

# NetFlex: A Simulation Framework for Networked Control Systems -Pitfalls-

Katarina Stanojevic, Maris Siljak

March 12, 2025

## 1 Issue Description

When running the simulation, the following error occurs:

```
1 Error using main (line 33)
2 Error in 'NCS_sim/TrueTime Network': Failed to evaluate mask
  initialization commands.
3 Caused by:
4 Error using main (line 33)
5 Invalid Simulink object name: 'From1/1'.
```

This error suggests that the TrueTime Network block is not correctly recognized by Simulink, potentially due to an internal issue with the block's initialization.

## 2 Cause

TrueTime may generate issues where the **TrueTime Network Block** in the Simulink model (NCS\_sim) fails to evaluate its initialization commands. This issue may arise due to:

- Corruption in the block's internal configuration.
- Compatibility issues with the Simulink model.
- Changes in the project that invalidate the block's state.

## 3 Solution

The issue can be resolved by replacing the TrueTime Network block with a new one from the provided TrueTime based library.

### 3.1 Steps to Fix

1. Open Simulink and navigate to your model (`NCS.sim`).
2. Locate the **TrueTime Network block**.
3. Delete the existing **TrueTime Network block**.
4. Open **SimulinkBlocks.slx**:
5. Drag and drop a new **TrueTime Network Block** into your model.
6. Reconnect the block as required.
7. Save the model and try running the simulation again.

## 4 Outcome

After replacing the block, the simulation should run without triggering the initialization error.

## 5 Additional Notes

- If the issue persists, ensure that all TrueTime blocks in the model are correctly linked and configured.
- Restarting MATLAB before replacing the block may help clear any internal cache issues.