

# MathWorks Special Session at CDC 2020

## Special Session:

### Teaching Dynamics and Control with Arduino-based TCLab

**Date:** Monday, December 14

**Time:** 2 p.m. UTC

## Abstract

The small, inexpensive, and take-home temperature control lab (TCLab) reinforces process dynamics and control theory with real data. A 2015 NSF-sponsored report “Chemical Engineering Academia-Industry Alignment: Expectations about New Graduates” identifies a strong industrial need for practical understanding of process control and system dynamics. Industry feedback also suggests more focus is needed on translating process control theory into practice. At many universities, this need is met by integrating laboratory experiences into the process control course. In-person laboratory resources are difficult to schedule and manage, especially with COVID-19 restrictions. The TCLab hardware consists of an Arduino shield that fits onto a standard Arduino Leonardo or UNO microcontroller. This talk highlights a few examples of how the TCLab can be interfaced with and run from MATLAB live scripts and Simulink. The TCLab module demonstrates many process control modalities such as SISO, MIMO and cascade control. Students implement the control modalities by coding control algorithms including relay, PID, and model predictive control. The lab is integrated at various points in the process dynamics and control course to reinforce theory with a practical application.

## About the Presenter



**John D. Hedengren**

Dr. John Hedengren is an Associate Professor at Brigham Young University in the Chemical Engineering Department. He leads the BYU Process Research and Intelligent Systems Modeling (PRISM) group with a current focus on structured machine learning for optimization of energy systems, unmanned aircraft, and drilling. His area of expertise is in process dynamics, control, and optimization with applications in fiber optic monitoring, automation of oil and gas processes, unmanned aerial systems, systems biology, and grid-scale energy systems.

## Meet MathWorks Experts:



**Dr. Craig Buhr** received his Ph.D. degree from the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University in 2003. His research interests include dynamic system modeling and identification, linear systems and control theory. He joined MathWorks as a Senior Developer for the Control System Toolbox in 2003, developing software tools to facilitate the design and analysis of control systems. He is currently the Senior Team Lead of the Control Design group.

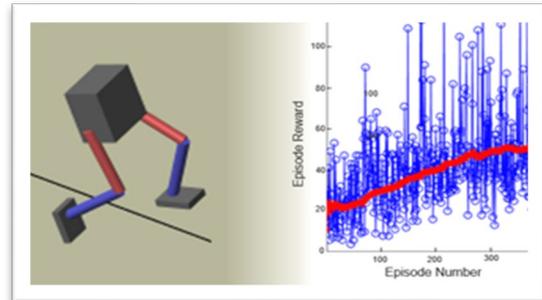


**Dr. Melda Ulusoy** received her Ph.D. degree from the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering of Northeastern University in 2015. She's been working at MathWorks as a Senior Product Marketing Manager, developing **Controls Tech Talks**, and teaching controls concepts to students and engineers.

## Reinforcement Learning Toolbox

### 2019a

Reinforcement Learning Toolbox™ provides functions and blocks for training policies using reinforcement learning algorithms including DQN, A2C, and DDPG. You can use the trained policies to implement controllers and decision-making algorithms for complex environments such as robots and autonomous systems modeled in MATLAB & Simulink. To improve training performance, you can run simulations in parallel on the cloud, computer clusters, and GPUs.



The toolbox lets you implement policies using deep neural networks, polynomials, or look-up tables. Through the ONNX™ model format, existing policies can be imported from deep learning frameworks such as TensorFlow™, Keras and PyTorch. You can generate optimized C, C++, and CUDA code to deploy policies on microcontrollers and GPUs.

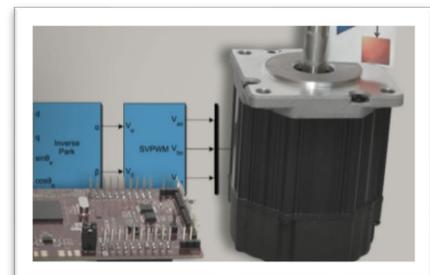
**Reinforcement Learning Tech Talks** provide an overview of reinforcement learning concepts such as environments, rewards, policies, and learning algorithms.

**Deep Reinforcement Learning for Walking Robots** video demonstrates an example of controlling humanoid robot locomotion using deep reinforcement learning.

## Motor Control Blockset

### New in 2020a

Motor Control Blockset™ provides reference examples and blocks for developing field-oriented control algorithms for brushless motors. The examples show how to configure a controller model to generate compact and fast C code for any target microcontroller (with Embedded Coder®). You can also use the reference examples to generate algorithmic C code and driver code for specific motor control kits.



The blockset includes Park and Clarke transforms, sliding mode and flux observers, a space-vector generator, and other components for creating speed and torque controllers. You can automatically tune controller gains based on specified bandwidth and phase margins for current and speed loops (with Simulink Control Design™).

The blockset lets you create an accurate motor model by providing tools for collecting data directly from hardware and calculating motor parameters. You can use the parameterized motor model to test your control algorithm in closed-loop simulations.

Check out the following video for an overview of Motor Control Blockset: [What is Motor Control Blockset?](#)

Watch the following video series to learn how you can use Motor Control Blockset to estimate parameters of a PMSM motor, implement a field-oriented control algorithm, generate code from the algorithm, and deploy it on an embedded microcontroller: [Field-Oriented Control of PMSMs](#)

## Learn More about MATLAB and Simulink Capabilities

### Automated Driving

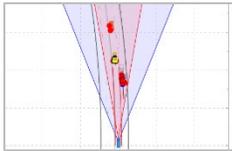
[mathworks.com/solutions/automotive/automated-driving](https://mathworks.com/solutions/automotive/automated-driving)



Design automated driving system functionality including sensing, path planning, and sensor fusion and controls.

### Model Predictive Control

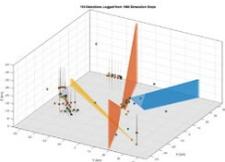
[mathworks.com/products/mpc](https://mathworks.com/products/mpc)



Design and simulate MPC controllers for adaptive cruise control, lane keeping assist and lane following control systems.

### Sensor Fusion and Tracking

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Design and simulate multi-object trackers, sensor fusion filters, motion and sensor models, and data association algorithms that let you evaluate fusion architectures using real and synthetic data.

## Resources for Learning and Teaching Control Systems

### Low-Cost Hardware Support

[mathworks.com/hardware](https://mathworks.com/hardware)



Download hardware packages for Arduino, Raspberry Pi, and LEGO.

### MATLAB Tech Talks

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Learn fundamental concepts in different topics such as controls, deep learning, state machines and reinforcement learning.

### MATLAB Grader

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Create interactive course assignments. Automatically grade student works and provide feedback. Run your assignments in any learning environment.

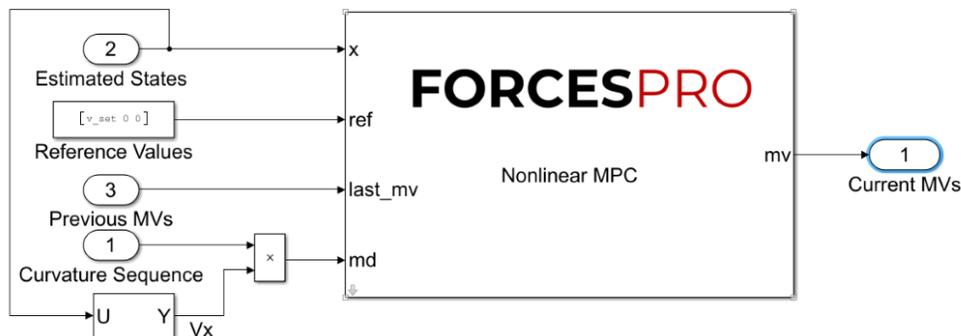
### Resources for learning about curriculum support:

- Use Simulink through your web browser: [mathworks.com/products/simulink-online](https://mathworks.com/products/simulink-online)
- Learn through interactive examples with MATLAB and Simulink Onramps: [matlabacademy.mathworks.com](https://matlabacademy.mathworks.com)
- Classroom training in MATLAB or other MathWorks products: [mathworks.com/training-schedule](https://mathworks.com/training-schedule)
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- MATLAB Courseware: [mathworks.com/academia/courseware](https://mathworks.com/academia/courseware)

## FORCESPRO | NMPC support for Model Predictive Control Toolbox™

FORCESPRO by Embotech AG is a solver (developed) for embedded real-time optimization for Model Predictive Controllers (MPC). With the release FORCESPRO 4.0, Embotech provides an enhanced plugin such that Nonlinear MPC can now be designed and deployed on hardware with MathWorks Model Predictive Control Toolbox™ using FORCESPRO as solver. Starting from MATLAB R2020a and R2020b, users can design Nonlinear MPC in their accustomed MATLAB workflows with the powerful capabilities of Model Predictive Control Toolbox™. The resulting optimization problem can be solved with the computational performance and numerical robustness of the FORCESPRO solver. Both, Embotech's Interior Point solver as well as the SQP solver can be chosen as a solution method and can be easily deployed on hardware such as dSPACE MicroAutoBox II and Speedgoat. The interface also comes with full Simulink® support. This novel toolchain makes real-world application of MPC for demanding control problems straightforward.

Find more information about the solver on the [FORCESPRO](#) website. For information on how to use the FORCESPRO solver together with Model Predictive Control Toolbox, visit the FORCESPRO [documentation](#) or directly download the [lane-following demo](#) for quick, hands-on testing.



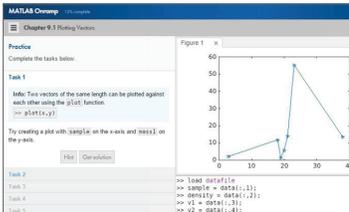
## Resources and Tools for Educators and Students

Explore these online resources to learn more about integrating MATLAB and Simulink into your teaching, research, and studies.

### Get Started for Free with MATLAB Onramp and Deep Learning Onramp

[matlabacademy.com](http://matlabacademy.com)

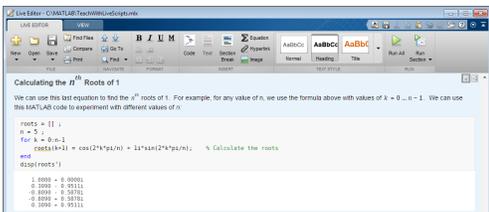
In just two hours, you can master the basics of MATLAB and start using MATLAB for deep learning through these online courses. With Deep Learning Onramp, try hands-on exercises that guide you through the deep learning workflow, which includes reading image data, classifying images, and evaluating performance.



### Interactive Notebooks – Live Editor

[mathworks.com/products/matlab/live-editor](http://mathworks.com/products/matlab/live-editor)

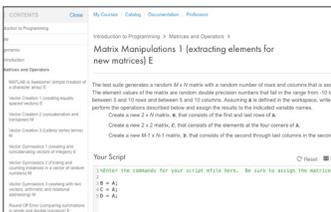
Live Editor allows you to accelerate exploratory programming, create an interactive narrative, and teach with live scripts.



### Automatically Grade MATLAB Code – MATLAB Grader

[grader.mathworks.com](http://grader.mathworks.com)

Create interactive MATLAB course problems for students. Automatically grade student work and provide feedback. Run your problems in any learning environment.



### Online Learning Anytime, Anywhere – MATLAB Online and MATLAB Drive

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By running MATLAB Online directly from your web browser, you eliminate the need to download or install software. Plus, you're always using the latest version of MATLAB.



### Use MATLAB Anytime, Anywhere with MATLAB Mobile

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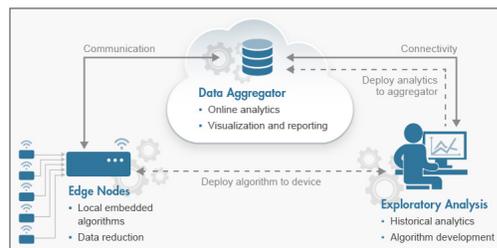
Your figures and workspace persist across sessions, so you can resume work when you next log in.



### Internet of Things Analysis – ThingSpeak

[thingspeak.com](http://thingspeak.com)

ThingSpeak is an IoT analytics platform service that allows you to aggregate, visualize, and analyze live data streams in the cloud. It enables engineers and scientists to prototype and build IoT systems without setting up servers or developing web software.



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Download hardware packages for Arduino, Raspberry Pi, and LEGO.

#### Arduino Engineering Kit

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Learn important engineering concepts while programming fun Arduino projects.

#### Live Data Streaming to and from Hardware

Directly receive and send real-world inputs and outputs from MATLAB and Simulink. Use for lab instruments, data acquisition systems, image and video acquisition and camera applications, audio streaming, and more.

#### Generating Code and Targeting Hardware

Automatically generate C, HDL, or PLC from your MATLAB and Simulink algorithms, and run them on microprocessors, FPGAs, and more.

#### Hardware Solutions include:

- iPhone and Android devices
- Drones
- Robots
- SDR

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For students, knowing how to use MATLAB and Simulink opens the door to a wide range of disciplines and modeling methods. Each year, tens of thousands of new graduates enter the workforce with MATLAB and Simulink skills and experience. MATLAB is listed as a common skill among LinkedIn members with a technical background and is listed as a required skill in thousands of job postings.

*“With MATLAB, we are combining computer science theory and concepts with problem-solving in engineering. MATLAB is the one language that we want our students to use—the one that we all use in our classrooms.”*

– Dr. James Craig, Georgia Institute of Technology

*“One advantage of teaching with MATLAB is that our students are exposed to a tool that is used in the commercial world. The quality of the learning materials delivered online and onsite was excellent, enabling me to focus on teaching analytics and working with students.”*

– Dr. Daniel Hulme, University College London

### Campus-Wide Access to Online Training Courses

To support users of the Campus-Wide License, MathWorks offers campus-wide access to self-paced online courses. Interactive online courses and tutorials help students quickly learn MATLAB skills for the classroom and beyond. Self-paced online training courses provide faculty, researchers, and students with hands-on practice sessions and help universities introduce industry-standard tools into the curriculum.

*“When teaching with a flipped classroom, you cannot expect students to study on their own without proper tutorial materials and come to class prepared. The interactive MATLAB tutorials were perfect for engaging students and getting them up to speed quickly.” – Dr. Yu-li Wang, Carnegie Mellon University*

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*“One of the great advantages of using MATLAB and Simulink in our research is that new team members can come up to speed quickly on the project. Further, the modular approach we took with our models enables group members to work independently on their respective modules and then assemble the modules into a complete system.”*

– Dr. Christian Hatzfeld, TU Darmstadt

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Advantages for IT

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