Modular Electric Vehicle and The Control Technology

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1. Motion/Motor Control









2. EV Dynamics Control



4. MHz Wireless Charging





Various Plans





High End versus Low End

。时风电动车

Price: 31,800RMB (\$5,129)

Range: 180Km

SHIFENG











Roewe E50 Price: 234,900RMB (\$37,887) Subsidy: 106,900RMB (\$17,242) Range: 180Km Max speed: 130Km/hr Battery: 18kWh

83,300 low-speed electric vehicles were sold in Shandong Province in 2012.

Max speed: 55Km/hr Battery: Lead-acid

Significant Success of e-Bike Industry



In 2011, over 26 million e-bikes were produced.A unique highly modularized industry





- Dynamic energy supply and consumption
 - Acceleration/Deceleration, Regenerative braking, etc.
- Immature electricity mass storage technology
 - The energy density of petrol (12000Wh/kg) is hundreds of times as that of a mass market battery (20~200Wh/kg).
 - Multiple energy storage devices with various dynamics are naturally required: Ultracapacitors, Flywheels, Compressed air tank, etc.





- The electrification could extend beyond delivering electrical energy and converting it into chemical energy through batteries.
- It can effectively extend the mileage, lighten the weight, diversify energy sources and reduce our reliance on scarce resources such as lithium.



Wireless Charging (2)











Example: 20KHz 30kW wireless charging systems:

Company	Efficiency	Air gap (mm)	Weight of Receiving coil and core (kg)	Size L*W*D (mm)
Conductix- Wampfler	86%	50	70Kg	1025*875*61
Showa Air Craft	92%	100	35Kg	847*847*33

- Current systems usually operate in kHz range because the state-of-art power electronic devices are available for both power generation and conditioning.
- This low frequency requires a large size coil and heavy ferrite materials, which is not favored by MH7 KHZ vehicles in terms of payload efficiency.







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Energy-Inefficient Modern Cars

- People use only a tiny portion of its potential for the most of time
- The modern cars are designed to be all things to all the people, which leads to the inefficiencies.



A cautious man carries an umbrella every day...



- seat five
- more than I00mph
- accelerate from 0-60 in about 10 seconds
- easily break 40mpg
- be able to work at more than 50C
- warm passengers/ engines at -30C.
- usually also have big trunks.



EV-A Consumer Electronics Product



- Consumer electronics products naturally tend to be personalized, portable and small.
- Long-term problem of battery and aging population are the fundamental background.
- There is a need and technological feasible to develop low-speed small EVs.



Nature of Electrical System

In-whee motor



- Electric/electronic devices are naturally easy to be modularized.
- The realization of modular EV would improve the market competition and thus significantly reduce the cost.
- The success of Chinese e-bike and low-cost EV industry has proved a unique strength of the modular electric vehicle and the new industrial structure.



Matured Low-Cost Components



Especially motor, inverter and lead-acid battery are becoming both technological and commercially matured.

Searched on Taobao online shopping site



48V 500W BLDC Motor (100RMB, \$56.5)



48V 500W BLDC Controller (100RMB, \$16)



48-72V 350-2000W E-Drive Set (680-1,500RMB, \$109.68-241.94)



48-84V 2,000W Motor (1,270RMB, \$204.84)



48-72V 4,500W Controller (1,500RMB, \$241.94)













Metton: liquid molding resin









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- Fast and accurate torque control
- Simple and accurate dynamic model
- Fast and accurate current/torque feedback
- Capable to generate driving/braking forces
- Easy to implement distributed motor systems

Motors can be utilized not only for propulsion, but also as "actuators" and "sensors".



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EV Dynamics Control

- EV Motion Control:
 - Traction Control
 - Assistive Braking Control
 - Vehicle Stability Control
 - Eco-driving Assistance









Video



Four WD EV Modeling









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Battery-Ultracapacitor Test System





Dynamic Modeling







The hybrid system works best with energytype batteries (large internal resistance).

Peak_Current	5A	10A	15A
Initial_Capacitor_Voltage	14.8V	14.8V	14.8V
Initial_Battery_SOC	0.5(@7.4V)	0.5(@7.4V)	0.5(@7.4V)
End_of_SOC	0 4532	0 4051	0 3559
Energy_Efficiency[%]	91.05	89.12	87.84

Battery-Only System

Peak_Current	5A	10A	15A
Initial_Battery_SOC	0.5(@14.8V)	0.5(@14.8V)	0.5(@14.8V)
End of SOC	0.4514	0.3946	0.3224
Energy_Efficiency[%]	89.13	82.67	74.01

Battery Resistance Amplification Coefficient K	1	2	3	Battery Resistance Amplification Coefficient K	1	2	3
Initial_Capacitor_Voltage	14.8V	14.8V	14.8V	Initial_Battery_SOC	0.5(@14.8V)	0.5(@14.8V)	0.5(@14.8V)
Initial_Battery_SOC	0.5(@7.4V)	0.5(@7.4V)	0.5(@7.4V)	End_of_SOC	0.4514	0.4480	0.4432
End_of_SOC	0.4532	0.4523	0.4518	Energy_Efficiency[%]	89.13	83.31	76.41
Energy_Efficiency[%]	91.05	89.45	88.52				

ESR-based Efficiency Analysis



Equivalent-Series-Resistance circuit Model:



Optimized Current Distribution



• It is theoretically guaranteed that ultracapacitors should provide the most of dynamic load current.











- Test at higher temperature (45 deg.) to accelerate the aging of batteries.
- Four scenarios (3 months):
 - 1. Battery-only without charging/discharge: calendar life
 - 2. Battery-only: establishment of a baseline
 - 3. Ultracapacitor-battery hybrid (No.1): batteries only provide average load current.
 - 4. Ultracapacitor-battery hybrid (No.2): limited number of ultracapacitors, thus batteries have to supply certain part of dynamic load current.

Control of Networked Energy Systems



Flexibility, Fault-tolerance, Scalability, Reliability
"Plug & Play" in a dynamic environment.



Utility-Function based Optimization









Similar results with average current control, which needs to know future power demand.

SIMULATION RESULT ANALYSIS

Strategies	Ibave (A)	I_{bvar} (A ²)	E_{cap} (J)
ACS	1.325	0.0255	12731.2
Our strategy	1.35	0.0486	12922.9



Future work (1)





Battery, supercapacitor hybrid energy system with an additional generator
Game theory based control strategy

Future work (2)









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Battery-Free EV



- With future ubiquitous wireless charging facilities, electric vehicles may only need to store a reasonable amount of electrical energy for a relatively short period of time.
- Ultracapacitors are suitable for storing and releasing large amounts of electrical energy quickly.
 - 1) Work electrostatically without reversible chemical reactions involved
 - 2) Theoretically unlimited cycle life (can be cycled millions of time)
 - 3) Fast and high efficient charge/discharge due to small internal resistance (97-98% efficiency is typical)
 - **4)** Precise voltage-based State Of Charge (SOC) measurement (energy stored in capacitors is proportional with the square of charge voltage)
 - 5) A typical operating temperature range of -40 to +70°C and small leakage current
 - 6) Environmentally friendly without using heavy mental for its structure material.









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Initial Results



Gap (cm)

10.1

5.6

14.8

19.3

24.1



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Ongoing Investigations



- 13.56MHz Wireless Power Transfer System
 - Cascaded Boost-buck converter for high efficiency
 - Multi-coil Simulation



13.56MHz Charging of Supercapacitors



Wireless charging efficiency improvement by the real time control of the DC-DC converter.



Batteries charging improvement using the cascaded boost-buck DC-DC converter.



Ultracapacitors charging improvement using the cascaded boost-buck DC-DC converter.

MPPT Control for Wireless Charging





- Zin,opt is usually fixed (50 ohm).
- ZL,opt is determined by Lm under resonance for ideal coils.
- ZL,opt is achieved by well controlling Rin.
- MPPT method: Minimizing Pr/Pf by controlling Rin to keep track with maximum power point.

Tracking of Optimum Duty Cycle





Optimum Load for Multiple Receiver WPT System







Efficiency has one maximum value

$Zopt2 := \frac{\sqrt{R1 \ R2 \ R3 \ (R1 \ R2 \ R3 - R2 \ jwM2^2 - R3 \ jwM1^2)}}{R1 \ R3}$ 24. 42721532	(23)
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0. 7185795406	(26)





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Conclusion



- Innovations in technology, market mechanism and industrial structure are needed to breakthrough the traditional mindset that was optimized hundred of years for internal combustion engine cars.
- Especially, the unique advantages brought by the vehicle electrification should be fully utilized.
- EV dynamics, on-board hybrid energy system and wireless charging are the promising research and development areas.



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