

Electric Vehicles at Scale (EVs@Scale)
Laboratory Consortium Deep-Dive Technical
Meetings: High Power Charging (HPC)
Summary Report

Opening Remarks

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Approach - Consortium Structure



Leadership Council

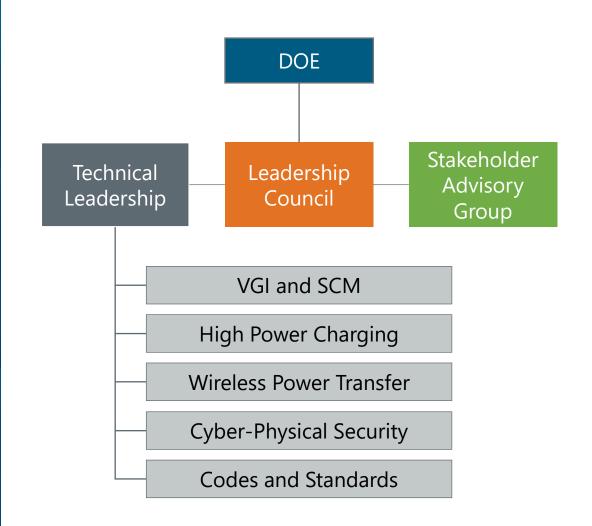
Andrew Meintz (NREL, chair), Tim Pennington (INL, rotating co-chair), Dan Dobrzynski (ANL), Burak Ozpineci (ORNL), Summer Ferreira (SNL), Rick Pratt (PNNL)

Stakeholder Advisory Group

 Utilities, EVSE & Vehicle OEMs, CNOs, SDOs, Gov't, Infrastructure

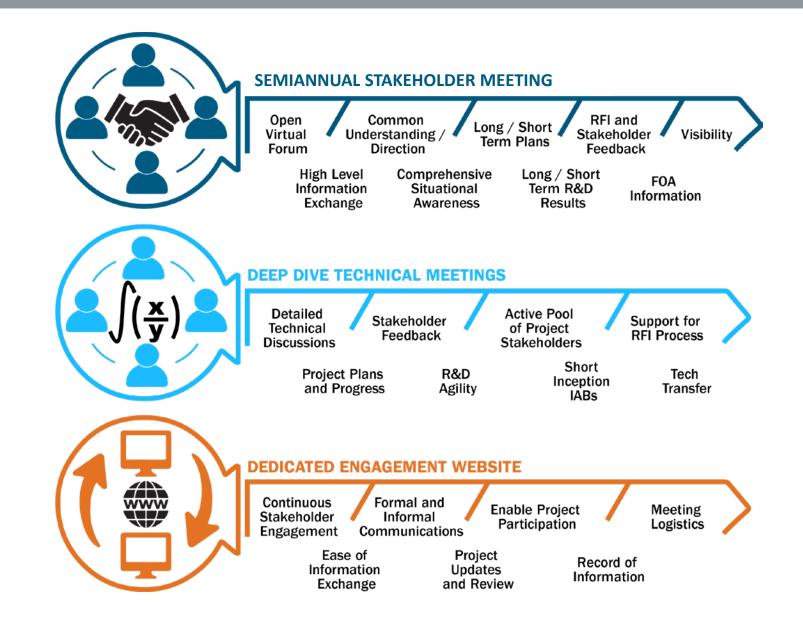
Consortium Pillars and Technical Leadership

- Vehicle Grid Integration and Smart Charge Management (VGI/SCM): Jesse Bennett (NREL), Jason Harper (ANL)
- High Power Charging (HPC): John Kisacikoglu (NREL)
- Wireless Power Transfer (WPT): Veda Galigekere (ORNL)
- Cyber-Physical Security (CPS): Richard "Barney" Carlson (INL), Craig Rodine (SNL)
- Codes and Standards (CS): Ted Bohn (ANL)



EVs@Scale Lab Consortium Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach





Collaboration and Coordination



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Direct interaction for each pillar projects

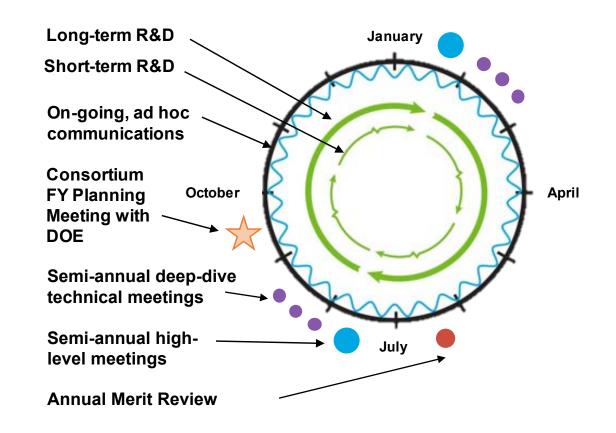
- Utilities, EVSE & Vehicle OEMs, CNOs, SDOs, Gov't, Infrastructure
- Webinars / Project discussions

Semi-annual high-level meetings

Rotation among labs with discussion on all pillars

Semi-annual deep-dive technical meetings

VGI/SCM, HPC & WPT, and CPS with C&S incorporated into all meetings



Two semi-annual high-level meetings were held in August 2022 and April 2023 with attendance reaching 100 stakeholders with several attending the follow-on deep dive discussions

Deep-Dive Technical Meetings



High-Power Charging and Wireless Power Transfer (Week 1)

May 02 | Agenda

- State-of-the-Art HPC Ecosystem Discussions on High Power Charging (HPC) Profiles for New Generation EVs and State-of-the-Art HPC Equipment Performance Characterization.
- Design and Implementation Approach for DC Charging Hub Discussions on Overview of DC Charging Hub Approach and Development of Experimental Test Platform; DC-DC Converter (UPER) Development: 1000V and 1500V Class Chargers.
- **Modeling and Control of DC Charging Hub** Discussions on Integrating Spec II Module with UPER and Site Energy Management System (SEMS); SEMS: Modeling, Control Algorithm Development, and Evaluation.

May 03 | Agenda

• **High Power and Dynamic Wireless Charging R&D** – Review of DWPT system development, validation, characterization, power electronics and control system design, advanced control techniques, and use case analysis

Deep-Dive Technical Meetings



Smart Charge Management and Vehicle Grid Integration (Week 2)

May 18 | Agenda

• Smart Charge Management and FUSE Project Modeling & Analysis – Discussions on grid, vehicle charge modeling and analysis for EVS@Scale as well as RD&D efforts for smart charge management.

Codes & Standards (Week 3)

May 22 | Agenda

Codes & Standards Pillar – To be announced

Deep-Dive Technical Meetings



Cyber-Physical Security (Week 3)

May 24 | Agenda

- **Development of HPC Mitigation Solutions and the Cyber Workforce** Reports from INL on threat detection, response, and recovery mitigations for control systems in high-power charging stations, and on their support for the Cyber Auto Challenge.
- **Zero Trust** A report from PNNL on their work to map Zero Trust principles, architecture, and controls across the EV charging infrastructure.
- Future Presentations Previews from ANL on their Autumn, 2023 Deep-Dive presentations on EVSE UpstAnD (Upstream Analysis and Design), and from ORNL on eVision (Resilient High Power Charging Facility).

May 25 | Agenda

- More Cyber Workforce Development An update from Sandia on CyberStrike Training for Network Defenders.
- Exploring EV charging PKI A report from the combined NREL+Sandia team describing their work on large-scale simulation of the emerging EV charging Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), and cyber-range experiments designed to test PKI operational and cyber vulnerabilities.
- **Special event** We've got an exciting panel discussion in the works, please watch this space!

Importance of the Deep Dives



These deep-dives are open to industry experts to help us better shape the R&D efforts for EVs@Scale.

We need your input to identify:

- Partners for our R&D efforts to help with insight, data, and other resources.
- Progress in our activities to ensure timely research is available to key stakeholders
- Priorities for R&D that accelerates the transition to EVs at Scale.









EVs@Scale High-Power Charging (HPC) Pillar Deep-Dive Meeting

May 2, 2023



Agenda



Time (EST)	Session	Presentation
Session 1: 11:20AM-12:00PM State-of-the-Art HPC Ecosystem [40min]		 High Power Charging Profiles (HPC) for New Generation EVs (15 min), Sam Thurston (ANL) QandA (5min) State-of-the-Art HPC Equipment Performance Characterization (15 min), Barney Carlson (INL) QandA (5min)
5-min Break		
12:05PM-12:55PM	Session 2: Design and Implementation Approach of DC Charging Hub [50min]	 Overview of DC Charging Hub Approach and Development of Experimental Test Platform (20 min), Alastair Thurlbeck and John Kisacikoglu (NREL) QandA (5min) DC-DC Converter (UPER) Development: 1000V and 1500V Class Chargers (20 min), Prasad Kandula (ORNL) QandA (5min)
5-min Break		
12:55PM-1:45PM	Session 3: Modeling and Control of DC Charging Hub [50min]	 Integrating Spec II Module with UPER and Site Energy Management System (SEMS) (20 min), Akram Ali (ANL) QandA (5min) SEMS: Modeling, Control Algorithm Development, and Evaluation (20 min), Emin Ucer (NREL) QandA (5min)
1:45PM-2:55PM	Cross-cutting Discussions and Feedback Gathering: Next Steps and R&D Needs [70min]	Break-out Sessions (45 min): (i) State-of-the-Art HPC Ecosystem; (ii) Design and Implementation Approach of DC Charging Hub; (iii) Modeling and Control of DC Charging Hub. Summarizing breakout sessions: Session moderators (15 min) Closing Remarks: Lee Slezak (10min)

High-Power Electric Vehicle Charging Hub Integration Platform (eCHIP)



Objective: Develop plug-and-play solution allowing charging site to organically grow with additional chargers and distributed energy resources through predefined compatibility with standards that will ensure interoperability and reduce upfront engineering expense

Outcomes:

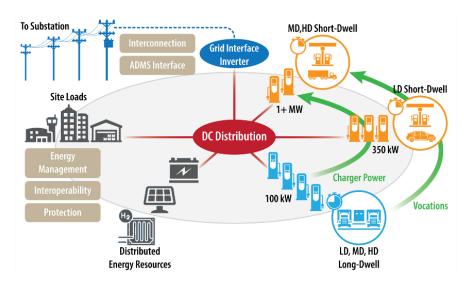
- Develop and demonstrate solutions for efficient, low-cost, and high-power-density DC/DC for kW- and MW-scale charging
- Broadly identify limitations and gaps in DC distribution and protection systems that allow for modular HPC systems
- Determine interoperable hardware, communication, and control architectures for high-power charging facilities that support seamless grid integration and resilient operation
- John Kisacikoglu (PI)
- Shafquat Khan
- Rasel Mahmud
- Alastair Thurlbeck
- Emin Ucer
- Ed Watt
- · Mingzhi Zhang

- Jason Harper
- Akram Ali
- Bryan Nystrom
- Prasad Kandula
- Steven Campbell
- Madhu Chinthavali
- Jonathan Harter
- Brian Rowden
- Michael Starke
- · Rafal Wojda









Next-Generation Charging Profiles (NextGen Profiles)



Objective: Assess the likely portfolio of EV and EVSE that are expected to utilize High Power Charing. (>200kW)

- **EV Profile Capture** Charging system characterization of EV and EVSE combination
- **EVSE Performance Characterization** Independent EVSE assessment
- Fleet Utilization Long-term electrified fleet charge behavior tracking and analysis

Outcomes:

- Industry reviewed testing processes and methodologies
- Private and public datasets
- Charge performance analysis on the most recent state of technology

- Dan Dobrzynski (PI)
- Sam Thurston
- Landon Wells



- Keith Davidson
- Ed Watt
- Andrew Meintz
- Shafquat Khan
- Barney Carlson
- Benny Varghese



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"Next-Gen Charge Profiles" Project

Deep Dive: EV Profile Capture

Sam Thurston May 2, 2023



Overview: EV Profile Capture



EV Assets:

- Production EVs, either ~400VDC or ~800VDC HV battery topology
- OEM rated in the range of 150-350kW peak charge rates

EVSE Assets:

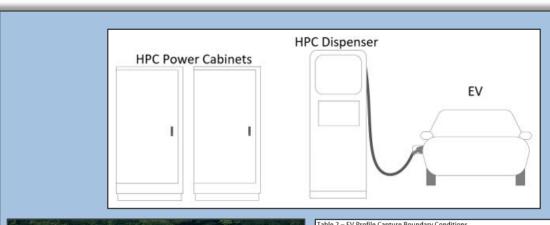
- Production DCFCs, capable up to 1000VDC/500A Max
- Typically, a dual power cabinet/single dispenser topology
- Preferably allows for OCPP curtailment
- Possible port types are CCS, Tesla, Pantograph, WPT

Nominal test conditions

- 10-100% EV state of charge
- Nominal (23°C/75°F) ambient temperature
- EV pre-driven for 30-40min
- DCFC full power available

Off-nominal test conditions

- 25-100%, 50-100% EV state of charge
- Hot (40°C/100°F), Cold (-7°C/20°F) ambient temperature
- EV temperature soaked for 4-hours, or pre-driven 30-40min
- Single Power Cabinet (EVSE Limited)
- OCPP Curtailed (65A for 2min)





ble 2 – EV Profile Capture Boundary Conditions					
EV Profile Capture - Boundary Conditions					
Condition Category	Condition Sub-Category	Condition Metric Tolerance			
		10%	+/- 2% (Reported Useable*)		
	Starting State of Charge	25%	+/- 2% (Reported Useable*)		
Vehicle Condition		50%	+/- 2% (Reported Useable*)		
venicle Condition		Ambient (23C)	+/- 2C		
	Battery Temp	Cooled - Pre-conditioned	Steady State**		
		Heated - Pre-driven	Steady State**		
		Aligned (< 5% coil length offset)	+/- 2%		
	X-Direction	10% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
	X-Direction	25% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
		40% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
WPT Alignment		Aligned (< 5% coil length offset)	+/- 2%		
	Y-Direction	10% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
	Y-Direction	25% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
		40% coil length offset	+/- 2%		
	Z-Direction	Unloaded	+/- 50mm from nominal airg		
		Nominal - 23C	+/- 2C		
Temperature	Ambient Temp	Hot - 40C	+/- 2C		
		Cold - (-)7C	+/- 2C		
	Smart Charge Request	FALSE			
	Smart Charge Request	TxProfile			
	Smart Charge Request	No Limit			
Charge Management	Duration	2 minutes	+/- 1 minute		
Charge management	Smart Charge Request	No Request			
	Scheduling	2 Minutes after charge session start	+/- 1 minute		
	Current Request	No limit			
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Reported Useable* - State of Charge(SOC) value is based on the reported available SOC to the user; not the absolute SOC of the battery pack. Sheady State** - Battery pack is pre-conditioned (heated or cooled) to a steady temperature; required durations and temperatures vary by EV (make/mode): PMC EVSS should be soaked at a minimum duration of 4 hours.

Signifies nominal test condition

EV Profile Measurement Points

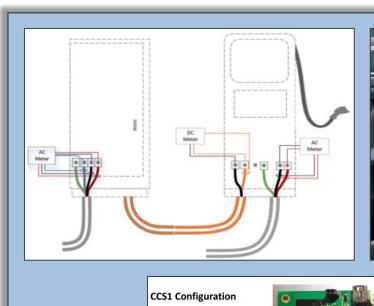


• EVSE DAQ:

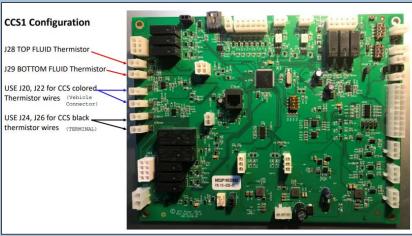
- AC grid input:
 - 3-phase current, voltage, and frequency
 - Real power, reactive power, power factor
 - Current THD, Harmonics (3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th)
- DC output from power cabinets:
 - DC current, voltage, power, energy charged
- Auxiliary loads:
 - Ancillary loads power (120VAC)
- Component temperatures:
 - Liquid-cooled CCS cable & connector temperature at positive and negative
 - · Power cabinet internal air temperature

EV DAQ:

- OBD-II Vehicle CAN data:
 - Display SOC, Actual SOC, Estimated range (based on SOC)
 - Battery avg/min/max temperature
 - Battery DC current, voltage, power







DAQ Hardware



• EVSE DAQ:

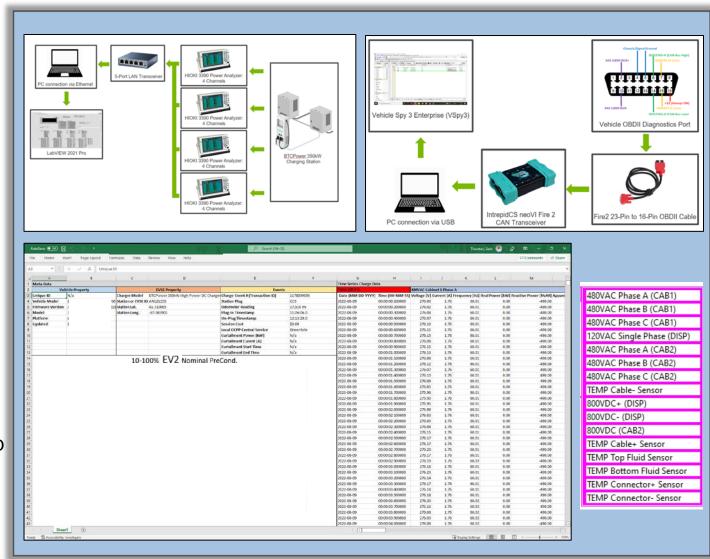
- (x4) HIOKI PW3390-01 Power Analyzers
- (x8) CT6845-05 AC/DC Current Probes, 500A, DC to 100kHz
- Software: LabVIEW 2021

• EV DAQ:

- (x1) IntrepidCS neoVI Fire 2 CAN Transceiver
- (x1) Autel MaxiSYS Ultra Vehicle Scan Tool
- Software: Vehicle Spy 3 Enterprise (VSpy3)

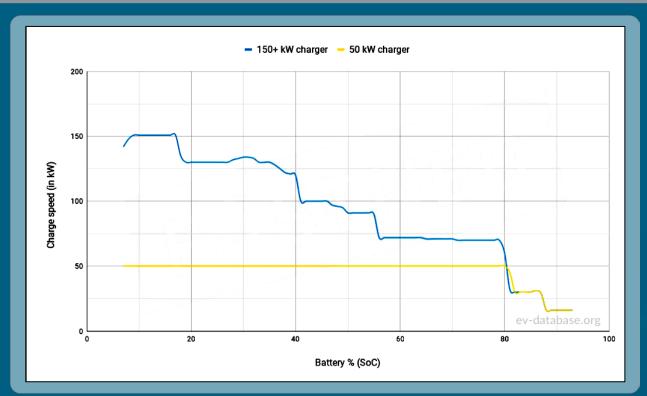
Data processing:

- Both EV & EVSE data is recorded at 10Hz and exported to separate .csv documents.
- These documents are time-sync'd and formatted into one time-series document with session meta data.
- Formatted time-series are anonymized and shared with OEM project collaborators.
- Software: Python 3.9.3



Research Significance





HPC profiles are diverse – and vary across vehicle classes and OEM

- Variances include peak power draw, ramp-up/down rates, and shape.
- Profiles are engineered to balance charge performance, safety and battery longevity.
- Charging performance varies with external factors Battery SOC, temperature, etc.

Open Questions

What are the system limitations and efficiencies of HPC?

What are the HPC demand profiles that the grid will encounter?

How do boundary conditions affect the charging limits, efficiencies, and demand profiles?

Findings: Single EV Charge Profiles

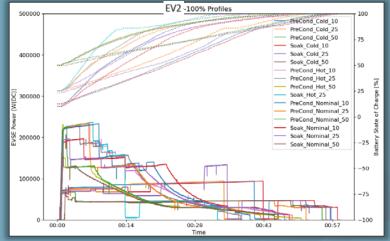


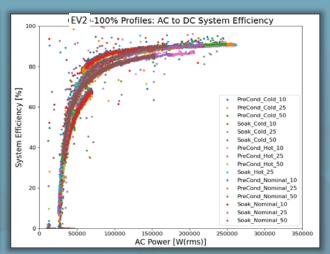
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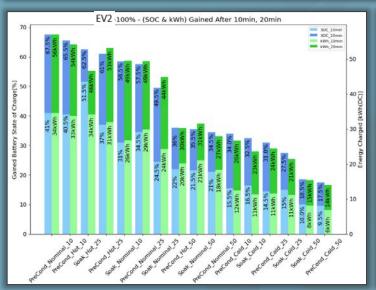
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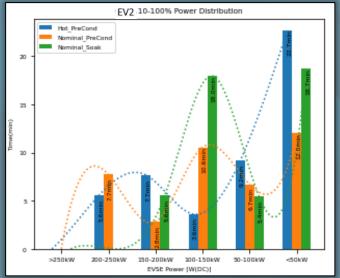
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- OEM rated "peak performance" is difficult to achieve when starting at higher SOCs, and under hot and cold starting temperatures.
- Even with a Nominal Soak condition, peak power is not always achieved
- Data allows us to analyze EV charging performance, AC grid impacts, system efficiency, etc.
- Analyzing data from a consumer standpoint with 10min & 20min data

EV Profile Set Analysis









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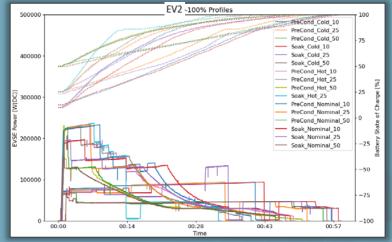


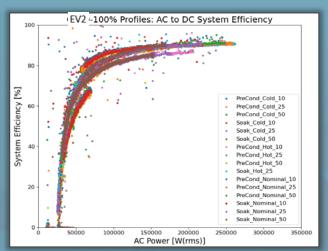
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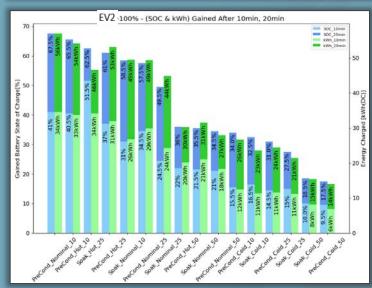
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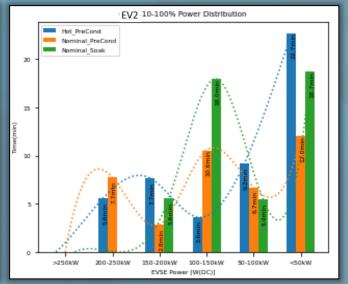
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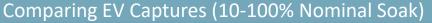
Findings: Different Battery Topologies & DCFCs

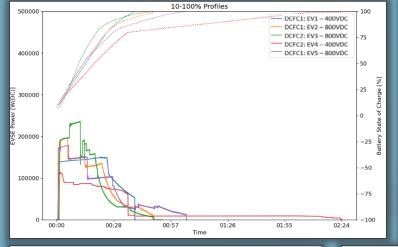


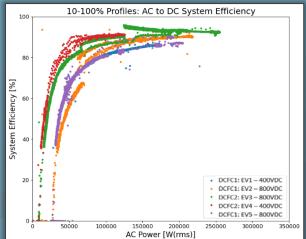
 Goal: To understand how different EV topologies & DCFC charge performance compete with one another in similar conditions

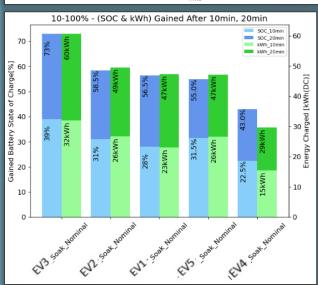
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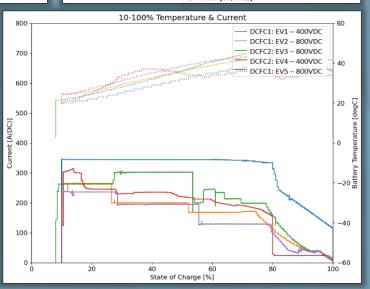
- To match the power output for a 800VDC system, 400VDC topologies pull double the current
 - Exploring thermal issues
 - Potential DCFC power limitation (500A max for our dual cabinet setup)
- SOC gained is not entirely reflective of performance, kWh shows the relative battery pack size being charged
- System efficiencies of 400VDC & 800VDC vary on different DCFC manufacturers
 - ABB DCFC: Red, Green
 - BTC DCFC: Blue, Orange, purple











Findings: EV Ramp Rates & EVSE Limited Testing



 Goal: Examine how fast different EVs ramp to full power

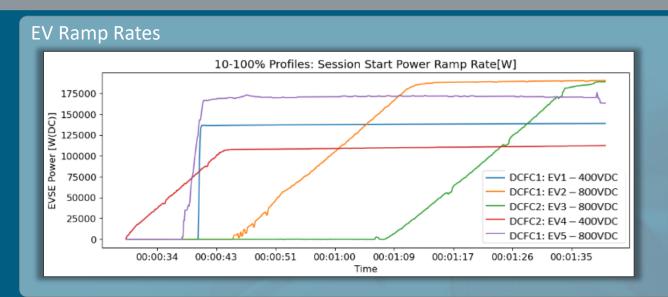
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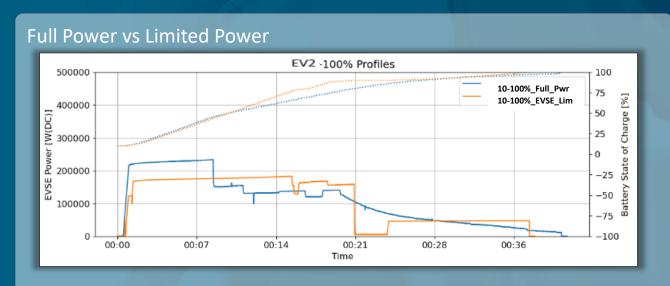
- Ramp rates of EV's vary, dependant on the implemented control strategy on the EV BMS
- The EV controls how much power the DCFC delivers though "Current Request" messages sent over PLC



• Findings:

- In some cases, limiting DCFC available current can result in a much different, more consistent charge curve.
- Less DC power means less thermal strain on the EV battery, which can sometimes result in earlier 10-100% charge times.





Conclusions & Next Steps



Review

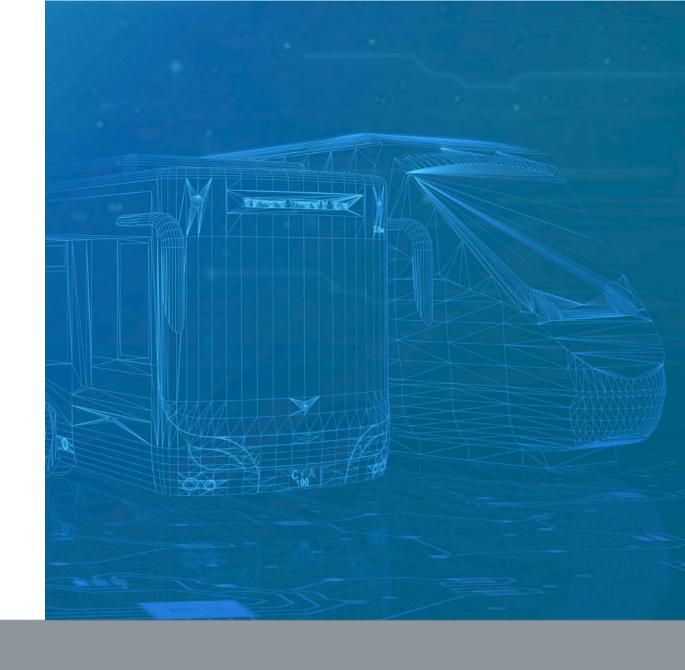
- Electric Vehicle Profile Capture is ongoing, currently 16 EV assets in our study with more to come
- Results
 - Nominal Conditions required to meet OEM charge power ratings (in some cases)
 - High degree of variance when testing off-nominal conditions
 - Unique charge strategy approaches between different EVs
 - EVSE limited testing proved useful results
 - Industry is challenged with finding a meaningful way of quantifying EV/DCFC charge performance

Next steps

- Continued profile capture and data analysis
- Continue to quantify our findings in a way that will help educate/inspire industry.

Thank You!





Open Feedback: EV Profile Capture



• Q1: Are our methodologies towards capturing charge performance comprehensive enough? (e.g., sampling rate, measurement points, test variations, etc.)

• Q2: What are specific areas of performance that we can highlight in our analysis that may prove useful for consumers/industry?



"Next-Gen Charge Profiles" Project

Deep Dive: EVSE Characterization

Barney Carlson
May 2, 2023



Overview: EVSE Characterization



EV emulator (load bank) used instead of a vehicle

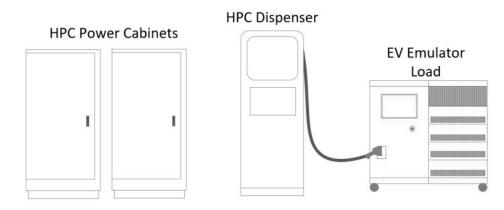
- Enables repeatable, wide range of voltage test conditions and current loading
- No need to discharge ESS between tests

Nominal test conditions

- Steady State characterization: Five voltage ranges, 50A to 500A
- High Utilization testing: three repeated full power charge session
- Stand-by power consumption

Off-nominal test conditions

- Off-nominal grid input conditions
 - Voltage deviation, Frequency deviation, Harmonics Injection
- Hot or cold ambient test conditions
- Smart energy management transient response
 - · Power curtailment, current curtailment





EVSE Characterization Measurements



AC grid input

- 3-phase current, voltage, and frequency
- Real power, reactive power, power factor
- Current THD
- Harmonics (3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, and 13th)

DC output from power cabinets

DC current and voltage

DC output at the CCS vehicle inlet port

DC current and voltage

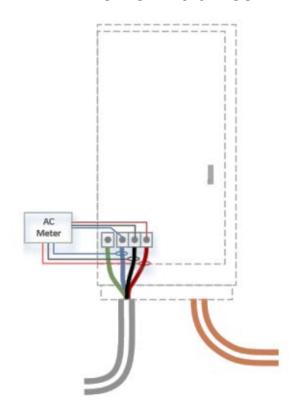
Auxiliary loads

- Thermal management systems power
- Ancillary loads power (i.e. 12V, 24V, 120V, 240V, etc.)

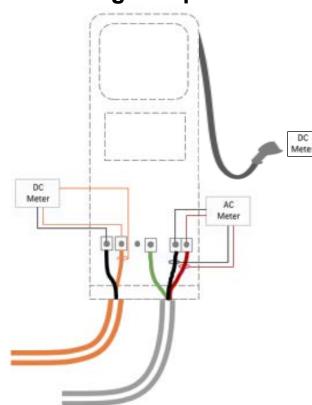
Component temperatures

- Liquid-cooled CCS connector temperature
- Liquid-cooled CCS cable temperature
- Power cabinet internal air temperature

Power Cabinet



Charge Dispenser



Test Conditions and Procedures Overview



Nominal Test Conditions

Voltage: 300V, 400V, 650V, 750V, 850V

Current: 50 to 500A

Temperature: 23°C

Grid supply: 480VAC, 60Hz, no harmonics

WPT coils aligned

Off-Nominal Test Conditions

- Temperature: -7°C, 40°C

Grid supply:

538VAC to 432VAC

• 58.8Hz to 61.2Hz

5% voltage distortion

OCPP curtailment requests:

2-minute curtailment duration

TxProfile, TxDefaultProfile, and ChargePointMaxProfile

65A, and 54kW

-Signifies required tests during nominal test conditions -Signifies required tests during off-nominal test conditions -Signifies <u>optional</u> tests during <u>nominal</u> test conditions

EVSE Characterization - Boundary Conditions				
Condition Category	Condition Sub-Category	Condition Metric	Tolerance	
		Aligned (< 5% coil length offset)		
	X-Direction	10% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
	X-Direction	25% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
		40% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
WPT Alignment		Aligned (< 5% coil length offset)		
	Y-Direction	10% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
	1-Direction	25% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
		40% coil length offset	+/- 2%	
	Z-Direction	Unloaded	+/- 50mm from nominal airgap	
		Nominal - 23C	+/- 2C *	
Temperature	Ambient Temp	Hot - 40C	+/- 2C *	
		Cold - (-)7C	+/- 2C *	
		Nominal - 480VAC	+/- 25VAC	
	Voltage	Swelled - 528VAC (110% nominal)	+/- 25VAC	
		Sagged - 432VAC (90% nominal)	+/- 25VAC	
Grid Condition	Harmonics	No Harmonics		
Grid Condition	Harmonics	5% Voltage distortion	+/- 1%	
		Nominal - 60Hz	+/2Hz	
	Frequency	Increased - 61.2Hz	+/2Hz	
		Decreased - 58.8Hz	+/2Hz	
		FALSE		
	Smart Charge Request	TxProfile		
	Smart Charge Request	TxDefaultProfile		
		ChargePointMaxProfile		
	Smart Charge Request	No Limit		
Charge Management	Duration	2 Minutes	+/- 1 minute	
	Smart Charge Request	No Request		
	Scheduling	1 minute into charge session		
	Current or Power	No Limit		
	Request	65A (total AC input current)		
	Request	54kW (AC or DC as implemented by manuf.)		

HPC EVSE should be soaked at a minimum duration of 4 hours.

EVSE Power Transfer Characterization – Test Conditions					
Test Condition Category	DC Current Test Conditions	DC Voltage Test Conditions	Toleran		
			ce		
Unplugged	0A				
Plugged in, prior to charge session	0A				
initialization (no power transfer)					
Steady State power transfer	50A to 500A in 10A increments	300V, 400V, 650V, 750V, 850V	+/-2%		
	(up to max power)				
Steady State power transfer	50A to 500A in 10A increments	350V, 700V, 800V, max V	+/-2%		
	(up to max power)				
Steady State power transfer	150A, 500A (or full power if	400V, 850V	+/-2%		
	500A is not possible)				
Plugged in, immediately following the end	0A				
of charge session (no power transfer)					

Steady State EVSE Characterization Procedure Overview and Results

<u>Objective</u>: Characterize EVSE performance and operation across a wide range of voltage and current test conditions

Test procedure

- Power transfer at each test conditions for 180sec. to achieve steady state
- Once steady state is achieved: collected measurements at 10Hz for 30sec, duration

Five voltage ranged

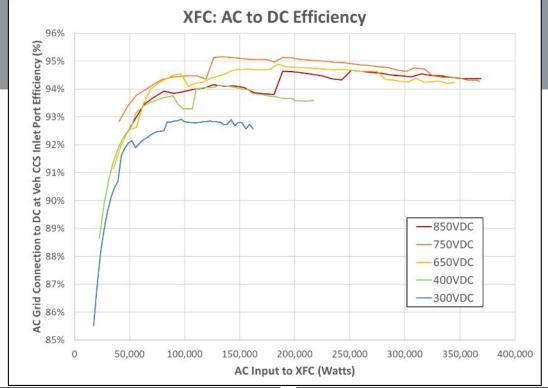
- 300, 400, 650, 750, 850VDC

Forty-six currents

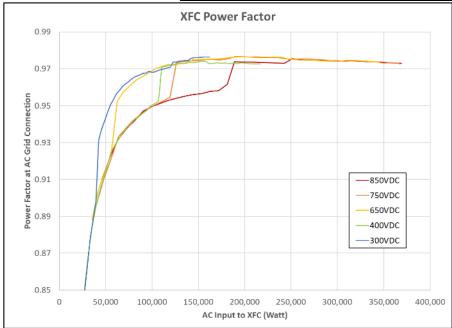
- 50A to 500A
- 10A increments

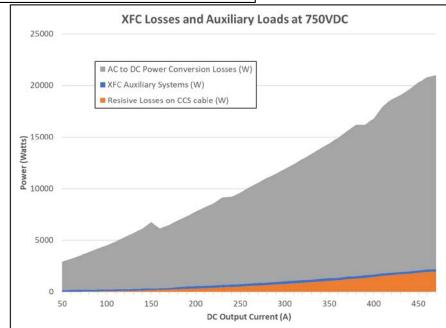
Results include:

- AC to DC Efficiency
- Power quality (PF, iTHD)
- AC current imbalance
- Cable losses
- Aux. loads
- Stand-by power draw









High Utilization Test Procedure Overview



Objective: determine EVSE performance for consecutive 10min. full power charge sessions

Test Sequence

- Soak EVSE at nominal temperature for ≥ 4 hrs. in stand-by condition prior to test sequence
- Conduct 10 min. charge session at 350kW at 750V DC (350kW)
- Stop charge session 4 min. (+/- 1 min.)
 - Unplug CCS cable from vehicle & hang CCS cable in charge pedestal cable holder
- Repeat sequence three times for a total of:
 - Three 10 min. charge sessions
 - Two 4 min. rest period between charge sessions

EVSE Thermal Control Testing Sequence and Test Conditions							
Step	Duration	Test Condition Category	DC Current	DC Voltage	Tolera		
#			Test Conditions	Test Conditions	nce		
1	< 2min.	Plug in and start charge session	0A				
2	10 min.	Steady State power transfer (350kW*)	466A*	750V	+/-2%		
3	< 5 min.	Stop Charge Session	0A				
4	10 min.	n. Steady State power transfer (350kW*) 466A* 750V +/-2%					
5	5 < 5 min. Stop Charge Session 0A						
6	6 10 min. Steady State power transfer (350kW*) 466A* 750V +/-2%						
7	7 5 min. Stop Charge Session OA						
*Operate at highest current possible, at the test voltage specified, up to EVSE full power capability							

-Signifies required tests

High Utilization Test Results - Consecutive 350kW Charge Sessions



Each charge session:

- 500A requested during each 10-min. charge session
 - 465A delivered due to EVSE 350kW power limitation
- Load bank controlled to 750VDC
- Test operator ends each charge session after 10 min. duration

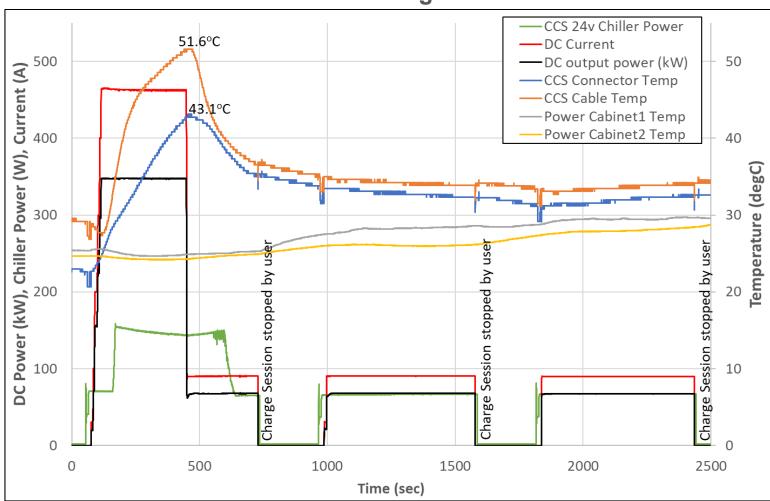
Rest between charge sessions

- 4-minute duration (+/- 1 min.)
- CCS cable unplugged from EV inlet port and returned to charge pedestal

Result:

 Cable thermal limit exceeded after ~6min. of full power transfer (350kW) resulting in current limitation to 90A DC until reboot

Consecutive 10-minute 350kW charge sessions on a 350kW XFC



Smart Energy Management Characterization Test Procedure Overview



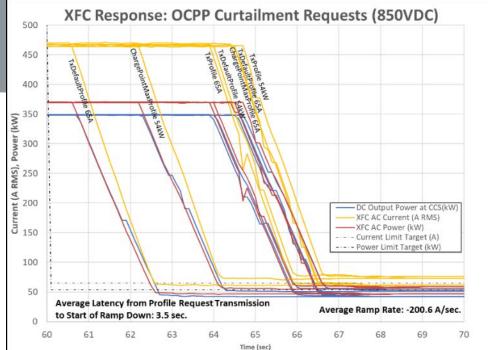
Objective: Characterize EVSE performance, latency, and ramp rates during energy management curtailments

- Four Power Transfer Test Conditions
 - 850V, 150A
 - 850V, 500A (or max. power)
 - 400V, 150A
 - 400V, 500A
- Test Sequence:
 - Operate the EVSE at each of the four power transfer test conditions
 - Initiate the Smart Energy Management Curtailment Request
 - TxProfile, TxDefaultProfile, and ChargePointMaxProfile
 - 65A, and 54kW
 - Continue each curtailment for 120 sec. duration
 - Initiate the command ClearChargingProfile to end the curtailment

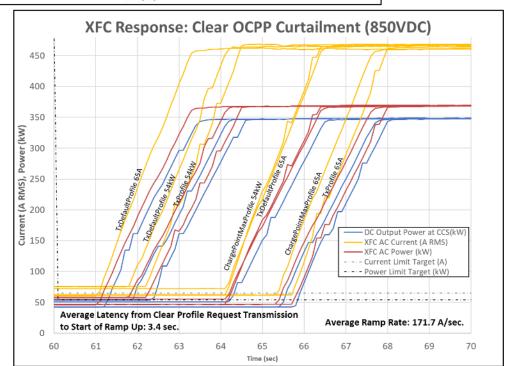
Profile Type	Current or Power Value	
TxProfile	65A	
TxProfile	54kW	
TxDefaultProfile	65A	
TxDefaultProfile	54kW	
ChargePointMaxProfile	65A	
ChargePointMaxProfile	54kW	

Smart Energy Management Characterization Results

- Testing conducted using SteVe OCPP 1.6J
- Response latency varies considerably
 - Range: 1 to 11 seconds
 - Average latency is ~3 seconds
- Steady State power transfer during active curtailment request:
 - For AC current limited profiles:
 - AC current < AC current limit
 - For DC power limited profiles:
 - DC power < DC output power limit
 - For AC power limited profiles:
 - AC power is slightly greater the AC input power limit
- Curtailment ramp rate depends upon power transfer initial & final values
 - Between -27A/sec. to -200A/sec.
 - Between 23A/sec. to 172A/sec.







Off-Nominal Grid Input Test Procedure Overview



<u>Objective</u>: Characterize EVSE performance during voltage deviation, frequency deviation, and voltage harmonics grid conditions

- Four power transfer test conditions
 - 850V, 150A
 - 850V, 500A (or max. power)
 - 400V, 150A
 - 400V, 150A
- Test Sequence: Voltage deviation
 - 3 sec. at each input voltage condition ranging from 90% to 110% of nominal
- Test Sequence: Frequency deviation
 - 3 sec. at each input frequency condition ranging from 58.8Hz to 61.2Hz
- Test Sequence: Harmonics injection
 - After achieving the power transfer test condition, inject 5% THD voltage distortion for 60sec. duration

EVSE Voltage Variation Test

Step	Voltage	Duration	Step	Voltage	Duration(sec)
1	100%	20	12	102%	3
2	98%	3	13	104%	3
3	96%	3	14	106%	3
4	94%	3	15	108%	3
5	92%	3	16	110%	60
6	90%	60	17	108%	3
7	92%	3	18	106%	3
8	94%	3	19	104%	3
9	96%	3	20	102%	3
10	98%	3	21	100%	20
11	100%	20			

EVSE Frequency Variation Steps

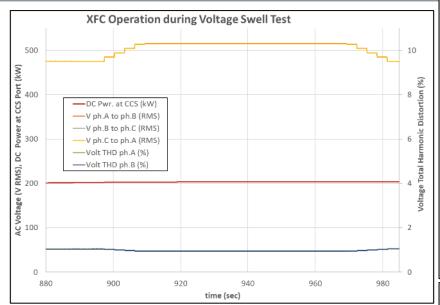
Step	% Of Nominal	Frequency (Hz)	Duration (sec)
1	100	60.0	20
2	99	59.4	3
3	98	58.8	3
4	99	59.4	3
5	100	60.0	3
6	101	60.6	3
7	102	61.2	3
8	101	60.6	3
9	100	60.0	20

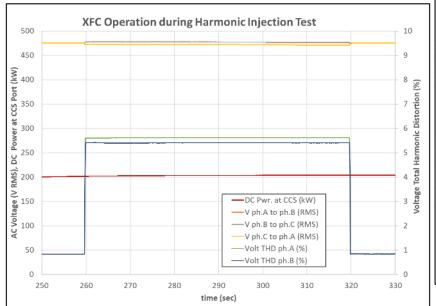
Off-nominal Grid Input Test Results

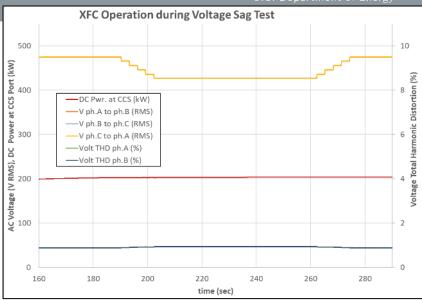


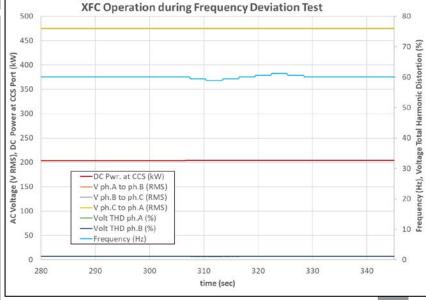
- 400VDC and 850VDC
- 150A and 500A (or 350kW)
- Voltage deviation
 - Sag to 426VAC
 - Swell to 518VAC
- Frequency deviation
 - Up to 61.2 Hz
 - Down to 58.8 Hz
- Harmonics injection
 - 5% THD

Result: DC power transfer continues uninterrupted and unperturbed during all off-nominal grid test conditions





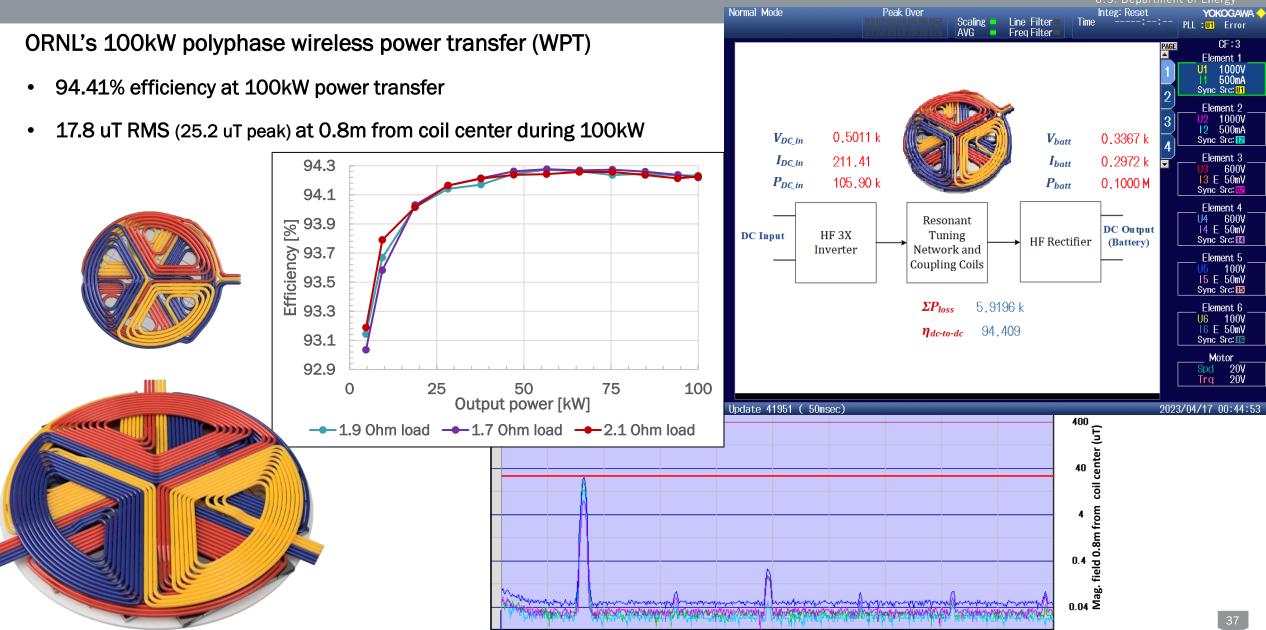




Characterization: Polyphase Wireless Charging



0.5 MHz



F Center: 0.25 MHz

0 MHz

Conclusion and Next Steps



Review

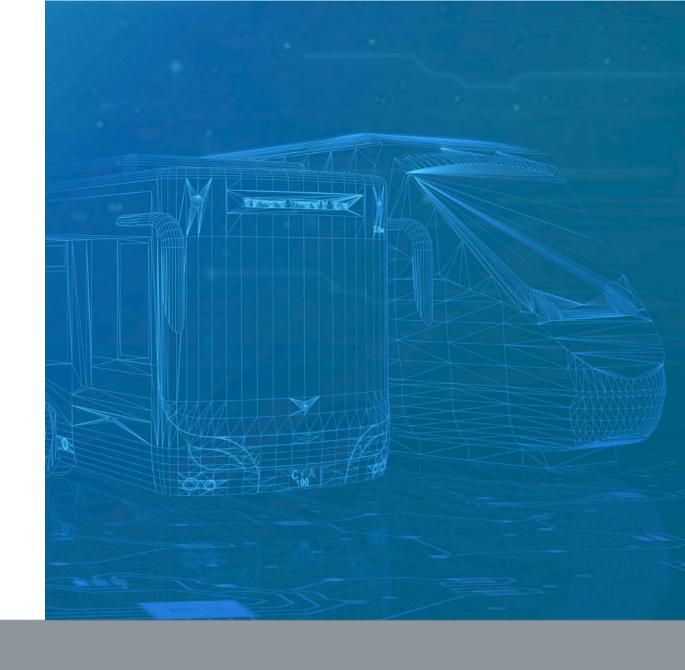
- High Power Charger Characterization is completed for one 350kW EVSE
- Nominal conditions results
 - AC to DC efficiency is between 92.0% to 95.2% when power transfer is ≥50kW
 - Liquid-cooled cable thermal management is a limiting factor for long duration, high-power charge sessions
- Off-nominal conditions results
 - No disruption in power transfer during off-nominal grid input (V, f, Harm.)
 - Smart Energy Management curtailment requests have wide range of latency (1 to 11 seconds)
- Characterization testing of two additional 350kW EVSE are in progress and planned

Next steps

- Continued test execution and data gathering
- Develop impactful analysis that can guide performance standards and inform industry.

Thank You!





Open-Feedback: Cyber-Physical Security Pillar



Ranking question (or multiple choice is an acceptable back-up option)

- What classes EV charging infrastructure is characterization data most needed?
 - A. High-power 350kW DC
 - B. High-power 150kW DC
 - C. Mega-watt charging (~1.5 MW)
 - D. Bi-directional DC charging
 - E. Bi-directional AC charging

Characterization: WAVE 250kW WPT

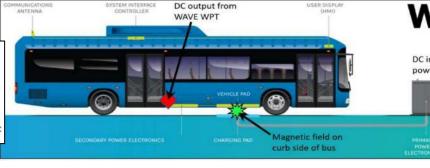
Test Results: Wireless Charging

Coil Alignment
DC Output Power (battery limited)
Full System AC to DC efficiency
DC Input to DC Output efficiency
EM-field RMS (curb-side at bus edge)
AC Power Factor
AC Current Total Harmonic Distortion

Fully Aligned 0,0 mm 199.7 kW 90.89% 93.13% 24.0 uT 0.933 6.31%

Max. Misalignment

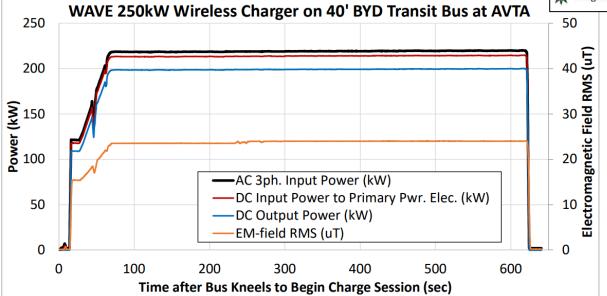
120,0 mm 192.8 kW 90.55% 92.70% 25.9 uT 0.989 6.60%

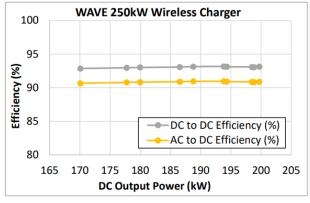


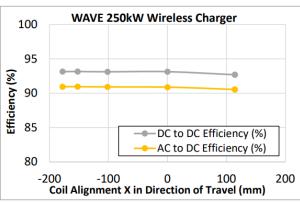
3ph. AC current & voltage measurement

DC current & voltage measurement

Magnetic field measurement







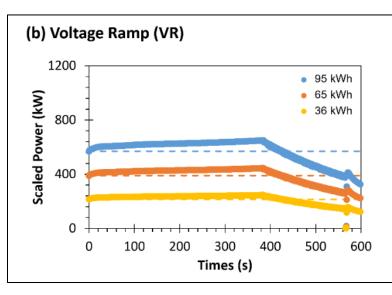
XCEL Charge Profiles Scaled for 350kW XFC Limits

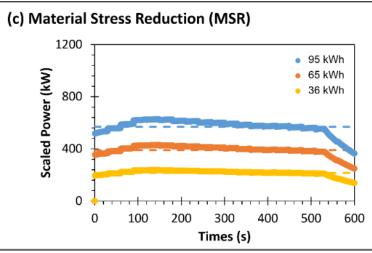


Scope: Charge 0% to 100% SOC in 10 minutes

- Two charge profiles developed (Kim et al, Energy Technology, 2022, 2200303)
 - Voltage Ramp (VR) profile
 - Material Stress Reduction (MSR) cell charge profiles
- Profiles scaled up from single cell test for ESS charging on 350kW XFC
 - 192 series cells
 - 50 kWh ESS capacity

- Two charge replacements of each profile tested on 350kW XFC
 - 100% (0% to 100%) within 10 minutes
 - 90% (10% to 100% SOC)





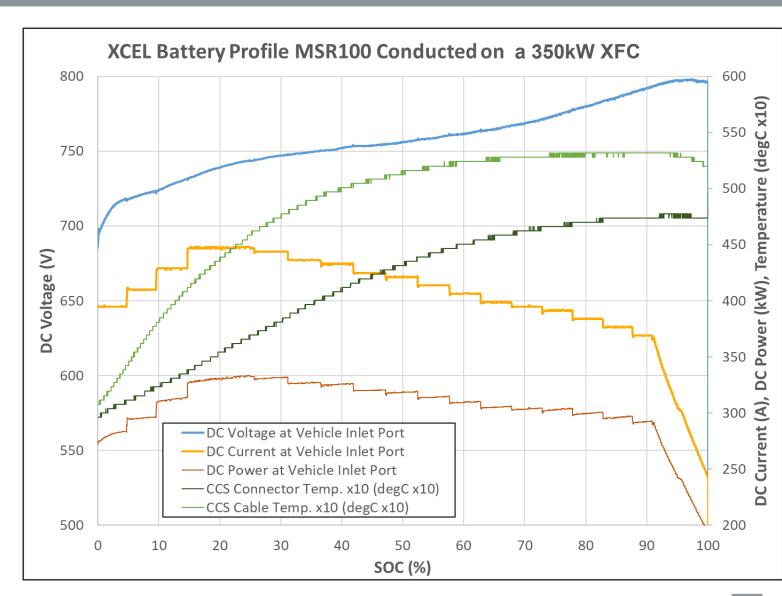
XCEL MSR Charge Profile: 0% to 100%



- Material Stress Reduction
- 600 seconds duration
- 50.5 kWh DC delivered at vehicle CCS inlet port
- 53°C max. CCS cable temperature measured during charge session
 - Initial temperature: 30°C

Note:

For long-range EVs (~100kWh)
 higher power charging (700+ kW)
 will be needed to complete the
 charge session in 10 minutes



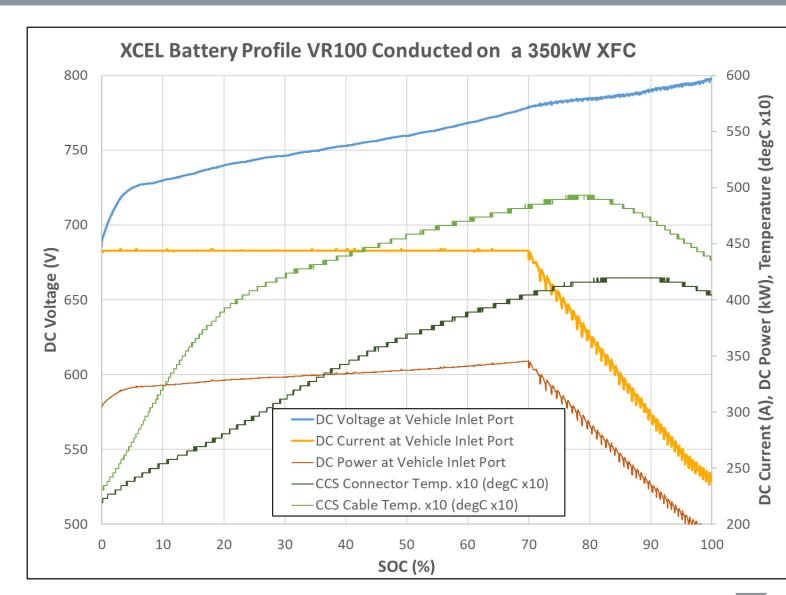
XCEL VR Charge Profile: 0% to 100%

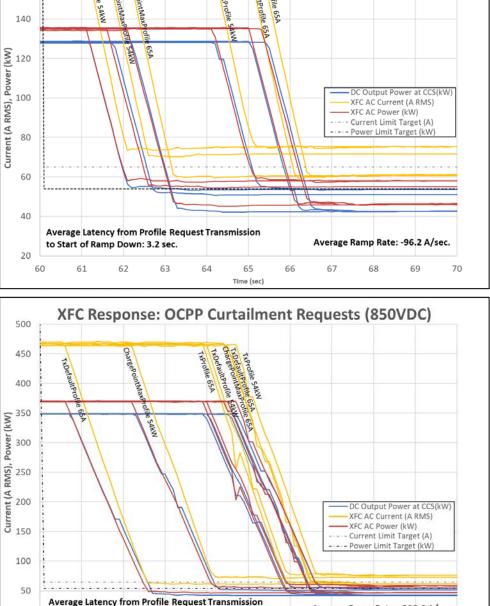


- Voltage Ramp
- 600 seconds duration
- 50.7 kWh DC delivered at vehicle CCS inlet port
- 50°C max. CCS cable temperature measured during charge session
 - Initial temperature: 23°C

Note:

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 higher power charging (700+ kW)
 will be needed to complete the
 charge session in 10 minutes





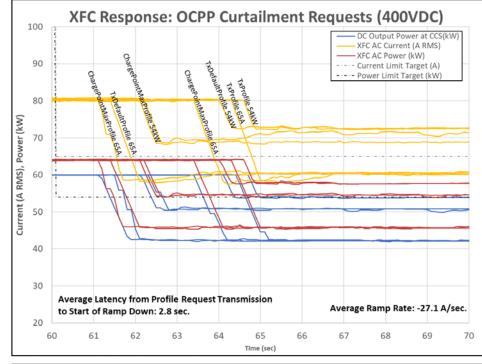
to Start of Ramp Down: 3.5 sec.

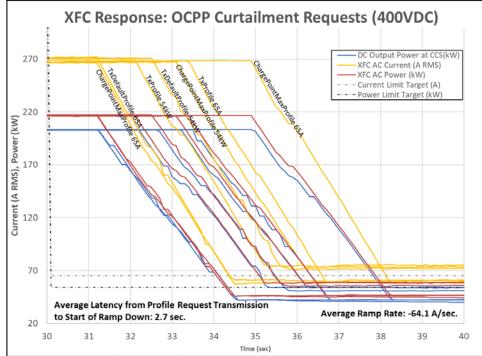
Average Ramp Rate: -200.6 A/sec

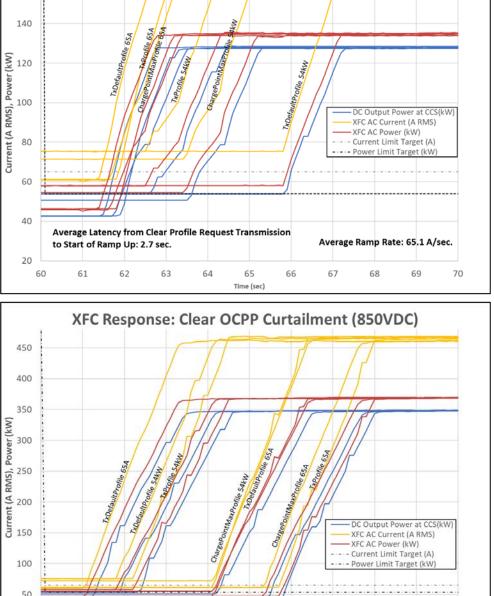
XFC Response: OCPP Curtailment Requests (850VDC)

OCPP Curtailment Request: Ramp Rate and Latency

- Latency from command to start of current ramp down varies from 0.6 to 5.3 sec.
- Ramp rate depends upon total change in current or power
 - Range from:-200A/sec to-27A/sec







Average Ramp Rate: 171.7 A/sec

Average Latency from Clear Profile Request Transmission

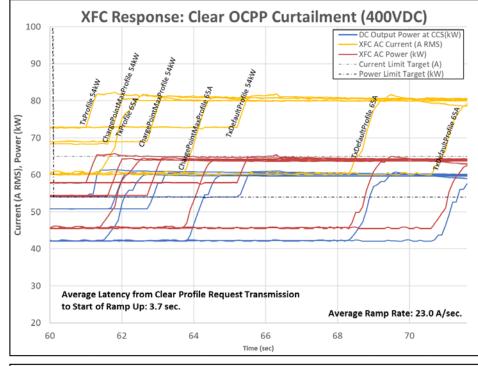
to Start of Ramp Up: 3.4 sec.

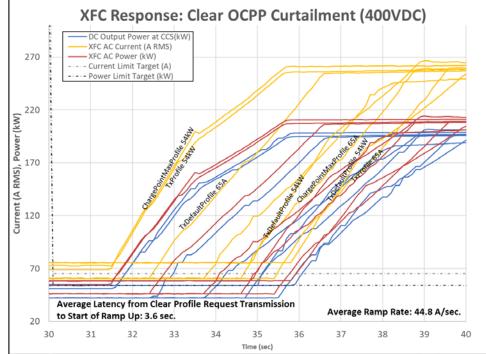
XFC Response: Clear OCPP Curtailment (850VDC)

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OCPP Clear Curtailment Request: Ramp Rate and Latency

- Latency from command to start of current ramp down varies from 1.0 to 10.7 sec.
- Ramp rate depends upon total change in current or power
 - Range from 172A/sec to 23A/sec

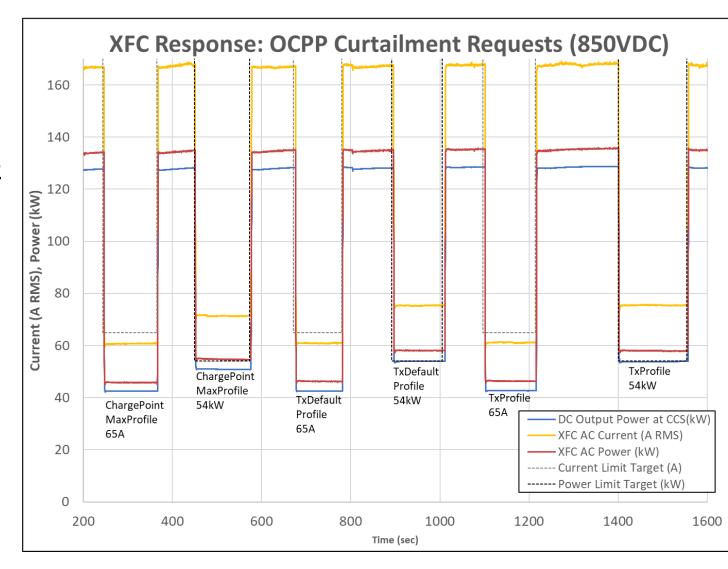




OCPP Response: 150A at 850V

- Curtailment profiles based on current:
 - XFC operates well below the AC current limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile

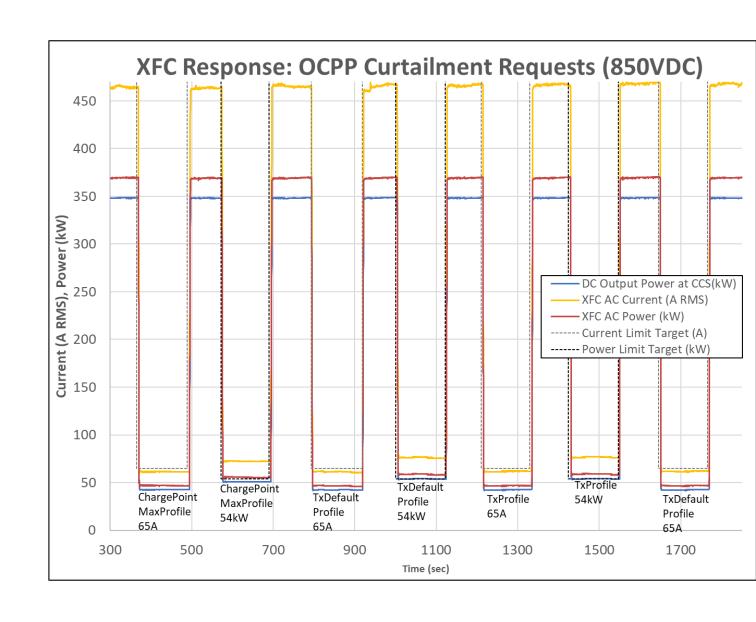
- Curtailment profiles based on power:
 - XFC operates slightly <u>above</u> the **AC** output power limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - XFC operates very close to the DC output power limit request
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile



OCPP Response: 350kW at 850V

- Curtailment profiles based on current:
 - XFC operates slightly below the AC current limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile

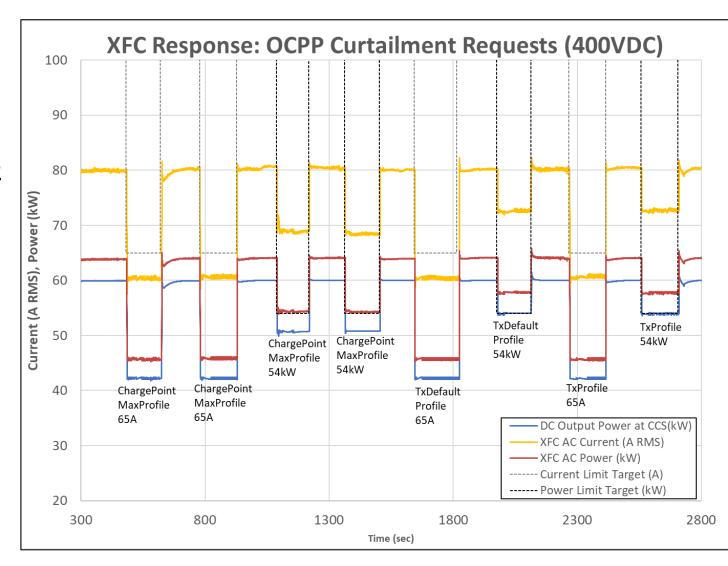
- Curtailment profiles based on power:
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 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - XFC operates very close to the DC output power limit request
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile



OCPP Response: 150A at 400V

- Curtailment profiles based on current:
 - XFC operates well below the AC current limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile

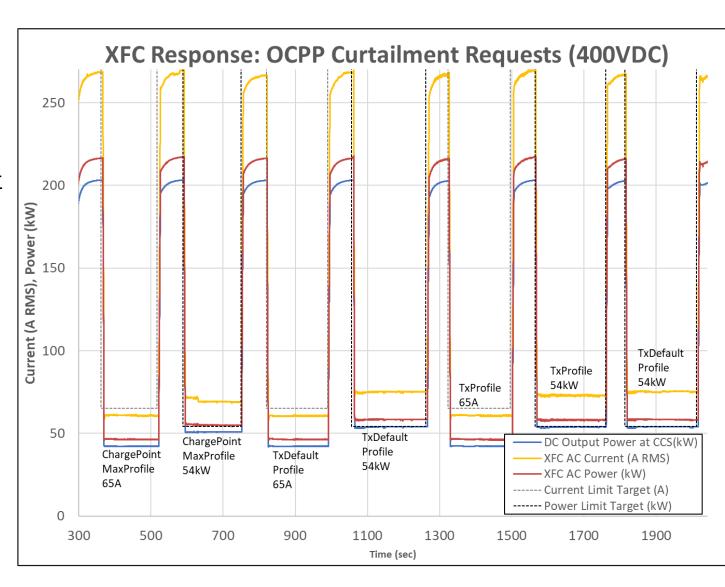
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 - XFC operates slightly <u>above</u> the **AC** output power limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - XFC operates very close to the DC output power limit request
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile



OCPP Response: 500A at 400V

- Curtailment profiles based on current:
 - XFC operates below the AC current limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - TxDefaultProfile
 - TxProfile

- Curtailment profiles based on power:
 - XFC operates slightly <u>above</u> the **AC** output power limit request
 - ChargePointMaxProfile
 - XFC operates very close to the DC output power limit request
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Overview of DC Charging Hub Approach and Development of Experimental Test Platform

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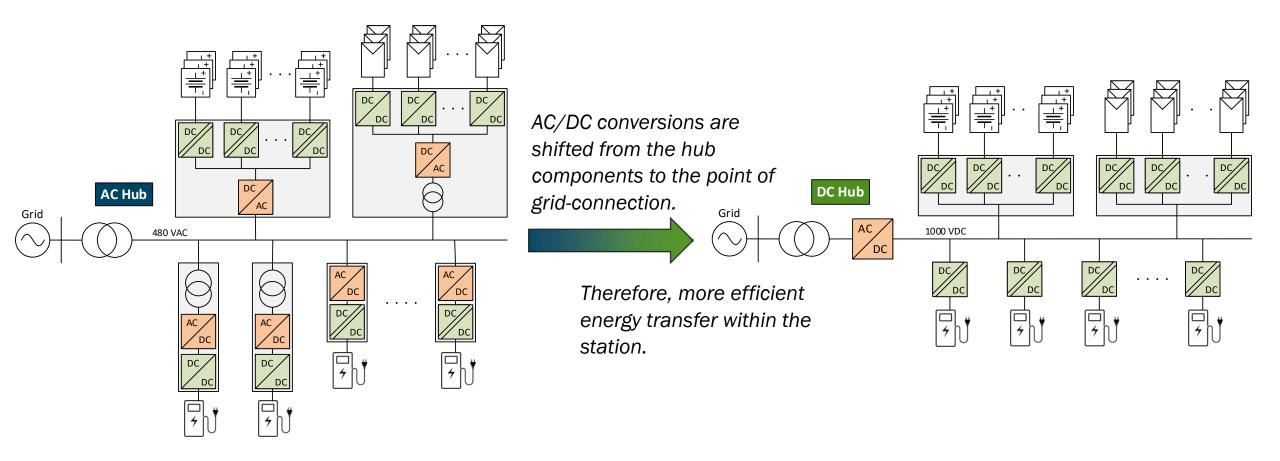
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Overview of AC and DC Hub Approaches



AC Hub: High-power charging station with an AC-coupled architecture DC Hub: High-power charging station with a DC-coupled architecture



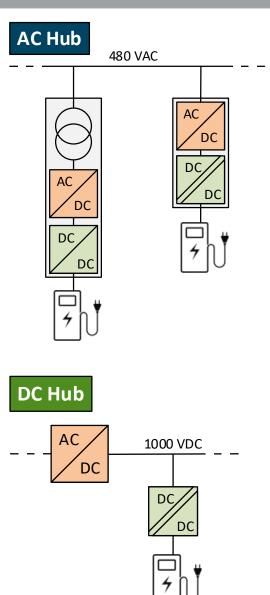
DC Fast Chargers / EVSEs



DC Hub EVSEs

- The DC hub approach moves the AC/DC conversion stage from within each EVSE to the grid connection point.
- Simplified controls at each EVSE.
- An individual EVSE has higher efficiency, but the overall efficiency from the grid to vehicle is comparable or sees slight improvement.
- If the charging power is supplied by an energy storage system or PV generation, there is a significant efficiency improvement due to two AC/DC conversions being eliminated.

	AC	Hub EVSE	DC Hub EVSE	
Architecture	Transformer Isolation	HFT Isolation	HFT Isolation	
Transformers	1	0	0	
# Conversion Stages	2	2	1: Isolated DC-DC	
Conversion Topologies	` ′	/ Passive rectifier with boost Vienna rectifier	Phase shifted full-bridge / Full or half bridge LLC resonant /	
	Interleaved buck	Phase shifted full-bridge / Full or half bridge LLC resonant	DAB	
Required Controls	Charging power + PFC + grid-synchronization		Charging power	
Efficiency	Medium	Medium	High	



Integration of Energy Storage and PV Generation



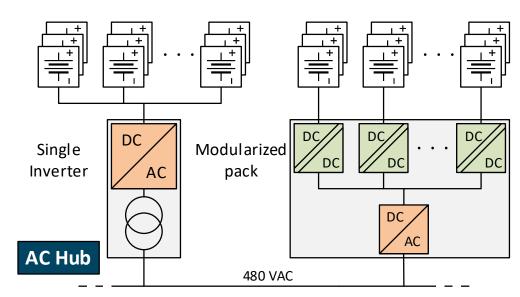
DC Hub Battery Energy Storage System (ESS)

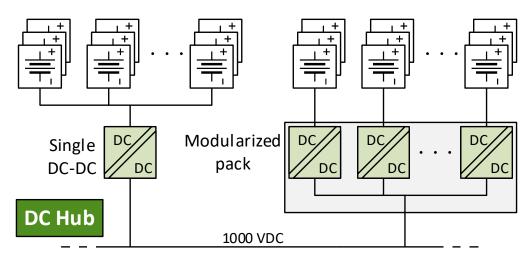
- Simplified controls and in many cases a conversion stage is removed.
- Comparable efficiency when ESS charges / discharges through the gridconnection.
- Significant efficiency improvement when supplying power to a charger or charging from PV generation.

	AC-coupled		DC-coupled	
Architecture	Single Inverter	Modularized Pack	Single DC-DC	Modularized Pack
Transformers	1	0	0	
# Conversion Stages	1	2	1 1	
Conversion Topologies	-	Dual-active bridge / bidirectional flyback	Dual-active bridge / bidirectional flyback	
	VSI / NPC / ANPC			
Required Controls	Charge / Discharge + BMS + Grid- feeding controls		Charge / Discharge + BMS	
Efficiency	High	Medium	High	

DC Hub PV Generation

- Similar effects and connection architectures.
- However, PV does not require bidirectional conversion topologies.

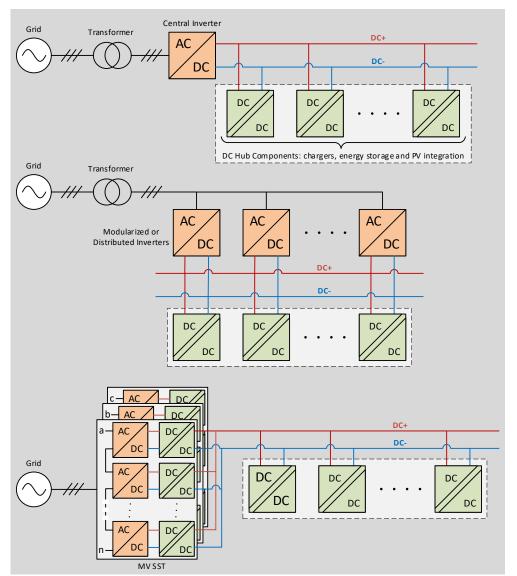


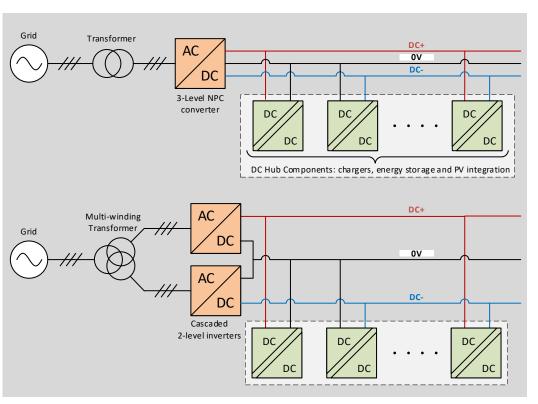


DC Hub Architectures



Unipolar DC Bus



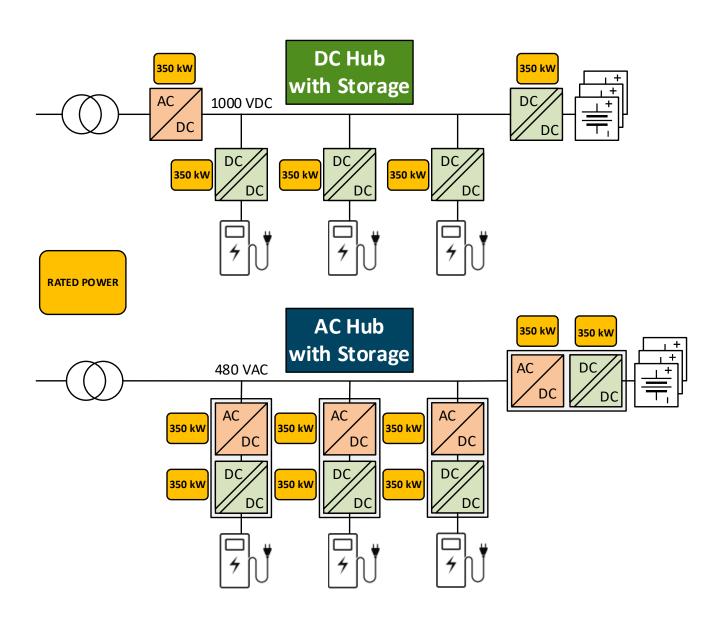


Bipolar DC Bus

AC/DC Converter Sizing Effects



- Central inverter capacity can be derated compared to the total installed EVSE capacity (provided an energy management system can limit EVSE powers when necessary).
 - Since vehicle charging is highly stochastic, minimal effect on service.
 - Centralized AC/DC conversion sees higher utilization rate than the AC/DC stages in the AC hub approach.
- When energy storage is added to the system, central inverter can be sized closer to the average charging power demand (depending on energy storage system sizing).



DC Hub System Level Effects

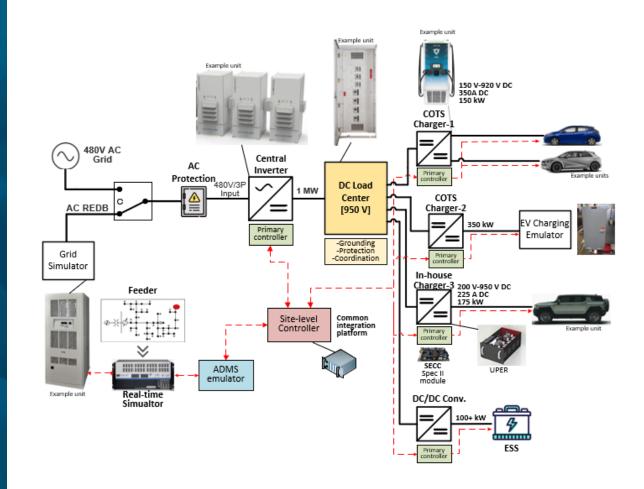


- Increased efficiency, especially considering power transfer within the hub
 - power transfer between distributed generation, energy storage, and charging vehicles.
- Reduced cable sizing due to DC distribution
 - Comparing 1000 VDC vs 480 VAC: DC bus cable copper volume is less than 20% of AC bus copper volume for the same losses / efficiency.
 - Even for the same voltage levels, DC bus delivers a one third reduction in copper volume compared to an AC bus.
- No reactive power flow in DC hub leads to more efficient power distribution.
- Reduced grid integration impact. Grid power demand can be smoothed out by energy storage. Reduced peak power demand and higher utilization rate of inverters.
- Central inverter can provide advanced grid functions
 - Reactive power compensation
 - Harmonic compensation
 - Virtual inertia
 - Grid-forming capability
- Simplified controls. The central inverter is the only hub component that needs to synchronize to or interact with the grid.
- DC bus voltage enables **distributed control strategies** using DC voltage signaling or droop methods.

Overview of DC-Hub HPC Station Architecture



- We are building a representative power and communication architecture for DC-hub chargers.
- Three research topics are investigated currently:
 - Power architecture development
 - Unipolar and bipolar DC-hub configurations
 - Site energy management (SEM)
 - Optimized and distributed controller implementation
 - Grid integration and implementation of grid services
 - V1G, V2B, V2V, and in general V2X use cases
 - Improve resiliency of charging hub



DOE Report: High-Power Electric Vehicle Charging Hub Integration Platform (eCHIP) DC Charging Hub Approach: Design Guidelines and Specifications, to be published in 2023

Inverter Selection and DC Load Center Design



EPC Power CAB1000 Utility-grade inverter is selected for project as for the centralized inverter.

Specifications:

DC Link

• Voltage: 720 - 1250 VDC

Current: 1400 ADC

Power: 1043 kW

Communications / Control:

CAN

Modbus RTU (Modbus TCP/IP w/ adapter)

Operation and Control Modes:

- Grid forming mode (standalone and parallel)
- Grid following mode
 - Grid support via current source control
 - Command real (P) and reactive (Q) power
 - DC link voltage Command DC bus voltage setpoint



DC Load Center Design Specs:

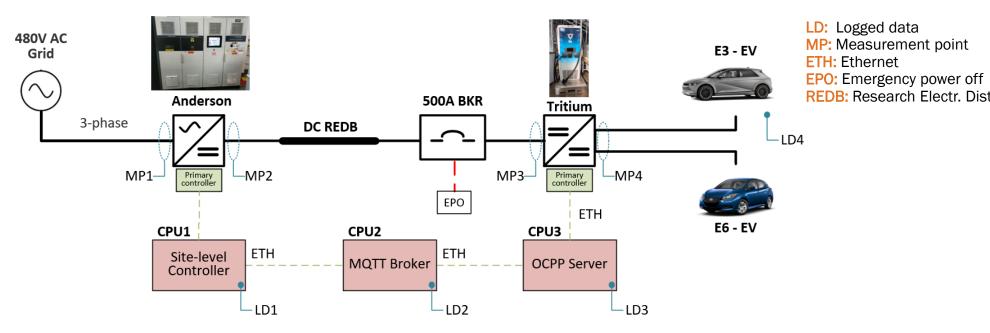
- Rated at 2000 VDC and 6000 ADC
- Bipolar configuration
- Total of six nodes to enable connection of chargers,
 DERs, and ESS.
- DC bus voltage sensing and current sensing per each node
- NEMA 3R rated for outdoor use

Current Setup Overview and Specifications



ETH: Ethernet

REDB: Research Electr. Dist. Bus



Component Type	Voltage Rating	Current/Power Rating
Inverter/Rectifier	265-1000 VDC	660 kW
DC Bus	1000 VDC	500 A
DC Breaker	1000 VDC	500 A
DC DC Charger	Input: 950V DC	4E0 IAM
DC-DC Charger	Output: 150-920 VDC	150 kW
EV Battery-1	800 VDC	235 kW
EV Battery-2	400 VDC	72 kW

Test Cases and Results-1



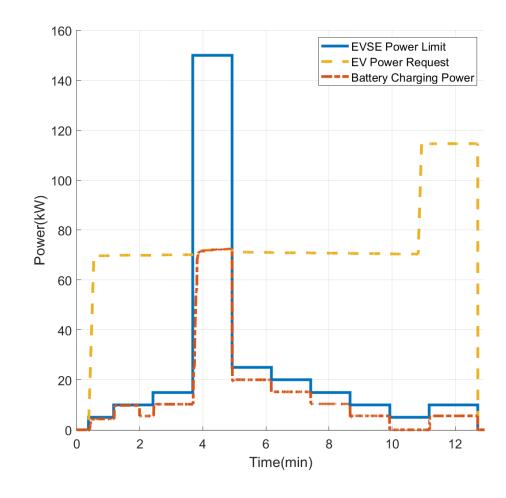
SEM provides power references for EVSE units with dynamically variable power reference.



Highlights:

- Power reference (P_{ref}) is updated throughout session at instances of time T_{cmd} which is 1 min.
- Though EV requests more power ($P_{\text{EV}_{\text{req}}}$), power is limited to varying dynamic power limit.

Dynamic power control of loniq5 charge session showing power curves with setpoint command using OCPP1.6-J.



Test Cases and Results-1



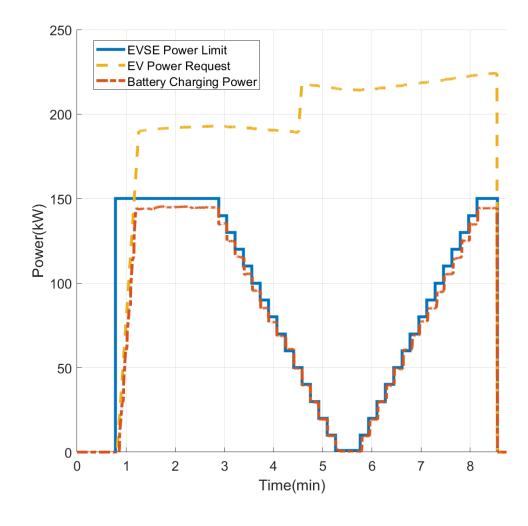
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Highlights:

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- Ramp-up rate is limited more than ramp-down.

Dynamic power control of loniq5 charge session showing power curves with setpoint command using OCPP1.6-J.



Test Cases and Results-2



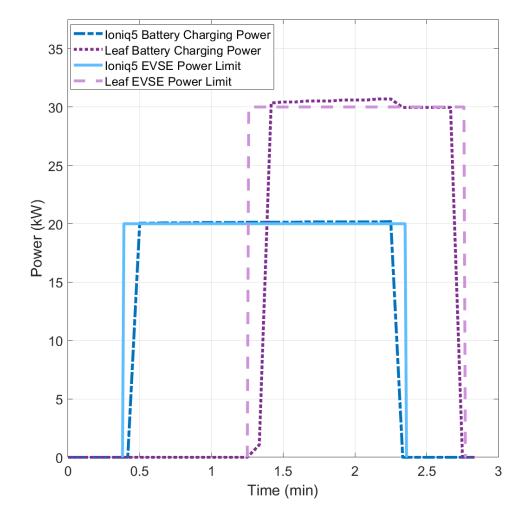
SEM provides power references for two EVSE units with dynamically variable power reference.



Highlights:

- Two EVs can be independently controlled without exceeding power limits.
- Ability to connect and control more than one EV to the DC hub.

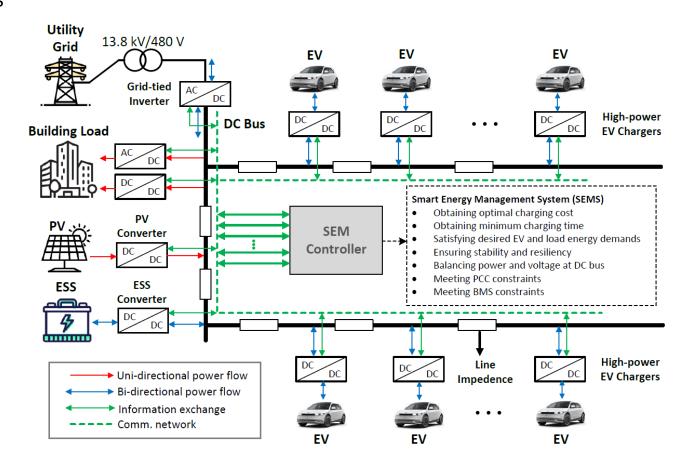
Power limit control of Ioniq5 and Leaf charge sessions showing input power to each vehicle.



Site Energy Management System (SEMS) Implementation



- Development, testing, and comparison of different SEMS strategies
- Development of testing use-cases
- Specifying SEMS requirements



Conclusion and Next Steps



Review

- Technology Status on DC Charging Hub
- Advantages of DC charging hub
- DOE Report on Design Guidelines and Specifications
- DC Charging Hub Hardware Development
- SEMS development and integration
- Testing with Hyundai Ioniq-5 and Nissan Leaf

Next steps

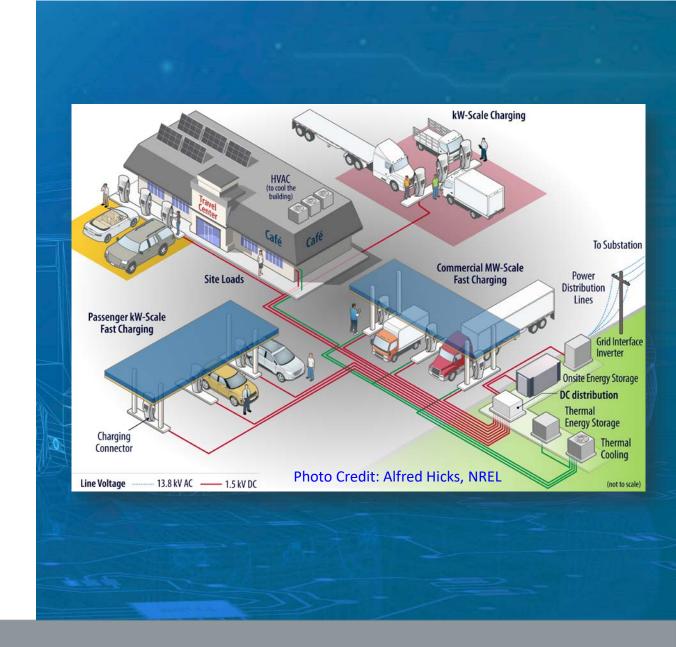
- Testing with ESS and improving grid integration
- Evaluation and comparison of various SEMS control algorithms
- Testing Spec-II module integration with UPER
- Integration of 1000 V Class Charger with DC Hub
- Development of 2000 V Class Charger

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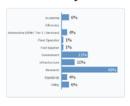
Attendance Questions: Consortium Stakeholder Meetings



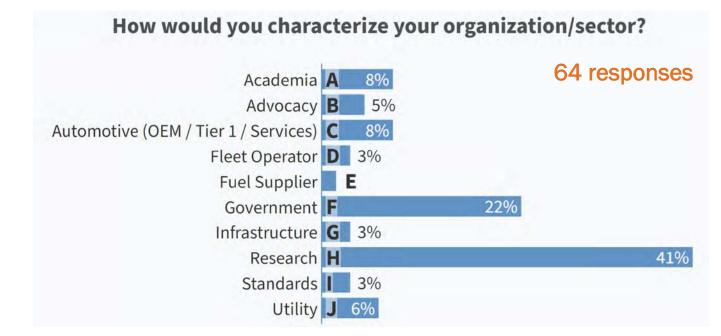
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How would you characterize your organization/sector?



Response options	Count	Percentage	
Academia	4	6%	92%
Advocacy	0	0%	Engagement
Automotive (OEM / Tier 1 / Services)	3	4%	
Fleet Operator	1	1%	67
Fuel Supplier	1	1%	Responses
Government	14	21%	
Infrastructure	7	10%	
Research	30	45%	
Standards	3	4%	
Utility	4	6%	



eCHIP Questions-Barriers

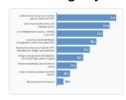


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Please rank the below listed research challenges with high power charging (HPC) in the order of urgency and priority:



Response options	Rank	67%
Cost of infrastructure and related grid updates with HPC	1st	Engagement
Lack of standardization and interoperability	2nd	
Grid integration issues (i.e., hosting capacity)	3rd	35
Lack of scalable site energy management and control algorithms	4th	Responses
Availability of data and tools for HPC site selection, design, and operation	5th	
Design and operation of protection circuitry for high power charging	6th	
Station connectivity and reliability issues	7th	
Cyber and physical security of the station	8th	
Maintenance of the station	9th	

Q1: What are the potential barriers that need to be resolved to implement DC Charging Hub approach for high power charging? Please rank from 1-5, 1 being the highest rank. 3. Lack of product maturity for DC/DC 1st charging systems 4. Grid integration issues for high power 2nd charging stations 1. Lack of standardization towards DC 3rd systems for EV charging 5. Capital cost savings for DC distribution 4th

over AC distribution is not significant

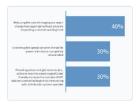
2. Protection for DC is too difficult

eCHIPQuestions-Use Cases/Functions



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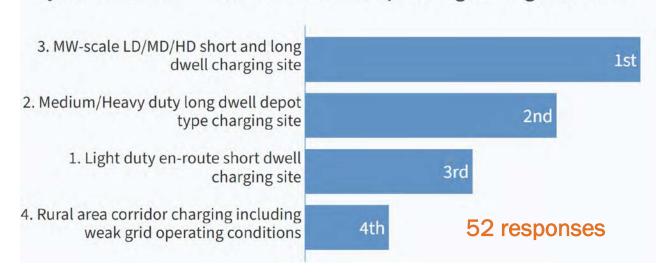
What functions should an HPC station have in addition to charging an EV? Please select one option.



Response options	Count	Percentage	96%
Reducing the cost of charging via smart charge management without severely impacting customer waiting time	20	40%	Engagement
Uninterrupted operation when the utility power is limited or completely unavailable	15	30%	50 Responses
Providing advanced grid services (i.e., active or reactive power support) and thereby increase the number of HPC stations connected to grid via interacting with distribution system operator	15	30%	

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Q2. Which application area do you think DC Charging Hub should be prioritized for? Please rank from 1-4, 1 being the highest rank.





Design of Universal Power Electronics Regulator as a Charger Module in eCHIP

Prasad Kandula, Brian Rowden, Madhu Chinthavali, Rafal Wojda, Jonathan Harter, Steven Campbell, Christian Boone

May 2nd, 2023

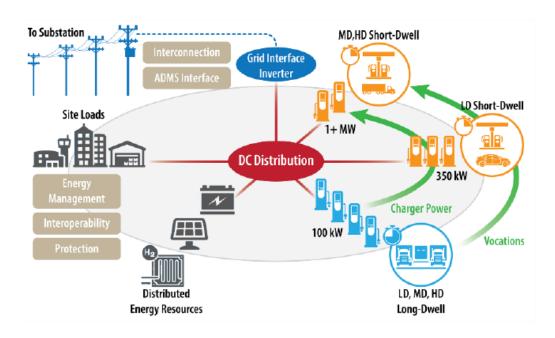


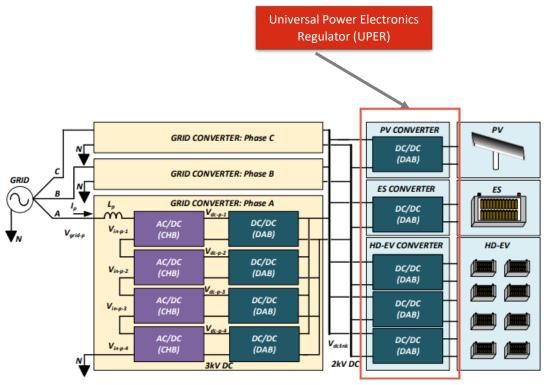
Overall Objective



Develop universal converter module for DC distribution to interface

- LD/MD/HD charging
- Renewables
- Grid interface converter
- Local loads

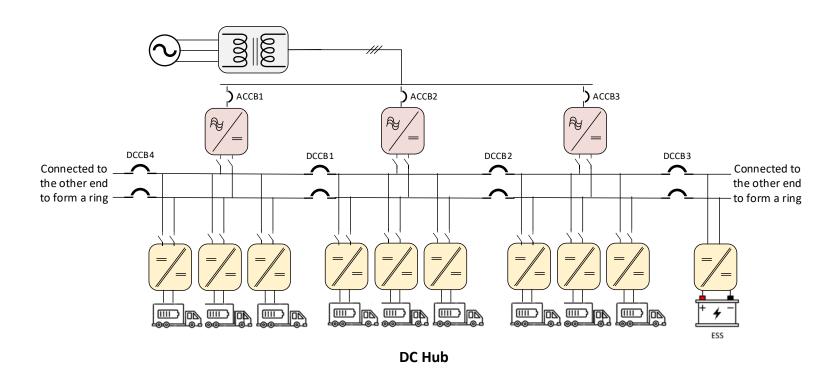




M. Starke et al., "A MW scale charging architecture for supporting extreme fast charging of heavy-duty electric vehicles," 2022 IEEE Transportation Electrification Conference & Expo (ITEC), Anaheim, CA, USA, 2022, pp. 485-490.

Motivation





*Data derived from actual installations

$$\frac{\sum (VA\ rating\ of DC/DC\ converters)}{\sum (VA\ rating\ of AC/DC\ converters)} = 3\ to\ 20$$

Factors affecting the ratio

- Load diversity
- Storage capacity
- Grid strength
- Available capacity
- Cost of AC grid infrastructure
- Peak Demand charges
- Grid services
- Storage costs

Bi-directional Isolated DC/DC module is a significant element to realize such a system



EVSE DC/DC Building Block

- Commercial DC/DC converters are in the range of 50-125 kW
- High-power building block (350 kW) to meet heavy duty (1 MW+) charging requirements is required

Peak Charging Voltage

- Current SOA is <1000 V for the DC bus and charging
- Off-road vehicles like the battery-locomotives, eVTOLs (electric Vertical take-off vehicles) may transition to 1500 V
 - Battery locomotives driven by high power
 - eVTOLs driven by need for extreme fast charging
- DER integration will require 1500 V class DC/DC converters

SOA 1000 V class AC/DC and DC/DC converters for MCS



Vendor 1: 175 kW building block with 60 Hz isolation



Vendor 2: 150 kW building block w/ HF isolation



Vendor3: 125 kW building block



High power, high voltage and bidirectional DC/DC module is a critical enabling component for medium/heavy duty applications

Proposed Charger Development



A 2000 V class 350 kW charger and a 1000 V class 175/350 kW charger are being built

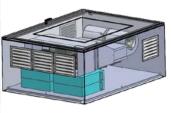
1700 V, 280 A/560 A, SiC

1000 V class 175 kV		
Vin	800-1200 V (TBD)	
Vout	200-950 V	
Imax	225 A/ 450 A	100
Eff	>98.5%	
Temp	-30°C to 50°C	
Comms	CAN	34" x 20" x 12"
Powerflow	Bidirectional	

3300 V, 500 A SiC

2000 V class 350 kW charger			
Vin	1500-2000 V (TBD)		
Vout	500-1500 V		
Imax	250 A		
Eff	>99%		
Temp	-30°C to 50°C		
Comms	CAN		
Powerflow	Bidirectional		

40" x 30" x 15"



Multi-Dimensional Improvement v/s SOA

High power Building block

Enable MW+ Charging 350 KW instead of 125-150 kW

Higher Working voltages

DC Distribution increased to 2 kV from 950 V Vehicle voltage increased from 900 V to 1500 V

Power density

Frequency > 20 kHz, η > 99% Enable Two men carry < 80 Lbs

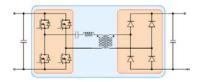
Bidirectional Power (V2X)

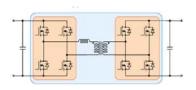
Controls to enable bidirectional power transfer while maintaining low loss

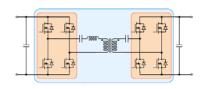
Each of these goals are a challenge in itself

EVSE DC/DC Configuration: LLC v/s DAB v/s CLLC









Special requirements for EV charging:

- Bidirectionality
- Isolation
- Wide voltage range
- Small output current ripple

Selected DAB

	LLC	Dual Active Bridge (DAB)	CLLC
Efficiency: ZVS range	Not good for wide voltage range	Not good for wide voltage range	Not good for wide voltage range
Controllability: Light load power regulation	Medium	High	Medium
DC bias currents- Transformer saturation	Caps block DC	Control based	Caps block DC
Voltage/Current Stress	Resonant cap has high voltage stress		
Bidirectionality	Not well suited		
Output current ripple	Large filter cap required		Large filter cap required
Leakage inductor		Relatively larger: high circulating reactive power	
Medium freq Xmr stress	Sinusoidal voltages	Square voltages	Sinusoidal voltages

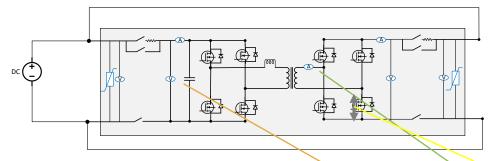
Green: Good, Yellow: Manageable, Red: Major constraint

Initial 1000V Class Charger Experimental Results



1000 V class Charger was built and tested at 950 V, 100 kW.

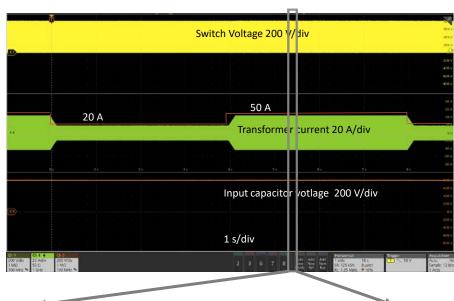
Schematic of charger test setup

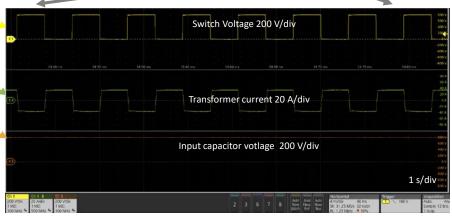




1000 V, 175 kW, 20 kHz DC/DC Charger 34" x 20" x 15"

Initial Results at 800 V and 60 A

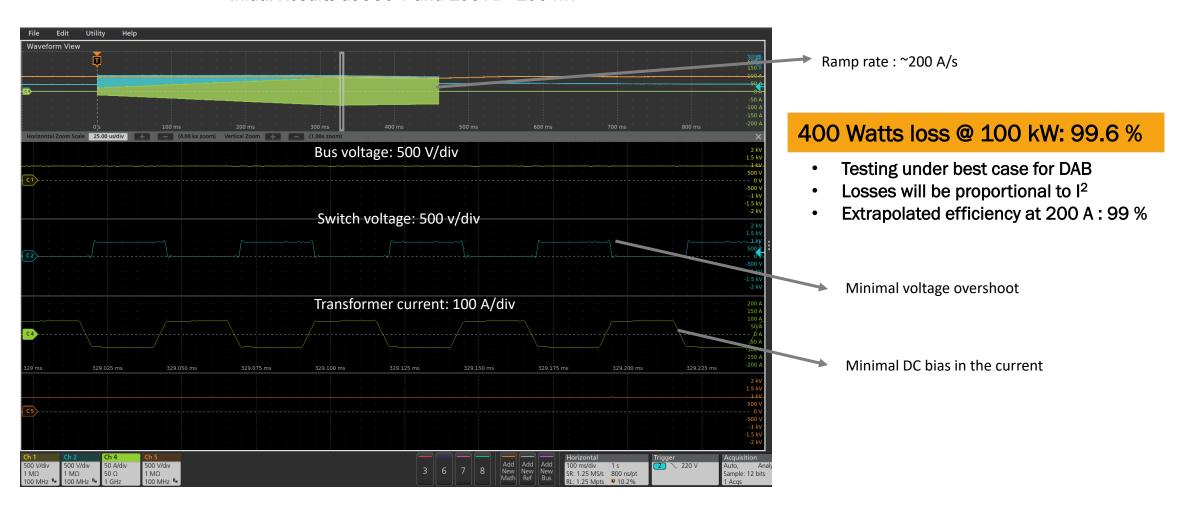




Initial 1000V Class Charger Experimental Results



Initial Results at 950 V and 100 A: ~100 kW



2 kV DC 350 kW Test Bed For Functional Testing

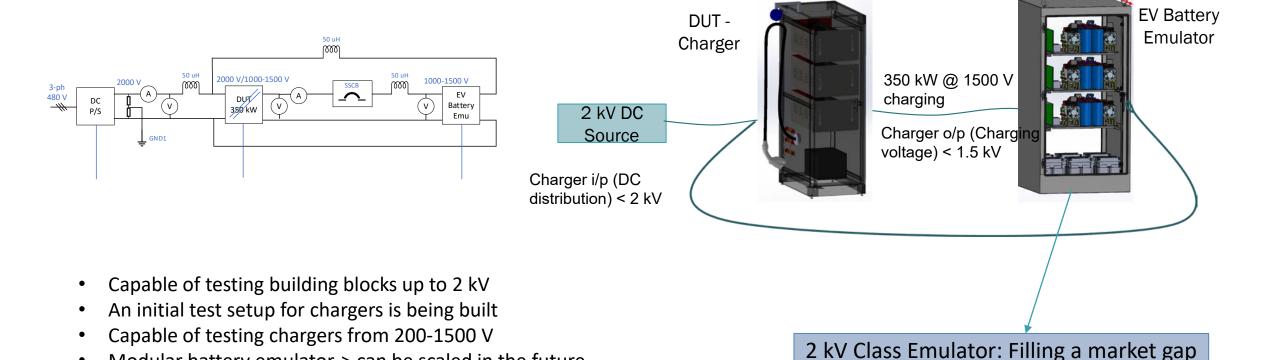
Modular battery emulator-> can be scaled in the future

Simultaneous testing of multiple chargers possible -> emulate fleet charging



How to test the charger at different voltages, typical of a car battery?

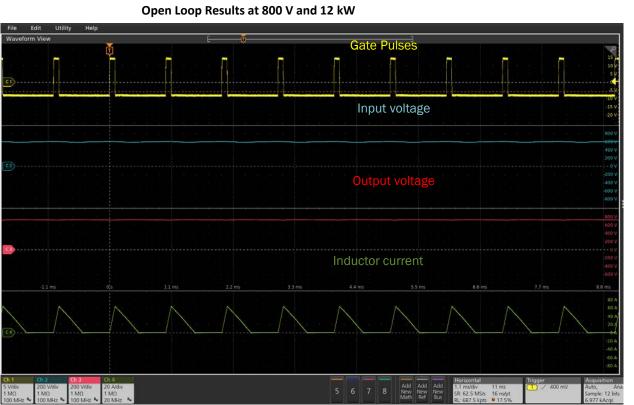
A 2 kV, 350 kW DC test-bed is being developed

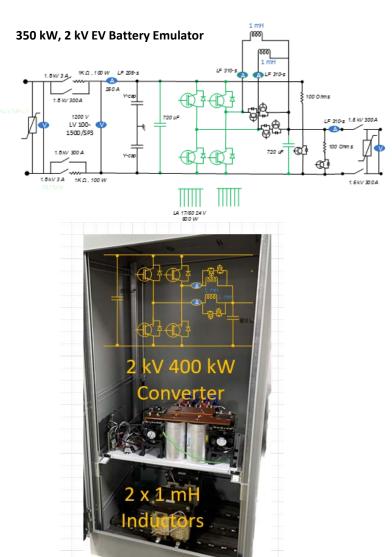


Battery Emulator Testing



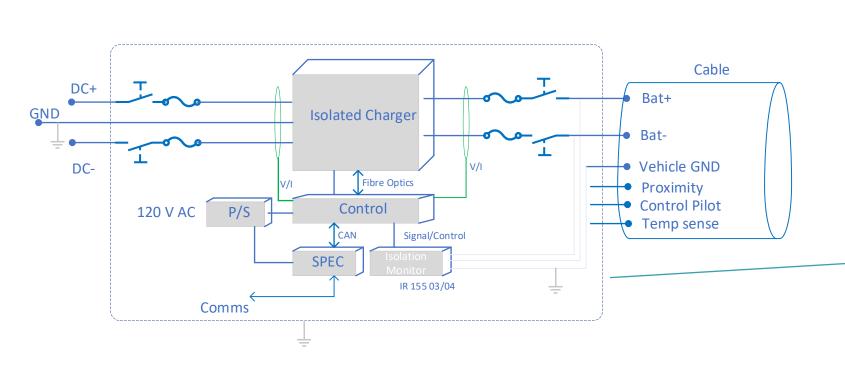
- A test setup has been built to test the 2 kV, 400 kW in battery emulator mode
- Converter was designed to operate in DCM mode allowing inductor to sized 40 x smaller





1000 V Class 500 kW Charger



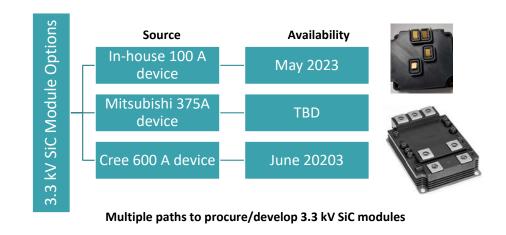




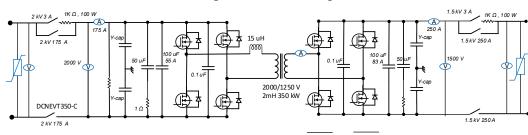
2 kV Class Charger Status



- The design for the 2 kV charger is complete
- Gate driver fully tested
- Full bridge with 3.3 kV Si has been fully tested
- The charger build is held because of the procurement delays with SiC modules
- Multiple risk mitigation approaches considered.



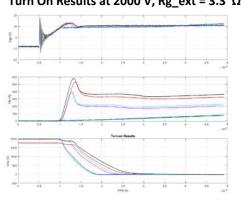
Design of 2 kV Class Charger

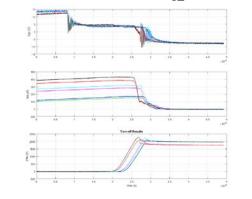




Custom developed 3.3 kV SiC Gate drive, 30 A pk

Turn On Results at 2000 V, Rg_ext = 3.3 Ω Turn Off Results at 2000 V, Rg_ext = 3.3 Ω





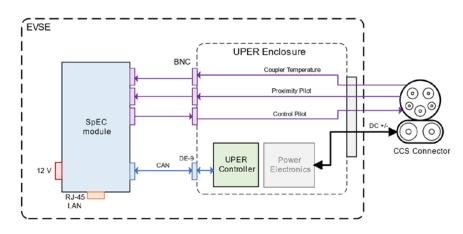
Integration and Communication Interface

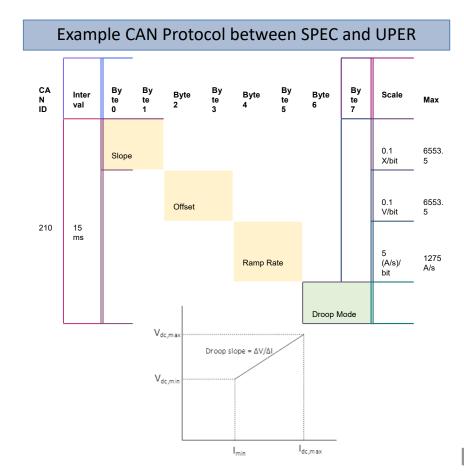


- The charger will be integrated with ANL SPEC module to enable interface with both the vehicle and site energy management
- The protocol using CAN interface between the charger controller and ANL/SPEC module is being developed.

Development of hardware and software integration specifications between SpEC and UPER

- Communication protocol and specifications
- CAN interface messages descriptions
- Physical wiring specifications and interface
- Software implementation and testing

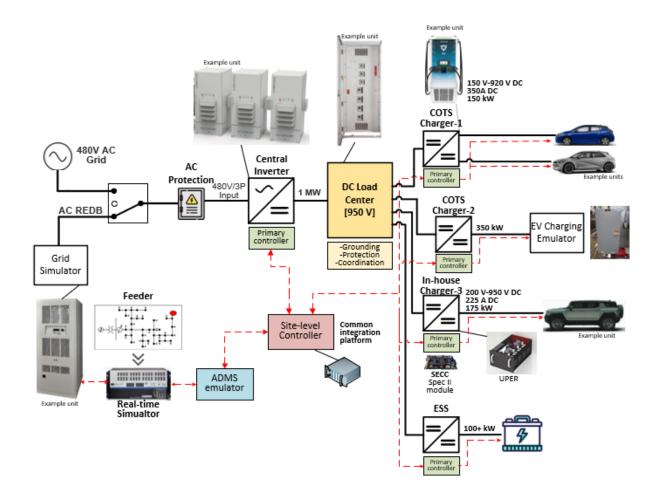




Test Plan



- The developed charger will be tested on a vehicle at ORNL campus (at lower power) before shipped to NREL
- The charger will then be integrated with the NREL facility



Summary of Developments



1000 V, 175 kW, 20 kHz DC/DC Charger



Scalable to 1000 V, 0.5 MW

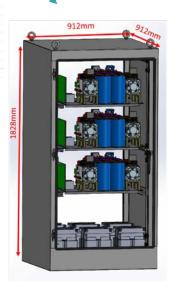
- Custom gate driver and magnetics
- Device characterization
- Control development
- Verification in CHIL
- Prototype build and testing



2000 V, 400 kW, DC/DC Emulator



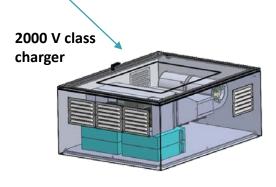
Scalable to 2000 V, 1.2 MW



2000 V, 350 kW, 10 kHz, DC/DC Charger







Next steps



- Testing the charger at higher powers: 175 kW
- Testing for thermal performance
- Integrating in an enclosure
- Integrating communications (SPEC) and other accessories like cable insulation monitor
- Testing the charger with an actual vehicle at ORNL campus
- Integrating the charger with NREL test setup
- Adding advanced functionalities such as droop



Thanks, and Questions

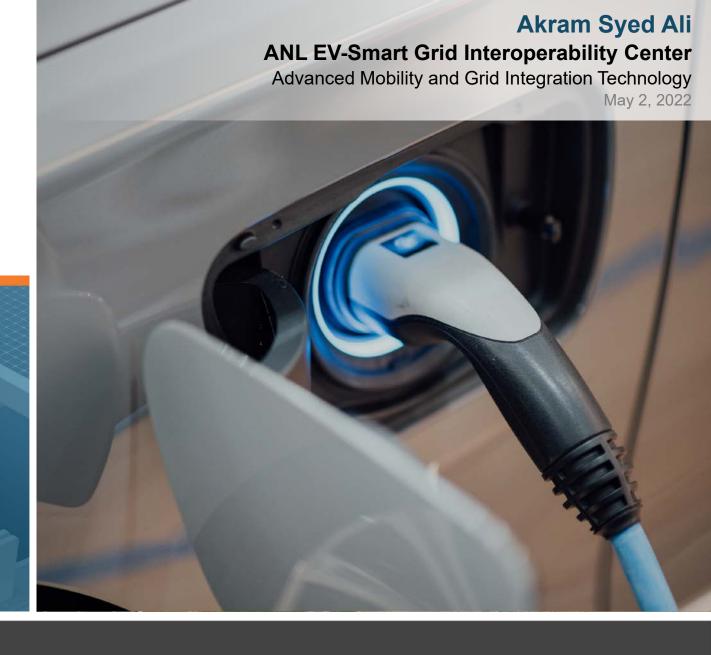


High-Power Charging Pillar: eCHIP

High-Power Electric Vehicle Charging Hub Integration Platform

SpEC II module integration with power electronics and SEMS

Deep-Dive



Overview



In this presentation, we will do a <u>deep-dive</u> on:

- 1. SpEC module
- 2. SpEC module integration with **power electronics**
- 3. SpEC module integration with Site Energy Management (SEM) system

Review



Three key components necessary for implementing EV charging:



1. Supply Equipment Communication Controller (SECC) which will communicate with a vehicle using a charging standard



2. High-power electronics that will provide the power needed for charging



3. Site Energy Management System (SEMS) that will provide real-time monitoring and control for all sub-systems

These three modules need tight <u>hardware and software integration</u> between them to perform reliable EV charging

SpEC ModuleANL



- The SpEC module developed by ANL is a smart plugin EV communication controller
- Enables DC fast charging communication between an EV and the charger
- Implements high-level communication required for fast DC charging based on <u>DIN SPEC 70121</u> and <u>ISO</u> <u>15118</u> standard
- The SpEC module will translate the XML/EXI
 messages to and from the EV, as well as accept
 commands from the SEM system
- Custom C/C++ firmware
- Currently licensed to industry as an SECC



SpEC module (Gen I)



SpEC Module – Gen II

















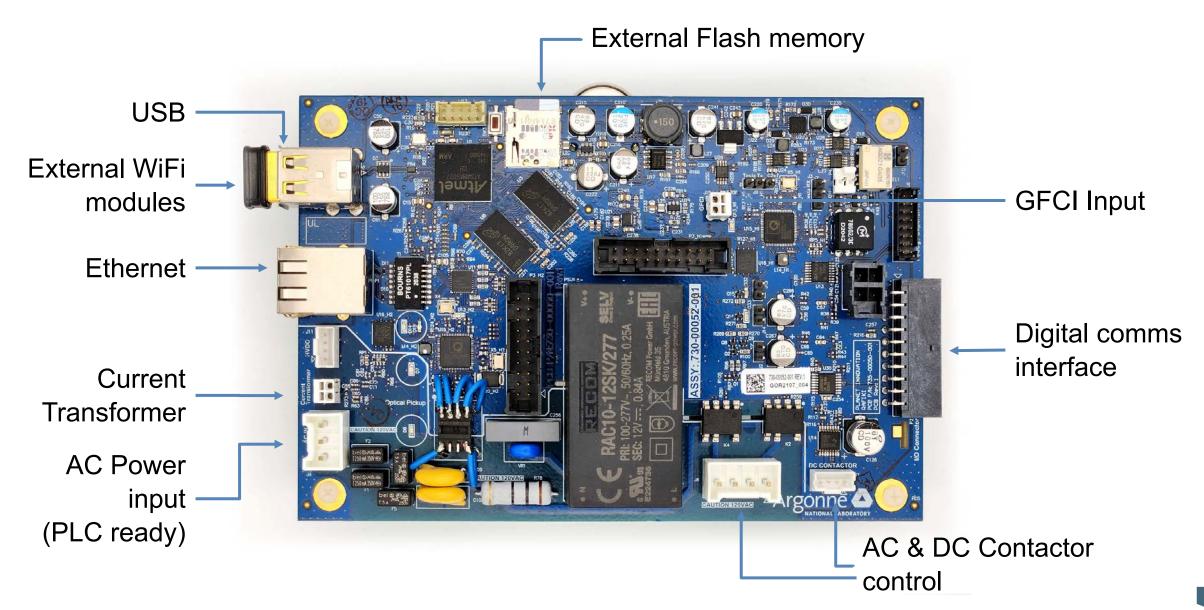




Environmental	Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C.		
Liiviioiiiiiciitai	Storage Temperature	-40°C to +105°C.		
Memory and	SDRAM Memory	512 MB DDR3 @ 166MHz		
Storage	Flash Memory	4 GB eMMC Flash onboard with additional		
Storage	I lastriviernory	external micro SD card slot		
	Power Line Communication	HomePlug Green PHY: AC Mains		
	1 ower Eine Gommanication	HomePlug Green PHY: Control Pilot		
	USB 2.0	2 HOST controllers		
	Ethernet	RJ-45 10/100 Ethernet interface		
	Control Pilot	Generation (EVSE) and Emulation (PEV)		
	Proximity	Monitoring and Generation		
	CAN	2 CAN interfaces		
	Tesla (Single Ended Can)	Rx/Tx Single Wire Can over Pilot		
Interfaces	AC Current	Input for CT to measure AC current (AC charging)		
	DC Current	Input for DC current sensor to measure DC current (DC charging)		
	AC Voltage	Input for AC Voltage for AC meter		
interiaces	DC Voltage	Input for DC Voltage for DC meter		
	12VDC Switches	Dual 2A, 12VDC switches for contactors		
	12 VDC Switches	Quad SPST SSR's for driving external AC		
	DPDT AC Relays	contactors		
	EV Inlet Lock Driver	12VDC Driver for EV inlet lock		
	Temperature Sensor	External input and onboard temperature sensor		
	GFCI	Ground Fault Interrupt CT input		
	GPIO	5 externally accessible GPIO		
	ADC	4 externally accessible ADC		
	JTAG	JTAG for Debugging		
	UARTS	2 UARTS for serial communication		
	AC Input Voltage	85-265 VAC		
Power	DC Input Voltage	9-24 VDC		
	Quiescent Current	< 200µA in ultra-low power mode		
Modes of	EVCC	Electric Vehicle Communication Controller		
Operation	SECC	Supply Equipment Communication		
Operation	0200	Controller		

SpEC Module – Gen II





SpEC integration with power electronics



- CAN Protocol industry standard for automotive applications
- SpEC module can integrate with <u>all types</u> of CAN messages (CAN 2.0, CAN FD)
- For any power electronics, ANL develops a complete database file, develops an emulator for the power electronics for testing and develops custom firmware support in C/C++
- This includes all CAN messages related to power requirements, limits, controls, and status
- Demonstrated previously with ABC-170





Power Processing System

PPS CAN Message Protocol

3.2.2. Message \$101-\$104, \$120-\$124, Data Setting Packages

This message set is used to obtain the latest voltage, current and power limit settings values for either channel A or B. They also report the latest modes of operations.

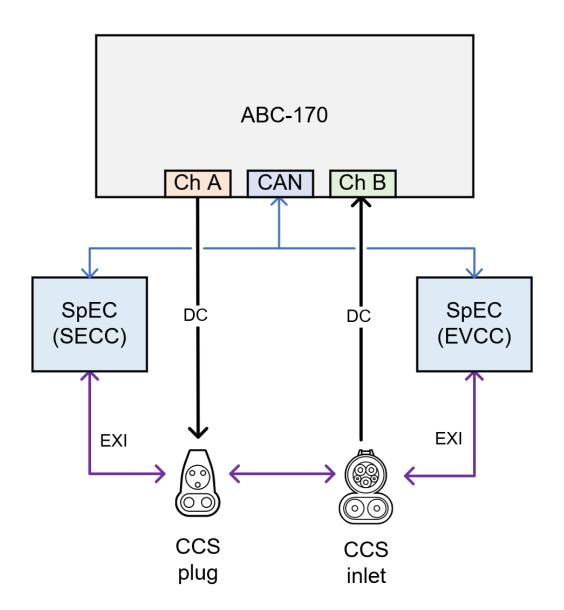
Msg-Name	CAN-ID	Period	Byte_0	Byte_1	Byte_2	Byte_3	Byte_4	Byte_5
Lower_Limits_A	\$ 101	<= 1000 ms	Lower_Voltage_Lin	nit_A (2B)	Laura Consent Lie	mit A (OD)		
	_				Lower_Current_Lir	nit_A (2B)	Lower Power Li	mit A (2D)
One of Control 4	A 100	1000		- N A (0D)			Lowel_Fowel_Li	IIII(_A (26)
Upper_Limits_A	\$ 102	<= 1000 ms	Upper_Voltage_Li	nit_A (2B)	Upper_Current_Lir	nit A (OD)		
					Opper_Current_Lir	IIIL_A (2B)	Upper Power Li	mit A (2B)
O	0.400	<= 1000 ms	Command A (2B)				oppor_i olioi_E	111(27)
Status_A	\$ 103	<= 1000 ms	Command_A (2B)		Converter Status			_
					Conventer Status	Mode		
					7		Connector Status	
								Inverter Status
StationID-A	\$104				Station ID			
Lower_Limits_B	\$ 121	<= 1000 ms	Lower_Voltage_Lin	mit_B (2B)				
					Lower_Current_Lir	nit_B (2B)		
	_						Lower_Power_Li	mit_B (2B)
Upper_Limits_B	\$ 122	<= 1000 ms	Upper_Voltage_Lin	mit_B (2B)				
					Upper_Current_Lir	nit_B (2B)		
	_						Upper_Power_Li	mit_B (2B)
Status_B	\$ 123	<= 1000 ms	Command_B (2B)					
					Converter Status	Mode		
	_				_	Mode	Connector Status	
	_						Connector Status	Inverter Status
StationID-B	\$124				Station ID			mirontoi Ottato
			sent out alternative	ly or when se	etting changes.			
2. See ROS packag	ge 0x01 for re	ference.						
Station ID is rand	tomly general	ed number						
	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit5	Bit4	Bit3	Bit2	Bit1	Bit0
ConverterStatus	Ditt 7	Dit 0	Dito	DICT	Dito		00: Local	Dito
							01: Remote	
							02: J1850	
Mada	December	0.01/0 -#	00: Independ		O. Fachlad	O. Normal	00:1/-1	
Mode	Heserved	0:RVS off 1:RVS on	00: Independent 01: Parallel		0: Enabled 1: Disabled	0: Normal 1: Protected Stan	00: Voltage	
		I.nva on	10: Differential		1. Disabled	i. Froiected Stan	10: Current	
			11: Unselected				11: Standby	
Connector Status			01100100100			Interlock	Positive	Negative
Inverter Status	Not define	d			•			

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TestingEmulated EV



- ABC-170 used to test power delivery
- Independent SpEC modules acting as SECC and EVCC, controlling
 CAN interface on ABC-170
- Power sourced from Channel A, sunk into Channel B via CCS connector
- Successfully performed DIN 70121 charge session with emulated battery profile on SpEC EVCC



Testing Emulated EV



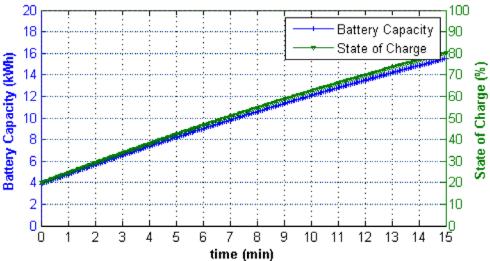


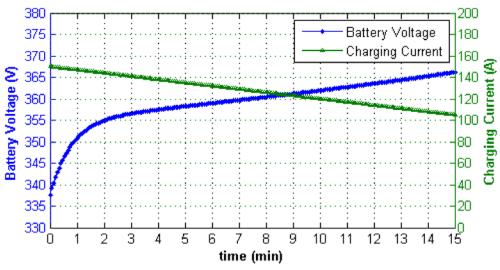




- SpEC module can implement custom battery profiles for testing
- Allows flexibility in modeling batteries for various OEMs, as well as simulating charge sessions at any voltage, current and power setting
- All CAN messages can be tested in Node-RED before running an actual charge session



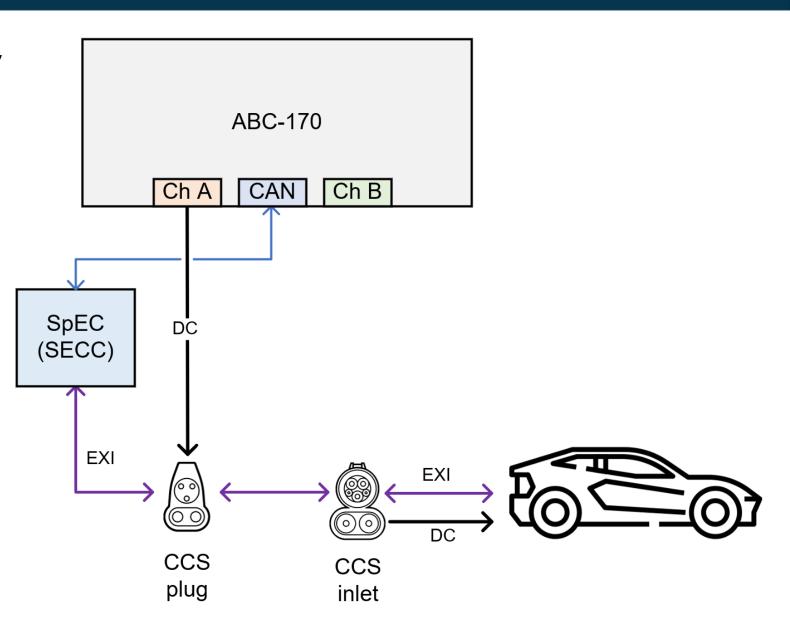






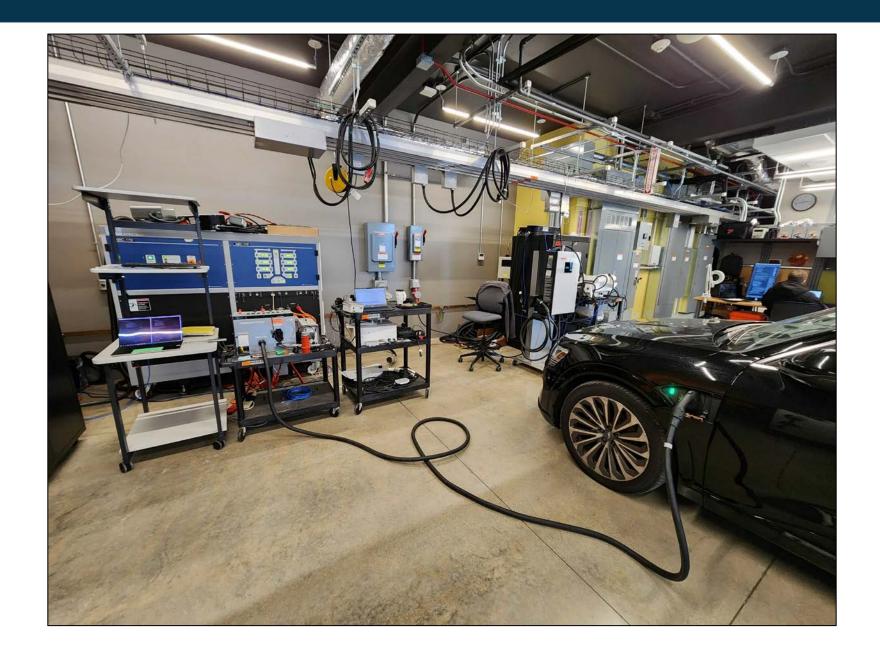


- Repeated same test with actual EV instead of emulated EVCC
- Successfully performed DIN 70121 charge session with actual EV





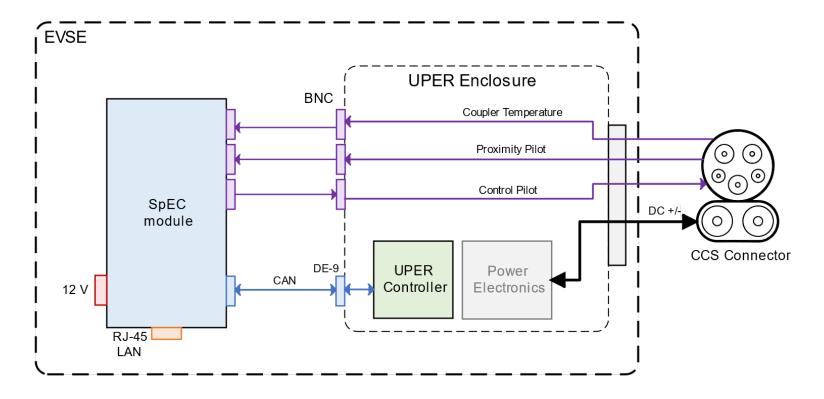




SpEC integration with UPER eCHIP



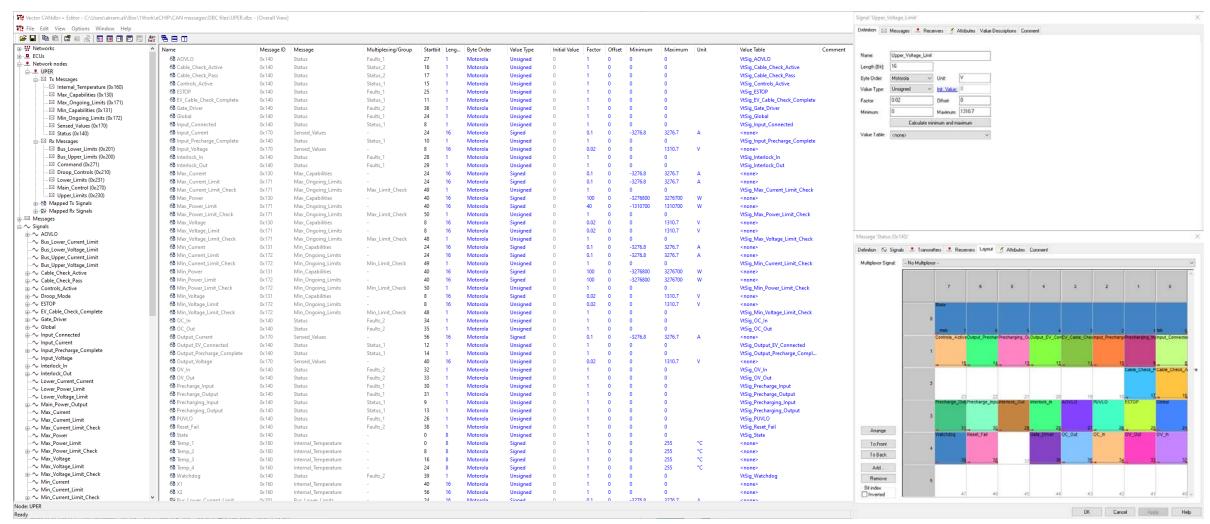
- The wiring interface between the SpEC and UPER controllers are identified in the integration document
- Specific components for power and communication are also described
 - CCS connector terminations to UPER and SpEC
 - CAN physical interface between UPER and SpEC using DE-9 connector



Communication Interface eCHIP



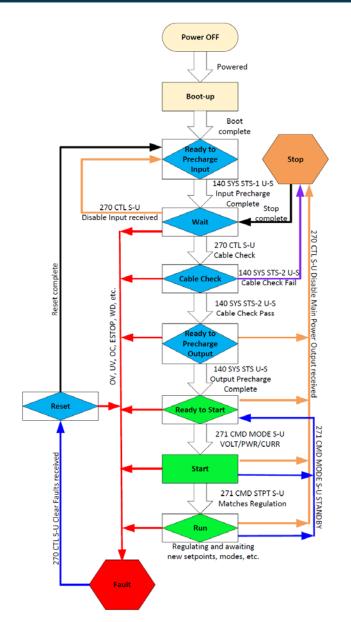
All CAN messages are compiled by ANL into a CAN database file (.dbc) using Vector CANdb++ to be used for testing



UPER State machine eCHIP



UPER State machine flow diagram provided by ORNL after discussions with ANL



Ready to Precharge Input: Waits for 270 CTL S-U Power Input to be enabled before any action is taken
Wait: Waits for 270 CTL S-U Disable Power Input or 270 CTL S-U Cable Check

Cable Check: Proceeds to do cable check and responds status when finished automatically moving to next state.

Ready to Precharge Output: Waits for 271 CMD Setpoint, Multiplier, and Voltage Mode and 270 CTL S-U Main Power
Output to be enabled before any action is taken. Once voltage is within acceptable
thresholds precharge finishes and main contactors close.

Ready to Start: Waits for 271 CMD Setpoint, Multiplier, and Mode other than Standby

Start: Waits for 271 CMD Setpoint to match the regulation target.

Run: Waits for new 271 CMD Setpoints, Multipliers, and Modes

Stop: Stops appropriately for given condition and then returns to the Wait state.

Fault: Occurs when any fault happens and opens all contactors and shuts down the converter. This stays in this state until cleared by the controller. The specific fault is sent up to the SPEC which can later be sent up to the SEM.

Reset: Automatically proceeds once faults are cleared

UPER Emulator

Development & Testing



- UPER emulator was built using a Raspberry Pi single board computer
- All CAN communication with the UPER Emulator is done using a *PiCAN2 Duo CAN-Bus Board* for the Raspberry Pi
- Important communication interfaces (CAN and Ethernet) are broken out of enclosure for quick and easy testing





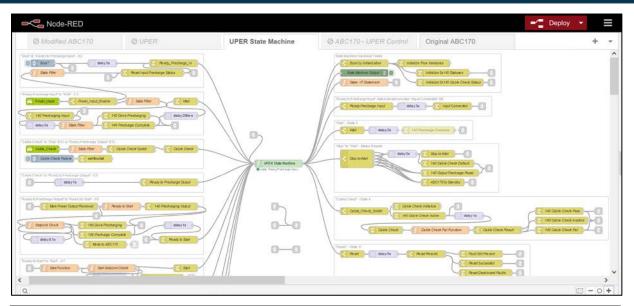
Emulation Software

Development





- Node-RED used as platform of choice for emulating UPER's controller
 - Browser-based programming tool for wiring hardware devices and APIs
 - Lightweight, built on Node.js, can run easily on Raspberry Pi
- node-red-contrib-can package developed by ANL to handle CAN messages
- Custom flow to simulate UPER state machine
- Dashboard to provide easy access to read and control UPER settings



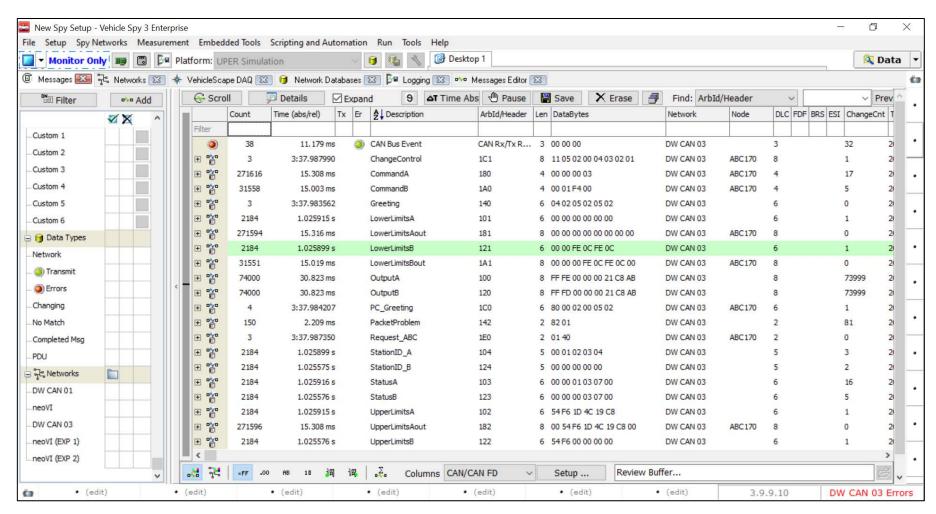


Data logging Debugging



neoVI FIRE 2 used along with Vehicle Spy Enterprise for data logging and debugging during development

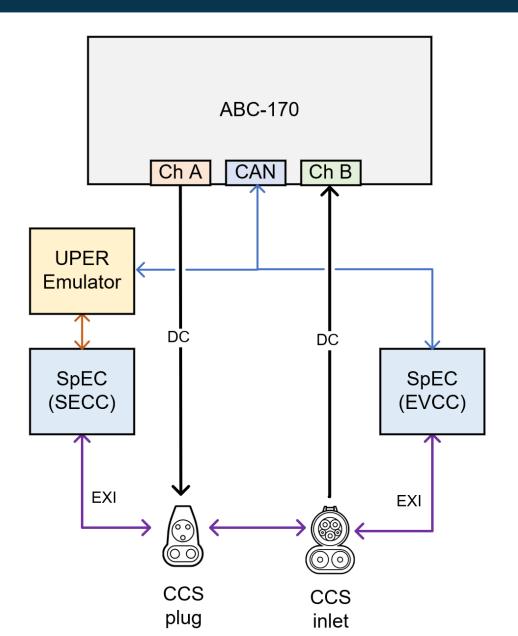




Testing



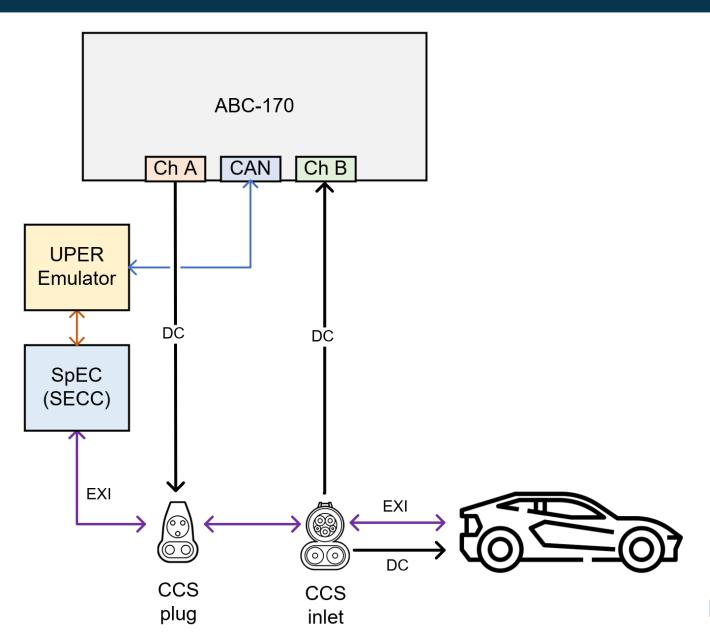
- Setup the UPER emulator to communicate with the SpEC SECC and ABC-170
- All CAN commands translated from UPER to ABC-170 (Channel A)
- ABC-170 is only used to test power delivery
- Setup automatically able to go through each state of UPER while following J1772 charging sequence
- Successfully performed a full DIN 70121 charge session



Testing



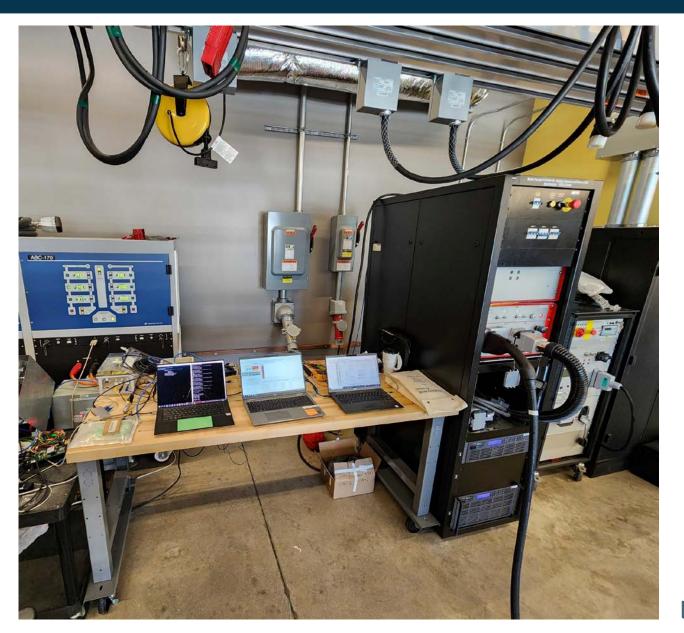
- The same test was repeated with actual EV instead of emulated EVCC
- Successfully demonstrated SpEC + UPER performing an actual charge session with Ford F-150 Lightning
- For final deployment in eCHIP project, the UPER emulator will be replaced with an actual UPER module when ready



Testing



- Successfully demonstrated SpEC + UPER performing an actual charge session with **Keysight CDS** acting as emulated EV
- The Keysight CDS will be used for testing future implementations of ISO 15118-20 bidirectional charging, since no EV is available as of today that implements this standard



Site Energy Management System (SEMS)



- The SEMS will provide real-time monitoring and control for all sub-systems in a charging plaza
- There is no de facto SEMS implementation in the industry today

Choice of Commercial vs Open-Source:

- OSS Advantages:
 - Potential for cost savings due to free or low-cost open-source software
 - High customizability and ability to tailor software to specific needs
 - Potential for collaboration and innovation with a community of contributors
- OSS Disadvantages:
 - Lack of vendor support and reliance on community forums and documentation for troubleshooting
 - Limitations in integration with proprietary software, reducing functionality in certain situation

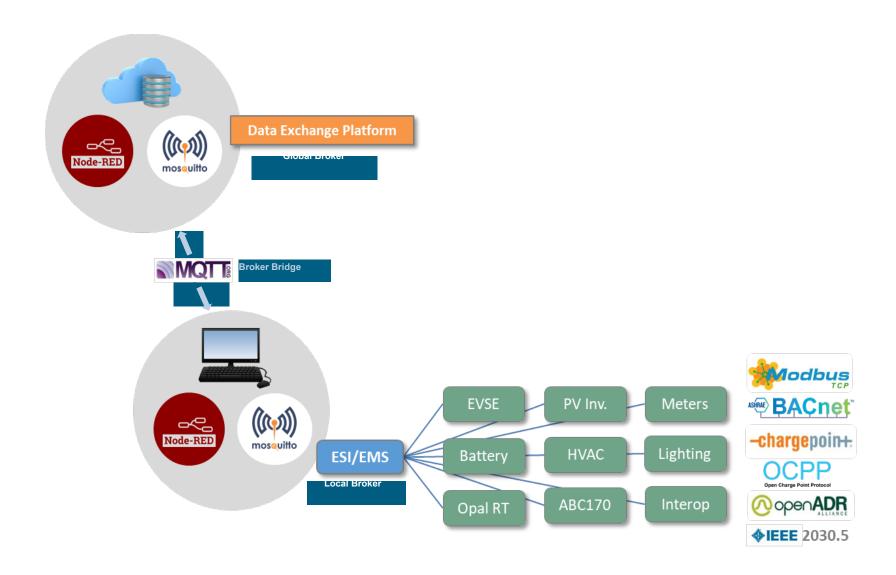


- <u>Typical communication protocols</u>: OCPP, Modbus, BACnet, MQTT, OpenADR, etc.
- OCPP is the most widely used protocol for station to CSMS communication

Common Integration Platform





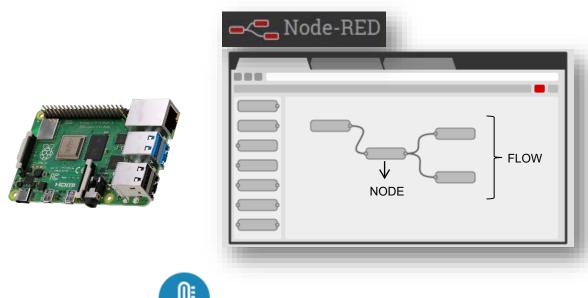


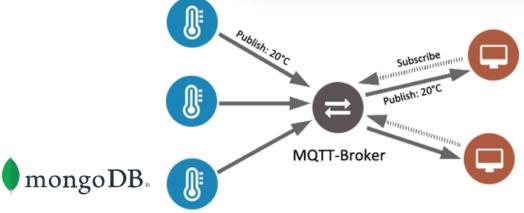
Common Integration Platform

Containerized for Deployment



- SEMS controller with built-in capabilities:
 - Mosquitto (MQTT)
 - Influxdb (time-series database)
 - Node-Red (logic)
 - Grafana (plotting and dashboards)
- Common language distributed over MQTT Broker(s)
- Open-source runs on single board computer
- Customizable via Node-RED flows; example flows provided
- Auto-loads Argonne custom nodes
 - OCPP
 - OpenADR
 - Modbus











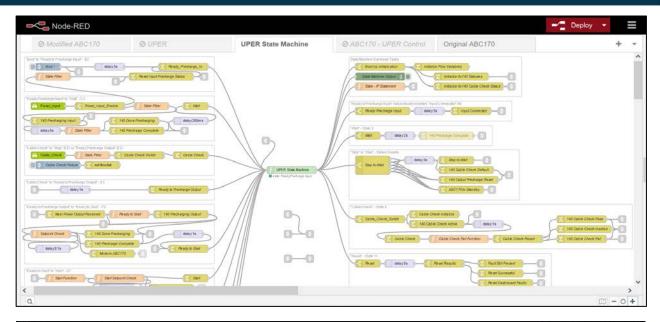


Common Integration Platform

Containerized for Deployment



- CIP.io supports multiple databases (InfluxDB, MongoDB, etc.) to store real-time data and access control information
- Custom control applications are created in Node-RED, Python and C/C++ where needed
- The historical and real-time data can be visualized on dashboards using the opensource platform Grafana
- CIP.io will be used in eCHIP due to the high degree of customization required as well as the researchers vast experience with opensource IoT projects that require similar setups

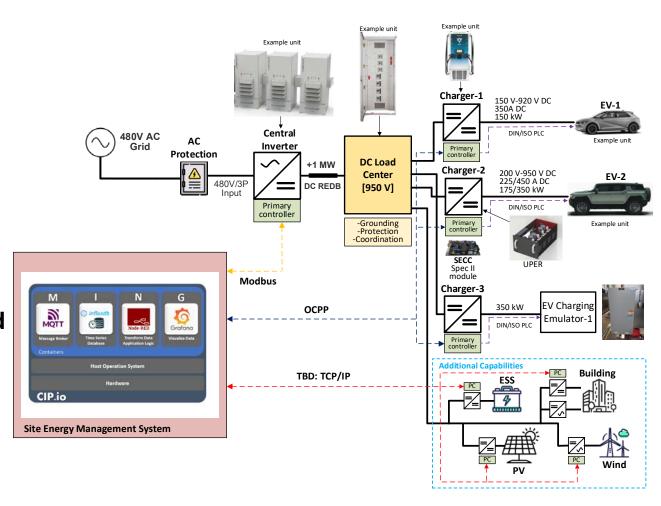




Site Energy Management System (SEM) eCHIP

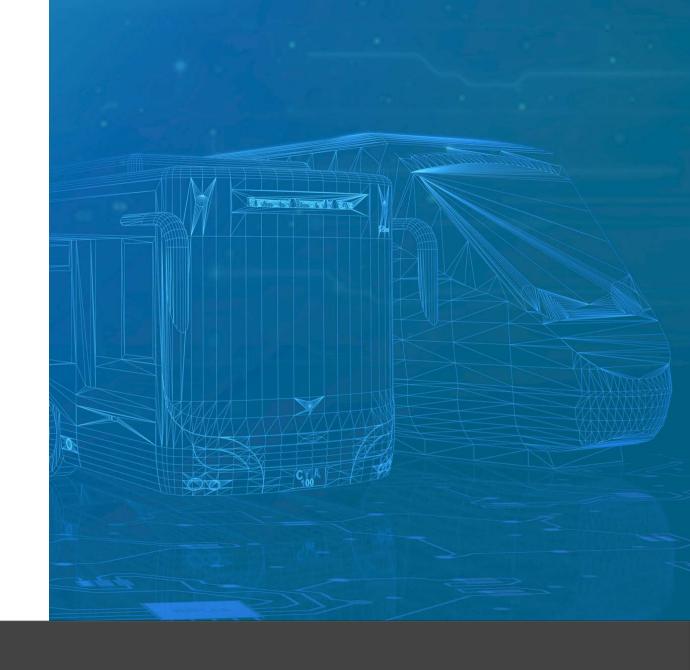


- For eCHIP, the DC-coupled charger will integrate into SEM via Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP) and MQTT
- OCPP will be used to handle <u>monitoring and control</u> of EV charging, while MQTT will be used to implement <u>non-standardized DC hub integration</u> <u>monitoring and control</u> (ramp rate, droop control, etc.)
- The current plan is to use an optimized centralized control architecture as shown, with plans to explore other architectures later
- The SpEC module will handle all site energy management communication for the DC coupled charger, along with communicating with the electric vehicle



Thank You





OCPP for Smart Charging



• As of 2023, most OCPP-based charge stations have been deployed with **OCPP 1.6-J** (2015)



- Disadvantage of OCPP 1.6-J "charging profiles" is that it does not take into account the needs of the typical EV driver who will likely need the **fastest charging** in the **least amount of time**.
- Using a standard charging profile will deliver only the power allowed by the profile at that given time, potentially slowing down a fast charge session.
- Due to this, the deployment of standard charging profiles for high-power DC charging may not always be useful optimal for the EV driver for most fast-charging sessions

OCPP for Smart Charging



- The ISO 15118-2 and ISO 15118-20 message stack implemented with OCPP 2.0.1 address this issue with the use of smarter optimized charging.
- It enables **dynamic demand response** based on the grid's demand, load balancing that adjusts charging rate based on grid capacity and prioritized charging for EVs that need it most.
- Other applications include grid frequency regulation and vehicle-to-grid (V2G) capabilities where EVs can provide energy back to the grid during periods of high demand. A charge scheduler application/logic must be added to the OCPP 2.0.1 CSMS in order to receive the maximum power (Pmax) profiles from the grid operator.
- These will be implemented as a charge scheduler application, and on the SEMS.
- The charge scheduler must handle initial charge schedules, initiate renegotiations and handle EV initiated renegotiations. A successfully negotiated charge schedule meets the needs of the EV driver, while the aggregate charge schedules of all EVs managed by the charge scheduler do not exceed the maximum power profile provided by the grid operator.



eCHIP

Modeling and Control of DC Charging Hub

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Presentation Outline



Modeling of DC charging hub for C-HIL simulation

- Need for Controller-Hardware-in-the-loop environment
- CHIL Development Progress

Development of Site Energy Management Systems (SEMS)

- Objectives of SEMS
- Performance metrics
- SEMS architectures and their pros/cons
- SEMS implementation results
 - Centralized architecture
 - Decentralized architecture
- Conclusions
- Q&A

Why do we need a C-HIL platform?



• **C-HIL is a non-destructive platform** for quickly developing, scaling, testing, and verifying any DC hub operation, controller, and SEMS architecture as well as strategy development before the real-world deployment and implementation.

To overcome challenges such as

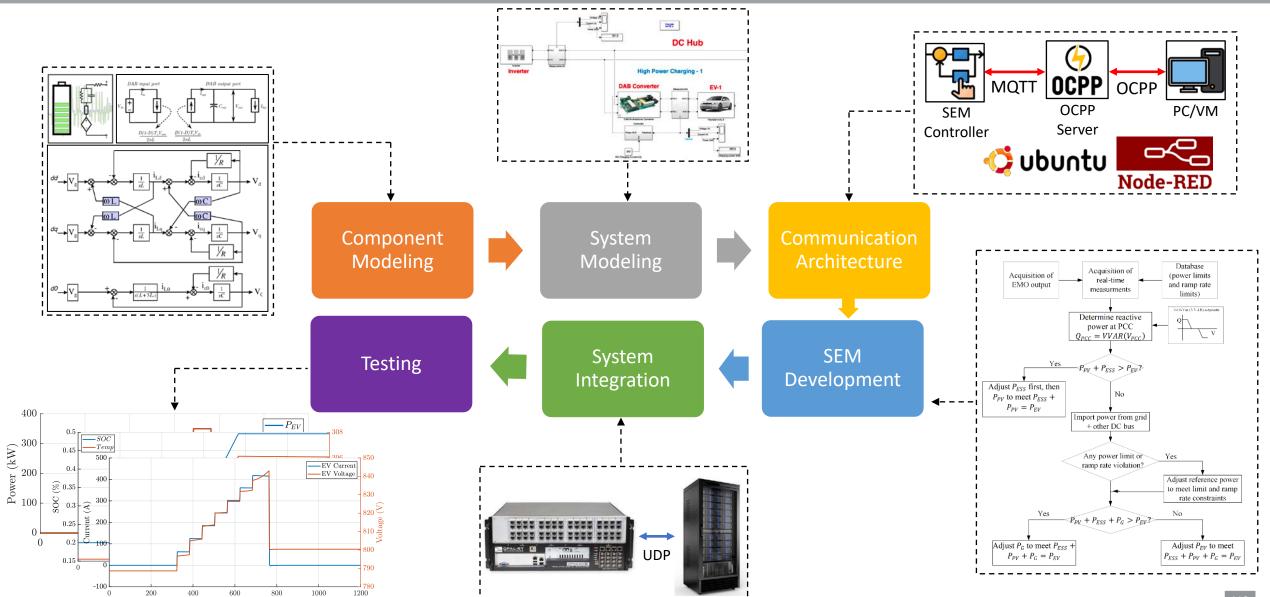
- Scalability
- Safe operation
- Testing and verification duration
- Protocol and standard implementation



Modeling of DC charging hub for C-HIL simulation

Time (s)

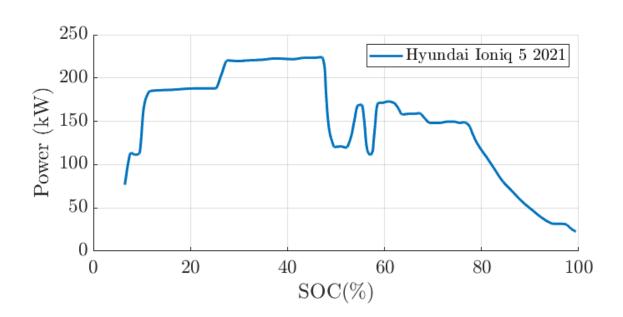


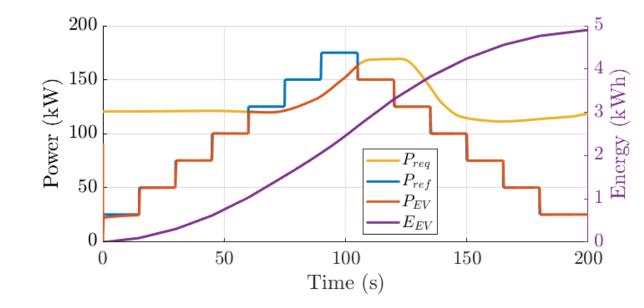


BMS Charge Acceptance



- **BMS charge acceptance** refers to the requested power of the EV battery.
- Depends on physical factors such as battery and ambient temperature and SOC.
- Can significantly limit the decision domain of a SEMS strategy.
- Full charging tests are performed to extract charge acceptance profiles.





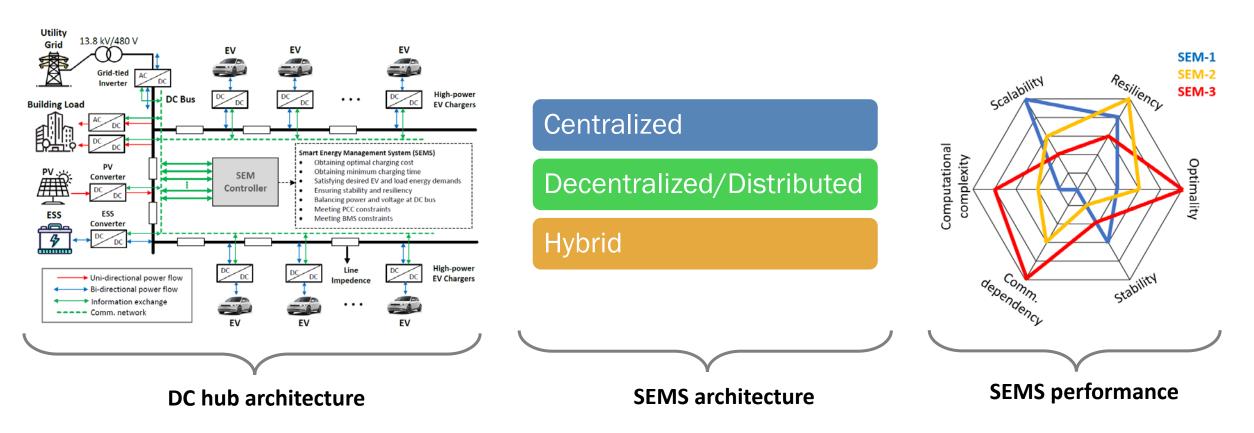
Hyundai Ioniq Charge acceptance curve

EV Charging Power and Energy

Site Energy Management System (SEMS) Development

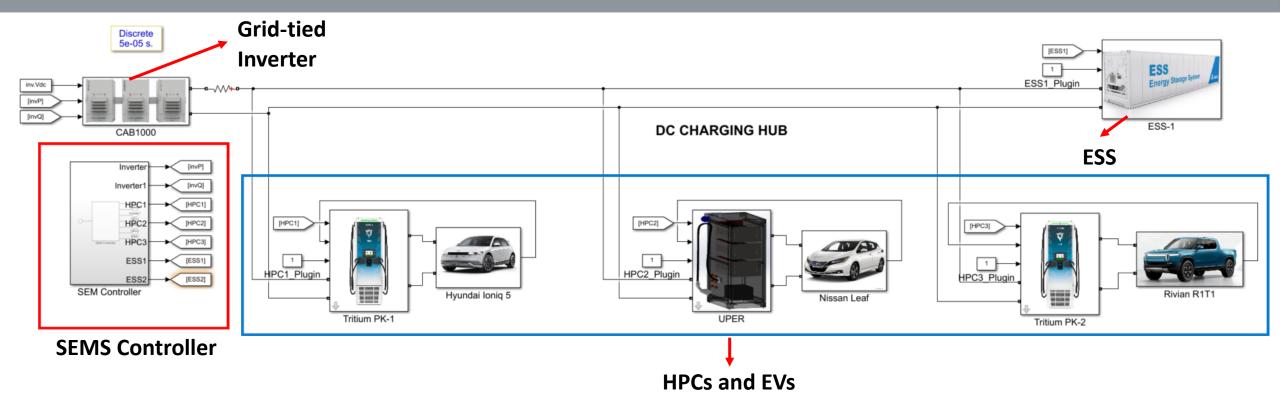


- Goal of SEMS is to coordinate, optimize and monitor hub operations while minimizing its impact on the electricity grid.
- This involves coordinating charging of multiple EVs in a way that maximizes the use of distributed energy sources, reduces the cost of electricity, and minimizes the risk of grid overloading or other disruptions.
- Role and architecture of SEMS are determined based on operational objectives, design preferences and performance criteria.



HPC DC Hub Model





- Developed SEMS controller will be demonstrated in this model
- HPC and EV models were developed based on actual hardware/equipment specs and tests
- Extension and scaling of DC hub will continue to include more units (EV, ESS, and PV, etc.)

Centralized Architectures

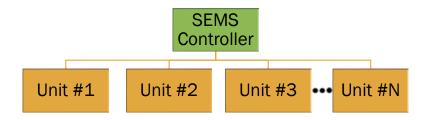


Pros

- More optimal operation
- More complex objective definition
- More advanced controller development

Cons

- Communication dependency
- High computational complexity
- Suffer from scalability
- Vulnerable to single-point failure



Common objectives

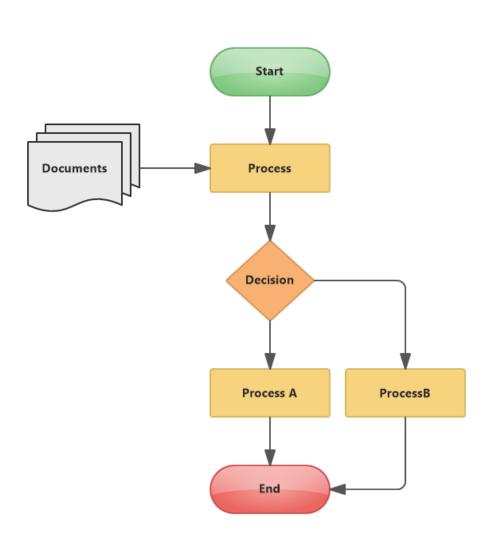
- Optimizing charging time (customer satisfaction and quality of service (QoS))
 - Prioritizes satisfying EVs' energy demand within dwell time
- Optimizing operational costs
 - Prioritizes charging EVs at low cost within dwell time
 - Prioritizes using of ESS and PV to reduce costs
- Providing grid-services
 - Responding to grid-side demand management requests

Conflicting objectives

- Trying to achieve all these objectives result in multi-objective optimization with conflicting objectives
- Pareto solution can be found by using different techniques to solve multi-objective problems
- Prioritization of objectives can be made based on needs and interests

Centralized Architecture: Rule Based SEMS





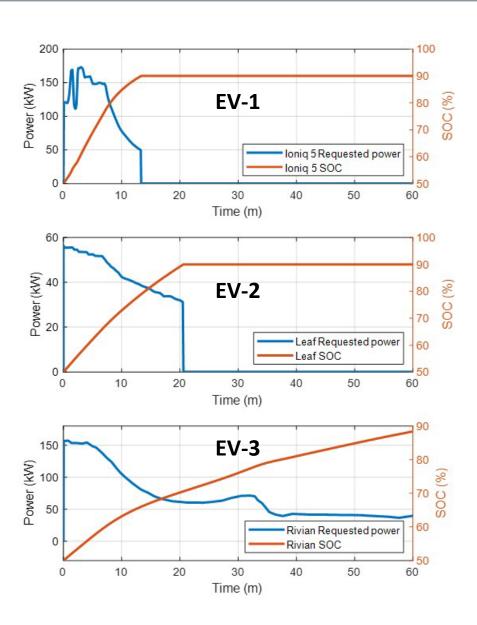
- ✓ Pre-defined, heuristic rules
- ✓ No optimization necessary
- ✓ Fast and simple implementation
- ✓ Power, SOC, and BMS response used
- ✓ Direct power setpoint dispatch

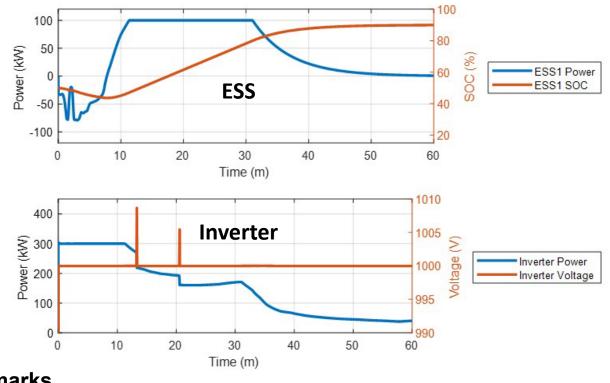
AN EXAMPLE OF RULE-BASED SEMS

- Charge EVs as soon as possible
- Inverter will try to supply EV load first
- If inverter supply is not enough, ESS will provide remaining power
- If both inverter and ESS are not sufficient to meet load, then EV charging powers will be reduced
- If there is net generation on hub, it will be offered to ESS first, then inverter will supply it back to the grid if necessary.

Centralized Architecture: Rule Based SEMS







Remarks

- EVs are charged as soon as possible
- Inverter supplies to loads (EVs) up to 300kW
- Rest of the load is compensated by ESS
- ESS recovers its SOC whenever there is available power in inverter

Centralized Architecture : Optimized SEMS



min $\Lambda(Charging Time) + (1- \Lambda)(Charging Cost)$

subject to:

- i) Satisfy EV energy demands
- ii) Maintain minimum SOC in ESS
- iii) Maintain min and max EV powers
- iv) Maintain hub power balance
- v) Impose ramp-up/down rates

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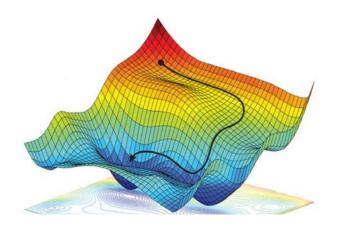
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Decision variables

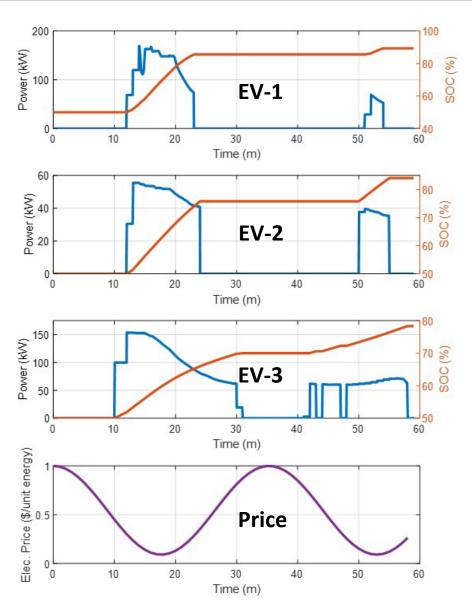


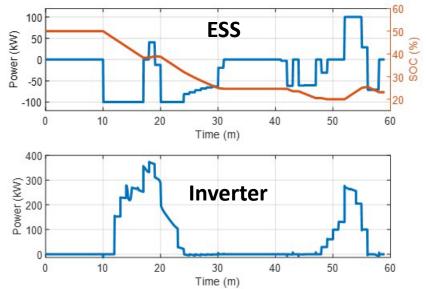
- Objectives are minimizing charging time and charging cost
- Constraints are satisfying EV energy demands, maintaining a minimum SOC in ESSs, ensuring power balance in DC hub
- Ramp-up/down rates can be used to cap power increase/decrease
- BMS response can be used to determine bounds of decision variables

- Prioritization variable can be defined for each objective and unit separately
- Not easy to scale. Each unit and longer time horizons add non-linear complexity
- Can suffer from infeasible regions due to physical constraints
- Relaxations may be frequently required for uninterrupted operation

Centralized Architecture: Optimized SEMS







Remarks

- SEMS prioritizes low-cost charging
- EVs and ESS are charged when the price is low
- ESS SOC is maintained between 20% and 80%
- EV BMS response significantly affects charging decisions

Decentralized Architectures



Pros

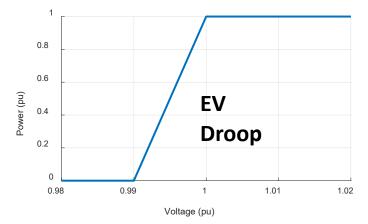
- More autonomous (plug & play) operation
- No or limited real-time communication
- More scalable
- Higher resiliency

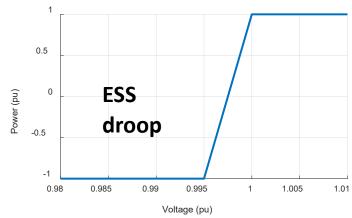
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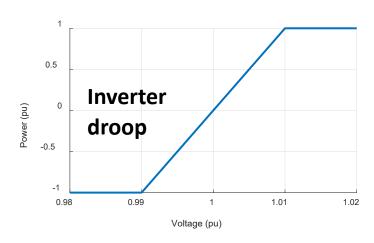
- Sub-optimal operation
- Limited ability for high-level operational objectives
- Requires voltage-based control

Common methods

- Droop control
 - Static droop
 - Adaptive droop
- Voltage signaling
- Other action functions P=f(V_{bus})

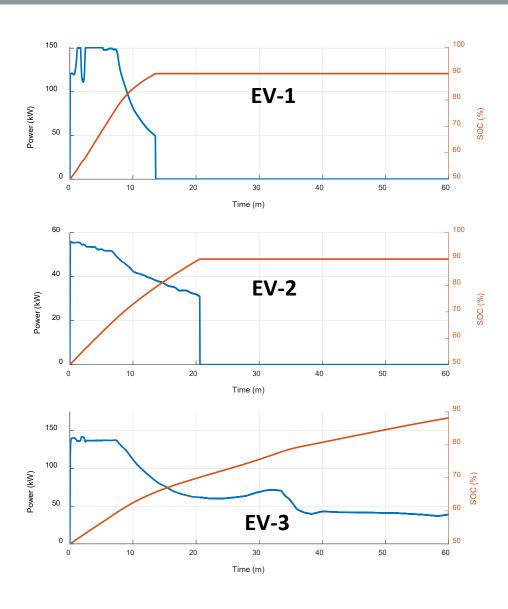


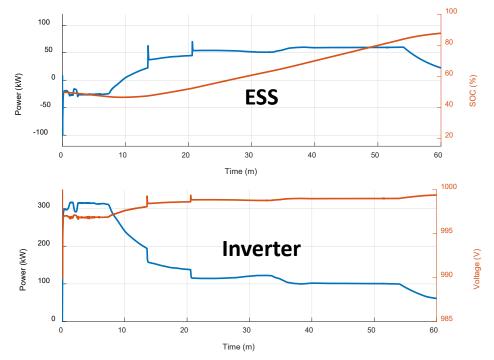




Decentralized Architectures: Static Droop







Remarks

- Each unit follows its droop curve
- ESS helps inverter meet EV demand and
- Power share is proportional droop parameters
- No comm. is required. All autonomous.

Conclusion and Next Steps



- **C-HIL platform** is an important enabler in quickly developing, scaling, testing, and verifying any DC hub operation, controller, and SEMS architecture and strategy development before the real-world deployment and implementation.
- Defining SEMS architecture and strategy depends on operational objectives as well as performance metrics.
- Hybrid SEMS solutions could be key to taking advantage of both worlds and eliminating risks
 associated with each solution.
- Implementation of developed SEMS solutions through existing protocols and chargers/units will be performed to verify their applicability and evaluate their performances.
- Use case development will be critical to explore vocation-specific potential barriers, challenges, and strategies.

Thank You

Questions and Comments

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Centralized Architecture: Optimized SEMS

: Time horizon



$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min_{\mathbf{P}} & \lambda \mathbf{c}^{\top} \mathbf{P} + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} E_{EV_i}[k] \\ & \text{s.t.} & E_{EV_i}[k] = P_{EV_i}[k-1] \cdot \Delta k \quad \forall i \in \{1, \cdots, M\} \\ & E_{ESS}[k] = P_{ESS}[k-1] \cdot \Delta k \\ & P_{EV_i}[k+1] \leq P_{EV_i}[k] + R_{up} \\ & P_{EV_i}[k+1] \geq P_{EV_i}[k] - R_{down} \\ & P_{ESS}[k+1] \leq P_{ESS}[k] + R_{up} \\ & P_{ESS}[k+1] \geq P_{ESS}[k] - R_{down} \\ & \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} P_{EV_i}[N-1] \cdot \Delta k = E_{EV_i}^{demand} \\ & SOC_{ESS}^{min} \leq SOC_{ESS}[k] \leq SOC_{ESS}^{max} \\ & P_{EV_i}^{min} \leq P_{EV_i}[k] \leq P_{EV_i}^{max} \\ & P_{ESS}^{min} \leq P_{ESS}[k] \leq P_{ESS}^{max} \\ & 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{M} P_{EV_i}[k] + P_{ESS}[k] \leq P_{inv}^{rated} \\ & R_{up} > 0 \qquad : \text{Ramp rate (up)} \\ & R_{down} > 0 \qquad : \text{Ramp rate (down)} \\ & 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \quad : \text{Prioritization coefficient} \end{aligned}$$

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Decision variables

- A model predictive control (MPC) approach
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Breakout Session Notes HPC Ecosystem



No	Topic Discussed	Feedback / Takeaways
1	User Charging Experience / Standard Ratings	 Focus on peak power ratings can lead to end user dissatisfaction because those power levels are only attained under a narrow set of conditions. End users should be provided with additional information explaining what factors are determining their instantaneous charge power and overall charge time. Potential for standardized charge speed ratings (e.g. miles per minute) to allow comparison between vehicles but a rating need to be selected and more definition is needed on how to consistently determine that rating. SAE J2954 committee has had conversations around standardizing charge rate reporting.
2	Industry Participation	 Partners receive access to the timeseries data for their own asset and anonymized timeseries data of the other partners. With enough participation, the public facing report can help inform end user expectations on charging speeds under different conditions.
3	Grid Interconnection for Charging Stations	 EVSPs intending to utilize BESS or smart charge management tend to be required to go through a full interconnection process. Otherwise, you get a basic service feed. More research is needed to simplify the interconnection process for EV charging stations utilizing these technologies. Additional clarification needed here on where research can impact this challenge vs process / policy development. Potential for research on how to size interconnects, incorporating expected utilization, charge curves, BESS, etc.



No	Topic Discussed	Feedback / Takeaways
1	What is driving the DC hub bus voltage selection?	 The available grid-connection inverters are one limit on the DC bus voltage. Semiconductor module voltage ratings also constrain the DC bus voltage. 1200 and 1700 V switching modules are available, which can support up to 800 and 1100 V, respectively.
2	EVSE DC-DC topology selection	 Since DAB, LLC, and CLLC topologies have similar number of semiconductor devices and similar high-frequency transformers, their differences in power density and cost are minimal. Therefore, DAB was selected for the UPER module due to its greater controllability. Another question related to the UPER DAB's efficiency over the full load cycle, and if the ZVS can be maintained over such a wide range. It was explained that UPER has uses a modified modulation strategy to enable ZVS over a very wide operating region. There was discussion around the expected vehicle battery voltage ranges that an EVSE DC-DC (and specifically UPER) must operate with. Considering the range of vehicle voltage levels, 200 – 900 V range is expected. Since around 4:1 conversation ratio is necessary, it was asked if it was still reasonable to achieve this with a single DAB converter as opposed to two conversion ranges. The advanced modulation scheme in the DAB was said to enable ZVS even at large step-down ratios. Multiple transformer taps can be used to switch between 2:1 and 4:1 conversion ratios.
3	DC distribution approach	 Participants were generally supportive of a DC distribution approach for vehicle charging. However, there were some concerns over some aspects of DC distribution. The lack of standardization was discussed, with one participant suggesting that NEC code, specifically article 625, is lacking for DC distribution. IEC standards for EVSEs were also mentioned. However, it was suggested that their uptake in the US may be limited. Additionally, DC protection remained a concern for some participants with the challenges of DC breakers and circuit interruption being highlighted. Prior feedback from the consortium biannual meeting was referenced, in which survey respondents selected the lack of product maturity for DC/DC charging systems as the largest barrier to implementation of a DC hub system (ranked choice of 5 options)



No	Topic Discussed	Feedback / Takeaways
1	Thoughts on publicly accessible DC charging?	 From utility grid perspective, it's inevitable that it will be curtailed, just not in a way that prevents fast DC charging. It is a scheduling problem that takes advantage of locations, times, prices, communication with vehicle, etc. Controlled service point – facility gets a maximum block of power to operate within and needs to follow the load schedule. Can use storage to compensate for changing schedule, but sites will not be allowed to exceed the cap, otherwise there may be penalties instead of directly affecting operation In VGI – important to elevate driver to #1 priority, and fleet or grid managers need to figure out how to serve. Site managers using DERMs can provide service using storage even if grid is impacted
2	What about tariffs in future when EVs are more common?	 Unsure how effective timing and tariffs are at this time – maybe around 20-30%. Studies are being done to verify. In CA, project to implement dynamic pricing, project with price calculators with pricing sent to customers and they make decisions Generally, this is way too complex for customers. Involves too much hand waving, and someone has to operate a computer to act on the receiving signals. It should be a system automatically managing all of this
3	What other common objectives of SEMS should researchers investigate in eCHIP project?	 Industry is looking to learn as well. Several projects lined up to understand DC service at distribution level. Benefits of AC vs DC hubs need to be demonstrated clearly. Need to have solid use cases for DC hubs from business perspective as well as control perspective, i.e. how can it be managed and how are protections done with minimal impact Interested in stitching together a vision for future by working together with labs to build and test it out, along with building new technical and business use cases.