

Decentralized Dynamic Load Power Allocation Strategy for Fuel Cell/Supercapacitor-Based APU of Large More Electric Vehicles

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Fuel Cell (FC) Vehicle is Developing Rapidly

Electric Vehicle



Car Industry



Energy Crisis



Air Pollution



Hybrid Electric Vehicle (ICE)



Energy saving Low emission It's hard to achieve zero emissions

- Zero emission \odot
- Low noise
- High efficiency
- Short running mileage $\overline{\mathbf{S}}$

 $\overline{\mathbf{S}}$ Long charging time *Electric Vehicle (Battery)*

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Fuel Cell Vehicle

- \odot Zero emission
- Long driving range \odot
- High efficiency
- Fast filling time
- Hard to produce H₂ $(\ddot{})$

Fuel-Cell APU of Future MEA





Fuel-Cell Power System of Electric Trams





Fuel-Cell Power System of Electric Ships



Source from: US Navy All-Electric Ship Program FC Power syste

FC Power system of an All Electric Ship



- Load

Storage Device Power

Problem: Fast Fluctuating Load Power v.s. Slow Dynamic Response of FC

of FC

Solution: Hybridization

e.g. Pulsating Load Profile for an MEA*:

- peak power possibly lasting for 20–200 ms;
- peak-to-average power ratio being more than 5-to-1 across a time scale of 50–500 ms



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Problems

Centralized Control Strategies

- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$ Increased numbers of current or voltage sensors;
- ⊗ Single-point-of-failure problem (Poor reliability);
- ☺ Compromised dynamic response for power allocation due to the existence of communication delay;
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$ Poor system flexibility and scalability.

Solution

Decentralized Control Strategies

- ③ Automatic fluctuating load power splitting;
- \odot Extended the service life;
- © Improved energy efficiency
- © Improved system realibility



Existing Decentralized Dynamic Power Allocation Strategy

Key Features

- ③ Dynamic load power allocation;
- ☺ SoC recovery of the UC;
- The UC loses the ability of buffering transient power in SoC regulation process;
- ☺ The virtual capacitor would block the path for the regenerative power.

SoC regulation loop

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Possible decentralized EMS for HESS proposed by our research group.

Existing Dynamic Power Allocation Strategy

Key Features

- ③ Dynamic load power allocation is achieved;
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$ The UC's SoC can not be optimized;
- Solution When applied to the FC-UC hybrid power supply system, the energy efficiency of the system could be low as the regenerative power (average part) is not able to be stored by the UC but has to be dissipated as heat by the damping circuit instead; (Lossless accommodation of regenerative power cannot be achieved)

[1] Q. Xu, et.al, "A decentralized dynamic power sharing strategy for hybrid energy storage system in autonomous dc microgrid," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 64, no. 7, pp. 5930–5941, Jul. 2017.

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Control objectives

Dynamic load power allocation.

• It is desired that the UC buffers the pulsating or high-frequency load power while the FC only supplies the average or low-frequency power.

High flexibility, scalability and reliability

• Decentralized architecture

Prolonged service life.

- The service life of the FC can be prolonged by making it merely supply the average or low-frequency power.
- The service life of the UC could be optimized by maintaining its state-of-charge (SoC) within 25% and 90% (Normal Mode).

♦ Increased energy efficiency.

• By accommodating the regenerative energy generated in braking process in a lossless way, the energy efficiency could be much improved.





Decentralized Dynamic Load Power Allocation

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Decentralized Dynamic Power Allocation based on Mixed Impedance Droop Control: **Strategy 1**



Proposed decentralized control for FC-UC Hybrid Power System







Impedance Design: The real output impedances of the converters have to be designed to closely follow the desired shapes. Enabling Technique: Impedance shaping strategy.



$$T_1(s) = \frac{a_{15}s^5 + a_{14}s^4 + a_{13}s^3 + a_{12}s^2 + a_{11}s + a_{10}}{b_{15}s^5 + b_{14}s^4 + b_{13}s^3 + b_{12}s^2 + b_{11}s + b_{10}}$$
$$T_2(s) = \frac{a_{25}s^5 + a_{24}s^4 + a_{23}s^3 + a_{22}s^2 + a_{21}s + a_{20}}{b_{24}s^4 + b_{23}s^3 + b_{22}s^2 + b_{21}s + b_{20}}$$

 $T_1(s)$ and $T_2(s)$ should be carefully designed to make the real output impedance track the expected value.



Impedance Design

Stability Analysis



Remarks: As the output impedance of the HPSS has already designed. It is quite convenient to use **Middlebrooks's Stability Criterion** to judge the system stability.

Output Impedance of the HPSS

 $Z_{o}(s) = \frac{Z_{o1}(s) Z_{o2}(s)}{Z_{o1}(s) + Z_{o2}(s)}$

Input Impedance of a CPL (Buck converter driving loads)

$$Z_{i}(s) = \frac{V_{\text{bus}}^{2} \left[R_{b} L_{3} C_{3} s^{3} + L_{3} s^{2} + R_{b} \left(1 + k_{p3} V_{\text{bus}} \right) s + R_{b} k_{i3} V_{\text{bus}} \right]}{P_{\text{CPL}} R_{b} \left[R_{b} C_{3} s^{2} + \left(1 - k_{p3} V_{\text{bus}} \right) s - k_{i3} V_{\text{bus}} \right]}$$

For our system, which is 5kW, the system is stable in the whole operation range.

The system becomes unstable when the load power exceeds 8kW.



Scalability and Reliability Features

CPL

 $\langle i \rangle I_{CPL}$



 $\zeta_{eq} = \frac{\sqrt{(m-1)/mR_{vFC1} + \sqrt{m/(m-1)R_{vSC1}}}}{R_{vFC1} + R_{vSC1}} \zeta$

 $\omega_{n,eq} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{m-1}}\omega_n$



Guidelines for adding new FC/SC unit:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
R_{vFC1,k} = R_{vFC1} \\
k_{iFCk} = k_{iFC} \\
R_{vSC1,k} = R_{vSC1} \\
R_{vSC2,k} \approx -R_{lFCk}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
R_{vSC1,k} = C_{vSC1} \\
R_{vSC1,k} = R_{vSC1} \\
R_{vSC2,k} \approx -R_{lSCk}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
R_{vFC1,eq} = R_{vFC1}/m \\
k_{iFC,eq} = k_{iFC} \\
C_{vSC1,eq} = mC_{vSC1} \\
R_{vSC1,eq} = R_{vSC1}/m
\end{bmatrix}$$

A single SC unit of a basic FC/SC unit is disconnected from the system:

For our system, $\omega_{c,eq}$ increases from 0.2Hz to 0.36Hz when one SC is down (worst case). It is still far less than 5Hz.

- The more the basic FC/SC units, the smaller ω_n , ζ , and ω_c varies; worst case, two basic FC/SC units.
- Plugging out an SC unit

 $\omega_{c,eq}$ would **slightly increase**, making the FC pick some high-frequency load power. However, as the frequency increase is very small, the power picked up could be ignored.

Summarize of Strategy 1

Current Sharing Relationship

$$i_{oFC} = G_{FC}(s)i_o - G_c(s)(V_{ref} - V_{nom})$$
$$i_{oSC} = G_{SC}(s)i_o + G_c(s)(V_{ref} - V_{nom})$$

$$G_{FC}(s) = \frac{R_{vSC1}s + R_{vSC1}k_{iFC}}{R_{vSC1}R_{vFC1}C_{vSC1}s^{2} + (R_{vFC1} + R_{vSC1})s + R_{vSC1}k_{iFC}} 2^{rd} LPF$$

$$G_{SC}(s) = \frac{R_{vSC1}R_{vFC1}C_{vSC1}s^{2} + (R_{vFC1} + R_{vSC1})s + R_{vSC1}k_{iFC}}{R_{vSC1}R_{vFC1}C_{vSC1}s^{2} + (R_{vFC1} + R_{vSC1})s + R_{vSC1}k_{iFC}} 2^{rd} HPF$$



Simplified FC/SC HPS with proposed control strategy 1

Features:

- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$ high-order filters are added, too many parameters need to be designed.
- \circledast It is quite hard to do the impedance shaping as there are too many parameters that need to be tuned.

How to decrease the order of the system and simplify the design?





Decentralized Dynamic Power Allocation based on Mixed Impedance Droop Control: Strategy 2



^{*} J. Chen, Q. Song, S. Yin, and J. Chen, "On the decentralized energy management strategy for the all-electric APU of future more electric aircraft composed of multiple fuel cells and supercapacitors," *IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron.*, to be published, doi: 10.1109/TIE.2019.2937069.

Decentralized Energy Management Strategy



Structure of the FC/SC-APU with proposed control strategy

Impedance Design and Stability Analysis





Compared with Strategy 1, the system order decreased.



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System Parameters

| Variable | Description | Value |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| V_{nom} | Nominal dc bus voltage | 270V |
| V_{FC1} | FC nominal voltage | 90V |
| P_{FC1} | Power rating of the FC | 3kW |
| V_{SC1} | SC nominal voltage | 125V |
| C_{SC1} | Rated capacitance of the SC | 63F |
| ω_c | Cut-off frequency | $2\pi \times 0.2$ rad/s |
| R_{lFC1}, R_{lFC2} | Line resistance of FC units | 0.2Ω |
| R_{ISC1}, R_{ISC2} | Line resistance of SC units | 0.05Ω |
| R_b | Load resistor of buck converter | 15Ω |
| $_{vFC2,1}, R_{vFC2,2}$ | Negative virtual resistance of FC units | -0.2Ω |
| $P_{vSC2,1}, R_{vSC2,2}$ | Negative virtual resistance of SC units | -0.05Ω |
| $R_{\nu FC1}$ | Virtual resistance of FC units | 1.5Ω |
| k _{iFC} | Voltage restoration gain for FC units | 2.2247 |
| C_{vSC1} | Virtual capacitance of SC units | 0.9675F |
| R_{vSC1} | Virtual resistance of SC units | 0.8Ω |
| ΔV | Increment of reference voltage | 3.0V |
| f_s | Switching frequency | 20kHz |
| L_1 | Filter inductor of FC converter | 0.6mH |
| C_1 | Output capacitor of FC converter | 1410µF |
| L_2 | Filter inductor of SC converter | 0.6mH |
| $\overline{C_2}$ | Output capacitor of SC converter | 2820µF |
| L_3 | Filter inductor of buck converter | 0.8mH |
| C_3 | Output capacitor of buck converter | 1000µF |
| k_{vn1} | Proportional gain of voltage controller | 0.1420 |
| k_{vi1} | Integral gain of voltage controller | 0.8921 |
| k_{vn2} | Proportional gain of voltage controller | 20.3667 |
| k_{vi2} | Integral gain of voltage controller | 3839.0 |
| k_{in1} | Proportional gain of current controller | 0.0179 |
| k_{ii1} | Integral gain of current controller | 2.2487 |
| k_{ip2} | Proportional gain of current controller | 0.0814 |
| k_{ii2} | Integral gain of current controller | 35.8209 |
| k_{p3} | Proportional gain of the buck controller | 0.28 |
| k_{i3} | Integral gain of buck controller | 3.03 |

(25V/div)

VSCI

CH1: CH2:

5kW/div 0.5kW/div

0

0.5kW/div

 $\frac{m_1}{m_k}$

30V/div

Different

Ratios

 L_{vFCk}

 L_{vFC1}

 $\frac{R_{vSCk}}{R_{vSC1}}$

Power Sharing

 $P_{FC \max 1} =$

 $=\frac{n_1}{n_1}$

 n_k

 $P_{FC \max k}$

 Q_{SC1}

 Q_{SCk}

(25V/div)





Operation in different modes of UC

Load Power: 4kW Average+2kW Pulsating

- FC provides average part + UC provides pulsating part
- SoC of the UC doesn't impact the dynamic power allocation
- SoC recovery is achieved

90.55V

VSC

 $\downarrow 1 kW$

Time (20s/div)

 $P_d = 1 \mathrm{kW}$

Time (20s/div)

Discharge mode

V_{bus}

4kW

 P_{oFC1}







Operation in regeneration process (in different operation modes)

Load Power: $(4kW \rightarrow 1kW \rightarrow 4kW)$ Average + 2kW Pulsating 0.0kW/div) (1.0kW/div) (1.0kW/div) (1.0kW/div) (1.0kW/div) <u>.</u>2 \geq 0 kW/diQ 2.0kW/div) Vhus Vbus Ok W/ Vhus (vib) Vbus .0kW 30V/div 5 30V/div 30V/div Regenerative Regenerative P_{oFC1} .0kW P_{oFC1} 30V/ Power. Power, P_{oFC1} P_{oFC1} <u>Ok</u> Regenerative FC1oFC2oFC1 $_{oFC1}$ Regenerative Power Power 2 P_{oFC2} CH1: CH2: CH3: CH3: CH4: P_{oFC2} CH1: CH2: CH3: CH3: CH4: P_{oFC2} PoFC CH2: CH3: CH4: CH1 CH2 CH3 CH3 CH4 CH1 Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) 0kW/div) /div .0kW/div v_{SC1} .0kW/div 0kW/div .0kW/div .0kW/div 0kW/div VSC1 VSC1 V/div) (vib/ /div) V/div) 5V/div /div) div VSC1 P_{oSC1} P_{oSC1} P_{oSC1} v_{SC2} P_{oSC1} v_{SC2} oSCI oSC2 oSC CH3: CH4: CH1 CH2 CH3 CH3 CH1 CH2 CH3 CH3 CH4 CH1 CH2 CH2 CH3 CH3 CH4 CH1 CH2 P_{oSC2} P_{oSC2}^{\dagger} P_{oSC2} P_{oSC2}^{\dagger} Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) Time (1s/div) Normal mode UC unit 2 in discharge mode UC unit 1 in discharge mode, UC unit 1 in charge mode UC unit 2 in charge mode

- Lossless accommodation of regeneration
- System performance is irrelevant to the SoC of UC



Operation at the outage of some source units.





• High reliability achieved.





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Conclusions



- An advanced decentralized dynamic power allocation based on modified MDC was proposed for the powertrain system of the FC-UC Hybrid Electric Vehicle.
- With the help of the proposed power allocation strategy, the control objectives, including optimized dynamic load power allocation, extended service life of the system, improved energy efficiency and guaranteed system stability, are realized at the same time in a decentralized way.
- No communication nor common signals are needed for the implementation of the proposed strategy, which indicates high reliability and flexibility.
- The effectiveness and feasibility of the proposed dynamic power allocation system are verified by experiments.



Thank you very much!

Any Questions?

