



BRAMMO, INC. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR POWER-SPORTS APPLICATIONS

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Introduction

- BRAMMO, Inc.
 - Founded in 2002 as Brammo Motorsports, LLC
 - Privately held / CEO as majority shareholder
 - Located in Ashland, Oregon (280 miles south of Portland)
 - 20,000 square foot R&D facility
 - 3 manufacturing plants:
 - Enertia assembly at Flextronics Auto in Sarvar, Hungary.
 - Empulse assembly at Brammo-Ashland building-1
 - BPM battery module assembly at Brammo-Ashland building-2









Introduction

- BRAMMO, Inc.
- Focused on becoming the market leader for BEV motorcycles.
- Interested in exploring opportunities to supply Brammo powersports battery modules to other system developers.

Enertia / Enertia +



Enertia Production with Flextronics



Empulse



Engage 6 Speed Gearbox Prototype



TTXGP Electric Motorcycle Racing



Motor Development with Parker Hannifin



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BPM Background

- Development out of Brammo racing activities to maximize energy (specific energy) and power (specific power) density.
- 2009 Isle of Man TTXGP, FIM ePower Series.



BPM Background

- Using data recorded from real world testing and customer usage data of the Enertia Urban Commuter.
- Supplemented with learning from other R&D programs (racing, Empulse, etc...)









10Ah Cell Foundation

- Sourced from multiple high quality state-of-the-art suppliers.
- Fully automated manufacturing in clean-room environment.
- Very good cost/Wh
- High Specific Energy @ >200Wh/kg
- Very high volumetric efficiency @ 400Wh/L
- "Right sized" for BEV motorcycle and powersports
 - Good Flexibility = Parallel and Series configuration options
 - Few connections (vs. 18650) = lower pack impedance













PRODUCT LINE Battery Systems

1kWh "Gold Box" Race Battery

- 11.1V / 90 Ah = 1.0 kWh
- •15 lbs / 7 kg
- Battery balancing, thermal management, RS485 communications
- Racing battery only, no production planned

Empulse RR Race Battery

- 155V / 40 Ah = 6.2 kWh
- 95 lbs / 43 kg
- Battery balancing, thermal management, RS485 communications
- Racing battery only, no production planned





<u>BPM 44/70</u>

- 44V / 70 Ah = 3.1 kWh
- 45 lbs / 22 kg
- Battery balancing, thermal management, RS485 communications
- Available now
- standard equipment on Enertia-plus

BPM Flexible Module

- 14.8V / 90 Ah = 1.3 kWh
- 44.4V / 30Ah option
- 20 lbs / 9 kg
- Battery balancing, thermal management, RS485 communications
- Available now
- Standard equipment on Empulse (14.8V/90 Ah)





BPM 44/70

- Brammo Proprietary 44 VDC / 70
 AH Battery constructed from 10Ah
 Li-NCM pouch cells.
- Cell monitoring, SOC calculation, Active (current shuttling) intramodule and Passive (current shunting) inter-module cell balancing.
- Fully sealed (IP54 minimum) enclosure with recirculation fan.
- Specific Energy (pack) = >140
 Wh/kg
- Patent Application: Methods and Apparatus for Combined Thermal Management, Temperature Sensing, and Passive Balancing for Battery Systems in Electric Vehicles.





BPM 44/70 Photos















BPM15/90 Photos





BPM 44/70, BPM 15/90

- Developed fully in-house with dedicated Engineering staff for design and production support.
- Manufactured in Ashland Oregon.



Collaboration Project: Programmable Multi Channel Li-Ion Cell Battery Testing Platform



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Introduction: Power Demand in EVs



- Power histogram for an electric bike as an example
 - The majority of the time is spent at low-power/idle
 - Higher power peaks occur less frequently
- Storage elements sized based on the load demand(energy, power)
- Single storage system with batteries as their only storage element
 Very high Cost of high power batteries that have high specific energy
 - Reduced life-time with increasing charge/discharge current of batteries



Introduction: Hybrid Energy storage system (HESS)

 Reducing the size and cost of the storage system with increased life-span of the batteries

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Specific Energy (Wh/kg)

- > Battery
 - High specific energy (Wh/kg)
- Ultra-capacitor (U-cap)

Specific Power (kW/kg)

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0.1

0.01

• High specific power (kW/kg)

U-caps



1000

Battery: Charge

100

ucap 2.5V

ucap 2.7

Battery discharge

1

Battery charge

Introduction: Typical Drive Cycle Simulation Results





Objectives



Effects of Current and Temperature Conditions on the Cell Aging

- Regenerative Cycler
- Six Programmable Channels
- Capacity Measurement

Effects of Internal Impedance on Deliverable Power From the Cell

- Impedance Measurement
- Battery Model

Cell Cycling Profile



Using this cycler, we can analysis the effect of the following factors on life cycle of the Li-Ion cells

- 1. Average Current
- 2. Temperature
- 3. Current Dynamic

Channel #	Mode	Ambient Temperature (C)	Average C Rate (A)	Peak C Rate (A)	Duration (min)	# Drive Cycles Per Cell Cycle
1	Constant Discharge	25	1C	1C	60	1
2	Constant Discharge	25	2C	2C	30	1
3	Constant Discharge	15	2C	2C	30	1
4	Constant Discharge	25	3.5C	3.5C	17	1
5	Urban Drive	25	1C	3.5C	5	12
6	Freeway Drive	25	2C	4C	2	15



Drive Cycle Profile



Urban Drive Cycle Frequency of 1Hz Duration of 302s

Freeway Drive Cycle Frequency of 1Hz Duration of 122s



Cycler Diagram





Cycler Board



The Cycler Board Consists of

- 1. Two Phase DC/DC Buck Converter
- 2. Two Phase DC/DC Boost Converter



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Discharging Scenario





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Charging Scenario





System Control Implementation in LabVIEW





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Why do we need a battery model?

- 1. Predicts battery's behavior under various conditions
- 2. Improves Battery Management Systems (BMS)

Modeling Method:

- 1. Measure internal impedance at different temperatures.
- 2. Extract model parameters using MATLAB.
- 3. Measure ambient and cell temperature during the tests.
- 4. Extract thermal parameters using MATLAB.

- 1. LabVIEW VI sends the desired sinusoidal current
- 2. Current-voltage data will be processed using MATLAB
- 3. Real and imaginary part of the impedance are plotted verses frequency (Nyquist Plot)

- $I = A\sin(wt)$
- $V = B\sin(wt + \boldsymbol{\varphi})$

$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = a + i b$$







Frequency Range: 0.5 Hz – 6 KHz Temperature Range: 39°F - 69°F



Battery Modeling





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Thermal Model

Heat Generated Because of Current Flow

Heat Exchange with Ambient

Energy Balance Inside the Cell



$$q_n = h_{conv} S_{cell} (T_{Cell} - T_{Ambient})$$

$$m C_p \frac{dT}{dt} = Q_{elec} - q_n$$

 $Q_{elec} = Z I^2$



Thermal Picture of the Cell



Simulation Model



The model can predict

- 1. Cell Performance at Different SOCs and Temperatures
- 2. Cell Temperature



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Temperature 39°F

Cell with construction 1 can deliver 4 drive cycles Cell with construction 2 can deliver 10 drive cycles





- Programmable multi-channel Li-Ion battery testing platform was designed.
- Capacity measurement and Impedance measurement will be conducted for each channel after a certain number of cycles.
- Six individual channels were implemented to run the battery cells in different conditions.
- A battery model was derived from the impedance measurement.
- Utilizing the battery model, the performance of the cell can be evaluated in different SOC and temperature conditions.





THANK YOU!