

Module Description, available in: EN

Smart Sensing

General Information**Number of ECTS Credits**

3

Module code

TSM_SmartSens

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Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:

- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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Instruction	X E 100%						
Documentation	X E 100%						
Examination	X E 100%						

Module Category

TSM Technical scientific module

Lessons

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

Entry level competences**Prerequisites, previous knowledge**

This module is aimed for students having already acquired fundamentals knowledge and experience in measuring systems, in sensors with basic physical working principles, including as well basic electronic circuits (Wheatstone bridge, differential operational amplifier, oscillators, analog filters). Notions of MEMS are welcome.

Brief course description of module objectives and content

Sensors can be defined as smart sensors in three different manners: (a) the use of a smart design to obtain immunity from various parameters of influences in the targeted application, (b) the integration or embedding of a readout circuit and possibly also of a microcontroller in the same package or on the same substrate, (c) smart regarding its configuration and data analysis method allowing the observation of complex phenomenon (e.g. sensor fusion, sensor network).

The objective of this module is to complement the student with knowledge on modern sensor solutions that do already allow their integration in numerous key application, with its miniaturization, its reduction of costs and the improvement of its performances.

Aims, content, methods

Learning objectives and acquired competencies

At the end of this module, the student will be able :

- To explain basic design principles allowing the enhancement of the performances (noise reduction, increased sensitivity, linearization,...)
- To analyse the various stages of smart sensing systems, comprising the analog blocks, the mixed signal blocks, the digital blocks, and to explain the main types of digital signals used as well as to identify basic signal harvesting and conditioning methods for its data transmission.
- To identify and explain differences between “analog” and “digital” design and the implications of “mixed-signal” design on the same substrate
- To design solution involving autonomous smart sensors
- To explain the interest of advanced sensor signal or data processing methods for sensing performance optimization

Contents of module with emphasis on teaching content

As red thread for this modules, the examples of sensors in smartphone and smart watched will be used.

The content of this module will include:

- Important principles for smart sensors for reduction of parasitic effects (2/14)
- Electronic building blocks and Signal processing chain (4/14)
- Calibration principles (1/14)
- Examples of MEMS and CMOS sensors (for example: Accelerometers, Gyroscope, Compass, TOF,...)
- Micropower generation (1/14)
- Sensors fusion and networks (2/14)

Teaching and learning methods

This course involves theoretical presentations and practical exercises

Literature

Lecture slides, references to internet resources and books (e.g. Smart Sensor Systems: Emerging Technologies and Applications Wiley Gerard Meijer, Michiel Pertijs, Kofi Makinwa)

Assessment

Certification requirements

Module does not use certification requirements

Basic principle for exams

As a rule, all the standard final exams for modules and also all resit exams are to be in written form

Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

written

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

Calculator. No computer, neither smartphone nor smartwatch, no social network.

Other permissible aids

Open books.

Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

Kind of exam

oral

Duration of exam

30 minutes

Permissible aids

No aids permitted