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Networked Control Systems and Remote Laboratories

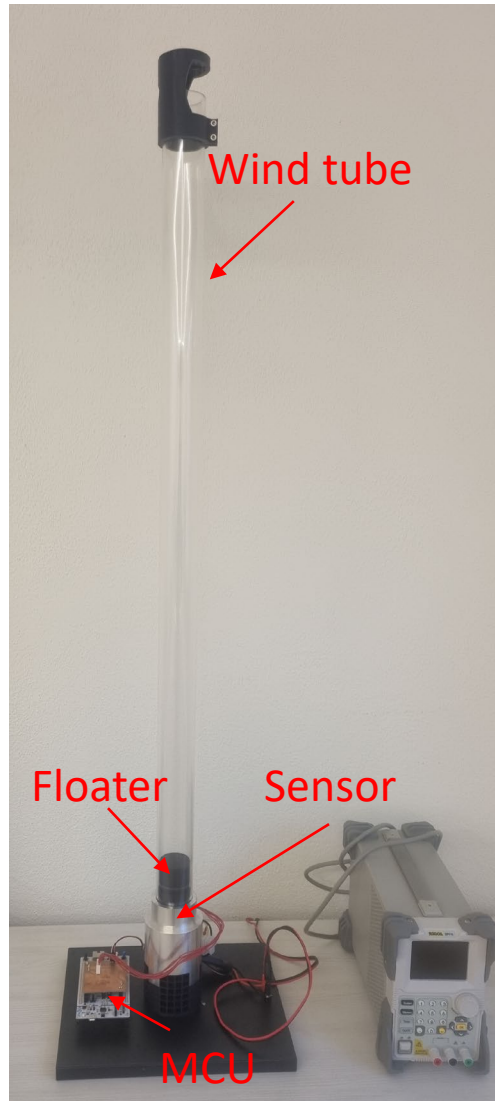
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Introduction



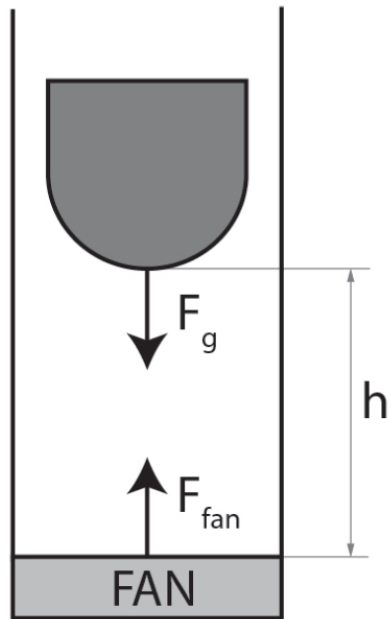
- System design
 - Hardware selection
 - Firmware development
 - Mathematical modelling
 - Testing
- Communication properties (TCP/IP, UDP, OPC...)
- Protocol development for NCS
- NCS Control system structure
- NCS Controller design

Wind Levitation System-WLS



- Wind tube
- Floater – levitating object
- Wind force controller
- Distance sensor

Mathematical Modeling of WLS



Second Newton law of motion:

$$m\ddot{h} = -mg + F_{fan}$$

Second order differential equation:

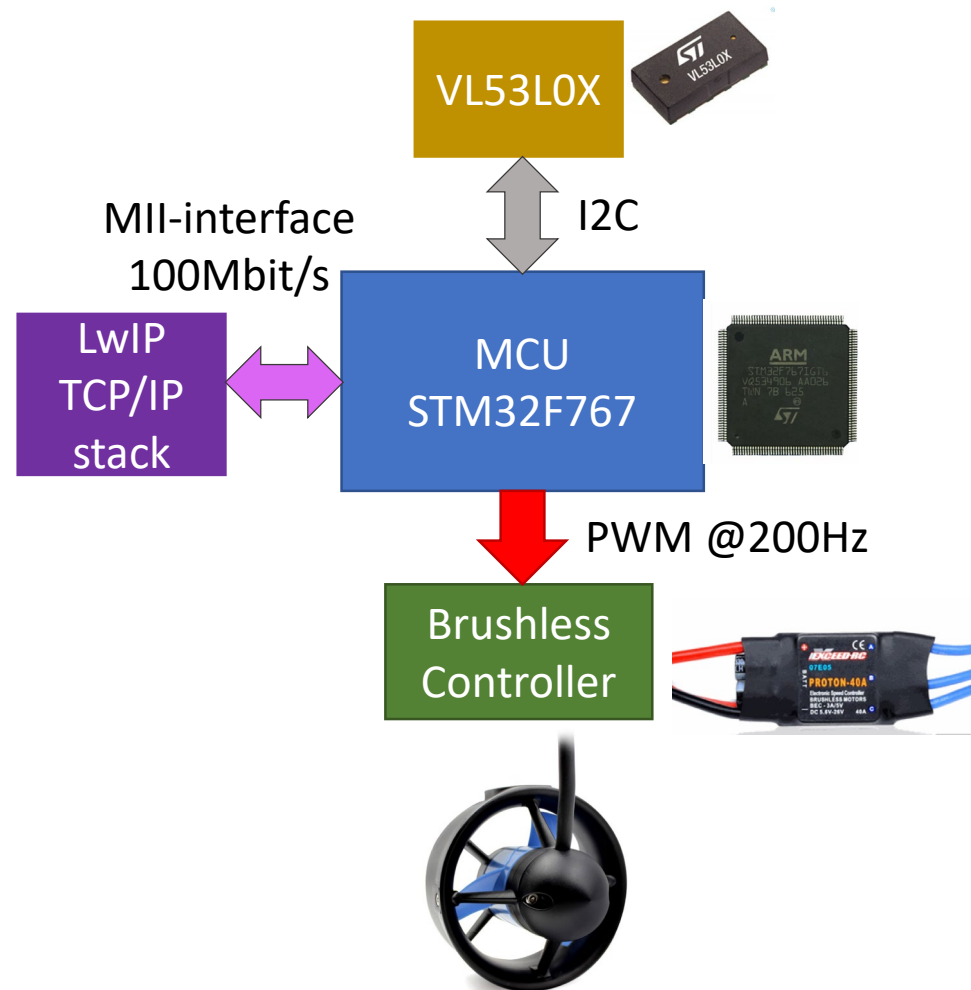
$$\ddot{h} = -g + \frac{1}{m}F_{fan}$$

State space equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -g + \frac{1}{m}F_{fan} \end{aligned}$$

where is: $F_{fan} \approx \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 S$
 ρ -air density, v - air velocity, S -cross surface

Wind Levitation System-Hardware

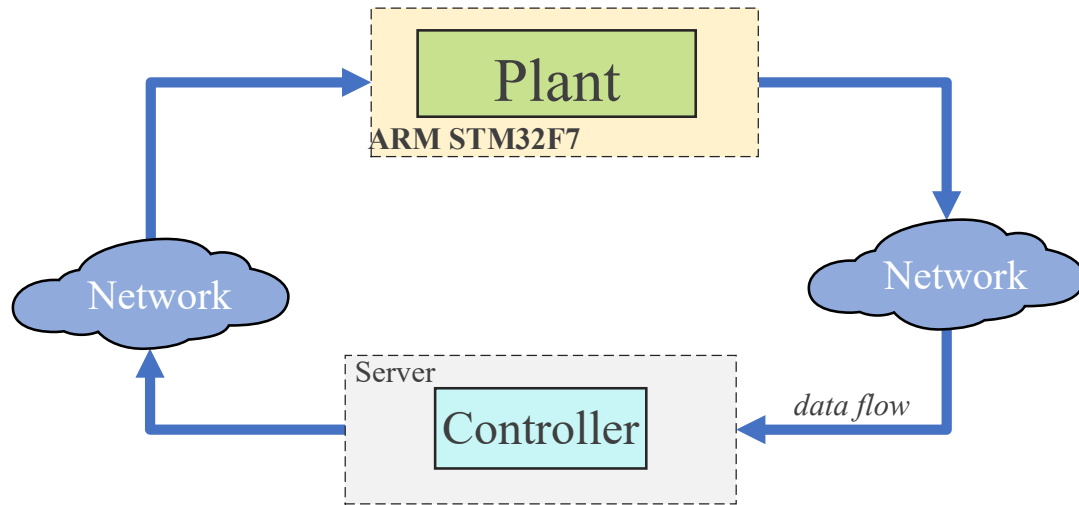


• Hardware

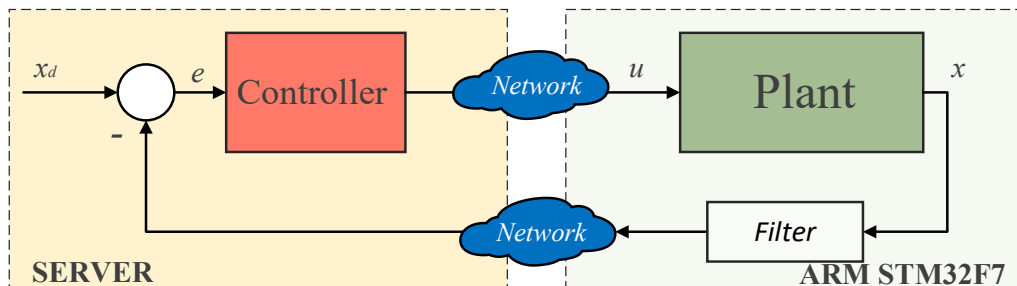
- STM32F767 platform (NUCLEO-dev. board)
- VL53L0X ToF – distance sensor
- Brushless wind thruster – Wind turbine 14V- 80W
- Brushless controller 10A/16V
- Power supply 14V/4A
- Floater 40g

NCS Control System Structure of WLS

NCS network architecture

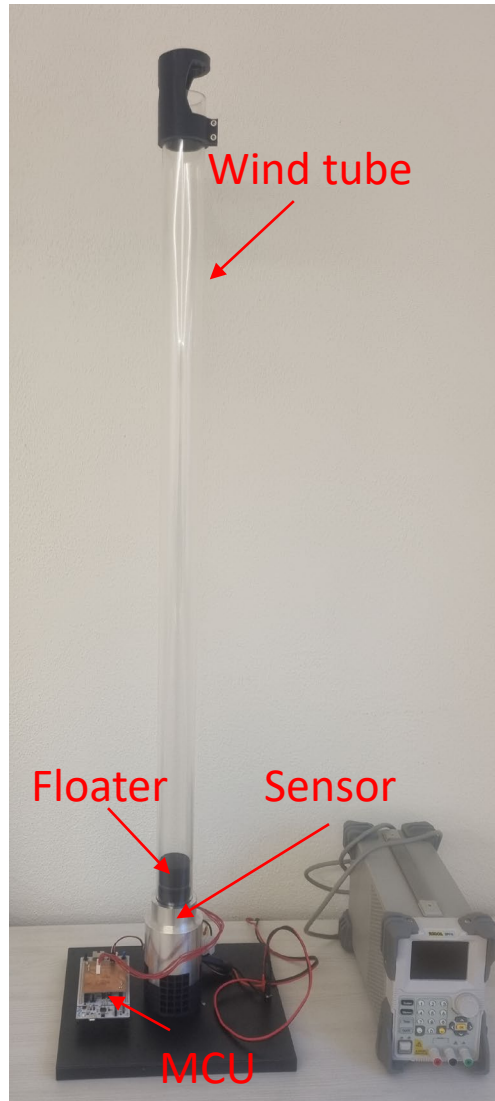


NCS feedback structure



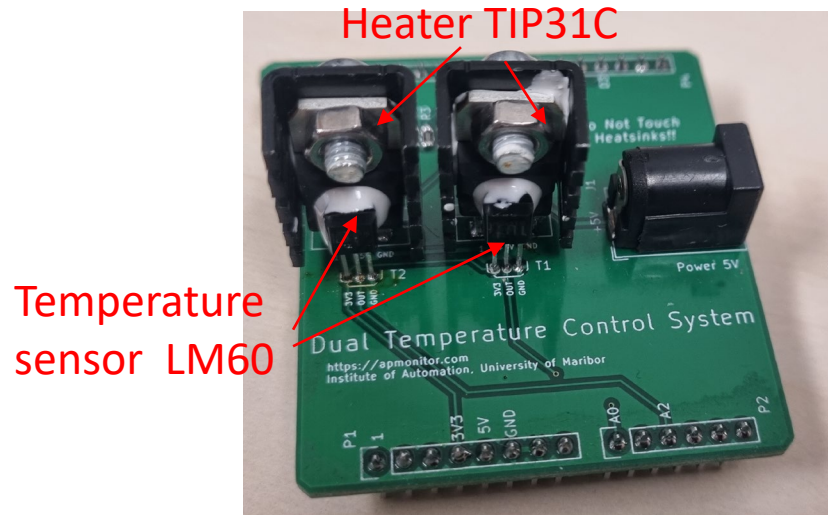
- UDP protocol (LwIP-stack)
- Data transmission:
 - Height measurement (float)
 - Velocity measurement
 - Turbine speed estimation
 - Round trip time measurements (RTT)
 - Server (UDP client/server)
 - Matlab script support
 - Matlab Simulink support
 - Python
 - Labview

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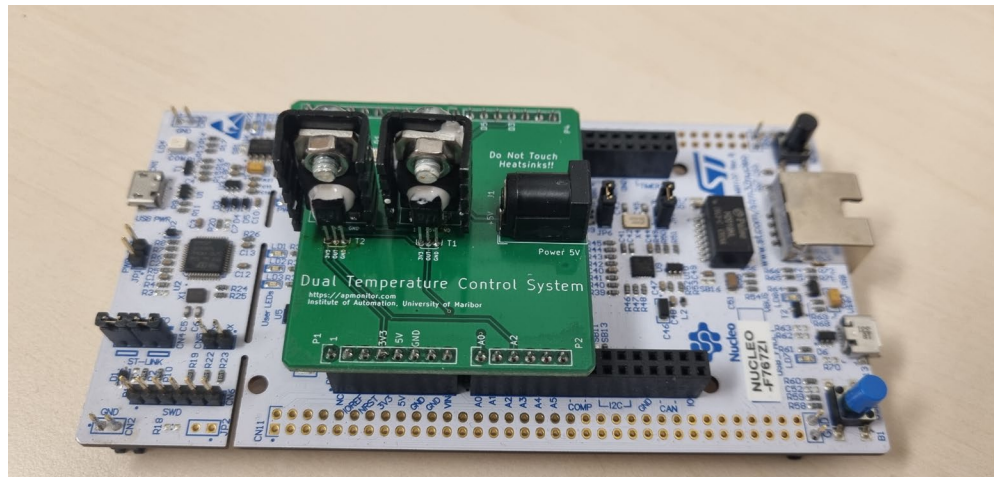


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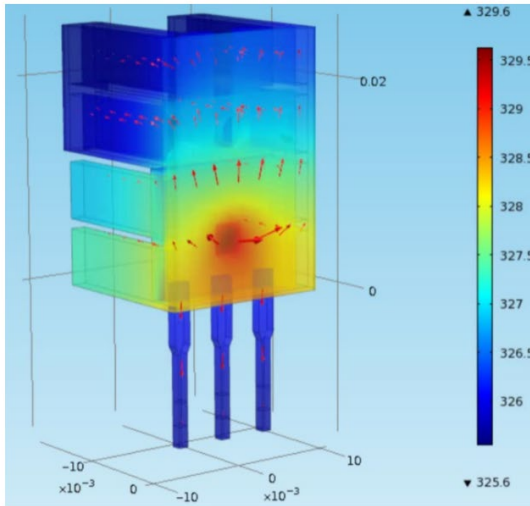
Dual Temperature Control System - DTCS



- Heater TIP31C – power transistor
- Temperature sensor LM60
- SMT32F7 - LwIP-stack
- Power Supply 5V/2A



Mathematical Modeling of the Single Heater System(DTCS) – SISO case



Energy balance equation:

$$m c_p \frac{dT}{dt} = \sum \dot{h}_{in} - \sum \dot{h}_{out} + Q$$

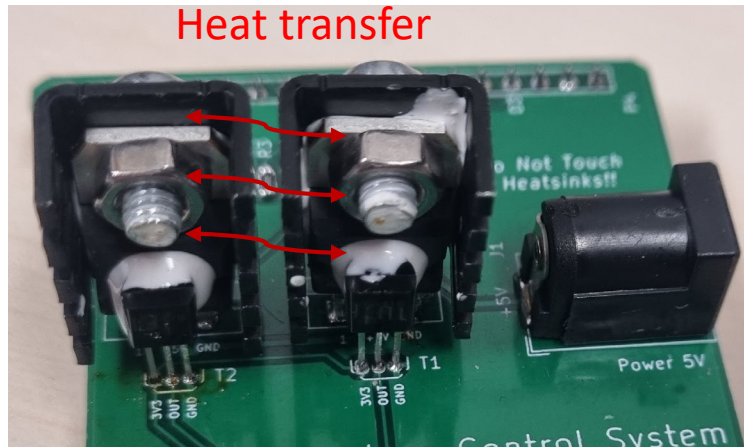
Extended form with convection and radiation terms:

$$m c_p \frac{dT}{dt} = U A (T_{\infty} - T) + \epsilon \sigma A (T_{\infty}^4 - T^4) + \alpha Q$$

<https://apmonitor.com/pdc/index.php/Main/ArduinoModeling>

Quantity	Value
Initial temperature (T_0)	296.15 K (23°C)
Ambient temperature (T_{∞})	296.15 K (23°C)
Heater output (Q)	0 to 1 W
Heater factor (α)	0.01 W/(% heater)
Heat capacity (C_p)	500 J/kg-K
Surface Area (A)	$1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ (12 cm ²)
Mass (m)	0.004 kg (4 gm)
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient (U)	10 W/m ² -K
Emissivity (ϵ)	0.9
Stefan Boltzmann Constant (σ)	$5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}^4$

Mathematical Modeling of the Dual Heater System (DTCS) – MIMO case



Input 1

Input 2

Energy balance equations:

$$m c_p \frac{dT_1}{dt} = U A (T_\infty - T_1) + \epsilon \sigma A (T_\infty^4 - T_1^4) + Q_{C12} + Q_{R12} + \alpha_1 Q_1$$

$$m c_p \frac{dT_2}{dt} = U A (T_\infty - T_2) + \epsilon \sigma A (T_\infty^4 - T_2^4) - Q_{C12} - Q_{R12} + \alpha_2 Q_2$$

where convection and radiative heat transfer between the two heating elements are:

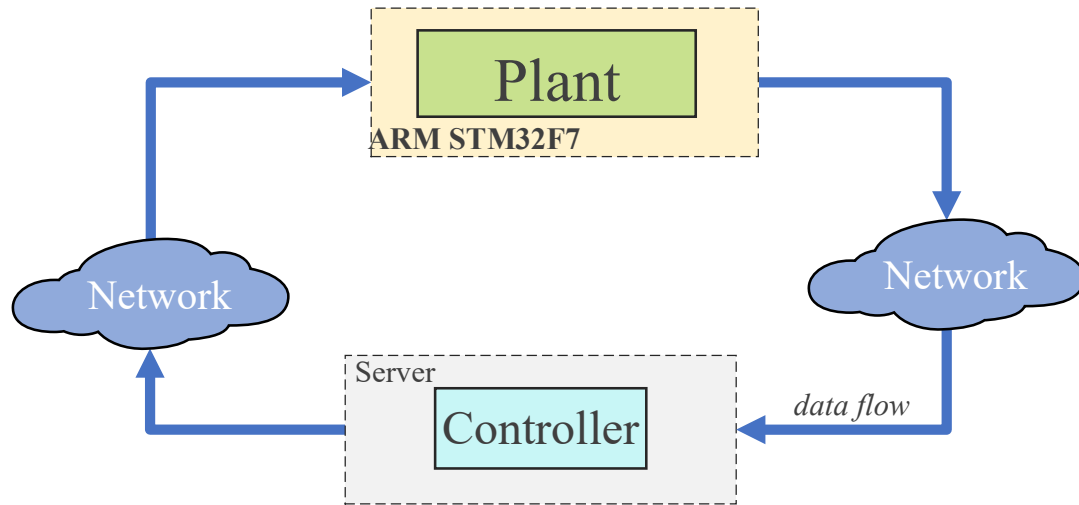
$$Q_{C12} = U A_s (T_2 - T_1)$$

$$Q_{R12} = \epsilon \sigma A (T_2^4 - T_1^4)$$

Quantity	Value
Heater output (Q_1)	0 to 1 W
Heater factor (α_1)	0.01 W/(% heater)
Heater output (Q_2)	0 to 1 W
Heater factor (α_2)	0.0075 W/(% heater)
Surface Area Not Between Heaters (A)	$1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ (10 cm ²)
Surface Area Between Heaters (A_s)	$2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ (2 cm ²)

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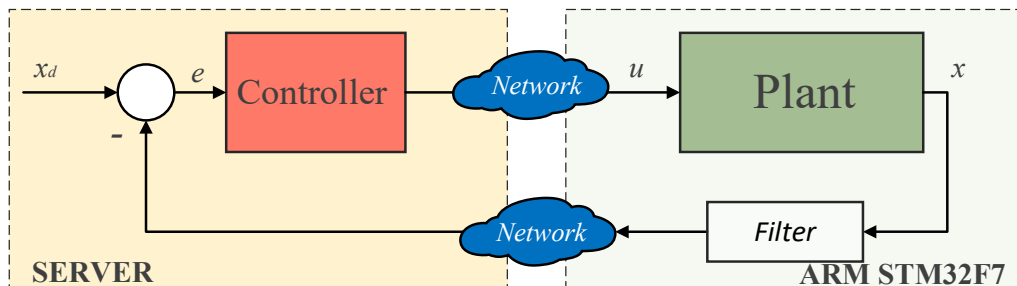
NCS network architecture



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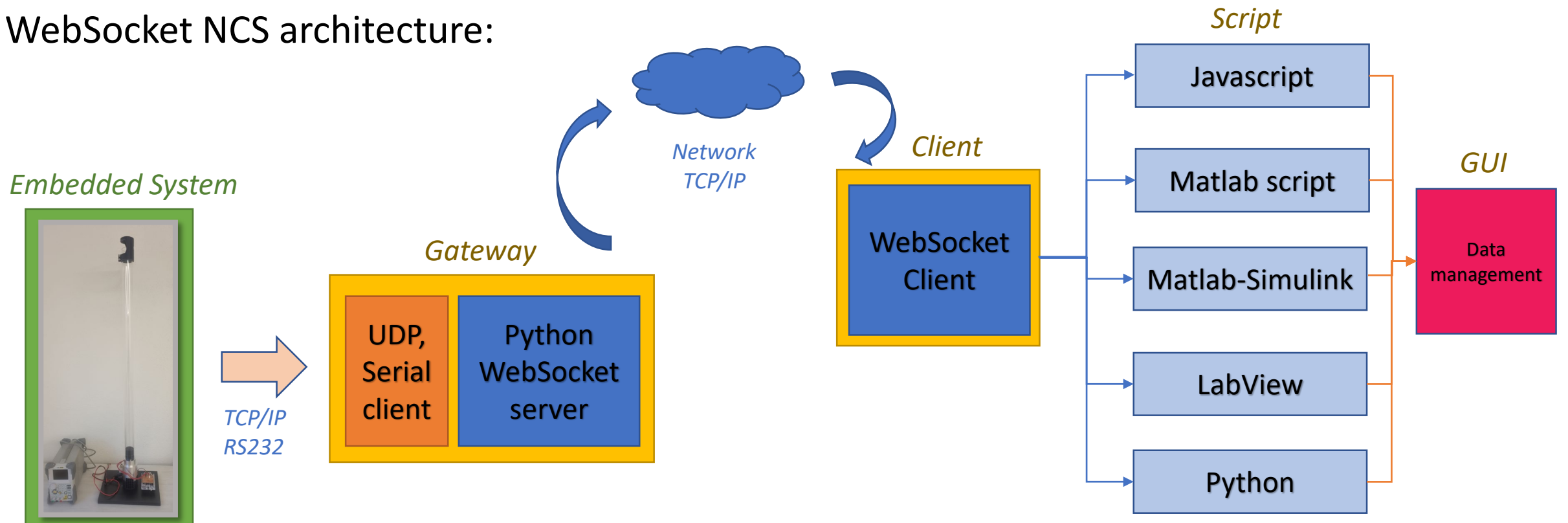
NCS Control System Structure over WebSocket protocol



- Possible integration on different platforms
- Secure
- Fast data exchange
- Real-time operation
- Extension to different MOOC platforms
 - Remote laboratories
 - Collaborative learning
 - E-learning
- Support of different development programming environments
 - C/C++
 - Javascript
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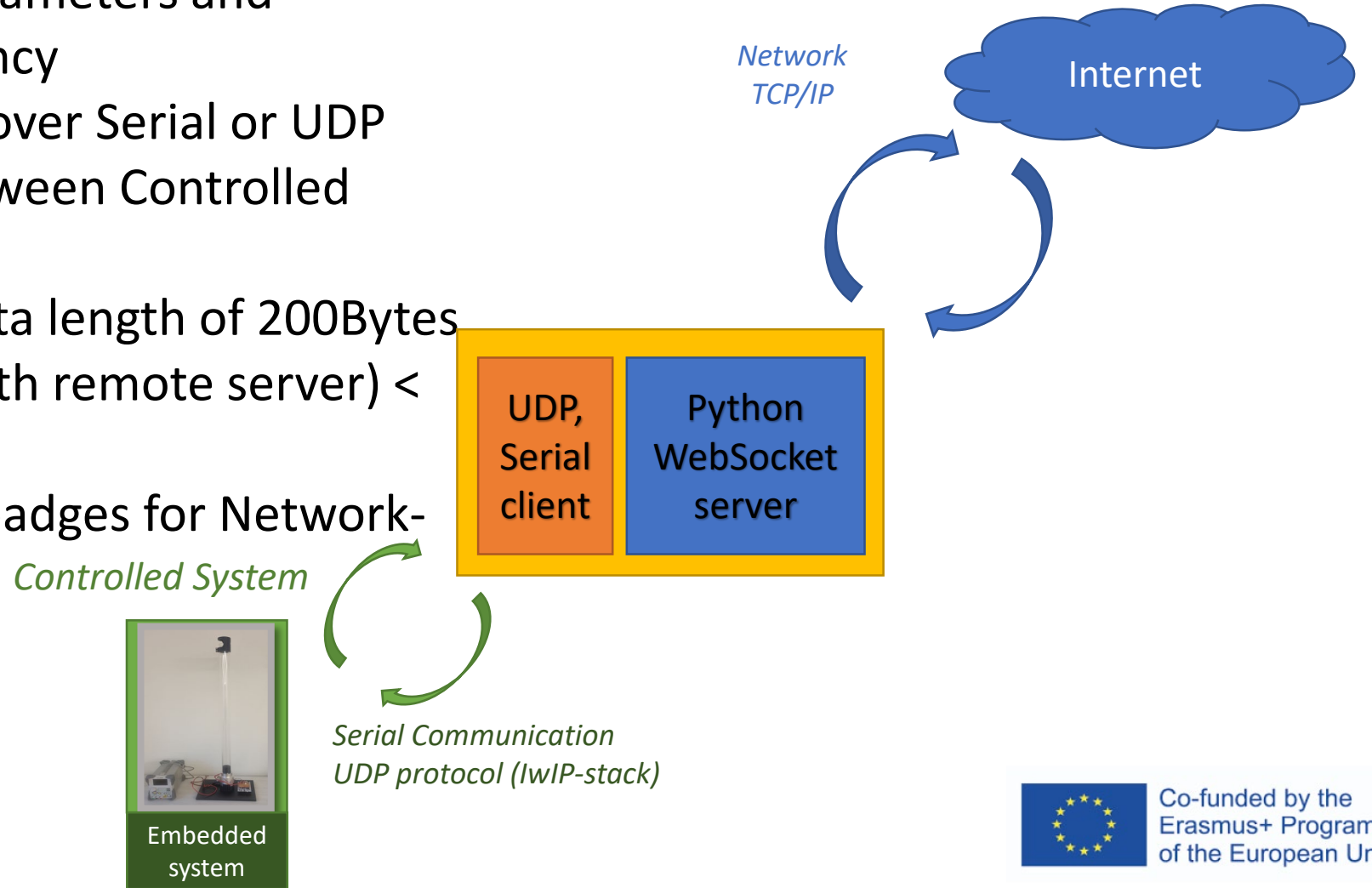
WebSocket NCS architecture:



WebSocket Server – Gateway and Embedded System



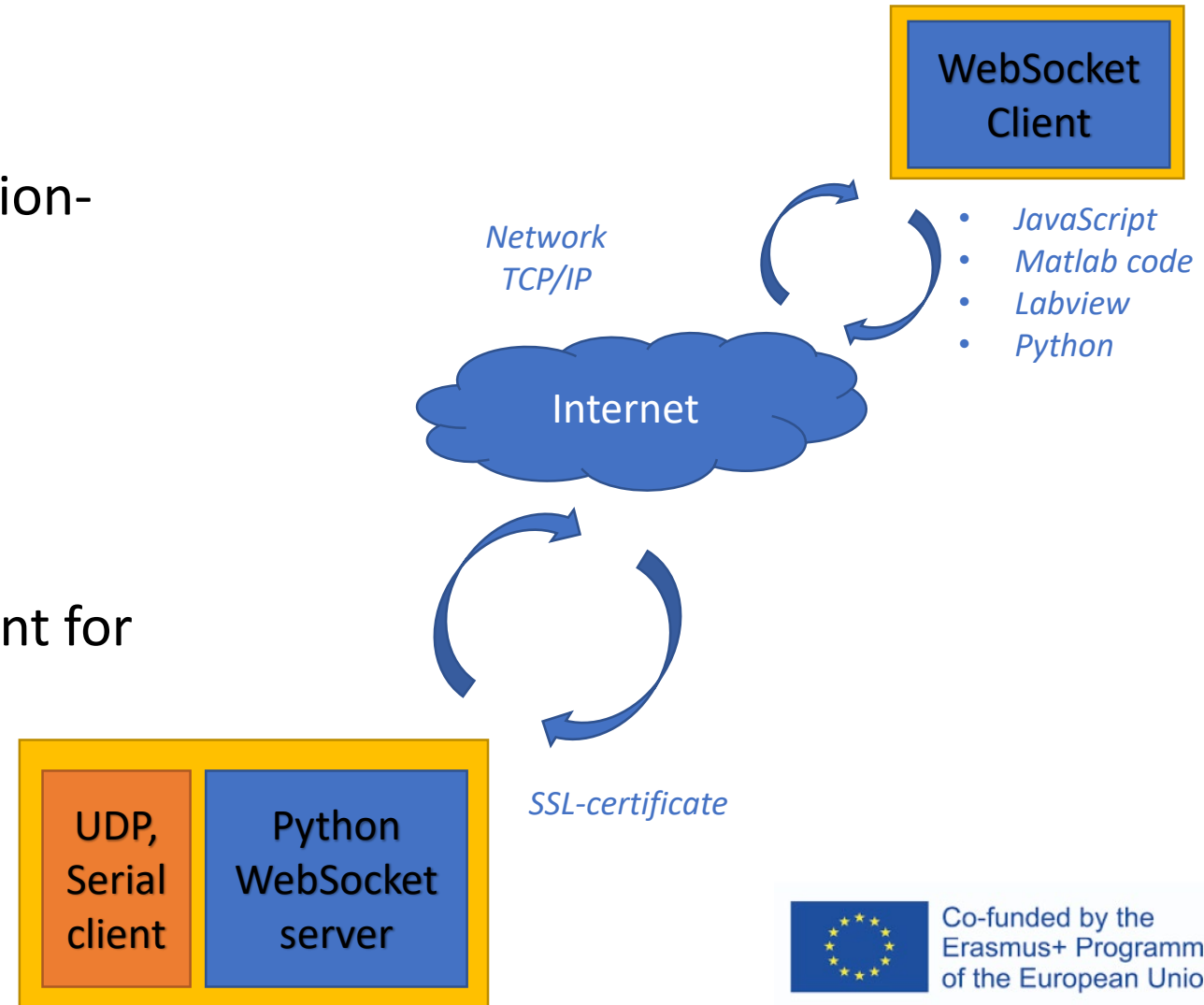
- Real-time data strimming (parameters and measurements) with low latency
- Bidirectional communication over Serial or UDP protocol. Communication between Controlled System and WebSocket server
- Estimated latency for fixed data length of 200Bytes < 2ms (for serial) and UDP (with remote server) < 10ms
- Data transmission with time-badges for Network-delay estimation
- CRC data encoding



WebSocket Server and Security



- Real-time data strimming
- Secure connection with SSL-Certificate
- Registered domain on Institute for Automation-University of Maribor
- Network delay of approx. 40ms.
- Client request data from the server
- Purposeful data package for network delay estimation
- Package Round-Trip-Time (RTT) measurement for system safety and emergency shoot down.



Client and Data presentation



- Data presentation with Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Support for different programming language with integrated GUI modules
 - HTML/JavaScript
 - Matlab code and Matlab GUIDE
 - Labview interface
 - Python QT-designer
- Integration to the MOOC platforms

Graphical interface



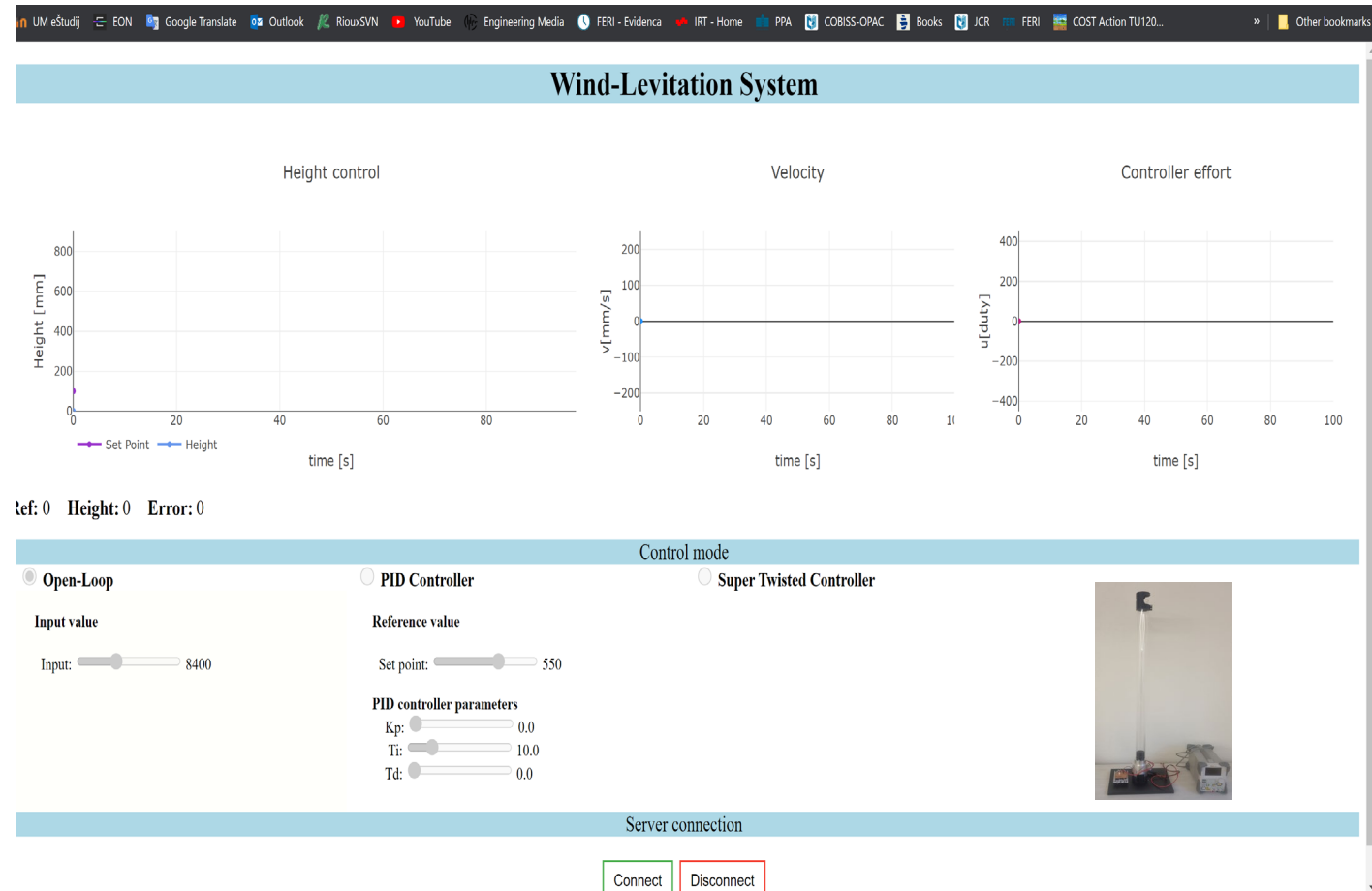
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HTML-JavaScript GUI for Wind Levitation Control as Remote Laboratory System



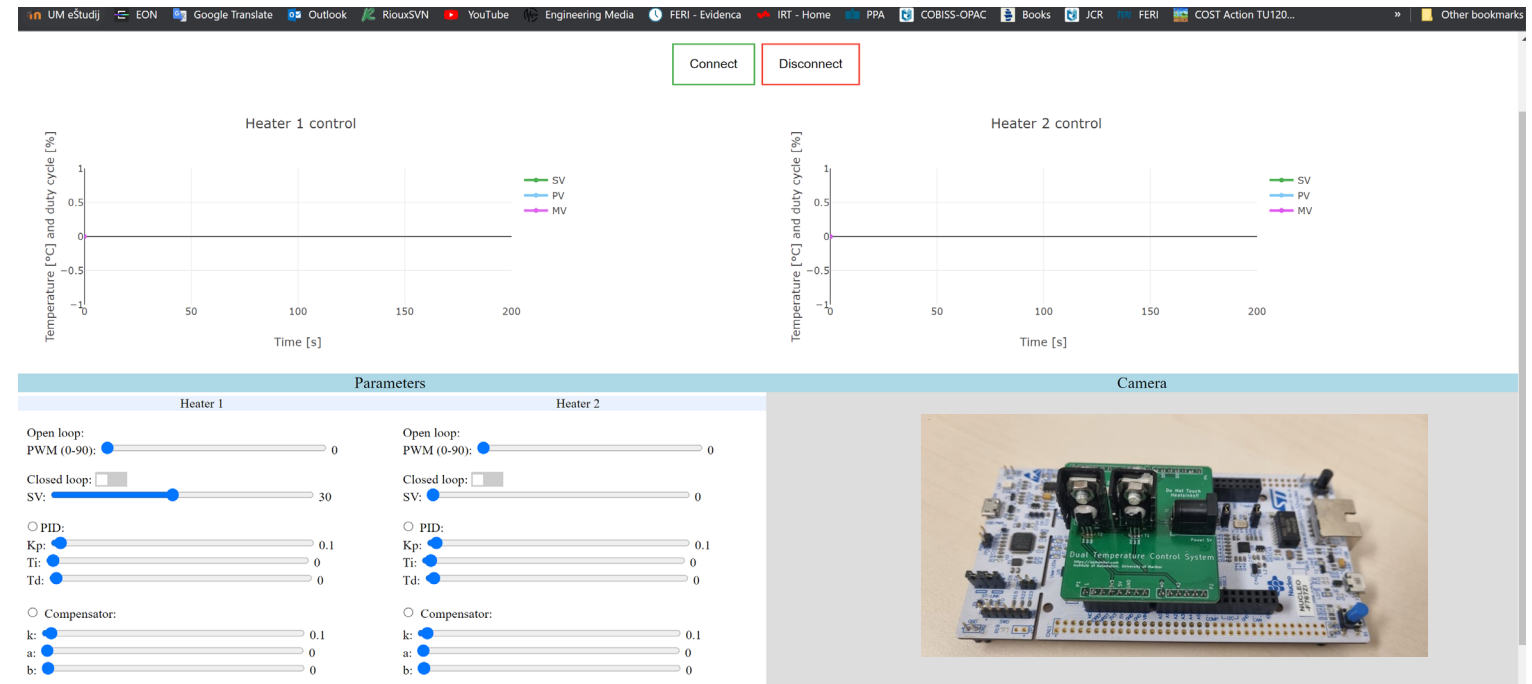
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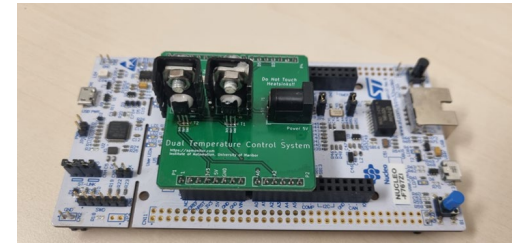
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HTML-JavaScript and MOOC



- Both HTML-JavaScript GUI can be further integrated into MOOC platform
- Systems are tested on Moodle platform
- HTML-GUI can be imported as Assignment
- All the functionalities of Moodle plugins can be used
 - Time dependencies (start the exercise, end of the exercise etc..)
 - Scheduling regarding enrolled users
 - Provide exercises to the specific groups of users
 - Exercise report submission
 - Exercises grading system
 - Communication Teacher and Students





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