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OUTLINE

WHAT IS VEHICLE DYNAMICS?

Vehicle Dynamics is the study of how a vehicle moves.

In USM, we are responsible for anything related to performance:

- Laptime simulation
- Testing planning and execution
- Driver development
- Data analysis
- Engineering Challenge
- Laptime Simulation Event



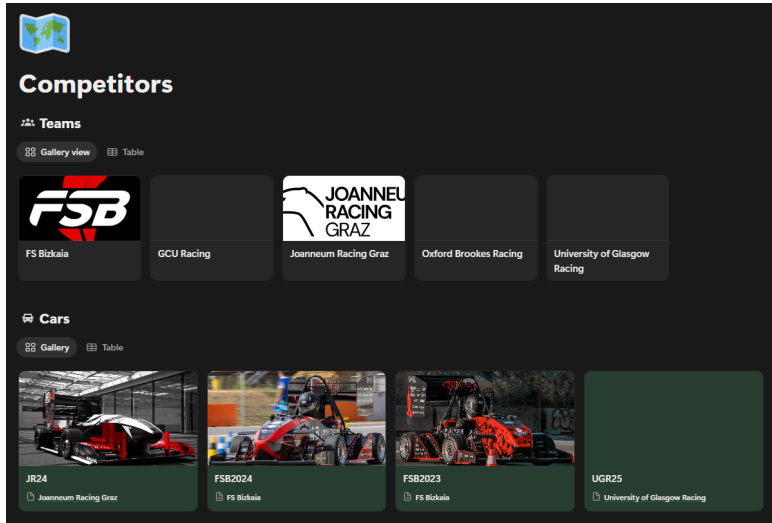
NEW MEMBER PROJECT: COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

You are starting a brand new Formula Student team, and you want to know which parameters are most important for performance. You decide to carry out a study of your competitors.

1. Create a database of competitors, with stats about their cars
2. Look at how well each car performed at competition
3. Analyse which stats have the biggest impact on performance

You should look at fuel type, chassis construction, curb mass, maximum power, wheelbase, front and rear track width, aerodynamic package, suspension, and tyres.

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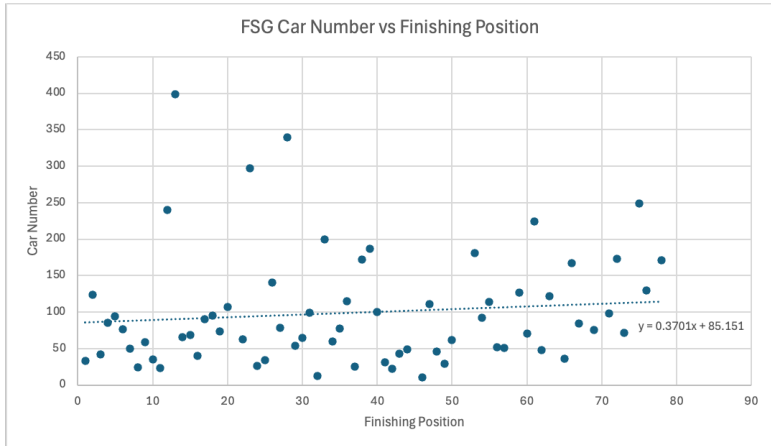
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1	720.31	NZ	University of Auckland	--	A
2	718.93	JP	Nagoya University	--	A
3	715.85	AT	Fachhochschule Joanneum Graz	FSG	A
4	709.35	DE	Westfälische Hochschule Zwickau	FSG	A
5	665.89	CA	École de Technologie Supérieure	FSG	A
6	641.86	US	Carnegie Mellon University	FSG	A
7	638.46	US	Rochester Institute of Technology	--	A
8	624.61	DE	Universität Stuttgart	FSG	A
9	615.54	AU	University of Wollongong	--	A
10	602.65	EE	Tallinn TU UAS	FSG	A
11	584.26	AU	Monash University	FSG	A
12	546.48	CA	École Polytechnique de Montréal	FSG	A
13	535.35	HU	Budapest University of Technology and Economics	FSG	A
14	531.03	CZ	Czech Technical University in Prague	FSG	A
15	526.97	IN	Pimpri Chinchwad College Of Engineering	FSG	A
16	519.51	US	Georgia Institute of Technology	--	A
17	515.82	US	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	--	A
18	514.24	AU	Swinburne University of Technology	FSG	A
19	504.99	US	University of Washington	FSG	A
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23	492.24	DE	Duales Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Stuttgart	FSG	A
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25	473.96	CA	University of Toronto	FSG	A
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28	461.74	NL	Technische Universiteit Eindhoven	FSG	A
29	460.74	AU	University of Adelaide	--	A
30	452.88	GB	University of Strathclyde	FSG	A
31	452.23	DE	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	FSG	A
32	446.66	GB	Oxford Brookes University	FSG	A

Overall Results

Formula Student United Kingdom 2023

City/Univ	place	cost	bp	ed	acc	sp	autox	endu	eff	pen	total
Modena UNIMORE	1.	6.	55.	2.	1.	2.	2.	1.	6.	13	835
Staffordshire U	2.	25.	4.	28.	3.	5.	7.	2.	7.	11	719
Oxford Brookes U	3.	15.	1.	1.	2.	1.	5.	12.	4.	18	700
Glasgow U Strath	4.	16.	6.	10.	13.	4.	4.	6.	2.	14	638
Coventry U	5.	27.	27.	29.	7.	3.	1.	5.	8.	-10	597
Cardiff U	6.	19.	14.	57.	8.	13.	10.	3.	5.	12	566
Leicester U	7.	32.	31.	42.	10.	9.	9.	4.	9.	10	537
Bristol UWE	8.	4.	54.	20.	5.	10.	3.	10.	10.	4	453
Sheffield U	9.	11.	10.	19.	12.	8.	8.	-	-	-8	382
Vigo U	10.	40.	59.	6.	11.	6.	6.	17.	-	16	344
Porto U	11.	14.	2.	3.	-	-	-	14.	-	15	334
Modena UNIMORE	12.	23.	25.	7.	9.	7.	-	19.	-	13	332
Magdeburg OVGU	13.	42.	52.	10.	-	-	-	7.	1.	-10	319
Belfast U	14.	9.	13.	7.	14.	12.	-	8.	-	-6	315
Glasgow U	15.	7.	11.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	20	312
Bilbao EHU	16.	7.	7.	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	304
Wolverhampton U	17.	43.	20.	35.	4.	11.	12.	11.	-	-10	292
Bath U	18.	1.	36.	27.	-	-	-	9.	-	9	284
Loughborough U	19.	19.	8.	10.	-	-	-	-	-	14	276
Cairo Shams	20.	11.	37.	17.	-	-	-	15.	-	15	271
Manitoba U	21.	36.	38.	13.	6.	-	13.	16.	-	-10	256
Karachi NUST	22.	5.	9.	41.	-	-	-	-	-	14	254
Hatfield UH	23.	24.	24.	13.	-	-	-	-	-	11	252
Birmingham U	24.	17.	28.	13.	-	-	-	-	-	2	249
Uxbridge U Brunel	25.	3.	34.	31.	-	-	-	-	-	7	249
London QMUL	26.	2.	32.	38.	-	-	-	-	-	13	245
Southampton U	27.	19.	14.	32.	-	-	-	-	-	15	241
Kristiansand UIA	28.	56.	56.	48.	-	-	11.	13.	3.	-10	239
Coventry U Warwick	29.	35.	5.	38.	-	-	-	-	-	12	225
Sheffield HU	30.	10.	18.	37.	-	-	-	-	-	-1	224
Karlstadt U	31.	13.	12.	50.	-	-	-	-	-	13	220

3. Analyse which stats have the biggest impact on performance



There is lots of information about different cars on team websites, Instagram, and LinkedIn. If you see something that looks cool or that you don't understand, post it on Discord in the #susposting channel.

Links

- Notion: Competitor database
- FS-World: World rankings of Formula Student teams
- FSUK Event Guide: Stats about cars appearing at FSUK 2025

