Paid Master’s Thesis
Temperature control of a reactor for green fuels production

To dedicated students (m/w/d) of electrical engineering, information and computer engineering, or related disciplines we offer the opportunity to write a paid Master’s thesis. The project will be conducted in cooperation with the Institute of Automation and Control, Graz University of Technology.

**Motivation:**
Green fuels are a key factor to a climate-neutral future within the mobility sector (e.g. aviation).

BEST runs a flagship research plant that can produce one barrel of green fuels per day. At this flagship research plant different production routes are researched and demonstrated finally enabling the roll-out of the technologies.

The temperature control of the main reactor is challenging, as the chemical reactions are exothermic, i.e. generate heat. The temperature is controlled via a thermal oil cycle. **The goal** of this master thesis is to improve the temperature control of the reactor.

**Objectives:**
- Analysis of existing measurement data in MATLAB
- Development of a dynamic model of the thermal oil cycle in MATLAB/Simulink
- Design of an improved temperature control for the reactor in MATLAB/Simulink
- Implementation at flagship research plant will be performed by BEST colleagues
- Evaluation of improved temperature control in MATLAB/Simulink

**Your profile:**
- Studies in electrical, mechanical, process engineering or physics
- Ideally with some background in hydraulics, thermodynamics and control engineering
- Programming experience with MATLAB/Simulink

**Our offer:**
- Integration into a dedicated team
- Perspective of participation in follow-up projects after successful completion
- Financial compensation based on student staff salary scheme
- Provision of a work place (remote work from home also possible)

**Start date:** Summer 2024

In the interest of diversity, applications from women are especially welcome at BEST!

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