

SUPERVISOR'S OPINION OF FINAL THESIS

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA

Thesis name:

FORESAIL-2 AOCS Trade Studies and Design

Author's name:

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Type of thesis:

master

Faculty/Institute:

Faculty of Electrical Engineering (FEE)

Department:

Department of Control Engineering

Thesis supervisor:

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Supervisor's department:

Aalto University, Department of Electronics and Nanoengineering

II. EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA

Assignment

extraordinarily challenging

Evaluation of thesis difficulty of assignment.

Please insert your commentary.

Satisfaction of assignment

fulfilled

Assess that handed thesis meets assignment. Present points of assignment that fell short or were extended. Try to assess importance, impact or cause of each shortcoming.

Please insert your commentary.

Activity and independence when creating final thesis

A - excellent.

Assess that student had positive approach, time limits were met, conception was regularly consulted and was well prepared for consultations. Assess student's ability to work independently.

Please insert your commentary.

Technical level

A - excellent.

Assess level of thesis specialty, use of knowledge gained by study and by expert literature, use of sources and data gained by experience.

Please insert your commentary.

Formal and language level, scope of thesis

A - excellent.

Assess correctness of usage of formal notation. Assess typographical and language arrangement of thesis.

Please insert your commentary.

Selection of sources, citation correctness

A - excellent.

Present your opinion to student's activity when obtaining and using study materials for thesis creation. Characterize selection of sources. Assess that student used all relevant sources. Verify that all used elements are correctly distinguished from own results and thoughts. Assess that citation ethics has not been breached and that all bibliographic citations are complete and in accordance with citation convention and standards.

Please insert your commentary.

Additional commentary and evaluation

Present your opinion to achieved primary goals of thesis, e.g. level of theoretical results, level and functionality of technical or software conception, publication performance, experimental dexterity etc.

A tradeoff analysis of a space mission is always challenging due to the limited resources (power, mass, finances, time, etc.) and the drive to do more (e.g., take more measurements, include another instrument). Tradeoff analysis of a 4-kg satellite crossing a Van Allen radiation belt is indeed extraordinarily challenging. As far as I know, such analysis is not available publicly. Therefore, the thesis presents novel results which will be published in a scientific journal.



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III. OVERALL EVALUATION, QUESTIONS FOR DEFENSE, CLASSIFICATION SUGGESTION

Summarize thesis aspects that swayed your final evaluation.

Guillaume Le Bonhomme is an excellent student. He received a somewhat loosely defined task and was able to carry out much of the work independently – literature search, requirements definition, simulations, analysis and writing. He presented the progress at weekly meetings and at FORESAIL science meetings (attended by 30-40 scientists and engineers of the FORESAIL Excellence Centre). During these meeting, he received feedback which helped to improve the analysis and make decisions on system design. Needless to say that Guillaume's work is extremely valuable for Aalto University and the FORESAIL-2 mission.

I evaluate handed thesis with classification grade A - excellent.

Date: 26.8.2020	Signature:	
		Andris Slavinskis