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# An Overview of Medium Access Control Protocols for Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks

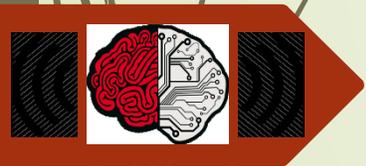
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# Motivation

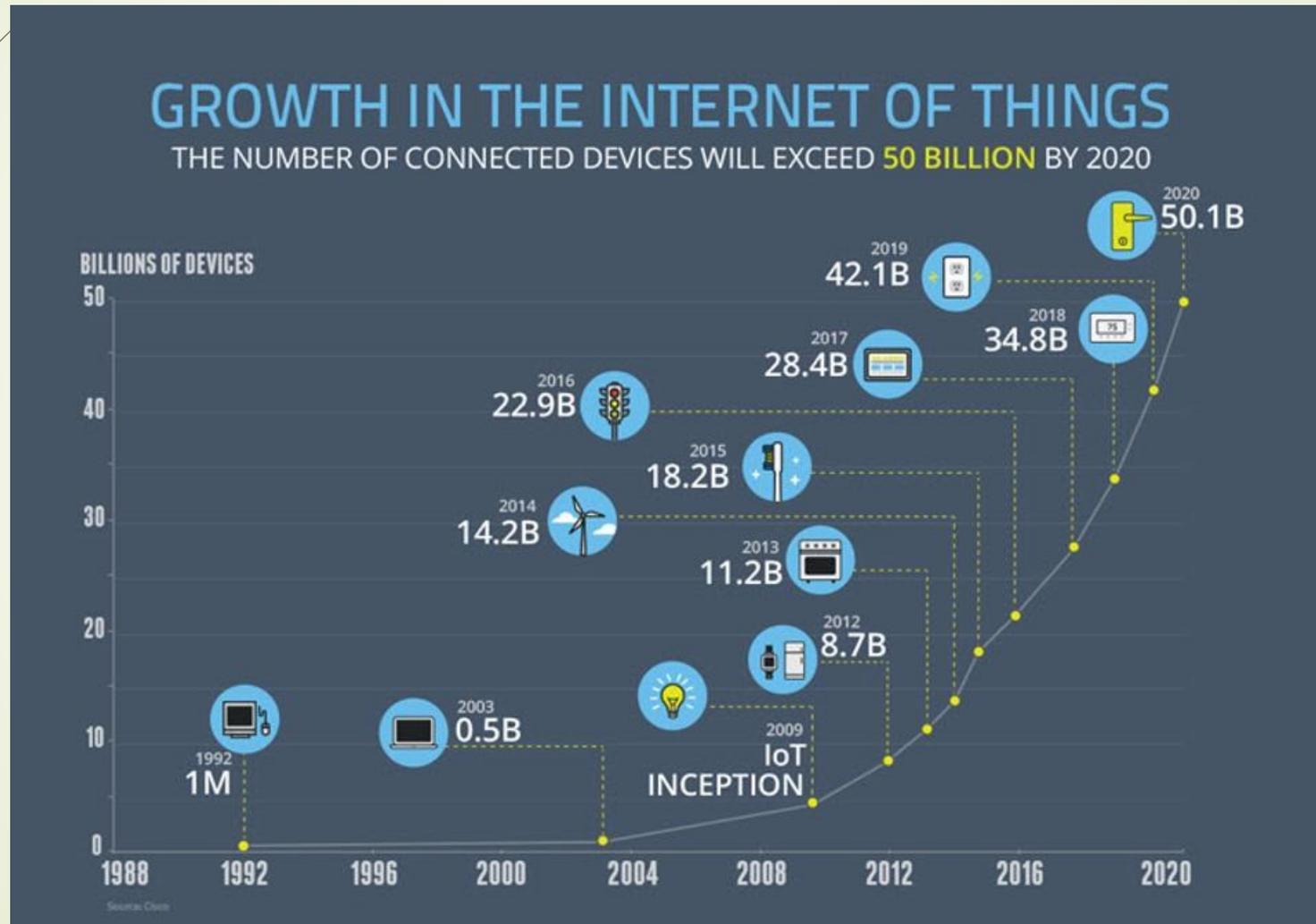


Figure 1: Growth of IoT [2]

# Motivation

- Shortage of radio spectrum (Spectrum scarcity)
- Underutilization of the existing Fixed licensed spectrum policy
- Need for efficient spectrum allocation
- Performance degradation due to interference from co-existing wireless system
- Number of applications due to which unlicensed band is over crowded
- Multimedia application where high bandwidth required

# Motivation

- Report published by FCC in US

*“ In many bands, spectrum access is a more significant problem than physical scarcity of spectrum, in large part due to legacy command-and-control regulation that limits the ability of potential spectrum users to obtain such access ” [1]*

- Due to static spectrum allocation policy

# Introduction

- ▶ IoT is the third revolution in wireless Network due to advancement in MEMS and Wireless Sensor Network
- ▶ Definition of WSN
  - ▶ **Highly distributed** networks of small, lightweight wireless nodes,
  - ▶ Deployed in **large numbers**,
  - ▶ **Monitors** the environment or system by measuring physical parameters such as temperature, pressure, humidity.
- ▶ Node
  - ▶ sensing + processing + communication
  - ▶ Possible due to advancement in **MEMS**

# Wireless Sensor Network

- Applications of WSNs
  - Constant monitoring & detection of specific events
  - Military, battlefield surveillance
  - Forest fire & flood detection
  - Habitat exploration of animals
  - Patient monitoring
  - Home appliances
  - WBANs

# Wireless Sensor Network

- ▶ WSN Design Objective and Challenges
  - ▶ Resource limitations: memory, power, processing, transmission range
  - ▶ Small Node size
  - ▶ Low Node cost
  - ▶ **Low Power Consumption** – due to limited energy
  - ▶ Self-Configurability – due to random deployment
  - ▶ Scalability, Adaptability and Reliability
  - ▶ Fault Tolerance
  - ▶ QoS support

# Wireless Sensor Network

- ▶ WSN operates on low power communication standard  
Such as IEEE 802.15.4
- ▶ Operates on unlicensed spectrum
- ▶ Saturated due to the coexistence of various emerging networking standards and technology  
Such as IEEE 802.11, Bluetooth, WLAN, WPAN, RFID, Wi-Fi, ZigBee and WSN etc.
- ▶ Performance degradation due coexistence

# Cognitive Radio

- Dynamic spectrum access
  - Spectrum Sensing
  - Frequency agility (handoff)
- “A radio or system that **senses** its operational electromagnetic environment and can dynamically and autonomously **adjust** its radio operating parameters to **modify** system operation, such as maximize throughput, mitigate interference, facilitate interoperability, **access** secondary markets.” by Joseph Mitola[3]

# Cognitive Radio

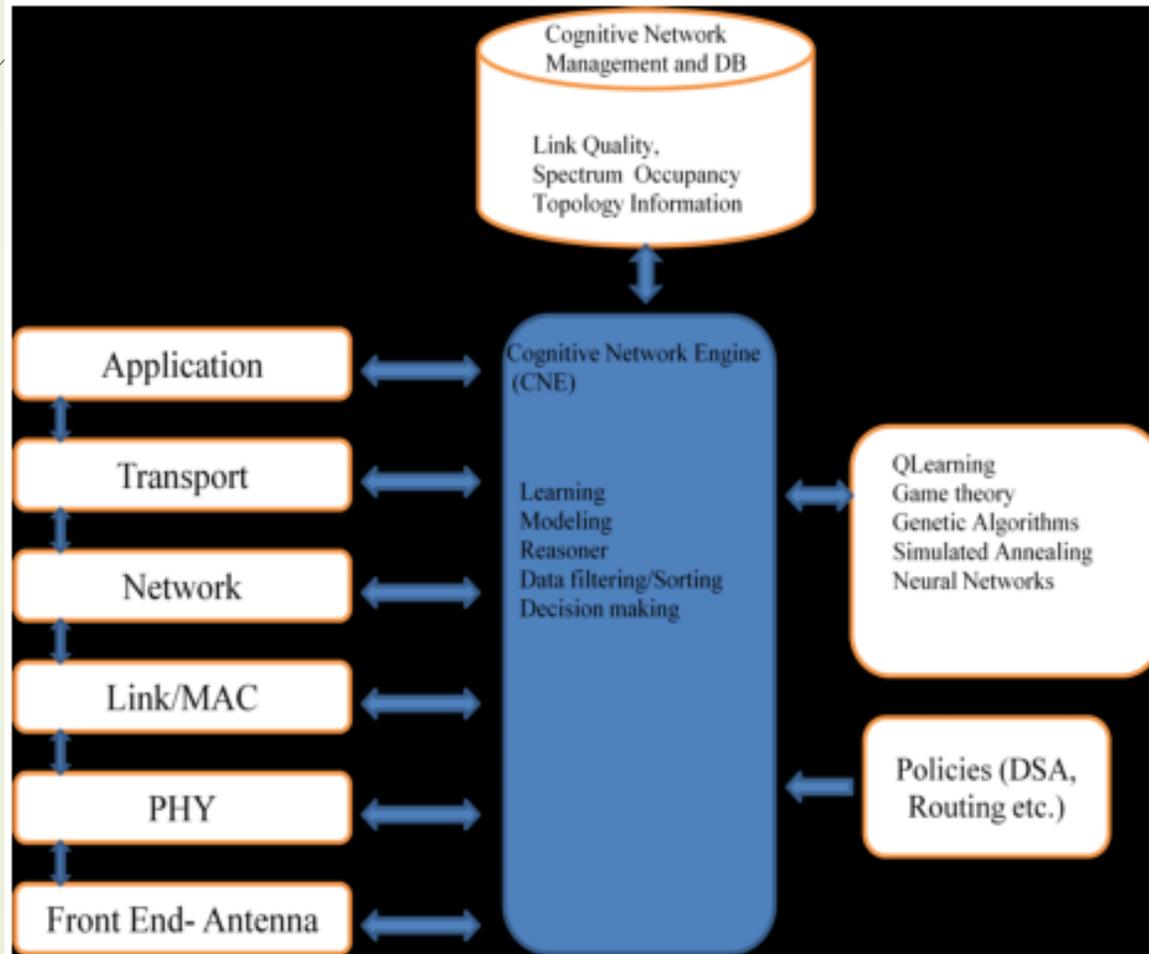


Figure 4: Concept of Cognitive Network [4]

# Cognitive Radio

- Concepts of a spectrum hole and opportunistic spectrum sharing
- Spectrum gap, spectrum hole, white space
- Primary user (PU)
- Secondary user (SU)

Spectral opportunity for secondary access: a spectrum hole

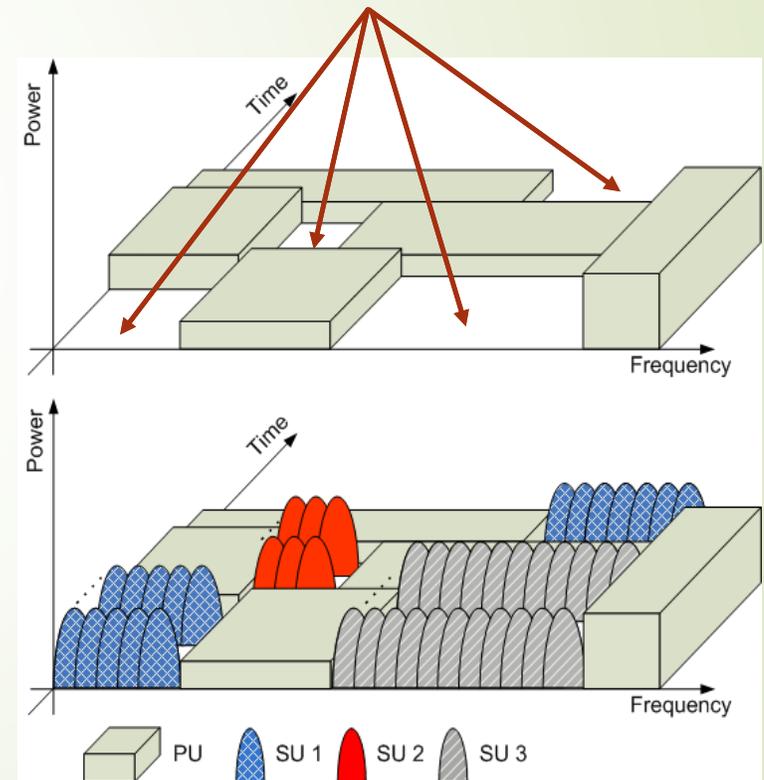


Figure 5: Concept of Cognitive radio [5]

# Cognitive Radio

- Spectrum sensing
  - Cooperative sensing
  - Occupancy sensing
    - 'white' spaces or spectra
    - 'grey' spaces
    - 'black' spaces
- Methods
  - Matched filtering
  - Energy-based detection
  - Feature-based detection

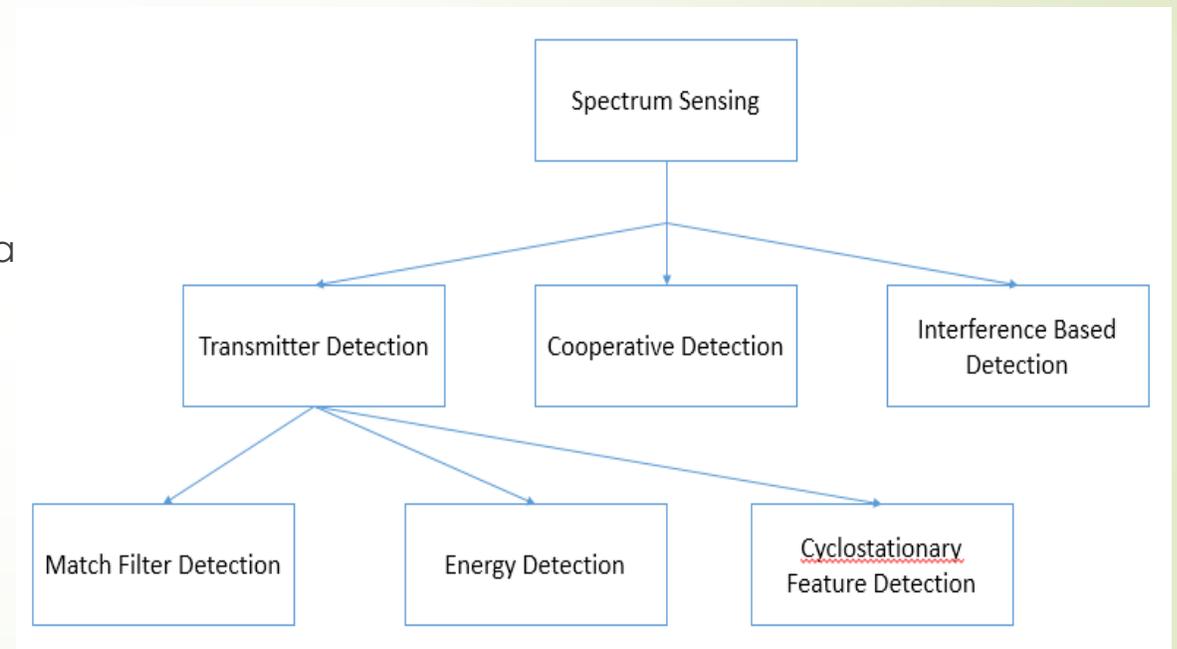


Figure 6: Spectrum Sensing Detection Methods[5]

# Cognitive Radio

- ▶ Spectrum management
  - ▶ Spectrum management is a task to predict how long the spectrum holes are remain available for use to the unlicensed users (secondary users or SUs)
- ▶ Spectrum sharing
  - ▶ Spectrum sharing is a task to equally distribute the white space between all the secondary users considering usage cost
- ▶ Spectrum mobility
  - ▶ Spectrum mobility is a task to maintain seamless communication requirements during the transition to better spectrum.

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- Sensor nodes
  - energy constrained
  - self configurable
  - cognitive capable
- Sink
- Base station
- Primary user
- Increase spectrum utilization, network life time, efficiency

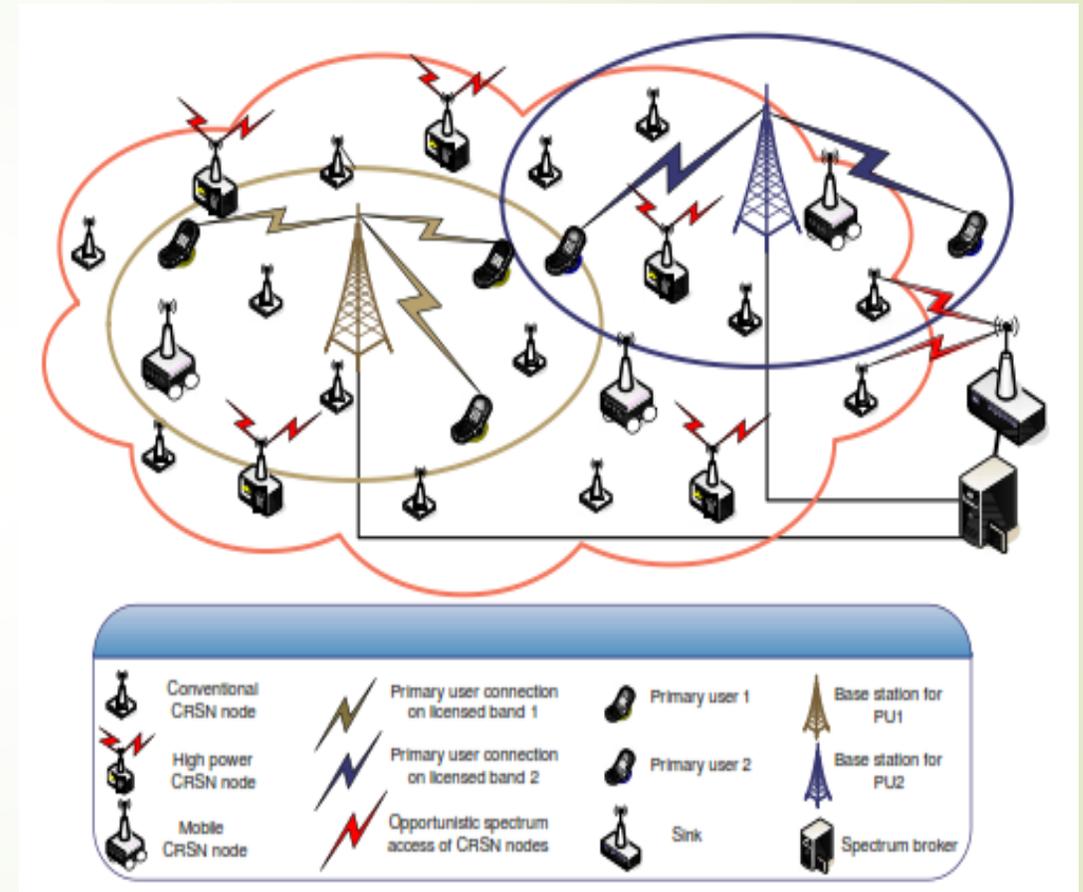


Figure 7: A typical communication model of CR-WSN[3]

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- Opportunistic channel usage for bursty traffic
- Dynamic spectrum access
- Using adaptability to reduce power consumption
- Overlaid deployment of multiple concurrent WSN
- Access to multiple channels to conform to different spectrum regulations

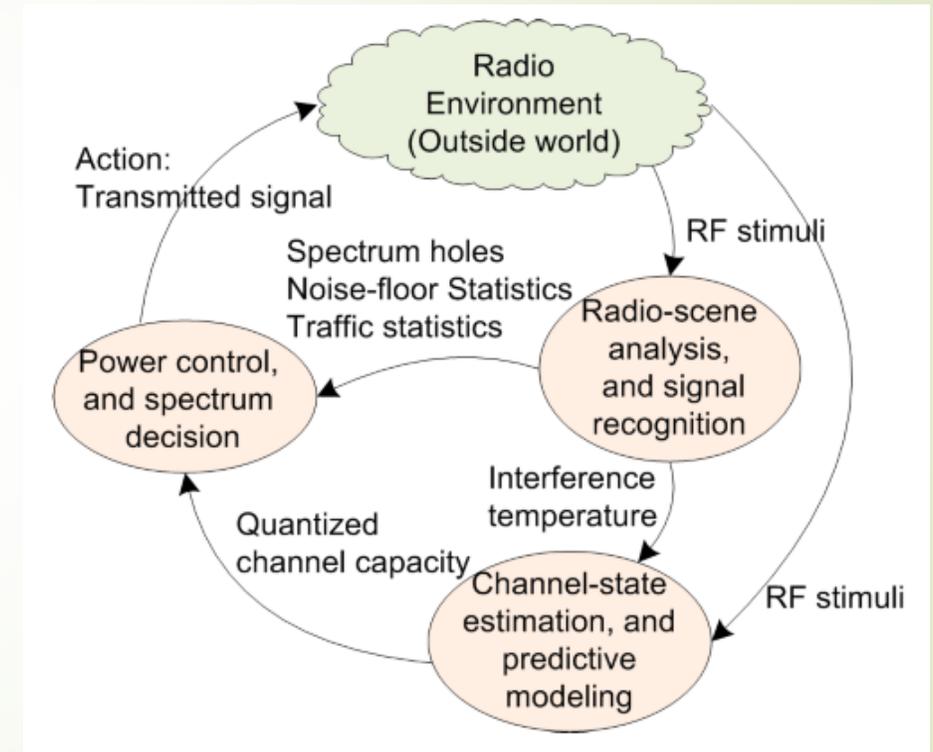


Figure 6: Basic cognitive cycle of CR-WSN [7]

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- WSN vs CR-WSN
  - ISM - Licensed spectrum bands (Data channels) Licensed or ISM band (control channel)
  - Intelligent, cognition capabilities, small, moderate processing capacity, moderate memory capacity
  - Bandwidth deficient – Sometimes
  - Seamless operation – Not concerned with PUs
  - Failure rate – High - Moderate (\*expected)
  - CCC requirement - Not really - Mostly Required (except some exceptions)

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- ▶ Applications
  - ▶ Military and Public Security Application
    - ▶ Jamming signal problem
  - ▶ Health Care
  - ▶ Home Appliances and Indoor Applications
    - ▶ ISM bands are extremely crowded
  - ▶ Bandwidth-Intensive Applications
    - ▶ Multimedia application
    - ▶ Huge bandwidth requirement
  - ▶ Real-Time Surveillance Applications
    - ▶ Minimum channel access delay

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- Challenges and issues
  - Detection, False Alarm, and Miss-Detection Probability
  - Frequent topology changes
  - Fault Tolerance
  - Manufacturing Costs
  - Channel Selection
  - Power Consumption
    - Energy efficiency in sensing
    - Clustering for energy efficiency
    - Energy efficient Modulation Technology
    - Energy Efficient MAC design

# Cognitive Radio Sensor Network

- ▶ Energy-Efficient Design
  - ▶ Efficient and low cost physical layer design to support extra CR capabilities
  - ▶ Efficient Data link layer Design
    - ▶ Efficient error control mechanism
    - ▶ MAC sub layer to fair access of medium
  - ▶ Efficient Network layer Design to support CR based routing

# Medium Access Control Protocol

- ▶ Responsible for the **sharing** of a common communication medium fairly amongst multiple users
- ▶ **Addressing** of destination and source stations
- ▶ Provide transparent service to Logical Link Layer
- ▶ **Protection against errors** by dividing in frame and frame sequences
- ▶ To provide Cognitive capabilities **redefinition** of protocol stack required
- ▶ Which provide **efficient utilization** of spectrum and **protect PU rights**

# Medium Access Control Protocol

- ▶ Issues with MAC
  - ▶ Spectrum **sensing error** as a miss detection and false alarm
  - ▶ Selection of **common control channel** for control signalling
  - ▶ Spectrum **sensing delay** in each phase
  - ▶ **Energy Consumption** in sensing.
  - ▶ Interference with PUs which violate the **rights of PUs**
  - ▶ **Synchronization** of SUs nodes

# Medium Access Control Protocol

- ▶ Classified in three categories
  - ▶ Split Phase based – two sub phase control phase and data transmission phase
  - ▶ Dedicated control channel based - two transceivers one tuned with CCC
  - ▶ Frequency hopping based – hop between the channels
- ▶ Environment sensing
- ▶ Channel negotiation
- ▶ Data transmission

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Paper 1: Energy Efficient Channel Management Scheme for CRSN [11]
  - ▶ Authors : Jeong Ae Han, W. S. Jeon and D. G. Jeong
  - ▶ IEEE Transaction on Vehicular Network 2011
- ▶ According to authors, CRSN required **extra more energy** to support CR capability like channel sensing and switching
- ▶ Select operating parameters according to channel sensing and energy uses
- ▶ Practically Observable Markov Decision process
- ▶ Discontinue transmission during **frequency agility** if PU appears
- ▶ **Trade-off** between long and short sensing to reduce energy consumption and protect PU's rights

# Literature Survey

- POMDP framework depends on
  - Data Communication
  - Channel sensing for operating channel
  - Channel sensing for backup channel
  - Changing of Operating channel
  - Changing of Backup channel

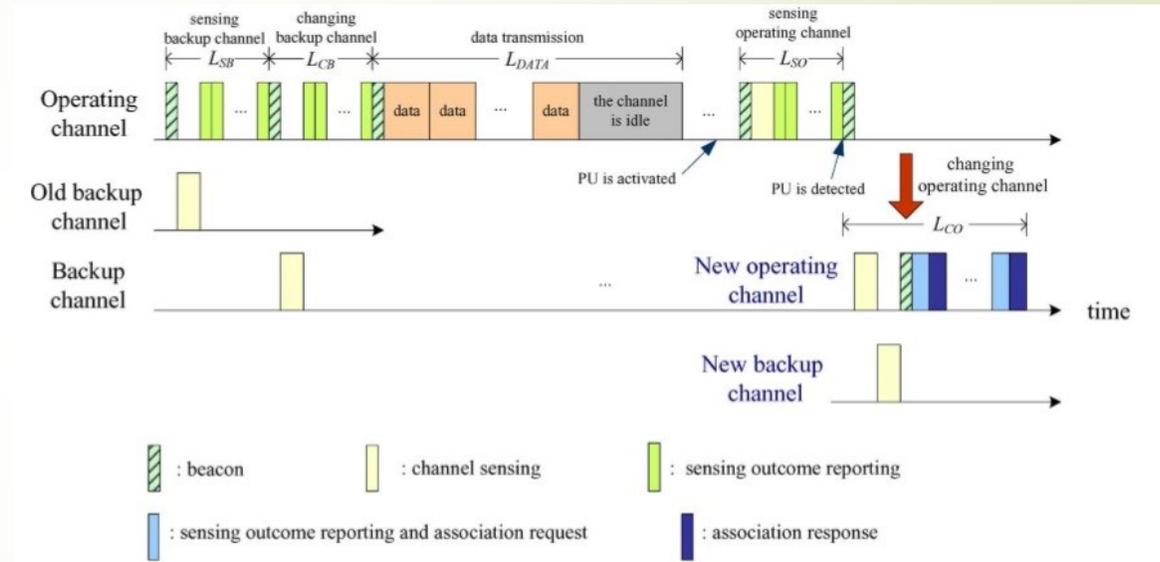


Figure 7: Operation of CRSN according to [11]

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Paper 2: Performance analysis of CSMA-based opportunistic MAC protocol in CRSN [14]
  - ▶ Authors : G. A. Shah and O. B. Akan
  - ▶ Ad Hoc Networks Journal, Elsevier 2014
- ▶ According to authors, PUs are more privileged users of spectrum
- ▶ Dedicated common control channels (CCC) for SUs
- ▶ Channel co-ordination using CCC

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Node want to send data start first a spectrum sensing at medium
- ▶ Search for the channel - low noise & maximum vacancy
- ▶ Come again to ccc and ask for contention
- ▶ Send sensed channel information in Cognitive RTS
- ▶ At receiver side when it receive C-RTS search for channel
- ▶ If suggested channel is free send C-CTS or send with free channel list
- ▶ At transmitter side when receive C-CTS and found same suggested channel start transmission otherwise start spectrum sensing for free channel suggested by Rx

# Literature Survey

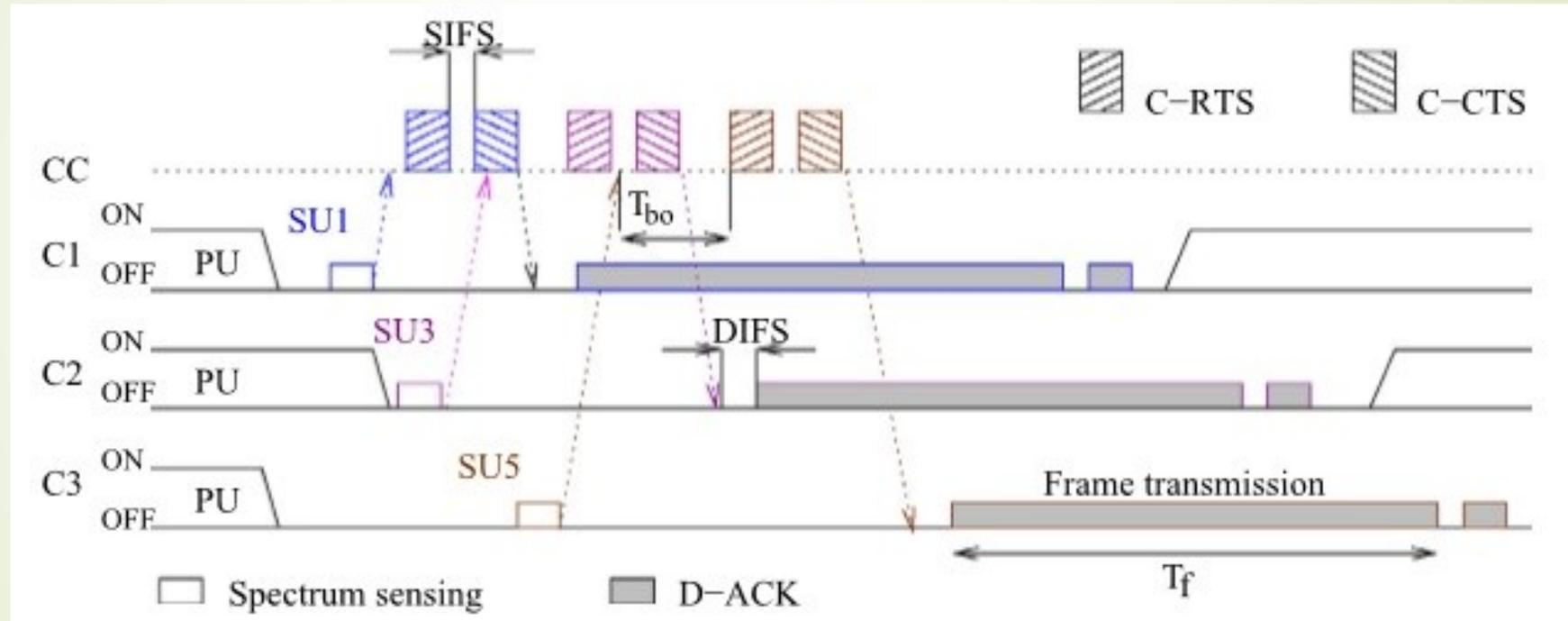


Figure 8: Dynamic spectrum access of SUs driven by CCC [14]

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Paper 3: Cognitive Adaptive Medium Access Control in Cognitive Radio Sensor Networks [10]
  - ▶ Authors : Ghalib A. Shah and Ozgur B. Akan
  - ▶ IEEE Transaction on Vehicular Technology 2015
- ▶ Spectrum sensing is an integral part of MAC in CR - an **energy consuming**
- ▶ Required to be **minimized** for CR-WSNs due to resource scarcity
- ▶ Energy conservation in CAMAC is achieved in three fronts:
  - ▶ **On-demand** spectrum sensing
  - ▶ **Limiting the number** of spectrum sensing nodes
  - ▶ Applying a **duty cycle**

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Use dynamic and adaptive sensing period
  - ▶ fast sensing
  - ▶ fine sensing
- ▶ Slotted ALOHA for access of common control channel

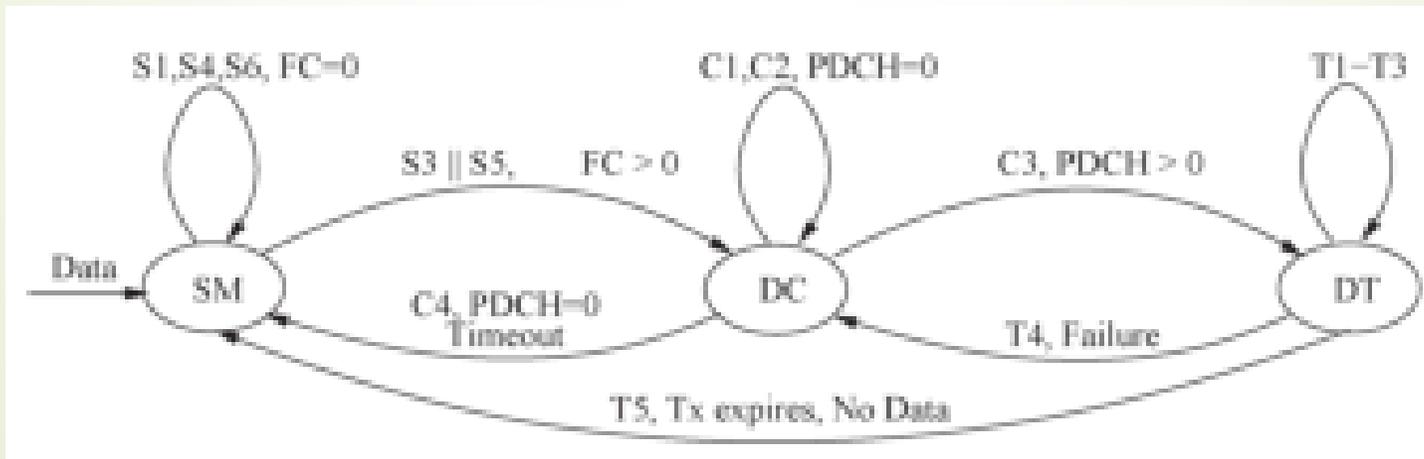


Figure 8: CAMAC phase transition diagram to illustrate its MAC operations [10]

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Paper 4: Energy Efficient COGNITIVE MAC for Sensor Networks under WLAN Co-existence [8]
  - ▶ Authors : Ioannis Glaropoulos, Marcello Lagana, Viktoria Fodor and Chiara Petrioli
  - ▶ IEEE Transaction on Wireless Communication 2015
- ▶ **Energy efficiency** is a main parameter for design of communication protocol for battery constrained WSN
- ▶ Performance degrade due to **interference** from high power wireless system
- ▶ A novel **cognitive MAC** scheme is propose
- ▶ Minimize the energy cost by **optimizing Packet length** & single hop **transmission distance**

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Scenario in which coexistence of WLANs IEEE 802.11 and WSN IEEE 802.15.4
- ▶ WSN – 5MHz channel in 2.4GHz ISM band – 0 to 3dBm
- ▶ WLAN – 22MHz channel which cover WSN channel – 15 to 20dBm
- ▶ Two Phase of COG-MAC
  - ▶ Estimation & Optimization
    - ▶ Listens to the channel
    - ▶ Select optimal packet size & transmission distance
  - ▶ Transmission with COG-MAC
    - ▶ actual network operation occurs
    - ▶ sensor transmits and receives data packets

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Energy cost minimization is achieved by optimizing the WSN single hop transmission distance and packet length, based on the estimated parameters of the WLAN channel usage model
- ▶ In COG-MAC optimization of **packet size** and **transmission distance** and smart channel sensing are key mechanisms for increasing energy efficiency

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Paper 5: Adaptive Window Size-Based Medium Access Control Protocol for Cognitive Radio Wireless Sensor Networks [9]
  - ▶ Authors : Gyanendra Prasad Joshi, Seung Yeob Nam, Sung Won Kim and Byung-Seo Kim
  - ▶ Journal of Sensors, Hindawi Publishing Corporation 2016
- ▶ Performance degrade due to **fixed channel negotiation** in CCC
- ▶ A new approach in **MAC** protocol is propose
- ▶ Adjusts the channel negotiation period based on **network density**

# Literature Survey

- ▶ Incumbents have the first priority to utilize the licensed bands
- ▶ Protocol use a Common Control Channel (CCC) for data channel negotiation
- ▶ Protect rights and to mitigate the interference with the incumbents
- ▶ CCC-based protocols divide time
  - ▶ Beacon Intervals (BIs)
    - ▶ Channel Negotiation (CN) window
    - ▶ Data window
- ▶ CN window - nodes send control packets for channel negotiation and reservation
- ▶ Data window - nodes send actual data packets

# Literature Survey

- Channel Utilization Limitation
- Bandwidth Waste in Channel Negotiation
- Long Channel Access Delay
- In proposed protocol network density estimation perform
- Accordingly CN window will adjust

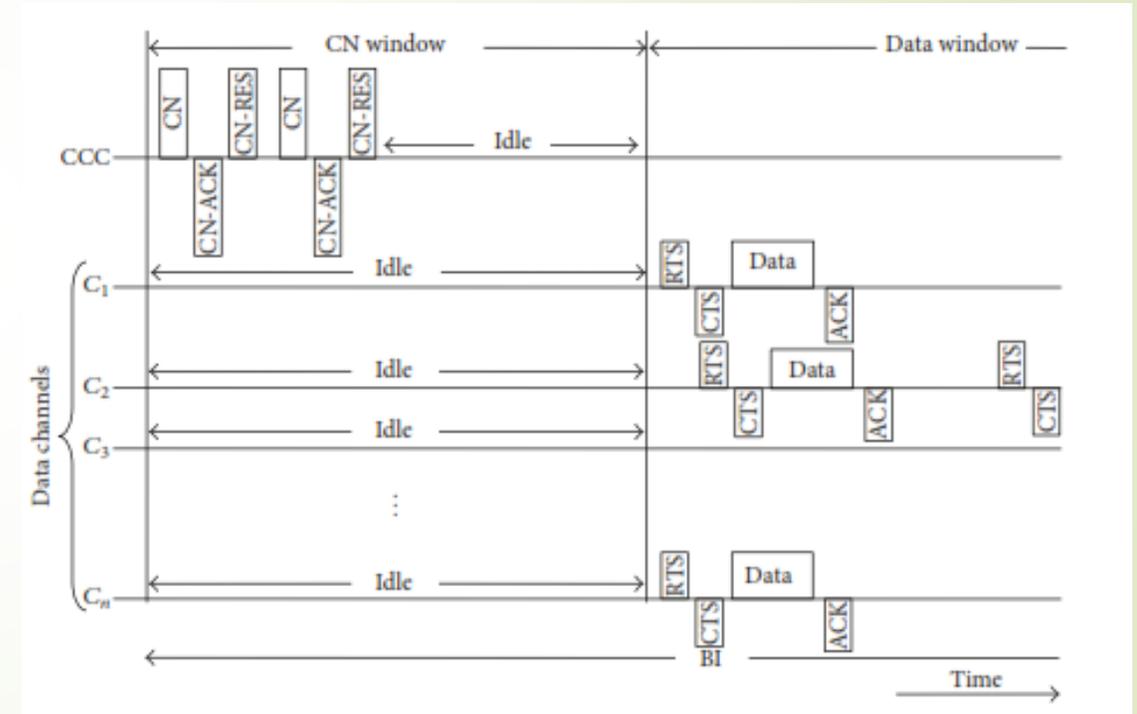


Figure 9: Bandwidth waste in existing approaches [9]

# Literature Survey

- CN window divided in two phase
  - Nodes Estimation (NE)
  - Channel Negotiation (CN)

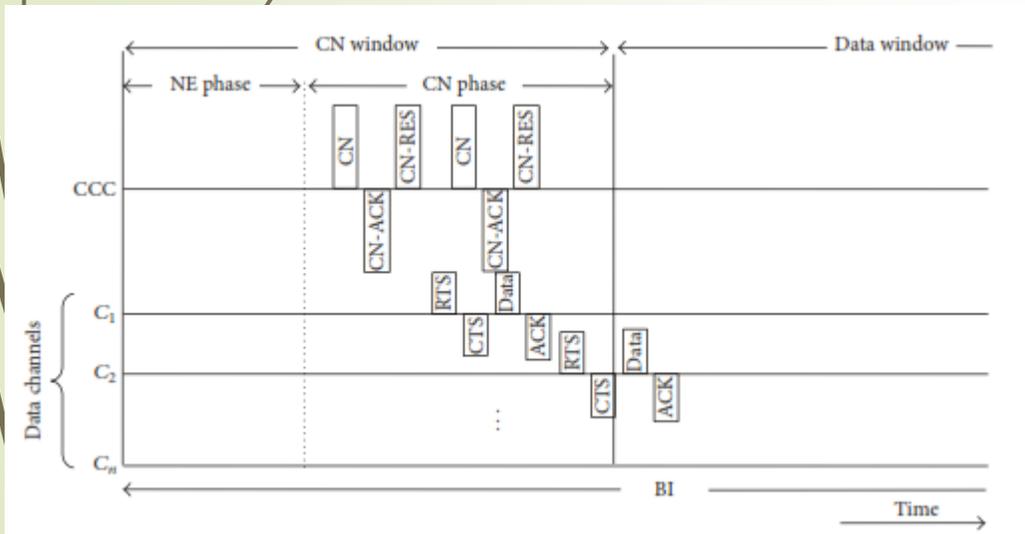


Figure 10: Efficient bandwidth utilization in proposed protocol [9]

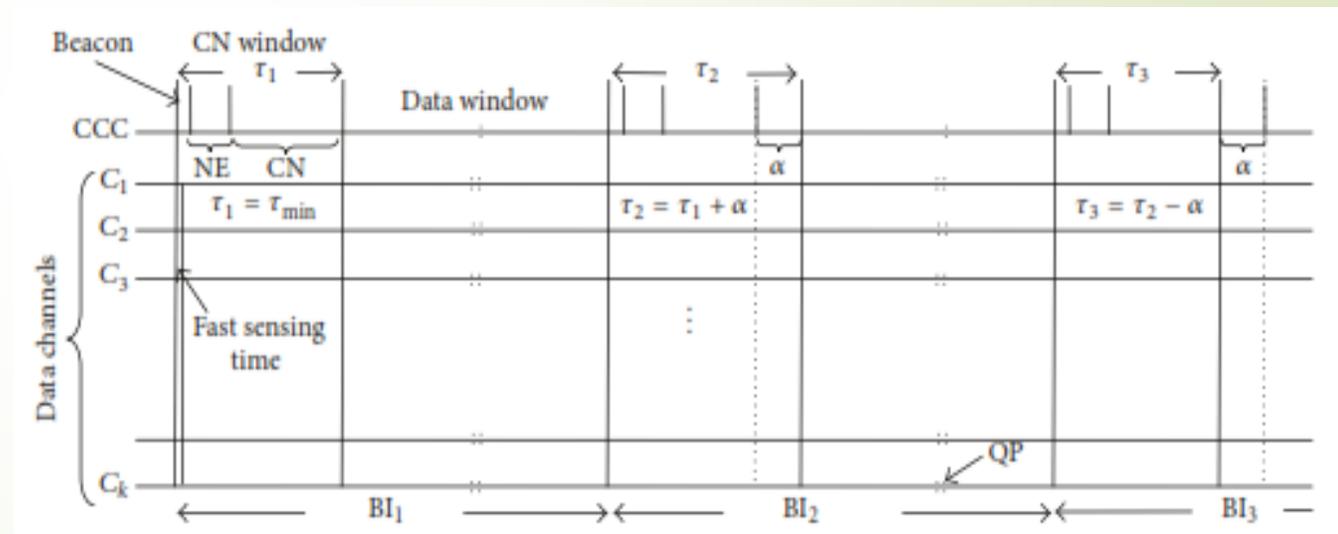


Figure 11: CN window adjustment [9]

# Literature Survey

► Algorithm

if NE phase expired then

estimate  $n$ ;

if  $n < n_{\text{thresh}}$

and  $\tau > \tau_{\text{min}}$  and  $\tau \leq \tau_{\text{max}}$  then

$\tau^- = \alpha$

else if

$n \geq n_{\text{thresh}}$  and  $\tau_i < \tau_{\text{max}}$  then

$\tau^+ = \alpha$

else

remain unchanged

start contention for sending CN packet

# Literature Survey

- ▶ In the **dense network** topology, a **small CN** window can be a bottleneck
- ▶ In the **sparse network** topology, a **large CN** window decreases network performance and increases delay
- ▶ The strategies used to **turn off** transceivers **conserve energy**
- ▶ It also protects licensed users by performing sensing in the middle of the data window and sending an **ECM** in case of signal detection of licensed users

# Scope of Research

- ▶ Three ways to optimized energy consumption
  - ▶ Spectrum sensing
  - ▶ Capability to change transmission parameters
  - ▶ Ability to share network knowledge

# Conclusion

- Cognitive radio technology is a potential technology for future wireless systems like the Internet of Things, WSNs, and M2M systems and provides benefit in co-existence of different wireless technology by improving spectrum utilization.
- Due to limitation of WSN and to support cognitive capabilities redefinition of protocol stack is required.
- The Cognitive MAC layer and its mechanisms provide a solution to these challenges and improving the secondary user's performance.
- We can conclude that the main tasks of cognitive MAC are environment sensing, channel negotiation, and data transmission.

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