

IONOSPHERIC PROPAGATION PREDICTIONS AND WIDEBAND COMMUNICATIONS USING HF SDR SENSORS FOR INFORMATIONAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN ROMANIA

Goal of the project

The project aims to implement software and hardware solutions that integrate ionospheric sounding algorithms in a network of SDR (Software Defined Radio) sensors in order to develop and validate a HF (High Frequency) ionospheric prediction model for the territory of Romania.

Short description of the project

The project targets a systemic approach of the communication network through the implementation, development and integration of recent technological solutions from the perspective of providing information support for the management of interventions in disaster areas where communication infrastructure does not exist or is damaged. Project results can be applied not only in the rapid resolution of remote communications in emergency situations, but also can be extended to other applications in the HF communications range, such as encrypted data communication links for the government or the military.

Project implemented by:

- Land Forces Academy "Nicolae Bălcescu", Sibiu - Coordinator
- Interactive Systems & Business Consulting, Bucharest - Partner
- Politehnica University of Timișoara - Partner
- Technical University of Cluj-Napoca - Partner

Implementation period

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Main activities

- Building a SDR sensor network for ionospheric sounding
- Elaboration of an application for HF propagation predictions in Romania.
- Development of broadband HF communications by the implementation of adaptive systems

Results

- an ionospheric model which is specific for Eastern Europe;
- algorithms for the automatic identification and classification of waveforms in order to increase the transfer rate and to implement techniques for dynamically accessing the HF resources;
- SDR solutions for local monitoring and collaborative spectrum sensing in the HF range;
- a HF radio network on the territory of Romania which allows high transfer rates in collaborative environments, by automatically adapting to specific conditions of ionospheric propagation at high angles of elevation.



Applicability and transferability of the results

- creating an integrated software application for HF propagation predictions adapted to the propagation particularities of our country
- developing localization algorithms used in OTH (Over-The-Horizon) radar systems
- establishing a tracking system in the HF range using SSL (Single Site Location) technology
- implementing the ionospheric measurement capability for HF radio stations with SDR architecture
- implementing algorithms for the adaptation of broadband waveforms to the ionospheric channel status
- developing a HF radio transceiver with cognitive capabilities
- implementing an integrated system for monitoring the ionosphere

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