46770 Integrated energy grids

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Course description

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5 ECTS M.Sc. course.

Runs over 13 weeks/13 sessions (last session: May 7, 2025)

Wednesday 8am – 12pm (4 hours)

Location: DTU Lyngby Campus, Building 358, Room 60B

Introducing the lecturing team

Marta Victoria

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I am an Associate Professor at the Department of Wind and Energy Systems at DTU and I keep a small affiliation at the Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering at Aarhus University. My research focuses on the modelling of large-scale energy systems with high renewable penetration paying special attention to the role of solar photovoltaics and the design of resilient energy systems.

I obtained my BSc and MSc in Aerospace Engineering at the Technical University of Madrid where I also got my PhD in high-efficiency photovoltaic modules at the Solar Energy Institute.

Currently, I lead the EXTREMES project where we investigate the impact of extreme weather events on energy systems and I implement system modelling to research the role of CO2 capture and conversion technologies within the NNF CO2 Research Center. Moreover, I participate in the HYPERFARM project, where we investigate different Agrivoltaic concepts and I lead Aarhus University's participation in the AURORA project where we are establishing energy communities at four major technical universities in Europe. In the past, I have participated in the REINVEST project to research alternative transition pathways for Europe and Denmark.

I am a member of the Open Energy Modelling Initiative, which aims to promote openness and transparency in energy system modelling, and I co-develop the open-source energy model PyPSA-Eur.

Introducing the lecturing team

Alexander Grochowicz
(Postdoctoral researcher)
will contribute to lectures

Lukas Karkossa (PhD student)

will be teaching assistant (TA)

Marco Saretta (PhD student)

will be teaching assistant (TA)

Lectures routines

8:00 - 8:45	Marta lectures on the topic of the day
8:45 - 9:00	Break
9:00 - 9:45	Marta keeps lecturing on the topic of the day
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 – 10:45	Solutions from problems proposed in the previous lecture are presented by a group of students
10:45 -12:00	Time to work on the problems proposed for the topic of the day. Also, time to ask questions, clarifications…

5 ECTS credits correspond to 11 hours of work per week during the 13-week period (DTU rules). You are expected to continue working on studying the theory, solving the problems and course project during the afternoon or other time!

Asking questions

We are a very large group and need to work together and efficiently !

1. Use time at the end of every lecture to ask questions

2. Do not sent questions by email. Ask all questions online through the Discussions section in the online platform Learn, then other students can also benefit from the answers!

3. Meet Lukas and Marco in their office hours

Marco Friday 11:00-12:00

Lukas Tuesday 13:00 -14:00

Building 329 – Room 106

Lukas Karkossa (PhD student)

Marco Saretta (PhD student)

Course learning outcomes

- Describe the structure of multi-carrier energy (electricity, heat, natural gas and hydrogen) systems and components at the interface between them.
- Explain the synergies between the energy sectors and the concepts of sector coordination.
- Describe the optimal energy flow problem for different energy carriers and the approaches to solve it.
- Formulate the optimal power flow problem for transmission and radial distribution systems on a computer.
- Formulate the optimal gas flow problem on a computer.
- Formulate the optimal heat flow problem on a computer.
- Explain the similarities between energy flow problems for different energy carriers, and the multi-energy flow problem.
- Interpret, analyze, and present numerical results.

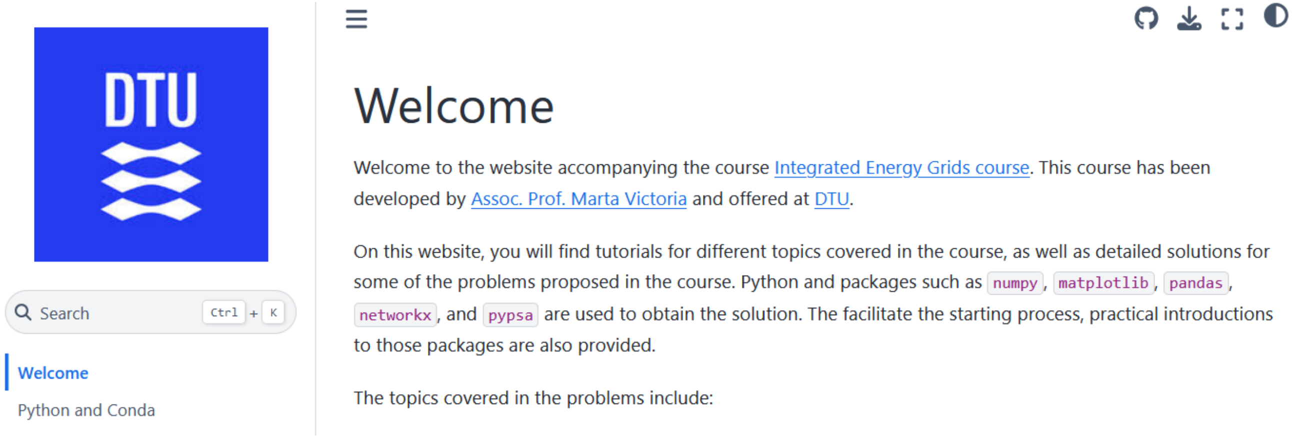
Course online platforms

DTU learn for lecture slides, problems statements, delivering course project, asking questions ….

https://learn.inside.dtu.dk/d2l/home/242442

Github page for software instructions and problems solutions

https://martavp.github.io/integrated-energy-grids/intro.html



Preparing to work with the problems

We are going to learn and use open modeling software and data science approaches to deal with energy grids including: Python, pandas, numpy, matplotlib, networkX, Linopy, PyPSA

Lectures will focus on relevant theory and problems will be solved using open-source software.

To help everyone learn the models, introduction in the form of jupyter notebooks will be provided.

https://martavp.github.io/integrated-energy-grids/intro.html

You need to set up an environment as described here: https://martavp.github.io/integrated-energy-grids/intro-install.html

If you don't have previous experience with python, just start with the introduction to Python

https://martavp.github.io/integrated-energy-grids/intro-python.html

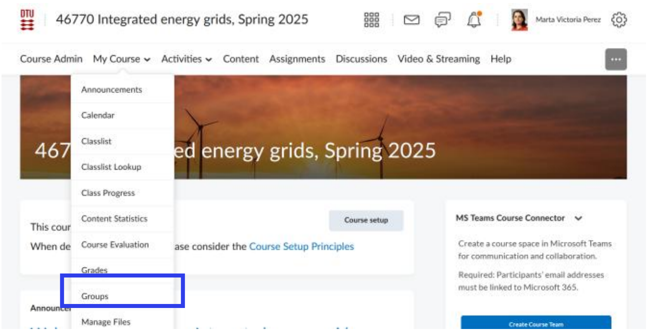
Evaluation

Written exam (4 hours, all aids): May 26, 2025. It consists of 20 multiple-choice questions and 5 short problems

Optional: up to 0.5 points (out of 10) for presenting the problems the day that your group is assigned

(see groups created based on last name, file “Week0/Groups_for_problems_presentations.pdf”)

Optional: up to 2 points (out of 10) for course projects (in groups of 4 students, you create the groups yourselves, if you have questions ask the TAs)



Finally, conversion of the final grade (out of ten) to the 7-scale Danish grading system

[92% - 100%] → Grade 12 (pass)
[84% - 92%) → Grade 10 (pass)
[68% - 84%) → Grade 7 (pass)
[60% - 68%) → Grade 4 (pass)
[50% - 60%) → Grade 2 (pass)
[20% - 50%) → Grade 0 (fail)
[0% - 20%) → Grade -3 (fail)

(optional) Course project

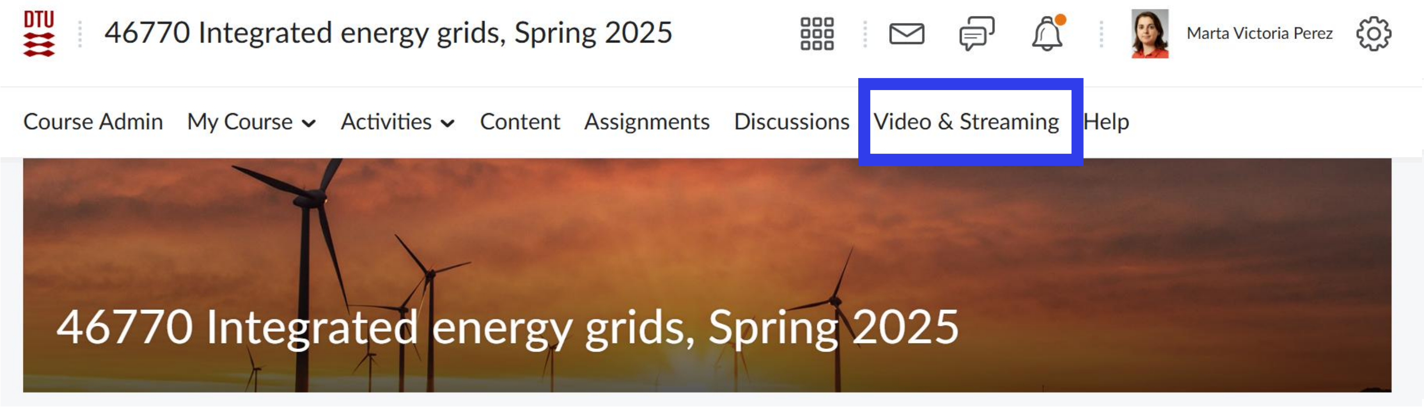
A step-by-step guide is provided but the objective is that you incorporated into the project all the learnings that you are getting throughout the lectures.

https://martavp.github.io/integrated-energy-grids/Problems/IEG_course_project.html

Then, write a short report (maximum length 10 pages) in groups of 4 students including your main findings (To be deliver by May 7.)

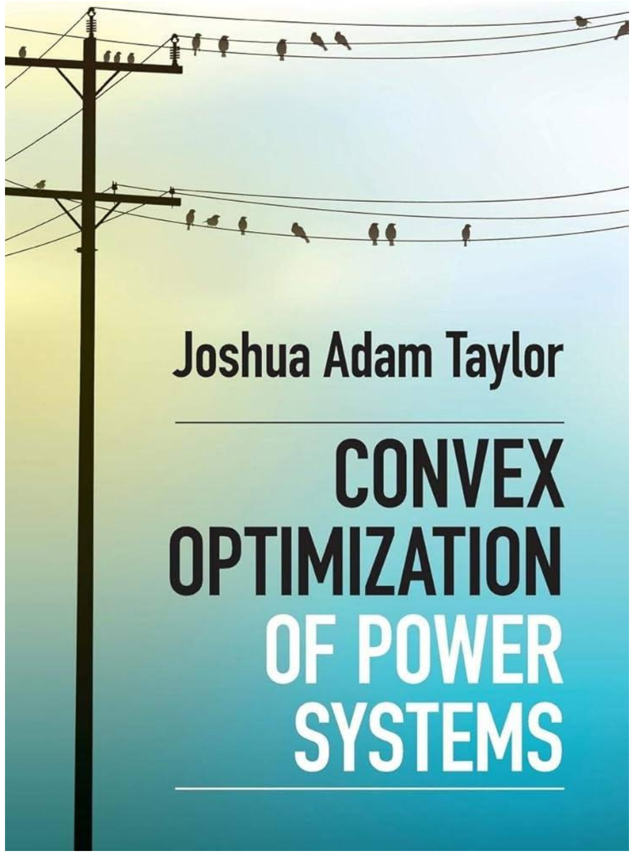
Video recordings

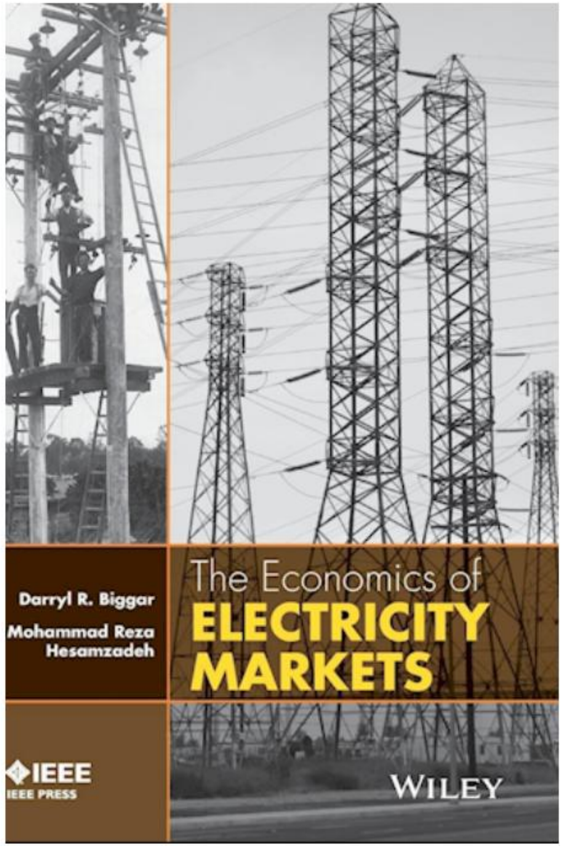
I'll do my best to record every lecture, but the course is **not prepared to be hybrid**, and I highly recommend in-person.



Additional materials

There is not a single reference book for this course. The slides should be self contained, and specific material will be recommended for every lecture. Some of the books I used to prepare this course:





Draft calendar

Week	Date	Lecture
1	Feb 5	Course presentation. Balancing renewable generation. Introduction to storage and transmission.
2	Feb 12	Review optimization Optimal dispatch in one node
3	Feb 19	Networks
4	Feb 26	Linearized Optimal Power Flow
5	Mar 5	Optimal Power flow
6	Mar 12	Gas networks and optimal gas flow
7	Mar 19	Heat networks and optimal heat flow
8	Mar 26	Join capacity and dispatch optimization in a single node
9	Apr 2	Limiting CO2 emissions
10	Apr 9	Join capacity and dispatch optimization in a network.
	April 16	No lecture (Easter)
11	Apr 23	Multi-carrier energy systems (heating and land transport)
12	Apr 30	Multi-carrier energy systems (industry, aviation, shipping)
13	May 7	Advanced topics / Invited lecture (delivery of course project)

Students’ data collection to fine-tune lectures

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