Hybrid Electric Recumbent Motorcycle Powertrain

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0.1 Abstract

Many automotive manufacturers are actively pursuing hybrid vehicle technology in an attempt to improve fuel economy and reduce harmful emissions. In response to the need to establish alternative sources of vehicle propulsion, this project has worked in collaboration with Electrion, Inc. to develop a unique personal transportation device utilizing a hybrid electric powertrain. Electrion's patented design utilizes a drag-reducing recumbent seating position and a hybrid-electric powertrain to increase fuel efficiency.

This project's efforts focused on designing, constructing, and testing a hybridelectric powertrain for integration with Electrion's personal transportation device. The team evaluated various powertrain configurations based on their ability to meet size, weight, and power requirements. The final design combines a four-stroke combustion engine, a DC generator, a lithium polymer battery pack, and a lightweight DC motor in a series configuration. The team tested the powertrain on a dynamometer to simulate real world driving conditions.

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1 Introduction 1.1 Description

The Hybrid Electric Recumbent Motorcycle Powertrain project is Phase III of an ongoing attempt to design a highly efficient, alternative-fuel personal transportation device. Phase I was completed by pending patent-holder Dr. Joseph Kejha of Electrion, Inc. and dealt with the construction and testing of an initial concept-prototype. A 2001-2002 Messiah College senior engineering design team completed Phase II by redesigning the chassis/frame, steering, and braking systems (see section 8.1.1). This final design report chronicles the achievements of the 2002-2003 Hybrid Electric Recumbent Motorcycle Powertrain team.

Essentially, the Hybrid Electric Recumbent Motorcycle Powertrain project successfully completed Phase III by designing and building a high-performance powertrain as a prototype-ready proof of concept for the pending recumbent personal transportation device. Two semesters of engineering research, planning, design, construction and testing, have culminated in the realization of a hybrid powertrain that will be able to meet or exceed the characteristic objectives of a high performance vehicle of this class. This includes being able to cruise at a speed of 40 mph, climb a 5% grade at 35mph for one mile, occupy less than 42.5 liters, and weigh less than 40 kilograms. Additionally, the powertrain can maintain a minimum service interval of greater than 100 hours and is serviceable with standard tools (for a full description of the project's objectives and performance, please refer to section 6.1.). The powertrain utilizes a cutting edge internal combustion engine, electric generator, DC electric motor and controller, and energy storage device to produce a high-performance propulsion system. The following sections detail the nuances of the powertrain and explain the background, methodology and results of the project.

1.2 Literature Review

SIGNIFICANCE OF HYBRID VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT

While gasoline combustion engines are the most common driving force behind modern personal transportation, they are also directly related to a host of complex problems. Petroleum-based fuels are a non-renewable resource. In addition, when burned, they emit a mixture of hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide, which ongoing studies link to global warming, ecological, and health-related trends. Furthermore, petroleum product dependence has significant socio-political implications in both intra- and international relations. Thus, hybrid vehicle development strives to preserve natural resources, reduce harmful emissions, and shift our global dependence from petroleum to a combination of better fuel alternatives. Hybrid vehicles are quickly becoming a high performance challenger to the gasoline combustion transportation market.

The state of California, along with states like Georgia and New York, is an incredible advocate for alternative transportation fuel solutions. There is a coalition of states under the Federal Department of Energy (DOE) that is working to offer incentives to

consumers for making the switch to more efficient, less emissive hybrid vehicles. Nearly all of the major automotive corporations of the world are matching this shifting paradigm with offerings of hybrid vehicles. At the time of this proposal, consumers can purchase vehicles in a variety of categories, such as 'friendly' Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV), 'forward thinking' Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV), and 'moderate' hybrids, which are traditional gasoline or diesel combustion automobiles with electric motor powerassistance. Although most of these vehicles are geared toward urban commuters, many are being developed for short-range suburban use as well (i.e. NEV's) and, with the right appeal to popular culture, may soon be both economical and practical.

CURRENT HYBRID VEHICLE DESIGN

A hybrid powertrain is a system that combines two or more power sources to produce propulsion power. Most major automotive manufacturers, including Honda⁸, Toyota⁹, Ford¹⁰, and Daimler-Chrysler¹¹, have invested significantly in the research and development of hybrid powertrains. These manufacturers are pursing hybrid technology as a means to provide increased fuel mileage and decreased emissions without sacrificing performance relative to a conventional gasoline-powered vehicle.

A hybrid powertrain combines a combustion engine, an electric motor, an electric generator, and a battery pack in one of two basic configurations. In a series hybrid, the combustion engine does not connect directly to the drive wheel. Instead, the engine's power flows directly to the generator, which converts it into electricity. The generator can then either send the electricity directly to the electric motor to drive the wheel or to the battery pack for storage. Since the drive wheel only receives power from the electric motor, the peak power output of a series hybrid powertrain is limited to the peak power output of its electric motor. As a result, series hybrids typically possess lower peak power output compared to other configurations. However, since the combustion engine in a series hybrid does not connect directly to the drive wheel, the engine is able to operate at its most efficient speed regardless of the vehicle's speed. This helps increase fuel-efficiency and decrease emissions.¹² Additionally, the fact that the engine does not connect directly to the drive wheel in a series hybrid makes the packaging of the powertrain very flexible.

Series hybrid configurations are best suited to small-scale applications, such as one or two person automobiles and motorcycles. Since these applications require efficient use of available space, they benefit from the series configuration's packaging flexibility. Additionally, since these types of vehicles are very lightweight, they can still possess acceptable performance despite the limited power output of a series configuration.¹³

In a parallel hybrid, both the combustion engine and the electric motor are mechanically coupled to the drive wheel. This is typically accomplished either by a system of clutches or by a planetary gear set. In a parallel configuration, the power from the combustion engine can flow to either the generator or the drive wheel. Additionally, this configuration permits both the electric motor and the combustion engine to send their power to the drive wheel. Thus, the total power output of a parallel hybrid is equal to the output of the combustion engine plus the output of the electric motor. This essentially allows a parallel hybrid equipped with a smaller, more fuel-efficient combustion engine to offer performance equivalent to a conventional vehicle with a much larger, less fuel-efficient engine.¹⁴

Due to their ability to source power from both the engine and the electric motor, parallel hybrids hold an advantage in peak power output over series hybrids. However, compared to a series hybrid, the extra mechanical couplings required in a parallel configuration can make it more difficult to package in small-scale applications. Additionally, due to the increased number of system variables, the controlling strategy of a parallel hybrid is much more complex than that of a series hybrid.

Presently, both Honda and Toyota have released vehicles to the public that utilize hybrid powertrain technology. The Honda Insight, released in 2000, was the first publicly available hybrid vehicle in the United States. The Insight uses a relatively simple parallel hybrid powertrain system that Honda refers to as "Integrated Motor Assist" (IMA). The IMA system has a small electric motor, rated at 10 kW, coupled to a 1.0-liter 67 hp gasoline engine by a clutch at the spot where the flywheel normally attaches. The gasoline engine provides the primary source of propulsion and the electric motor supplies additional power for accelerating and climbing hills. The electric motor can also function as a generator that is able to absorb power from both the gasoline engine and the vehicle's momentum (regenerative braking) to recharge the vehicle's battery pack. The Insight's IMA hybrid powertrain, combined with its extensive use of lightweight materials and advanced aerodynamics, produces impressive results. The Insight achieves EPA fuel mileage figures of 61 mpg city and 68 mpg highway while reserving the ability to accelerate from 0-60mph in 11 seconds.⁸

Toyota's entry into the hybrid vehicle segment, the Prius, was released in 2001. The Prius's hybrid powertrain, dubbed the "Toyota Hybrid System" (THS), uses a notably different approach than the Honda Insight. Whereas the Insight possesses as strictly parallel powertrain configuration, the Prius's THS is effectively a combination parallel and series configuration. At the center of the Prius's THS is a planetary gear set connecting a 70 hp, 1.5-liter gasoline engine, a 44 hp electric motor, a separate electric generator, and the differential. In this gear set, the engine connects to the planet carrier, the generator connects to the sun gear, and the electric motor and differential connect to the ring gear. The planetary gear set allows the Prius to combine the benefits of both series and parallel hybrid systems. Since the electric motor alone, the gasoline engine alone, or a combination of the two can power the Prius, it can be classified as a parallel hybrid. This configuration allows the Prius the potential for lower emissions and higher peak power output than a series configuration. The Prius also possesses a series hybrid's ability to operate the gasoline engine independently of the vehicle's speed. This allows the engine to run at its most efficient speed, providing the potential for greater fuel-efficiency than a strictly parallel configuration. The Prius's unique hybrid powertrain allows the 2800 lb vehicle to achieve EPA fuel mileage figures of 52 mpg city and 45 mpg highway.⁹

Presently, there are a total of three hybrid automobiles available to the public from manufacturers Honda and Toyota. Hybrid technology is currently available only in compact sedans, but vehicles under development by Ford and Daimler-Chrysler will expand this technology to sport utility vehicles and trucks in the very near future. While the automotive industry is pouring lots of resources into developing hybrid technology for medium to large sized vehicles, few companies are working to develop hybrid technology for smaller applications.

One company that is pursuing small-scale hybrid technology is eCycle. ECycle, primarily a manufacturer of brushless DC motors and controllers for a variety of

applications, is currently developing a hybrid-powered motorcycle. The eCycle hybrid features a parallel powertrain with an interesting controlling strategy that combines a 219cc diesel engine and an 8 kW electric motor/generator. The engine and motor/generator are directly connected to each other, so they constantly spin at the same speed. When accelerating from a standstill, no fuel is sent to the engine, so the motorcycle only receives power from the electric motor. Once the motorcycle reaches 12mph, the control system begins sending fuel to the engine, and it starts to supply power. When the motorcycle reaches cruising speed, the electric motor no longer supplies power to the motorcycle. Instead, as it spins in sync with the engine, it generates power to recharge the battery pack. If additional power is requested while cruising, the control system will send current to the motor, and it will once again supply power to the motorcycle. eCycle's hybrid system results in a motorcycle capable of accelerating from zero to sixty in six seconds and reaching an 80 mph top speed while getting achieving 180 mpg.¹⁵

REGENERATIVE ENERGY (BRAKING)

Regenerative braking is the process of recovering kinetic energy from the moving vehicle during deceleration. It is accomplished by using a traction motor as a generator, which provides braking torque to the wheels and electrical power to the battery pack. On vehicles with large amounts of mass in motion, regenerative braking can recover a significant quantity of energy that would otherwise be lost. However, on smaller vehicles, such as motorcycles and scooters, it is debatable whether the benefits of this process are great enough to justify its incorporation. Additionally, regenerative braking can only be applied to the driven axles. Thus, in a motorcycle, where approximately 70% of the braking power resides at the front axle, regenerative braking can only be applied to the rear axle.¹⁶

LITHIUM-ION POLYMER BATTERIES

Lithium-ion Polymer batteries are a noteworthy improvement in the realm of battery technology. Traditionally, Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries have been the standard for portable and small-cell energy storage. Li-ion polymer batteries are the realization of a new lighter, more adaptable design that maintains and, in some cases, exceeds the performance of Li-ion and Lead-Acid batteries (the latter of which are extremely heavy.) Essentially, Li-ion polymer batteries replace the porous separation layer that needed to be soaked with liquid electrolyte with an extremely thin, flexible polymer membrane that permits ion exchange. This unsaturated polymer membrane eradicates the need for liquid electrolyte in the battery, which greatly simplifies the necessary packaging, and provides incredible design latitude for numerous applications. Instead, a gelled electrolyte increases the ion conductivity. This arrangement provides for greater safety (almost no chance for explosion or leakage), lessened likelihood of overcharging, and a very attractive reduction in weight. Thus, Li-ion polymer batteries offer outstanding potential for revolutionizing devices that require portable charge. This certainly includes the array of hybrid vehicles, which benefit from lessened powertrain weight by requiring less propulsive power.

At the time of this publication, there are at least thirty companies pursuing the production of Li-ion Polymer cells in the United States and around the globe.¹⁷ In fact, according to the EETimes Network, the Industry Source for Engineers and Technical Managers Worldwide, "Lithium-ion batteries will displace nickel-metal hydrides (NiMH) as the rechargeable battery of choice in cell phones and personal computers this year, and lithium-polymers are hot on their trail, according to Hideo Takeshita, research vice president of the Institute of Information Technology..."¹⁸ Despite advanced coatings that may increase the life-cycle of NiMH cells¹⁹, the lithium-ion polymer cells are still showing the most promise for long term utilization. "While 740 million lithium-ion cells were shipped in 2002, lithium-polymer technology offers greater storage capacity and its costs are approaching lithium-ion's, Takeshita said. In addition, lithium-polymer technology can assume compact, oddly-shaped form factors, which helps explain its increased use. Twenty million lithium-polymer cells were used in 2001, increasing to 50 million in 2002, *Takeshita said*."¹⁸ Lithium-ion polymer cells' increased safety and ability to assume nontraditional geometries makes them the cutting edge storage solution for all types of lightweight media, including recumbent hybrid vehicles.

DC MOTORS

In keeping up with the rest of the technological micro-revolution, DC motors are becoming ever lighter, smaller and more powerful. New applications develop daily, demanding higher power for propulsion and motion generation. Developers are meeting the demands of the small-scale design market by designing space and weight-conscious versions of traditional designs. Companies such as eCycle, Incorporated in Temple, PA have met the space and weight demands by designing a lightweight brushless permanent magnet DC motor/generator. It is the self-proclaimed "most efficient and least expensive 5kW motor/generator available," according to the company website²⁰, generating up to 5kW at only 6kg. Briggs and Stratton licensed the first generation Lynch motor design²¹ and markets the eTek DC motor, capable of 12hp at 22.3lbs.²² It is a much more powerful motor, but carries a high weight.

The LEMCO (Lynch) LEM-130 DC motor is possibly the most progressive of the brushed permanent magnet DC motors currently available on the consumer market for ultra-lightweight applications. Weighing in at a mere 3kg, it can produce an astonishing maximum of 5hp, more than any other marketed design of comparable weight in its class. The LEM-130 is predominantly utilized in increasingly growing popular "sports" like the United Kingdom's Robot Wars²³. The "sports" consist of individuals or teams building resilient remote-controlled vehicles for various styles of demolition derbies. The LEM-130's high power-to-weight ratio and rugged, compact design make it an ideal candidate for these applications.²⁴

Similarly, it is becoming the ideal DC motor for a large variety of single-passenger electric and hybrid transportation solutions. There are currently not many end-user market solutions using the LEM-130 available because of its still-too-expensive price tag of ± 600 (\$900 USD). However, it is very commonly identified as the component-of-choice for a vast array of designers who are restricted by small budgets.²⁵ At \$900 USD, its speculated performance is only marginally justifiable against its cost, but our comprehensive literature

review indicates that its durability, efficiency and life cycle performance are worth the currently high purchase cost.

DC MOTOR CONTROLLERS

DC motor controllers supply the electric motor with voltage from the battery packs proportional to the demand indicated by a hybrid vehicle's throttle. Typically, the throttle is connected to potentiometers, which correlate a mechanical displacement to a resistance, which then correlates to an increased or decreased demand for voltage. The DC motor controller uses that data to transmit the appropriate voltage to the motor. In the motor, this translates to rotational motion for propulsion, where speed is controlled by the voltage input and current regulates torque. The DC motor controller is an integral part of the hybrid powertrain because it regulates the effective speed of the electric motor, transmitting voltage in pulses from the battery pack to the motor. These pulses can be made up to 15,000 times per second, a frequency that makes them 'silent' to human ears.²⁶ Effectively, the DC motor controller contributes to making hybrid vehicle operation quieter and is the regulatory brain for the entire electric propulsion system.

BRUSHLESS MOTOR/GENERATOR

Brushless motors have many advantages over conventional brushed motors, the most obvious being that there are no brushes or commutator. Elimination of the brushes and the commutator increases the overall efficiency of the motor in several ways. First, there is no brush drag against the commutator. This decreases the force acting against the rotation of the rotor, therefore allowing the motor to spin more freely. Second, the life of the motor is greatly increased, as there are no brushes that need to be replaced. This also maintains motor performance over the life of the motor.²⁷

A brushless motor's construction is much different than that of conventional brushed motors. In most brushed motors, permanent magnets surround the outside of the motor while a rotating electro magnet is in the center. The oppositely charged sides of the central electro magnet and outside permanent magnet are drawn to each other, forcing rotation of the rotor. As the brushes move across the commutator and the oppositely charged magnets draw close to each other, the charge in the central electro magnet is reversed, causing the rotor to continue rotating. This cycle continues and results in continuous motion of the armature. In a brushless motor, the rotor holds the permanent magnets while there are several electro magnets around it. A controller dictates the amount of current that runs through these electro magnets and produces a charge in them. The charge of the electromagnets constantly varies in a rotating fashion. The permanent magnets on the rotor follow this variation in charge, forcing rotation in the rotor. This cycle continues as the controller varies the speed and torque of the motor.

Although brushless motor controllers are much more complicated than conventional controllers, they work much more efficiently. The controller must know the position and speed of the motor while supplying power to the correct set of windings to continue a power output.²⁸ Since this is controlled electronically and not physically, the motor is able to run smoother and more efficiently.

MINIATURE FOUR-STROKE COMBUSTION ENGINE

The combustion engine is the overall power source for the entire series hybrid powertrain. The four-stroke combustion engine cycle was invented by Nikolaus Otto in 1867.²⁹ This process converts fuel, through combustion, into translational and rotational motion. In small four-stroke combustion engines, such as those used for generators and pumps, this rotational motion is captured through the output shaft of the engine.

Advancements in compact four-stroke combustion engines have focused on decreasing size and weight while increasing power efficiency. The Honda Motor Company has led the industry of compact four-stroke combustion engines in advancements for the past several years. The 50 cubic centimeter Honda GXH50 engine weighs in at 5.5 kg (12 lbs) and has a peak power output of $1.87 \text{ kW} (2.5 \text{ hp})^{30}$ which results in an unparalleled power to weight ratio of 0.34 kW/kg. This engine is "distinguished by its sleeveless uniblock cylinder case, and lightweight single-cam-lobe OHV resin camshaft. The adoption of an aluminum sintered connecting rod, and a highly rigid cover in plastic make this high-speed, high-power four-stroke engine the lightest in its category."³¹ No other manufacturer has developed lightweight four-stroke combustion engines that will help us meet the size and weight objectives of this project.

1.3 Solution

Our high-performance hybrid electric powertrain is comprised of the following major components:

- Honda GX31 31cc 4-stroke internal combustion engine (see section 8.1.2)
- LEMCO LEM-200 brushed DC generator (see section 8.1.3)
- LEMCO LEM-130 brushed 36V DC motor (see section 8.1.4)
- Curtis 1204DC motor controller (see section 8.1.5)
- Messiah College's GENESIS award-winning Lithium-ion Polymer battery packs, modified to create a 36V 60Ah nominal bus (see section 8.1.6)

There are other minor components (i.e. component interfaces, electrical components, etc.) necessary for integrating these components. To understand the overall premise of the design, the following graphic will help illustrate the relationships between



the major components. This simplified block diagram of the series hybrid powertrain demonstrates the transfer of power from the combustion engine to the electric motor (which drives the vehicle's wheels).

In our system, as this diagram shows, the combustion engine outputs mechanical power to the generator through an interface consisting of sprockets and a toothed belt. The generator converts this power into electrical energy, and transmits this energy to both the battery pack and controller. Electrical energy from the generator not drawn directly by the controller is stored in the battery pack. The controller sends electrical power to the motor which converts this electrical energy into mechanical energy. The motor's mechanical energy output can be harnessed to propel the vehicle.

All the components were chosen based on one or more of four guiding principles: minimizing the powertrain's space (volumetric) requirement, maximizing the power output-to-weight ratio, maximizing efficiency and integrated system response, and making the best use of available resources and allocated funds. Based on these criteria, we deemed the preceding list of components to be the best possible design for this project. There were a number of viable alternatives, including using a Honda GXH50 engine (higher power output, see section 8.2.1), an eCycle brushless DC generator (extended useful life, lower weight, see section 8.2.2), a parallel setup and planetary gear set (higher total energy efficiency), and smaller capacity battery pack (see section 8.2.3). However, based on the essential criteria, each alternative proved inferior to the components used in the final design. The following section continues to explain the work and decision-making that went into developing this lightweight, highly powerful system.

2 Design Process

Before we could begin to design the powertrain we first needed to determine the amount of power it must provide in order to meet our performance objectives. Power requirements were determined for three separate situations. The first situation analyzed the power required for the scooter to overcome aerodynamic drag at cruising speed. The defining parameter in this situation is the product of the coefficient of drag and the frontal area, or C_dA . Equations for calculating the power required to overcome aerodynamic drag were sourced from Tamai's *The Leading Edge*¹ and Dixon's *Tire*, *Suspension and* Handling². Using these equations and the data given to us by Dr. Kejha from his initial prototype, we extrapolated an approximate value of $C_d A = 0.3325$ for the recumbent scooter. When cruising at 30 mph, Dr. Kejha's initial prototype required 500W to overcome drag forces. This power requirement of 500W includes aerodynamic drag forces, frictional forces in the drivetrain, and rolling frictional forces. It should also be noted that this power requirement was the power *input* to the electric motor, not the power output by the motor. Since the electric motor on Dr. Kejha's initial prototype could not have been operating at a perfect 100% efficiency, the actual power output requirement would be slightly lower. This calculation treated the frictional forces present in Dr. Kejha's initial prototype as one in the same with the aerodynamic drag forces. However, frictional forces increase *linearly* with velocity, but aerodynamic drag forces increase with the cube of velocity. This causes our calculation to overestimate the effects of the frictional forces, thus providing a conservative estimate of the required power. Using this method, we calculated the power required to overcome drag forces at a cruising speed of 40 mph to be 1.2 kW (see section 8.3.1).

Next, we analyzed the power required to be able to meet our objective of climbing a 5% grade at 35 mph. The total power required to meet this objective is the sum of the power required to overcome drag forces at the desired speed of 35 mph and the power required to overcome gravity and produce the vertical velocity component needed to climb the hill. This calculation showed that we would need 2.1 kW to meet the hill climb objective (see section 8.3.1).

Finally, we also analyzed was the power required to meet our acceleration objective of zero to 35mph in 8 seconds. This was found by calculating the sum of the power required to produce the desired rate of acceleration and the average power required to overcome drag forces. Applying this method, we determined that the acceleration objective requires 2.6 kW (see section 8.3.1).

After determining the power requirements for the powertrain, the next critical design decision that our team needed to make was the choice to use either a series or a parallel powertrain system. In a series hybrid system, there is no direct mechanical connection between the combustion engine and the driven wheel. Instead, the engine is used solely for powering the generator. The electricity produced by the generator can then either be stored in the battery pack or sent directly to the motor to drive the wheel. Parallel hybrid systems operate in a similar manner, but can also send the power from the combustion engine directly to the driven wheel.

In addition to performing background research on series and parallel hybrid systems, both systems were also modeled using a program called HEVA to learn about their basic characteristics³. Hybrid-Electric Vehicle Analysis (HEVA) is a program

developed by NASA in which various hybrid powertrain configurations can be constructed and then modeled under a range of operating conditions. Series and parallel systems were constructed and modeled using HEVA. The results of this analysis showed that for a lightweight vehicle such as our recumbent motorcycle the overall efficiencies of the series and parallel systems are comparable. However, the parallel system provides an advantage in peak power output over the series system.

The series powertrain design that we considered is a rather straightforward system whose functionality has been proven in numerous applications, including Dr. Kejha's initial prototype. However, the parallel powertrain system that we considered has not been proven in any previous designs, so we needed to analyze and model the system to determine if it was a viable design.

The parallel system that we investigated uses a planetary gear set with a combustion engine connected to the ring gear, the driven wheel connected to the planet carrier, and a combination motor/generator connected to the sun gear. In this design, the engine would operate as a constant input to the system. The motor/generator would have the ability to operate as either an input by acting as a motor and drawing power from the battery pack or an output by acting as a generator and storing power from the engine in the battery pack. The driven wheel would act as the system output, receiving the sum of the power input from the engine and the power input/output from the motor/generator: $P_{wheel} = P_{engine} + P_{mot/gen}^{4}$. Models of this planetary gear system were constructed in order to observe its operation in various situations. The gear set was modeled physically using Legos, as well as on a computer using Working Model 2D.

In order to prove the feasibility of this system we needed to find out if the required gear ratios between the engine, generator, and wheel were possible. Specifically, the gear ratios needed be selected so that the generator speed would stay in the appropriate range to produce enough voltage to charge the battery pack when the wheel is stopped and when it is spinning at cruising speed. A spreadsheet calculation tool using equations derived from Norton's *Design of Machinery*⁴ and *Dudley's Gear Handbook*⁵, was created to allow various gear ratios to be modeled (see section 8.3.2). Analysis using this tool failed to find a set of gear ratios that would allow this system to function properly.

After deciding to implement a series hybrid system, our analysis efforts shifted to determining the appropriate specifications for each component in the system. Before starting these calculations, we first needed to determine the size of the power input from the engine. Analysis of the performance curves for the Honda GXH50 engine showed that at 5600 rpm (its most fuel-efficient speed) it produces 1.7 kW of power and 2.7 N*m of torque (see section 8.2.1). By assuming 85% efficiency through the generator, we calculated that there would be 1.4 kW of electrical power input to the system.

After finding the power input, we were able to begin performing calculations for the design of the battery pack. The three parameters that affect the design of the battery pack are the required bus voltage, maximum available power, and capacity. The required bus voltage of the battery pack is simply determined by matching it to the required operating voltage of the motor. In the series hybrid system, the battery pack must be able to supply enough power to make up the difference between the power input from the engine and power requirements dictated by our objectives. Therefore, the required maximum available power for the battery pack was easily calculated by comparing the engine's power input with our power output calculations (see section 8.3.3).

Based on our power requirements, we were also able to calculate the necessary capacity for the battery pack. The capacity of the battery pack needs to be large enough to allow it to supply the required additional power to the motor for a long enough period of time to climb a long hill. The capacity also needs to be large enough to afford the motorcycle with a sufficient emergency cruising range in case the engine breaks down or runs out of gas. The calculations of the required battery pack capacity can be found in Section 8.3.3.

We also performed another set of calculations to determine the required gear reduction between the engine and generator. The reduction ratio needed to be designed so that the generator would be rotating quickly enough to produce a voltage higher than the battery pack's bus voltage (so that it will charge the battery pack) while the engine is operating at its most efficient speed. Based on the back EMF of the generator (see Section 8.2.2) and the bus voltage of the battery pack, we determined that generator needs to be running at 4675 rpm. Therefore, we determined that a 1.2:1 reduction ratio was required between the engine and the generator so that the engine can run at its 5600-rpm efficiency peak (see section 8.3.4).

Based on our initial analysis work outlined above, we created a list of components for our "ideal" design. These included the Honda GXH50 engine, the eCycle MG13D generator, our own custom-built 36V lithium-ion polymer battery pack, and the Lynch LEM-130 DC motor. We selected these components because of their ability to meet our power output requirements while maintaining minimum size and weight. However, high performance, compact-sized, and lightweight components such as these tend to be very expensive, and our "ideal" system would have been very costly. Since the goal of our project was to create a proof of concept powertrain for testing in a laboratory setting, we realized that it was not necessary to use all of the "ideal" components. Therefore, in the interest of making the project more economically feasible, we made a number of changes to our powertrain component selections. While the actual components that we used did not possess all of the desirable qualities of our "ideal" selections, they still possessed similar performance characteristics and would allow us to test the functionality of the powertrain system. Additionally, we would be able to use the results of our actual system's performance to extrapolate results for the performance of the "ideal" system. Our "actual" system used a Honda GX31 engine, a Lynch LEM-200 generator, a modified 36V version of the lithium-ion polymer battery pack formerly used in Messiah's Genesis solar racing car, and a Lynch LEM-130 DC motor.

3. Implementation

3.1 Construction

3.1.1 Mounting

The first step in the construction of the hybrid electric powertrain test bench setup was creating the mounting devices to attach the components to the test bench. For the Lynch LEM-200 generator and the Lynch LEM-130 motor, sturdy brackets were constructed to securely fasten the components to the test bench. Each bracket consisted of two plates of mild steel welded together perpendicularly. The vertical plate had precision holes drilled to match the mounting holes on the respective component, while the horizontal plate had four drilled holes to allow for secure mounting to the test bench (see section 8.4.1). The horizontal mounting holes were re-designed, after initial construction, to allow a small amount of movement of the mounting bracket. This allowed for small adjustments for proper alignment when interfacing all of the components together.

For the Honda GX31 engine, a different approach was taken. Four mounting holes were drilled and tapped in the base of the engine to allow for mounting to the test bench with vertical bolts. Since the gasoline tank extended below the mounting holes on the case of the engine, spacers were machined to prevent adverse loading of the tank and to allow for secure mounting. After initial testing, it was realized that the vibration of the engine was greater than expected. This vibration posed a threat to the other components on the test bench, so to remedy the problem, rubber damping washers were added underneath the spacers. These washers greatly reduced the transmission of the vibration from the engine to the test bench, thus reducing the threat to other components. As a result, the gasoline tank was removed from underneath the engine and mounted directly to the test bench with a mounting bracket (see section 8.4.2).

3.1.2 Interfacing

The next step in the construction of the hybrid electric powertrain test bench setup was creating the engine/ generator and the motor/ dynamometer interfaces. This proved to be the most time consuming task in the entire construction process.

The Honda GX31 engine is specifically designed to utilize a centrifugal clutch to output power. Since we designed to attach a sprocket directly to the engine, we needed a coupling device to bridge the existing clutch mounting holes on the engine which would then allow a sprocket to be centered on the crankshaft power take-off. Since the maximum power output of the engine corresponds with 7000 RPM, this coupling device needed to have very tight tolerances to minimize any vibration at this high rotational speed. A piece of rectangular stock aluminum was machined to ensure near perfect symmetry. The mounting holes for the engine and sprocket were precisely drilled to guarantee that the sprocket would be centered on the engine crankshaft power take-off (see section 8.4.3). Mounting holes were also drilled in the sprocket to allow for correct alignment and mounting to the coupling bar.

The CNC milling machine was used when integrating the Lynch LEM-200 generator with the corresponding sprocket. The main reason for this was the complexity of the machining that needed to be done to the sprocket. Four mounting holes were drilled around a center hole that was counter sunk (see section 8.4.4). The placement of these holes was integral to the precise mounting of the sprocket on the generator. Utilizing the CNC milling machine also minimized human error, as a test piece was machined first to ensure correct programming. This was extremely important as we possessed only one sprocket and any error would delay our construction process while we waited for a replacement.

The interface between the motor and the dynamometer was the most complicated component of the construction process. A mild steel shaft would act as the median between the two components. Since the Lynch LEM-130 motor outputs power through a shaft with an external keyway, one end of the connecting shaft needed to accept this output. An appropriately sized hole was drilled and reamed in the end of the connecting shaft and then an internal keyway was machined. This allowed for a custom made key to fit into the keyway and secure the connecting shaft to the output shaft of the motor. On the opposite end of the connecting shaft, the end was turned down to fit inside the dynamometer. An external keyway was machined and a standard sized key securely prevented any rotation of the shaft inside the dynamometer. The end of the connecting shaft was drilled and tapped to allow the dynamometer to be bolted onto the shaft. This prevented the dynamometer from sliding off the shaft (see section 8.4.5).

Since the Lynch LEM-130 motor shaft is not designed to handle extensive moment loading, the connecting shaft between the motor and dynamometer needed to support the weight of the dynamometer. The initial design called for two sets of bearings mounted to the test bench that the connecting shaft ran through. Ideally, these bearing would absorb the entire load applied by the dynamometer to the shaft. Perfectly aligning the bearings and the connecting shaft to the shaft of the motor proved to be a major problem during initial testing. This was a possible cause of excessive heat buildup in the Lynch LEM-130 motor. Overloading the motor and overheating the bearings due to improper alignment were possible causes for the heat build up. The initial design was altered, eliminating on set of bearings from the connecting shaft (see section 8.4.6). This allowed easier shaft alignment while still preventing the motor shaft from receiving excessive moment loading.

3.2 Operation/ Testing

3.2.1 Individual Component Testing

Before integrating all components with the test bench setup, they were each tested individually.

• Testing the engine involved starting it and running it for several minutes at different speeds. This ensured that the engine was in working order at idle and maximum power output. Through this testing, it was realized that the vibration of the engine was greater than expected and could possibly have an adverse effect on the other components of the test bench. To remedy this problem, rubber washers were placed under the mounting spacers of the engine. This

greatly reduced the transmission of the vibration from the engine to the test bench.

- Proper alignment of the toothed belt between the engine and generator was critical in order to prevent the belt from coming off the sprockets. The engine and generator were visually aligned and spaced to allow proper belt tension. The engine was then run at low speed to ensure the belt alignment and tension were correct.
- The generator output was tested utilizing a variable resistor bank to apply a load to the generator. Both the current and voltage output at different loads were recorded and analyzed to determine the output and efficiency of the generator when run by the Honda GX31 engine.
- Each of the individual stacks of battery cells in the battery pack were tested for both usage and recovery. The stacks were initially charged to full capacity and then discharged through a variable resistor bank. This verified the integrity of the cells.
- The motor was tested along with the controller and throttle. This ensured proper communication and response time between the three components.
- The dynamometer and acquisition software were tested to ensure proper setup and communication.

3.2.2 Complete Powertrain Testing

After all of the components were integrated together on the test bench, the overall powertrain was tested (see section 8.4.7). The three different testing scenarios corresponded with the three different power requirements: acceleration, hill climb and cruising.

The dynamometer and computer software were the main source of data acquisition (see section 8.4.8). While placing a load on the Lynch LEM-130 motor, the dynamometer transmitted the RPM and torque output of the motor to the data acquisition software. This software then converted that information into the power output of the motor. All three variables were recorded and plotted by the software and visually monitored by the testing personnel. The load placed on the motor by the dynamometer varied according to the different power requirements in the objectives.

Scenario	Power Requirement	Result
Acceleration - 0-35 mph in 8 sec	2.6 kW _{avg}	Failed [*]
Hill Climb - 5% grade for 1 mile	2.2 kW	Pass
Cruising - 40 mph continuous	1.2 kW	Failed [*]

3.2.3 Results

* see conclusions in section 6

Generator Output			
Load	Voltage	Current	Power Output
5.5 ohm	47.2 V	8.58 A	0.405 kW
4.5 ohm	45.5 V	10.1 A	0.460 kW
3.0 ohm	29.2 V	9.78 A	0.300 kW

One problem encountered with the previous powertrain prototype built by Dr. Joseph Kejha involved the engine stalling when the controller required more power input than the generator output. This power deficit scenario was encountered during testing, but there were no adverse effects on the engine or generator.

4 Project Management

4.1 Gantt Chart See Section 8.5

4.2 Explanation

The tasks scheduled for this project essentially fell into four categories: design, acquisition, construction, and testing. One of the more problematic areas for our scheduling was parts acquisition. This was partially due to minor setbacks in the completion of our initial design and selection of the required components, which delayed the ordering process. Additionally, we had not anticipated such a lengthy delivery time for the LEM-130 motor. The setbacks that we experienced in parts acquisition in turn caused delays in our construction and testing tasks. Furthermore, we underestimated the time required for the construction of the engine/generator interface and the bench testing setup. Finally, our schedule was also affected by a late start in the spring semester due to the fact that none of the three team members were on campus during J-term. Despite these setbacks, we were able to finish the required tasks by the end of the semester through a combination of hard work, long hours, and teamwork.

5 Budget

5.1 Proof-of-Concept

Honda GX31 Engine	\$220 gik*
LEMCO LEM200 Generator	\$1,145 gik
LEMCO LEM130 36V Motor	\$900
Curtis 1204 Controller	\$420 gik
GENESIS (modified) Lithium-ion Polymer battery pack	\$??? gik
Misc. mechanical hardware	\$30
Misc. electrical hardware	\$25

Total \$955 (excluding gik)

5.2 Prototyping | Production Version

Honda GXH50 Engine	\$350
e-Cycle MG13D Generator	\$395
LEMCO LEM130 36V Motor	\$900
Curtis 1204 Controller	\$420
Custom-made Lithium-ion Polymer battery pack	\$750
Misc. optimized mechanical hardware	\$75
Misc. optimized electrical hardware	\$35

Total \$2925

* $gik \rightarrow$ Gift-in-Kind

6 Conclusions

6.1 Comparison of Results and Objectives

Overall, we are satisfied with the outcome of this project. The team successfully designed, built, and tested a proof of concept hybrid-electric powertrain. A comparison between the performance of the actual system that we tested and our objectives can be seen in the following table:

System Performance with Actual Components			
Objective	Target	Result	
Cruising Speed	[40 mph]	:: 31 mph ::	
Hill Climb	[5% @ 35mph (1min)]	[5% @35mph (1+ min)]	
Acceleration	[0-35mph (8 sec)]	:: 0-35mph (14 sec) ::	
• Weight	$[< 40 \ kg]$	[38.18 kg]	
Volume	[< 42.5 L]	:: 53.75 L ::	
 Serviceability 	[standard tools]	[YES]	
• MTBF	[> 100 hrs]	:: N/A (Insufficient Data)::	

Using the results from the testing of the actual hybrid powertrain, the team was able to extrapolate results for the ideal hybrid powertrain. The following table shows a comparison between our objectives and the projected performance of the ideal system:

System Performance with <i>Ideal</i> Components			
Objective	Target	Result	
Cruising Speed	[40 mph]	[40+ mph]	
Hill Climb	[5% @ 35mph (1min)]	[5% @35mph (1+ min)]	
Acceleration	[0-35mph (8 sec)]	:: 0-35mph (14 sec) ::	
• Weight	$[< 40 \ kg]$	[25 kg]	
Volume	[< 42.5 L]	[35.0 L]	
Serviceability	[standard tools]	[YES]	
• MTBF	[> 100 hrs]	[> 100 hrs]	

6.2 Explanation

- Cruising Speed Objective
 - Meeting our objective of a 40 mph cruising speed required a 1.2 kW power output to the motor. With the Honda GX31 engine running the Lynch LEM-200 generator, we obtained a maximum power output of 0.562 kW. At cruising speed the generator's power output must be greater than the power output to the motor, so the objective could not be met.
 - The gear ratio between the GX31 and LEM-200 was not ideal; as a result, the GX31 only ran at around 5400 rpm instead of at its 7000 rpm power output peak

- At 5400 rpm the GX31's power output is only 0.82 kW
- By using the more powerful Honda GXH50 engine (1.85 kW peak output) and a gear ratio that would allow it to run at its optimal speed, the power output by the generator would be 1.4 kW (thus meeting the cruising speed objective)
- Acceleration Objective:
 - Our 0-35 mph in 8 seconds acceleration objective required an average power output of 2.6 kW. While the battery pack and generator were capable of supplying this much power, the LEM-130 motor would not be able to handle the high current involved in this operation (it has a 5 second maximum current rating of 120A)
 - While the LEM-130 is capable of power outputs much greater than this 2.6 kW requirement, it cannot provide this much power at low speeds due to its current limitation
 - One way to solve this problem would be to use a transmission (such as the continuously variable transmissions used on snowmobiles) that would always allow the motor to operate at a high speed where it would draw less current
- Volume Objective
 - Our actual system failed to meet the 40 L volume objective primarily due to the size of the battery pack that we used.
 - Using a custom-sized battery pack (such as the one we initially designed to use, see section 8.2.3), this objective could easily be met

• MTBF Objective

- Since we did not have the opportunity to conduct extensive testing, we were unable to verify that our system possessed a MTBF >100 hours.
 - Additionally, we did not have sufficient information from all of the component suppliers to allow us to make a satisfactory estimate of the system's MTBF

7 Future Work

- Use ideal components
 - Honda GHX50 2.5 hp engine
 - e-Cycle MG13D brushless generator
 - Appropriately sized battery pack
- Create an automated control system
 - 'Smart' throttle to control current draw (see section 8.4.9)
 - Charge / discharge protection
- Design and construct a user interface
 - Create dashboard display ready for integration with final frame design
 - Display system information (voltage, current, power output, etc)
- Improve ergonomics
- Automate engine throttle with linear actuator
- Integrate powertrain with final frame design
- Implement a transmission to allow the motor to run at optimal speeds and provide satisfactory acceleration performance

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9 Appendices



Phase II Frame design



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Honda GX31

1. SPECIFICATIONS

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2. PERFORMANCE CURVES

1. SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Model	GX22 GX31		
Description code	GCAF	GCAG	
Түре	4-stroke, overhead valve single cylinder		
Displacement	22 cm³ (1.3 cu-in)	31 cm ³ (1.9 cu-in)	
Borex stroke	33 x 26 mm (1.3 x 1.0 in)	39 x 26 mm (1.5 x 1.0 in)	
Maximum horsepower	0.74 kW (1.0 HP) at 7,000 min ⁻¹ (rpm)	1.1 kW (1.5 HP) at 7,000 min ⁻¹ (rpm)	
Maximum torque	1.09 N•m (0.11 kgf•m, 0.80 ibf•ft) at 4,500 m in ^{−1} (rpm)	1.64 N·m (0.17 kgf·m , 1.21 l bf·ft) at 4,500 min ⁻¹ (rpm)	
Compression ratio	8.	0	
Fuel comsumption	340 g/kWh (250 g/HPh, 0.55 lb/HPh)		
Cooling system	Forced-air		
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto ignition		
Ignition timing	27' B.T.D.C. (Fixed)		
Spark plug	C5HSB, CR5HSB (NGK)/U16FS-UB, U16FSR-UB (DENSO)		
Carburetor	Diaphragm type		
Aır cleaner	Drytype		
Lubrication system	Pumpingspray		
Oil capacity	0.1 £ (01 US qt, 0.1 Imp qt)		
Starting system	Recoil starter		
Stoppingsystem	Ignition primary circuit ground		
Fuel used	Unleaded gasoline with a pump octane number 86 or higher		
Fuel tank capacity	0 45 £ (0.12 US gal. 0.10 lmp gal) 0.65 £ (0.17 US gal. 0.14 lmp gal)		
PTO shaft rotation	Counterclockwise (from PTO shaft side)		

• DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Model	GX22		GX31	
Туре	SC	SE	SC	SE
Overall length	210 mm (8.3 in)			
Overall width	251 mm (9.9 in)			
Overall height	249 mm (9.80 in) 250 mm (9.84 in)		(9.84 i n)	
Dry weight	3.3 kg (7.3 lbs)		3.4 kg (7.5 lbs)	



2. PERFORMANCE CURVES



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3. DIMENSIONAL DRAWINGS

Unit: mm (in)

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- · No adjustments are required
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- High pedal disable prevents controller operation if key is turned on while throttle is applied.
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CI RTIS PMC MODELS	VOLTAGE (volts)	CURRENT (amps)	2 MIN RAITING (amps)	5 MIN RAITING (amps)	1 HOI R RVITNG (amps)	VOLTAGE DROP @ 100A	U NDERVOLT CUTBACK (volts)
1204-0xx	24-36	275	275	200	125	.35	16
1204-1xx	24-36	175	175	130	75	.50	16
1204-2xx	24-36	275	275	200	125	.35	16
1204-3xx	24-36	175	175	130	75	.50	16
12044xx	3648	275	275	200	125	.35	21
1204-5xx	3648	175	175	130	75	.50	21
1204-6xx	12	275	275	200	125	.35	9
1204-7xx	12	175	175	130	75	.50	9
1205-1xx	24-36	400	400	275	175	.25	16
1205-2xx	3648	350	350	250	150	.30	21
1205-3xx	12	400	400	275	175	.25	9

Dimensions: mm (inches)



Typical Wiring Diagram:



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Specifications subject to change without notice



Modified Genesis Lithium-Ion Polymer Battery Pack



Engines

GXH50 Series OHV horizontal crank



SINGLE CYLINDER 4 STROKE OHV

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49cc 2.5HP - 1.8KW AT 7000 RPM 3.04Nm/0.31KGM / 4500 RPM L225 X W276 X H353MM 5.7KG 5 MODEL TYPES

MODEL	TYPE	H.P.	ĸ.w	RPM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EX VAT	
GXH50	SE	2.5	1.8	7000	15mm shaft, shaft int thread M6 x 1.0mm, lever choke, lever throttle, semi-dry air cleaner, std exhaust, std fuel tank, governor spring 7000 RPM	POA	
GXH50	SPB	2.5	1.8	7000	15mm shaft, shaft mt thread M6 x 1.0mm, lever choke, lever throttle, semi-dry air cleaner, std exhaust, std fuel tank, W/0 stop switch - only cord (Pubert type)	POA	
GXH50	QXA	2.5	1.8	7000	15.8mm shaft, shaft mt thread 1/4 x 28 UNF lever choke, lever throttle, semi-dry air cleaner, std exhaust, std fuel tank, spark arrester, oil alert, CARB/EPA type	POA	\$350.00
GXH50	QHE	2.5	1.8	7000	15.8mm shaft, shaft mt thread 1/4 x 28 UNF lever choke, lever throttle, semi-dry air cleaner, no exhaus protector, std fuel tank, spark arrester, oil alert, fuel pump, no stop switch, GXV governor spnng.	POA	
GXH50	QHA	2.5	1.8	7000	15.8mm shaft, shaft mt thread 1/4 x 28 UNF lever choke, lever throttle, semi-dry air cleaner, no exhaus protector, std fuel tank, spark arrester, oil alert, fuel pump, no stop switch, GXV governor spring.	POA	

Honda GXH50 2.5hp Series Engines	Detail Engine Information
GXH50 a 2.5HP OHV horizontal - shaft mini 4 stroke engine that meets EPA and CARB emission levels.	Honda GXH50 Dimensions Honda GXH50 Performance Curve Honda GXH50 Specifications
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Honda GXH50 2.5HP Construction & Function Table

Horsepower	2.5
Variation	QXA
Oil Alert	•
Crankshaft P.T.O.	11/4 x 5/8 dia. tapped 1/4 28 UNF
Top Governed Speed - No Load	7000
Recoil Starter	•
Transistor Ignition	•
Air Cleaner	SD
Fuel Tank (qt)	1.27
Net Weight	12
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- -High torque at low speeds.
- -Responsive.
- -Draws less current.
- -Low maintenance, reliable.
- -Rugged construction.
- -No brushes- low noise.
- -Low thermal impedance.



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Specification	Units	MG13D	MG13	MG18	MG24	MG30	MG36	MG48	N
Torque constant	Nm/A	.07	0.13	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.48	
Back EMF	V/krpm	7.7	13.5	19	25.5	31.8	38.3	51.5	
Inductance	μH	11	33	68	132	202	290	500	
Resistance	mΩ	9	24.5	70	74	110	154	290	
Max. cont current	Α	165	100	60	57	47	40	29	

Click Here for Motor/Generator Diagram

Our motor/generators are nominally rated at 5kW. Significantly higher power lev been attained in some applications. A continuous temperature of 120°C should nc exceeded External heat sinking may be required for some uses.

The various parameters scale proportionately for the different windings. Please \mathbf{n}_{i}

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Motor/Generator Diagram

PIN	DESCRIPTION	COLOR
5	GROUND	BLACK, NOLR, NEGRO, SCHWARZ
4	+5 VOLTS	tell. ROUGE, ROJO, ROT
3	ROTOR 2	VHITE, BLANC, BLANCE, WEISS
ż	ROTOR 1	JERUSAN, BRUN, MARRON, BRAUN
1	ROTOR 3	GREEN, VERT, VERDE, GRUN





MG13 System Efficiency - Max Input Power 4.9kW

Ecycle MG13 Motor w/ controller HC(36)48VDC/100A (2700) 3600rpm/12 Nm torgve/4.5 KW power



Battery Pack Design

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- 1.2kW maximum capacity | 700W-hr nominal capacity
- (32) Li-ion Polymer Cells 107.5mm x 64mm x 5.7mm 33.6/28.8/25.2V max/nom/min 4.5/3.0Ahr max/min
- (31) foamed Aluminum cushions 95mm x 64mm x 2.24mm
- [8 sets of {8 cells wired in parallel} wired in series] connected with copper braid
- Each set's voltage monitored by (2) MAX4373 chips
- J Non-metallic spacer block 50 x 252 x 20mm
 - 2mm Kevlar sheet bent in a break and bonded to cells and spacer block with epoxy



Battery Pack- Front View

John Nilsen 12/11/02 EDR



Battery Pack- Top View

John Nilsen 12/11/02 EDR

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POWER CALCULATIONS (performed using Interactive Heat Transfer):

Aerodynamic Drag Equations:

Pdrag = Power required to overcome aerodynamic drag forces mo = Density of ambient air Cd = Coefficient of drag A = Frontal area of motorcycle Vtotal = Velocity of motorcycle + velocity of wind

Pdrag = .5*rho*((Vtotal*045)^2)*CdA*(Vmotorcycle*0.45)/1000

includes conversion factors that allow an input of velocity in mph
^3] (dry air at sea-level, 15 C)
olated from Dr. Kejha's data
//[mi/hr]
//[mi/hr]
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//[kW] Note: this equation

Approximating CdA for Dr. Kejha's Initial Prototype:

- Dr. Kejha's initial prototype needed 500 [W] to overcome drag forces to cruise at 30 [mph]
- Setting Pdrag = .50 [kW] and Vmotorcycle = 30 [mph] and solving for $C_d A$ yields $C_d A = 0.333$

Case 1: Power Required to Overcome Aerodynamic Drag at Cruising Speed

- Objective: cruising speed of 40 [mph]
- Setting Vmotorcycle = 40 [mph] and CdA = .333 and solving for Pdrag yields
 Pdrag = 1.2 [kW]

Case 2: Power Required to Meet Hill Climb Objective

- Objective: climb a 5% grade hill at 35 [mph]
- Hill Climb Equations:

Phill = Power required to climb a hill and overcome aerodynamic drag [kW] Pvertical = Power required to allow a certain vertical velocity (i.e. overcoming gravity) [kW] Pdragh = Power required to overcome drag forces at Vhill [kW] W = Total Weight (Motorcycle + Driver) [lbs] Vhill = Linear velocity[mi/hr] grade = % grade of the hill*/ Phill = Pvertical + .5*rho*((Vhill*0.45)^2)*CdA*(Vhill*0.45)/1000 //[kW] Pvertical = W*Vhill*(5280/3600)*grade*(.746/550) //[kW] //į́kWi Pdragh = .5*rho*((Vhill*045)^2)*CdA*(Vhill*0.45)/1000 W = 300//[lb] //[mi/hr] Vhill = 35 grade = .05CdA = .3325 rho = 1 2256 //[kg/m^3] (dry air at sea-level. 15 C) Setting grade = 5% and Vhill = 35 [mph] and solving for Phill yields **Phill** = 2.1 [kWJ

Case 3: Power Required to Meet Acceleration Objective

- Objective: Accelerate 0-35[mph] in 8 seconds

Acceleration Equations:

Pacceltotal = Total power required to cause acceleration and overcome drag [kW] Paccel = Power required to accelerate the vehicle at specified rate [kW] Pacceldragavg = Average power required to overcome drag forces [kW] Note Pacceldragavg was determined by computing the integral of the power required to overcome drag throughout the acceleration period, and then solving for the average value of power required to overcome drag Taccel = Desired time to accelerate to target speed [sec] Vtarget = Target speed [mi/hr] a = (Vtarget*5280/3600)/Taccel //[ft/s^2] Paccel = (W/32.2)*a*((Vtarget/2)*5280/3600)*(.746/550) //[kW] //į́kWj Pacceldragavg = .5 Pacceltotal = Paccel + Pacceldragavg //[kW] //[mi/hr] Vtarget = 35 //[sec] Taccel = 8.0//[N] Faccelavg = (W/22)*((Vtarget*0.45)/Taccel) W = 300//[Ib]

Setting W = 300[lb], Vtarget = 35[mph], and Pacceldragavg=.5 [kW] and solving yields Pacceltotal = 2.6 [kW]

Planetary Gear Calculations

Solving Example Problem 9.5, p465 Design of Machinery, to establish validity of calculations Sun CW

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	Input Values		
	omega sun =	-100	
	omega carrier =	-200	
	N sun =	40	
	N ring =	80	
	N planet =	20	

Carrier CW

Ring CW

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Coor	Number of	Angular Velocity of	Angular Velocity	Angular Velocity of Gear		
Gear	Teeth	Gear =	of Carrier +	with respect to Carrier		
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Sui	40	-100	-200	100		Nsun/
Planet	20	-400	_200	-200	-2	Nplanet
Flatiet	20	-400	-200	-200	0.25	Nplanet/
Ping	80	-250	-200	-50	0.25	Nring
King	00	-230	-200	-50		

Finding Angular Velocity of Sun	Input Values			
Carrier CW	omega ring =	-2000		
Ring CW	omega carrier =	-2025		
	N sun =	40		
	N ring =	80		
	N planet =	20		

Gear	Number of	Angular Velocity of	Angular Velocity	Angular Velocity of Gear		
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Examples of Output Values of Gear Ratios and Speeds

Planetary Gear Calculations

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omega ring =	-1750	omega sun=	2333.3	omega ring =	-1500	omega sun=	3000
omega carrier =	0	omega planet =	-14000	omega carrier =	0	omega planet =	-6000
N sun =	60			N sun =	40		
N ring =	80			N ring =	80		
N planet =	10			N planet =	20		
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N ring =	80			N ring =	80		
N planet =	10			N planet =	20		
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