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# Optimal Sizing of Fuel Cell Hybrid Power Sources with Reliability Consideration

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**Abstract:** This paper addresses the issue of optimal sizing reliability applied to a fuel cell/battery hybrid system. This specific problem raises the global problem of strong coupling between hardware and control parameters. To tackle this matter, the proposed methodology uses nested optimization loops. Furthermore, to increase the optimal design relevance, a reliability assessment of the optimal sizing set is introduced. This new paradigm enables showing the early impact of the reliability criteria on design choices regarding energetic performance index. It leads to a smart design methodology permitting to avoid complexity and save computing time. It considerably helps design engineers set up the best hybridization rate and enables practicing tradeoffs, including reliability aspects in the early design stages.

**Keywords:** optimal sizing; reliability assessment; design methodology; hybrid power source; fuel cell/battery

## 1. Introduction

The automotive industry is perpetually setting their focus on the development of alternative energy sources to reduce oil dependence, greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollution. In this context, powertrain electrification provides the most promising solution and allows the transition to new mobility services. In most cases, it uses more than one power source in order to improve the vehicle efficiency and reliability. Several hybrid architectures are under development to power the electric powertrain. The hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) uses different storage solutions and different energy sources, mainly fuel cells, batteries, flywheels and ultracapacitors [1–3]. The storage device is the key of a successful powertrain electrification since it enhances the system capability with both high power and high energy densities.

Hybridization unfortunately increases the complexity of the drivetrain, involving further multiphysics and multidisciplinary problems with additional parameters and constraints, strong interaction and interdependence between the system constituents, new driving modes, etc. In order to deal with the full complexity of the system, many performance indices must be integrated [3–6]. The project designer has to consider the most suitable components, their optimal size, and the related energy management strategy. It is, therefore, an industrial challenge to optimize the design of such a system.

In this context, developing a suitable engineering methodology has received a significant amount of attention. In the literature, the numerous works dedicated to achieve an efficient HEV design can be

subdivided into two categories: empirical approaches and computational approaches [6]. The former are mainly based on experience feedback using the designer's expertise. They also include reasoning and direct analytic processes forming a sequence of design steps. These approaches have proved their effectiveness and performances for simple and conventional cases. However, facing a complexity increase requires using computational techniques. They use algorithmic processes mainly based on optimization routines. The standard approach provides a limited and restricted solution around an operating point of the typical range of the system; the rated one is commonly used. In order to improve its performance, several works have considered a wide range of operating points [7,8]. They generally use a systematic approach either based on a sequential process based on several individual optimizations or relying a multi-objective optimization [9–14]. Their performances are impacted by the trade-off between formulation complexity, computational time and exploration capabilities.

A set of new approaches are emerging [15–18] based on combined and mixed methods concepts to address the increasing complexity of the system, by considering the major parameters affecting the system performances. They can be classified in three categories: iterative, simultaneous and nested (bi-level) approaches. Regarding interaction between sizing and control designs, several works have demonstrated the relevance and performance of simultaneous and nested approaches [19,20].

Simultaneous approaches optimize both the sizing and control variables in the same optimization formulation, which gives rise to complex analytical structures and presents a challenge to practical resolution (formulation, computation time, type of problems). Conversely, nested ones maintain decomposition principles using dynamic coupling to ensure system optimality. They enable quick, practical and simple implementation. Moreover, a new nested methodology for complex system design has been suggested, able to tackle large search spaces [17]. It simultaneously tunes and designs the energy management and component sizing by optimizing the main powertrain parameters in conformity with the specifications. Technically, it uses two nested loops, combining the particle swarm optimization (PSO) technique's performance [21,22] and the rapid Pontryagin optimal control algorithm (PMP Pontryagin's Minimum Principle) [23–25]. The former permits addressing vast search spaces for design component parameters while the latter enables considering energy management behaviour. This strategy achieves faster convergence to the global optimal design solution and provides a good accuracy and robustness.

For electrical vehicle (EV) applications, the reliability is a key constraint. Most of design processes integrate reliability assessments in the post-design phase, i.e., during the control scheme's synthesis [3,26–28]. At this late step, it becomes difficult to eliminate all risk of unfeasibility. Practical remedies to this issue include either the development of optimal control together with degraded modes monitoring [27–31] or the use of an oversized system. None of these solutions provides a really efficient solution and ensures the system reliability in real-time operating conditions. In recent works [27,28], degraded modes of the power management system have been introduced to optimize fuel cell/battery hybrid system availability and reliability. These studies have shown that the battery degradation and its lifetime reduction highly depends on the considered sizing. Consequently, to increase the optimal design relevance and match to industrial challenges, a reliability assessment process has to be introduced at the same level as the design approach. This new paradigm enables showing the early impact of the reliability criteria on design choices regarding energetic performance index.

To put this notion to the test, the present work considers a fuel cell hybrid vehicle (FCHV) which is one of the attractive HEV architectures. It combines the most appropriate technologies for vehicles nowadays, a hydrogen fuel cell PEMFC (proton exchange membrane fuel cell) with a Li-ion battery. The fuel cell is controlled to ensure the required energy supply, whereas the transient power requirement and braking energy are provided by the battery. Subsequently, the battery operates under harsh and severe conditions and its durability has to be closely considered [1,3]. Hence, a battery reliability assessment is considered. The battery is modelled according to Wöhler damage representation. The battery state of health (SOH) is represented by a linear trend extrapolation which can be easily integrated into the optimization approach and respect computation time constraints. It constitutes a

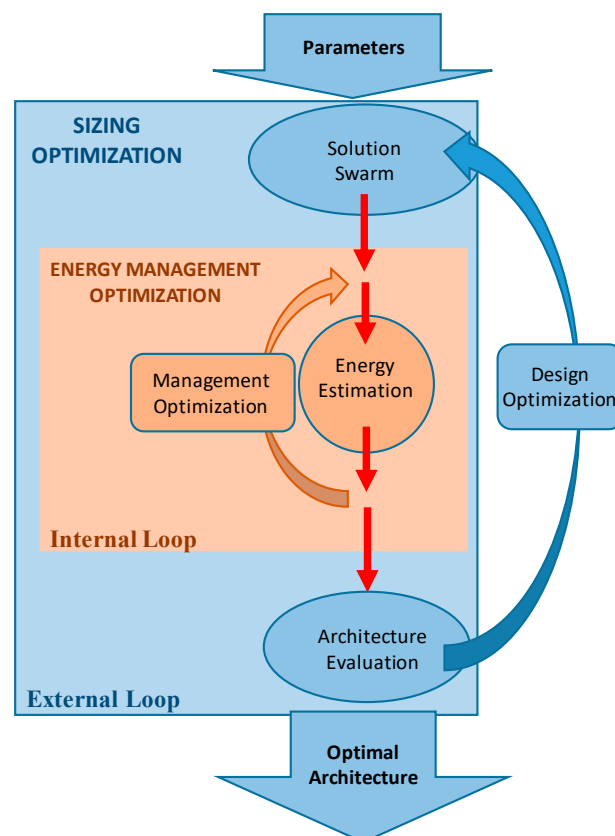
major advance compared with the current standard approaches which commonly introduce reliability constraints once the whole system is designed [32,33]. The latter leads to complex implementations based on extensive tests and, thus, expensive and time-consuming processes. Conversely, the suggested approach is based on a linear trend extrapolation of battery *SOH* enabling to study in the early steps of design how the reliability aspect may impact the hybrid power system sizing. Additionally, the present study also aims at finding new recommendations regarding the cost functions and the constraints of the design optimization approach.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the proposed optimal design approach, the studied use case (fuel cell/battery hybrid system) and its related requirements. Section 3 introduces the extrapolation of lifetime modelling of the system under study and the proposed battery reliability assessment. This is followed by a detailed description of the reliability process integration in the next section. Section 5 gives the simulation results and discussion. Finally, the last section provides the conclusion and perspectives.

## 2. Optimization Sizing Approach

### 2.1. Principle of Sizing Approach

The optimal design aims at setting the value of the key parameters influencing system design based on one or more performance indices. Considering the interdependence between sizing and control parameters, the combined methodology is appropriate. The proposed approach is built on nested optimizations as presented in Figure 1. This global methodology is detailed in [17].



**Figure 1.** Overview of the suggested design optimization.

It relies on a two-level optimization scheme; the external loop permits to optimize the architecture sizing which means that it enables to define the optimal powertrain parameters with respect to the

hybrid architecture specifications. PSO technique use permits to address large design space while leading to a simple and time-saving calculation implementation [21,22].

The control tuning parameters is considered; by introducing an energy consumption criterion in the internal loop (Figure 1), enabling to optimize the consumption of the designed architecture according to the total driving cycle. For this issue, the PMP based optimal control is introduced with the ability to compute and optimize a single trajectory of the cost function called the Hamilton function. This leads to reduced computational time and accelerates the convergence, even for large design space exploration, which is a key figure for the proposed approach [23–25].

Unlike conventional methodologies, the new proposed paradigm allows to maximize the space design exploration for more potential design candidates, and offering the best trade-off between computing time and optimal design.

In summary, the proposed approach uses two nested optimization loops: the external one searches the main optimal parameters of the architecture sizing according to the specifications (constraints and criteria) defined by the expert user, while the internal loop makes the external criterion using the energy management optimization. This internal loop evaluates the energetic performance of each tested architecture sizing, which provides the cost function of the external loop. Figure 2 illustrates the workflow involved for the proposed design approach.

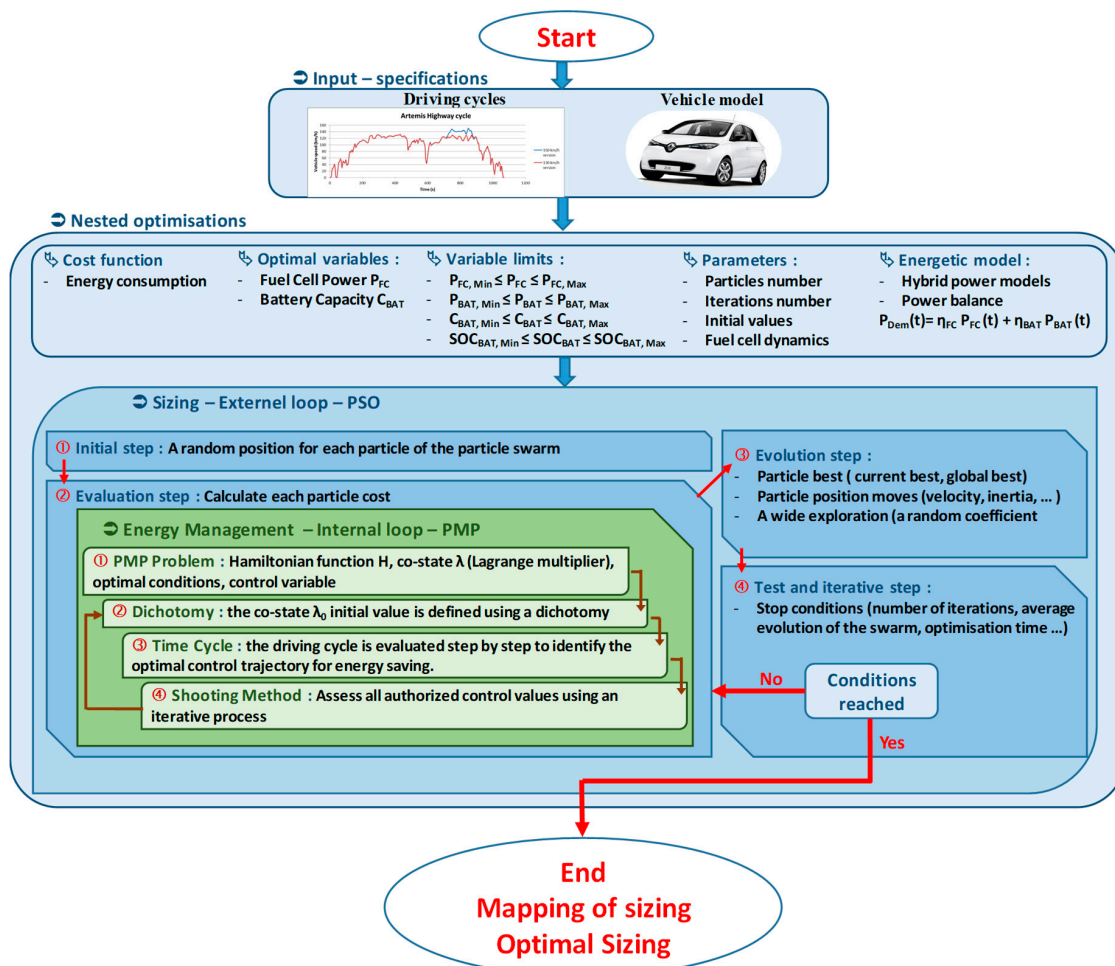


Figure 2. Workflow implementing the proposed nested optimization approach.

## 2.2. Use Case

The selected system is a parallel hybrid fuel cell/battery source including a DC/DC converter for each source. It offers a high freedom degrees that is relevant and suited for optimal design (sizing and

energy management) [34]. Figure 3 illustrates the functional diagram of this architecture, with the fuel cell as the main energy source and the battery as the auxiliary power source. The vehicle specifications considered are related to a city car, similar to a Renault Zoe.

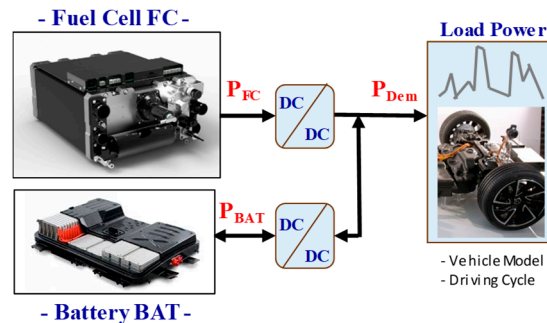


Figure 3. Parallel hybrid power source architecture.

The FCEV demand power is computed according to the longitudinal dynamics equation of the vehicle considering the vehicle speed  $V$  and forces due to vehicle acceleration, drag and friction, and road slope, as follows:

$$P_{Dem}(t) = C_r M g \cos(\alpha) V(t) + M g \sin(\alpha) V(t) + M \frac{dV}{dt} V(t) + \frac{1}{2} \rho S C_x V^3(t) \quad (1)$$

where  $P_{Dem}$  is power demand,  $C_r$  and  $C_x$  are the friction and aerodynamic coefficients, respectively,  $\rho$  is the air density,  $S$  is the front surface area,  $M$  is vehicle mass,  $g$  is gravity acceleration and  $\alpha$  is slope of the road.

In order to consider the randomness feature of real driving cycle (stochastic characteristic), different road conditions are discussed including WLTC, US Highway and US 06.

### 3. System Reliability Approach

This study concerns the reliability assessment of fuel cell/battery hybrid power source. This powertrain configuration aims at letting the fuel cell provide the main energy autonomy and the battery provide transient power demand. The focus is made on battery storage device, which is mainly impacted by durability concerns in a typical automotive application [26]. It is considered that the fuel cell, whose performance depends mainly on membrane behaviour (gas pressure and velocity, thermal and water management, etc.) is well managed and operates under low dynamics conditions, which is a positive factor for its lifetime [35]. Battery degradation leads to capacity loss and internal resistance increase, which limit the energy availability and the power capability, respectively. State of health (SOH) reflects the battery degradation along its lifetime. This indicator enables to obtain an appropriate reliability impact figure which can be integrated into the optimization approach. The SOH equation is defined in Equation (2):

$$SOH = \frac{C_{BAT,C}}{C_{BAT,Init}} \quad (2)$$

where SOH is BAT state of health,  $C_{BAT,C}$  and  $C_{BAT,Init}$  are the current and initial battery capacities, respectively.

Lithium-ion battery performances decline with use and time. Their lifetime degradation is a complex process and subject to different factors and mechanisms (electrical, thermal, humidity, mechanical and chemical parameters). Among these, the thermal aspect mainly drives the aging effects [36–41]. Technically, various studies have shown that the main effects on battery expected lifetime are: the calendar aging effect and the cycling effect [41,42].

First, the calendar aging effect [36,37] mainly depends of the storage conditions as the ambient temperature and the battery state of charge (SOC). The SOC equation is defined in (3):

$$SOC = SOC_0 + \frac{\eta_{BAT}}{C_{BAT}} \int i_{BAT} dt \quad (3)$$

where  $SOC$  and  $SOC_0$  are, respectively, the current and initial state of charge.  $\eta_{BAT}$ ,  $C_{BAT}$  and  $i_{BAT}$  are battery efficiency, capacity and current, respectively.

Second, the cycling aging is related to several elements depending on battery usage [38,39,43] and energy management optimization (power sharing). The main stress factors are the number of cycles, the depth of discharge ( $DOD$ ), the battery temperature and the average demanded power.

Considering different studies in literature [38–43], usually battery aging and  $SOH$  are evaluated according to calendar and cycling extensive tests to establish physical modelling or empirical modelling. For example, in [4,44], the degradation factors of the Li-ion battery are estimated using a semi-empirical model according to the manufacturer's data, by considering the instantaneous capacity loss evolution as a function of rated current. To model the battery degradation mechanism, Leng et al. [45] and Zou et al. [46] propose an analytical and electrical models, respectively. They both consider the influence of the operating temperature on the batteries lifetime for HEVs. Zou et al. [46] and Ecker et al. [47] performed a set of experiments to estimate the key aging factors affecting batteries lifetime.

These different solutions are complex and require specific experiment tests, leading to an expensive and time-consuming process. Moreover, they do not adequately take into account stochastic automotive driving cycle. Accordingly they are not suitable for a good design approach.

The major test data provided by studies in [38,39,46,47] were obtained using the following procedures:

- For the  $DOD$  study the cycle was a CCCV (constant current constant voltage) charge at  $1C$ , followed by a 30 min break and then a CC (constant current) discharge to the desired  $DOD$  at  $1C$  and, finally, a 5 min break. The details of this procedure is presented in [38,39].
- For the C-rate study, the cycle was a 100%  $DOD$  performed at a different C-rate in a continuous fashion. For more details, see [38,39].

Against this background, both calendar and cycling test data provided by studies in [38,39,46,47] are analysed to establish mathematical relationships between the monitored parameters influencing battery aging, such as temperature,  $SOC$  and rated current. It allows an extrapolation for reliability assessment. First, the  $SOH$  evolution could be modelled using the number of cycles and the related electrical operating conditions. It reveals to be a relevant metric to assess the ageing rate of a lithium-ion battery (Figures 4 and 5). It uses the concept of the Wohler curve describing the relation between stress level and the number of cycles to failure. This criteria has initially been introduced for mechanical fatigue concerns and later widely adopted in varied fields of application. This makes possible the estimation of the residual lifetime ( $SOH$  change) by identifying the remaining number of cycles.

For EV application, the end-of-life ( $EOL$ ) of a battery is related to capacity performance and can be determined until loss of battery capacity reaches 20% which leads to a certain number of cycles [4,48,49]. The experimental data demonstrates that the  $SOH$  stays relatively stable and exhibits a quasi-linear behaviour for different operating condition until  $EOL$  is reached (Figures 4 and 5). Thus, there is obviously a proportional relationship between the number of cycles and  $DOD$  level as well as the rated current, with the same trend as illustrated in Figures 6 and 7. The  $SOH$  model is thus expressed through the following equations and remains valid until  $EOL$ ; Equation (4) is defined for a given rated current and Equation (5) is defined for a given  $DOD$  obtained from the experimental process.

$$\begin{cases} SOH_{DOD}(\%) = 100 - \frac{DOD(\%)}{\gamma} \cdot N_{Cycle,DOD} \\ N_{Cycle,DOD} = \alpha \cdot DOD(\%) + \beta \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{cases} SOH_{Ic}(\%) = 100 - \frac{C_{rate}}{\delta} \cdot N_{Cycle,Ic} \\ N_{Cycle,Ic} = \rho \cdot C_{rate} + \sigma \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $SOH_{DOD}$  and  $SOH_{Ic}$  are state of health as a function of  $DOD$  and rated current, respectively.  $N_{Cycle}$ ,  $DOD$  and  $N_{Cycle,Ic}$  are number of cycles according to a  $DOD$  level and a rated current, respectively.  $C_{rate}$  is charging/discharge current.  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  are fitting parameters.

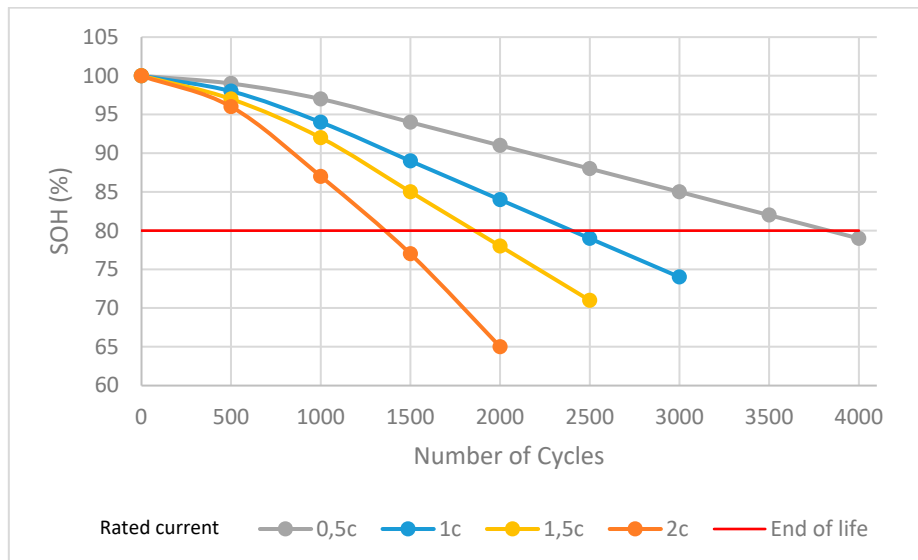


Figure 4. Battery lifetime data at various rated current.

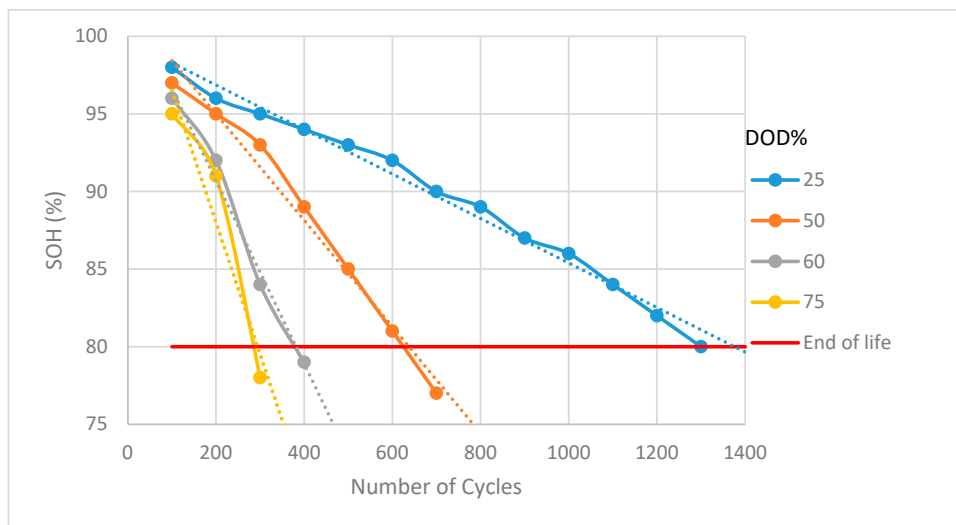


Figure 5. Battery lifetime data at various DOD.

The study is carried with full range variation of the SOC from 20% to 90%, which leads to a  $DOD$  of 70%.

It is important to extend this degradation model developed under specific experimental operating conditions to real-life driving conditions. For this purpose, a similar principle is applied to describe the  $SOH$ . It assumes that the variation of the stress factors follows its average values until  $EOL$  is reached. In this framework, the idea is to link the battery’s entire lifetime to the energy exchanged by the battery until  $EOL$ . To cover up the dynamic of the operating conditions, the exchanged energy is weighted by a degradation degree coefficient. This is later deduced from the  $SOH$  test dataset.

In sum, the reliability assessment is obtained by estimating the residual lifetime, depicted by the weighted of cumulative energy exchanged according to the power density of cycle. Figure 8 shows the different steps of the proposed reliability assessment approach.



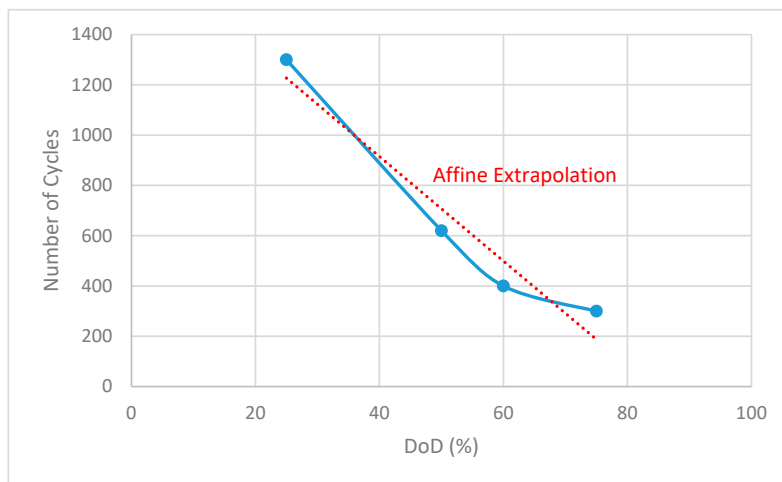


Figure 6. A linear trend extrapolation of SOH according to DOD variation.

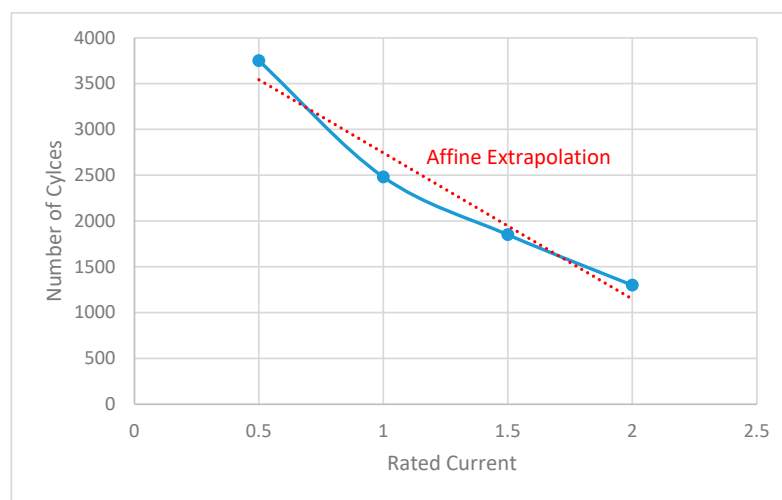


Figure 7. A linear trend extrapolation of SOH according to rated current variation.

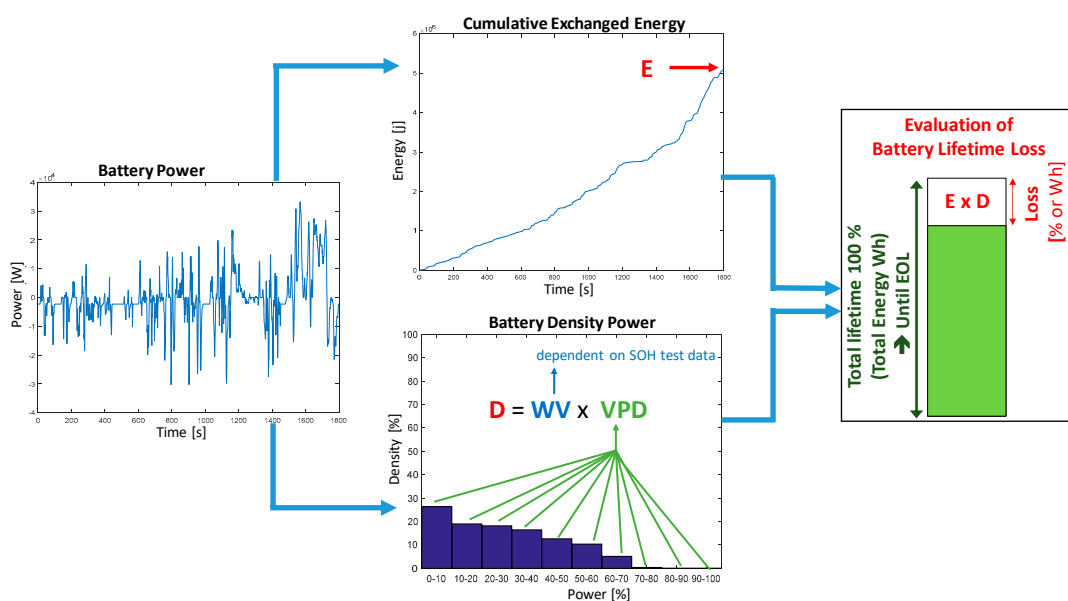


Figure 8. Reliability assessment approach.

First, the total exchange energy is cumulated by simple counting for the considered driving cycle (WLTC) and calculated by:

$$\begin{cases} E_{BAT}(J) = \sum |P_{BAT}(W) \cdot T_S(s)| \\ E_{BAT,Tot,Init}(J) = E_{BAT} \cdot N_{Cycle,Init} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $E_{BAT}$  and  $P_{BAT}$  are battery cumulated energy and power, respectively.  $E_{BAT,Tot,Init}$  and  $N_{Cycle,Init}$  are total initial battery energy and number of cycle, respectively.  $T_S$  is sample time.

Then, a power density histogram is introduced and can be set according to various power levels (from 10% to 100% in increments of 10%). This is accomplished by counting the energy exchanged for each power level normalized to the available energy of cycle.

$$VPD_{i=1...10} = \frac{(\sum P_{BAT,i} \times T_S)}{E_{BAT}} \cdot 100 \quad (7)$$

This enables to identify a vector of power distribution ( $VPD$ ) for a specific driving cycle, the WLTC one is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} VPD_{WLTC} &= [VPD_1 \ VPD_2 \ VPD_3 \ VPD_4 \ VPD_5 \ VPD_6 \ VPD_7 \ VPD_8 \ VPD_9 \ VPD_{10}] \\ &= [25\% \ 18\% \ 17\% \ 15\% \ 11\% \ 9\% \ 4\% \ 1\% \ 0\% \ 0\%] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Finally, each power distribution level is weighted as a result of the variation of dynamic operating conditions (power level/rated current) according to the lifetime experimental data. For this use case, a linear regression is considered, which can be customized depending on the results data (for example non-linear trend). A weighting vector ( $WV$ ) is thus achieved and expressed as:

$$WV = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Finally, there remains to assess the degradation degree coefficient related to the total exchange energy. It symbolizes the degradation degree ( $D$ ) of the battery calculated as follows:

$$D = Mean(WV \cdot VPD) \quad (10)$$

Total battery degradation is expressed as a percentage value for lifetime loss ( $L_{Loss}$ ) or consumed energy. This procedure is repeated until depletion, which means  $EOL$  conditions, through the following equation:

$$L_{Loss}(\%) = \frac{E_{BAT} \cdot D \cdot 100}{E_{BAT,Tot,Init}} \quad (11)$$

The approach's flexibility enables direct adaptation to different battery technologies by updating their lifetime data. It produces very fast results with sufficient accuracy suitable for the optimisation sizing approach. The following section considers reliability process integration to analyse its impact on the hybrid power system sizing based on an energy performance index.

#### 4. Reliability Process Integration

A reliability process integration is introduced to assess the reliability impact on the sizing of the hybrid power system under the energy performance index. This process supports the proposed reliability assessment approach and a reliability assessment of the set of solutions.

Figure 9 represents the reliability process integration using the following steps:

- Design optimization step: the proposed combined design approach gives a consistent set of solutions whatever the driving cycle. The mapping of designed solutions is depicted by a bowl shape surface. It shows clearly a trade-off between component sizing and energy saving. The hybrid system design is mainly affected by the load average power and the load power dynamics.

- Reliability assessment step: For each driving cycle, the set of design solutions is assessed for reliability using lifetime loss rate. To this end, the linear trend extrapolation of battery *SOH* is considered, as explained before.

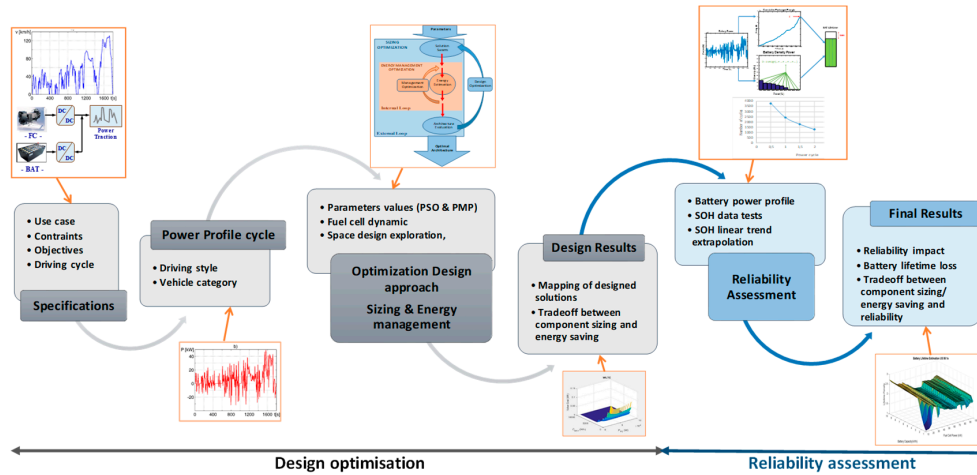


Figure 9. Reliability process integration.

To improve design results, different FC dynamics have been introduced. It helps considerably design engineers to set up the best hybridization rate and enables them to practice trade-offs, including reliability aspects, in the early steps of the design.

### 5. Results and Analysis

The proposed process is evaluated by extensive simulation using MATLAB/SIMULINK environment (R2018a, MathWorks, Natick MA, USA). A map of different sets of solutions, for different driving cycles (WLTC, US 06 and US Highway), and with various FC dynamics (1 s, 5 s and 10 s: time required to achieve the rated power).

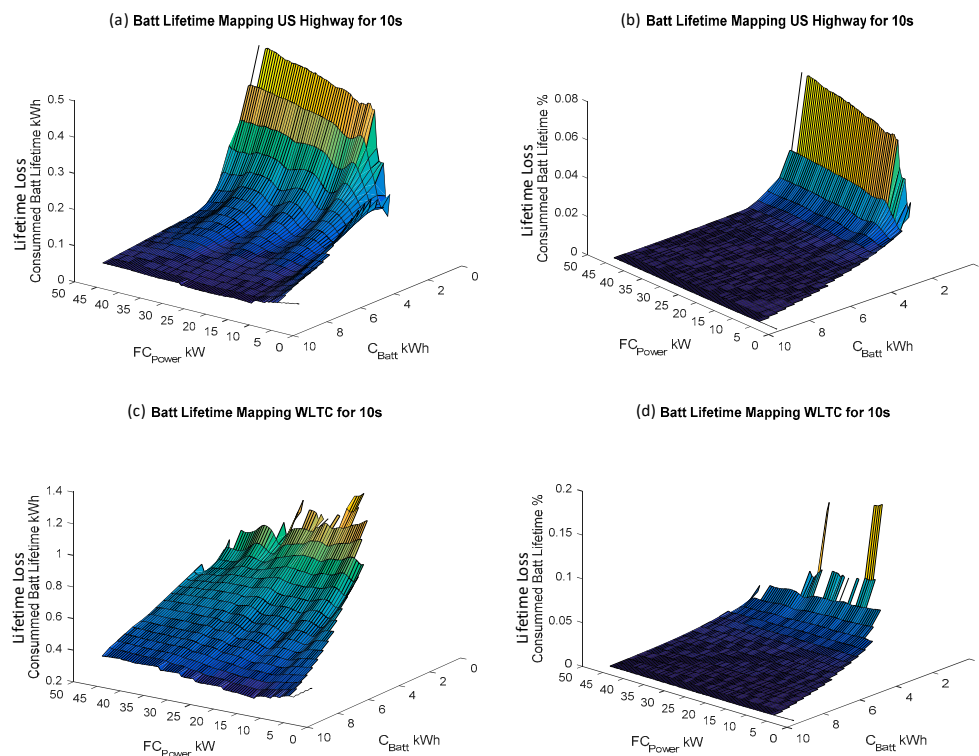
During the first step, the design optimization results show that the FC sizing is closely linked to the load power average (energy source) while its battery capacity is influenced by the dynamic behaviour depending on transient phases of driving cycle (power source). The FC dynamics are sett using different time responses. The results maps are obtained considering the system’s parameters in Table 1.

Table 1. Methodology and vehicle parameters.

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Particles number and Iteration	30, 100	Vehicle mass (kg)	1428
Values to design	$P_{FC}, C_{BAT}$	Air density ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )	1.2
Search field: $P_{FC}, C_{BAT}$	1–50 kW and 1–10 kWh	Friction coefficient	0.012
Fuel cell, battery models	PEMFC static, Li-Ion model	Aerodynamic coefficient	0.29
$SOC_{Min}, SOC_{Max}$	15%, 90%	Front surface area ( $\text{m}^2$ )	2.69
$\gamma, \alpha, \beta$	1400, -20, 1700	$\delta, \rho, \sigma$	125, -1600, 4400

Figure 10 presents sizing solutions considering the reliability effect under WLTC and US highway using the same fuel cell dynamic (10 s). The aim is to see how the developed approach considers the variation of operating conditions (sensitivity of the approach). Overall, the design approach makes an appropriate sizing; the FC is very closely to the system autonomy by ensuring the load average. Conversely, battery capacity attends dynamic behaviour given by the energy deviation. This deviation impacts the battery thermal behaviour (cycling effect), which is directly calculated using the mathematical model presented previously and correlated to the dynamic driving cycle. The WLTC

driving power presents many transitory phases (numerous and intense) implying a significant impact on battery lifetime (deep cycling). On the contrary, the US highway certification cycle has less impact on the battery lifetime because of a lower dynamic range (driving mode). Technically, the standard deviation of the battery exchanged energy is significantly different between the WLTC cycle and the US highway one: 1.2 kWh and 0.36 kWh, respectively. Similarly this trend is reflected in the value of the lifetime loss which is in roughly three times larger in the WLTC mapping (Figure 10b,d), for example, for sizing architecture ( $P_{FC} = 20$  KW,  $C_{Batt} = 3$  kWh), the lifetime losses are: 0.01 % for US highway and 0.032 % for WLTC.



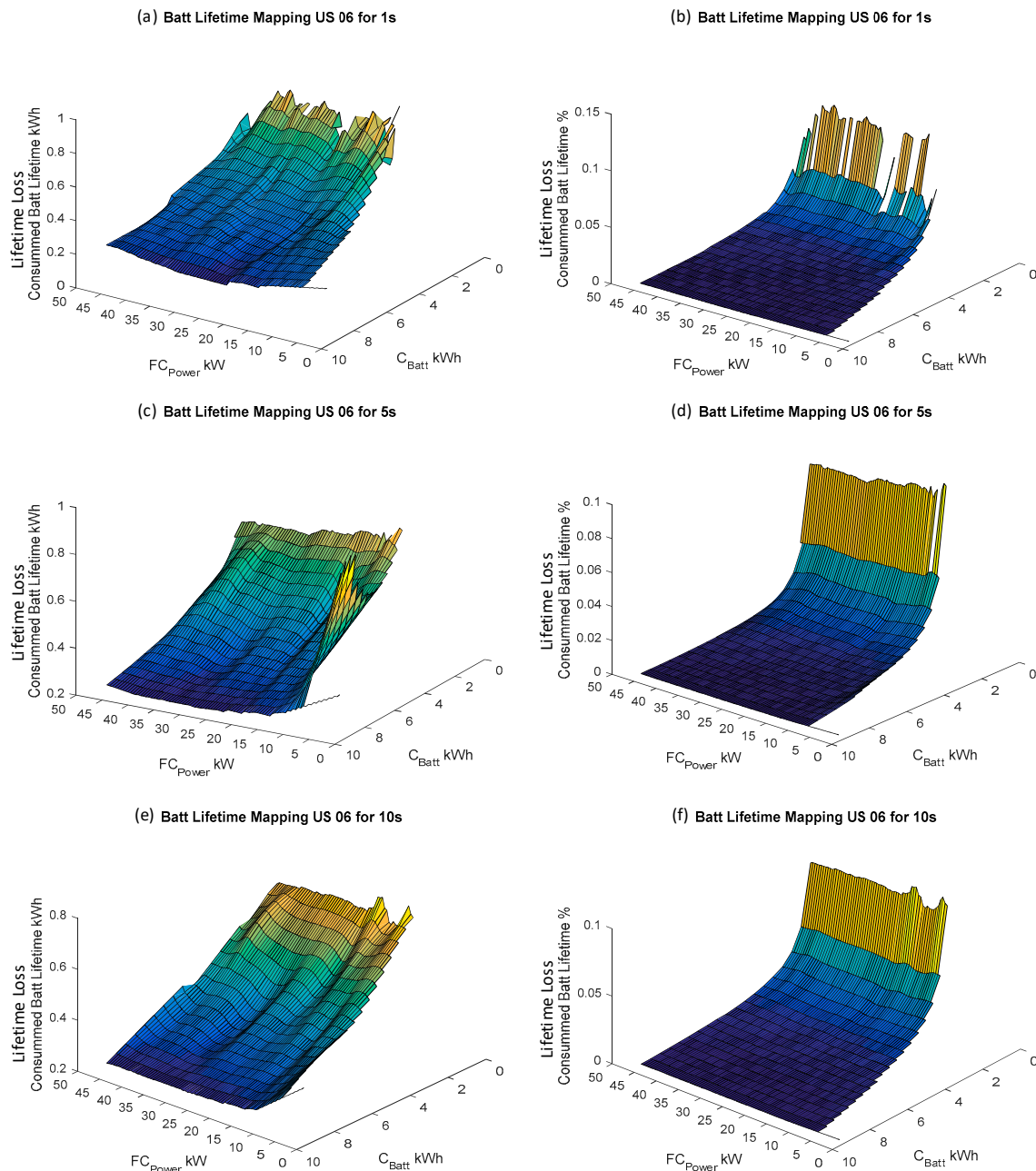
**Figure 10.** Design results considering lifetime loss (KW/h or %) according to US Highway and WLTC driving cycle. (a) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (KW/h), US Highway and FC dynamic 10 s. (b) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (%), US Highway and FC dynamic 10 s. (c) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (KW/h), WLTC and FC dynamic 10 s. (d) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (%), WLTC and FC dynamic 10 s.

In order to introduce more flexibility about hybridization rate, three different FC response times (1 s, 5 s, 10 s) are considered while using the same certification driving cycle (namely US 06) as illustrated in Figure 11. The surface shape of this sizing solution is slightly influenced by the FC dynamics. The lifetime loss remains relatively low according to the battery dynamic behaviour Figure 11b,d,f, indicating that the design approach makes the best trade-off towards this requirement. For example, for sizing architecture ( $P_{FC} = 20$  KW,  $C_{Batt} = 3$  kWh), the life time losses are: 0.009% for FC dynamic 1 s, 0.01% for FC dynamic 5 s and 0.0115% for FC dynamic 10 s.

In sum, for the optimal zone, the results show that, to meet reliability constraints, the designer applies a slight oversizing of the battery compared to the energy constraint solution. This behaviour is proved by the global ramp of the mapping, which decreases, with the increase of the battery capacity. In addition, the sizing of the FC also influences the battery reliability with a bowl effect in accordance with the optimal FC power value. These results show the antagonistic behaviour of the reliability objective towards the energy saving one.

These different effects show that the key challenge is to simultaneously take into account several objectives in a global design approach. Indeed, the fuel consumption criterion tends to decrease the

battery sizing in order to limit the embedded mass while the reliability criterion leads to increase this sizing so as to enhance the power capability, thus reducing the battery degradation and its lifetime loss. These results of this approach enables to decide between several proposed sizes.



**Figure 11.** Design results (fuel cell power  $FC_{power}$  and battery capacity  $C_{Batt}$ ) considering lifetime loss (KW/h or %)—US 06 driving cycle under different FC dynamics (1 s, 5 s and 10 s). (a) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (KW/h) and FC dynamic 1 s. (b) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (%) and FC dynamic 1 s. (c) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (KW/h) and FC dynamic 5 s. (d) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (%) and FC dynamic 5 s. (e) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (KW/h) and FC dynamic 10 s. (f) Result mapping with battery lifetime loss (%) and FC dynamic 10 s.

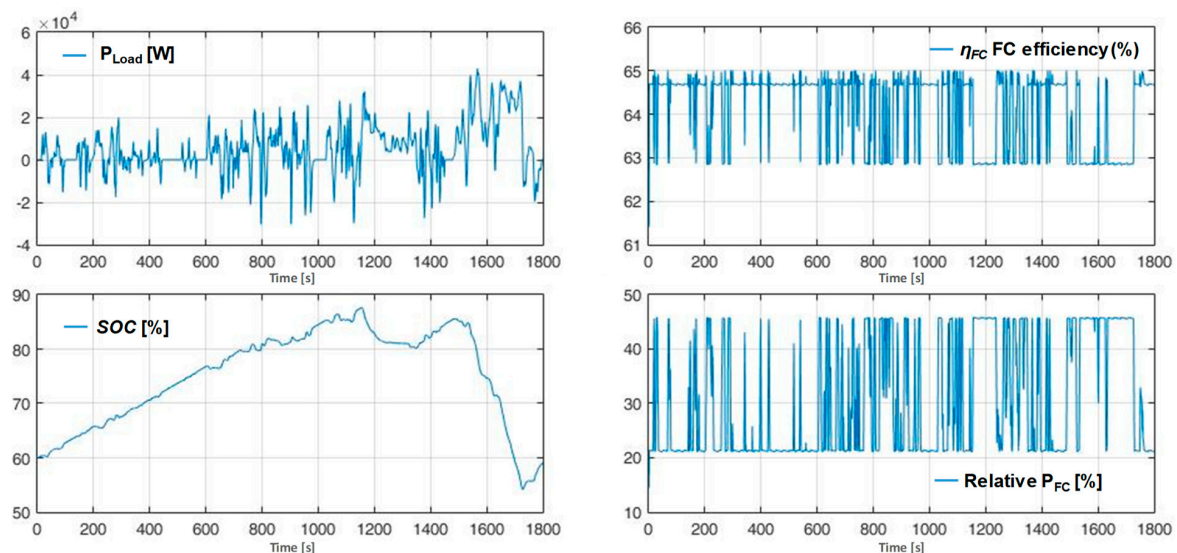
To evaluate the representativeness of the obtained results, time simulation tests of the proposed powertrain are carried out using a standard WLTC drive cycle. With a distance of 23 km, the WLTC provides a specific consumption around 0.72 kg/100 km, considering the optimized architecture

illustrated in Table 2. This performance is highly encouraging, since it is very close to the standard driving cycle of electric vehicles, which proves the relevance of suggested approach.

**Table 2.** Optimization results—WLTC.

Variable	Value
Fuel cell power	30 kW
Battery power	19.5 kW
Battery capacity	6.5 kWh
Hydrogen consumption	0.72 kg/100 km
Computation Time	900 s
Battery lifetime—Number of cycles WLTC	10,000
Battery lifetime—Total exchanged energy	4500 kWh

Figure 12 presents the optimal fuel cell/battery system response with the key variable waveforms: the load power ( $P_{Load}$ ), the relative FC power, the state of charge (SOC) and the FC efficiency. Obviously, the FC is requested between 15% and 50% of its rated power, which belongs to the best range of FC energy efficiency, thanks to the energetic strategy, which makes use of the FC in its best range.



**Figure 12.** Testing of the optimized system on the WLTC standard cycle.

The SOC trajectory tends to follow the vehicle dynamic behaviour and reaches the required final condition. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the dichotomy technique for finding the proper co-state tuning value

## 6. Conclusions

To be more suited to industrial challenges, the current study addresses the reliability process integration into the design approach based on an energetic performance index.

The proposed approach considers a linear trend extrapolation of battery SOH based on data test analyses, in order to avoid the limits of conventional approaches: complexity, expensive and time-consuming implementation. It produces very fast results with sufficient accuracy suitable for the optimization sizing approach. This makes it possible to consider different driving cycles and operating conditions.

The results show a correlation between energy constraint and reliability impact. Battery lifetime loss is influenced by the dynamic range, dependent on the driving cycle. Therefore, to meet the reliability constraint, the designer applies a battery oversizing compared to a solution limited to a

single energy constraint. However, the results reflect a global trend; it should be considered in a relative way and not in an absolute one which represents the main limit of the present approach.

This work shows the relevance of a multi-objective approach in a design process because of the growing complexity of considering several conflicting or non-conflicting objectives.

Based on this approach, future work will consider including the reliability effect at the same level as the energy one. This multi-objective optimization will permit a simultaneous approach and enable making the best trade-offs with respect to the specifications.

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## Abbreviations

HEV	Hybrid Electric Vehicle
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
PMP	Pontryagin's Minimum Principle
EV	Electrical Vehicle
FCHV	Fuel Cell Hybrid Vehicle
PEMFC	Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell
SOH	State Of Health
WLTC	Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Cycles
US Highway	Highway United States Test Cycle
US06	Supplemental United States Test Cycle
VPD	Vector of Power Distribution
WV	Weighting Vector
D	Degradation degree
$L_{Loss}$	Lifetime loss
SOE	State of Energy
DOD	Depth of Discharge
CCCV	Constant Current Constant Voltage
CC	Constant Current
EOL	End-of-Life
$P_{FC/Max/Min}$	Fuel cell power, Maximum, Minimum, (W)
$P_{BAT/Max/Min}$	Battery power, Maximum, Minimum, (W)
$C_{BAT/Max/Min}$	Battery capacity, Maximum, Minimum, (Ah)
$SOC_{BAT/Max/Min}$	Battery state of charge, Maximum, Minimum, (%)
$\eta_{FC} \eta_{BAT}$	Fuel cell and Battery efficiency, (%)
$H$	Hamiltonian function
$\lambda$	Co-state, Lagrange multiplier
$P_{Dem}$	Power demand, (W)
$C_r, C_x$	Friction and aerodynamic coefficients
$\rho$	Air density, ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )
$S$	Front surface area, ( $\text{m}^2$ )
$M$	Vehicle mass, (kg)
$g$	Gravity acceleration, ( $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ )
$\alpha$	Slope of the road, (deg)
$C_{BAT,C}, C_{BAT,Init}$	Current and initial battery capacity, (Wh)
$SOC, SOC_0$	Current and initial State Of Charge, (%)
$i_{BAT}$	Battery current, (A)
$SOH_{DOD}$	State of health as a function of DOD
$SOH_{Ic}$	State of health as a function of rated current.
$N_{Cycle,DOD}$	Number of cycles according to a DOD level
$N_{Cycle,Ic}$	Number of cycles according to a ratted current.
$C_{rate} i_s$	Charging/discharge current, (A)
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \rho, \sigma$	Fitting parameters.
$E_{BAT}$	Battery cumulated energy, (J or Wh)
$E_{BAT,Tot,Init}, N_{Cycle,Init}$	Total initial battery energy and number of cycle.
$T_s$	Simple time, (s)

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