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Real-time control based on a CAN-bus of hybrid electrical systems

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- Abstract: Power management of a one-converter parallel structure with battery and supercapacitor is
- ² addressed in this paper. The controller is implemented on a DSP from Microchip and uses a Controller
- Area Network (CAN) bus communication for data exchange. However, the low data transmission
- ⁴ rate of the CAN bus data impacts the performances of regular power management strategies. This
- ⁵ paper details an initial strategy with a charge sustaining mode for an application coupling a battery
- ⁶ with supercapacitors, in which low performances have been witnessed due to the high sampling time
- ⁷ of the CAN bus data. Therefore, a new strategy is proposed to tackle the sample time issue based on

a depleting mode. Simulation and experimental results with a dsPIC33EP512MU810 DSP based on a

• 10 kW hybrid system proves the feasibility of the proposed approach.

Keywords: Hybrid electrical system; power management, battery, supercapacitors; Controller Area
 Network (CAN), Microchip DSP.)

12 1. Introduction

Many works based on hybrid electrical transport applications are performed essentially to face 13 environmental issues. Most of the time, three kinds of hybridisation are pointed out: fuel cell 14 (FC)/supercapacitors (SCs), fuel cell/battery (BT) or battery/supercapacitors [1–11] or more sources 15 [12–14]. The connection of the power sources is subject to many power electronic topologies. Each of 16 them has advantages and disadvantages regarding efficiency, flexibility, price, and weight. However, 17 the main topologies are the one-converter or the two-converter hybrid structures. The key-point of 18 such hybrid systems is the suitable energy management allowing a reliable and effective behaviour of 19 the sources [2]. 20

Whatever the power electronic topology (one- or two-converters topology), the most widespread requirement leads to smooth power on the main power source. In the case of a fuel cells (FC)/supercapacitors (SCs) [15] or FC/battery (BT) [16] or BT/SCs [4] associations, the FC or BT are going to operate with low current transients in order to improve the durability of the main power source [17–19].

This work focuses on the one-converter-based hybrid power system associating BT and SCs for civil or military transportation applications and is intended to perform in compliance with real conditions. Batteries have been widely adopted as the main power source for full electric vehicles [20] for their high energy density [21]. In this work, a Lithium Ion Fer Phosphate (LiFePO₄) battery was selected for its safety, good environmental compliance, long lifetime, high discharge current, high power density and cost effectiveness when compared to other mature technologies [22]. However, the high price and heaviness of the battery when compared to supercapacitors justify

that batteries and supercapacitors can be interfaced in order to maximize the benefits of the two

³⁴ components, i.e. limit the cost and weight of the battery pack, nevertheless with an increase of the total
³⁵ volume [23]. Therefore, SCs are used as an assistant to the main source to deliver power during fast
³⁶ acceleration or braking, and also allows to limit the battery current and temperature by an appropriate
³⁷ assistance of the SCs during high current and high temperature of the battery pack. Moreover, the
³⁸ operation of the battery at high current needs to be avoid in order to impact positively the durability
³⁹ of the battery [20,24].
⁴⁰ The implementation of these controllers is generally done with high-performance DSP/µC

with internal current/voltage controllers, PWM outputs to control the converters and its own current/voltage sensors. In such configuration, the implementation does not introduce issues. 42 Nowadays, embedded and networked automotive bus communication such as the Controller Area 43 Network (CAN) is widely used for vehicle networks. It is used for the communication between the 44 controllers, the sensors and the actuators [25–29]. The controller can retrieve data from each component 45 (i.e. voltage, current, temperature of the BT and SCs) and the DSP send periodic messages necessary to 46 control the DC/DC converter [30-33]. It should be pointed out that the sampling frequency of the data 47 on the CAN bus is relatively low compared to a regular implementation on a DSP/ μ C that use analog 48 inputs and the PWM peripherals [34]. In fact, in the case of a regular implementation, the CPU and the 49 peripherals have a sampling time nearly equal to 100μ s for the inner current loops and nearly equal to 50 1ms for the outter voltage loops. Therefore, the performances of the controllers are not degraded by 51 the sampling (see [3] for more information and [35,36] for theoretical details). In practice, the CAN bus 52 data sampling frequency is defined by the manufacturers of top-of-the-shelf equipment and modifying 53 it in a wide range is not always possible, at least in a range defined by the manufacturer. 54 is not always possible, at least in a defined range. It follows that designers need to face such issue 55 by defining an appropriate controller with low data transmission rate [28]. Therefore, this paper aims

⁵⁶ by defining an appropriate controller with low data transmission rate [28]. Therefore, this paper aims
⁵⁷ to detail experimental knowledge about the power management of a hybrid system controlled by a
⁵⁸ Controller Area Network (CAN) bus communication where one fundamental issue to be addressed

- ⁵⁹ concerns the closed-loop control stability under sampling with such network control [29].
- The main contribution of this paper is focused on the description of an initial strategy [37] with a charge-sustaining mode. Experimental results show that the proposed controlled [37] failed under high sampling time and quantization of the CAN bus data that deteriorate the closed-loop performances. It is the reason why a new rule-based strategy is proposed in this paper to tackle the sample time issue based on a depleting mode. Experimental results based on a 10 kW hybrid power pack coupling

⁶⁵ battery and supercapacitors prove the feasibility of the proposed approach.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, a 10 kW experimental system is detailed. Section 3 details a regular controller for power management of a hybrid electrical system, where the closed-loop controller performance degradations are being emphasised with the CAN bus. Therefore, a sampled-data controller based on a charge depleting mode is described in section 4, where experimental results are presented to show the effectiveness of the proposed controller.

71 2. Hybrid power pack structure

The hybrid power pack structure under study dedicated for civil or military applications is 72 composed of a 3,84kWh Lithium battery (LiFePO₄, 48V, 80Ah) from E4V directly connected on the DC 73 bus and supercapacitors (SCs) from Maxwell (BMOD0063P125B08, 125V, 63F). The SCs equipment 74 is connected to the DC bus by an inverter from VISEDO (PowerBOOSTTM series DC/DC converter 75 PBO-M-250-x, 250kW max at 750V with liquid cooling, set at 12kW max without cooling and low DC 76 voltage). The power electronic components are standard MOSFET modules and the PWM switching 77 frequency is set at 4kHz. The E4V battery have a CAN 2.0A protocol adjustable between 100kbs to 78 500kbs, while the PowerBOOST from VISEDO have CAN 2.0A or B with adjustable baud rate between 79 100kbs to 1Mbs. 80

The battery can provide 1C (80A) during steady state without significant overheating, while 2C (160A) during 10 min and 3C (240A) during 40 s at early life of the battery pack and 23°C operation.



Figure 1. Experimental setup and regular controller of a one-converter hybrid system.

As regular batteries, these data decrease over the time due to the cycling and the batterie temperature
[38] and this knowledge can be integrated into the controller for a real-time update of the saturation

⁸⁵ functions. On another side, the SCs can provide 140A during few minutes and thus can assist the
⁸⁶ battery during over-battery current to limit the battery temperature.

A programmable electronic load (EA-ELR 9080-510) and power source (EA-PSI 9080-340) from EA Elektro-Automatik are connected to the DC bus to emulate a reversible current source, i.e. emulate traction and regenerative mode. The electronic load has a rated power of 10.5kW, 80V can be obtained at low current and 510A at low voltage always limited by the maximal nominal output power. The power source has a rated power of 10kW, 80V-340A, same comment for the current/voltage/power limitations as the load. Finally, Figure 1 shows the experimental system and Table 1 gives the electric characteristics of the 10 kW hybrid system.

All the control and the monitoring data are transmitted by the battery and PowerBOOST converter through one CAN bus network. It is worth to mention that the VISEDO inverter integrates an internal current control loop, where the desired set point current i_{sc}^* of the SCs is transmitted through the CAN bus. The different nodes involved are the battery pack, the supercapacitors, the DC-DC converter and the reversible load (parallel coupling of a load and a power supply).

The three first variables of table 2 are measurements (DC bus voltage v_b , SCs voltage v_{sc} , battery 99 current i_{bt}) available on the target test bench. These data are obtained from the CAN bus according 100 to the indicated features (sampling time, precision, data type). Using these variables regardless 101 the load power requirement, the controller computes the output control variable of the SCs current 102 (i_{sc}^*) in order to manage the battery current and the state of charge of the SCs. It is important to 103 mention that the sampling time, precision and data type of the measurements provided by these top 104 of the shelf equipments cannot always be changed in a wide range (see table 3). Thus, the behaviour 105 of a continuous controller under sampling is not always reproducible. In fact, the sampling time 106 requirement for regular power management controllers are nearly equal to 500μ s to 2ms (see [3] for 107

E4V Battery pack			
v _n	48 V	E_n	3,84 kWh
C_n	80 Ah	mass	50 kg
Super-capacitors			
v_n	125 V	E_n	140 Wh
C_{SCs}	63 F	mass	61 kg
Electric load			
v _{max}	80 V	P _{max}	10.5 kW
i _{max}	510 A	mass	31 kg
Power supply			
v _{max}	80 V	P _{max}	10 kW
i _{max}	340 A	mass	20 kg
DC-DC converter			
DC bus voltage range	0-800 V	P_n	250 kW
<i>i</i> _n	$300 A_{RMS}$	mass	15 kg
Switching frequency	4-6 kHz	Operating	-40105 ⁰ C
		temperature	

Table 1. Electric characteristics of the 10 kW hybrid system.

Table 2. CAN bus and data characteristics.

Data	Sampling[ms]	Precision	Data type
v_{sc}	54.2	$\pm 0.05\mathrm{V}$	8 bits
v_b	109	$\pm 0.01\mathrm{V}$	8 bits
i _{bt}	109	$\pm 0.1\mathrm{A}$	8 bits
i_{sc}^*	10	$\pm 1A$	8 bits

Table 3. CAN bus and data characteristics.

Baud	rate	Data frames	Minimum	Maximum
[kps]		on the CAN	sampling	sampling
		bus	time [Hz]	time [Hz]
250		10	0.5	10

the performances degradation of continuous controllers under sampling). It means that the sampling
time of the data coming from the components to control are nearly 100 times more important than the
desired values. In such industrial case study, authors have face such issues by proposing an adequate
rule-based controller.

The choice of the control board was done according to four criteria: portability, scalability, effectiveness and economical solution. Therefore, an Explorer 16 Development board from Microchip has been opted that allows to test various (16 or 32 bits) DSP and microcontroller. The dsPIC33EP512MU810 has been implemented for the reasons cited above associated with a PICtail Plus card interface for the CAN bus.

3. Regular power management

118 3.1. Problem statement

Figure 1 represents a parallel power electronic system understudy composed of only one-converter. The controller is designed to provide a smooth current transition on the source with the lower current dynamic, namely the battery in this study. Also, the power between the battery and the SCs needs to be appropriately shared to match the power load requirement. The maximal currents of the battery and SCs, the state of charge (SoC) of the SCs, the battery temperature must be taken into account as constraints in the controller design [37]. This regular controller refers to charge-sustaining mode, where SCs assist the battery during power transient and the SoC of the SCs fluctuates but it is maintained at a certain level. Consequently, the control structure is based on three nested loops as shown in Figure 1, namely: (see [37] for details about the controller design):

- The VISEDO PowerBOOST have its internal current controller and the DSP transmits the supercapacitors current reference through the CAN (Controller Area Network) bus to the DC/DC converter.
- A PI inner voltage loop controller computes the supercapacitors current reference i_{sc}^* to maintain the DC bus voltage at the desired value.
- A PI outer voltage controller adjusts the DC bus reference voltage to control the SoC of the SCs and implicitly control the dynamic of the battery current. It is important to mention here that the
- DC bus of a one-converter structure need to fluctuate in order to change the battery current in

comparison with a two-converters structure where the DC bus voltage is constant.

Finally, the two PI controllers are sampled at 10 ms which corresponds to the minimum sampling period to transmit the supercapacitors current reference through the CAN bus.

139 3.2. Experimental results

Figure 2 shows an experimental result for a nominal operation, i.e. a battery current lower than the maximum values. The battery provides current during the first part of the transient. Later, the SCs react during the second part and let the battery provide energy during the steady state.

Figure 3 shows another experimental result when the battery current exceed the maximum values 143 defined by the designer. In that case, the SCs assist the battery during the transient as in Figure 2 144 and continue to sustain the battery as long as the load current is greater (in absolute value) than the 145 acceptable limits of the battery current. Here as an example, the maximum current of the battery have been fixed at -15A during the charge mode (see Figure 3.a) and +15A during the discharge mode (see 147 Figure 3.b). The SCs absorb (or provide) the current that the battery could not absorb (or provide) in 148 order to maintain the battery current at the desired value. As mentionned before, the knowledge of the 149 number of cycling and the batterie temperature (obtained through the CAN bus) can be integrated into 150 the controller to compute in real-time the maximum current of the battery for the saturation functions. 15: Experimental results show that the expected smoothing behaviour of the battery current is not 152 fulfilled as shown in Figures. 2 and 3. Because the battery is connected in parallel to the DC bus 153 without DC/DC converter and the periodic data sampling is too important, it turns out that the battery 154 provide current during the first part of the transient until the SCs reacts. It follows an undesirable 155 behaviour during load current transient. A analysis shows that the high sampling time of the transmit 156 CAN frame data v_{bt} (109ms, see data in Table 2) has been clearly identified as responsible for this 157 unexpected behaviour. 158

159 3.3. Discussions

Experimental results have shown that the control of a one-converter structure with a CAN bus is not suitable and lead to such low performance results. Some of the solutions listed below are feasible:

- Components software modifications: The most effective solution consists on a software update of the sampling time of the data send by all the components at around 1 to 5ms if this option is allowed. This option lead to good performances of the hybrid system.
- Additional sensors: If the first solution is not feasible for top of the self-equipment, additional current and voltage sensors associated with local microcontrollers can be added. This option leads to a flexible solution for the designer but increase the cost and reduce the reliability due to additional materials.
- *Additional converter*: A two-converters structure is probably an effective solution is such configuration because it allows a separate control of the two current sources and therefore



Figure 2. Experimental results with the regular controller - nominal condition.



Figure 3. Experimental results with the regular controller - over-battery current.

doesn't lead to high battery peak current during load current transient. However, this solution
increases the cost, weight, volume and decrease the efficiency and reliability.

• Enhanced sampling-time controller: Papers [3,35,36] have shown that the asymptotic stability of

closed-loop systems could be preserve despite high value of the sampling time of controllers.

This option is strongly interesting but is not under the scope of this work with an industrial point of view.

All the above solutions have been rejected since these top of the self-equipements can not be updated and the addition of sensors increase the cost and reduce the reliability. Therefore an alternative controller has been under study base on a rule charge depleting operation.

180 4. Charge depleting mode with SoC recovering of the SCs

181 4.1. Problem statement

The proposed controller switch between a charge depleting and a charge-sustaining modes according to the maximum current allowed for the battery:



Figure 4. Charge-depleting and Charge-sustaining modes.

- Whenever the battery pack current remains within the allowable bounds (maximum battery current during discharge *i_{bt_max_dis}* and charge *i_{bt_max_ch}*) the batteries satisfy the load power requirement and the SCs doesn't give any assistance as shown in Figure 4. To recover the SoC of the SCs and thus the assistance, the controller maintains at a certain level the SoC when the current battery is in the allowed bounds.
- Whenever the battery current is out of these bounds, the controller switch to charge-sustaining mode and the surplus current is assigned to the SCs [20,24].

It turns out that the control is based on two controllers that are selected according to the operating conditions, as shown in Figure 5:

- Controller 1 is activated when the battery current is higher than the threshold *i*_{bt_max_dis} during a discharge operation or *i*_{bt_max_ch} (in absolute value) during a charge operation.
- Controller 2 is activated when the battery current remains in the bounds [*i_{bt_max_dis}*, *i_{bt_max_ch}*],
 i.e. normal operation of the hybrid system.

¹⁹⁷ We need to mention that the thresholds $i_{bt_max_dis}$ and $i_{bt_max_ch}$ can be variable, i.e. function of ¹⁹⁸ the allowed time of overcurrent greater than 1C (see section II) and function of the battery temperature ¹⁹⁹ obtained through the CAN bus.

Controller 1 compute the desired current i_{sc}^* in order that the battery current i_{bt} does not exceed the maximum value, while controller 2 manage the SoC of the SCs. It follows that the decision block is based on the state machine as shown in Figure 6.

- 203 4.2. Design of the controller
- 4.2.1. State machine
- ²⁰⁵ The state machine block depicted Figure 5 is detailled in Figure 6, where states are:
- State 0: the battery current (i_{bt}) doesn't exceed the maximum value $[i_{bt_max_ch} \delta i_{bt}, i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt}]$ and the SCs voltage is also in the bounds $[v_{sc}^* \delta v_{sc}, v_{sc}^* + \delta v_{sc}]$, i.e. normal operation of the hybrid system. Therefore, the SCs is set equal to zero.
- State 1: the battery current (i_{bt}) is higher than a user-defined threshold $i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt}$. Therefore, flag flag_control_ibt_max_dis is set to one and controller 1 is activated until the battery current is lower than $i_{bt_max_dis} - \Delta i_{bt}$.
- State 2: the battery current (i_{bt}) is higher in absolute value than a user-defined threshold $i_{bt_max_ch} \delta i_{bt}$. Therefore, flag flag_control_ibt_max_ch is set to one and controller 1 is activated until the battery current is greater than $i_{bt_max_ch} + \Delta i_{bt}$.



Figure 5. Controllers of the charge depleting mode with SoC recovering of the SCs.

• State 3: the battery current (i_{bt}) doesn't exceed the maximum value $[i_{bt_max_ch} - \delta i_{bt}, i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt}]$ but the SCs voltage is too high. Therefore, flag flag_control_vsc is set to one and controller 2 is engaged, until the SCs voltage remains to the nominal value or the battery current (i_{bt}) exceed the maximum values $[i_{bt_max_ch} - \delta i_{bt}, i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt}]$.

• State 4: the battery current (i_{bt}) doesn't exceed the maximum value [$i_{bt_max_ch} - \delta i_{bt}$, $i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt_max_dis}$

 δi_{bt}] but the SCs voltage is too low. Therefore, flag flag_control_vsc is set to one and controller 2 is engaged, until the SCs voltage remains to the nominal value or the battery current (i_{bt}) exceed

the maximum values $[i_{bt_max_ch} - \delta i_{bt}, i_{bt_max_dis} + \delta i_{bt}]$.

It is important to mention that adequate values of the thresholds δi_{bt} and Δi_{bt} need to be adopted to avoid chattering phenomenon.

4.2.2. Controller 1

²²⁶ When flags flag_control_ibt_max_dis or flag_control_ibt_max_ch are set to one, controller 1 base ²²⁷ on a PI is engaged in order to inject or absorb the current that the battery could not inject or absorb. ²²⁸ Figure 7 shows the sampling-time PI controller where i'_{sc} represent the SCs current at the output of the ²²⁹ boost converter.

So that the SCs provide current as quickly as possible, the integral action *S* of the PI-controller is initialized at a right value, i.e. so that i'_{sc} is equal to $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_dis}$ or $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_ch}$ at the initialization step of the controller:

• if flag_control_ibt_max_dis is set to one, *S* is set to $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_dis}$

• if flag_control_ibt_max_ch is set to one, *S* is set to $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_ch}$

Finally, the SCs voltage fluctuates within a range $[v_{sc_L}, v_{sc_H}]$. If the SCs voltage exceeds these limits, constraints are added to reduce the SCs current during charge or discharge. Figure 8 shows a specific saturation function that represent the saturation block of Figure 7.



Figure 6. State machine of the controller.



Figure 7. PI controller 1.

238 4.2.3. Controller 2

²³⁹ When flag flag_control_vsc is set to one (states 3 or 4), the SCs voltage is bring back at its nominal ²⁴⁰ value v_{sc}^* :

• Whenever $v_{sc} \ge v_{sc}^* + \delta v_{sc}$, controller 2 computes a positive value of the SCs current as follows:

$$i_{sc}^* = i_{sc_{max}} \min\left(1, \frac{v_{sc} - v_{sc}^*}{\delta v_{sc}}\right)$$
(1)

so that the SCs is discharged at the maximum value $i_{sc_{max}}$ as long as $v_{sc} \ge v_{sc}^* + \delta v_{sc}$ and later discharge the SCs by progressively reducing i_{sc}^* until reaching $i_{sc}^* = 0$ when $v_{sc} = v_{sc}^*$. This behaviour is highlighted in the Figure 9.

• Whenever $v_{sc} \leq v_{sc}^* - \delta v_{sc}$, controller 2 computes a negative value of the SCs current as follows:

$$i_{sc}^* = -i_{sc_{max}} \min\left(1, \frac{v_{sc} - v_{sc}^*}{-\delta v_{sc}}\right)$$
⁽²⁾

so that the SCs is charged at the maximum value $-i_{sc_{max}}$ as long as $v_{sc} \le v_{sc}^* - \delta v_{sc}$ and later charge the SCs by progressively reducing i_{sc}^* until reaching $i_{sc}^* = 0$ when $v_{sc} = v_{sc}^*$.

Controller 2 is a static controller based on equations 1 and 2 (see also Fig. 9 for a graphical representation). When the system is in state 3 or 4, the battery provides power to the load and also charge/discharge the SCs function of the state (i.e function of the SCs voltage) with the maximum allowed current of the SCs. It would have been possible to use a regular controller to compute i_{sc}^* but



Figure 8. Definition of the maximum SCs current $(i_{sC_{max}})$ according the SCs voltage for controller 1.



Figure 9. Definition of the SCs current according the SCs voltage for controller 2.



Figure 10. Experimental results during nominal condition - state is equal to 0.

the static controller based on equations 1 and 2 is interesting because it charge/discharge the SCs with
the maximum allowed current of the SCs. It reduces the time needed for charging/discharging the
SCs.

253 4.3. Experimental results

Experiments have been conducted in the test bench where the battery current has been limited at 90A during charge and discharge of the battery. All the controller parameters are as follows: $\delta i_{bt} = 1A$, $\Delta i_{bt} = 10A$, $v_{sc}^* = 32V$, $v_{sc_L} = 27V$, $v_{sc_l} = 28V$, $v_{sc_h} = 36V$, $v_{sc_H} = 37V$, $\delta v_{sc} = 2V$, $i_{sc_{max}} = 100A$, $k_p = 0.001$ and $k_i = 0.114$. The parameters of the PI controller have been defined empirically. It is important to mention that the response time of the PI-controller is reduced; this is achieved by



Figure 11. Experimental results during nominal condition.



Figure 12. Experimental results during nominal condition.

²⁵⁰ initializing integral term S with an appropriate value that results in the battery current value converging

fast to $i_{bt_max_dis}$ or $i_{bt_max_ch}$.

Figure 10 shows an experimental result for a load current profile composed of 5s at 80A and 1s at zero current, i.e. for operating points where the battery current remains in the bounds $[i_{bt_max_ch}, i_{bt_max_dis}]$ and the SCs voltage is in the bounds $[v_{sc}^* - \delta v_{sc}, v_{sc}^* + \delta v_{sc}]$ (state 0). As expected, the SCs current is null and the battery supplied all the energy to the load.

Figure 11 shows an experimental result for a load current profile composed of 5s at 95A and 1s at zero current, i.e. for operating points where the battery current is greater than $i_{bt_max_dis}$ (state 1) and operating points where the SCs can be recharge (state 3). As expected, the SCs current provides current to the load for state equal to one. We can notice in Figure 12 that the SCs voltage is regulated at the desired value v_{sc}^* equal to 32V and that the SCs current is always initialized at a value different from zero (see comments in section IV.B.2) to improve the convergence of i_{bt} to $i_{bt_max_dis}$.

In fact the commutation from controller 2 to controller 1 needs an adequate re-initialization of the integral term of the PI controller and the commutation from controller 1 to controller 2 doesn't introduce difficulty. When controller 1 is engaged, thanks to the initialization flag in Figure 7, the integral term *S* is initialized at $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_ch}$ or $i_{bt} - i_{bt_max_dis}$ according to the system state. As noticed just above, this reduce the convergence time of i_{bt} to $i_{bt_max_dis}$ or $i_{bt_max_ch}$ through a fast drop of the battery current as shown in Figure 11.b.

²⁷⁷ We can noticed that the results are acceptable despite the important sampling-time of the data ²⁷⁸ and that the current battery remains to the limit current value $i_{bt_max_dis}$ or $i_{bt_max_ch}$ defined by the ²⁷⁹ designer. We have shown that the PI controller (state 1 and 2) have been engaged so that the SCs assist ²⁸⁰ the battery as long as the SoC of the SCs is not too high or low (see Figure 8). Furthermore, every time ²⁸¹ that the SCs can be charge or discharge (i.e. the battery current i_{bt} doesn't exceed the allowed value), ²⁸² controller 2 is activated.

283 5. Conclusion

A single converter-based hybrid system energy management through Controller Area Network (CAN) bus communication has been studied. Experimental results show that charge-sustaining controller have low performances due to the sampling-time of the CAN bus data. Therefore, a rule-based strategy has been proposed in order to tackle with sample-time issue based on a depleting mode, where experimental results based on a 10 kW hybrid power pack coupling battery and supercapacitors prove the feasibility of the proposed approach.

As mentioned in the paper, the CAN network suffers from the low transmission rate and low quantification of data. In the current scenario, the increasing number of functionalities grows in all type of vehicles because of the decentralization of functions and leads to an over-loaded CAN network. CAN FD and FLEXRAY have emerged as new trend to comply with real-time constraints [34]. However, such adaptation does not seem the solution to control electrical systems with high performances and safety. Therefore the question of centralized/decentralized critical functions in an electrical vehicle need to be further investigated.

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