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The **Department of Safety Critical Systems & Systems Engineering**, part of the **Institute of Flight Systems** in Braunschweig, offers with immediate effect a:

MASTER THESIS

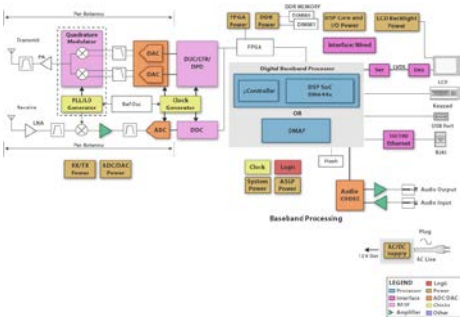
"Feasibility analysis of software defined radio and cognitive radio for safety critical aircraft systems"

Advanced Technology Research Aircraft (ATRA)

One of the main concerns in the field of aeronautics is the increase of efficiency and the reduction of design, maintenance and operation costs. The increase in the number of installed functionalities onboard aircrafts which need a radio link has derived in a congestion of the electromagnetic spectrum available for aeronautical purposes.

The department of safety critical systems and systems engineering of the institute of flight systems investigates new and alternative ways of transmitting data inside an aircraft for flight control purposes in order to substitute the wires associated with data transmission inside aircraft used nowadays, and maintaining the minimum number of cable in it.

The increase in the capabilities of programmable logic devices like DSPs and FPGAs due to their technological evolution, has enabled the use of software defined radio and cognitive radio for RF communication purposes, which could revolutionize the architecture of current avionic systems.



Block diagram of a software defined radio system
Source: Texas Instruments

Definition of tasks:

- Literature research
  - Software Defined Radio (SDR)
  - Cognitive radio
  - RF jamming techniques
- Development of the SDR transceiver model
- Development of the jammer model
- Simulation of the system
- Analysis of the feasibility of SDR and cognitive radio for aeronautical applications

Academical background:

- Telecommunications Engineering
- Electrical Engineering

Desired skills:

- Knowledge in system modelling and simulation
- Matlab® and Simulink®
- German language (the master thesis will be written in English)

Thesis duration: 6 Months (prolongable)
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