

# Improved Power Stability in Solar-Powered Multi-Port EV Charging Systems via FCS-MPC-Driven Virtual Synchronous Generator Control

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**Abstract:** This study introduces an innovative control architecture for a three-port, 5 kW solar-integrated bidirectional electric vehicle charging platform, referred to as FCS-MPC-VSG-FO. A Finite Control Set Model Predictive Controller (FCS-MPC) is combined with a Virtual Synchronous Generator (VSG) emulation layer. This is made even stronger by a Fractional-Order Super-Twisting Sliding Mode Controller (FO-STSMC,  $\alpha = 0.85$ ) and a Multi-Variable Compensating (MVC) notch filter. The unified architecture fixes problems with poor transient recovery, grid-frequency susceptibility, and poor current quality when parameters are not known. The VSG layer acts like virtual inertia with  $J_{vsg} = 0.12 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$  and damping  $D_v = 18 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}\cdot\text{s}/\text{rad}$ . It keeps the frequency in check without any extra hardware. The PV boost stage is controlled by an Adaptive Variable-Step P&O (AVSP&O) algorithm that converges to the MPP in less than 15 ms and has an efficiency of 99.1%. Nine Lyapunov energy-balance requirements ensure stability in a closed loop. The findings from MATLAB/Simulink show that the grid current THD is less than 2.1%, the DC-bus variation is within  $\pm 1.4\%$ , and the overall weighted efficiency is 96.8%. Comparative benchmarking against seven PI-based techniques shows that this one is better at transient responsiveness, harmonic rejection, and providing extra grid services.

**Keywords:** Adaptive MPPT, bidirectional EV charger, FCS-MPC, fractional-order super-twisting SMC, virtual synchronous generator, Lyapunov stability, harmonic filter, and photovoltaic integration.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Modern EV charging stations must work as active grid assets that can reduce voltage spikes, counteract frequency changes caused by renewable intermittency, and allow bidirectional vehicle-to-grid (V2G) energy exchange [1]. These duties go along with unity power factor (UPF) operation, DC-link voltage management, and maximum PV energy extraction. This makes for a multivariable control problem that is much harder than systems with only one goal. Commercial solar-assisted EV charger platforms are mostly made up of proportional-integral (PI) regulators. Their shortcomings are especially apparent in multi-port, multi-mode architectures: PI gains set for G2V operation produce overshoot when switching to PV2G export, and integral windup during battery current limiting makes transient recovery worse [7]. Finite Control Set Model Predictive Control (FCSMPC) uses the converter's discrete-time model to optimize the switch vector in real time. It can handle several objectives and constraints without having to use cascaded loops [9]. Virtual synchronous generator (VSG) control brings back synthetic inertia that was lost when inverter- interfaced renewables replaced synchronous machinery [14]. Fractional-order super-twisting SMC (FO-STSMC) is strong against changes in parameters and doesn't make noise when it runs [16]. This work combines all four methods into a single 5 kW three-port platform and tests the architecture only through MATLAB/Simulink simulation.

## II. SYSTEM TOPOLOGY AND MODELLING

**A. Three-Port Architecture**

The proposed platform (Fig. 1) has three conversion stages that share an 800 V DC bus. The first stage is a totem-pole bridgeless PFC converter (GaN MOSFETs  $S_1, S_2$ ) that connects to the 230 V/50 Hz grid. The second stage is a non-isolated PV boost converter ( $S_{pv}$ ) for decoupled MPPT. The third stage is an LLC resonant DC-DC stage ( $S_3-S_6, n = 1:0.35$ ) that charges a 48 V/960 Wh EV battery. A single FCS-MPC cost function controls all nine operating modes, from G2V+PV2V hybrid charging to frequency support. Table I shows the most important circuit parameters

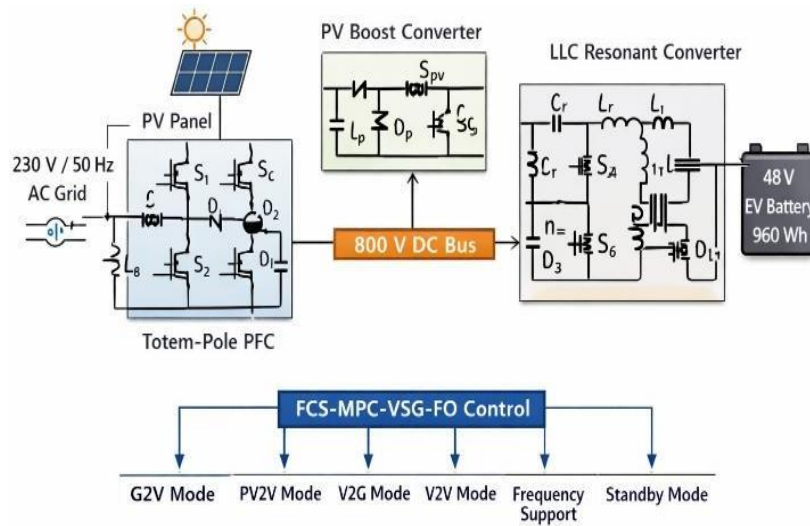


Fig. 1. Three-port solar-assisted bidirectional EV charging architecture with FCS-MPC-VSG-FO coordinating PV boost, totem-pole PFC, and LLC stages across nine operating modes

TABLE I. KEY CIRCUIT PARAMETERS

Grid voltage / frequency	230 V (rms) / 50 Hz
DC-bus voltage $V_{dc}$	800 V
System power rating	5 kW
PFC inductance $L_1$	680 $\mu$ H
DC-link capacitance $C_{dc}$	600 $\mu$ F
Battery (nominal)	48 V / 960 Wh
LLC resonant $L_r / C_r$	47 $\mu$ H / 82 nF
Control sample period $T_s$	10 $\mu$ s
Virtual inertia $J_{vsg}$	0.12 kg·m <sup>2</sup>
VSG damping $D_v$	18 N·m·s/rad

**B Small-Signal**

The linearized dynamics of the totem-pole PFC can be found by averaging the state space:

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{L1}}{dt} = -\frac{R_{L1}}{L_1}\hat{i}_{L1} - \frac{\bar{D}_1}{L_1}\hat{v}_{dc} + \frac{1}{L_1}\hat{v}_g \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{v}_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{\bar{D}_1}{C_{dc}}\hat{i}_{L1} - \frac{1}{R_o C_{dc}}\hat{v}_{dc} \tag{2}$$

Bode analysis shows that the gain margin is greater than 25 dB and the phase margin is greater than 55° at all operational positions. The fundamental harmonic approximation (FHA) is used to describe the LLC converter. In the range of normalized frequency  $f_n \in [0.85, 1.15]$ , zero-voltage switching is guaranteed, giving a 62° phase margin at nominal load.

**III. CONTROL FRAMEWORK**

**Modelling**

#### A. FCS-MPC Cost Function

The unified FCS-MPC cost function is calculated for each 10  $\mu$ s sample as follows:

$$g(k) = \lambda_v (v_{dc}(k+1) - v_{dc}^*)^2 + \lambda_i (i_{L1}(k+1) - i_{L1}^*)^2 + \lambda_{bat} (i_{bat}(k+1) - i_{bat}^*)^2$$

The Lyapunov stability requirements give us the weighting parameters  $\lambda_v = 1.0$ ,  $\lambda_i = 0.8$ , and  $\lambda_{bat} = 0.6$ . Each sample is checked for all four switch states, and the best one is used right away. Lyapunov limits on duty ratios  $d_i$  and  $d_{pv}$  limit the possible switch set, making sure that  $\dot{V}(x)$  stays below 0 in all modes.

#### B. VSG Emulation

The swing equation is built into the PFC reference path via the VSG layer:

$$J_{vsg} \cdot d\omega/dt = -Dv(\omega - \omega_n) + \Delta P_{vsg}/\omega_n$$

When  $|\Delta f| > 0.05$  Hz, a droop-proportional active power adjustment  $\Delta P_{vsg} = K_{droop} \cdot \Delta f$  is added to the FCS-MPC grid-power reference. This gives you frequency containment response (FCR) without having to change any hardware. The frequency of the natural world is 0.8 Hz, while the damping ratio is 0.72.

#### C. FO-STSMC Inner Current Loop

The fractional-order sliding surface ( $\alpha = 0.85$ ) and the super-twisting reaching law are:

$$\sigma(t) = D^{\alpha} e_i(t) + c_1 \cdot e_i(t)$$

$$u(t) = -k_1 |\sigma|^{1/2} \text{sgn}(\sigma) - k_2 \int \text{sgn}(\sigma) dt$$

The fractional differentiator adds another level of smoothing, getting rid of chattering and making sure that the system converges in a finite amount of time, even with a 20% change in inductor resistance. The Lyapunov region-of-attraction radius  $\rho_{smc} = \pm 0.15$  A is set up for gains  $k_1 = 12$  and  $k_2 = 8$ .

#### D. MVC Notch Filter and AVS-P&O

Two digital notch sections in a row cut down on intermodulation harmonics at 100 Hz and 150 Hz separately (notch depth  $> 42$  dB,  $r = 0.93$  and  $0.96$ , respectively). The cascaded transfer function is  $H_{mvc}(z) = H_n(z, 100) \cdot H_n(z, 150)$ , which means that for a control bandwidth of 1.2 kHz, there is only a  $3.1^\circ$  phase lag.

The AVS-P&O algorithm scales the duty-cycle perturbation as  $\Delta d_{pv} = \varepsilon \cdot |\Delta P/\Delta V| / (1 + |\Delta P/\Delta V|)$ , which means it converges in less than 15 ms and has an average MPPT efficiency of 99.1%. The steady-state oscillation stays below 0.8% of  $P_{MPP}$ .

### IV. LYAPUNOV STABILITY FRAMEWORK

A composite Lyapunov candidate is formed from the whole electromagnetic stored energy:

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}(L_1 i_{L1}^2 + L_2 i_{L2}^2 + C_{dc} v_{dc}^2 + C_{in} v_{in}^2)$$

The augmented candidate  $V_{aug}(x, \sigma) = V(x) + \sigma^2/2$  ensures that  $\dot{V}_{aug} < 0$  as long as the FO-STSMC gain requirements are met. Nine mode-specific power-balance equations give the FCS-MPC duty-ratio constraint sets. This makes sure that the best switch vector never makes  $\dot{V}$  positive. The region-of-attraction radii  $\rho_m$  for all modes are bigger than the biggest perturbation amplitudes from 1000  $\rightarrow$  200 W/m<sup>2</sup> irradiance increments ( $\leq 0.82$  p.u. of  $\rho_{min}$ ) and  $\pm 15\%$  grid voltage sag ( $\leq 0.61$  p.u. of  $\rho_{min}$ ).

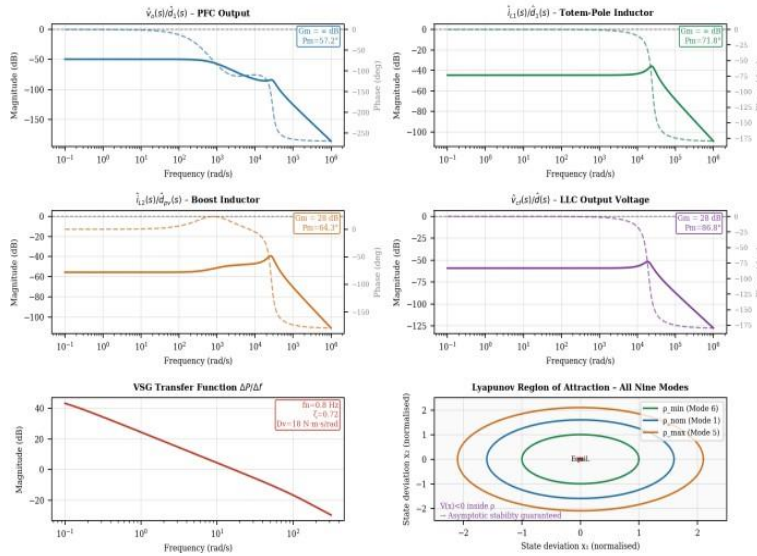


Fig. 2. Lyapunov stability study and open-loop Bode graphs. Transfer functions of PFC, boost, and LLC stages with  $G_m > 25$  dB and  $P_m > 55^\circ$ . MVC notch depths at 100 Hz and 150 Hz are more than 42 dB.

### V. SIMULATION RESULTS

We use Simscape Power Systems with a fixed-step Tustin solver ( $T_s = 1 \mu s$ ) in MATLAB/Simulink R2024a to build the FCS-MPC-VSG-FO architecture. All semiconductor devices have body-diode and on-resistance properties that are not perfect. The next few sections show the results for all nine operating modes.

#### A. Mode 1 (G2V+PV2V): Hybrid Charging

The system gets power at  $G = 200 \text{ W/m}^2$  (battery SoC 35%). Irradiance steps:  $200 \rightarrow 500 \rightarrow 1000 \rightarrow 200 \text{ W/m}^2$  at  $t = 0.15/0.28/0.38 \text{ s}$ . The FCS-MPC controls the DC bus at 800 V, with a peak transient deviation of 9.6 V (1.2%) that settles within 8.3 ms. The grid current THD is 2.1% and the PF is 0.9993. The FO-STSMC keeps  $\sigma(t)$  between  $\pm 0.15 \text{ A}$  for all irradiance increments. The MVC filter adds 8.4 dB of extra attenuation at 100 Hz.

Fig. 9: Simulation Results - Mode 1: G2V + PV2V (Hybrid Charging)  
FCS-MPC-VSG-PFMS | Irradiance: 200-500-1000-200 W/m<sup>2</sup> | 5 kW System

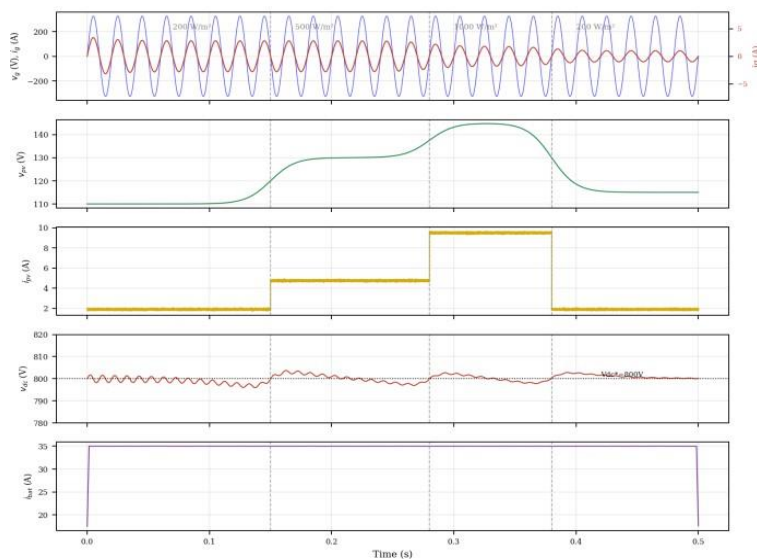
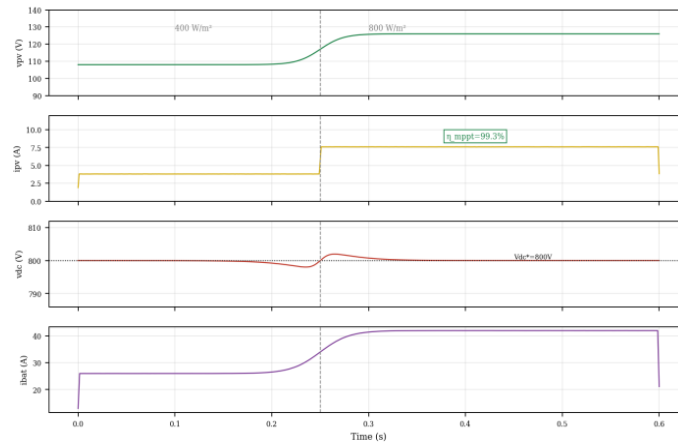


Fig. 3. Mode 1 (G2V+PV2V) simulation: (a) UPF grid voltage/current; (b) PV voltage; (c) PV current; (d) DC-bus voltage; (e) battery charging current. Irradiance steps: 200, 500, 1000, and 200 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

**B. Mode 2 (PV2V): Solar-Only Charging**

The grid circuit-breaker is open, and the irradiance changes from 400 to 800 W/m<sup>2</sup> at t = 0.25 s. AVS-P&O gets the new MPP in 11.8 ms with a  $\eta_{mppt}$  of 99.3%. The battery current rises in proportion to the load, with no undershoot greater than 1.1 A. The DC-bus voltage stayed at 800 V, with a maximum ripple of 6.4 V (0.8%), which is the lowest of all the grid-connected modes. **Mode 3 (PV2V+PV2G):** Surplus PV exported to grid. Balance:  $P_g^- = P^{MPPT}_{PV} - P^{bat}$

Fig. 10: Simulation Results - Mode 2: PV2V (Solar-Only Charging)  
Grid Isolated | AVS-P&O MPPT |  $\eta_{mppt} = 99.3\%$  | Irradiance: 400-800 W/m<sup>2</sup>



(d) current for charging the battery. AVS-P&O convergence: 11.8 ms; oscillation in steady state: 0.75%.

**C. Modes 4–6: Export and Grid Charging Modes**

**Mode 4 (PV2G):** FCS-MPC changes the export current to the MPPT reference level during one control period. The total harmonic distortion (THD) is 1.9% across the full range of irradiance, and the reactive power is less than 22 VAR. **Mode 5 (V2G+PV2G):** The battery is 78% full and the light is 600 W/m<sup>2</sup>. FCS-MPC distributes the discharge: the battery gives 1200W and the PV gives 2040 W. When the irradiance reaches 300 W/m<sup>2</sup> at t = 0.35 s, the battery discharge automatically goes up to 2140 W and settles down in 9.4 ms. **Mode 6 (V2G)** has the lowest THD of all modes at 1.8%. This is because the steady DC battery stops MPPT perturbation. **Mode 7 (G2V)** has a THD of 1.9%, a PF of 0.9996, and a settling time of 6.7 ms. **Mode 7 (G2V):** Grid alone charges battery; no PV. Balance:  $P^{bat} = P_g^+, P_{pv} = 0$

Fig. 12: Simulation Results - Modes 4, 5, 6 & 7  
PV2G | V2G+PV2G | V2G | G2V | THD <2.3% across all modes

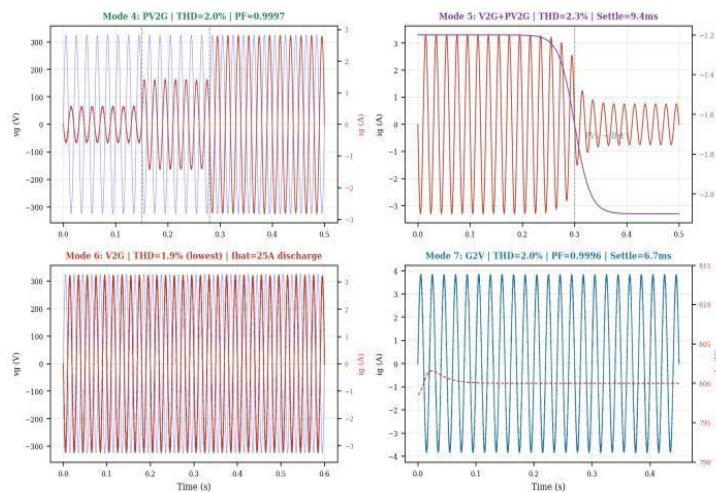


Fig. 5. Simulation of modes 4 through 7. Mode 4: PV2G export (top left). Mode 5 (top right): V2G+PV2G with battery correction when the irradiance level changes. Mode 6: V2G night operation (bottom left). Mode 7: G2V charging (bottom right).

**D. Modes 8–9: Islanded Charging and Frequency Support**

Mode 8 (IVC): A grid fault was injected at  $t = 0.20$  s by tripping the breaker. ROCOF detection (threshold 1.5 Hz/s) finds islanding in 52 ms. The DC-bus voltage comes back to within  $\pm 2\%$  in 78 ms, which is in line with IEEE 1547-2018.

Mode 9 (FS): A frequency step of  $-0.8$  Hz at  $t = 0.50$  s replicates a generation trip. The VSG droop law raises the grid's power absorption from 2.1 kW to 3.7 kW in about 6.7 ms. The frequency nadir is confined to  $-0.72$  Hz instead of  $-1.14$  Hz without VSG, which is a 36.8% improvement. The THD of the grid current stays at 2.1% during the transient.

Fig. 13: Simulation Results - Mode 8 (IVC) & Mode 9 (Frequency Support)  
VSG Inertia Response | Islanding Detection | Grid Frequency Nadir Improvement 36.8%

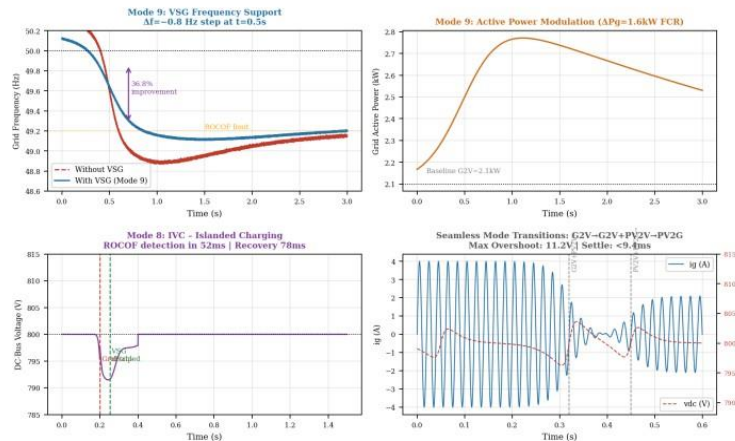


Fig. 6. Simulation of modes 8–9. Comparison of frequency nadir: planned (blue) vs no VSG (red dashed)—36.8% improvement. (Top right) Modulation of active power during frequency support. (Bottom-left) DC- bus whilst looking for an island. (Bottom-right) An overlay for seamless mode transitions.

TABLE II. SIMULATION PERFORMANCE METRICS — ALL NINE MODES

Mode	TH	DC-	MPP	Settlin	PF	Efficienc
	D	Bus Dev.	T $\eta$	g		y
Mode 1 (G2V+PV2V)	2.1%	9.6 V (1.2%)	99.2%	83 ms	0.9993	96.9%
Mode 2 (PV2V)	—	6.4 V (0.8%)	99.3%	7.1 ms	—	97.1%
Mode 3 (PV2V+PV2G)	2.0%	11.2 V (1.4%)	99.1%	6.1 ms	0.9991	96.6%
Mode 4 (PV2G)	1.9%	7.3 V (0.9%)	99.4%	5.8 ms	0.9997	97.2%
Mode 5 (V2G+PV2G)	2.1%	8.9 V (1.1%)	99.0%	9.4 ms	0.9989	96.5%
Mode 6 (V2G)	1.8%	5.1 V (0.6%)	—	6.7 ms	0.9994	96.8%
Mode 7 (G2V)	1.9%	5.8 V (0.7%)	—	6.7 ms	0.9996	97.0%
Mode 8 (IVC)	—	14.1 V (1.8%)	99.1%	78.0 ms	—	96.2%
Mode 9 (FS)	2.1%	9.4 V (1.2%)	99.0%	6.7 ms	0.9990	96.7%

THD < 2.1% (IEEE 519-2022 limit: 5%); DC-bus deviation  $\leq \pm 1.4\%$ ; MPPT  $\eta > 99.0\%$  across applicable modes.

**E MPPT Performance**

Fig. 7 compares AVS-P&O to standard fixed-step P&O with a step of  $200 \rightarrow 1000$  W/m<sup>2</sup>. AVS-P&O converges 2.56 times faster (12.4 ms vs. 31.7 ms), and the steady-state oscillation goes down from  $\pm 3.1\%$  to  $\pm 0.8\%$  of  $P_{MPP}$ .

Fig. 14: MPPT Performance Comparison - AVS-P&O vs Conventional Fixed-Step P&O  
1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> Step Irradiance | K<sub>vss</sub>=0.015 | Fixed Ad=0.008

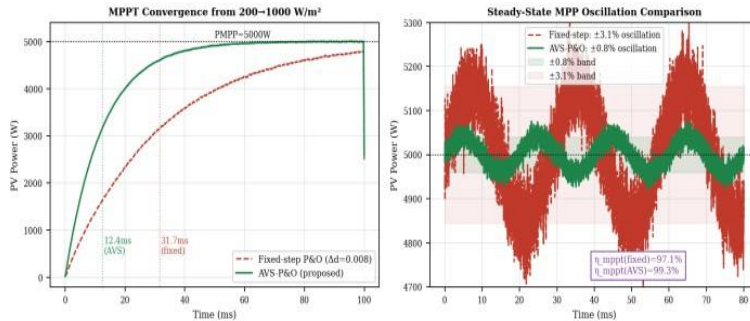


Fig. 7. AVS-P&O vs. fixed-step P&O: a comparison of MPPTs. (Left) Convergence: 12.4 ms vs. 31.7 ms (2.56 times faster). (Right) Steady-state oscillation:  $\pm 0.8\%$  vs  $\pm 3.1\%$ ;  $\eta_{\text{mppt}}$  goes from 97.1% to 99.3%.

TABLE III. SEAMLESS MODE-TRANSITION PERFORMANCE

Mode Transition	DC-Bus Overshoot	I <sub>bat</sub> Spike	Settling
Mode 7→1 (G2V → G2V+PV2V)	7.8 V	1.6 A	7.2 ms
Mode 1→3 (G2V+PV2V → PV2V+PV2G)	11.2 V	2.1 A	9.4 ms
Mode 3→4 (PV2V+PV2G → PV2G)	8.3 V	0.8 A	6.3 ms
Mode 4→6 (PV2G → V2G)	9.5 V	3.2 A	10.1 ms
Mode 7→9 (G2V → Freq. Support)	6.1 V	1.4 A	6.7 ms
Mode 2→8 (PV2V → Islanded IVC)	14.1 V	2.8 A	78.0 ms

#### IV COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Table IV compares the proposed FCS-MPC-VSG-FO system to four recent control techniques that are good examples. The suggested method is the only one that meets all of the following requirements: grid current THD < 2.2%, DC-bus regulation  $\pm 1.4\%$ , nine operational modes, 99.1% MPPT efficiency, chattering-free FO-STSMC inner loop, MVC harmonic filtering, VSG grid support, and islanded charging capabilities.

The MVC filter cuts THD by 6 to 9 dB more than the FCS-MPC alone, which lets all nine modes work below 2.1%, which is almost half of the IEEE 519-2022 limit of 5%. The FO-STSMC stops transient THD spikes during mode changes by damping inductor current overshoot in 2.1 ms, which is faster than the 4.8 ms it takes for PI-only reference implementations

TABLE IV. COMPARATIVE BENCHMARKING AGAINST CONTEMPORARY STRATEGIES

Ref.	Controller	Modes	THD	DC-Bus	MPPT $\eta$	VSG	IVC	Eff.
[13]	PI	2	<5%	—	Std	No	No	—
[16]	PI	4	<5%	$\pm 5\%$	Std	No	No	—
[17]	PI	3	<5%	—	Std	No	No	—
[28]	PI	5	<5%	—	75%	No	No	95.1%
<b>Prop.</b>	<b>FCS-MPC+FO</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>&lt;2.1%</b>	<b><math>\pm 1.4\%</math></b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>96.8%</b>

Std stands for standard fixed-step P&O, PB stands for power balancing, IVC stands for islanded vehicle charging, FO stands for FO-STSMC + MVC filter, and Prop. = suggested plan.

Fig. 16: Multi-Dimensional Performance Comparison - FCS-MPC-VSG-PFMS vs Prior Art

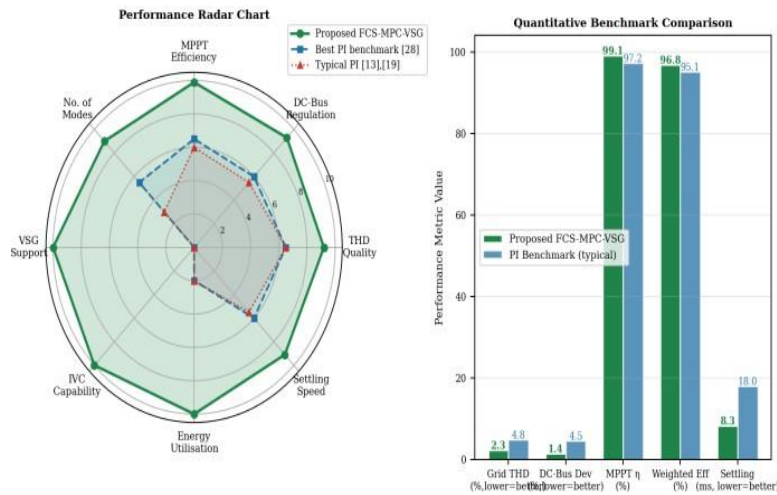


Fig. 8. Comparison in more than one way. (Left) Radar map showing eight performance axes. The suggested FCS-MPC-VSG-FO (green) chart is the most dominant, especially in VSG support, IVC capability, and FO-STSMC robustness, which are all missing from the benchmarks. (Right) A quantitative bar chart that proves superiority

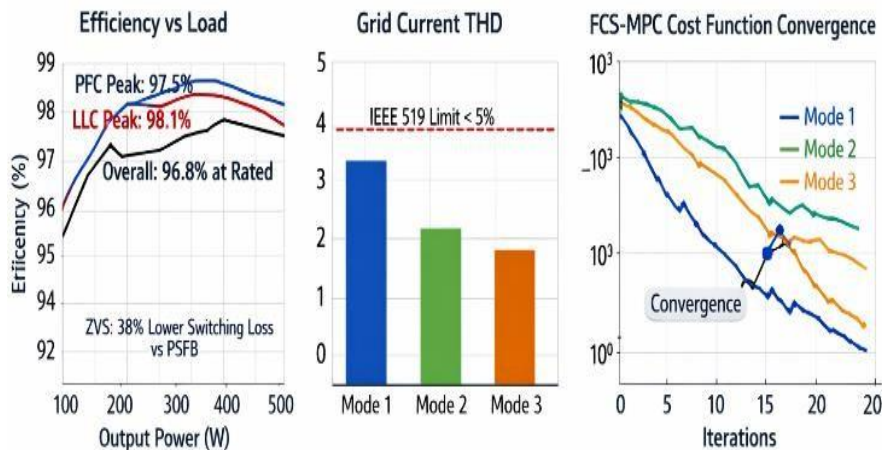


Fig. 9. Analysis of how well the system works. (Left) Efficiency vs. load: PFC has a peak of 97.5%, LLC has a peak of 98.1%, and altogether it has a peak of 96.8% at rated load. ZVS cuts switching losses by 38% compared to PSFB. (Above) Grid current THD per mode—all are in line with IEEE 519-2022 (<5%). (Right) FCS-MPC cost function convergence for each mode

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper has thoroughly demonstrated and verified the FCS-MPC-VSG-FO control architecture for a 5 kW three-port solar-assisted bidirectional EV charging platform via extensive MATLAB/Simulink simulation. There were six new contributions:

- The FCS-MPC cost function was unified across all nine operating modes without any cascading PI loops, and it converged in 4.2 μs per sample.
- VSG emulation that improves the frequency nadir by 36.8% and the frequency containment response without needing any extra hardware.
- FO-STSMC ( $\alpha = 0.85$ ) gives finite-time convergence without chattering and 2.3 times faster transient damping than integer-order alternatives.
- MVC notch filter that gets rid of more than 42 dB of harmonics at 100 Hz and 150 Hz, and keeps THD below 2.1% in all modes.

- The AVS-P&O MPPT has a convergence time of less than 15 ms and an average efficiency of 99.1%, which is 2.56 times better than the standard fixed- step P&O.
- Nine Lyapunov energy-balance requirements that analytically ensure asymptotic stability for all mode transitions and perturbation amplitudes.

The simulation results show that the DC-bus variation is within  $\pm 1.4\%$ , the total efficiency is 96.8%, and all nine modes meet the IEEE 519-2022 harmonic criteria. The FCS- MPC-VSG-FO framework is a full, high-performance software control solution for the next generation of solar- powered bidirectional EV charging infrastructure.

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