

# Virtual Serial Power Split Strategy for Parallel Hybrid Electric Vehicles

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**Abstract**—A new strategy for hybrid electric vehicles power flow control is presented. The strategy takes advantage of the kinematic and dynamic constraints of a planetary gear system used to couple the internal combustion engine and the electric machine. The strategy is able, most of the time, to operate the internal combustion engine at maximum efficiency and to keep the battery state of charge on a desired level by making use of an easy to tune PI controller. The computational requirements of the strategy are low. Although the strategy is not formally proven optimal, it is inspired on optimal control theory.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Concern on the use of fossil fuels is an important matter for today's society since they are a nonrenewable resource and because of global warming and its socio-economical impacts. The reduction of energy consumption on human transportation has been a challenge for governments, industry and researchers on the last years (Gong *et al.*, 2008; Schouten *et al.*, 2002).

Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV) are an option to help solving these problems. They use a combination of two or more power sources, usually an Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) and an Electric Machine (EM). HEV can reduce energy consumption and pollutant emissions compared to conventional vehicles due to the extra degree of freedom added by the EM, and also due to the ability of regenerative braking. All of these benefits are available, without sacrificing vehicle's conventional attributes like performance, safety and reliability. These benefits also imply that the performance of Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV) is strongly related to the power split strategy (Lin *et al.*, 2003; Musardo *et al.*, 2005; Sciarretta *et al.*, 2004).

In the literature several design approaches have been proposed for power split strategies. Some of them based on heuristics approaches, like fuzzy logic, (Langari and Won, 2003; Schouten *et al.*, 2002), fuzzy logic tuned with genetic algorithms (Zhang *et al.*, 1997) and rule based strategies optimized with Dynamic Programming (DP) (Lin *et al.*, 2002; Lin *et al.*, 2003). Approaches based on optimal control theory can be found, for example in (Delprat *et al.*, 2001; Delprat *et al.*, 2004; Kessels *et al.*, 2008). The Equivalent Consumption Minimization Strategy (ECMS) is presented in (Sciarretta *et al.*, 2004; Zhang *et al.*, 2010) and

a predictive control is described in (Borhan *et al.*, 2009). There are also approaches based on DP or that use DP to tune the proposed strategy (Johannesson and Egardt, 2008; Lin *et al.*, 2003; van Keulen *et al.*, 2010). More recently, a new strategy has been proposed in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011) for parallel HEVs. This strategy takes advantage of the kinematic and dynamic constraints from a Planetary Gear System (PGS) used as the mechanical coupling between the ICE and the EM. These constraints give one more degree of freedom from the power split strategy point of view.

Although DP yields an optimal solution, it is not suitable for online implementation because of the dependence on the future driving conditions and due to very high computational requirements. On the other hand, strategies based on ECMS are easier to implement, but their performance may vary depending on the driving cycle and on its tuning parameters, which are not always easy to tune, (Zhang *et al.*, 2010; Sciarretta and Guzzella, 2007). Rule based strategies are the strategies most used for production vehicles since they are easy to implement, but its performance is very poor since the optimization is based on static preoptimized maps, moreover, it depends on the driving cycle and the battery charge level is not guaranteed (Sciarretta and Guzzella, 2007). The strategy presented on this work has the advantages of being easy to implement and low computational requirements. The ICE performance is preoptimized offline with a static map and the battery charge level is guaranteed with a PI compensator. Even when it is not formally proven to be optimal, this strategy is inspired in optimal control theory.

Similar to the strategy presented in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011), the present work takes advantage of the PGS as the mechanical coupling device between the ICE and the EM. Using the kinematic constraint on the PSG, the ICE power is kept on its most efficient operation point almost all the time and the EM receives the excess or delivers the lack of power in order to satisfy the power required in the driving cycle. By itself, this strategy tends to deplete or fill in the battery, depending on the driving cycle, to avoid this, a PI controller is added to adjust the ICE power when the battery State Of Charge (SOC) is different to a reference.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In the second section, the model and configuration used for simulations of the HEV are presented; in the third section, the problem is formulated and the *virtual serial strategy*

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is presented; simulation results of the proposed strategy over several driving cycles and its parameter robustness is analyzed in the fourth section; finally, conclusions and future work are presented in the fifth section.

## II. HYBRID VEHICLE MODEL

The HEV configuration selected in this work is a parallel one, where the ICE and the EM are coupled via a PGS, see Fig. 1, as proposed in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011).

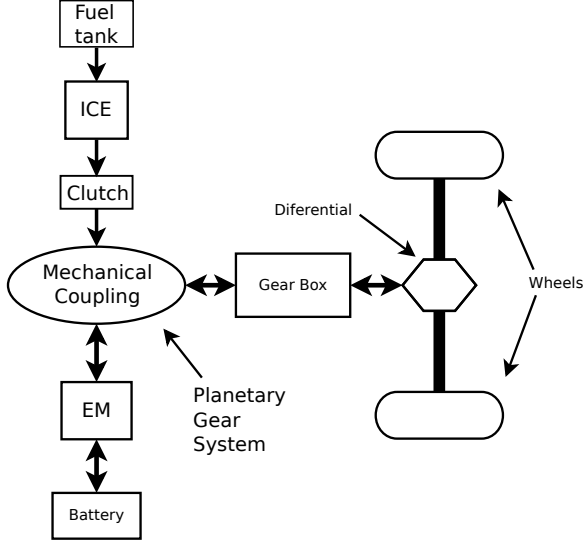


Fig. 1. Parallel HEV configuration.

### A. Vehicle Model

The power requested by the power train  $P_p$  is calculated by modeling the vehicle like a moving mass subject to a traction force  $F_{tr}$ , provided by the power sources (Lin *et al.*, 2003). The vehicle velocity dynamic  $v(t)$  is

$$m \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = F_{tr} - \frac{1}{2} \rho_a C_d A_d v(t)^2 - mg C_r \cos(\gamma(t)) - mg \sin(\gamma(t)) \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho_a$  is the air density,  $C_d$  is the aerodynamic drag coefficient,  $A_d$  is the vehicle frontal area,  $m$  is the vehicle mass including the cargo mass,  $g$  is the gravity acceleration constant,  $C_r$  is the tire rolling resistance coefficient and  $\gamma(t)$  is the road slope.

The torque and speed demanded by the power train,  $\tau_p$  and  $\omega_p$ , are respectively

$$\omega_p = \frac{R_f}{R_w} R(t) v(t) \quad (2)$$

$$\tau_p = \frac{R_w}{R_f} \frac{1}{R(t)} F_{tr} \quad (3)$$

where  $R(t)$  is the gearbox ratio,  $R_f$  is the final drive ratio and  $R_w$  is the wheel radius.

Finally, the power at the power train is

$$P_p(t) = \omega_p(t) \tau_p(t) = v(t) F_{tr}(t) + P_{acc} \quad (4)$$

where  $P_{acc}$  is the power required by the vehicle accessories.

### B. ICE Model

The ICE is modeled through a static nonlinear map, taken from ADVISOR (Markel *et al.*, 2002), which relates the ICE fuel rate consumption  $\dot{m}_f$ , with the torque at the crankshaft  $\tau_{ice}$  and the engine speed  $\omega_{ice}$ , in other words

$$\dot{m}_f = f(\omega_{ice}, \tau_{ice}) \quad (5)$$

Using the fuel Lower Heat Value, the ICE efficiency map is generated, Fig. 2 shows the map for the ICE used in this work. From this point of view, when the ICE is operating, it is desirable to operate it on the most efficient points of the map.

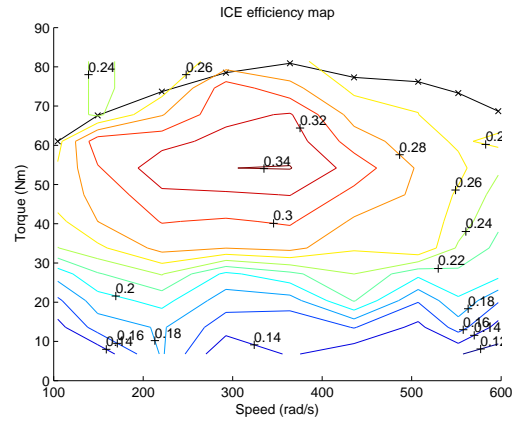


Fig. 2. ICE efficiency map.

### C. EM Model

In an HEV, the EM can work as motor or as generator depending if it is required to give or receive energy. EM is modeled also using a static nonlinear map which relates the EM speed  $\omega_{em}$  and EM torque  $\tau_{em}$  with an efficiency when it works as generator  $\eta_{gen}$ , and another one when it works as motor  $\eta_{mot}$ .

In other words, if the EM works as motor,  $\tau_{em} \geq 0$ , then

$$P_{em} = \eta_{mot}(\tau_{em}, \omega_{em}) P_{bat} \quad (6)$$

or if it works as generator,  $\tau_{em} < 0$ , then

$$P_{bat} = \eta_{gen}(\tau_{em}, \omega_{em}) P_{em} \quad (7)$$

with  $P_{em} = \tau_{em} \omega_{em}$  and  $P_{bat}$  is the electric power.

### D. Battery

The battery is modeled like a voltage source  $v_{oc}$  with an internal resistance  $R_{int}$  which depends on the SOC (Lin *et al.*, 2003). The equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 3, where  $v_{oc}$  is the battery's open circuit voltage,  $i_{bat}$  is the bus current and  $v_{bat}$  is the bus voltage.

Using the Kirchoff's voltage law,  $i_{bat}$  is found by solving

$$R_{int}(SOC) i_{bat}^2 - v_{oc} i_{bat} + P_{bat} = 0 \quad (8)$$

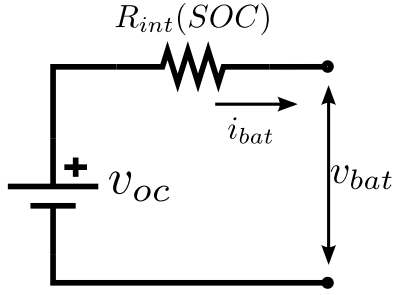


Fig. 3. Battery equivalent circuit.

and  $v_{bat}$  is

$$v_{bat} = v_{oc} - R_{int}(SOC)i_{bat} \quad (9)$$

Finally, the SOC is obtained from the expression

$$SOC(t) = \min \left\{ 1, \max \left\{ 0, \frac{Q_0 - \int_{t_0}^t i_{bat}(\tau) d\tau}{Q_T} \right\} \right\} \quad (10)$$

where  $Q_0$  is the initial charge and  $Q_T$  is the total charge the battery can store.

#### E. Planetary Gear System

A PGS is used as the mechanical coupling between the ICE and the EM, as proposed in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011). A schematic is shown in Fig. 4. On this coupling, the ICE output shaft is connected to the sun gear, the EM to the ring gear and the gear box is connected to the carrier shaft.

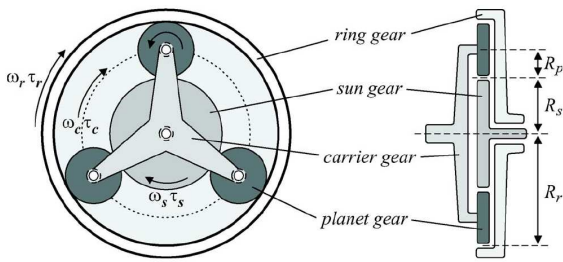


Fig. 4. Planetary Gear System.

With  $k = R_r/R_s$ , the angular speeds on the PGS satisfy

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{k+1}\omega_s + \frac{k}{k+1}\omega_r \quad (11)$$

and the balance of power satisfies

$$\tau_c\omega_c = \tau_s\omega_s + \tau_r\omega_r \quad (12)$$

where  $\omega$  is angular speed,  $\tau$  is torque and subscripts  $s$ ,  $c$  and  $r$  refer to sun gear, planet carrier and ring gear, respectively.

### III. POWER SPLIT STRATEGY

The problem to be solved, from the optimization point of view, is to minimize the fuel consumption over a desired driving cycle

$$\min J = \int_0^{t_c} \dot{m}_f(\omega_{ice}(t), \tau_{ice}(t)) dt \quad (13)$$

subject to

$$\omega_{ice \min} \leq \omega_{ice}(t) \leq \omega_{ice \max} \quad (14)$$

$$\tau_{ice \min} \leq \tau_{ice}(t) \leq \tau_{ice \max} \quad (15)$$

$$\omega_{em \min} \leq \omega_{em}(t) \leq \omega_{em \max} \quad (16)$$

$$\tau_{em \min} \leq \tau_{em}(t) \leq \tau_{em \max} \quad (17)$$

$$P_{bat \min} \leq P_{bat} \leq P_{bat \max} \quad (18)$$

$$SOC_{\min} \leq SOC(t) \leq SOC_{\max} \quad (19)$$

where subscripts min and max means the minimum and maximum value for the constrained variable and  $t_c$  is the duration of the driving cycle.

When the ICE is used, a feasible solution would be to only operate the ICE in the regions where it spends less fuel per power generated, i.e., in the most efficient operation points like in a serial HEV configuration. The strategy proposed in this work is based on this solution.

In addition to keep the ICE on its most efficient region when it is used, the vehicle must follow the driving cycle. In consequence, the problem to be solved is to meet the power  $P_p$  on the output of the PGS, while the ICE operates on its most efficient region. This problem, of providing the power  $P_p$ , has multiple solutions, since many combinations of torque and speed at each power source can yield the demanded power  $P_p$ .

Rewriting Eq. (11) and (12) in terms of the ICE and EM variables, the equations that constraint the solution of this problem are

$$P_p = \tau_p\omega_p = \tau_{ice}\omega_{ice} + \tau_{em}\omega_{em} = P_{em} + P_{ice} \quad (20)$$

$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{k+1}\omega_{ice} + \frac{k}{k+1}\omega_{em} \quad (21)$$

where the ICE is associated with the sun gear, the EM with the ring gear and the driving wheels with the carrier.

The approach presented on this work is based on the following assumptions:

- 1) The strategy meets the required power to perform the driving cycle, if it is feasible.
- 2) The ICE operation is optimized in order to operate it on its highest efficient power and speed, while possible.
- 3) The EM is used to generate or absorb the lack or excess of power, once the ICE power has been set.
- 4) A PI controller adjusts dynamically the use of the ICE in order to keep the SOC near a given reference.

A block diagram of the proposed strategy is shown in Fig. 5.

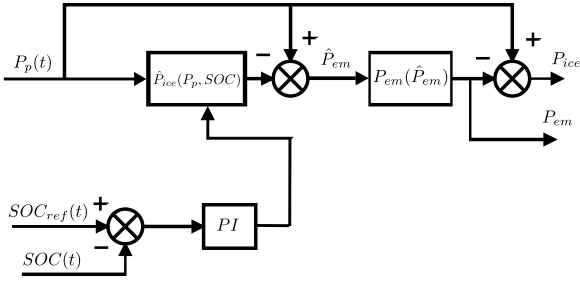


Fig. 5. Strategy Topology.

### A. ICE Power

When  $P_p > 0$ , the first step of this strategy is to determine a pre-value for the ICE power  $\hat{P}_{ice}$ , the final  $P_{ice}$  will be set at the end to assure tracking of the driving cycle. In most of the cases  $\hat{P}_{ice}$  will be the final power.

There are two cases when the ICE should operate out of its maximum efficiency operation point  $ICE_{eff\ max}$ , and they are:

- 1) When the required driving cycle power is very low or very high, the ICE should be off or should complement the lack of power, respectively.
- 2) When the SOC is not on the given reference, the ICE has to compensate this excess or lack of power.

A bang-bang type solution would be to saturate the ICE when the previous cases occurs, but instead, like in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011), a soft curve is proposed based on the previous observations. The curve depends on the required power and on the SOC

$$\hat{P}_{ice}(\hat{P}_p, SOC) = \alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC) P_{ice\ max} \quad (22)$$

where  $\hat{P}_p$  is the normalized value of  $P_p$  defined as  $\hat{P}_p = \frac{P_p}{P_{ice\ max}}$  and  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC) \in [0, 1]$ , defined as

$$\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC) = \frac{\left(2\hat{P}_p + \xi + SOC_{comp}(SOC) - 1\right)^7}{2 + \frac{P_{ice\ eff}}{P_{ice\ max}}} \quad (23)$$

which ranges between 0 and 1.  $P_{ice\ eff}$  is the ICE most efficient power and  $P_{ice\ max}$  is the ICE maximum power.  $\xi \in [0, 1]$  assures that  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC) = 1$  when  $P_p = P_{ice\ max}$  (or  $\hat{P}_p = 1$ ) and  $SOC_{comp} = 0$ . For a given  $P_{ice\ eff}$  and  $P_{ice\ max}$ ,  $\xi$  is defined as

$$\xi = \sqrt[7]{2\left(1 - \frac{P_{ice\ eff}}{P_{ice\ max}}\right)} - 1 \quad (24)$$

$SOC_{comp} \in [-1, 1]$  is the SOC compensator for the  $P_{ice}$ . Its role is to move the power calculated in Eq. (23) according to the difference between a reference for the SOC,  $SOC_{ref}$ , and the instantaneous SOC,  $SOC(t)$ . In other words, if  $SOC(t)$  is below to  $SOC_{ref}$ , more use of the ICE is expected, and if  $SOC(t)$  is over  $SOC_{ref}$ , less use of the ICE is expected.

Based on the efficiency map, Eq. (23) was designed in order to operate the ICE on its most efficient power,  $P_{ice\ eff}$ , as much as possible. It could be appreciated on Fig. 6, which shows the plot of  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC)$  with  $\frac{P_{ice\ eff}}{P_{ice\ max}} = 0.5$  and  $SOC_{comp} = 0$ .

Fig. 7 shows the plot of  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC)$  with several values of  $SOC_{comp}$ . It can be seen that, to keep  $SOC(t)$  over a desired  $SOC_{ref}$ , positive values of  $SOC_{comp}$  are expected when  $SOC(t)$  is below  $SOC_{ref}$ , and negative values of  $SOC_{comp}$  are expected when  $SOC(t)$  is over  $SOC_{ref}$ .

To achieve this behavior of  $SOC_{comp}$ , a PI controller is used in order to keep the SOC around a given reference. This controller is necessary because without it the strategy tends to fill up or to deplete the battery, depending on the driving cycle. The SOC compensator  $SOC_{comp}$  is defined as follows

$$SOC_{comp}(SOC) = k_p (SOC_{ref} - SOC(t)) + k_i \int_0^t (SOC_{ref} - SOC(\tau)) d\tau \quad (25)$$

where  $k_i$  and  $k_p$  are the tuning parameters for the PI controller.

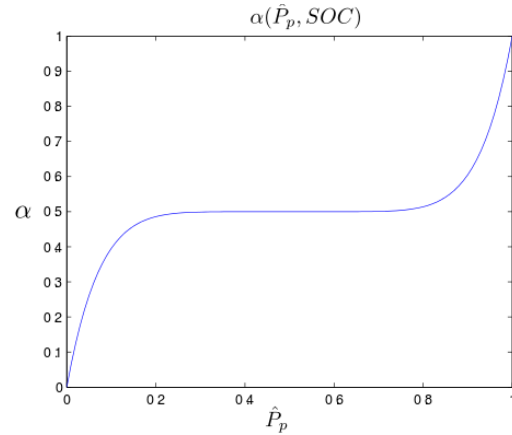


Fig. 6. Plot of  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC)$ .

At this point, a first proposal for the ICE power could be calculated, but the final  $P_{ice}$  is calculated after the EM power is set, to assure meeting the requested power, as illustrated in Fig. 5. Setting of EM power is explained later on. The final value for  $P_{ice}$  is

$$P_{ice} = \max\left(\hat{P}_{ice}, P_p - P_{em}\right) \quad (26)$$

which is saturated between 0 and  $P_{ice\ max}$ .

When  $P_{ice}$  has been set,  $\omega_{ice}$  and  $\tau_{ice}$  need to be determined. Taking advantage of the kinematic relation of the PGS, expressed in Eq. (20),  $\omega_{ice}$  can be set to achieve the maximum efficiency for the ICE at a given power. The algorithm presented in the Appendix is used for this purpose, it is solved offline and stored. Finally, the ICE

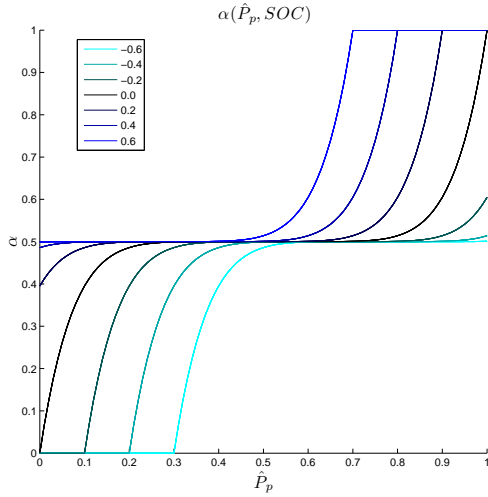


Fig. 7. Plot of  $\alpha(\hat{P}_p, SOC)$  for several values of  $SOC_{comp}$ .

torque is set with

$$\tau_{ice} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \omega_{ice} = 0 \\ \frac{P_{ice}}{\omega_{ice}} & \text{for } \omega_{ice} > 0 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

#### B. EM Power

It is expected that the EM compensates the difference between  $P_p$  and  $P_{ice}$  in order to meet the required power, although it is limited by the EM maximum and minimum power  $P_{em,max}$  and  $P_{em,min}$ . As it is shown in Fig. 5, a pre-value for the EM power is

$$\hat{P}_{em} = P_p - \hat{P}_{ice} \quad (28)$$

and the final value for the EM power is

$$P_{em}(\hat{P}_{em}) = \max(P_{em,min}, \min(P_{em,max}, \hat{P}_{em})) \quad (29)$$

Finally, from Eq. (20), EM speed and torque are calculated

$$\omega_{em} = \frac{k+1}{k} \left( \omega_p - \frac{\omega_{ice}}{k+1} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$\tau_{em} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \omega_{em} = 0 \\ \frac{P_{em}}{\omega_{em}} & \text{for } \omega_{em} \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

#### C. Regenerative Braking

In case of braking  $P_p < 0$ , it is necessary to recover as much energy as possible, taking care of not damaging the batteries (Becerra *et al.*, 2011). In this case  $P_{ice} = 0$  and  $P_{em}$  is

$$P_{em}(SOC) = \max(P_p, \beta(SOC)P_{em,max}) \quad (32)$$

with

$$\beta(SOC) = 0.5 [\tanh(A_1(SOC - SOC_{max}))] - 0.5 \quad (33)$$

where  $A_1$  is a design parameter. Fig. 8 shows the plot of  $\beta$  for  $A_1 = 0.8$  and  $SOC_{max} = 90\%$ .

Finally, the required power at friction brakes is

$$P_f = P_p - P_{em} \quad (34)$$

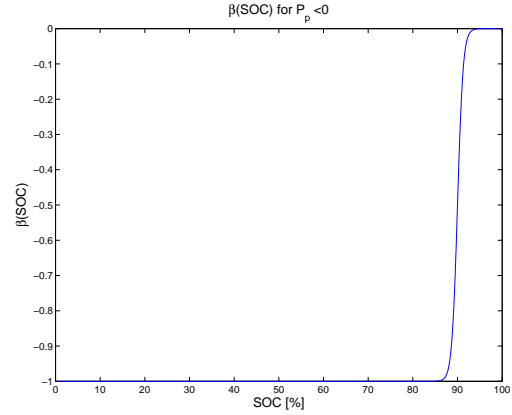


Fig. 8. Regenerative braking power in function of SOC.

## IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

On this section, results of simulating on ADVISOR (Markel *et al.*, 2002; Gao *et al.*, 2007) the vehicle and the strategy presented on the previous sections are shown. To get an idea of the strategy performance, it is compared against a rule based strategy, available in ADVISOR, with the same vehicle parameters but with a normal parallel configuration, it is the ICE and the EM connected through a gear with a different ratio each one. Main parameters for the simulated vehicle are shown in Table I.

Total mass	912 kg
ICE peak power	41 kW
Li-Ion Battery (6 Ah and $V_{nom} = 267V$ ) peak power	25 kW
EM power peak power	25 kW
Gear box	5 speeds

TABLE I  
MAIN PARAMETERS FOR THE SIMULATED VEHICLE.

Strategy parameters are shown in Table II.  $ICE_{map}$  was taken from the ADVISOR database.

$SOC_{ref}$	70%
$SOC_{max}$	85 %
$A_1$	1
$k$ (PGS ratio)	5
$P_{ice,eff}$	20kW
$P_{ice,max}$	41kW
$k_p$	1
$k_i$	0.01

TABLE II  
POWER SPLIT STRATEGY PARAMETERS.

Table III shows the fuel consumption for the proposed strategy for two driving cycles, and simulation are shown in Figs. 9 and 10. Table IV shows the fuel consumption for the same driving cycles when a rules based strategy is used and simulation results for this rules based strategy are shown in Figs. 11 and 12.

It is convenient to emphasize that initial SOC on simulations where set, after several trials, to coincide with the final SOC. Taking this in consideration, the fuel consumption is only due to the power split strategy used to move the vehicle and not affected by the electrical energy in the storage system and gives a clear picture about the strategy performance. It is evident that there is a great improvement with the proposed strategy, specially on urban conditions.

Cycle	Initial SOC (%)	Final SOC (%)	Fuel Consumption (L/100 km)
UDDS	71.14	71.14	4.2996
HWFET	70.72	70.72	4.3169

TABLE III

SIMULATION RESULTS FOR THE VIRTUAL SERIAL STRATEGY.

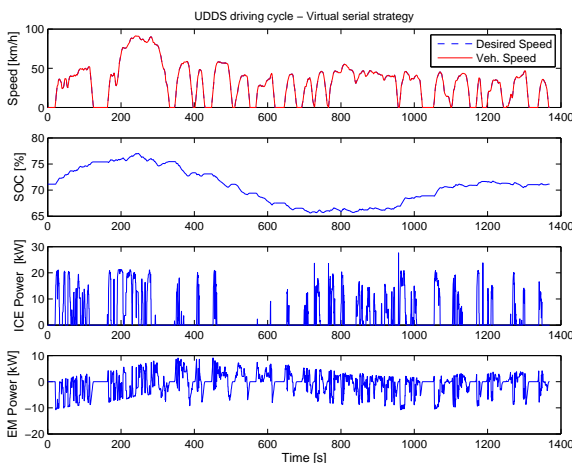


Fig. 9. Virtual Serial Strategy over UDDS cycle simulation results.

Cycle	Initial SOC (%)	Final SOC (%)	Fuel Consumption (L/100 km)
UDDS	69.66	69.66	6.5246
HWFET	71.5	71.5	4.8696

TABLE IV

SIMULATION RESULTS FOR THE RULES BASED STRATEGY.

In Figs. 9 and 10 it can be appreciated that the ICE works always around its more efficient power, 19.7kW. This is confirmed in Figs. 13 and 14, that shows ICE efficiency histograms ( $P_{ice} > 0$ ) for UDDS and HWFET cycles.

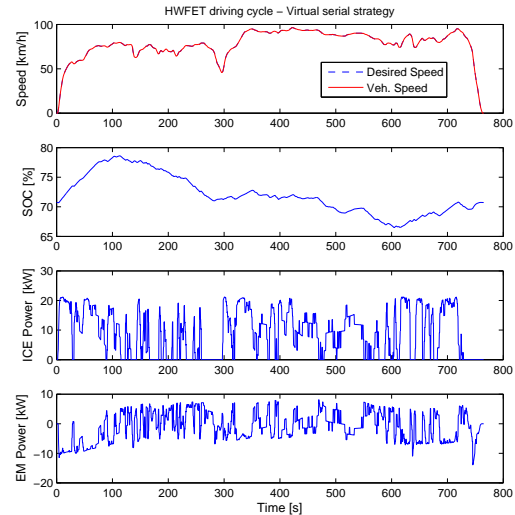


Fig. 10. Virtual Serial Strategy over HWFET cycle simulation results.

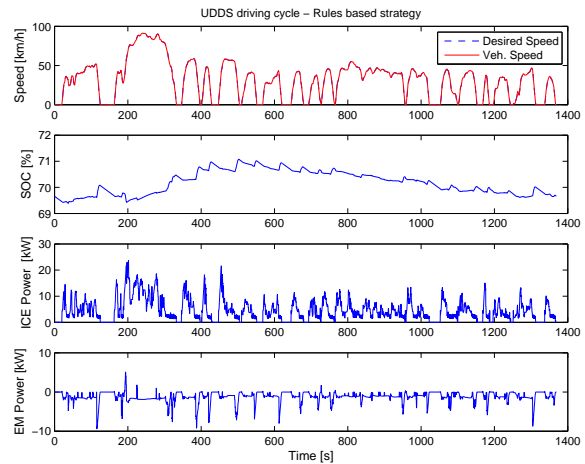


Fig. 11. Rules based strategy over UDDS cycle simulation results.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

In this work a new strategy for HEV power flow control has been proposed. It is supported by an innovative way to couple the power sources presented in (Becerra *et al.*, 2011). Although It is not proven to be optimal, it is inspired on optimal control theory. An offline procedure was designed to optimize the ICE speed given a ICE power. The proposed strategy has the advantage of being easy to implement as it has low computational requirements, compared with other power split approaches.

The strategy operates the ICE on its most efficient region most of the time and a PI controller is used to compensate the deviation of the SOC. This compensator has the advantage of being easy to tune since, it depends only in two parameters. Although in this work a PI controller was used, other controllers could be used.

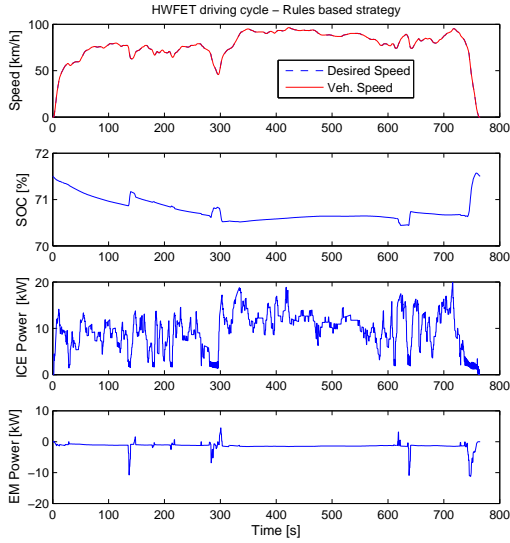


Fig. 12. Rules based strategy over HWFET cycle simulation results.

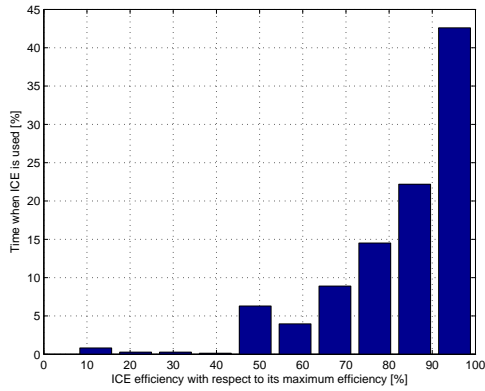


Fig. 13. ICE efficiency histogram when ICE is used in cycle UDDS.

Simulation results show a better performance of the strategy compared with a rules based strategy. They also show that, effectively, the ICE operates around its most efficient region. Results demonstrate also that the strategy is robust, from the driving cycle point of view, since it shows good performance for urban conditions as for highway conditions.

#### A. Future Work

There are several topics that are open on this work:

- 1) Formally proving the conditions for the optimality of the strategy.
- 2) Comparing the strategy with the DP solution as a way to evaluate its performance.
- 3) Studying the effect of having *a priori* information of the driving cycle on the performance of the strategy.

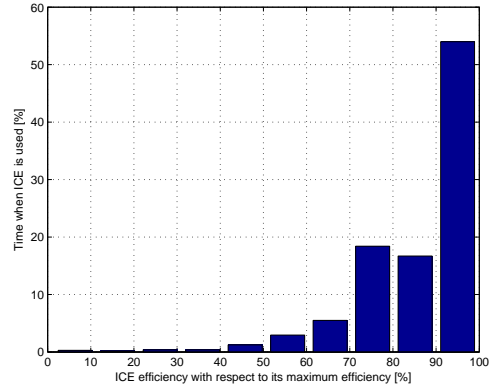


Fig. 14. ICE efficiency histogram when ICE is used in cycle HWFET.

- 4) Studying the effect of the strategy on the dimensioning of the HEV power sources (ICE, EM and battery).
- 5) Testing the performance of the strategy with other controllers for the SOC compensator instead of the PI controller.

#### APPENDIX

*ICE Speed Optimization:* In this section an algorithm to find the most efficient ICE speed, for a given power, using an efficiency map is presented.

Once  $P_{ice}$  has been set, it is necessary to determine the ICE speed  $\omega_{ice}$  in order to find the solution to Eqs. (20) and (21). In (Becerra *et al.*, 2011)  $\omega_{ice}$  is found using information given by the ICE manufacturer. This information is not always available, instead efficiency maps, presented as a table, are used by most simulation tools (Markel *et al.*, 2002; Gao *et al.*, 2007).

Given a table  $ICE_{map}$  that maps  $\omega_{ice}$  and  $\tau_{ice}$  with an ICE efficiency,  $ICE_{eff}(\omega_{ice}, \tau_{ice})$ , the following algorithm can be applied:

- 1) Start with the lowest  $P_{ice}$ , minimum  $\omega_{ice}$  and  $\tau_{ice}$ , in the table  $ICE_{map}$ , and take it as base power  $P_{base}$ , and its corresponding  $\omega_{base}$  and  $\tau_{base}$ , for the first iteration.
- 2) Search on  $ICE_{map}$  the biggest neighbor to  $P_{base}$  (by increasing  $\omega_{base}$  or  $\tau_{base}$ ) that offers the highest  $\Delta ICE_{eff} / \Delta P_{ice}$  with respect to  $P_{base}$ . The size of the search depends on the ICE and on the map, but it should be performed in neighbors around a 10% of the maximum power.
- 3) Add the power found in step 2, and its corresponding speed, to the table  $\omega_{ice-eff}$ .
- 4) Take as the new  $P_{base}$  the power found in step 2, and its corresponding  $\omega_{base}$  and  $\tau_{base}$ .
- 5) Repeat from step 2 until the maximum power from table  $ICE_{map}$  is reached.
- 6) The table generated in step 3 maps a given power to its most efficient speed, in other words, it generates  $\omega_{ice-eff}(P_{ice})$ .

Fig. 15 shows the plot of  $P_{ice}$  vs  $ICE_{eff}$  at a constant speed for the speeds defined in  $ICE_{map}$ . The upper contour is the plot of the table  $\omega_{ice-eff}(P_{ice})$  found with the previous algorithm for the ICE that was chosen for simulations on this work. The plot of  $P_{ice}$  vs  $\omega_{ice-eff}(P_{ice})$  is shown in Fig. 16.

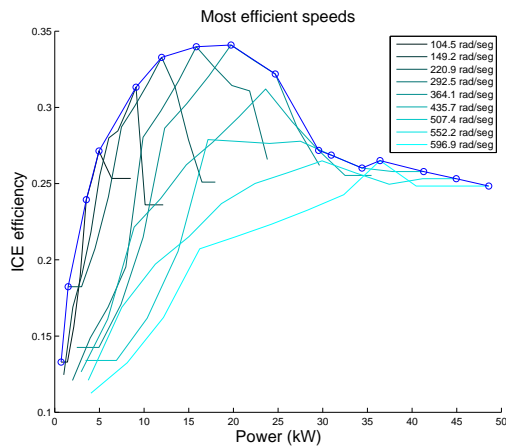


Fig. 15. ICE power vs efficiency at constant speed.

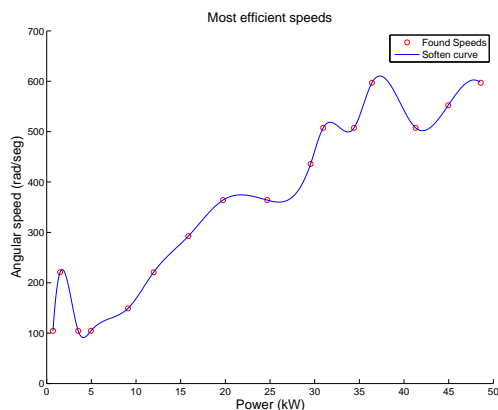


Fig. 16. ICE power vs efficient speed.

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