



RF Communications & Terahertz Lab

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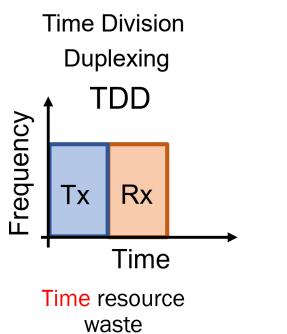
Ultra Wideband Flexible MIMO Radios for Energy Efficient Secure Spectrum Sharing

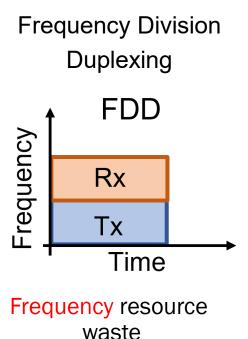
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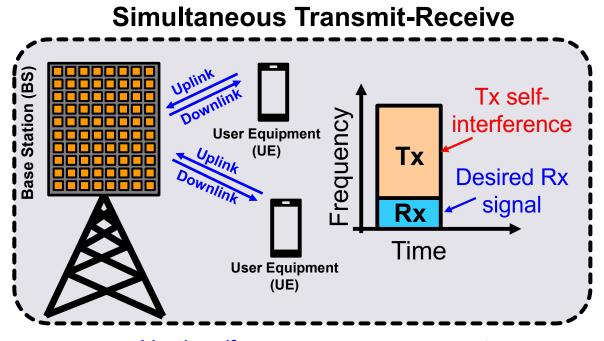
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# Introduction and Objectives







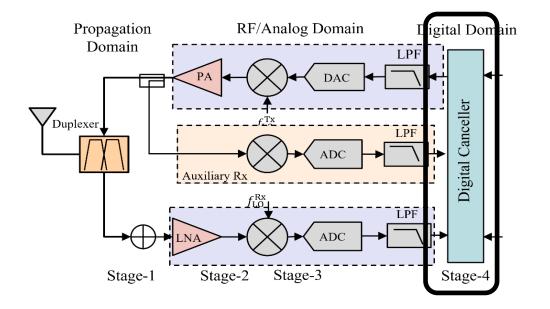


- No time/frequency resource waste
- Twice throughput
- Efficient spectrum utilization due to worldwide growth in W/L applications
- o Rapid advances in AR/VR, V2V, etc., implying need for swaths of bandwidth
- Low-cost versatile hardware to autonomously reconfigure and optimize W/L resources
- T-1: RF reconfigurability and spectrum aggregation to support active & passive users
- O T-2: Achieving improved *RF self-interference cancellation* for spectrum co-existence
- o T-3: Al-based models for security and privacy by detecting malicious (MitM and eavesdroppers) attacks

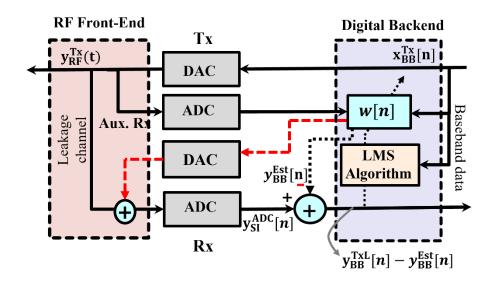
## Accomplishments



### **Multi-Stage SI Cancellation STAR Radio**



### **Stage-4 Digitally Assisted NL-SIC**



### **Cancellation Stages:**

Stage-1: Antenna domain

Stage-2: RF domain

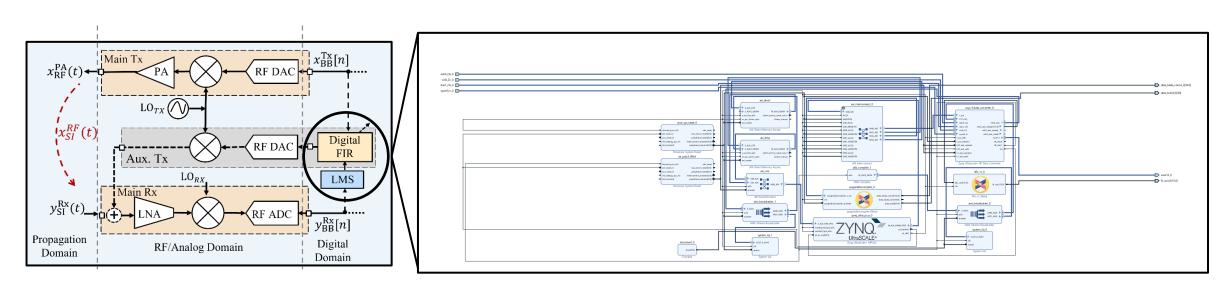
Stage-3: IF domain

Stage-4: Digital domain

- SI Reconstruction: ZCU-1111 backend
- Auxiliary Tx/Rx chain: capture & recreate nonlinearities
- Cancellation after ADC
- Digital FIR filter: 128-taps

## SI Channel Behavioral Modeling





#### SI channel

#### **Received SI:**

$$y_{\text{SI}}^{\text{ADC}}[n] = y_{\text{Tx}}^{\text{RF}}[n] * h_{SI} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} h_m y_{\text{Tx}}^{\text{RF}}[n-M]$$
 (Bandwidth limited by Lab hardware) • Capturing transmitted data through DAC on the

#### **Reconstructed SI:**

$$y'_{\text{SI}}^{\text{BB}}[n] = \sum_{m=1}^{M} h'_{m} x_{\text{Tx}}^{\text{BB}}[n-M]$$

### **Objective:**

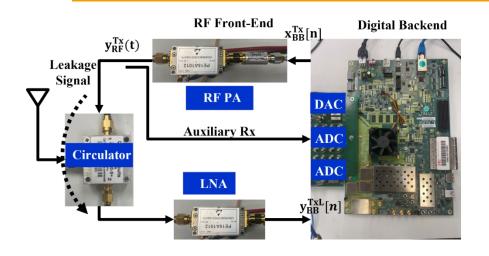
$$y_{\rm SI}^{\rm ADC}[n] \approx y_{\rm SI}^{\prime \rm BB}[n]$$
 (Received SI = Estimated SI)

### Digital FIR Filter Design Steps

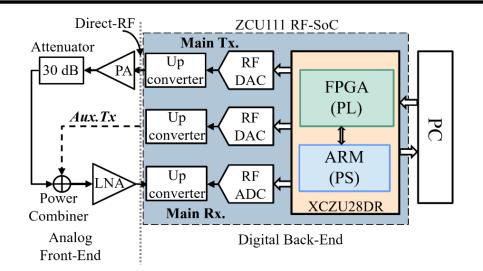
- Transmit waveform on the 500MHz FPGA fabric
- mixed-signal oscilloscope
- Captures ADC data through external loopback from DAC
- Estimate FIR coefficient and reconstruct SI
- Perform SI Cancellation on FPGA

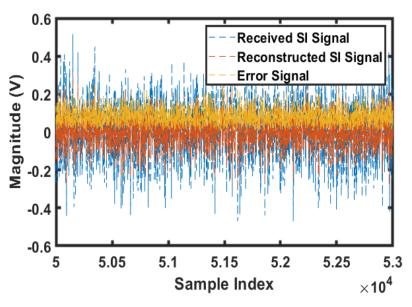
## Measurement Testbed for STAR Radio



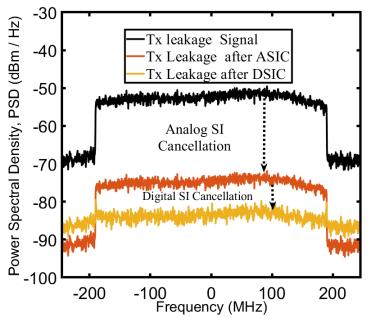


- PA, circulator and LNA: only analog components
- Direct-RF STAR radio : reduced hardware impairments





Time-domain analysis of reconstructed SI



Non-Linear SI cancellation for 400 MHz BW

# Broader Impact



- Next-G flexible, secure and adaptive RF front end development.
- COTS prototype demonstrated at FIU engineering expo to high school students and at 2 graduate-level workshops highlighting the need for effective spectrum utilization.
- Publications: 4-journal publication (2 in review process)
  - 2- Best Paper Awards at IEEE conferences
  - **15-Conference papers**

## Next Steps:

- Optimize RF cancellers to provide ~110 dB SI suppression
- Minimize STAR footprint (new fabrication using X-Microwave)