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ABSTRACT

For the time being there are many Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSSs) in the world that have both navigation and timing capabilities. Most of the GNSSs share a great part in the design of both the transmitter and receiver. So, it became necessary to use flexible tools in the system design to facilitate both the modernization plans of the current systems and the launching of new systems. This thesis introduces a new look for the simulation and implementation of Galileo signals using a graphical programming language; which is Simulink.

Galileo is the European independent GNSS that provides a highly accurate and guaranteed global positioning and timing services under civilian control. It is inter-operable with the American GNSS, which is the Global Positioning system (GPS), and the Russian GNSS; which is the GLONASS.

The successful design and implementation of the Galileo receiver strongly depends on to which extent we could simulate the Galileo signals to test the functionality of the receiver. During the design stage of the receiver it is preferable to use simulated signals than real signals to be able to control the properties of the received signal. Moreover, the Interface Control Document (ICD); which defines the main requirements of the Galileo system, recommends introducing flexible designs because the system is still under development and is subject to modifications.

So, this thesis adds a step on the route toward a clear, easy and transparent simulation and implementation of Galileo transmitter implemented with the Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology. In general, the graphical environment makes the relation between the system modeling, system simulation, and system implementation clearer and easier to debug, because we

can put test points everywhere and obtain immediate results. Also, using a graphical programming language enables the designer to finish the simulation of the complete system in a relatively short time. This will facilitate the simulation and implementation of the Galileo receiver.

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Abbreviations

ACF	Autocorrelation Function.
AltBOC	Alternate Binary Offset Keying.
BOC	Binary Offset Carrier.
BPSK	Binary Phase Shift Keying.
CASM	Coherent Adaptive Sub-Carrier Modulation.
CBOC	Composite Binary Offset Carrier.
CCS	Code Composer Studio.
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access.
CS	Commercial Service.
DS-SS	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum.
FDMA	Frequency Division Multiple Access.
FH-SS	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum.
FOC	Full Operational Capability.
GCC	Galileo Control Center.
GIOVE-A	Galileo In-Orbit Validation Element-A.
GIOVE-B	Galileo In-Orbit Validation Element-B.
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time.
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System.
GPS	Global Positioning System.
GSS	Galileo Sensor Stations.
GST	Galileo System Time.
GUI	Graphical User Interface.
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization.
INRIM	Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca Metrologica.
IOV	In Orbit Validation.
IRNSS	Indian Regional Navigational Satellite System.
LFSR	Linear Feedback Shift Register
NAVSTAR	NAVigation System with Timing And Ranging.
OS	Open service.
OS SIS ICD	Open Service Signal in space Interface Control Document
PRN	Pseudorandom Noise.
PRS	Public Regulated Service.
PSD	Power Spectral Density.
PTF	Precise Timing Facility.
QZSS	Quasi Zenith Satellite System.
RTDX	Real Time Data Exchange.
RTW	Real Time Workshop.
SAR	Search and Rescue.
SARSAT	Search And Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking.
SDR	Software Defined Radio
SoL	Safety of Life.
TC6	Target Support Package.
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access.
ULS	Uplink Station.
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System.
UTC	Co-ordinated Universal Time.