

Model based development calibration of hybrid propulsion using a SiL environment - PHEV Application as Use Case -

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The use of the described simulation models enables hybrid operating strategies to be adapted to a new application with a given exhaust system. The optimizer with enhanced KPIs, as shown in Figure 1, provides an initial optimized calibration set for the operational strategy. In particular, start/stop, load point shift, load point variation with the electric motor, electric driving and shift map can be optimized with regard to the KPIs on the right-hand side. The resulting benefit is a significantly reduced initial calibration effort by providing a solid baseline calibration that requires only minor fine-tuning by calibration engineers.

Using the basic SiL setup shown in Figure 1, only limited OBD requirements can be accommodated by the engine control unit.

In current projects, this map-based approach can result in a CO₂ deficit of up to 4 g within the WLTP approval cycle. Using the KPI-guided calibration and environment shown in Figure 5, the deviation can be reduced to 1 gram of CO₂. To support the calibration engineer, consistent data management is established from simulation to vehicle calibration, and additional effort using different development environments is eliminated. Another advantage besides the automated pre-calibration is the possibility to evaluate the target achievement, consistency and quality of the calibration before expensive bench tests are carried out. As an example, from an SOP project, around 60 homologation cycles can be run over the weekend. The current computing power of such a SiL base model, which is described in Figure 4, can be simulated at twice the speed and scaled to more than 100 parallel model instances. Significant efficiency gains can be achieved through an automated pre-assessment to identify calibration issues during calibration at the level of the entire propulsion system. In current SOP derivative projects, the validation effort and the number of prototypes have been reduced by 30%. An upgraded SiL environment is required for use cases and driving manoeuvres where higher pollutant emissions are expected. The thus transient emission feedback enables the optimization of the emission strategy and OBD requirements by the engine management.

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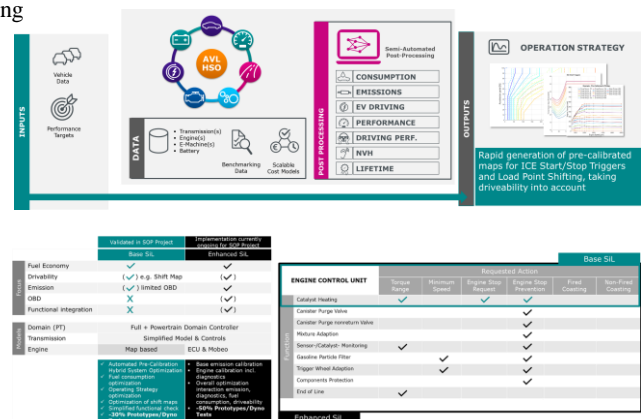


Fig. 1 AVL methodology and simulation environment for optimizing hybrid KPIs