

# Cognitive-Radio-Based Internet-of-Things Networks

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Cognitive radio is pivotal in the utilization of an adequate radio spectrum source, with spectrum sensing optimizing cognitive radio network operations, opportunistic spectrum access and sensing able to boost the efficiency of cognitive radio networks, and cooperative spectrum sharing together with simultaneous wireless information and power transfer able increase spectrum and energy efficiency in 6G wireless communication networks and across IoT devices for efficient data exchange.

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## 1. Introduction

Cognitive radio has been developed due to spectrum scarcity and diminished exploitation <sup>[1]</sup> of allocated spectral resources by registered users, and should have more extensive spectral awareness that can be attained by taking advantage of more spectral options available for selection over a wideband spectrum. Cognitive radio technology can enhance spectrum use and mitigate spectrum scarcity across wireless networks <sup>[2]</sup>: spectrum sensing assists secondary users in identifying spectrum holes and accessing the unoccupied spectrum. Intelligent cognitive approaches can improve 5G network spectrum deployment to find a solution to spectrum congestion and thoroughly optimize radio efficiency. In cognitive radio networks, opportunistic spectrum access is typically harnessed for secondary users to identify primary user spectrum usage and detect spectrum holes for transiently sharing spectrum resources in data distribution across unoccupied channels. Access to an ample series of spectrum resources constitutes a main growth determinant for leveraging large-scale internet of Things (IoT) networks and first-rate mobile broadband services, while the spectrum may be a hindering element in 5G communication expansion.

Cognitive radio technology can dynamically distribute the unlicensed spectrum <sup>[3]</sup> for IoT-connected devices. Diverse wireless devices can access the primary user licensed spectrum. Cognitive-radio-based IoT networks assist interconnected devices <sup>[4]</sup> in efficiently leveraging spectrum resources. Cognitive radio technology can facilitate streamlined and opportunistic spectrum band utilization by use of vacant licensed channels <sup>[5]</sup>, articulating a massive spectrum that can further coherent extensive implementation for IoT networks. Spectrum sharing across cognitive radio networks develops dynamic spectrum access, where cognitive radio users can opportunistically use any area of the spectrum, resulting in coherent IoT deployment and enabling massive IoT device interactions by a media access control procedure that harnesses the available spectrum resources across cognitive radio-IoT networks.

## 2. Spectrum Sensing for Cognitive-Radio-Based IoT Networks

Cognitive radio networks reach a compromise <sup>[6]</sup> between energy and spectrum sensing efficiency. Spectrum sensing is pivotal in cognitive radio technology <sup>[7]</sup> whose sensing performance is typically assessed as false-alarm and detection probabilities. Spectrum sensing can optimize spectrum use <sup>[8]</sup> across cognitive radio networks. Spectrum-prediction-based sensing schemes reduce the energy use of the sensing module across cognitive radio networks <sup>[9]</sup> by inferring the status of spectrum before carrying out effective physical sensing. The joint mode of spectrum prediction can surmount local prediction model issues. Spectrum sensing, the energy-consuming procedure that should be decreased because of resource limitations <sup>[10]</sup>, enables cognitive users to distinctively detect unexploited radio spectrum segments and keep interference to primary users from happening. Cognitive-radio-enabled IoT cellular networks, incorporating heterogeneous primary user base stations and secondary user devices as IoT smart objects <sup>[11]</sup>, carry out collective spectrum sensing and the appropriate spectrum distribution to the soliciting secondary user-IoT devices by use of an intelligent fusion center. Short-time Fourier transform and convolutional neural network algorithms can assist spectrum sensing in finding a solution to the spectrum resource scarcity <sup>[12]</sup> through signal sample time–frequency domain information.

A cognitive radio network comprises primary and secondary users <sup>[13]</sup>: the latter sense the spectrum band to swiftly use the white space, resulting in spectrum efficiency improvement. Long short-term memory networks are satisfactorily

applicable for time-series data. Reliable spectrum sensing assists cognitive radio networks [14] in identifying and deploying unused and underused frequency bands. By employing historical detection data, online learning algorithms integrating the optimum decision threshold clarify the occurrence or nonappearance of the primary user [15], boosting the spectrum sensing performance and reducing the total error probability. Cognitive radio networks detect band vacant spots [16] by adequately sensing and distributing the spectrum to the demanding users. Multiobjective brainstorm optimization algorithms can manage the energy–throughput trade-off in cognitive radio networks and reduce the packet error rate [17], as throughput maximization can lead to high energy consumption. The spectrum sensing performance is improved with the increased probability of detection. Spectrum sensing and insufficient battery capacity can minimize system performance across cognitive radio networks [18], and thus, wireless-powered communication requires energy efficiency optimization.

Cognitive-radio-based IoT systems [19] develop on coherent spectrum sensing and sharing. Software-configurable radio having dynamic spectrum assistance constitutes the intrinsic feature of cognitive radio [20] whose coaction with wireless sensor networks makes it possible for the sensor nodes to use and share application data throughout licensed primary user free channels. Improved operations can be attained with opportunistic spectrum access by reducing the channel access incompatibilities and control message overhead postponement. The cognitive radio spectrum sensing performance [21] necessitates detection accuracy as regards whether primary users are active or not. Secondary user teamwork can optimize spectrum detection operations throughout cognitive radio networks. As incessant spectrum sensing significantly decreases the duration of a network encompassing energy-restricted cognitive radio nodes [22], precise approaches as regards predicting spectrum occupancy optimize energy efficiency. Intelligent reflecting surface-optimized energy detection [23] is pivotal in spectrum sensing performance across cognitive radio networks.

Spectrum sensing is decisive [24] in cognitive radio system operations. Matched filtering is typically harnessed for signal detection across a particular band of spectrum for an identifiable primary user signal. Spectrum sensing aims to increase the detection operations [25] of secondary users across cognitive radio networks. All secondary users provide sensing assessment to the fusion center for the eventual decision in relation to the operations of primary users in cooperative spectrum sensing. The teamwork among massive volumes of secondary users can generate overhead for the fusion center. Cooperative spectrum sensing schemes can find a solution to the hidden terminal issue and reduce multipath fading and shadowing effects [26], optimizing the sensing performance and throughput across cognitive radio networks. Increasing the volume of cooperative secondary users results in intensified communication overhead and thus in energy consumption elevation of cognitive radio networks. Cognitive radio and multiple-access techniques can enhance spectral efficiency and enable massive connectivity [27]: spectrum sensing accuracy determines spectrum utilization efficiently through multiple-user cooperative spectrum sensing.

Deep-learning-based cognitive radio technology can be harnessed throughout wireless communication systems [28], increasing energy efficiency for shared spectrum sensing by incorporating reinforcement learning algorithms and graph neural networks. Energy detection is decisive in terms of time and resource efficiency [29], but its performance is unsatisfactory in low-signal-to-noise ratio channel circumstances, due to its marginal hardware complexity and the nonexistence of inferable licensed user information. Cooperative sensing can mitigate the energy detection sensing performance issue in IoT networks, but relevant detection cannot be attained in detrimental channel environments by deploying incompatible IoT applications. Stochastic resonance can elevate spectrum sensing performance in weak signal detection in cognitive radios. Artificial-intelligence-enabled intelligent radio [30] can be optimized to smoothly leverage the insufficient spectrum resources and to exemplarily connect and configure large-scale wireless devices in spectrum sensing and sharing-based communication systems. Deep- and machine-learning-based automatic modulation recognition [31] can carry out spectrum sensing and efficiency across cognitive radio networks and can articulate a lean network resource management.

### **3. Clustering Algorithms for Cognitive-Radio-Based IoT Networks**

The design and advancement of energy- and spectrum-efficient proposals, such as cognitive radio sensor networks [32], articulate IoT, with clustering optimizing the energy consumption. IoT enabling sensor-based network device connectivity is subjected to critical data exchange interference [33] due to unlicensed spectrum overcrowding. Cognitive radio IoT networks can solve the spectrum scarcity issue, but the sensor nodes use considerable energy throughout dynamic spectrum sensing and switching. Channel spectrum sensing can optimize energy efficiency across clustered cognitive radio IoT networks. A cognitive radio sensor network senses event signals and conjointly interconnects in a multihop mode [34] across variably operational spectrum bands. Nodes playing a part in cognitive radio sensor networks grasp the network environment and have autonomous decision making in relation to throughput intensification, discontinuity, and energy reduction, while clustering algorithms extend the network lifetime.

Clustering and data aggregation are decisive in IoT-based wireless communication [35], while energy efficiency can be attained by cognitive networks. Sensor node insufficient energy and data sharing channel-related operations [36] affect energy performance across cognitive radio sensor networks. Unequal clustering can level the energy use among the clusterheads to extend the network lifetime. Energy- and spectrum-aware unequal clustering surmounts energy and spectrum for prolonging cognitive radio sensor network lifetime, while enhancing equity by establishing residual energy stability among the sensor nodes and optimizing the network lifetime by decreasing the energy use. The spectrum holes can be predicted through the use of deep belief network algorithms. A shared sensing network comprises heterogeneous nodes intercommunicating [37] in relation to the specific spectrum sensing output. The secondary user nodes of each cluster identify the spectrum, leading to incessant power consumption in cognitive radio sensor networks.

Spectrum dynamics and energy use can be assimilated in network-stability-aware clustering [38] that coherently handles interactions across cognitive radio sensor networks. Cognitive radio chiefly addresses the streamlined harnessing [39] of available spectrum bands. Cognitive radio networks should integrate spectrum management approaches to allocate the unutilized spectrum band to the cognitive radio users by conforming to a series of sensing-related operations. A cooperative spectrum sensing strategy with a feature-based cluster classifier can reduce the time to accomplish optimal cognitive radio communications. Such a classifier assimilates states and transitions across radio frequency settings, in addition to primary user operations at constant periods to assist the spectrum decision approach. A hybrid strategy integrating clustering and expected maximization and reinforcement learning algorithms improves system operations with precise sensing outcomes, and by detecting the optimum spectrum band by use of the hierarchical access model deploying the interweaving technique, energy use is reduced.

Clustering arranges nodes into groups [40] so as to improve cognitive radio sensor network connectivity and soundness. Contingent upon the channel availability, spectrum-aware clustering algorithms cannot generally attain optimal clustering. Considering diverse relevant factors, to set up the optimal clustering constitutes a difficult task in network operation enhancement. Weighted clustering metric-based spectrum-aware clustering algorithms can lead to optimal clustering, concomitantly assessing temporal-spatial correspondence and the confidence level, and unused energy is deployed to decide on clusterheads and ally member nodes. The clusterhead sensing spectrum significantly diminishes spectrum sensing energy use and increases data sharing opportunity after clustering. A cluster-based cognitive industrial IoT can enhance spectrum use by sensing and accessing the inactive spectrum [41]: the clusterheads carry out cooperative spectrum sensing to obtain convenient spectrum, while the nodes use the nonorthogonal multiple access. Transmission performance can be optimized by clustering algorithms, while energy balance is determined by clusterhead alternation. The nonorthogonal multiple access configured for the cluster-based cognitive industrial IoT can efficiently enable the transmission operation of each node.

A coherent and green machine-learning-based dynamic clustering mechanism integrating power demand and data volume can assist cognitive IoT networks in terms of intelligent processing, secure delivery, and far-reaching awareness [42], leading to energy-efficiency-based real-time implementations and information loss avoidance. Machine learning techniques and clustering algorithms improve cognitive radio network performance [43], solving the radio spectrum underutilization issue efficiently through the use of learning and reasoning capabilities. Bayesian-learning-based intelligent clustering cooperative spectrum sensing can optimize the performance of cognitive radio networks lacking a primary user, in serious fading and shadowing circumstances of the sensing channel [44], while also minimizing the rate loss and shared overhead. Cognitive radio technology and the reaction-diffusion biological mechanism can configure streamlined cognitive IoT spectrum allocation and adequate bioinspired algorithm-based clustering performance [45], enhancing clustered throughput and decreasing convergence time, communication delay, and computation complexity through intelligent service provisioning, reliable wireless communication, and automatic network operation.

Cognitive wireless sensor networks can harness the inactive authorized frequency band to find a solution to the spectrum resource scarcity issue [46]: by leveraging the spectrum hole, spectrum sensing technology can deteriorate the synchronic interference and improve the entire sensor network performance. As a result of the insufficient battery energy and low sensor node processing capacity features, the energy efficiency and the spectrum sensing performance have to be optimized. Particle swarm optimization algorithms can assist cognitive wireless sensor networks by integrating a cooperative spectrum sensing approach in relation to false alarm and detection probability, enhancing the system throughput and energy efficiency. Cognitive radio and radar systems leverage dynamic spectrum access techniques to solve spectrum congestion issues due to increased data traffic [47]: dynamic spectrum access approaches share the radar and communication system spectrum. Machine-learning-based efficient resource allocation can improve dynamic clustered IoT network power management and machine-to-machine communication [48] in terms of spectrum management.

Cognitive-radio-network-based real-time high-speed communication systems [49] require effective resource distribution, spectrum sensing, ubiquitous computing services, and power use issues. Backtracking search algorithms and cooperative node selection can decrease computation complexity and energy consumption. Genetic algorithms and dynamic clustering techniques [50] are pivotal in conserving energy throughout IoT network planning and designing procedures. High-energy clusterheads enable optimal data sharing in wireless sensor networks. Cognitive radio technology develops user communication reliability and the medium by coherent dynamic spectrum exploitation [51] in terms of spectrum distribution and channel access, optimizing radio resource use rate. The internet of spectrum devices, through spectrum data analytics and accurate collective time–frequency spectrum predictions, articulates spectrum-monitoring and spectrum-utilizing device networks [52] to facilitate a coherent spectrum distribution and management pattern for 5G wireless networks, improving the inference performance.

Metaheuristic algorithms and deep-neural-network-based clustering techniques [53] can improve IoT-related data clustering reliability and computation times. Intelligent edge computing and deep learning convolutional neural networks [54] can assist resource-constrained IoT devices, enhancing communication volume and inference latency through data analytics. Deep-neural-network-based clustering techniques can maximize wireless sensor network functioning period in IoT applications [55]: by modifying individual sensor node roles, energy consumption is reduced and the network lifetime is extended (relevantly, computation and message overheads also decrease). A hybrid delay-aware clustering-based intelligent data fusion algorithm [56] can optimize wireless sensor network performance by integrating the single-layer and multilayer cluster structure upsides. The energy-efficient clustering and the dynamic clusterhead reselection algorithms can cut down the network delay, energy use, and load balancing while increasing the network lifetime.

## **4. Energy-Harvesting Technology for Cognitive-Radio-Based IoT Networks**

Energy harvesting and cognitive radio technologies can assist wireless sensor networks [57], extending the operational activity of the sensor node and mitigating the unlicensed spectrum congestion issue. Carefully distributing and organizing limited network resources are decisive because of energy-harvesting process unpredictability and primary user behavior randomness. Cognitive radio and energy-harvesting strategies [58] are instrumental in spectrum reutilization and lifetime extension for standard wireless networks. Energy-harvesting cognitive radio networks comprising multiple primary and secondary users integrate energy and joint cooperation modes. Sensing energy and data manageability [59] shape the secondary performance of energy-harvesting cognitive radio networks.

As IoT sensor and devices use a massive volume of power in data transmission [60], radio frequency energy harvesting can assist self-sustainable wireless systems whose system rate loss is caused by external interference factors. The cognitive industrial IoT can increase convenient spectrum resources [61] by harnessing the spectrum authorized to primary users with the aim of not discontinuing primary user communications, but increased spectrum sensing and prolonged operations may use much energy. Wireless energy harvesting can acquire the radio frequency energy of a primary user signal, and energy-efficient resource distribution in heterogeneous spectrum access modes can optimize the standard transmission rate of the cognitive industrial IoT and meet energy-saving demands. Cognitive radio techniques can be harnessed for wireless power transfer, power consumption reduction, and energy harvesting [62] throughout the sensing, interaction, and computation elements of IoT nodes. Backscatter communication can facilitate green IoT operations through collective wireless communication and sensing.

Availability and ultrareliability demands, together with energy-harvesting technology and dynamic spectrum access, impose specific performance compromises [63], typifying sustainable and self-sufficient IoT networks, integrating sensing time, energy availability, transmission diversity, volume of data frame packets, and spectrum accessibility. Energy and spectrum resource scarcity, energy harvesting and cognitive radio technologies, and wireless devices and system expansion [64] shape deep-learning-based IoT network performance. Energy harvesting and cognitive radio technologies design deep-learning-based IoT networks [65]: spectrally and energy-efficient transmission schemes should be articulated in large-scale connection and device support. Spectrum reutilization and lifetime extension assist energy-harvesting cognitive radio networks [66]: the energy provision of a primary transmitter can be reduced while meeting the requirements of minimal-throughput networks and users.

A deep-Q-learning based algorithm can be deployed across energy-harvested cognitive radio networks with the aim of optimal resource distribution [67]: primary users' network channel resources also allocated to secondary users and energy harvesting enable cognitive radio network nodes to acquire environment energy to achieve operation sustainability. The amount of environmental energy necessitates dynamic resource distribution to straighten out network and throughput capacity. A deep-Q-learning-based algorithm can enhance energy-harvested cognitive radio network resource distribution so it surpasses low quality of service, massive state–space systems, energy and interference limitations, and slow

convergence. Nonorthogonal multiple access, energy-harvesting technology, and cognitive radio systems can [68] optimize the energy and spectral efficiency of the 5G network for IoT wireless sensor communication support. Deep-reinforcement-learning-based distributed multidimensional resource management algorithms can be decisive in intelligent frequency, the joint spectrum, and energy and time resource management, and thus decrease secondary sensing user data packet losses while meeting the limitations on the maximum buffer capacity, transmitting power, charging battery capacity, and primary and secondary sensing user minimum data rate.

The spectral and energy efficiency of device-to-device communication can be enhanced by employing cognitive radio systems and radio frequency energy-harvesting technologies [69] while stabilizing increased data rates and reducing power use in 5G communication networks. The primary and secondary transmitters interact with receivers across energy-harvesting amplify-and-forward relays for nonorthogonal multiple-access-based multicast cognitive radio networks [70], attempting to synchronously optimize the network sum-rate, decrease energy use, and fulfill quality-of-service limitations. A low-complexity solution approach can appropriately find a solution to the power distribution issue over each relay, and subsequently decide on the relay optimizing the network goal function, while adjusting spectrum and energy efficiencies and configuring the optimal network sum-rate and lower computational complexity. Cognitive-radio-based nonorthogonal multiple-access systems can satisfy IoT-driven 5G network requirements [71]: power domain nonorthogonal multiple access enables multiple users to share orthogonal resource blocks, while cognitive radio technology facilitates opportunistic bandwidth use, and thus, secondary users can access the licensed spectrum frequency while the operations performed by primary users are not interrupted.

Nonorthogonal multiple access can enhance 5G cellular network throughput and spectrum efficiency and facilitate ultrareliable and low-latency communications [72], articulating spectrum- and energy-efficient transmission schemes across clustered IoT smart devices and massive system connectivity, while energy-harvesting algorithms and random access techniques can decrease signaling overhead, energy use, and packet latency. A game-based fair resource allocation algorithm can enable stable cooperation between primary users and secondary users [73] across wireless powered cooperative cognitive radio networks through streamlined resource allocation. Nonorthogonal multiple access can bring about spectrum efficiency [74] across wireless networks. In an uplink nonorthogonal multiple-access cognitive system, secondary users can collectively transfer data, throughout the same spectrum resources, to the cognitive base station, and uninterrupted interference discontinuation is applied to retrieve secondary-user-transmitted signals. A wireless energy harvester can extend secondary users' operations.

Energy-harvesting-powered cognitive machine-to-machine networks can mitigate the intensifying deficient spectrum, as a result of large-scale smart devices and simultaneous access demand that bring about operational deterioration and massive energy use [75], by ensuring the quality of service and leading to green communication through deep-reinforcement-learning-based algorithms in terms of energy efficiency optimization. The end-to-end throughput can be assessed and enhanced in wireless-powered cognitive IoT networks through the use of a well-organized deep-neural-network-based relay selection scheme [76]: multiple energy-harvesting relays are harnessed unselectively to enable data sharing to multiple users from a source node across energy-harvesting circuit practical nonlinearity, decreasing computational complexity significantly. Cognitive radio technology and nonorthogonal multiple-access techniques [77] can assist energy harvesting in spectral and energy efficiency optimization across IoT networks.

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