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Wireless sensor networks 732 (EKS 732)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	32.00
Programmes	BEngHons Computer Engineering
Prerequisites	Computer networks ERN 780
Contact time	32 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Electrical, Electronic and Com
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

WSN consist of individual nodes interacting with their environment by sensing or controlling physical parameters; these nodes have to collaborate (using wireless communication) to fulfil their tasks. The course can be structured in two parts: architectures covering single node and network architectures, and communication protocols focusing on algorithms and protocols relevant to wireless sensor networks. The latter include the physical layer, MAC protocols, link-layer, naming and addressing, time synchronisation, localisation and positioning, topology control, routing protocols, data-centric and content-based networking, transport layer and QoS, and advanced application support (e.g. security).

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