STATE OF POWER ESTIMATION FOR MOTORSPORT APPLICATIONS

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- Oxford Brookes Racing
- High Voltage & Energy Storage Lab
- 08 channels cell tester
- > 05 thermal chambers
- AVL battery pack tester (250kW 1200V)

Agenda

- Introduction to Formula Student
- Oxford Brookes Racing team
- Projects
- State of power estimation
- Q&A

PULS

What is Formula Student?

- +1000 teams from more than 20 countries design and build a formula-style racing car.
- Europe's most established educational engineering competition.



DYNAMIC EVENTS

Acceleration (75 points) 75m straight line run

Skidpad (75 points) Figure of 8 constant radius circles

Autocross (100 points) One lap time trial

Endurance (250 points) 22km time trial

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Efficiency (100 points) Energy used

STATICS EVENTS

Design (160 points) Justify your design to industry professionals

Cost (120 points)

How much does your car cost to make Understanding of cost driven decisions

Business (120 points) Present a business model based around your car

Lap Time Simulation (20 points) Evaluate four different FS powertrain types and two aerodynamic configurations.

OBR Legacy



Top UK

2003



Top UK

Team

2012



Fastest Ever

UK Car

2016

1999



2009 -----

Hybrid Vehicle

Development



lst Place Design Top UK Team

2014



2nd Place Overall 2019

2018





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2021





1st Place Design 1st Place Laptime



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Battery Development



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Testing

Modelling

4 Mechanical design

Battery Test Consortium (BTC)

Cell	Chemistry
Samsung 25R	NMC
LG HG2	NMC
Sony VTC6	NMC
Melasta SLPB6542126	LCO
Melasta SLPB8542126	LCO
Melasta SLPB8346143	LCO
Melasta SLPBB142124	LCO
Melasta SLPB8870175	LCO
Melasta SLPB7336128HV	NMC
Melasta SLPB9542124HV	NMC
Melasta SLPBB042126HV	NMC
Melasta SLPB7579207HV	NMC

Free available datasets for FS teams:

- HPPC
- GITT
- EIS
- Pseudo-OCV
- FS Endurance Drive Cycle
- Degradation

BTC GitHub repository





Planden, B., Lukow, K. (2021). Battery Test Consortium. Available at: https://github.com/Oxford-Brookes-HVES/BTC

Cell tab resistance



Battery pack specifications:

- LCO Melasta pouch cell
- 550V
- 2P130S

Charging C-rates testing



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Battery Modelling



Equivalent Circuit Model

























How much charge or discharge power is available for the next Δt seconds? **Battery Pack** . . . Inverters Motors **Limiting layers**



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[1] Plett, G. L. (2004). High-Performance Battery-Pack Power Estimation Using a Dynamic Cell Model. IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, 53(5), 1586–1593. https://doi.org/10.1109/TVT.2004.832408



















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Challenges



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Challenges



Next steps

- 1. Model Predictive Control (MPC)-based SOP estimation [2]
- The bisection algorithm considers the input parameters constant over the future horizon.
- MPC computes optimal power profile to achieve max power up to the constraints boundaries
- 2. Scale from cell level to pack level considering cell-to-cell variations and temperature gradients

[2] Xavier, M. A., Kawakita De Souza, A., Plett, G. L., & Scott Trimboli, M. (2020). A Low-Cost MPC-Based Algorithm for Battery Power Limit Estimation. *Proceedings of the American Control Conference*, 2020-July, 1161–1166. https://doi.org/10.23919/ACC45564.2020.9147337

Thank you!

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