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Visible light communications for the smart industry

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Department assigned to the subject: Signal and Communications Theory Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: Semester:

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

- Basic knowledge about digital communications

OBJECTIVES

The student should aquire the following competences:

- Understand the needs for the communication systems in the framework of the Industry 4.0
- Acquire the knowledge for satisfying the requirements of the communications systems in the Industry 4.0.
- Acquire the capacity of analyze the transmission of information over the optical spectrum (visible light)
- Acquire the capacity to design, analyze and optimize signal processing algorithms that perform the main functions of a digital receiver (modulation, synchronization, channel estimation / equalization, detection, decoding) in a visible light communication system.
- Acquire the capacity to design and analyze complex communication systems that combine several classes of signal processing algorithms for visible light communications.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Unit 1. Introduction

During the introduction, the framework of the visible light communications and their role in the radioelectric spectrum is presented. Within this framework the need for exploiting alternative bandwidth is shown. After that, the communication needs of the smart industry and how the visible light communications are explained. Finally, a brief overview of the standards that regulate the visible light communications is carried out.

Unit 2. Propagation of the visible light

Design of a transmission scheme for visible light communications and presentation of its elements, i.e., LED lights, photodiodes, amplifiers. Description of the point-to-point channel and the effects of the diffuse components within industrial environments. Highlight the difference between the free-space optical channel and the radiofrequency channel.

Unit 3. Modulation and detection of information through visible light communications

Analysis and implementation of modulation, signal detection and decoding schemes for visible light communications. Single carrier and multi-carrier (OFDM) schemes. Management of the constraints given by the features of the optical channel. Multi-transmitters (MIMO) optical schemes.

Unit 4. Geolocation based on visible light communication

Implementation of geolocation services based on the deployment of LED light in industrial environment. Modeling and accuracy of the geolocation services.

Unit 5. Internet of Things based on visible light communications

Management of sensors networks in industrial environment through visible light communications. Compatibility with traditional standards based on radiofrequency and grouping of the set of communications through and optical gateway.

Unit 6. Practice, practical case

Study of practical case employing the knowledge obtained through the subject. Use of Matlab for simulations.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Theoretical lessons and problems

The lessons are composed of theory and practical examples with the aim of providing a better understanding.

Lab practices

Simulation of the practical cases described during the theoretical lessons.

Practica case

A practical case in the framework of the optical communications for the industry 4.0 is proposed for simulation and analysis.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The final mark is obtained as a weighted sum described below,

- Participation: 10%
- Exercises proposed during the classes: 20%
- Lab practices: 20%
- Practical case (final work): 50%

% end-of-term-examination: 0
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 100

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