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**DISTRIBUTED SOLAR NETWORK FOR AIR VENTILATION IN THE HYBRID VEHICLES**

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It is very important to manage the power generation in the hybrid vehicles to maintain the highest possible efficiency. One of the most effective methods to increase the efficiency of the hybrid vehicle is use auxiliary power sources for temporary loads inside and outside the vehicles. This allow the main energy source(s) to be used only to drive the vehicle and therefore increase the driven mileage. This paper presents a distributed solar network on the external body of the vehicles. The output of this solar network is connected to a buck-boost power DC-DC converter. This scheme is used to drive a ventilation system mainly to avoid temperature rise inside the vehicle especially in summer or when parked in sunny climate. This will reduce the degradation of the interior of the vehicle and help the air-conditioning to run effectively. The excess energy produced by this scheme is used to charge the main battery bank of the hybrid vehicle. A quantitative study of this distributed solar network will be presented to show the improvement in the overall efficiency and the lifetime of the vehicle.

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