Modeling and Optimal Control for Dynamic Driving of Hybridized Vehicles with Turbocharged Diesel Engines

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Introduction

- Majority of road freight transported by trucks¹
- Diesel powered 98%¹
- Diesel emissions ²:
 - Hydro carbons
 - Particulate emissions (soot)
 - Carbon monoxide



– Nitrogen oxides and dioxides (NO_x).

A better fuel economy of produced vehicles will reduce the amount of needed fuel, and consequently the release of CO_2 .



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Trends

• Electrification of powertrains

Results in:

- Increase in system complexity
- More difficult engineering problem, choice of technology and its controls

Inserting electric machines in the powertrain:

- Electric crank shaft motor
- Electric turbocharger



Thesis Aim

- Reduce the energy needed for accelerating and driving commercial vehicles.

- Methods that solve these problems.

- Knowledge about the relative importance of electric turbocharging and hybrid propulsion technologies on the system performance.



Propulsion - Achieving improvements

- Diesel engine control
- Load point dependent engine efficiency
- Gear selection for fuel economy





Engine Efficiency

Turbocharged Compression Ignited (CI) Engine

- Air Fuel Ratio $\lambda = \frac{W_{cyl}}{AF_s W_f}$
- Restricted due to smoke formation

$$\lambda_{min} < \lambda$$





Turbocharger Lag

- Transient response
- Risk of black smoke¹







Paper I

Improving Fuel Economy and Acceleration by Electric Turbocharger Control for Heavy Duty Long Haulage ¹

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Electric Topologies for Boost Control

- Extra power input
- Regeneration





Paper I – Results – Long Haulage Driving

- With electric turbocharger: 37.48 l/100km
- Without electric turbocharger: 37.82 l/100km
- 0.9% fuel saving for the undulated driving mission





Optimal Control

- Mathematical way to find system controls to minimize a defined cost
- Different methods
 - Dynamic Programming

Numerical method - Direct collocation

• Model requirements



Paper II



Optimal Control of Wastegate Throttle and Fuel Injection for a Heavy-Duty Turbocharged Diesel Engine During Tip-In¹

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Paper II – Optimal Control

- Find a stationary point at a defined engine speed and delivered torque, which is fuel optimal.
- Find the least time consuming control to perform a Tip-In, from the stationary point, to a point where the requested torque is available.





Paper II – Constraints

The problem constraints are formulated in the following way

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t), u(t)) \\ x_{min} \leq x(t) \leq x_{max} \\ u_{min} \leq u(t) \leq u_{max} \\ 0 \leq \phi(t) \leq 1/\lambda_{min} \\ BSR_{min} \leq BSR(t) \leq BSR_{max} \\ \dot{m}_c(t) \geq \dot{m}_{zsl}(N_t) \\ \dot{m}_c(t) \leq \dot{m}_{ch}(N_t) \\ N_t(t) \geq c_{22} \text{ (from Equation (11c))} \\ N_e(t) = N_{e,fixed} \end{split}$$



Paper II – Results – Optimal Control





Paper III



Modeling and Validation of an Open-Source Mean Value Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Model¹

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Paper III – Contributions

- Models and validates a model of a 13 liter CI engine and release the model as open source.
- Load dependent engine efficiency.





Paper III – Available Data





Paper III – Model Parametrization

- Closed loop model (stationary)
 - Controlling the wastegate.
 - Individual cost to update sub-model parameters.



$$\theta^{\star} = \arg\min_{\theta} \Big(\sum_{k=1}^{K} e_k^2(\theta) + C \sum_{i=1}^{I} \Big(\mu_i \frac{\theta_i^{\star} - \theta_i}{\theta_i^{\star}} \Big)^2 \Big)$$



Paper III – Dynamic Validation

Stationary and • о С Part of dataset E dynamic levels Simulated model are well represented. , m m moundanterant man p_{em} mont ω_{tc} Time



Paper IV



Development and Analysis of Optimal Control Strategy for Gear Changing Patterns During Acceleration ¹

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Paper IV – Contribution

Method for solving fuel optimal accelerations, while simultaneously solving for gear shifts and engine dynamics.

Scenario:

Accelerate a vehicle from slow rolling speed, to a pre-defined target speed (30 km/h) to the least fuel cost.



Paper IV – Model

Table 7.1: Model states and control signals.

State	Description
$p_{ m im}$	Intake manifold pressure
$p_{ m em}$	Exhaust manifold pressure
$\omega_{ m tc}$	Turbocharger rotational speed
$\omega_{ ext{engine}}$	Engine rotational speed
$\omega_{ m wheel}$	Wheel rotational speed
$X_{ m distance}$	Driven distance
Control	Description
$u_{ m fuel}$	Fuel injection
$u_{ m wg}$	Wastegate position
$u_{ m clutch}$	Clutch torque
$u_{ m gear}$	Selected gear





Paper IV – Results - All Gears



Figure 7.4: Acceleration from 5 to 30 km/h, where all the gears between 4 and 10 has to be used.



Paper IV – Results – Optimal Gears



Figure 7.5: Acceleration from 5 to 30 km/h, where the non-used gears are removed from the set of active gears.



Paper V



A Comparison of Optimal Gear Shifts for Stiff and Flexible Driveshafts During Accelerations¹

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Paper V – contribution

• Impact of a flexible driveshaft when solving acceleration missions for fuel optimal controls





Paper V – Comparison of the two driveline representations

Fuel optimal acceleration

- Blue: Stiff driveshaft
- Red: Flexible driveshaft





Paper V – Sensitivity Analysis

 Change of control signal intervals "in gear": resolution of the discretization when formulating the optimal control problem.





Paper VI



Electrification of a Heavy-Duty CI Truck—Comparison of Electric Turbocharger and Crank Shaft Motor $^{\rm 1}$

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Paper VI – System Description & Contribution

• Developing a method to enable comparisons of electrification architectures



 $J = \dot{m}_{fuel} Q_{LHV} + \beta U_{Terminal} i_{motor}$





Paper VI – Electric Motor Model

- Development of reference model
- Scaling the model to the size of either propulsion or E-turbo motor.





Paper VI – Electric Turbocharger

• Using the E-turbo results in an increase of output torque at low engine speeds.







Paper VI – Electric Crank Shaft Motor

• Using the E-crank results in a reduction of output torque from the diesel engine









Paper VI – Acceleration 8-80 km/h





Paper VI – Consumed Energy

- Lower β Higher utilization of E-crank
- Higher β Higher utilization of E-turbo in comparison to E-crank.





Thesis Contributions



Thesis Contributions

- Controller for E-turbo
- Turbine model taking speed-lines into account
- Load dependent efficiency model for a CI engine
- Validated MVEM engine model released open source
- Method to investigate gear shifts for fuel optimal accelerations
- Analyzed impact of flexible driveline
- Electric motor model suitable for optimal control
- Optimal power split in HEV with multiple electric motors



Questions

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