

**MASTER DEGREE THESIS**

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for

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**Modernised GUI and Automated optimizing  
of hydropower schemes for nMag****BACKGROUND**

The Norwegian hydropower system is aging and built for another market than is expected to be dominant in the future. Modernising, reconstructing and renovation of the hydropower system is thus both necessary and a way to increase efficiency and adaptation to a new market situation. Hydropower systems are complex and complex simulation tools are necessary to embrace all effects of changes in a hydropower system. Such tools exist at different levels. nMag is one of these simplest models and is feasible for all, from small student projects to larger hydropower schemes in a prefeasibility study. nMag is also useful for different other analyses of a hydropower system. Tools that are more complex are available, but these are at an expert level and not feasible at a prefeasibility level of a project. The available version of nMag has an inefficient and “unmodern” user interface and nMag does not have any automated optimizing available. All optimization has to be carried out manually.

**TASK**

Develop a new GUI and an automated optimizing tool for nMag

**Task description**

1. Redo the existing GUI for nMag.
2. Develop an Optimizer for nMag
3. Test and validate GUI and Optimizer

**Objective and purpose**

The objective is to make nMag more user friendly and modern in the design. And to implement an optimizer to expand the use of the model.

**Subtasks and research questions**

1. Carry out a literature review giving an overview of system design and optimization
2. Redo the existing GUI for nMag.
  - a. Develop a new GUI written in Python that handles all user input to the model and prepare the input file for the simulator, runs the simulator, exports and presents the simulation results.

- b. Develop a visual interactive presentation of the setup of the simulated system based on user input and a translator that presents system setups based on nMag setup/simulation files ("two way translator")
    - c. Develop a translator from NVE Atlas to nMag (if time available)
    - d. Test and validate the GUI and the translator using existing setup
  3. Develop an optimizer for nMag
    - a. For optimizing system design and capacities
    - b. For testing and optimizing operation strategies for different markets, water users and different restrictions
    - c. Test and validate

The report shall be on an article format. Approximately 20 pages and structured as an article ready for publication.

**General about content, work and presentation**

The text for the master thesis is meant as a framework for the work of the candidate. Adjustments might be done as the work progresses. Tentative changes must be done in cooperation and agreement with the professor in charge at the Department.

In the evaluation thoroughness in the work will be emphasized, as will be documentation of independence in assessments and conclusions. Furthermore the presentation (report) should be well organized and edited; providing clear, precise and orderly descriptions without being unnecessary voluminous.

The report shall include:

- Standard report front page (from DAIM, <http://daim.idi.ntnu.no/>)
- Title page with abstract and keywords.(template on: [wiki page for students at CEE Departement](#))
- Preface
- Summary and acknowledgement. The summary shall include the objectives of the work, explain how the work has been conducted, present the main results achieved and give the main conclusions of the work.
- The main text.
- Text of the Thesis (these pages) signed by professor in charge as Attachment 1.

The thesis can as an alternative be made as a scientific article for international publication, when this is agreed upon by the Professor in charge. Such a report will include the same points as given above, but where the main text includes both the scientific article and a process report.

Advice and guidelines for writing of the report is given in "Writing Reports" by Øivind Arntsen, and in the departments "Råd og retningslinjer for rapportskriving ved prosjekt og masteroppgave" (In Norwegian) located at [wiki page for students at CEE Departement](#)

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The master thesis will not be registered as delivered until the student has delivered the submission form (from DAIM) where both the Ark-Bibl in SBI and Public Services (Building Safety) of SB II has signed the form. The submission form including the appropriate signatures must be signed by the department office before the form is delivered Faculty Office.

Documentation collected during the work, with support from the Department, shall be handed in to the Department together with the report.

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**Start-up and submission deadlines**

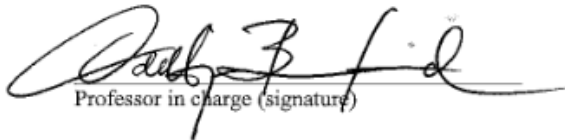
Start-up and submission deadlines are according to information found in DAIM.

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