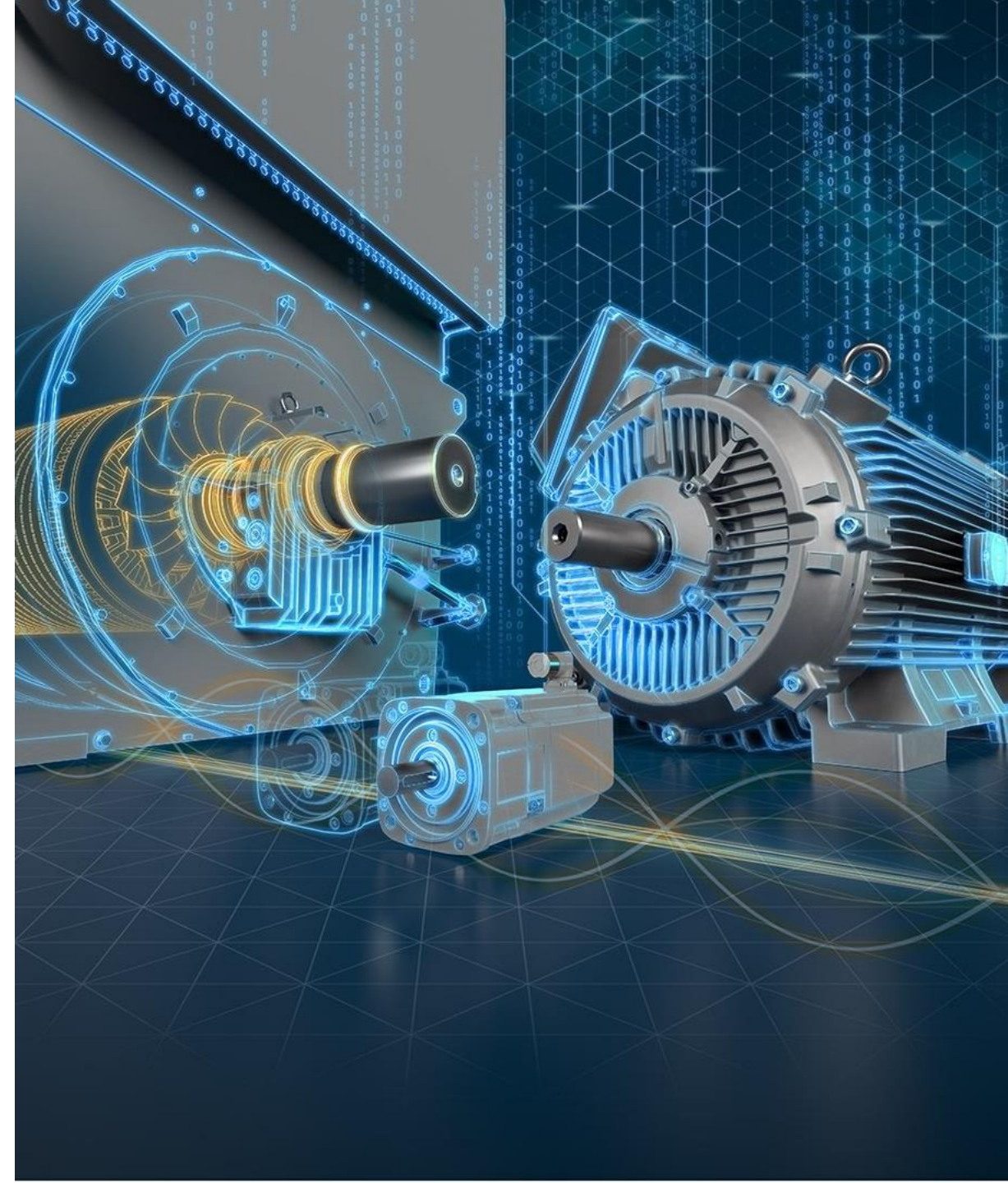


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Main topic(s)

In accordance with: EHEA/EU, national and institutional priorities

1) Main category:

- Student-centered course design

2) Main horizontal priority

- Sustainability

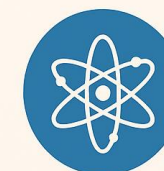
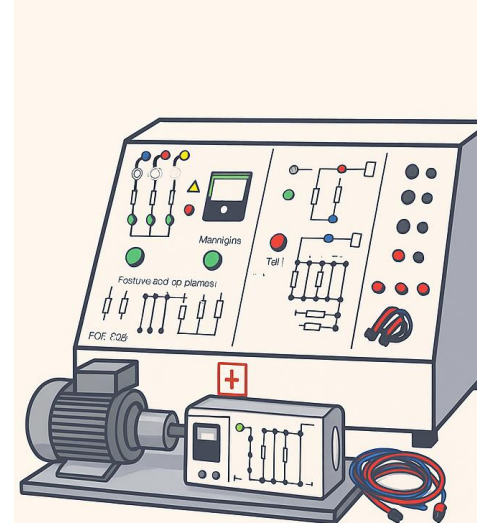
Key words: electrical machines, sustainable energy conversion, practical engineering education, portability, modularity, cost-effectiveness

Student-Centered Course Design



Challenge/problem – objective

Challenge/problem	Objective
Theory – practice gap	Enabling hands-on learning
Adaptation, transport, set-up	Modular and compact design
High-cost equipment	Cost-effective design



**LEARNING ENERGY
CONVERSION
THEORY AND PRACTICE**



**MODULAR AND
COMPACT DESIGN**



**ENABLING HANDS-ON
AND PRACTICAL
LEARNING**



**COST-EFFECTIVE
PRODUCT**

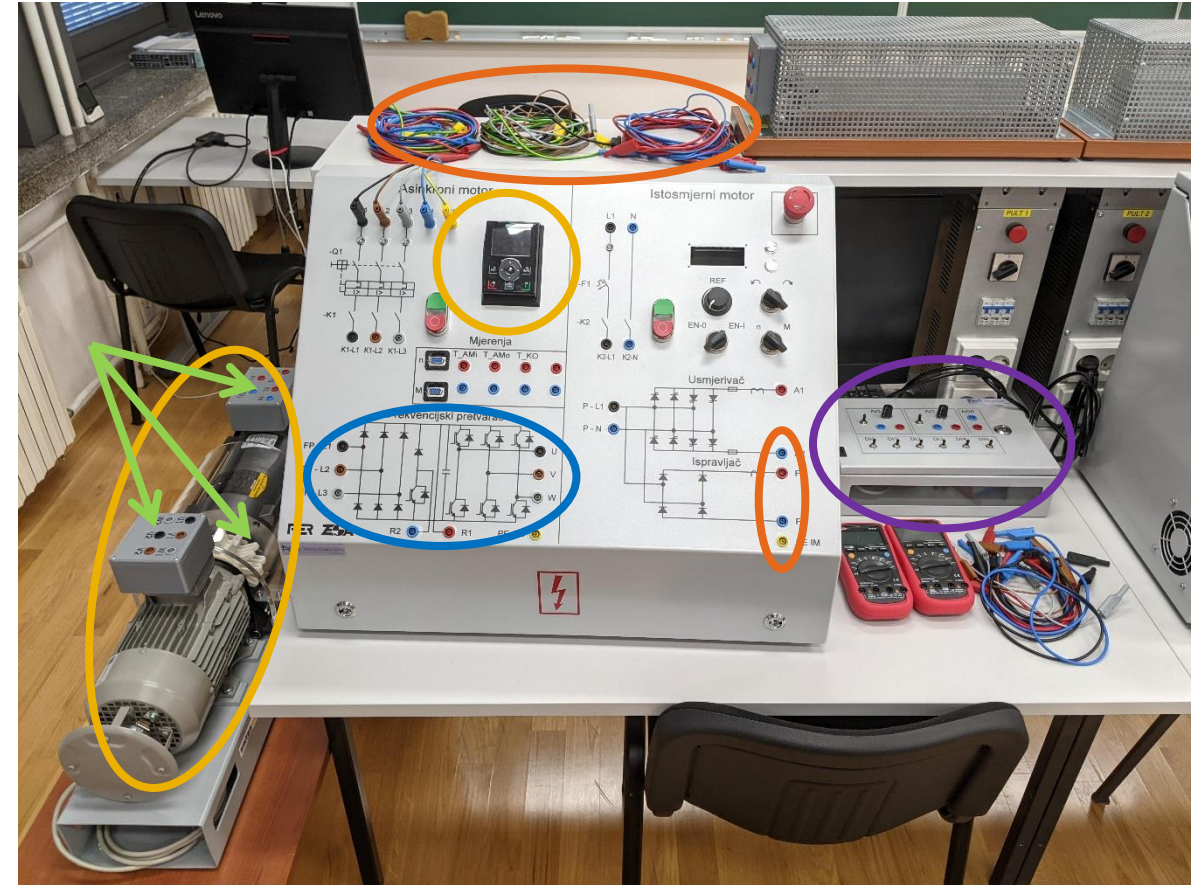
Methodology, outcomes, lessons (1)

- **1) Methodology:**

- focused on **merging theory with hands-on** engineering practice;
- **Curriculum-Driven:** response to **new 2018/2019 curriculum**;
- **Safe, Modular and Smart Design:**
 - standard industrial components: **Siemens, Baldor, etc.**;
 - easy to use and maintain: **wiring diagrams** and **user manuals**;
 - enables flexible configurations;
 - safe experimentation:
safety banana plugs, switches, mechanical protections;

- **2) Tools and techniques used:**

- **Advanced Design Tools:** standard tools - **EPLAN** and **SolidWorks**
- **Custom & Safe Components:** **3D custom printed parts**
- **Conceptual design:** **2019**
- **Tested:** **2020**
- **Improvements:** **additional mini control box**



Methodology, outcomes, lessons (2)

- 3) Outputs, outcomes and impact:
 - Proven Impact in Teaching: used since **2020**; **> 150 students** per year
 - Laboratory exercises: **EEC** and **FOEMC** courses - DC and IM
 - Built for Students: foster **hands-on engineering, collaboration, task management**
 - Resilient & Portable: can be **easy adjusted** for **different** environments, needs, etc.
- 4) Lessons learned:
 - Educational Focus & Integration;
 - Preplanning: **to cover all requirements**;
 - Feedbacks: **to overcome all shortcomings**;
- 5) Adaptability and transferability:
 - Adaptable for All Contexts: **internationalization**;
 - Customizable and Easy to Implement: **inclusion**;
 - Sustainable, Affordable and Long-Term Use: **lower income institutions**;

CLEAR AND MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

EEC COURSE



- Team-based exercises
- Parameter determination
- Test and load analysis
- Collaboration, task management

FOEMC COURSE



- Independent exercises
- Motor characterization
- Load operation and control
- Energy optimization

STUDENT-CENTERED



- Safe learning environment
- Insulated junction boxes
- Safety cables

PORTABILITY



- Infrastructure renovation
- Uninterrupted operations


DEVELOPMENT AND OBJECTIVE

- Hands-on education approx 150

DESIGN AND COMPONENTS 

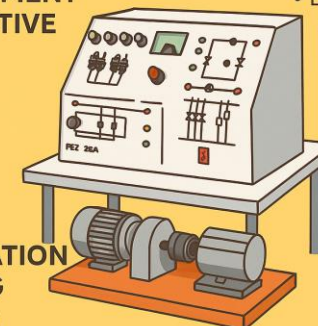
- Equipment modular, user-t-friendly, safe


IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

- Started in 2020

REVIEW AND OPTIMIZATION 

- Feedback from students & faculty



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Compact Testbench for Electric Machines

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