

Current Trends in Ultra Capacitor/Battery Based Smart Transportation System

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Abstract- This paper gives overall view of the current trends in ultra capacitor based smart transportation system. By increasing of the demand and popularity of EVs, there is huge demand of EVs to require shorten duration for the charging, so ultra capacitor(UC)/ battery hybrid energy storage for smart transportation system was proposed to enhance the life cycle of the battery and driving range. In this one more constraint is improving the regenerative braking energy and also satisfies the energy requirements of the system both in steady and dynamic state.

Keywords: ultra capacitor, battery, regenerative braking, energy management, EVs, EM System

1. Introduction

To reduce emissions, electric powered vehicles are in use in many cities. Although these mass transit vehicles enable large reductions in terms of emissions, their energy efficiency could be significantly improved. Furthermore, in city driving, had many conditions like low speeds, sufficient acceleration and sudden braking occur, implies that the public transportation sector is an ideal candidate to benefit from an enhanced ESS. Ultra capacitors form an ideal option for this purpose. They can accept high power peaks from regenerative braking, have a long life time, whenever the brakes are applied ,automatically the system decelerate which in turn convert the motor as a generator and supply hi amount of energy back to the system. It is used to charge the ultra capacitor where as the conventional battery failed to respond for such short duration pulses .During start up, hi amount of energy is required, which can be supplied by using ultra capacitor[1,15].

2. Ultra Capacitor

The Ultra capacitors (SCs), also called super capacitors or electrochemical capacitors, compare with conventional capacitors it utilize high surface area electrode material and thin electrolytic dielectrics to achieve capacitances of several orders of magnitude is very high. The SCs are also able to attain greater energy density while still maintaining high power density for a long period of time with negligible deterioration, that have been earlierly proposed in small applications consumer electronics as a memory back-up, micro solar power generators and now are proposed for high power/energy applications, such as hybrid and electric vehicles, power quality systems and smart grids. The advancements in new materials and the rapid growth of more demanding storage systems in a variety of applications have created a lack of universally accepted definitions of these devices and, consequently, a real difficulty in describing developments and progress in the SC field.

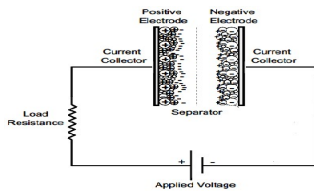


Figure 1.Schematic diagram of Ultra Capacitor

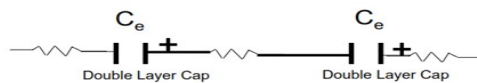


Figure 2. A model of Ultra Capacitor

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A) Battery

NiMH battery also called as a nickel metal hybrid battery, this is one type of rechargeable battery. The chemical reaction at the positive electrode is similar to that of the nickel – cadmium cell (NiCd), with both using nickel oxide hydroxide (NiOOH), the negative electrodes use a hydrogen absorbing alloy instead of cadmium[3,8]. A NiMH battery energy density can approach that of a lithium ion battery and has a higher energy density compared to the NiCd at the expense of reduced cycle life. No toxic metals contain by NiMH battery and used in mobile phones and laptop computers. Nickel hydrogen batteries are mainly used for satellite applications.

NiMH battery has hi energy density and uses environmentally friendly metals the energy density is more than 40% when compared to NiCd battery.

In present market NiCd replace with NIMH in the areas of wireless and mobile computing. NiCd durable compared with NiMH, but it has very higher capacity over a standard NiCd.

B) Advantages

The density levels of NiMH is more Compared with NiCd.Environmentaly friendly in term of lesser toxins. These are used in simple and public transportation systems but not for regulatory control.

The main drawbacks associated are limited service life, the performance deteriorates after 200-300 cycles .discharge current limited .reduces the battery life cycle due to repeated hi discharge current. Generate more heat while charging. Charging time required longer, hi maintenance these are designed to draw hi current, and more expensive .Recycling is profitable due to Nickel content, 35-45 % more capacity compared with NiCd. Very fast charging compared with NiCd, due to this reason use the smart chargers for avoid over charging otherwise it may damages the battery cells.NiMH battery technology is less expensive compared with other battery technologies. while Discharge to prevent crystalline formation. NiMH batteries designed for high current draw are more expensive than the regular version.

Parameters	Ultracapacitor	Battery-NiMH
Nominal capacity	58 F	-----
Voltage	15V	1.2v
Specific Energy (Wh/Kg)	5	44
Energy Specific cost (\$/wh)	16 (3000F cell at module level)	0.65
Maximum peak current	80A	0.8A
Power specific cost(\$/kw)	12	75
Weight	560 g	160g

TABLE 1. Comparisons of the ultra-capacitor vs NiMH Battery

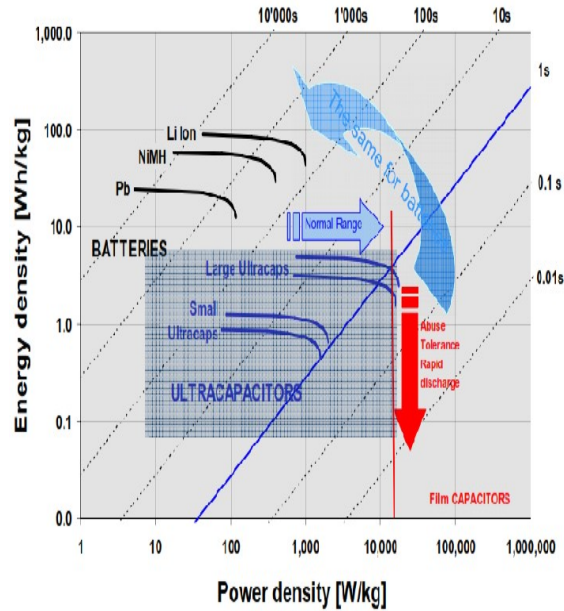


Figure 3. Representation of operating range of ultra capacitor vs batteries.

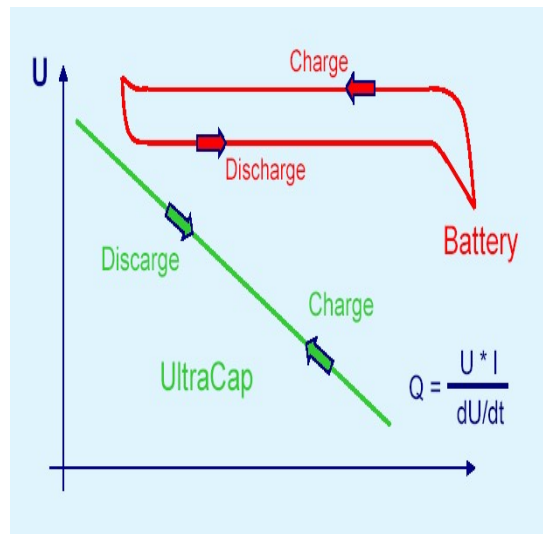


Figure 4. Representation of charge and discharge of ultra capacitor vs battery.

3. Current Trends In Ultra Capacitor (Ucaps)

Ucaps currently using in the areas of electric fork lift, where the battery packs are failed to supply to energy during transit period. The performance of the battery decrease with decreasing temperature. in harbor cranes construction, mining market require the charestics of deep discharge cycle coupled with hi duty cycle this can be achieved by using ultracapacitors. Many of the manufacturing company are provide the different types of ultra capacitors which are used as a backup battery packs/banks.where as conventional battery pack have some limitations based on the how much stress on battery[6,8] . in normal battery storage degrades while temperature decreasing .by searching alternative solution is by using ultra capacitors such applications nearly 20-30 % of fuel consumption reduced.

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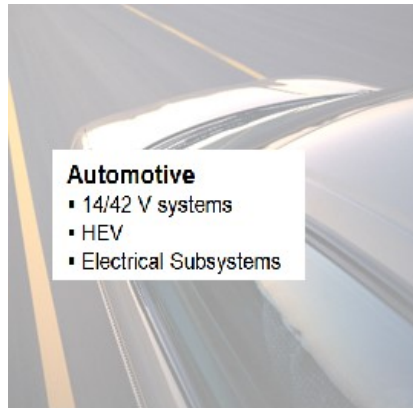


Figure 5. Representing UC application in automotives

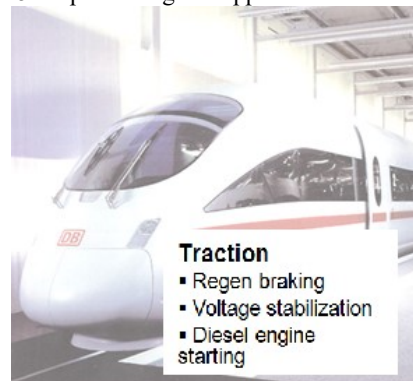


Figure 6. Representing UC application in trains



Figure 7. UC application in consumer electronics.

4. Smart Transportation System

In public transport system where Carbon emissions are more and the depletion's natural resources, which raises the cost of fossil fuels make the world to search for alternative means of transportation. Mass transit buses use hybrid electric propulsion system which can reduce emission upto 75%. Hybrid-electric vehicles (HEV) are powered by an electric motor which is smaller than a conventional internal combustion engine that operates at periods of maximum efficiency. This type of hybrid system developed with a regenerative braking system. By using this system to improves the duty cycle. It consists of ultra capacitors that stores kinetic energy that braking system and used later in the propulsion system. Ultracapacitor also employs start-stop systems, other high power functions[11,14].

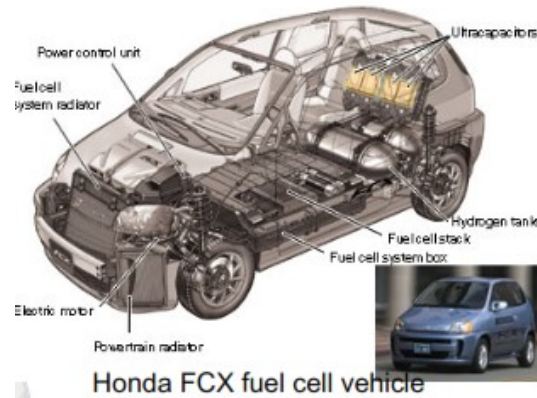


Figure 8. Representing the recently launched hybrid car with UC

5. Block Diagram Of Proposed System

- A. Batteries or Rechargeable cells: These batteries are electrically charged, while discharging to their original condition bypassing current through them in the opposite direction to that of the discharge current. The electric energy stored by storage devices are known as storage battery banks. These storage battery banks are charged by the charger which includes the simple ac to dc converter circuit.
- B. Bi- DC/DC Converter: in this bi-directional converter buck-boost DC/DC converter operates in buck mode when transferring power from DC bus to Ultra Capacitor, and vice-versa for boost mode.

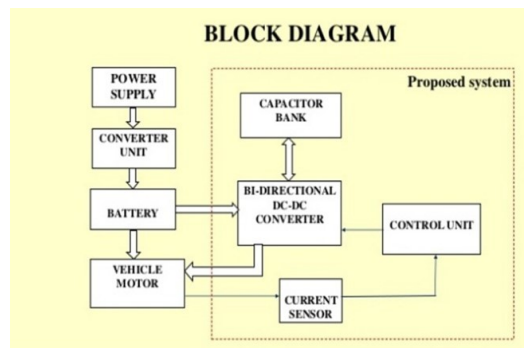


Figure 9. Proposed block diagram

- C. Ultra capacitor Bank: The ultra capacitor is a capacitor with large capacitance and high efficiency. It leads to the idea of using ultra capacitors as an alternative source to batteries. It is capable of very fast charges and discharges, a millions of cycles without degradation.

6. Conclusion

This paper gives an overview of modeling, advantages, disadvantages and various characteristics of ultra capacitor in the EM System. This paper also explains some limitations and problems of ultra capacitor in some transportation applications are reviewed. The future scope of the work is do further research on the modeling of the battery pack/banks, for considering the chemical process and chemical behaviors of an equivalent circuit model to achieve more precision model of the battery packs/banks.

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