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Prediction of Work and Driving Performance of Electric Excavator using System Simulation

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Introduction to Organization and Business

Building a Better Future with the Most Innovative Industrial Solutions



*HDI: Hyundai Infracore, HCE: Hyundai Construction Equipment, MCV: Main Control Valve

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- Growing into a global top-tier company that represents Korea's construction machinery industry.
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Model-based system simulation is very effective for achieving design goals through optimization while considering multi-physics at the product planning and concept stage.



Target equipment for system simulation is a 14-ton wheel *PHEV excavator manufactured by HD HYUNDAI. (Especially energy consumption is a key factor for all type of electric vehicles)



It is not easy to ensure the reliability of calculation results, and calculation times are so lengthy due to the limitations of using pre-calculated data inputs and Co-simulations. However, these limitations have been overcome by utilizing system simulation with MATLAB/Simulink solutions.



System simulation model including batteries, motors, hydraulics, engine, front structure, and undercarriage structure, is built in MATLAB/Simulink to predict the power performance of an electric excavator in driving and excavation modes.



Electric model can consider practical energy efficiency. Energy capacity over time(Ampere-hour rating) for the batteries / Speed-torque map and energy efficiency for the motors.







Electric Model for Motors

Hydraulics model is built to move boom/arm/bucket by using load-sensing control system with variable displacement pump controlled by *MCV based on the joystick signals from the driver.



Multi-body dynamics model for the front structure is built for working mode. Bodies for the boom/arm/bucket, based on cylinders driven by hydraulics, are interconnected through joints to cooperate. Entire front assembly can be rotated by the dedicated swing motor.



Vehicle dynamics model for the undercarriage structure is built for driving mode. Driveline model consists of axles, differential gears, brakes, tires, and vehicle body. As an auxiliary component, engine model is built to operate generator considering the speed-torque map for the engine.





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Using the developed system simulation model for electric excavator, it is possible to predict changes in power performance when changing system specifications.



Developed method is being used to improve energy consumption for *EV construction equipment with Optimization Toolbox among MATLAB/Simulink and will be extended to model-based system engineering approach over the entire development process from concept to prototype.





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