TSI Detailed Design

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Brakes

Brake Overtravel Switch

The brake overtravel switch is a manual reset limit switch that will actuate a normally open relay in the safety loop. Voltage and signal will be sent and received from the TSI box.

Brake Pressed Signal

The brake pressed signal comes from a pressure-actuated switch in the pedal cluster. This is treated like a normally open switch, and will be brought into the PCB and microcontroller to be used in throttle control and system state decisions.

Brake Light

The brake light is controlled by the brake pressed signal, and is displayed using a 12V, 74 cm² golf cart red brake light compliant with DOT FMVSS 108 as a brake light (as required by the Formula Hybrid Rules T7.4).

Throttle

Accelerator Pedal Plausibility System (APPS)

The APPS consist of two piston potentiometers connected to the throttle pedal. These two potentiometers are offset from one another by 5V, with their wiper outputs used in a series of checks used to ensure that a valid throttle value is sent to the motor controller. For one check, the two signals are put through a differential op-amp, followed by a window comparator in order to confirm the two signals remain within 10% of one another (0.5V). Separate checks are made on each APPS signal individually, sending each signal through two other window comparators, making sure that the signals are not open/short-circuited.

Throttle to Motor Controller

The throttle to the motor controller is sent from the low voltage side of the board to the high voltage side by means of an isolated differential amplifier. This is a 0-5V signal fed directly into the motor controller. On the low-voltage side, the throttle can be sourced from one of two

locations. First, the analog voltage passed from the APPS may be sent through an analog switch. The second option, which facilitates VSCADA control, is a PWM signal sent from the microcontroller which is low-pass filtered (integrator with time constant of 1.6ms) then sent to the switch. Selection of the throttle is done by the microcontroller. This gives the microcontroller the ability to cut the throttle to the motor controller, by outputting 0V and selecting the microcontroller output on the analog switch.

Acceptance of VSCADA Throttle Control

TSI has the ability to accept VSCADA throttle control over the CAN bus. VSCADA may request to increase or decrease speed, which the TSI microcontroller may do by altering the PWM throttle output. This allows the TSI to maintain safety checks, while still allowing VSCADA to remotely request control of the throttle.

IMD

Connected to Safety Loop

The IMD we are using is the Bender ISOMETER IR155-3204 to meet Formula Hybrid Rule EV7.9.2. This has two signal coming out of it that will be used for interacting with the safety loop and TSI system. One of these is the OK_{HS} high or low voltage. Under normal operating conditions, this is set to 24V as this is the GLV power the board will be receiving. If the IMD senses the high voltage connections have connected to low voltage ground, this signal will change to 0V. We will be using this to control the IMD safety loop relay.

The other signal we are using from the IMD is the PWM output of the measured resistance. This will be sent through a low pass filter and into the microcontroller. It will then be decoded to determine the resistance based on the duty cycle. This value will be sent over CAN to the SCADA team.

IMD Fault Light

The IMD fault light will activate when the IMD is the reason the safety loop is broken. This will be achieved by using the second output from the IMD relay used for the safety loop. The relay we are using has two outputs based on the control signal so if the OK_{HS} goes to OV, the output of the relay will flow to the fault light instead of the safety loop.

Voltage and Current Measuring

Read Voltage and Current Values from TSV

To read the current provided from the TSV system, we will be using an Ametes BBM-01 current sensor mounted to the metal power bar inside of the TSI box. For the voltage, we will be using an isolated differential op-amp.

High Voltage Present Lights

The high voltage present lights will be activated by a DC-DC convertor. The TSV voltage will go through buck converter, and will be scaled down to 24V. The buck converter will be set to have an on voltage of 30V. The 24V will go to an isolated DC/DC converter that will scale it down to 12V, which will be used to power the lights.

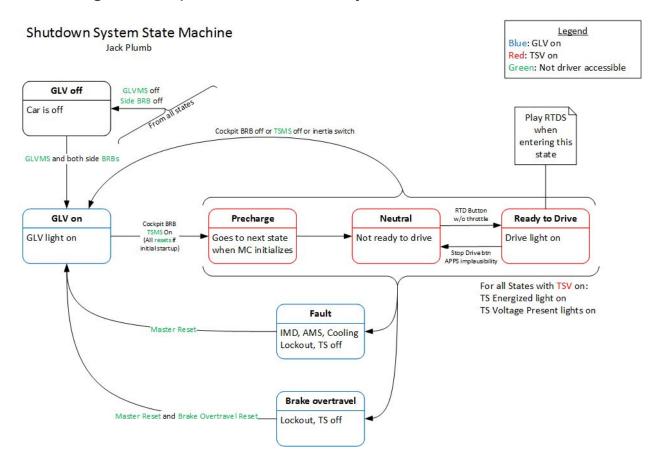
TSMP

The TSMP will be mounted to the front of the TSI box. The inputs to each of the banana jacks will be taken from the metal bars running through the box. At the beginning of the cables going from the bars to the measuring points, a 10k ohm resistor will be added in series with a power rating of 5W to meet Formula Hybrid rule EV10.3.5.

The third banana jack will be connected to the chassis ground provided to the TSI box for intentionally causing a ground fault in the IMD.

Shutdown System

State Diagram Compliant with Formula Hybrid Rules



Ready to Drive Button

The ready to drive button will be mounted on the dashboard and accessible to the driver. This is the last step in the startup sequence. In order for the button press to be accepted, the driver must have his/her foot on the brake so the car will not move on startup.

RTDS

The RTDS will activate when the drive button is pressed and the microcontroller is in the state to allow for driver control. It will sound for 2 seconds to meet Formula Hybrid rule EV9.2.1.

Drive light

The drive light will be active after the drive button is pressed and the RTDS activates. This light will be mounted on the dashboard to let the driver know they are able to move the car. This will be controlled by the microcontroller that is in charge of the startup sequence.

Motor Controller

FWD/REV key

A single-pull double-throw keyswitch will be used to select forward or reverse motion of the motor controller. This will be mounted on the TSI box, out of reach of the driver. Voltage will be supplied by the motor controller, with the signal sent directly back into the motor controller.

Precharge relay

The precharge relay is automatically actuated by the motor controller after the internal start-up sequence when TSV is applied.

Interface via CAN bus/control system cable

The motor controller is connected to the system-wide CAN bus via a CAN bus isolator. This allows motor controller information to be sent directly to VSCADA.

