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A SIMPLIFIED CONNECTION OF HEV AC/AC POWERTRAIN

The paper deals with a simplified configuration of series HEV hybrid vehicles. Simplification consists of the downsizing of auxiliary 4QC converter needed for hybrid operational modes. Besides, operation in autonomous traction accu-battery modes uses direct 0x5 configuration of traction 3x5 McX matrix converter. Such a configuration can be derived from that main traction converter. Major advantages of simplified connection are beside smaller 4QC converter size – possible little bit better efficiency of the HEV powertrain. Chosen operational modes of modelling and simulation of traction powertrain configuration are focused on start-up and traction drive of HEV powered by ICE, start-up of ICE powered by AB accu-battery using SG as a starter, and traction drive powered by AB accu-battery and braking of traction motor moving energy into accu- battery AB. The results of all simulation experiments are given in the paper.

INTRODUCTION

The configuration of the recently introduced HEV powertrain uses AC/AC direct power transfer [1]-[3] unlikely to common AC/DC/AC one [4]-[6], Fig. 1. One of the main reason of that is the elimination of input traction rectifier and its voltage drop. Therefore, the efficiency of direct AC/AC power transfer is supposed to be better against to those with VSI and traction rectifier [7]-[8].



Fig. 1. Schematics of power AC/AC series HEV with one MxC converter and two traction motors with independent control

Anyway, this configuration needs an auxiliary 4QC converter for battery operational mode. Its sizing should be the same as main AC/AC direct matrix converter. One way how to downsize power and dimensions of the 4QC converter is to use a group of contactors. It allows providing most of the demanded operational modes of HEV powertrain excepting hybrid modes of ICE engine and traction accu-battery. Advantages of traction motors connection are described in [10]-[12].

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The basic scheme of novel simplified configuration of AC/AC HEV powertrain is shown in Fig. 2. The electrical part of powertrain consists of PMSG traction generator, direct AC/AC matrix converter 3x5 and two traction five-phase induction motor. Traction accubattery is connected by two contactors for traction and recuperation and two others for starting of ICE engine or charging the battery by ICE, respectively.

1.1. Autonomous operational modes

Such a configuration can provide following operational modes of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HEV}}$ powertrain

- a traction drive/brake: ICE-SG-ACAC-5PIM // 5PIM-ACAC-SG-ICE
- b traction drive/brake/charging: AB-ACAC-5PIM // 5PIM-ACAC-AB
- c starting-up/charging: AB-ACAC-SG-ICE // ICE-SG-ACAC-AB.

Those are autonomous operational modes of either ICE engine or traction accu-battery.

Fig. 2. Novel simplified AC/AC series HEV powertrain with one MxC converter and two traction motors with independent control

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1.2. Hybrid operational modes

Hybrid operational mode as the parallel operation of ICE engine and traction accu-battery AB is possible using four-quadrant converter 4QC only, Fig. 3. However, the sizing of the 4QC converter is done just for the different power of traction motors and ICE. Practically, it is using during the accelerating regime.



Fig. 3. Hybrid operation possibility: parallel connection of ICE and AB using 4QC converter

As mentioned, the sizing of paralleling converter (4QC) is then done just for the different power of traction motors and power delivered by ICE engine.

2. MODELLING AND SIMULATION IN AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONAL MODES

Just one traction motor has been taken into account, independent control of two traction motors has not been used at these simulations, so far. Besides, the ICE engine has been modelled by DC motor with separate excitation [2], [9]. Following operational modes have been modelled and simulat-

- a) start-up and traction drive of HEV powered by ICE,
- b) start-up of ICE powered by AB accu-battery using SG as a starter,
- c) traction drive powered by AB accu-battery and braking (charging) moving energy into accu- battery AB.

3. MODELLING AND SIMULATION IN HYBRID OPERATIONAL MODES

As mentioned, the configuration model of this operational mode is shown in Fig. 3. Hybrid modes simulation is rather complex, so, such modes could not be modelled and simulated in the paper. Complete powertrain control with both parallel and autonomous modes using the real model of ICE engine is a demanding issue, anyway, it should be done before the development of HEV.

Simulation results are given in Fig. 4a,b and 5a,b.

Parameters of AC/AC powertrain devices are given in table Tab. 1, [2].

Start-up and traction drive of HEV: ICE is starting to idle speed (about 150 rad/s). Then, after 3 sec., the traction motor is connected via a synchronous generator and 3x5 matrix converter.

The speed of ICE (and SG, too) is increased to requested value and controlled to this value given by the requested value of traction motor or HEV, respectively. Results of this operational mode are shown in Fig. 4a,b. It deals with detailed waveforms of

| | | Tab. 1. Parameters of AC/AC pow | ertrain devices |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Item | Quantity | Value (dimension) |] |
| ICE engine (DC motor, sep. Exc.) | Power | 30 hp (22 kW) | 1 |
| | Armature voltage | 500 V |] |
| | Nominal speed | 3 000 rpm | 1 |
| | Field voltage | 300 Vdc | 1 |
| 3 phase PMSG generator: | Power | 11.5 hp (8.5 kW) | 1 |
| | Nominal torque | 27 N.m |] |
| | Nominal speed | 3 000 rpm | 1 |
| DC bus voltage | Nominal value | 560 Vdc | 1 |
| 5 Phase IM induction motor | Power | 7.5 kW | 1 |
| | Nominal torque | 23 N.m | 1 |
| | Synchronous speed | 3 000 rpm | 1 |

ed:



Fig. 4a,b. Details of speed and torque waveforms of SG a) and TM b) during start-up of HEV powered by ICE

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angular speed and torque of traction generator and 5PIM traction motor.

Start-up of ICE engine powered by AB accu-battery using SG as a starter is shown in the Fig. 5a, with detailed waveforms of angular speed and torque of traction generator SG. Note, that this operational mode uses traction MxC converter in 0x3 configuration which can be easily derived from 3x5 MxC configuration.

Traction- and recuperation of TM braking energy by/into accubattery AB is enabled by use of traction matrix converter in 0x5 configuration derived from basic 3x5 one. Fig. 5,b shows the startup of TM to nominal or other requested speed and then, at time of 1 sec, traction operation is changed to regeneration moving energy into the accu-battery. Detailed waveforms of voltage and charging current of traction accu-battery are given.

CONCLUSIONS

A new simplified configuration of series HEV hybrid vehicles has been introduced in the paper. Simplification consists of the downsizing of auxiliary 4QC converter needed for hybrid operational modes. The chosen operational autonomous modes of direct AC/AC transfer with [3x5] MxC and five-phase IM traction motors have been presented by means of simulation experiments. They showed good operation at the driving (motoring) and braking actions. Major advantages of using such AC/AC power transfer with [3x5] MxC and five-phase IM traction motors have been mentioned as their higher torque density, smaller voltage drops, smaller torque ripple, greater efficiency, better fault tolerance and better noise characteristics. Hybrid modes simulation is rather complex, and it will be, consequently, investigated in the next publications of the authors.

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Fig. 5a,b. Start-up of ICE by traction accu-battery using SG as a starter – courses ω_{ICE} and T_{ICE} of a) and time waveforms of u_{AB} and i_{AB} during recuperation of TM braking energy b)

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Artykuł dotyczy uproszczonej konfiguracji pojazdów hybrydowych HEV. Uproszczenie polega na zmniejszeniu konwertera 4QC wymaganego w trybach hybrydowych. Poza tym tryb pracy w trybie autonomicznej trakcji w trybie akumulatorowym wykorzystuje bezpośrednią konfigurację 0x5 trakcyjnego konwertera macierzy 3x5 McX. Taka konfiguracja może być uzyskana z tego głównego konwertera trakcyjnego. Głównymi zaletami uproszczonego połączenia jest mniejsza wielkość konwertera 4QC - możliwa nieco lepsza wydajność układu napędowego HEV. Dostępne są tryby pracy, modelowanie i układ napędowy układu napędowego skoncentrowany na rozruchu i napędzie trakcyjnym HEV napędzanego przez ICE, rozruch ICE zasilany akumulatorem AB z wykorzystaniem SG jako rozrusznika i napęd trakcyjny zasilany przez AB accu - bateria i hamowanie silnika trakcyjnego, które przenosi energię do akumulatora AB. Wyniki wszystkich eksperymentów symulacyjnych podano w pracy.

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