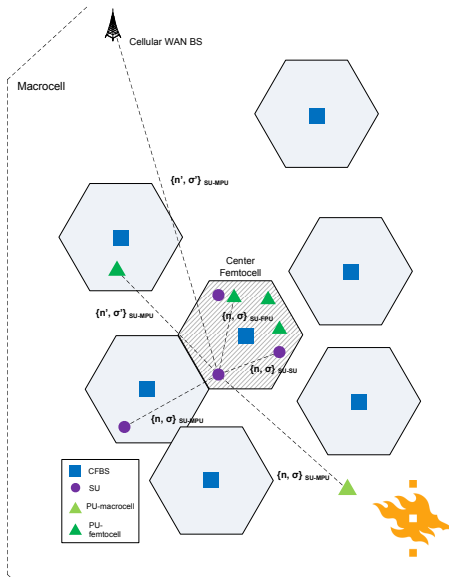
Summary

- Current CR solutions lack an energy efficiency perspective
- Resource allocation with both throughput and energy efficiency
- Channel-switching-aware, fragmentation-aware, PU-interference-aware design
- Low complexity solutions for EE spectrum sensing and access
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Ongoing/Future Research

- Energy efficient distributed channel access via **reinforcement learning**
- Energy efficiency analysis of wireless networks with **cognitive femtocells**
- A framework for energy efficient sensing and transmission
- Network wide energy efficiency analysis → Not a single cell



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