Impact of Electric Vehicle on Power System Operation: Technical Overview

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Abstract:
Given the depletion of fossil fuels and the rise in greenhouse gases, several industries now advocate for the use of electric vehicles (EVs); yet, there are numerous worries regarding the stability, security, and dependability of the power grid. With major effects on power systems around the world, the shift to electric vehicles (EVs) represents a paradigm shift in the transportation industry. The impact of EVs on power systems is thoroughly examined in this study paper, which also discusses the main potential and problems associated with their integration. The advantages of electric vehicles (EVs) for the environment, energy efficiency, and less dependency on fossil fuels have led to their widespread adoption. However, the reliability of the power system is challenged by their erratic and disorganized charging behavior. The implications of EV integration on power systems are reviewed in this research, along with optimization techniques to lessen these effects. In this paper we will discuss. Impact of Electric Vehicle on Power System Operation: Technical Overview.

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Introduction:
Global adoption of electric cars (EVs) has increased dramatically in recent years, according to the automotive industry. Numerous causes, like as improvements in battery technology, growing environmental consciousness, government incentives, and strict pollution rules, are responsible for this extraordinary increase. Because of this, EVs have become a viable way to lessen the environmental damage caused by conventional cars with internal combustion engines and to lessen reliance on fossil fuels. [1]
An electric vehicle must have sufficient energy for daily commuting and additional fuel for longer trips. Since energy must be supplied at a fair rate for the commuting the following day, charging technology is particularly important. This can be done at home and at public charging stations when the battery is fully charged. Primary fuel consumption will decline as a result of the transportation sector's electrification, while the electric sector's power output will rise. It is necessary to examine this additional power in the electrical system from a variety of angles, including how it affects the high-voltage transmission and low-voltage distribution systems. In order to reduce the increase in peak demand and guarantee the lowest electricity cost, it is also critical to take into account how the electric system functions overall. When electric car charging is done sensibly and cooperatively, it can increase the uptake of variable renewable energy (VRE) sources like solar and wind. As an illustration, Tuffner and Kintner-Meyer's study showed that regulating EV charging rates can offset sudden or step-by-step variations in wind farm power output. In the event that EV charging is not coordinated, the peak energy demand may rise. [2]

Electric Vehicles and Power System Dynamics:
Electric vehicle (EV) integration into power systems creates dynamic interactions that affect energy management plans and grid operations. This section examines the intricate connection between grid dynamics and EV charging patterns, stressing difficulties with load balancing and peak demand management while also looking at the possible advantages of demand response and smart charging techniques.

1. Interaction between EV Charging Patterns and Grid Dynamics

Grid dynamics are greatly impacted by EV charging patterns because of their special qualities, which include concentrated demand, unpredictability, and fluctuation. Unlike conventional loads, EVs can be charged at different times and places, which can cause voltage swings and localized congestion. Furthermore, simultaneous charging events can put a strain on distribution networks and call for infrastructure upgrades because they frequently occur during times of peak demand.

2. Peak Demand Management and Load Balancing Challenges

Managing peak electricity demand, especially during times of heavy EV charging activity, is one of the main issues presented by EV integration. Unexpected spikes in demand may be more than what distribution transformers and substation equipment can handle, which could cause voltage swings and grid component overload. Utilities are investigating cutting-edge approaches including time-of-use pricing, encouraging off-peak charging, and using smart charging technology to alleviate the problems caused by peak demand. Utilities may lessen the strain on grid infrastructure and lower consumer power costs by urging EV users to plan charging sessions during times when demand is low or when renewable energy production is plentiful. Another crucial component of EV integration is load balancing, which is the fair allocation of electricity demand throughout the system. To keep the system stable and avoid overloads, grid operators must constantly balance supply and demand. Intelligent charge management systems are essential for maximizing load distribution and reducing grid stress because they can dynamically modify charging rates in response to user preferences and grid conditions.

3. Potential Benefits of Smart Charging and Demand Response Strategies

Promising options for improving EV-grid interactions and raising system efficiency are provided by smart charging systems. Smart chargers can prioritize the use of renewable energy sources, coordinate charging schedules, and react to grid signals to reduce grid congestion by utilizing real-time data and communication capabilities. In reaction to pricing signals or grid conditions, demand response programs encourage EV users to modify their charging habits. Customers can lower their electricity expenses by moving charging to off-peak hours or temporarily lowering charging prices during times of high demand by utilizing time-varying electricity tariffs or incentives. Moreover, EVs can function as distributed energy resources thanks to vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technologies, which provide bidirectional power transfer between EV batteries and the grid. Through energy arbitrage and grid services, V2G systems provide EV owners with chances for grid stabilization, peak shaving, and income production.

Over time, electric power networks have developed to include loads at the low voltage side and big, centrally-controlled generators connected to the high voltage side. As a result, electricity moves from the network's high voltage side, which houses the generators, to its low voltage side, which houses the medium and small loads. The number of generators linked to the distribution network, usually below 33 kV, has been steadily rising as a result of growing concerns about climate change and the corresponding interest in renewable energy and energy efficiency. This is known as distributed, embedded, or scattered generation and often refers to generators that are between 1 kW and 5 MW in size. Since distributed generation currently makes up a very small percentage of the network's total generating capacity, its effect on network performance is minimal. However, in addition to the implications of widespread use of electric vehicles, concerns have been expressed over the effects of a rise in new and renewable energy resources. [3]

Power electronics controllers are used in electric vehicles to connect the grid to the vehicle's electric power system. An on-board a.c. to d.c. converter that is connected to the grid via a single or three-phase connector is typically included in these controllers. The converter can be a switch-mode converter, which can transfer electricity from the vehicle to the grid (regeneration) in addition to controlling battery charging, or a diode bridge rectifier, which charges the battery. EVs can complement the supply network and offer ancillary services like reactive power support and supply/demand matching if they are properly planned and managed [8]. This kind of activity is a component of the "smart grid," a novel idea in power systems.

Review of Literature:

Two main factors have contributed to the rise in the use of electric vehicles: government programs and environmental concerns. According to Nour et al. [4], EVs are valued for their environmentally beneficial features, which include low emissions, less indirect emissions concentrated at power plants, fuel independence, and less noise pollution.

The impact of EV battery charging on Great Britain's grid demand is examined in Qian et al. (2011). Three different charging regimes are taken into consideration: uncontrolled (where EV batteries are charged at the time of the last daily trip home), off-peak (where all EV batteries are charged between 21:00 and 22:00 and stop at 6:00), and smart (where all EV batteries are charged during the hours of the day when electricity prices are at their lowest). The findings indicate that, in the case of unregulated household charging, a 10% market penetration of EVs in the system under study would raise daily peak demand by as much as 17.9%, while a 20% level of EV penetration would raise peak load by 35.8%. [5]
The impact of domestic EV battery charging on the electricity demand of six European nations is being investigated by the European Project Mobile Energy Resources in Grids of Electricity (MERGE) (Downing et al., 2010). Two EV charging regimes are taken into consideration: smart charging, which uses a valley filling technique, and dumb charging, which involves EV owners plugging in their vehicles as soon as they get home from their most recent daily excursion. [6]

Objectives:

- Reviewed EV impacts and strategies to improve power system reliability.
- To Impact of Electric Vehicle on Power System Operation
- To Study EV Types and Grid Interface Systems

Research Methodology:

Analyzing how EVs affect a region's power grid is a difficult undertaking. This is because there are a lot of variables that can or should be considered. Among these factors are (i) the characteristics of the power system, (ii) the number of electric vehicles, (iii) the features of EVs, and (iv) the charging habits, which include battery charging types and charging times, among other things. The study is exploratory in nature. The data used for preparing this paper are secondary in nature which is collected from the various published resources. The data derived for preparing this research paper has been extracted from various elite journals and relevant websites.

Result and Discussion:

Power System Impacts of EVs

Higher reliability, lower energy consumption, and lower cost are the goals of a smart grid that combines traditional and sustainable energy sources. A smart grid comprises users as well as a range of conventional and sustainable energy sources, as shown in Figure 1. However, it is stressed that when the role of EVs in smart grids is taken into account, two-way energy exchange can be accomplished. EVs are different from traditional energy units because of their charging and discharging capabilities. However, there are certain issues and impacts on the network caused by EVs' electrical devices and their integration with the smart grid. This section will therefore address the potential impact of EVs on smart grid power quality. [7]

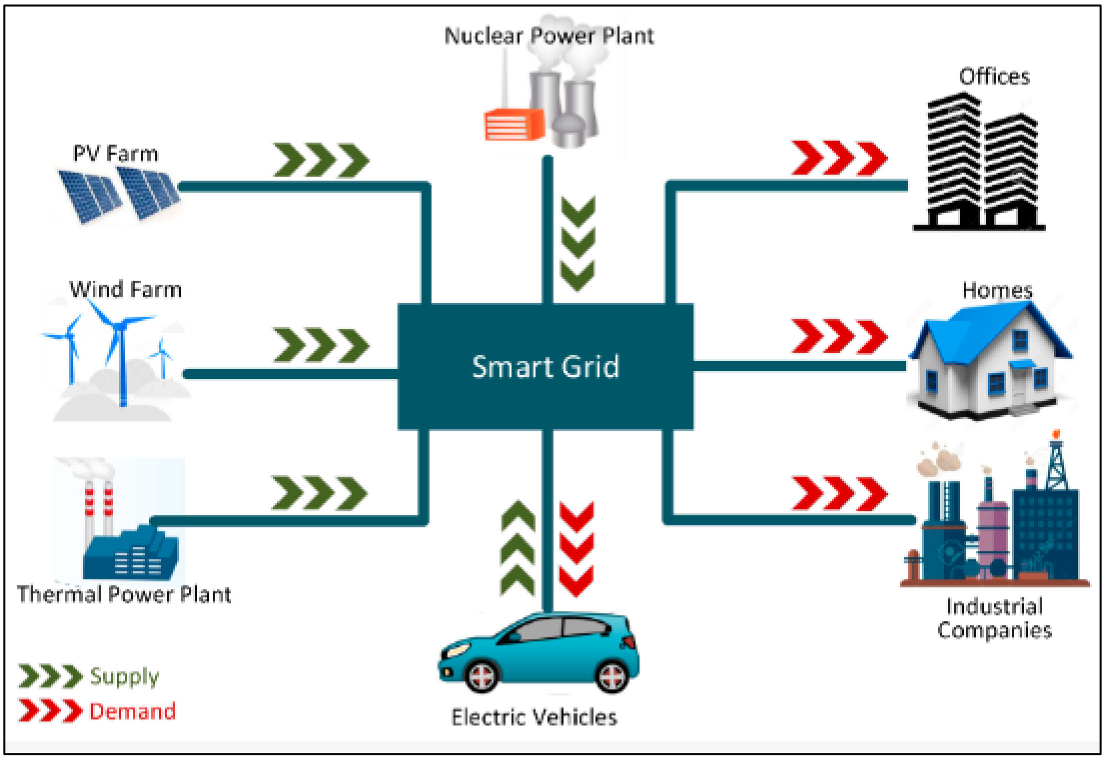

Figure 1 shows how EVs and other suppliers/consumers function within the smart grid.

Table 1. Impact on the power system stability of EVs.

Impact on stability	Causes
Voltage	Placement, quantity, and power rating of EVSEs and integrating EVs as consuming loads.
Frequency	Variations in power supply and demand
Oscillatory	The interactions between EV energy generation/consumption changes and system component controllers while connected to the smart grid.

The need to find tools and alternatives that contribute to the development of a more dynamic and integrated network, in addition to the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, is what drives the research and in-depth investigation of all the various problems related to EV. The energy market, load curve control, and the use of smart metering systems can all be enhanced by this connection. Although it is difficult to attempt to cover all of the conceptual elements that are involved in the study of EVs in our electrical system in a comprehensive manner, this paper provides a general overview of the state of the art for all of the elements that are important during the interaction between the network and the EV.

- **Models Batteries and Chargers**

The models used to evaluate the performance of EVs vary in complexity and application. The charger and battery are the two primary components of the EV that are described in those models. Potential issues were analyzed during the EV's network connection in the early research on the charger's model. [1] outlines a number of specifications to meet design optimization and address potential issues with signal conversion during EV plug-in.

Nowadays, the majority of research focuses on creating a modeling tool that uses physicochemical properties to represent battery activity. The models are defined according to the amount of known and unknown variables and the simulation requirements, and numerous writers have divided them into three categories of batteries.

Three models are identified: electric, analytical, and experimental. In other research, the analytical model is equivalent to the mathematical model, and the experimental model is the same as the electromechanical model. However, there is no modification in the electric model.

The electro-chemical process in the battery is simulated by the experimental model using a variety of equations, which requires a lot of computation to solve. In addition to describing the basic mechanism of energy generation and bridging the simulation gap between macroscopic (current and voltage) and microscopic (concentration distribution) characteristics, electromechanical models are used to optimize the physical designs of batteries.

Analytical or mathematical models use mathematical representation and ignore all electrical features to approximate a reaction in the behavior of the battery. These models yield results with errors ranging from 5% to 20% and are only applicable to particular applications.

The electrical properties of the batteries are represented using electric models. For simulation, they employ a mix of resistors, capacitors, and voltage sources. When combined with other circuits and systems, these models help to simplify the battery design process. [8]

As shown in Fig. 2(a), (b), and (c), the electric model can be categorized into three groups: the discharge time model, the impedance model, and the Thevenin model.

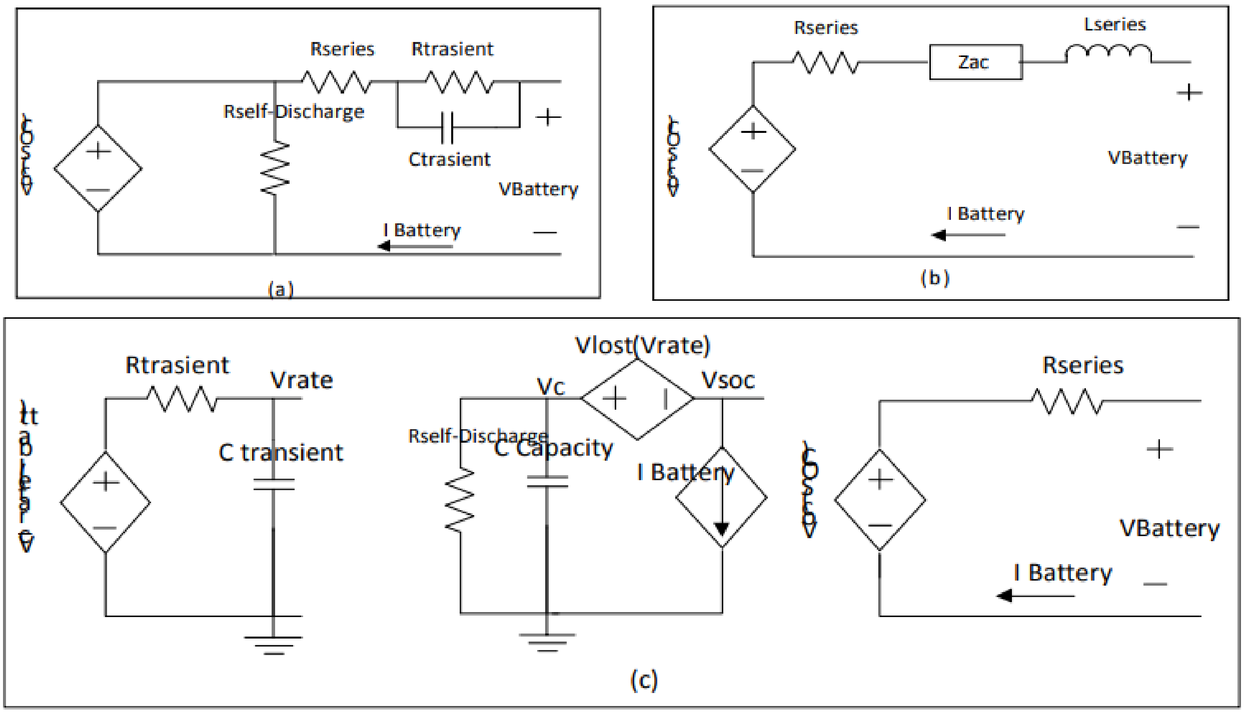

Figure 2: Electric Models (a) Thévenin. (b) Electric Impedance (c) Discharge Time Model

EV Types and Grid Interface Systems

The various types of electric vehicle (EV) technologies are classified according to infrastructure availability and user requirements. Numerous solutions have been investigated in this context. Key features including energy source, range, charging time, carbon emissions, and operational efficiency vary throughout vehicle types, each of which is made for a particular set of use cases.

A. Categories of Electric Vehicle

Over the past few decades, EV technologies have been continuously improved. The infrastructure technologies of power source or sources, battery capacity, and charging/refueling kinds are used to classify EVs on the market. The primary EV types and their power train configurations are depicted in Fig. 3. In essence, the EVs are separated into four fundamental classes. These are hybrid EV (HEV), plug-in HEV (PHEV), fuel-cell EV (FCEV) and battery EV (BEV). Every EV type has a unique configuration that causes a change in the way technology is developed.

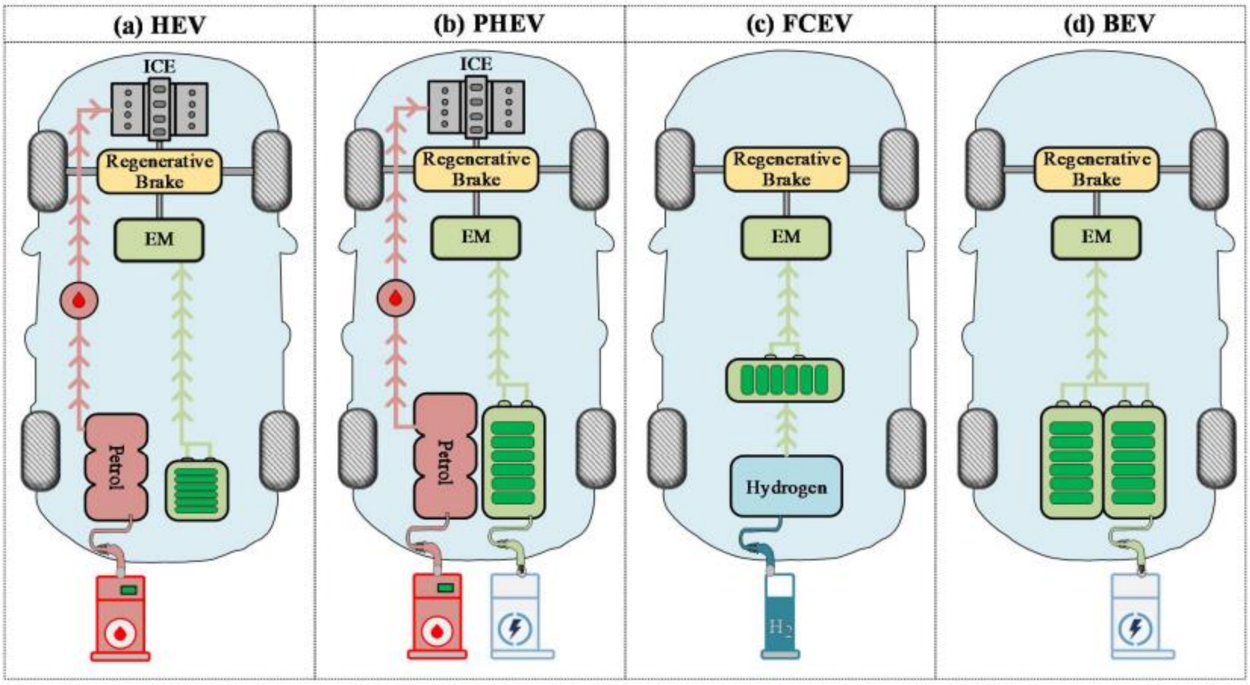

Figure 3. Main structures of different EV types

HEVs are regarded as the first EV technology in recent decades, even though BEVs have been around since the late 19th century. Figure 3(a) illustrates the two types of energy sources used by HEVs: electric power for the EM system and petroleum gasoline for the ICE unit. Higher efficiency and performance compared to a standard car with an ICE unit alone is the goal of the fossil fuel and electricity power combination. The hybridization ratio, which alters the sizes of electrical and mechanical components, is determined by the rate of ICE and EM powers. HEVs only receive their energy from fuel stations, even though they have two distinct power trains. As shown in Fig. 3(b), PHEVs, like HEVs, have two power train systems. However, unlike HEVs, PHEVs' battery packs may be recharged via the electrical grid. The market offers a variety of devices with varying battery capacities, which affects the trip range via electromagnetic interference. However, because of the battery charging procedure, these EV types have an influence on the electrical grid in comparison to HEVs. [9]

Another form of EV is an FCEV, which generates electricity by reacting hydrogen with oxygen (Fig. 3(c)). For the reaction of hydrogen and oxygen, fuel-cell technology is employed. Different from the first two types of EVs, FCEVs exclusively use EM as their propulsion system. Since these EV models are not connected to the grid, they have no direct effect on the electrical network. However, renewable energy sources (RESs) can be used to produce hydrogen, which could have an indirect impact on the electrical grid system.

BEVs are a subset of EVs in which the battery package serves as the only power source. BEV systems are entirely composed of electric propulsion units, as seen in Fig. 3(d). For continuous travel, the BEVs need to be recharged. Commercial charging stations or household power outlets are used to recharge battery packages; both charging scenarios have an impact on the electrical grid system. Battery capacity and charging station types affect how long it takes to charge. Table 1 compares EVs based on energy source, ICE ownership, EM drive capability, and battery charge time. [10]

Table 2. Comparative Demonstration of EV Types

Feature	BEV (Battery Electric Vehicle)	HEV (Hybrid Electric Vehicle)	PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle)	FCEV (Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle)

Energy source	Battery	Gasoline +electricity	Gasoline +electricity (Externally chargeable)	Hydrogen
Internal combustion engine	None	Yes	Yes	None
Electric driving capability	Fully electric	Electric motor at low speeds, ICE support at high speeds	40-100 km in fully electric mode	Fully electric
Charging time	Fast charge: 30-60 min, Normal charge 4-12 hours	Not required	Fast charge: 30-60 min, Normal charge: 2-4 hours	Not required

The approach depicted in Fig. 4 is suggested and summed up as follows in order to address this circumstance. The first two objectives, modeling and scenarios, can be completed separately.

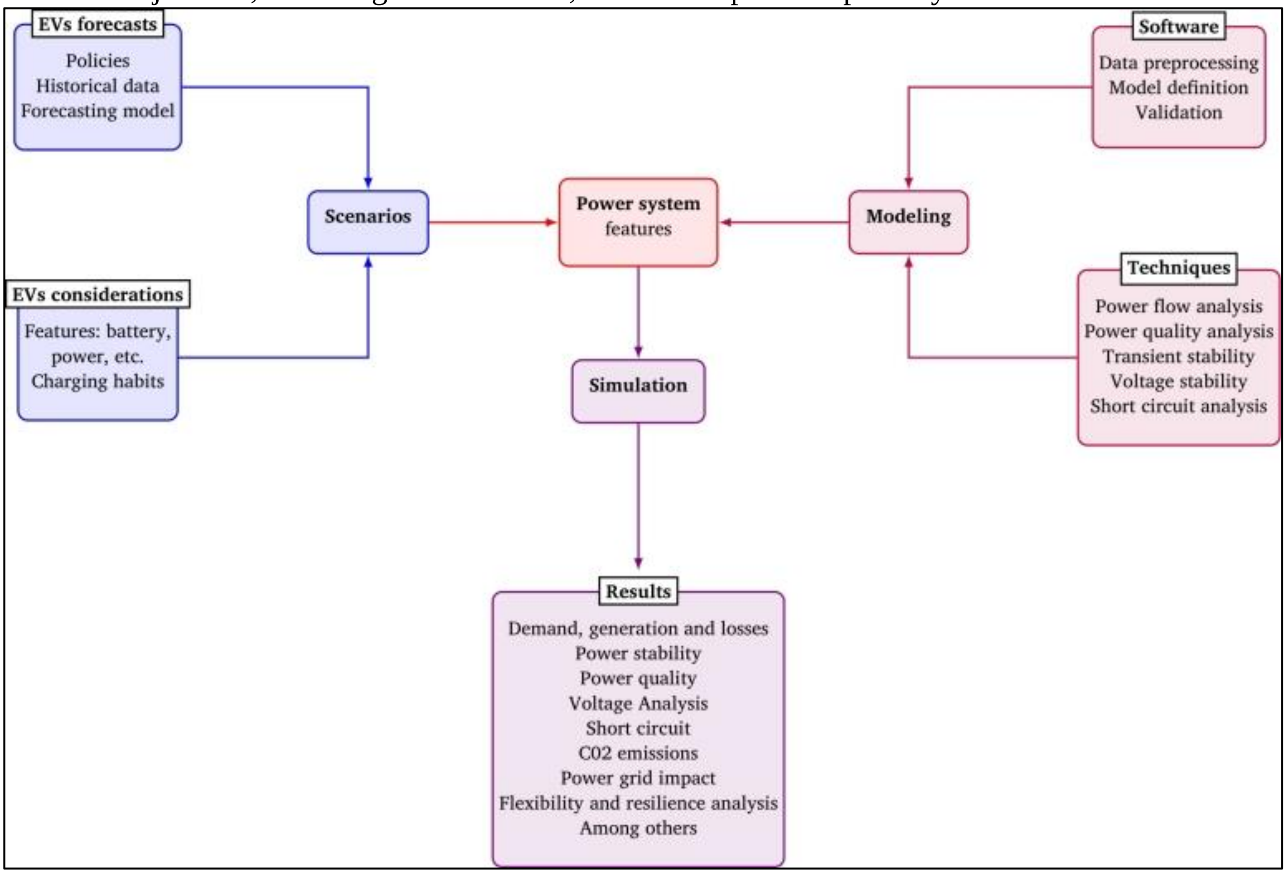

Figure 4: Methodology for analyzing EVs impact on a region's power system

The combinations of factors to be examined will be specified in the scenarios. EV forecast and EV considerations are the two categories into which we have separated them. Predicting the number of electric vehicles that can be available at a specific time and location is the main goal of the first. It takes into account a number of variables that may have an impact on this research, including forecasting models, historical data, and area regulations. Variables pertaining to vehicle characteristics, charging habits, and other associated factors are included in the second.
Modelling, on the other hand, is a cyclical process that relies on the analysis methods and tools chosen. All of the devices and power components must be integrated by the software. Data about demand and generation are required in order to construct a scenario. Data management provides the behavior profile scenario for a given day as a result. Consequently, all aspects of electricity transmission must be taken into account in the model and simulation.

The model needs to incorporate data on power transformers, generators, loads, transmission lines, and reactive power adjustment, among other things. Because of this, software capacities (bus amount) become a factor to take into account while deciding which modeling to use. Comparing the simulation results with actual measurements is how the validation is carried out. To continue with the simulation, those processes need to be connected with the power system features once they are well defined.

Power flows between the lines, generation dispatch, demand, load ability, and other factors can be derived once the power grid model is constructed. Results of data processing can be used to assess voltage, demand patterns, and CO_2 emissions, as well as stability, power quality, adaptability, and resilience, as well as short-circuit analysis. The analysis of these results is the last step. [11-12]

CONCLUSION:

Electric vehicles (EVs) have gained popularity in recent years, causing fundamental changes in transportation that will lessen greenhouse gas emissions and hasten the decarbonization process. Through the development of vehicle-to-grid, grid-to-vehicle, and vehicle-to-vehicle technologies, EVs have also seen a paradigm shift in their position as an active participant in future energy networks. As backup power sources, EVs have a tremendous potential to support energy sustainability, even though they spend a large portion of the day parked. EVs can be linked to the grid in this manner as stationary power units, offering the grid a variety of functions that improve its resilience and dependability. The existing systems demonstrate that, in addition to being utilized for mobility, EVs may serve as alternative energy sources for a variety of network systems, including smart grids, microgrids, and virtual power plants. The grid-EV link has certain drawbacks and consequences in addition to its many benefits.

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