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ABSTRAK

Fuel Cell (FC) dengan kombinasi kenderaan elektrik hibrid dengan *supercapacitor* (SC) berpotensi menyelesaikan sistem pengangkutan masa depan. Hal ini kerana kemampuan hasil wasap sifar, peningkatan daya sementara, kemampuan menyerap tenaga pengereman regeneratif, kecekapan tinggi, dan jarak jauh. Namun, ciri keluaran yang tidak linear menyebabkan sistem FC mempunyai kelemahan kekangan dalaman seperti kandungan air membran dan suhu sel. Oleh itu, pengurusan keluaran tenaga semaksimum mungkin adalah penting bagi mengelakkan penggunaan bahan bakar berlebihan dan kecekapan sistem yang rendah. Sebaliknya, walaupun SC mempunyai kelebihan sistem penyimpanan tenaga tambahan, penyambungan sel SC sesiri menyebabkan masalah ketidakseimbangan sel, berpunca dari ciri sel yang tidak setara yang berlaku semasa proses pembuatan dan keadaan persekitaran. Perbezaan voltan sel ini dalam modul SC menyebabkan penurunan kecekapan kombinasi sel dan jangka hayatnya. Tambahan, batasan sumber kuasa di atas dan keadaan caj awal SC mempengaruhi pengurusan kuasa bagi agihan kuasa di antara pelbagai sumber. Oleh itu, tesis ini bertujuan untuk mengusulkan kawalan dan pengurusan hybrid tenaga FC-SC untuk kenderaan elektrik hibrid sambungan sesiri bagi menyelesaikan 3 permasalahan di atas. Pertama, tesis ini berfokuskan pada pengawal penjejakan titik maksimum kuasa (MPPT) dengan topologi pengubah meningkat 4-kaki berselang-seli (M-FLIBC) yang diubahsuai untuk sistem FC. Keberkesanan IBC dibandingkan dengan 2 sistem kawalan lain dengan topologi tradisional FLIBC. Seterusnya, penyeimbang modular global untuk imbalan voltan dalam SC dihubungkan secara sesiri bagi sistem HEV. Rekaan pengimbangan modular global menggunakan pendekatan penukaran depan, yang mengintegrasikan pengimbangan sel, pengimbangan modul, dan operasi bagi frekuensi berbeza, memberi impak pengurangan kapasiti serta kerumitan pelaksanaan. Akhir sekali, tesis ini menilai pengurusan kuasa hibrid (HPM) untuk membolehkan pengagihan sumber kuasa dengan berkesan, bagi membolehkan pengurangan penggunaan hidrogen dan peningkatan ekonomi bahan bakar kenderaan. Dalam hal ini, model litar setara SC dibangunkan untuk sistem penyimpanan tenaga. Kombinasi kaedah penapis Kalman (EKF) dan penghitungan tradisional coulomb (CC) digunakan untuk melakukan penganggaran keadaan pengecasan SC, yang meningkatkan keberkesanan HPM. Bagi memastikan kajian pengukuran ekonomi bahan bakar dalam keadaan pemanduan yang realistik, kitaran ujian gabungan agensi perlindungan alam sekitar (EPA) untuk bandar dan lebuh raya dipertimbangkan. Hasil perbandingan prestasi pengawal yang berbeza berdasarkan teknik MPPT dari segi voltan, arus, kuasa, masa penyelesaian, dan kecekapan FC menunjukkan bahawa pengawal MPPT dengan RBFN dan M-FLIBC mengungguli pengawal berasaskan PID dan Fuzzy. Dalam hal pengawalan SC dalam HEV, topologi SC yang dicadangkan menunjukkan pengimbangan voltan berkesan selain pengurangan penggunaan komponen, dengan lingkungan operasi frekuensi yang berbeza pada 10 - 70 kHz, dan kelebihan bilangan sel SC modular tanpa had dalam Analisa prestasi HEV. Akhirnya, dengan semua topologi kawalan yang dicadangkan dan gabungan pengurusan tenaga berdasarkan EKF-CC untuk FC-SC dalam Siri HEV, ekonomi bahan bakar kenderaan dapat dinaikkan kepada 93.38 km/kg berbanding dengan pengurusan kuasa berasaskan tradisional CC sebanyak 86.53 km/kg dan peningkatan pecutan kenderaan 0-100 km/jam dalam masa 9.0 saat. Hasil kajian menunjukkan kawalan dan pengurusan kuasa hibrid FC dan SC dapat meningkatkan prestasi kenderaan dalam sudut utama perbandingan. Cadangan pengembangan kajian masa depan diketengahkan.

ABSTRACT

Fuel cell (FC) with a combination of supercapacitor (SC) based hybrid electric vehicles have been regarded as a potential solution in the future transportation system. This is due to their zero-emission, enhancement of transient power demand, ability to absorb the energy from the regenerative braking, high efficiency, and long mileage. Nevertheless, the nonlinear output characteristics of the FC system are a feeble point owing to internal constraints such as membrane water content and cell temperature. Hence it is essential to extricate as much power as possible from the stack to avert excessive fuel usage and low system efficiency. Conversely, despite the advantages of the SC as an auxiliary energy storage system, the series connection of SC cells causes a cell imbalance problem due to uneven cell characteristics that occur during the manufacturing process and its ambient conditions. This discrepancy of cell voltages in a supercapacitor module leads to reduce the stack's efficiency and its lifetime. Furthermore, the above limitations of the power sources and initial state of SC's charge affect the power management's distribution of power among the multiple sources. Therefore, the aim of this thesis is to propose a hybrid power management for fuel cell-supercapacitor powered hybrid electric vehicles to solve the three identified problems. Firstly, this thesis focuses on a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller with a modified 4-leg interleaved boost converter (M-FLIBC) topology for the FC system. The effectiveness of the proposed IBC with a controller for the FC is compared with the two additional controllers couples with the conventional FLIBC topology. Next, a global modular balancer for voltage balancing of multiple supercapacitor cells is connected in series for an HEV system. The global modular balancing architecture is proposed based on forward conversion, which integrates cell balancing, module balancing, and operating for different frequencies. Thus, greatly reducing the volume and implementation complexity. Finally, the thesis evaluates hybrid power management (HPM) for effective power sources distribution, in order to reduce hydrogen consumption and enhance the vehicle's fuel economy. In this case, an equivalent circuit model of SC is developed for the energy storage system. The combination of an extended Kalman filter (EKF) and traditional coulomb counting (CC) method is used to estimate the SC state of charge in improving the effectiveness of the HPM. To evaluate the fuel economy under realistic driving conditions, the combined environmental protection agency (EPA) test cycles for a city and highway are considered. The outcome of performance comparison of the different controllers based on MPPT technique in terms of voltage, current, power, settling time, and efficiency of the FC indicates that the radial basis function network (RBFN) based MPPT controller with the M-FLIBC outperforms the PID and Fuzzy based controllers. With respect to controlling of SC in HEV environment, the proposed topology of SC presents effective voltage balancing with a lower component count, able to operate at different frequencies, i.e., 10 to 70 kHz, as well opens to unlimited stackable modular numbers of SC cells for the HEV performance analysis. Ultimately, with all the proposed control topologies and combined EKF-CC based power management for the FC-SC in Series HEV, the vehicle's fuel economy is increased to 93.38 km/kg as compared to traditional CC based power management of 86.53 km/kg, besides it improves the vehicle's acceleration within 0-100 km/h in 9.0 seconds respectively. Finally, the research shows that the hybrid power management of FC and SC powered HEV leads to improved performance of the vehicle in terms of the key measures. Suggestions for future research are also highlighted.

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