

# ES98E-10 Scientific Machine Learning

**24/25**

**Department**

School of Engineering

**Level**

Taught Postgraduate Level

**Module leader**

James Kermode

**Credit value**

10

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

60% coursework, 40% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

This module provides students with knowledge in the modern field of scientific machine learning, which is a fusion of scientific computing and machine learning.

### Module aims

Understand how to use a variety of statistical and machine learning techniques to train models which combine data-driven and mechanics models and assess their ability to make useful predictions.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- Advanced Gaussian process regression techniques such as sparse GP regression and the Kennedy-O'Hagan approach to model discrepancy.
- Dimensionality reduction as a tool for data analysis (PCA, kPCA, active subspaces)
- Neural networks and deep neural networks
- Neural differential equations and physics informed neural networks

- Advanced approximate Bayesian inference: variational inference, expectation maximisation, etc.

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Apply deep neural networks to accelerate scientific computing and interpret the results
- Synthesise neural network and mechanistic models and apply them to perform scientific machine learning
- Evaluate advanced inference techniques such as variational inference work and critique when they can be applied
- Recognise, formulate, analyse and interpret machine learning solutions to scientific problems
- Critique the application of machine learning methods to cutting edge problems in scientific computing

## Indicative reading list

Bishop, Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning

MacKay, Information Theory, Pattern Recognition and Learning Algorithms

Rasmussen and Williams, Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning

Gelman, Bayesian Data Analysis

Hastie, The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference and Prediction

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## Interdisciplinary

The programme recruits students with backgrounds across the physical and mathematical sciences, including engineering, and will provide an interdisciplinary perspective on predictive modelling.

Scientific machine learning is a fusion of scientific computing and machine learning, drawing from mathematics, statistics and the modelling of physical phenomena across a wide range of application domains.

## Subject specific skills

- Machine learning
- Computational statistics
- Predictive modelling
- Fusion of advanced data analysis and mathematical modelling techniques

## Transferable skills

- Data analysis and modelling

- Oral presentation skills
  - Scientific computing
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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	6 sessions of 2 hours (12%)
Supervised practical classes	5 sessions of 2 hours (10%)
Private study	78 hours (78%)
Total	100 hours

### Private study description

Students will work independently to complete the assignments outside of the workshops and to prepare for the viva.

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

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	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Computer Laboratory Assignments	60%		Yes (extension)
4 x 1 page assignments based upon lecture topic and computer laboratory work			
Oral Examination	40%		No

1. Student presentation of how scientific machine learning is relevant to their research project and other interests
2. Unseen questions, based on a pre-circulated list of general topics aligned with the lectures and laboratory sessions

## **Feedback on assessment**

Annotation of computer workbooks with feedback on individual questions  
Written feedback from examiners of viva voce exam

[Past exam papers for ES98E](#)

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## **Availability**

There is currently no information about the courses for which this module is core or optional.