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VEHICLE-TO-GRID ANCILLARY SERVICES USING SOLAR POWERED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

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Abstract—

Concerns about the exponential increase in the usage of fossil fuel especially in the transportation sector which leads to research and development of alternative sources for powering vehicles. The most suitable alternative for the fossil fuel is electrification of vehicles which help to prevent emission as well as it help to provide power back to the grid when its needed (Vehicle-to-Grid). If the powering of electric vehicle is done by renewable energy, then that helps to provide more greener and cleaner means of transportation. Given this background, a solar photovoltaic (PV) powered Electric vehicle charging facility (EVCF) is designed for charging the Electric Vehicles (EV) with AC-DC converter and vector control techniques. The simulation results in MATLAB SIMULINK environment demonstrate the EV participation in ancillary services through EV aggregator agents.

Index Terms—Electric vehicles (EV), ancillary services, converters, power conversion, solar power generation

I. INTRODUCTION

Every industry is becoming smart and automated now a days and transportation is one among them. In the last couple of years there is a lot of discussion about the energy conservation and the depletion of fossil fuels. Most of the leading economies aim to transform their transportation system green by 2040. As per Electric Vehicle (EV) policies, India too is planning to adopt 100% EVs in road transport by 2030. The major advantages with the use of EV is reduced pollution and easy integration of renewable resources. Electrification of road help to reduce the environmental problems. Three modes of EV charging, named Quick, Budget and Green in a solar

powered EV Charging Facilities (EVCF) is discussed in [1]. The dependence of the EVCF on the grid can be minimized by incorporating renewable energy source (Solar PV) and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), but the BESS greatly increases the investment. Instead, the EVs can be utilized as temporary storage devices to store the PV power. The excess PV power can supply the grid as well. The inverter control through Icosphial algorithm is discussed in [2]. It discusses about maximum green energy integration with the grid.

A. EV Charging standards

EVs can be charged from domestic or public charging locations. The internationally accepted for EV charging are revised by society of automotive engineers (SAE), international electromechanical commission (IEC) and CHAdeMO EV standards [3]. The European standards for charging defines charging types as MODES whereas in US they are termed LEVELS. [4] Japan and China developed their common charging scheme named CHAdeMO. TESLA has developed their own separate charging standard [3], [5]. [6] also discusses the charger topologies and power levels of some manufactured PHEV and EVs. [4] discusses the different charging std. of EV in Europe, USA etc. There are some standards for charging sockets also.

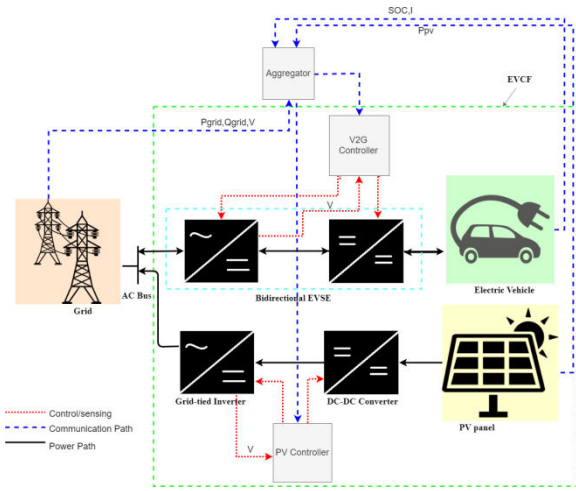
Each charging std have corresponding specified sockets for charging. Level-2 DC Charging is a combined system of charging. This charger is mainly used for the residential and commercial types of charging facilities. These charger can used for maximum of 20 KW power transfer applications [7]. The fast charging mode is aimed at minimization of charging time or queuing time of the customer. [8] is discussing the algorithm for charging time minimization. In this paper charging is designed for the working frequency and voltage of 50Hz and

415V and also for mainly for a single EV charging.

B. V2G charging

The normal charging schemes discussed above referred as grid-to-vehicle (G2V). Other than G2V EVs can work in Vehicle-to-

Grid (V2G) mode, in which the EV itself can sell power to the grid in the time of peak power demand or any emergency situations. The earlier researches were focused mainly on the field of G2V i.e. charging of the EVs. However, the trends is in the area of integration of grid with EVs. The plugged in EVs is used for support the bidirectional power flow between EV and utility. [9]. V2G



helps EV to act as an energy reserve for the grid. V2G supports many of ancillary services to the power system network such as frequency and voltage regulation, renewable energy integration, reserve of power supply system and demand side management [10]. The vehicle battery can charge and store the power developed by any of the sources (renewable or non-renewable) and it can discharge this energy during change in energy production according to weather or climate changes, or load variations etc. Demand side management smoothen the load and generation curves in the power system. Utilities can take part by charging the EV batteries during off-peak hours and taking power from parked EVs during peak hours. In order to achieve these utilities should provide smart charging techniques which also help to provide valley filling, peak shaving and load leveling. And it will improve overall grid conditions. Since number of cycles are limited unidirectional charging configuration have good battery life. [7]. The disadvantage is that unidirectional chargers can't help the power to flow from EV to grid i.e. V2G. Conversely, bidirectional chargers allow power flow in both directions. It is operating in two modes, charging and discharging. It will help the implementation of V2G system and promotes road electrification. However, because of the large number of cycles this configuration will affect battery life [7]. Such a V2G system is discussed in this paper. To

ensure the reliability of supply for charging the topology used in this paper is AC-coupled type, in which the PV and EVSE are connected to grid at a common AC bus called Point of common Coupling (PCC). The excess charging power, if required, will be supplied by the grid. Also, the excess PV power, if available, can be injected to the grid through the grid-tie inverter. The solar fed hybrid energy storage system in [11] shows the energy storage methods instead of direct injection to grid.

II. PROPOSED SMART CHARGING AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

A. System description

The proposed system, shown in Fig. 1, consists of two separate controllers for PV system as well as EV charging. The PV controller controls the output of PV array. It has two functions, first one is to ensure Maximum Power Point (MPP) operation of PV and the second one is to ensure maximum power injection to the grid. For this the power output from PV is given to the DC-DC converter and it is controlled by MPP Tracker (P and O). The maximum power output from DC-DC converter is fed into the inverter. The inverter controller takes inputs from Grid voltage, PV array and the DC link voltage. The generated PWM control signals are fed to the inverter switches.

Fig. 1. Block diagram of PV powered EVCF with ancillary service capability

The V2G controller also consists of two controllers, Bidirectional AC-DC converter control and DC-DC bidirectional converter controller. Main functions of V2G controller is to decide the V2G or G2V operation of the bidirectional charger and fix the charging/discharging rate of EVs. It works on the basis of 3 inputs; those are grid parameters, EV parameters and the DC link voltage of the utility inverter. The grid parameters are the Reactive and Active power, and battery SoC and charging (dis) current are the EV parameters.

B. Bi-directional AC-DC converter

This paper deals with the use of a Bi-directional AC-DC converter for a battery fed EV. The maximum power that can be shared in this proposed system will be around 20KW with high efficiency. [12] It is a fully controlled three phase converter. The controlling is done by zero-d-q reference frame algorithm.

C. Control algorithms

1. MPPT controller (P and O): Due to the availability and easy access, the PV system is becoming one of the important renewable

energy source. An inverter is necessary to convert the DC power developed in PV into AC power. This is used to power up AC loads or can be transported to the utility grid. The maximum point from the PV curve can be tracked using tracking algorithms [10]. Several control techniques have been proposed by literature for this purpose. [13] suggests an novel approach for MPPT control for solar energy storage system. One of the most common and globally accepted method, Perturb and Observation (P and O) algorithm, is used for MPPT in this paper. The flowchart and concept is explained in [14]. In order to make the operating point near MPP the operating voltage is perturbed.

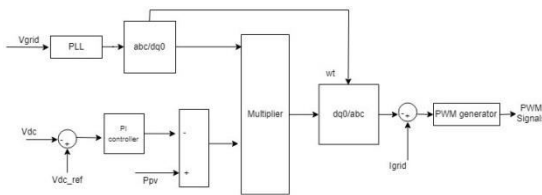


Fig.2. SRF control algorithm (for PV inverter control).

2. PV Inverter Controller (PV-IC): Proper inverter control techniques is associated with the success utilization of PV power. The inverter controller in this system is accomplished by Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF) algorithm, in which, the sensed three phase grid voltage is transformed from rotating reference frame to stationary frame using the abc-dq0 conversion as seen in equation [15], eq.(1). Grid synchronization is achieved by phase-locked loop (PLL). The reference DC bus voltage magnitude is compared with measured DC bus voltage, and the voltage loss component is generated by the PI controller. Then it is added to V_d in order to generate V_d^* [15]. The quadrature and zero component references set as zero only. The resultant reference frame voltages are again changed into abc frame using Inverse Parks transformation as seen in [15], Eq.2 to generate inverter switching pulses [15]. The flow chart of SRF controller is in Fig.2

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_d \\ V_q \\ V_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \cos(\vartheta - 2\pi/3) & \cos(\vartheta + 2\pi/3) \\ \sin\vartheta & \sin(\vartheta - 2\pi/3) & \sin(\vartheta + 2\pi/3) \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

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3. V2G control: In order to ensure the proper functioning of V2G or G2V there is a need for two controllers- one to control the

TLBC and another to control the dc-dc converter. A proper communication between utility, aggregator and EV, is crucial for proper functioning of the V2G action. For this, V2G control signal, SOC of the EV and utility load profile signal information are continuously exchanged between these entities.

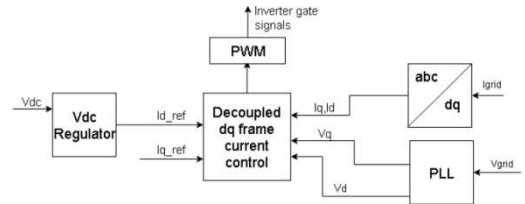


Fig.3. Bidirectional AC-DC converter control.

4. Bidirectional AC-DC converter Control: The Bidirectional AC-DC converter controllers shown in Fig.3 should provide power for EV batteries and reactive power support for the utilities on request [12]. The inverter control scheme in this paper is derived from the study in [12]. It uses direct-quadrature-zero transformation equations, active and reactive power calculations and PLL algorithm to maintain utility grid voltage synchronization. Park transformation is used for abc-dq0 conversion of phase currents and utility voltages. In addition, PLL will give the ϑ value. Eq.(1) and Eq.(2) used for the conversions. Then the active and reactive power is calculated as per the equation (3) and (4) in [12]. The equation (6) and (7) used to generate the i_d^* (active current reference) and i_q^* (reactive current reference) [12]. This controller consists of two controllers- one is inner current controller and other is outer voltage controller. In voltage controller the reference voltage is compared with the measured voltage which provides the reference current value for the inner current controller. The measured line currents are converted to dq form with help of Park transformation matrix. The inner PI loops are established by comparing it with the reference current (using Equations (6) and (7)). The result e_d and e_q are first summed with the decoupling terms as seen in [12] eq.(8). Normalization is achieved through the calculation based on equation (9) in [12].

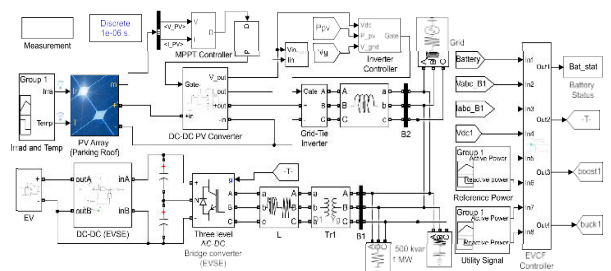


Fig.4.SimulationdiagramofPVandV2GequippedEVCFinMATLAB/Simulink.

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5.DC-

DCbidirectionalconvertercontrol: Through proper communication between utility and EVs, charging or discharging schedule is determined by the DC-DC controller. V2G control signal, EV SoC, and utility load profile signal are the inputs to the controller. According to the decision made by DC-DC controller G2V or V2G operation takes place and the converter current is controlled.

V2G control signal: V2G control signal of the DC-DC converter determines the EV can be discharged or not. If the signal is zero then the EV can be charged or in idle condition. If the signal is one then it allows the EV to be in V2G mode. This signal has the highest priority among all the signals to the DC-DC converter.

Utility load profile signal: Active power which should be drawn

TABLE I : PV DESIGN PARAMETERS

PV Section	
PV array	
Irradiance	700W/m ² ,
Temperature	25 deg.C
Max Power	15kW
Voc	700VDC
Isc	35A
PVDC-DC converter	
Max Power	15kW
Input voltage	400VDC
Output voltage	700VDC
PV grid tie inverter	
AC nominal power	15kW
DC voltage	700V
Nominal AC voltage	415V(LL)rms
AC grid frequency	50Hz

TABLE II: EVSE DESIGN PARAMETERS

EVSE Section	
Bidirectional AC-DC bridge converter	
AC nominal power	15kW
AC nominal voltage	415V(LL)rms
DC voltage	700V
AC grid frequency	50Hz
DC-DC bidirectional converter	
Nominal power	15kW
Vhigh	700V
Vlow	400V
EV	
Nominal DC voltage	360V

from EV batteries to support utilities is determined by the DC-

DC converter controller through analyzing the load profile. Then it decides the power consuming/charging or supplying/discharging time for EV. In addition to active power support, DC-DC converter control receives a reactive power support signal from utilities. Based on this, it generates a reference signal for TLBC, which helps to provide reactive power needed by the utility.

State Of Charge (SoC):

The charging current requirement is determined within an angle of battery SOC. For low SOC levels, the charging current rate is to be increased and minimization of queuing time is obtained [8]. The proposed system suggests the DC-DC converter control to decide the discharging or charging rate according to SOC of EVs. Depending upon these signal status required current is calculated and control signal for the DC-DC converter is generated accordingly.

III. SIMULATION, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF V2G ENABLED EVCF

The simulation is performed in the Simulink/MATLAB environment. Fig. 4 is the main Simulink diagram in MATLAB. Table I contains the Simulink parameters of PV section. The results obtained from the simulation are presented in this section. The PV is generating a DC power around 15kW, 400V, 35A at 700W/m² irradiation and 25 degree Celsius temperature. Fig. 5 shows the I-V characteristics of selected PV panel. Using P and OMPPT technique getting the power output of DC-DC boost converter is shown in Fig. 6. Through the SRF controller the DC link voltage of the inverter is maintained at 700V as shown in Figure 7. This 700V is converted to 415V, 50Hz AC corresponding current and voltage waveform at PCC is also shown in Fig. 9. Fig. 8 indicates the injected active and reactive power from inverter. Table II consists of the simulation parameters of EVSE which is useful for V2G and G2V application. The EV section in the simulation is a Lithium-ion battery of 360V, 210Ah capacity with initial SOC of 59%. Fig. 10 shows the utility reference power demand. Fig. 11 is the V2G control signals. The simulation is done according to the sets of conditions in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11. The Fig. 12 entail the variation in battery current, voltage, SOC and Power output waveforms obtained for discharging or charging (V2G and G2V) modes.

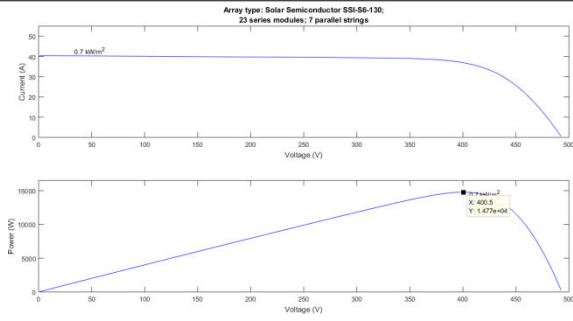


Fig.5. I-V and PV characteristics of solar PV.

Fig.9. Grid voltage

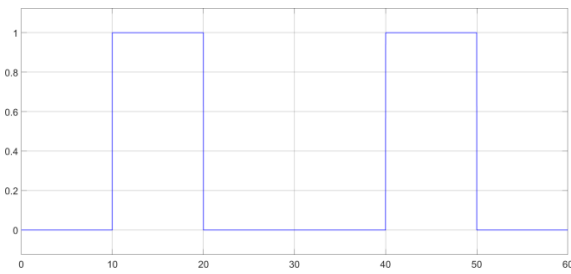


Fig.6. Irradiance, Temperature, voltage, current and maximum power of PV.

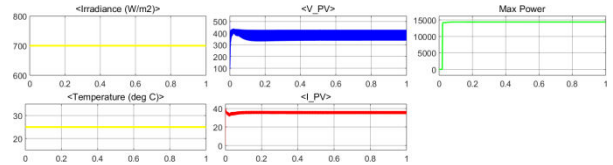


Fig.10. Inputs signals (Utility Active and Reactive power demand).

Fig.7. DC link voltage of PV inverter (at PCC).

Fig.8. Active and reactive power injected to grid from PV.

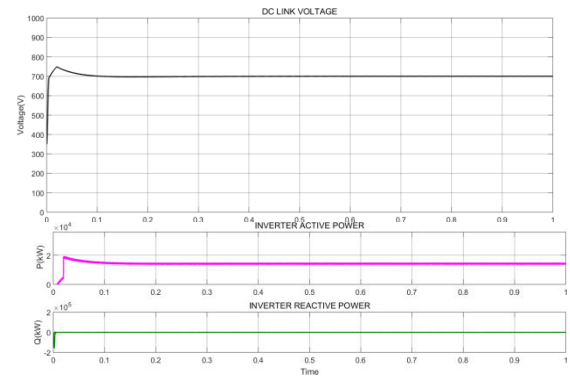


Fig.11. Input signal (V2G control signal).

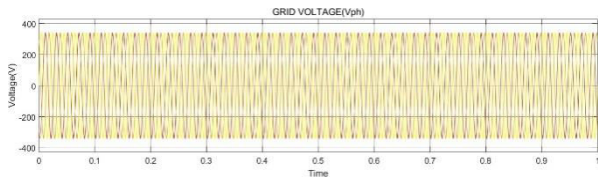


Fig.13 is the grid active and reactive power for both modes of operation. (ie; grid power consumption as well as supply). It can be observed that the EV is sufficient enough to supply the grid. The

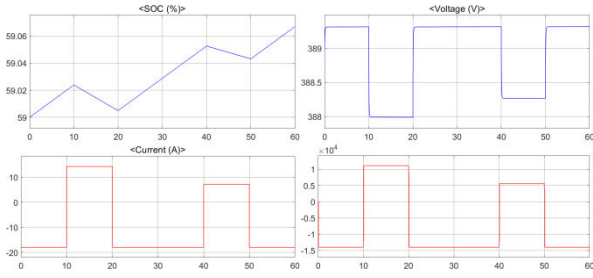


Fig.12.EVBatterywaveforms(V, I, SOC, Power).

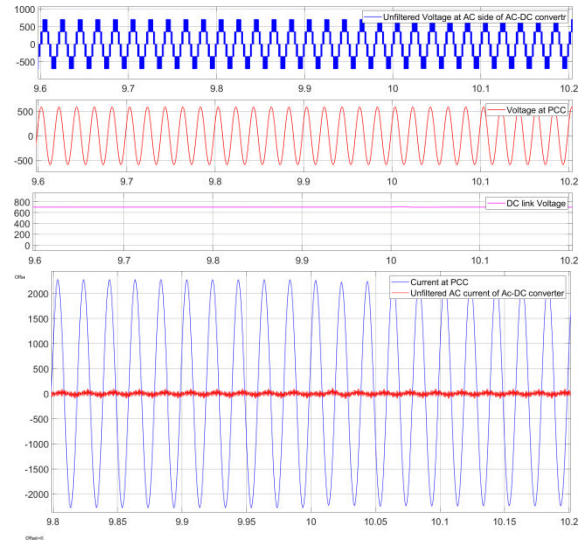


Fig. 14.Voltage waveforms at AC side of DC-DC converter, PCC and DClink.

AC voltage waveforms of the AC-DC converter is in Figure

14.Asmallportionofsimulationtimeisshownthevoltage waveforms of charging/G2V and the discharging/V2G mode of operation in theFig.14.Heretime(9.8-10)secisthechargingmodeand(10-10.2)secis the discharging mode of operation.Similarly, for the G2V and V2Gmodes, the change in current can be observed from Fig .15.It showsthe waveforms at PCC and also the unfiltered AC current of AC-DCconverter.

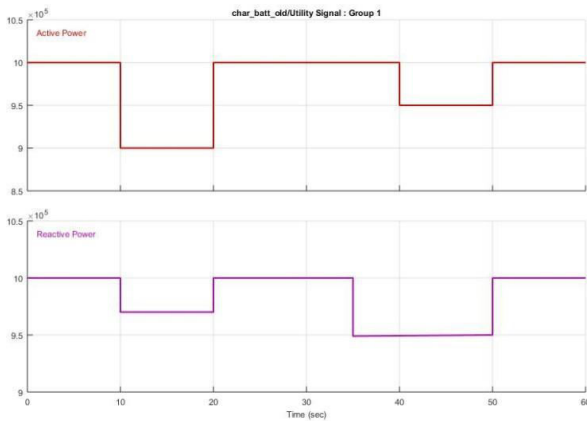


Fig.13.ActiveandReactivepower sharingbetweenEVandgrid(P,Q).

Fig.15.CurrentwaveformsatPCC,AC-DCconverter

IV.CONCLUSION

A PV powered EV charging facility which has the capability forV2G services is proposed in this paper. A AC-DC converter withvector control technique will provide V2G services while an EV isparkedforcharging.Thevalidationoftheproposedsystem isdoneinMATLAB/SIMULINKenvironment.Theillustrati

veresultsshowsthe proper functioning of V2G and G2V mode. The PV integration reduced the dependence on grid for charging. As a future scope, the integration of control constrain in both G2V and V2G mode can offer enhanced stability in electrical distribution networks with high EV penetration.

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