

A Battery-fed Dynamic Voltage Restorer for Wide-Range Sag/Swell Mitigation

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EV Charging Infrastructure

ECSEL PROGRESSUS Use Case 2

- 65% reduction of peak power
- 20% lower cost
- 20% smaller volume
- 30% lower losses (WBG)
- Need for a protective interface with the grid (PQ)



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https://www.ecsel.eu/projects/progressus

Voltage Disturbances on the LV Grid

- Voltage *sags* and *swells* are among the most common **PQ** issues
- Mostly due to remote faults on the MV side
- Can cause interruptions and malfunctioning



Sags and Swells



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Dynamic Voltage Restorer (1/2)

- An established and cost-effective way to mitigate voltage disturbance on the load side
- **Dynamic voltage restorers** (DVRs) inject voltage in series with the source to compensate for voltage sags/swells



• Our requirement: 0.2 to 2 p.u. for 5 ms to 60 s (wide range)



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Dynamic Voltage Restorer (2/2)

With energy storage

- Works independently from the grid 🙂
- Wider compensation range/time 🙂
- Mainly active power
- Relatively expensive 😕

Without energy storage

- Taps energy from the grid
- Lower compensation range/time ⊗
- Mainly reactive power
- Relatively cheap 🙂





J. G. Nielsen and F. Blaabjerg, "A detailed comparison of system topologies for dynamic voltage restorers," IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, vol. 41, no. 5, pp. 1272–1280, Sep. 2005.

Dynamic Voltage Restorer (2/2)





- \sim Can tap power directly from the battery (2L) \odot
- Reduced power rating of dc-stage ⁽²⁾
- Power consumption in standby mode 😕
- Efficiency can be further improved



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J. Wang, Y. Xing, H. Wu, and T. Yang, "A Novel Dual-DC-Port Dynamic Voltage Restorer With Reduced-Rating Integrated DC–DC Converter for Wide-Range Voltage Sag Compensation," IEEE Trans. Power Electron., vol. 34, no. 8, pp. 7437–7449, Aug. 2019.

Possible DVR Improvements

- Main drawback: power consumption in idle mode (series-connected converter)
- Efficient design with wide-bandgap power switches
- Further improve DC-stage design
- Power density (relevant to our case study)
- Multi-functional PQ converter

Computer-aided design workflow based on modeling and simulation





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Control Technique (1/2)

In-phase compensation technique



- Minimized injected voltage amplitude
- Phase jump is not compensated



 $V_{g,abc}$

 V_{da}^{g}

 $V_{s,abc}$

 $V_{l,abc}$

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1:2

_ V_{l,abc}

Control Technique (2/2)

Asymmetrical SVPWM •

 $0 \le l \le 2$



β

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Voltage Sag Simulation – 0.2 p.u. / VL= 500 V



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Voltage Swell Simulation – 2 p.u. / VL= 500 V



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Power Loss Modeling

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Simulation Results

- DC stage only operates when >60% power is required at low battery charge
- 45% lower power rating for DC stage

- Simulated peak efficiency at 99.17% (semiconductor + inductor losses)
- Efficiency drops as battery charge reduces





Comparative Analysis

Proposed Layout (SiC MOSFETs)



DC/DC + 2 level (SiC MOSFETs)

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Comparative Analysis - U_L =680V



- No significant difference between SiC topologies
- IGBT shows worse performance
- DC-stage losses are minimum





Comparative Analysis - U_L =470V



- Proposed topology has better performance if battery SOC is lower
- DC-stage losses are higher in all the other designs
- Interleaved dc-stage performs better





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30 kVA DVR Prototype





• Power density ~3.3 kW/dm³



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Test Setup

- 15 kVA grid emulator
- 30 kVA series transformer
- 30 kW DC source / battery emulator
- dSPACE control interface





Experimental Results (1/3)

Voltage Sag – 0.2 p.u. / VH= 300 V







Experimental Results (2/3)

Voltage Swells – 2 p.u. / VH= 300 V







Experimental Results (3/3)

Voltage Swells – 2 p.u. / VH= 300 V







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Conclusion

- Concept and implementation of an all-SiC DVR for wide-range sag/ swell compensation
- Improved layout
- Simulation-driven design procedure
- Simulation and early test results shows promising performance

Future Work

- Full validation of converter performance
- Additional PQ features (harmonic mitigation)





Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



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