Required Technologies for Grid Integration of Charging Infrastructure

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Motivation

- Climate goals require CO_2 savings in all sectors: Energy, Heat, Mobility
- E-Mobility is a big part of the solution
- Study* analyzes the future energy system of Germany which would be needed to achieve the two-degrees target (≠100% EV)

 \rightarrow determines a future electricity demand for the transportation sector of 120 TWh per year in Germany = "100% scenario"

- \rightarrow average power consumption of 13.7 GW in Germany caused by e-mobility
- Synthetic load profile:
 - peak demand of 28.8 GW for 100% scenario
 - Minimum demand of 550 MW for 10% scenario
- Today's primary control reserve in the German regulation zone is 620 MW
- E-Mobility will play an important part for the power system







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- In most countries, the Grid Codes refer to EVSE* as normal loads
 - No control of the EVSE behavior depending on the actual situation of the grid
- ~ Some countries introduce the concept of controllable loads \rightarrow Smart Charging
 - Charging process can be shifted in time to prevent high demand peaks

But EVSE are not just necessarily an additional load, they could also actively support the grid!

*EVSE = electrical vehicle supply equipment ≈ charging stations



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Expected Levels of Grid Integration

- EVSE are connected to the grid via power electronics similar to RES
- Requirements for generators like wind turbines that are perceived to be standard in modern grid codes are e.g.

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Fault Ride Through (FRT) Capability





Power-Frequency Control P(f)



Optional Gradient Control









ENERCON's answer to future requirements:



ENERCON TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

- Scalable power electronics
- FACTS 2.0
- Proven grid integration technology
- Compliant with grid codes world-wide

SYNERGIES

- Re-use of proven power electronics as well as low voltage components
- Leading grid integration technology
- Built-in ancillary services





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Behavior of EVSE and EV in case of grid faults



- Voltage dips in the transmission system can have a spread of several 100 km
- <u>Example</u>: fault in Spanish transmission system



Short circuit location in the north of
Spain: 3-ph fault at 400 kV

substation

- Voltage collapses around fault location
- Most of the system affected by voltage drop of >10%

Source: RED Eléctrica de Espana

Behavior of EVSE and EV in case of grid faults

- In fault situations grid voltage suddenly dips
 - \rightarrow possible power exchange with the grid is massively reduced
 - \rightarrow disruption of the charging process due to power shortage in the EVSE DC link
- Possible technical solutions:
 - a) Fast reduction of charging power
 - b) Storage implementation





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Summary and Outlook

- Expected ramp-up of EVs, with the corresponding expansion of charging infrastructure will have a significant impact on the electricity grid
- Today's standards do not define a desired behavior of EVSE in case of grid faults
 - Risk that grid faults lead to critical post-fault imbalances between generation and load
 - a defined FRT behavior should be required for EVSE
- Advanced grid integration technologies for EVSE can be achieved easily by using the same features that are already well known from RES
- Any equipment that is installed today will influence the grid for at least 10 years
 - → requirements for grid integration technologies of EVSE should be introduced in modern Grid Codes
- buffer storage inside EVSE can have several benefits, depending on the dimensions of the storage:
 - help to avoid peak loads
 - enable FRT down to 0 % of the nominal grid voltage
 - used as balancing capacity

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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