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1 Abstract

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2 Presentation Slides

The presentation slides provided in the next pages summarize the work performed in this in-house project during the FY-12.
DoD use spectrum to provide capabilities

- Communication
- Telemetry
- Surveillance
- Radio location
- Radio navigation
- RDT&E
Program Objective

• To achieve effective spectral awareness
  – Sensing method capable of making cooperative decisions over multiple frequency bands is essential
  – Many conventional spectrum sensing methods
    • Either single-channel or non-cooperative signal detection
    • Vulnerable to noise uncertainty, fading, and shadowing
• Objective: develop wideband cooperative spectrum sensing and signal detection techniques
  – Spatial diversity: multi-sensors joint decision
  – Spectral diversity: multi-channel detection
  – Effective spectral awareness
Approach

- Cooperative sensing: single sensor to multiple sensors
- Wideband sensing: single-channel to multi-channel
- Two steps sensing to detect and exploit the signals of interest (SOI)
  - Coarse sensing (signal detection): determine the presence or absence of signals within scanned frequency bands
  - Fine sensing (feature recognition): exploiting the features of signals
Coarse Sensing/Signal Detection

- Objective: quickly & reliably determine the existence of signals in multiple frequency bands by joint detection
- Challenge:
  - No prior information about the signals, blind/semi-blind detection approaches
  - Speed: low computational complexity to achieve quick sensing (low complexity leads to less accurate sensing result)
  - Accuracy: multi-sensors/antennas cooperative sensing to improve the performance
- Two main tasks:
  - Develop a wideband blind/semi-blind sensing method that has the right balance between speed and accuracy
  - Find optimal cooperation strategy to combine sensing results from multiple sensors
Objective: exploit & estimate the features (i.e. bandwidth, center frequency, modulation type, etc.) of a signal

- Fine sensing initiate only when signals been detected in the coarse sensing
- Some information regarding the noise distribution or signal distribution may already been obtained
- Known pieces of information can be passed on to fine sensing to assist with features recognition
- Methods require signal and/or noise information can be used
Sensing Methods

- Spectrum sensing & signal detection is not new
- Cognitive Radio further stimulates its development
- Each method has different requirements for implementation
- Complexity and accuracy of sensing methods is increasing as the information required for detection increasing
Cooperative Detection

- Constraint of many conventional detection methods
  - Non-cooperative signal detection in single frequency band
  - Sensing reliability degraded due to noise and fading

- Information from multiple sensors can be combined to obtain more accurate decision

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<th>Cooperative Sensing</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Distributed</strong></td>
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<td>share information among each other but make own decisions</td>
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<td><strong>Centralized</strong></td>
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<td>Data feed: each node send raw data, central unit make decision</td>
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<td>Decision feed: process data, send only the decision to central unit</td>
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Each cooperation strategy has its own decision rule for signal detection

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<th>Strategies</th>
<th>Decision Rule for Detection</th>
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<td>Voting</td>
<td># of votes for detection &gt; # of votes for no detection</td>
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<tr>
<td>OR</td>
<td>Out of N individual decision, any one detected signal</td>
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<tr>
<td>AND</td>
<td>All sensing nodes have to detect signal</td>
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<td>Linear combination</td>
<td>Normalized weight assign to local decision according to their SNR, global decision reach by combine weighted local decision</td>
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The problem of detection of the signal can be modeled as a binary hypothesis testing problem:

\[ H_0 : y_i(n) = w_i(n) \]
\[ H_1 : y_i(n) = s_i(n) + w_i(n) \]

The performance of the detection algorithm can be summarized with 2 probabilities: probability of detection and probability of false alarm:

\[ p_f = \Pr (T > \gamma | H_0) \]
\[ p_d = \Pr (T > \gamma | H_1) \]
Linear Cooperative Sensing

- **Individual sensor**
  - Calculates a summary statistic over an interval of N samples
  - Then statistic is sent to fusion center

- **Fusion center**
  - Assigns a weight to each sensor based on the summary statistic received, then combine them linearly
  - The weight for a particular sensor represents its contribution to the global decision
  - Large weight assigns to those sensors have high-SNR; small weight for sensors with low-SNR
MATLAB Simulation

Parameters: Primary user’s signal s(k)=1;   # of samples: N=20;
fixed channel noise variance of 0.5;   # of cooperative sensors: M=1, 3, and 6

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<td>SNR (dB)</td>
<td>8.3</td>
<td>{10.4, 9.3, 2.6}</td>
<td>{7.2, 5.1, 10.8, -1.2, 3.6, 9.7}</td>
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<td>Sensing noise Variance</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>{0.7, 1.0, 0.9}</td>
<td>{0.9, 1.3, 1.0, 2.0, 1.8, 1.2}</td>
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Result of optimal weights and P_d values for a given P_f value

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<td>Weight Vector</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>{0.8348</td>
<td>{0.4713; 0.2328</td>
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<td>0.5165</td>
<td>0.6758; 0.0438</td>
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<td>0.1909}</td>
<td>0.1285; 0.4986}</td>
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<td>Pd (given P_f=0.1)</td>
<td>0.4342</td>
<td>0.7408</td>
<td>0.8265</td>
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<td>Pd (given P_f=0.6)</td>
<td>0.8463</td>
<td>0.9599</td>
<td>0.9803</td>
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Simulation Plot

Probability of detection vs. Probability of false alarm

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Wavelet-based Sensing

Goal:
• Investigate the potential of wavelet transform for wideband cooperative signal detection

Motivation:
• Extensive research on wavelet analysis for images and time series
• Only limited research has applied wavelet approach to spectral detection
  – Non-cooperative detection
# Time-Frequency Analysis

## Fourier Transform vs. Wavelet Transform

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<td>Stationary</td>
<td>Non-stationary</td>
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<td>Provided Information</td>
<td>Frequency</td>
<td>Both time and frequency</td>
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### Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT) vs. Wavelet Transform (WT)

![Graph showing STFT and WT resolutions](image)
Wavelet Transform

- Continuous Wavelet Transform (CWT)
  - The mother wavelet function $\psi(t)$
  - The scale factor $a$

- Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT)
  - Decomposition by Filter Bank

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<td>$f_n/8$ to $f_n/4$</td>
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Next Step

• Linear Cooperative Sensing
  – Extend to wideband detection

• Wavelet-based Sensing
  – Continue working on the simulation code to investigate the effectiveness for wideband sensing
  – Feasibility for cooperative sensing

• Investigating other blind detection methods
  – Eigenvalue-based
  – Sub-space analysis
# Program Schedule

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