

IMPACT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON THE ELECTRICAL POWER GRID

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Introduction

The increasing adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) is transforming the transportation sector due to their eco-friendliness, lower fuel dependency, and reduced maintenance costs. However, the mass adoption of EVs introduces significant challenges to power grids. Uncoordinated charging of EVs can lead to voltage instability, transformer overloads, and increased line losses, especially during peak demand periods.

This project aims to analyze these impacts and propose solutions to mitigate negative effects on the grid. The study primarily focuses on residential areas, shopping malls, and dedicated charging stations to understand their impact on power distribution networks. Furthermore, the project explores grid balancing techniques, including smart charging and demand response strategies.

Mathematical Modelling and Analysis

Power Demand Due to EV Charging

The total power demand due to EV charging can be calculated using:

$$P_{EV} = \frac{N \times E_{ev}}{T}$$

where:

- P_{EV} = Total power demand due to EV charging (kW)
- N = Number of EVs charging simultaneously
- E_{ev} = Energy required per EV (kWh)
- T = Charging duration (hours)

Voltage Drop in Distribution Network

EV charging can cause voltage drops, calculated using:

$$\Delta V = I \times Z$$

where:

- ΔV = Voltage drop (V)
- I = Charging current (A)
- Z = Line impedance (Ω)

Diagrams and Graphs

System Diagrams:

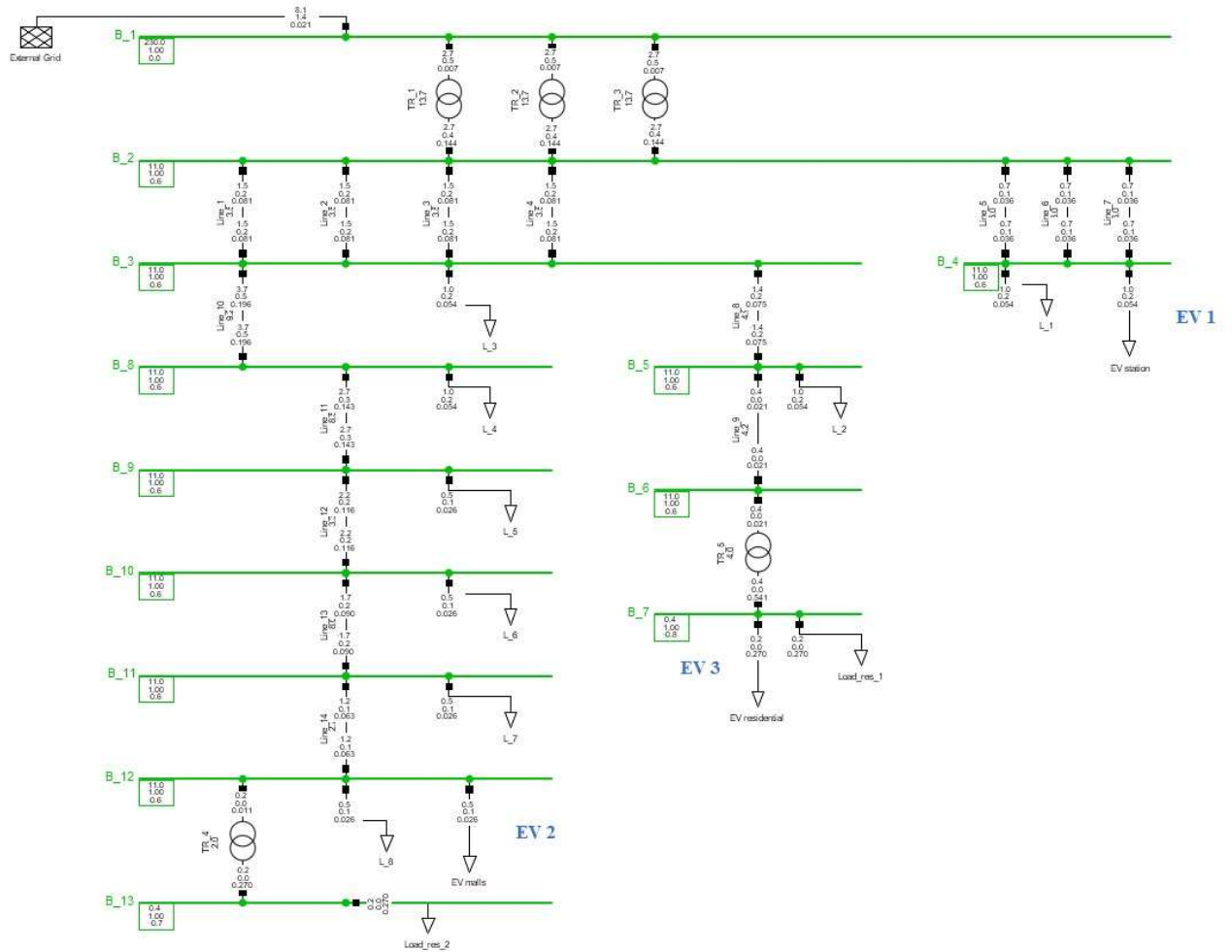


Fig 1:- System Diagram

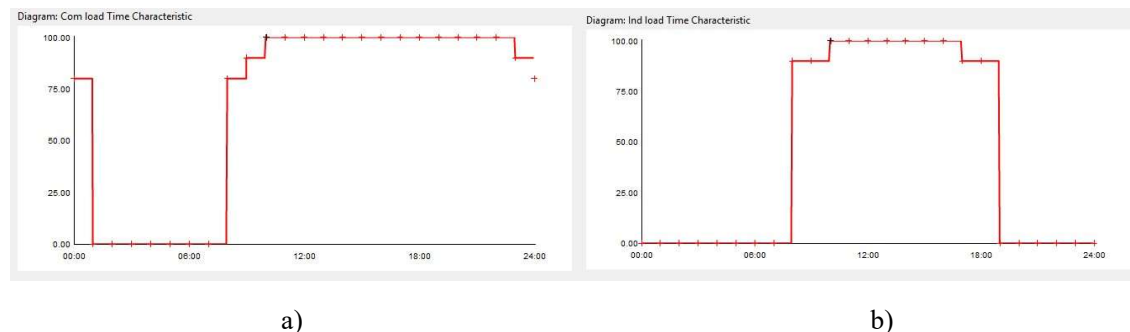
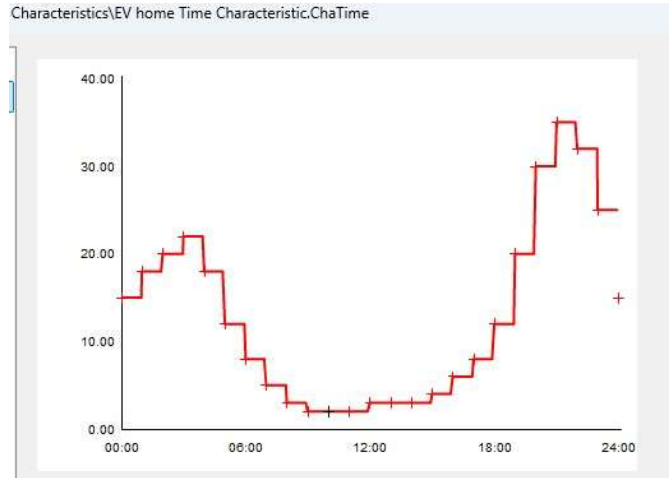
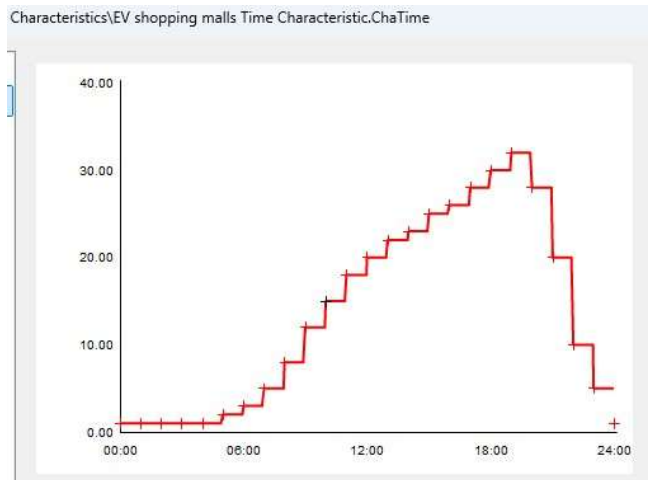


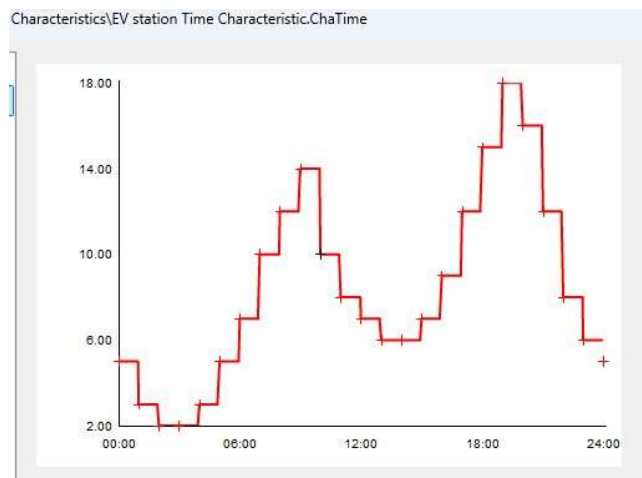
Fig 2:- Basic Non Constant a)Commercial and b)Industrial Loads



a)



b)



c)

Fig 3:- a) Residential b) Commercial c) Industrial
Load Curves without EV Load(s)

Voltage Deviation Due to EV Charging:

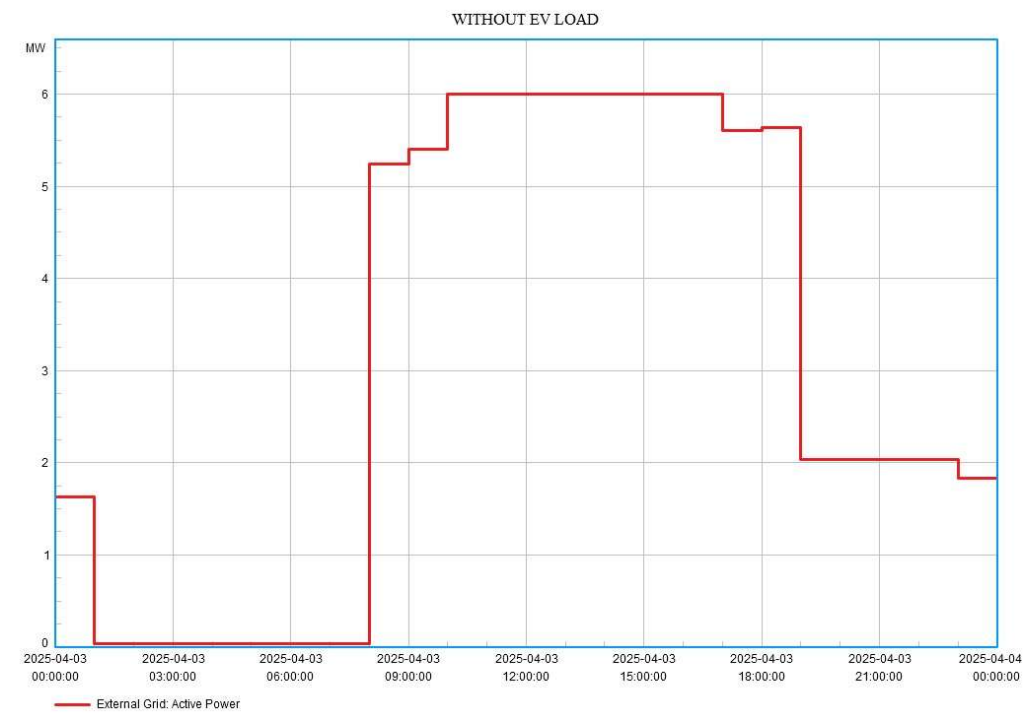


Fig 4: - Grid Power Without EV Load(s)

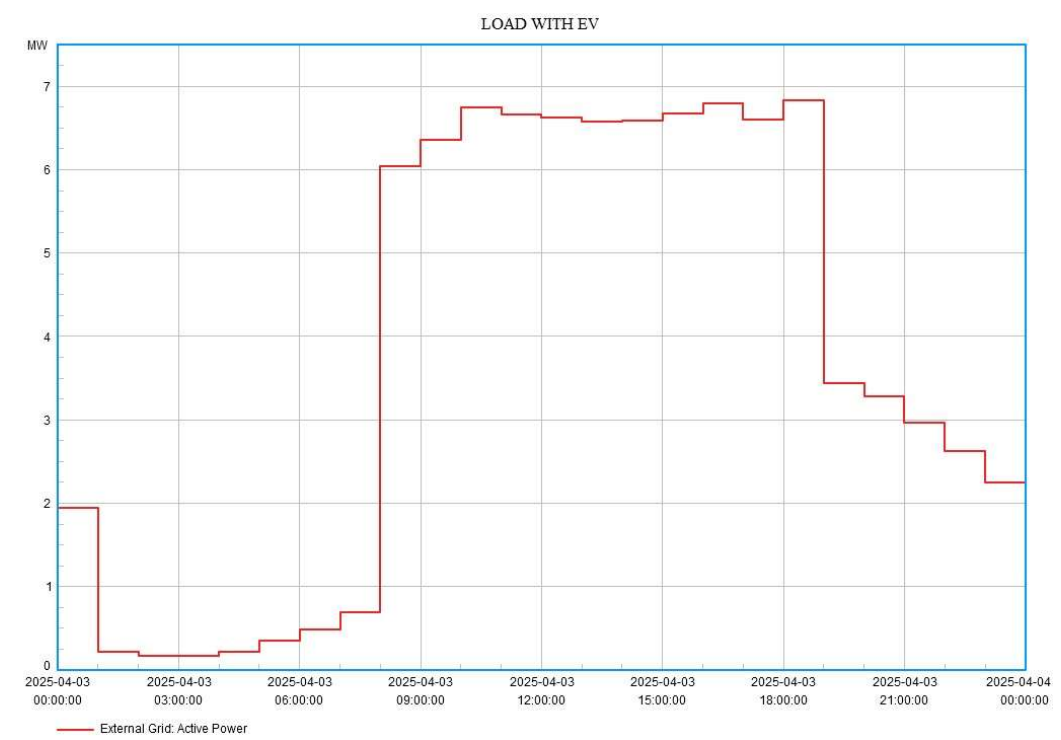
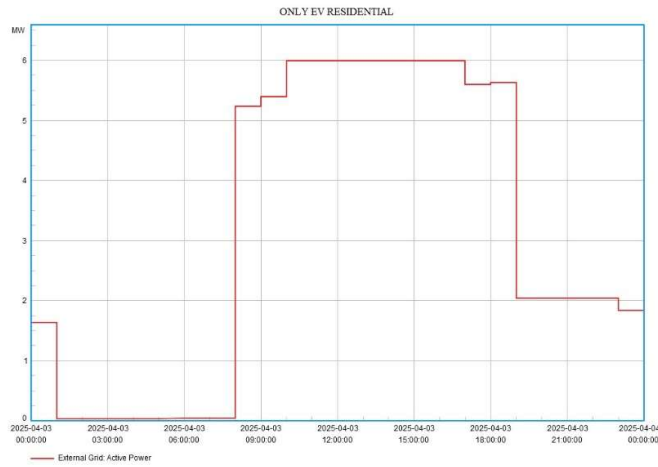
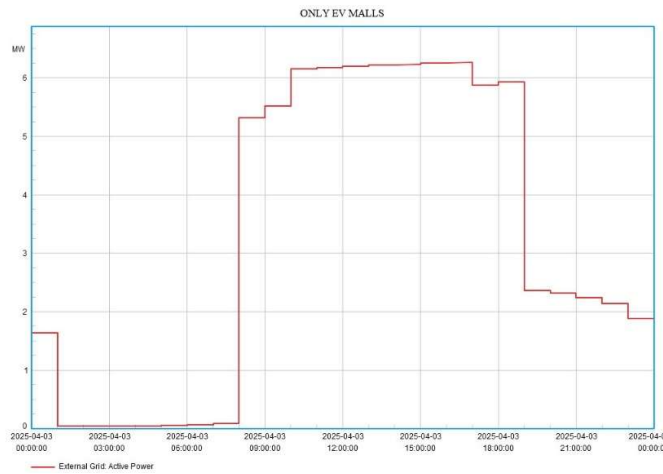


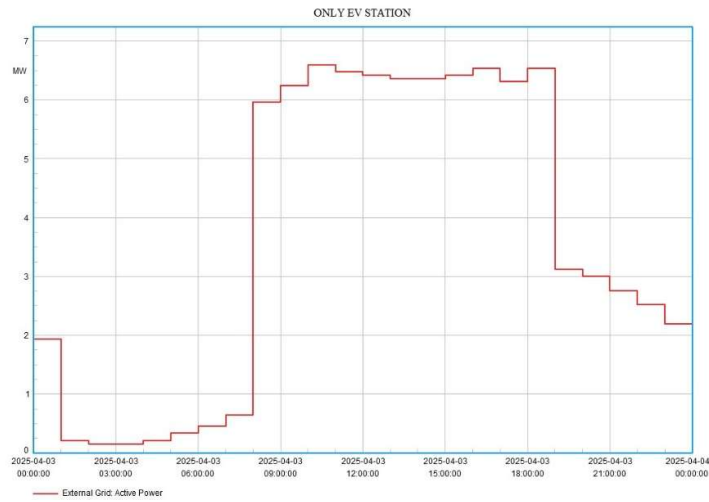
Fig 5: - Grid Power With EV Load(s)



a)



b)



c)

Fig 6:- a) Residential b) Commercial c) Industrial

Load Curves with EV Load(s)

PP Quasi-Dynamic Simulation: Voltage Ranges							
Study Case:		Study Case					
Result File:		Study Case\Quasi-Dynamic Simulation AC					
Time Range:		from 2025.04.03 00:00:00 to 2025.04.03 23:00:00					
Max. voltage	0.000	[p.u.]					
Min. voltage	0.000	[p.u.]					
Start Time	2025.04.03 00:00:00	[Y.m.d H:M:S]					
End Time	2025.04.03 23:00:00	[Y.m.d H:M:S]					
	Terminal	Branch, Substation or Site	Voltage Max. [p.u.]	Time Point Max	Voltage Min. [p.u.]	Time Point Min	
1	B_1		1.000	2025.04.03 00:00:00	1.000	2025.04.03 00:00:00	
2	B_2		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
3	B_3		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
4	B_5		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
5	B_8		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
6	B_6		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
7	B_4		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
8	B_9		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
9	B_10		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
10	B_11		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
11	B_12		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
12	B_13		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	
13	B_7		0.998	2025.04.03 01:00:00	0.998	2025.04.03 18:00:00	

a)

PP Quasi-Dynamic Simulation: Loading Ranges							
Study Case:		Study Case					
Result File:		Study Case\Quasi-Dynamic Simulation AC					
Time Range:		from 2025.04.03 00:00:00 to 2025.04.03 23:00:00					
Loading exceeds	0.00	[%]					
Start Time	2025.04.03 00:00:00	[Y.m.d H:M:S]					
End Time	2025.04.03 23:00:00	[Y.m.d H:M:S]					
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2	Line_11		24.744	2025.04.03 19:00:00	2.625	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
3	Line_12		19.461	2025.04.03 19:00:00	2.113	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
4	Line_13		14.179	2025.04.03 19:00:00	1.602	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
5	Line_4		11.677	2025.04.03 16:00:00	1.887	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
6	Line_2		11.677	2025.04.03 16:00:00	1.887	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
7	Line_3		11.677	2025.04.03 16:00:00	1.887	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
8	Line_1		11.677	2025.04.03 16:00:00	1.887	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
9	TR_1		11.577	2025.04.03 18:00:00	1.962	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
10	TR_2		11.577	2025.04.03 18:00:00	1.962	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
11	TR_3		11.577	2025.04.03 18:00:00	1.962	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
12	Line_8		10.753	2025.04.03 16:00:00	2.236	2025.04.03 00:00:00	
13	Line_14		8.896	2025.04.03 19:00:00	1.097	2025.04.03 01:00:00	
14	Line_6		5.330	2025.04.03 18:00:00	0.944	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
15	Line_5		5.330	2025.04.03 18:00:00	0.944	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
16	Line_7		5.330	2025.04.03 18:00:00	0.944	2025.04.03 02:00:00	
17	Line_9		0.271	2025.04.03 21:00:00	0.126	2025.04.03 11:00:00	
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19	TR_4		0.201	2025.04.03 08:00:00	0.020	2025.04.03 13:00:00	
Ln 0 19 Line(s) of 19							

b)

Fig 7: - Quasi-Dynamic Simulation: a) Voltage and b) Loading Ranges

Results and Discussion

1. Simulation & Analysis:

- A Monte Carlo-based EV charging model was developed to assess various charging scenarios.
- Quasi-dynamic simulations in DigSILENT PowerFactory evaluated the impact on line loading, transformer capacity, and voltage stability over a 24-hour period.

2. Findings:

- Higher EV penetration led to transformer overheating and increased voltage drops.
- Optimized placement of charging stations helped distribute load effectively.
- Off-peak charging incentives improved grid stability by shifting charging loads to non-peak hours.
- Smart charging algorithms reduced peak demand by 15%-20%.

Mitigation Strategies

1. Smart Charging Algorithms: Load shifting and controlled charging reduce stress on grid components.
2. Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) Integration: Allows EVs to supply power back to the grid, improving stability.
3. Renewable Energy Integration: Utilizing solar and wind power to supplement EV charging demands.
4. Infrastructure Upgrades: Reinforcing transformers and distribution lines to handle additional loads.

Conclusion

The study concludes that while current EV adoption levels have a manageable impact on the grid, increasing penetration will demand proactive planning. The developed model provides valuable insights into grid performance under different EV charging conditions. Recommendations such as optimal charger

placements, grid upgrades, and time-based incentives are crucial for sustainable EV integration. The flexibility of this model makes it applicable across various regions, assisting energy companies and investors in long-term planning.

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