MSPM0 Gauge L1 Solution Guide



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ABSTRACT

This application note is created to build a description about the level1 gauge solution based on MSPM0L130x series. It only detects the voltage to calculate the system-on-chip (SoC) directly. Solution features, hardware introduction, GUI introduction, software introduction, and evaluation follow are included in it.

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Output percentage with high S0C accuracy

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1 Introduction

Suitable application

There are different Gauge solutions based on MSPM0. Table 1-1 shows the quick compare between them for customers to choose the suitable one. This document focuses on introducing MSPM0 Gauge L1 solution.

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	MSPM0 Gauge L1	MSPM0 Gauge L2
Detected parameters	Voltage; Temperature	Voltage; Temperature; Current
Output key parameters	SOC	S0C; SOH; Remain capacity; Cycles
Used methods		Coulomb counting + Volt Gauge + Empty/Full compensation + Capacity learn

Output steps with low S0C accuracy

Table 1-1 MSPM0 Gauge Solution Compare

The features of the level1 gauge solution based on MSPM0 are as shown:

- Work after MCU power-on without factory calibration or learning cycles.
- Support SOC (State of charge) and warning flag output.
- Low requirement for battery chemistry parameters input.
- Total solution takes about 6K flash and 1.6K SRAM.
- Current consumption without UART communication (NO OUTPUT mode) is about 3 µA.

The solution is combined of three parts. All of them can be found at MSPM0 Gauge L1 Development package.

The hardware board is used to evaluate the total solution with MSPM0L130x integrated.



Figure 1-1. MSPM0 Gauge Hardware Board

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2. The software project based on MSPM0L130x, including the used gauge algorithm.



Figure 1-2. MSPM0 Gauge Software Project

3. The GUI is written by python, which can be used to communicate with the gauge board, run test pattern by controlling a source meter and generate battery parameters.

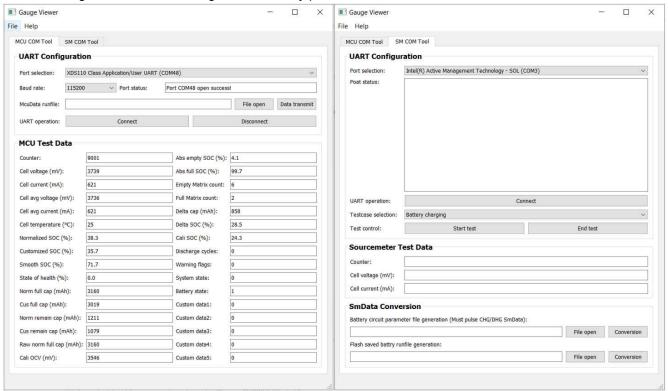


Figure 1-3. MSPM0 Gauge GUI Project



2 Gauge Hardware Introduction

Figure 2-1 shows the hardware high level block diagram. The input parameters are only voltage and temperature tested from ADC channel 1 and ADC channel 5.

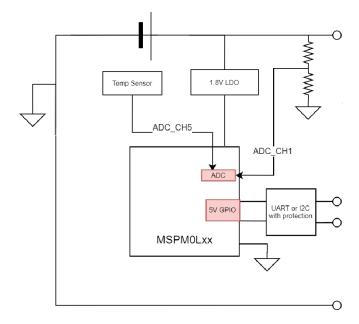


Figure 2-1. MSPM0 Gauge Board Block Diagram

This design can use these MSPM0 features:

- High precision 12-bit ADC for temperature and voltage detection
- 5 V tolerant open-drain I/O with UART or I2C function to communicate with masters under different power rails
- Lower to 1.62 V working voltage to support single battery full voltage range
- Lower to 1.1 μA STANDBY current with SRAM retention for battery application

Here we give a quick introduction for the hardware board and how to use it. For the battery, you can insert it into the default socket or connect it to the backup battery supply input. Debug and UART COM port is used to connect to PC, which can download the code or communicate with the GUI.

Pay attention for the MCU power switch supply jumper. For downloading, connect VMCU to VEx, then the MCU is supplied with 3.3 V, which can ensure the voltage matching with the debugger. For evaluation, connect VMCU to VIn, then the MCU will be supplied with 1.8 V LDO. It can ensure the best analog performance.

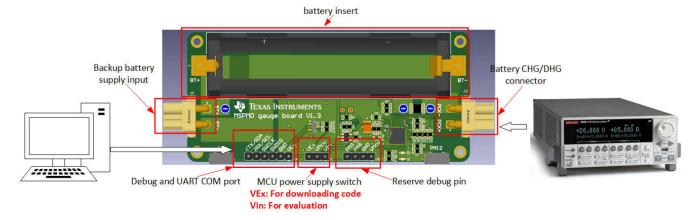


Figure 2-2. Gauge Board Instructions



3 Gauge Software Introduction

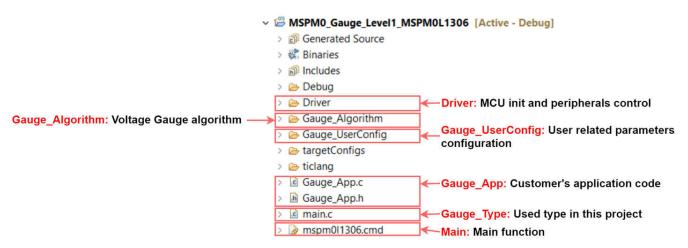


Figure 3-1. MSPM0 Gauge Software Project View

The software project is shown in the picture. The project and files related to the gauge algorithm has 6 parts. For other files, they are same for all the MSPM0 projects.

For the Gauge_UserConfig part, Section 4 is included.

The the Gauge_Algorithm part is introduced in the last part of this section.

The Driver part includes all the MCU related peripherals control. It prepares Vcell, Tcell data into Gauge_Algorithm.

The Guage_App part includes the high-level gauge algorithm calling. This is the place for customers to customize their own functions.

The Gauge_Type part includes all the structures used in this project. You can also find some detailed comments in it.

The Main part includes the highest system function code.

3.1 Gauge Algorithm Introduction

For the VGauge, it treats the battery as a first order RC model. Then it will use the RC model and the SoC-open circuit voltage (OCV) table to generate VF_SoC. As it uses a low oder circuit model to simulate the battery, the accuracy of VF_SoC is not so high. However, it can help if you know the battery SoC when you do not detect the battery current or do not know the full capacity (AbsFullCap) at the beginning. In the software code, the RC model and SoC-OCV table are saved in "circuitParamsTable".

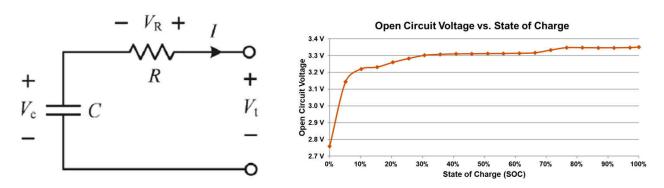


Figure 3-2. Battery Model and SoC-OCV Table



Figure 3-3 shows the software flow chart of VGauge function. The circuitParamsTable (Rcell lookup table and SOC-OCV lookup table) and Qmax are per saved. When the MCU start working, it treats the first AvgVcell as the OCV[K-1], then it looks into the SOC-OCV table to find the SoC. Rcell and Ccell are calculated and inputted in the model. With the AvgVcell input, a new OCV[K] is calculated, which is treated as a new OCV[K-1] inputted in the model in the next calculation cycle.

In a word, this model is used to evaluate the OCV based on the battery parameters and the AvgVcell input. The SoC is get by searching the SoC-OCV table.

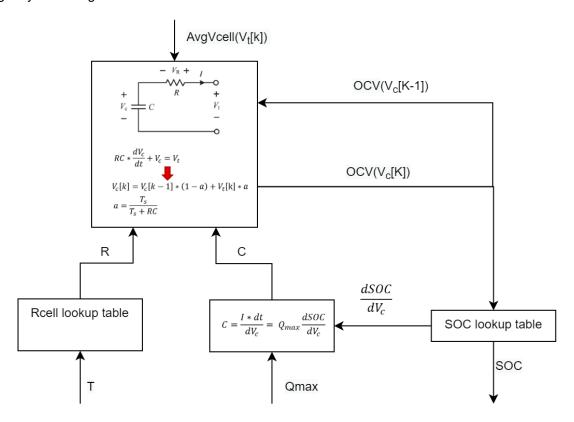


Figure 3-3. VGauge Software Flow

For more details about VGauge, see Current sensor-less state-of-charge estimation algorithm for lithium-ion batteries utilizing filtered terminal voltage.

3.2 Gauge GUI Introduction

Gauge GUI is also a important part of this solution. It can be used for recording MCU data, running battery test case, and do data conversion. This GUI has two pages. First is MCU COM Tool, used to communicate with MSPM0 and record the MCU transmitted battery running data. Second is SM COM Tool, used to communicate with the source meter, run battery test case and record the test data sent from the source meter. Data conversion is also done in this page to pair with the different gauge working mode.

First, see the MCU COM Tool, shown in Figure 3-4. It has two functions. First is to receive the battery running data from MCU. The data will be saved automatically in excel with a name "time-McuData.xlsx", after the test is finished or you stop the test.

Second is to load the selected "time-McuData.xlsx" excel file and transmit the cell current, cell voltage and cell temperature data in this file to MCU for algorithm running, paired with the related gauge mode (Communication data input mode).



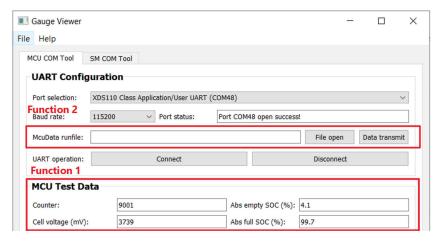


Figure 3-4. MCU COM Tool functions

For the SM COM Tool. It also has two functions, shown in Figure 3-5. For function 1, it is used to control the source meter to run the battery testcase. Then show and record the data measured by source meter. The record data is saved in excel with a name "time-SmData.xlsx". If you want to recreate this part, for software, you need to at least install NI VISA. For hardware, you need to buy a USB to rs232 wire and a keithley 2602A source meter.

Function2 helps to converge the record data into C files. For "Battery circuit parameter file generation", it is used to extract the battery parameters, including SOC, OCV and Rcell from a pulse CHG/DHG file, to generate the "circuitParamsTable". For "Flash saved battery runfile generation", it is used to converge the record file into a C file. Then you can save the file into MCU for running, paired with the related gauge mode (Flash data input mode).

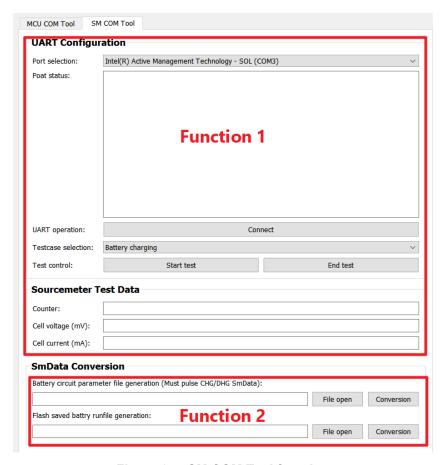


Figure 3-5. SM COM Tool function



A Gauge GUI execution file is supplied; you can use it for evaluation without installing python. However, if you want to customize the battery test cases under the SM COM Tool, it is recommended that you to use the source code. For more details about how to use the GUI, see the next section.

4 MSPM0 Gauge Evaluation Steps

4.1 Step1: Hardware Preparation

Hardware board:

If you want to evaluate this total solution, you need to make the gauge board first. If you only want to evaluate the gauge software, you just need a MSPM0L1306 launchpad and input the prepared voltage and temperature data into MSPM0 Gauge algorithm.

Test setup:

In order to do the test and evaluate MSPM0 Gauge performance, you need to prepare a source meter or other battery test machines to control the battery charge and discharge. It will also be helpful if you have a thermo stream to evaluate the gauge performance under different temperature.

4.2 Step2: Get the Battery Model

The battery model is got from pulse discharge testcase. It is always good to get the battery model for you project. However, for MSPM0 Gauge L1 with low discharge current in real application, you do not really need to do the test. You can reuse the default model in the code or get a model related to your battery chemistry from Web. For higher level MSPM0 Gauge solution, as the accuracy lies on the battery model, it is strong suggested to get the dedicated battery model.

For the test machine, you can use any machine that can charge and discharge the battery, and the tested data can be recorded. The paired test machine with the supplied GUI is keithley 2602A source meter, which is controlled through a USB to rs232 wire, paired with NI VISA.

To get a more accurate model, you need to discharge the battery with low current, like 0.1C for 20 minutes. The rest time after each pulse should be 1-2 hours, then you can take the Vcell as OCV. Finally, with this setting you will get about 30 points.

Table 4-1 shows a suggested test pattern.

Table 4-1. Battery Test Pattern

Parameter	Value	Comment
Start voltage (OCV)	4.3~4.4 V	Make sure the start voltage is no lower than the application max charge voltage
End voltage (OCV)	2.5~3.0 V	Make sure the rest voltage (OCV) is no higher than the application min discharge voltage
Discharge current	0.05°C ~ 0.1°C	Low current means more point
Discharge time	20 minutes	Low discharge time means more point
Rest time	1-2 hours	Longer is better

Figure 4-1 shows a battery model example test case. It charges the battery to full (4350 mV) and rests for 1 hour, with the voltage drops to 4322 mV. Then, it does a pulse discharge and rests to get the OCV under different SoC. The test is terminated at 2450 mV. After 1-hour rest, the voltage increases to 2864 mV. So, the OCV range of the SoC-OCV table is from 2864mV to 4322 mV. Start voltage is 4322 mV and End voltage is 2864 m under the difference between the OCV and battery voltage.

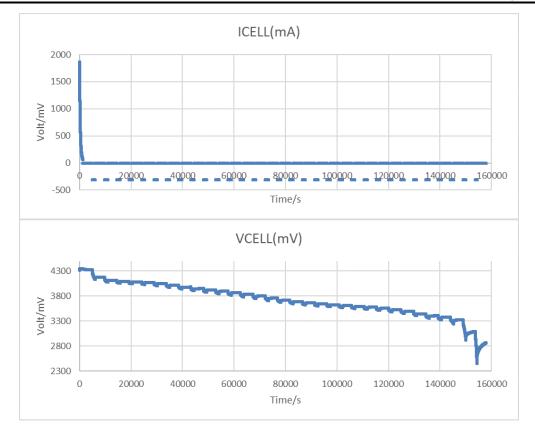


Figure 4-1. Pulse Discharge Test Case

The suggested setup is shown as below. MCU COM tool is used to get the battery run data. SM COM tool is used to control the source meter to generate pulse battery charge and collect the voltage and current data to generate the battery parameters later.

Pay attention to connect source meter in four wire mode, which can reduce the voltage detection error caused from line resistance. Test the battery under real application board, because the application board influences the battery parameters as well, especially the battery resistor.

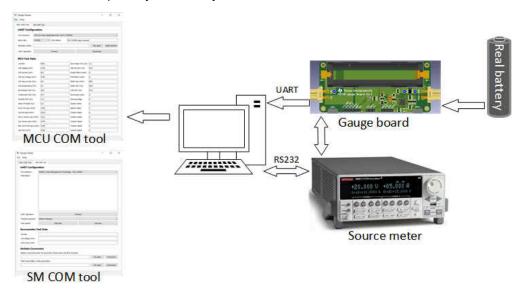


Figure 4-2. Hardware Structure to Get Battery Model



Remember to change the parameters in the python source code, like the discharge current, end voltage and so on, according to your application. After you get battery running data, you can then use "Battery circuit parameter file generation" to get the battery circuit file in excel and text, shown in Figure 4-3. The input file can be SMData and MCUData.

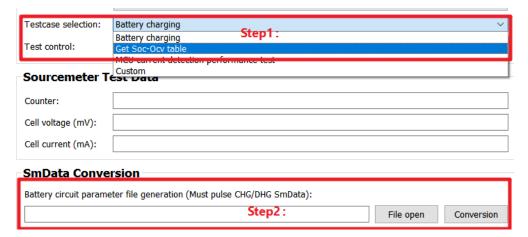


Figure 4-3. Battery Circuit Table Generation

Copy the generated table in the text into Gauge_UserConfig.c, and the table length into Gauge_UserConfig.h. Then you can finish the battery circuit table input. The cap factor equals to dSoc(%)/dOcv(mV)*Qmax(As) or dSoc(%)/dOcv(V)*3.6*Qmax(mAh). For other parameters generation method, see the python source code.

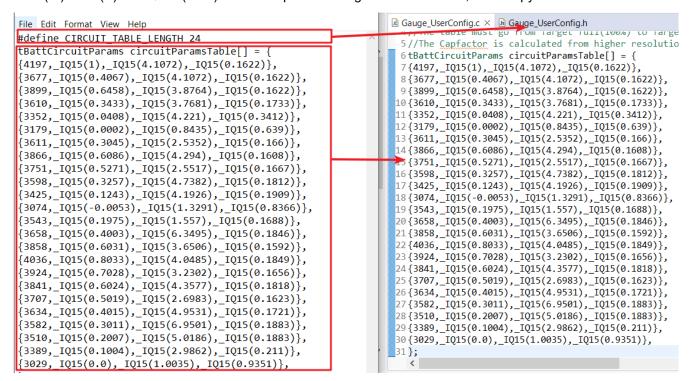


Figure 4-4. Battery Circuit Table Input

Attention: For MSPM0 Gauge L1, it calculates a static SoC, which does not take the residual SoC or battery aging into consideration. That means you need to add some buffer by setting the minimum OCV of SoC-OCV table higher than application min discharge voltage. Table 4-2 shows an example for the suggested minimum OCV for different discharge conditions.



	Current<0.01°C	Current<0.1°C	Current<0.5°C
Table max OCV	4.2 V	4.2 V	4.2 V
Table min OCV	3 V	3.2 V	3.4 V
Application max charge voltage	4.2 V	4.2 V	4.2 V
Application min discharge voltage	2.8 V	2.8 V	2.8 V

For high-level MSPM0 Gauge solution, as it takes the residual SoC or battery aging into consideration, it is good to make the circuit table larger than the application voltage range to reserve some buffer. Table 4-3 shows an example for different discharge conditions.

Table 4-3. MSPM0 Gauge L2 SOC-OCV Range

	Current<0.01°C	Current<0.1°C	Current<0.5°C
Table max OCV	4.3 V	4.3 V	4.3 V
Table min OCV	2.6 V	2.6 V	2.6 V
Application max charge voltage	4.2 V	4.2 V	4.2 V
Application min discharge voltage	2.8 V	2.8 V	2.8 V

4.3 Step3: Input the Customized Configuration

You need to fulfill the configurations of the "tBattParamsConfig" structure in "Gauge_UserConfig.c". For easy evaluation, you only need to change the general configuration parameters.

Figure 4-5. tBattParamsConfig Structure

Divide these parameters into two parts. A short description for all these related parameters is in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4. General Configuration Parameters

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Parameters	Comment
u16DesignCap_mAh	Just input the standard capacity of battery or the tested battery capacity through battery parameter generation test.
u16MinBattVoltThd_mV u16MaxBattVoltThd_mV i8MaxTempThd_C i8MinTempThd_C	Battery Vcell, Tcell threshold. They are reserved to control warning flags when the battery situation is above these parameters.
u8AvgBattParamsUpdateCount	It tells the average data is got after the settled cycles.
u8SysTikShift sysTikFreq	Choose the algorithm running frequency.

Table 4-5. VGauge Algorithm Related Parameters

Parameters	Comment
u8CircuitTableLength	Circuit table length
u8CircuitTableTestTemp_C iq15RcellNegTshift_R iq15RcellPosTshift_R	These parameters are used to evaluate the Rcell under a different temperature. It is by experience and will not affect the performance too much.



4.4 Step4: Evaluation

Before you start, Figure 4-6 shows some settings related to the evaluation in Gauge_UserConfig.h.

Figure 4-6. Gauge Mode Setting

For different output modes, UART_OUTPUT means enable data output through UART1. Then you can observe the battery running parameters on the GUI. NO_OUTPUT means terminate the UART data output. This is a good way to debug the algorithm by running it for many cycles in a short time.

The different detection mode is detailed in the next section.

4.4.1 Detection Data Input Mode

In this mode, you need the MSPM0 Gauge board and a real battery for test. The detection data (Vcell, Icell, Tcell) comes from the MSPM0 analog peripherals. The GUI can help to record the battery running data for further analysis.

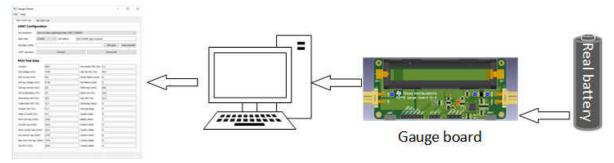


Figure 4-7. Detection Data Input Mode Structure

4.4.2 Flash Data Input Mode

This mode means the battery running data (Vcell, Icell, Tcell) will be saved into MCU. This method can remove the need of hardware and increase algorithm running frequency. As you do not need the UART communication, the running frequency is the fastest.

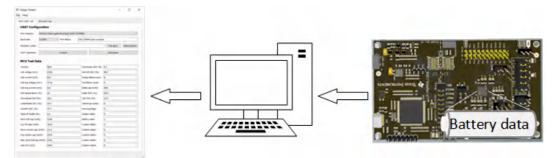


Figure 4-8. Flash Data Input Mode Structure



To realize this method, you need to use the "Flash saved battery runfile generation" function to convert the SMData file or McuData file into C code.

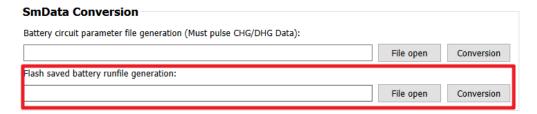


Figure 4-9. Battery Runfile Generation

Then you can copy the code from txt to the C file. After you change the definition of detection mode, you can run the algorithm with a single launchpad.

```
    BatteryRunFile_ChgDhg.h 

    □

*2022-12-28-23-36-BatRunFile.txt - Notepad
                                                1#ifndef DRIVER BATTERYRUNFILE CHGDHG H
File Edit Format View Help
                                                2 #define DRIVER_BATTERYRUNFILE_CHGDHG_H_
#include "Gauge_UserConfig.h"
#define DATA RUN FILE (8427)
const int16 t i16BattRunFile[] = {
                                               5 #include "Gauge UserConfig.h"
0,3887,
                                               6 #define DATA_RUN_FILE (8427)
                                                7 const int16_t i16BattRunFile[] = {
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Figure 4-10. Battery Run File Copy

Remember, as the MCU memory size has limitation, the battery runfile inputed into MCU can't be unbounded. If you want to run a long battery cycle test case, you need to change the time step in python code and C code. You may also need to reduce the u8AvgVcellDetectPeriod at the same time.

```
threadSourceMeter.py ×
                                          //******General config
10
                                              .pBattCircuitParams = circuitParamsTable,
11
      timeStep = 1
                     #1 second
                                              .u16DesignCap mAh = 3200,
       tcShiftPoint = 25 #Add Tc shift time
12
                                              .u16MinBattVoltThd mV = 2500,
                                                                               //Need to
13
       compress = 1 #Compress 4s data to 1
                                              .u16MaxBattVoltThd_mV = 4300.
                                                                               //Need to
14
       terminateCurtThd = 0.002 #Judge when
                                              .i8MaxTempThd C = 60,
                                              .i8MinTempThd_C = -20,
15
                                              .u8AvgBattParamsUpdateCount = 16,
16
       senseMode = 1 #0 means 2 wire mode,
                                              .sysTikFreq = eSystemTik_1000MS,
17
       runTimeStep_s = 1
```

Figure 4-11. Code Change for Changing Time Step



4.4.3 Communication Data Input Mode

For this mode, the battery running data is input from the GUI. It enables you to run the real test case or evaluate the MSPM0 Gauge with only a launchpad. This method can remove the need of hardware, increase algorithm running frequency and have no limit to the length of battery running data.

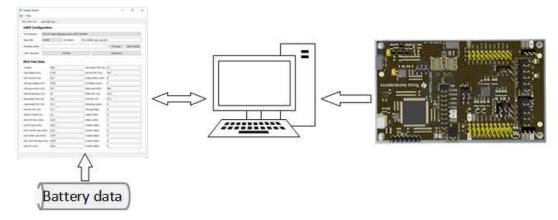


Figure 4-12. Communication Data Input Mode Structure

To realize this method, first you need to connect the UART COM port and load the MCUData runfile in MCU COM Tool. After clicking the data transmit button, you need to wait until the port status changes to "Start transmition!", shown in Figure 4-13. The data load time and excel save time will be long if the file is very large. It would be 5~10 minutes.

You will receive the battery running data from MCU. The most benefit of the method is that you can load the battery running data over and over again to improve the algorithm and parameter setting.

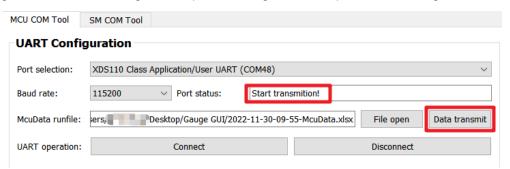


Figure 4-13. Communication Data Input



5 MSPM0 Gauge Solution Test Results

5.1 Performance Test

See the performance of MSPM0 Gauge L1. Here is the test based on a 3100 mAh Lion battery, under 25°C.

Here is the test pattern:

- 1. Charge battery to full (4.25 V) and rest 1 hour.
- Discharge battery to empty (2.5 V) and rest 1 hour, with 0.5°C / 0.3°C / 0.1°C.
- 3. Pulse discharge battery with 0.3°C.

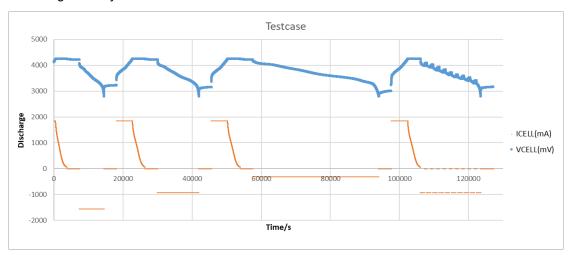


Figure 5-1. Battery Test Case

The battery full capacity is calculated based on the delta SoC get after 1 hour rest and accumulated capacity. Then, it generates the test result. The conclusions are shown in the test results.

- This solution is suitable for constant low-current discharge. You can find that under 0.1°C discharge, the SoC error is within 2%. When turns to pulse discharge, the SoC error increases.
- The SoC error increases when the current is high, because of the battery model latency. For 0.5°C discharge, the max error is about 9%. For 0.3°C discharge, the max error is about 4%. For 0.1°C discharge, the max error is about 2%.
- This solution is mostly suitable to output steps instead of percentage to the end user. As it does not test current, the SoC may still change when the battery is rest.

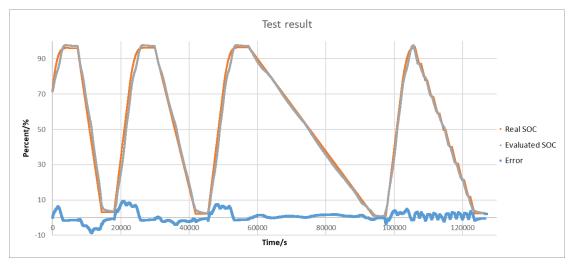


Figure 5-2. Battery Test Result



The advantage of this solution is that:

- · Simple hardware setup, only need voltage detection. And that means low average current
- · Small software code size
- No accumulating error, compared with coulometer

As this solution mostly lies on the accuracy of battery model, temperature or aging are also two important factors for SoC calculation, which are not considered in this solution. To increase this solution accuracy under more conditions, it is suggested to record the SoC parameter trend affected by temperature or aging, and add factors into the battery model calculation.

5.2 Current Consumption Test

As the MSPM0 Gauge board mostly focuses on evaluating the function, the current test based on the Gauge board is a little high. To optimize it, you need to remove the tantalum capacitor, connect the temperature sensor to GPIO as the GND, and increase the voltage divider resistors. To further improve the current consumption, you can first reduce the ADC sampling and averaging times. Second, reduce the Vcell averaging times (u8AvgBattParamsUpdateCount) and reduce CPU wake-up frequency (sysTikFreq).

Here is the current test result, about 3 μ A average current, under NO_OUTPUT mode, and removes the tantalum capacitor, the temperature sensor, and voltage divider resistors. Just used to show the power consumption of MSPM0.

Name	Live
Time	10 sec
Energy	0.094 mJ
➤ Power	
Mean	0.0093 mW
Min	0.0050 mW
Max	0.0129 mW
Voltage	
Mean	3.3000 V
Current	
Mean	0.0028 mA
Min	0.0015 mA
Max	0.0039 mA

Figure 5-3. Current Consumption Test

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