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NETWORKED CONTROL SYSTEMS

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

Students who complete the module: have implemented a controller for a system with multiple inputs and outputs involving the use of a network. One aim is that the student should be able to design and analyse commonly used networks and protocols with focus on their real time properties. A second aim is that the student is able to design and implement classical solutions for multivariable control along with modern state space solutions including state feedback and feedback from observed states. Special attention is given to the implication of timing and timing variations in the network on the control behavior

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Must have knowledge about common control structures
- Must have knowledge about common communication standards, protocols and network topologies
- Must be able to understand network system models
- Must understand the scientific communication processes related to conference presentations and related to publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- Must know how to organize a scientific publication

SKILLS

- Must be able to implement a control system using a selected network standard and analyse timing properties relevant for the control system behavior
- Must be able to design and implement classic and modern controllers for a multivariable system and analyse closed loop properties like pole placement, disturbance rejection and reference following.
- Can explain the process of and criteria for peer reviewed scientific communications
- Can write a paper for a scientific conference/journal
- Can prepare and give an oral and poster presentation for a scientific conference

COMPETENCES

- Must have competencies in analysis and design of control of systems in state space formulation including state feedback and observer design.
- Must have competencies in design and implementation of distributed real time systems and real time requirements for control systems
- Must be able to read and understand selected scientific literature and then apply the theories, methods, and/or tools in order to solve a problem
- Must be able to present the problem, the suggested solution(s), experiments and simulation results, as well as the overall conclusion in terms of a scientific paper and a poster
- Must be able to present orally the main contribution and conclusion of the work in terms of a 15 minutes conference presentation
- Are able to judge and prioritize the validity of various sources of scientific information
- Can apply internationally recognized principles for acknowledging and citing work of others properly
- Can formulate and explain scientific hypotheses and results achieved through scientific work
- Are able to analyze results and draw conclusions on a scientific basis

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Networked Control Systems
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	15
Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Netværksbaserede kontrolsystemer
Module code	ESNCAK1P2
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	15
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Madsen

ORGANISATION

Education owner	Master of Science (MSc) in Engineering (Control and Automation)
Study Board	Study Board of Electronics and IT
Department	Department of Electronic Systems
Faculty	The Technical Faculty of IT and Design

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The module builds on knowledge obtained in the modules Probability and statistics, Linear algebra and Programming.

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Have knowledge about the theoretical framework in which stochastic processes are defined.
- Be able to understand the properties of the stochastic processes introduced in the course, such as wide-sense stationary (WSS) processes, Auto Regressive Moving Average (ARMA) processes, Markov models, and Poisson point processes.
- Be able to understand how WSS processes are transformed by linear time-invariant systems.
- Be able to understand the theoretical context around the introduced estimation and detection methods ((non-parametric and parametric) spectral estimation, Linear Minimum Mean Square Error (LMMSE) estimation, Wiener filter, Kalman filter, detection of signals, ARMA estimation, etc.)

SKILLS

- Be able to apply the stochastic processes taught in the course to model real random mechanisms occurring in engineering problems.
- Be able to simulate stochastic processes using a standard programming language.
- Be able to apply the taught estimation and detection methods to solve engineering problems dealing with random mechanisms.
- Be able to evaluate the performances of the introduced estimation and detection methods.

COMPETENCES

- Have the appropriate “engineering” intuition of the basic concepts and results related to stochastic processes that allow – for a particular engineering problem involving randomness – to design an appropriate model, derive solutions, assess the performance of these solutions, and possibly modify the model, and all subsequent analysis steps, if necessary.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Stochastic Processes
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Stokastiske processer
Module code	ESNCAK1K1F
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

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DISTRIBUTED REAL TIME SYSTEMS

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The module builds on knowledge obtained in the courses Communication in Electronic Systems (EIT 5th Semester) or Network Technologies and Distributed Systems (ITC 5th Semester).

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- fieldbus technologies and concepts of communication
- global state protocols
- replication of systems for redundancy concerns
- application domains and their requirements, relevant Quality of Service parameters
- queuing theory, basic models
- synchronization issues
- reliability modeling, including safety, scalability, maintainability issues
- modeling tools, such as Deterministic Network Calculus
- network simulation tools (examples include ns-2/ns-3, OMNET)

SKILLS

- Service models for field bus and their limitation
- utilizing consistency between automates in a distributed system
- describing a loose coupled system with basic traffic pattern modeling
- home automation and similar domain areas in perspective of communication and safety
- quality of service
- protocol design

COMPETENCES

- identify requirements and select an appropriate communication architecture
- analyze and design complex networked systems with hard requirements such as providing real time guarantees
- model system behavior using analytical or simulation tools

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Distributed Real Time Systems
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Distribuerede realtidssystemer
Module code	ESNCAK1K2F
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

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MULTIVARIABLE CONTROL

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

To expand qualifications in classic control and to introduce modern control methods based on state space description.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Control of large scale systems e.g. sugar production, power production, cement production
- Control of unit operations: e.g. boiler control, evaporation control, distillation control, energy transport control, reactor control, heat exchanger control.

SKILLS

- Control of large scale systems
- Anti-integrator windup
- Reduced order observers

COMPETENCES

- Root locus design
- Digital control methods
 - Design by emulation
 - Discrete design
- Time delays
- State space control
 - Poles and zeros of state space models
 - State space transformations
 - Controllability
 - State feedback design
 - Observability
 - Observer gain design
 - Observer based control
 - Separations theorem
 - Integral state space control
 - Zero assignment
 - Reference input

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Multivariable Control
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed

Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Flervariable reguleringssystemer
Module code	ESNCAK1K3
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

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MULTIVARIABLE PROCESS CONTROL

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The project module builds on knowledge obtained during the 1st semester

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

Students who complete the module: must be able to analyze modern control methods for multi input/multi output systems and to apply modeling methods and control synthesis for mechanical or energy conversion systems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Stability and performance limitations in robust control
- Additive and multiplicative model uncertainty
- Robust stability
- Robust performance
- Small gain theorem
- Dynamic programming
- Riccati equation
- Elimination of steady state errors in optimal control
- Use of observer in LQG control
- Stability properties of optimal controller
- Stability properties of finite horizon control
- Solving predictive control with constraints using quadratic programming
- Dealing with uncertain and nonlinear systems in model predictive control.
- Mass- and energy balances
- Fundamental laws of thermodynamics
- Models with lumped and distributed parameters
- Model structures for system identification: AR, MA, ARMA, ARMAX, Box-Jenkins
- System identification methods: Moment method, Least squares method, Prediction error method, Maximum likelihood method, Recursive and adaptive parameter estimation
- Lagrange and Hamiltonian mechanics
- Rotation parameters, rotation matrices, quaternion
- Model representations (differential equations, state space, transfer function, differential-algebraic equations, descriptor form)
- Must know how to formulate own competences related to PBL

SKILLS

- Formulation of optimal control problems with references and disturbances
- Soft real time implementation
- Formulation of the standard robustness problem
- Theory and solution to the standard robust problem
- Formulation of control problems using models of constraints, disturbances and references combined with a performance function (Model Predictive Control)
- Software tools for solving constrained optimization problems
- Should be able to apply system identification methods
- Can reflect over own use of PBL methods and how these methods can be used in future projects and work situations

COMPETENCES

- Synthesis of robust control systems, model predictive control systems, and of LQG systems
- Should be able to formulate models of basic energy conversion systems and mechanical systems.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in the introduction to § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Multivariable Process Control
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	15
Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	External examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Flervariabel proceskontrol
Module code	ESNCAK2P2N
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	15
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Madsen

ORGANISATION

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MODELING OF MECHANICAL AND THERMAL SYSTEMS

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Mass- and energy balances
- Preservation of momentum
- Definition of control volumes, Reynolds theorem
- Empirical relations for heat transfer friction
- Properties for liquids and gasses
- Fundamental laws of thermodynamics
- Models with lumped parameters
- Models with distributed parameters
- Model structures for system identification: AR, MA, ARMA, ARMAX, Box-Jenkins
- System identification methods: Moment method, Least squares method, Prediction error method, Maximum likelihood method, Recursive and adaptive parameter estimation
- Lagrange and Hamiltonian mechanics
- Coordinate systems and coordinate transformation for mechanical systems.
- Rotation parameters, rotation matrices, quaternions
- Kinematics
- Satellite and Robot dynamics
- Model representations (differential equations, state space, transfer function, differential-algebraic equations, descriptor form)
- Model reduction
- Linearization
- Model properties (controllability, observability, stability)

SKILLS

- Should be able to formulate models of a basic energy conversion systems and mechanical systems.
- Should be able to apply system identification methods
- Should be able to adapt the model to a suitable representation.

COMPETENCES

- Capable of modeling a system with sufficient information level, suitable for solving a given control problem

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Modeling of Mechanical and Thermal Systems
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed

Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Modellering af mekaniske og termiske systemer
Module code	ESNCAK2K1
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

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OPTIMALITY AND ROBUSTNESS

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The module builds on knowledge obtained through the course Multivariable Control.

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

The aim of this module is to obtain qualifications in formulation and solution of control problems where the objective can be formulated as an optimization problem in which the trajectories of inputs, state variables and outputs are included in an objective function and can be constrained. The formulation will include a model which describes the dynamic behavior of the physical plant with given control inputs and disturbances. Models describing disturbances and references can be included to describe predictive problems. A further aim is to provide methods to analyze robustness of closed loop stability and performance when discrepancy between the physical plant and the model is bounded by specified uncertainty bounds and to study dimensioning methods, which aim to ensure robustness of stability and performance given specified uncertainty bounds.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Must have an understanding of basic concepts within optimal control, such as linear models, quadratic performance, dynamic programming, Riccati equations etc.
- Must have an understanding of the use of observers to estimate states in a linear dynamical system
- Must have insight into the stability properties of optimal controllers
- Must have insight into the stability properties of finite horizon control, and how to ensure stability
- Must have knowledge about performance specifications that are not quadratic
- Must have knowledge of additive and multiplicative model uncertainty
- Must have insight into the small gain theorem and its applications in robust control
- Must have insight into robust stability and robust performance

SKILLS

- Must be able to formulate linear control problems using models of disturbances and references combined with a quadratic performance function and solve them using appropriate software tools, e.g. Matlab
- Must be able to introduce integral states in control laws to eliminate steady state errors
- Must be able to design observers while taking closed-loop stability into account
- Must be able to utilize quadratic programming to solve predictive control problems with constraints.
- Must be able to use software tools such as Matlab to solve constrained optimization problems
- Must be able to formulate the standard robustness problem as a two-input-two-output problem and solve it using appropriate methods
- Must be able to assess the limitations model uncertainty sets impose on the achievable performance for systems described by linear models
- Must be able to use singular value plots and the H infinity norm of appropriate transfer function to assess robustness
- Must be able to perform H infinity norm optimization as a method to tune controllers

COMPETENCES

- Must be able to formulate and solve optimal control problems with references and disturbances
- Must understand the implications of disturbances and uncertainties in the context of linear dynamical systems, and be able to address these via robust control design

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Optimality and Robustness
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Optimal- og robust regulering
Module code	ESNCAK2K2
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

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FAULT DETECTION, ISOLATION AND MODELLING

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The module builds on knowledge obtained in the module Stochastic Processes.

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

Every real life system will at some point or another experience faults. Students who complete this course will be able to, in a systematic manner, to analyze dynamic systems as well as distributed, network coupled systems. For each of the two system types the student will be able to:

- List the different considered faults, how they propagate through the system and assess their severity and occurrence likelihood.
- Develop methods for estimating if a given fault is present or not.
- Develop fault tolerant strategies for ensuring the continuation of the system in the presence of faults.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Of the taxonomy of fault tolerant systems
- Of simulation tools for testing and verification

SKILLS

- In analyzing a system for possible faults and modeling these
 - Failure Mode and Effect Analysis
 - Structural analysis
 - Faults in TCP/IP based Networks
- In evaluating the severity of different faults and prioritizing
 - By means of simulations
 - Stochastic models for components and their availability
- In designing detectors for selected faults
 - Structural analysis
 - Analytical Redundancy Relations
 - Passive fault detection
 - Unknown input observers
 - Parameter estimators
 - Parity space filters
 - Active fault detection
 - Design of perturbation signals
 - Neighbor discovery
 - Round-trip time
 - Heartbeats
 - Acknowledged transmissions
 - Decision ruling
 - Threshold based
 - Stochastic based
- In designing strategies for handling faults
 - Passive fault tolerance
 - Robust controllers
 - Reliable message broadcasting
 - Multipath routing
 - Active fault tolerance
 - Control strategy change
 - Redundant systems with backup components

COMPETENCES

- In designing fault tolerance strategies for a given system

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Types of instruction are listed in §17; Structure and contents of the programme.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Fault Detection, Isolation and Modelling
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Fejldetektion, -isolation og -modellering
Module code	ESNNSDK2K1
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

Education owner	Master of Science (MSc) in Engineering (Control and Automation)
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CONTROL OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The module builds on knowledge obtained during the 2nd semester

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Must have knowledge about modeling of electromechanical and thermal systems.
- Must be able to understand methods for control of complex systems.

SKILLS

- Must be able to analyze methods of state observation, parameter estimation and sensor information fusion in systems.
- Must be able to apply methods of supervisory control, fault tolerant control or fault detection.

COMPETENCES

- Must be able to design and implement a control system for a complex system.
- Be able to independently define and analyse scientific and engineering problems in the area defined by the project theme, also in cooperation with external/internal partners or as part of multidisciplinary projects.
- Be able to control the working and development process within the project theme.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Control of Complex Systems
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	20
Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Regulering af komplekse systemer
Module code	ESNCAK3P5
Module type	Project

Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	20
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Madsen

ORGANISATION

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PROJECT-ORIENTED STUDY IN AN EXTERNAL ORGANISATION

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

The student stays in a company with the purpose of learning and applying theories and methods to address engineering problems in an industrial context. In addition, the student will be introduced to business procedures and policies.

A project oriented study in an external organisation agreement must be approved by the company, an AAU supervisor and the study board for electronics and it (ESN).

The project-oriented study in an external organisation must have a scope that correspond the ECTS load.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Has knowledge about the organization of the company and business procedures and policies.
- Has knowledge about performance measures in the company.
- Has developed a fundamental business sense.
- Has knowledge of the competence profile of the program and how the project oriented study in an external organisation contributes to the competence profile.
- Has gained deepened knowledge into engineering theories and methods within the program.

SKILLS

- Can initiate and ensure the completion of an agreement for the project oriented study in an external organisation, with learning objectives corresponding to the semester at the master's program.
- Can apply analytic, methodological and/or theoretic skills to address advanced engineering problems in an industrial context.
- Can contribute in a professional manner to company objectives as an individual and in teams in accordance with the project management model applied in the company.
- Can collaborate and communicate with peers, managers and others.
- Can document the project oriented study in an external organisation in a report and defend it orally.

COMPETENCES

- Can discuss and reflect on the learning outcomes of the project oriented study in an external organisation.
- Can discuss the need for knowledge transfer between academia and industry.
- Has a deepened understanding of the academic interests to pursue in the master's thesis and possible job positions to aim at after graduation.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Project work

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Project-Oriented Study in an External Organisation
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	20

Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Projektorienteret forløb
Module code	ESNCAK3P2N
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	20
Language of instruction	English
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Madsen

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TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Project work

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Project-Oriented Study in an External Organisation
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	25

Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Projektorienteret forløb
Module code	ESNCAK3P3N
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	25
Language of instruction	English
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Madsen

ORGANISATION

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

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TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Project work

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Project-Oriented Study in an External Organisation
Type of exam	Oral exam based on a project
ECTS	30

Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Projektorienteret forløb
Module code	ESNCAK3P4N
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	30
Language of instruction	English
Location of the lecture	Campus Copenhagen
Responsible for the module	Madsen

ORGANISATION

Education owner	Master of Science (MSc) in Engineering (Control and Automation)
Study Board	Study Board of Electronics and IT
Department	Department of Electronic Systems
Faculty	The Technical Faculty of IT and Design

MASTER'S THESIS

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

The master's thesis can be conducted as a long master's thesis. If choosing to do a long master's thesis, it has to include experimental work and has to be approved by the study board. The amount of experimental work must reflect the allotted ECTS.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- have knowledge, at the highest international level of research, of at least one of the core fields of the education
- have comprehension of implications of research (research ethics)

SKILLS

- are able to reflect on a scientific basis on their knowledge,
- can argue for the relevance of the chosen problem to the education including specifically account for the core of the problem and the technical connections in which it appears
- can account for possible methods to solve the problem statements of the project, describe and assess the applicability of the chosen method including account for the chosen delimitation and the way these will influence on the results of the product
- can analyze and describe the chosen problem applying relevant theories, methods and experimental data
- are able to describe the relevant theories and methods in a way that highlights the characteristics and hereby document knowledge of the applied theories, methods, possibilities and delimitations within the relevant problem area
- have the ability to analyze and assess experimental data, including the effect the assessment method has on the validity of the results.

COMPETENCES

- are able to communicate scientific problems in writing and orally to specialist and non-specialist.
- are able to control situations that are complex, unpredictable and which require new solutions,
- are able to independently initiate and to perform collaboration within the discipline and interdisciplinary as well, and to take professional responsibility,
- are able to independently take responsibility for his or her own professional development and specialization.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Problem based project oriented project work individual or in groups of 2-3 persons.

For further information please refer to § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Master's Thesis
Type of exam	Master's thesis/final project
ECTS	50

Assessment	7-point grading scale
Type of grading	External examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Kandidatspeciale
Module code	ESNCAK4P2
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	50
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

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MASTER'S THESIS

2025/2026

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MODULE

The master's thesis builds on knowledge obtained during the 1st – 3rd semester

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- have knowledge, at the highest international level of research, of at least one of the core fields of the education
- have comprehension of implications of research (research ethics)

SKILLS

- are able to reflect on a scientific basis on their knowledge,
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- can analyze and describe the chosen problem applying relevant theories, methods and experimental data
- are able to describe the relevant theories and methods in a way that highlights the characteristics and hereby document knowledge of the applied theories, methods, possibilities and delimitations within the relevant problem area
- have the ability to analyze and assess experimental data, including the effect the assessment method has on the validity of the results.

COMPETENCES

- are able to communicate scientific problems in writing and orally to specialist and non-specialist.
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- are able to independently initiate and to perform collaboration within the discipline and interdisciplinary as well, and to take professional responsibility,
- are able to independently take responsibility for his or her own professional development and specialization.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

Problem based project oriented project work individual or in groups of 2-3 persons.

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EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Master's Thesis
Type of exam	Master's thesis/final project
ECTS	30
Assessment	7-point grading scale

Type of grading	External examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Kandidatspeciale
Module code	ESNCAK4P1
Module type	Project
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Spring
ECTS	30
Language of instruction	English
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

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SYSTEMS OF SYSTEMS/COMPLEX SYSTEMS

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

The students will be introduced to methodologies for design of a system of systems in terms of designing the properties of the individual systems as well as their interconnecting behavior, establishing the system of systems. A systematic approach to the design of network architectures and local behavior rules, which together constitute systems of systems that are optimal with respect to objectives formulated at a macroscopic level, will be presented.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- The formalized concept of systems of systems
- A systematic approach to the design of network architectures and local behavior rules, which together constitute systems of systems that are optimal with respect to objectives formulated at a macroscopic level.

SKILLS

- To combine the areas of systems and control theory, network theory, distributed systems and embedded systems into design principles for systems of systems

COMPETENCES

- The ability to design of the properties of the individual systems, as well as their interconnecting behavior, establishing the system of systems
- Identify systems as being complex and/or to fit the Systems of systems paradigm
- Identify appropriate tools for the analysis of complex systems/ Systems of systems
- Predict how overall design decisions impact behavior and performance of complex systems /system of systems

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Systems of Systems/Complex Systems
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Komplekse systemer
Module code	ESNCAK3K1F

Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

ORGANISATION

Education owner	Master of Science (MSc) in Engineering (Control and Automation)
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NON-LINEAR CONTROL

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

Students who complete the module will obtain skills within Nonlinear Control including analysis of controllability, observability, and stabilizability and stability, along with control synthesis for non-linear systems, hybrid systems covering dynamical system with both discrete and continuous components, the optimal linear estimator - the Kalman filter - as well as non-linear estimation and sensor fusion.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Lyapunov stability
- Backstepping
- Linear Kalman Filters and their limitations
- The extended Kalman filterThe unscented Kalman filter
- Particle filtering
- Kalman filters as parameter estimators
- The influence of (coloured) sensor and model noise on the filter estimate.
- Must be able to understand...
- The invariance principle
- Feedback linearization

SKILLS

- Controllability
- Observability
- Online estimation techniques to a given system
- Understand and analyze systems with multiple sensors for the purpose of fusing sensor information to control-relevant information
- Stabilizability

COMPETENCES

- Synthesis of non-linear control systems
- Synthesis of hybrid control systems
- Synthesis of estimators for non-linear systems

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Non-linear Control
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination

Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures
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FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Ikke-lineære kontrolsystemer
Module code	ESNCAK3K2F
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

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MACHINE LEARNING

2025/2026

CONTENT, PROGRESS AND PEDAGOGY OF THE MODULE

The course gives a comprehensive introduction to machine learning, which is a field concerned with learning from examples and has roots in computer science, statistics and pattern recognition. The objective is realized by presenting methods and tools proven valuable and by addressing specific application problems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

- Must have knowledge about supervised learning methods including K-nearest neighbors, decision trees, linear discriminant analysis, support vector machines, and neural networks.
- Must have knowledge about unsupervised learning methods including K-means, Gaussian mixture model, hidden Markov model, EM algorithm, and principal component analysis.
- Must have knowledge about probabilistic graphical models, variational Bayesian methods, belief propagation, and mean-field approximation.
- Must have knowledge about Bayesian decision theory, bias and variance trade-off, and cross-validation.
- Must be able to understand reinforcement learning.

SKILLS

- Must be able to apply the taught methods to solve concrete engineering problems.
- Must be able to evaluate and compare the methods within a specific application problem.

COMPETENCES

- Must have competencies in analyzing a given problem and identifying appropriate machine learning methods to the problem.
- Must have competencies in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the methods.

TYPE OF INSTRUCTION

As described in § 17.

EXAM

EXAMS

Name of exam	Machine Learning
Type of exam	Written or oral exam
ECTS	5
Assessment	Passed/Not Passed
Type of grading	Internal examination
Criteria of assessment	The criteria of assessment are stated in the Examination Policies and Procedures

FACTS ABOUT THE MODULE

Danish title	Maskinl�ring
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Module code	ESNSPAK3K2F
Module type	Course
Duration	1 semester
Semester	Autumn
ECTS	5
Language of instruction	English
Empty-place Scheme	Yes
Location of the lecture	Campus Aalborg
Responsible for the module	Ove Kjeld Andersen

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