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I. Introduction

uture human spaceflight exploration to expand and sustain human presence in low-Earth orbit (LEO) and eventually to the Moon requires hybrid systems that can support human health, life support and habitation systems, such as food preparation, processing, and preservation in various environments. These are several research factors that space agencies (NASA and ESA) are further exploring to better understand key technologies that can support and

enhance human health performance and environmental control life support systems (Fahrion J, Mastroleo F, Dussap C-G & Leys, 2021). Plant growth has no major obstacles in space if its environment has proper ventilation, lighting, and temperature and humidity control. To promote a sustainable human presence in space, large scale food production is required (most food supplied to astronauts is ferried with space vehicles to the International Space Station) but largescale test for food production inreduced gravity is still a paradiam since special electrical equipment sets a limit for the large-scale plant production (Poulet, Fontaine & Dussap, 2016)

Spirulina (Arthrospira sp.) is a blue-green microalgae dated back to 3.5 billion years and is the most well-known of algae among other types, such as the spirulina maxima and fusiformis (Moraes, Arruda, Maresca, Antune & Moraes, 2012). Spirulina is a filamentous cyanobacteria (micro-algae) characterized by cylindrical, multicellular trichomes in an open lefthanded helix. Spirulina platensis has been used as human food in Africa, Asia, and South America, whereas Spirulina maxima is confined to Central America. Spirulina platensis flourishes around 25°C-26°C with high alkaline pH (9.5-11).

Spirulina platensis is considered a potent nutrient-dense whole food with about 65%-71% protein content, rich in vitamins A in the form of beta carotene, B complex, and highly rich in minerals, such as potassium, calcium, zinc, magnesium, manganese, selenium, iron, and phosphorus (Mukhopadhyay, 2015). It is low in fat, but does contain vital essential fatty acids, including very high amounts of Gamma Linolenic Acid (GLA). GLA is a hormone precursor and is found conducive to healthy heart functioning and circulation. It also has anti-inflammatory properties, which are beneficial for skin and hair. It has been hailed as the "food of the future", besides being considered as an ideal food for astronauts by NASA (Poulet, 2016). Spirulina was consumed by the ancient Aztecs but became popular again when NASA proposed that it could be grown in space for use by astronauts.

With our present study, we intend to provide further insight of the environment in which our experiment was exposed to including preflight, launch site and post-flight operations after our experiment was

successfully flown in the suborbital flight aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard vehicle launched on May 2, 2019, from West Texas Launch Site. This study also provides laboratory findings about the cultivation and production of biomass of the Spirulina platensis, ribonucleic acid (RNA) extraction and confocal microscopy - tools that can help maturing prospective experiments and leveraging flight operation efforts. Finally, in this study, we share our insights on gene expression analyses obtained from flown spirulina samples which were compared to the ground controls.

Previous work on the cultivation of Spirulina platensis up to 25 days conducted by Kumar, Kulshreshtha, and Singh (2011) has shown a wide range of temperature tolerance (20.0°C - 40°C) and various light intensity (lux) ranges (500 lux - 3,500 lux with dry weight of about 0.5 g/L and 0.6 g/L for 1,000 lux and 1,500 lux, respectively at the end of the 25th day. The ideal temperature for Spirulina platensis is around 35°C. Any deviation from this value will affect its productivity and at 17°C, Spirulina can enter a dormant state where the biological processes stop but the viability continues (Keller et al., 2021).

Research by Delrue et al. (2017) conducted Spirulinaplatensis cultivation for 28 days (dry weight 0.7-1.1 g/L) and 40 days (dry weight 2-2.1 g/L). Research work by Yim et al. (2016) showed spirulina platensis cultivation times of 10 days under various light sources and light intensities (200 lux - 2,000 lux) with overall dry weight up from about 0.01 g/L to near 1.2 g/L and most cases around 0.4 g/L. Other studies by Kumari, Pathak and Guria (2015) showed the spirulina growth under various light emitting diodes intensities with yields between 0.8 g/L to 1.2 g/L after 18 days cultivation. More recent work by Prates, Radmann, Duarte, Greque de Morais and Costa (2018) revealed Spirulina platensis biomass production yields about 0.8 - 1.8 g/L for various LEDs for 10 days cultivation period. Research by Moraes et al. (2012) cultivated Spirulina platensis for 23 days under controlled temperature (30°C). Research work by Wang, Fu, and Liu (2007) provided Spirulina platensis dry weights of up to 0.4 g/L for 5 days cultivation period using several light intensities (I) and a mathematical growth model which can be used for our system.

$$\mu_{red} = 0.02 \frac{g}{day} + \frac{0.44 \frac{g}{day} \cdot \left| \left(I - 391.3 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2}\right) \right|}{461.2 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2} + \left| \left(I - 391.3 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2}\right) \right|}$$

$$\mu_{white} = 0.02 \frac{g}{day} + \frac{0.32 \frac{g}{day} \cdot \left| \left(I - 398.4 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2} \right) \right|}{773.5 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2} + \left| \left(I - 398.4 \frac{\mu mol}{s \cdot m^2} \right) \right|}$$

Other research by Pandey, Tiwari, Singh, and Tiwari (2011) showed Spirulina maxima incubated at 30 ± 2°C.

II. Design, Methodology and Approach

a) Spirulina Feasibility Studies

Spirulina Alga-Gro seawater medium was obtained from Carolina Biological Supply Company. To make 1 L of Alga-Gro, we added 20 mL of concentrate to 980 mL of pasteurized seawater from Daytona Beach Shores. The Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (NPK) rating of the Alga-Gro is 10 ppm phosphates and 72 ppm nitrates (no potassium concentration is given). The optimum growth for this spirulina is 22°C.

The algae were cultured in media prepared from "pasteurized" seawater heated to about 70°C for 45 minutes, then left undisturbed at ambient temperature for about 1 day before using with the algae concentrate. Two identical 2L tanks (40mL of concentrate and 1960 mL of pasteurized sea water in each tank) were used in the cultivation process (see Figure 1).

Before flight, cultivation (Figure 1) of the Spirulina platensis was conducted for about 27 days with a photoperiod of 12 hours light/dark provided by white fluorescent lamps at a light intensity of 2,500 lux and temperature of 24.0 \pm 2.0°C. After 27 days, small samples of spirulina were taken and placed on 1.5 ml Eppendorf conical tubes and studied for feasibility before flight.



Figure 1: Spirulina growth chamber preflight feasibility studies. Day 1. Day 7. Day 10. Day 17. Day 19. Day 21. Day 27. Spirulina samples in tubes at initial state, after 18 hours (showing discoloration) and after 38 hours.

Two main colonies (Figure 1) for about 27 days were used to assess the preliminary survivability tests on the algae before flight. Both tanks have been cultured and were periodically replenished by sea water with added nutrients to allow the algae to grow and flourish.

We hypothesized the algae to survive for at least several days without showing any signs of deterioration. However, most samples showed signs of damage within the first day of the test or after 24 hours. The cause of this deterioration was present since the ratio of algae to water in the test tube was too high (0.5 g of algae and 1.0 ml of water), and thus the oxygen present within the water was used up rapidly, resulting in the early onset of algae damage and loss. The

survivability test was repeated with less algae present in each test tube to gain more accurate results.

Some observations were extracted after the survivability test. Within 24 hours, most of the samples were already showing signs of damage. The expected damage could be observed in the algae slowly turning color from a healthy deep green to a light green and finally to a sickly brown (as seen in some samples after 38 hours in Figure 1). This change in color is to be expected in the algae that is suffering from a lack of light. However, we observed the algae turned from dark green to blue, and the watercolor changed from clear to a cloudy blue.

The blue discoloration is not from the algae, but from cyanobacteria present within the water with the spirulina algae. We know that cyanobacteria thrive within low oxygen environments and when in a low oxygen environment, the cyanobacteria multiply, turning the water within the test tube blue. This is not an ideal situation as cyanobacteria produce toxins which are harmful to algae and other forms of life, including humans. This blue discoloration is a sign that damage is being done to the algae and that consumption of the algae affected by cyanobacteria may be harmful to humans. Cyanobacteria toxins can cause skin irritation, gastrointestinal distress, allergic reactions, and lifethreatening liver damage in humans. The emergence of a blue discoloration in the water of a sample will immediately count a sample as dead due to the sample no longer being fit for human consumption.

To counteract this discoloration, a lower ratio of algae to medium was necessary. After lowering the ratio of algae to water, some samples did not show signs of cyanobacteria until 65 hours within the survivability test.

This survivability test unknowingly showed us the results of a lack of oxygen and cyanobacteria toxins upon spirulina. However, this was not what the survivability test was intended to study. The results of this survivability test ask for another survivability test to evaluate the effects of a lack of light as opposed to a lack of oxygen. The main change in this survivability test was to have reduced mass of algae present within the tubes. To maximize the science outcome, the team decided to have only 0.1 grams of wet mass spirulina to be present in the next survivability test so that the ratio would be 0.1g of algae to 1.0 ml of water. Ideally this change would show that spirulina could survive up to five days with no light while avoiding the dangers of cyanobacteria.

b) Payload Integration at Payload Processing Facility

The team integrated the payload in the Payload Processing Facility (PPF) at the West Texas Launch Site (Figure 2a, Figure 2b). Spirulina samples were kept under the sample thermal conditions prior to flight (Figure 2c, Figure 2d) for about 12 hours. Both flight and control NanoLabs are shown in Figure 2e and Figure 2f, respectively.







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Figure 2: Preparation of samples at the PPF. a. Integration of Payload at Payload Processing Facility (PPF). b. Samples kept in the electric heater at PPF. c. Placing tubes with Spirulina in the NanoLab. d. Two sets of 18 tubes with Spirulina or flight and control. e. NanoLab housing the Spirulina flight samples. f. NanoLab housing the Spirulina control samples.

Spirulina Postflight Analysis

After the suborbital flight, some samples were transported to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) facilities for further processing for RNA analysis. The rest of the samples were transported (the same day of the launch) back to ERAU. Figure 3 shows the growth evolution of a flight sample cultivated for 20 days.

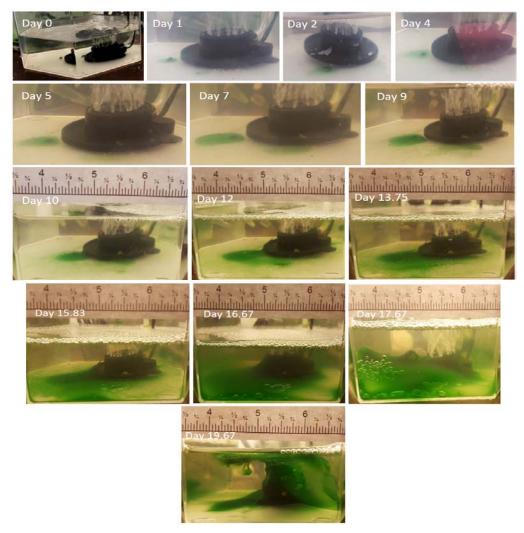


Figure 3: Spirulina growth chamber postflight study showing a flight sample that was cultivated for 20 days.

III. RNA Extraction, cdna Synthesis and QRT-PCR

RNAs from spirulina were isolated using Qiagen RNA mini kit (Bio-Rad) according to the manufacturer's standard protocol. RNA concentrations were measured using Nanovue Plus spectrophotometer (GE Healthcare Life Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA). cDNAs were synthesized using iScript[™] cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bio-Rad) with 0.1 µg total RNA template loaded for each reaction in all samples. gRT-PCRs were done with SsoAdvanced™ universal SYBR® green supermix (Bio-Rad) following the manufacturer's recommended protocol in a CFX Connect™ real-time PCR detection system (Bio-Rad). cDNA templates for each sample and reaction were set at 20 μ l. Spirulina primers were designed using the Primer 3 Plus Software and listed in Table 1. gRT-PCRs were done with the following parameters: initial denaturation (95°C, 2 min); 40 cycles of denaturation (95°C, 15 s), annealing (55°C, 30 s), and plate reading; melt curve analysis from 65°C-95°C at 0.5°C increment for 5 sec. qRT-PCR data were analyzed using the comparative (2-ΔΔCt) method and values were normalized to housekeeping gene 16S expression. All samples were run at least in duplicate with at least two independent experiments.

Table 1: Gene Specification from Uniport/Org.

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Gene Name	Forward Primer (5'->3')	Reverse Primer (5'->3')	Relevance (molecular function; biological process)
C _{lpB}	ACGCTGTTAGACAACGCTGA	TACCTTCCGAGTCCGTCACT	ATP binding; protein refolding, response to heat
RcbX	TGCTAAGGACACGACCAAGG	GTTGCGTCATTCGTTCCAGG	Protein folding chaperone; carbon fixation, photosynthesis,
MgtE	ACAGGCGGACGGAGATAACT	ACATCAACGGCGGTGGTAAT	Putative ion magnesium transmembrane transporter; metal ion binding
MpsA	GATCCGACCTAGCCACTTCC	CCAATACGATCGCCTACAGC	ATP binding, metal ion binding, water dikinase activity; gluconeogenesis, Phosphoenolpyruvate synthase
NrtP	AGCCACAGCTATTCAAGACG	CAACCACCATTAACTCGACC	Nitrate transmembrane transporter, nitrite transmembrane transporter; nitrate assimilation, nitrate import, nitrite transport.
GroES	TTGTCGGTGTGGTGGAACAA	GACGGCGATCGTAAATCCT	ATP binding; protein folding
DnaK	GGGGAACGAGCCATGGTTAA	GTTCTTCAGTCGCTGACCCA	ATP binding, unfolded protein binding; protein folding
Tsf	GCTTTGTTGCCTATCCCT	CACCACGCAGACACTCATA	Translation elongation factor activity; protein biosynthesis
GroEL	TAGCCTTTGACGAAGAATC	ACCATCTCCAGCCACATC	ATP binding; protein refolding
GroEL 1	ATAAGGCGACAGCTTTCTTGGTA G	ATTGATTGCTACTTGCCCACTC TT	ATP binding, unfolded protein binding; protein refolding
HspA	GGCAATCATTAGTTTTAATTGGGA A	AGCCAGATCGACCTTAACCAC	Small heat shock protein molecular chaperone; stress response
NrtD	CTGTAACCAACTCCACCTCC	CGTAGTATTCTGGCTGTTCC	ATPase-coupled transmembrane transporter activity, ATP

			binding, Nitrate ABC transporter ATPase	
			subunits C and D	
			Putative GTP cyclohydrolase	
FolE	TTCTGACCAACGGCTACAGT	GAAGACACCAATCATGGCAC	I binding, GTP cyclohydrolase I activity, zinc ion binding; once-carbon metabolic process,	
			tetrahydrofolate biosynthetic process	
16S	TAGCGGTGAAATGCGTAGAT	AAGTGCCCAACTGAATGATG	Gene housekeeping	

IV. CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY

To better visualize the structure of flown and ground control spirulina samples, we placed them in petri dishes and exposed them to confocal microscopy using Olympus FV3000 Confocal Laser Scanning Microscope. We imaged spirulina samples at different excitation wavelengths ranging from 488 (green/Fluo-3),561 (red/tdTomato), and 650 (blue/FuraRed) using 2X and 10X resolution.

V. RESULTS

a) Suborbital Flight Characteristics

The suborbital flight characteristics displayed in Figure 4. The maximum altitude during the suborbital flight was 105.68 km. Figure 4a shows the acceleration map generated with the data from our NanoLab (maximum acceleration is 2.16 g) and Figure 4b displays the acceleration map obtained with the data from a NanoRacks sensor (maximum acceleration sensed is 7.06 g during parachute deployment and 4.30 g during reentry). Although our sensor maximum acceleration seems lower than the value for one of the NanoRacks sensors, it is consistent with other NanoRacks sensors measurements (Figure 4c, 4d). This lower measured acceleration may have been caused by a power interruption which affected the data collection. Figure 4c and Figure 4d are the acceleration profiles in function of time for both the NanoLab sensor and one of the NanoRacks sensors, both showing the difference of phase events during the suborbital flight. Figure 4e depicts the descent, parachute deployment and landing phases of the flight, and Figure 4f depicts a zoom section of the parachute phase. Previous research (Llanos et al., 2019) showed the acceleration profile for another suborbital experiment which was used to leverage the efforts of this research.

Figure 4g and Figure 4h display the acceleration profiles for other two NanoRacks sensors with maximum accelerations of 2.13 g and 2.68 g, respectively. Another two NanoRacks sensors measured maximum accelerations of 2.48g and 2.49g. Note that the acceleration measured by our NanoLab sensor falls in between the acceleration measured by all four NanoRacks sensors. As we can observe, different sensors provided slightly different acceleration profiles since the sensors were placed in various locations within the Nano Feather Frame (NFF) where all the NanoLabs are integrated.

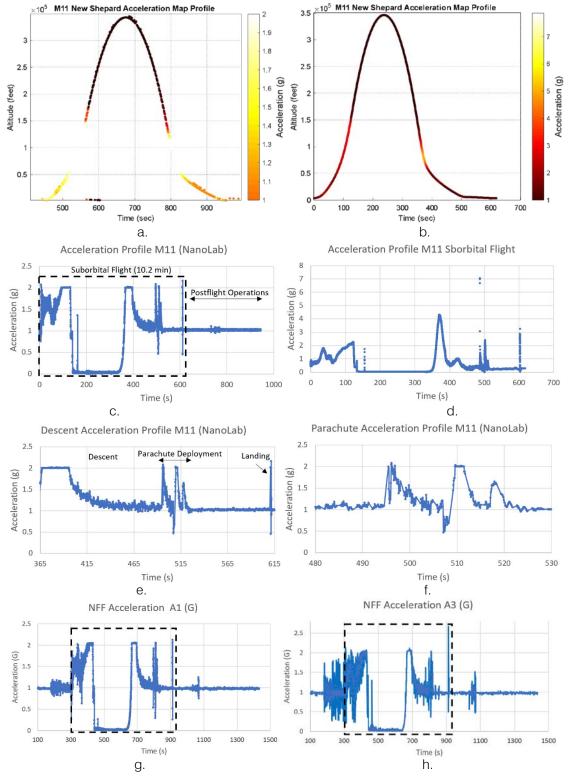


Figure 4: Acceleration profiles during various mission phases. a. Acceleration map profile measured with NanoLab sensor. b. Acceleration map profile measured with NanoRacks sensor. c. Acceleration measured by NanoLab during preflight, suborbital flight and postflight mission phases. d. Acceleration during descent. e. Acceleration during parachute deployment. f. Acceleration during landing. g. Acceleration measured inside the Nano Feather Frame by NanoRacks. h. Acceleration measured by another sensor inside the Nano Feather Frame by NanoRacks.

Our Nanolab sensor measured a microgravity time of about 3.4 minutes with microgravity quality between 10⁻⁴g and 10⁻¹g. It was measured that 3.6% of the time the NanoLab measured between microgravity levels between 10⁻⁴g and 10⁻²g, 16.5% of the time between 10⁻²g and 2·10⁻²g, 44.5% of the time between 2·10⁻²g and 3·10⁻²g, 16.8% of the time between 3·10⁻²g and 4·10⁻²g, 12.5% of the time between 4·10⁻²g and 5·10⁻¹ ²g and 6.1% of the time between 5·10⁻²g and 10⁻¹g. The NanoRacks sensor measured microgravity time of about 3.5 minutes with about 4.1% of time between 10⁻⁴g and 10^{-2} g, 79.7% of the time between 10^{-2} g and $2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ g, 12.6% of the time between 2·10⁻²g and 3·10⁻²g, 2.0% of the time between 3·10⁻²g and 4·10⁻²g, and 0.3% of the time between 4·10⁻²g and 5·10⁻²g, and 1.3% of the time between 5·10⁻²g and 10⁻¹g.

b) Spirulina Mass Growth Evolution

Using equations for the growth model by Wang, Fu, and Liu (2007), we present an approximate estimated growth model nine hours before launch and until payload recovery a few hours after landing. The average light intensity for both red and white LEDs were 1100 lux and 875 lux, respectively, approximately the same as for the light intensities measured during ground control (Figure 5a).

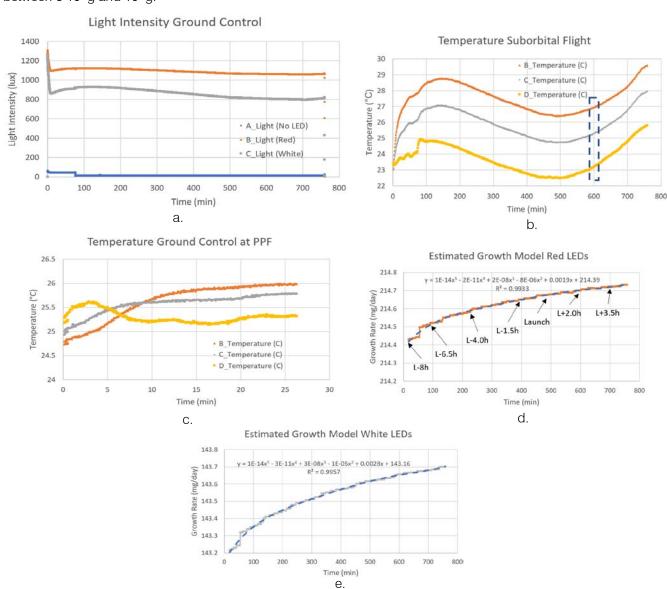


Figure 5: a. Light intensity (a) and temperature variations for both NanoLabs, b. Temperature profile during suborbital flight including preflight and postflight operations. c. Temperature profile test at PPF. d. Growth rate for red LEDs. e. Growth rate for white LEDs.

Figure 5b shows the temperature profile for the flight samples during preflight operations, flight (see blue dashed box) and post flight operations. Note that the different temperature profiles correspond to the temperature measured in each compartment for different light conditions (B Temperature for white LED, C Temperature for red LED, D Temperature for no LED light). During this period, the growth rate of the algae for the red LEDs ranged from about 214.4 mg/day to about 214.7 mg/day with about 0.3 mg in about 12 hours (see Figure 5d), and for the white LEDs, the samples growth was between 143.2 mg/day and 143.7 mg/day with about 0.5 mg in about 12 hours (see Figure 5e). Similarly, the algae exposed to the white LEDs grew about 0.5 mg in 12 hours. The algae kept in the NanoLab at the PPF was exposed to the thermal profile (see Figure 5c).

From the samples (control and flight) brought back to ERAU we took nine control samples and nine flight samples that were kept in individual 50 ml tubes with 5ml sea water and about 0.15 g of algae. All these samples were kept for seven weeks to analyze their growth evolution. Samples were replenished with media and proper nutrients from their respective mother colony. Three samples were taken for each light intensity condition (C1, C2, C3: no light), (C7, C8, C9: red) and (C13, C14, C15: white). Similarly, for flight samples we had (F4, F5, F6: no light), (F10, F11, F12: red) and (F16, F17, F18: white).

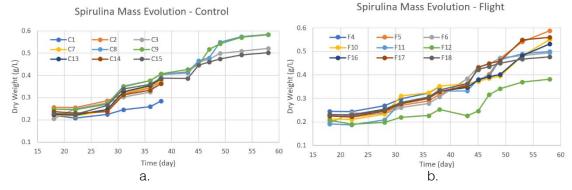


Figure 6: Time behavior of spirulina growth post flight for both control and flight samples under the same lab conditions. a. control samples. b. flight samples.

The estimated spirulina dry weight for all the samples (control and flight) are provided in Figure 6. Under the conditions examined, the ones that yielded more biomass production across all control samples were 0.584 g/L and 0.583 g/L corresponding to the controls C8 and C9, respectively, both under red light. The next conditions which yielded more biomass production were the control samples C3 (under no light) and C15 (under white light) with 0.521 g/L and 0.502 g/L, respectively. Summing all the biomass production for all control samples, we obtained an average of 1.546 g/L (red light), 1.250 g/L (white light), and 1.176 g/L (no light) during the seven weeks span. The rest of the control samples generated dry weights of about 0.28 g/L to 0.38 g/L. As for the flight samples, they all survived yielding similar dry weights at the end of the seven weeks. The total dry weight for samples under red light, white light, and no light were 1.432 g/L, 1.570 g/L and 1.432 g/L, respectively. The total dry weight from for the tank with control samples and flight samples were 3.971 g/L and 4.435 g/L, respectively.

An important observation from Figure 6 is that the growth pattern slowed down at around 20-25 days after the start of the growth (17 days after suborbital flight) showing a dip of lowest growth that lasted for a few days. This low dip in growth mass has previously been seen with the dry weight or biomass concentration found by previous research groups (Delrue et al., 2017 and Kumari et al., 2015), yet these groups do not show further insight into the growth of the spirulina after 20 or 27 days.

Phosphate is the major nutrient for the growth of microalgae to produce nucleic acids and phospholipids (Kumari et al., 2015), and the uptake of this micronutrient is greater when exposed to red LED light than to white LED light even using several mediums for about 20 days.

Spirulina Ph, Ammonia (NH3/NH4+), Nitrate (NO2-), Nitrite (NO3-) Assessment

ammonia We next assessed the pH, (NH3/NH4+), nitrate (NO2-), nitrite (NO3-) in flown spirulina samples as well as in ground controls (Table 2).

Our results show that the highest pH of 8.6 was observed in control samples exposed to red light, whereas the pH for flown samples under the red light was 7.8. In general, most control samples show pH values between acceptable and ideal values while the flight samples show pH values between acceptable to low values. This behavior was expected since control samples remained at almost constant temperatures of 25-26 °C (Figure 5c) inside the PPF, and they were not exposed to any vibrations or high-q accelerations during the suborbital flight like the flight samples. The flight samples were exposed to more temperature fluctuations as seen in Figure 5b from the time of delivery of the payload to the NanoRacks team to integration of the payload inside the NFF inside the New Shepard capsule. Most control samples showed signs of some level of stress for ammonia and ammonium while all the flight samples showed higher levels of stress. In terms of nitrite contents, both control and flight samples did not show any stress levels, and as for the nitrate contents, most control and flight samples showed ideal to good conditions.

Table 2: Spirulina Ph, Ammonia (NH3/NH4+), Nitrate (NO2-), Nitrite (NO3-) Test.

Sample	рН	NH3/NH4+ (ammonia/ammonium)	NO2- (Nitrite)	NO3- (Nitrate)	
Control Samples					
C1 (no light)	7.8 (acceptable)	3.0 (danger-)	0	40 (ok-)	
C2	7.4 (low)	1.0 (stress)	0	20 (ok+)	
C3	7.8 (acceptable)	2.0 (stress+)	0	20 (ok+)	
C7 (red light)	7.8 (acceptable)	1.0 (stress)	0	0 (ideal)	
C8	8.4 (ideal)	1.0 (stress)	0	0 (ideal)	
C9	8.6 (ideal)	0 (ideal)	0.5 (caution)	20 (ok+)	
C13 (white light)	7.8 (acceptable)	0.5 (ideal)	0	20 (ok+)	
C14	7.4 (low)	6.0 (danger+)	0	0 (ideal)	
C15	7.8 (acceptable)	3.0 (danger-)	0	0 (ideal)	
Flight Samples					
F4 (no light)	7.8 (acceptable)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	
F5	7.4 (low)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	
F6	7.4 (low)	3.0 (danger-)	0	0 (ideal)	
F10 (red light)	7.0 (too low)	3.0 (danger-)	0	0 (ideal)	
F11	7.8 (acceptable)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	
F12	7.4 (low)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	
F16 (white light)	7.8 (acceptable)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	
F17	7.4 (low)	6.0 (danger+)	0	0 (ideal)	
F18	7.6 (acceptable-)	3.0 (danger-)	0	20 (ok+)	

d) Gene Expression Analysis

In our study, we selected genes that have been previously studied by Panyakampol et al. (2015). This selection was generated based on the thermal effects on some of these genes regarding the cellular processes, inorganic ion transporters and carbon and nitrogen metabolism mechanisms.

Our data indicate that spirulina samples exposed to suborbital flight had downregulated expression of all genes as compared to ground controls regardless of the light exposure type (Figure 7a, b, c).

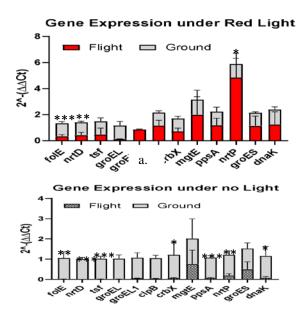


Figure 7: Gene change expression (2 $^-$ -($\Delta\Delta$ Ct) among different flight and ground conditions (a, b, c). Values indicate mean \pm SD. * p \leq 0.05; ** p \leq 0.01; *** p \leq 0.0001.

However, certain genes were elevated more than others. We saw that exposure to light led to the highest expression of mgtE, nrtP, and dnaK genes across all conditions. The most profound effect of white light had on the ppsA gene (p <0.001) (Figure 7), while exposure to red and no light conditions elevated the

expression of folE (Figure 7b) and nrtD, tsf, ppsA genes (Figure 7c). In addition to comparing flight and ground control samples, we also sought to investigate which light condition had the most profound effect on flown spirulina samples (Figure 8).

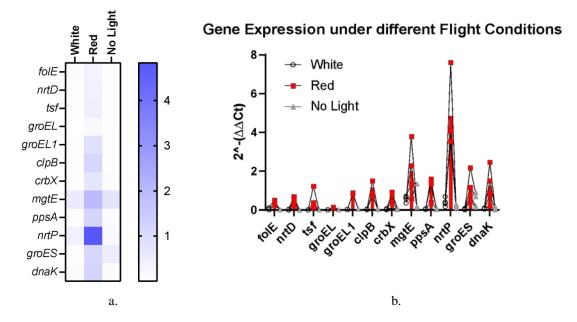
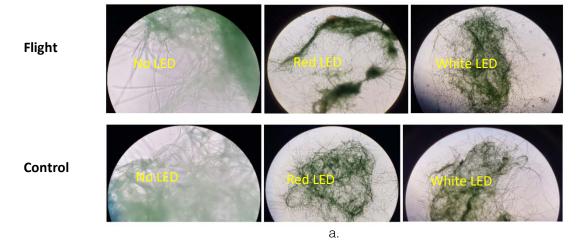


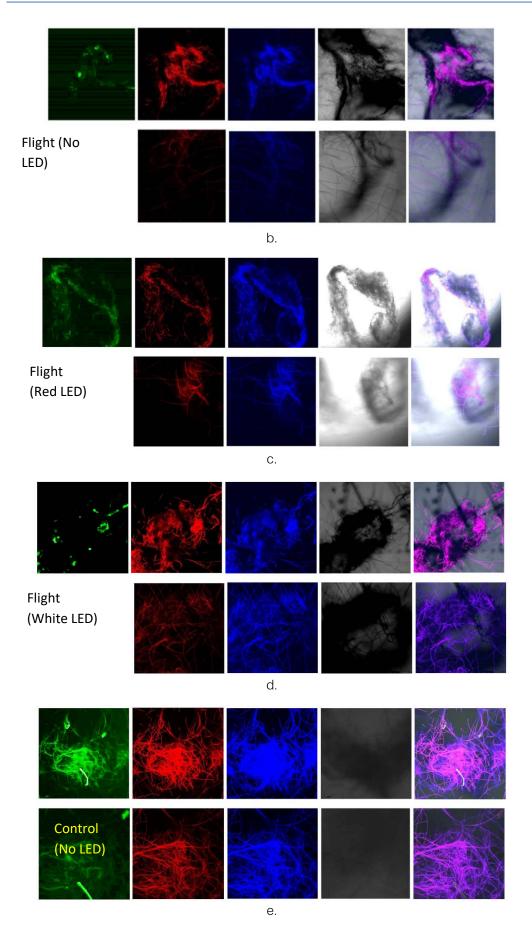
Figure 8: Heat map of genes altered by different light conditions in flown spirulina samples (a). Gene change expression $(2^--(\Delta\Delta Ct))$ among different flight conditions. Values indicate mean \pm SD (b).

Based on the heat map generated from the quantitative RT-PCR analysis (Figure 8a), red light led to the highest expression of all genes, with the highest expression of the nrtP and mgtE genes. White light led to the highest expression of the mgtE and nrtP genes as well, while no light condition elevated mgtE and groES genes. Similar patterns were observed in the bar graph where each dot represents an individual experiment (Figure 8b). This graph shows individual samples distribution across different conditions and indicates reasonable variability among different conditions.

VI. Confocal Microscopy

We next assessed the structure of ground and flown spirulina samples using inverted and confocal microscopy (Figure 9b-Figure 9f) where the top row represents a 1X resolution while the bottom row represents a 2X resolution or 10X resolution for Figure 9g. Figure 9a depicts the pictures of the selected samples under the Motic AEZI Inverted Phase Microscope.





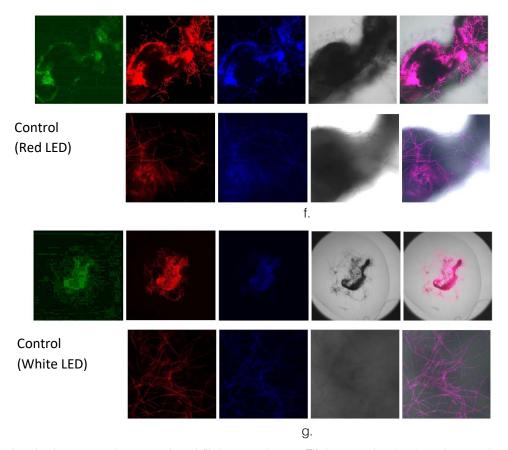


Figure 9: Confocal microscopy for control and flight samples. a. Flight samples (top) and control samples (bottom) as seen under the microscope. b. Flight-6 (no LED), b. Flight-10 (red LED), c. Flight-18 (White LED),d. Control-2 (No LED). e. Control-8 (red LED). f. Control-15 (white LED).

Based on images taken under inverted microscope (Figure 9a), control samples had a more defined structure when compared to flown samples. In flown samples (Figure 9b, c, d), no light and white light led to the highest laser intensity and better-defined structures when compared to the red light. For control samples (Figure 9e, f, g), no light led to a more defined spirulina structure when compared with samples exposed to white and red light.

VII. Conclusions

Given the significant interest in future human space flights, finding an alternative food source is an important subject of current and future space research. In this study, we sought to determine whether exposing spirulina (Arthrospira platensis)to a different light condition during a suborbital flight could influence the expression of genes involved in many important cellular processes, such as ATP regulation, photosynthesis, nitrate transport, etc.

Spirulina flight samples yielded more mass than the control samples as an overall. In particular, the flight samples exposed to red light yielded about 7% less mass than the controlled samples exposed to the same light conditions at the PPF; but both the flight samples exposed to white light and no light yielded about 25% and 21% more mass than their controlled samples at the PPF. The low biomass for red LED light may be associated with the uptake rate of micronutrients, including phosphorus, which takes placeat a higher rate for red light than for white light.

Our results suggest that red light led to the most profound weight mass reduction in flown samples when compared to other light conditions. Thus, it downregulated the expression of many genes suggesting that exposure to red light might not be beneficial.

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I. Introduction

he prototype was create to provide an accurate and easy solution in security. With this prototype, different schools can know about different characteristics of drivers and vehicles that provide school route service, providing a validation tool that can be integrate with the mobility registration system. A recognition of facial patterns and features can be made all of this supported by *free software* recognition *libraries*, through 128-point feature vectors which makes face representation for comparison. Allowing it to be easy to use and a low cost solution it will be apply in a number of scenarios making it scalable. Enhancing the centralization of data by using a distributed database generating availability and a higher security level.

II. Analysis Stage

An analysis of the chosen hardware and software architecture is carry out, and the scope and limitations of this are define for subsequent implementation. The main objective is design an artificial vision prototype for facial recognition of drivers and school route plates for entry and/or exit from the institution.

III. DESIGN STAGE

The recognition of the involved agents with the system is developed and the interaction between these with the prototype. Besides relating the model of

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hardware and software of the system, it is divide in the Software component and Hardware component.

IV. HARDWARE MODEL

This item is scalable and configurable since inside this prototypeis necessary to build a hardware component, which would allow the driver to move into the institution when start the validation circuit of the prototype (IP camera and the rest of the services of facial recognition and registration). This component consist of a circuit with an Arduino card given the capacity of interaction that it can have with the system. It could be easily adapted to systems of sensors, automatic doors, registers and other access devices.

V. SOFTWARE MODEL

The software make the *interaction* of the system with the final user. The system has components of graphic interface where the administration and the configuration modules will be visualize besides seeing the alerts with each one of the different entries that occur. The development with free and open source technologies such as Python, Java, JSF, Java programming languages were use with free distribution tools for its development such as NetBeans, notepad ++, VisualStudioCode, Mysql database engine and Maria DB.

VI. DATABASE MODEL

The database modeling is an important point in the software development since it is from this design that the system's planning and interaction begins in addition to managing the distributed database to maintain the reliability and availability standards required for proper operation. The MARIA DB database engine was use with a GPL license in which the configuration is carry out in order to establish the distributed database.

VII. SYSYTEM AGENTS

User interactions were define for this system and the specifications may change according to the environment to be use with the Hardware and Software solution.

Table 1: Definition of System Agents.

Agent	Description	
Admin	Responsible for the administration of alerts, personnel and vehicles authorized to enter to the institution.	
Watchman	Agent who receives notifications of unauthorized entry into the institution, person responsible for granting or refusing entry into and/or leaving the institution	
Driver	Agent that interacts with the system through the Arduino board.	

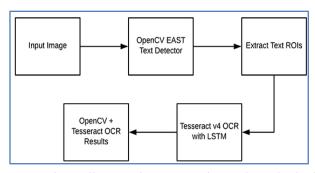
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VIII. ARCHITECTURE

It is indispensable to think about a good architecture because it defines a path to begin to build the system. The way in which the components will interact with other systems or libraries and thus achieve the main objective to have a functional prototype ready for implementation. The used libraries and protocols are OpenALPR, OpenCV and RSTP. OpenALPR is an open source library used in automatic license plate pattern recognition written in C++ with links in C#, Java, Node.js, Go and Python. The library analyzes images and video sequences to identify license plate patterns. OpenCV is a free machine vision library originally developed by Intel. It contains more than 500 functions that cover a wide range of areas in the vision process such as facial recognition, camera calibration, stereo vision and robotic vision. RSTP (Real Time Streaming Protocol) is a non-connection-oriented protocol. The server maintains a session associated with an identifier in most cases RTSP uses TCP for player control data and UDP for audio and video data.

IX. LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION WITH **OPENALPR**

We use OpenALPR library, which is an open source library that helps the automatic recognition of license plates. It operates for the video stream as follows: The image flow will be constantly extract from the IP camera in MJPEG format through RTSP on a video format, and OpenALPR will start the validation. The agent will start the process automatically and the library processes the flow as fast as possible while searching for plate images. When the plates are detect, the information will be write to a local beanstalk queue as JSON data. The library save the image in a configurable location as a jpeg image and run a separate process that empty the beanstalk queue upload the data to the server via HTTP. This library works with OpenCV for character recognition.

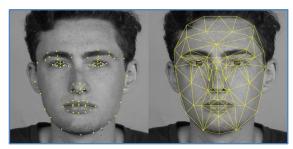


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Figure 1: Pipeline for Opencv

X. FACE RECOGNITION

This library built in python from the Dlib toolkit made in C++ contains deep learning algorithms, which allows to model abstractions providing accurate results reaching good accuracy model. There are different methods for face comparison such as the waterfall, which analyzes hundreds of small patterns and characteristics that must match, similar to detecting a fingerprint but this method is not suitable due to its impossibility of detecting profiled faces or low occlusion. Others based on deep metric learning rely on 128-point characteristic vectors making a representation of the face are used in this prototype. The algorithms can be accurate with the right distance threshold between points.



Source: https://encryptedtbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd 9GcS0M

Figure 2: Dotted vector

The following steps identify the one face: The face detection model identifies the face's location inside the image. The embedding fed modelis use to obtain a

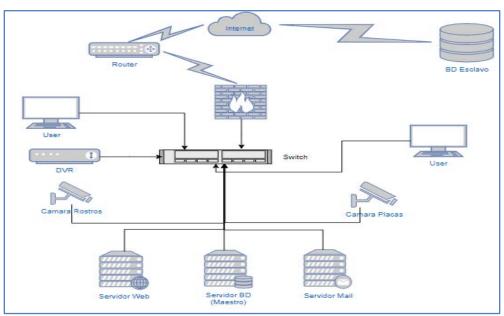
vector of facial characteristics of size 128 points. It compares this vector with those of its "friends" and finds the most similar.

Face detection mode face in image Extract face from image Get embedding vector Find closest match to embeddings of from face image reference images

Source: https://miro.medium.com/max/700/1*R-ObQiGjDK4Njd5tSQEz5g.png Figure 3: Recognition cycle

XI. IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

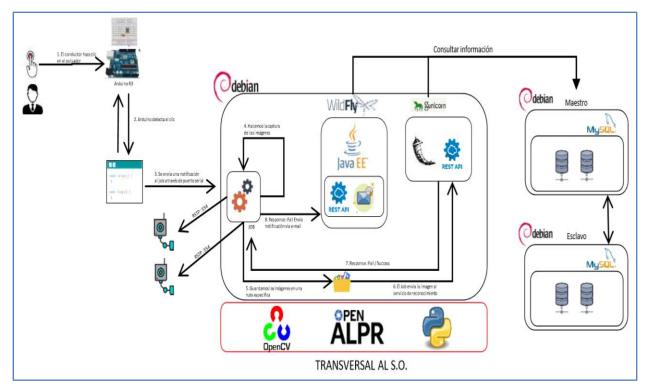
The infrastructure defined for the system operation as shown in the below figure. Figure 4. Implementation of the prototype



Source: Authors

The prototype has components of hardware y software that interoperate in this form: Arduino Wiring: This code is stored in Arduino's microcontroller to start the request and begin the whole process. It can be replace by the access component that the application Python Code: It is the backend of the application where the processing of the images and comparison of these are located. Java Code: It is the frontend of the system since it provides a friendly interface to the Administrator and Watchman actors that

make up the system. To have a better view of the system operation the following diagram has been validate.



Source: Authors

Figure 5: Prototype Overview

The diagram above describes the technologies used and the flow of information. An Arduino card and a push button is use to start the flow, which could be replaced by an access bar or a movement sensor. The Arduino board algorithm processes the message sent through the serial port and sends an alert to the JOB (Automatic Task). It takes a picture of the face and the license plate of the vehicle and stores it in a folder. The JOB (Scheduled Task) sends the 64-based images to the recognition service for analysis. The service generates a response indicating whether the recognition was successful or not to the JOB. If everything was successful the corresponding access is given, otherwise it sends an email to a previously configured account indicating that there was an unauthorized access.

XII. HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INTEGRATION

We make the two components interact with each other and give functionality to the final product and the following elements were define for its operation: The Hardware model, Job and Web Services and Web Application (JEE).

XIII. TEST STAGE

The accuracy of a project is define by the test cycle aim to identify achievements and limitations obtained in the development of the prototype. For this is need a vehicle and a person who will carry out the entry simulation to the institution. When analyzing the image the results are:

```
plate0:
        10 results
      UGU286
                  confidence:
      UGU2B6
                  confidence:
                               85.1463
      U6U286
                  confidence:
                               84.3539
      UGUZ86
                  confidence:
                               83.4433
      UG0286
                  confidence:
                               81.8547
      UGD286
                  confidence:
                               81.659
      0GU286
                  confidence:
                               81.6427
      DGU286
                  confidence:
                               81.6177
      0GU286
                  confidence:
                               81.5763
      UG0286
                  confidence:
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Source: Authors

Figure 6: Vehicle Plate Identification

A list of ten possible plates with percentage of accuracy are see. We can obtain from 10 to 50 results. The percentage indicates which characters have more similarity to the image of the vehicle plate so getting the right plate. Regarding facial recognition the first thing to have when starting are images with people faces that are intend to be identify and getting two profiles of the person and a front photo in order to ensure greater accuracy in recognition. With this, the algorithm is able to recognize whether the face to be analyze is the desired person. Some guidelines that must be take into account for proper operation such as the light distance, camera resolution and the number of faces that can appear in the image. The algorithm makes the comparison between previously saved images and the take image for the identification. The validation algorithm returns a vector with the analysis response. If true value is return, means that it recognized a match with one of the base images.

```
import face_recognition
picture_of_me = face_recognition.load_image_file("me.jpg")
my\_face\_encoding = face\_recognition.face\_encodings(picture\_of\_me)[\theta]
unknown_picture = face_recognition.load_image_file("unknown.jpg")
unknown_face_encoding = face_recognition.face_encodings(unknown_picture)[0]
results = face_recognition.compare_faces([my_face_encoding], unknown_face_encoding)
if results[0] == True:
    print("It's a picture of me!")
else:
    print("It's not a picture of me!")
```

Source: https://github.com/openalpr/openalpr

Figure 7: Face Recognition Algorithm

XIV. RESULTS STAGE

The prototype's confidence levels may change with conditions of distance, comparative and luminosity. Recognition levels are high when the prototype has the right photo profiles for optimal comparison. In the plate case found that the prototype could be highly adaptive. The OCR not only recognizes the model of the plates that are hand as standard but also recognizes those parameterized in the system.

XV. CURRENT WORKS

To have a more complete overview of the potential of the Open ALPR tool, which uses OpenCv, it is research and is evident that these libraries have a wide use from implementation of face recognition in major airports, and too be a solution for optimal fruit sorting with high quality standards.

XVI. FUTURE WORKS

This application is highly scalable and modular to be use in other works where it can be integrate in a simple way. The version implements pattern recognition and we can will detect plates from various countries, color, vehicle brand and model; and the library for face recognition can be integrate easily.

XVII. CONCLUSIONS

The face recognition effectiveness ranges between 96% and 99% depending on the image type to be analyzed having a higher effectiveness if it has the three angles of the face which are the 128 point feature vectors for OpenCV works and which it makes the comparison.

The Optical Character Recognition (OCR) component has an effectiveness of approximately 94% that depends on factors such as brightness, image capture angle, camera resolution and that the plate does not have any kind of obstruction because there may be a poor character reading.

These two great components integrated to the software component allow a powerful tool with a high rate of effectiveness where it can be evidenced that with the available tools in its free versions can provide very useful solutions in all common life areas.

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I. Introduction

a) Motivation

ew times are coming and its means we need adapt to this new times. Thinking in a new world and in the future, the mobility is changing to adapt to new mindset and be healthier.

One of the contributor to pollution is the ICE (internal combustion engine), present in each city in the world, the ICE operation spread a lot of particles in the air and increase the pollution on the cities. According IEA report 2017, "transport sector alone contributes to 24% of CO2 emissions in 2015".

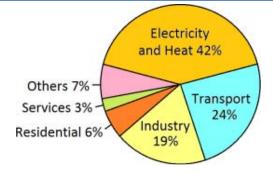


Figure 1: World CO2 Emissions from Fuel Combustion by Sector (IEA Report 2017)

The internal combustion engine was a huge step to society development and their evolution, but to achieve new targets with new mindset, the society are looking to be healthy. To achieve this new healthy target, we are walking to new technologies to decrease the pollution emissions from the transports, as the BEV (Battery Electric vehicles) and the HEV (hybrid electric vehicles).

i. BEV Definition

According Vidyanandan (2018), "Battery electric vehicles are propelled by electric motors by using energy stored on board in batteries". Therefore, BEV vehicles does not have a presence of the ICE to help the propulsion system. Basic, the BEV has the Battery, Engine and the Transmission

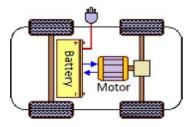


Figure 2: Basic BEV System (Vidyanandan, 2018)

ii. HEV Definition

HEV (Hybrid vehicles) have the internal combustion engine with the electric engine and, according Vidyanandan (2018), "Hybrid electric vehicles have the benefits of both ICE vehicles and electric vehicles, and overcome their individual disadvantages".

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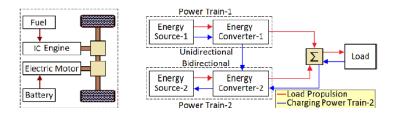


Figure 3: Arrangement of a HEV with Power Flow Paths(Vidyanandan, 2018)

For cars, the BEV or HEV technology are very solid and society has many examples used by the world-renowned brands as:

BEV: BMW i3 (BEV). Nissan Leaf. Chevrolet Bolt. Audi e-Tron and Renault Zoe;

HEV: Toyota Prius, Audi A7 Sportback, Ford Fusion Hybrid, BMW i3 (HEV), Volvo XC60 and many others.

However, the motorcycles category does not have the same scenario for both. The motorcycle worldrenowned brands do not have the same presence of BEV or HEV and between both technologies have a difference, the companies have more BEV in comparison than HEV as.

BEV: Voltz EV01, Aima Tiger X6, MUUV Custom S, Magias Italiane Maranello and Energie Mobi Super Soco TC;

HEV: Honda PCX.

In addition, these BEV motorcycles have a low autonomy, being common to have between 60 and 80km.

b) Main Goals

Knowing about the motorcycle technology opportunity for electric vehicle with large area to explore, this present article have as main goals:

- Identify the Brazilian motorcycle customer behavior:
- Identify the best match motorcycle for HEV;
- Define the specifications to sizing the hybrid engine.

II. COMPARISON BETWEEN BEV X HEV X ICE

According Vidyanandan (2018), the main difference between BEV and the HEV vehicle is the autonomy. BEV is better when the customer need to drive low distances and do not use the vehicle to travel, otherwise is better use the HEV for long distances.

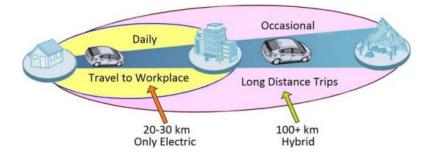


Figure 4: Travel Range of a Typical PHEV in Different Modes (Vidyanandan, 2018)

Table 1: Mass comparison ICE x BEV x HEV(Sources: Fiat Italy website; Volkswagen Portugal website; Peugeot UK website; Jac China website; Toyota USA website; Mitsubishi North America website; Nissan Japan website; Car and Drive website)

Vehicle	ICE	HEV	BEV	Difference BEV - ICE	Difference HEV - ICE	Difference BEV - HEV	
First FOO	Rockstar ICE	500 Hybrid HEV	500e BEV	- 404 les	- FO 140	1074 165	
Fiat 500	930 kg	980 kg	1351 kg	+421 kg	+50 kg	9 +371 kg	
	Golf 115CV	//////	E-Golf 136CV		////		
Volkswagen Golf	200Nm ICE		BEV	+375 kg			
	1240 kg		1615 kg				
	up 65CV 91Nm		e-up 83CV				
Volkswagen up	ICE		BEV	+244 kg			
	991 kg	HHH	1235 kg 136HP 260Nm				
Peugeot 208	1220cm³ turbo ICE		BEV	L 207 kg			
reugeol 200	1158 kg		1455 kg	+297 kg			
	112HP 146Nm ICE	111111	270Nm BEV		////		
Jac S2 (IEV7S)	1110 kg		1495 kg	+385 kg			
	2.5L 203HP	2.5L 208HP 149Nm	/////	////			
Toyota Camry	203HP ICE	HEV			+140 kg		
-	1470 kg	1610 kg					
Toyeta Avalas	205HP 163lbft ICE	215HP 149lbft HEV			L 00 kg		
Toyota Avalon	1620 kg	1640 kg			+20 kg		
	166HP 220Nm ICE	80kW per engine					
Mitsubishi Outlander	TOULTE ZZUNIII ICE	195Nm HEV			+405 kg		
	1510 kg	1915 kg					
Niccon Note	142Nm ICE	e-Power 254Nm HEV			140 k=		
Nissan Note	1090 kg	1230 kg			+140 kg		
		BMW i3 181HP	181HP 199Nm				
BMW i3		199Nm HEV	BEV			-121 kg	
	////	1500 kg	1379 kg				

Using the last information, we can define the table below:

Table 2: Categories Main Points

Powertrain	Main points
ICE	Highest in CO2 emission in comparison than HEV / BEV
	High autonomy
	Lighter vehicle in comparison than HEV / BEV
	Quickly fuel (Easy for travels)
HEV	Low CO2 emission

High autonomy

Little heaviest

Quickly fuel (Easy for travels)

No CO2 emission due to engine

Low autonomy

Heaviest than ICE and HEV

Lengthy fuel

III. Brazilian Motorcycle Categories

BEV

According Izo (2019), Brazil has the bellow main motorcycle categories:

Scooter: Scooter has 50cm3 to 150cm3 and aimed at younger customers. Normally, the gearbox is automatic; you have a good driveability inside the cities and have a pocket to keep small things. Scooters does not have the same comfort & safety than the biggest motorcycles and the pilot drive in the sitting position.



Figure 5: Scooter: Yamaha Nmax 160 (Izo, 2019)

Cub: Looks like scooters, but the pilot have a foot pegs to put your feet. The fuel economy is this motorcycle spotlight.



Figure 6: Cub: Honda Biz 125 2018 (Izo, 2019)

Sport: Sport motorcycles were created for strong accelerations. However, this motorcycle do not have a comfortable seat due to design made to optimize the aerodynamic (pilot must to put his chest close the tank to increase the aerodynamic). The suspension is very rigid and the seat usually is uncomfortable. This motorcycle can achieve easily 1200cm³.



Figure 7: Sport: Honda Cbr 1000rr Fireblade (Izo, 2019)

Naked: The customers usually drive in the cities or highways. Naked motorcycles have few fairing, only the necessary. This motorcycle has a large range of sizes (200cm³ - 1000cm³).



Figure 8: Naked: YAMAHA MT-07 ABS 2019 (Izo, 2019)

Custom: Made for roadways. Design for pilot comfort with low seat, long suspensions and high handlebar. Normally have a range of sizes (800cm³ - 1000cm³).



Figure 9: Custo: Harley-Davidson Sportster 883 2018 (Izo, 2019)

Trail: Tall motorcycle with tall seat, suspension and handlebar. Trail motorcycle has a good driveability for city and travels. Normally the customer drive in different roads (dust, asphalt and others). Displacement average close the 1000cm³.



Figure 10: Trail: Triumph Tiger 800 Xrx (Izo, 2019)

Below the table with the motorcycle categories description:

Table 3: Categories Main Points

Category	Main points
Scooter	City usage
	Young customers
	Low displacement (50cm ³ - 150cm ³)
	Economic
	Uncomfortable (Drive in sitting position)
Cub	City usage
	Young customers
	Low displacement (100cm ³ - 125cm ³)
	Economic
	Average comfortable (Drive with foot pegs)
Sport	Sport usage
	"Sport" customers
	High displacement (as 1200cm³)
	High consumption
	Uncomfortable
Naked	City / highway usage
	Large range of customers
	Large range of displacement (200cm ³ - 1000cm ³)

	Large range of consumption
	Average comfort
Custom	Highway / Travel usage
	Traveling Customers
	High displacement (until 1800cm³)
	Average to high consumption
	Very comfortable
Trail	City / Travel / Trail usage
	Daily usage with some travels
	High displacement (average of 1000cm³)
	Average to high consumption
	Comfortable

IV. Comparison between Motorcycle and Powertrains

Below the table crossing the information from motorcycles categories and the engine types:

Table 4: Comparison Between Categories and Engines

	ICEV Highest in CO2 emission in comparison than HEV / BEV High autonomy Lighter vehicle in comparison than HEV / BEV Quickly fuel (Easy for travels)	HEV Low CO2 emission High autonomy Little heaviest Quickly fuel (Easy for travels)	BEV No CO2 emission due to engine Low autonomy Heaviest than ICE and HEV Lengthy fuel
Scooter City usage Young customers Low displacement (50cm³ - 150cm³) Economic Uncomfortable (Drive in sitting position)	3	2	1
Cub City usage Young customers Low displacement (100cm³ - 125cm³) Economic Average comfortable (Drive with foot pegs)	3	2	1
Sport Sport usage "Sport" customers	1	3	2

High displacement (as 1200cm³) High consumption Uncomfortable			
Naked City / highway usage Large range of customers Large range of displacement (200cm³ - 1000cm³) Large range of consumption Average comfort	1	2	3
Custom Highway / Travel usage Traveling Customers High displacement (until 1800cm³) Average to high consumption Very comfortable	2	1	3
Trail and Big Trail City / Travel / Trail usage Daily usage with some travels High displacement (average of 1000cm³) Average to high consumption Comfortable	2	1	3

According the table, Custom and Trail are the most compatible motorcycle categories with HEV technology because they are used to long travels, needed a quickly fuel, high autonomy and use to decrease the pollution.

V. Specification for Custom and Trail

Fenabrave is a national automotive federation from Brazil and the best in class motorcycle for each category could be identify through the Fenabrave informs. Below the Fenabrave informs ranking table from December 2019 for Trail motorcycles and Customs:

	Modelo	2019 Nov	2019 Dez		2019 Acumulado	Part.
1=	TRIUMPH/TIGER 800	193	316	A	2.837	20,07%
2*	BMW/F850 GS	166	226	A	2.134	15,09%
3*	BMW/R1250GS	326	340	^	1.900	13,44%
4*	BMW/R1200	3	5	^	1.431	10,12%
5°	TRIUMPH/TIGER 1200	62	77	A	917	6,49%
6°	SUZUKI/VSTROM650	102	113	^	899	6,36%
70	ROYAL ENFIELD/HIMALAYA	77	118	^	805	5,69%
8°	BMW/F750 GS	63	105	^	731	5,17%
9"	KAWASAKI/VERSYS	84	82	~	652	4,61%
10°	HONDA/CRF 1000L	44	36	~	337	2,38%
	Total	1,229	1.513		14,139	100%

	Modelo	2019 Nov	2019 Dez		2019 Acumulado	Part.
1*	H.DAVIDSON/FL FB	44	79	A	820	10,86%
2*	KAWASAKI/VULCAN S	89	75	~	820	10,86%
3°	H.DAVIDSON/XL 883	134	91	~	745	9,87%
4"	H.DAVIDSON/XL 1200	16	37	^	546	7,23%
5"	ROYAL ENFIELD/CLASSIC	43	43	-	537	7,11%
6°	H.DAVIDSON/FXFB	24	44	^	498	6,60%
7°	H.DAVIDSON/FL FBS	25	36	A	461	6,11%
8*	TRIUMPH/BONNEVILLE	43	39	~	373	4,94%
9°	H.DAVIDSON/FX FBS	46	52	^	367	4,86%
10°	H.DAVIDSON/FL SB	10	10	-	303	4,01%
	Total	648	742	^	7.548	100%

Figure 11: Ranking Fenabrave December 2019 (Fenabrave, 2020)

Based on the sales ranking from Fenabre, the best sales motorcycles specification will be used to define the motorcycles specification target.

Table 5: Specification table (Sources: Triumph Brazil website; BMW Brazil website; Suzuki Brazil website; Harley Davidson Brazil website; Kawazaki Brazil website; Royal Enfield Brazil website)

Motorcycle	Torque	Power	Energy	Mass
Triumph / Tiger800	79 Nm (8,0 kgf.m) @ 7,850 rpm	95 CV @ 9,250 rpm	70 kW @ 9,250 rpm	199 kg
BMW / F850 GS	88 Nm (9,0 kgf.m) @ 6,250rpm	80 CV @ 6,250 rpm	58 kW @ 6,250 rpm	229 kg
BMW / R1250GS	143 Nm (14,6 kgf.m) @ 6,250 rpm	136 CV @ 7,750 rpm	100 kW @ 7,750 rpm	249 kg
BMW / R1200	125 Nm (12,7 kgf.m) @ 6,500 rpm	92 CV @ 7,750 rpm	92 kW @ 7,750 rpm	232 kg
Triumph / Tiger 1200	122 Nm (12,4 kgf.m) @ 7,600rpm	141 CV @ 9,350 rpm	104 kW @ 9,350 rpm	242 kg
Suzuki / Vstrom650	62 Nm (6,32 kgf.m) @ 6,500RPM	71 CV @ 8,800 rpm	52 kW @ 8,800 rpm	199 kg
H.Davison / FL FB	145 Nm (14,8 kgf.m) @ 3,000 rpm	71 CV @ 4,560 rpm	52 kW @ 4,560 rpm	304 kg
Kawazaki / Vulcan S	63 Nm (6,4 kgf.m) @ 6,600 rpm	61 CV @ 7,500 rpm	45 kW @ 7,500 rpm	228 kg
H.Davison / XL 883	68 Nm (6,9 kgf.m) @ 4,750 rpm	52 CV @ 5,750 rpm	38 kW @ 5,750 rpm	247 kg
H.Davison / XL 1200	96 Nm (9,8 kgf.m) @ 3,500 rpm	66 CV @ 6,000 rpm	49 kW @ 6,000 rpm	248 kg
Royal enfield / Classic	52 Nm (5,3 kgf.m) @ 5,250 rpm	47 CV @ 7,250 rpm	35 kW @ 7,250 rpm	202 kg

Follow the train of thought, below the specification comparison and the analysis to define the targets for Custom and Trail motorcycle categories.

Table 6: Motorcycle Categories Analysis

Motorcycle	Peso	Torque	Torque / kg	Torque/kg variation (Unid / Cat average)
Triumph / Tiger800	199 kg	79 Nm	0,40 Nm/kg	-12%
BMW / F850 GS	229 kg	88 Nm	0,38 Nm/kg	-15%
BMW / R1250GS	249 kg	143 Nm	0,57 Nm/kg	27%
BMW / R1200	232 kg	125 Nm	0,54 Nm/kg	19%
Triumph / Tiger 1200	242 kg	122 Nm	0,50 Nm/kg	12%
Suzuki / Vstrom650	199 kg	62 Nm	0,31 Nm/kg	-31%
H.Davison / FL FB	304 kg	145 Nm	0,48 Nm/kg	43%
Kawazaki / Vulcan S	228 kg	63 Nm	0,28 Nm/kg	-17%
H.Davison / XL 883	247 kg	68 Nm	0,28 Nm/kg	-18%
H.Davison / XL 1200	248 kg	96 Nm	0,39 Nm/kg	16%
Royal enfield / Classic	202 kg	52 Nm	0,26 Nm/kg	-23%
Average MaxTrail	225 kg	103 Nm	0,45 Nm/kg	
Min MaxTrail	199 kg	62 Nm	0,31 Nm/kg	
Max MaxTrail	249 kg	143 Nm	0,57 Nm/kg	
Average Custom	246 kg	85 Nm	0,33 Nm/kg	
Min Custom	202 kg	52 Nm	0,26 Nm/kg	
Max Custom	304 kg	145 Nm	0,48 Nm/kg	
Geral Average	234 kg	95 Nm	0,40 Nm/kg	

According the Table 6. Motorcycle categories analysis, the Trail specifications are:

Weight: Average of 225kg, range between 199Kg and 249Kg;

Torque: Average of 103Nm, range between 62Nm and 143Nm;

Correlation between torque and weight: Average of 0,45Nm/Kg, range between 0,31Nm/kg and 0,57Nm/Kg. And the Custom specification are:

Weight: Average of 246kg, range between 202Kg and 304Kg;

Torque: Average of 85Nm, range between 52Nm and 145Nm;

Correlation between torque and weight: Average of 0,33Nm/Kg, range between 0,26Nm/kg and 0,48Nm/Kg.

VI. CONCLUSION

According to these work data, the motorcycle categories with best match to hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) technology are Custom and Trail motorcycle categories due the necessities to do travels and, consequently, need more autonomy and a quickly fuel.

Need to consider some points to design the HEV powertrain for motorcycle. Following these work analysis:

- Correlation between torque and weight is important because it demonstrates how much torque the motorcycle needs to meet the customer's behavior;
- Weight demonstrate the range of mass the motorcycle could be to meet the customer's behavior.

For example, the trail motorcycles customer drives in different roads and some roads, as dirt or bumpy roads, the customer need a lighter and taller motorcycle with high torque (as 0,45Nm/Kg), in comparison the custom motorcycle customer basically use on asphalt and needs a heaviest and lower motorcycle with a reasonable torque (0,33Nm/Kg). Therefore, the trail motorcycle must be lighter than custom motorcycle and, normally, the trail motorcycle has more torque than custom motorcycle.

In addition, considering the analysis, the good motorcycle target to apply HEV technology is:

- Trail motorcycles: Triumph/Tiger800 motorcycle close the average with 0,40Nm/kg against the average of 0,45Nm/kg and this is the best-selling motorcycle for Trail category;
- Custom motorcycles: H.Davison/XL883 is the motorcycle close the average with 0,28Nm/kg against the average of 0,33Nm/kg and H.Davison is the brand best-selling motorcycles for Custom categories;

Abbreviations:

ICE – Internal combustion engine

HEV – Hybrid electrical vehicle

BEV - Battery electrical vehicle

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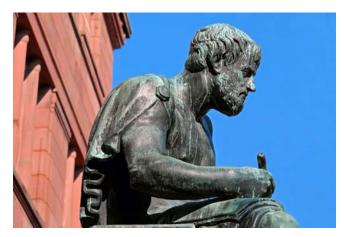
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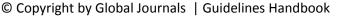
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