Renewable energy generation system connected to micro grid and analysis of energy management: a critical review

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ABSTRACT

Renewable energy generations have been employed throughout the world in order to meet the increasing load demand. It is a pollution free and abundantly accessible. The generation cost has been reduced because of more research advancement. Photovoltaic (PV) can’t generate throughout the day due to weather condition. In order to maintain the continuity of power generation a hybrid renewable generation system (HRGS) concept has been considered in this research work. HRGS is an integration of more than one renewable energy which consists of PV, wind, solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC), an auxiliary unit (AU). AU is used as a backup generation which can generate power when all the renewable energy fails to generate. AU may be of diesel generator (DG) or super capacitor. This paper discusses the various parts of HRGS and its comparison. Furthermore, its impact of energy management so as to deliver the energy to the grid in a continuous and reliable manner. Therefore, a detail study of different component of HRGS & renewable energy has been highlighted which will be helpful for the new researchers for advancement of power generation and its control strategy of energy management connected to the grid.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, renewable energy has been the primary source of generation which contribute major parts of generation across the world. The renewable energy generation is attracting more attention due to pollution free activity on the environment. It’s used because of economic operation and long-life span but installation cost is more to save electricity cost in the long run. Its generation is supplied through isolation mode and grid connected mode. The merit of renewable energy sources used because it is available abundantly in nature and environmental friendly. The rate of increase in electricity consumption is expected to raise by approximately 40% to 45% by 2030. Renewable energy source captures the attraction for environmental consideration; pollution-free, easy availability, and continuous in nature. Out of other renewable energy sources available in the market, the photovoltaic (PV) cell energy generation is the most promising resources because of its affordable cost, simple implementation, and portability. In order to have the continuous power supply and the efficiency improvement, it is coordinated with other renewable energy sources like wind farm, fuel cell, electrolyze and diesel-generator set to form hybrid renewable energy sources. This is generally combined with a battery storage system. Thus, the implementation of the hybrid renewable energy system is formed where more than two renewable energy sources are implemented. The
lithium-ion cell is the most important energy storage system used to store the electricity generation on an emergency need. Lithium-ion batteries are one of the most advanced alternate sources for storing power. In the past few decades, it has the most attracting domain for the researchers to utilize it in many applications like electric vehicle, electric train and tram. A micro porous polymer membrane is used to separate the electrodes from each other and allows to exchange of Li-ions between the two electrodes. They compare various families of battery materials and analyze the performance, limitations, and problems in commercial battery material development [1]. Mao et al. investigates the limiting electrode in the lithium-ion battery for fast charging and analyze the behavior of cathode and anode in extreme fast charging (XFC) condition. They designed an asymmetric cell of three electrodes to analyze the performance behavior of cathode and anode in the lithium-ion battery in an XFC situation [2]. Lu et al. presents the review on conversion type anode material of lithium-ion battery and their storage structure. They also discussed the problems faced in the implementation of nano-engineering with high-performance conversion-type anode materials including low-dimensional structure, hollow structure, and hybridization with various carbonaceous materials [3], [4]. Shimamura et al. stated the performance of advanced lithium-ion for vehicles and present the various aspects of design, construction, and output power of lithium-ion battery has improved the performance of vehicle [5]. Lithium-ion batteries will also be stored green energy from renewable energy sources like solar and wind [6], [7]. Renewable energy sources such as diesel, photovoltaic (PV), wind and PV/wind are used to generate energy. Such energy systems are called hybrid energy systems. For the most remote areas, hybrid renewable energy sources is considered to be the cheapest and most efficient system for power generation.

This review paper discusses in two sections. The first section describes in detail the features, mechanism, design, construction, and working principles of lithium batteries and its challenges, advantages, disadvantages, and limitations of different types of batteries. The second section introduces hybrid renewable energy systems and reviews various techniques for diagnosing defects. Several emerging technologies for fault detection have developed using different converter topologies for fault clearing. Finally, its material review, and critical review have introduced energy management in hybrid renewable energy systems based on renewable energy sources. Lithium-ion batteries are more powerful batteries than any other family of rechargeable batteries in terms of volume, size, density and capacity. Figure 1 shows the year wise demand of lithium battery. It is observed that the lithium battery sales have been increasing exponentially within two decade (1999-2020) and reaches maximum point of sales in 100 GWh. Figure 2 shows the comparative analysis of existing research of lithium-ion battery density and specific energy with respect to other commercial batteries.

First, in the 1970s, non-rechargeable lithium batteries were developed. After the 1980's lithium rechargeable batteries were developed based on anode materials. All light materials used in lithium batteries with high electrochemical properties and large specific energy. Lithium batteries are based on cell connection
in parallel as well as cell or a combination of both. Multiple cells can be combined from a module, and multiple sections can be combined from a battery. Lithium-ion batteries have cathodes and anodes that are connected using electrolytes. Electrode material selection is an important task for the performance of batteries; probably it depends on capacity, cell voltage, and cycling. But they suffer from various issues like volume expansion in the lithiation process [7]–[10], bad electrical contact, and decrease cycling performance. Lithium batteries increase the unwanted reaction (dendrite) between the Li and electrode which causes decreases the battery life. Figure 1 shows the year wise demand of Lithium battery. It is observed that the lithium battery sales have been increasing exponentially within two decade (1999-2020) and reaches maximum point of sales in 100 GWh. Figure 2 depicts the specific energy and energy density. It shows that the demand of Lithium-ion battery is increasing rapidly due to its performance.

2. **PV SYSTEM**

Over the past few decades, a lot of research has been done on renewable energy generation such as solar energy, wind energy, fuel cell energy, due to environmental and economic implications [11], [12]. A summary of various PV system is discussed in the Table 1 from the referred paper [13]–[18].

| Author [13] | Technique | Micro-grid Power plant | Implementation | Operation Mode | Advantages | Contribution |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|             | Reconfigurable solar converter |                         | MATLAB        | PV-to-Grid/ PV-to-Batteries/Batteries-to-Grid | A single electrical conversion system was used to operate in different operation modes. The solar plant is more easily controlled and due to the ease of operation its maximum energy can be transferred at low cost. Slowly energy variation is achieved. Various PV modules and small energy storage techniques were used. Maximum power conversion losses are achieved | Additional alternating current (AC) inductors have been added if AC filter inductance is not available for charging. Frame ratio-integral current has been proposed for energy control |
| [14]        | Reconfigurable Solar Converter/PV Battery | PV solar plant | MATLAB        | PV-to-Grid/ PV-to-Batteries/Batteries-to-Grid | Improves performance, and increases reliability current harmonics reduced by 16% | Ramp rate control technique used for power controlling the battery is used to control the ramp rate |
|             |                             | AC/DC micro-grid | Hardware      | PV-to-Grid/PV-to-Batteries/Batteries-to-Grid/PV-Battery-to-Grid | | The DC load is connected directly to the DC link without connecting to the AC side using an AC / DC converter. 11 static switches are added to the single input dual buck-boost converter |
| [15]        | Reconfigurable solar converter and direct current (DC) | Micro-grid | Hardware/ MATLAB | DC mode/Grid output mode/Double Grid Output mode | Able to operate different energy conversion modes. The demand for mixed power supply (AC/DC) was met using a single converter. Cost Effective | | |
|             | Reconfigurable single input double output (SIDO) inverter |                                 | MATLAB        | Grid /Islanded Connect | | |
| [17]        | -                         | Micro-grid | Hardware/ MATLAB | | | Single-phase quasi-Z source (QZS) inverter has been used as solar PV converter. A controller based on indirect current control is activated. Magnetically integrated QZS network and resonant voltage-double rectifier (VDR) and its controller are used |
| [18]        | Reconfigurable quasi-Z source Inverter | -- | Hardware | | | |

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3. AUXILIARY UNIT

Auxiliary unit is used for power generation under emergency condition when all the generation unit and battery storage unit fail to generate the power supply. It is a backup power when the other generation fails to supply the grid. It may be the power of PV, battery and wind and other fuel cell system is unable or insufficient to supply the required load and auxiliary unit is used to charge the battery storage unit (BSU) when PV module is not sufficient to charge the battery. In this section mainly discuss the wind power system, diesel generator system and fuel cell used as alternate source of energy connected to micro grid.

3.1. Wind power system

Wind power provides the major share of renewable energy generation in all over the world. The Wind exposed the huge potential of the various regions in matter of wind energy where mountain chains on the coasts create a natural corridor that enhances the stability of winds. The Most of the areas of coasts have the benefit of being next to where electricity is most demanded. The wind generator considered here is a gearless direct driven permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG). Basically, three types of wind power generation system available, they are classified as follows: (i) fixed speed induction generators (FSIG), (ii) permanent magnet synchronous generator, and (iii) doubly fed induction generator (DFIG). The maximum power point tracking (MPPT) control mode uses PMSG and DFIG depending on the wind conditions, so the production of a single FSIG cannot be controlled [19]. The summary of some review papers of wind power generation system is presented in Table 2 from the referred paper [20]–[23].

| Author | Technique | Implementation | Advantages | Contribution |
|--------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| [20]   | DFIG/PI/SMC/AFLC | Hardware | Use of robust decoupled DFIG gives better performance. | Designed the electrical power conversion system based on DFIG/ Proportional Integration (PI)/Sliding mode controller (SMC)/ Adaptive fuzzy logic controller (ALFC) connected to the grid using stator and fed. |
| [21]   | NSVM/FSVM/NSOMSC | MATLAB | Low ripple factor Low stator current harmonic distortion | Presented comparative analysis of various generators of wind turbine PMSG/squirrel cage induction generator (SCIG)/ DFIG/ Switched Reluctance Generator (SRG) and discussed the various component required for wind energy system. |
| [22]   | PMSG/SCIG/DFIG/SRG | -- | This study showed that a permanent magnet synchronous generator is most suitable for wind power systems. | Proposed the algorithm to calculate the number of generating unit of MPPT wind turbine (MPPT WT) and PV for hybrid micro grid. |
| [23]   | MPPT WT | Hardware | Cost effective system as per load demand power supply is reliable | |

3.2. DG set

Diesel generator (DG) acts as the main energy source in micro grid power systems. The entire energy storage in the micro grid can be operated in V/f mode, but only a single V/f source is allowed when the micro grid is in separate operation. Therefore, in order to make better use of the energy storage system of the diesel generator, two control methods V/f and P/Q are used as the mode of operation of the diesel generator [24]. The fuel consumption of the diesel generator is described as a straight line with a y-intercept and can be calculated from the (1).

\[ C_{DG} = p_0 P_{DG} + q_0 P_{NG} \]  \hspace{1cm} (1)

Where, \( P_{DG} \) is the nominal capacity in kW and \( P_{NG} \) is electrical output of the diesel generator in kW. The coefficients \( p_0 \) and \( q_0 \) are the intercept of the fuel curve which is the unleaded fuel consumption of the generator divided by its nominal capacity and the slope of the fuel curve representing the marginal fuel consumption the generator. Table 3 presents the summary of integration of diesel system with various renewable energy system is referred from [25]–[31].

3.3. Energy storage system for micro-grid-super capacitor

Super-capacitor is a double layer capacitor. The energy is stored by charge transfer at the boundary between electrode and electrolyte. The amount of stored energy is function of the available electrode and electrolyte surface, the size of the ions, and the level of the electrolyte decomposition voltage. Super-capacitors are constituted of two electrodes, a separator and an electrolyte. The two electrodes, made of

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activated carbon provide a high surface area part, defining so energy density of the component. Usually, super-capacitors are divided into two types: double-layer capacitors and electrochemical capacitors. Table 4 presents the summary of published paper of super capacitors [32]–[37].

### Table 3. Summary of integration of diesel system with various renewable energy systems

| Author | Combination | Simulation | Contribution |
|--------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| [25]   | PV-Wind-Diesel | Hybrid optimization of multiple energy resources (HOMER) | Presented the different hybrid system using various renewable energy sources for village in Saudi Arabia. |
| [26]   | Wind-Diesel | MATLAB | Presented the hybrid system of PV, Wind and DG system using genetic algorithm. In this approach optimization was done for battery storage. |
| [27]   | PV-Diesel | -- | The presented the project of PV and DG system and analyze the last 10-year energy generation in Thailand. |
| [28]   | Wind-PV-Diesel | HOMER | Wind-PV-diesel hybrid system was designed for village in Saudi Arabia. The main aim of research is to reduce the diesel consumption and maintain constant supply. |
| [29]   | PV-Wind-Diesel | HOMER | Presented the computer-based modeling for hybrid power generation in rural areas of Iraq and analyzes the cost of power generation of PV and diesel. |
| [30]   | PV-Diesel | -- | Presented the work to analyze the performance of 11 different PV systems. The result showed that 10 PV systems were highly reliable and fulfills the load demand. |
| [31]   | Wind-Diesel | -- | Developed the Wind-Diesel hybrid system for reducing the use of diesel with integrating high penetration system and compressed air energy storage to improvement in renewable energy and reduces the cost. |

### Table 4. Summary of some review papers of super-capacitor

| Author | Technique | Micro-grid | Implementation | Advantages | Contribution |
|--------|-----------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| [32]   | Wind energy generation (WEG)/PV/load sharing Proportional – integral – derivative (PID) controller | Yes | MATLAB | Using super capacitor in micro-grid solve the issue of slow dynamic of diesel generator during the startup | Proposed energy management scheme for standalone DC micro-grid. Improvement in power signal quality. |
| [33]   | Buck-boost DC-DC converter | No | -- | Performance of proposed system was improving the life of battery. | Presented the hybrid approach for energy storage using Lithium and Super-Capacitor. |
| [34]   | Voltage source converter | Yes | Power system computer aided design (PSCAD) | It improves the performance of bus voltage and reduces the usage of battery. | Proposed the energy management scheme for batteries and super capacitor for standalone micro-grid. |
| [35]   | -- | Yes | MATLAB | Fast response High energy density | Presented model reduces the fluctuation of output load in micro-grid. |
| [36]   | Photo electric conversion (PEC), MPPT, P and O algorithm | Yes | MATLAB | Ability for a wide range of voltage regulation for MPPT Partial shading and impedance mismatch have reduced energy loss | Proposed energy management scheme for micro-grid in autonomous and non-autonomous mode based on PV array and storage system. |
| [37]   | Electric double layer capacitor (EDLC) | Yes | PSCAD/ Electromagnetic transient including DC (EMTDC) | Low Price High density Reliability of micro-grid is improved | To design the energy storage system based on super capacitor for the micro-grid operation. |

### 3.4. Solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC)

SOFC is a type of fuel cell based on its electrolyte content. It operates at very high temperatures in the range of 500 to 1000°C. This type of fuel cell can be used in electrical vehicles or micro-grids as auxiliary energy up to 2 MW. Solid oxide fuel cells can be widely used for high efficiency for integrated heating and energy systems. The power conditioning system can be designed by converting DC power into AC power using such a system in the utility grid by generating common solid oxide fuel cell DC energy. Power conditioning systems are used to control energy quality and supply in real and reactive form [38], [39]. Proton exchange...
membrane fuel cell (PEMFC) were utilized in micro-grid [40]. A fuel cell is a type of electrochemical device that generates electricity by converting any chemical energy into electrical energy [41]. The fuel cell can act as a fuel by converting substances like hydrogen and oxygen into electrical energy, while oxygen can be used as an oxidizer. Substances like potassium, sodium hydroxide can be used as electrolytes [42].

3.5. Hybrid micro-grid system

A micro-grid consists of a set of various loads, batteries for storage, and a generation system. In a hybrid system, energy can be generated using renewable sources with an energy storage system (batteries) or other storage system is connected to provide stability to micro-grid. For improvement of the micro-grid, continuous solar and wind energy is used. The micro-grid can be operated separately or integrate into a grid-based on the type of energy sources were used [43]–[45]. The most important part of micro-grid is to maintain continuous power supply based on demand but it is very difficult to predict and energy generation may variations depends on availability of renewable energy sources such as solar, and wind. The grid is connected to the grid utility called as grid-tied mode. When micro-grid is disconnected from grid utility then it is in autonomous mode. During the fault diagnosis; micro-grid automatically switched to the autonomous mode. The problem arises in micro-grid is major challenges i.e. voltage dips, harmonic current/voltage and power flicker. Figure 3 depicts a hybrid system for micro-grid. It shows that AC bus is connected to generator, wind turbine and the AC load. AC load can be accessed easily while DC Bus is connected solar cell, battery and fuel cell. converter/inverter can convert ac to dc or dc to ac depends on the requirement of AC/DC load.

Figure 3. Hybrid system for micro-grid

4. POWER MANAGEMENT IN HYBRID MICROGRID

In grid energy storage system, power management is core part to enhance the renewable energy consumption and stable their operation. The power management techniques is presented in [46] for economical beneficial in grid and various optimization objectives, constraints and techniques were designed. Table 5 presents the summary of micro-grid power management [46]–[53]. The most important aspects in hybrid micro-grid are power management strategy is presented in Table 6 [54]–[59]. Energy management approach in micro-grid confirms the output active and reactive power of distributed generation and storage elements and at the same time control voltage and frequency.

| Sr. No. | Authors | Contribution |
|---------|---------|--------------|
| 1       | [46]    | Author Present the power management strategy to efficiently utilize energy in micro-grid. The relation between the overall hourly loads fulfilled by local resources and the total hourly load transferred by the main grid is present in this strategy. It is very obvious that there can be a relatively limited amount of energy fed to the main grid for loading. |
| 2       | [47]    | Author presented the overview of energy management system for DC micro-grid. Authors also discussed on intelligent devices for better utilization of energy, control strategies, and load scheduling techniques. |
| 3       | [48]    | Author initiated hybrid system for specific energy control based on pumping servitudes and online fuel utilization optimization. |
| 4       | [49]    | Author suggested the hybrid energy storage system for energy management used various batteries and super capacitors and preventing the fluctuation of DC link bus of the micro-grid. |
| 5       | [50]    | Author present the novel architecture for power management of multi-micro-grid based on hierarchical bi-level optimization to resolve renewable energy sources issues. |
| 6       | [51]    | Author proposed power management algorithm in DC micro-grid based on MPPT to extract the maximum energy from solar. |
| 7       | [52]    | Author designed strong mathematical model for energy management in micro-grid based on fuzzy prediction. These models predict the non-linear behavior and uncertainty in wind energy. |
| 8       | [53]    | Author present the smart energy management system in AC micro-grid for distributed generation based on Adaptive neuron fuzzy interference techniques. The Solar and wind energy were used as source of distributed generation. |
5. CONCLUSION

The study of hybrid renewable energy sources connected to grid and its important component like lithium battery, PV cell, wind power, fuel cell and super capacitor have been discussed. The importance of an AU has also been suggested to maintain the continuity of power supply. A critical review paper has been prepared based on the comparison to the conventional system. The energy management system of different renewable energy sources connected to grid is discussed which gives information to the researchers to do more research work. Thus, the paper suggests the performance of different component study and to build a hybrid renewable energy generation considering best performance wise component which provides energy as per the load requirement of the grid in a continuous manner throughout the year. Comparison of parameters and its performance analysis in respect to conventional system has also been discussed. The importance of lithium battery has been suggested in our proposed system due to the significant property of high energy density and long-life cycle. The need for a different defense plan from the current one has been clarified based on different approaches. The authors have taken an attempt to present the paper based on the component study and critical energy management strategies to cater the load demand in a continuous, effective, economic and reliable way under adverse load condition.

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