Cognitive Radio Technology: Embedding Intelligence in Radios

ABSTRACT: The new paradigm shift in wireless communications towards cognitive radio technology has attracted many stakeholders of spectrum users around the world. Enabled by software definable radios (SDR), this technology addresses many long standing issues with efficient usage of the radio spectrum in the spatio-temporal domain. In particular, radio regulatory agencies are interested in increasing the efficiency in spectral utilization. Commercial users of the spectrum are also greatly interested since it brings increased revenue for the same allocation of spectrum that they pay for. Dynamic spectrum access therefore has become the prime application of cognitive radio technology leading towards the development of various standards around the world. Moreover, embedding intelligence into radios opens up the space to design efficient radio communications to further suit our needs. In this sense ‘energy efficient wireless communications’ also known as ‘green communications’ is also considered as an application of cognitive radio technology. The intelligence embedded in cognitive radios is used in this sense to harvest energy in wireless networks without compromising the QoS. This talk addresses the concepts and fundamentals of cognitive radios and emphasizes the above mentioned two applications, ‘dynamic spectrum access’ and ‘green communications’.

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