

GHz Bandwidth Sensing by Sub-Nyquist Signal Processing

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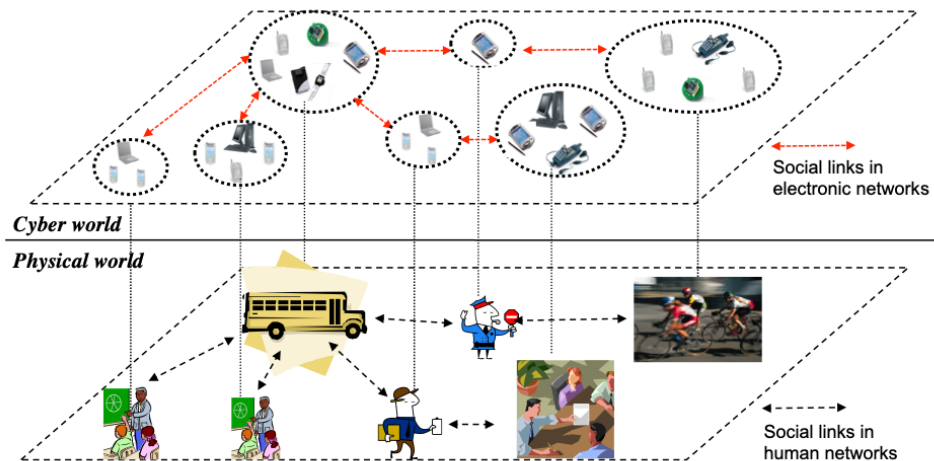
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Cyber-Physical World Convergence



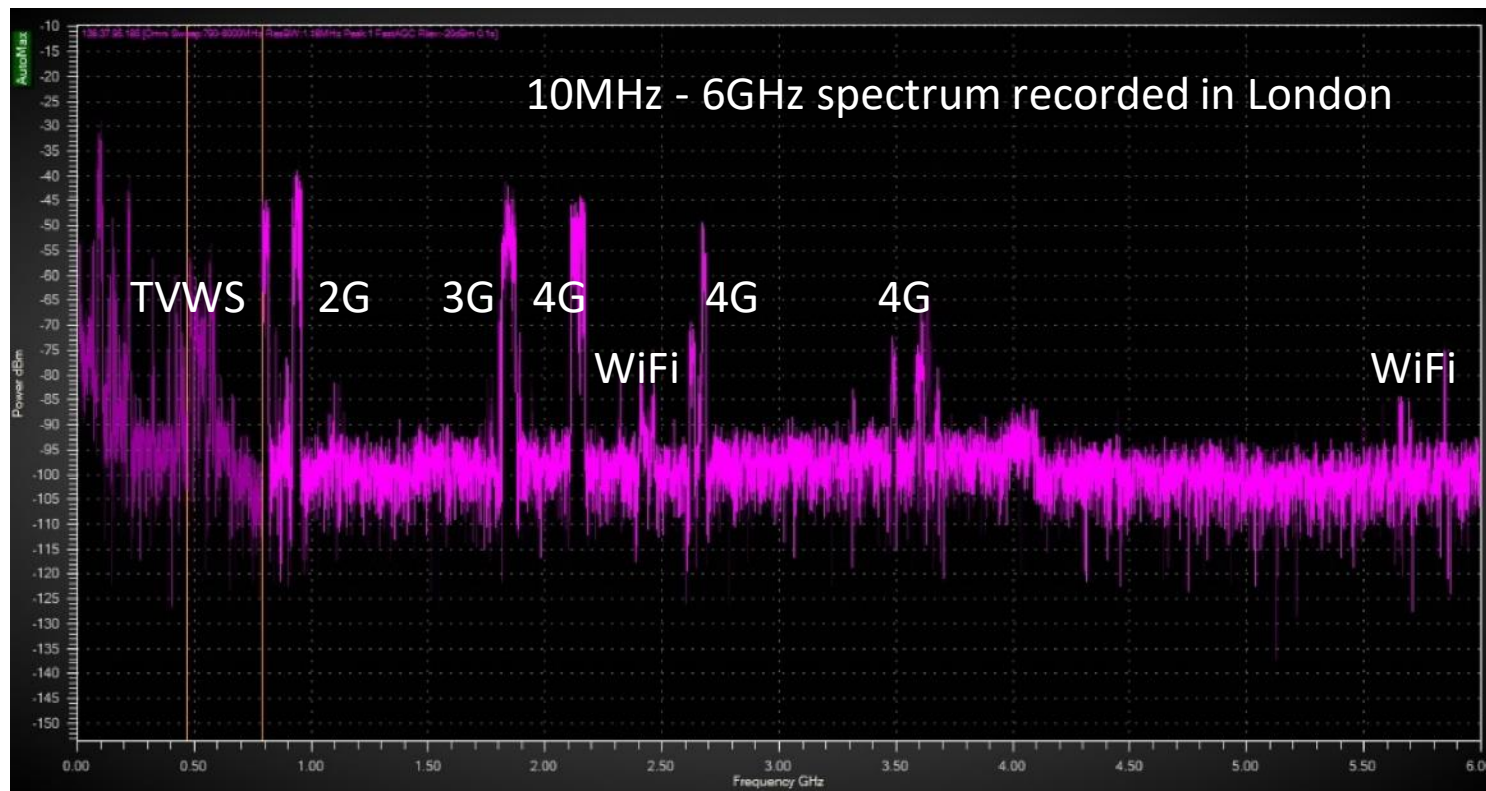
- Digitalisation -> **\$100 trillion**
- Telecom - > **\$2.1 trillion**
- **8 billion** devices connected to the internet now
- **1 trillion** devices by 2030

“The falling cost of advanced technologies is a defining characteristic of digital revolution. It is playing a major role in accelerating innovation.”

Source: 2017 World Economic Forum Digital Transformation Initiative (DTI)

Electromagnetic Spectrum Usage

Sensing spectrum availability at **low** financial and technical cost?



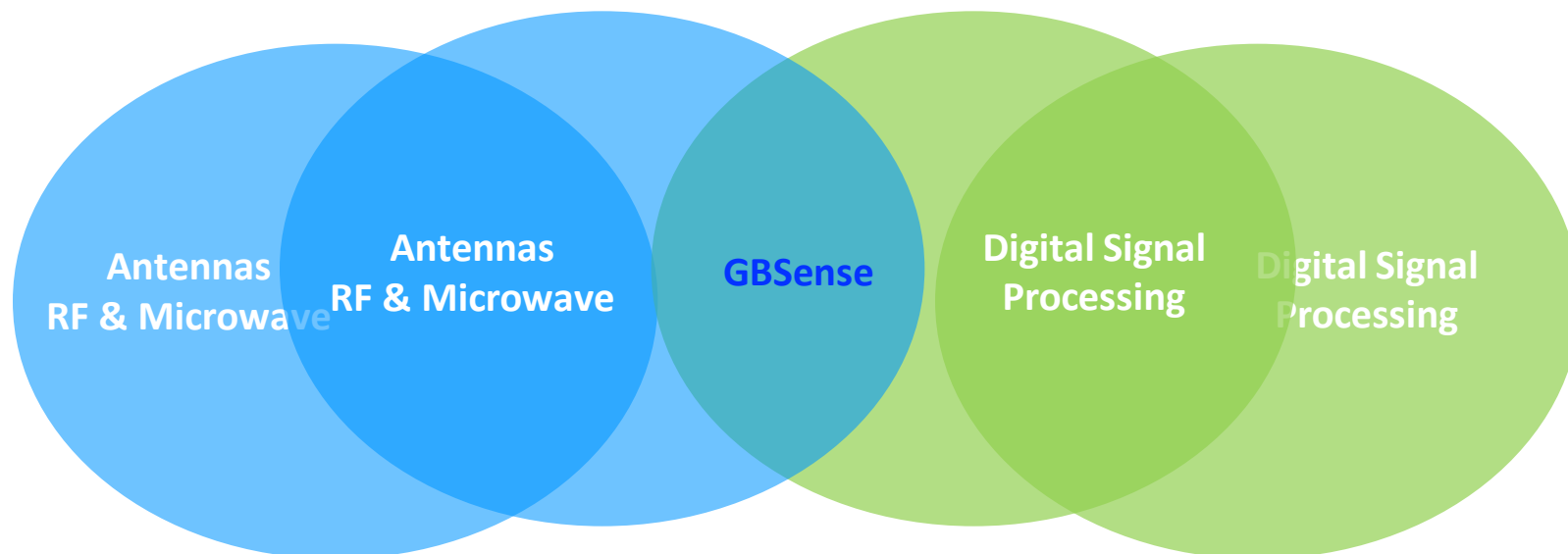
GBSense aims to dynamically access **unused**
multi-GHz spectrum at **lower cost**
for future wireless connectivity in both
sub-6GHz and mm-wave frequency bands!



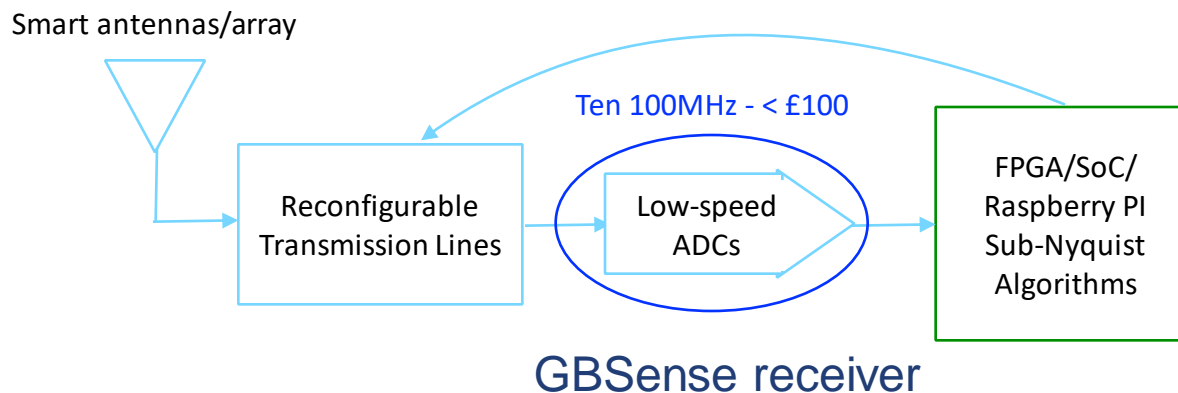
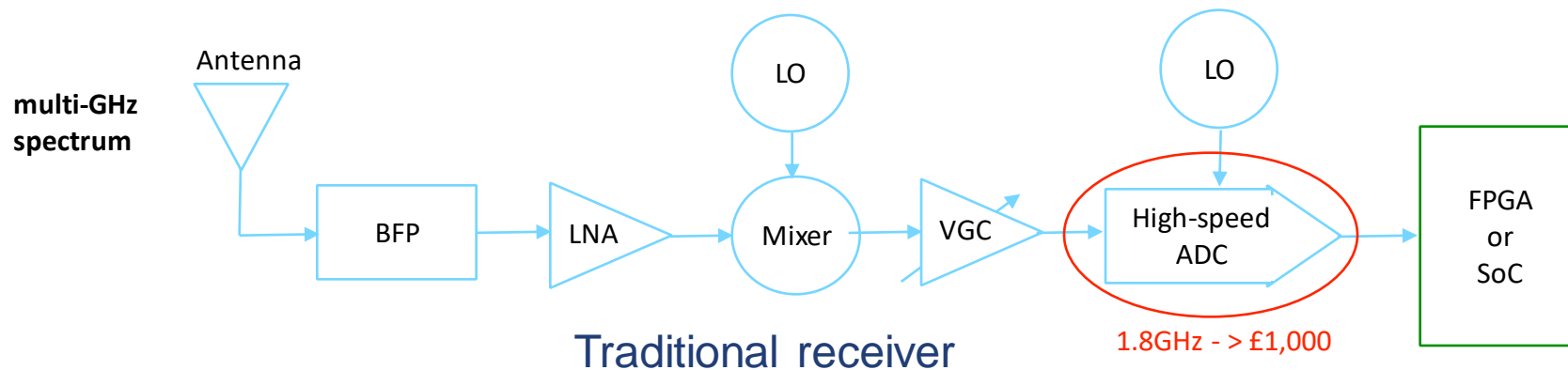
Project website: www.gbsense.net

- Design GHz bandwidth sensing (GBSense) system to overcome the bottleneck of Nyquist-rate sampling by developing sub-Nyquist sampling algorithms.
- Provide users access to a flexible hardware platform and application software that enables real-time over-the-air GHz bandwidth signal sensing, analysis and communication at both sub-6GHz and mm-Wave frequency bands.

Co-creation between RF & Microwave and Signal Processing

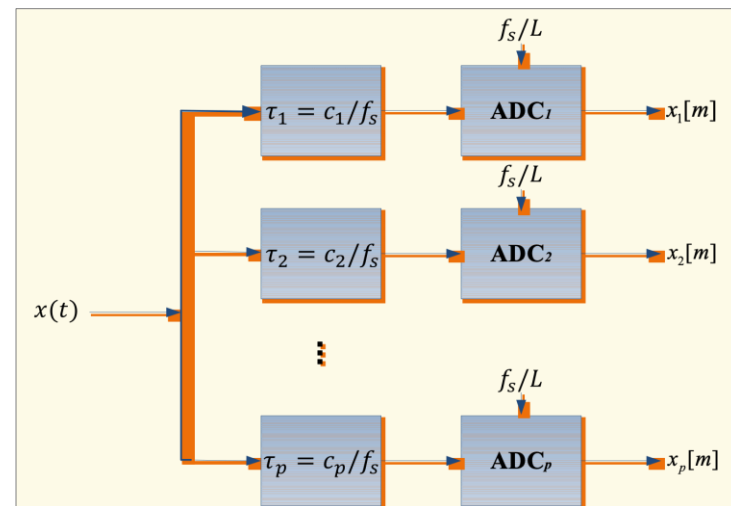
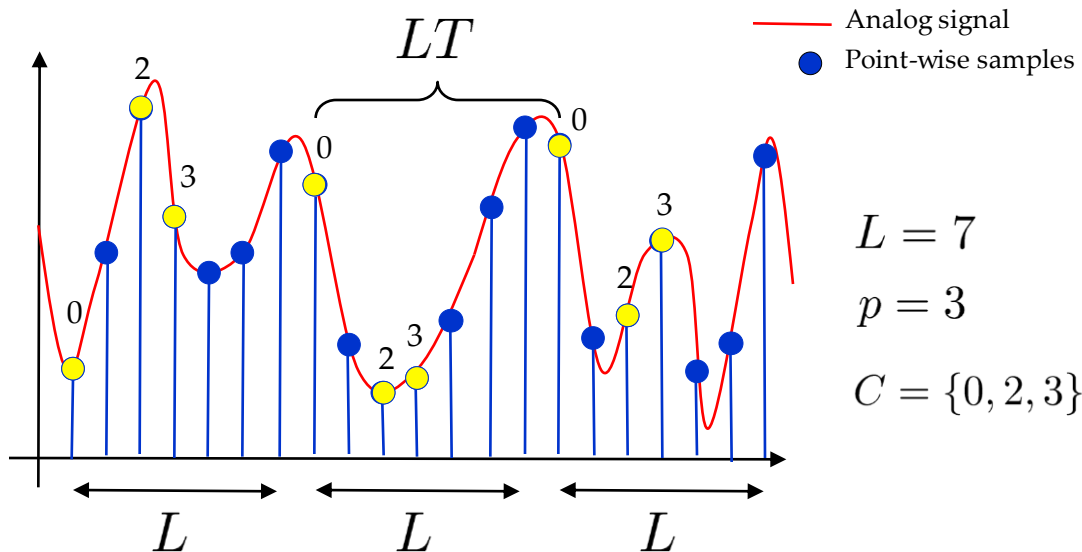


GBSense receiver



Sub-Nyquist Sampling Theory

- Periodic Non-uniform sampling
- In each block of L samples, only p are kept, as described by $C = \{c_i\}_{i=1}^p$



Compressive Recovery Algorithms

Greedy Algorithms

Compared with Optimization Algorithms

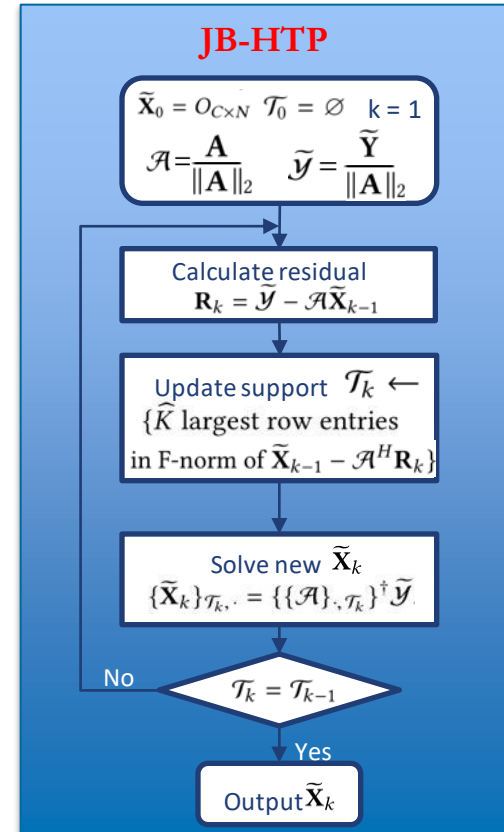
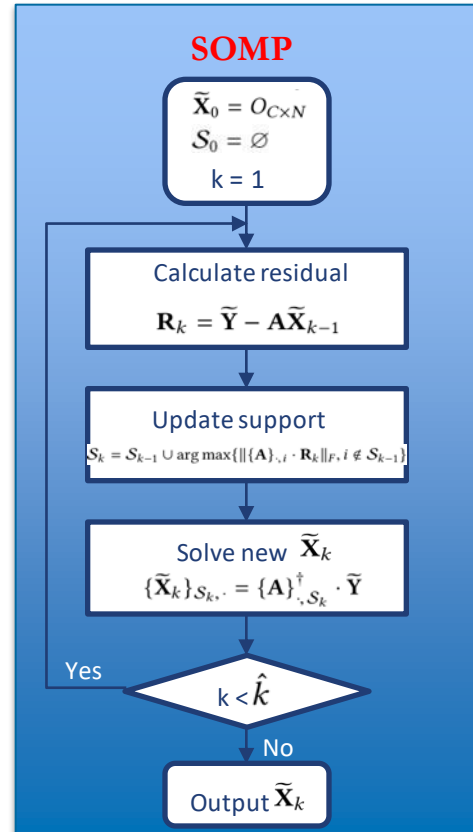
Higher Computational efficiency
&
Higher reconstruction accuracy
with prior knowledge

Simultaneous Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (SOMP):

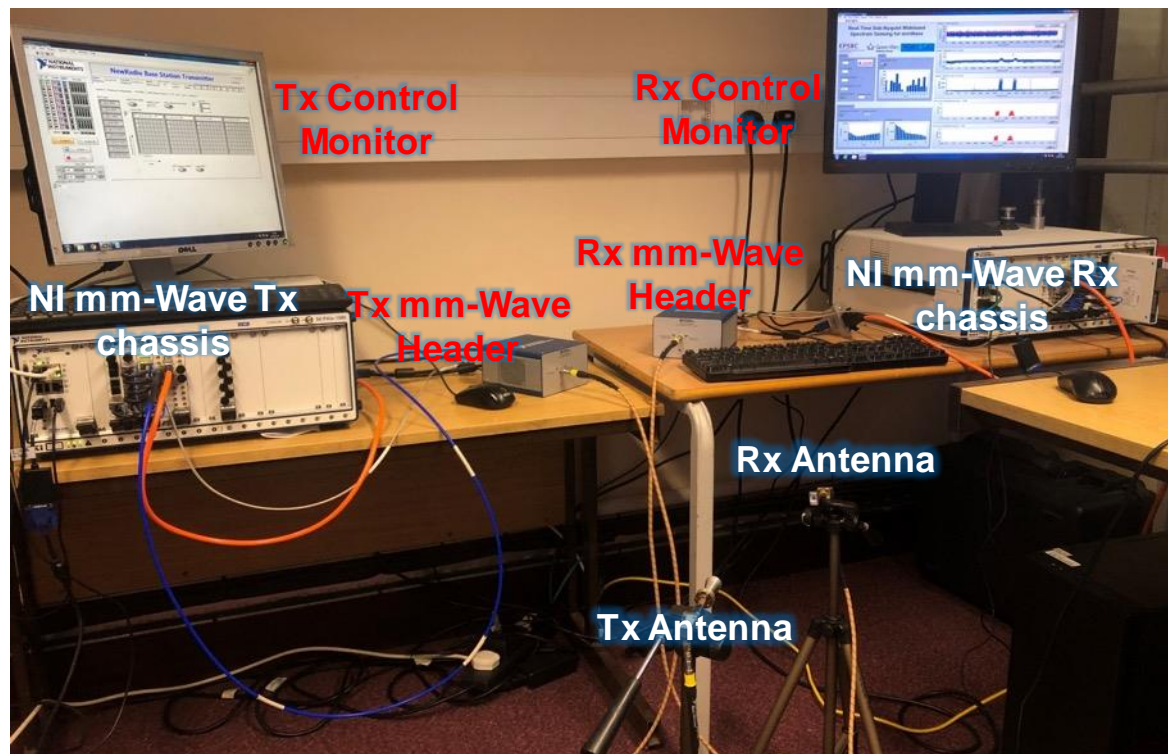
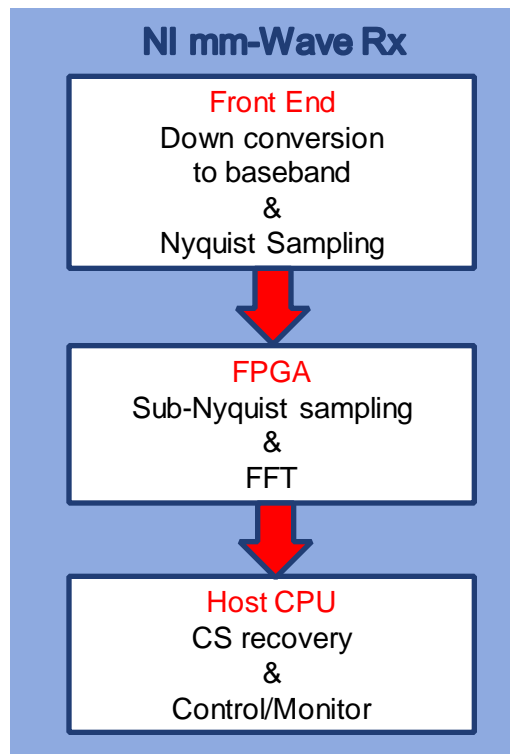
Reconstruct sparse matrix
row by row.

Joint-block-sparse Hard-thresholding Pursuit (JB-HTP):

Reconstruct all possible non-zero
rows together until the support converges.

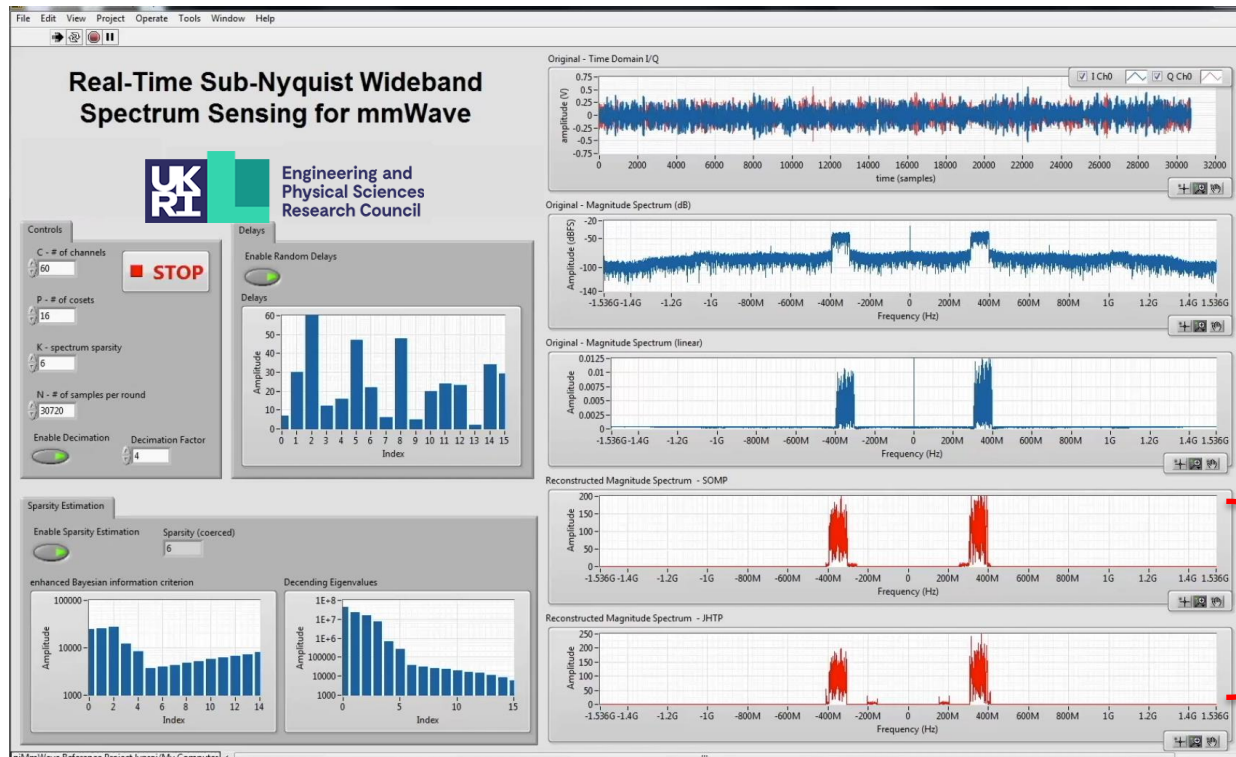


Wideband Spectrum Sensing Platform in Millimetre-Wave



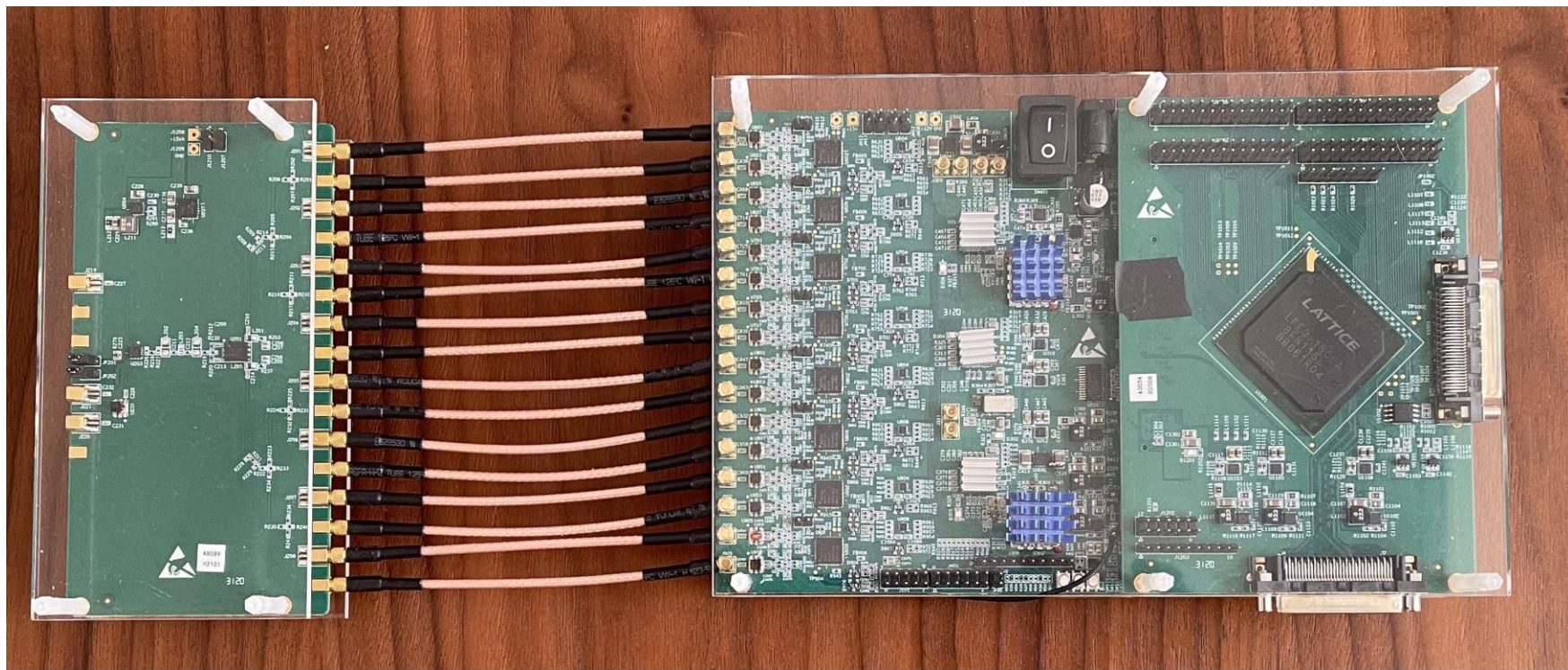
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GBSense Real-time Software Demo at mm-Wave (NI LabVIEW)

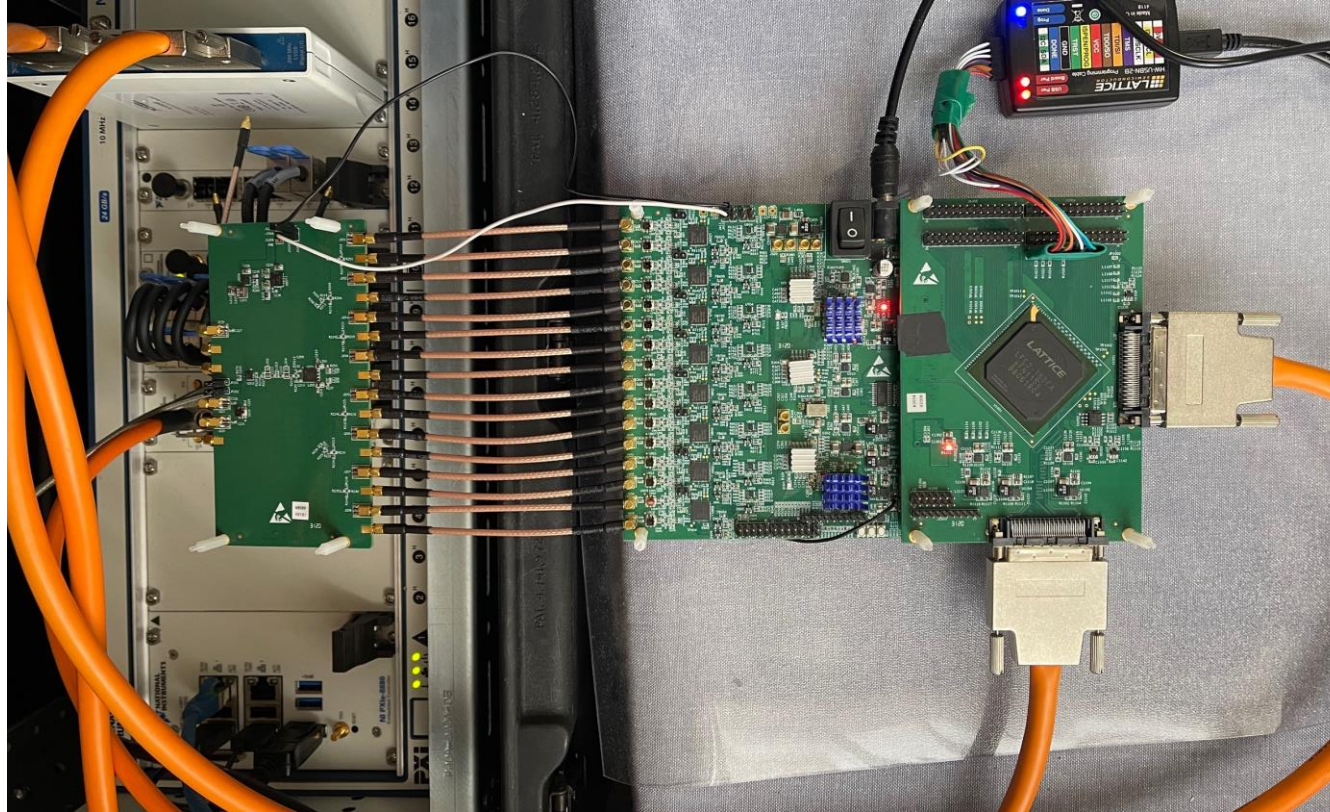


- 5G FR2 @28GHz
100MHz channel BW
- Sub-Nyquist sampling with up to 3.072GHz and reconfigurable parameters
- Real-time spectrum sensing with up to 2GHz at 400MHz sampling rate
- Saving sampling by a factor of 5

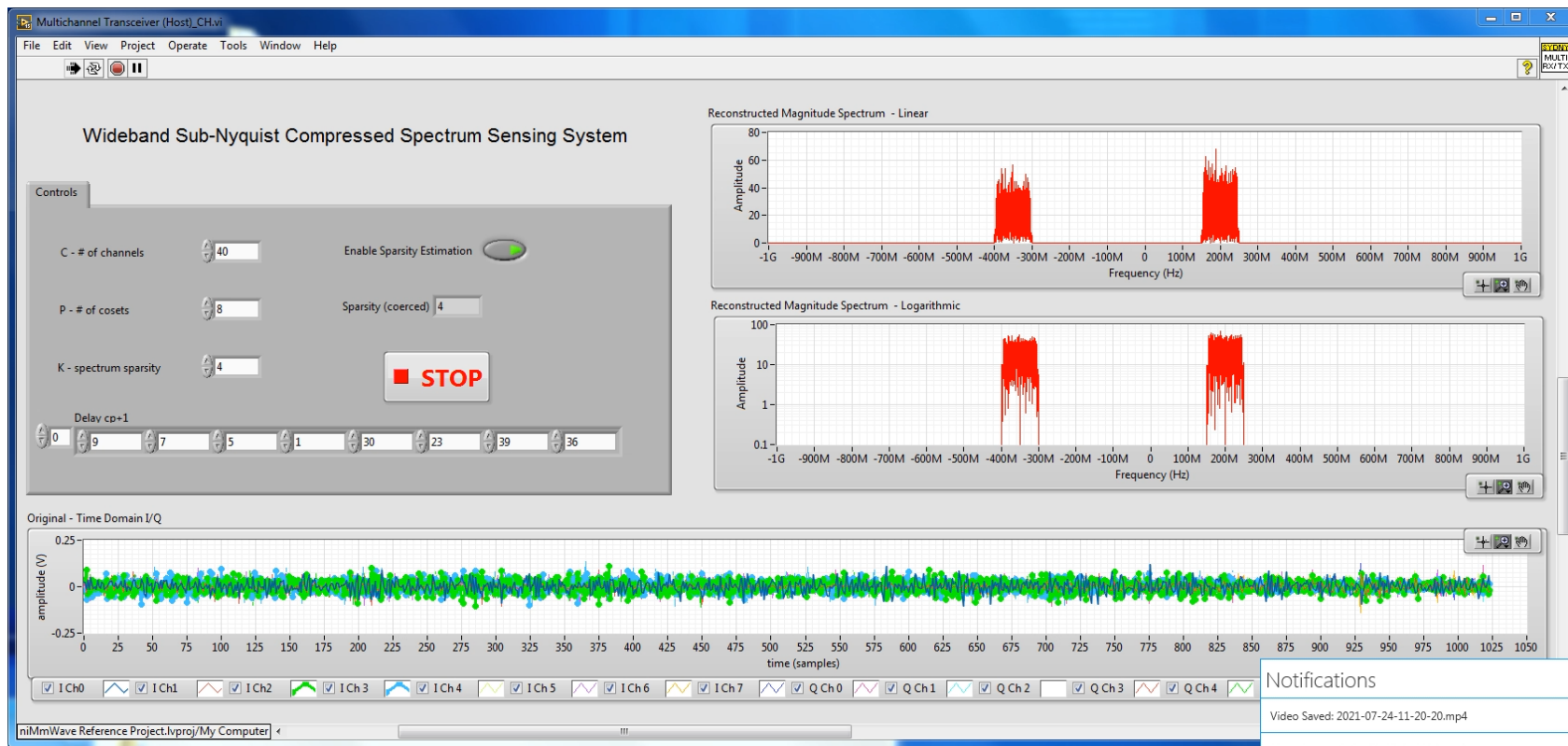
GBSense Prototype



GBSense Connecting to NI Millimetre-Wave Transceiver System



GBSense Recovery Algorithm on Hardware and Software Integration



Conclusions and Future Plans

Towards 5G+ and 6G

- Higher data rate requiring larger channel bandwidth
- Further hardware and software integration enabling smarter system design
- THz sensing and communications leading to high frequency bands

Future Plans

- Optimise sparse representation architecture
- Design new recovery algorithms via machine learning
- GBSense board connects to low cost computing units such as Raspberry Pi

Thank You

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