

Cognitive Radio Experiment Design for the Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) Testbed

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Introduction

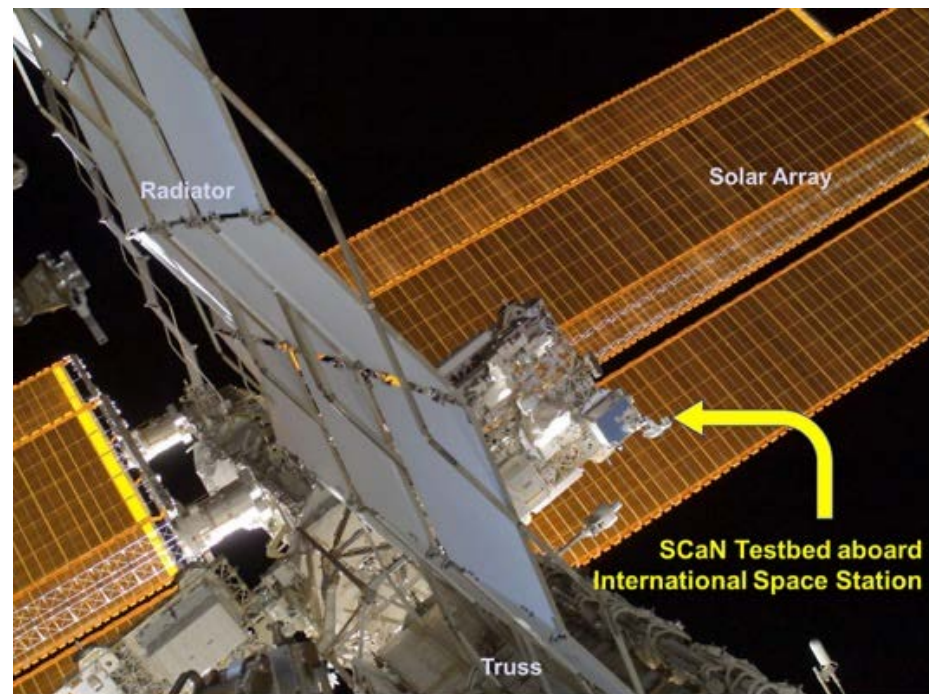
- Ground-to-space communications
 - Noisy
 - Fading
 - Short visibility duration
- Lowest Common Denominator
 - Worst case scenario
 - Robust modulation schemes
 - Low SNR

Motivation

- Channels aren't static
 - Exploit favorable conditions
 - High throughput for brief moments
- How do we exploit this?
 - Profile the system performance
 - Intelligence
- Adaptable system
 - Different objectives
 - Other applications

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- SDR platform on the ISS
- Experimental
 - Prototype novel SDR and Cognitive Radio techniques
 - Leverage developments



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Scope of Platform

- Demonstrate an adaptable system
 - Optimize throughput
- Over-the-air transmission
 - 924 MHz
- Limitations
 - AWGN
 - Point-to-point
 - Performance metrics

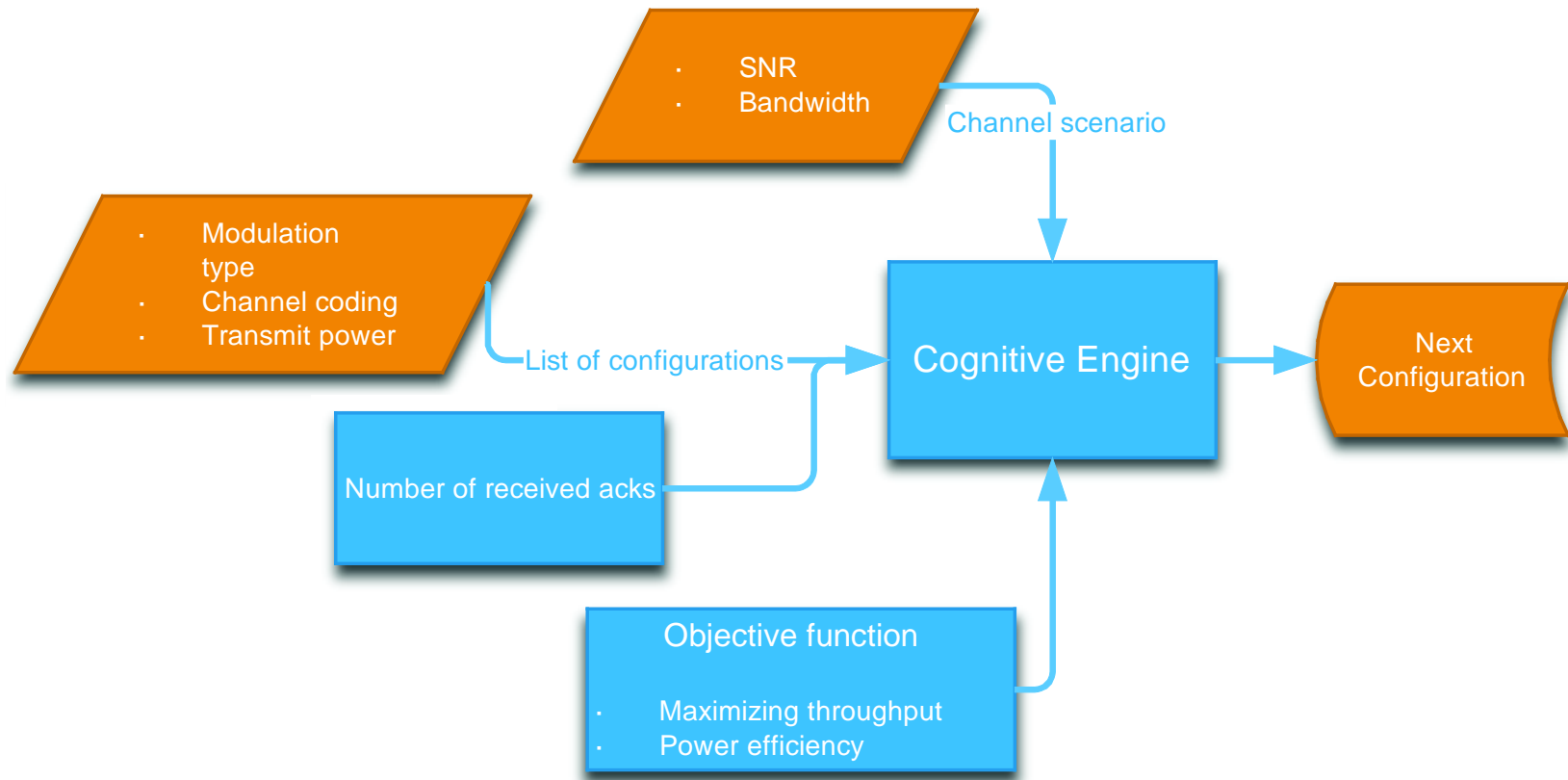
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Cognitive Engines

- An algorithm that attempts to optimize a certain objective
- Intelligence
 - Exploration vs. Exploitation
- Different algorithms
 - ϵ -Greedy
 - Boltzmann
 - Gittins
- Two-layered

Cognitive Engines



Block diagram of the Cognitive Engine architecture.

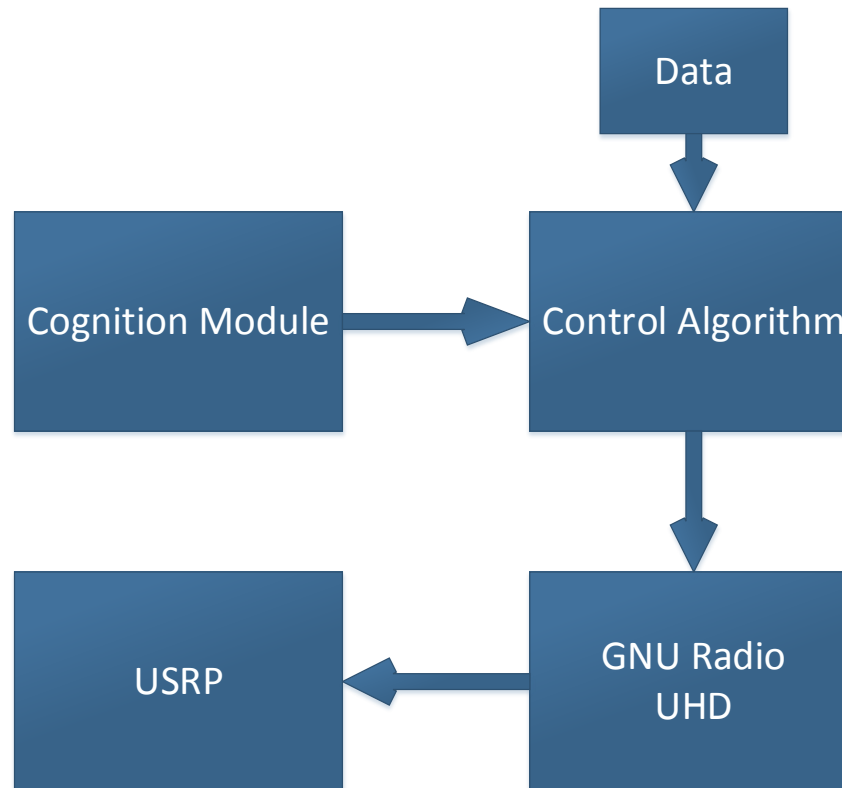
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Test Platform

- Reconfigurable
 - Modulation path
- GNU Radio 3.7.5
- USRP Hardware Driver 3.8
- Fedora 20 & Ubuntu 14.04 LTS
- N200 USRPs
 - SBX daughterboards

Transmitter Overview



Block diagram of transmitter.

Test Procedure

- Transmitter sends frames
 - 1000 packets
 - System is stable during frame transmission
- Receiver acknowledges each packet individually
 - Full-duplex

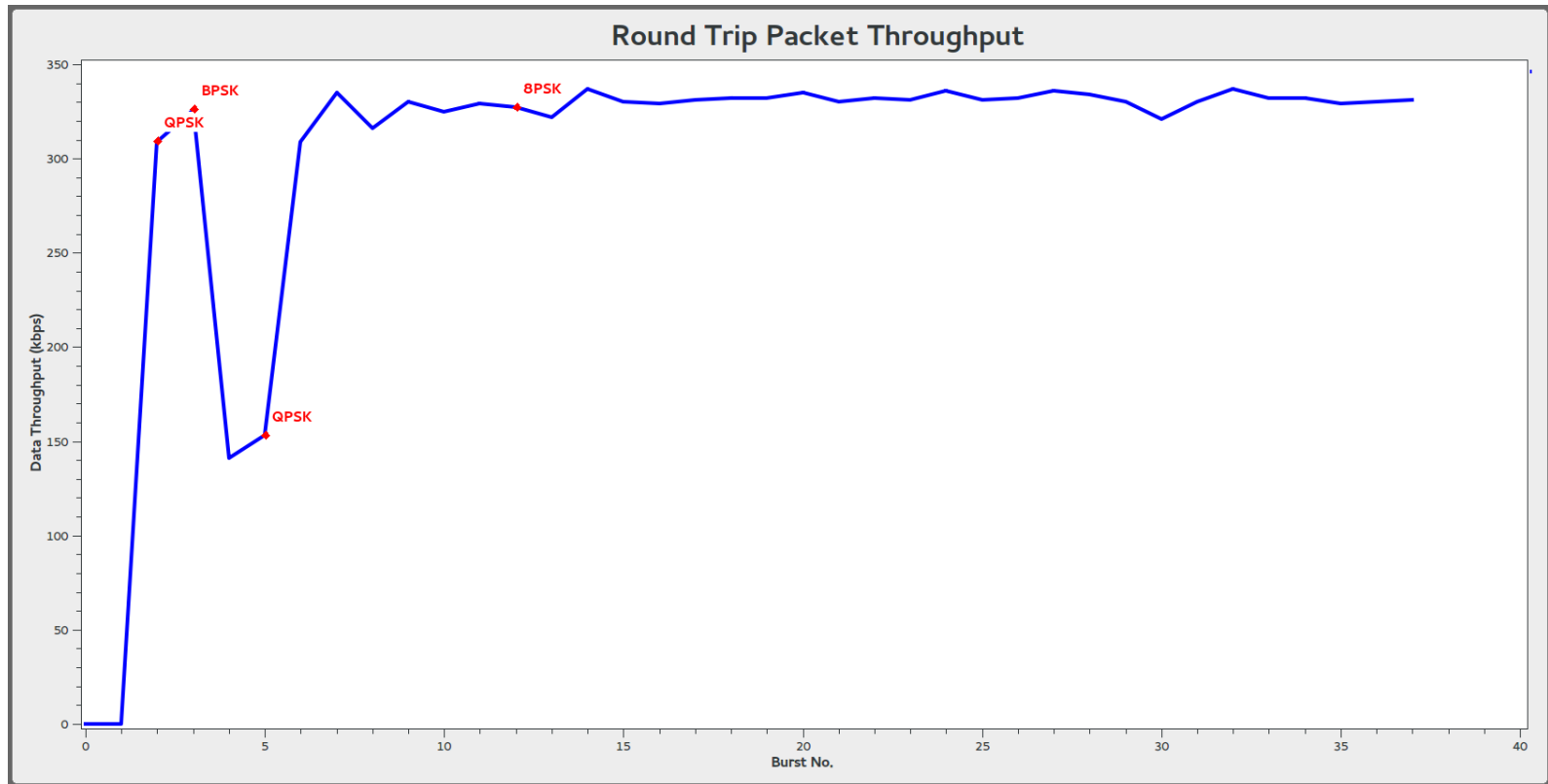
System Configurations

Parameter	Values		
Modulation	Phase Shift Keying		
Constellation Points	2	4	8
Differential Coding & Grey Code			

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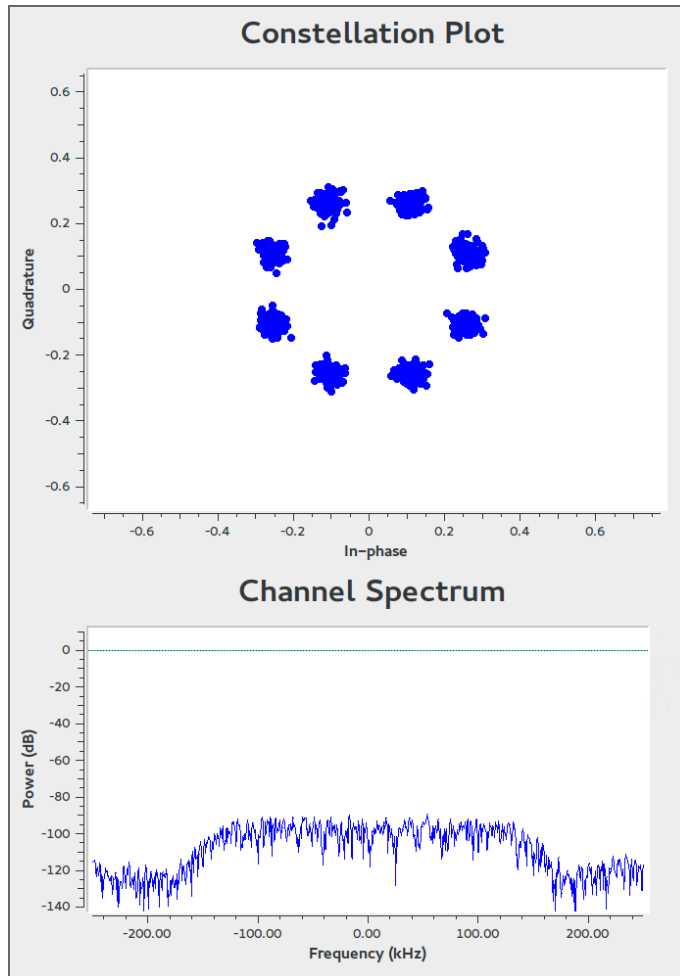
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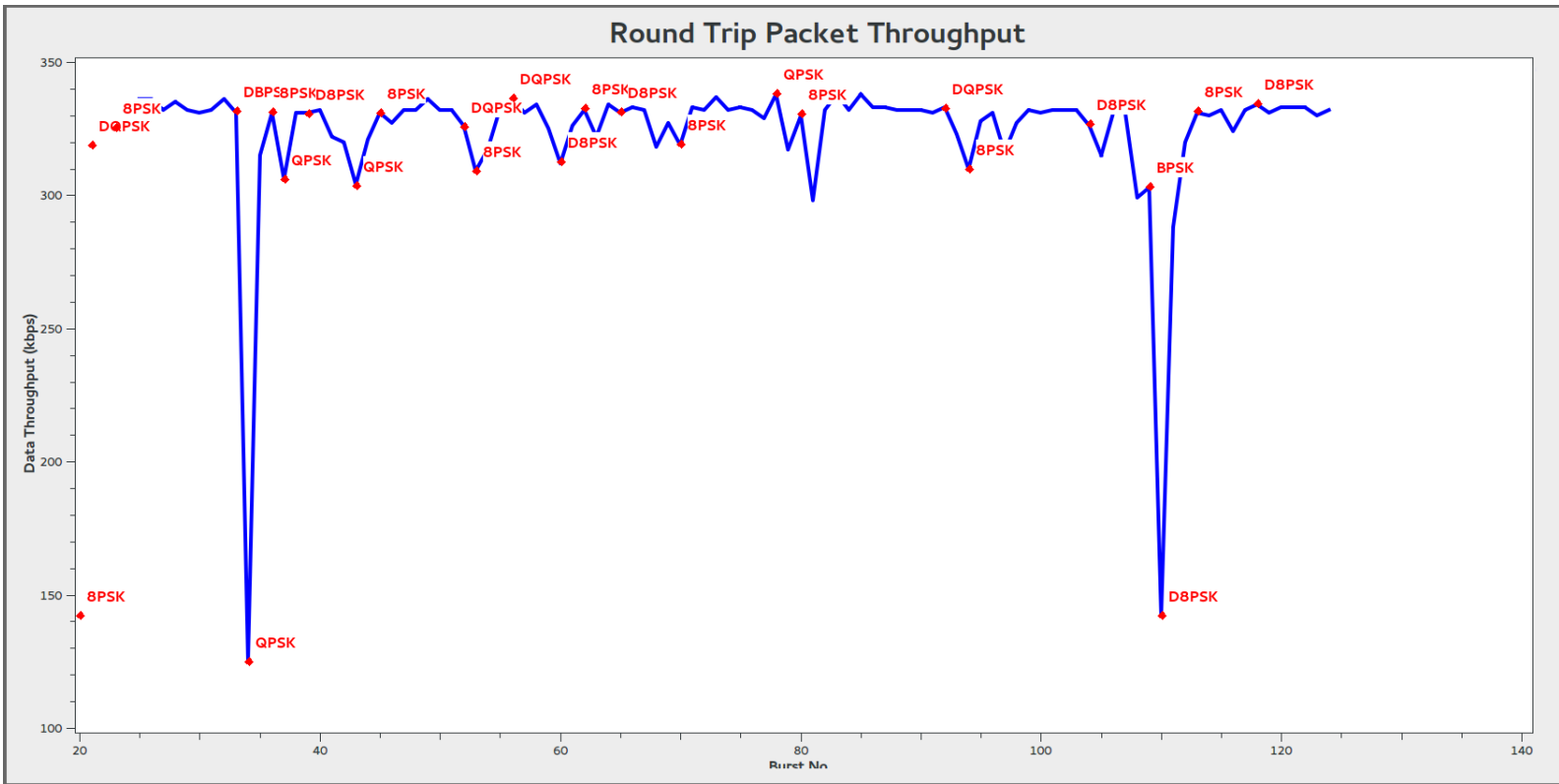
Convergence to 8PSK in a noiseless channel.

Results



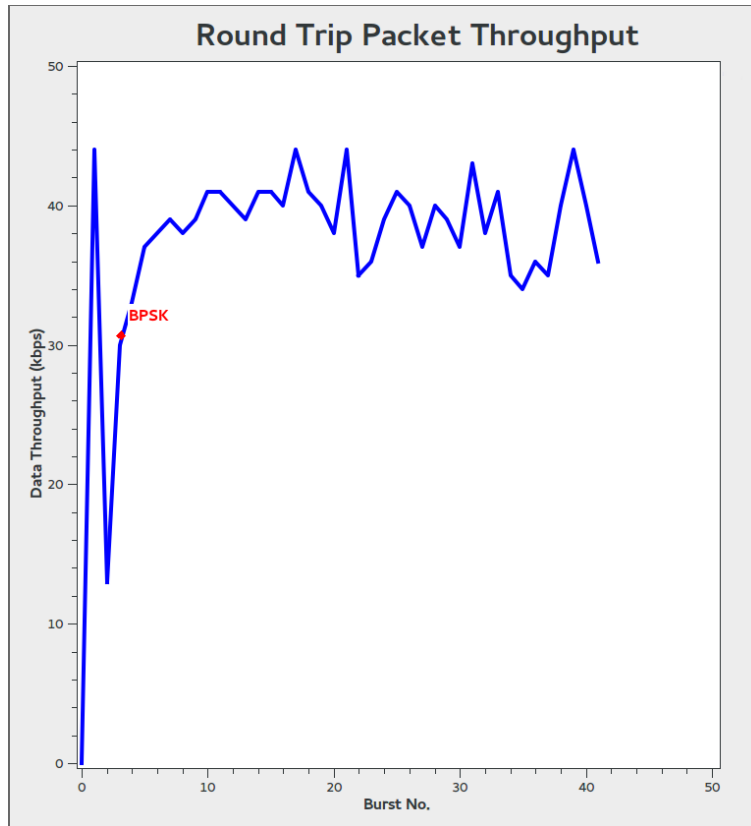
Constellation and Spectrum plots for previous slide at receiver.

- Convergence to 8PSK
- Clean constellation
- High SNR
 - ~ 40 dB

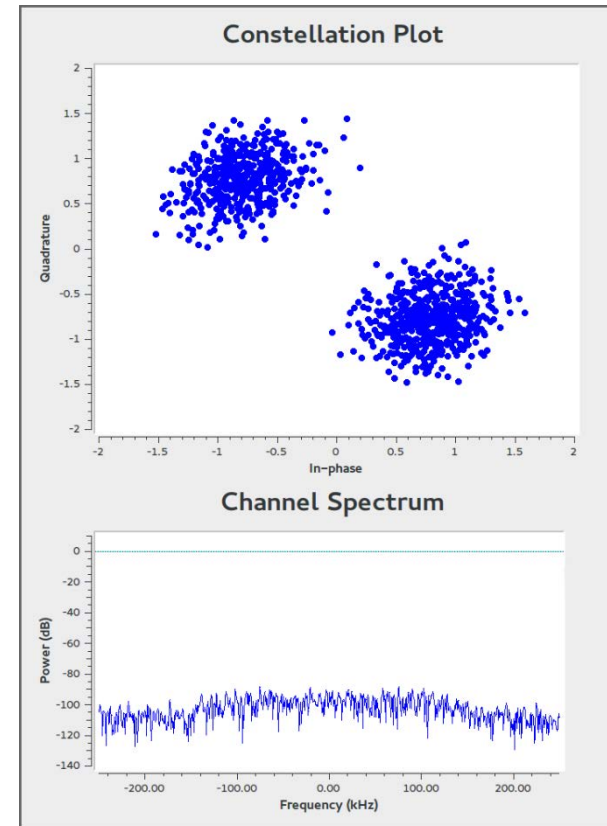


Exploratory nature of the Cognitive Engine algorithms.

Results



Operation in a noisy environment.



Corresponding plots.

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Future Work

- Meta-Cognition
 - Make a decision about making decisions
- RF Mapping
 - Knowledge of spectrum prior to exploration
- Modulation Classification
 - No meta data transfer

Conclusions

- Exploit momentarily favorable conditions
- Implemented an adaptable system
 - Favorable SNR allows use of higher modulation schemes
 - Noisy conditions forces the system to be conservative
- Tunable reconfiguration
 - Frame size dictates stability time
- Modular system
 - Additional subsystems to alter performance

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