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1.1 Introduction

Given the deterioration of the environment and the increasing depletion of energy resources, it is imperative to prioritize the development of environmentally friendly, resource saving, And efficient agriculture practice. Electric tractors in comparison to traditional tractors offers high efficiency, produce no air pollution and can Significant frontlines and mechanisms. This aims to improve the technological state of Agriculture machinery, enhance energy efficiency, and promote energy conservation and emission reduction.

The history of electric tractors spans over a country, and their research can be categorized into three stages. In the early stage, energy was provided through the power grid. For instance, Siemens, a German company developed the earliest electric tractor for simple rototiller operation. The former Soviet Union created the first electric tractor, while Switzerland's grounder developed a walk behind electric tractor for multiple operations.

In the middle stage, advancement in battery Technology and power electronics control to the use of on-board battery system to power electric tractor. General Electric in the United States Introduced the electric tractor series, which utilized lead acid batteries and a Permanent magnet DC brushless motor. Additionally, a Canadian company produced the electric ox series, consisting of 6 led acid batteries as an energy system with separate electric motors for The Drive wheels and implements.

Currently, with the development of intelligent algorithms and automation Technology, the design and application of electric tractor are trending towards intellectual development. This promotes the development of new electric tractor products and provides assistance for the advancement of intelligent agricultural equipment powered by a new energy source.

In recent years this research on electric tractor has become a prominent topic Among scholars both domestically and internationally. Foreign researchers have made significant contributions to this Field for instance, Yuko UEKA successfully converted an internal combustion engine Tractor into an electric tractor using a motor, and conducted a study on the energy consumption required for its operation. Similarly, ArjHarn modified A diesel tractor to create an electric tractor and investigated its energy consumption and traction characteristic. Seung-Yun beak Designed and developed an electric 4-wheel drive tractor analyze its agricultural and traction performance.

On the domestic front, research on electric tractor Is still in its early stages. Huisong gao constructed a simulation platform for electric tractors through the secondary development of the advisor Top level module. Mengnan Liu and Liyouo xu

established a simulation platform for an extended range electric Tractor based on MATLAB. Xin Zhang Utilized Simulink to create a simulation model for a pure electric tractor transmission system. The use of computer Technology for simulation analysis has Become indispensable in this field. Qiang sun proposed a simulation method based on MATLAB simulation for the dozing conditions of the crawler dozer, while Zhuowei chen Designed and verified a control algorithm through a joint simulation of carsim and Simulink Both yielding favorable result. among these simulations' tools, MATLAB Simulink is commonly employed for off road vehicle Simulation enabling the design and verification of algorithm robustness and real time performance.

Hence, when dealing with the modelling and simulation of intricate system Across various domains Many approaches involve using multiple software models and then combining the simulations. However, this method often fails to achieve a comprehensive modelling and simulation of the entire system within a unified modelling environment Consequently, a significant deviation arises between the simulation result and the actual outcomes. Moreover, these approaches Are more suitable for the develop and performance analysis off -road vehicles Such as passenger cars and commercial vehicles. Meanwhile, MATLAB- Simulink is constrained by its modelling mechanisms, Including graphical representation, derivation And Algebraic look decomposition. As a result, the modelling process becomes tedious and complex. To address these challenges, A new modelling logo has been proposed. This language is object oriented, non-casual, and multi domains aims to solve complex physical system modelling and simulation problems. The modelling language describes the physical process of each Subsystem in different domains using mathematical equations. It enables model composition and integration based on the topology of the physical system, Leveraging the principle of intrinsic component connectivity. Additionally, the language facilitates the simulation of the integrated system by solving the systems differential algebraic equations. This multiple domain modelling language employs a non-casual textual formulation and an image compatible modelling and simulation mechanism, effectively minimizing deviations between simulation results and experimental measurement. Furthermore, When MATLAB is used in conjunction with the Fortran

Language, the system can be divided into subsystems of different domains. These subsystems can then be written by professionals with domain specific knowledge, thereby enhancing the accuracy of the modelling process. The proposed modelling Language process the characteristic of being parametric, Modular, and graphical, allowing for both independent modularity and rapid assemble of components for different domains models.

Libraries for tractor transmission system can develop a scalable, Couse -free, Flexible, and reusable model library to meet various research purposes. Contribute to prototype implementation, improves system modelling capabilities and reduce the

time to build and verify models. MATLAB is an open-source simulation platform based on the Fortran language which essentials a library of models based on the Fortran language containing mechanical, electric and controlled domain, providing the basic for the realization of modelling and simulation of electric tractor drive system.

Electric tractor drive system based on the MATLAB Simulink Library. Vehicle in traffic library and MATLAB simulation platform and verify the credibility on the simulation and the correctness of the model by comparing the analyzing the platform of drive system simulation and the test result of the vehicle.

1.1.1 History

The history of electric tractors can be traced back to the early 20th century, when experiment with electric vehicle were gaining momentum along the development of internal combustion engine tractors come here is the detailed examination of the evaluation of electric tractor:

- Early development (1900s-1920s): Electric tractors emerged as a promising alternative to steam and gasoline powered mechanism during the early 1900s. The Milburn wagon company, based in Ohio, is recognized for producing one of the earliest electric tractors in 1913. These initial electrics were primarily utilized for light duty tasks such as orchard work and small – scale forming due to limited battery technology
- Advancement and industrialization (1930s-1950s): Interest in electric vehicle declined during the great depression and post-war period in favor of more powerful and versatile gasoline -powered tractors. Nevertheless, experiment with electric vehicle persisted in various forms, including the development of some tractor prototype, exploring electric proposition.
- Revival and modernization (1970s-1990s): The oil crisis of the 1970s sparked a renewed interest in alternative energy source, including electric vehicle. This era witnessed resurgence in effort to create electric tractor for specific agriculture purpose, often driven by environmental considerations and government incentives for clean technology.
- Emergence of battery technology (2000s-present): The 21st century's brought significant advancement in battery technology particularly with the advent of lithium-ion batteries. This technology breakthrough enhanced the viability of electric vehicle, including tractors, by providing improved energy density, fast charging capabilities, and longer lifespan

1.2 Scope of the capstone project

- The capstone project scope clearly specifies what the capstone project will produce

and details all the work necessary for completing the capstone project. The future of electric tractor hinges on the design, monitoring, and management of the electric tractor performance. The scope of the performance analysis of electric tractor using MATLAB Simulink can be broad and comprehensive like power train analysis, energy consumption and efficiency, dynamic performance, battery management system, control strategy optimization, environmental impact analyzation, validation and sensitivity analysis, user interface and visualization etc.

- MATLAB simulation use to verify the credibility on the simulation and the correctness of the model by comparing and analyzing the platform of drive system simulation and the test result of the vehicle

1.2.1 Problem statement

Conduct a complete performance analysis of electric tractor technology to measure its viability and efficiently in agricultural applications. Through testing and data analysis, the project seeks to provide valuable visions into the strengths, limitations, and potential Advancement of electric tractor

1.2.2 Objective

This study was conducted based on several objectives which are:

- Range and battery performance
- Power delivery and Torque analysis
- Load carrying capacity
- Noise and vibration analysis
- Operational speed

1.2.3 Capstone Project description

The performance analysis of electric tractor involves an operational characteristic to ensure efficiency, Reliability and effectiveness in agricultural tasks it includes assessing energy efficiency, battery performance, power delivery, and torque, load carrying capacity, durability, are inspected under various conditions noise and vibration level examined for operator comfort etc.

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2.1 Capstone project planning

2.1.1 Work breakdown structure

2.1.1.1 Work breakdown structure –Deliverables:

A work breakdown structure (W B S) is a visual project breakdown being with the scope of work a WBS show the deliverable and how they connect back to the overarching project.

Step by step

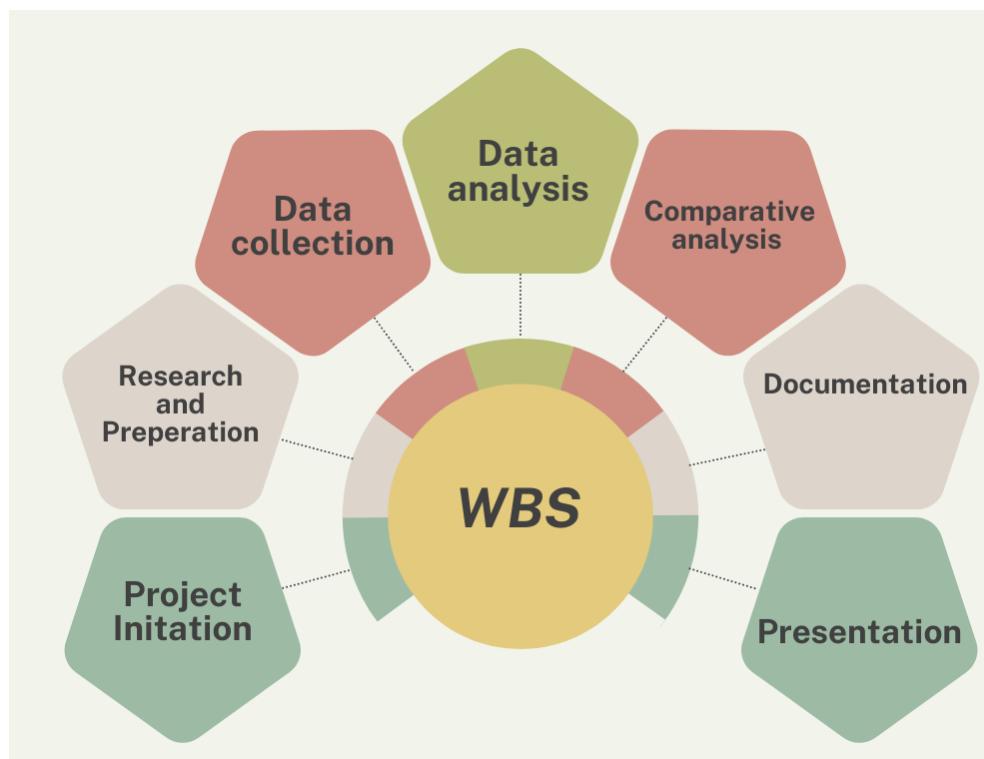


Figure 2.1: Work breakdown structure

- **Project initiation:** starting phase where the project objectives timelines and milestones are defined and established
- **Research and preparation:** command gathering revolve information reviewing lecture and identifying methodology necessary for conducting the performance analysis
- **Data collection:** obtaining necessary data on the electric tractor's performance parameters, such as power output energy consumption and torque characteristics.

- **Data analysis:** cleaning, organizing, and analyzing collected data to identify trends pattern and visions related to the electric tractor's performance
- **Comparative analysis:** Evaluating the performance of the electric tractor against predetermined levels or standards, and comparing it to conventional tractor if applicable
- **Documentation:** creating a report summarizing the analysis process finding, limitations and recommendations in a clear manner

2.1.2.2 Work package

Decompose each large deliverable into a hierarchy of smaller deliverable. this involves taking a deliverable and breaking it down into lower and lower levels of detail. the lowest level of detail is called a '**work package**' which consists of activities and tasks

Table 2.1: Work package

Work breakdown structure	Work package
Project Initiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define project objectives and scope • Identify related research papers • Set project timelines and milestones
Research and preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review literature on electric tractor performance analysis • Identify key performance matrix and methodologies • Gather relevant data on electric tractor specifications and constructions
Data collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with construction team for data access • Collect performance data on the electric tractor
Data analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and organized collected data • Perform statistical analysis and data visualization • Interpret result to identify performance trend and insights

Comparative analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate performance difference between electric and conventional tractor
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair a detailed report summarizing the analysis process and finding Include visualization shots and tables to present result effectively
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developer presentation to communicate analysis result Highlight key finding, Insights and recommendation

2.1.1 Timeline development – schedule

2.1.1.1 Table information

Table below summarizes the work package of the project, along with the estimated hours required and person responsible for each. Other listed participate in the work package in other roles for each person, the initials are used: **Ajay [AJ]**, **Chandan [CH]**, **Pavan [PA]**, **Shashank [SH]**

Table 2.2:Timeline schedule

Work package	Activities	participating	Hours
Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various project analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To research project of given criteria. 	AJ=30h CH=30h PA=38h SH=28h	126h
Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost analysis Timeline analysis Risk analysis Scope of the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To plan estimated cost To plan the required time. To analysis the risk that we may face in the project. To give the scope of the project (Description, deliverables come up. Problem statements.) 	AJ=26h CH=33h PA=32h SH=33h	124h
Requirement analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardware and software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To list the required hardware and 	AJ=45h CH=46h PA=49h	178h

	requirements.	software components.	SH=38H	
Design:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block diagram. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To analysis the clock diagram of the project. 	AJ=30h CH=28h PA=32h SH=36H	126H
Description of technology: Hardware requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric motor battery pack power electronics, transmission system Frame and chassis. Wheel and tire operator interface. Software requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor control software Battery management system. Power Electronics control software Transmission control software. Human machine interface software. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To describe the technology used in the project. 	AJ=30h CH=28h PA=34h SH=32h	124h
Testing and validation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology. Modeling Simulations. Analysis Findings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To perform required laboratory experiments, Simulink's To analysis any finding if required. 	AJ=42h CH=45h PA=40h SH=45h	178h
Documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase report. Synopsis. Daily log report. PowerPoint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To collect required documents for the project. 	AJ=28h CH=29h PA=26h SH=20h	103h

presentation work. • Final report.			
Result and interference: • Conclusion.	• To analysis the user requirements based on our project.	AJ=20h CH=20h PA=20h SH=20H	80h

2.1.1.1 Gantt chart

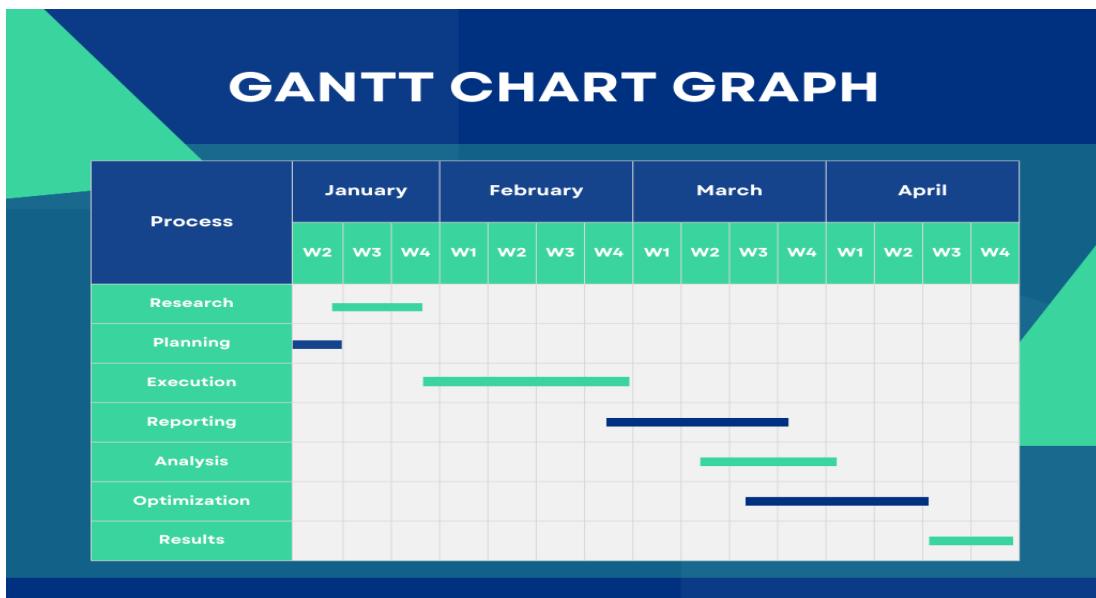


Figure 2.2: Gantt chart

2.1.2 Cost breakdown structure

2.1.2.1 Cost breakdown structure

A cost breakdown structure (CBS) splits down cost data into groups and helps you handle expenditures effectively. It is an important aspect of the capstone project planning and management process, as it helps you to obtain more knowledge into how much you expend and what you consume your capstone project money on. When you have a strong framework in place, you can manage your capstone project expenditures better to prevent going over budget.

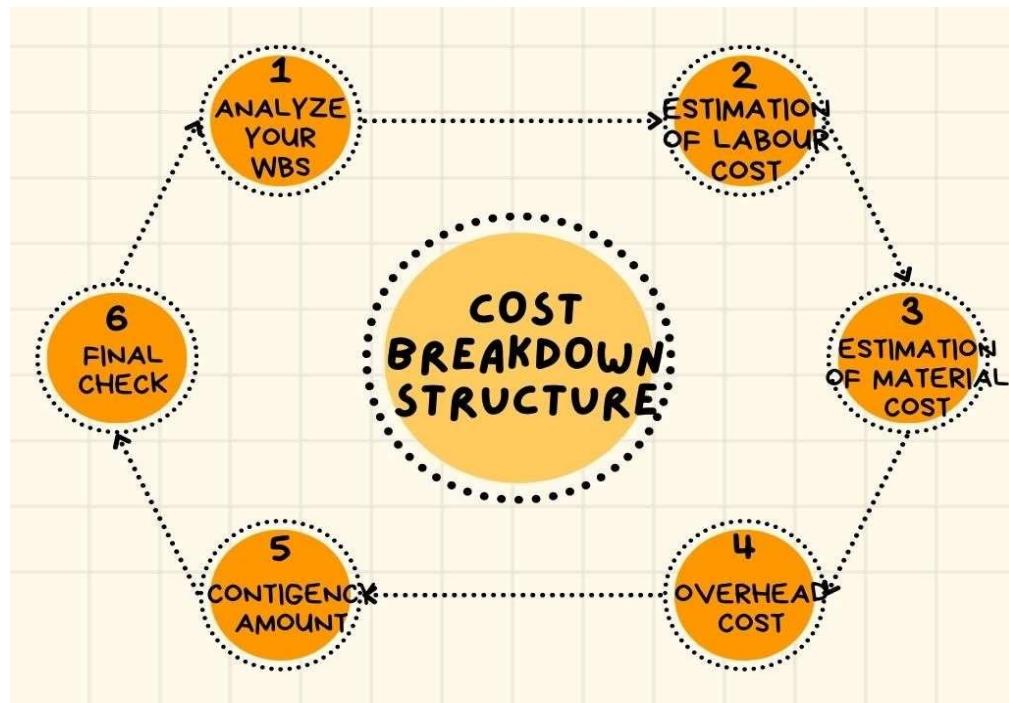


Figure 2.3: Cost breakdown structure

- 1. Examine the structure of your work breakdown:** One frequent productivity trick is to divide a large task into smaller ones to make it easier. The Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), one of the most fundamental project management papers, is the tool that applies this strategy to projects. It accomplishes it independently, combining baselines for scope, costs, and schedules to assure that project strategies are in track.
- 2. A labor cost estimate:** The labor cost is the total of all employee salaries, employee benefits, and payroll-related fees paid by a business. Both indirect and direct (overhead) labor expenses are separated.
- 3. Calculation of manufacturing costs:** A significant amount of the product's overall price comprises material costs. Every product contains one or more materials. Therefore, it is crucial to accurately determine the costs of materials, whether in direct or indirect form.
- 4. Overhead costs:** These expenses are incurred by a firm even if they are not directly tied to creating products or services.
- 5. The amount of the contingency:** When estimating the cost of a project, product, or other commodity or capital investment, there is always doubt regarding the specific content of all elements in the prediction, how work will be conducted, what work circumstances will take place when the task is implemented, and so forth.
- 6. Last check:** A final cost desired is one that has both direct and indirect expenses

assigned to it.

Table 2.3: Estimated cost

Work breakdown structure	Estimated labor cost	Estimated material and equipment cost	Estimated cost	Estimated overhead cost
Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various project analysis	400	--		
Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost analysis• Timeline analysis• Risk analysis• Scope of the project	450	--		
Hardware requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front axel• Rear axel• Wheels• Other accessories• Chassis• Steering• Battery	2,06,000	--		
Sensor requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor• Controller• Throttle pedal• Ignition switch• Speedometer and acetometers• Break switch• Connecting accessories	1,96,000	--		
Design: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block diagram	5000	--		
Software requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MATLAB Simulink	2000	--		
Testing and validation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodology• Laboratory experiments• Simulations• Modeling	1000	--		

Documentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase report• Daily log report• PowerPoint presentation• Final report	4325	--		
Result and interference: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolation	1,000	--		

Table 2.4: Actual cost

Work-breakdown structure	Actual labor cost	Actual material and equipment cost	Actual cost	Actual overhead cost
Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various project analysis				
Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost analysis• Timeline analysis• Risk analysis• Scope of the project				
Hardware requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front axel• Rear axel• Wheels• Connecting accessories• Chassis• Steering				
Sensor requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor• Controller• Throttle pedal• Ignition switch• 12v DC-DC converter• Charging socket• Speedometer and acetometers• break switch• connecting accessories				
Software requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MATLAB Simulink				
Testing and validation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodology• Laboratory experiment				

• Simulation • Modeling				
Documentations: • Phase report • Daily log report • Power point • Presentation • Final report				
Result and interface: • Consolation				
Total cost				

2.1.1 Capstone project risk assessment

Table 2.5: Risk analysis

ID	Description	Source	Damage	Prevention	Counter action
R1	Data necessary for analysis may be incomplete or poor quality	Lack of access to complete data from the constructions team or unreliable data source	Incorrect analysis, unreliable findings	Establish clear communication channels, Validate data source.	See alternative data source, conduct sensitivity analysis, and adjust analysis methodology.
R2	Testing equipment may malfunction, causing delays.	Technical issue or human errors	Delay in project timeline, disruption in analysis process	Regular maintenance, backup equipment, Continuous plants.	Advanced repairs commerce rent replacement equipment, adjust project timeline.

R3	Project requirement may change, leading to delays	External factors, causing changes in project requirement	Project delays, resource constraints, deviation from project.	Set clear project objectives regularly review project scope.	Alter resource order. Critical test
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2.2 Requirements specifications

2.2.1 Functional and non-functional requirements

2.2.1.1 Functional Requirements of electric tractor

The operational requirements of an electric tractor outline the necessary functions for the system to fulfill its intended purpose and operational goals. This requirement specific functions. And capability that the electric tractor must process. Below are some operational requirements to consider for an electric tractor.

Proposition:

- The electric tractor should offer sufficient traction and proposition for various terrain encountered in agricultural settings (Ex- fields, slopes, rough surface).
- The tractor must achieve a range of speed suitable for different tasks. (Ex:- slow speed for precise maneuvers, high speed for transportation).

Power output:

- The Electric Motors should provide enough torque and power for typical tractor operations, such as pulling implements and navigation challenging terrain.
- The tractor should efficiently use power from the battery system to maintain performance throughout its operating cycle.

Control system:

- Implement a robust control system that manages motor speed, torque, and traction based on operator inputs and environmental conditions.
- Integrate safety features into control system, including emergency stop capabilities and antiskid control.

Implement control:

- Enable control of implements attached to the tractor with Precision and Responsiveness.
- Ensure that the tractor's power and traction of optimized of different implements loads and feed conditions.

Battery management:

- Implement efficient battery management to monitor and optimize energy usage, considering factors like charging levels, temperature, and battery health.

- Insert the tractor's range and performance remains consistent throughout its operation.

User interface:

- Provide a user-friendly interface for operators to monitor tractor performance, just sitting and receive alert or notification about system status.
- It is essential to prioritize an intuitive and informative interface, particularly for operators who make lack familiarity with electrical vehicle technology.

Safety and emergency Futures:

Integrates safety measures like automatic breaking, roll over protection, and warning system for obstacles or dangerous conditions in corporate fail-safe mechanisms to avoid unintended operation or malfunction.

Environmental considerations:

Develop the electric tractor with a focus on reducing environmental impact, encompassing noise level, emissions, and overall energy efficiency ensure adherence to environmental regulations and standard relevant to agricultural machinery.

Maintenance and serviceability:

Construct components that are easily maintainable and repairable, reducing downtime and operational Interruptions offer diagnostic tools and self-monitoring capability to simplify troubleshooting and prevent maintenance.

2.2.1.2 Non-functional Requirements of an electric tractor

Non-functional requirements for an electric tractor enhance the functional requirements by delineating characteristics related to performance, usability, reliability, and other quality attributes. These requirements emphasize the behavior of the system rather than its specific functions. The following are common non-functional requirements for an electric tractor:

Performance:

- **Responsibility time:** The electric tractor should react promptly to operator inputs and system commands.
- **Efficiency:** The overall energy efficiency of the tractor should be optimized to increase operating range and decrease energy consumption.
- **Stability:** The tractor must maintain stability during operation, particularly on uneven terrain, or when carrying heavy loads.
- **Reliability:** Availability: the tractor Should be accessible for using during critical operational periods come up with minimal downtime due to maintenance or failures.

- **Fault tolerance:** The system should be able to withstand component failures in corrupting redundancy. Redundancy or fail-safe mechanism where necessary.
- **Productive maintenance:** communicate future to monitor system health and issue alert to prevent maintenance, to prevent unexpected breakdowns.
- **Safety:** Safety standards: Other two industry safety standards and regulations for agriculture machinery, ensuring the safety of operators and bystanders.
- **Emergency futures:** Include emergency stop control; roll over protection, and other safety features to mitigate risk during operation.
- **Hazards Mitigation:** Design the tractor to reduce risk associated with electric systems, and heavy machinery.
- **Usability:** User interface design: The design of the user interface for the tractor should prioritize intuitive controls and display that are aerobatic and easy to comprehensive to operators.
- **Accessibility:** the tractor should be designed in a way that accommodates operators with varying physical abilities and offer clear visibility for the operator seat.

Environmental considerations:

- Emissions: cover effort should be made to minimize noise levels and ambition to lessen the environmental impact and adhere to irregular standards.
- Material sustainability: sustainability materials and manufacturing process should be utilized to decrease the tractor's carbon footprint.
- Maintainability: Serviceability: component and system should be designed for easy maintenance and repair to minimize downtime and upkeep cost.
- Documentation: comprehensive documentation and support materials should be provided for maintenance techniques. Technicians and operators.
- Compliance: it is essential to ensure that the electric tractor complains with all relevant regulatory requirements concerning safety, emission and performance.

2.2.2. User input

The apparition of an electric tractor realized heavily on the user input, which encompasses the actions and commands provided by the operator to control and interact with the tractor during its. Functioning user input plays a. crucial role in steering, regulating speed, operating implements, and monitoring the tractor's performance.

Throttle control: the speed of the electric tractor is controlled by the operator through. Adjusting with throttle input, this input manages the power output of the electric motor, determine in the acceleration of Declaration of the Tractor.

Steering control: the operator utilizes a steering wheel or handlebars. To control the direction of the tractor, staring input dictates the angle of the front field or tracks for turning and maneuvering.

Breaking control: operators make use of brake pedals or levers to apply breaking force for slowing down or stopping the tractor. Electric tractors often employ regenerative braking, where the motor aids in deceleration and charges the battery.

Transmission control: certain electric tractors may feature selectable drive modes. Operators can switch between these modes using control to enhance performance based on the task or terrain.

Display and monitoring: the operator interacts with onboard display and interfaces to monitor essential metrics like battery charge level, speed, operating mode, and diagnostic information. This enables the operator to make informed decisions during operation.

Safety and emergency controls: operators are provided with emergency controls such as emergency stop button or switches to promptly halt tractor operations in the event of an emergency or hazards.

Auxiliary controls: auxiliary controls may be present on the tractor to allow operators to manage various functions such as light, ventilation, climate control, and other auxiliary systems, depending on the specific configuration and future of the vehicle.

2.2.3 Technical constraints

Technical constraints are defined as limitations or boundaries that impact the design, development, or functionality of an electric tractor system. These constraints can be attributed to a variety of factors such as technology restrictions, regulatory mandates, environmental considerations, and practical engineering hurdles.

Battery technology:

- Energy density: The specific energy and power density of available batteries can restrict the range and performance of the tractor.
- Charging infrastructure: limitations related to charging time, availability of infrastructure and compatibility with different charging standards.

Motor performance:

- Torque and power: the performance characteristic of electric motors may determine the tractor's towing capacity and operational capabilities.
- Efficiency: motor efficiency can impact overall energy consumption and thermal management requirements.

Weight and size:

- Component weight: the weight of battery packs, motor and other components can influence the overall weight distribution, handling, and stability of the tractor.
- Space constraints: limited space for integration of components within the tractor

Chassis can affect design choice.

Safety regulations:

- Occupant protection: adherence to safety standards concerning rollover protection, impact resistance, and operator safety features.
- Electric safety: compliance with electric safety standards to ensure insulation, grounding, and protection against electric hazards.

Environmental factors:

- Temperature range: operating temperature limits for batteries and electronics can impact performance and longevity.
- Dust and moisture resistance: Protection against dust, water ingress, and environmental contaminants in agriculture setting.

Operational limitations:

- Terrain sustainability: the capacity of the tractor to navigate through various terrains, inclines, and obstacles while maintaining its stability.
- Noise levels: adherence to noise regulations in order to minimize the environmental impact and reduce the exposure of operators to excessive noise.

Cost considerations:

- Material expenses: restrictions associated with the cost of materials used for the components and technologies utilized in the electric tractor.
- Manufacturing process: The feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the manufacturing process employed for producing component of the electric tractor.

Interoperability and integration

- Compatibility: challenges related to integrating the electric tractor with existing agricultural equipment and systems, such as implement and precision agriculture technology.
- Software compatibility: ensuring that the electric tractor is compatible with software platforms used for monitoring, diagnostics, and data management.

Regularity compliance:

- Emissions standards: adherence to emission regulations and standards that govern agriculture vehicles.
- Vehicle classifications: compliance with requirements for vehicle classification based on weight, speed, and intended use.

2.3 Design specification

2.3.1 Chosen system design

The chosen system design for an electric tractor entails the careful selection of specific components, technologies, and configurations that collectively shape the

tractors overall architecture and operational capabilities. When designing such a system. Several keys eliminate are typically taken into consideration.

Electronic power train: One crucial aspect is the electric powertrain, which involves selecting an appropriate electric motor based on factors such as power recruitment, torque characteristics, efficiency, and size limitations, common options including AC induction motors, permanent magnet synchronous motors or switched relaxation motors. Additionally, the battery system must be carefully chosen, considering factors such as energy density, voltage recruitment, cycle, life and weight considerations. The battery capacity should be determined to meet the desired range and performance targets.

Charging infrastructure: Another important consideration is the power electronics component, which play vital role in efficiently managing the power flow between the battery and motor flow. This includes specifying components such as inverters, DC-DC converters, and motor controllers.

In terms of charging infrastructure, and board charger. Compatibility with the selected battery system and external charging standards must be chosen. This innovation considering options such as level 1 AC charging, level 2 AC charging, or DC fast charging. Additionally, commodity design of the charging port interface and its placement should be carefully considered to ensure convenient and safe connecting to charging stations.

Control system architecture: The control system Architecture is another critical aspect of the chosen system design. This includes the development or selection of motor control algorithms that enable smooth acceleration, regenerative breaking, and efficient power management. Furthermore, integrated battery management system (BMS) is essential to monitor battery health, balance sales, and prevent overcharging or over discharging. Implementing safety features such as emergency stop control, limiting, and fault detection is also critical to ensure safe operation.

Structural design: The physical design of the chassis involves defining the appropriate materials, such as steel, aluminum, commerce, composite, and creating a design that improves strength, weight supply, and strength.

Suspension system: The suspension system must be carefully selected to include in components like sprints and dampers that are suitable for agricultural applications, ensuring stability and comfort.

User interface and controls: User interface and control should be designed with ergonomic considerations in attention, based on operator feedbacks and usability studies, instruments, including speedometer and diagnostic screens, should be

specified for real time monitoring of key parameters.

Safety features: Safety features like ROPS and FOPS should be incorporated to meet safety standards, along with collision avoidance system to detect obstacles and prevent accidents.

Integration with implement: Such as tiller and mowers, requires well designed interface and controls for efficient and safe operation.

Ecological considerations: Like dust and water resistance. Commerce should be addressed through the design of seals and inclusive to protect electric components.

Noise decrease strategy: Should also be applied low noise strategy to lessen environment impact and obey with regulations.

Testing and authentication: A complete testing plan should be developed to validate the system design through component tests in addition, testing and field trials to access act, reliability, and user gratification.

2.3.2 Discussion of alternative design

Discussing various designs for an electric tractor entail exploring diverse Approaches, technologies, or configurations that could potentially achieve comparable or enhance performance in comparison to the current system design. Considering alternative designs can be aid in identifying trade-offs, optimizing crucial parameters, and tackling specific challenges in the development of electric tractors.

Different motor type:

- Switched relaxation motor: Deliberate on the utilization of phase switched relations motor (SRN) recognized for its durability and simple construction in contracts to permanent magnet motor. SRMs may be suitable for heavy duty applications, but might necessitate advanced control strategies.
- Dual motor configuration: investigate the use of two smaller motors instead of a single large motor for enhance torque distribution and efficiency, particularly. In off road conditions.

Advance battery technologies:

- Solid-state batteries: explore the potential of employing solid state batteries for increased energy density come up quicker charging, and enhance safety when compared to traditional lithium -ion batteries.

- Hybrid energy storage: combined batteries with Ultra capacitors or other energy storage technologies to improve peak power delivery and efficiency.

Hybrid power:

- Range extender: integrated a small combustion engine. As a range extender to supplement battery power for extended operational range without compromising emission and environmental impact.
- Serial-parallel hybrid: considering a series parallel hybrid power train configuration to optimize efficiency by merging electric and mechanical power source.

Alternative charging solutions:

- Wireless charging: access facility of incorporating wireless charging technology for convenient and efficient charging without physical connection.
- Solar integration: explore the integration of solar panels into the tractors. To offer additional power for auxiliary. System or battery charging.

Structural innovations:

Composite materials: explore the potential of utilizing lightweight composite materials, such as carbon fiber-reinforce Polymers, to effectively decreases the overall weight of tractors to stop this approach can lead to improve energy efficiency, as they reduce weight requires less energy for operation.

Modular design:

Considered adoption adopting a modular chassis design for tractors, which would facilitate easier customization, maintenance, and future upgrades this design approach allows for the integration of various components and systems, enable farmers to tailor their tractors to specific needs and easily replace or upgrade parts when necessary.

Integration of advanced control system:

Mechanic learning algorithm explores the interruption of machine learning algorithms to enable predictive control, adaptive terrain response, and energy optimization. By utilizing real time data and environmental conditions, this algorithm can enhance the tractor sufficiency and performance.

Advanced sensor fusion:

Investigate the fusion of various sensors, including LiDAR, radar, and cameras, to enhance Situational awareness and enable autonomous operation capabilities. First of this integration can provide the tractor with a comprehensive understanding. Of its surroundings, improving safety and efficiency.

Precision agriculture integration:

Data connectivity enhances the connectivity and integration of precision agriculture system with the tractor. This will enable real time monitoring, remote diagnostics, and automated task management, allowing for more efficient and precise agriculture operations.

End-of-life considerations:

Design the tractor with a focus on recyclability and minimizing environmental impact throughout its life cycle. This includes using materials that are easily recyclable and implementing sustainable manufacturing process. By considering the entire lifecycle of the tractor, its environmental footprint can be minimized.

Design: Description of component and component design.

1. Vehicle body

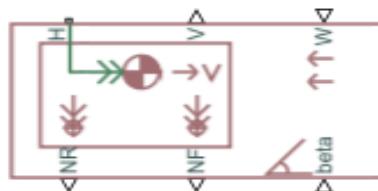


Figure 2.4: Vehicle body

The vehicle body black symbolizes a two-axle vehicle body moving longitudinally. The number of wheels on each axle may be the same or different, such as two wheels on the front axle and one wheel on the rear axle. It is assumed that the vehicle wheels are of equal size. Additionally, the vehicle map passes a center of gravity that is either at a height or below the plan of travel.

- Vehicle dynamics and motion

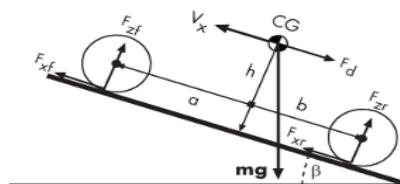


Figure 2.4.1: Vehicle dynamic and motion

Table 2.6: Symbol and Description

Symbol	Description
g	Gravitational acceleration
β	Incline angle
m	Mass of the vehicle
h	Height of vehicle center of gravity above the ground
a, b	Distance of front and rear axle. Respectively, from the normal projection point of vehicle, CG on to the common axle point

V_x	Velocity of the vehicle
V_w	Wind speed
n	Number of wheels on each axle
F_{xf}, F_{xr}	Longitudinal force on each wheel at the front time. Rare ground contact points, respectively
F_{zf}, F_{zr}	Normal load force on each wheels at the front and rear ground. Contact point
A	Effective frontal vehicle cross sectional area
C_d	Aerodynamic drag coefficients
ρ	Mars density of air
F_d	Aerodynamic drag force

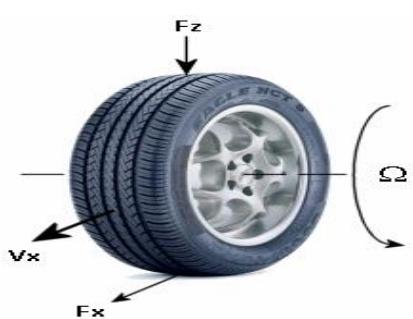
2. Tire (Magic formula)



Figure 2.5: Tire diagram

The tire (magic formula) block simulation the behavior of a tire in the longitudinal direction used magical formulas come up, which is an empirical equation defined by four fitting coefficients. This block allows for the modeling of the dynamic under both constant and variable format conditions come up with the tires longitudinal direction aligned with its motion as it. Moves along the road surface. It is fundamental component derived from the tire road in traction.

- Tire model



The block treats the tides as a rigid wheel tear from bubbles that is in contact with road and subject to slip when torque drives reveal axial, the tire transmits longitudinal force, F_x , to the road. The tire transfers. The result reaction as a force break on the bead. We stopped this action. Protects the bill to generate longitudinal motion.

Figure 2.5.1: Tire model

3. Differential

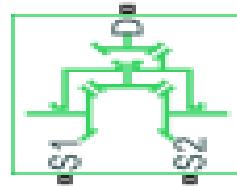


Figure 2.6: Differential

The differential block is utilized to simulate a gear mechanism that permits the driven shafts to rotate at varying speed. This component is commonly found in automobiles, as it allows the wheels to rotate at different speeds while navigating corners. In the context of the block, parts D, S1 and S2. Symbolize the longitudinal drive shaft and the sun gear shafts of the differential, respectively. It is worth noting that any of these shafts can drive the other two.

4. Simple gear

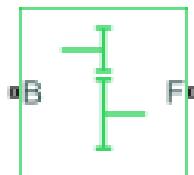


Figure 2.7: Simple gear

Airblock survives as representation of a gearbox that limits the driveline axis of the base gear. And the follower gear to rotate together with a specific fixed ratio. The user has the option to determine whether the follower axis rotations in the same direction as the base axis are in the opposite direction. When rotating in the same direction. Kamath, the angular velocity of the followers. ω_F , and the base ω_B share the same sign. Conversely, when rotating in opposite direction, ω_F and ω_B have opposite signs. Additionally, user can easily introduce or eliminate backlash, faults and thermal effects.

- Ideal gear constraints and gear rotation can be defined by the following parameters:

rF-radius of the follower gear

ω_F - Angular velocity of the follower gear

rB- Radius of the base gear

ω_B , angular velocity of the base gear

The follower-base gear ratio is given by:

$$g_{FB} = r_F / r_B = N_F / N_B$$

where:

- NB: number of teeth in the base gear
- NF: number of teeth in the follower gear

By reducing the two degrees of freedom to one independent degree of freedom, the torque transfer equation can be expressed as:

$$g_{FB} * \tau_B + \tau_F - \tau_{loss} = 0$$

where:

- τ_B : input torque
- τ_F : output torque
- τ_{loss} : torque loss due to friction

5. Scope

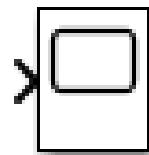


Figure 2.8: Scope

The singling scope black and DSP Systems Toolbox Timescope Block display time domain signal.

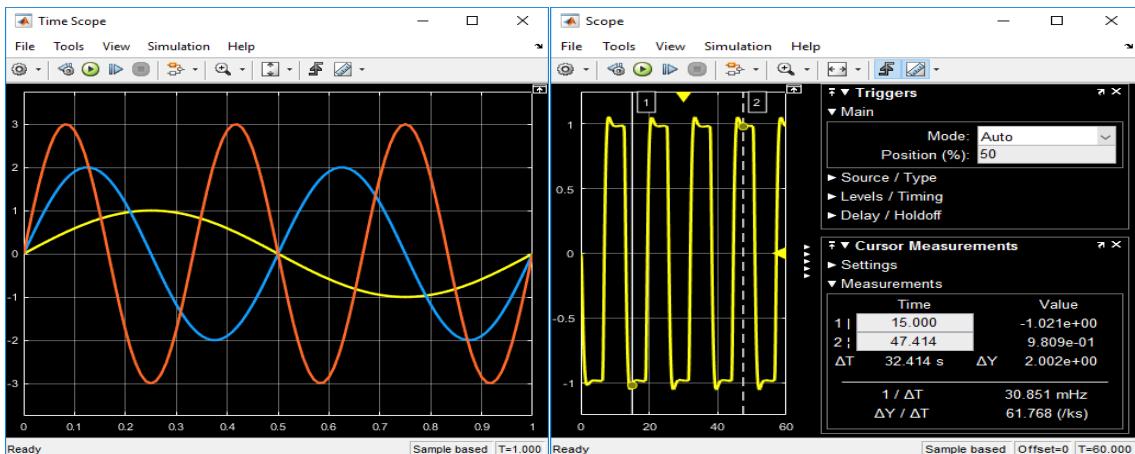


Figure 2.9: Display of an Time Scope

Oscilloscope characteristics:

- Triggering - configure triggers to synchronize recruiting signal and push the display when event occurs
- Cursor based measurement - utilize vertical and horizontal cursor to measure Signal values
- Signals statistic- present the maximum minimum, peak to peak different mean, medium, and RMS values of the selected signal
- Peak identification - identify the highest point and display the corresponding X axis values

- Believe measurement - measure transition, overshoots, understood and cycles

Scope display features:

- Simulation control - debug models from a scope window using the run step forward, and step backward toolbar button.
- Multiple signals - come up. Plot multiple signals on the same Y axis by utilizing multiple input ports. Gujarat
- Multiple Y axis display multiple Y axis. All Y axis share a common time range on the X axis.
- Parameter modification-adjust parameter value before and during a simulation.
- Axis auto scale - Automatically scale axis during or at the end of a simulation, margins are drawn at the top and bottom of the axis.

6. Display

Data is shown after running the simulation, the data captured by the scope is stored throughout the simulation process. In case the scope is shut down at the beginning of a simulation, upon reopening the scope post simulation, it will exhibit this result of the simulation part timing to the input signal connected to it.

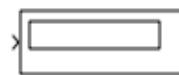


Figure 2.10: Display

The display blocks exhibit the input data value, allowing users to set the display frequency and format for numeric input data.

- Display abbreviations

The following abbreviations appear on the display block to help you to identify the format of the value:

Table 2.7: Abbreviation of Display block

When you see	The value that appears is
(SI)	The stored integer value
hex	In hexadecimal format
bin	In binary format
oct	In octal format

7. PS- Simulink converter



Figure 2.11: PS Simulink converter

The PS-Simulink Converter Block is designed to transform a physical signal into a Simulink output signal. It is utilized to link the outputs of a sim scope physical network to Simulink scopes or other Simulink blocks. The icon of this block adjusts dynamically depending on its connections to other blocks, allowing for efficient use of canvas space.

Table 2.8: Block icon

When block is	Block icon
Unconnected	
Connected to other blocks	

8. DC Motor

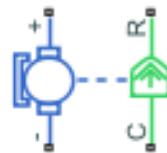
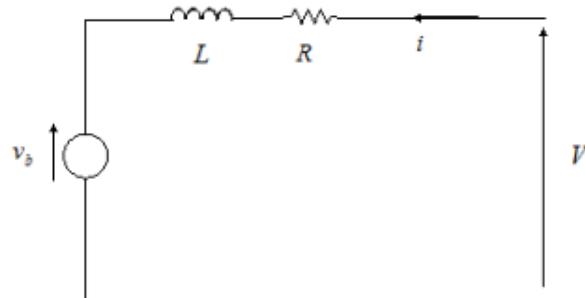


Figure 2.12: Dc motor

The DC Motor represents the electrical and torque characteristic of a DC motor using the following equivalent circuit model:



When the model parameterization parameter is set to by equivalent circuit parameters, the resistor R corresponds to the armature resistance parameter. While the inductor L corresponds to the armature inductance parameter. By setting the field type parameter to the desired option. You can determine how the magnetic field of the DC motor is generated. The back EMF include in the armature by the permanent magnets is given by

$$v_b = k_v \omega$$

You can specify how to generate the magnetic field of the DC motor by setting the Field type parameter to the desired option. The permanent magnets in the motor induce the following back emf v_b in the armature:

$$v_b = k_v \omega$$

Where k_v is the Back-emf constant and ω is the angular velocity. The motor produces the following torque, which is proportional to the motor current i :

$$T_E = k_t i$$

Where k_t is the Torque constant. The DC motor block assumes that there are no electromagnetic losses. This means that mechanical power is equal to the electrical power dissipated by the back emf in the armature. Equating these two terms gives:

$$T_E \omega = v_b i k_t \omega = k_v \omega i k_v = k_t$$

As a result, you specify either k_v or k_t in the block parameters.

This representation illustrated generic DC motor with precious Kamar Armature. Commutators and weddings.

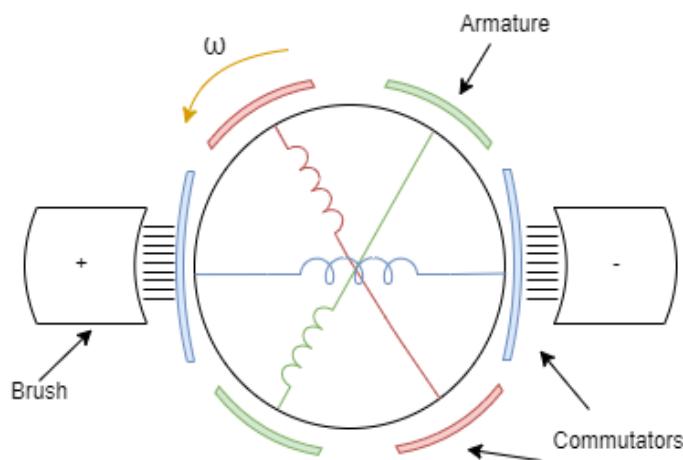


Figure 2.13: DC motor with Kamar Armature

In the event of an armature wedding, fault, the armature will failure at a specific time determined by the simulation time for armature winding fault Parameter in the case of a temporal fault. Alternatively in the case of a behavioural fault, the armature will fail when the winding current exceeds the value specified by the maximum permissible armature winding current parameter. When the armature fails, the voltage source connected to the block will observe an option circuit for a portion of the total motor revolution, this fraction of revolution, during which the armature is open. Circuit is determined by the permanent fraction of revolution during which armature is open circuit, the circuit state behaviour during the entire revolution period, can be visualised in the accumulating figure.

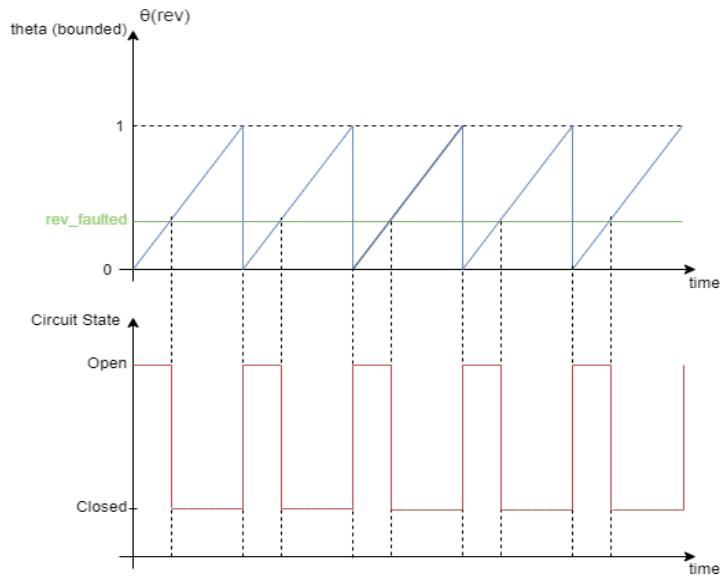


Figure 2.14: State of a DC motor

9. H-bridge

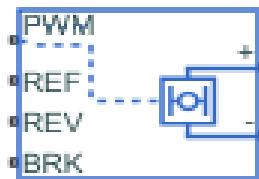


Figure 2.15: H bridge

The H-bridge blocked is a representation of an motor driver come offering two simulation mode choice independently mode, commodity output of the bridge block is regulated voltage, determined by the input signal at the pyramid. When the input signal exceeds the reliable threshold voltage parameter value. The expert's block output is activated and set to the value specified by the output voltage amplitude parameter. If the input signal falls below the enable threshold voltage parameter value. The block sustains the load circuit through one of the three freewheeling mode options that is –

- Via one semiconductor switch and one freewheeling diode.
- Via two freewheeling diode.
- Via two semiconductor switch and one freewheeling diode.

The first and third options are sometimes known as synchronous operations

This signal at the REB port determines the polarity of the output. If the value of the signal at the REV port is less than the value of the rivers threshold voltage parameters, the output has positive polarity come otherwise it has negative polarity

Avaraged - this mode has two load current characteristics options:

- Smoothed
- Unsmoothed or discontinuous

10. Current sensor

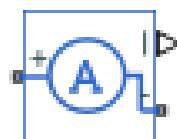


Figure 2.16: Current sensor

The current sensor block symbolizes a perfect current sensor, which is a tool that transforms current measured in an electric brain into a physical signal that is directly proportional to the current. Utilize the press and negative ports. Like the sensor in series with the remaining blocks in the branch where current measurement is designed. Po type delivers the measurement outcomes as a physical signal.

11. Mechanical rotational reference



Figure 2.17: Mechanical rotational reference

The mechanical rotational reference block serves as a fixed point of reference of mechanical rotational ports.. any rotational ports that are securely attached to this frame should be linked to a mechanical rotational reference block. For additional details, refers to the documentation.

12. Control PWM voltage



Figure 2.18: Control PWM voltage

The controlled PWM voltage block is representation of a pulse width modulation PWM voltage source. It is possible to simulate electrical or physical signal input ports by selecting the modelling option parameters as either:

- Electric input ports - the duty cycle is determined by the reference voltage difference between the ref+ and ref- ports. This is the different setting.
- PS setting - the duty cycle value can be directly specified by utilizing an input physical signal ports. When the modelling option is configured. To electrical input ports, the required duty cycle is calculated based on the reference voltage.

$$100 * \text{vref} - \text{vmin} / (\text{vmax} - \text{vmin})$$

Where:

- V ref is the reference voltage across the ref + and ref- ports.
- V min id the minimum reference voltage,
- V max is the maximum reference voltage

The amplitude of the output voltage is determined by the value of the output voltage amplitude parameter. if the pulse delay time parameter is greater than zero or the demanded duty cycle is zero, the pulse is initialized as high at time zero.

To add a small turn-on delay and small turn-of advance, you can utilize the pulse delay time and pulse width offset parameter this. Parameters are helpful in fine-tuning switching times to minimize switching losses. In PWM mode the block offers 2 options for the type of switching even when transitioning between output high and output low states.

13. Ground

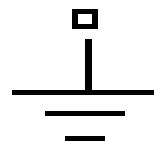


Figure 2.19: Ground

The ground block implements a connection to the ground.

14. Solver configuration

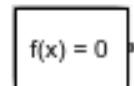


Figure 2.20: Solver Configuration

Every interconnected Simscape block diagram depicting a physical network necessitates solving data from simulation purpose. The solver configuration block delineates the solver parameters essential for initiating simulation in your model. Each unique Simscape block diagram topology mandates the presence of a signal solver configuration block connected to it.

15. Longitudinal driver

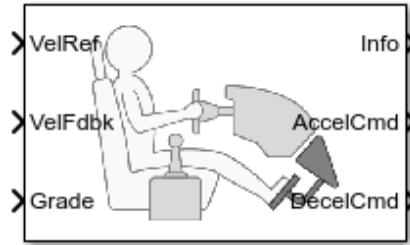


Figure 2.21: Longitudinal driver

The longitudinal driver block is designed to execute a longitudinal speed tracking control. Large by utilizing reference and feedback velocities. It produces normalized acceleration and breaking commands. Ranging from 0 to 1. This block can be employed for simulating the dynamic behavior of the driver or for generating commands required to allow a longitudinal drive cycle.

Configuration:

Utilize the external actions parameters to establish input ports for signal that have the capability to deactivate. Maintain or supersede the closed loop acceleration Or declaration directives. The hierarchy of input commands within the block is as follows: Disable (high priority), hold, override .

Table 2.9 : The external action parameters are outlined in the table

Goal	External action parameter	Input ports	Data type
Over in the accelerator command with an input acceleration command.	Accelerator override	EnableAccelOvr	Boolean
hold the acceleration command at the current value.	Accelerator hold.	AccelHld	dubble
Disable the acceleration command.	Accelerator disable.	AccelZero	Boolean

Override the declarator command with an input declaration command.	Declarator override.	EnablDecelOver EnableOveCmd	Bdouble double.
Hold the declarator command at current value.	Declaratorhold.	DecelHld	Boolean.
Disable the declarator command.	Declarator disable.	DecelZero	Boolean.

Table 2.10: Controller

Setting	Block implementation
PI	Proposal integral (PI) control with tracking windup and feed - forward gains.
Scheduled PI	PI control with tracking wind up and free forward gains that are a function of vehicle velocity.
Predictive	<p>Optimize signal point preview control model development by CC MacAdam, the model represent driver Steering control behavior during path following and obstacle avoidance.</p> <p>It include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the dynamic as a linear signal track vehicle • Minimize the previewed error signal at a single point T^* second ahead in time • Account for the driver long driving from perceptual and neuromuscular mechanism

Controller:PI speed-tracking

If you set the controller type to pay, are scheduled. Pi, the block implements probational integral PI control with tracking wind up and field forward gains. For this schedule. Pi configurations block user feed forward gains that are a function of vehicle velocity.

Controller: predictive speed-tracking

If you set the control type control type parameter to predict Kamadi block implements. An optimal signal point preview model. Development by CC

MacAdam. The model represent drives steering controlled behavior during path following and obstacle avoidance.

It include:

- Represents the dynamic as a linear signal track vehicle.
- Minimize the previewed error signal at a single point T^* seconds ahead in time.
- Accounts for the driver lag driving. From perceptual and neuromuscular mechanism.

Driver Lag

The signal-point model implemented by the block introduces a driver lag. The driver lag accounts for the delay when the driver is tracking tasks, specifically. It is the transport delay deriving from. Perceptual and neuromuscular mechanism .to calculate the driver transport delay. The block implements this equation.

$$H(s) = e^{-s\tau}$$

Table 2.11: The equation uses these variables

τ	Driver transport delay.
$y(t+T^*)$	Previewed plan output T^* second ahead
$e(t+T^*)$	Previewed error signal t^* second ahead
$u(t), u_0(t)$	Their angle and optimal stare angle,respectively
J	Performance index

16. Constant



Figure 2.22: Constant

The constant block produces a real or complex constant value signal. Use this Block to provide a constant signal input. The block generates scalar, vector, or matrix output, depending on the.

- The dimensionality of the constant value parameter.
- This setting of the interparent vector parameter as 1-D parameter.

17. Constant voltage source



Figure 2.23: Constant voltage source

The controlled voltage source block represent an ideal voltage source that is powerful enough to maintain the specified voltage across its terminals, regardless of the current flowing through the source.

The output voltage is $V=Vs$, where Vs is the numerical value presented at the physical signal port.

18. Signal builder

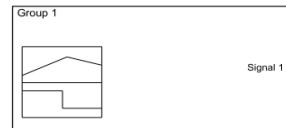


Figure 2.24: Signal builder

The signal builder block is employed to produce personalized input signal that can be utilized to simulate dynamic system with the simulated models. This block enabled you to accurately regulate the activation of various signal segment during the simulation by specifying their start time and duration.

19. Gain



Figure 2.25: Gain

The gain block performs multiplication on the input signal by a fixed constant value known as the gain. Both the input signal and the gain can take the form of a scalar, vector or matrix. First of this specific value of the gain is determined by the gain parameter. Additionally, Kamada multiplication parameters allows for the selected of element. Wise or matrix multiplication. In the case of matrix multiplication, this

parameters also provides the option to specify the order of the Matrix being multiplied.

20. Battery

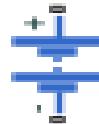


Figure 2.26: Battery

The battery block is a representation of a basic battery model. Additionally, it allows for the exposure of the charge output port and the thermal port of the battery. The battery equivalent circuit consists of the primary battery model, the battery self discharge resistance RSD, the charging dynamic model, and the series resistance RO is shown in below figure.

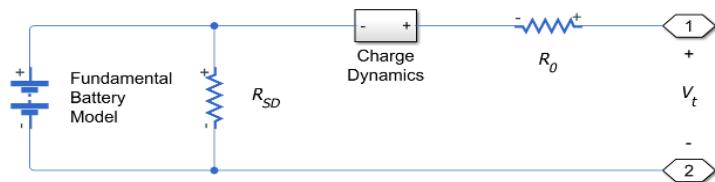


Figure 2.26.1: Series Resistance RO

Battery model :

When the battery charge capacity parameter is set to infinite, the block represents the battery as series register and a constant voltage source. Conversely, when the parameter is set to finite the block models, the battery has a series resistor and a charger dependent voltage source. In the case of a finite charging capacity, the voltage is determined by the charge and flows a specific relationship.

$$V = V_0 \left(\frac{\text{SOC}}{1 - \beta(1 - \text{SOC})} \right)$$

Where :

- SOC State of charge is the ratio of current charging to rated battery capacity.
- Vo is the voltage when the battery is fully charged at no load, as defined by the nominal voltage V nom parameter.
- β is a constant that is calculated so that the battery voltage is V1 when the charge is AH1.

This circuit shows how to model a lead acid battery cell using the simscape.

Model :

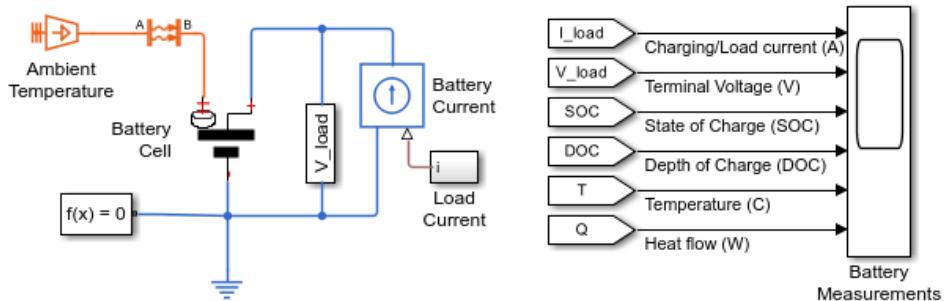


Figure 2.26.2: Battery Model

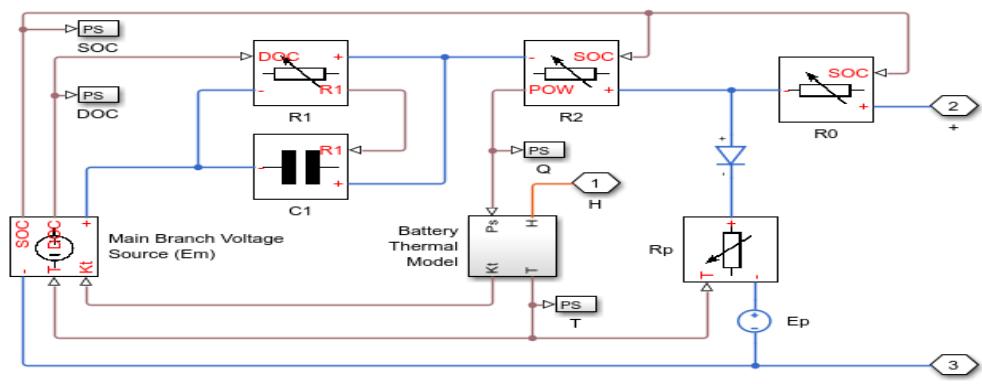


Figure 2.26.3: Battery cell subsystem

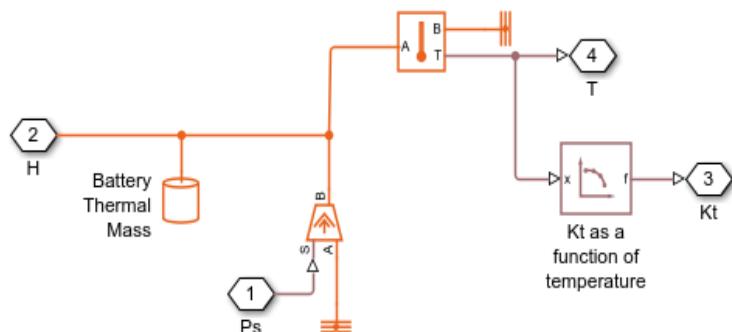


Figure 2.26.4: Battery thermal model subsystem

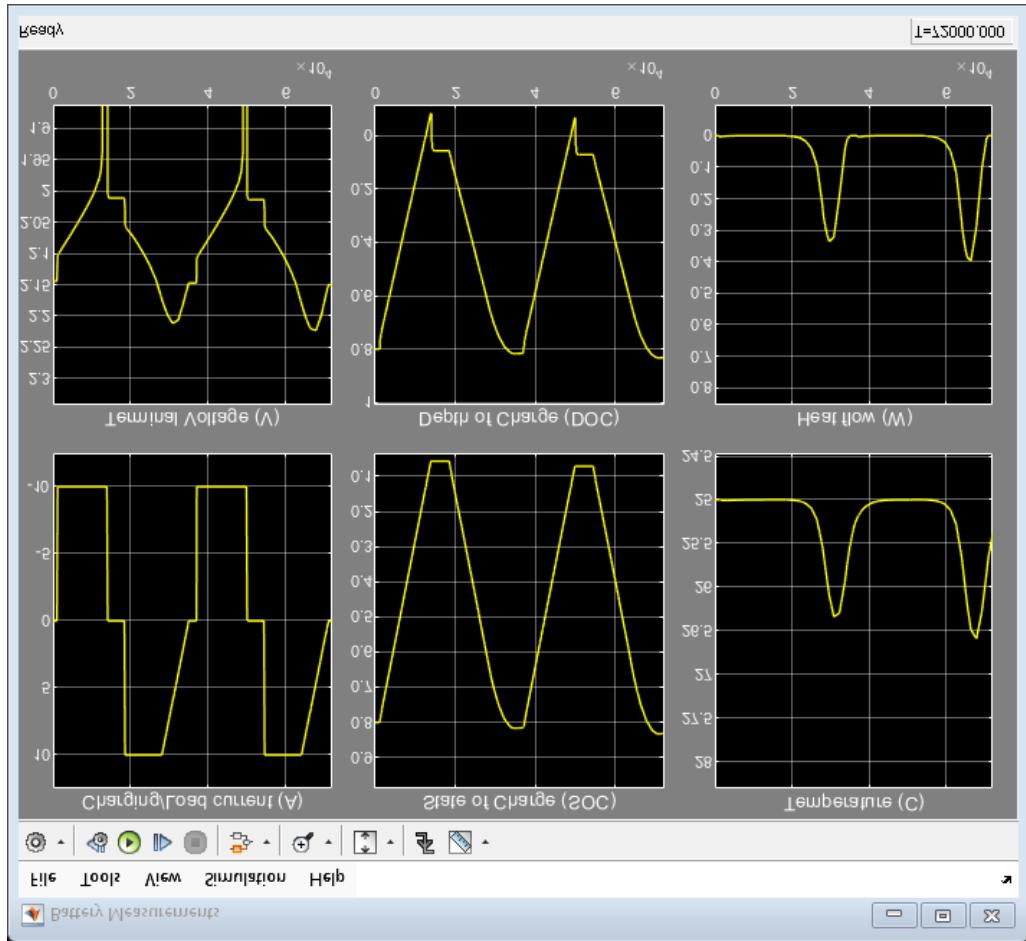


Figure 2.26.5: Simulation results from scope

21. Bus selector



Figure 2.27: Bus selector

The best selector module relatives eliminate that you choose by their names, from the input bus hierarchy. This module has the capability to either output the selected elements individually or combine them into a new virtual bus.in the case of individual output, each selected element in assigned to a separate output port.

22. Product



Figure 2.28: Product

The outcome of multiplying two Inputs is produced by the product block. This input can be two scalars, a scalar and a non-scalar value or two non-scalars with identical dimensions the default parameter values are responsible for defining this particular behaviour.

23. Integrator

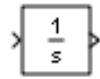


Figure 2.29: Integrator

The Integrator Block performs the operation of integrating an input signal over time and produces the outcomes as an output signal. In Simulink, the integrator block is considered to be a dynamic system that's possess a signal state. The Behaviour of the block is determined by its dynamics, which can be described as follows.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = u(t) \\ y(t) = x(t) \end{cases} \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

Where :

- u is the block input
- y is the block output
- x is the block state
- Xo is the initial condition of x .

24. Power Gui



Figure 2.30: Power Gui

The Poowergui Block provides you with the option to select from three different methods for solving your circuit.

- Continuous method, which utilize a variable step solved from simulink
- Discretization of the electric system, which provides a solution to fix its time.
- continuous or discrete phasor Solution.

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3.1 Approach and methodology

3.1.1 DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGY USED

Various specific technologies and tools can be employed to model ,simulate and analyze different acceptance of an electric tractor powertrain and overall performance when utilising matlab simulink for analysis.. the following are key technologies frequently utilising this scenario:

1. Electric motor modelling:
 - Use simulator to model the electric motor dynamics commerce, such as brushless direct current motor(BLDC) characteristics.
 - Implement motor control algorithms for speed/torque control, considering efficiency and performance requirements.
2. Battery and energy storage system modelling:
 - Model the tractors battery pack and energy storage system using simulink blocks.
 - Implement battery management algorithms for states of charge (soc) estimation, thermal management, and battery aging simulations.
3. Power electronic simulations:
 - Simulate power electronics component like inverters, to DC-DC Converters, and controllers.
 - Model the interaction between the battery, motor ,power electronics, to optimise efficiency and performance.
4. Control system Design :
 - Develop control algorithms for motor drive system, including feed oriented control(FOC) ,direct torque control(DTC), or other advanced control strategies
 - Implement control logic for traction control, regenerative breaking, and overall vehicle dynamics.
5. Vehicle dynamics modelling:
 - Integrate vehicle dynamics models into the simulation to replicate the tractors motion and behaviour under different driving conditions.
 - Include components such as wheels, suspensions, and steering system in the simulation for comparison analysis
6. Powertrain efficiency analysis:

- Use simulink to analyse the efficiency of the electric powertrain under various operating conditions.
 - Optimise control strategies and component sizing to maximum energy efficiency and ranging
7. Real time simulation and hardware-in-the-loop (HIL):
- Implement real time simulation using simulink to interface with physical hardware components.
 - Conduct hardware in the loop (HIL) testing to validate control algorithms and system performance.
8. Data visualisation and analysis:
- Utilise Matlab for data visualisation and analysis of simulation results.
 - Plot performance matrix such as motor torque, battery voltage ,current and efficiency over time are under different loan conditions.
9. Fault diagnosis and safety system:
- Develop fault detection and diagnostic algorithms to monitor Critical components and ensures safe operation of the electric tractor
 - Implement safety systems such as overcurrent protection,thermal management , fault isolation within the simulink model.

3.1.2 Methodologies used in capstone project

This methodology provides a structural approach to conducting the performance analysis of electric tractor using Matlab simulink

1. Model development:
 - Develop simulation model of the electric tractor in Matlab Simulink
 - Include components such as the electric motor, battery system, drive, train and vehicle dynamics
2. Parameterization:
 - Specific the parameters of the electric tractor model such as motor specifications, battery capacities, vehicle mass, and tire characteristics.
 - Ensures that the model accurately represents the physical characteristics and performance capabilities of the real electric tractor.
3. Set-up design:

- Design simulation set-up to represent different operating conditions and tasks commonly performed by the electric tractor, such as plowing ,towing,or driving on various terrains

- Define inputs such as total position, load torque ,and Road, grade for each set-up.

4. simulation execution:

- Executive simulation in Matlab simulinks for each set-up, using the specified inputs and parameters..
- Run the simulations over appropriate time intervals to capture temporary and steady state behaviour of the electric tractor

5. Data collection:

- Collect simulation data on key performance data such as power output, tarque, speed, energy consumption, and the battery voltage/ current..
- Record data from relevant signals and variables within the simulink model for analysis.

6. Presentation:

- Present the performance analysis findings to cohort owner and present in a formal presentation

3.1.3 Programming

Programming an electric tractor requires the creation of software and control algorithm to oversee different functions of the vehicle, such as motor control, battery management, user interface, safety systems, and compatibility with agricultural tools. The programme eliminates of an electric tractor plays a vital role in guaranteeing optimal performance,safety and user satisfaction iy include :

Motor control algorithms:

creating algorithms for motor control that regulate speed,torque, and accelerations/deceleration Profiles profiles based on input from operators and the current operational conditions. This algorithm should ensure decision motor control and efficient utilisation of electric powere by implementing feed oriented control (FOC) or vector control techniques.

Battery management system (BMS):

Develop software that monitor the health of the battery, includes its state of charge (SOC),state of Health (SOH) and temperature. This software should be designed to ensure the longevity of the battery by implementing battery balancing algorithms that maintain uniform cell voltage.

Power electronics control:

Programme controllers for inverters and DC to DC Converters to efficiently manage the flow of power between the battery and motor. Additionally, implement regenerative braking control algorithms that capture kinetic energy during breaking and use it to recharge the battery.

User interface (UI) design:

Design graphical user interfaces (GUI) that display essential information to the operator. Such as speed, battery status, and Implement control. This interfaces should be intuitive at user friendly, allowing Operators to easily interact with the system using sensor and actuators for input related to throttle commercial and breaking

Safety systems:

Integrate safety critical software features, include emergency stop, torque limiting, and fault detection to ensure the safety of both the operator and bystanders. Implement fail-safe mechanism and diagnostic routines that can detect and respond to system faults are anomalies.

Programming we use are :

The following is a basic illustration of a matlab script designed to replicate the management of an electric tractors motor velocity through the implementation of a fundamental control logic. This incentive showcase the utilisation of a proportional integral derivation. PID controller for the regulation of motor speed.

Electric Tractor Motor Speed Control Simulation

```
% Parameters (adjust as needed)
```

```
desiredSpeed = 10; % Desired motor speed (in meters per second)
```

```
kp = 0.5; % Proportional gain
```

```
ki = 0.1; % Integral gain
```

```
kd = 0.2; % Derivative gain
```

```
% Simulation parameters
```

```
simulationTime = 60; % Simulation time (in seconds)
```

```
dt = 0.1; % Time step (in seconds)
```

```
% Initialize variables
```

```

time = 0:dt:simulationTime; % Time vector

speed = zeros(size(time)); % Motor speed vector

error = zeros(size(time)); % Error vector

integral = 0; %Initialize integral term

% Simulate motor speed control using PID controller

for t = 2:length(time)

% Calculate error (difference between desired speed and current speed)

CurrentSpeed = speed(t-1);

error(t) = desiredSpeed - currentSpeed

% Update integral term

integral = integral + error(t) * dt

% Calculate PID control output

controlOutput = kp * error(t) + ki * integral + kd * (error(t) - error(t-1)) / dt;

% Limit control output to realistic values (e.g., throttle limits)

controlOutput = max(0, min(controlOutput, 100)); % Assuming 0-100% throttl

% Simulate motor dynamics (simple integration)

acceleration = controlOutput; % Simplified assumption: acceleration proportional to control output

currentSpeed = currentSpeed + acceleration * dt;

% Store current speed in the vector

speed(t) = currentSpeed;

end

% Plot results

figure;

plot(time, speed, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);

```

```

hold on;

plot([0, simulationTime], [desiredSpeed, desiredSpeed], 'r--', 'LineWidth', 1.5);

xlabel('Time (seconds)');

ylabel('Motor Speed (m/s)');

title('Electric Tractor Motor Speed Control');

legend('Actual Speed', 'Desired Speed', 'Location', 'best');

grid on;

```

Block diagram

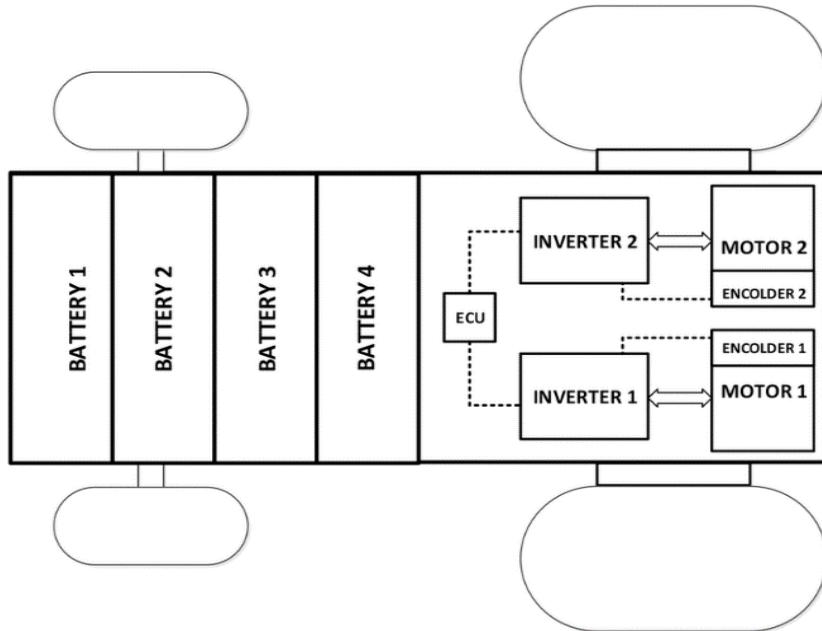


Figure 3.1: Block diagram Capstone Project

FABRICATION or BLOCKDIAGRAM

The development of an electric mini tractor heavily realizes on the design and simulation process conducted through Matlab's simulink. The next phase involves the transmission of this virtual designs into tangible component , which are then integrated to create a fully operational vehicle. Below are the fundamental steps and factors to be taken into account during the fabrication of an electric tractor.

Creating the design of elected mini tractor using matlab simulink:

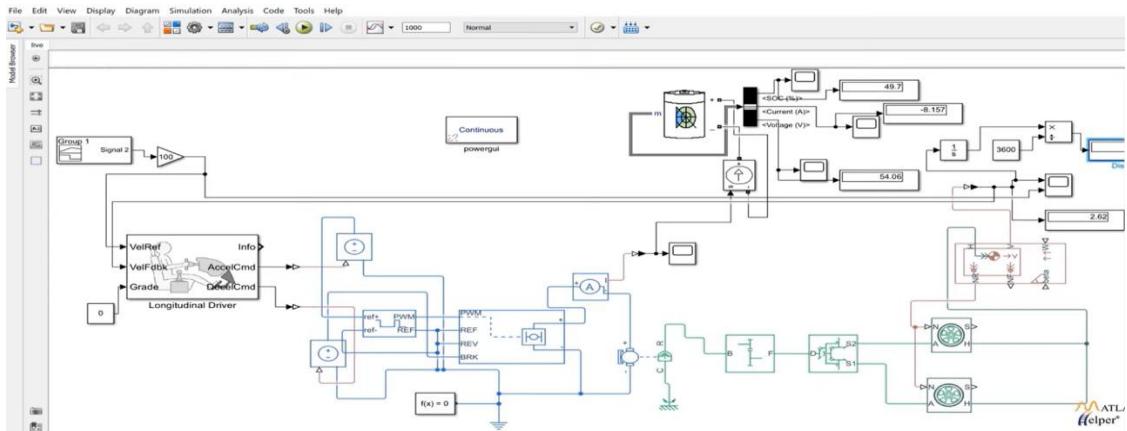


Figure 3.2 : Design of elected mini tractor using Matlab simulink

Vehicle parameters :

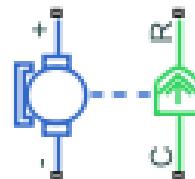


Figure 3.3: Vehicle paramters

Rated power(kW):

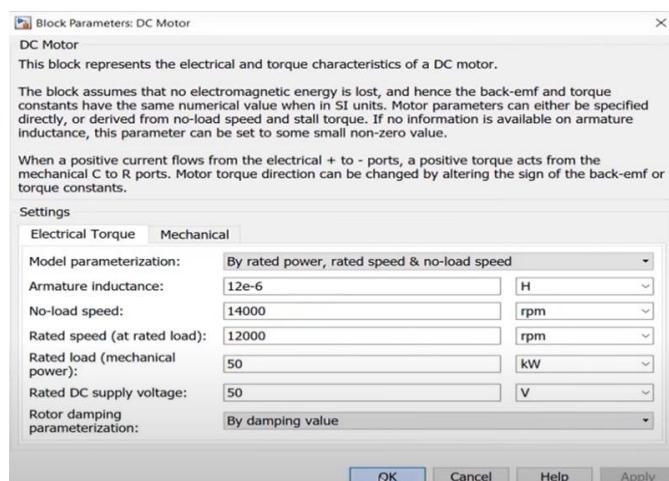


Figure 3.4: Rated power

- **Efficiency characteristics:**

The plot below shows the speed of the breathless dc motor under varying conditions. The load turquoise is constant value always opposed to the rotation of this shaft. Commands to reverse direction and break are applied.

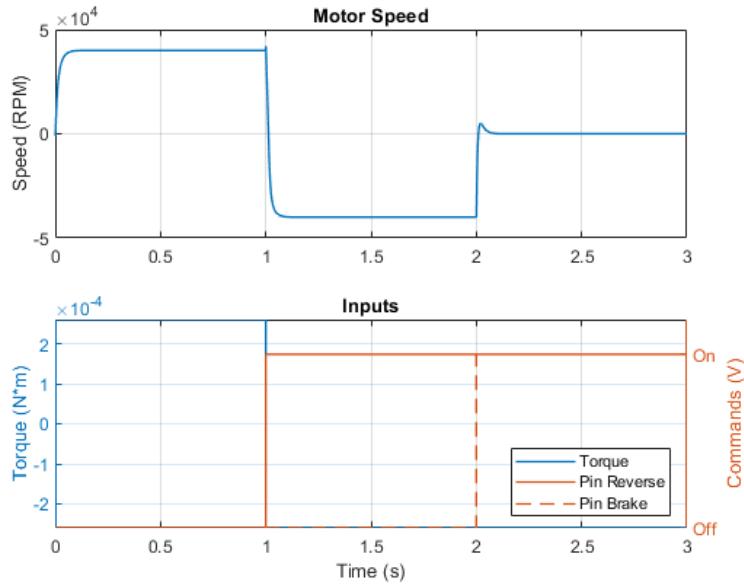


Figure 3.5: Efficiency characteristics

- **Battery capacity:**

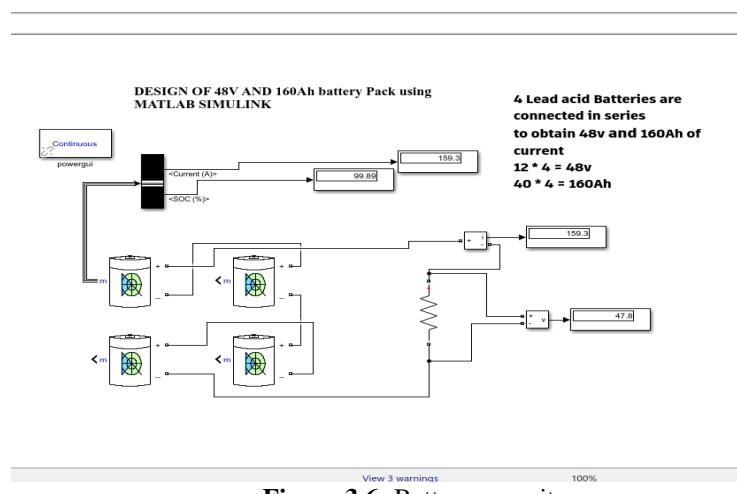


Figure 3.6: Battery capacity

- **Charging the discharge**

SOC percentage over here, you can see battery has disordered not linearly at the first 400 cycle. And for the next 200 cycle at the discharge and for the remaining 400 cycle battery has charged and discharged according to feedback.

- Simulation circuit:

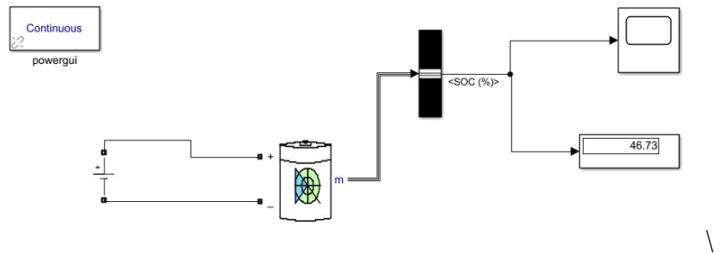


Figure 3.7: Simulation circuit

- Charging graph :

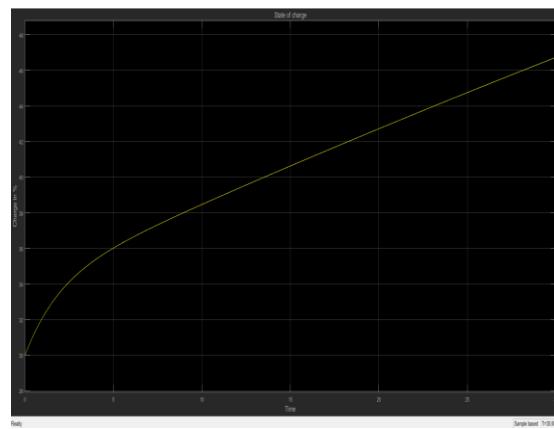


Figure 3.8: Charging graph

- Discharging graph:

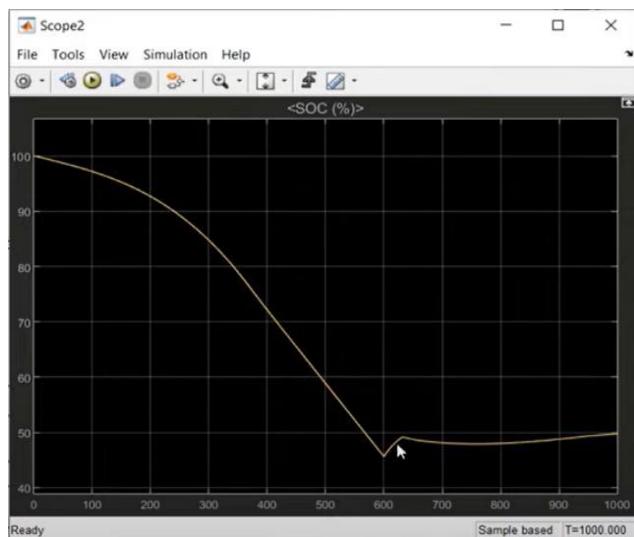


Figure 3.9: Discharging graph

- **Vehicle speed and Acceleration:**

Vehicle speed and exhilaration are crucial performance parameters that directly influence the usable and effectiveness of an electric tractor. These parameters are essential for evaluating the tractors efficiency, productivity, and overall operational capabilities.

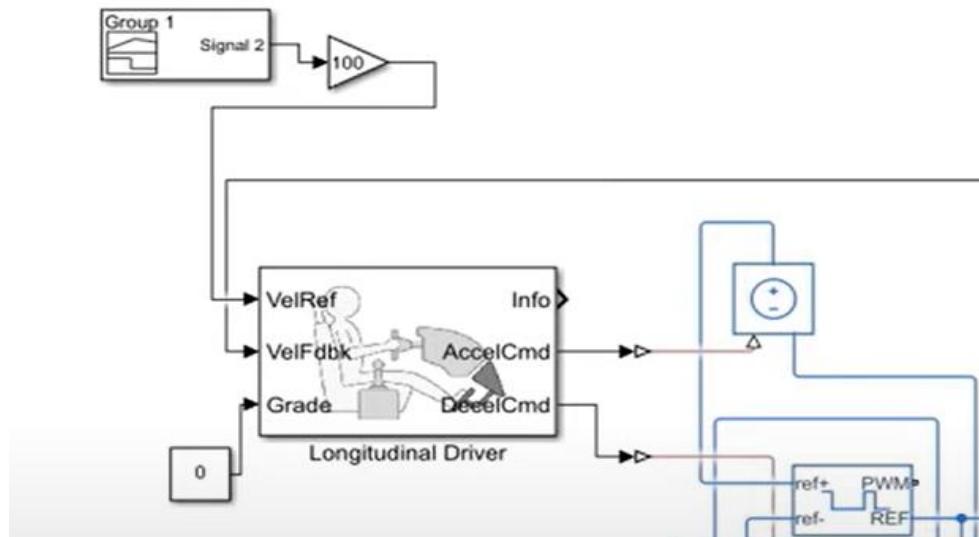


Figure 3.10: Vehicle speed and Acceleration

Actual speed :

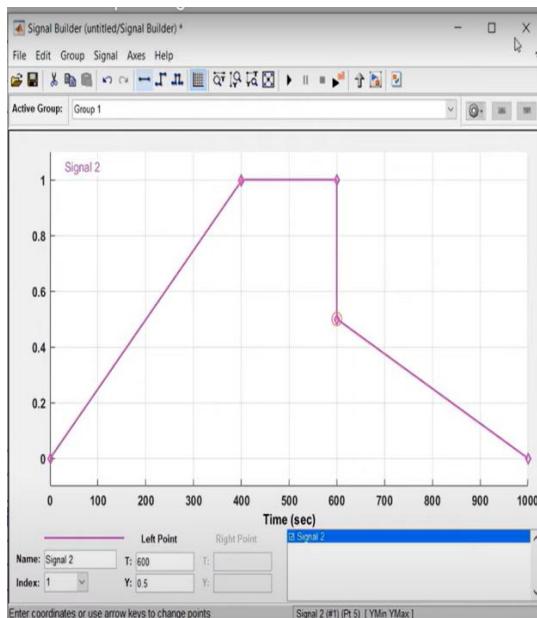


Figure 3.11: Actual speed

Reference speeed :

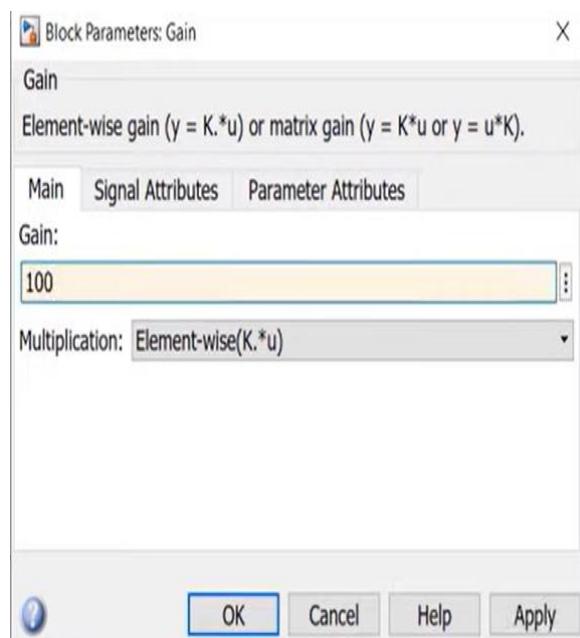


Figure 3.12 : Reference speed

Actual reference graph:

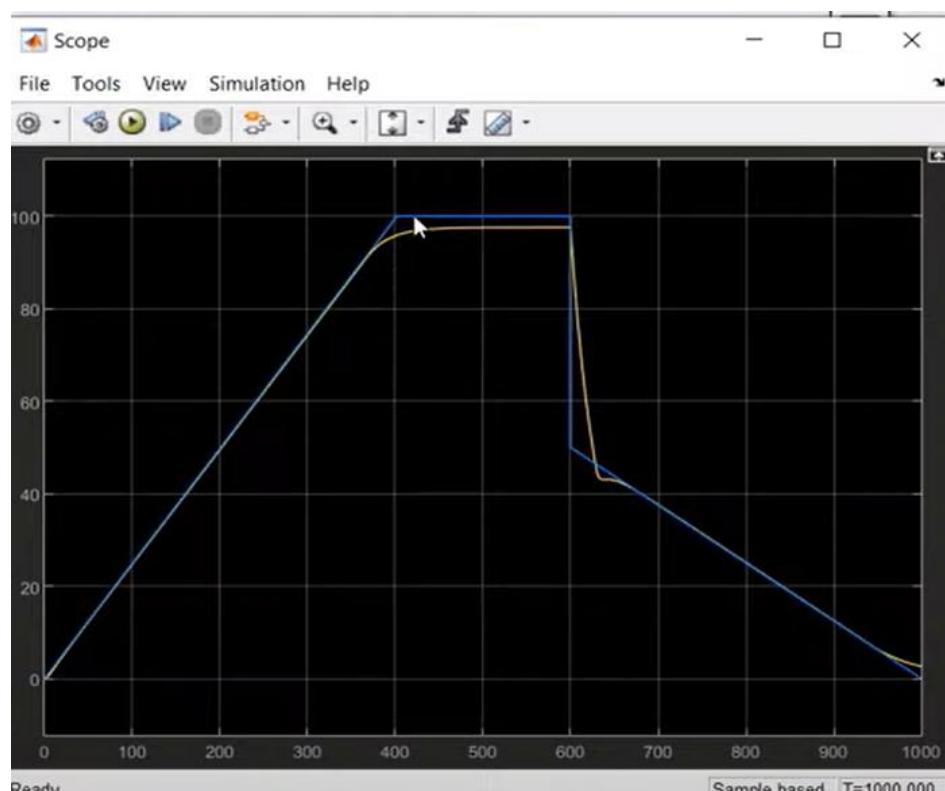


Figure 3.13: Actual reference graph

- **Mechanical parameters**

Chassis and body design:

The chassis and suspension system plays crucial Role in ensuring the stability, comfort, and durability of an electric tractor during its design and fabrication process.

Frame construction:

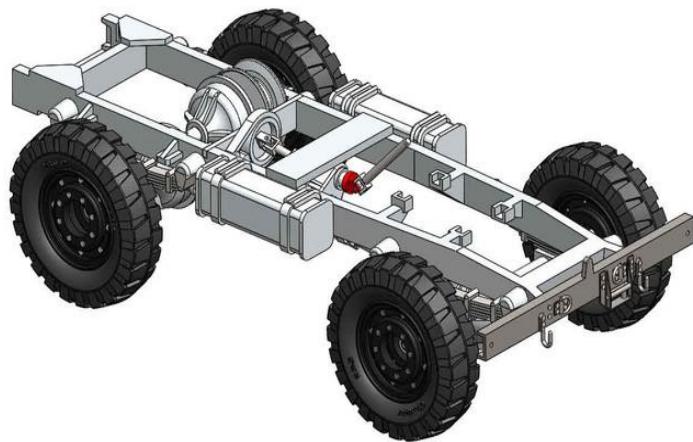


Figure 3.14: Frame construction

Integration of component:

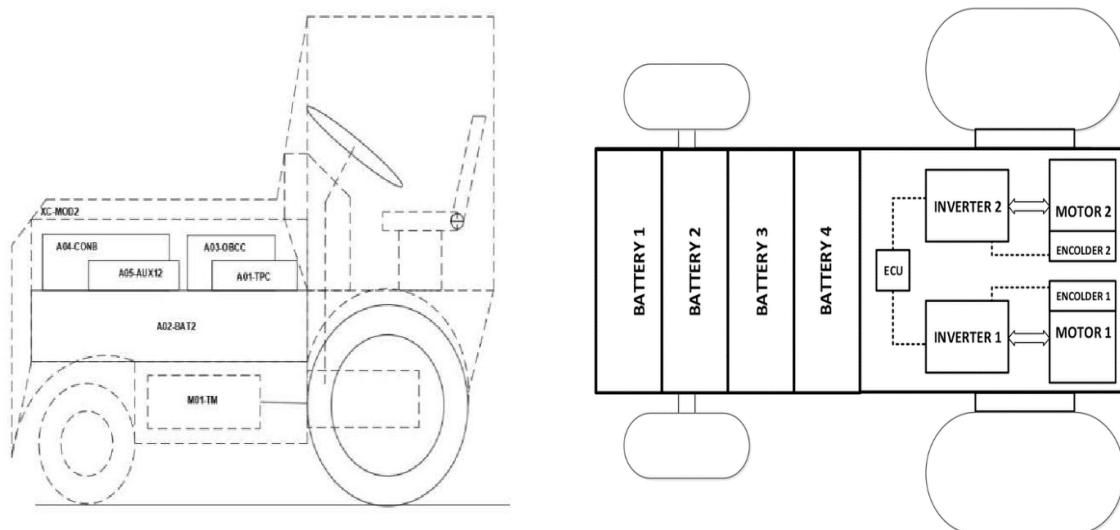


Figure 3.15: Integration of component

Body design:

The compact tractor's structure includes an integrated motor and battery system. It is essential for the tractor to adhere to standards of stiffness, safety, robustness, and resistance to fatigue. The initial step in the evaluation involved creating a model of the vehicle's body followed by employees. TOSCA topology optimization analysis to access its weight efficiency conducting ABAQUS finite element analysis to verify its strength, and utilize life analysis to determine the vehicle's body fatigue, life under various road conditions.

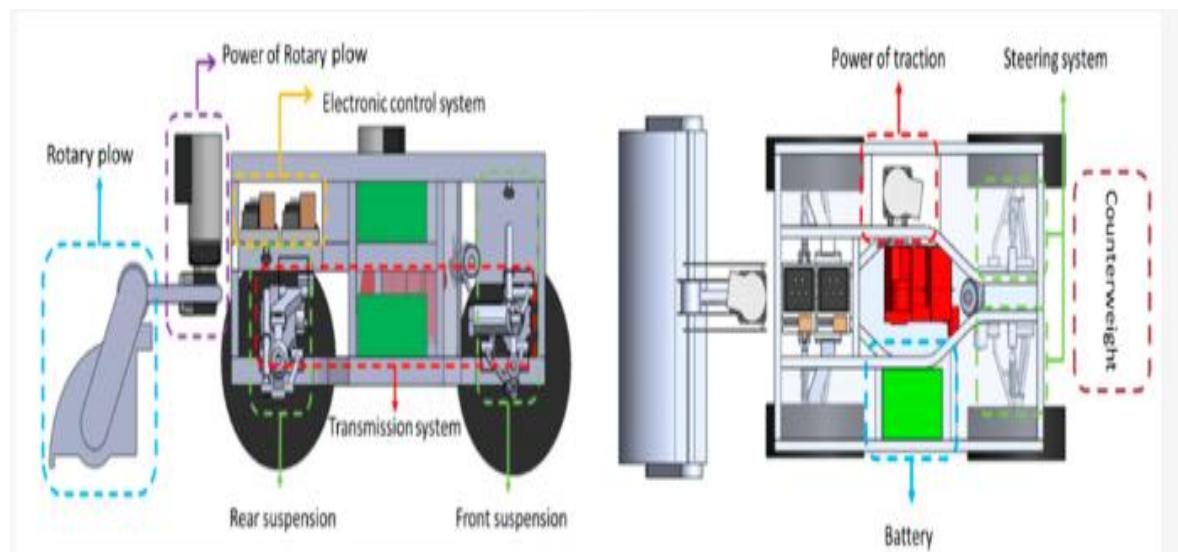


Figure 3.16: Body design

Materials and methods:

The vehicle design was categorized into four distinct sections: The design of the vehicle body which prioritized lightweight constructions, and incorporates safety Measures, the power and vehicle control aspect, responsible for supplying the vehicle with power and encompassing a range of system integration and unmanned control features, the mechanism design aimed at enhanced mechanical functionalities and analysing the vehicles driving conditions, And finally the field test and overall implementations of the entire vehicle. This divisions are visually represented in the figure below.

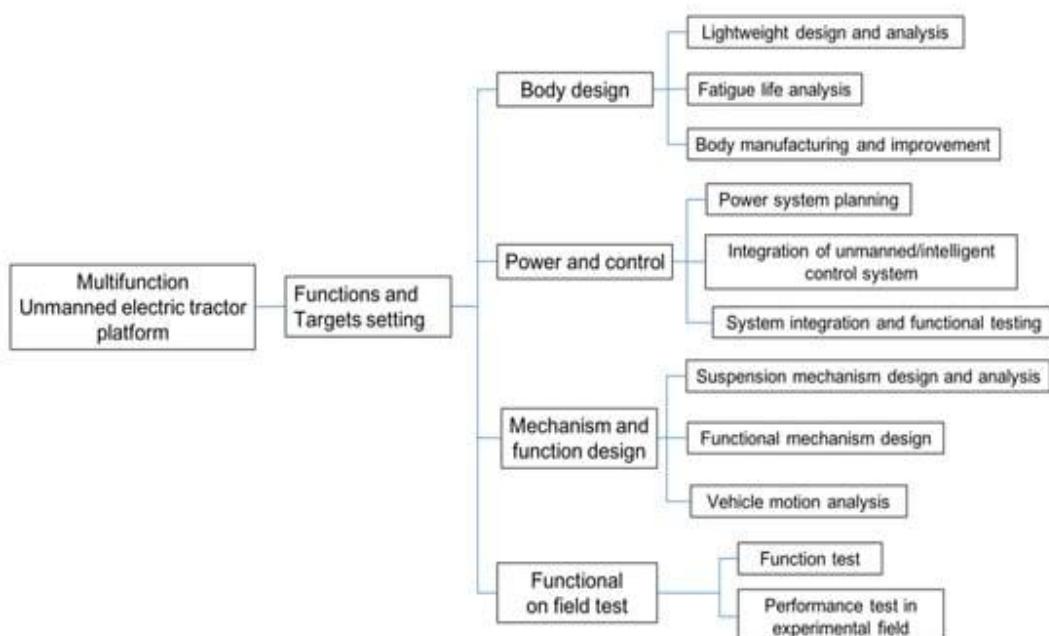


Figure 3.17: Flow chart of Multifunction Unmanned electric tractor

The power and design of the vehicle depend on the type of tractor and the load it carries. A small electric tractor used mainly in greenhouses, has smaller dimensions, weight ,and motor power compared to a high-load tracker. It is a specifically designed for rotary tillage and plowing tasks, show resistance are calculated based on these options.

Testing and simulation:

The default setting offers a drive cycle known as ftp75, which serves as a compulsory dynamometer test widely adopted as an industry standard. This drive cycle, characterized by both high and low velocities, proves to be an effective means of assessing the drivetrains parameters. The FTP, 75 drive cycle is presented in the following manner:

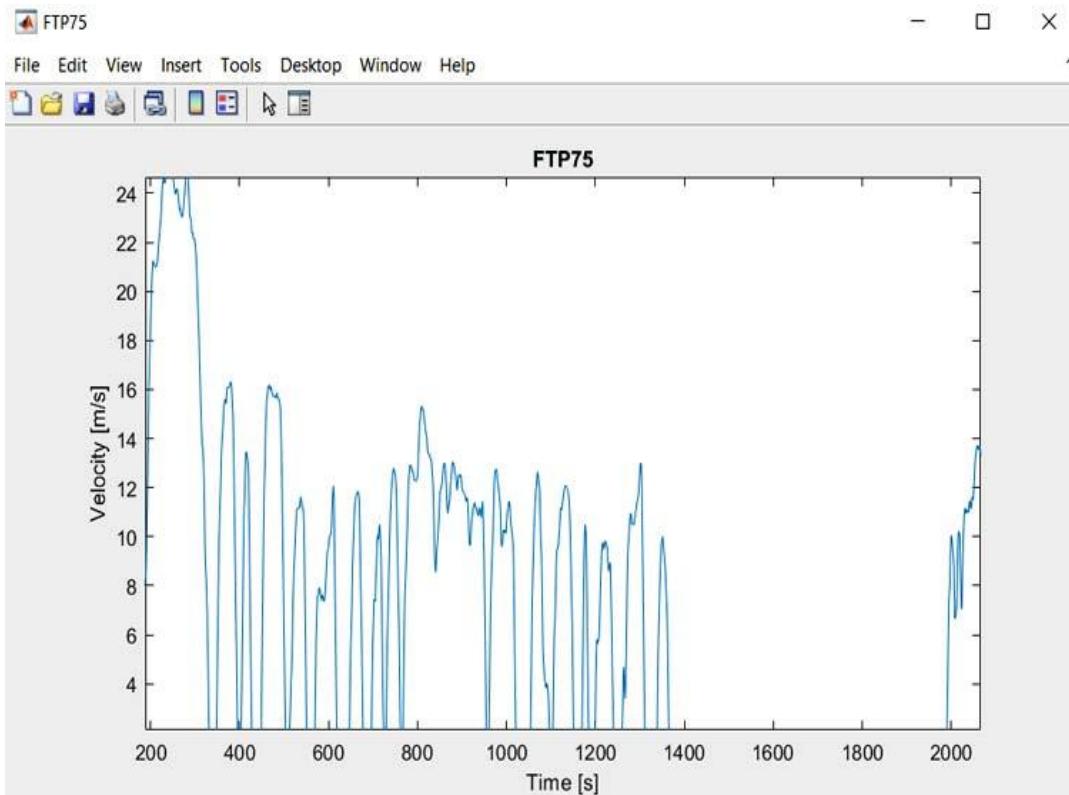


Figure 3.18: Testing and Simulation graph 1

However, we will utilise the EC extra-urban driving cycle as it consists of a 400 second drive cycle with more gradual acceleration. The image below illustrates the variation in vehicle velocity over time on the other hand, the image about display, the speed come acceleration and gear changes over time. Lastly, the lawyer graph depicts the real time output observed during simulation.

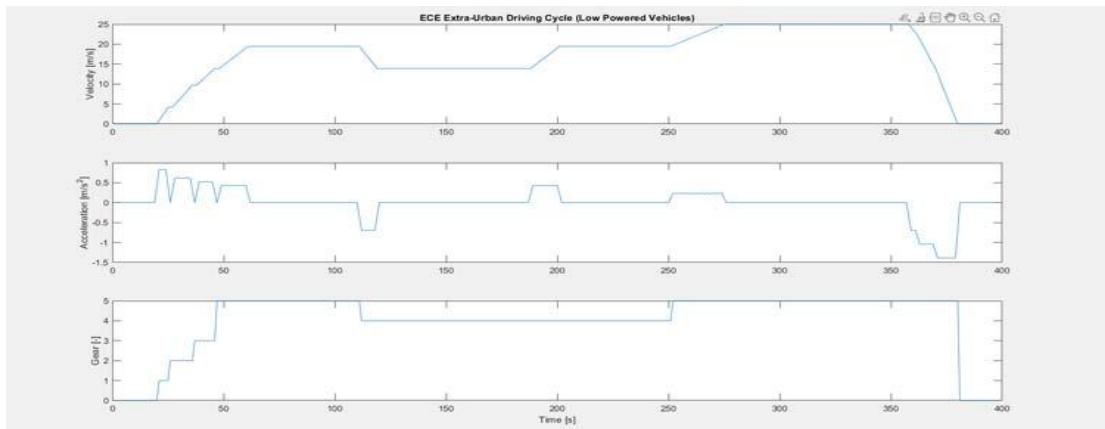


Figure 3.19: Testing and Simulation graph 2

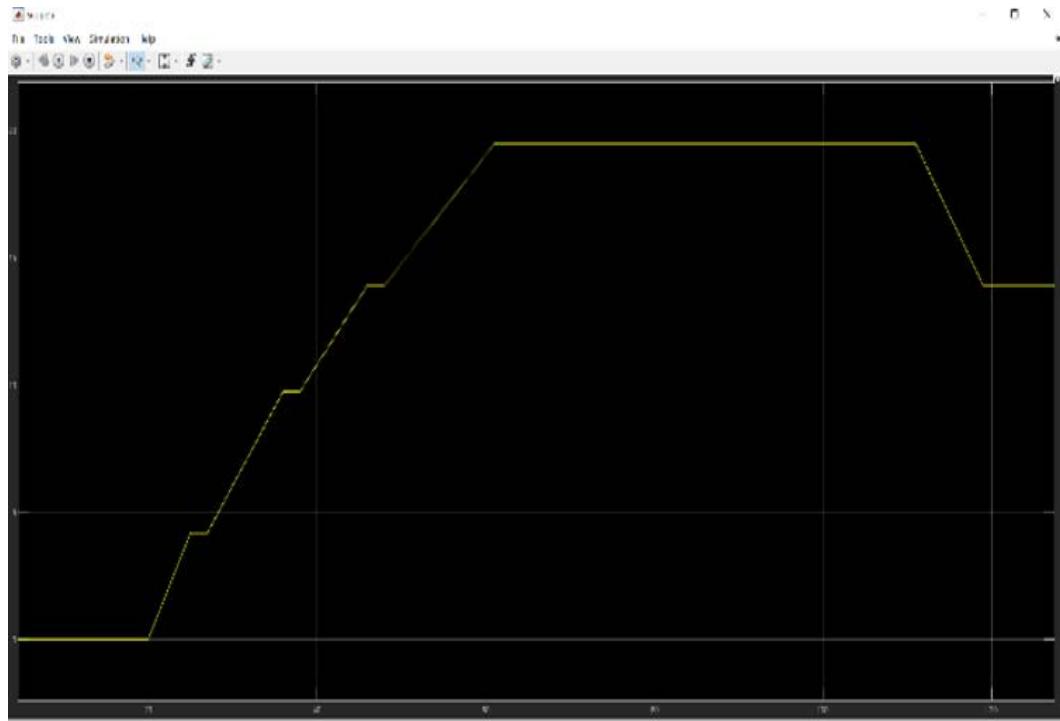


Figure 3.20: Matlab simulation graph 1

The image presented below depicts the MATLAB Simulation, illustrated the temporal evaluation of the Motors current, the image about demonstrates the progressive increases in current as the motor initiates its operation. This image serves the purpose of showcase in the remarkable capabilities and processing power of MATLAB. Notably, the time interval between each spike is a more 0.001 seconds, or equivalently, 1 millisecond. The graph positioned at the bottom portrays. The relationship between current and time over a duration 120. Seconds. It elucidates the gradual decline in current value when the vehicle maintains a constant velocity.

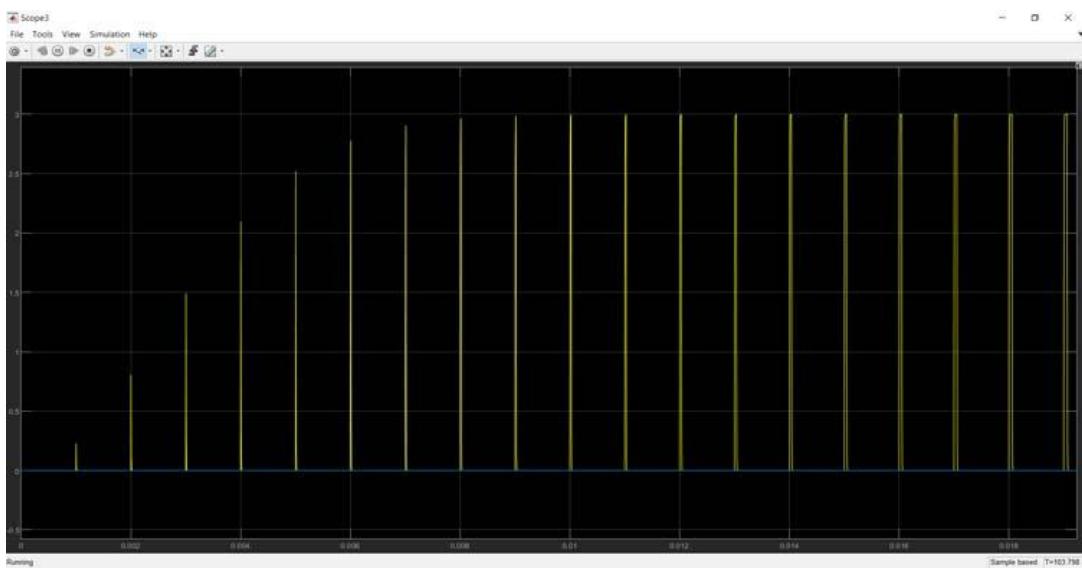


Figure 3.21: Matlab simulation graph 2

Simulations :

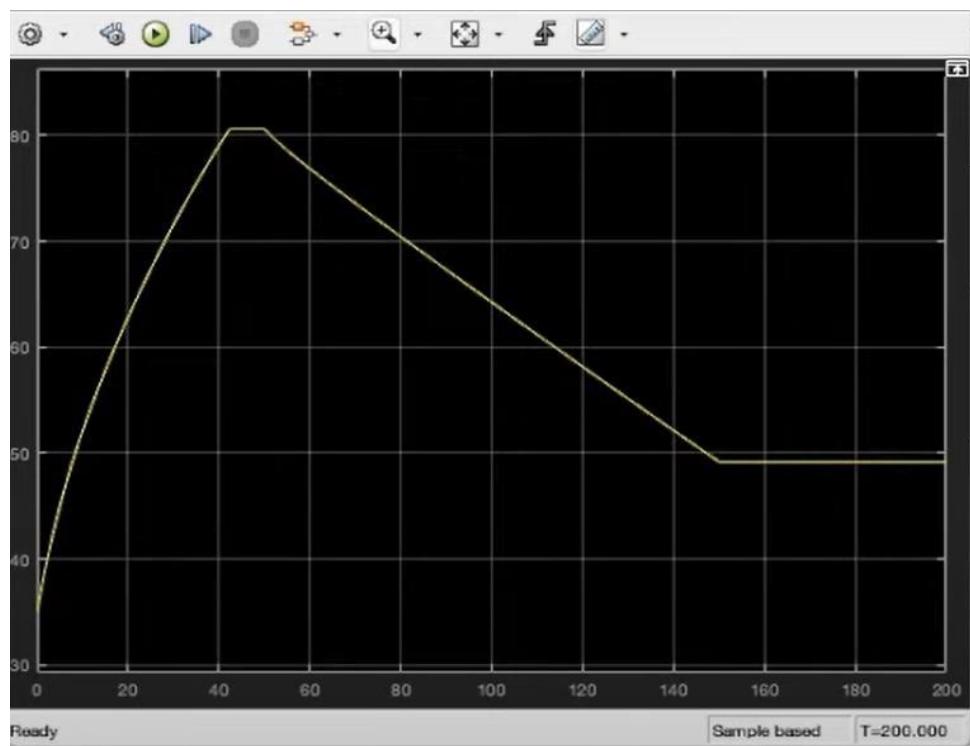


Figure 3.22: Matlab simulation graph 3

CHAPTER – 4

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4.1 Test and validation

4.1.1 Test plan

The test plan for an electric tractor delineates the structured method for conforming and validating the functionality, performance, safety, and dependability of the vehicle during its development strategies. It establishes precise test goals, approaches, Protocols, Acceptance standards, and accountability to guarantee throughout testing and validation.

Test Objectives:

The main goals of testing in compose various aspects, include the verification of functional requirements, evaluation of performance metrics, validation of safety systems, and adherence to regulate standards.

Test Scope:

Specify the extent of testing, encompassing the constituents, sub systems and operational scenarios to be assessed (Example- motor control, battery management, integration implementation, environmental conditions).

Test strategy:

Outlined the comprehensive testing strategy, methodology to be employed, such as simulations-based testing, prototype testing, field trials and the order of testing procedures.

Test methodologies:

Recognize particular test methodologies and techniques to utilize, include:

- **Functional Testing-** for instance unit testing, integration testing.
- **Performance Testing-** such as speed testing, efficiency testing, range testing.
- **Safety Testing-** like emergency stops testing, collision avoidance is testing.
- **Environmental Testing-** include temperature testing, dust resistance testing moisture testing.
- **Regulatory compliance Testing-** Emission testing, safety standards testing.

Test plan components:

Test scenarios: create comprehensive test scenarios for each testing situation, outlining the input and anticipated outputs and conditions for testing

Procedures for testing: outline the sequential steps for carrying out each test scenario in composing setup guidelines, execution procedures and methods for collecting data.

Criteria for acceptance: Set forth the standards for evaluating the success or failure of test scenario or test case, based on expected result and performance benchmarks.

Tools and equipment for testing: identify the necessary testing tools, equipment's, and resource required to effectively conduct tests

Test execution: Plan the process of execution test cases contain roles and responsible of test team members, schedule of testing activities and distribution of resources.

Test report and documentation:

The definition of test report encompasses both the format and contents, which consist of test results, observations, issues, identified and recommendations for improvements. This report serves as a comprehensive documentation process that records test procedures, configurations, and outcomes. This documentation is crucial for future reference and traceability, ensuring that the testing process can be accurately retracted and referenced when needed.

Risk management: In testing provides important to identify and address potential risk like safety hazards and technical failures. By doing so, effective strategies can be implemented to minimize this risk during testing. This proactive approach ensure that testing activities are conducted in a manner that prioritizes safety and reduce technical failures, resulting in more reliable and successful outcomes.

Validation and sign-off: Criteria are established to validate the electric tractors performance and readiness for deployment. This includes user acceptance, testing and stakeholders sign-off. These criteria serve as benchmarks to ensure that it meets the necessary standard and requirement before it can be deployed,

4.1.2 Test Approach

This methodology encompasses a wide range of testing components, functional validation, performance assessment, safety checks, and comprehensive system verification. The objective is to guarantee that the electric tractor satisfies functional criteria, performance benchmarks, safety regulations, command user anticipation.

Unit testing: involve the validation of individual components, such as the electric motor, commercial management system, control units in isolation. It aims to verify functionalities like motor operation, battery charging, discharging and sensor input and outputs.

Integration testing: focus on validating integrations and interfaces between subsystems, such as motor and battery integration, and control system integration. This testing phase verifies communication protocols. Data exchange and system interpretability

System testing: is conducted to validate the overall system behavior and performance of the electric tractor. It involves end to end testing to ensure that all component work together as intended

Performance testing: includes speed and acceleration testing, which measure and verifies maximum speed, acceleration capabilities, and response time. It also evaluates speed control and stability under different load conditions.

Range estimation: Determine and confirm the effective distance that the electric tractor can cover by taking into account the battery capacity and patrons of usage. Carry out range trials in different scenarios to evaluate the actual performance in practical situations

Safety features testing: evaluate safety system like emergency stop collision avoidance command rollover protection to ensure they work effectively and provide a necessary protection. It is important for agricultural machinery to meet safety standards and regulations to enhance overall safety and minimize accidents.

4.1.3 Features Tested

During the elevation of an electric tractor's performance using MATLAB and Simulink, numerous essential characteristics and matrix can be examined and assessed to enhance the operational efficiency of the tractor.

Motor performance analysis:

- **Motor efficiency:** access motor efficiency across varying loads, speed, and torque requirement utilizing Simulink models.
- **Torque characteristic:** create a model and analyze motor Torque characteristics for different operational scenarios.
- **Speed regulation:** evaluate motor speed control algorithms and response time to speed input.
- **Dynamic performance:** simulate transient Response of the motor to acceleration and deceleration signals.

Battery and energy management:

- **Battery state of charge (Soc) estimation:** Formulate algorithms for estimating battery soc through Simulink simulations and battery models.
- **Energy consumption analysis:** Compute and analyze energy consumption rates during common tractor tasks.
- **Range estimation:** predict battery usage to estimate the electric tractors. Operational range under various load and terrain conditions.
- **Battery thermal management:** model battery thermal behavior and evaluate cooling/heating strategies for optimal battery performance.

Power train integration and control:

- **Powertrain modeling:** simulate the integration of electric motor transmission, and control system using Simulink.
- **Control system optimization:** fine-tune control algorithms for motor speed, Torque, and energy management.
- **Regenerative breaking analysis:** model regenerative braking system and access energy recovery efficiency during breaking.

System level simulation and analysis:

System level simulation and analysis involves integration models of the motor, battery, control system to simulate the behavior of the electric tractor as a whole. This include conducting steady-state. And transient analysis to access stability and performance under dynamic conditions.

Fault detection and diagnostics:

Fault detection and diagnostic help identify anomalies, while parameter optimization aims to enhance system performance. Interactive development based on simulation feedbacks allows for continuous improvement and refinement of the system designed to meet performance standards.

4.1.4 Features not tested

During the evaluation of the performance of an electric tractor with MATLAB Simulink it is crucial to take into account the aspect that may not be verifiable through simulation-based analysis.

Physical mechanical components:

Physical testing is necessary to ensure the durability and reliability of mechanical components like bearings, gears, moving parts. This testing is also important for assessing the resilience of choices. Camera and body component to vibration commerce shocks, command physical stresses.

Environmental factors:

Feed conditions: simulations may not fully replicate the complexity of architect conditions; include various terrains, soil types, and climate changes.

Debris and debris: the impact of dust, debris and pollutions on the tractors. Performance may require field test and inspections

Human factors and ergonomics: Operator comfort, visibility and ergonomics, crucial for extent operation may not be adequately assessed through simulation. User testing and feedback may be necessary to validate the usability and effectiveness of the tractor's user interface, including controllers and display.

Human mechanical interaction: Simulations may not comprehensively consider the operators training and experience, both of which have the potential to influence performance and efficiency in practical human machine interaction scenarios.

4.1.5 Findings

It is crucial to conduct a systematic analysis of simulation results, identifies significant observations, and draw practical conclusions that can guide design enhancement and optimization when performing a performance analysis of an electric tractor using MATLAB Simulink

Findings are:

Motor performance analysis: analyse motor performance to find efficient operating point for necessary torque in tractor test. Use torque speed graphs and efficiency charts to improve motor selection and control tactics.

Battery and energy management: assess the precision and dependability of SOC estimation algorithms across drivers load profiles and driving scenarios. Enhance battery management tactics to extend battery life span and optimise energy consumption.

Energy consumption and range estimation: This study aims to analyse energy consumption rates in tractor task like ploughing and towing to estimate operational range. By identifying factors influencing energy usage, we can suggest efficient improvement. This research will enhance understanding of energy usage of tractors and offer insights for optimising energy efficiency in agriculture.

System level simulation and integration: Evaluation of overall system performance verify the integration and interplay among the motor, battery, transmission and control system. To guarantee smooth and efficient operation. Dictate any bottlenecks or performance constraints within the system in order to enhance the design.

Data analysis and visualisation: Utilize MATLAB tools for data analysis to visualisation patterns. Relationships, and key performance indicators within simulation data. Develop visual representation, such as plots, schema groups, and reports to effectively convey the insights derived from the analysis.

CHAPTER 5

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5.1. Business Aspects

5.1.1. The Market and economic outlook

Market analysis:

The market for electric collector is currently undergoing significant growth and transmission due to several key factors. One of the primary drivers, is the increasing demand for sustainable agriculture practices worldwide as awareness of environmental impact and climate change concerns grows. Farmers and agricultural businesses are actively seeking cleaner and greener alternatives to traditional design powered machinery. Electric tractors align with their sustainability goals and offer a more environmentally friendly solution.

Furthermore, govt policies and regulations are playing a crucial role in promoting the adoption of clean energy and reducing greenhouse gas emission. Incentives such as subsidies, tax credits, and grants for electric vehicle purchases and infrastructure development are simulating market growth and attracting investment in electric tractor

Advancements in electric vehicle technology are also contributing to the market's growth. Ongoing innovations in battery technology. Electric drive trains and charging infrastructure are improving the overall performance, range and efficiency of electric tractors. Features like fast charging capabilities, longer battery life, predictive maintenance system or enhancing the appeal and competitiveness of electric tractor in the market.

In conclusion, market for electric tractor is experiencing significant growth and transmission driven by the increasing demand for sustainable agriculture commercially support and incentives, advancement in electric vehicle technology and market segmentation and adoption. These factors collectively contribute to the markets positive outlook and present opportunities for future development and expansion in the future.

Economics outlook:

The economic feasibility and attractiveness of electric tractors are shaped by a variety of tractors. Electric tractor has the potential to offer long term cost savings in comparison to diesel tractors, primarily due to lower fuel and maintenance expenses. It is crucial to calculate the total cost of ownership, which includes initial investment and operational costs throughout the tractors lifespan to access the

economic viability. Farmers and agricultural businesses are analyzing the return of investment related to electric tractors, taking into account factors such as fuel savings, maintenance expenditures, and productivity enhancement. Financial incentives, such as decreased operating costs and potential resale value, play a role in determining the overall role of electric tractors. The availability and accessibility of charging infrastructure are key factors that impact the economic feasibility of electric tractors. Investment in charging station grid capacity enhancement and renewable energy resources are necessary to facilitate widespread adoption and utilization.

The expansion of electric tractor production and supply chain optimization are contributing to reduce manufacturing costs and enhance economic of scale through collaborative efforts among manufacturers, suppliers, and technology providers and fostering innovation and cost competitiveness within the electric tractor market.

5.1.2 Novel features

Electric tractor has unique features and cutting-edge technology that differentiate them from traditional diesel tractors. These characteristics, leverage advancement in electric vehicle technology to enhance performance, efficiency, sustainability in agriculture.

Electronic motor: cutting-edge electric motor is utilized to replace traditional diesel engine, delivering immediate torque and seamless acceleration. Various motor configurations allow for individual control of each wheel boost in traction and maneuverability.

Battery technology: State of the art battery systems commerce such as Lithium-Ion or solid-state batteries, Provide extended range and rapid charging capabilities in constraints to conventional lead acid batteries.

Precision agricultural integration: Integrated sensor and IOT connectivity incorporate sensor like GPS, Accelerometers, and soil measure sensor gather real time data from position agriculture and applications. IOT connectivity facilitates remote monitoring data analysis, and autonomous functionality enhancing forming practices and resource management.

Precision control system: Automated steering system, variable rate application technologies, and task specific control algorithms elevate precision and efficiency in field operations. Optimal path planning and field mapping features optimize seed planting, spraying, and harvesting tasks.

5.1.3 Possible capstone project clients and customers

It is a crucial pinpoint stakeholder who stand to gain from or have an interested in the result of an electric tractor project when evaluating potential capstone projects clients and customers.

Agricultural equipment manufacturers:

- **Clients:** Recognized manufacturers looking for to expand into electric tractors
- **Customers:** Agriculturalists and dealerships absorbed in adopting electric agricultural equipment.

Govt agencies and Research Institutions:

- **Clients:** agencies and institutions focused on agricultural development and sustainability
- **Customers:** Policy makers, researchers, and academics in the agricultural sector.

Sustainable farming organizations:

- **Clients:** on nonprofit and advocate groups promoting sustainable agriculture.
- **Customers:** environmentally consider farmers and community supported agricultural programmers.

Energy consumption and utilizes:

Clients: renewable energy providers interested in addition electro tractors.

Customers: former look to accept renewable energy answers for forming operations

Technologies startup and Innovators:

Clients: teach start-ups emerging electric vehicle technologies.

Customers: early

5.2 Financial considerations

5.2.1 Capstone project budget

Table 5.1 Total budget

Work based-on categories	Actual labour cost	Actual material cost and equipment cost	Actual overhead cost
Research: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• various project analysis			
Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• cost analysis• Timeline analysis• Risk analysis• Scope of the project			
Hardware requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front axel• Rear axel• Wheels• Other accessories• Chassie• Steering• battery			
Sensor requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor• Controller• throttle pedal• ignition switch• speedometer and acetometers• braking switch• connecting accessories.			
Design: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block diagram			
Software requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MATLAB Simulink			
Testing and validation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methodology• laboratory experiments• simulations• modelling			
Documentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase report• daily log report• PowerPoint presentation• final report.			

Result and inference:			
• Conclusion			

5.2.2 Cost capstone projections needed

Several factors need to be considered when determining the budget for a capstone project. Here are some key considerations to help you estimate a budget for your capstone project:

Project Scope: Determine the specific goals and objectives of your capstone project. Consider the type of project, the scale, and the expected deliverables. A larger and more complex project may require a higher budget.

Resources: Identify the resources needed to complete the project. This includes personnel, equipment, materials, software licenses, and any external services required. Please make a list of all the necessary resources and their associated costs.

Labour Costs: Consider their fees or salaries if your project involves hiring professionals or specialists. Calculate their estimated hours on the project and multiply it by their hourly rate or monthly salary.

Equipment and Materials: Identify the equipment, hardware, software, and materials required for your capstone project. Research the prices of these items and include them in your budget. If you plan to purchase equipment, consider whether it will be a one-time expense or if it can be reused for future projects.

Travel and Logistics: If your capstone project involves travel, fieldwork, or data collection outside of your immediate location, account for transportation, accommodation, and any other related expenses.

Contingency: It's always a good idea to include a contingency fund in your budget to account for unexpected expenses or changes in project scope. A common practice is to allocate around 10-15% of the total budget as a contingency.

Funding Sources: Consider any available funding sources for your capstone project, such as grants, sponsorships, or university resources. Determine the amount of funding you can secure and factor it into your budget.

Cost Tracking and Reporting: Implement a system for tracking and reporting project expenses to ensure that you stay within your budget and can provide accurate financial documentation if required.

5.3 Conclusion and Recommendations

5.3.1 Future directions for electric tractor development

As the adoption of electric tractors continues to gain momentum, there are several promising areas of future research and development to further enhance the efficiency, performance, and scalability of electric forming equipment.

Battery technology advancement

- **Energy density and range:** Research on improving battery energy density to increase the range and operational efficiency of electric tractor

Exploration of advanced battery chemistry for higher energy storage capacity and fast charging

- **Fast charging infrastructure:**

Development of ultra-fast charging technologies to minimize downtime and optimize operational uptime for electric tractor.

Integration of bi-directional charging capabilities to support vehicle-to-grid applications and enhance grid flexibility.

Power optimization

- **Multimotored configurations:**

Investigation of advanced drivetrain architectures with multiple electric motors for enhanced traction control and torque vectoring.

- **Hybridization and energy management:**

Integration of hybrid powertrains combining electric and traditional combustion engines for extended range and flexibility in agricultural operations.

Sustainability and environmental impact

- **Lifecycle assessment:**

Conducting comprehensive lifecycle assessments to evaluate the environmental impact

of electric tractors compared to conventional diesel power equipment.

- **Renewable energy integration:**

Promotion of renewable energy integration into agricultural operations such as solar powered charging stations and wind power farms.

User experience and adoption

- **Operator comfort and ergonomics:** Continuous improvement of cabin design, ergonomic controls, and operator interface to enhance user experience and reduce operator fatigue

5.3.2 Outline how the capstone project may be extended

To extend the capstone project on electric tractors, a comparison plan will build up upon the initial objectives and achievements while delaying deeper into key areas of technology, development and optimization. The project will focus on advancing battery technology by researching and testing new chemistries to improve energy density and charging efficiency. Additionally, efforts will be made to implement fast charging capabilities and explore alternative energy storage solutions, such as solid-state batteries to enhance the tractor range and operational flexibility.

In the realm of powertrain and motor optimization, the power will be delayed into developing advanced motor control algorithms aimed at optimizing efficiency and torque distribution in electric tractors. This will evolve investigation into broken systems to maximize energy recovery during operation, feature improvement overall energy efficiency and reducing dependence on external charges.

Sustainability and environmental impact will remain central terms of the extended project, with a focus on conducting a comparison life cycle assessment (LCA) to evaluate the environmental footprint of electric tractors. Risk assessment will inform optimization in manufacturing process and materials to enhance sustainability and lifecycle ability.

A detailed project extension plan will include a well-defined research and development roadmap with specific milestones, timelines, and resource requirements for each phase. Collaborative partnerships with industry stakeholders, research institutions, and agricultural organizations will be established to leverage external expertise and resources, accelerating technology development and testing. Prototype development and field trials will be conducted to validate new technologies and gather user feedback, ultimately assessing the impact of extended electric tractor

technologies on farm productivity, cost savings, and environmental sustainability.

The project outcomes will be disseminated through academic publications, industry reports, and conference presentations to share insights and findings with stakeholders and the wider community. Workshops and outreach events will be organized to facilitate knowledge exchange and promote the adoption of electric tractors, contributing to the advancement of sustainable agriculture practices and technology innovation in the farming sector.

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