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Solar energy plus capacitor energy storage



Overview

This paper presents a 2-level controller managing a hybrid energy storage solution (HESS) for the grid integration of photovoltaic (PV) plants in distribution grids. The HESS is based on the interconnection of a lead-acid battery pack and a supercapacitor pack through a modular power electronics cabinet. The inclusion of the HESS into the PV plant –and not an state-of-the-art energy storage system based on a single technology–, is motivated by the diversity of technical requirements for the provision of the services of grid peak power shaving and PV output power ramp limitation. The 2-level controller ensures a synergistic exploitation of the two storage technologies aiming for an optimal service level of the HESS and minimum battery degradation. The higher level of the controller is base.

- Energy storage effective to meet PV grid code and grid overvoltage alleviation
- Hybridization of storage technologies is effective for PV plant grid integration.
- The supercapacitor minimizes battery degradation for PV output ramp limitation.
- Mathematical optimization and real time control for a multi-purpose storage system.

Hybrid energy storage solutionBatterySupercapacitorPV plant.

The installation of renewable generation presents a growing tendency worldwide over the last decades, being mainly motivated by the need for reducing the dependency from fossil fuels and coal, as well as the required decrease of pollutant emissions. According to IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) [1], at the end of 2019, global renewable generation capacity was 2351 GW, dominated by hydro (1172 GW), wind (564 GW) and solar (486 GW). More than 80% of the new capacity that was built in 2018 came from solar and wind installations. Therefore, it is clear wind and PV power plants play a key role for contributing to the power system decarbonisation. However, their power output is variable and unpredictable to some extent, and this is a barrier for their grid integration that motiv.

2.1. Optimization algorithm: grid peak power shavingThe higher decision level of the PV plant controller is for splitting power demand among the battery and the supercapacitor for grid peak power shaving purposes. This constitutes an optimization algorithm (in fact, a Non-Linear-Problem, NLP) that, based on the

forecasts on PV generation for a predefined period of time, e.g. the next 24 h; grid limitations and the state of charge and technical performance of the HESS, schedules the power setpoints for the supercapacitor and the battery packs. As previously explained in Section 1.2, the main storage device operated here is the battery pack, since hosting most of the energy storage capacity of the HESS. This is a result derived from the basis of the N.

What are solar supercapacitors?

Solar supercapacitors are advanced energy storage devices gaining attention for their efficiency and broad applications. With high energy efficiency, they minimize energy loss, making them ideal for maximizing solar energy utilization.

Why do solar power systems need capacitors?

The integration of capacitors into solar power systems stands as a potent strategy for enhancing their efficiency and operational longevity. Capacitors, essentially energy storage components, function by storing and swiftly releasing electrical energy.

What are the benefits of solar supercapacitors?

High Energy Efficiency: Solar supercapacitors charge rapidly and retain energy efficiently, minimizing energy loss during storage and distribution. **Long Lifespan:** These supercapacitors endure numerous charge and discharge cycles, maintaining performance over extended periods compared to traditional batteries.

Who can benefit from solar-plus-storage systems?

Residential and commercial solar customers, utilities, and large-scale solar operators can all benefit from solar-plus-storage systems. As research continues and costs decrease, solar and storage solutions will become more accessible to all Americans.

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