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Predictive Cruise Control in Hybrid Electric Vehicles

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Abstract

Deceleration rates have considerable influence on the fuel economy of hybrid electric vehicles. Given the vehicle characteristics and actual/measured operating conditions, as well as upcoming route information, optimal velocity trajectories can be constructed that maximize energy recovery. To support the driver in tracking of the energy optimal velocity trajectory, automatic cruise control is an important driver aid. In practice, perfect tracking of the optimal velocity trajectory is often not possible. An Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system is employed to react to the actual traffic situation. The combination of optimal velocity trajectory construction and ACC is presented as Predictive Cruise Control (PCC).

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1 Introduction

Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs) save fuel by re-using kinetic and potential energy, that is recovered and stored during braking or driving down hill. The amount of energy recovered depends heavily on the followed deceleration trajectories. Taking HEV characteristics and current vehicle operating conditions into account, velocity trajectories can be determined that maximize the energy recovery [9]. This is especially beneficial for heavy-duty HEV because of the large variability of vehicle mass; a truck can be loaded or unloaded changing its mass by a factor 2-3.

The route information consists of velocity limitations, road curvature and road grade. This information can be derived from Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in combination with a routeplanner, and a Global Navigation Satellite-based System (GNSS) with map-matching algorithms to locate the vehicle in the map [7, 12]. The relevant vehicle characteristics and operating conditions include the electric machine size, battery capacity, gear selection strategy, and vehicle mass. The vehicle mass can be estimated online using a parameter estimator [11, 18], the other parameters are available in the vehicle. Considering a driver, he does not exactly know

the optimal trajectory, therefore, tracking the optimal velocity trajectories will be difficult. Besides, the trajectories can vary considerably, due to changes in operating conditions and expected route characteristics. Furthermore, perfect tracking of an optimal velocity trajectory will not be possible in actual traffic. Therefore, an Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system may be employed, comprising automated Cruise Control (CC) as well as automated following of preceding traffic [14]. The automated CC facilitates tracking of the optimal velocity trajectories. Furthermore, the ACC will automatically adjust the vehicle velocity to actual preceding traffic.

In literature, several useful contributions can be found regarding velocity trajectory optimization in conventional vehicles. In [13] it is suggested to use dynamic programming to numerically solve the optimal velocity trajectory problem in hilly environment. This approach is successfully adapted in [4] using Model Predictive Control (MPC) in combination with an automated CC. In [17] Pontryagin's Minimum Principle is used to obtain an optimal velocity trajectory. However, these contributions have a high computational load, or/and do not discuss HEV characteristics nor the influence of traffic disturbance.

The contribution of this paper consists of; i) presenting analytical solutions for the velocity trajectory optimization problem in HEVs; ii) combining the determination of optimal velocity trajectories for HEV and an ACC system. This enables automatic following of these trajectories as well as anticipation of disturbances by actual traffic. The combination is presented as Predictive Cruise Control (PCC). Besides, it is suggested to use part of the ACC system to assist the driver by indicating the optimal control action, at moments that full ACC is practically impossible. For instance by applying force feedback on the brake pedal [1], or visual indication on the dashboard.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows; Section 2 presents a model of heavy-duty HEV longitudinal dynamics and drive train components; Section 3 discusses the construction of an optimal velocity trajectory; Section 4 details the ACC system; Section 5 integrates the velocity trajectory construction and the ACC, in the PCC setup; Section 6 shows simulation results; finally, in Section 7 and 8 we conclude and look forward.

2 Vehicle model

This paper uses a medium sized heavy-duty parallel HEV as carrier. The topology of the drive train components in a parallel hybrid configuration is shown in Fig. 1. The vehicle model takes into account the longitudinal dynamics. Static nonlinear maps describe the efficiency of combustion engine, electric machine and battery. The engine and electric machine are situated in front of a six speed automated gearbox and run with the same rotational velocity.

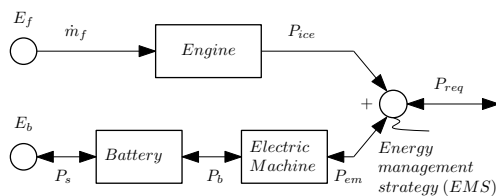


Figure 1: Hybrid drive train topology. Legend: E_f is the stored fuel, \dot{m}_f is the fuel mass flow, P_{ice} is the engine mechanical power, E_b is the stored energy in the battery, P_s is the effective storage power, P_b is the electric power, P_{em} is the electric machine mechanical power, P_{req} is the power request.

2.1 Vehicle dynamics

A basic model of vehicle longitudinal dynamics, including rolling resistance, gearbox and differential drag force, gravitational force and aerodynamic drag, can be found in [3, p. 14], or in [5, p. 23].

The vehicle's road load force is described by;

$$F_{rl} = c_r m g \cos \beta(x) + c_d v(t) + c_{d0} + c_{gb} v(t) + c_{gb0} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_f (c_a + k) v_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_f c_a (v(t) + v_x(x)) |v(t) + v_x(x)| \quad (1)$$

Here, c_r is the rolling resistance coefficient, m is the vehicle mass, g is the gravitational constant, $\beta(x)$ is the road grade as function of traveled distance x , c_d is the differential loss coefficient, v is velocity, c_{d0} is the differential loss force, c_{gb} is the gearbox loss coefficient, c_{gb0} is the gearbox loss force, ρ_a is the air density, A_f the vehicle frontal area, c_a the aerodynamic coefficient, v_x is the wind velocity perpendicular to the vehicle forward velocity as function of traveled distance, v_y is the wind velocity tangential to the vehicle forward velocity as function of traveled distance, and k is the crosswind drag coefficient. The model only holds for vehicle forward velocities. Besides a road load force, the vehicle experiences a gravitational force;

$$F_g = m g \sin \beta(x) \quad (2)$$

The longitudinal vehicle dynamics are described by Newton's second law of motion using a force balance at the vehicle wheels;

$$m_e \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = \frac{[T_{ice} + T_{em} + T_{ser}] i_{gb} i_f}{r_e} - F_g - F_{rl} \quad (3)$$

In which m_e is the effective vehicle inertia including the rotational inertia of the drive train (a constant value for m_e is used, hereby disregarding inertia fluctuations due to gear setting), T_{ice} is the resultant drive/brake torque of the engine and exhaust brake, T_{em} is the drive/brake torque of the electric machine, T_{ser} is the resulting brake torque of the service brakes, r_e is the effective tire radius, i_{gb} is the current gear ratio depending on vehicle velocity and power request, i_f is the final drive ratio.

2.2 Diesel engine

The prime mover of the vehicle is a diesel engine, with a maximum power of 136 kW. The engine is modeled as a power converter, relating the engine output power P_{ice} to fuel rate \dot{m}_f , see Fig. 2. The different lines show the influence of engine rotational velocity. Besides, the engine is bounded by torque as function of rotational velocity, see Fig. 4.

2.3 Electric machine

The HEV has an electric machine as secondary power converter, with a maximum power of 44 kW. The electric machine is also modeled as a power converter, relating the electric power P_b

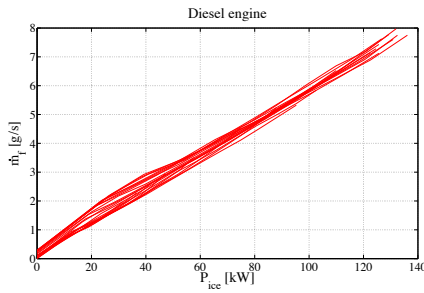


Figure 2: Diesel engine, fuel \dot{m}_f to mechanical P_{ice} power conversion for different rotational velocities.

and mechanical power P_{em} , see Fig. 3. The electric machine can work both as a motor and as a generator. At low rotational velocities the electric machine is limited by maximum torque, while at higher velocities the electric machine is limited by maximum power, see Fig. 4.

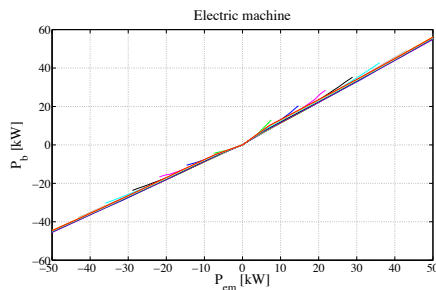


Figure 3: Electric machine, electric P_b to mechanical P_{em} power conversion for different rotational velocities.

2.4 Battery

The lithium-ion battery used in the model has a maximum capacity of 9 MJ. The battery has losses during charging and discharging. The battery is described with a power based model, see Fig. 5. Here P_s is the power that is effectively stored/retrieved from the battery, P_b is the electrical power going in/out the electric machine. The losses during charging differ from the losses during discharging. Thermal and transient effects are not considered, nor the influence of state-of-charge.

2.5 Energy management strategy

The Energy Management Strategy (EMS) governs the re-use of the stored energy. Objective of the EMS is to optimally split the power request over the engine and electric machine, and prevent the battery from over or under charging. In

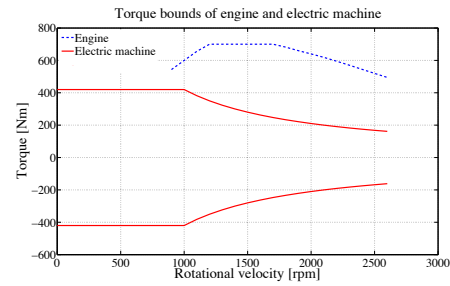


Figure 4: Torque bounds of engine and electric machine as function of rotational velocity.

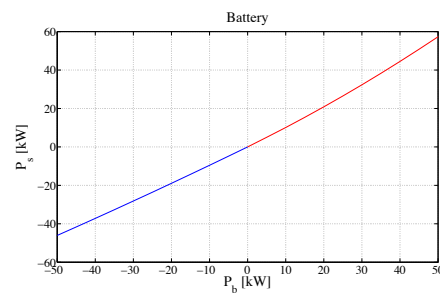


Figure 5: Battery, stored/retrieved power P_s to electric P_b power conversion.

this paper the focus is on construction and implementation of a velocity trajectory that maximizes the energy recovery, therefore the EMS is not discussed further here.

A general overview on EMS can be found in [15, 16]. Several studies [6, 8, 10], indicate a (small) performance increase by using a prediction of the future power trajectory. Using the PCC setup, a prediction of the future power trajectory is available, which could help in EMS optimization.

3 Trajectory builder

3.1 Information systems

Information systems, such as GIS in combination with GNSS, like Global Positions System (GPS), are available in modern vehicles. Map-matching processes to locate the vehicle on the map together with a routeplanner provide information about the *velocity limits*, *curvature* and *road grade* of the upcoming route. This accommodates prediction of maximum allowable velocities, as well as stopping points, as a function of the traveled distance on the route. Furthermore, using the additional information provided by the radar and/or vision sensor, the relative position x_r , and velocity v_r , with respect to a preceding vehicle, might be used to adjust the route

velocity trajectory to the actual traffic situation. In this study it is assumed the vehicle mass is exactly known. The integration of a mass estimator in the simulation model is part of the future work.

3.2 Route velocity trajectory

Based upon GIS and traffic information it is possible to divide a route into i segments with constant velocity limit and constant road grade as function of the traveled distance, see Fig. 6. Segments can also be divided by stopping points. The velocity limit is defined as the minimum of the maximum (legal) velocity, and the maximum cornering velocity. This approach is applied in the *Route velocity trajectory* block, see Fig. 11. Output of this block is a matrix of the form;

$$v_{set} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{tot.1} & v_{0.1} & v_{lim.1} & v_{3.1} & \beta_1 \\ s_{tot.2} & v_{0.2} & v_{lim.2} & v_{3.2} & \beta_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ s_{tot.i} & v_{0.i} & v_{lim.i} & v_{3.i} & \beta_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Where $s_{tot.i}$ is the segment length, $v_{0.i}$ is the segment initial velocity, $v_{3.i}$ is the segment end velocity, β_i is the segment road grade, $v_{lim.i}$ is the velocity limitation in the segment, and i indicates the number of segments. For the initialization the initial velocity of the first segment is corrected for the current vehicle velocity;

$$v_{0.1} = \max(v_{0.1}, v_{cur}) \quad (5)$$

The matrix v_{set} is input to the next block; the *Optimal velocity trajectory* block.

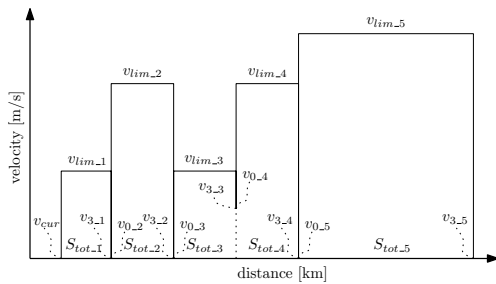


Figure 6: Route division into segments. In which v_{cur} is the current vehicle velocity, $v_{lim.i}$ is the velocity limit, $v_{0.i}$ the starting velocity, $v_{3.i}$ the end velocity, and $s_{tot.i}$ the distance, of segment i .

3.3 Optimal velocity trajectory

Focusing on one segment, the velocity trajectory can be divided into an acceleration part, a constant velocity part and a deceleration part, see Fig. 7. In this section the calculation of the optimal velocity trajectory for such a vehicle is

discussed. To enable calculation of the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$, a vehicle model and an estimation of the road-load force $\hat{F}_{rl}(v)$ are required. The road load force depends on the vehicle mass and the route characteristics. It is assumed that the vehicle conditions are known such that (1) and (2) are sufficiently accurately estimated by;

$$\hat{F}_{rl} = c_0 + c_1 v + c_2 v^2 \quad (6)$$

Here, c_0 is the drag force independent of vehicle velocity v , c_1 is the coefficient for drag force linearly depending on velocity, and c_2 is the coefficient for the drag force depending on velocity squared.

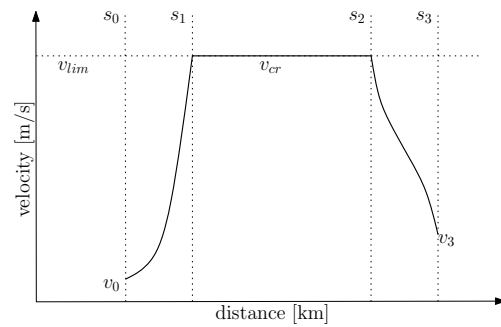


Figure 7: Route segment. In which v_0 is the initial velocity, v_{lim} is the velocity limit, v_3 is the end velocity, $s_1 - s_0$ is the distance traveled in the acceleration part, $s_2 - s_1$ is the distance traveled in the constant velocity part, and $s_3 - s_2$ is the distance traveled in the deceleration part.

3.3.1 acceleration path

In [17] it is shown that full throttle accelerations lead to fuel optimal velocity trajectories. Fortunately, real-life driving behavior of heavy-duty vehicles is to use the full power of the vehicle, even for an unloaded vehicle, as was indicated in [2]. Therefore, this approach is especially relevant for heavy-duty vehicles. Assuming that the vehicle accelerates with constant motor power, hereby ignoring power discontinuities during gearshifts, the net force at the vehicle wheels is described with;

$$F_m = \frac{P_{max}}{v} - c_0 - c_1 v - c_2 v^2 \quad (7)$$

Here, P_{max} is the maximum available motor power during the acceleration phase. We assume that the measured relation between the produced engine power and the fuel consumption, see Fig. 2, can be approximated with an affine relation;

$$\dot{m}_f \approx \dot{m}_{f0} + \frac{k_{ice}}{h_f} P_{ice} \quad (8)$$

Here \dot{m}_f is the approximated fuel mass flow, \dot{m}_{f0} is the fuel mass flow at zero torque, k_{ice} corresponds to the combustion efficiency and engine internal losses, and h_f is the lower heating value of the fuel. The vehicle longitudinal equation of motion becomes;

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{F_m}{\hat{m}_e} \quad (9)$$

Here, \hat{m}_e is the estimated effective vehicle mass, including the rotational inertia of all rotating parts. Rewriting (9), substituting (7), and integrating from the starting velocity v_0 to cruising velocity v_{lim} gives the acceleration time;

$$\Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1} = m_e \int_{v_0}^{v_{lim}} \frac{1}{F_m} dv \quad (10)$$

This has the solution;

$$\Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1} = m_e \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{R_n \ln(v_{lim} - R_n)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_n + 3c_2 R_n^2} - m_e \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{R_n \ln(v_0 - R_n)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_n + 3c_2 R_n^2} \quad (11)$$

Here R_n is the n th root of the cubic equation;

$$-P_{max} + c_0 z + c_1 z^2 + c_2 z^3 = 0 \quad (12)$$

This equation can be solved analytically. The fuel consumption, required during the acceleration part, is expressed algebraically in the start velocity v_0 and end velocity v_{lim} ;

$$m_f = \left(\dot{m}_{f0} + \frac{k_{ice}}{h_f} P_{max} \right) \Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1} \quad (13)$$

The covered distance is calculated similarly by multiplying (11) on both sides with v . Solving this equation yields;

$$\Delta s|_{s_0}^{s_1} = R_n \Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1} \quad (14)$$

Note that both $\Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1}$ and $\Delta s|_{s_0}^{s_1}$ are functions of the form $x \ln y$. When the end velocity of the previous section is equal to the v_{lim} of the current section, the acceleration part is ignored, and $\Delta t|_{t_0}^{t_1}$ and $\Delta s|_{s_0}^{s_1}$ are set to zero.

3.3.2 deceleration path

In [17] it is suggested that strong deceleration braking leads to fuel optimal velocity trajectories. However, this assumption is not valid for HEV, since they can recover energy during the braking. The following equations for optimal deceleration path description are suggested.

The electric machine has a constant torque bound T_{em} at low velocities $v < v_{rm}$ and a constant

power bound P_{em} at high rotational velocities. The net force that decelerates the vehicle can then be expressed as:

$$F_{brT} = - \frac{(T_{ser} + (T_{em} + T_{drag} i_{gb} i_f))}{r_w} - c_0 - c_1 v - c_2 v^2 \quad (15)$$

for $v < v_{rm}$, and

$$F_{brP} = - \frac{P_{em}}{v} - \frac{(T_{ser} + T_{drag} i_{gb} i_f)}{r_w} - c_0 - c_1 v - c_2 v^2 \quad (16)$$

for $v \geq v_{rm}$. Here, T_{em} is the electric machine brake torque, P_{em} is the electric machine brake power, T_{ser} is the brake torque of the service brakes, T_{drag} is the engine drag torque, r_w is the wheel radius, i_{gb} is the current gearbox ratio, i_f is the final drive ratio. It is assumed that the vehicle does not change gear during the deceleration. Note that braking with $T_{em} < T_{em,max}$, and $P_{em} < P_{em,max}$, is in any case suboptimal, when disregarding the electric machine internal efficiency, and assuming that the battery is not fully charged. The value of T_{em} and P_{em} is known a priori. The deceleration time becomes;

$$\Delta t|_{t_2}^{t_3} = m_e \int_{v_{lim}}^{v_{rm}} \frac{1}{F_{brT}} dv + m_e \int_{v_{rm}}^{v_3} \frac{v}{F_{brP}} dv \quad (17)$$

This has the solutions;

$$\Delta t|_{t_2}^{t_{rm}} = m_e \sum_{m=1}^2 \frac{R_m \ln(v_{rm} - R_m)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_m + 3c_2 R_m^2} - m_e \sum_{m=1}^2 \frac{R_m \ln(v_{lim} - R_m)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_m + 3c_2 R_m^2} \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta t|_{t_{rm}}^{t_3} = m_e \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{R_n \ln(v_3 - R_n)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_n + 3c_2 R_n^2} - m_e \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{R_n \ln(v_{rm} - R_n)}{c_0 + 2c_1 R_n + 3c_2 R_n^2} \quad (19)$$

Here R_m is the m th root of the quadratic equation;

$$\left(\frac{(T_{ser} + (T_{em} + T_{drag}) i_{gb} i_f)}{r_w} + c_0 \right) + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 = 0 \quad (20)$$

and, R_n is the n th root of the cubic equation;

$$P_{em} + \left(\frac{(T_{ser} + T_{drag} i_{gb} i_f)}{r_w} + c_0 \right) z + c_1 z^2 + c_2 z^3 = 0 \quad (21)$$

The covered distance is calculated similarly by multiplying (17) on both sides with v . Solving this equation gives;

$$\Delta s|_{s_2}^{s_{rm}} = R_m \Delta t|_{t_2}^{t_{rm}} \quad (22)$$

$$\Delta s|_{s_{rm}}^{s_3} = R_n \Delta t|_{t_{rm}}^{t_3} \quad (23)$$

The recovered energy is;

$$E_3 \approx -\eta_{em} P_{em} \Delta t|_{t_2}^{t_{rm}} - \eta_{em} T_{em} \Delta t|_{t_{rm}}^{t_3} \quad (24)$$

In which η_{em} is the linear approximation of the electric machine efficiency, as depicted in Fig. 3. The equivalent fuel consumption is;

$$m_{f3} = \frac{E_3}{h_f} \quad (25)$$

Here it is assumed that setting $T_{set} = 0$ leads to fuel optimal results. However, this is with the cost of larger traveling time. Future work will focus in solving the equations described above subject to a time constraint, possibly resulting in $T_{ser} > 0$ and $v_{cr} < v_{lim}$, with v_{cr} the velocity on the constant velocity path.

3.3.3 constant velocity path

From the covered distance in the acceleration and deceleration path, follows the distance to be covered with constant velocity;

$$\Delta s|_{s_1}^{s_2} = (s_0 - s_3) - \Delta s|_{s_0}^{s_1} - \Delta s|_{s_2}^{s_3} \quad (26)$$

The travel time in this part follows from

$$\Delta t|_{t_1}^{t_2} = \frac{\Delta s|_{s_1}^{s_2}}{v_{lim}} \quad (27)$$

The power required to overcome the road load forces is;

$$P_{req} = c_0 v_{lim} + c_1 v_{lim}^2 + c_2 v_{lim}^3 \quad (28)$$

Using (8), the fuel consumption on the constant velocity path becomes;

$$m_{f2}(v_{lim}) = \left(\dot{m}_{f0} + \frac{k_{ice} P_{req}}{h_f} \right) \Delta t|_{t_1}^{t_2} \quad (29)$$

3.3.4 trajectory construction

The results obtained in the previous sections can be used to construct a velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$, see Fig. 8. \hat{v}_{opt} is obtained by constructing an equidistant grid x with length equal to the total route distance, and numerically solving the inverse of (14), (22), (23) and (26). Furthermore, a required power trajectory $\hat{P}_{req}(t)$ and fuel consumption m_f can be estimated for the upcoming route. The required power trajectory can be used by the Energy Management Strategy (EMS), as already discussed in Section 2.5.

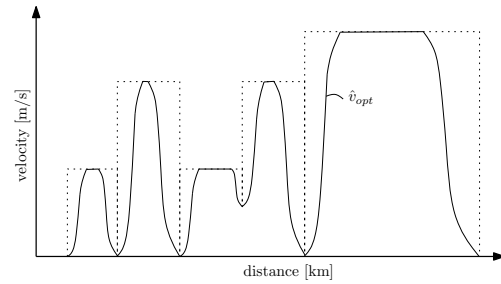


Figure 8: Calculated optimal velocity trajectory \hat{v}_{opt} .

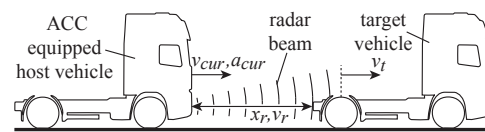


Figure 9: Example of the ACC working principle. The host vehicle, driving with velocity v_{cur} and acceleration a_{cur} , is equipped with an ACC, which ensures automatic following of the preceding target vehicle, driving with velocity v_t . A radar measures the relative position x_r and the relative velocity $v_r = v_t - v_{cur}$ between the vehicles.

4 Adaptive Cruise Control

4.1 Control structure

Tracking of the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ will be difficult for a driver. Therefore, we propose to use an automatic CC system to enable automatic tracking of this trajectory. Moreover, as exact tracking of the optimal velocity trajectory will be impossible in actual traffic, we propose the use of an ACC system [14]. ACC combines CC functionality and automatic following of a preceding vehicle, driving at a lower velocity than the desired CC velocity. In this case, the desired CC velocity is given by the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$. Possibly preceding traffic is intercepted by the ACC system, switching automatically from CC functionality to automatic following of this traffic and vice versa. In Fig. 9, a schematic representation of the working principle of an ACC in case of automatic following is shown.

ACC systems typically consist of two parts: a vehicle-independent and a vehicle-dependent control part. The vehicle-independent control part prescribes a desired acceleration trajectory a_d for the vehicle. The vehicle-dependent part ensures tracking of this trajectory by determining a correspondingly required power P_{req} for the HEV. Assuming that the EMS of the HEV ensures good tracking of P_{req} , the vehicle-dependent control part can be regarded as a con-

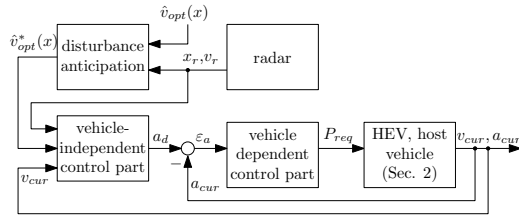


Figure 10: Schematic representation of the ACC control loop. The ACC is divided into a vehicle-independent control loop, determining a desired acceleration a_d , a vehicle-dependent control loop, determining the required power P_{req} for the HEV, and a disturbance anticipation part, adjusting $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ to $\hat{v}_{opt}^*(x)$ for slower driving preceding vehicles. The relative position x_r and the relative velocity v_r with respect to preceding vehicles are measured using a radar.

troller for the longitudinal vehicle acceleration. In Fig. 10, the ACC control loop is shown.

The characteristics of the ACC are determined by the design of the vehicle-independent control part. For this design, the approach presented in [14] is adopted. An explicit MPC approach is employed, to take into account various desirable characteristics, to accommodate constraints, and to provide optimal, situation-dependent controller behavior. As a prediction model, a general vehicle model is adopted.

The desirable characteristics of the ACC are, in this case, fuel economy and safety. The fuel economy is calculated based on a combination of the characteristics of the electric machine, a road-load estimation and the GPS, GIS and route information (see Section 3). Instead of changing the proposed ACC design, an additional control part is designed, enabling anticipation of preceding traffic, i.e. disturbances, that are detected in ample time, in a fuel-economic way. The design of the vehicle-independent control part of the ACC now focuses on safety only. The disturbance anticipation part determines appropriate target velocities, corresponding to the velocity that is prescribed by preceding traffic. Following the approach of Section 3, a corresponding optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}^*(x)$ is calculated, which replaces the original optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$, and is used as the desired CC velocity. A schematic representation of the resulting setup is shown in Fig. 10.

4.2 ACC design

The design of the ACC system comprises the design of the vehicle-independent control part, the vehicle-dependent control part and the disturbance anticipation part (see Figure 10). The design of the vehicle-independent control part and the disturbance anticipation part will be discussed next. For the design of the vehicle-

dependent control part, a relatively straightforward PID controller is designed using standard loop shaping techniques. This design will not be discussed further at this point.

4.3 Vehicle-independent control part

As discussed in Section 4.1, the vehicle-independent control part is designed following [14], adopting an explicit MPC approach, and focusing on safety. Correspondingly, the control objectives are, firstly, to preserve a desired distance $x_{r,d}(t)$ with respect to a preceding vehicle

$$x_{r,d}(t) = x_{r,0} + v_{cur}(t)h_d \quad (30)$$

where $x_{r,0}$ the desired distance at standstill and h_d the so-called desired time headway, which is the time it takes for the HEV to reach the current position of the preceding target vehicle if the HEV continues to drive with its current velocity [14]. Secondly, the relative velocity between the vehicles, $v_r(t) = v_t(t) - v_{cur}(t)$, should be minimized. Besides these objectives, to avoid collisions, a constraint regarding the relative position is defined as $x_r(t) > 0$.

4.4 Disturbance anticipation

The disturbance anticipation part of the ACC system adjusts the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$, anticipating preceding traffic. Define the current time t_0 and consider a preceding vehicle driving at a velocity $v_t(t_0)$, where $v_t(t_0) < \hat{v}_{opt}(x_0)$, with $x_0 = x(t_0)$ the position of the HEV at time t_0 . To prevent a future collision, the optimal velocity trajectory has to be adjusted with respect to the velocity of the preceding vehicle. Given the relative velocity $v_r(t_0) = v_t(t_0) - v_{cur}(t_0)$, a corresponding time Δt_{br} , see (18) and (19), and a displacement Δs_{br} , see (22) and (23), that an optimal deceleration would take, can be calculated.

Assume that the relative position between the two vehicles, $x_r(t_0)$, is sufficiently large, i.e. the HEV does not need to start decelerating directly to prevent a collision. Define the time at which the deceleration has to start t_1 , the time at which the deceleration ends t_2 , and assume the velocity of the preceding vehicle to be constant, i.e. $v_t(t_0) = v_t(t_1) = v_t(t_2) = v_t$. Using (30), the desired distance between the two vehicles at time t_2 is given by;

$$\begin{aligned} x_{r,d}(t_2) &= x_{r,0} + v_{cur}(t_2)h_d \\ &= x_{r,0} + v_t h_d \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Assuming constant velocity of the HEV and the preceding vehicle, the actual distance at time t_2 is given by;

$$\begin{aligned} x_r(t_2) &= x_r(t_0) + (t_1 - t_0)(v_t - v_{cur}(t_0)) \\ &\quad + v_t \Delta t_{br} - \Delta s_{br} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where $\Delta t|_{t_2}^{t_3}$ and $\Delta s|_{s_2}^{s_3}$ as defined in (18), (19) and (22), (23). Equating (31) and (32) yields the time t_1 till the start of the deceleration;

$$t_1 = t_0 \quad (33)$$

$$(x_{r,d}(t_2) - x_r(t_0) + \Delta s_{br} - v_t \Delta t_{br}) v_r(t_0)^{-1}$$

The corresponding distance the HEV has to drive till the start of the deceleration is then given by;

$$x_h(t_1) = v_{cur}(t_0)(t_1 - t_0) \quad (34)$$

Hence, the target optimal velocity trajectory with respect to the preceding vehicle is known and the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ can be adjusted accordingly, yielding $\hat{v}_{opt}^*(x)$. The ACC system switches from CC functionality to automatic following when necessary from a point of view of safety, e.g. in case of a sudden cut-in and at small inter-vehicle distances. Note that (18), (19), (22), (23), and (31)-(34), are algebraic relations, and require virtually no computational effort. On a modern notebook computation time is < 0.3 ms.

5 Predictive Cruise Control setup

The combination of i) the calculation of the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$, based on a road-load estimation, the characteristics of the electric machine, and GPS, GIS and routeplanner information, and ii) the ACC system providing automatic tracking of the optimal velocity trajectory as well as attenuation of preceding traffic, is indicated as Predictive Cruise Control (PCC).

In Fig. 11, a schematic representation of the setup of PCC is depicted. The scheme consists of a *Route and traffic information* part, a *Trajectory builder* part (as discussed in Section 3), an *Adaptive Cruise Control* part (as discussed in Section 4), and a *Vehicle* part. The vehicle model was already discussed (see Section 2). The road load estimation is not discussed in this paper, interested readers are referred to, e.g., [11, 18].

The ACC system and the calculation of the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ require different sampling times. The ACC system has to react to immediate disturbances, i.e. the actual traffic situation. This requires a sampling frequency in the order of 50 Hz. A fuel optimal deceleration is calculated within this sampling frequency. The optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ on the other hand, is based on upcoming route information (of the whole route). The trajectory can thus be calculated event driven, that is; once the driver selects a new route. Updating of the total trajectory is time expensive, depending on the number of segments, calculation takes typically several seconds. Therefore, the setup indicates a strict division between the ACC system and the calculation of the optimal velocity trajectory.

6 Simulation Results

The setup of PCC as described in the previous section is translated into a Simulink® simulation environment, using the vehicle model of Section 2 and parameters as shown in Table 1.

The objective of the simulations is to indicate i) the benefit of using an automated CC, ii) the influence of the actual traffic situation on tracking the optimal velocity trajectory. Two ACC actions are simulated:

- Approaching a vehicle driving with a velocity lower than the requested velocity, allowing an optimal deceleration towards the preceding vehicle, see Fig. 12. At the first 3.5 s of the simulation, the vehicle follows the optimal velocity trajectory. Hereafter the radar output a threshold, and the ACC ensures automatic deceleration. Since the vehicle velocity decreases, the optimal distance $x_{r,d}$ becomes smaller as well. At 15 s the host vehicle reaches de required distance behind the preceding vehicle. During the deceleration, 0.237 MJ of kinetic energy is recovered.
- A cut-in situation, where the optimal trajectory cannot be followed and the ACC switches to a hard deceleration, see Fig. 13. During the first 9 s of the simulation, the host vehicle exactly follows the optimal velocity trajectory $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ using the CC mode. Then suddenly a preceding vehicle cuts in in front of the host vehicle, as can be seen in the middle figure. Optimal deceleration is impossible, therefore the host vehicle applies hard braking, to avoid a collision.

7 Conclusions

Earlier work [10] indicated that route optimization by using map data can provide a considerable fuel consumption improvement in heavy-duty HEV. However, route optimization has only practical relevance when the driver can be assisted in following the optimal trajectory, and the optimization can adapt to the current traffic situation.

In this paper analytical solutions are derived for the velocity trajectory optimization problem, that exploits the HEV specific opportunity of kinetic energy recovery. Calculation of optimal deceleration trajectory proves to be fast enough for ACC implementation. The ACC is constructed such that the combination of optimal velocity trajectory construction and ACC is presented as PCC. Simulations show that PCC is a suitable aid to implement optimal driving courses in practice.

8 Outlook on future research

There are several parts of the PCC setup that require further research. Firstly, the trajectory

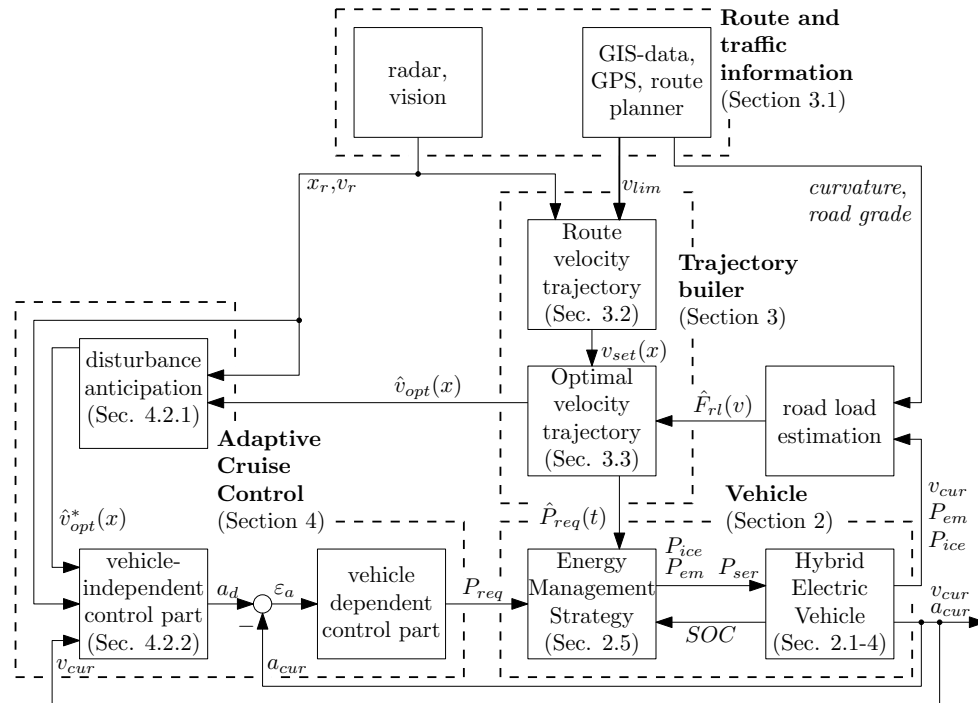


Figure 11: Schematic representation of the setup of Predictive Cruise Control. Legend: x_r is the relative distance to the preceding vehicle (or stopping point), v_r is the relative velocity between the preceding vehicle and the host vehicle, v_{lim} is the velocity limitation, $v_{set}(x)$ is the route matrix containing relevant segment parameters, $\hat{F}_{rl}(v)$ is the road load force estimation, $\hat{v}_{opt}(x)$ is the optimized velocity trajectory as function of distance, \hat{v}_{opt}^* is the adjusted optimal velocity trajectory, v_{cur} is the current vehicle velocity, a_{cur} is the current vehicle acceleration, a_d is the acceleration setpoint, ε_a is the acceleration error, P_{req} is the power request, $\hat{P}_{req}(t)$ is the predicted future power request trajectory, P_{ser} is the brake power of the service brakes, P_{em} is the power of the electric machine, P_{ice} is the power of the internal combustion engine, SOC is the current battery state-of-charge, a_{cur} is the current vehicle acceleration, and finally v_{cur} is the current vehicle velocity.

builder can be extended with route optimization subject to a time constraint, including also road grading. Secondly, verification of the simulation results with a test vehicle on the university chassis dynamo meter is scheduled. Thirdly, when the automated CC is shut off, and the driver is driving, the signal a_d can be used for driver assistance. For instance by force feedback on the brake pedal, or an indication on the dashboard. Furthermore, PCC system could recognize parts in the route where automated CC is impossible. For example due to;

- approaching a traffic light without traffic light status information,
- approaching a intersection without right of way,
- unclear map data,
- GPS failure.

Finally, application of vision to recognize stopping points (traffic light status) will be investigated.

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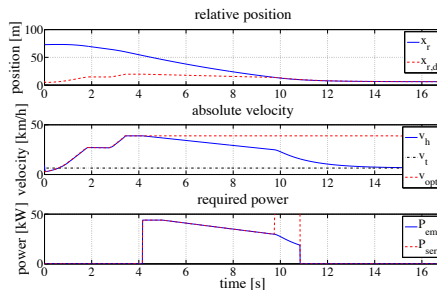


Figure 12: Adaptive Cruise Control simulation results of vehicle approach. The upper figure shows the relative distance between the host vehicle and a preceding vehicle (solid), and the requested distance to a preceding vehicle (dashed). The middle figure shows the velocity of the host vehicle (solid), velocity of the preceding vehicle (dash-dotted), the precalculated optimal velocity trajectory (dashed). The lower figure shows the power usage of the electric machine and/or service brakes.

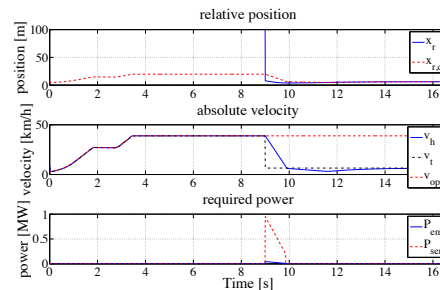


Figure 13: Adaptive Cruise Control simulation results of vehicle cut in. The upper figure shows the relative distance between the host vehicle and a preceding vehicle (solid), and the requested distance to a preceding vehicle (dashed). The middle figure shows the velocity of the host vehicle (solid), velocity of the preceding vehicle (dash-dotted), the precalculated optimal velocity trajectory (dashed). The lower figure shows the power usage of the electric machine and/or service brakes.

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Table 1: Simulation parameters for medium-sized heavy-duty HEV.

Vehicle parameters			
Name	Description	Value	Unit
ρ_a	air density	1.29	kg/m ³
A_f	frontal area	7.68	m ²
c_a	aerodynamic coef.	0.673	-
c_d	differential coef.	0.225	Ns/m
c_{d0}	diff. initial coef.	5	N
c_{gb}	gearbox coef.	0.225	Ns/m
c_{gb0}	gearbox ini. coef.	10	N
c_r	rolling res. coef.	0.0075	-
g	gravitat. const.	9.81	m/s ²
k	crosswind coef.	0.17	-
i_f	final drive ratio	5.13	-
i_{gb}	gearbox ratio	-	-
m	vehicle mass	8320	kg
m_e	effective mass	8695	kg
r_e	tire eff. radius	0.52	m
Trajectory builder parameters			
k_{ice}	aver. combustion eff.	2.35	kJ/s
h_f	lower heating value	42.7	kJ/g
\dot{m}_{f0}	idle fuel cons.	0.4	g/s
P_{max}	max. acc. power	125	kW
T_{drag}	engine drag torque	150	Nm
T_{em}	EM max. torque	420	Nm
P_{em}	EM max. power	44	kW
ACC parameters			
h_d	time headway	1.5	s
$x_{r,d}$	desired dist.	-	m
$x_{r,0}$	des. dist. at $v_{cur} = 0$	3.5	m
Route parameters			
β	road grade	-	rad
R	road curvature	-	m
v	vehicle speed	-	m/s
v_x	wind velocity	0	m/s
v_y	side wind vel.	0	m/s