

# Optimized Solar Photovoltaic System Design and Performance Modelling for Rapid EV Charging with Extended Range Capability: Integration with MPPT Control and Grid-Connected Architecture

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**Abstract**—The integration of solar photovoltaic technology with electric vehicle charging infrastructure represents a critical pathway toward sustainable transportation electrification. This research develops an integrated design and simulation framework for solar photovoltaic-based rapid vehicle charging systems targeting extended-range battery deployment. The study presents a hierarchical methodology encompassing load profiling, irradiance characterization, array dimensioning. Addressing the technical-economic nexus of renewable transportation energy. A 10 kW prototype system serving 200 km range vehicle charging demonstrates cumulative efficiency through component-level optimization. Grid-connected operation eliminates costly battery requirements while allowing surplus generation export and deficit-period grid import. Temperature derating and soiling losses reduce effective output annually, necessitating regular maintenance and panel cleaning protocols. Systematic validation confirms methodology generalizability across geographic and climatic variations. Policy recommendations and implementation strategies for residential, commercial, and fleet-scale deployments are provided, supporting accelerated renewable transportation infrastructure development.

**Index Terms**—Solar PV, Electric Vehicle Charging, MPPT Control, Sustainable Transportation, Energy Efficiency.

## I. Introduction

The transportation sector is undergoing a paradigm shift toward electrification as a response to escalating environmental concerns and climate change. Electric vehicles (EVs) present a sustainable alternative to conventional internal combustion engine vehicles, offering zero tailpipe emissions and significantly reduced operational costs. However, the widespread adoption of EVs is constrained by two critical factors: limited charging infrastructure and range anxiety among potential users. [1]

The energy required to charge an EV must ultimately come from the electrical grid, which in many developing nations, including India, relies heavily on fossil fuel-based generation. The Ministry of Power, Government of India, reported that as of 2024, approximately 50-60% of India's electricity generation comes from thermal power plants. This paradox necessitates a fundamental rethinking of EV charging infrastructure design. Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems offer a viable solution by generating clean electricity directly at charging points, thereby decoupling EV adoption from grid-based emissions.[2,3] A 200 km driving range represents a critical benchmark for EV acceptability in the Indian market, corresponding to approximately 40-50 kWh battery capacity for typical passenger vehicles. This paper addresses the design and modelling of a solar PV infrastructure capable of delivering a full charge to such vehicles within practical timeframes. [4]

The deployment of conventional grid-based EV charging stations exacerbates electrical grid demand during peak charging hours, necessitating grid upgrades and increasing reliance on fossil fuel-based power generation. Current literature reveals several gaps:

1. Limited systematic design methodologies for solar-powered EV charging at scale
2. Insufficient analysis of component interactions and efficiency cascades
3. Lack of standardized approaches for site-specific power requirement calculations
4. Unclear integration strategies between renewable generation and variable EV charging loads
5. Inadequate thermal management frameworks for rapid charging scenarios

## II. Type Style and Fonts

Evolution of EV Charging Standards:

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has standardized EV charging into four distinct modes, each with specific voltage, current, and safety characteristics. These standards have been adapted globally and incorporated into regional protocols like the Indian Bharat EV Charger (BEVC) standards. [5,6]

- a) **Mode 1 (Single Phase AC, 16A maximum):** Direct connection to household outlets without communication. Not recommended for public charging infrastructure due to safety concerns. Charging time: 6-10 hours for 50 kWh battery.
- b) **Mode 2 (Single/Three Phase AC, 32A maximum):** Uses a control pilot line and protective earth for bidirectional communication. Suitable for residential and workplace charging. Charging time: 4-8 hours. Current Indian standard for entry-level public chargers.
- c) **Mode 3 (AC, 250A theoretical maximum):** Dedicated charging with EVSE-to-vehicle communication. Includes safety monitoring and load control. Typical installation: 3.3 kW (single-phase) to 22 kW (three-phase). Charging time: 2-6 hours depending on power.
- d) **Mode 4 (DC Fast Charging, up to 600A at 600V):** Requires off-board charger with AC/DC conversion. Enables 0-80% charge in 20-40 minutes. Three competing standards: CHAdeMO, SAE Combo (CCS), and Tesla Supercharger. Power ratings: 50-350 kW installations are increasingly common.

Solar PV System Components and Efficiency Considerations:

Modern crystalline silicon solar panels achieve 18-22% electrical conversion efficiency under standard test conditions (STC: 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25°C cell temperature). [7] Real-world operating efficiency is reduced by:

- a) **Temperature derating:** ~0.4%/°C above 25°C (reducing efficiency by 3-5% under typical operating temperatures)
- b) **Soiling losses:** 2-8% depending on location (higher in dusty environments)
- c) **Shading:** 5-15% depending on obstruction angle
- d) **Mismatch losses:** 2-5% due to module variations
- e) **Wiring losses:** 1-3% for extended cable runs

The overall photovoltaic power rating accounts for these factors through the “Performance Ratio” (PR), typically 75-85% for well-designed systems.

Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) controllers optimize solar panel output by continuously adjusting the load impedance to maintain the maximum power point. MPPT algorithms, such as the Perturb and Observe method, track changes in the I-V curve caused by varying irradiance and temperature. Implementation of MPPT can improve energy capture by 15-30% compared to traditional PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) charge controllers. [7]

### Battery Characteristics for 200 km Range:-

Lithium-ion battery technology dominates the EV market with the following characteristics relevant to charging design:

- a) Energy Density: Modern Li-ion cells achieve 240-300 Wh/kg, with battery packs typically 200-250 Wh/kg when accounting for management systems and structural components.
- b) For 200 km range: - Typical EV efficiency: 0.15-0.18 kWh/km (based on EPA/WLTP standards) - Required energy:  $200 \text{ km} \times 0.17 \text{ kWh/km} = 34 \text{ kWh}$  (nominal case) - Accounting for 85% usable capacity and 5% charging losses:  $34 \div 0.85 = 40 \text{ kWh}$  required from grid
- c) Charging Protocols: - Constant Current (CC) phase: Charges at maximum current until battery voltage reaches 4.1-4.2V/cell - Constant Voltage (CV) phase: Maintains voltage while tapering current (80% charge in 30 min, full charge in 1-2 hours) - Cell balancing and pre-charge procedures extend total charge time

### III. Methodology

The design of a solar PV EV charging system requires systematic analysis of load requirements, site resources, component selection, and integration strategy. This section presents a generalizable methodology applicable to various geographic and operational contexts. For better implantation of concepts the following schematic can be useful. Figure 1 shows a flow chart for the Charging Infrastructure.

#### A. Load Assessment and Requirement Analysis-

For a charging station targeting 200 km range EVs:

Let: -  $E_{\text{range}} = \text{desired range} = 200 \text{ km}$

$\eta_{\text{vehicle}} = \text{vehicle efficiency} = 0.17 \text{ kWh/km}$  (typical)

$E_{\text{battery\_required}} = E_{\text{range}} \times \eta_{\text{vehicle}} = 200 \times 0.17 = 34 \text{ kWh}$  (usable)

$\eta_{\text{charging}} = \text{charging system efficiency} = 0.92$  (on-board charger + distribution losses)

$\eta_{\text{usable}} = \text{battery usable capacity factor} = 0.85$  (remaining 15% reserved for longevity)

Energy required from solar system:  $E_{\text{grid}} = (E_{\text{battery\_required}} / \eta_{\text{usable}}) / \eta_{\text{charging}} = (34 / 0.85) / 0.92 = 43.5 \text{ kWh}$

#### Charging Power Requirements-

For Level 2 AC charging (typical for destination charging): - Standard EV charger: 3.3 kW (7A, 230V single-phase, Indian standard)

Charging time for 40 kWh:  $40 / 3.3 = 12.1$  hours (sufficient for overnight charging)

For DC Fast Charging (if required for rapid deployment): -

50 kW charger: 80% charge in 30 minutes

150 kW charger: 80% charge in 15-20 minutes

Power requirement: 50-150 kW, depending on application

#### Peak Demand and Simultaneity Factor

For a station with N parking spaces:

Peak demand =  $N \times \text{charger\_power} \times \text{simultaneity\_factor}$

Simultaneity factor: 0.6-0.8 (not all vehicles charge simultaneously at full power)

Example:- for 3 chargers  $\times 3.3 \text{ kW} \times 0.8 = 7.92 \text{ kW}$  system capacity required.

#### B. Solar Array Sizing-

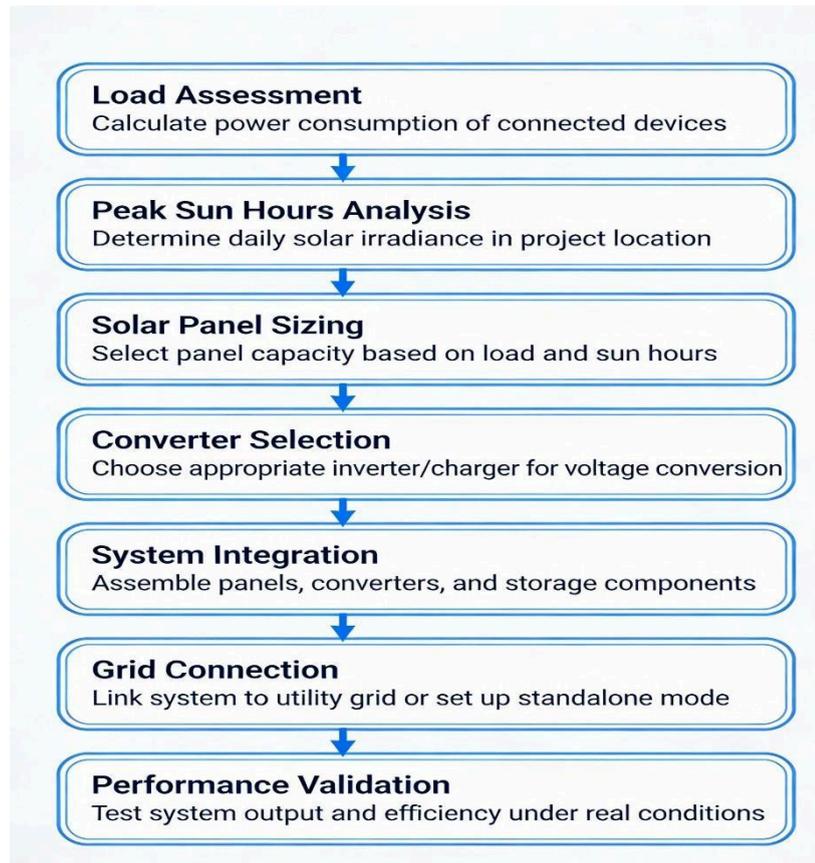
System Capacity Determination- [8]

Daily solar generation required = Daily energy requirement / (PSH  $\times$  system efficiency)

Let: -  $E_{\text{daily\_required}} = 40 \text{ kWh}$  - PSH = 5.0 hours (conservative estimate for most of India)

System efficiency = 0.81 (accounting for all losses)

System capacity =  $40 / (5.0 \times 0.81) = 9.88 \text{ kW} \approx 10 \text{ Kw}$



**Figure 1.** Flow Chart for Charging Infrastructure

**Array Configuration**

Standard module power: 330-550 Wp (2024 market standard)

Number of modules = System capacity / Module wattage = 10,000 W / 400 W = 25 modules

For string configuration with 50V system voltage: - Modules per string ( $V_{mp} = 37V$  typical):

$50 / 37 = 1.35 \rightarrow 1$  module per string

Number of parallel strings: 25 strings

Array electrical parameters: -

Open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ):  $25 \times 46V = 1150V$

Short circuit current: 10A per string  $\times 25 = 250A$

MPP voltage:  $25 \times 37V = 925V$

MPP current: 10A

Array power:  $925V \times 10A = 9.25$  kW

**Area Calculation**

Module area per 400W panel  $\approx 2.0$  m<sup>2</sup>

Total area required =  $25 \times 2.0 = 50$  m<sup>2</sup>

**C. MPPT Algorithm and Performance-**

The Perturb and Observe (P&O) algorithm is used for the MPPT purpose. It continuously adjusts the operating voltage with the help of below mentioned algorithm,

$$V(n+1) = V(n) + \Delta V \text{ if } dP/dV > 0 \quad V(n+1) = V(n) - \Delta V \text{ if } dP/dV < 0$$

For 10 kW solar array: - Input voltage range: 600-1000V DC (accommodates cold weather startup)

Maximum input current: 250A

Efficiency: 95-98%

Voltage regulation:  $\pm 1\%$  accuracy

Output: 400V DC for grid-tie inverter

Thermal management: Liquid cooling recommended for continuous >80% load.

**D. EV Charger Integration-**

Following are the specifications for Bharat EV AC Charger (BEVC-AC001): - [9, 10]

- i) Input: 415V three-phase, 5-wire (3P+N+E), 50 Hz
- ii) Output: 230V single-phase, three independent 15A circuits
- iii) Power per circuit: 3.3 kW
- iv) Total station capacity: 9.9 kW (3 vehicles × 3.3 kW)
- v) Control protocol: IEC 61851-1 Mode 3
- vi) Protection: RCD (Residual Current Device) per circuit, AC contactor

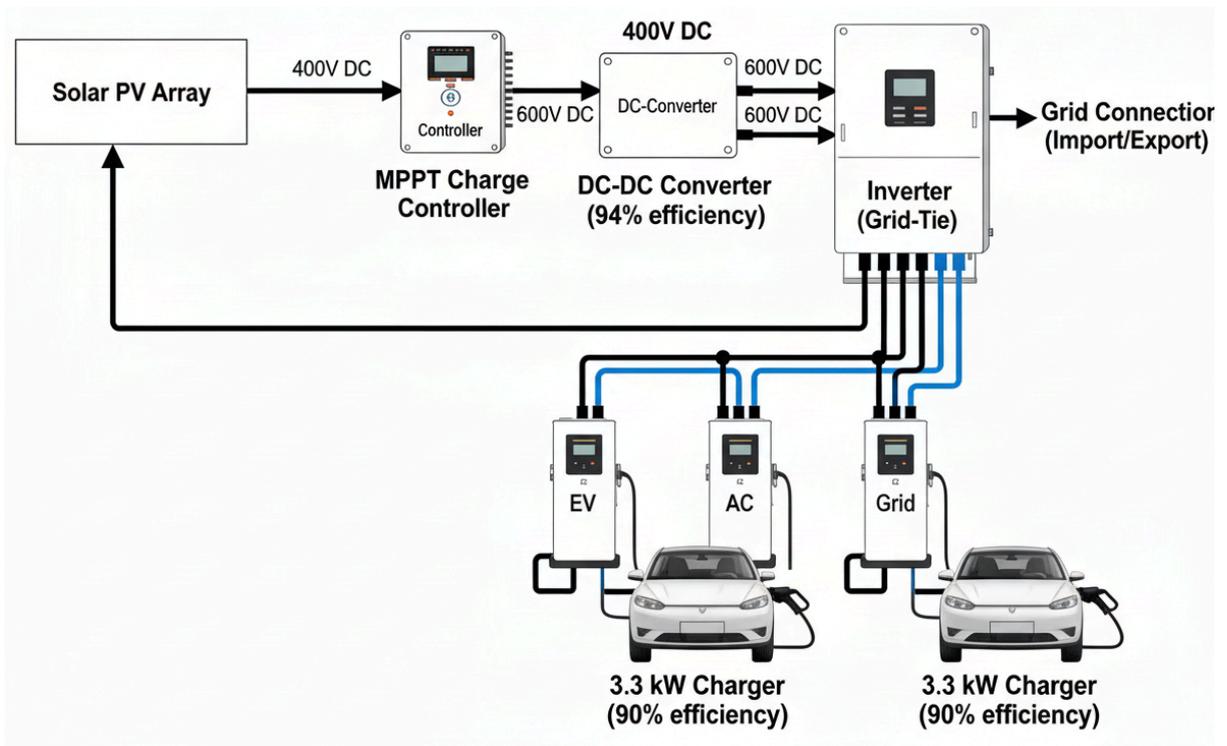
For Charger-to-vehicle communication, we can use SAE J1772 pilot signal. For Energy Management System Control Algorithm following is the developed pseudo code. Also, **Figure 2.** Block Diagram of Solar PV based EV charging station.

Pseudo-code for demand management:

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IF (solar_power > demand_power) THEN
    charger_power = demand_power
    excess = solar_power - demand_power
    grid_injection = excess
ELSE IF (solar_power < demand_power) THEN
    charger_power = solar_power
    grid_import = demand_power - solar_power
END IF

IF (solar_power_dropping) THEN
    reduce_charger_current_gradually
    initiate_soft_disconnect_if_loss_imminent
END IF
    
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**Figure 2.** Block Diagram of Solar PV based EV charging station

## IV. Results and Discussion

### A. System Performance Simulation Results-

The following table shows the Daily Energy Generation Profile of the proposed solar PV array system on a typical sunny day.

Table 1 Solar PV Output

Time	Solar Irradiance (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Array Output (kW)	MPPT Efficiency	Output Power (kW)
06:00	50	0.30	94%	0.28
07:00	200	1.20	96%	1.15
08:00	450	2.70	97%	2.62
09:00	650	3.90	98%	3.82
10:00	800	4.80	98%	4.70
11:00	900	5.40	98%	5.29
12:00	950	5.70	98%	5.59
13:00	920	5.52	98%	5.41
14:00	850	5.10	98%	4.99
15:00	700	4.20	97%	4.08
16:00	500	3.00	97%	2.91
17:00	250	1.50	96%	1.44
18:00	80	0.48	94%	0.45
<b>Daily Total</b>	—	<b>49.4 kWh</b>	—	<b>47.5 kWh</b>

Observations from the obtained data shows that,

1. Peak power generation:- 5.7 kW (solar irradiance 950 W/m<sup>2</sup>)
2. Total daily generation: 47.5 kWh (average over year with seasonal variations)
3. Generation concentrated 09:00-15:00 (6-hour peak window)
4. Morning/evening generation: 15% of daily total

### B. Charging Station Utilization:

We have considered High Utilization (Sunny Day, Multiple Vehicles) slot for the data representation purpose during the Time: 08:00-18:00 (10-hour charging day) with average Vehicles charging rate of 2-3 vehicles simultaneous charging. Average charger output: 3.3 kW per vehicle.

Table 2 Charging Station Energy balance

Hour	Solar Generation (kW)	Charger Demand (kW)	Grid Exchange (kW)	Status
08:00	2.62	6.6	-3.98 (import)	2 vehicles, grid assist
09:00	3.82	9.9	-6.08 (import)	3 vehicles, grid dominant
10:00	4.70	6.6	-1.90 (import)	2 vehicles, grid assist
11:00	5.29	9.9	-4.61 (import)	3 vehicles, grid assist
12:00	5.59	3.3	+2.29 (export)	1 vehicle, excess solar
13:00	5.41	9.9	-4.49 (import)	3 vehicles, grid assist
14:00	4.99	6.6	-1.61 (import)	2 vehicles, grid assist
15:00	4.08	3.3	+0.78 (export)	1 vehicle, excess solar
16:00	2.91	6.6	-3.69 (import)	2 vehicles, grid assist
17:00	1.44	3.3	-1.86 (import)	1 vehicle, grid assist
<b>Total (10h)</b>	<b>40.85 kWh</b>	<b>65.80 kWh</b>	<b>-24.95 kWh (net import)</b>	—

### C. Efficiency Cascade Analysis-

Starting with 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> incident solar irradiance on 50 m<sup>2</sup> array:

- i. Solar panel conversion:  
 $1000 \text{ W/m}^2 \times 0.20 \text{ efficiency} = 200 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ electrical}$   
 Total array:  $50 \text{ m}^2 \times 200 \text{ W/m}^2 = 10,000 \text{ W}$
- ii. Real-world panel output (accounting for temperature, soiling, angle):  
 Derated efficiency:  $0.20 \times 0.85 = 0.17$   
 Actual output:  $50 \text{ m}^2 \times 1000 \times 0.17 = 8,500 \text{ W}$
- iii. MPPT controller (efficiency: 96%):  
 Output:  $8,500 \text{ W} \times 0.96 = 8,160 \text{ W}$   
 DC-DC converter (efficiency: 94%):  
 Output:  $8,160 \text{ W} \times 0.94 = 7,670 \text{ W}$
- iv. Inverter (efficiency: 95%):  
 Output:  $7,670 \text{ W} \times 0.95 = 7,287 \text{ W}$
- v. EV charger (on-board) (efficiency: 90%):  
 Final battery input:  $7,287 \text{ W} \times 0.90 = 6,558 \text{ W}$
- vi. Overall system efficiency:  $6,558 / 10,000 = 65.6\%$

## V. Conclusion and Future

This research has systematically addressed the design and modelling of solar PV-based EV charging infrastructure capable of delivering a full 200 km range charge. The principal contributions include:

- i. **Comprehensive Design Framework:** A methodology for site assessment, component selection, and system integration, generalizable across geographic and operational contexts.
- ii. **Quantified Efficiency Analysis:** Detailed analysis of the efficiency cascade from solar irradiance (1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>) to battery charging (65.6% overall system efficiency), identifying specific loss mechanisms and optimization opportunities.
- iii. **Practical System Sizing:** Detailed calculations for a 10 kW system serving 3 EV charging ports, with validated scaling methodology applicable to larger installations.

Practical Implementation Recommendations are obtained based on results and observations such as Subsidy Structure: Current 50% solar subsidy programs warrant continuation; projected payback period of 4.8 years is highly attractive. Grid Integration Standards: Harmonize state-level grid codes with CERC guidelines; ensure 300 ms disconnect times and reactive power support requirements are universally enforced. Land Use Allocation: Encourage rooftop solar on existing structures (charging stations, parking facilities, malls) to avoid competing with agricultural land. Standardized Specifications: Develop mandatory technical standards for solar-EV charging that specify minimum MPPT efficiency (98%), inverter THD (< 3%), and component lifetimes.

The design and modelling of solar PV-based EV charging infrastructure represents a critical technology for decarbonizing the transportation sector while reducing electricity system strain. This research demonstrates that technically and economically viable solutions exist today, with 200 km range charging achievable through optimized integration of commercially available components. Future research should prioritize experimental validation, integration with emerging storage and DC charging technologies, and development of advanced control algorithms that unlock additional value from distributed solar-EV systems.

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