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I. INTRODUCTION

The operation of high power antennas in complicated environments, such as the presence of large mounting structures on ships or aircraft, where multiple antennas may exist in close proximity has been a serious issue for a long time. Near field EM coupling between antennas can severely distort radiation patterns as well as affect antenna electrical input parameters. Likewise EM scattering from near-by metal structures can also induce unwanted currents on the antenna elements which can produce adverse effects. Many attempts over the last several years have been utilized to reduce coupling and scattering effects, but, to date, there has been no “silver bullet” to completely eliminate the problem.

With the relatively recent advent of theoretical developments in EM cloaking, a new approach is potentially available to solve antenna coupling issues in complex scattering environments. The approach, however, is not without difficult issues, especially in the physical implementation of such devices. One major problem is the complex media associated with cloaks is based on spatial transformations. The resulting media of the cloak is generally inhomogeneous and anisotropic with properties that do not exist normally in nature. To overcome the problem, metamaterial technology has been utilized in the GHz range. While the resulting structure works in a laboratory setting, the transition to a more commercial venue poses problems because of the cumbersome physical features of the cloaking structure.

The problem that is addressed by this study is illustrated in Fig. 1 involving two antennas and two cloaks. In Fig.1 (a.) antenna $A_1$, operating at frequency $f_1$, transmits and receives through cloak $C_1$. A near-by antenna $A_2$ which is cloaked by $C_2$ and is designed to cloak EM fields at frequency $f_2$. The roles are reversed in Fig. 1(b.). In general 3-D cloaks with inhomogeneous and anisotropic media cannot be modeled with commercially available computer codes (e.g. CST, COMSOL) owing to the complexity of the problem. For example, COMSOL can only handle 2-D objects with anisotropic media. Also, the physical embodiment of such structures is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for realistic 3-D cloak-based structures.

Fig. 1: Frequency configurations of antennas $A_1$, $A_2$ and cloaks $C_1$, $C_2$. (a.) $A_1$ radiating at $f_1$, and (b.) $A_2$ radiating at $f_2$. Solid boundaries for the cloaks indicate cloaking, while the dashed boundaries indicate the cloaks that are transparent.

To overcome these immense issues, the cloaks developed in this study are not based on spatial transformations. Rather they are based on the dispersive properties of media, which will be shown to have similar cloaking properties as “true” cloaks for the antenna coupling problem. The resonance behavior of a material, such as a metamaterial, can be described with a bulk material model described by the Lorentz dispersion equation

\[
\varepsilon_r = \varepsilon_\infty + \frac{\varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_\infty}{\omega_0^2 + i \omega \delta - \omega^2}
\]  

where $\varepsilon_r$ is the relative dielectric constant; $\omega_0$ is the resonance frequency; $\delta$ is the damping frequency; $\varepsilon_\infty$ is

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The static dielectric constant; and \( \varepsilon_\infty \) is the dielectric value as the frequency becomes very large. To illustrate Eq. 1, numerical calculations presented below contain the following parameter values: \( \omega_0 = 34.54 \times 10^9 \text{ rad/s} \) or \( f_0 = 5.5 \text{ GHz} \); \( \delta = 0.628 \times 10^9 \text{ rad/sec} \) or 0.1 GHz; \( \varepsilon_\infty = 1 \); and \( \varepsilon_s = 2 \). Fig. 2 shows the real and imaginary parts of the dispersive relative dielectric constant, \( \varepsilon_r \), for the listed parameter values.

There are some important features of these curves that should be emphasized. First, note that at the resonance frequency the real part of \( \varepsilon_r \) equals zero. The height and width of the imaginary component are controlled by the damping frequency. Above resonance, as the frequency becomes larger, the dielectric constant assumes the free space value. Below resonance frequency \( \varepsilon_r \) approaches 2. Note also that at \( f_0 \) the loss tangent of the material is infinity.

**Fig. 2:** Real and imaginary curves for \( \varepsilon_r \).

The complex wave number for the dispersive media can be expressed as

\[
k = \alpha k_0 \sqrt{\mu \varepsilon_r} \quad \text{with} \quad \varepsilon_r = 1
\]

\[
k = \frac{\omega k_0}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r'} + i \varepsilon_r''}
\]

where \( \varepsilon_r' \) and \( \varepsilon_r'' \) are the real and imaginary components of \( \varepsilon_r \), respectively, and \( k_0 \) is the free space propagation constant. At the resonance frequency, \( \varepsilon_r' = 0 \) and \( k \) becomes imaginary so the wave in the media becomes strongly evanescent and virtually no EM fields exist in the material. In other words, the material acts almost like a perfect electric conductor (PEC). Thus, the two important features of this material are: (1) at the resonant frequency it acts almost like a perfect shield and (2) above and below the resonant frequency the material is almost transparent. If utilized in a manner depicted in Fig. 1, its properties can mimic a “true” cloak; hence the designation pseudo cloak. It should also be pointed out that the Lorentz model can be used for permeability. In Eq. (1) just replace \( \varepsilon \) with \( \mu \). Now at resonance the material acts like a perfect magnetic conductor (PMC).

To compare the properties of this cloak with those of a “true” cloak consider the following. An ideal cloak can only work for monochromatic (single frequency) EM waves. Generally, for an ideal cylindrical or spherical cloak, the radial constitutive parameters \( \varepsilon \) and \( \mu \) are required to vanish (go to zero) at the inner boundary at the single frequency.\(^2\) The singularity of the wave equation inside the cloak will form impenetrable PEC, PMC walls for EM waves. This is very similar to the condition of the pseudo cloak when \( \varepsilon_r \) or \( \mu_r = 0 \) at the resonance frequency forming a PEC or PMC like boundary. The difference, of course, is that for the pseudo cloak the entire layer acts like a shield whereas for an ideal cloak the barrier occurs at the inner boundary. This difference is essentially immaterial for cloaking antennas.

Finally, some difficulties of both cloaks should be pointed out. For non-monochromatic waves (all antennas have bandwidth) the shielding efficacy rapidly deteriorates away from the central frequency. The bandwidth limitations for an ideal cloak have been elaborated elsewhere.\(^5-7\) It suffices to say that the main reason is based on group velocity delay. This delay is extenuated as the size of the shield gets larger, so that most ideal cloaks have to be small. For the pseudo cloak the reason is easy to see from Fig. 2 (a.). At resonance, when \( \varepsilon_r = 0 \), the slope of the response is very steep, resulting in a fairly narrow range of frequencies around the resonant frequency where \( \varepsilon_r \) values are close to zero. The saving grace is that most continuous wave communication antennas have very narrow bandwidths. However, some high peak power pulsed antennas may have wide bandwidths. Size limitations do not appear to be a problem for pseudo cloaks, except for the fact that large structures could influence the radiation patterns of nearby antennas.

Metamaterials (MMs) can produce EM phenomena that are not available in natural materials. Before construction of a prototype MM structure, numerical simulation can be used to design and analyze the MM structure as well as show that its properties are comparable to bulk properties of materials that are defined by \( \varepsilon \) and \( \mu \). For this study a split ring resonator (SRR) and a flat wire MM unit cell, as shown in Fig. 3, will be utilized. The split rings are comprised of a copper embedded on the top of a substrate and the flat copper strip id located on the back side of the substrate as shown in Fig. 3. The MM-based structure would consist of many of these small unit cells.
For a wave incident on SRR MM structure the $S$-parameters ($S_{11}$ and $S_{21}$) for the structure are first calculated. The $S$ parameters are related to the reflected, transmitted, and absorbed waves by the MM structure. The bulk properties ($\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}$ and $\mu_{\text{eff}}$) of the MM can then be calculated using either the Lorentz or Drude dispersive models. CST Studio can accomplish this by best fitting the parameters ($\omega_0$, $\delta$, $\varepsilon_s$, and $\varepsilon_i$) associated with the Lorentz model (see Eq. 1) from the S-parameters associated with the MM structure. There are generally two approaches: parameter fitting of dispersion models and analytical extraction of medium parameters from S- parameters.\(^8\)

The dispersion approach minimizes the difference between the S-parameters (scattering parameters) of the MM structure and a block of a homogeneous material with the same thickness as the MM unit cell. A Quasi-Newton optimization algorithm, which is built into CST’s optimizer, is used to provide the best fit of the S-parameters of the dispersion model and the MM unit cell. The “goal” function in CST is to be minimized and for this case takes the form

$$\text{Goal} = \sum_n \left| S_{11} - S_{11\text{new}} \right| + \left| S_{21} - S_{21\text{new}} \right| + \left| S_{22} - S_{22\text{new}} \right| + \left| S_{12} - S_{12\text{new}} \right|$$  

(3)

where the equation includes both the magnitude and phase of the S-parameters and the summation is over all n frequency samples in the range of interest.

From CST’s extraction procedure, the bulk properties of the associated with the SRR/flat plate structure were acquired. The extracted permittivity profile (not shown) was that of the Lorentz model and essentially the same as in Fig. 2, except the resonance frequency was approximately 4.49 GHz.

It is difficult to construct a spherical or a spheroidal antenna cloak out of MMs which are generally comprised of flat surfaces, a pseudo cloak was fashioned out of a rectangular box. The box structure contained the extracted permittivity profile for the SRR/flat plate structure. A view of the pseudo cloak is shown in Fig. 4, along with with the dipole transmitter(1)/receiver(2) antennas. The dipole antennas were designed to operate at the Lorentz resonance frequency of the MM, approximately 5.5 GHz. To prove the effectiveness of the box to act as a cloak several different calculations were performed: e.g., $S_{11}$; $S_{22}$; $S_{21}$; a dipole operating inside and outside the cloak at both the resonance frequency and an off resonance frequency; and the radiating pattern of the transmitting dipole. However, space does not permit to show them all, but they all provided the necessary numerical proof that the concept was sound. To illustrate the point Fig. 5 contains the EM fields inside and outside the box produced by the transmitter antenna operating at the Lorentz resonance frequency. As observed the box provides very good shielding allowing very little energy to penetrate into interior of the box. In addition, the calculated induced current in the receiver antenna was approximately $9 \times 10^{-4}$ with the box absent versus $2 \times 10^{-10}$ with box present. These numerical data provide a good basis to proceed to the next step: construction of the pseudo cloak out of actual MM comprised of unit cells based on SRR/flat plate unit cell of Fig. 3.

Fig. 4: Cross sectional view of a rectangular box shaped cloak, along with dipole antennas. Interior dimensions: sides 12 cm × 12 cm; top, bottom 6 cm × 6 cm; thickness 1.3 cm.

To verify the numerical results, MM boards with substrates comprised of woven E-glass and Epoxy were designed according to the specifications listed in Fig. 3 and fabricated (Better Boards, Inc., Cary, NC). Rectangular box structures of various sizes were assembled from the MM boards. The experimental set-up is shown in Fig. 6. Two monopoles were located over a ground plane and separated by 10 cm. Monopole 1 was primarily used as the transmit antenna and monopole 2 was utilized as the receiver antenna, although the roles of each antenna could be reversed. They were designed to operate at approximately the Lorentz resonance frequency of the MM structure (see...
Three different sized MM boxes were utilized in the study: sides of $3 \times 3$, $5 \times 5$, and $6 \times 6$ unit cells. The use of these MM structures allowed the determination whether the number of MM unit cells played a significant role in the cloaking features of the boxes. Measurements determined that all three boxes provided essentially the same cloaking performance, therefore, only the structure with sides containing 9 unit cells ($3 \times 3$) and dimensions of $6 \text{ cm} \times 6 \text{ cm} \times 6 \text{ cm}$ are presented here. This box is shown in Fig. 6. All the measurements were conducted using an Agilent Technologies (E8362B) 18 MHz – 20 GHz network analyzer.

Both monopoles were designed to operate at a resonance frequency of approximately 5.5 GHz. Fig. 7 contains the measured S11 and S21 profiles for the monopole antennas. As observed from Fig. 7 (a.) the lowest return loss for monopole 1 (similar for monopole 2) occurs at 5.26 GHz (approximately the Lorentz resonance frequency for the MM structure). From Fig. 7 (b.) note that S21 has a value of about -30 dB over most of the band covered (5 – 6 GHz).

Fig. 8 contains the results when the rectangular cloak is placed over either the transmit monopole or the receive monopole. When the MM box covers monopole 2 (receive antenna), the S21 results are contained in Fig. 8 (a.). Observe that the cloak provide a very good shield (-85 dB) at a frequency of 5.59 GHz, which is very close to the extracted Lorentz frequency of 5.5 GHz. Fig 8 (b.) reveals similar results when monopole 1 (transmit antenna) is covered by the box, except the resonance frequency is slightly different (5.59 GHz versus 5.62 GHz). It is likely that the small discrepancies in these measured resonance frequencies and calculated frequency (5.49 GHz) are due to small differences in the dielectric properties of the simulated and actual substrates.

Finally it is important to observe from the data in Fig. 8, for frequencies above and below the absorption band, the MM structure acts like it is essentially transparent to the incident fields. As shown the coupling values return to the levels measured when no box is shielding either antenna.

The experimental results verified the numerical predictions of the numerical simulations. MM cloaks at the resonant frequency almost act like a perfect shield and (2) above and below the resonant frequency the material is almost transparent. Its properties, for the antenna shielding problem, can mimic a “true” cloak with much less complexity in the properties of the MM structure. The measured shielding efficiency is over 99.9%.
Further work needs to be performed relative to the radiation patterns of two antennas in close proximity, when one or both antennas are covered by a MM box. Calculated results (not shown) have demonstrated that the radiation pattern may be slightly distorted by a rectangular MM box in close proximity to a radiating antenna. These numerical results, however, need to be verified by measured data. Radiation distortion may be improved by a smaller box or by a different structure with curved sides such as a sphere or spheroid. Of course, other antennas, such as a patch antenna, that radiate upwards rather than to the side as does a dipole-type antenna, help eliminate the problem.

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Nature Inspired Computing Machine

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I. INTRODUCTION

For a long time, the number system (Behroohz Parhami, 2000) is considered to be obtained by the power of the base. This led to the dominance of the binary system as the basis of mechanisation even though humans are more comfortable with the decimal system (GorjiSinaki & Ercegovac, 1981). Moreover, one failed to understand the enormous amount of effort needed to maintain the binary-based system and live with the rigidity dictated by binary system and also a creation of artificial intelligence(Avron Barr, & et al., 1982) thus making humanity to forget the real value human intelligence and make the society machine dependent. After carefully going through the literature by experts like Alan Turing(Turing, 1950; Turing, 1937; Richard P Feynman, 1985; Herbert Simon, 1996; Simon, Herbert A, 1995) on various aspects of computation led to the thought process that a better representation (WU Ting, et al., 2010) of the number system needed.

The new method of representation of number system through the concept of reflection and inverted reflection explained. Inverted reflection leads to entanglement (Chris Bern Hardt, 2019) and the entire gamut of knowledge of mathematics addresses how to manage the entanglement and device methods to unentangle the system under consideration.

II. NEW NUMBER SYSTEM REPRESENTATION

In nature, two phenomena can happen i.e. reflection and inverted reflection. If reflection (buffer) considered as 0 and inverted reflection (inverters) considered 1, the entire nature is composed of combinations of buffers and inverters. Based on this, define mathematics(Underwood Dudley, 2010) as a subject of study of managing inverted reflection and also considered as entanglement, which is of concern to us. Hence a representation of inverted reflection (not gate) and reflection without inversion (buffer) leads to the creation of number system.

Now a new way to represent the number system is proposed as an inverted reflection. For example, if you have 0 with inverted reflection, 1 gets generated. Thus, with single inverted reflection binary digits are generated. Now consider the two adjacent cells with 0s. Thus, we have 00, 01 and if we take an inverted reflection of this, the series 00 01 | 10 11. Where | denotes inverted reflector. Thus, we have created two-bit binary numbers. Now create three bits of two-bit combinations with the most significant bit as 0 to generate 000, 001, 010,011. Now putting an inverted reflection of this series, we generate000,001,010,011| 100,101,110,111.

Thus, three-bit binary numbers are created. In this way, one can create a number system using the inverted reflection, which is much more fundamental than the powered system. It becomes evident that binary representation is the fundamental way to represent any number system to utilise the inverted reflection concept. The second axiom to be satisfied by this concept is that this generated number system creates natural numbers through new inverted reflection but not repeated inversions. Take, for example, two-bit combinations we see that we have natural numbers 0,1 with fresh inverted reflection, 2 with a count two new inverted reflection and 3 with one more new inverted reflection. One more axiom to be needed by inverted
reflection to complete the number system generation in creating negative numbers. To create negative numbers if you do inverted reflection with the most significant bit has sign bit then two’s complement numbers are generated. In the above explanation if third-bit acts as a sign bit, then the inverted reflection of three bits are two’s complement of the two-bit numbers. As seen 000,001,010,011,100,101,110,111 represent 0,1,2,3,0, -3, -2, -1.

III. AXIOMS OF REPRESENTATION

To summarise the definition of creation of number system needs to obey three axioms:

1. Number systems are generated using inverted reflection of binary equivalent.
2. Natural numbers are generated by counting fresh inverted reflections leading to generation of 1 up to that point.
3. Affixing a sign bit and taking inverted reflection with respect that creates negative numbers in two’s complement form.

IV. ADVANTAGES OF NEW REPRESENTATION

Let us now analyse what special advantages one gets out of this new way representation of number system.

1. It is possible to create arbitrary number systems. For example, thermometer coding (Rasit Onur Topalogulu, 2007; Toru Nakura, & Kunihiro Asada, 2013; Fereshteh Jafarzadehpour et al., 2019) can be proved as a number system.
2. One can create empowered number systems in which all binary digits have same power. Thus, first the time, a representation for empowered systems accomplished.
3. Particular representations having uniform switching (all switching with the same level of switching), minimal uniform switching (all switching with uniformly one switching only) can be generated that cannot be achieved by powered number system representation.
4. Unlike binary representation decimal representation follows dual (Williams, 1996; Girvin, 1996) system of binary empowered and decimal powered system. Thus symmetry (De Haro, Butterfield, 2019; Ruben Aldrovandi et al., 2013; Dr. Ivan Fernandez-Corbaton, 2019) can be exploited.
5. A new system satisfies the concept in field of Mathematics (Givant, Steven & Halmos Paul, 2009) as addition, multiplication, subtraction and division is possible and mechanisation realised through Boolean algebra (George Boole, 2011; Foster, 1991) and CMOS technology (Lee, 2019; Rohit Sharma, 2018).

V. EXAMPLE OF NEW REPRESENTATION

To illustrate advantages mentioned above decimal representation taken as example. Consider thermometer coding with nine binary digits of power $2^n$ as shown in Figure 1.
Thus, the above decimal numbers are generated using inverted reflection satisfying the first axiom, natural numbers are generated using a fresh inverted reflection that leads to the generation of 1 and if a sign bit appended and inverted reflection taken produce negative numbers in two's complement form. Thus, with the new concept, a decimal number system is generated. Inherently this representation satisfies uniform and minimal switching (Jaakko Astola & Radomir S. Stankovic, 2006) from one digit to the other. Many advantages of the thermometer coding are already available in the literature and exploited in the hardware (Stanley Wolf, 2002; Sung Kyu Lim, 2008; Holdsworth & Woods, 2003) development as well.

But if one tries to generate addition and multiplication circuits using this representation, it needs huge logic and consumes lot of area. To overcome this and also to illustrate the generation of arbitrary number system consider uniform switching but not minimal. In this representation, we take five bits with four $2^1$ bits as Most significant bits and the least significant bit with power $2^0$. Then our new decimal numbers are generated using inverted reflection as given in Figure 2.

Again, the above decimal system satisfies all three axioms put forward for inverted reflection method of generation of a new number system. Here if you observe the switching is not minimal but uniform. Since only five bits are used, combinations needed to generate arithmetic circuits (LaMeres, 2019; Jiang et al., 2019) will be much less compared to thermometer coding. Here also since there is empowerment for higher-order bits it has the advantages of thermometer coding. Coincidently, human finger systems have such an arrangement and hence form the basis for an analysis of the human digit system.
Figure 2: Decimal system generation with uniform switching with 5 bits

The number system generation depicted as a machine consisting of inverters and buffers illustrated in Figure 3 and Figure 4 for the decimal systems discussed earlier.

Figure 3: Natural Inverted Reflection based representation of 9 bit decimal with $2^0$ as weight
VI. Scope of New Representation

This Nature Inspired Machine capable of generation of various number systems. They are considered Natural as it uses various natural aspects like reflection and inverted reflection, new cell generation and existing cell. This brings out the natural generation numbers as a unique count of inverted reflection leading to the generation of new 1's. Any number system consists of a field of buffers and inverters arranged in a matrix of the size based on the weightage given to each element and number of bits taken into consideration.

New decimal representation obeys dual system. At binary level bits are empowered and at digit level digits are powered. This unique advantage gives many applications and mainly manages power and glitch (Kü-Seok Chung et al., 2002) in a better way. This dual nature of empowered and powered enable to create various innovative applications if carefully researched. One immediate observation in human digits applying this dual concept brings out a better understanding of the human system. These pave the way for many in-depth studies of the human digits system and bring better understanding. Glitch free circuits become possible through a representation of any number system with equivalent thermometer coding before mechanisation. These become feasible through our new number system representation.

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1. Introduction

Advances in wireless communication have faced compatibility issues, which has forced technology manufacturers to regulate communication protocols. One of the most popular has been Bluetooth used to interconnect mobile devices and IoT technology. This protocol was created in 1994 by the electric engineer Jaap Haartsen and it has been updated throughout the years that has allowed it to be one the best protocols due to its information transfer rate.

Because of its popularity, coming from manufacturers, this has been the target of hackers who have used vulnerabilities to attack other users and obtained their private information from their mobile devices. The response to these attacks is usually reactive. Such attacks have compromised thousands of users’ information, even installing apps that act like malware, that allows access to the peripherals connected to the victim’s device, like a camera, mic, GPS, and others.

Smartphones are the most used devices for Bluetooth technology due to its features and the storage capacity in Android. The manufacturers keep reactive during the attacks, generating patches and updates, saving the security recommendations.

To generate a preventive solution, we propose the user is able to manage the Bluetooth interface so it can be used without exposing private information when the device is active. To accomplish this, a testing environment is set up to deploy Bluetooth attacks to identify possible vulnerabilities that could be reduced by an Android app for Smartphones.

a) Glossary

Android: is a mobile operating system based on a modified version of the Linux kernel and other open source software, designed primarily for touchscreen mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Android is developed by a consortium of developers known as the Open Handset Alliance and commercially sponsored by Google.

Kali Linux: Kali Linux (formerly known as BackTrack Linux) is an open-source, Debian-based Linux distribution aimed at advanced Penetration Testing and Security Auditing. Kali Linux contains several hundred tools targeted towards various information security tasks, such as Penetration Testing, Security Research, Computer Forensics and Reverse Engineering. Kali Linux is a multi platform solution, accessible and freely available to information security professionals and hobbyists.

Attacks: In this project an attack is a cyberattack, and it is the attempt caused by someone who wants to get control over an informatic system once he gets access to it.

The attacks have several purposes in order to cause damage through espionage to get money or to find vulnerabilities in the system.

BlueLock: It is the created tool for Android devices that allows control over the Bluetooth interface by the user to manage connectivity among active devices.

Bluetooth: It is a short-range wireless technology standard that is used for exchanging data between fixed and mobile devices over short distances using UHF radio waves in the ISM bands, from 2.402 GHz to 2.48 GHz, and building personal area networks (PANs).

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Penetration and Ethical hacking: The terms ‘penetration testing’ and ‘ethical hacking’ are often
used interchangeably when referring to internal cyber security tests, but they’re not exactly the same. Penetration testing is a type of security test in which an organisation hires a certified professional to assess the strength of its cyber security defences. The goal of ethical hacking – like criminal hacking – is to find security vulnerabilities in an organisation’s systems. However, as the word ‘ethical’ suggests, the person conducting the attack must have the organisation’s approval before proceeding.

- **Information security**: The state of being protected against the unauthorized use of information, especially electronic data, or the measures taken to achieve this.

- **Vulnerability**: It is a failure in the security system in which the user can access a system to manipulate information, app or take control over the system.

## II. Attack Deployment

Knowing the different types of attacks over Bluetooth, they are possible to duplicate through Pentesting. The tests done are known as “white box” (tandem), because we implement the attack environment using the platform pentesting Kali Linux, keeping track of every tool and designing the hacking tests for Bluetooth.

To begin, through Kali Linux we ensure that Bluetooth is activated using the following commands:

```bash
root@kali:~# service bluetooth start
root@kali:~# service bluetooth status
```

- **bluetooth.service** - Bluetooth service
  - Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/bluetooth.service; enabled; vendor preset)
  - Active: active (running) since Sun 2018-11-11 11:35:52 -05; 5h 33min ago
  - Docs: man:bluetoothd(8)
  - Main PID: 622 (bluetoothd)
  - Status: "Running"
  - Tasks: 1 (limit: 4915)
  - Memory: 4.0M
  - GGroup: /system.slice/bluetooth.service
  - └─ 622 /usr/lib/bluetooth/bluetoothd

After, we validate the Bluetooth interface (Mac Address)

```bash
root@kali:~# hciconfig
```

- **hci0**: Type: Primary Bus: USB
  - UP RUNNING PSCAN ISCAN
  - RX bytes:3857 acl:0 sco:0 events:602 errors:0
  - TX bytes:28371 acl:0 sco:0 commands:388 errors:0

We use the Bluelog tool from Kali Linux that allows us to see and register detectable devices on the Bluetooth network and it is executed as you will find below:

```bash
root@kali:~# bluelog
Bluelog (v1.1.2) by MS3FGX
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Autodetecting device...OK
Opening output file: bluelog-2018-11-11-1655.log...OK
Writing PID file: /tmp/bluelog.pid...OK
Hit Ctrl+C to end scan.
```

Blue Scanner is another Kali Linux tool that allows us to scan through the Bluetooth network adapter, capturing connectivity features from connected devices on the network and it is executed as follows

```bash
root@kali:~# btscanner
```

Keyword “i” produces and scans all devices on the network and generates a file directory called by the MAC’s device name with all the information obtained, using these tools we can start to validate the attacks and check their functionality.
- **Bluejacking attack**: To make this possible, we need to create a contact user, instead of the name, the message will be written, in the directory folder that will act as the attacker and the contact user is saved. After That, an area with several mobile devices is found and the option "send via Bluetooth" is chosen, and it is sent to the target devices.

- **Bluesmack**: a line executed directly from the attacker’s console device, which deploys several calls in a specific frame of time, causing the Bluetooth denial service in the host or hacked device. The script is:

```bash
root@kali:~# while read r; do ping -s 50 84:C7:EA:57:36:D7; done < numscans
```

we created a file called: numscans with a timer from 1 to n, to be used in the script and avoid memory leaking in the attacker's device.

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```

We can see the Bluetooth protocol is designed to facilitate device connection, and it is a mandatory approach for IoT communication devices, so through the software we designed we do not want to limit or block the protocol’s functionality automatically by a service or app, but we want to give the user this option, designing an app that allows him to see the connectivity events, paired devices, and allows the user the chance to block any device at anytime.

### III. Design Phase

a) **Software structure**

![Class Diagram](image)

Fig. 1: Class Diagram
The diagram shows the device and the app running, participating in different communications with different devices, the device is in a susceptible environment when it is often attacked via Bluetooth. The device has a Bluetooth interface that communicates with the app (Bluelock) that manages the Bluetooth adapter.

The app (Bluelock) has an event filter that detects specific changes in the Bluetooth adapter, such as incoming connections, and registering all the information in a database, and the app log.

**IV. Development Phase**

**App development**

As a solution a mobile app for Android is proposed that allow people to control the Bluetooth interface communication, turn on and off the Bluetooth controller, enable finding new devices, consult paired devices, check the Bluetooth event’s logs, block access to multiple devices.

**App features**

1. User’s interface to control the Bluetooth device.
2. Generate bluetooth log events detected by the app.
3. block device interface through Bluetooth interface.
4. Generate a non-relational database that allows storing information about Bluetooth connected devices and their related events.

**a) Code documentation**

*Bluetooth filter packages:* The main feature consists in the BroadcastReceiver function, that allows sending and managing the communication events sent by the Bluetooth adapter in the Context.sendBroadcast. This function filters and controls states detected by the adaptor, does the actions generated by the bluetooth device and writes the log events.
private final BroadcastReceiver mBR = new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        final String action = intent.getAction();
        String evento = "";
        boolean bloqueo = false;
        final Uri uriData = intent.getData();
        event evt = validaUri(uriData, action);
        eventsDBHelper dbHelper = new eventsDBHelper(getApplicationContext());
        String log = "", showToastLog = "";
        boolean logger;
        if (action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_STATE_CHANGED)
                || action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_DISCOVERY_STARTED)
                || action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_DISCOVERY_FINISHED)
                || action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_SCAN_MODE_CHANGED)) {
            final int estado = intent.getIntExtra(BluetoothAdapter.EXTRA_STATE,
                    BluetoothAdapter.ERROR);
            switch (estado) {
                case BluetoothAdapter.STATE_OFF:
                    evento = "<font color='blue'>BluetoothAdapter.STATE_OFF";
                    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
                    break;
                case BluetoothAdapter.STATE_ON:
                    evento = "<font color='blue'>BluetoothAdapter.STATE_ON";
                    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
                    break;
                case BluetoothAdapter.STATE_TURNING_OFF:
                    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter.STATE_TURNING_OFF";
                    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
                    break;
                case BluetoothAdapter.STATE_TURNING_ON:
                    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter.STATE_TURNING_ON";
                    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
                    break;
                case BluetoothAdapter.STATE_CONNECTING:
                    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter.STATE_CONNECTING";
                    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
                    BluetoothDevice device = intent.getParcelableExtra(BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_DEVICE);
                    bloqueo = validaBloqueo(device.getAddress());
                    UUID uuid = UUID.randomUUID();
                    if (bloqueo) {
                        try {
                            Log.w("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED","Entró a removeBond");
                            Method m = device.getClass().getMethod("removeBond", (Class[])null);
                            m.invoke(device, (Object)null);
                        } catch (Exception e) {
                            e.printStackTrace();
                        }
                    } else {
                        evento = "";
                        evento += "Dispositivo Bloqueado ("+
                                uuid + "); " + device.getAddress() + "; " + device.getName();
                    }
            }
        }
    }
}
We validate the other BluetoothAdapter status. Every event generates a line in the Log events that can be consulted by the app. It was designed to have styles so when the .txt is rendered, shows with colors the severity of the case.

case BluetoothAdapter. STATE_CONNECTED:
    evento = "<font color='green'>BluetoothAdapter. STATE_CONNECTED";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;

case BluetoothAdapter. STATE_DISCONNECTING:
    evento = "<font color='green'>BluetoothAdapter. STATE_DISCONNECTING";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;

case BluetoothAdapter. STATE_DISCONNECTED:
    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter. STATE_DISCONNECTED";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;

case BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_CONNECTABLE_DISCOVERABLE:
    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_CONNECTABLE_DISCOVERABLE";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;

case BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_CONNECTABLE:
    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_CONNECTABLE";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;

case BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_NONE:
    evento = "<font color='purple'>BluetoothAdapter. SCAN_MODE_NONE";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    break;
default:
    break;
}
logger = writeLog(log, "BluetoothAdapter.txt");
evt.setEventLog(evento);
dbHelper.saveEvent(evt);
}

if(action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGED)) {
    final int estado = intent.getIntExtra(BluetoothAdapter.EXTRA_CONNECTION_STATE, BluetoothAdapter.ERROR);
    evento = "<font color='red'>BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_CONNECTION_STATE_CHANGED : " + estado;
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    evt.setEventLog(evento);
    dbHelper.saveEvent(evt);
    logger = writeLog(log, "BluetoothAdapter.txt");
    showToast(showToastLog);
}
if (action.equals(BluetoothAdapter.ERROR)) {
    log += String.valueOf(BluetoothAdapter.ERROR);
    evento = "<font color='red'>BluetoothAdapter.ERROR";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    evt.setEventLog(evento);
    dbHelper.saveEvent(evt);
    showToastLog = "BluetoothAdapter.ERROR";
    logger = writeLog(log, "BluetoothAdapter.txt");
    showToast(showToastLog);
}

Fig. 5: Bluetooth Adapter States

The next state is to validate when finding other available devices within range, so we store the found device MAC and its NAME. Having the information about unconnected devices, available in the app.

if (action.equals(BluetoothDevice.ACTION_FOUND)) {
    BluetoothDevice device = intent.getParcelableExtra(BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_DEVICE);
    int rssi = intent.getShortExtra(BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_RSSI, Short.MIN_VALUE);
    Log.w("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED", "Entró a ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED" + device.getName() + "\n" + device.getAddress() + "\n" + rssi);
    device dev = new device();
    dev.setId(0);
    dev.setName(device.getName());
    dev.setAddress(device.getAddress());
    dev.setContentDesc(String.valueOf(rssi));
    dev.setBloqueado(String.valueOf(false));
    dev.setTime(String.valueOf(Calendar.getInstance().getTime()));
    dev.setBonded(String.valueOf(false));
    dev.setHashCode(String.valueOf(device.hashCode()));
    boolean result = guardaDispositivo(dev);
    evento = "<font color='green'>BluetoothDevice.ACTION_FOUND";
    log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
    evt.setEventLog(evento);
    dbHelper.saveEvent(evt);
    logger = writeLog(log, "BluetoothAdapter.txt");
    showToast(showToastLog);
}

Fig. 6: Find available devices Function

Then, it validates the connection adapter status, so it validates the blocked devices, if the device is blocked, we can remove it from the device adapter’s list, in other cases, we create the link between devices to pair them.

if (action.equals(BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED)) {
    Log.d("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED", "Entró a ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED");
    log += logAdapter(uriData, "BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED" + BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_NAME + " - " + BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_ADDRESS);
    evento = "<font color='green'>BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED";
    evt.setEventLog(evento);
    BluetoothDevice device = intent.getParcelableExtra(BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_DEVICE);
    bloqueo = validaBloqueo(device.getAddress());
    UUID uuid = UUID.randomUUID();
    if (bloqueo) {
        try {
            Log.w("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED", "Entró a removeBond");
            Method m = device.getClass().getMethod("removeBond", (Class[]) null);
            m.invoke(device, (Object[]) null);
        } catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {
            Log.e("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED", "Error removing bond");
        }
    }
}

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evento = "<font color='red'>Dispositivo Bloqueado ("+uuid+"): " + device.getAddress() + "; " + device.getName();
  log += logAdapter(uriData, evento);
  showToast("Dispositivo bloqueado ("+uuid+"): " + device.getAddress() + "; " +
    device.getName());
  } catch (Exception e) {
    Log.e("ACTION_ACL_CONNECTED", e.getMessage());
    evento = "<font color='red'>Error de Dispositivo Bloqueado ("+uuid+"): " + device.getAddress() + "; " + device.getName();
  }
  }
}
  }
  }
  }
  }
}

if (action.equals(BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECTED)) {
  log += logAdapter(uriData,"BluetoothDevice." + BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_NAME +" - " +
  BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECTED);
  evento = "<font color='green'>BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECTED";
  evt.setEventLog(evento);
  dbHelper.saveEvent(evt);
  logger = writeLog(log, "BluetoothAdapter.txt");
  showToastLog = "BluetoothDevice." + BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_NAME +" - " +
  BluetoothDevice.ACTION_ACL_DISCONNECTED;
  showToast(showToastLog);
  }
}

Fig. 7: Adapter State Connection Validation function
b) **Device blocking**

The state the device is found, is extremely important for the app. Therefore, if the app finds a device and this is active, when establishing a connection, it can be blocked to avoid negative actions to our device from this unwanted device. The following method blockDevice validates the state from this device and updates the blocked column from the Devices chart.

```java
public boolean blockDevice(device dev){
    boolean result = false;
    String estado = "bloqueado";
    try {
        String args [] = new String [1];
        args[0] = dev.getAddress();
        Cursor cursor = this.getDevice(devicesContract.deviceEntry.tableName,null,devicesContract.deviceEntry.address + "=", args, null, null, null);
        if (cursor.getCount() > 0){
            cursor.moveToFirst();
            String bloqueado = cursor.getString(cursor.getColumnIndex(devicesContract.deviceEntry.bloqueado));
            if (bloqueado == null){
                estado = "bloqueado";
            } else if (bloqueado.equals("bloqueado")) {
                estado = "desbloqueado";
            }
        } else {
            Log.e("deviceDBHelper", "Error bloqueando Dispositivo no emparejado:" + dev.getAddress());
        }
        ContentValues cv = new ContentValues();
        cv.put(devicesContract.deviceEntry.bloqueado, estado);
        SQLiteDatabase db = getWritableDatabase();
        db.update(devicesContract.deviceEntry.tableName, cv, devicesContract.deviceEntry.address + "=", null);
        result = true;
    } catch (Exception e){
        Log.e("deviceDBHelper", "Error bloqueando Dispositivo: " + e.toString());
    }
    return result;
}
```

---

**Fig. 8:** Block Device Function

V. **Testing Phase**

a) **Bluejacking attack phase**

Attack deploy: To start we use the app BlueLock in the target device 2 with MAC A0:8D:16:88:A5:BD and block all the devices that have bluetooth activated. Then, we create a new contact in the attacker device 1 with MAC MAC C0:8C:71:84:94:A1 and it is sent or shared to the target device.
i. Bluejacking attack results

After executing the test, we can see the app blocks the contact sent, blocking all the communication channels between those devices.

b) Bluesnarfing attack test

i. Deploying attack

This attack is similar to the previous one, but it enters and steals information from the attacked device. We execute the same previous commands and we get the results shown in the console.

```
root@kali:~# sdptool browse --tree --l2cap C0:8C:71:84:94:A1
Failed to connect to SDP server on C0:8C:71:84:94:A1: Connection timed out
root@kali:~# sdptool browse --tree --l2cap C0:8C:71:84:94:A1
Failed to connect to SDP server on C0:8C:71:84:94:A1: Operation already in progress
root@kali:~# sdptool browse --tree --l2cap C0:8C:71:84:94:A1
Failed to connect to SDP server on C0:8C:71:84:94:A1: Connection timed out
root@kali:~#
```

ii. Bluesnarfing attack results

The attacked device avoids the description services reading and keeps inaccessible to the attacker device.

VI. Analysis Results

When we deployed the attacks and used the app Bluelock, we got a positive result due to the effectiveness when blocking attacker devices trying to deploy their attacks. In the bluejacking, it does not allow incoming notifications from the corrupted contact, and in the Bluesnarfing it was completely stopped since the device tried to start communication.

The app, through the blocking device functionality, offers better security and control of the device Bluetooth connections, because it allows the user to choose the devices that will be able to establish a connection and keep track of the bluetooth connections events. After testing the file transfer and Bluetooth attacks we see in the app the functionality filter for the bluetooth adapter states works as expected, so its functionalities could be expanded, defining protocols for every single state of the Bluetooth adapter, increasing the app’s usability and security to protect our information from Bluetooth attacks.

The log registration allows us to access the Bluetooth adapter communication events in a short time range and to detect unusual events that take place in the Bluetooth interface range.

The functionality of the app consists in the device’s bluetooth adapter control. In case the interface does not respond, it will need to be reseted to get control again, this action can be done by BlueLock.

An app that allows us to see the Bluetooth interface actions is not easily found, because they happen under a transparent communication cape for the user. So with the app BlueLock we can offer a better control of the use that bluetooth connections represent and the events at the moment of establishing connections.

V. Conclusions

The synergy between hacking and the bluetooth attacks, along with software development, allows them to complement each other, facilitating the design, development, testing and deploying of software solutions that improve security in device communication interface, and allow the implementation of closed mobile communication systems.

Most Bluetooth attacks are done while the device’s interface is active, due to the protocol working as a receptor waiting for incoming communications and in that state attacks like Bluesnarfing can take place and steal information, taking advantage of the human factor to reach closeness of the target device.

Software solutions for mobile devices focused on connection validation and data packages can improve Android devices’ security in places like...
apartment buildings where there are a lot of mobile devices active and we have a higher chance to be hacked in such environments. BlueLock is a security app oriented to connectivity events that allows unwanted device detection and offers the chance to block them at any time. This is possible by validating the Bluetooth interface state through Intent filters, that is sensible to the Bluetooth adapter changes.

The robustness of the testing set for BlueLock solution, has given positive security results that allow us to block Bluejacking or Bluesnarfing attacks coming from previously blocked devices. In conclusion, we are allowing the user to be responsible for managing the device he allows or not to connect.

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I. Introduction

The inefficiency of existing implementations of RSA cryptosystem in real-time applications calls for identifying new methods that would allow to take advantage of its otherwise attractive features. Currently there are no known methods analogous to RSA algorithms that could protect information in real-time applications such as mobile or voice communications. We consider the possibility of using a modified RSA algorithm, labeled RSA-m. The idea underlying the modification is to send not the encrypted information through open or even secured channels but only some specific data about its encryption instead. We offer several versions of such a modification which, however, require additional research. The ultimate purpose is to increase the working speed of the algorithm similar to RSA system to exploit its full potential in real-time information transmission.

The relatively low working speed but high cryptographic resistance of the RSA system motivate the cryptographers’ search for potential improvements to the system to enable its use with the typical information flows or for securing of real-time information where privacy needs to be protected in the short term (from few minutes to several months). Below we consider one of such procedures, based on transmitting not the information itself, but only some indirect data about this information in real time. The amount of these data is much lower than the original information and, therefore, these data can be transmitted in encrypted form with required crypto resistance through the channels with limited speed and bandwidth (e.g., 64 KB/s) based on the use of, e.g., RSA cryptosystem, but without significant delays in time. The amount of transmitted information can be significantly reduced, e.g., by representing it in the formant form, which allows to reduce its encryption (decryption) time to be commensurate with the bandwidth of mobile communication channels. Another strategy for modifying encryption algorithms in mobile communications in this case is based on the use of short keys, but with the provision of the high speed of their turnover. The author considers this extension in another publication.

II. Information Protection using RSA-MAB Algorithm

The main idea of the proposed algorithm is in using so-called numeric formants, which were introduced in [1] and detailed in [2] and [3]. Numeric formants allow to represent any
number as a simple linear structure. Moreover, the time needed to represent and to recover the number for the encryption and decryption will be significantly lower than the time required when using of the algorithms of the classical RSA system.

It is known from [1], that linear and/or nonlinear formants using only 3 or a few more parameters, allow to significantly reduce the length of the digital message regardless of the length of the transmitted number \( n \). The advantage of such an approach is that the so-called base of the formant can be any simple or composite number of substantially lower length than is required for the encryption in the classic RSA cryptosystem.

Below we consider several algorithms using linear formants for the transmission of the information requiring short-term secrecy, where the amount of time needed for encryption and decryption is considerably reduced, even after accounting for the additional operations for transforming the message.

a) **AB1 Algorithm**

As known from [2] and [3], any number \( N \) can be represented, in terms of the formant analysis, as a binomial structure \( N = pk + q \), where \( p \) is the formant’s base, \( k \) is the core and \( q \) is the remainder. Knowing these three arguments allows us to easily recover the initial number. Types, properties and characteristics of the formant algebra are described in [1].

This way of representing numbers allows to encrypt not the number \( N \) itself, but only 3 small numbers instead. The main difference is that \( N \) is a large number of the order of \( 10^{20} \ldots 10^{300} \) or higher, while \( p \), \( k \) and \( q \) are any whole numbers, simple or composite, the length of which is determined only by the required transmission speed through an open channel. It is recommended to choose the base of the formant \( p \) as a number with a length of the order of magnitude of the RSA key, such as a number, corresponding to the block cipher and which doesn’t lead to the reduction of the transmission speed. This recommendation allows to use the RSA keys of the medium length, while the presence of the fast simple number generator in the system allows to change them quickly, even in the block format, which will obviously increase the difficulty of hacking.

To implement the RSA-m algorithm, a dynamic database is created in the memory, for instance, in a format of the matrix \( P \) with indexed cells which keep pre-generated information used for the formant construction. For example, a \( 100 \times 100 \) matrix can contain such information for 10,000 different formants.

After each single use of all of the values \( p_{ij} \) of the matrix \( P \) the algorithm prescribes an automatic update of all cells of the matrix, on sending and receiving sides.

Depending on the required strength of the encryption, the matrix in the memory of the microprocessor may be built with a hard or flexible updating program, with an automatic or manual transmission of the matrix. In one version it could even be the same matrix, where the cell names are changed based on an index. The remainder and the core values are then encrypted using the RSA-m algorithm, cryptoresistance of which is guaranteed by the switch in real-time of the keys for each binomial \( d \)--bit number of an analog signal or of a symbol (number, byte, block) in an open digital message. On the receiving end, the message is decrypted with a special procedure, which recognizes transmitted cell addresses and decrypts other arguments of each formant, allowing to restore the true value of the transmitted numerical message. The message itself can be a text message in any possible language, an image of any class and type, a piece of speech or music, etc. Figure 1 contains a block-scheme of the AB1 algorithm.
1. From the analog signal being transmitted, after digitizing it, the block is formed: binomial message of 32(64)... bit;
2. From the basic matrix block in the memory of the device the base of the formant $p_{ij}$ is randomly chosen and recorded in the cell $d_1$;
3. Numeric block 64 bit (Ex. 1) is represented in the formant format. Its core $k_i$ and remainder $q_i$ are defined: $k_i = d_2$ and $q_i = d_3$;
4. The encryption keys for encrypting numbers $k_i = d_2$ and $q_i = d_3$ are chosen;
5. The message $d1d2d3$ about the formant is formed;
6. The message $d1d2d3$ about the formant is encrypted;
7. Encrypted data is passed through an open channel;
8. The block of 64...bit is received;
9. The base of the formant $p_{ij}$ is extracted from the received block;
10. Numbers $k_i = d_2$ and $q_i = d_3$ are extracted from the block;
11. The message-formant is recovered: $F = p_{ij} \cdot k_i + q_i = p_i \cdot d_2 + d_3$.

Let’s consider a simple example that illustrates the RSA-m algorithm’s application.

**Example 1.** Let’s encrypt the message “HFTY”. For simplicity we will use small numbers (in practice, much larger numbers are used, by several orders of magnitude).

1. Let’s pick two simple numbers $p = 3$ and $q = 11$. Their product is $N = 3 \cdot 11 = 33$.
2. Find $(p - 1)(q - 1) = 2 \cdot 10 = 20$. Therefore, the number for the private key $d$ can be chosen to be smaller than 20 and a co-prime integer with 20, e.g., $d = 3$ (or another: 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, ...).
3. Now let’s select an open key - number $e$. We can choose any number that satisfies the relation $(e \cdot d) = 1 (mod\ 20)$. With $d = 33$, $e$ must satisfy $(e \cdot 3)(mod\ 20) = 1$ as e.g., $e = 7$ does. Indeed, $7 \cdot 3 = 21$; $21(mod\ 20) = 1$.
4. Let’s represent the message that is being encrypted as a sequence of whole numbers by applying, e.g., the following assignment: $F \rightarrow 1, \ T \rightarrow 2, \ H \rightarrow 3, \ Y \rightarrow 4$. Then the encoded message is then: “HFTY” = (3, 1, 2, 4) = S1. Let’s encrypt this message using an open key $\{e, N\} = \{7, 33\}$.

$\text{Cipher } T1 = (P^7)(mod\ N) = (3^7)(mod\ 33) = 2, 187 \ (mod\ 33) = 9$; first we raise the number to the power, then divide it by modulo $N$. The division remainder yields the result of the encryption.

$\text{Cipher } T2 = (A^7)(mod\ N) = (1^7)(mod\ 33) = 1 \ (mod\ 33) = 1$,

$\text{Cipher } T3 = (E^7)(mod\ N) = (2^7)(mod\ 33) = 128 \ (mod\ 33) = 29$. 

Let’s consider a simple example that illustrates the RSA-m algorithm’s application.
\[ Cipher \ T4 = (H^7)(mod \ N) = (4^7)(mod \ 33) = 16, \ 384 \ (mod \ 33) = 16. \]

Thus, the open message \( S1 = HFTY = (3, 1, 2, 4) \) can be represented as an encrypted message \( SE1 \), i.e., the numerical sequence \( SE1 = (9, 1, 29, 16) \), which, for instance, corresponds to the text “PFLJ”.

5. Now let’s create an encrypted message for the transmission through an open channel that includes the auxiliary information, for example, of the following type (it can be of any order or content).

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
003 & 023 & 009 & 001 & 029 & 016 & \ldots & 0?101&c \\
\text{for 3 ranks cell address} & P & A & E & H & \ldots & \text{add'l information} \\
\end{array}
\]

- The first three decimals - the digit number for the code processing; shows us the length of the machine word, i.e. every three decimal digits.
- The second group of decimals - the cell number of matrix \( P \) in memory, which the controller on the receiving side must extract from memory.
- The third group of three decimal digits contains information for the decryption with RSA algorithm (can contain any number of the “triples” depending on the length of the sent block of bits - 16, 32, 64 etc.).
- The last, for instance, 6 or more digits include additional service information: the ending of the sent message, the parity check etc. Thus, while sending 64...-bit, we must choose the first and the last 6 digits, which contain all the information about decryption of the remaining 58 decimal digits.

We created encrypted message \( \{9, 1, 29, 16\} \), which is the result of the cryptography with a secret key \( \{7, 33\} \). On the receiving side in the cell \( p_i = p_{23} \) the corresponding numbers are located: “private key \( d \)’ and the modulus of the cryptokey: \( d = 3; N = 33 \). That is why it is so easy to decrypt the encrypted message “912916”.

Let’s decrypt the received encrypted message \( (9, 1, 29, 16) = PFLJ \) on the basis of the private key \( \{d, N\} = \{3, 33\} \). We get

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Initial } T1 &= (9^3)(mod \ 33) = 729 (mod \ 33) = 3, \\
\text{Initial } T2 &= (1^3)(mod \ 33) = 1 (mod \ 33) = 1, \\
\text{Initial } T3 &= (29^3)(mod \ 33) = 24389 (mod \ 33) = 2, \\
\text{Initial } T4 &= (16^3)(mod \ 33) = 4096 (mod \ 33) = 4; \ (3, 1, 2, 4) \rightarrow “HFTY” \cdot QED. \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[ b) \ \text{AB2 Algorithm} \]

\[ \text{Version 1. Storage cells indexing.} \]

1. In the matrix of 10,000 cells (1000 rows x 1000 columns) the cells are numbered in the natural order; they can also be represented as a double-index variable \( p_{ij} \), where \( ij = 00, 01, \ldots 99 \). For example, the cell \#457 has index \( p_{0457} \), and the cell \#4057 will have the number or index-address \( p_{4057} \).

2. Each cell \( P_{ij}(e, d, n) \) of the matrix \( P \), will now contain the index number, which is encrypted by RSA-m system. For instance, in the cell \#0009 this number is 3; cell
#0001 will contain number 1; cell #0029 - number 2; cell #0016 - number 4, which corresponds to the decryption with the key \( d = 3 \); \( N = 33 \); and encrypted with the key \( e = 7 \). Other cells of the array will be filled in exactly the same way.

3. The algorithm of the cell mixing in Version 1 does not change the cell’s content; it only changes its index number.

To further increase the cryptoresistance level of the RSA-mAB algorithm, we could randomly change the length of the encrypted blocks, with the corresponding change of the cryptokeys’ length. The number of such arrays and their size depend on how long the information needs to be kept secret and on the memory size of the controller on which the RSA-mAB will be realized.

**Version 2. Application of the formant analysis.** The block-message with the length 32 (64)… bit is formed.

1. The \( p_{ij} \) formant base is randomly selected from the basic matrix and its number is written as the message \( d_1 \) (the base of the created formant is stored in the cell \( d_1 \)).
2. The initial number of the formed informational block is represented in the formant form, and all its remaining parameters (the core \( k_i = d_2 \) and remainder \( q_i = d_3 \), are defined by the selected base and are written in the messages \( d_2 \) and \( d_3 \).
3. Transmitted message \( d_1d_2d_3 \) is formed.
4. Crypto keys for encryption of cores \( k_i \) and remainders \( q_i \) are generated.
5. The message about the \( d_1d_2d_3 \) formant is encrypted.
6. Encrypted message is transmitted through an open communication channel.
7. The block 64… bit is received.
8. Coordinate-address \( p_{ij} \) is extracted from the received block.
9. The value of the formant base is restored.
10. \( k_i \) and \( q_i \) are extracted from the corresponding block.
11. The formant is restored from the encrypted message using the standard formula.

As a similar example, consider the encryption of the message “EDA” or of its numeric code 651. Let’s represent the 651 code in the formant form, i.e. as the sum of a product and a remainder, and choose as the base, e.g., random simple numbers 237, 54, 119, etc. The matrix of the RSA-m system keys from Version 1 is replaced by the format’s base matrix, which creates the first set of the randomly chosen bases of various length and properties (simple or composite). Returning to our example, recall that our message is: \( S^2 = 651 \).

- We choose the base randomly, e.g., \( p = 54 \). In the controller’s storage write down \( d_1 = 54 \).
- Calculate the formant of the number 651 on the base 54: \( F_{54}(651) = 12 \times 54 + 3 \). Write down in the storage it’s arguments: \( k_i = d_2 = 12 \) and \( q_i = d_3 = 3 \).
- The machine defines the length of the information block \( S_0 \) being formed for encrypting (for example, the first three triples of decimals): \( S_0 = 054012003 \).
- Choose the encryption key \( e \) from the cell \#54 of the key matrix in memory.
- The message is encrypted:

\[
C_1 = 54^7 (mod 33) = 24, 794, 911, 296 (mod 33) = 12;
\]
\[ C_2 = 12^7 \pmod{33} = 35,831,808 \pmod{33} = 12; \]
\[ C_3 = 3^7 \pmod{33} = 823,543 \pmod{33} = 28. \]

Thus, the encrypted message will take the following form: 012012028. Next, we form the transmitting block with the additional service information and send it through the open channel to be decrypted on the receiving side:

- Decrypt the block, which yields \( \begin{array}{ccc} 54 & 12 & 3 \end{array} \)

- Restore the formant: \( S2 = 54 \times 12 + 3 = 651 \rightarrow EDA. \)

### III. Conclusion

The discussion and the examples provided above illustrate the conceptual possibility of transmitting encrypted voice messages in real-time mode with transmission speed of about 64 kb/s, using, for example, the connection channel such as Telegram or Telegram Messenger.

Clearly, other approaches based on the use of formants for message transmission are also possible, e.g., 10 different approaches are described in [3]. We considered the most obvious ones. For example, matrix \( M1 \) \( 12 \times 12 \) contains \( 64 \times 64 = 4,096 \) decimals (digits), which will be encrypted with 64 different keys. First, 64 bit digits are encrypted (rank: 6 decimal digits). Double the number of digits and begin encrypting 124-bit numbers in order to raise the rank to 12 decimal digits. \( 2^{10} = 1,024 \) bit-numbers and each 10-bit number is located in the cell of matrix \( 10 \times 10 = 1,000 \approx 1024. \)

For matrix \( M2 \) \( 64 \times 64 \) – a matrix with a rank of 10 decimals (number of bits) – there are \( 4,096 = 2^{12} \) of digits selected, which are encrypted with the key \( K1. \) In matrix \( M2 \) the same 4,096 digits are selected, but encrypted with another key \( K2, \) etc. Then, matrices \( MZ - KZ, \) where \( Z \) represents the length (number of bits) of encryption keys, for example 10 or 100 etc. what allows to significantly reduce the duration of encryption by replacing multiple number multiplications with simpler processes. This allows to use the RSA-mAB1 algorithm for protection of real-time information and to improve the stability of cryptographic keys with frequent changes in the block length.

\( MZ \) matrices can be built separately (independently) using different methods. In the \( AB1 \) algorithm this operation differs with respect to the content of the matrices, because they were created with the use of different keys.

\( AB2 \) algorithm uses one and the same matrix, with unchanged content of its cells, but it changes cell addresses. The redistribution of cells’ contents of matrix \( M \) can be implemented in various ways. It can be random or according to some algorithm applied to each matrix cell such as, e.g., the relation \( p_{ij} = p_{(i+k, j+l)}, \) changing \( k \) and \( j \) in a such way, that all or just some cells are affected by the algorithm.

Our library of algorithms includes an extended \( AB - univ \) algorithm which allows to use any of the algorithms described above for real-time crypto-problems. Obviously, such message will be more difficult to decrypt in a relevantly short time. Even with writing a message on hard media, it can not be reasonably quickly decrypted so that hacking will require dozens of years, as the hacker knows neither the length (range) of keys, nor the block length, nor the transition rule from one pair of keys to another. Besides, he doesn’t know the keys at all.
This is *internal information of the security system*. Each external communication can be of the same type, but its content will differ in the meaning of the information transmitted in each session and the same phonemes will be represented in different messages by different codes.

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FPGA-Based Multi-Channel A/D Converter by Optimal Duty-Cycle Modulation Technique

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Abstract- In this article, we present the multichannel architecture of the analog-to-digital converter based on the duty cycle modulation technique with prototyping on FPGA hardware targets. This diagram is the continuation of the work presented in [1],[2] proving the feasibility of the single-channel version of this converter on the one hand and its characterization on the other. This conversion approach is based on the use of parallel duty cycle modulation cells, each used as an independent 1-bit interfacing circuit per analog channel. In addition, all of the modulated output bits associated with all of the analog inputs are simultaneously sampled and processed. The principle already demonstrated [11] and the important properties revealed by this A/D conversion scheme studied in depth in the review articles are presented, then, an experiment with a 4-channel virtual oscilloscope is presented, in order to show the potential results of the prototype of the multi-channel version of the FPGA-based converter.

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FPGA-Based Multi-Channel A/D Converter by Optimal Duty-Cycle Modulation Technique

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Abstract - In this article, we present the multichannel architecture of the analog-to-digital converter based on the duty cycle modulation technique with prototyping on FPGA hardware targets. This diagram is the continuation of the work presented in [1],[2] proving the feasibility of the single-channel version of this converter on the one hand and its characterization on the other. This conversion approach is based on the use of parallel duty cycle modulation cells, each used as an independent 1-bit interfacing circuit per analog channel. In addition, all of the modulated output bits associated with all of the analog inputs are simultaneously sampled and processed. The principle already demonstrated [1] and the important properties revealed by this A/D conversion scheme studied in depth in the review articles are presented, then, an experiment with a 4-channel virtual oscilloscope is presented, in order to show the potential results of the prototype of the multi-channel version of the FPGA-based converter. The design and implementation are carried out by software and hardware co-simulation using platforms such as the Simulink / Xilinx based system generators in which the ODCM-ADC is implemented, and the programming tool Vivado 2019.2 from Xilinx. The hardware platform consists of the Zynq 7000 FPGA kit (25 MHz sample clock), equipped with an integrated FPGA-based IIR (Infinite impulse response) digital decimation filter and a JTAG communication cable / connectors on PC. The co-simulation systems are built and successfully tested for a modulating bandwidth of 3 KHz. These performance levels, obtained under virtual and hardware co-simulation conditions, show a relevant challenge of an oversampling multichannel ADC, compared to most ADC oversampling techniques. As a merit, the proposed FPGA-based ADC technique is a novel and relevant ADC architecture for on-board instrumentation systems and industrial electronics.

Keywords: analog-to-digital converter, optimal duty-cycle modulation, iir decimation filter, FPGA, JTAG communication, virtual and hardware co-simulation, embedded instrumentation systems, virtual simulation, multichannel.

I. INTRODUCTION

Multichannel analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) are necessary in a context of digital processing of signals coming from several sensors or sources given that nature is essentially analog through its manifestations which can be images, sound, vibrations. The great power of digital computers has revolutionized the fields of industrial instrumentation and systems engineering through analog-to-digital converters which combine the role of interface between the analog world and the computer. Many applications require the digitization of signals from current output sensors, such as photo sensors and photodiodes, and in multichannel conversion systems lower power per channel is important so that as the number of channels increases, the power does not increase. not increase drastically [3], [4]. Thus, the possibility of directly digitizing the currents without current-to-voltage conversion saves the energy, the surface area and the design time necessary for the implementation of the converters. The main objective of this article is to study and implement on FPGA and test an optimal multichannel cyclic cycle modulation ADC. This circuit provides an interface to analog sensors and minimizes the dynamic range dependence of the conventional oversampling ADC on the supply voltage. The following sections explain the history, background, of the duty cycle modulation technique.

![Fig. 1: Oversampling ADC principle[1]](image)

In Section II, the knowledge on the DCM-based ADC topology is outlined. Then, a case study and prototyping multi-channel A/D converter is presented in Section III, followed in Section IV by the hardware co-simulation results. Then, the conclusion of the paper is presented in Section V.

II. RECALL OF ODCM-ADC ARCHITECTURE

![Fig. 2: DCM-Based ADC topology[1]](image)
The block diagram of our multi-channel ODCM-ADC is inspired by the single-channel converter taken from [2], and is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of two main parts, connected in tandem, that is to say an optimal upstream DCM circuit (see Fig. 2 (a)) with modulating input \( x \) and DCM output \( x_m(t) \), and an optimal downstream digital filter IIR (Infinite Impulse Response) (see Fig. 2 (b)). The optimal DCM demodulator circuit is modeled by a set of nonlinear parameters which form a constrained optimization problem, while the optimal IIR filter is synthesized according to the specifications of the weighted \( p \)th standard. The optimal parameters of multi-channel ADC system prototyping based on optimal duty cycle modulation considered in this section are taken from previous work [1] namely: \( f_s = 25 \text{MHz} \) (sampling period or \( T_s = 1 / f_s = 40 \text{ns so equivalent} \), \( f_s = 3 \text{KHz} \) (modulating bandwidth), \( f_m(0) = 172 \text{KHz} \) (DCM base oversampling frequency), \( E = 9 \) volts (power), \( \alpha = 0.012366816265686 \) where \( \alpha \) = \( R1 / (R1 + R2) \) and \( RC = 0.000115510618677 \text{ s} \). It should be remembered from [1] that the DCM circuit shown in Fig. 2 is modeled by equation (1), which is quite easy to implement in the Matlab / Simulink framework. In addition, the transfer function \( z \) of the second-order optimal digital IIR decimation filter is given by (2).

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{u}^*(t) &= \alpha \, x_m(t) + (1 - \alpha) \, x(t) \quad (a) \\
\mathbf{e}(t) &= \mathbf{u}^*(t) - u_c(t) \quad (b) \\
x_m(t) &= E \, \mathbf{e}(t) \quad (c) \\
\frac{d\mathbf{u}_c(t)}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{\tau} \, \mathbf{u}_c(t) + \frac{1}{\tau} \, x_m(t) \quad (d) \\
x(t) &< E \quad (e) \\
F_0(z) &= \frac{b_2 z^2 + b_1 z + b_0}{z^2 + a_1 z + a_0} \\
&= \frac{8.263545624646787 \, e^{-08}}{8.263545624646787 + 1.99977785993610 + 0.000115106186777} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Thus, the sampling theorem used in digital signal processing [1] is applicable in this case to the target modulated wave \( x_m(t) \) to be sampled. Let \( f_{osc} \) being the fundamental frequency of the oscillator associated with the \( j \)th channel, its maximum value \( f_{osc} \), max which occurs for \( x(t) = 0 \), is assumed to be an identical constant for all channels, in which case the bandwidth \( f_{max} \) related to the periodic square wave is large enough compared to \( f_{max} \) [9]. Thus, assuming that the admissible bandwidth of the \( j \)th analog signal \( x(t) \) is a constant \( f_{Bj} \), then the following constraint should be satisfied when choosing the simultaneous sampling frequency \( f_s \).

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{f}_{max} (0, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2 \pi \ln \left( \frac{a+1}{\alpha a} \right)} \\
\mathbf{f}_{min} (x_{max}, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2 \pi \ln \left( \frac{1-(1-a) x_{max}}{(1-a) x_{max}} \right)} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 3(c) is a Simulink-based model of the DCM circuit given by (1), with analog modulating input \( Xs \equiv x \) as in Fig. 2(a), and with a sampled modulation output \( x_m \). Then, the downstream subsystem presented in Fig. 2(b) is modeled as a digital IIR filter given by (2), which is implemented using visual building resources and configuration panels available in Xilinx System Generator frame work. The IIR filter is implemented according to the direct form approach. The implemented only required 5 multipliers, 5 registers and an added tree, although the full resolution is maintained across the multipliers and the tree. In addition, the data width cannot grow indefinitely, and thus a quantization block is placed at the output of the adder to reduce the width of the data. At this step, it is worth noting that the whole schematic diagrams presented in Fig 2, is tested over the modulating bandwidth followed by the creation and the configuration of an additional hwcosimblock for further hardware co-simulation requirements. In addition, the DSP code for the target FPGA is generated as an input module for Xilinx ISE framework. As an implication the related high level RTL diagram shown in Fig. 4, is organized into 9 digital processing modules.

\[\begin{align*}
(2R_m(x, \alpha) - 1)E + \sum_{n=1}^{n=4} \sin \left( \frac{\pi R_m(x, \alpha)}{n} \right) \cos \left( \frac{2\pi n t}{T_m(x)} \right)
\end{align*}\]
addition, a sample of detailed result related to a sine modulating input (1 KHz, 100Hz, 1.5kHz, 2kHz, 1 Vpp) is presented in Fig. 4, whereas all results of hardware co-simulation obtained under variable modulating frequencies are summarized in Fig. 4 [5].

b) Design chart of a multichannel ODCM-ADC based on FPGA

The design workflow for an FPGA application is usually done in several stages. First of all, algorithmic specifications make it possible to define the architecture by an algorithm-architecture fit approach. This architecture is then described with the HDL language. You can then simulate the system and modify it if necessary [2]. Then come the phases of synthesis and routing placement, which consist in determining which elements will actually be used in the FPGA and how they will be connected to each other, where in the component they will be placed, etc. Each phase requires verification of the correct timing and, if necessary, modifications.

The hardware description language such as VHDL or Verilog, usually used for the development of FPGAs, are of a concurrent nature. Programming in VHDL implies a good knowledge not only of the algorithm but also of the FPGA and the compiler used[2]. To better exploit the intrinsic parallelism of the algorithm, it is necessary to perform the processing tasks in parallel (non-sequential) to satisfy the time constraints. For most control or signal processing specialists who are very often software researchers and engineers, these hardware languages are unfamiliar and sometimes difficult to use. This is probably one of the reasons holding back the democratization of FPGA technology. In an attempt to provide an appropriate solution to this problem, co-design platforms by association of several development environments have been proposed. The general System Generator/Simulink chart is shown in figure 3.

Figure 3: General diagram of the design flow

IV. Hardware Co-Simulation of Multichannel ODCM-ADC

Co-design is the design technique of the day for its many advantages so one can co-use MATLAB / Simulink software and System Generator building blocks to implement SISO downlink chip systems, or to propose a design of QPSK modulator on FPGA which consumes little power and using the hardware co-simulation, to obtain a reduction in the cost of the hardware requirements.

As part of this work, the development of the converter prototype is carried out with the XSG software.

This is a toolkit developed by Xilinx to be integrated into the Matlab/Simulink environment and which lets the user create highly parallel systems for FPGAs. The created models are displayed as blocks, and can be linked to other blocks and to other Matlab-Simulink toolkits such as SPS. Once the system is complete, the VHDL code generated by the XSG tool exactly reproduces the behavior observed in Matlab. For rapid prototyping, the choice of this tool is easily explained. As the conversion system needs to be checked and simulated often and quickly throughout development, it is much easier to analyze the results with Matlab than with the tools usually associated with VHDL, such as Modelsim[6], [7].
When the prototype is up and running, the switch to the hardware platform for field testing is rapid, making validation of the prototype a feasible project in the short term. The PC and the FPGA board are connected via a suitable communication cable/connectors (USB, Ethernet or JTAG). Thus, in a hardware co-simulation context, the digital signals involved in a DSP/FPGA chip are automatically uploaded to the PC-based virtual platform for real-time visualization. During a co-simulation session, the virtual simulator and the hardware DSP are simultaneously started and driven under the same operating conditions (input and parameters), while the real-time behavior of the hardware DSP is brought to the virtual simulation environment for rapid design, visualization and performance evaluation [8]. The co-simulation environment created in this research work for the rapid computation and evaluation of the predicted and experimental characteristics of multi-channel ODCM-ADC prototyping based on FPGA, is presented in Fig. 4.

![Figure 4: FPGA-Based ODCM-ADC design architecture](image)

Finally, a summary of simulation results obtained are presented in Fig. 7.

The results presented here show that, the proposed multichannel ODCM-based ADC offers high performance within 3 KHz of modulating bandwidth. The high level of predicted performance obtained from virtual simulation of a prototyping system, is a great challenge an oversampling ADC topology, consisting of a single stage of optimal 2\textsuperscript{nd} order digital decimation filter.
The figure above shows the converter model produced in Matlab’s Simulink environment. The modulator is realized in Simulink while the second order RII filter is realized together in Simulink for virtual simulation. For the software co-simulation, the blocks of the Xilinx System Generator toolbox were used. A successful simulation in the System Generator environment generates the hardware co-design block that allows the Matlab/Simulink environment to interact with the Zynq 7000 board. The filter will be implemented using the 4x4Filter block from Xilinx. The 4x4Filter block is a 4x4 mask that scans four lines of the input signal at a time to apply the chosen filter. Therefore, the system requires a buffer that accepts four lines of inputs at a time to be fed into the filter. Figure 5 is the model which shows how to design for the assembly.
V. Conclusion

This research was carried out in phases. First, the use of a filtering block with an input multiplexer and an output demultiplexer was studied, then 4x4 filtering blocks were studied. A unique way has been identified to incorporate these design techniques into the existing analog-to-digital converter so that the advantages of this mode of circuit design can be used to overcome some existing problems in the multi-channel architecture. The applications of this architecture are then defined. The sub-blocks of the architecture have been defined and designed according to the required specifications. The design and co-simulation have been successfully implemented on the Xilinx ZYNQ 7000 FPGA hardware target. It should be noted that the analog-to-digital converter thus produced owes its low cost of implementation and its high quality (stability, precision and robustness) both to the material simplicity and to the topological relevance of its DCM circuit interfacing. As a major discovery, the FPGA-based multichannel ODCM-ADC presented in this article, could be used as a potential new architectural solution for on-board instrumentation systems.

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I. Introduction

As GSM technology continues to advance with extremely remarkable features especially in data evolution aspects like LTE and 5G, the need to provide proper and effective interfaces between those features and lower evolutions like Global System for Mobile (GSM) and Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) which support voice is indeed a huge necessity to ensure uninterrupted continuous of services [4]. One of the most remarkable features of the 3G network is their integration with 2G networks. The current deployment of CS networks provides enabling interoperability and flexibility in handling handovers to allow uninterrupted continues of services.

The Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) coverage on one hand provides an extra coverage in the low signal strength region [1]. When a User Equipment (UE) establishes a call while in one UTRAN Registration Area (URA) and moving to another URA, in the handover region, the UE measures and compares the signaling received from the new cell detected through cell reselection (IRAT reselection) processes and hence attempts to make a successful handover provided the cell it camps on (serving cell) has a neighboring relations with the best detected or measured cell and that minimum Ec/Io and RSCP are met [6]. If this attempt of handover fails it can then lead of a possible call drop.

This document aims to meet the requirements by on-site engineers on solving handover and call drop problems and the optimization methodology required for evaluating network handover and call drop performance, testing and troubleshooting methods.

This paper is organized as follows: The Section I above describes a brief introduction of the concepts of handover and call drop being closely related. Section II represent the flow chart clearly indicating the necessary steps in detecting, evaluation, analysis and implementation of call drop and handover challenges. Section III represents the design and implementation of Drive Test (DT) procedure and optimization systems. Section IV aims at network optimization in handover success and call drop rates, detailing the specific network operation flow. In addition, to analyze common problems during network optimization; and finally the conclusions and references in the last Section V.

II. Drive Test (Call Quality Test) Optimization Flow

Drive Test and Call Quality Test are important to network evaluation and optimization. Drive Test and Call Quality KPIs act as standards for verifying networks. Overall, Drive Test helps to know the entire coverage, to locate cells with missing neighbor and to locate cross-cell coverage. Hard Handover and inter-RAT (Radio Access Technology) handover are used in coverage solutions for special scenarios in which Call Quality Test is proper. In this section we will briefly describe the Drive Test and Call Quality Test optimization flow in terms of SHO (Soft handover), HHO (Hard handover) and inter-RAT handovers.

While Inter-RAT handover fails are due to incomplete configuration data, ping-pong reselection, attention should be particularly paid on the data configurations such as RNC (Radio Network Controller) parameters like MCC (Mobile Country Code), MNC (Mobile Network Code), LAC (Local Area Code), BCC (Base station Color Code), etc.

Since handover failures are hardly due to data configurations errors or mismatch as the errors in these configurations most often leads to a related alarms usually displayed on the monitoring tool. Therefore, this section will focus on SHO to describe the optimization flow which might not be seen on the monitoring tool except for a drive test collected data on-site.

The flowchart of the proposed Soft Handover Drive Test detection and analysis is shown in Fig: 2.1 below. The sequence of events are explained below:
Figure 2.1: SHO DT data analysis flow

a) Inputting Analysis Data

In detecting and evaluating handover and call drop problems, a drive test is always a necessity to collect data, understand related signaling trace, RNC CHR and RNC MML Script. During the test, SHO-caused call drop might occur or SHO might fail, this spot is to be recorded and the time of occurrence of the problem also be noted for further location and analysis.

b) Missing Neighbor Cell

During the early optimization, a premature guess would be a call drop is usually due to missing neighbors. For intra-frequency neighbor cells, the following methods should be used to confirm intra-frequency missing neighbor cell.

- Check the active set Ec/Io recorded by UE before call drop and Best Server Ec/Io recorded by scanner. Check whether the Best Server scramble recorded by Scanner is in the neighbor cell list of intra-frequency measurement control before call drop. The cause might be intra-frequency missing neighbor cell if all the following conditions are met:
  - The Ec/Io recorded by UE is bad
  - The Best Server Ec/Io is good
  - No Best Server scramble is in the neighbor cell list of measurements control.

- If the UE reconnects to the network immediately after a call drop and the scramble of the cell that the UE camps on is different from that upon call drop, then missing neighbor cell is probable. Confirm it by measurement control (search the messages back from call drop for the latest intra-frequency measurement control message. Also check the neighbor cell list of this measurement control message).

As neighboring relations between cells of a network are very important to allow continued use of services, and since missing neighbor cell causes call drop, redundant neighbor cells also impacts network performance and increases the consumption of UE intra-frequency measurement. If this problem becomes critically serious, the necessary cells cannot be listed.

c) Pilot Pollution

Another factor affecting call drop and handover failure is pilot pollution. Pilot pollution usually exist at a point where excessive strong pilots exists, but no one is strong enough to be the primary pilot.

By definition, when setting rules for judging pilot pollution, confirm the following content:

- Definition of strong pilot: whether a pilot is strong depends on the absolute strength of the pilot, which is measured by Received Signal Code Power (RSCP). If the pilot RSCP is greater than a threshold, the pilot is a strong pilot, namely:
  \[ \text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP} > \text{Th}_{RSCP,\text{Absolute}} \]

- Definition of “excessive”: here the pilot number is the judgemental criteria. If the pilot number is more than a threshold, the pilots at a point are excessive, namely:
  \[ \text{CPICH}_\text{Number} > \text{Th}_N \]

- Definition of “No best server strong enough”: to compare the existence of the best stronger server, the judgement criteria is the relative strength of multiple pilots. If the strength difference of the strongest pilot and the number of the \((\text{Th}_N + 1)\) strong pilot is smaller than a threshold, then no best server strong enough exists at that point, namely:

\[
(\text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP}_{\text{last}} - \text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP}_{(\text{Th}_N + 1)}) < \text{Th}_{\text{RSCP, Relative}}
\]

Following the descriptions, pilot pollution exists if the following conditions are met:

- The number of pilots satisfying \(\text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP} > \text{Th}_{RSCP,\text{Absolute}}\) is more than \(\text{Th}_N\).

- \((\text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP}_{\text{last}} - \text{CPICH}_\text{RSCP}_{(\text{Th}_N + 1)}) < \text{Th}_{\text{RSCP, Relative}}\)
Set $Th_{RSCP\ Absolute} = -95$ dBm, $Th_{N} = 3$, and $Th_{RSCP\ Relative} = 5$ dB, the judgement standards for pilot pollution are:
- The number of pilots satisfying $CPICH\_RSCP > -95$dBm is greater than 3.
- $(CPICH\_RSCP_{1st} - CPICH\_RSCP_{4th}) < 5$dBm

d) Improper Configuration of SHO Algorithm Parameters
To eliminate problems of call drop and handover issues, the following two problems must be solved by adjusting algorithm parameters.
- Delay handover
  By the signaling flow for CS serices, the UE fails to receive active set update command. After the UE reports measurement message, the Ec/Io of original cell signals decrease sharply. When the RNC sends active set update message, the UE powers off the transmitter due to asynchronization. The UE cannot receive active set update message. For PS services, the UE might fail to receive active set update message or perform TRB (Traffic Radio Bearer) reset before handover. The delayed handover might be one of the following:
  - Turning corner effect: The Ec/Io of original cell decreases sharply and that the target cell increases greatly in response (an over high value appears)
  - Needlepoint effect: The Ec/Io of original cell decreases sharply before it increases and the Ec/Io of target cell increase sharply for a short time.
  According to the signaling flow, the UE reports the 1a and 1c measurement reports of neighbor cells before a call drop. Then the RNC receives the event and sends the active set update, which the UE fails to receive.
- Ping-pong Handover
Pinger pong handover is of the two forms below
- Since the best server changes frequently, two or more cells continuously alternate to be the best server. Also, since the period for each cell to be best server is short, the RSCP of the best server is strong.
- Multiple cells exist with little difference of abnormal RSCP, the Ec/Io for each cell is bad and therefore, no primary pilot cell exists.
  Referencing the signaling flow, when a cell is deleted, the 1a event is immediately reported. Consequently, the UE fails because it cannot receive the active set update command.
e) Abnormal Equipment
The failures or abnormal functionalities can always be troubleshooted starting with the alarm console for abnormal alarms. Meanwhile the trace messages are to be analyze, locate the SHO problem by checking the failure message.
f) Reperforming Drive Test and Locating Problems
If the problem is not due to any of the previous causes, perform DT again and collect DT data and supplemet data from problem analysis.
  After confirming the cause to the problem, adjust the network by using the following pertinent methods:
- For handover problems caused by pilot pollution, adjust engineering parameters of antenna so that a best server forms around the antenna. Also, adjust engineering parameters of other antennas so that signals from other antennas become weaker and the number of pilots drop. In the event that the aforementioned suggestions fail, construct a new site to cover this area if the conditions permit or combine the two cells as one if the interference is from two sectors of the same NodeB.
- For abnormal equipment, consult customer service engineer for abnormal equipment and transport layer on alarms console If alarms are present on alarm console, cooperate with customer service engineers
- For call drop caused by delayed handover, adjust antennas to expand the handover areas, set the handover parameters of 1a event or increase CIO (Cell Independent Offset) to enable handover to occur in advance.
- For needle effect or turning corner effect, setting CIO to 5 dB is proper, but this increases handover ratio.
- For call drop caused by Ping-pong handover, adjust the antenna to form a best server or reduce Ping pong handover by setting the handover parameter of 1B event, the 1B event threshold, 1B hysteresis and 1B delay trigger time.
To conduct a successful drive test, the drive test engineer needs to make sure the engineering parameters are up to date to have accurate records of the UE events during the drive test; these include antenna azimuths, heights, tilting (mechanical and electrical), frequency band on site, etc as the data collected helps to find and analyze the causes of call drops, handover failures and other network problems. The basic Genex drive test tool consist of the following components:

- A laptop with drive test software and GPS connection capability, data cables and multi-connector port.
- A GPS tracker,
- A Drive test mobile phone (e.g. Huawei MT7-L09)
- An inverter

a) Laptop

The Genex software is installed in the laptop as a tool to collect visualized data being collected, the route taken during the drive test and records the data to be analyzed with another software called “Genex Assistant”.

b) GPS Tool

The GPS tracker keeps tab of the movements of the drive test car on a map so as to cover the target route.

c) Drive Test mobile phone

One of the most important tools is the MS as the purpose of the drive test is to understand its behaviour in idle and connected modes. The tools make a capture of the events the MS is going through during the drive test like attempted calls, successful and unsuccessful calls, handover success rates, call drop rates, while also measuring the thresholds sets (coverage, offset, etc) for minimum handovers.

d) The Inverter

The inverter used here will be a DC to AC inverter. Its purpose is to keep the laptop charged during the drive test as it might be discharged during the drive test when the target drive test is not completed leading to either stop the drive test or lossage of data when it turns off by its completely discharged.

IV. Network Optimization of Call Drop Rate and Handover

The call drop point is related to signaling flow before call drop. The call drop can also be seen during the drive test analysis on a Genex Assistant tool like shown in Figure 4.1
a) Analysis

Check the pilot test data from UE and scanner at call drop points. Then check the scrambles recorded by UE active set and scanner before call drop. In the analysis, we realized the measurement result of UE active set and scanner is inconsistent as the scanner has a scrambling code not existing in the UE active set. The cause might be due to missing neighbor cell or delayed handover as the scrambling code does not even exist in the UE monitor set as shown in the figure 4.2 below.

If only the UE recorded information during test, without scanner information, then the call drop due to missing neighbor cell is to be confirmed using the following methods:

- Confirm the scrambles of all cells in active set and the scrambles of cells in monitor set measured by UE before a call drop.
- Compare the scramble information of the cell where the UE camps on after reselection, after a call drop and the scrambles in UE active set and monitor set before a call drop. If the former scramble is not in the scramble list of active and monitor set before call drop, then the call drop is probably due to missing neighbor cell.
- Check the neighbor cell list. This applies for solving call drop due to missing neighbor cell on site.

b) Solution

When a call drop is as a result of missing neighbor cell, then the neighbor cell should be added. This is because the RNC (Radio Network Controller) updates measurement control according to the best cell which is obtainable by searching for intra-frequency measurement report with 1D event before measurement control is sent.

In the post drive test, after adding the missing neighbors, another call drop was recorded but this time it was not due to RF (Radio Frequency) reason. The scrambles of all cells in active set and the scrambles of cells in monitor set measured by UE before and after a call drop are indeed neighbor cells as seen in figure 4.3.

V. Conclusions

In this paper, we have seen that handover is actually closely related to call drop. Hence, call drop minimization techniques employed here to reduce the number of call drops and enhance handover in mobile cellular networks are indeed efficient and reliable. One should not only limit to these techniques as there are many reasons leading to call drops and handover failures such as transmission failures, faulty channels, etc. However, for an optimization engineer, a drive test...
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drops or degradation in handovers.

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