



MSC THESIS DESCRIPTION SHEET

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Thesis title (Norwegian): Estimering av attityde og baneparametere for satellitt med bruk av GPS og tregghetsmålinger
Thesis title (English): Spacecraft Attitude and Orbit Estimation using GPS and Inertial Measurements

Background: The NTNU Test Satellite (NUTS) project was started in September 2010. The project is part of the Norwegian student satellite program run by NAROM (Norwegian Centre for Space-related Education). The project's goal is to design, manufacture, and launch a double CubeSat by 2014. This MSc-thesis is part of the NUTS project.

The following items should be considered:

- 1) Present a mission analysis describing small satellite projects, including NUTS.
- 2) Investigate GPS attitude estimation, and GPS/INS integration methods. Suggest and implement (Matlab/Simulink) a solution method for the Integer Ambiguity Resolution problem that arises.
- 3) Implement (Matlab/Simulink) an Extended Kalman Filter for the combination of GPS and IMU measurements for attitude and orbit estimation.
- 4) Develop a spacecraft simulator that generates all measurements needed for numerical computation of the Extended Kalman Filter.
- 5) Present your results in a report and include simulation case studies.

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