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Design of EV Charging System by Integrating Renewable Energy Sources with Multiport Converter Modeling

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ABSTRACT

A new architecture of an electric vehicle charging station is proposed in this article. interface between grid to charging stations. The proposed design uses a multiport converter for charging stations by utilizing renewable energy sources. To maintain constant grid voltage/dc link, battery/dc link, and solar voltage bidirectional multiport converters are constructed. In most conditions, solar energy is used to charge the battery and charging stations with high reliability without interrupt gird voltage. Besides, the battery is not used to directly harvest energy from both grid supply and solar supply; thus, the battery is isolated from frequent quick charges, which will increase the life span of the battery. Simulation and experimental results are presented to verify the proposed system using MATLAB

Key words: Battery, solar, DC-DC converters, multiport converters, Energy storage, electric vehicles (EVs), Plug-in vehicles, Power electronics Devices.

1. INTRODUCTION

Conventional energy sources (fossil fuels) have been exhausted for almost a quarter of a century and are slowly becoming impracticable. With the increased growth of the fossil fuels catastrophe and atmosphere, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are becoming attractive substitutes. The proportion of renewable energy sources for electricity generation particularly in solar and wind has been enhanced and the growth of solar plants is expected to continue in the future decades.

While traditional modes of transportation, mainly based on internal combustion engines face global advancement pressure to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions such as co2 and alleviate air pollution in urban areas. Electrical vehicles are becoming more attractive than ever, whereas the petroleum era has been extended as a result of the economic growth of shale gas. Over the past 35 years, there have been increasing interest over electric vehicles (EVs). In contrast to the continuity of EV research and improvement in the mid-1960s due to the forwarding concern over air quality and charged over imported petroleum in the 1970s, recent advances in EV have been highly motivated by environmental concerns [1-3].

Motor vehicles are the major cause of air pollutants. For this reason, different commands and legislations have been introduced to electric vehicles into the commercial market. High-performance electric vehicles provide benefits in air and petroleum quality, at a lower cost. Large deployments of EVs in the transportation sector will bring enormous benefits in economic, social, and ecological benefits. Electrical vehicles are a safe and efficient alternative to existing internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles due to their low acceleration, high cost, and defined range. With the tremendous increase in electric vehicles, so many institutions, companies, and governmental organizations are focusing to design high performance EVs. The commercialization of electric vehicles needs a lot of R&D work. Apart from battery technology, vehicle propulsion technology is another factor influencing electric vehicle range and efficiency. However, very large and costly batteries are required for achieving a sufficient driving [4].

In electric vehicles (EVs), energy storage systems play a vital role. Apart from different energy storage devices, batteries are the most widely used ones. In battery-based charging stations, the power density of the battery needs to be high enough to meet the peak power demand. batteries with high power densities are typically much larger than lower power density counterparts. To resolve the battery size, cost, and thermal management problems taken as a challenge for batterie to safely work in high power load applications. In order to overcome the above issues, use hybrid energy storage systems (HESS) has been implemented [5].

To control various energy sources to the required energy source it needs efficient converters. Conventional converters have high switching losses and have a large size for high power load applications. To improve the efficiency of the system by using multiport converters. Multiport converters having an advantage of single conversion with multiple input sources as shown in fig.2. Conventional converter structure as shown in fig.1 to interconnect with different energy sources it needs a common DC bus at low voltage and high voltage side.

 Table 1: Variations between Multiport and conventional converter structure

	Conventional	Multiport	
	converter	converter	
Conversion	Multiple Single		
stages	conversions	conversion	
Power flow management	Robust, slow	Simple, fast	
Common DC bus	It required	Not required	
Transformer	Multiple	Multiwinding but single	
Control system	Bisect control	Centralized control	
Applications	High	Low	

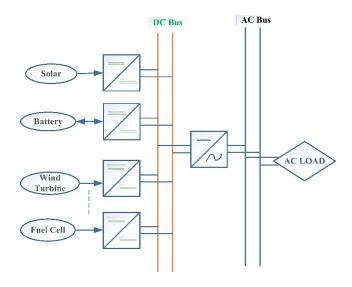


Figure 1: Conventional Converter

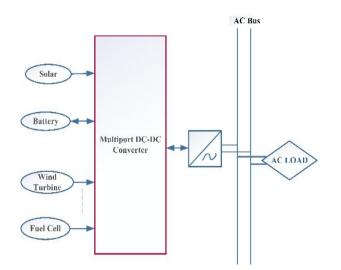
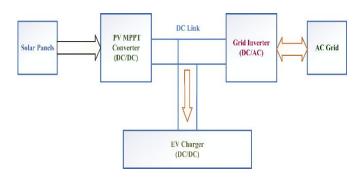
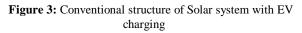


Figure 2: Multiport Converter 2. DESIGN AND WORKING PRINCIPLE OF SYSTEM

The three power sources, including PV and EV charger unidirectional sources, and AC grid bi-directional source, are connected through three separate converters in the conventional architecture of the Dc bus charging station, figure. 3 with PV integration. The proposed DC bus charging station shown in Figure. 4, incorporates one more bi-directional power source BES allocated with the same DC bus.





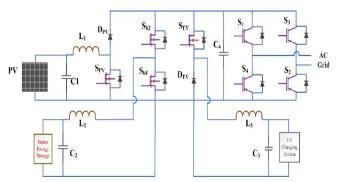


Figure 4: proposed circuit diagram for integration of renewable energy sources with EV charging station.

In this proposed system, it exists various operating modes and the functions can be explained in following sections.

Mode 1: Solar system to EV

The switches S_{PV} , S_{b2} , S_{b1} are turned OFF in this mode, and Switch S_{EV} is only switched ON. So, Solar power is directly delivered to the load as shown in figure.5.

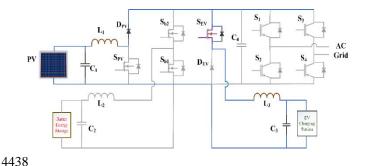


Figure 5: Power flow from Solar to EV charging station

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{I}_{pv} &= i_{c1} + i_{ev} \\ \mathbb{I}_{c1} &= c_1 (dv_c/dt) \\ &= I_{c2} = c_2 (dv_{c2}/dt) \\ &= I_{bat} = (v_{bat}/r_b) = (v_{c2} \cdot v_{bat})/r_b \\ &= c_2 (dv_{c2}/dt) = -I_{L2} \cdot (v_{bat} \cdot v_{c2})/r_b \\ &= I_{ev} = c_3 (dvc_3/dt) + (v_{ev}/R_{ev}) \\ &= L_3 (dv_{L3}/dt) = v_{c1} \cdot v_{c3} \\ &= L_2 (dI_{L2}/dt) = -v_{c2} \end{split}$$

 $S_{\mu\nu}$ can be operated when solar voltage is greater than grid voltage Vgrid then $S_{\mu\nu}$ only can be turned ON $S_{\mu\nu}$ duty cycle can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{v}_{dc}/\mathbf{v}_{pv} = (1/(1-\mathbf{D}_{pv}))$$
$$\mathbf{D}_{pv} = (1-(\mathbf{v}_{pv}/\mathbf{v}_{dc}))$$

Where

C₁ = Capacitance across Solar port C₂ = Capacitance across the BES port C₃ = Capacitance across the EV port L₁ = Inductance across the Solar port L₂ = Inductance across the BES port L₂ = Inductance near the EV load port and T_b = Equivalent resistance of v_{bac} and v_{2} i_{EV} = output current from Solar i_{EV} = current of EV load i_{L_2} = current flowing through inductor L_2 , i_{L_2} = current flowing through inductor L_2

 v_{e1} , v_{e2} , v_{e2} , v_{e2} , v_{bat} , and v_{ev} notations for voltage across the capacitor C_1 , voltage across C_2 , voltage across C_3 , BES output voltage and EV charger voltage respectively.

Mode 2: Battery to EV

When Switches S_{PV} and S_{EV} are turned ON, remaining switches are turned OFF then power delivers to Battery to load as shown in fig.6. This mode can be existing only when the battery SOC is full and both the solar and grid supply is not available.

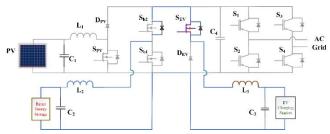


Figure 6: Power flow from battery to EV charging station

The duty cycle of switches can be calculated by using following equations

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I}_{p \psi} &= \boldsymbol{c_1}(\mathrm{d} \mathbf{v_{c1}}/\mathrm{d} t) \\ \mathbf{L}_2(\mathrm{d} \mathbf{i_{L2}}/\mathrm{d} t) = & \mathbf{v_{DC}} \cdot \mathbf{v_{c2}} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{v}_{\mathcal{DC}} &- \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{C3}} = \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{3}}(d\mathbf{i}_{\mathbf{L3}}/dt) \\ \mathbf{c}_{2}(d\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{C2}}/dt) = ((\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{bat}} &- \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{C2}})/\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{b}}) \cdot \mathbf{i}_{\mathbf{L2}} \\ &\mathbf{i}_{\mathbf{ev}} = \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{3}}(d\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{c3}}/dt) + (\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{EV}}/\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{EV}}) \\ &\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{DC}}/\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{bat}} = 1/(1 \cdot \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{b1}}) \\ &\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{b1}} = 1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{bat}}/\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{DC}}) \\ &\text{Where } \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{b}i} \text{is duty cycle for switch Sb1.} \end{split}$$

Mode 3: PV to BES

In this condition the switch S_{b2} is turn ON, remaining switches S_{b1} , S_{PV} , and S_{EV} are turned OFF. Therefore, the battery is charging from solar supply as shown in fig.7.

By using volt second balance equations calculate the voltage and current across the inductor and voltage.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I_{pv}} &= c_1 (d\mathbf{v_{c1}}/dt) \textbf{-} \mathbf{i_{L2}} \\ \mathbf{L_2} (d\mathbf{i_{L2}}/dt) &= \mathbf{v_{c1}} + \mathbf{v_{DC}} \textbf{-} \mathbf{v_{c2}} \\ \mathbf{L_3} (d\mathbf{i_{L3}}/dt) &= (\mathbf{v_{bat}} \textbf{-} \mathbf{v_{c2}})/r_b \textbf{-} \mathbf{i_{L2}} \\ \mathbf{I_{EV}} &= c_3 (d\mathbf{v_{c3}}/dt) + \mathbf{V_{Ev}}/R_{EV} \end{split}$$

Switching pulses for S_{b2} can be calculated by using given equation

$$v_{hat}/v_{DC} = D_{h2}$$

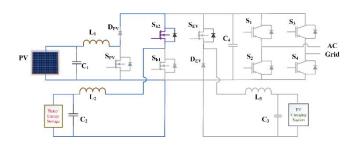
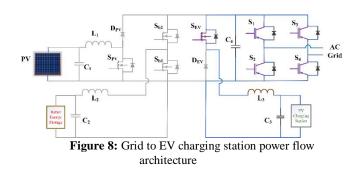


Figure 7: Power flow Solar system to Battery energy storage device

Mode 4: Grid to EV

 S_{EV} is in ON, remaining switches S_{PV} is in OFF, S_{b1} , S_{b2} are in ON/OFF, OFF/ON condition then grid supplies the power to the EV charging station as shown in fig.8. This mode can be existing when the solar and battery supply is shortage.



Mode 5: Solar to Grid

When the battery SOC is 100%, EV charging is in idle condition at the same time solar generates excess power then only the solar energy can be delivers to the grid system as shown in fig.9. Grid side converter can be operated as bidirectional converter using novel control strategy.

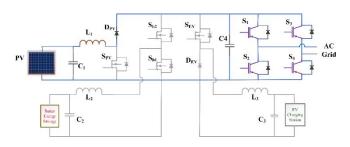


Figure 9: Power flow architecture of Solar to Grid

3. CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND SIMULINK SPECIFICATIONS

To design the proposed EV charging station modes and function schemes, using following Structure in Fig.4 is simulated by MATLAB. The mat lab simulation circuit diagram as shown in fig.10. The Solar cell array is designed with Suntech STP235-20-Wd [7], with 5 cascaded strings and 14 strings in series. The open circuit Solar cell array can be modelled to with stand a supplies 16kW, 500V to supply the Charging station with constant DC voltage.

When the solar available with sufficient amount, the solar cells can be delivering the power to the EV Charging station. If Solar is surplus the Battery will have charged. If solar is not available like partial shading or other intermittent situation, then battery can be discharged, and it can fill the gap between Solar and EV charging station [7]. Isolated converter can be reduced the total harmonic distortion and performed for high-frequency transformer to improve the power factor correction [8]. By using power electronic novel switches like MOSFETs and IGBTs soft switching can be obtained due to soft switching the losses can be optimized and efficiency of the converter is improved [9]. Bi-directional DC-DC converter are used for renewable energy sources with integration of electric drives [10]

The irradiance drops from 1000 k/W^2 to 500 k/W^2 , then at 325V, the solar cell power drops from 11kW to 5.7kW. At minimum load situation the proposed system can be improved 98.52 % of efficiency for Solar to EV charging mode, which is 5.78% larger compared with the traditional based converter. Same wise PV to BES is 4.52% is increased and Battery to EV is 6.432% is larger than the conventional mode.

The switching cases can be operated by simple logic gates depends on operating modes. The modes can be classified by the DC link voltage, Battery voltage and Solar voltage. If Solar voltage is surplus compared to the DC link voltage then Grid is in off condition, in this mode the solar can be supply the power to the EV Charging station. However, if EV charging is also in off condition then battery can be charged. In same case if Battery SOC is also 100% than the solar can delivers the power to the grid.

If Solar is not available, then battery or Grid can be supplying the power to the EV charging station. In this case if battery SOC is less than 25% then grid can be delivers the power to the Charging station.

S _{pv}	S _{b1}	S _{b2}	S _{EV}	Powe r flow
Open	Open	Close	Open	Solar to BES
Open	Open	Open	Open	Solar to Grid
Open	Open	Open	Clos e	Solar to EV
Clos e	Open	Open	Clos e	BES to EV
-	Close/Ope n	Open/Clos e	Clos e	Grid to EV

Table 2: Different modes of EV Charging

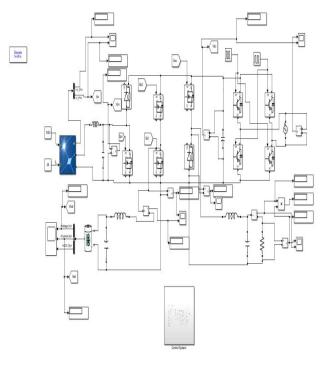
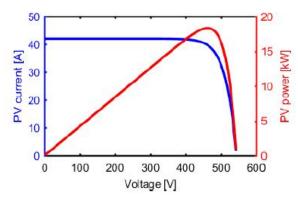


Figure 10: The proposed Simulink diagram for integration of renewable energies



4. WAVEFORMS AND RESULTS

Figure 11: P-V and I-V characteristics of Solar cells at the time of irradiance decreases from 1000 to 500 W/m²

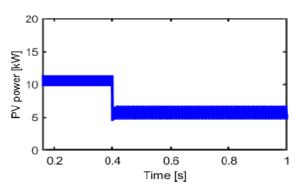


Figure 12: Output power of the Solar system

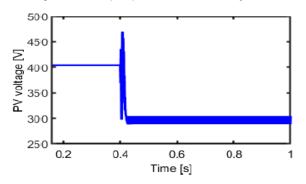


Figure 13: Output Voltage of the Solar system

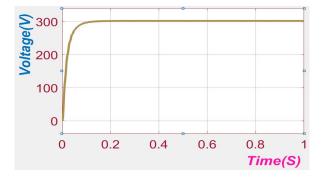


Figure 14: Output voltage of the EV charging station

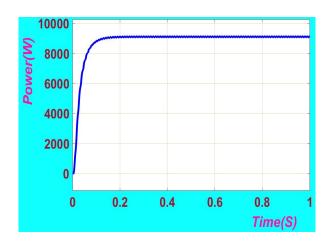


Figure 15: Output power of the EV charging station

5. CONCLUSION

In this research paper, EV charging station is integrated with renewable sources with effective multiport converter is designed. The Battery energy storage controller was designed to control the unbalanced voltage levels and it improves the power gap between charging station and Solar system. In this design different modes of operation have explained based on availability of renewable sources. Battery can be charged when the solar is surplus generation when grid is in low demand, therefore at night time. It enhances the Stability and reliability of the power grid by integrating with solar system, battery and EV charging. Because of the multiport converter the overall system improves with an efficiency of 5.78%,4.52% and 6.432% respectively, for Solar to EV, Solar to Battery and Battery to EV at nominal working conditions.

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