SDR - Spectrum Sensing

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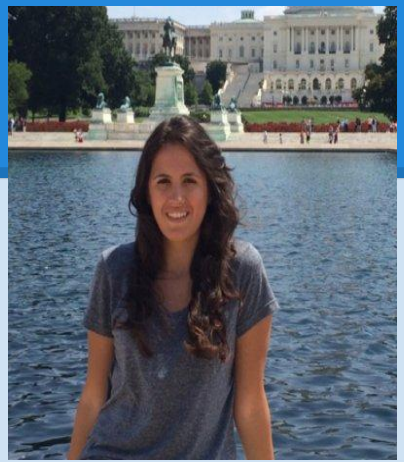
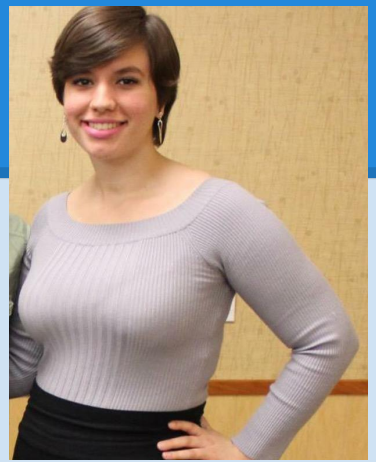




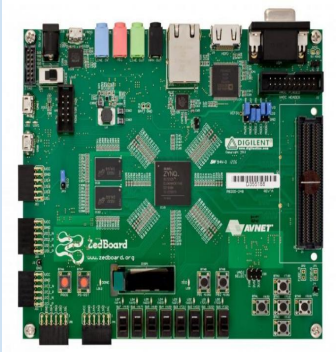
Overview

- **FPGA Programming**
- **Experimentation with ORBIT Grid**
- **Filtering and Peak-Finding in MATLAB**

VHDL – VHSIC Hardware Description Language (Very High Speed Integrated Circuit)

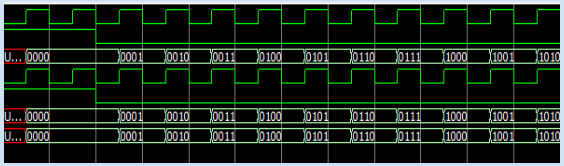
VHDL is a hardware description language that can be used to model a digital system. The digital system can be as simple as a logic gate or as complex as a complete electronic system. VHDL provides 5 design units:

- **Entity Declaration**
- **Architecture Body**
- **Configuration Declaration**
- **Package Declaration**
- **Package Body**



ZedBoard (board based on Xilinx) containing FPGA in the center.

```
LIBRARY IEEE;
USE IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
USE IEEE.numeric_std.all;

ENTITY ex_counter IS
PORT(
      i_clk : IN STD_LOGIC;
      i_rst : IN STD_LOGIC;

      o_count : OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(3 DOWNTO 0)
      );
END ex_counter;

ARCHITECTURE rtl OF ex_counter IS

SIGNAL sig_count : STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(3 DOWNTO 0);
BEGIN

test_proc: PROCESS(i_clk)
BEGIN
  IF(i_clk'event AND i_clk = '1') THEN
    IF(i_rst = '1') THEN
      sig_count <= (OTHERS => '0');
    ELSE
      sig_count <=  STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(UNSIGNED(sig_count) + 1);
    END IF;
  END IF;
END PROCESS;

o_count <= sig_count;


END rtl;
```



Vivado (Xilinx Tool) and QuestaSim are used as simulators for VHDL.

Experimentation with ORBIT Grid

```
#using 2 transmitters
#transmitter 1 properties
defProperty('tx_freq_1', "798e6", "")
defProperty('tx_rate_1', "5e6", "")
defProperty('tx_gain_1', "20", "")
defProperty('tx_module_1', "tx_mod1", "")
defProperty('del_tx_module_1', "del_tx_mod1", "")

#transmitter 2 properties
defProperty('tx_freq_2', "800e6", "")
defProperty('tx_rate_2', "5e6", "")
defProperty('tx_gain_2', "20", "")
defProperty('tx_module_2', "tx_mod2", "")
defProperty('del_tx_module_2', "del_tx_mod1", "")

require './wiserd.rb'

#transmitter 1 group
defGroup('sender1', "node7-7") do |node|
  node.addApplication("test:app:wiserd") do |app|
    app.setProperty('--uhd_tx_freq', property.tx_freq_1)
    app.setProperty('--uhd_tx_rate', property.tx_rate_1)
    app.setProperty('--uhd_tx_gain', property.tx_gain_1)
    app.setProperty('--addmodule', property.tx_module_1)
    app.setProperty('--delmodule', property.del_tx_module_1)
  end
end
```

- Transmitting signals from two radios and receiving at one
- Defining multiple groups in OEDL script as opposed to one
- fftmovingavgoml module
- timesamplestofile module

Filtering and Peak-Finding in MATLAB

- **Implemented moving average filter to reduce noise**
- **Added algorithm for finding peaks in the frequency spectrum**
- **Can now guess with reasonable accuracy the transmitter frequencies**

```
% moving average filter
moving_avg = [];
j = 1;
while j <= (numel(ffts(:,1))-(avg-1))
    avg_sample = ffts(j:j+avg-1,:);
    moving_avg = [moving_avg;sum(avg_sample)/avg];
    j = j+1;
end
```

```
% peak-finding algorithm
rms_mag = sqrt(sum(slice.^2)/numel(slice));
for k = 1:numel(slice)
    if slice(k) < rms_mag
        slice(k) = 0;
    end
end

[~,peak_index] = find(slice ~= 0);
peak_freqs = peak_index*s_fr/numel(slice)+c_fr-s_fr/2;
order = floor(log10(c_fr));
peak_freqs = 10^(order-2).*round(peak_freqs./10^(order-2));
peaks{i} = unique(peak_freqs)/10^6;
```

Next Week

- **Continue working with Zedboard**
- **Continue adding transmitters and receivers on the Grid (introduce classes/OOP to OEDL scripts)**
- **Examine and experiment with wiserd modules**
- **Start implementing MATLAB code in C/C++ and examine performance increase (long-term goal)**