

# SECURITY IN COGNITIVE RADIO NETWORK

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## ABSTRACT

*A Software defined radio is a radio which can tune to any frequency band. It has an ability to transmit and receive different modulations and different physical parameters across the large frequency spectrum by programmable hardware and software. An SDR performs significant amount of signal processing in a general purpose computer on a reconfigurable pulse of digital electronics on the combination of both. The platform to transmit and receive the OFDM radio signal is using QPSK and BPSK. In Hardware Radio Quality of Service, PRR and Td will be small compared to Software Defined radio*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Software Defined Radio is used for communication in a most secured way. Hardware alone is used for designing the existing system for the radio frequency transmission where the transmission must be in fixed frequency, modulation and parameters. This technique cannot be used for multi frequency transmission. Transmitter and receiver need separate antenna. Because of using the hardware alone, impedance matching must be considered. Impedance matching should be achieved to obtain maximum gain. It may result in hacking of Information, Software Injection, Hardware Injection and Interference. In case of any improvisation in design might result in more expense as the entire design is composed of Hardware's.

## II. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this proposed system, the modulation block and parameters are replaced by software using embedded 'C'. A user interface is designed using Visual Basic which allows us to select the desired Modulation, Algorithm and the frequency based on the requirement. It reduces the cost of hardware and up-gradation as the major part of design depends on software.

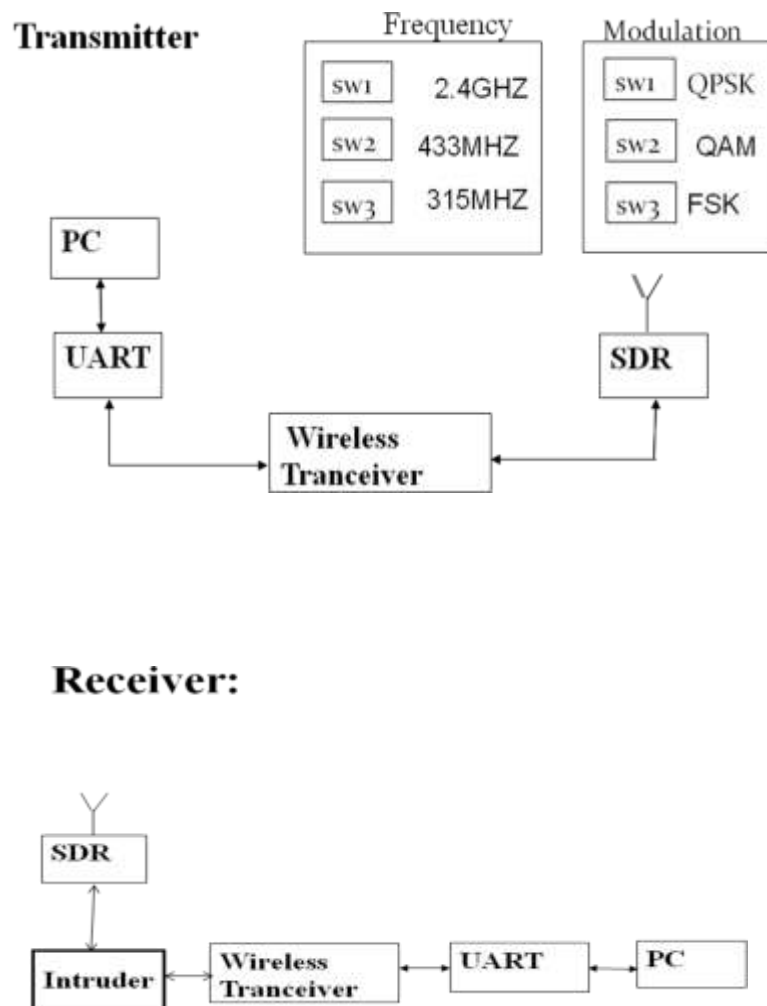


Figure 1: Transmitter and Receiver of Proposed Design

## 2.1 Working of the proposed system

The proposed system requires Hardware such as ADC/DAC, Inverter F Antenna (cc250), Filter (BPF) and Software such as Microsoft Visual Basic for User Interface and Embedded C for making modulation in Software.

The user interface can be used to change the parameters like Modulation, Encryption method and the Frequency to be transmitted. The modulation used in this system are QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Multiplexing), QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying) and FSK (Frequency Shift Keying). The Encryption/Decryption algorithm are AES, RSA and Skip Jack Algorithm for transmitting in a highly secured manner.

### 2.1.1 UART

A Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter is a piece of computer hardware that translates data between both parallel and serial forms. UARTs are used in conjunction with other communication standards like EIA

RS-232. A UART is usually an individual (or part of an) integrated circuit used for serial communications over a computer or peripheral device serial port. They included in microcontrollers. If two UARTs combine into a single chip called as dual UART or DUART. USART is a device which can communicate synchronously. It is nothing but an IC provided with UART. The UART controller is the vital component of the serial communications subsystem of a computer. It takes data in bytes and the individual bits are transmitted in sequential fashion. At the destination, another UART collects all the bits and convert into complete bytes. Among the transmission the parallel transmission through multiple wires is more expensive where Serial transmission of digital information through a single wire or other medium is much more cost effective. The Main objective is to convert the transmitted data between its sequential and parallel form at each end of the link. Each UART has a shift register which is used for conversion between serial and parallel forms.

### MAX232:

The MAX232 is an integrated circuit that transforms signals from an RS-232 serial port to signals apt for use in TTL compatible digital logic circuits. It has a dual driver/receiver and converts the Receiver signal, Transmitter signal, RTS and CTS Signals. The voltage level outputs (approx.  $\pm 7.5$  V) from a single + 5 V are produced by Drives of RS-232. Using external capacitors and on-chip charge pumps the voltage is supplied to RS232. It makes useful for implementing RS-232 in devices that otherwise do not need any voltages outside the 0 V to + 5 V range, as power supply design does not need to be made more complicated just for driving the RS-232 in this case. The receivers reduce RS-232 inputs (which may be as high as  $\pm 25$  V), to standard 5 V TTL levels. These receivers possess a typical threshold and typical hysteresis of 1.3 V and 0.5 V respectively.

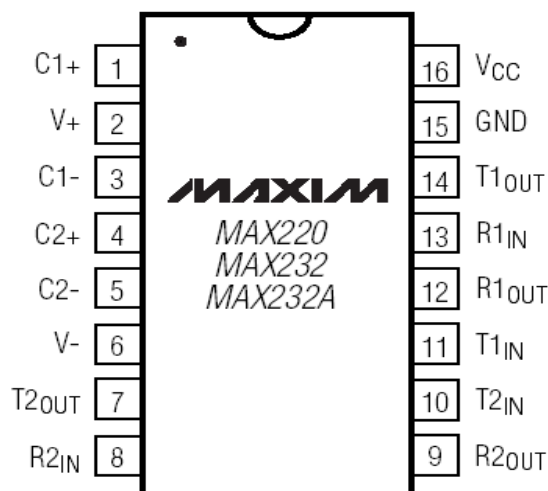


Figure 2: Pin Diagram of MAX 232

## **2.2 Modulation Techniques**

### **2.2.1 QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation)**

Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM) is both an analog and a digital modulation scheme. It conveys two analog or digital signals, by changing (modulating) the amplitudes of two carrier waves, using the amplitude-shift keying (ASK) digital modulation scheme or amplitude modulation (AM) analog modulation scheme. The quadrature carriers or quadrature components are 2 carrier waves; usually sinusoids in nature are out of phase with each other by  $90^\circ$ .

### **2.2.2 QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying)**

QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying) is a DSB-SC modulation scheme with digital information for the message. It sends two bits of digital information at a time (without the use of another carrier frequency). The quantity of radio frequency spectrum required to transmit QPSK reliably is half that required for BPSK signals, which provides enough space for more users on the channel. Sometimes this is known as quadriphase Phase Shift Keying, 4-Phase Shift Keying or 4-Quadrature Amplitude Modulation. The basic concepts of QPSK and 4-QAM are different; the output modulated radio waves are identical. The constellation diagrams of QPSK possess four points, equispaced around a circle. QPSK has an ability to encode two bits per symbol and minimize the bit error rate (BER).

### **2.2.3 FSK**

Frequency-shift keying (FSK) is a frequency modulation scheme in which digital information is transmitted through discrete frequency changes of a carrier wave. The simplest FSK is binary FSK (BFSK). BFSK uses a pair of discrete frequencies to transmit binary (0s and 1s) information. With this scheme, the "1" is called the mark frequency and the "0" is called the space frequency.

## **2.3 Algorithms**

The algorithm implemented for Encryption and Decryption are explained below.

### **2.3.1 AES:**

AES is a block cipher with a block length of 128 bits. It permits three different key lengths: they are 128, 192 and 256 bits. Encryption consists of 14 rounds for 256-bit keys, 12 rounds for 192-bit keys and 10 rounds of processing for 128-bit keys. The last round in each case is exceptional, all other rounds are identical. Every round of processing is included with one single-byte based substitution step, second step is a row-wise permutation step, third step is a column-wise mixing step, and finally the addition of the round key. The order or sequence in which these steps are executed might vary from one encryption and decryption method to other. Every stage of processing produces an output state array by working on input state array.

### **2.3.2 RSA**

The RSA algorithm — named after Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman — is based on a property of

positive integers. An individual A who wishes to receive messages confidentially will use the pair of integers  $\{e, n\}$  as his/her public key. Simultaneously, this individual can make use the pair of integers  $\{d, n\}$  as the private key. The definitions of  $n$ ,  $e$ , and  $d$  are explained in the earlier subsection. Another party B wishing to send a message to A confidentially will encrypt  $M$  using A's public key  $\{e, n\}$  to create cipher text  $C$ . Only A will have access to decrypt  $C$  using his/her private key  $\{d, n\}$ .

If the plaintext message is too long, B may choose to use RSA as a block cipher for encrypting the message meant for A. When it acts as a block cipher, the block size is about to reduce half the number of bits required to represent the modulus  $n$ . The modulus required 1024 bit and 512-bit for its representation and message encryption respectively

### 2.3.3 SKIP JACK

SKIPJACK is a block cipher, an algorithm for encryption developed by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA). Skipjack uses an 80-bit key to encrypt or decrypt 64-bit data blocks. It is an unbalanced Feistel network with 32 rounds. Skipjack has 32 rounds i.e. algorithm is repeated 32 times to produce the cipher text. It was specially designed to replace the Data Encryption Standard (DES). It was implemented in tamper-resistant hardware and its structure had been classified since its introduction in 1993. Skipjack was used to encrypt sensitive, but not classified, government data. SKIPJACK behaves like a random function and that cipher text bits are not correlated with either key bits or plaintext bits.

## 3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This system involves three modules. They are the transfer section, collector section and the line follower section. The introduced system is a simple and low-cost and can be easily implemented and installed in any type of robot that can be of use in our daily life. The system will require a high frequency transformer, pulse width modulator, inductive coils and line follower robot as their major parts for its working.



Figure 3: Block Diagram of SDR

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In cognitive radio, hacking is prevented by changing the modulation and frequency for an efficient communication between sender and receiver. Changing of frequency and modulation happens because sender and receiver have sequence of codes of data, so that even if a hacker interrupts, communication is possible. Thus by this way a high level security is established for a data transmission through software defined radio. By this way it is preferred using in military applications, replacing the existing JTRS (Joint Tactical Radio System).

#### 3.1 QPSK MODULATION

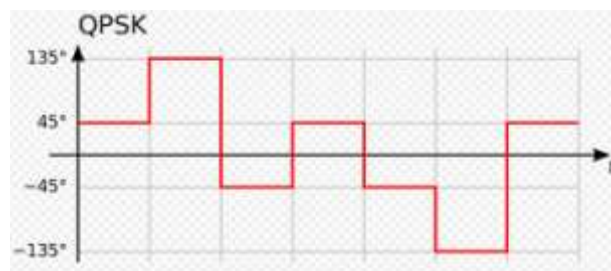


Figure 4: Resultant Output of QPSK modulation

#### 3.2 FSK MODULATION

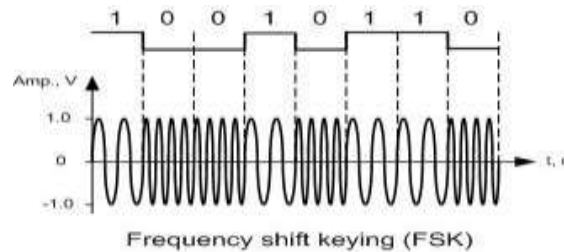


Figure 5: Resultant Output of FSK modulation

#### 3.3 QAM MODULATION

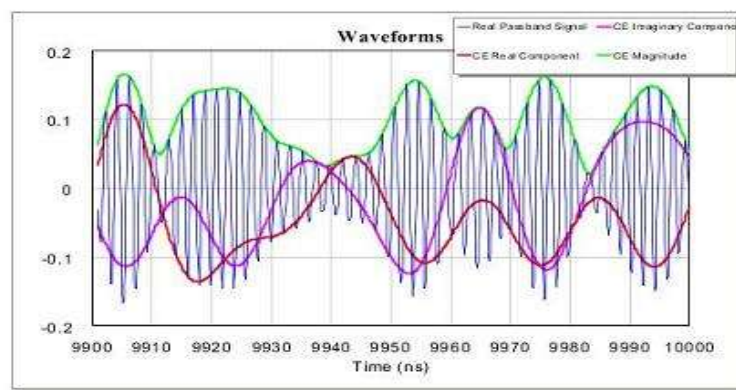


Figure 6: Resultant Output of QAM modulation

### 3.3 FUTURE SCOPE IN SDR

The control of information security even under hacking attack can be used. This method also reduces hardware size because of using SDR and use of smart antenna. The cost of hardware also reduced. This is also used in military purpose.

## IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT ON SDR

### 4.1 SUMMARY

In this thesis work the security which is one of the most important parts of any process is considered regarding both frequency and modulation of antenna. Also the related simulation results are presented. The simulation is done using LABVIEW AND VISUAL BASIC.

### 4.2 CONCLUSION

Finally, we combine the information from both physical layer and upper layer to integrate the cross-layer mechanism. Numerical results have demonstrated that the cross-layer detection scheme can efficiently detect the injection attack. In this thesis, security in cognitive radio is designed. Here, LABVIEW, VISUAL BASIC is used for graphical representation and signal processing. The results are viewed in PC. From the PC the signal is converted to serial form by means of UART. Microcontroller is used along with the wireless transceiver which in turn secure the information by this it is been used for rescue purpose and other application.

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