Energy Efficient Spectrum Sensing and Access In Cognitive Radio Networks

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- **What:** A Cognitive Radio (CR): smart radio, DSA capability, environment-aware, self-aware, adaptive

CR: a wireless device that can switch from one frequency to another.
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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)

\[
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Our solution approaches
Optimization methods, design of heuristics, network flow, graph algorithms, analytic modeling and simulations
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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

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

\[
E = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_{tx}} \left( (P_{tx} + P_c) t_{tx} + P_{id} (T_{frame} - T_{sw} - t_{tx}) \right)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{i \notin \mathcal{N}_{tx}} P_{id} T_{frame}
\]

\[
+ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_{tx}} \sum_{f' = 1}^{F} P_{sw} t_{sw} |f - f'| X_{i,f'}
\]

(1)
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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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

\[
\max \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{f=1}^{F} P_{idle}^f X_{i,f} U_{i,f} \\
\text{s.t. } I_{i,f} X_{i,f} \leq \Gamma_{thresh}^f \\
I_{i,f} = \frac{\text{Expected interference time of CR}_i \text{ at } f}{\text{Mean PU activity duration at } f}
\]
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

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

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

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<th>Case</th>
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<th>Throughput</th>
<th>Energy Cons.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1) OPP</td>
<td>(P_{idle}^f (1 - P_{fa}))</td>
<td>((1 - q) t_{tx} C_{i,f})</td>
<td>(P_{tx} t_{tx} + P_{id} (t_r - t_{tx}))</td>
<td>(t_{tx} - \beta_f (1 - \exp(-t_{tx}/\beta_f)))</td>
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<td>2) FA</td>
<td>(P_{idle}^f P_{fa})</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>3) PUD</td>
<td>((1 - P_{idle}^f) P_{d})</td>
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<td>4) PUM</td>
<td>((1 - P_{idle}^f)(1 - P_{d}))</td>
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Comparison of $EE_{\text{max}}$ with $Thr_{\text{max}}$ with increasing $F$

(c) Throughput

(d) Energy consumption

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

Our scheduler achieves the same throughput but consumes lower energy.
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CRs sense a subset of channels one after another,
CBS collects reports (e.g. \( < CR_1, f_5, 0 >, < CR_2, f_8, 1 >, \)) and gives the final decision (e.g., \( f_1 : 0, f_2 : 1 \)... )
EE Cooperative Sensing Scheduling

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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 →
- Outer Linearization Method

\begin{align*}
\text{P1:} \quad & \min \ w = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{n=1}^{N} P^s \tau_{m,n} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} E_n^{\text{rep}} y_n \\
\tau_{m,n} & \geq \tau_{m,n}^{\min} x_{m,n} \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N \quad (3) \\
\sum_{m=1}^{M} \tau_{m,n} & \leq T_n^{\text{s}} y_n \quad \forall n \in N \quad (4) \\
\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{m,n} & \geq \delta_{\min} \quad \forall m \in M \quad (5) \\
\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_{m,n} & \leq \delta_{\max} \quad \forall m \in M \quad (6) \\
\sum_{m=1}^{M} x_{m,n} & \leq M y_n \quad \forall n \in N \quad (7) \\
\theta h Q_n^d - Q_n^d & \leq 0 \quad \forall m \in M \quad (8) \\
x_{m,n}, y_n & \in (0, 1) \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N \quad (9) \\
\tau_{m,n} & \geq 0 \quad \forall m \in M, \forall n \in N \quad (10)
\end{align*}
Performance Analysis

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

(e) $\mu^{SNR}$ between -10 dB and 5 (f) $\mu^{SNR}$ 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?
Problem Formulation using Network Flows

\[
P1: \quad \min_\mathbf{w} \quad w = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{n=1}^{N} P^s \tau_{m,n} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} E_{tx}^n y_n \\
+ P^{cs} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M} |f_0^n - f_m|^2 x_{f_0^n,m,n} \right) \\
+ \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{m'=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} |f_m - f_{m'}|^2 x_{m,m',n}^k 
\]

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


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
References


Questions? Comments?

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