



Energy Management Strategy for Electric Vehicles and Connected Renewable Energy Systems in a Micro Grid Environment of a University Campus

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12.1 Introduction

The future of electric vehicles (EVs) in reducing carbon footprints depends on the introduction of more and more EVs in smaller communities like university campuses. In combination, integrated systems must be developed with a maximum of renewable energy utilization to charge the EVs. In a microgrid environment with EVs and home load demand connected together with multiple renewables, the need for energy management system is vital. In the presence of multiple energy sources, optimally guiding the power flow between the components is a task of energy management (M. Ali et al., 2020). Several goals can be identified within an EMS, such as maximization of energy utilization, guaranteeing user satisfaction, minimization of daily electricity cost, or maximization of battery life. However, most of these objectives are interrelated, each playing a significant role in the performance of EMS.

Electric vehicle- connected integrated systems are considered in literature, using solar and energy storage systems based charging in (Patterson et al., 2015) whereas grid-tied solar-battery storage systems in (Gautham Ram Chandra Mouli et al., 2019; Chaudhari et al., 2018; Patterson et al., 2015) Fuel cells as energy conversion systems are considered in (Gautham Ram Chandra Mouli et al., 2019; Patterson et al., 2015; Robledo et al., 2018) Wind, solar, and battery storages are considered in (Marzband et al., 2013). Considering the existence of various sources/storages and loads in an integrated system, an optimal scheduling of charging services for EVs is essential (Eldeeb et al., 2018). The influence of the global architecture is discussed in (Cao et al., 2019; Ru et al., 2013), where in (Ru et al., 2013), an optimal sizing of the battery storage was considered. In (Eldeeb et al., 2017), sizing of solar battery storage is discussed for a university park with charging stations for EVs. Both the effect of PV size and number of connected EVs are analysed in (Zhong et al., 2018), whereas, technical and empirical aspects are considered in (G.R. Chandra Mouli et al., 2016). The seasonal, diurnal variations of PV power along with dynamic EV charging profiles are considered in (Koochi-Kamali et al., 2014). In (Cao et al., 2019), an optimal battery size for grid-connected PVs is discussed with reference to two objectives.

In (Marzband et al., 2013), an operational architecture for microgrid is considered with central control unit which implements an EMS based on local energy market. Based on day-ahead scheduling, power set points of energy sources are calculated. Furthermore the best purchasing price from the customer's point of view is presented. In (Stluka et al., 2011), different aspects of microgrid EMS are highlighted. Optimization with respect to supply side, demand side, and storage performance, respecting various constraints and maintaining user expectations has to be applied to solve the complex mathematical problem. In (Bhatti et al., 2016),

a multi-objective optimization (MOO) is considered for minimization of electricity cost and maximization of battery life, satisfying certain constraints. A similar set of objectives is considered in (Robledo et al., 2018). The stochastic nature of the types of EVs and their varied arrival times was considered. The pareto front of solutions obtained from the contradicting objectives was subjected to a Utopia operation point that obtains the best results with each objective considered separately. However, further possibilities should include user preferences and user driving patterns to design the EMS from a driver's perspective than grid-perspective. The optimization should also focus on energy efficiency by maximizing the use of renewables. Energy management can be formulated (Mokrani et al., 2014) as an offline causal problem assuming known operational parameters of power sources, storage components, loads, and user demands; or online as non causal optimization problem (Robalino et al., 2009; Shi et al., 2017) which considers the stochastic nature of power generation and load demands. To solve such tasks, Lyapunov optimization is used in (Mokrani et al., 2014), game theory based approach in (Eldeeb et al., 2018), mixed integer linear programming in (Patterson et al., 2015), hybrid optimization for a shifting framework is proposed in (Milis & Peremans, 2015) for a EMS which switches between deterministic and rule-based approaches, stochastic semi-Markov decision process is used in (Robalino et al., 2009), and stochastic dynamic programming is used in (Wu et al., 2016). In (Wu et al., 2016), the randomness in the EV trip times and EV battery energy at plug-in time are modelled using Markov chains. In this contribution, an integrated microgrid environment is considered with renewables: solar PV, wind, battery energy storage connected to the grid via a DC bus. The loads include home load demand and charging of EV batteries, also connected to the DC bus. Four local controllers are considered for solar PV, wind energy system, bus voltage control, and EV charge control. A supervisory controller is also considered for balancing the power supply and demand, and maximizing the use of renewables wherever possible. Finally a charge scheduling is proposed for minimization of the user's electricity costs while maintaining the user satisfaction. Simulation results indicate the improvement in energy cost savings due to optimized charge scheduling of the EVs in an example scenario.

12.2 System Description

The complete system is shown in Fig. 12.1. The system consists of Solar Photo-Voltaic Array (SPVA), wind generator, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), electric vehicle load, and residential load. All the systems are connected to an DC busbar of 22 kV. The Energy management System (EMS) performs the task of

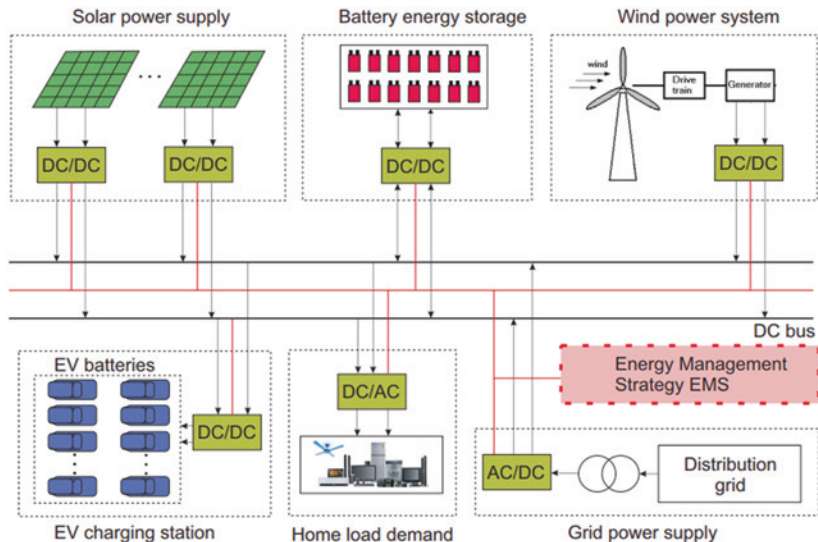


Fig. 12.1 Complete system model of the microgrid

Table 12.1 Component ratings and specifications

Component	Specification
Solar PV array	20 kV, 8 MW
Wind turbine generator	450 V, 4.5 MW
Storage battery	20 kV, 15 MW, 10 KAh
Home load	10 MW, 0.15 power factor, 0.16 MVA
Electric vehicle load	375 V, 10 KW, 106 Ah

energy distribution and helps to increase the system efficiency by reducing the involvement of grid in the system. Further specifications are given in Table 12.1.

12.2.1 Battery

Two types of batteries are used. First, a battery energy storage system (BESS) to store the excess energy of PV generation which can be used later and second the electric vehicle battery. The mathematical modeling for both batteries is based

on IRC model (Zhang et al., 2017) as described in Eq. (12.1). The mathematical equations are obtained by performing Laplace Transform on a IRC model of a cell as,

$$V_T = V_{OCV} - \left(R_0 + \frac{R_1}{R_1 C_1 s + \frac{1}{s}} \right) I, \quad (12.1)$$

where R_0 , R_1 is the internal resistance of the cell and C_1 is the internal capacitance of the cell. Here, V_{OCV} is the open circuit voltage and V_T is terminal voltage. The SOC is computed as,

$$SOC = SOC(t_0) + \frac{1}{C_{rat}} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+\tau} I_{bat} dt. \quad (12.2)$$

12.2.2 Wind Energy Generator

Wind energy generator system consists of wind turbine blades that are connected to DC generator through a shaft that transfers energy to the generator. The equations are given by the mathematical expressions (12.3)–(12.6), to model the generator system. The wind turbine controller trips the wind generator and removes it from grid when speed of the wind exceeds a certain maximum value. The turbine returns to grid when wind has nominal value as,

$$V_t = E_a - I_a R_a, \quad (12.3)$$

$$I_a = I_F + I_L, \quad (12.4)$$

$$I_F = \frac{V_t}{R_{sh}}, \quad (12.5)$$

$$V_t = E_a - \left(\frac{V_t}{R_{sh}} + I_L \right) R_a, \quad (12.6)$$

where, V_t represents the terminal voltage, E_a the armature voltage, I_a the armature current, I_F the field current, R_a the armature resistance and R_{sh} the shunt resistance. The load current is represented by I_L .

12.2.3 Solar PV

The function of a solar photo voltaic array (SPVA) is to convert incident solar energy into electrical energy. The PV solar cell generates electricity when the

diode junction is excited by a solar radiation. The generation of electricity from PV solar cells is dependent on temperature and irradiation. Several PN junction diodes are connected together to form a cell and the interconnection of these cells form an array. PV cell output voltage (V_C) can be represented in Eqs. (12.7)–(12.14) (Alsumiri, 2019)

$$V_C = \frac{AkT_C}{e} \ln \left(\frac{I_{ph} + I_0 - I_C}{I_0} \right) - R_s I_C, \quad (12.7)$$

$$C_{TV} = 1 + B_T(T_A - T_X), \quad (12.8)$$

$$C_{TI} = 1 + \frac{Y_T}{S_C}(T_X - T_A), \quad (12.9)$$

$$C_{SV} = 1 + B_{Tas}(S_X - S_C), \quad (12.10)$$

$$C_{SI} = 1 + \frac{1}{S_C}(S_X - S_C), \quad (12.11)$$

$$\Delta T_C = a_s(S_X - S_C), \quad (12.12)$$

$$V_{CX} = C_{TV}C_{SV}V_C, \quad (12.13)$$

$$I_{phX} = C_{TI}C_{SI}I_{ph}, \quad (12.14)$$

where, the variables are defined in Table 12.2.

12.2.4 DC/AC Converter

A two-step converter and a push–pull flyback converter has been used to regulate the voltage level followed by a full bridge inverter which converts DC into 3 phase AC signal. This is represented by the following equations,

$$O(t) = A * \sin([f * t] + \theta), \quad (12.15)$$

where, $O(t)$ is the output sine wave in terms of time, A is the amplitude, f is the frequency, t is time and θ is the phase. Here the three phases have been differentiated by 120 degrees.

Table 12.2 Solar PV symbols and their definitions

Abbreviation	Detail
k	Boltzmann constant
I_c	Cell output current
S_c	Solar irradiation level
T_a	Ambient temperature
I_{phx}	Photocurrent output
C_{TV}	Temperature voltage coefficient
C_{TI}	Temperature photocurrent co-efficient
C_{SV}	Solar irradiation voltage co-efficient
ΔT_C	Temperature change
V_{CX}	Cell output Voltage
I_0	Reverse saturation current of diode
R_s	Series resistance of cell
T_c	Reference cell operating temperature
I_{ph}	Photocurrent's function of irradiation level and junction temperature

12.2.5 DC/DC Converter

In this work, a boost converter used with solar and wind systems is based on the equations,

$$C \frac{dV_C}{dt} = (1 - u)i_L - \frac{V_C}{R} - i_0, \quad (12.16)$$

$$L \frac{di_L}{dt} = V_{in} - (1 - u)V_C, \quad (12.17)$$

where V_c represents the capacitor voltage, I_L , the inductor current, R the resistance, L the inductance, C the capacitance, I_0 the load current, V_{in} the voltage input. CuK converter, a dual of buck boost DC-DC converter is used with the battery storage system. One of the main assets of using the CuK converter is that it has continuous input and output currents. The main equations are given as,

$$\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} (-R_1/L_1) & 0 & (-1/L_1) & 0 \\ 0 & (-R_2/L_2) & 0 & (-1/L_2) \\ (1/C_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1/C_2) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & (D/L_1) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (-1/L_2) & 0 \\ (-D/C_1) & (D/C_1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} 1/L_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/C_2 \end{bmatrix} u. \quad (12.18)$$

Here, duty cycle is represented as D . The first A matrix represents the linear part and second A matrix represents the non-linear part.

12.3 Optimal Charge Scheduling and Energy Management

As summarized in (Mukherjee & Gupta, 2015), scheduling in a smart grid refers to the relation of timings of charging/discharging the EVs in a connected system. The aggregator is responsible for managing the individual charging actions of the EVs, acting as a link between generating and charging stations. The EVs are connected or rather grouped by aggregators controlling the scheduling, which can be either in a unidirectional (G2V) or bidirectional (V2G-G2V) scenarios. It can either be centrally controlled by the aggregator or decentralized where each EV takes the decision in co-ordination with the aggregator. Mobility-aware control can be achieved when arrival/departure, trip history, are also taken into account. In a mobility-aware, unidirectional, centralized control concept, determining the appropriate charging times of the connected EVs can be formulated as an optimization problem. Within the optimized charge scheduling framework, delivering reliable power to the customers, particularly in the presence of renewable energy sources is another task of the real time control strategy. Thus, in this contribution, an energy management problem focussing on the operational requirements and meeting the supply–demand balance is also considered.

12.3.1 Supervisory and Local Controllers

The main task of the supervisory controller is to check the power demand, power available from renewable energy sources, and calculate the power difference P_{diff} , using,

$$P_{renewable} = P_{solar} + P_{wind}, \quad (12.19)$$

$$P_{diff} = P_{demand} - P_{renewable}. \quad (12.20)$$

If P_{diff} is positive, it directs the usage of battery till the demand exceeds the energy available from the renewables. In that case, it directs the usage of the grid. For P_{diff} equal to zero, no action is taken. For P_{diff} negative, battery is charged from the grid. The modes of the supervisory control strategy is shown in Fig. 12.2.

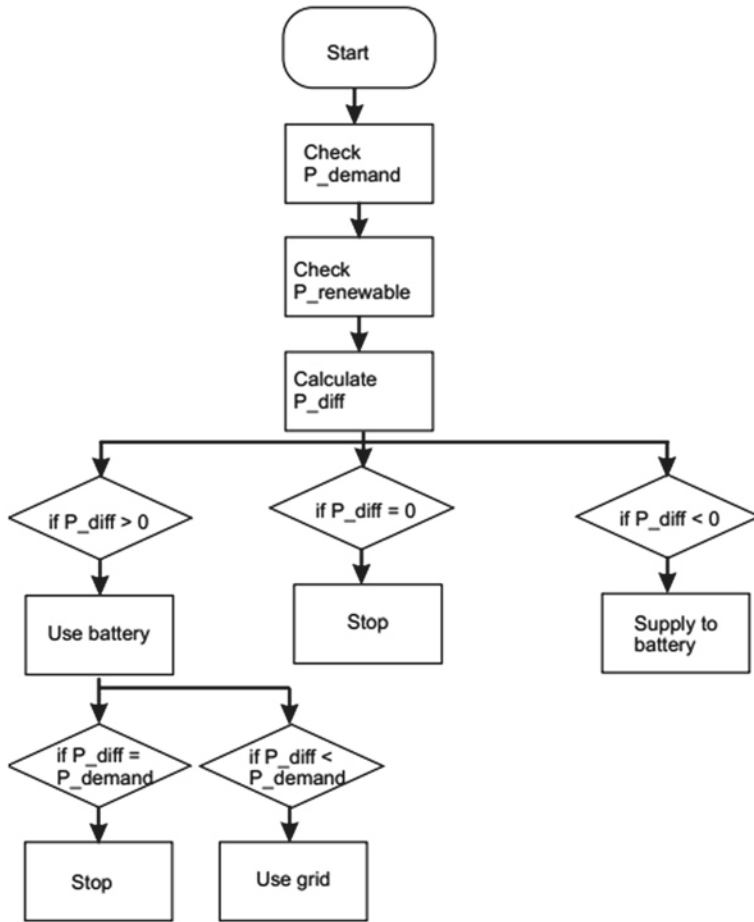


Fig. 12.2 Supervisory control loop

As published in (Bose et al., 2020) the local controllers are responsible for DC bus voltage control, MPPT control of the solar PV, wind generator speed control, and EV charge control. As shown in Fig. 12.3, the MPPT algorithm for wind turbine with tip speed ratio technique, regulates the rotational speed of the generator. An optimal tip speed ratio is maintained at which power extracted is maximum (M. et al., 2013), as

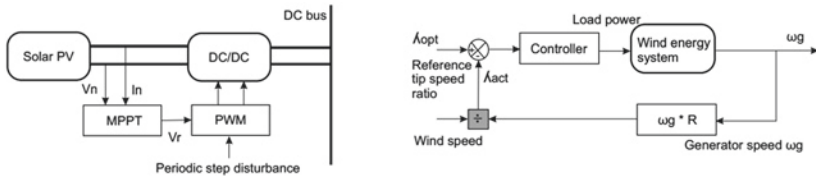


Fig. 12.3 Control strategy used for wind and solar

$$P_{max} = K_{opt} + \omega_{opt}^3, \quad (12.21)$$

where,

$$K_{opt} = 0.5 * \rho A * (r_m / \lambda_{opt})^3 * C_{pmax}, \quad (12.22)$$

$$\omega_{opt} = \lambda_{opt} / r_m * u. \quad (12.23)$$

The MPPT algorithm is also used to allow the solar PV to operate at its maximum power output point. This is explained in Fig. 12.3. As mentioned in (Liu et al., 2019) a disturbance observation method is used where a periodic constant step disturbance is applied to the output voltage of the PV array as ΔV ,

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \frac{d(IV)}{dV} = I + V \frac{dI}{dV}, \quad (12.24)$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V} \begin{cases} > 0 & (\text{current source region}) \\ = 0 & (\text{maximum power point}) \\ > 0 & (\text{voltage source region}) \end{cases}.$$

A DC bus voltage control method is used as shown in Fig. 12.4. The bi-directional DC/DC converter connected to the battery energy storage system is subjected to switching signals, generated by controlling the duty cycle D as,

$$\frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}} = -\frac{D}{1-D}, \quad (12.25)$$

which is varied using a PI controller as,

$$D = \frac{k_1 + k_2 s}{s} (V_{ref} - V_{out}), \quad (12.26)$$

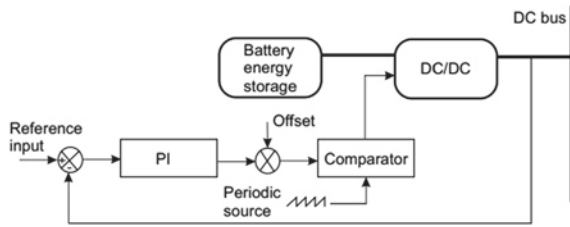


Fig. 12.4 Control strategy for DC bus voltage regulation

here, k_1 and k_2 are constants. A list of variables is given in Table 12.3.

A charge control scheme is applied for controlling the charging of EV batteries as shown in Fig. 12.5. The first loop of control is for overcharge protection and here, the SOC of each EV battery is checked if exceeding 90%. The second stage is for finding whether the SOC is within an optimal boundary. The optimal boundaries can be determined via an offline optimization process. The main idea is to define an objective function based on user electricity consumption and preferences, and schedule the charging of EVs accordingly to achieve the best of both objectives. In other words, the user's electricity costs are minimized by scheduling the charging of EVs during off peak hours while

Table 12.3 Controller symbols and their definitions

Abbreviation	Details
C_p	Turbine power co-efficient
ρ	Air density
A	Turbine sweeping area
u	Wind speed
λ	Tip speed ratio
r_m	Turbine rotor radius
ω	Angular velocity of turbine
V_n, I_n	Bus voltage and current
V_b, I_b	Reference voltage and current
V_r	Periodic disturbance
D	Reverse saturation current of diode
V_{ref}	Reference bus voltage
V_{out}	Output voltage

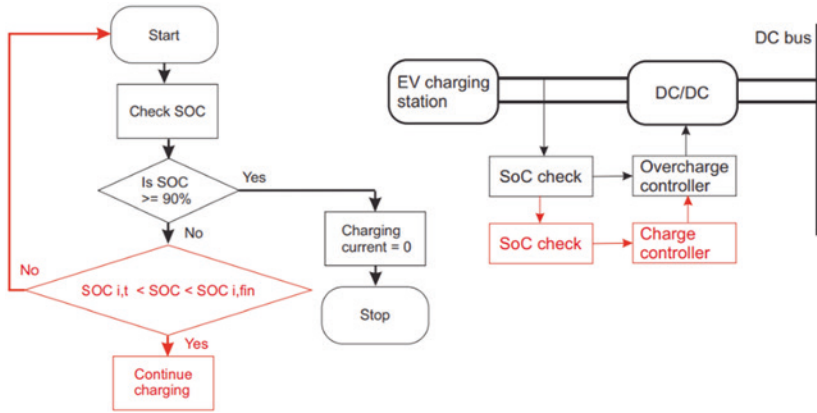


Fig. 12.5 Control logic for overcharge protection and charging control of the EV batteries

considering the arrival times and deadlines specified by each EV user. This is to ensure that charging is optimally distributed but at the same time charging is completed before the deadline.

12.3.2 Optimization

An optimization problem is formulated (Chung et al., 2018) for minimizing the user's charging cost J_1 and maximizing the user's convenience J_2 as given in Eqs. (12.27) and (12.29). The first objective function is given as

$$J_1 = \sum_{t=1}^T C_t \quad (12.27)$$

where, C_t , the cost of EV charging at time t is given as,

$$C_t = \int_{L_1^{base}}^{z_t} g(z) dz = k_0(z_t - L_1^{base}) + \frac{k_1}{2}(z_t^2 - L_1^{base^2}), \quad (12.28)$$

here, L_1^{base} represents the base load and z_t the total load in time slot t . The constants here are k_0 and k_1 .

The second objective function is given as

$$J_2 = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^N u_{i,t} \quad (12.29)$$

Where, EVs are numbered from i to N and $u_{i,t}$ represents the user convenience as,

$$u_{i,t} = \frac{1}{w_{i,t}^* w_{i,t}} \quad (12.30)$$

Here, $w_{i,t}^*$ represents the minimum number of time slots needed to charge i th EV; t represents the starting of time slot. Thus the charging task of i th EV can not be completed before $t + w_{i,t}^*$.

$$w_{i,t}^* = \frac{(SOC_i^{fin} - SOC_{i,t})E_i^{cap}}{P_{i,max}} \quad (12.31)$$

The battery's capacity is represented as E_i^{cap} , SOC of i th EV as SOC_i , and maximum charging rate of EV limited by power $P_{i,max}$. The other parameter, $w_{i,t}$ represents the number of time slots remaining till i th EV is charged before its deadline r_i . It is given as,

$$w_{i,t} = r_i - t \quad (12.32)$$

The total objective function can be represented as.

$$J(x) = \min \{J_1, -J_2\}; \quad \text{where } x = [z_t, SOC_i, SOC_i^{fin}] \quad (12.33)$$

Considering an architecture with a central aggregator (CA) connected to multiple charging stations can be considered as shown in Fig. 12.6. An optimal charge scheduling can be considered to be implemented at the CA. The CA is connected to M charging stations with M EVs. An EV_i can have $SOC_{i,t}$ at time slot t . The target maybe to get charged upto SOC_i^{fin} . Let a_i be the arrival time of the i th EV and r_i be its deadline. An assumption here [8] is that an EV can finish charging before r_i but not after r_i . If $H = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ be the set of EVs connected in M charging stations and $W = \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ be the sliding time window of all time slots spanned; then a case with four EVs is shown in Fig. 12.6. Here, at the current time slot $t=3$, $H = \{2, 3, 4\}$ as during this current time slot onwards, EVs 2, 3, and 4 are charging; $W = \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ as the sliding time window covers all time slots starting from current time window until when the last EVs is charging, the last EV 4 completes charging at time slot 7. The charge scheduling problem is then defined for the entire time horizon T with equal time slots $t = \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$. The optimization is solved using Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm (MOGA).

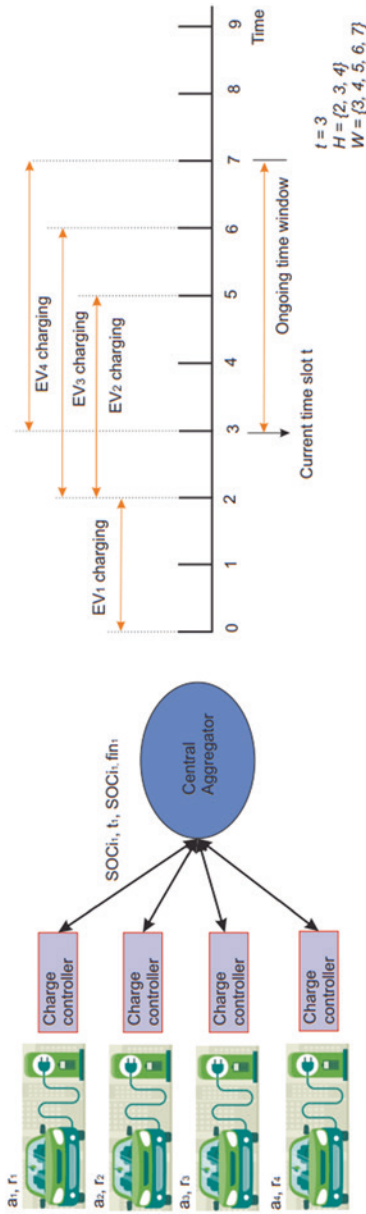


Fig. 12.6 An example of optimal charge scheduling

12.4 Simulation and Results

For the designed prototype with a grid capacity 10 MW and grid electricity prices for India considered to be 16 ₹/kWh, it can be assumed that 100, Hyundai Kona EVs can be charged at charging rate 21 kWh using a DC fast charger. In a worst-case scenario where all EVs are being charged together along with home load demand being 7 MW on an average day is shown in Fig. 12.7. In Fig. 12.7, the forecasted wind and solar powers on an average day is shown and the grid consumption in the worst-case scenario is simulated. The average electricity prices borne by the EVs and home load at different times of the day is shown in Fig. 12.8. As shown in Fig. 12.9, as per the considered energy management strategy, the power demanded will still be fulfilled by the power supplied. Higher demand will also lead to sharp decline in BESS SOC as shown in Fig. 12.10. Next a case scenario is designed for ten EVs which is better than the worst-case scenario with the EVs not being charged at the same time but charging is randomly distributed over a period of time. A total of 10 EVs are considered to be charging at different intervals as shown in Fig. 12.11. The initial SOC_s are assumed to have values given in Table 12.4. The arrival times and deadlines of each EV are also defined. The final SOC_s are different for each EV indicating different charging schedules. In this contribution, only final SOC and charging time slot, are considered as optimization variables, however, initial SOC can also be considered if the driving profiles of individual drivers are realized.

Finally, the optimized case scenario is designed with EVs distributed as given in Table 12.5. The corresponding optimized charging costs are also indicated in Table 12.5. Here, considering the same initial SOC_s, for the same ten EVs, with the same arrivals and deadlines given in Table 12.4; the final values of SOC are optimized. A benefit is achieved in terms of charging cost due to optimal charging distribution. For example, EV7 which arrives at 11:30 and will leave at 20:30 is deliberately given the charging slot 14:30 to 17:30. Normally for a three-hour charging, the user pays 48 Rupees, however EV7 only pays 30 Rupees. This is because at this slot, EV7 is able to get maximum benefit from solar and wind energy (as shown in Fig. 12.8) and is sharing the slot with only one other EV i.e. EV8. A comparison of the optimized load, randomly distributed load, and worst case loads are compared in Fig. 12.12. Under the worst case scenario, all EVs are allowed to charge between 12:00 PM and 14:30 PM; under the randomly distributed scenario (as shown in Fig. 12.11), the load curve is somewhat more distributed but peaking is still there because a substantial number of EVs are charging between 12:00 PM and 15:00 PM; under the optimized scenario, load curve is more distributed and peak is flatter due to distribution in EV charging slots.

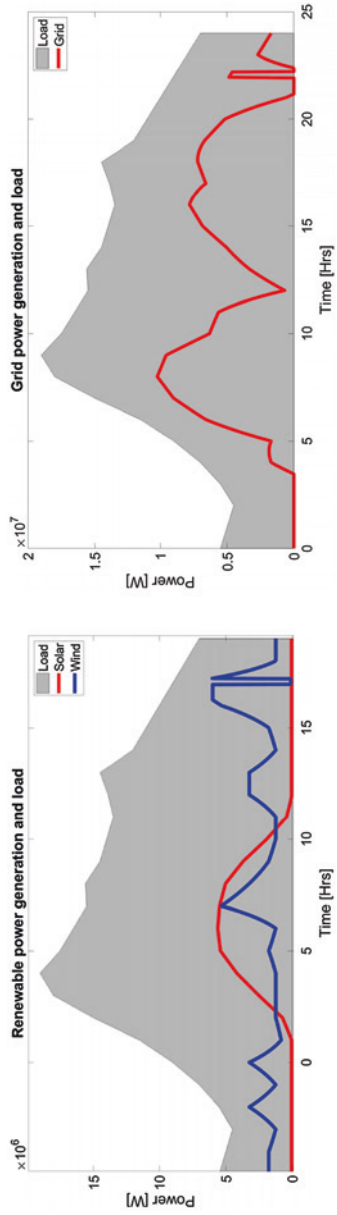


Fig. 12.7 Load demand, power generated from renewable sources and grid

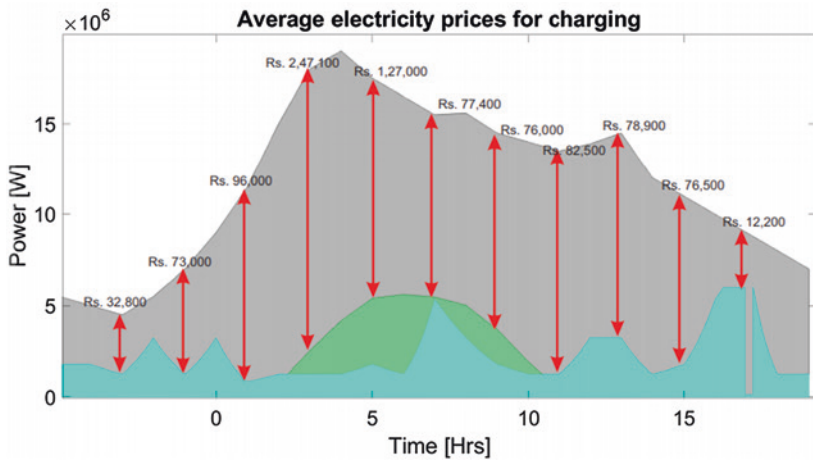


Fig. 12.8 Average approximate electricity charges in Indian rupees

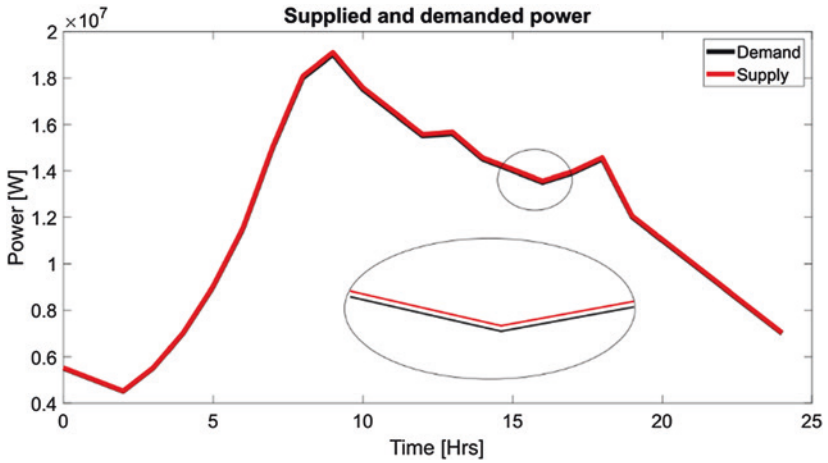


Fig. 12.9 Power supplied and power demanded

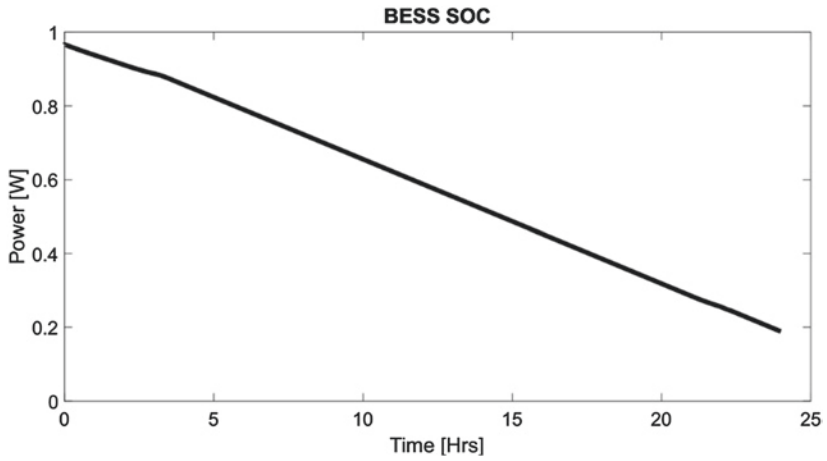


Fig. 12.10 State of charge of battery energy storage system

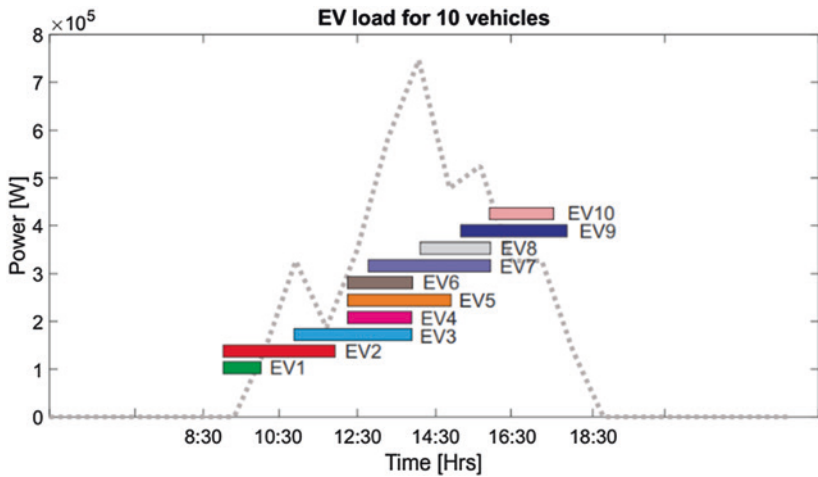


Fig. 12.11 Load demand with randomly distributed EV charging

Table 12.4 Case scenario for 10 EVs with randomly distributed charge scheduling

Number of EV	Charging time slot	Initial SOC	Final SOC	Arrival time	Deadline
EV1	9:30–10:30 AM	50	90	7:30	10:30
EV2	9:00–12:00 PM	10	90	8:30	17:30
EV3	11:00–14:00 PM	20	90	10:30	17:30
EV4	12:00–14:00 PM	50	90	10:30	17:30
EV5	12:00–15:00 PM	30	90	10:30	17:30
EV6	12:00–14:00 PM	40	90	11:30	17:30
EV7	13:00–16:00 PM	20	90	11:30	20:30
EV8	14:00–16:00 PM	40	90	11:30	20:30
EV9	15:00–18:00 PM	10	90	14:30	20:30
EV10	16:00–19:00 PM	30	90	14:30	20:30

Table 12.5 Case scenario for 10 EVs with optimally distributed charge scheduling

Number of EV	Charging time slot	Initial SOC	Final SOC	Charging cost (in Rupees)
EV1	7:30–8:30	50	80	10
EV2	8:30–10:30	10	60	26
EV3	10:30–11:30	20	50	14
EV4	11:30–13:30	50	90	28
EV5	12:30–14:30	30	80	23
EV6	11:30–13:30	40	90	20
EV7	14:30–17:30	20	90	30
EV8	15:30–17:30	40	90	52
EV9	17:30–20:30	10	90	40
EV10	17:30–19:30	30	90	29

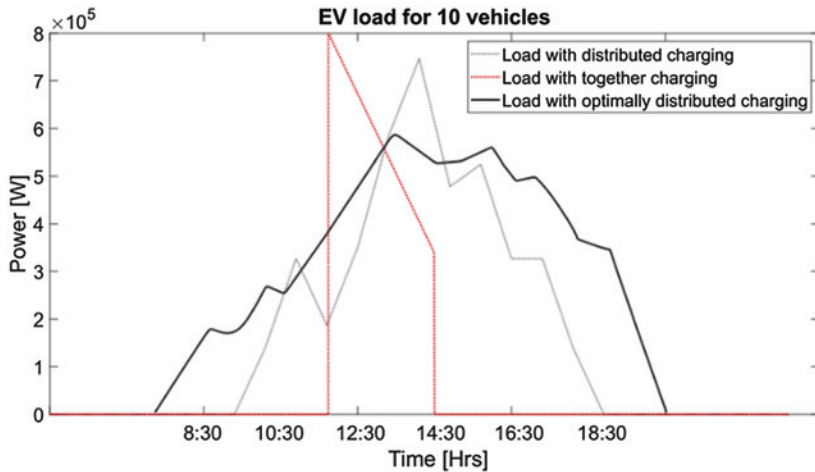


Fig. 12.12 Load demand with randomly distributed, worst case, and optimally distributed EV charging

12.5 Conclusion

In this contribution an optimized charge scheduling of electric vehicles (EVs) is considered as a part of the Energy Management Strategy (EMS) in an integrated renewable-based micro-grid. Here, a solar-wind-battery storage combination is used for renewable energy generation and storage. A conventional grid is also used to compensate for the extra demand hours. One supervisory controller and four local controllers are designed for the task of energy management and control. The main idea is to develop a charge control scheme which checks the initial and final SOC of each EV and can distribute the charging accordingly. The goal is to develop an optimized charge distribution that define when and how much charging is to be done for each EV. For a certain example scenario where 100 EVs are visiting a university campus or IT park regularly, a central aggregator can be considered managing the charging of 10 EVs at a time. In such a case, three scenarios are developed: a worst case where all EVs are charging together, a random case with distributed charging and a best case with optimally distributed charging. The optimization of charge scheduling with multi-objective genetic algorithm shows that, the two objectives: minimization of electricity cost and maximization of user convenience can be achieved, and the peak load can

be flatted giving the EVs a better benefit in terms of energy cost. In future work, individual driving patterns will be included, optimization of initial SOC and final SOC in more diverse charging scenarios will be in focus.

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