

Course syllabus

# Digital kommunikation Digital Communications

EITG05, 7,5 credits, G2 (First Cycle)

Valid for: 2023/24

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering, LTH

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#### **General Information**

Main field: Technology.

Main field: Communication Systems.

Compulsory for: MWIR1

Elective for: BME4, C4-ks, D4-ssr, D4-ns, E4-ks, F4, F4-f, M4, MFOT1, Pi4, MMSR2

Language of instruction: The course will be given in English

#### **Aim**

The aim of this course is to give basic knowledge of principles, concepts, functioning, performance and limitations of digital communication systems.

# Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

- be able to identify and formulate problems within the area of digital communications
- be able to classify the level of difficulty of problems related to the his/her own level of knowledge
- be able to make a model of a low-complexity communication link using the blocks transmitter communication channel receiver
- be able to analyse and describe uncoded digital communication system of low and medium complexity

Competences and skills

For a passing grade the student must

be able to suggest and formulate technical solutions for uncoded digital communication

systems of low and medium complexity

• be able to show ability to handle new concepts, methods and results

Judgement and approach
For a passing grade the student must

 be able to show insight concerning possibilities and limitations of digital communication systems

#### **Contents**

*Introduction:* An overview is given of a general communication link consisting of the three parts transmitter – communication channel – receiver. Examples of digital communication methods are introduced for realistic bit rates and noise levels.

The transmitter: The principles, structure and functioning of the transmitter are explained. Basic binary and M-ary digital communication methods are presented such as: phase shift keying (PSK), quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM), frequency shift keying (FSK) and orthogonal frequency division multiplex (OFDM). Communication methods that use several transmitter and receiver antennas (MIMO system) are briefly discussed. The efficiency with respect to bit rate, bandwidth and signal power is evaluated for different methods. Multiple access techniques are briefly discussed in connection with multi-user communication systems.

The communication channel: The influence of the communication channel on the transmitted information carrying signals is investigated. The consequences of multi-path propagation and noise on the bit rate is also studied. Disturbing signals, noise and other unwanted signals are described and modelled (typically as additive white Gaussian noise in this course). The influence of different transmission media such as air, metallic conductors and optical fibers are briefly discussed.

The receiver: The principles (MAP and ML), structure and functioning of the receiver are explained. Synchronisation issues are described. The bit error probability of the receiver is analysed and calculated. The connection between bit rate, received signal power, noise level, bandwidth and error probability is clarified. The concept of diversity is briefly discussed and illustrated. Technical challenges when using very high bit rates, such as the presence of inter-symbol interference (ISI), is described.

Applications: Some of the following applications are considered in the course: Mobile digital telephony (3G, EDGE, GSM), WLAN, modem, ADSL, digital TV, Bluetooth, navigation (GPS), surveillance systems.

# **Examination details**

Grading scale: TH - (U,3,4,5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)

**Assessment:** Written examination (5 h) normally consists of five problems. Approved lab is a requirement to be allowed to enter the examination.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

**Parts** 

Code: 0117. Name: Examination.

Credits: 6,5. Grading scale: TH. Assessment: Written exam. Contents: The whole course.

Code: 0217. Name: Laboratory Work.

Credits: 1. Grading scale: UG. Assessment: Passed laboratory lesson. Contents: The course has one mandatory

laboration.

## **Admission**

Assumed prior knowledge: FMAA01 Calculus in one variable or corresponding, and two

years of studies at a technical university.

The number of participants is limited to: No

The course overlaps following course/s: ETT051

# **Reading list**

• Lindell, G: Introduction to Digital Communications. 2006. Compendium.

## **Contact and other information**

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