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Active Management Assistant System for Embry-Riddle EcoCAR 3 Hybrid Supervisory Control System

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1.Abstract

The Embry-Riddle EcoCAR 3 team is developing a prototype hybrid Chevrolet Camaro utilizing a customized vehicle powertrain controller. This controller is serving to ensure system safety, vehicle operation, and consumer drivability while also incorporating advanced driving aids to achieve both the desired performance levels one expects from a Camaro as well as vehicle efficiency. This vehicle must reach the team set vehicle technical specifications of a 4.9 second 0 to 60 time while maintaining a 53 miles per gallon gasoline equivalence rating.

In order to reach the efficiency goal, the team is developing an Active Management Assistance System utilizing computer vision tools to analyze traffic and road conditions to actively change the vehicle through its seven operational states to achieve the highest levels of energy savings. Currently, this project is in the initial testing phase where baseline functionality of the hybrid powertrain controller is being tested in a hardware-in-the-loop simulation environment to ensure operational safety as well as doing vehicle platform integration of systems. At the end of the spring 2016 term, the hybrid Camaro will be road worthy, and the vision systems will have completed basic functionality testing and be ready for system integration. At the end of the 2017 academic year, the system will be integrated into the vehicle platform and by the end of the 2018 academic year, the system will be fully integrated into the completed hybrid vehicle controller.

2.Executive Summary

This technical update provides an overview of the progress made in the controls system for the ERAU Camaro ESS. Currently, the vehicle functions in four operational modes. These modes include the standard Dual Charge Deplete EV only mode, the cruising mode of Parallel Charge sustain, the aggressive and performance tuned Sport mode and the fault mitigation Crawl mode. Regenerative braking and series charge sustain modes have yet to be implemented.

For this report, a high level architecture description detailing the controls plan and components is given in section 6. The primary control modules and functionalities are outlined in section 7. In addition, all of the control system requirements are listed in sectio[n 9.3.](#page-20-0) These are the governing principles and rules for the control system.

Technical data detailing the vehicles four primary serial CAN networks is also provided. These networks are organized based on function as well as to prevent CAN ID conflicts and for bus load optimization. The supervisory control unit for the Camaro ESS operational strategies are also detailed, this includes component function descriptions, component start up sequences, and details about the four implemented powertrain modes. The torque allocation and security for each of these modes is explained as well as how the four tier fault identification system works with the two step fault mitigation strategy to ensure the safest and most reliable vehicle.

Figure 1 - 2016 ERAU Camaro ESS Vehicle Architecture

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[Figure 1,](#page-3-0) is the 2016 ERAU Camaro ESS (EcoSuperSport) P2-P2 Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV). This vehicle can operate in series or parallel hybrid configurations, with 100 % rear wheel torque. The ICE used is a donated 2.4L GM LEA ECOTec which uses E85 fuel. The engine's power is supplemented by two Bosch IMG electric motors containing internal clutches. The motors are controlled by Bosch inverters and the high torque produced is distributed to the wheels by a GM 8L90 8-speed automatic transmission. The onboard ESS is an A123 battery pack with a capacity of 18.9kWh. Using this combination of components arranged in the described architecture, the EcoEagles hope to achieve unique goals that surpass the EcoCAR 3 requirements as well as the suggested targets.

4.Primary Control Modules

Table 1 - Control Modules and Function Summary

5. Controls Content

5.1 High-Level CAN Diagram

The ERAU Camaro ESS will utilize four primary CAN networks with the option to add two additional buses

in the future. These four primary buses include the stock GM high speed bus, stock GM low speed bus, a

team added ERAU high speed and a team added ERAU powertrain expansion bus. The high level bus layout

shown i[n Figure 2](#page-5-0) includes locations of termination resistors, ECUs and bus baud rates in kbits/s. The baud rates were chosen to match stock bus networks in terms of functionality and for ease of use.

Figure 3 - High Level CAN Schematic Key

System

The new TCM has been placed on the stock GM_HS bus as it is directly replacing an identical OEM ECU, this is to minimize the need for using gateways to redirect messages. The ECM has not been placed on this bus due to a difference in CAN specification generations, the ECM is GM generation 5 while the remainder of the vehicle is GM generation 6. In order to allow for designed functionality of the GM_HS systems as well as the ECM on ERAU_PE, the MABX will serve as a signal gateway unit to convert and transmit the required information. The team is utilizing the GM low speed bus to integrate with the stock GM center stack as well as the instrument cluster for driver alerts. The ERAU high speed bus contains a

single inverter, its paired clutch control unit, as well as the ESS and Brusa charger; this is to eliminate CAN ID conflicts caused by having identical ECUs on the same bus. In addition to preventing ID conflicts, the ERAU powertrain expansion bus was implemented to reduce bus utilization levels to below 50%.

5.2 Active Management Assistant System

For year two, the primary focus for AMAS vision processing system was to get basic functionality out of a vision based detection system to be able to identify lane marking, identify and track objects such as other vehicles and stop signs, and to plot distances to potential road hazards. This was accomplished utilizing Matlab's vision processing toolbox and a S32V Vision processing board donated by NXP. These tools allowed for real-time detection and tracking at 30 frames per second. Shown below in [Figure 4](#page-6-0) is an example of tracking a vehicle that is in what would be the EcoCAR's path of travel, this particular example is based on a motion capture simulation.

Figure 4 - Traffic Detection and Tracking

Above the identified potential risk, is the distance from the EcoCARs vision system to the rear of the object which in this case, is a van. Here in [Figure 5](#page-7-0) is a plot of the distance from the vehicle to the van as well as points where the development system lost target tracking due to various obstructions. This system is currently still under development to increase the tracking accuracy to ensure full vehicle safety and functionality. As mentioned above, this system is also designed to detect and identify street signs. This function will be used to deliver critical information to the driver such as excess speed or impending stop, this data will also be utilized to help optimize the vehicles powertrain to minimize the amount of wasted energy during stopping events but tuning for higher regenerative braking actions rather than maintaining vehicle speed as approaching a stop sign, however for safety reasons this system will never have direct control over torque application and will only serve as a suggestion to either the driver or to the control system for mode selection.

Figure 5 - Distance Tracking

5.3 Control Strategy Overview

During year 2 of the EcoCAR 3 competition, the team is targeting to have four of the primary operational modes for the vehicle implemented. Shown in [Table 2](#page-8-0) are the year 2 modes along with a brief description of each mode. For identification purposed, the IMG motor closest to the transmission has been named the traction motor and the IMG between the LEA and traction motor has been name the generator motor. These names are based on the potential and primary use cases of each motor.

The primary control strategy for allowing torque in the vehicle passes through a series of three logical setup blocks before the requests are processed in each individual component sub-controller. First the vehicle processes the mode selection logic, shown i[n Figure 6.](#page-8-1)

This logic views the current state of all vehicle components such as clutch position and engine status to determine the allowable operational modes. Running in parallel is a logic table processing vehicle SOC, fuel percent, and sport request to determine which mode is the desired operational state. These modes are then passed through a state machine to declare the active operational mode of the vehicle. The active mode outputs can be any of the primary operational modes found in [Table 2](#page-8-0) as well as transition modes to move from between each of the defined operational modes.

Figure 7 - Control Logic Flow Diagram

Once the active vehicle mode is set, that mode is passed to the torque split sub-controller. Using the driver input from the accelerator pedal, a total desired axle-torque is calculated via 1-D lookup table. In addition, the instantaneous vehicle accessory load is calculated as a torque value required to offset the 12v draw. The last set of data being calculated prior to distribution of torque to the powertrain components is a weighting ratio of engine torque to motor torque. This value is used in the torque split for sport mode. Utilizing these calculations and values, the equations shown in [Table 3](#page-9-0) were developed to handle the distribution of the requested torque. These equations are preliminary and currently not optimized nor final nor do they include the equations for control modes to be added during year three of the competition. The value of X in crawl mode has yet to be determined; its goal is to allow the vehicle to still have the automatic creep you find in a standard vehicle while in gear.

After the mode selection and torque split logic has been executed, the torque values along with active mode and desired mode are passed through to the engine start-stop subsystem. This system utilizes a state flow diagram which will rebalance torque during an engine start-up or shutdown sequence to allow for continued vehicle operation. If an engine start or stop is not being requested by the mode selection controller, this subsystem acts as a pass-through and does not change any signal values.

5.4 Torque Command and Feedback Signals

After the mode selection logic determines which components are going to be active and the torque split controller has determined torque demand to each powertrain component, individual subsystem controllers are utilized to hand the demands and properly relay the information to the hardware[. Table 4](#page-10-0) shows all subsystem controllers and their primary methods for controlling each of their respective ECUs. All control methods are non-optimized and are for initial vehicle testing and are subject to change throughout the development process.

Table 4 - Subsystem Control Strategies

The signals used to control each of the torque producing components in the vehicle are not listed to respect a GM Non-disclosure agreement. In addition to the primary control signals, also shown in this table are the critical feedback signals from each ECU which is utilized in the PIDs discussed in [Table 4.](#page-10-0) In regards to the inverter command messages, many signals are used to define the limits of this ECU as well as set the inverter side gains. Only the primary torque, mode, and speed command signals are listed.

5.5 Vehicle Operational Mode Functionality

Table 5 - Vehicle Mode Functionality summary

5.6 Fault Detection and Mitigation

Figure 8 - Fault Detection and Mitigation Logic

To ensure torque security and system safety, all fault detection and critical mitigation happens outside the subsystem control logic in addition to the internal controller reaction. Shown in [Figure 8](#page-12-0) is the topology of the subsystem control in relation to fault detection and fault mitigation. Inside the ERAU fault detection system is a set of four operational tiers of faults which are detailed [Table 6.](#page-13-0) In order to detect faults, the SCU uses CAN data, current controller data, and all powertrain feedback signals to trigger logic gates raising an independent fault flag. Once the individual fault flag is raised, a tier flag will be raised based on the fault's severity. After the flag is detected and classified, the SCU utilizes a double mitigation strategy to maximize the controller's ability to safely handle a fault while maintaining the maximum level of operability of the vehicle.

An example of a fault is in the event the engine is producing a torque, read from an engine torque feedback signal, which differs from the demanded torque by more than the allowable threshold. The controller would identify an engine fault and raise a Tier 2 fault. At this point, the controller would respond by shifting to a mode, selected by the mode selection system, which does not utilize the engine. At the same time the critical mitigation subsystem would be disabling the engine including zeroing torque demanded from the engine, isolating the engine via opening the generator clutch, and powering off the ECM.

Table 6 - Fault Tier Description

Fault Tier	Description
Tier 1	Safety and Operational Critical Faults
Tier 2	Mode Restricting Faults
Tier 3	Power Limiting / Thermal Faults
Tier 4	Noncritical Faults

5.7 Driver Requested Torque Integrity

All system torque demands are checked against the corresponding demands to ensure that they are within a defined margin of error for each given power level. This sliding margin is a linear relationship between +/-5nm at idle throttle and +/- 30nm at peak torque. This system is in place for both driver demanded torques on tractive systems, as well as controller demanded torques on generating systems when decoupled from the roadway.

5.8 Excess Torque Remediation Example

To analyze the vehicles response to a powertrain component producing torque over the demanded value

outside the margin of error tolerance, [Table 7](#page-14-0) details each remediation action. They are progressive, in

the event of the first remediation failing, the next action is taken, if still unresolved the third is applied.

The test case in [Table 8](#page-14-1) follows a team template which walks team members through setting up the test case and its expected results. A completed test case will also lead team members to the location and file name of the complete test generated with AutomationDesk for HIL testing. Each requirement will be linked to an individual test, if a requirement cannot be linked to a specific test a new test will be created for that requirement.

Figure 9 - Controls Overall Development Plan

Above in [Figure 9,](#page-16-0) is the overall development schedule for the vehicle control system in terms of semester goals. Currently, component bench testing has been established and a model template exists. During the second half of year two, the subsystem controllers will created and tested. This includes each powertrain component controlling PID and state machines.

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9.Appendix

9.1 Vehicle Technical Specifications

9.2 Additional AMAS Vision Processing Images

Figure 10 - Stop Sign Detection

Figure 11 - NXP S32V Vision Processing System

9.3 Subset of Control System Requirements

Table 10 - Control System Requirements

9.4 List of Abbreviations

AccLoad – 12v Accessory Load ADAS – Advanced Driver Assistance System APP – Accelerator Pedal Position BCM – Body Control Module BMS – Battery Management System BPP – Brake Pedal Position CAN – Controller Area Network CCU – Clutch Control Unit CMRR – Consumer Market Research Report CSM – Current Sense Module DDE – Distribution and Disconnect Enclosure ECM – Engine Control Module ECU – Electronic Control Unit EDM – Electronic Disconnect Module ENG – Engine EPO – Emergency Power Off ERAU – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ESS – Energy Storage System EWP – Electric Water Pump HV – High Voltage HV A/C – High Voltage A/C Unit ICE – Internal Combustion Engine INV – High-Voltage Inverter IVM – Initial Vehicle Movement LRC – Live Rolling Count LV – Low Voltage MABX – dSPACE MicroAutoBox II MPGGE- Miles per Gallon of Gasoline Equivalence PCM – Phase Change Material PEM - Power Electric Module PHEV – Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle PWM – Pulse Width Modulation SCU – Supervisory Control Unit SOC – State of Charge TCM – Transmission Control Module Trq_Req – Driver Requested Torque VTS – Vehicle Technical Specifications