

System Verification & Validation Plan for MobiCharged



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1 Revision History

Table 1: **Revision History**

Author	Date	Version	Description
All	November 2nd, 2022	Rev 0	Created first draft of document

2 General Information

2.1 Definitions

Table 2: Naming Conventions and Terminology

Word	Definition/Context
Functional Requirement	Requirements that describe what the product is supposed to do
Non-functional Requirement	Requirements that describe qualities that product will have
Data Smoothing	The process of using old data as well as "future" data in order to predict designs.
ML	"Machine Learning" algorithm.
SRS	Software Requirements Specification
Cryptography	The practice and study of techniques for secure communication
Asymmetric Key Cryptography	An encryption and decryption system that includes a public and private key pair
Functional Testing	Type of software testing that validates the software system against the functional requirements/specifications
Structural Testing	Type of software testing that uses the internal design of the software
Dynamic Testing	Test cases that are executed at run-time
Static Testing	Testing that does not require program execution
Manual Testing	Tests written and executed manually by team members
Automated Testing	Testing that makes use of software tools that execute tests automatically
System Testing	Testing that tests the system as a completed program and is based on the requirements
PROCESS-BENCHMARK	The average time required for completion of the current process (6 hours)
MAX-CHARGE-TIME	The maximum allowed time required to remotely charge a target device (4 hours)

2.2 Summary

The construction industry is not only essential for the ever-growing infrastructure of our society but also a key factor used to determine the success in communities. With the Greater-Toronto-Area being one of the top increasing communities in regards to construction from across the globe, it is salient to ensure any buildings whether residential, commercial or industrial are built with the highest of standard, highlight the importance of safety, and promote on-going innovation.

Engineers are tasked with design in construction to exceed requirements without hindering safety. Safety is a topic that is never missed within the industry and is continuously being highlighted amongst designs; especially as Engineers are reminded of their moral obligations to society by their awarded rings upon graduation.

As a current process, the construction industry places sensors within concrete spaces to continuously test and/or monitor the integrity of buildings during as well as after construction. Ultimately however, these sensors run out of battery and are required to be re-charged. The industry still faces challenges when attempting to charge these sensors with the method of remote charging as the current products that satisfy remote charging abilities are yet to be optimized. There are a significant number of buildings being built in the GreaterToronto-Area, which is emphasized considering that 70% of cranes within Canada are in just the GTA alone.

To place innovation in the sub-field of safety within the industry, it is indeed a requirement to modernize the ability of producing efficient remote charging systems and to have the design process optimized to provide the most effective results.

MobiCharged aims to solve these gaps in the industry by producing a machine learning based software that aids these Engineers in designing remote charging systems based on their application requirements. Moreover, MobiCharged aims to produce a physical remote charging device for the purpose of developing the software as well as development purposes.

2.3 Objectives

The objective in this document is to establish a plan meant to validate & verify certain aspects of the system that correlate with the successful completion of satisfying requirements as well as ensuring the system is built as

per intentions. The key objectives with this plan is to build confidence in the outputs produced by our system as well as establish confirmation of ease of navigation for our users when using our system. A selected key objective that should not be ignored is the aim to not only output application variables that will work successfully for the application, but to specifically output the most optimized solution.

2.4 Relevant Documents

This Validation & Verification Plan will highlight new plans revolving around testing. However, many components will overlap with previous published documents. The following are relevant documents that is suggested to be read in parallel with this report:

- Hazard Analysis
- SRS Report
- Design Document
- PEP8 - Coding Style Guideline for Python

3 Plan

3.1 Verification & Validation Team

Table 1 below highlights the team involved in the V&V process as well as their respective roles.

Team Member	Role
Nashit	V&V Team Lead - assigned the role of over-viewing the V&V process & delegating tasks to other members based on their respective schedules as well as integrating member's tasks together. This role relays important information to the team.
Eamon	Software Testing Designer - assigned the role of establishing the appropriate tests for certain units of the software system.
Eric	Software Tester - assigned the role of working with the Software Testing Designer and performing the software tests while reporting the outputs
Samuel	Hardware Testing Designer - assigned the role establishing the appropriate tests for certain units of the hardware system
Mustafa	Software Testing Designer - assigned the role of establishing the appropriate tests for certain units of the software system.

Table 3: Verification & Validation Team

Although table 1 displays the key roles assigned to team members, these roles can be considered as fluid as the process is open to being adaptive based events to occur. Moreover, the role displays the key roles but excludes the minor roles assigned to members - for example, Nashit is the V&V Team Lead but will also work closely with Samuel as a Hardware System Tester to test components.

3.1.1 SRS Verification Plan

To ensure the system satisfies what it was intended to, it will be verified in relation to the SRS document; in particular to section 9, Functional Architecture.

The plan to verify the system with the documented SRS consists of a systematic approach as well as an open-ended feedback approach.

For the systematic approach, the current plan is to create a checklist that highlights all the key requirements listed in the SRS. Note that some of the requirements are non-functional and cannot have a feasible systematic approach, but rather a user feedback selection.

In regards to the open-ended feedback approach, the current steps for action is to simulate a demonstration as well as a program start-up / walk-through for the supervisor MobilitePower in order to receive their constructive feedback. This will be tied in with feedback provided from other students as well which will simulate feedback from users.

It shall be noted that the SRS Verifications plan shall be referenced in parallel with the System Test Descriptions as both sections highlight the verification and the validations for requirements of the system.

Table 2 below highlights a checklist for the key components of the SRS Verifications. This table is adaptable and will continue to be updated as the project proceeds.

SRS No.	SRS Description	General Plan for Verification
SR1	ML Model must optimize inputs faster than existing process	Compile the average time it takes for the current process to generate solutions. Use that as a bench-mark and test if the system can display outputs better or worse than the bench-mark
SR2	ML Model must be able to develop “new” simulations based on previous models	Check the current data set the ML Model contains. Enter inputs outside of that set limit and check if data smoothing occurs. Verify those outputs later to ensure those outputs are satisfactory
SR3	ML Model must be able to encrypt optimized data before exporting	Have a software design tester test if the outputs are encrypted during the export process. The tester has the control to claim it is encrypted or not
HR1	The system must be able to wirelessly charge device through a reasonable amount of material in between	The hardware design tester will place items between the wirelessly charging device and the device intended to be charged. The tester will test if the item is indeed charged
HR2	The system must be able to charge a device within a reasonable of time	The hardware design tester will test the speed of which the device is being charged at. The hardware design tester will seek feedback from the supervisor to determine what is a reasonable amount of time for a device to be charged in order to create a bench-mark
LR1	The system shall be understandable within an hour of use	The software design tester will test if the software is easily understood / can be navigated with ease within an hour of learning. It is presumed that the user has previous knowledge regarding the device’s variables
SLR1	The system must compute optimal configuration within 6 hours	The software can display a “compilation time taken”. The software design tester can note the time it takes through a series of testing and highlight whether or not it is under 6 hours or over
PAR1	The system must have a relative accuracy of 5% compared to current Matlab simulation	The software design tester will compare the current data set and verify it with the system’s outputs

Table 4: General Plan for SRS Verifications

3.2 Design Verification Plan

The plan to verify the design of both the software system as well as the hardware system will revolve around reviews. These reviews shall include internal reviews from the V&V Team, the supervisor, and external reviews from students.

A current checklist is not applicable at this time due to the system still being in the process of development. However, a checklist will be created later once applicable highlighting the key non-functional requirements in regards to design.

These sections will include APR1, EUR1, EUR2, RAR1 and ADAR1 (all of which are referenced from the SRS Document). Verifications will include visual checks as well as tests which will be highlighted in the system test descriptions.

3.3 V&V Verification Plan

The V&V Verification Plan would be best implemented through the process of reviews and/or issues created. This will be done through preliminary grading, internal reviews, student reviews and supervisor's revisions. Moreover, an internal check will be created to ensure that the V&V Plan verifies all the requirements as well as all the unit tests.

The checklist is not available at this time but will generally be a pass / fail checklist to ensure that all components have been verified.

3.4 Implementation Verification Plan

The first step of our implementation in the verification process is the development of the long-term error analysis process for our machine learner, as outlined in Section 3.5. It is intended to have this done for our POC demo on Nov 21st, to accompany the machine learning algorithm. This is a continuous implementation to procedurally verify SFRT-3. At this point in time we can also ensure our condition SFRT-1 holds, as we can test the performance even if the average output is relatively inaccurate.

Verification of SFRT-4 will follow shortly, as the next step of the algorithm is adding the data-smoothing 'initiative' element. From there, we will develop

the server element and implement the ETL tests, satisfying SFRT-5.

Hardware development and the associated validation will take place parallel to these processes, and have less of a strict sequentiality. However, once the correctness of the physical system is validated manually through the means discussed in the sections to come, we will use the readings from it to further validate and test our error in regards to SFRT-3, the validation of the ‘pseudo-optimality’ of our machine learner. The physical aspects of the phase array will also be used to set constraints on the ‘initiative’ aspect of the algorithm’s data-smoothing, and thus constrain the validating conditions of SFRT-4.

We will spend the rest of our development time after this point adding elegance, safety, and performance boosts to the program, like implementing and verifying the correctness of our encryption tools, as discussed in SFRT-2.

We will be continuously performing deep code walkthroughs among the developers, to share context and verify across the team that our assumptions and constraints are correct and well-formed. We will also perform a system walkthrough and demo with our supervisor, taking place once when our full cycle including the data smoothing ‘initiative’ is implemented and validated (SFRT-4), and a second time when the server system is created and validated (SFRT-5). This will be a higher-level view of the architecture and system communications, as well as what it achieves. At these checkpoints, we will also share the progression that our continuous error analysis shows, and thus communicate the accuracy of the machine learner over time. We will also use these demos as an opportunity to validate certain NFRs with our supervisor, specifically those relating to the ease of use of the program.

Note: Dates for the implementation of later validation steps are flexible and will be edited into the document at a later date (they follow the implementation of the code itself).

3.5 Automated Testing & Verification Tools

The method of verifying the improvement of the probability model in the learner is a constant process, and one that requires continuous usage and polling of our system data. For instance, we might store the inputs and optimal outputs provided by the simulation, and then ask the learner itself what its ‘pseudo-optimal’ output is. We can then calculate the relative error between them, and store that in a database; were we to graph these items, we’d expect a continuous decrease in this error as time goes on. The automation

of this process relies less on any pre-built tools, and more so on integrating this concept of continuous progress checking into the operation cycle itself, and using a database to log the error (general DB tooling). Essentially, we have incredibly useful oracle-based validation in this case, and in our final system context model (client-server system with multiple personal devices running the simulations), we can have one device dedicated to polling and mapping this data, and can flag the operator if it notices consistently poor trends in the predictive model.

The second prong of the system that must be integrated with automatic verification and testing is the server stream and passage of data, such that we confirm that valid data is being passed and nothing else. This can be done using any number of ETL (extract, transform, and learn) testing libraries in Python, like the open source library Birgitta. We would implement these ETL verifiers end-to-end, to ensure the integrity of the passing data. This would ensure the predictive model would not be corrupted by false data batches, and protect against system crashes as well.

For unit testing in our Python code, we'll use PyTest, a commonly used library that has built in support for testing code validity as well as code coverage present in the tests. As with all self-respecting developer teams, we will collectively aim for full coverage and expect less. Many unit tests will also be used to verify the acceptance and passing of valid data. Additionally, we'll be using Pylint to enforce our formatting and readability standards.

3.6 Software Verification Plan

To verify that the software outputs the correct data as intended, we will apply checks with current available data. This verification process is the same in nature as PAR1 mentioned in table 2.

The current method in regards to creating solutions when designing remote charges devices revolves around Matlab simulations. Simulations are done by altering a vast amount of variables within the Matlab software. The simulations then outputs the desired variables necessary to maximize whichever variable is desired while noting constraints - similar to a continuous optimization problem where studies are done on finding the minimum and/or maximum (i.e. convex & concave functions).

Since there were already simulations completed by MobilitePower, the supervisor will provide their current data for us to verify if our ML Method is effective, i.e. if our system outputs the same values that the simulation

method does.

Moreover, another method for verifying our data is by doing routine checks (on values where we don't currently have data on / currently have simulations done for). This can be done by applying the simulation method on arbitrary data sets and verifying that the simulation method and our ML Method provide the same values given some tolerance.

Finally, the V&V Team will work with the supervisor by holding demonstrations to ensure the scope is met and the system meets the requirements.

4 System Test Description

4.1 Tests for Functional Requirements

4.1.1 Data Output

1. SFRT-1

Description: This test will ensure the ML algorithm will determine the optimal solution in a shorter duration than the current process

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Automated

Initial State: Program is idle and awaiting required input

Input: Desired remote charger configuration

Output: Optimal remote charger solution along with the elapsed time to produce the optimal solution

How Test Will Be Performed: A feasible configuration will be provided for testing. The ML algorithm will take the given input and produce the required and optimal output. The elapsed time that the algorithm takes to output the optimal solution will be compared to that of the PROCESS-BENCHMARK.

Pass Condition: Elapsed time < PROCESS-BENCHMARK

2. SFRT-2

Description: This test will ensure that the exported data output is encrypted

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: ML program has computed the optimal solution

Input: Optimal remote charger solution

Output: An encrypted version of the optimal remote charger solution

How Test Will Be Performed: The optimal remote charger solution will be computed and used for testing. Using this solution, the program must apply a public key to the data that is to be exported. This will convert the data into a format that will not be understandable to anyone who does not have the private key. This public and private key pairing is used in asymmetric key cryptography. The tester will then apply the private key to the encrypted data and ensure that the result matches the optimal solution

Pass Condition: Exported Data (encrypted) = Optimal Solution * Public key && Optimal Solution = Exported Data (encrypted) * Private Key

3. SFRT-3

Description: This test will ensure that the solution provided by the algorithm is optimized and correct

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: Program is idle and awaiting required input

Input: A configuration in which the optimal solution has already been deduced

Output: The optimal remote charger solution

How Test Will Be Performed: A configuration that has already had the optimal solution deduced using the current process will be used. The algorithm will then produce the desired optimal solution which will be evaluated against the existing predetermined solution

Pass Condition: ML Algorithm Optimal Solution = Predetermined Optimal Solution

4.1.2 Data Smoothing

1. SFRT-4

Description: This test will ensure that the ML model can accurately and efficiently develop new simulations based on previous models

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: Program is idle and awaiting input

Input: Desired configuration that does not exist in the current data set of the ML model

Output: New data set that includes the previously trained models
How Test Will Be Performed: The test will be performed by checking the existing data set that the ML model contains. Based on this, the input will be one that does not exist in the current data set. The program must then perform data smoothing and train itself based on the new input parameters and develop a new data set
Pass Condition: ML algorithm begins running new simulations using the new input parameters

4.1.3 Data Processing

1. SFRT-5

Description: This test will ensure that the ML model can process incoming simulation data from multiple source devices

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: Program is in idle state

Input: Simulation data from multiple devices

Output: New ML Data set containing all newly received simulation data
How Test Will Be Performed: The developers will run multiple simulations on different devices which will be used for this test. The data gathered from these simulations will be passed onto the ML algorithm which will then have to process and train the model using this data.

Pass Condition: The ML model can correctly process and train itself using the simulation data coming from multiple source devices

2. SFRT-6

Description: This test will ensure that the ML model is able to interpret data exported directly from Matlab simulations

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual
Initial State: Program is in idle state and running simulations

Input: Exported data from Matlab

Output: New ML Data set containing the data from the Matlab simulation

How Test Will Be Performed: A Matlab simulation will be run on the host device that the ML program is running on. Upon completion

of the Matlab simulation, the data will be exported into a directory that the ML model will automatically access. The ML model will then process and interpret the data, and train itself using that data. This will ensure that the ML algorithm can properly interpret and access exported data from Matlab simulations

Pass Condition: ML algorithm properly interprets and accesses the data exported by Matlab and begins to train the model based on that data

4.1.4 Hardware System Functional Requirements

1. HFRT-1

Description: This test will ensure the physical system is able to wirelessly charge a device with a reasonable amount of material between them

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: Physical charger (turned off) and device are placed with objects in between them

Input: Physical charger is turned on

Output: Device begins to charge

How Test Will Be Performed: The tester will manually set up a blockade between the physical charging device and the device to be charged. The amount of blockage between the two devices will be up to the discretion of the tester. Once set up, the tester will turn on the charging device and ensure the second device is being charged

Pass Condition: The remote charging device successfully charged the second device despite the blockage between them

2. HFRT-2

Description: This test will ensure that the remote charger can effectively charge a device within a reasonable amount of time

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: Device that requires charging has 0% battery life

Input: Remote charger is turned on

Output: Device that requires charging has 100% battery life

How Test Will Be Performed: The device that requires charging

will intentionally have a battery life of 0%. The remote charger will be placed near the target device and then will be turned on. The tester will manually time the elapsed time for the target device to reach 100% battery life. This will be compared to a maximum-elapsed time allocated to charging target devices, and must be less than that time

Pass Condition: Time Required to Charge Device < MAX-CHARGE-TIME

3. HFRT-3

Description: This test will ensure that the remote charger can effectively charge a device within a reasonable amount of time, while having different amount of blockage between the charger and the target device

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: Device that requires charging has 0% battery life

Input: Remote charger is turned on

Output: Device that requires charging has 100% battery life

How Test Will Be Performed: This test will be conducted similarly to test HFRT-2, however, this will incorporate different amounts of blockage between the charger and target device. The tester will repeat this test with different amounts of blockage, and ensure each reasonable amount is successfully under MAX-CHARGE-TIME

Pass Condition: Elapsed Charge Time(s) < MAX-CHARGE-TIME

4.2 Tests for Non-Functional Requirements

4.2.1 Ease of Use

1. SNFRT-1

Description: This test will ensure that the system is easy to use

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: Program is in idle state

Input: Users are asked to use the program and input a configuration to receive the optimal configuration

Output: Users are able to retrieve an optimal configuration from the ML algorithm

How Test Will Be Performed: The testers will gather a group of

users and ask them to provide the program input and retrieve the optimal output produced by the algorithm

Pass Condition: 80% of users will successfully be able to provide input and retrieve the output within an hour of use

2. SNFRT-2

Description: This test will ensure that the system is easy to install

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: The program is not installed on the test device

Input: Program is provided via USB

Output: Program is properly installed and launched

How Test Will Be Performed: The user will be provided a USB stick containing the program. The user will then be instructed to install the program onto a device

Pass Condition: 80% of users will be able to successfully install and launch the program

4.2.2 Fault Tolerance

1. SNFRT-3

Description: This test will ensure that the ML algorithm will be able to discard any corrupted data without adding it to the database

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: The program will be in the process of determining the optimal input

Input: Tester will force close the program

Output: The program will shut down

How Test Will Be Performed: The tester will run the program for any valid input configuration for this test. While the program is determining the optimal solution for the given input, the tester will shutdown the program

Pass Condition: The program will shutdown and discard the corrupted data without applying any changes to the existing database

4.2.3 Adaptability

1. SNFRT-4

Description: This test will ensure that the program is applicable on all primary operating systems (MacOS, Windows, Linux) **Type:** Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: The application will be installed on different devices with different operating systems

Input: The program is launched

Output: The program is opened and is running successfully

How Test Will Be Performed: The program will be provided on multiple different devices with different operating systems. The testers will then launch the program and ensure that it opens and runs successfully

Pass Condition: Application opens without issue and is functional

4.2.4 Access Requirements

1. SNFRT-5

Description: This test will be used to ensure that only authorized users can access the program

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual

Initial State: Log-in screen

Input: Correct username and password combination

Output: The program displays the home screen with access to functionality

How Test Will Be Performed: The program will recognize specific log-in information. The tester will manually input this information and ensure that the program by-passes the initial log-in screen

Pass Condition: Authorized user has access to the program functionality

4.2.5 Physical Environment

1. HNFRT-1 **Description:** This test will ensure that the physical system can withstand various weather conditions

Type: Functional, Static, Manual

Initial State: The physical system is working in a normal environment

Input: Extreme increase or decrease in temperature is applied

Output: The physical system will be operating in a new extreme environment

How Test Will Be Performed: This test will be performed by putting the physical system in various environments. This entails applying a large increase or decrease in temperature to determine whether the system is operable in extreme conditions

Pass Condition: The system must be functional in extreme conditions without a decrease in productivity

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Pass Condition: The system must be functional in extreme conditions without a decrease in productivity

4.3 Traceability Between Tests & Requirements

Test-ID	Associated Requirements
SFRT-1	SR1, SLR1
SFRT-2	SR3, SECR1, PRV1
SFRT-3	SR4, PAR1
SFRT-4	SR2
SFRT-5	SR5, SR6
SFRT-6	SR6
HFRT-1	HR1
HFRT-2	HR2
HFRT-3	HR1, HR2
SNFRT-1	EUR1, LR1, APR1
SNFRT-2	EUR2
SNFRT-3	RFTR1
SNFRT-4	ADAR1
SNFRT-5	ACR1
HNFRT-1	PER1

Table 5: Traceability between tests & requirements

5 Unit Test Description

The unit test description is not applicable at this stage. This will be completed after the design document has been completed and finalized.

6 Appendix

6.1 Reflection

6.1.1

Part of the knowledge that the Software VV team will need to acquire pertains to the performance of MobilitePower’s current optimization system.

The current system will need to be understood and the performance characteristics of it quantified. SR1 and PAR1 are both related to the current system that is in place. Thus it must be understood and quantified so that verification of our product may be done.

The Software Testing Designers will need to also acquire knowledge in the area of boundary testing. The SRS number that is in association with this is SR2. Knowledge and skills in boundary testing will need to be honed in order to successfully test and verify that the data smoothing works as intended. This will require the Software Test Designers to develop a knowledge of the system and boundary testing principles so that the limits of our application are pushed.

The VV lead will need to push their knowledge of project management skills and the correlation between the two aspects of our project (hardware and software). Project Management skills will be required to ensure all aspects are completed on schedule. As the lead of the VV team, knowledge of testing on both systems will be required. This will require the VV team leader to have a firm understanding of both aspects.

The Hardware VV team will need to acquire further knowledge on the functional characteristics desired from the supervisor. HR1 and HR2 will require the Hardware VV team to identify the characteristics of the product that are required in order for verification of the device to pass.

6.1.2

The first knowledge area, pertaining to MobilitePower's current optimization system, will be grown by taking the approach of an information interview. The Software VV team will conduct a detailed information interview with the supervisor in order to determine the metrics our system must hit in order to improve over the current standard.

In order to gain more understanding in regards to boundary testing for the Software VV team, a dive into peer reviewed papers will be conducted. Extensive research will be conducted to determine how to sufficiently test boundary conditions in a way that may find faults in our system.

The VV lead will stay up to date with each 'department' within the team to ensure that they are aware of progress and any risks to the deadline. VV lead will arrange meetings as necessary to ensure they have a firm understanding of both systems and the VV process that is taking place.

The Hardware VV team will also conduct an information interview with

the supervisor to determine appropriate values for verification. This will include, but is not limited to, time required for charge and appropriate level of obstruction between charging device and device to be charged.

References

We will be referring to documentations provided by Mobilite-Power, however, as of now there are no references to mention.