

Demystifying BMS Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) Testing



Overview

- Introduction
- BMS HIL background
- Test methodologies
- Instrumentation and connectivity
- HIL test software for IO control
- User interfaces
- Test scripting & data logging
- BMS HIL test scenarios



• Q&A



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BLOOMY QUICK FACTS

- Founded in 1992
- Automated testing equipment
 - Battery test & simulation (BTS)
 - Trans/Aero/Def Simulation systems (SIMS)
 - Universal manufacturing electronics functional test (EFT)
- NI Platinum Alliance Partner
 - Published "The LabVIEW Style Book" © 2007, Prentice Hall
 - "BMS HIL Test System Helps JLR Shorten Time-to-Market" Graphical Systems Design Award in 2016









Bloomy BMS HIL Tester

- Modular hardware and software
- <u>Open</u> platform
 - Based on COTS components
 - Bloomy BS1200 Cell Simulator
 - Maintainable & modifiable
 - Design documentation & source code provided
- Built on over a decade of BMS testing experience





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What is the BMS?

Battery Management System

- Monitor cell V, I and T
- Estimating the SoC and SoH
- Controlling the rate of charging and discharging
- Cell balancing
- Monitoring alarm levels and pack voltage
- Managing critical safety functions
- Controlling the contactor(s)
- Communicating to the ECM and other ECUs





BMSs come in many different flavors

- Module and pack configuration
- Topology, series/parallel
- BMS optimized for end user profile
 - EV, grid, UPS, consumer electronics













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What is HIL testing?

- HIL = Hardware In the Loop
- Technique for development and test of embedded control systems
 - Mathematical model of processes
 - Simulation of sensor and control signals
 - Measurements fed back into model
- Facilitates testing electronic controls without the actual plant
- BMS HIL Simulator simulates battery and other EV subsystems
- Cell model is derived through characterization
 of real cells





What does a BMS HIL system consist of?

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<u>Hardware</u>

- Computing
 - Real-time
 - Windows
- Instrumentation
 - Simulation
 - Measurements
 - Comms

BattSim	BMS 1 soc	Thermistor Sim
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15 42 V 0 0 V 0 mA 16 42 V 0 0 V 0 mA Pack Setpoint 0	Cell 15 Voltage Pack_Voltage e O Cell 16 Voltage CAN 12V Power	0 Vima Pack Voltage Measure

<u>Software</u>

- Real-Time deterministic
 - IO & comms control
 - Model execution
 - High speed data logging
- Windows
 - Configuration
 - User Interfaces
 - Test Scripting



BMS HIL Test Objectives & Benefits

Objectives

- Validate functionality
 - Hardware & Firmware
- Tune algorithms
- Ensure BMS safety
- Check response timing
- Test edge cases



Benefits

- Operator & product safety
- Explicit repeatability
- Reduced test time
- Extended test coverage
- Faster time to market



BMS HIL METHODOLOGY



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BMS and Module Interaction



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HIL Testing at the Module Level

- Simulate series cells
- Output cell voltages
- Provide balancing currents
 - Passive balancing (source)
 - Active balancing (sink/source)
- Simulate thermistors





HIL Testing at the Module Level With Fault Insertion

- In-line Fault Insertion Unit (FIU)
- Open/broken wire faults
- Short to rail faults
- Connect to DMM
- Shorted cell (BS to OV)





HIL Testing of the entire system

- BMS in the "real world"
- Simulate/monitor all IO
 - Cells
 - Pack V & I
 - Contactors
 - Environmental
 - Vehicle/system
 - Communications
- Low power, inherently safe





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Pack Voltage

BMS HIL INSTRUMENTATION AND CONNECTIVITY



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BMS HIL Instrumentation Overview



BMS HIL Hardware Block Diagram



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BMS HIL Signals

Signal Type	Qty	Description	Details
Vehicle/CAN power & interlocks	1-3	12V or 24V main power	Programmable Power Supply
Cell Simulation	12- 200	Simulation of individual cells	0-5VDC Sink/Source 500mA
Temperature Simulation	8-32	Simulation of cell/pack temperatures	Analog Voltage (+/-10V) Resistance (0-65k Ω)
Pack Current Simulation	1	Simulation of full pack current (eg 400A)	Analog Voltage (+/-10V) Programmable PS (up to 150A)
Vehicle Discretes	2-4	Controlling ignition, interlock, enable, CAN power	Fixed power supply with industrial digital output control
Comms	1-4	BMS-Vehicle, Module, etc	CAN, LIN, Serial, IsoSPI
Contactors	2-4	Simulation of contactors to verify BMS control	Fixed resistance with industrial digital inputs for monitoring
Insulation Resistance sim	1-2	Simulating HV resistance to test BMS monitor circuits	Fixed resistors with high voltage switching
Misc BMS IO	4-12	Misc analog/digital inputs and outputs to/from BMS	Analog/digital inputs and outputs for simulation/monitoring

BMS HIL SOFTWARE



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BMS HIL Software Components





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BMS HIL Software – Real-Time Engine Execution

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BMS HIL Software – Real-Time Engine Configuration

- Instrumentation Interfaces
 - DAQ, BattSim, FIU
 - Switching, Power Supplies
- User and calculated channels
- BMS Communications
 - Serial, CAN Databases
- Models
 - Cell, vehicle, contactors
- Procedures
 - Startup, alarm, safety
- Channel mapping





Controller 🖃 🚥 Hardware 🖃 🌍 Chassis 🖃 🌃 DAQ 🕀 💋 🕀 🗄 💋 ISO_AO 🗄 💋 MF DAQ 🔛 Waveform Tasks 🕿 Data Sharing FPGA 🖃 👹 NI-XNET ⊞
 ⊞ CellSim 1-24
 FlexRay **9** Timing and Sync SLSC 🗑 🗄 🙀 Custom Devices 🖃 👹 User Channels E CellSimGlobals 🗄 🛅 CellSimTriggers 🗄 🫅 DirectControl Generation Mux Selectors fr Calculated Channels Stimulus Alarms Procedures XNET Databases System Channels



BMS HIL Software – Model Integration

- Models define behavior of outside world
 - Cells, thermal, pack
 - Contactors, vehicle/system
- Models close the loop
- Provide "real world" testing
- Mimic the response of real batteries
- Tune algorithms and response of BMS





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Model Development Options



Sheikh, Muhammad & Baglee, David & Knowles, Michael & Elmarakbi, Ahmed & Al-Hariri, Mohammad. (2015). A Novel Approach for Predicting Thermal Runaway in Electric Vehicle Batteries When Involved in a Collision. 10.1115/IMECE2015-51781.







Model Integration into HIL Environment

Develop & compile model



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BMS HIL Software – Cell Model Example





Advantages of Model-Based BMS Testing

- Evaluate different cell chemistries/suppliers
- Evaluate different BMS architectures and tune algorithms
- Incorporate interaction with other vehicle systems
- Repeatably test real-world and edge condition scenarios
 - Impossible, impractical, too dangerous, or too expensive



https://www.mathworks.com/solutions/power-electronics-control/battery-models.htm



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BMS HIL USER INTERFACES



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BMS HIL Software – Engine User Interfaces

Engine User Interfaces

- Windows-side client
- Socket into RT execution
- Peek/poke system channels
- Intuitive view into system state
- Direct hardware control
- BMS interface control
- Model-based control

BMS HIL Software – Automated Test Operator Interfaces

Automated Test User Interface

- Windows-side client
- Intuitive automated test selection
- Simplifies test execution
- Trace execution
- Advanced debugging
 - Single stepping, looping
 - Pause, terminate





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BMS HIL TEST SCRIPTING AND DATA LOGGING



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BMS HIL Software – Automated Sequencing

- Python, NI TestStand, etc
- Test script development & execution
 - Sequential scripts, flow control
 - Pass/fail determination
 - Results collection
- Interact with real-time system
 - Get/Set channel values
 - Control model setpoints
- Automate common tasks/tests
- Tests are non real-time





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BMS HIL Software – Real-Time Sequencing

- RT engine-based
- Stimulus profiles
 - High speed drive cycle playback
 - CSV-based channel control
- Real-time sequencing
 - Set/read channels
 - Pass/fail determination
 - Flow control
- Execute in Real-Time
- High-speed channel data logging





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BMS HIL Software – Data Logging

Automated test script results

- Discrete measurements
- Pass/fail data
- XML, CSV, or Excel files
- Database storage

Real-time channel logging

- At PCL rate (400 1000Hz)
- Any real-time channel
- CSV, Excel, TDMS





BMS HIL TEST SCENARIOS



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Cell Voltage Verification and Balancing Test

Setup (5)
 BMS Cell Balancing Test

 Set all cells to nominal voltage
 set one cell to balancing voltage
 verify all cell currents & query balancing states from BMS

 if TestChannel = 0, prompt for channel to test

 if
 Select cell to test
 End
 End

Main (18)
 Set All Cell Voltages to Nominal

Set Cell y to Balancing

Verify currents
Readback all cell V & I from simulators
For
If this is the balancing channel, use balancing limits
I f
I Verify Cell x Balancing Current
otherwise use nominal limits
T Ese

Disc
 O Verify Cell y Nominal Current with Cell x Balancing
 End

♦ End

Kerify BMS Data Balancing States Query Health Alerts Verify Balancing On

<End Group>

Cleanup (3)
Set BMS x All Voltages to Nominal

🚵 Query Health Alerts

Verify Balancing returns OFF

<End Group>

- Set one cell at a time to balancing voltage
- Verify Balancing V & I from BS1200
- Verify BMS response (status & meas)

	BattSim	BMS	CAN 12V Power Ignition
Cell 1	Manual Actual Voltage Current Setpoints Readback Readback Conn	Balancing Pack Onboard Temp 224 4205 Cell 1 Voltage	Actual Manual Setpoints Setpoints Connected Th1 Fault
Cell 2	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.201 V 14.9 mA	4.201 Cell 2 Voltage Temp_2 20.1	20 20 Thermistor 2
Cell 3	4.25 V ▲ 4.25 V 4.251 V 278 mA	3.994 Cell 3 Voltage Temp_3 20.2	20 20 📮 Thermistor 3
Cell 4	4.2 V ▲ 4.2 V 4.200 V 14.8 mA	4.199 Cell 4 Voltage Temp_4 19.9	20 20 📮 Thermistor 4
Cell 5	4.2 V ▲ 4.2 V 4.199 V 15.2 mA	4.199 Cell 5 Voltage Temp_5 20.1	20 20 🗧 Thermistor 5
Cell 6	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.201 V 14.9 mA	4.200 Cell 6 Voltage Temp_6 20.1	20 20 📮 Thermistor 6
Cell 7	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.198 V 15.1 mA	4.202 Cell 7 Voltage Contactors	Canal
Cell 8	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.201 V 15.1 mA	4.199 Cell 8 Voltage	CI Meas
Cell 9	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.199 V 14.9 mA	4.203 Cell 9 Voltage	C2 Meas
Cell 10	4.2 V 4.2 V 4.199 V 14.8 mA	4.200 Cell 10 Voltage	Cs Meas
Cell 11	4.2 V ▲ 4.2 V 4.201 V 15.1 mA	4.204 Cell 11 Voltage	Current Sim
Cell 12	4.2 V ▲ 4.2 V 4.200 V 15.3 mA	4.205 Cell 12 Voltage SoC 92.8	Actual Manual
	Pack Setpoint	Pack_Current 0 Pack_Voltage 50.101	Setpoint 0 50.398 Vms Pack Voltage Measure

Over/Under Voltage Protection Test



- Set one cell at a time to over/under voltage
- Verify BMS contactor outputs
- Verify BMS response (status & meas)





Temperature Trip Test



- Set one thermistor at a time to over/under Temp
- Verify BMS contactor outputs
- Verify BMS response (status & meas)

		Batt	tSim				BN	IS		C,	AN 12V	Power	Ignition
	Manual Setpoints	Actual Setpoints	Voltage Readback	Current Readback	Conn		Temperature To	o High Onboard Temp	22.4	Act Setpo	The ual pints	ermisto Manual Setpoints	or Sim
Cell 1	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.202 V	15.1 mA		4.205	Cell 1 Voltage	Tamp 1	155		160	Connected	Th1 Fault
Cell 2	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.201 V	14.9 mA		4.201	Cell 2 Voltage	Temp_1	20.1		20	20	Thermistor 2
Cell 3	4.2 V 🛋	4.2 V	4.199 V	15.2 mA		4.202	Cell 3 Voltage	Temp_3	20.2		20	20	Thermistor 3
Cell 4	4.2 V 🔺	4.2 V	4.200 V	14.8 mA		4.199	Cell 4 Voltage	Temp_4	19.9		20	20 💂	Thermistor 4
Cell 5	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.200 V	15.2 mA		4.199	Cell 5 Voltage	Temp_5	20.1		20	20 💌	Thermistor 5
Cell 6	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.201 V	14.9 mA		4.200	Cell 6 Voltage	Temp_6	20.1		20	20 💌	Thermistor 6
Cell 7	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.198 V	15.1 mA		4.202	Cell 7 Voltage	Ca	ontactors				
Cell 8	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.201 V	15.1 mA		4.199	Cell 8 Voltage		C1		1 Meas	5	
Cell 9	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.199 V	14.9 mA		4.203	Cell 9 Voltage				.2 Meas	5	
Cell 10	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.199 V	14.8 mA		4.200	Cell 10 Voltage		C3 ()	\bigcirc	.3 Meas)	
Cell 11	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.201 V	15.1 mA		4.204	Cell 11 Voltage			C	urror	at Cina	
Cell 12	4.2 V 💌	4.2 V	4.200 V	15.3 mA		4.205	Cell 12 Voltage	SoC	92.8	Actu	al al	Manual	
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Pack Current Trip Test



- Set pack current over threshold
- Verify BMS contactor outputs
- Verify BMS response (status & meas)





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Fault Response Tests



- Inject hardware faults
- Verify BMS response (status & meas)
- Verify contactor outputs
- Faults include:
 - Cell (open, short, short to rail/gnd)
 - Thermistor (open, short, short to rail/gnd)
 - Comms (bad data, short to rail/gnd)
 - Insulation resistance



Charge/Discharge Test

f(x) Set Start Time Read back BMS Data Log Initial SoC

Set Pack to Discharge Current f(x) Init interval count Q While

Wait Log Interval Read back BMS Data Log SoC (Interval x)

If SoC hit

↓ Goto DoneLooping
 ◆ End
 ƒ(2) Increment Count
 ◆ End

DoneLooping
 f(x) Set End Time
 Shut Off Pack Current
 Read back BMS Data
 Final SoC
 Discharge Time

- Ideally with model in the loop
- Set pack current to 1C, 2C, 3C, etc
 - Discharge, then charge
- Monitor BMS from $95\% \rightarrow 5\% \rightarrow 95\%$ SoC
- Compare against model/expected SoC
- Monitor BMS outputs and alarms

	BMS Readback Data	Cell 1 Voltage	4.0992	4.1087	Cell 9 Voltage	Temp_1	2
` o '		Cell 2 Voltage	4.0978	4.1068	Cell 10 Voltage	Temp_2	2
		Cell 3 Voltage	4.097	4.1026	Cell 11 Voltage	Temp_3	2
300 • 300-	BMS-Status	Cell 4 Voltage	4.1017	4.0959	Cell 12 Voltage	Temp 4	24.
9210%	balancing Pack	Cell 5 Voltage	4.1026	4.0948	Cell 13 Voltage	Temp 5	25
Pack Current Cell Model SoC	0.1 Pack_Current	Cell 6 Voltage	4.2597	4.1064	Cell 14 Voltage	Temp_5	2.5
	90.28 SoC	Cell 7 Voltage	3.761	4.1117	Cell 15 Voltage	temp_6	
Pack Voltage Measure 65.82 VDC	65.4 Pack_Voltage	Cell 8 Voltage	4,2949	4,1036	Cell 16 Voltage	Temp_7	32



SoC Estimation Tuning

- Control pack current through drive cycle test
- Compare model output SoC with BMS algorithm





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Drive Cycle Testing



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- Real-time CSV or TestStand-based
- Model in the loop
- Control & log parameters, measurements, BMS response in real-time
- Verify BMS response to driving personas
- Playback of actual test track data



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BMS HIL CASE STUDIES



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LG xEV BMS SOFTWARE VALIDATION

- Proprietary BMS software algorithms developed, tested, validated by LG
- Simulate a wide range of battery systems
 - 500V packs for EV

DOMA

- 200-300V full hybrid, PHEV
- 48-200V micro, mild hybrids
- 12V start-stop systems
- Able to reconfigure HIL simulator for different xEV programs without new capital appropriations





JAGUAR LAND ROVER

- Evaluated 3 cell chemistries
- Validated 4 BMS architectures
- Accelerated firmware validation from more than 1 month to less than 1 week

"Major BMS firmware releases can now be rolled out within one week with good confidence of success, whereas similar projects in the past used to take well over a month, and with substantially less confidence."

Miguel Angel Gama-Valdez, Principle Engineer, Jaguar Land Rover

• Download whitepaper

https://www.bloomy.com/support/resources/white-paper/bms-hil-testsystem-helps-jaguar-land-rover-shorten-time-market-hybrid





SUMMARY



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