

## BEng Final Year Project Thesis (Threshold)

### Design and Implementation (30%)

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+++++	Demonstrate application of the methods / tools / techniques to successfully address the project specifications.	Fully met

Engineering analysis of the required parameters is founded on a rigorous MoSCoW analysis in terms of feature sets guiding implementation. This could have been couched in the literature somewhat deeper since there are other applications for the tracking and time-reversal methods adopted that could have framed the novelty to more advantage - cross-synthesis of audio to video cues is particularly exciting. That said, the articulation and choices made are more than adequate to frame the selections as well suited and to allow robust proof-of-concept demonstrations across much of the target spec.

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+++	Student has demonstrated competency with a range of tools throughout the development of their project.	Fully met
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+++	Clear evidence of sub-system testing to validate individual components before integration.	Fully met

A very clear and well-argued set of developments are elaborated, including the creation of significant back-end infrastructure to allow multi-camera processing at a remote site from a limited-access lab. This considerable achievement was not part of the plan and exhibited resource and persistence to deliver against the requirements. Further, the use of digital comparators to analyse "clicks" by the fish as rapid analogue events treated as digital was a genuinely novel innovation by the student which was impressive to see attacked with such gusto (Fig 13). with more time and reflection a digital signal chain with appropriate filtering might have addressed this better than the analogue attack however this was all student-led and should be applauded.

**Design and Implementation: Use of literature to support engineering work (10%)**

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++	All materials are from high quality sources (e.g. manufacturer, peer reviewed, textbook) and a range of types (datasheets, app notes, tutorials, code samples, etc).	Most
++	Limitations of the referenced sources are considered with respect to the project needs, application area, and specification requirements.	Fully met
++++	Referencing is used consistently throughout the implementation section to support all aspects of project design and development.	Most

There is attention to the literature here, interdisciplinary in terms of fish to electronics, and there is a good underpinning of implemented designs to published work and white papers etc - it is also clear that a bit more reading in places might have led to easier solutions although the creativity on display should not be diminished by this small criticism. There is considerable facility evident with the computing and data handling aspect, which is very well implemented and documented.

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++++	Results are compared with expectations which may be from modelling, literature, or component/method performance differences. Pass/fail criteria is given. Unexpected results are explained well with suitable attempt to validate the explanation.	Most
++++	Detailed statistical/quantitative analysis of results are carried out to ensure confidence in accuracy and repeatability.	Fully met
++++	Every point in the specification list is validated successfully. Where specification points are not met there is clear explanation why, with analysis of the impact on the overall functionality/aim of the final system.	Fully met

Strong analysis on the computing and real-time imaging aspect coupled with system integration is throughout. There is also strong attention to sources of noise and analogue signal processing and validation, with clear target metrics if not complete achievement of these it is generally well articulated the reasons for this. In particular the analysis and criticism of the YOLO-based methods is laudable - well caveated and with a clear trajectory into which it may be improved in future development. 3D calibration of orthogonal imaging based localisations was also most impressive to see.

#### Final System Testing and Validation: Presentation of testing setup and results (10%)

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Some results but the chosen format is unintelligible / confusing.	
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+++	Clarity of comparison: highlighting/indication of key aspects and features for further discussion (e.g. subfigures, arrows, circles, etc).	Fully met
+++	Logical ordering of results, structured intuitively with the discussion sections.	Fully met
+++	Testing setup details the test conditions and procedures, with justification.	Fully met

The testing and validation regimes were credible and generally quite exacting to the standards that might be expected. The narrative is mostly chronological, reflecting the linear and iterative development aspects among electronics, physical build, software, and AI. The interplay is nicely managed within the written document to bring together and synthesise among the concepts elaborated.

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### Conclusion (15%)

#### Conclusion: Consideration of system within the wider context (5%)

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Student reviews their final system with respect to the wider background. This can include consideration of health & safety, diversity, inclusion, cultural, societal, environmental, and commercial matters, codes of practice, and industry standards.	Selected

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++++	Assessment of the final project demonstrates a strong understanding of how it fits within a wide societal context. Including consideration of health & safety, diversity, inclusion, cultural, societal, environmental, and commercial matters, codes of practice, and industry standards; all as applicable to the project.	Fully met
++++	Summary of the current state of the project including full listing of the status of every specification point and the overall project aim. Where points are not met these are accompanied by a suitable explanation, where everything is met the challenge posed by the project is clearly shown.	Fully met

Detailed drawings (though in pen & paper!) show a direction of travel towards an autonomous device capable of monitoring a single tank in the next generation context. An elaboration of hardware as well as software architecture is proposed that brings new engineering and practical aspects to the fore and merits further discussion among stakeholders. Ethical and societal reflects could have been drawn out beyond the research and immediate stakeholder contexts - particularly the industrial and commercial applications and potential biomedical implications of in-brain imaging within living adult vertebrates could have been argued more strongly.

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Jake has realised through conducting this project the value of a robust plan and record-keeping system in order to drive beyond task-focused work towards delivering chunks of value to the stakeholders. To his credit he has done so, making interdisciplinary impressions in the School of Life Sciences and delivering proof of concept of a potentially research-valuable piece of tech as well as analytical approach.

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Strong document with a good narrative thread and which clearly and concisely communicates its intent from context through proof of concept. It makes much of good data and the minor criticism I would offer is that the images of the fish and samples in tanks are generally poorly lit and suffer from specular reflections and confusing back-drops - it is clear from inspecting among the images that this was realised in the course of the project and that bespoke lighting would have helped the cause in several places. The arc of the learning journey is well described and frankly communicated throughout.

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Little to no attendance at meetings, no evidence of progress between meetings.	
Student demonstrated limited aspects of self-management during the project and required micromanagement to make progress. Meetings often missed with no notice or explanation.	
Student demonstrated some aspects of self-management during the project and did not require complete micromanagement. Meetings were attended inline with the expectations of the supervisor (including provision of agendas where expected).	Selected

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+++++++	Purely self-motivated with a consistent high level of effort applied throughout the project.	Fully met
++++	Student has a professional approach to supervisor contact and arrives to meetings prepared to maximise value of time spent.	Most

Jake was very self-directed in delivering his project, developing and applying a multi-disciplinary skill set to surmount obstacles that required software, hardware, and mechanical builds as well as dealing with wet biology and working across locations inside the fish facility. While there were occasional lapses in attendance and record-keeping he satisfied his stakeholders and supervisor by continuing to deliver improvements in his project and workflows throughout the year.

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There could have been more justification of the tools used (even when the decisions were "obvious" ) but overall this is really strong

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Jake clearly handled a range of relatively demanding software and other relatex challenges. Its not clear how much support he had but the outcome is impressive

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Jake had clearly considered the literature when we met but this is onyl partially reflected in this report unfortunately. Overall, though, this is strong.



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The project tackled a difficult project in a number of interesting and innovative ways. There could be more linking between the specification and the results

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Strong presentation clearly explaining some technically difficult challenges. Well done! . . . . .

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Engineering-wise, this is a really strong project. The reference to the bigger parts of the scientific research are also important and, while Jake displayed this in our conversations, it is only partially reflected here

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The project tends towards the "engineering". While the report is strong, I'd suggest future reports looking more at the "softer" side as well.

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A well presented report clearly explaining some technically demanding topics. . . . .

## BEng Final Year Project Thesis (Threshold) [Moderator Only] Dissertation Defence (25%)

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Criteria	Selected?
Student did not attend, or unable to meet the next rubric level.	
Student is unable to answer simple questions about the project.	
The work of the project (including aim) is well explained with suitable demonstration (e.g. live, video, results discussion) of the final system. Student clearly states which specification points have been met and discusses any deficiencies. Basic questions about the students experience of the project are handled well.	Selected

Rank	Additional Items	Selection
++++	Questions about the project specifics (including methods applied, reasoning, validity of results) are expertly handled.	Exceeded
+++	Questions about their personal development and experience working on the project are expertly handled.	Exceeded
+++	Questions reflecting on their planning process and how the project went are expertly handled.	Exceeded
++	Student gives a high-quality delivery that is confident, enthusiastic, and professional, whilst providing genuine insight into the project work.	Exceeded

Jake has to be one of the most enthusiastic communicators/ advocates for a project I've seen. Jake really sold the prohect, both technically and scientifically. Well done!