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# Introduction

## 1.1 FDD.7 Applicant and List of Team Members

## 1.2 FDD.8 Development Environment and Research Objectives

Parts list:

Teil | Preis | Gewicht | Anzahl | selfmade/outsourced |

## 1.3 FDD.10 Category for This Application

# Mechanical Systems

## 2.1 Introduction

## 2.2 Chassis

### 2.2.1 Overview

#### Requirements and Constraints

- . Detail the main requirements and constraints driving the design.

#### Concept

- . Explain the concept of the subsystem and reasons for its selection.

#### Size, Components, and Appearance

- . Include a table of materials, mass, dimensions, and other relevant factors.

### 2.2.2 Design Process and Appearance

#### Requirements Met by the Design

- . Outline different requirements to be met by the infrastructure.

#### Design Rationale

- . Detail the design rationale behind the components of the infrastructure.

#### CAD Models and Technical Drawings

- . Present CAD models and technical drawings.

#### FEM Results

- . Present FEM results for worst-case scenarios, including images and values.

#### Mesh and Boundary Conditions

- . Provide details on the type of mesh, boundary conditions, and Free Body Diagrams.

#### Infrastructure Challenges

- . Address thermal expansion, weather resistance, etc.

### **2.2.3 Manufacturing Process**

- . Compile a parts list in tabular format, specifying in-house or outsourced production.

### **2.2.4 Transport and Assembly Process**

#### **Transport and Lift Plan**

- . Describe the transport and lift plan.

#### **Assembly Process**

- . Describe the assembly process, including integration into subordinate systems.

#### **Timeline and Equipment**

- . Include a timeline, equipment needed, and workforce details.

### **2.2.5 Safety Considerations**

#### **Safety Factor**

- . Discuss the safety factor applied.

#### **Worst-Case Scenarios**

- . Discuss worst-case scenarios and containment plans.

#### **Transport, Storage, and Lifting Requirements**

- . Requirements as per Section 9.3, especially TS.4, of the R&R.

#### **Physical Stop and Roll-Over Calculations**

- . Describe the physical stop and roll-over calculations.

### **2.2.6 FMEA Results Discussion**

#### **Risk Assessment**

- . Preliminary risk assessment for demonstration, transport, and lifting.

#### **FMEA and Risk Mitigation**

- . Detail FMEA and describe risk mitigation measures.

#### **Simulation Evidence**

- . Provide evidence of simulations validating theoretical assumptions.

### **2.2.7 Testing**

- . Describe testing procedures and provide a preliminary testing plan.

### **2.2.8 Demonstration**

- . Outline how the system will be demonstrated if standalone. Rollover and springs.

## **2.3 Aerodynamics and Shell**

### **2.3.1 Overview**

#### **Requirements and Constraints**

- . Detail the main requirements and constraints driving the design.

#### **Concept**

- . Explain the concept of the subsystem and reasons for its selection.

#### **Size, Components, and Appearance**

- . Include a table of materials, mass, dimensions, and other relevant factors.

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## **2.3.7 Testing**

- . Describe testing procedures and provide a preliminary testing plan.

## **2.3.8 Demonstration**

- . Outline how the system will be demonstrated if standalone. Rollover and springs.

## **2.4 Suspension**

### **2.4.1 Overview**

#### **Requirements and Constraints**

- . Detail the main requirements and constraints driving the design.

## **Concept**

- . Explain the concept of the subsystem and reasons for its selection.

## **Size, Components, and Appearance**

- . Include a table of materials, mass, dimensions, and other relevant factors.

### **2.4.2 Design Process and Appearance**

#### **Requirements Met by the Design**

- . Outline different requirements to be met by the infrastructure.

#### **Design Rationale**

- . Detail the design rationale behind the components of the infrastructure.

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#### **FEM Results**

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#### **Infrastructure Challenges**

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### **2.4.3 Manufacturing Process**

- . Compile a parts list in tabular format, specifying in-house or outsourced production.

### **2.4.4 Transport and Assembly Process**

#### **Transport and Lift Plan**

- . Describe the transport and lift plan.

#### **Assembly Process**

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## **2.4.7 Testing**

- . Describe testing procedures and provide a preliminary testing plan.

## **2.4.8 Demonstration**

- . Outline how the system will be demonstrated if standalone. Rollover and springs.

## **2.5 Guiding**

### **2.5.1 Overview**

#### **Requirements and Constraints**

- . Detail the main requirements and constraints driving the design.

#### **Concept**

- . Explain the concept of the subsystem and reasons for its selection.

#### **Size, Components, and Appearance**

- . Include a table of materials, mass, dimensions, and other relevant factors.

### **2.5.2 Design Process and Appearance**

#### **Requirements Met by the Design**

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## **2.5.7 Testing**

- . Describe testing procedures and provide a preliminary testing plan.

## **2.5.8 Demonstration**

- . Outline how the system will be demonstrated if standalone. Rollover and springs.

## **2.6 Brakes**

### **2.6.1 Overview**

#### **Requirements and Constraints**

- . Detail the main requirements and constraints driving the design.

#### **Concept**

- . Explain the concept of the subsystem and reasons for its selection.

#### **Size, Components, and Appearance**

- . Include a table of materials, mass, dimensions, and other relevant factors.

### **2.6.2 Design Process and Appearance**

#### **Requirements Met by the Design**

- . Outline different requirements to be met by the infrastructure.

#### **Design Rationale**

- . Detail the design rationale behind the components of the infrastructure.

#### **CAD Models and Technical Drawings**

- . Present CAD models and technical drawings.

#### **FEM Results**

- . Present FEM results for worst-case scenarios, including images and values.

## **Mesh and Boundary Conditions**

- . Provide details on the type of mesh, boundary conditions, and Free Body Diagrams.

## **Infrastructure Challenges**

- . Address thermal expansion, weather resistance, etc.

### **2.6.3 Manufacturing Process**

- . Compile a parts list in tabular format, specifying in-house or outsourced production.

### **2.6.4 Transport and Assembly Process**

#### **Transport and Lift Plan**

- . Describe the transport and lift plan.

#### **Assembly Process**

- . Describe the assembly process, including integration into subordinate systems.

#### **Timeline and Equipment**

- . Include a timeline, equipment needed, and workforce details.

### **2.6.5 Safety Considerations**

#### **Safety Factor**

- . Discuss the safety factor applied.

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# Traction System

## 3.0.1 Introduction

This section aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the traction system designed for Tachyon Hyperloop. Emphasis is placed on ensuring the safe design, engineering, and operation of the system. The EMRAX 188 electric motor, alongside its inverter boards, constitutes the core of our traction system, handling both propulsion and energy recuperation efficiently.

## 3.0.2 Overview

The design of our traction system is driven by several critical requirements and constraints:

- Maximum design speed exceeding demonstration capabilities.
- Targeted average acceleration to achieve optimal performance.
- Compact dimensions to fit within the pod's design constraints.
- A focus on achieving high efficiency and power density.

The choice of the EMRAX 188 motor was motivated by its exceptional power-to-weight ratio and efficiency, making it ideal for our application.

## 3.0.3 Subsystem Characteristics

Characteristic	Specification
Motor Type	EMRAX 188 Electric Motor
Maximum Power	60 kW
Operating Voltage	490 V DC
Maximum Speed	120 km/h
Average Acceleration	5 m/s <sup>2</sup>
Cooling Requirement	Yes, liquid cooling system

Table 3.1: Main characteristics of the Traction subsystem

## 3.0.4 Theoretical Concepts

The traction system's functionality is rooted in the principles of electromechanical energy conversion. The interaction between the motor's magnetic fields and the track plays a crucial role in propulsion. Free body diagrams, further detailed in subsequent sections, illustrate the forces acting upon the pod during operation.

Moussa :explain the working principle of the PMSM. Shortly include drehstrom.



### **3.0.5 Design Process and Appearance**

- Our CAD models and technical drawings detail the motor’s integration with the pod.
- Material selection is justified with an emphasis on durability, efficiency, and thermal management.
- The specific configuration, including dimensions, windings, and air gap, was chosen to optimize performance and fit within the pod’s design.
- FEM simulations, including magnetic and mechanical aspects, validate the system’s design under various operational conditions.
- Thermal analysis confirms the system operates within safe temperature ranges, with additional cooling mechanisms outlined as necessary.

### **3.0.6 Control system overview**

### **3.0.7 Manufacturing process**

Partlist; measures to make design manufacturable.

### **3.0.8 Safety Considerations**

Safety is paramount, with multiple fail-safes and emergency shutdown protocols in place to protect against overcurrent, overheating, and loss of communication scenarios. The system’s design exceeds the required safety factors, ensuring reliability under all operational conditions.

### **3.0.9 Integration process**

Assembling process. Interaction with Electrical, Sense and Control, Mechanical.

### **3.0.10 Testing**

A detailed testing procedure will be documented in the Safety Procedures Documentation (SPD), encompassing both static and dynamic tests to validate the system’s performance and safety features.

### **3.0.11 Demonstration**

The traction system’s demonstration will showcase its efficiency, acceleration capabilities, and safety features in a controlled environment, emphasizing its readiness for full-scale implementation.

### **3.0.12 Full-scale Adaptation**

Discussion on adapting the current traction system for full-scale hyperloop applications focuses on scalability, efficiency improvements, and integration with larger pod designs.

## **3.1 Eddy Current Braking**

Due to unexpected changes in the team, we decided to halt the development of an eddy current brake, which would have served as an addition to our friction brake, which will conform to the standards of the competition after the redesign that is shown in the respective section.

# Electrical Systems

Take a short look at the whole text before starting to write your appt.

## 4.1 Introduction

### 4.1.1 (b) List of all discrete electrical subsystems.

We are implementing the following subsystems:

- LV Battery
- HV Power Supply
- Battery Management System
- Insulation Monitoring Device
- Sense and Control System

### 4.1.2 (a) Brief overview with the main points of the HV and LV systems.

Our electrical system provides the electrical power for the propulsion and control systems. We have a low voltage circuit at 24V (for control systems) and a high voltage level circuit at 444V (for the traction system). The low voltage circuit activates and controls the high voltage power supply through the Battery Management System and is hence designed for reliability. The high voltage circuit is designed for safety, being potentially lethal, and power, in order to maximize the use of the motor. An Insulation Monitoring Device checks for the (lack of) resistance between chassis and the HV power line in case of short circuits.

The Sense and Control System is not part of the EHW definition of the electrical systems. Since we have to provide a documentation nonetheless and the team designing the electrical subsystem also designed the Sense and Control system, we decided to include it as a part of the electrical subsystem documentation. It controls the brakes, the thermal pump, the telemetry line and the telemetry unit, as well as additional physical sensors.

### 4.1.3 (c) Wiring diagram of the HV system.

To Sourajit.

## 4.2 LV Battery

### 4.2.1 Overview

(a) Explain the main requirements and constraints that drive the design.

Strict EHW rules

reliability

reusability

lightweight

power of pump, valves etc.

Our Low Voltage system drives all electrical and digital control systems of the Fermion. As stated previously, reliability is crucial in this case. A failure of any component may lead to the shutdown of critical systems, such as the battery management system. Furthermore, an overvoltage may potentially damage these systems, causing safety hazards. We had the option between building a LV battery pack from spare LiPo cells we ordered for the HV battery pack, and using automotive-grade ventilated lead-acid batteries. After considering the safety problems of LiPo cells and the efforts of either building a second (smaller) LV BMS or taking the risk of having a singular point of failure by controlling both systems with the same BMS, powering the BMS with the cells it controls, we went for the approach with lead-acid batteries, that is widely used in automotive systems

#### Power requirements

To calculate the power requirements, let's consider the power consumption of each component:

( Moussa: Bitte finde die einzelnen Daten heraus. Pumpe ist Pierburg CW150A. Valve ist bei den brakes controllern. Raspberry Pi und Microcontroller passen.)

- **Solenoid Valves:** Assuming 4 valves à 5 Watts = 20 Watts
- **Thermal Pump:** Given the thermal pump specifications (12V, 9A), the power consumption is  $12\text{ V} \times 9\text{ A} = 108\text{ W}$  max.
- **Raspberry Pi 4:**
  - Total power for 1 Raspberry Pi 4: 10 W.
- **Microcontrollers (TIC2000 F280039C):**
  - Microcontroller power consumption can vary. Assuming around 2 Watts for each microcontroller.
  - Total power for 3 microcontrollers:  $3 * 2\text{ W} = 6\text{ W}$ .
- **BMS (Orion BMS 2 for 120 Cells):**
  - Power consumption can vary based on the specific BMS model. Assuming around 10 Watts.
- **Leadrive Inverter:** Power consumption of the inverter can vary. Assuming around 50 Watts for this calculation.
- **Network transceiver:** We use the Rocket M2, which consumes up to 6 Watt of energy.

Now, summing up all the power requirements:

$$20\text{ W} + 108\text{ W} + 5\text{ W} + 6\text{ W} + 10\text{ W} + 50\text{ W} = 210\text{ W}$$

Column 1	Column 2
Battery Type	Lead-Acid(integrated)
Capacity[Ah]	9
Nominal Voltage[V]	12
Cell configuration	2s
Max. discharge [A]	10
Weight per cell [Kg]	2,7
Dimensions per cell (L x W x H)[mm]	151 x 65 x 94

So, the estimated power requirement for the system, considering these components, is approximately 210 Watts, or roughly 8.5 A at 24 V.

Using the discharge chart of the data sheet of the LV Battery (at Moussa: Bitte Bild von Discharge Time - Discharge Current einfügen), it is evident that even at full power (9A - including some headroom for losses), we can run our low voltage system for 20 minutes. During the competition, we can rule out that we will use that much power over the whole 20 minutes. If we assume that the thermal system is activated while the HV system is at work, and that this duration takes 2 minutes maximum (the actual run will be much less - max. 20 seconds), and we assume only a usage of 100 W for the rest of the time, we can use the LV battery for well over 20 minutes. In conclusion, the capacity of 9Ah is a trade-off between the mass and the available runtime of the system.

#### 4.2.2 Electrical and mechanical design process

(a) Present Schematics or logic diagrams of the boards.

(b) Present temperature simulations for vacuum conditions.

For our heat simulations, we used the software of ANSYS. By vacuum conditions, we assumed the lack of gas flow, which eliminates the cooling heat flow from winds. The simulation tool solves the heat transfer equation  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right)$  by discretizing through Finite-Element-Methods.

#### 4.2.3 Electrical system characteristics

#### 4.2.4 Interface with other system

(a) Briefly reference the communication protocols or control mechanisms of the boards, which should be explained in the respective Sense and Control subsection.

All the electric subsystems are located within the pod.

It powers the entire sensing, control and telemetry system. The LV battery itself does not communicate. Its sensor data is processed by the thermal control board. When the voltage drops below a certain threshold, the complete system shuts down.

#### 4.2.5 Final system description

The two lead-acid batteries, chained in series, provide a nominal voltage of 24V (12V each). When fully charged, the voltage can increase to up to 26V. The lead acid batteries have the problem of voltage drops while discharging. Hence, we monitor the voltage while using the LV battery system.

The 24 V power source gets transferred down to 12V (for the Thermal Pump) and 5V for the micro-controllers by buck converters, and drives the valves and several sensors at 24V simultaneously. It is being monitored by NTC thermistors for overheating, and by the thermal system for undervoltage.

After reaching out to the EHW technical committee, we were able to clarify that a BMS, used by Lithium-Ion batteries, is not required for lead-acid batteries due to the inherently different chemical structure which makes over- and undercharging much less critical.

For charging, we are using a battery charger specified for 12V and 24V lead acid cells from Würth 0510955908. The charging of lead-acid batteries in series is unproblematic, given that we regularly test for drifts and manually balance the cells.

#### 4.2.6 Manufacturing process

As the cells come in hard-shell covers already, the manufacturing process is not very complicated. We will 3D-print a casing.

#### 4.2.7 Testing

We will test whether the lead acid cells and the thermistors are accurate to their datasheet.

### 4.3 High Voltage Power Supply

#### 4.3.1 Overview

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In between design and production phase, we received a sponsorship of Leadrive, a local startup for research on automotive power electronics. Furthermore, the institute for electrical systems (ISEA) of our home university offered us assistance in the production of battery cells. Therefore, our workload was eased, which turned out to be favorable because of our lack of team members in the electrical field. This has been a crucial constraint in the design and planning process of the electrical department since the last season. Only shortly before submitting the ITD, we were able to make an estimation of realistic goals for the new team.

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From   To	LV Battery	HV Battery	BMS	Traction Inverter	Motor	Cooling System
LV Battery	-	-	Powers	Powers control system	-	Powers pump and control system
HV Battery	-	-	Connects to	Provides power	-	-
BMS	-	-	Controls	-	-	-
Traction Inverter	-	-	-	-	Propels	X
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooling System	-	-	-	Cooling	Cooling	Cooling (implicitly)

Table 4.1: Physical connection matrix

Mouser Electronics stepped in with a crucial contribution, supplying us with electronic components and parts worth about €20,000. This vast array of high-quality components has been pivotal in assembling our prototype’s electrical systems, ensuring reliability and performance.

Würth Elektronik provided essential PCB materials and expertise, along with a donation of specialized components valued at €12,000. Their contributions have significantly optimized our prototype’s power distribution and structural integrity.

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### 4.3.2 Electrical and mechanical design process

(a) **Present Schematics or logic diagrams of the boards.**

(b) **Present temperature simulations for vacuum conditions.**

For our heat simulations, we used the software of ANSYS. By vacuum conditions, we assumed the lack of gas flow, which eliminates the cooling heat flow from winds. The simulation tool solves the heat transfer equation  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right)$  by discretizing through Finite-Element-Methods.

### 4.3.3 Description of subsystem control

(a) **Briefly reference the control systems of the boards, which should be explained in the levitation or propulsion subsection respectively.**

We configure the BMS prior to the competition.

### 4.3.4 Electrical system characteristics

### 4.3.5 Interface with other system

(a) **Briefly reference the communication protocols or control mechanisms of the boards, which should be explained in the respective Sense and Control subsection.**

All the electric subsystems are located within the pod.

The physical connection matrix is as following:

The data connection matrix is as following. All communication between boards are via CAN, if not specified otherwise:

From \ To	LV Battery	HV Battery	BMS	Traction Inverter	Motor	Cooling System	Brakes Controller	Telemetry Unit
LV Battery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HV Battery	-	-	Discharge rate, voltage level	-	-	-	-	-
BMS	controls	controls	-	-	-	-	-	sends data
Traction Inverter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	sends data
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooling System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	sends data
Brakes Controller	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	sends data
Telemetry Unit	-	-	updates limits	sends commands	-	sends target rates	sends commands	-

Table 4.2: Data connection matrix

### 4.3.6 Final system description

#### Battery Cells

High Voltage Network:

Our high voltage battery will make use of lithium-ion polymer technology. We use 120 pouch-format cells from Shenzhen GrePow Battery Co. Ltd rated at 45C maximum discharge that we plan to connect in series. The finished package (main battery pack) will be assembled by the team. We are going to connect the 120 cells connected in series and that will have 1 parallel line. This will roughly have 504 Volt at max (using  $120 * 4.2V = 504V$ ) which provides sufficient electricity to power the motor. The battery pack will provide up to 350 Amps of DC current available to the inverter. However, neither the inverter nor the motor is not rated for such high currents nominally.

Therefore, the maximum output current of the HV Battery will be rated at 200 A maximum (peak) and 100 A continuous.

We will stack 30 cells in series per pack and then stack 4 of them to get the full battery pack. No we won't.

#### BMS

Our battery management system

The Orion BMS 2, connected to the HV battery, protects it and improves its life, efficiency. Operational Mechanics

The Orion BMS 2 facilitates real-time monitoring and management of each cell within the HV battery pack, which consists of 120 lithium-ion polymer cells arranged in a series configuration to achieve a nominal voltage of 504V. This arrangement necessitates precise control and monitoring to prevent overcharging, deep discharging, and to ensure balanced cell voltages, all of which are within the Orion BMS 2's capabilities.

1. **Cell Voltage Monitoring and Balancing:** The BMS continuously monitors the voltage of each cell, ensuring that all cells operate within their safe voltage range. Cell balancing is performed to equalize the charge across all cells, thereby enhancing the battery pack's overall efficiency and lifespan.

2. **Temperature Monitoring:** Given the high energy density of the HV battery pack, thermal management is paramount. The Orion BMS 2 monitors the temperature of individual cells and the battery pack as a whole, activating cooling measures when necessary and preventing operation under extreme temperatures that could damage the battery or compromise safety. The Orion BMS 2 itself tracks the temperature of 8 individual cells. 28 other cells are measured by the Thermal Controller.

3. **State of Charge (SoC) and State of Health (SoH) Estimation:** SoC and SoH estimations are important for optimal battery utilization and health maintenance. The Orion BMS 2 employs advanced algorithms to provide these estimates, ensuring that the battery's capacity is used efficiently.

The integration of the Orion BMS 2 encompasses several safety mechanisms designed to protect the battery pack, the hyperloop pod, and its occupants:



1. **Overcurrent and Short Circuit Protection:** By monitoring the current flowing in and out of the battery pack, the Orion BMS 2 can detect overcurrent conditions and short circuits, initiating immediate shutdown procedures to prevent damage and ensure safety.

2. **High and Low Voltage Protection:** The BMS prevents the battery from exceeding its maximum voltage during charging and dropping below its minimum voltage during discharge, thereby avoiding scenarios that could lead to reduced battery life or safety hazards.

3. **Thermal Runaway Prevention:** Through its temperature monitoring capabilities, the Orion BMS 2 can detect the onset of thermal runaway—a dangerous condition where one cell’s failure can lead to a cascading failure of adjacent cells—and take corrective actions to isolate the problem and mitigate potential damage.

#### Efficiency Enhancements

By optimizing the operational parameters of the HV battery pack, the Orion BMS 2 contributes significantly to the efficiency and performance of the hyperloop prototype:

1. **Energy Optimization:** By ensuring that all cells are balanced and operate within their optimal voltage and temperature ranges, the BMS maximizes the energy extracted from the battery pack, contributing to the hyperloop’s range and speed capabilities.

2. **Lifecycle Extension:** Through diligent monitoring and management, the Orion BMS 2 extends the useful life of the HV battery pack, reducing the environmental impact and operational costs associated with battery replacement.

3. **Predictive Maintenance:** By providing detailed data on the SoC and SoH, the Orion BMS 2 enables predictive maintenance, allowing for timely interventions that prevent unscheduled downtimes and extend the battery’s lifespan.

#### Conclusion

The integration of the Orion BMS 2 with the HV battery pack in our hyperloop prototype represents a critical step towards ensuring the system’s safety, efficiency, and reliability. Through its comprehensive monitoring and management capabilities, the Orion BMS 2 ensures that the HV battery pack operates within its optimal parameters, significantly contributing to the prototype’s overall performance and safety profile. As we progress towards the final stages of the FDD, the detailed exploration of the Orion BMS 2’s functionalities underscores our commitment to leveraging advanced technologies for the enhancement of hyperloop transportation systems.

### 4.3.7 Manufacturing process

#### Our PCB Design

##### PCBs

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**Production:** We ordered our final PCBs from JLCPCB, a leading PCB manufacturing service. In addition to JLCPCB, we also collaborate with Würth Elektronik who produce PCBs in Germany, aligning with our goal of sustainability.

##### Batteries

We produced the battery packs in cooperation with the ISEA (Institute for Power Electronics and Electrical Drives) at RWTH, whose experience helped us to assemble more efficiently and more safely, as we had a considerable high voltage system. The casing will consist of



polycarbonate. Polycarbonate is a material that is durable , lightweight nature, and impact resistance

### 4.3.8 Testing

We started testing software.

## 4.4 Power Electronics

### 4.4.1 Overview

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Column 1	Column 2
Battery Type	Lead-Acid(integrated)
Capacity[Ah]	9
Normial Voltage[V]	12
Cell configuration	2s
Maximum discharge current (lower limit) [A]	10
Weight per cell [Kg]	2,7
Dimensions per cell (L x W x H)[mm]	151 x 65 x 94

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#### 4.4.4 Electrical system characteristics

Parameter	MIN	NOM	MAX	Unit	Conditions
Ambient Temp. for Operation ( $T_{AMB}$ )	-40	-	90	°C	-
Ambient Temp. for Storage ( $T_{STO}$ )	-40	-	85	°C	-
Relative Humidity	0	-	95	%	-
Flow Rate of Coolant ( $V_{CLNT}$ )	8	12	16	l/min	Derating @ 8 ~ 12 l/min
Inlet Temp. of Coolant ( $T_{CLNT}$ )	-40	-	85	°C	Derating @ 65 ~ 85°C
Cooling Inlet Pressure ( $P_{INLET}$ )	-	-	2.5	bar	-
Pressure Drop between Cooling Inlet and Outlet ( $P_{DROP}$ )	-	0.25	-	bar	$T_{CLNT} = 65C$ , $V_{CLNT} = 12$ l/min
Input Voltage ( $V_{DC}$ )	260	600	850	V	Full operation @ 450 – 800V
Input Current ( $I_{DC}$ )	-	200	-	A	Continuous
Peak Input Current ( $I_{DCPK}$ )	-	300	-	A	For max $t_{PK}$ duration
Output Voltage ( $V_{AC}$ )	-	400	-	Vrms	-
Output Current ( $I_{AC}$ )	-	-	200	Arms	Continuous
Peak Output Current ( $I_{ACPK}$ )	-	-	300	Arms	For max $t_{PK}$ duration
Output Power ( $S_{AC}$ )	-	135	-	kVA	Continuous
Peak Output Power ( $S_{ACPK}$ )	-	200	-	-	For max $t_{PK}$ duration
Peak Duration ( $t_{PK}$ )	-	-	60	s	-
Input Voltage for Control ( $V_{BAT}$ )	6	-	36	V	Full functional @ 8 – 32V (control board)
Max. Efficiency ( $\eta$ )	97	-	-	%	-
Torque Control Accuracy ( $\epsilon_{TRQ}$ )	-	-	3	%	Torque > 100Nm
	-	-	3	Nm	Torque < 100Nm
Torque Control Speed ( $t_{TRQ}$ )	-	-	100	ms	-
Speed Control Accuracy ( $\epsilon_{SPD}$ )	-	-	30	rpm	-

Table 4.3: 800V Single Inverter Specifications

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BMS	-	-	Controls	-	-	-
Traction Inverter	-	-	-	-	Propels	X
Motor	-	-	-	-	-	-
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##### Inverter

The inverter is a product from Leadrive used as an OEM product in automotive and mobility industry.

Support from Leadrive: The development of the inverter system is supported by Leadrive, a company specializing in advanced inverter technology. Their expertise significantly contributes to the optimization of our propulsion system. Collaboration with Formula Student Team of FH Aachen: Additionally, we collaborate with the Formula Student Team of FH Aachen, benefiting from their practical experience in electric vehicle design and inverter application. This part-

nership enriches our project with valuable insights into inverter integration and performance enhancement.

#### **4.4.8 Testing**

We started testing software.

### **4.5 Sensing and Control**

#### **4.5.1 Introduction**

Our S&C subsystem consists of a

- Control Boards:
  - Braking Controller
  - Thermal (Cooling) Controller
- Telemetry Device:
  - CAN Bus
  - Telemetry Transceiver
  - Network Transceiver
  - GUI/Logging system

#### **FDD.9 Budget, Funding, and Manufacturing Methods**

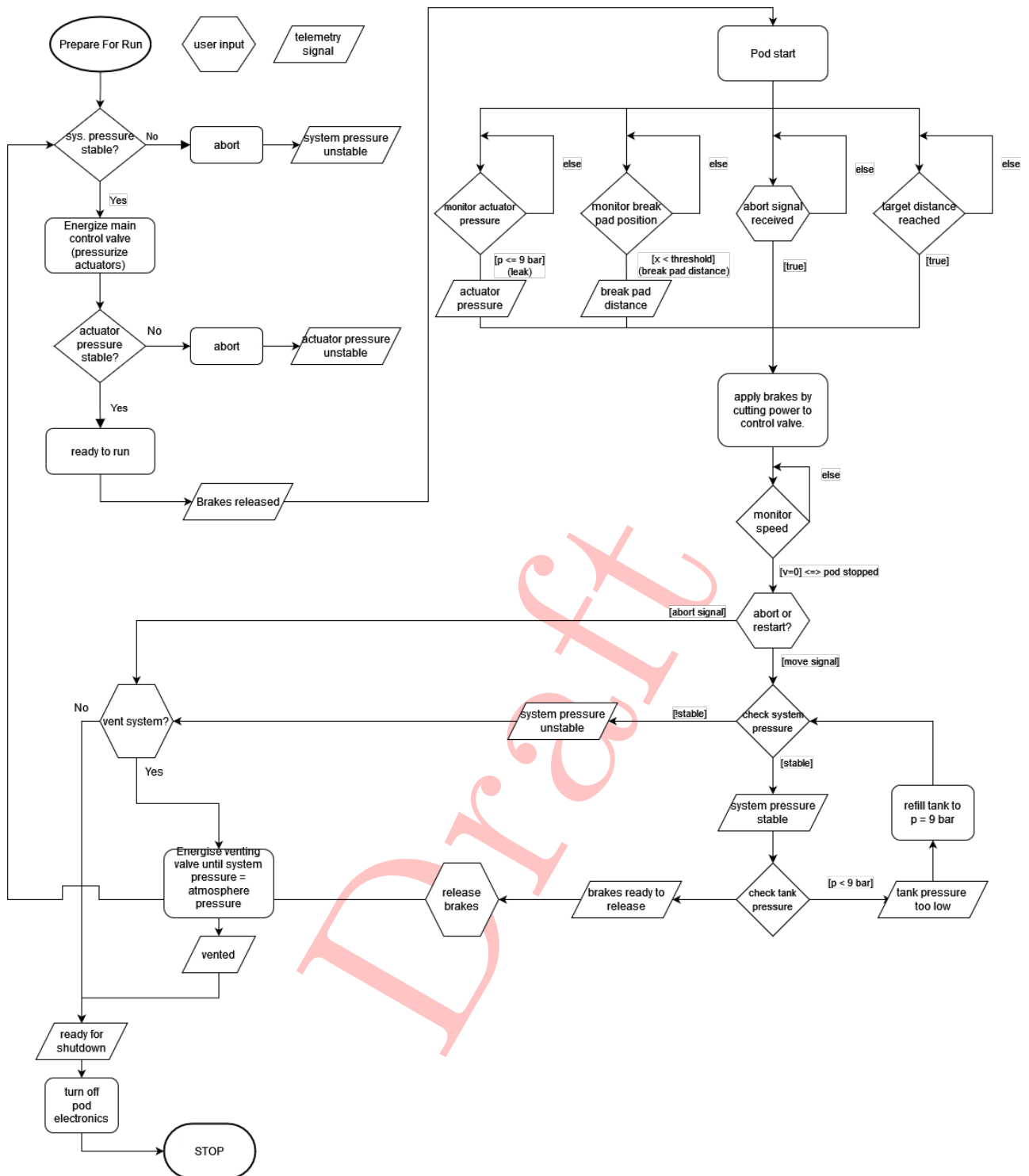
Due to our sponsoring agreements with Mouser, Wurth and . We were able to receive

#### **4.5.2 Technical Description and Constraints**

#### **FDD.11 Technical Specifications**

All sensors

The software follow a simple state:



## FDD.17 Design Constraints

The

## FDD.18 Performance Requirements

We designed with a failure-proof

## FDD.19 Integration with Other Systems

The friction brakes, the cooling pump and the motor are controlled through our system.

### 4.5.3 Objectives and Design Approach

#### FDD.12 Design Objectives

#### FDD.15 Innovative Aspects

We are able to measure the vibrations of our chassis in different places, proving our mechanical simulations.

#### FDD.16 Design Approach

### 4.5.4 Safety

#### FDD.13 Safety Considerations

#### FDD.14 Safety Testing and Compliance

### 4.5.5 Parts List (FDD.21)

Parts list:

Table 4.6: Parts List

Amount	Name	Company, (Serial Number)	Dimensions [mm x mm x mm]	Weight [kg]	Nominal Voltage	Expected max current
32	Additional Temperature Sensors (NTC, 10k Ohm)	Company	2x2x2	0	-	-

## 4.6 Additional considerations when writing the document for specific subsystems

Sources:

- <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40789-022-00494-0> BMS System Reliability
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## Safety - 30 pages max

We have the following safety hazards:

- Pneumatic Braking Systems
- Heavy systems
- Cooling and Thermal Systems
- High voltage Batteries and protections

### 5.1 FDD.25 Technical Description for Compliance

### 5.2 FDD.26 Preliminary Risk Assessment for Demonstration

### 5.3 FDD.27 (FMEA)

#### 5.3.1 Mechanical Systems FMEA

#### 5.3.2 Electrical Systems FMEA

#### 5.3.3 Traction Systems FMEA

#### 5.3.4 Sense and Control Systems FMEA

#### 5.3.5 Risk Mitigation Measures

### 5.4 FDD.28 Energy Storage Types and Components

### 5.5 FDD.29 Transport, Storage, and Lifting Requirements

#### 5.5.1 FDD.26 Preliminary Risk Assessment for Transport and Lifting

#### 5.5.2 Transport and Storage Logistics



# Testing and Demonstration

## 6.1 FDD.32 Manufacturing and Testing Procedure

6.1.1 Aim and Objectives

6.1.2 Test Description

6.1.3 Testing Infrastructure and Setup

6.1.4 FDD.33 Preliminary Testing Plan

## 6.2 FDD.20 Demonstration Plan

6.2.1 FDD.22 CAD Renders of Demonstration Setup

6.2.2 FDD.23 Equipment and Infrastructure List

6.2.3 FDD.24 Use of Own Infrastructure