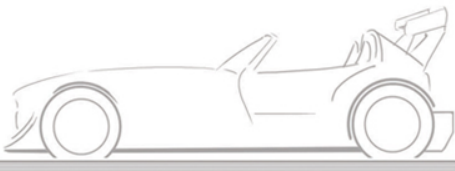


# Designing, Building and Testing a Race Car Fuel Cell System using LABVIEW



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Mobility Event  
Bavaria City Racing  
Formula Zero EU Championship  
Tech Event  
Formula Zero Race, Torino

2009



AutoRAI Amsterdam  
Formula Student Silverstone 2011  
World Record attempt The Hague  
Green Aruba II  
Bavaria City Racing Rotterdam

2011



To be determined:  
Nürburgring H<sub>2</sub> record  
CCRC competition (DNRT)  
Dutch Supercar Challenge

2013

2008

JEC Composites Event Paris  
HET Instrument  
Formula Zero Rotterdam GP

2010

Challenge Bibendum Rio de Janeiro  
Formula Zero GP, The Hague  
Lowlands  
Aruba goes Green  
Electronica Germany

2012

Formula Student Silverstone 2012  
Rotterdam City Racing  
Electric Supercar Stadsrally  
Zwickau Meets Friends  
Energy Fair Den Haag  
Electronica Munich





## Forze V specs:

- 18 kW Fuel Cell
- 60 kW (85 hp) Peak Motor Power
- 315 kg
- 200 kJ Energy Buffer
- 28 L, 350 bar H<sub>2</sub> tank



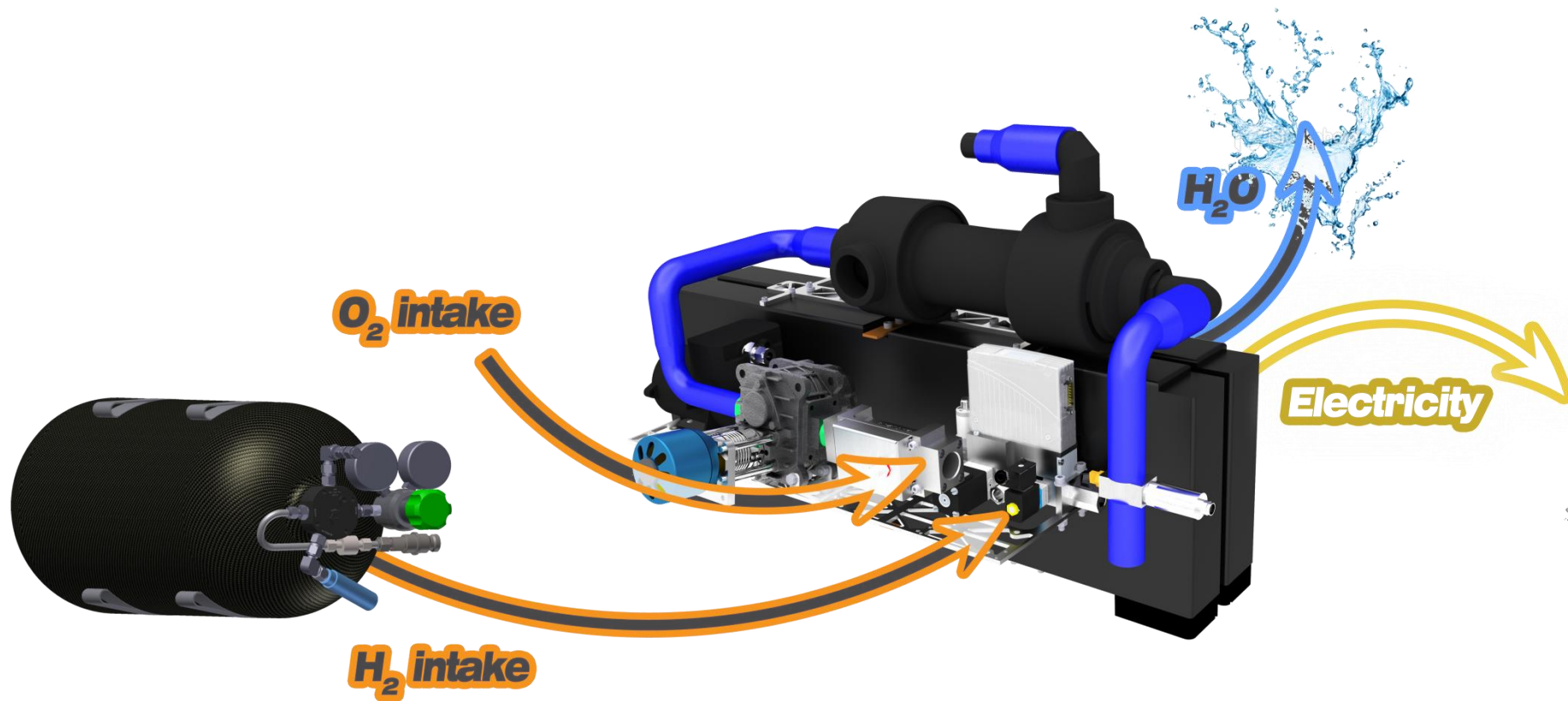
## Performance:

- 0-100 km/h in less than 5 seconds
- Top speed: 120 km/h
- 1 hour of racing on a full tank (600g of H<sub>2</sub>)

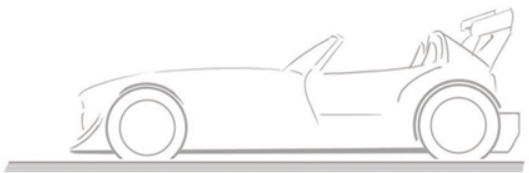
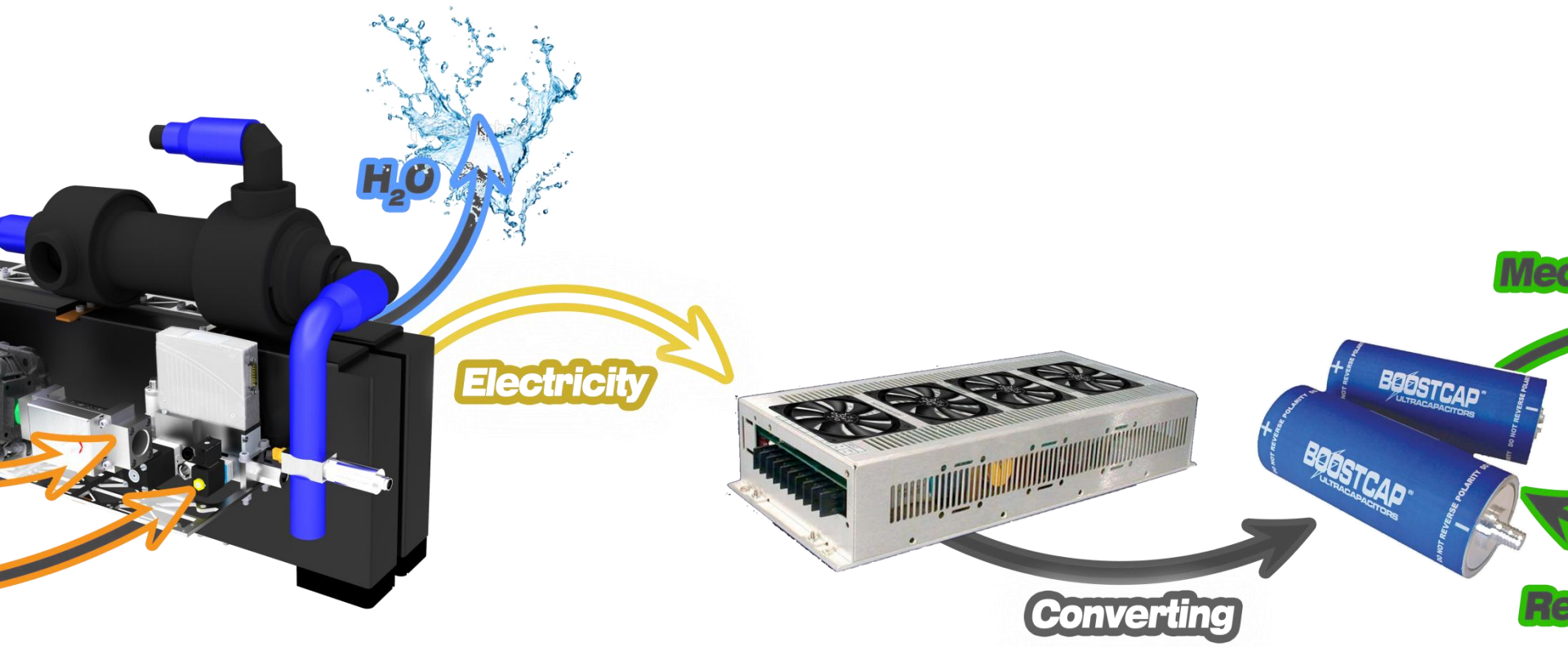






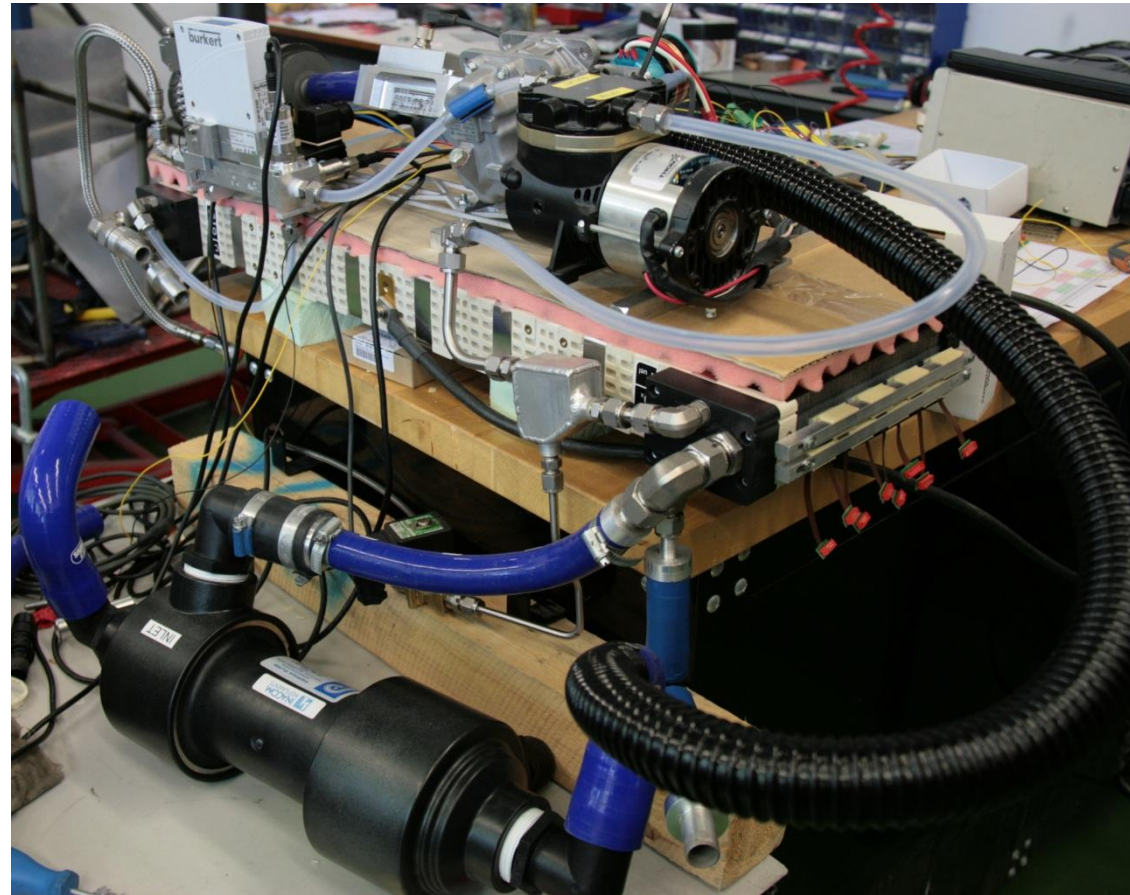






## How to test a fuel cell

- Controll air and H<sub>2</sub> input
- Controll temperature  
→ Cooling
- Controll output power  
→ Dissipate produced power



## How we used Labview:



- Test setup
- Controlling air and H<sub>2</sub> inlet
- Monitoring the system:
  - Temperature
  - Pressure
  - Flows
- Ensure safe operation
- Taking care of start-up and shutdown sequence





# PID gains prop valve

proportional gain (Kc)

integral time (Ti, min)

derivative time (Td, min)

Activate Prop Valve PID



Prop Valve PID output

Reset Prop Valve PID



Prop Valve PWM



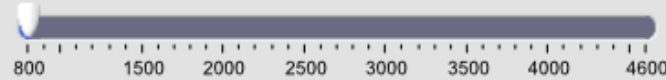
Recirculation pump



Air Pump Motor Speed PWM



CoolPumpRPM



Purge Valve Duty Cycle



Purge Valve



Purge Valve



Stoich

Average cell voltage

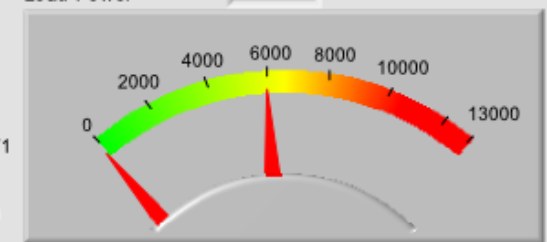
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cell number

cell offset in mV

Load Power



## PID gains pump motor

proportional gain (Kc)

integral time (Ti, min)

derivative time (Td, min)

Activate Pump Motor PID



Pump Motor PID Output

Reset Pump Motor PID



Recirculation Ctrl



Disable waterpump



CoolPumpCtrl ON



Shutdown

Start Fuelcell

Current + ON Current + Offset Required Voltage



Current Setpoint

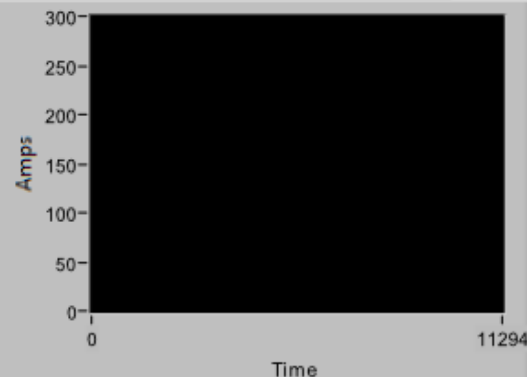
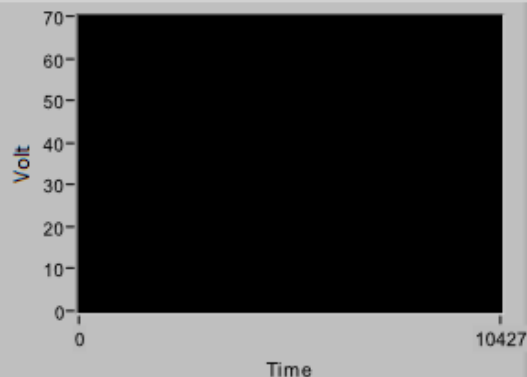


Pressure Difference



Load Voltage

Load Current



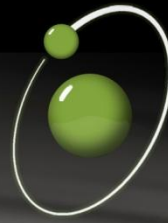
- ☐ CoolPumpInd ON
- ☐ Startup complete
- ☐ FC In Run Mode
- ☐ Air pump PID
- ☐ Prop Valve PID
- ☐ Shutdown complete

- ☐ Temperature > 75 C
- ☐ LPB H2 Pressure > 1.5 Barg
- ☐ Differential Pressure < 0 Bar
- ☐ Air Pressure > 1.5 Barg
- ☐ Coolant Pressure > 1 Barg
- ☐ Average Cell Voltage > 0.85 Volt
- ☐ Differential Pressure > 0.5 Bar

## Benefits of Labview and CompactDAQ

- Easy to use, even for non-programmers
- Step by step expansion and testing of system
- Hardware (CompactDAQ) and software (Labview) one package
- System control from a single device (laptop)
- Control can be written before electronics are ready





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