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Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charge Station and System

Abstract

An electric vehicle charging station for charging electric vehicles includes a plurality of energy storage reservoirs configured to receive and store energy from one or more power sources and/or one or more power generators; one or more power heads for charging the electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electrical power from the plurality of energy storage reservoirs, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station; and a computer control system configured to monitor a charging demand at each of the one or more power heads and to connect one or more of the plurality of energy storage reservoirs to one or more of the power heads based on the charging demand of the one or more power heads.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/644,829, filed on Dec. 17, 2021, which is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application PCT/US2021/044321, filed on Aug. 3, 2021, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. U.S. Ser. No. 16/984,817 (U.S. Pat. No. 11,600,996), filed on Aug. 4, 2020, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/018,411 (U.S. Pat. No. 10,730,396), filed on Jun. 26, 2018, which is a continuation of International Patent Application PCT/US2018/024058, filed on Mar. 23, 2018, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/476,499, filed on Mar. 24, 2017; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/644,829 also claims priority as a continuation-in-part of U.S. patents application Ser. Nos. 16/984,817 (U.S. Pat. No. 11,600,996) and Ser. No. 16/921,029 (U.S. Pat. No. 11,390,176), filed on Jul. 6, 2020, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/018,411 (U.S. Pat. No. 10,730,396); each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

FIELD

[0002] The present invention is directed to a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) charge station and system, for example, for high speed charging or recharging of electric vehicles (EVs). The fast charge or recharge electrical vehicle (EV) station and system, for example, can be configured to provide both high speed charging or recharging of electric vehicles (EVs), and filling of fuel powered vehicles.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Electric vehicles (EVs) have grown in use around the world with a strong interest in clean emissions, quiet driving, and low maintenance. Advancements in battery technology have supported improvements in vehicle speed as well as driving distance. Battery charging has improved to help support this growth and provide recharging times as low as two hours for a complete charge of large EV batteries (e.g. as in Chevrolet Volt or Tesla Model S). The push to improve recharge times has driven battery manufacturers to improve technology and provide “fast charge” capability in their batteries. The goal is to allow EV cars to recharge in close to the same time as refueling a gasoline vehicle (e.g. 10-15 minutes).

[0004] A problem arises with fast recharging of large vehicle batteries because of the large amount of AC Power required from the utility power grid for each (or multiple) vehicle(s) during recharge. For example, a normal size sedan such as a Chevrolet Volt could require power as high as 350 KW

during the recharge process to achieve targeted recharge times. This power requirement when multiplied by several vehicles being charged simultaneously would require a huge AC power source (such as utility power grid infrastructure to support a large industrial load, followed by AC/DC conversion) at the recharging site. This type of AC power source is not available at many locations. The power surges during recharging also cause problems with the utility companies' ability to predict power requirements in specific locations. Adding to this particular problem is the sparse locations of recharge stations. EV recharge pumps must be available at gas stations to allow the EV market to grow.

SUMMARY

[0005] To provide sufficient power at most locations, power must be stored and/or generated in a controlled, even manner using one or more storage capacity “electric reservoir” or “battery reservoir” or “energy reservoir” or “power reservoir.” This one or more electric reservoirs can then be used as a main recharge energy source for recharging the electric vehicles (EVs). Battery technology already exists to support the “reservoir” requirement. Several different electric power storage technologies can be used, including flow batteries, lithium-ion batteries, power storage capacitors (e.g. ultra capacitors) and/or fuel cells. Other electromechanical technologies such as flywheel energy storage can also be used. The one or more electric reservoirs, for example, can be placed underground in a similar fashion currently used for storing fuel (e.g. gasoline, diesel) at a gas station and/or it can be located above ground.

[0006] The one or more electric reservoirs can be charged using power that already exists at a conventional gas station. Using this method allows the utility company to predict and accommodate the power usage and avoid power surges. For example, the one or more electric reservoirs can be recharged continuously, intermittently, variably, or in a programmed manner from an electrical power source (e.g. existing power source(s), new power source(s), electrical power grid, power transmission line(s), power distribution system, power station, electrical generator, fuel type electrical generator, solar, solar panels, solar photovoltaic, thermal, solar thermal, wind power generators, wind mills).

[0007] The energy stored in the electric reservoir can be used as the power source for recharging the electric vehicle(s) at the station. A recharge unit (e.g. electric pump) very similar (in physical size and form) to a conventional gas pump can be used to make the proper conversion of power required for charging the EV. Since the power source for an EV is a DC battery and the electric reservoir can be a DC electric reservoir (e.g. DC flow battery, DC Li-ion battery, DC Li-ion battery array), the power conversion required can simply be direct or a DC to DC conversion, avoiding the power losses with AC to DC conversions used in most battery chargers today.

[0008] The energy generated by a power generator (e.g. electrical power generator) can also be used, with or without the electrical reservoir, as the power source for recharging the electric vehicle(s) at the station. The power generator can be located on-site (i.e. located at the station) or off-site (i.e. located off the station premises, however, nearby or at a distance from the station premises). The power generator can be installed on the premises of the station, or can be a portable power generator. For example, the power generator can be partially or fully contained within a cargo container, or a similarly constructed container, that can be transported and installed at the station as a power generator unit providing significant power output. Further, the power generator can be a single power generator or multiple power generators (e.g. connected together to provide a power station).

[0009] The operator of the recharging station can charge customers for recharging their EVs in a same or similar manner to gasoline customers. They will be able to work with the utility company on the costs for keeping the reservoir charged as well as amortize the costs for adding/supporting the reservoir and EV Chargers or EV Pumps (e.g. electric chargers or outlets). The operator can build in profits required and charge the EV customers accordingly. This removes the burden for utility companies of having to provide industrial sized power grid infrastructure, such as additional

towers, power lines, substations, which might be impractical for most locations.

[0010] Using a reservoir approach allows a conventional gas station to be converted by simply adding an EV Charger or EV Pump (e.g. refueling EV pump) or multiple EV Chargers or EV Pumps to provide fast charging of EV(s). This fast charging will allow EVs to easily travel across country just like a gasoline fueled vehicles do today, which will allow EVs to become more mainstream.

[0011] The presently described subject matter is directed to a station for refueling fuel vehicles and/or recharging electric vehicles.

[0012] The described subject matter is directed to an electric recharge station.

[0013] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric/fuel station.

[0014] The presently described subject matter is directed to an improved gas station comprising or consisting of both gas pumps and electric pumps or EV chargers.

[0015] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric recharge/fuel station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or EV charger.

[0016] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric recharge/fuel station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or EV charger.

[0017] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric recharge/fuel station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or charger, wherein the at least one fuel pump is spaced apart a predetermined distance from the at least one electric pump or charger.

[0018] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric recharge/fuel station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or charger, wherein the at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or charger are provided in a single unit.

[0019] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or charger, wherein the at least one fuel pump and at least one electric pump or charger are separate units.

[0020] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple fuel pumps and multiple electric pumps or EV chargers.

[0021] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple fuel pumps locate and multiple electric pumps or chargers, wherein the fuel pumps are located in at least one row and the electric pumps or chargers are located in at least one another row.

[0022] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one electric reservoir.

[0023] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple electric reservoirs.

[0024] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one onsite electric reservoir.

[0025] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one electric reservoir located below ground level.

[0026] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple electric reservoirs located below ground level.

[0027] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one electric reservoir located above ground level.

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consisting of multiple electric reservoirs.

[0031] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one onsite electrical reservoir.

[0032] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple onsite electric reservoirs.

[0033] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one electrical reservoir located below ground level.

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[0036] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple electric reservoirs located above ground level.

[0037] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one fuel tank and at least one electrical reservoir located below ground level.

[0038] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of multiple fuel tanks and multiple electric reservoirs located below ground level.

[0039] The presently described subject matter is directed to a fuel/electric station comprising or consisting of at least one gas tank and at least one electric reservoir located below ground level, wherein the at least one gas tank and at least one electric reservoir are spaced apart at least a predetermined distance.

[0040] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0041] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir.

[0042] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of at least one power source; a plurality of electrical services receiving power from the at least one power source; a plurality of primary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of electrical services; a plurality of secondary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the first primary electric reservoirs; and a plurality of EV chargers receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of secondary electric reservoirs.

[0043] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0044] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric

reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, wherein the electrical service is a plurality of electrical services, the primary electric reservoir is a plurality of primary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of electrical services, the secondary electric reservoir is a plurality of secondary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of primary electric reservoirs, and the EV charger is a plurality of EV chargers receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of secondary electric reservoirs.

[0045] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the electrical service is a plurality of electrical services, the primary electric reservoir is a plurality of primary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of electrical services, the secondary electric reservoir is a plurality of secondary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of electric primary electric reservoirs, the tertiary electric reservoir is a plurality of tertiary electric reservoirs receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of secondary electric reservoirs, and the EV charger is a plurality of EV chargers receiving power, respectively, from the plurality of tertiary electric reservoirs.

[0046] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power.

[0047] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power, further comprising a first DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the AC to DC converter and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the primary electric reservoir.

[0048] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power, further comprising a first DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the AC to DC converter and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the primary electric reservoir, further comprising a second DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the primary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the secondary electric reservoir.

[0049] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a

power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power, further comprising a first DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the AC to DC converter and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the primary electric reservoir, further comprising a second DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the primary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising a third DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the secondary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the EV charger.

[0050] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power, further comprising a first DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the AC to DC converter and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the primary electric reservoir, further comprising a second DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the primary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the secondary electric reservoir, further comprising a third DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the secondary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the EV charger, wherein the EV charger comprises a fourth DC to DC power converter for converting DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the EV.

[0051] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power.

[0052] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, further comprising an AC to DC power converter receiving AC power from the electrical service and converting the AC power to DC power, further comprising a first DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the AC to DC converter and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the primary electric reservoir.

[0053] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, further

further comprising a third DC to DC power converter receiving DC power from the tertiary electric reservoir and converting the DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the EV charger, wherein the EV charger comprises a fifth DC to DC power converter for converting DC power to DC power for supplying DC power to the EV.

[0057] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0058] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the primary electric reservoir comprises a flow battery.

[0059] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0060] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the primary electric reservoir comprises a Li-ion battery.

[0061] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0062] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the primary electric reservoir comprises an electrical storage capacitor.

[0063] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir.

[0064] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging

station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the EV charging station is configured to selectively or simultaneously provide power for charging the EV from the electrical source, primary electric reservoir and/or the secondary electric reservoir.

[0065] The presently described subject matter is directed to an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for charging an electric vehicle (EV), the EV charging station comprising or consisting of: a power source; an electrical service receiving power from the power source; a primary electric reservoir receiving power from the electrical service; a secondary electric reservoir receiving power from the primary electric reservoir; a tertiary electric reservoir receiving power from the secondary electric reservoir; and a first EV charger receiving power from the tertiary electric reservoir, wherein the EV charging station is configured to selectively or simultaneously provide power for charging the EV from the electrical source, the primary electric reservoir, second electric reservoir and/or the tertiary electric reservoir.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0066] FIG. 1 is a diagrammatic view of a fuel/electric station according to the present invention.

[0067] FIG. 2 is another diagrammatic view of the fuel/electric station shown in FIG. 1.

[0068] FIG. 3 is a diagrammatic view of the structure and arrangement of the fuel/electric station shown in FIG. 1.

[0069] FIG. 4 is a diagrammatic view of the structure and arrangement of a fuel/electric station, for example, a portable fuel/electric vehicle (EV) station for use with the fuel/electric vehicle (EV) station shown in FIG. 1, or for use on a lot, for example, at a remote location.

[0070] FIG. 5 is a diagrammatic view of a flow battery for use in the fuel/electric vehicle (EV) station shown in FIGS. 1-3.

[0071] FIG. 6 is a flow chart showing power flow from the electric reservoir (e.g. flow battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) to the fuel/electric pump (e.g. EV pump, EV charger, and/or fuel pump).

[0072] FIG. 7 is a side elevational view of a fuel/electric pump according to the present invention.

[0073] FIG. 8 is a diagrammatic view showing power sharing of the charging of an EV from the power source and the electric reservoir.

[0074] FIG. 9 is a diagrammatic view showing power sharing of the charging of an EV from the electric reservoir and/or Li-ion battery of the fuel/electric pump.

[0075] FIG. 10 is a flow chart showing power flow from the electric reservoir (e.g. flow battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) to the fuel/electric pump comprising a fuel pump and an EV charger.

[0076] FIG. 11 is a side elevational view of a fuel/electric pump according to the present invention comprising a fuel pump and EV charger.

[0077] FIG. 12 is a diagrammatic view showing power sharing of the charging of an EV from a power source (e.g. power grid) and an electric reservoir.

[0078] FIG. 13 is a diagrammatic view showing power sharing of the charging of an EV from the electric reservoir and the Li-ion battery of the fuel/electric pump.

[0079] FIG. 14 is a diagrammatic view showing a fuel/electric station comprising of multiple (e.g. four (4)) modular power subunits.

[0080] FIG. **15** is a diagrammatic view of the fuel/electric vehicle (EV) station shown in FIG. **1** enhanced with additional electric reservoirs.

[0081] FIG. **16** is a flow chart showing power flow from the electric reservoir (e.g. flow battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) to the secondary electric reservoir (e.g. battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) to the tertiary electric reservoir (e.g. battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) of the fuel/electric pump (e.g. EV pump, EV charger, and/or fuel pump).

[0082] FIG. **17** is a block diagram of a communication system for the fuel/electric vehicle (EV) station according to the present invention for communicating with electric vehicles being recharged.

[0083] FIG. **18** is a diagram of the communication interface of the communication system shown in FIG. **17**.

[0084] FIG. **19** is a diagrammatic view of a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention with a collective AC/DC converter arrangement.

[0085] FIG. **20** is a diagrammatic view of a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention with a distributed AC/DC converter arrangement.

[0086] FIG. **21** is a table showing base battery module specifications for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0087] FIG. **22** is a table showing cabling specifications for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0088] FIG. **23** is a table showing additional product specifications for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0089] FIG. **24** is a table showing dual use battery specifications for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0090] FIG. **25A** is a perspective view of an EV connector for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0091] FIG. **25B** is a perspective view of another EV connector for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0092] FIG. **25C** is a perspective view of a further EV connector for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0093] FIG. **25D** is a perspective view of an even further EV connector for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0094] FIG. **26A** is a front view of a four-gang CCS (Combined Charging System) combo Type I connector for use in the USA/North America with four connector ports for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0095] FIG. **26B** is a front view of a four-gang CCS (Combined Charging System) combo Type II connector for use in Europe with four connector ports for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0096] FIG. **27** is a perspective view of a Phoenix Contact cooled electric vehicle (EV) connector for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0097] FIG. **28** is a circuit diagram of an electrical circuit for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0098] FIG. **29** is a flow diagram showing various stages of construction of a base battery module for use in an electric reservoir for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0099] FIG. **30** is a perspective view showing an assembled base battery module without the base battery module lid installed.

[0100] FIG. **31** is a flow diagram showing various stages of construction of a base battery modular pair for use in an electric reservoir for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0101] FIG. **32** is a perspective view of an assembled electric reservoir for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0102] FIG. **33** is a diagrammatic view of a voltage trimming system for use in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0103] FIG. **34** is a diagrammatic view of a boost/buck system for use in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0104] FIG. **35** is a perspective view of a base battery module showing air flow exiting the base battery module of the electric reservoir for use in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention.

[0105] FIG. **36** is a perspective view of a base battery module showing “voltage continuity links” or “high voltage jumpers” embedded in the base battery module lid such that removal of the base battery module lid naturally sub-divides the battery array string voltage simply by removal of higher ordered components.

[0106] FIG. **37** is a diagrammatic view of the base battery module showing the “voltage continuity links” or “high voltage jumpers” embedded in the base battery module lid.

[0107] FIG. **38** is a diagrammatic view showing power flow and power conversion stages from the power grid to the power head for charging the electric vehicle (EV).

[0108] FIG. **39** is a table showing the specifications of a hot battery indicator for use in the base battery module.

[0109] FIG. **40** is a diagrammatic view showing a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention having multiple electric reservoirs (e.g. base battery modules) and multiple transformers (e.g. pad transformers) for providing power to multiple power heads.

[0110] FIG. **41** is a diagrammatic view showing a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention having collective topology with selective connection to the electric power grid and one or more additional power sources (e.g. wind driven power generation system and solar panel).

[0111] FIG. **42** is a diagrammatic view showing a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention having distributed topology with selective connection to the electric power grid and one or more power sources (e.g. wind driven power generation system, and solar panel).

[0112] FIG. **43** is a diagrammatic view showing a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention having collective topology with selective connection to the electric power grid and an onsite power generator and/or offside generator (e.g. onsite electric power generator, offsite electric power generator).

[0113] FIG. **44** is a diagrammatic view showing a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system according to the present invention having distributed topology with selective connection to the electric power grid and an onsite power generator and/or offside generator (e.g. onsite electric power generator, offsite electric power generator).

[0114] FIG. **45** is a diagrammatic view showing a fuel/charge system according to the present invention having one or more fuel tanks for fueling or refueling fuel type vehicles and providing fuel for the onsite power generator and/or offsite power generator.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0115] A fuel/electric station **10** configured for providing both fuel for fuel type vehicles and fast charging of electric vehicles (EV) according to the present invention is shown in FIGS. **1** and **2**.

The fuel/electric station **10** is structured, arranged, and designed to 1) dispense fuel (e.g. gas, diesel, propane, liquid propane, hydrogen); and 2) charge or recharge electric vehicles (EVs).

[0116] The fuel/electric station **10** comprises multiple fuel/electric pumps **12** (e.g. gasoline pumps). The fuel/electric pumps **12** each comprise an electric vehicle charger or EV charger for recharging EVs and a fuel pump for refueling fuel type vehicles with fuel (e.g. gasoline, diesel, gas, propane, liquid propane, hydrogen). The fuel/electric pumps **12** each can comprise electrical components

such as electrical components for charging EVs (e.g. EV charger, DC-DC converter, battery, Li-ion battery, power storage capacitors, fuel cells) and for refueling conventional fuel type vehicles, for example, having internal combustion engines (e.g. fuel pump, fuel meter, fuel filter, electrical control), for example, within a housing or compartment(s) of the fuel/electric pumps **12**. The fuel/electric pumps **12** can include cooling equipment (e.g. fan, refrigeration, cooling circulation system), for example, to remove heat from housing, compartments, and electrical components. [0117] The fuel/electric pumps **12** are shown in FIG. **1** as three (3) fuel/electric pumps **12** per row with two (2) rows. However, more or less fuel/electric pumps **12** can be provided in the rows, or more or less rows can exist.

[0118] As shown in FIG. **7**, the fuel/electric pumps **12** each have a display **14**, electric charging cable **16A** with an electrical connector **16B** configured for EV hook up and recharging, a gas hose **18A** fitted with a gas nozzle **18B**, a DC-DC converter **60**, a current limiter **61**, and an internal Li-ion battery **19** (e.g. battery, batteries, power storage capacitors, fuel cells). Alternatively, the fuel/electric pumps **12** can be structured or configured as electric pumps configured to only charge EVs (i.e. “electric charging only” pumps) or structured or configured as fuel pumps configured to only pump fuel (i.e. “fuel filling only” pumps). The fuel pumps (e.g. gasoline pumps) can be spaced apart from the electric pumps comprising or consisting of EV chargers in various arrangements and/or locations on the premises of the fuel/electric station **10**.

[0119] Again, the fuel/electric pumps **12** shown comprise the components or parts for both pumping gas and EV charging. For example, the fuel/electrical pumps **12** can comprise the Li-ion battery **19**, power storage capacitors, fuel cells, electronic controller configured to control voltage and current supplied by the Li-ion battery **19** to the electric vehicle (EV), fuel pump components, and/or safety electronics (e.g. stop all dispensing, stop EV charging, stop fuel pumping, trigger Halon fire system, electrical spark suppression, operational lock out detection and controls for “fuel filling only” filling mode or “electric charging only” charging mode).

[0120] Again, the arrangement shown in FIGS. **1** and **2**, can be modified with the rows of fuel/electric pumps **12** shown replaced with one or more rows of “fuel filling only” pumps and one or more rows of “electric charging only” pumps physically spaced apart and separate same for safety reasons (e.g. to prevent fuel vapor in proximity to electric equipment and potential electrical sparks). However, the fuel/electric pumps **12** can be configured or designed to provide electric spark suppression, high level of electrical grounding, redundant electrical grounding, separate compartments or containment structures for separate gas and electric operations, air venting or air or gas (e.g. nitrogen) circulation pumps, fans, and/or refrigeration to allow both gas and electric operations within the same fuel/electric pumps **12**. Again, the fuel/electric pumps **12** can be configured or designed to only allow one mode of operation at a time, for example, with a time pause in-between operations to allow air venting or circulations pumps to remove any remaining fuel or fuel vapor to atmosphere after gas operation mode.

[0121] The fuel/electric station **10** comprises an underground fuel storage tank **20** connected to the individual fuel/electric pumps **12** via a main fuel supply line **22** connected to and supplying individual fuel lines **24** (i.e. fuel distribution arrangement and system). The fuel/electric station **10** further comprises an underground electric reservoir **26** connected to the individual fuel/electric pumps **12** via a main power line **28** connected to and supplying individual electric lines **30** (i.e. electric distribution arrangement and system). The fuel/electric station **10** is anticipated to provide high speed charging or recharging of electric vehicles (e.g. configured to charge or recharge electrical vehicles (EVs) in 5 to 15 minutes) in a similar time frame to filling up a fuel type vehicle with fuel.

[0122] As an alternative to the fuel/electric station **10** shown in FIGS. **1** and **2**, multiple fuel tanks **20** and/or multiple electric reservoirs **26** can be provided at the fuel/electric station **10** to meet greater and/or peak demands. For example, the fuel/electric station can comprise or consist of multiple power subunits each comprising an electrical reservoir and multiple fuel/electric pumps

12.

[0123] The electric reservoir **26** can be an apparatus or device configured to store a large amount of electric power. For example, the electric reservoir **26** can be a battery, flow battery, Li-ion battery, Li-ion battery array (e.g. banks of batteries), power storage capacitors (e.g. ultra capacitors) and/or fuel cells. For example, the electric reservoir **26** can be a large flow battery or multiple Li-ion batteries (e.g. located adjacent to the fuel/electric pumps **12**, located internally within fuel/electric pumps, and configured to fast charge EVs). The electric reservoir **26** can be designed, constructed, and sized to accommodate demand based upon the forecasted number of EVs to be recharged hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly schedules.

[0124] The electric reservoir **26** is supplied power via underground power line **32** connected to an electric service **34** (e.g. electrical service panel), for example, located in store **36** or other suitable location onsite the station. A high power service line **38** supplies power from a power source **40** (e.g. power grid, electric power grid, power station, electric power station, transmission line, electric transmission line, transmission station, electric transmission station, generator(s), electric generator(s), fuel generator(s), fuel powered generator(s), photovoltaic power generation system, solar panel(s), wind power, wind power generator(s)), energy storage equipment; power storage equipment, and other suitable power sources. A power meter **35** (e.g. located on side of store **36**) can be provided to meter the incoming power from the power source **40**.

[0125] Further, an electronic controller **41** can be provided in the power line **32** for controlling the charging of the electric reservoir **26** via the power line **32**. For example, the electronic controller **41** can be a component or part of the electric reservoir **26** or a separate component or part (e.g. located on the premises of the fuel/electric station **10**). The electronic controller **41**, for example, can be a programmable electronic controller.

[0126] In addition, an AC/DC converter **43** can be provided in the power line **32** for converting the incoming AC power into DC power for charging of the electric reservoir **26** via the power line **32**, as shown in FIGS. **1** and **3**. For example, the AC/DC converter **43** can be a component or part of the electric reservoir **26** or a separate component or part (e.g. located on the premises of the fuel/electric station **10**).

[0127] The electric reservoir **26** can be recharged in various manners. For example, the electric reservoir **26** is continuously charged, intermittently charge, variably charged, charged on demand, and/or charged according to a program or algorithm. For example, the charging strategy can be to charge the electric reservoir **26** in a manner reducing or minimizing the demand (e.g. avoiding peak demand on the power source **40**) while meeting the demand for charging the forecasted number of electric vehicles throughout the daily schedule. The program or algorithm can be configured to learn and store data on the amount of demand at a given time during each particular day throughout the year, season (e.g. summer, fall, winter, and spring), and holidays to update and improve the forecast for demand in the future.

[0128] The charging of the electric reservoir **26** can involve continuous charging the electric reservoir **26** at an even or varying rate. Alternatively, the electric reservoir **26** can be intermittently recharged at a fixed rate, and/or charged at different rates at different period of time. In any event, the intent is to structure and arrange the fuel/electric station **10** to provide enough power availability to always meet peak demands for recharging EVs at the fuel/electric station **10** while minimizing peak power demands on the power source **40**.

[0129] The fuel/electric station **10** is shown in FIGS. **1-3**, and/or another operation (e.g. a lot located at a different location, for example, a remote location) can be fitted with electrical power units **126**, **226**, as shown in FIG. **4**. The electrical power units **126**, **226** shown are structured and arranged for providing electric recharging only; however, the units **126**, **226** can be modify to provide both fuel refueling for conventional fuel type vehicles or electric recharging for EVs.

[0130] The electric power units **126**, **226** can be connected to and powered, for example, by electric panel **34** of the fuel/electric station **10**.

[0131] The portable version of electric power units **126**, **226** can be portable electric power units. For example, a 20 foot mobile storage container can be fitted with an electric charging only pump **12**, and a 40 foot mobile storage container can be fitted with two (2) electric charging only pumps **12**. The portable power units **126**, **226** can be transported to a site (e.g. new station site, local station site, remote station site), and connected up to start operations. The portable version of the electric power units **126**, **226** can be particularly useful for providing temporary operation, remote operation, and provide inexpensive, reusable, or repositionable operation.

[0132] The electric reservoir **26** shown in FIGS. **1-3**, for example, can be a flow battery **50** shown in FIG. **5**. Specifically, the flow battery **50** can be structured, configured, and or designed for use as the electric reservoir **26** in the fuel/electric station **10** shown in FIGS. **1-3** or the portable versions of the electric power units **126** and **226** shown in FIG. **3**.

[0133] The flow battery **50**, for example, comprises an AQDS/AQDSH electrolyte storage tank having a circulating pump, and an HBr/BR.sub.2 electrolyte storage tank having another circulating pump along with a pair of spaced apart porous carbon electrodes separated by a proton exchange membrane. The flow battery **50** is connected to the electrical supply cable **32** (electric source) and the main power supply cables **22** leading to the fuel/electric pumps **12** to supply same.

[0134] As shown in FIG. **6**, at least one DC to DC converter **60** can receive power from the electric reservoir **26** and then supply power to the fuel/electric pumps **12**. The converter **60** can be a component or part of the electric reservoir **26** and/or a component or part of the fuel/electric pumps **12**.

Flow Battery

[0135] Again, the electric reservoir **26** can be a one or more flow batteries **50**. The open circuit voltage of a redox flow battery cell stack is directly proportional to the number of stacks in series, like any other battery.

[0136] For charging an EV battery, the voltage provided by the flow battery **50** must be adjustable to the level to which the EV battery needs to be charged to (e.g. may assume several different intermediate levels during the charge process). A properly designed DC-DC converter **60** (e.g. housed in the fuel/electric pump **12**, as shown in FIG. **7**) with appropriate sensing and feedback mechanisms, following the flow battery, provides for the desired voltage to charge the EV battery. For example, Tesla Model S has a battery voltage of approximately 350 VDC.

[0137] The voltage available from the electric reservoir **26** (e.g. flow battery **50**) itself will depend on its configuration (i.e. number of cells in a stack, number of stacks in series). For instance, the following has been demonstrated with Vanadium flow batteries installed in 2009, including 3 cell stacks with 40 cells in each stack. The stacks are electrically connected in series, which gives a potential of about 165 V (Riso National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy Report, Riso-R-1753 (EN), February 2011, Technical University of Denmark).

[0138] This voltage may be increased by adding more cell stacks in series. Another way to increase the voltage to the desired charge level is to use a power electronic boost converter in the DC-DC converter **60** present at the fuel/electric pump **12**. The choice of topology to get to the desired charge voltage will depend on the economics of each option and the physical space (real estate) required by each option.

[0139] The output voltage of the DC-DC converter **60** will depend on the EV model being charged, which may have vastly different battery voltages or charge port form factor. It is conceivable that the DC-DC converter power electronics may be able to provide the required voltage level for a certain range of battery voltages. If the EV battery voltage requirement is beyond what a single DC-DC converter **60** design can provide or an entirely different charge port form factor, then a different pump type **212** will need to be provided, interfacing the same electric reservoir **26** (e.g. flow battery **50**).

[0140] Any EV battery will need to be charged at a current level recommended by its manufacturer, which must not exceed a maximum current level to protect the EV battery and to limit the voltage

drop in the cables connecting to the charge inlet port on the EV. The current limit function in the DC-DC converter **60** will provide that protection.

[0141] If the output voltage of the electric reservoir **26** (e.g. flow battery **50**) is higher than the EV battery voltage, then the DC-DC converter **60** will be of the “buck” type, consisting of either MOSFET or IGBT type power electronic switches. Due to the high current involved during fast charging, it would be preferred to operate the switches with a low loss switching approach, such as “zero-voltage switching” and synchronous rectification. The DC-DC converter **60** would then simply consist of the power electronic switches arranged in a “half-bridge” followed by a current limiter **61** (e.g. LC filter) to reduce the voltage ripple caused by the power electronic switching mechanism.

[0142] If the output voltage of the electric reservoir **26** (e.g. flow battery **50**) is lower than or close to the EV battery voltage, then the DC-DC converter **60** will have a first “boost” stage, followed by a “DC link” capacitor, followed by a “buck” stage and the LC filter. The “boost” stage steps up voltage available from the flow battery to a higher voltage, which is then down-converted to the EV battery voltage as required during the charge process. The operation of both the boost and buck stage would again be done while minimizing the losses in the converter.

[0143] The AC-DC power converter **43** located after the AC power source **40** supplying the electrical panel **40** or the cable **32** can incorporate a rectifier **62** stage followed by a DC-DC converter **64** stage. The rectifier **62** stage is needed to convert the AC voltage to a DC voltage. The DC-DC converter **64** or converter stage is required to convert the rectified (DC) voltage to the electric reservoir **26** voltage, as required during its charging process. The rectifier stage is typically of the full bridge “controlled rectifier” type implemented using MOSFET or IGBT type switches. The rectifier stage will be controlled to achieve “power factor correction” on its AC side to meet the power quality requirement set by the utility. The DC-DC converter **64** stage may be a “buck” type or a “boost” followed by a “buck” type, depending on whether the flow battery voltage is lower or higher, respectively, than the rectified voltage. The DC-DC converter **64** stage can include an LC filter **66** to remove the voltage ripple caused by the power electronic switching mechanism. Again, the power electronic switches will need to be operated to minimize the losses.

EV Power Pump High Energy Cable

[0144] The high energy cable **16A** of the fuel/electric pump **12** (FIG. 7) will be capable of safely delivering 350 KW of power to recharge the electric vehicles. Large copper cables must be used to manage this much power. The power will be a combination of voltage and current. Electric vehicles today are being built using batteries as high as 350-400 VDC. In the future, this voltage is going to be higher to support longer driving distances as well as faster speeds. The charge currents are expected to be 400-500 amps to provide Fast Charge success.

[0145] The charge cable must be made using 0000AWG (approximately 0.5” diameter) or larger diameter to handle the charge currents required. The interface to the vehicle must be large conductors also. One large cable or two smaller cables can be used to provide the necessary power delivery. The advantage of two cables is they would make it easier to handle between the EV power pump and the EV. The two cables connection can also be used as a safety key for the charging process. More specifically, the EV power pump must detect solid connections of both conductors to enable the charge process to begin. An “electronic safety key/lock” will also be used to insure that the connection to the pump is a valid EV ready to be charged. This safety key can be part of the pumps safety software and the EV must provide a valid response in order for the pump to be enabled. In this way, the pump will never turn high power on to the cables unless it safely and clearly determines that a valid EV is connected and ready to charge.

[0146] The conductors between the EV power pump and the EV must be made of highly conductive heavy gauge metal such as copper or silver and must be a low corrosion type. The connectors at the end of the high energy cable **16A** must not have any exposed metal parts for safety purposes, and if two cables are used the cables must be either interchangeable or must be

keyed so they cannot be improperly inserted or connected.

[0147] Using high conductive cables and contacts will insure minimum energy losses during the critical charge process. It is very important that maximum energy (i.e. power times time) is delivered during the charge process.

[0148] Charge interruption safety will also be provided to protect against accidents such as a person trying to drive away during the charge process or even environmental accidents such as earthquakes. An Inhibit signal will be provided from the pump that the EV manufacturer can use to disable the EV from driving during the charge process. But just in case the cable is accidentally pulled out of the pump during the charge process, the pump will detect this condition and shut power off so that it is not available to the outside world.

[0149] A master shut off lever will also be provided that turns power off from the Battery Reservoir for safety purposes.

Maximum Power Sharing

[0150] The high speed electric vehicle charge or recharge station and system according to the present invention can include a maximum power sharing function between charging the energy reservoir and charging the EV, as shown in FIG. 8.

[0151] If the electric reservoir **26** used, for example, is a Redox Flow Battery **50**, it cannot be charged while delivering power to the output. This is because the pump flow changes direction accordingly. Because of this limitation, it is possible to utilize the extra power normally being used for charging the Redox Flow Battery to assist in charging the actual EV.

[0152] This feature allows for relay switching for selecting a charging target. During the time that there is no EV at the pump, the Redox Battery can be selected and continually charged. As soon as the EV is ready to be charged, the system can switch the selection over to provide maximum charge to the EV by delivering the power that was going to the energy reservoir to the EV.

[0153] It is noted that the charger **43'** (FIG. 8) can comprise the AC TO DC POWER CONVERTER **43** shown in FIG. 1 along with other electrical components or parts to configure the charger **43'** for charging the electric reservoir **26**. Alternatively, the charger **43'** can be a different type of charger compared to the AC TO POWER CONVERTER **43'**.

[0154] This type of feature can be similarly applied to the fuel/electric pump **12**, as shown in FIG. 9. The DC power from the electric reservoir **26** is directed to the DC-DC converter **60**. The DC-DC power from the DC-DC converter **60** can be selectively used to charge the Li-ion battery **19** or can be used to charge the EV being charged by the fuel/electric pump **12**. Alternatively, power from the DC-DC converter **60** and the Li-ion battery **19** can simultaneously be used to charge the EV due to the switching arrangement shown in FIG. 9.

[0155] The features of FIGS. 8 and 9 can be separate or combined together into the fuel/electric station **10**.

Fuel/Electric Pump

[0156] The fuel/electric station **10** comprises a plurality of fuel/electric pumps **12**. The fuel/electric pumps **12** can be configured in at least three (3) basic modes, including 1) configured for both EV charging and fuel filling; 2) configured for EV charging only; and 3) configured for fuel filling only.

[0157] The fuel/electric pumps **12** comprises an EV charger **12A**, as shown in FIGS. 10-13. The EV charger **12A** comprises electrical components for charging an EV, for example, a DC-DC converter.

Modular Power Subunits

[0158] The fuel/electric station **10** comprise one or more modular power subunits. For example, the fuel/electric station **10** comprises four (4) modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D**, as shown in FIG. 14. The modular power subunits are configured to allow one or more additional modular power subunits to be added and installed in the fuel/electric station **10** to increase the charging capacity of the fuel/electric station. For example, the fuel/electric station **10** can comprise one or

more modular power subunits (e.g. one (1) to one-hundred (100) modular power subunits **2** installed at one or more fuel/electric stations **10** located at one or more interconnected sites. For example, many modular power subunits can be supplied to a parking garage or interconnected parking garages to accommodate charging a large number or fleet of electrical vehicles.

[0159] The modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D** can be supplied power from one or more power sources (e.g. one or more power supply lines from power grid, power stations, power generators, solar panels, wind power generators, power storage facilities or devices). For example, the modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D** are provided power from four power sources **40A**, **40B**, **40C**, **40D**, as shown in FIG. **14** that are the same power source or different power sources.

[0160] The four (4) modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D**, as shown in FIG. **14**, are each provided with separate electrical services **34A**, **34B**, **34C**, **34D**.

[0161] The modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D**, for example, comprise or consist of one or more electric reservoirs. In FIG. **14**, the modular power subunits **2A**, **2B**, **2C**, **2D** comprise, respectively, electric reservoirs **26A**, **26B**, **26C**, **26D**. The fuel/electric pumps **12A**, **12B**, **12C**, **12D**, for example, each comprise a Li-ion battery **19** (FIG. **11**).

[0162] The modular subunits, for example, are provided with various AC to DC and DC to DC converters to tailor power to particular components or parts of the fuel/electric station **10**.

[0163] For example, a DC to DC converter is provided upstream of each electric reservoir to tailor charging power for the particular electric reservoirs.

Multiple Levels of Electric Reservoirs

[0164] The fuel/electric station **10** comprises one or more electric reservoirs. For example, the fuel/electric station **10** comprises, for example, a primary electric reservoir **26-1**, and a secondary electric reservoir **26-2**, as shown in FIGS. **15** and **16**. As a further example, the fuel/electric station **10** comprises a primary electric reservoir **26-1**, a secondary electric reservoir **26-2**, and a tertiary electric reservoir **26-3**, as shown in FIGS. **15** and **16**. An additional layer(s) of electric reservoirs (e.g. four or more) can be provided at the fuel/electric station **10** to provide the fuel/electric station **10** with additional electric power storage capacity, power redundancy, and power switching of one or more electric reservoirs to a particular fuel/electric pump **12**. For example, the various electric reservoirs alone or in combination can be switched on to a particular fuel/electric pump **12** to meet charging demand at the particular fuel/electric pump **12** and all other fuel/electric pumps in use. A computer control system is provided to monitor the demand at each fuel/electric pump **12** and switch appropriate power to meet the demand of each fuel/electric pump **12**, for example, at programmed times or in real time.

Communications

[0165] Communications is required between the EV Charger and the vehicle. Communications standards have been already created for the EV industry such as IEC 61851-21, IEC 61851-23, IEC 61851-24, ISO 15118, PLC and more.

[0166] Hardware and software is integrated to support one or more of these standards to allow for proper handshaking between the EV Charger and the vehicle. This hardware/software supports Digital communication, digitally encoded information exchanged between a d.c. EV charging station and an EV, as well as the method by which it is exchanged.

[0167] The Digital communication between the d.c. EV charging station (e.g. fuel/electric station **10**) and an electric vehicle for control of d.c. charging is shown in FIG. **17**.

[0168] A schematic block diagram example of system A is shown in FIG. **18**. The interface circuit between the station and the electric vehicle for charging control is provided for digital communication with the vehicle.

Fast Charge Electric Vehicle (EV) System

[0169] A fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** with a collective AC/DC converter arrangement **212** is shown in FIG. **19**. The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** can be integrated into a fast charge station according to the present invention.

[0170] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** comprises a transformer **214** (e.g. pad transformer, PAD XFMR), an AC/DC converter **216**; a fast charge controller **218**; a selectable switch **219**; an input bus **220**; an electric reservoir **222** with four (4) electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** (e.g. 18 KWh electric reservoir modules); an output bus **224**; a DC/DC converter **226**; a by-pass power circuit **228**; an EV charger **230**; and an EV charge port **232** configured for charging an electric vehicle (EV) **234**. The fast charger controller can be connected to one or more components of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210**.

[0171] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** comprises, or is connected to, a power supply **240** (e.g. external power supply, electric grid, for example, 240 VAC 1-PHASE/208 VAC or 480 VAC 3-PHASE GRID, as shown in FIG. **19**, acting as a power supply for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210**. The power supply **240**, for example, can include one or more additional external power supplies, for example, a power supply generated by wind power (e.g. wind driven power generation system), hydroelectric power (e.g. water wheel, turbine), photovoltaic power generation system (e.g. solar panels), power generator (e.g. fuel powered generator), power plant, power station, or other types of power supplies.

[0172] The power supply **240** is connected to and supplies power to the transformer **214**, which is connected to and supplies power to the AC/DC converter **216** acting as an electric reservoir charger.

[0173] The AC/DC converter **216** is connected to and supplies power to the fast charger controller **218**, which is connected to and supplies power (e.g. selectively or simultaneously) through the input bus **220** to the four (4) electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** of the electric reservoir **222** for charging the four (4) electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D**. The number of electric reservoir modules can be decreased or increased from the four (4) shown in FIG. **19** (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11+ electric reservoir modules).

[0174] The four (4) electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** of the electric reservoir **222** are connected to and supply power through the output bus **224** to the DC/DC converter **226**.

[0175] The by-pass power circuit **228** is connected between the AC/DC converter **216** and the DC/DC converter **226** for by-passing the fast charger controller **218**, the input bus **220**, the four (4) electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D**, and output bus **224** for supplying power directly from the AC/DC converter **216** to the DC/DC converter **226**.

[0176] The DC/DC converter **226** is connected to and supplies power to the EV charger **230**, which is connected to and supplies power to the EV charge port **232** configured for connecting to and charging or recharging the electric vehicle (EV) **234**.

[0177] In the collective AC/DC converter arrangement **212**, the AC/DC converter **216**, for example, is a single stage AC/DC converter configured for selectively charging each of the electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** on demand. In addition to this on demand charge capability, a maximum rated power of the AC/DC converter **216** is available for direct charging of a battery pack of the electric vehicle (EV) **234** when operating in a by-pass mode.

[0178] A fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310** with a distributed AC/DC converter arrangement **312** is shown in FIG. **20**. The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310** can be integrated into a fast charge station.

[0179] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310** comprises a transformer **314** (e.g. pad transformer, PAD XFMR); four (4) AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D**; a fast charger controller **318**; four (4) switches **319A**, **319B**, **319C**, **319D** (e.g. by-pass switches); input bus **320**, an electric reservoir **322** with four (4) electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**; an output bus **324**; a DC/DC converter **326**; a by-pass power circuit **328**; and EV/HEV charger **330**; and a charge port **332** for charging an electric vehicle (EV) **334**. The fast charger controller **318** can be connected to and control one or more components of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310**

[0180] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310** comprises the power supply **340**, or is

connected to the power supply **340** (e.g. external power supply, electric grid, for example, 240 VAC 1-PHASE/208 VAC or 480 VAC 3-PHASE GRID, as shown in FIG. **20**, acting as a power supply for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310**. The power supply **340**, for example, can include one or more additional power supplies, for example, a power supply generated by wind power (e.g. wind driven power generation system), hydroelectric power, photovoltaic power generation system, power generator (e.g. fuel powered generator), or other types of power supplies. [0181] The power supply **340** is connected to and supplies power to the transformer **314**, which is connected to and supplies power to each of the four (4) AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** acting as an electric reservoir charger.

[0182] The four (4) AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** are connected to and supply power through the input bus **320** to the four (4) electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** of the electric reservoir **322** for charging the four (4) electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**.

[0183] The four (4) electric reservoirs **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** are connected to and supply power through the output bus **324** to the DC/DC converter **326**. The output bus **324**, for example, can carry the power supplied by one of the reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** and/or supplied by two or more reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** at the same time. For example, the fast charger controller **318** can be connected to switching for selectively controlling the supply of power from the reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** to the output bus **324**.

[0184] A by-pass power circuit **328** is connected between the four (4) switches **318A**, **318B**, **318C**, **318D** and the DC/DC converter **324** for by-passing the four (4) electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** of the electric reservoir **322**, and output bus **324** for supplying power directly from the four (4) AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** to the DC/DC converter **326**.

[0185] In the distributed AC/DC converter arrangement **312**, the AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D**, for example, are a multi-channel AC/DC converter or individual AC/DC converters appropriately rated to each of the electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**, and independently charge each of the electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** on demand. In addition to this on demand charge capability, either a single channel rated power of one or more of the AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** is available for direct charging of the battery pack of the electric vehicle (EV) **334** when operating in a by-pass mode, or with added circuitry and software, the collective output of all the individual AC/DC converters **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** may be blended at the DC/DC converter stage for maximum rated power available for direct charging of the battery pack of the electric vehicle (EV) **334** when operating in the by-pass mode.

[0186] It is noted that hybrid architectures of these two variants of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** and **310** are possible with increased circuit complexity.

Base Power

[0187] The electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** of the electric reservoir **222** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** and the electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** of the electric reservoir **322** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310**, for example, can each comprise or consist of eight (8) dual use industrial batteries (e.g. Li-ion batteries). The dual use industrial batteries, as defined, comprise or consist of an internal battery cell array, battery management system (BMS), and control circuitry that meets the voltage, capacity and integration requirements as defined herein.

Lithium-Ion Battery

[0188] The battery module specifications for a dual use industrial battery configuration to be used as base power for the electric reservoir(s) **222** or **322**, for example, are shown in FIG. **21**.

[0189] The cabling specifications for the internal cabling of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, are shown in FIG. **22**.

[0190] Additional product specifications for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, are shown in FIG. **23**.

Detailed Technical Specifications

[0191] The detailed technical specifications and system enhancements, which include increase battery pack voltages, USB-C charging circuitry, fast charge LED indicating power delivery, hot and cold temperature LEDs, and reverse polarity LED, are discussed below.

Dual use Lithium-Ion Battery

[0192] The technical specifications for the dual use industrial battery lithium-ion cells to be used in the electrical reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** of the electric reservoir **222**, or the electrical reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** of the electric reservoir **322**, are shown in FIG. **24**.

[0193] The above specifications shown in FIG. **24** are for the batteries themselves. When applied in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, the continuous and burst discharge currents, for example, can be lower as a result of the electrical components, including smart switch, cables, clamps, and other related circuitry. The design of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can minimize any power losses from the battery to achieve the highest possible energy output.

Interface Requirements

Human Interface

[0194] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, utilize interface elements. These elements shall include, but are not limited to the following.

[0195] The power head **336** is that portion of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system presented to the user as a human interface (FIG. **38**), and for example, can appear as a stylized EV charger, fuel dispenser system, or EV charger/fuel dispenser, such that features are recognizable to the common user. The body, for example, consist of a stylized kiosk with design features.

[0196] The power head **336**, for example, can incorporate a stylized integrated weather/rain canopy. The power head **336**, for example, can further incorporate stylized lighting such that adequate illumination is available for use during darkness.

[0197] The power head **336**, for example, can also include a pad provided with stylized protective barriers. The power head **336**, for example, can incorporate a charge port with design elements similar to a fuel dispensing system nozzle such that its intended use is recognized by the user.

[0198] The power head **336**, for example, can include a control panel that is backlit and recognizable to the user (e.g. touch pad control interface, backlit buttons, and switches, etc.). The pad, for example, provides the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** operational status, connectivity status, and charging status to the user in a recognizable display format. These pad and display elements include, but are not limited to system status, vehicle connectivity, charge status, fault status, instructional assistance, and/or completion of charge.

[0199] DC link cables, for example, can be supported by a mechanical lift assist, dependent upon weight, such that user effort required for port insertion and cable management is minimized (i.e. the weight of the DC link will exceed that of a fuel dispenser hose assembly).

[0200] The DC link cable, for example, can be 18 ft. in length from the high attach point on the power head **336** to the charge port connection at the EV/HEV. This is the same as the common length of a fuel dispenser hose.

EV/HEV Interface

[0201] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** can utilize, for example, the combined charging system (CCS) standard for charging EV/HEV vehicles. As a DC fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system, for example, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can support the Type I or IEC 62196 Type II Combo 2 DC connector for power service up to 60 KW and the normal Type II for 3 phase AC charging support (optional).

EV Connectors

[0202] Various EV connectors **350A**, **350B**, **350C**, **350D**, **350E** for example, can be used in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, as shown in FIGS. **25A**, **25B**, **25C**, and **25D**.

[0203] Due to the current draw requirement of **1027** Amps, for example, for a Polaris Utility EV application, a four-gang connector **352** strategy can be implemented utilizing Type 1 for U.S. applications and Type II for European applications with combo 2 DC connectors **352A**, **352B**, **352C**, **352D** or **352A'**, **352B'**, **352C'**, **352D'**, as shown in FIGS. **26A** and **26B**.

[0204] This approach will provide the following benefits, such that significant resources to connector development will not be required, the required communication interface and software protocol to use this connector standard will be developed as a spring-board for a future fast charge EV platforms, and existing high voltage and high current protection provision can be incorporated into this connector standard.

[0205] These components can be purchased and modified via a simple four-gang plate adapter with a corresponding interface to the EV vehicle(s) charge port; and this approach will allow for a cleaner finish and execution for the purpose of industrial design and aesthetics.

Alternative Option

[0206] A Phoenix Contact Glycol cooled power connection system **354**, for example, can be used in the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, as shown in FIG. **27**. This option provides higher current capacity due to a glycol cooled cable and port system. This option provides a streamlined power port connectivity, but will incur greater integration complexity for support of the liquid cooling system. Additionally, cost trade-offs must be considered. Also, when using cooled cable with 500 A capability, only two (2) will need to be ganged in parallel to allow charging 1000 A.

Commercial Interface

[0207] For commercial access deployments, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can incorporate a standard point-of-sale system for credit/debit payment and for commercial interface to the establishment control point.

[0208] For support access deployments such as resorts and golf courses for which the system is owned and operated, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can incorporate a control point with a coded access panel.

Electrical Requirements

Base Rated Electrical

[0209] The base rating of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be as follows: [0210] System Power Rating: 80 KW (based upon Shida 120 Ah Pouch Cell) [0211] Voltage Rating: 90 VDC [0212] 240 Ah per Channel (e.g. in 7S2P Configuration) [0213] 220 VAC, 60 Hz Utility Input

Utility Power Supply

[0214] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can receive input power from the power supply **240** or **340** (e.g. external utility electrical power grid). Dependent upon the specific deployment installation site, this power input, for example, can be either 220 VAC or 480 VAC. The power supply **240** or **340** (e.g. power grid), for example, can be conditioned by means of an appropriately installed and rated pad transformer to be defined based upon the specific application. Alternatively, a 208 VAC 3-phase voltage line-line voltage can be utilized.

[0215] The interface circuit to the power utility, for example, can be constructed such that upon detection of loss of grid power, the electric reservoir **222** or **322** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** is mechanically disconnected and isolated from the power grid. This provision must conform to utility regulations and certification.

[0216] The size of the electric reservoir **222** or **322** capacity must be matched to the deployment site reserve power available such that the electric reservoir **222** or **322** may be recharged during “off-peak” hours. This shall require a site study to determine optimal “cyclic utility” of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system for a given deployment site.

Electric Reservoir

[0217] The electric reservoir, for example, can be rated as follows per channel: [0218] Voltage: 90

VDC [0219] Capacity: 240 Ah/Battery Module [0220] Power: 20.16 KWh Minimum

[0221] Alternatively, the electric reservoir can use 16× 12.8V/120 Ah battery modules in series (16S1P), which results in a nominal reservoir voltage of 204.8V (per channel). The 204.8V level is used instead of the 90V level, as the latter does not allow enough head room for charging 72V type vehicles when using a buck converter.

[0222] The electric reservoir **222** or **322** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, comprises or consists of four (4) channels each comprising, for example, a string array of 7S2P (i.e. two (2) electric reservoir modules arranged in parallel) dual use industrial batteries. The 7S2P string array can be updated to 16S1P, or optionally 16S2P.

[0223] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be capable, with the electric reservoir at full capacity, of charging a single EV/HEV (requirements defined below) from a single fully charged electric reservoir module **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**. Upon completion of the EV/HEV charge cycle, for example, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system can be configured to “circle” to the next electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** in preparation for charging the next EV/HEV in sequence.

Electric Reservoir Modules (e.g. Battery Modules)

[0224] The electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or electric reservoir modules **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **310**, for example, can be charged by an internal AC/DC converter (i.e. charger) system. For the hardware, this AC/DC converter shall consist of a stacked (as required) and distributed group of AC/DC units (e.g. commercially available) that meet a minimum of 7 KW capability per channel. As used in this requirement, for example, a single channel shall consist of a pair of electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**, which shall comprise or consist of a 7S2P dual use industrial battery array. Reference “Product Configuration” in this specification or description for alternate AC/DC converter options. The 7S2P dual use industrial battery array can be updated to 16S1P, or optionally to 16S2P.

[0225] Upon depletion of capacity of any utilized pair of electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** (i.e. pack), the AC/DC converter, for example, can be capable of recharging the pack to optimum capacity based on use and life history of the underlying batteries.

Charging EV/HEV Battery Pack

[0226] Charging of the EV/HEV target battery pack shall require that the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, once connected via the charge port, establishes a “handshake” with the target battery pack battery management system (BMS). This handshake, for example, can accomplish the following, including open communication handshake, verify HVIL integrity, verify voltage isolation, verify functional safety (fault conditions of either EV/HEV battery pack or fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system), exchange basic charge request information, state of charge, voltage level, battery (pack) temperature, critical cell temperature, charge protocol (If/When applicable), status of recharge activity, completion of charge activity (De-energize electrical bus(es)), close communications, and end handshake.

EXAMPLE

[0227] The EV/HEV (i.e. electric vehicle/hybrid electric vehicle), for example, can be defined as either a Polaris Utility EV vehicle and/or an EZ-GO golf car. For the purpose of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** can utilize an integrated battery pack for the two (2) vehicles. The electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**, for example, can be reconfigured for safe deployment and operation in a mobile application. This approach, for example, can require significant re-packaging to meet integration requirements for the respective vehicles, but shall retain the same basic functional operating parameters. This will greatly decrease the burden and

resource requirements for the purpose of EV/HEV battery pack development.

Isolation

[0228] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system electrical circuit **356**, for example, as shown in FIG. **28**, can be designed such that high voltage isolation can be confirmed via a “function safety” software protocol. In the event that positive isolation detection is lost, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system architecture shall provide a means by which the internal voltage can be mechanically reduced to less than 60 VDC at any accessible touch points (i.e. potential for physical contact).

[0229] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system electrical circuit **356** shown in FIG. **28** is an example, and is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 9,007,066 entitled “Measuring isolated high voltage and detecting isolation breakdown with measures for self-detection of circuit faults.”

[0230] The AC/DC converter, for example, can be galvanically isolated.

[0231] It is noted that when grounds of two different electrical circuits or equipment to be connected together are at different potentials, then, significantly high currents can flow unintentionally, or in the wrong direction, causing damage to equipment, and may be lethal to operators in contact or in proximity with the equipment.

[0232] In the DC EV Fast charging system, for example, the EV's On-Board-Charger (OBC) is bypassed and DC voltage provided by the off-board (external) Fast EV charger is supposed to be connected directly to the EV battery and its battery management system (BMS) through a contactor. The charging station power source is the AC power grid whose ground is at a different potential than the EV battery (load) ground. In order to safely connect these two systems, it is imperative that the source and load grounds be isolated, so that no DC current can flow between the two grounds. The DC EV charging system is based on switching power electronics. In such systems, galvanic isolation is achieved in a variety of ways and locations, depending on the power electronics topology/architecture used.

[0233] The power circuits are generally isolated using galvanic isolation which may be done at AC line frequencies in the AC/DC conversion stage (FIG. **4**, component block **43**) or at higher frequencies such up to several hundred kilo-hertz, in one or more of the DC/DC converter stages (FIG. **1**, component block **64**; FIG. **6**, **7**, **8**, **9**, block **60**).

[0234] In the fast EV charge system, for example, the galvanic isolation can be provided by means of a high frequency transformer present in the AC/DC converter (FIG. **4**, component block **43**; FIG. **41**, component block **216**; FIG. **42**, component block **315A**; FIG. **43**, component block **416**; FIG. **44**, component block **515A**).

[0235] The above description of the EV's OBC being bypassed during DC charging was made because Level 1 and Level 2 AC charging sources (as opposed to DC charging systems) do not have galvanic isolation, as the isolation is integrated within the OBC present in the EV. The OBC accepts AC input and rectifies it into a DC voltage. A subsequent DC/DC converter in the OBC translates the rectified voltage to the proper DC level suited to charge the EV battery during its various states of charge. The galvanic isolation in the OBC is generally provided during DC/DC conversion, mainly through high frequency transformers which are much smaller and more efficient compared to using bulky 50/60 Hz transformers to achieve isolation during AC/DC conversion.

[0236] The low voltage signaling and control loop or feedback circuits can be isolated using galvanic isolation (electromagnetic induction) or opto-electronic isolation or a combination. Such isolation is present in multiple feedback loops present in the various components of the charging system.

Grounding

[0237] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall conform to all recognized electrical grounding principles understood within the state of the art. The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall be grounded such that a preferential current path is provided

that offers lower electrical resistance than that posed by a human operator or bystander in physical contact with the system closures, human interface touch points, and commercial point-of-sale system interface.

High Voltage Interlock (HVIL)

[0238] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can have an integral high voltage interlock system such that activation shall trigger an internal active discharge event. The circuit architecture, for example, can be designed such that an internal discharge circuit is able to discharge any potential high voltage source that may pose a hazard risk to any human user engaged to the system. Such events include but are not limited to the following, including premature disengagement of the charging port; short detection; software failure; removal of High Voltage access panels, loss of Isolation, and excessive HVIL signal bounce

Base Battery Module Configuration

[0239] The base battery module **372** (e.g. a 12 VDC Nom Battery Cell Array), for example, can comprise or consist of one or more NOCO brand 12 VDC nominal 120 Ah dual use industrial batteries **370**. The individual cells within this battery may be of either cylindrical cells or of pouch constructed cells. Cell selection shall be based upon the prevailing economic and/or performance attributes of a given cell.

Cylindrical Cell Array Construction

[0240] The general construction of electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** comprising or consisting of one or more base battery modules **372**, for example, is shown in FIG. **29**.

[0241] The basic battery rating shall vary based upon the specific rated cells selected in the construction of the NOCO brand 12 VDC Nominal 100 Ah dual use industrial batteries **370**. The ratings as defined in this specification will be based on the values prescribed in this section.

Alternative Construction

[0242] The general construction of an alternative construction of the electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** comprising or consisting of the base battery module **372'**, for example, is shown in FIG. **29**.

[0243] In this construction, for example, a Shida 120 Ah pouch cell array and BMS(es) are integrated into an integrated thermal solution for packaging and cost efficiency, as shown in FIG. **30**.

Battery Module Life

[0244] The electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**, for example, can have a life rating of >1000 charge/discharge cycles. A charge/discharge cycle is defined as the energy cycle between the maximum allowable charge voltage and the minimum cut-off voltage as specified by the manufacturer of the internal battery cell used in the construction of the NOCO brand dual use industrial battery.

[0245] To increase duty life, additional battery mass should be considered such that the current delivery requirements to the target EV/HEV battery pack(s) do not exceed 70% SOC of the NOCO brand dual use industrial batteries that comprise the electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**.

Power (Charge) Reservoir Requirements

Architecture

[0246] The electric reservoir **222** or **322** (FIGS. **19** and **20**) comprise or consist of electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D**, which comprise or consist of one or more base battery modules **372**. The base battery modules **372**, for example, comprise or consist of one or more batteries **370** (e.g. dual use industrial battery, Li-ion battery), as shown in FIG. **29**. For example, the electric reservoir modules **222A**, **222B**, **222C**, **222D** or **322A**, **322B**, **322C**, **322D** comprise or consist of multiple base battery modules **372** each comprising or consisting of multiple batteries **370**.

[0247] Specifically, the electric reservoir **222** or **322** comprise or consist of multiple batteries **370** connected and assembled together (i.e. constructed). Each of the one or more batteries **370** can be assembled or constructed of multiple battery cells **370A** connected together by conductive plates **370B** to form a battery assembly **370C**, which is enclosed in a battery cover **370D**, as shown in FIG. **29**. It is noted that the 7S1P array, for example, can be updated to an 8S1P array. Further, for example, the fast EV charge system can be updated to a 4S4P configuration of 30 Ah cells resulting in 12.8V/120 Ah battery.

[0248] Multiple batteries **370** can be arranged and connected together to provide one or more base battery modules **372**. For example, the one or more base battery modules **372** each comprise or consist of a 7S1P string of 12 VDC nominal 120 Ah dual use industrial batteries (e.g. Li-ion batteries). The 7S1P can be updated to 8S1P (referring to the base battery module) of which two can be connected together in series to provide a 204.8V reservoir voltage.

[0249] For example, each base battery module **372** can comprise or consist of a battery module container **372A** (e.g. tray, tub) and a battery module container lid **372B**, and can house seven (7) dual use industrial batteries **370** connected together in a series configuration to provide 84 VDC nominal voltage. An eight (8.sup.th) battery position within each base battery module **372** can be occupied by base battery module control electronics and integration hardware. The base battery module **372** buildup assembly is shown in FIG. **29**. Alternatively, the 8.sup.th battery position can be occupied by the battery itself in an 8S1P configuration. Further, the 84 VDC nominal figure shown can be updated to $12.8 \times 4 = 102.4$ VDC.

[0250] Two (2) base battery modules **372**, for example, can be electrically connected together in parallel (e.g. 1S2P module battery array) to provide a base battery pair **374**, as shown in FIG. **31**. The base battery pair **374** (e.g. 7S2P battery array) can be capable of a minimum of 20.16 KWh.

[0251] The assembled electric reservoir **222**, **322** (i.e. Fast Charge Electric Reservoir), for example, can comprise or consist of eight (8) base battery modules **372** connected electrically together in pairs (e.g. 1S2P base battery modules). These eight (8) base battery modules **372**, for example, can be stacked in two (2) units consisting of four (4) modules per stack, for example, as shown in FIG. **32**.

Base Module Configuration.

[0252] Internal Base Module Array: 7S1P [0253] Alternatively, the fast EV charge system can use 2×8 S1P base modules resulting in a 16S1P configuration yielding 204.8V/120 Ah reservoir.

Stacked Base Module Configuration

[0254] Stacked Base Module Array: 1S2P

Charge Reservoir Configuration

[0255] Charge Reservoir Array: 4×20.16 KWh Modules (Stacked)

Power head **336** Configuration

[0256] The power head **336**, for example, can be configured such that it is physically independent of the electric reservoir **222** or **322** structure (Reference: System Mechanization). The electric reservoir **222** or **322**, for example, can be remotely located from the power head **336** such that all access panels of the electric reservoir **222** or **322** are available for service without required dis-assembly of the power head **336** (vice versa).

[0257] Consideration of this physical separation, for example, can be governed by an engineering assessment regarding the impact of cable length routing and resistance and power efficiency losses.

Power Management

[0258] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can provide multi-mode operation. The primary modes of operation are defined below. These modes are not definitive and “blended modes” of operation are possible based upon circuit complexity and desired efficiency in the use of available power. These modes of operation shall be optimized based.

Electric Reservoir Charging

[0259] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be configured and

capable with the electric reservoir **222** or **322** at full capacity, of charging a single EV/HEV from a single fully charged base battery module **372**. Upon completion of the EV/HEV charge cycle, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall “circle” to the next base battery module **372** in preparation for charging the next EV/HEV in sequence.

By-Pass Mode Charging

[0260] By-pass mode charging is defined as the transfer of charge directly between the primary AC/DC converter **216** or **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** and the target battery pack of the EV/HEV vehicle to be charged.

[0261] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be capable of operating in by-pass mode based upon the following criteria, including the base battery modules **372** are depleted, cyclic efficiency is advantageous in by-pass mode dependent upon the SOC of the base battery modules **372**, cyclic efficiency is advantageous in “charge topping” with respect to the buck/boost operation dependent upon Battery Module SOC, direct charging from the AC/DC converter is advantageous based upon voltage/capacity characteristics of the target EV/HEV battery pack, and any combination of the above.

Power Transfer

[0262] The power transfer between the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** and the target EV/HEV battery pack to be charged shall follow the recommended charge protocol of the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). It is anticipated that a “handshake” shall be communicated via the CSS DC charge port communications interface that allows for the selection of the appropriate charge protocol. In the event that this handshake is not possible, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall select a charge protocol based upon the “sensed” voltage and initial current draw imposed by the target EV/HEV battery pack to be charged.

Battery SOC/DOD Operating Limits

[0263] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** software logic must be capable of recognizing when the EV/HEV target battery pack is within serviceable limits. This may be achieved whether via data exchange during the “handshake” process between the charging system and the EV/HEV target battery pack or by means of simple voltage measurement at the terminals.

[0264] The behavior of this logic shall be as follows: [0265] When the EV/HEV target battery pack performance is within defined serviceable limits, the charging process shall proceed as monitored to completion (100% SOC or predetermined Terminal Voltage); [0266] When the EV/HEV target battery pack performance is outside of normal parameters, the charging process shall be halted and the common bus(es) discharged; and [0267] When, during the charging function, an inadequate input source of power is detected, the charging system shall close out the charging process in a normal mode of operation.

Reservoir Module Voltage Select

[0268] A voltage split detection scheme.

Reservoir Circular Operation (Module Select)

[0269] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be capable of selecting the appropriate base battery module **372** based upon data available from the base battery module sub-controller and the charge request information obtained from the EV/HEV target battery during the “handshake” process.

[0270] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall select the appropriate base battery module **372** (circling) based upon the overarching goal of maximizing power transfer and maximizing utility of capacity over a given duty cycle (daily operation). This shall be interpreted as, whenever possible, depleting the base battery modules **372** as near sequentially as possible based upon the voltage and capacity requirements of the EV/HEV target battery requirements.

Voltage Trimming (Option)

[0271] In the voltage trimming system **258** architecture, as shown in FIG. **33**, the AC/DC converter **216** or **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** is configured such that its DC output is strung in series with the

7S string to provide the “trim” voltage required to create the specific output voltage needed for the instantaneous charge voltage of the target battery pack. The operating benefit is that the “trim” charge voltage is created from the available utility power grid source or supply such that the power losses involved with a “Buck/Boost” system are eliminated. This would result in more efficient use of the capacity available in the electric reservoirs **222** or **322**.

[0272] An additional operating mode can be achieved by selectively splitting the 7S string such that it is sized to a 48V capability. This would effectively reduce the need for high Bucking ratios that would otherwise be required for the two targeted EV/HEV applications (i.e. EZ-GO @72 VDC and Polaris @48 VDC).

[0273] The drawback is increased complexity of the circuit design and the need to achieve a system for which the underlying voltage sources behave as “perfect voltage” sources.

Boost/Buck Select (Option)

[0274] In the Boost/Buck system **360** architecture, as shown in FIG. **34**, the circuit shall incorporate a boost/buck transformer that behaves as follows.

[0275] When the electric reservoir **222** or **322** is providing a voltage above that required for the commanded charge voltage operating point, the Boost/Buck transformer shall operate in Buck mode at the appropriate Buck ratio required to achieve the commanded charging voltage. This is more efficient use of the capacity of the electric reservoir **222** or **322**, and the system should be designed to maximize this mode of operation.

[0276] The electric reservoir **222** or **322**, for example, can be designed with an appropriate base voltage rating such that buck operating mode is preferential to boost operating mode.

[0277] When the electric reservoir **222** or **322** is providing a voltage below that required for the commanded charge voltage operating point, the Boost/Buck transformer shall operate in boost mode at the appropriate boost ratio required to achieve the commanded charging voltage. This is a very inefficient use of the capacity of the electric reservoir **222** or **232**, and the system should be designed to minimize this mode of operation.

[0278] FIGS. **33**, **34** show a single 7 kW AC/DC converter, in the system. The 7 kW AC/DC converter, for example, can be selected for each 220V/40A breaker as it should only carry 32 A continuous load per NEC (80% of 40 A rating). The 220V*32 A~7 KW (for Unity Power Factor).

[0279] However, a fuel (e.g. gasoline) pumping station, for example, can have multiple 240V/40 A outlets or a pad mounted transformer with much higher ampacity (e.g. 500 A or 800A), which would provide for a much larger charge rate of the electric reservoir.

[0280] For example, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system can use a single 30 kW AC/DC converter. In FIGS. **33** and **34**, if 7 kW AC/DC converters are used, for example, several multiple 240V outlets (e.g. 4 or 5) can be provided each with a 7 kW AC/DC converter, and each supplying a separate reservoir. Alternately, the outputs of the individual 7 kW AC/DC converters can be arranged in parallel to effectively provide 28 kW or 35 kW of power into a larger reservoir. As an alternate, higher capacity AC/DC converter(s) can be fed from a 3-phase AC panel.

Blended Power

[0281] Blended Power is an operating mode in which the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can draw power from both the utility grid via the AC/DC converter **216** or **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D** (maximally) and the electric reservoir **222** or **322** (minimally) as required to meet the commanded instantaneous charging voltage. The power, for example, can be blended as an output function of the synchronous (active) rectification process of the DC/DC converter **226**, **326** stage.

[0282] This topology will likely produce the best system efficiently and result in the most efficient use of the capacity of the electric reservoir **222**, **322**. It must be noted that with elimination of string splitting in the “trim voltage” option above, trim voltage and blended power modes are very similar based upon circuit architecture decision.

[0283] The modes previously described are not mutually exclusive. Further engineering analysis is

required to determine which methods or combination of methods will produce the best cost/efficiency solution for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, and its requisite electric reservoir **222**, **322**.

Mechanical Requirements

Battery Module Geometry

[0284] The battery module geometry shall be constructed as follows:

Battery Module Container (Tray)

[0285] The base element of the base battery module **372**, for example, can comprise or consist of the battery module container **372A** (e.g. rotary mold formed, blow mold formed, or vacuum mold formed structural tray or tub) and a battery module container lid **372B** (e.g. cover lid). For example, the battery module container **372A** can have formed in detent features that secure each individual NOCO dual use industrial battery **370** in place.

[0286] Each NOCO dual use industrial battery **370** shall be secured in its individual detent in the battery module container **372A** via a battery hold down bracket and fastener(s).

[0287] The battery module container **372A**, for example, incorporate formed cleats on the outer bottom surface such that these formed cleats shall interlock to corresponding detents in the battery module container lid **372B** of the subsequent base battery module **372** upon which it may be stacked.

[0288] The battery module container **372A**, for example, can incorporate features on the upper flange for which threaded inserts may be pressed for closure of the battery module container lid **372B** of the base battery module **372**.

[0289] The battery module container **372A**, for example, can incorporate flanges for assembly of trussing and support elements to assist with load bearing for stacking.

[0290] The battery module container **372A**, for example, can incorporate channeling and a water drain on the inside of the bottom surface of the battery module container **372A** to provide for a low point drain.

[0291] The top flange surface of the battery module container **372A** shall incorporate a recessed channel in which either a sealant bead or sealing cord (e.g. O-ring or square-shaped ring) may be applied.

[0292] The battery module container **372A**, for example, can incorporate cut-outs to accommodate blower fans **372C**.

[0293] The battery module container **372A**, for example, can have a flanged feature to accommodate the electrical and communication connections.

[0294] The battery module container **372A** material shall comprise or consist, for example, an insulating plastic material (e.g. polyurethane, polyethylene).

Battery Cover (Lid)

[0295] The battery module container lid **372B**, for example, can be structural with cross ribs and trussing such that it can support the weight of stacked and assembled base battery modules **372**.

[0296] The battery module container lid **372B**, for example, can incorporate locating detent features such that upon placement on the battery module container **372A**, the fastening hardware locations are automatically aligned.

[0297] The battery module container lid **372B**, for example, can have features in corresponding locations to the battery module container **372A** such that metal inserts may be installed to support the flange pressures imposed by the fastening hardware.

[0298] The battery module container lid **372B**, for example, can have a recessed channel that corresponds to that of the flange of the battery module container **372A** such that either sealing compound or a sealing cord (see above) may be applied.

[0299] The battery module container lid **372B**, for example, incorporate detents such that the corresponding cleats of the battery module container **372A** may be positively registered for location and stacking.

[0300] The battery module container lid **372B** material, for example, can comprise or consist of an insulating plastic material (e.g. polyurethane, polyethylene).

Base Battery Module Sealing

[0301] The base battery module **372**, for example, can be configured to provide the primary weather sealing of the contained components.

[0302] The sealing methods employed, for example, can comprise or consist of direct sealant application, sealing cord application, or barrier methods such as louvered fans for preventing wind driven rain from entering the base battery module **372**.

Base Battery Module Hardware

[0303] All hardware utilized in the construction or assembly of the base battery module **372**, for example, can conform to ISO Class 10.9 standards or equivalent (SAE Grade 8.8).

[0304] All fasteners, for example, can be implemented with corresponding size and rated washers.

[0305] All inserts used in the construction or assembly of the base battery module **372**, for example, can be equivalent to the fastener class/grade specified above.

Base Battery Module Cooling

[0306] The base battery module **372** can be configured to provide cooling and/or can include cooling equipment (e.g. vent(s), fan(s), air conditioning, cooling circuit) to prevent the base battery module **372** from overheating. For example, the base battery module **372** is provided with venting to allow outward air flow of heated air to exit the sides of the base battery module **372**, as shown in FIG. **35**.

Module Mechanization

[0307] The base battery modules **372** of the electric reservoir **222** or **322**, for example, can be constructed such that the process of dis-assembly of the base battery modules **372** forces the internal voltage level to be reduced as a function of dis-assembly, as shown in FIG. **36**. This may be achieved by means of voltage continuity links **372C** and **372D** (or high voltage jumpers) embedded in the base battery module lid **372B** such that removal of the base battery module lid **372B** naturally sub-divides the battery array string voltage simply by removal of higher ordered components, as shown in FIG. **37**. The purpose of these features is to provide inherent high voltage safety to both assembly and service personnel.

System Mechanization

[0308] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** mechanization is as follows.

[0309] A utility grid AC power drives a pad transformer **380**, as shown in FIG. **38**. The pad transformer **380** steps down the AC power to the appropriate voltage.

[0310] The conditioned AC power is then directed to the electric reservoir **222** or **322**.

[0311] The AC power is then converted to DC power to either charge the base battery modules **372** of the electric reservoir **222** or **322**, or by-pass the electric reservoir **222** or **322** to directly charge an EV/HEV target battery pack via the power head **336**.

[0312] When grid power is inadequate, DC power is drawn from the electric reservoir **222** or **322** and directed to the power head **336** to charge an EV/HEV target battery pack. The system “circles” to the next base battery module **372** to continue sequentially charging the next EV/HEV target battery pack.

High Voltage Creepage and Clearance Requirements

[0313] For the purposes of fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** creepage and clearance requirements, ISO 6469-1:2009 (High Voltage Onboard charging systems), for example, can be referenced until a suitable stationary deployment specification can be found.

[0314] All high voltage creepage and clearance distances between devices of rated potential shall be evaluated and conform to this standard.

Thermal Management

[0315] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** will require a multi-modal thermal management system. It is anticipated that the following thermal management techniques will apply

to the following subsystems, including electric reservoir **222** or **322**, conductors/bus bars (e.g. input bus **220** or **320**, and output bus **224** or **324**), for example, can be conductively cooled. The batteries **370** (e.g. NOCO Dual Use Industrial Li-ion Batteries), for example, can be convectively air cooled via dedicated blower fans **372C** (or vents) within each base battery module **372**, as shown in FIG. **35**. These fans, for example, can be positively controlled, and: [0316] Electronic control modules, for example, can be convectively air cooled via sealed external (i.e. external with respect to the control module but internal to the base battery Module) housing heat sinks; [0317] Electric reservoir **222** or **322** containment and environmental housing structure shall be vented to atmosphere, however, should be designed to meet all environmental/weather protection requirements of that sub-section; [0318] AC/DC converter(s) **216** or **316A**, **316B**, **316C**, **316D**, for example, can each be a sealed module with internal conductive cooling to an external heat sink. The external surfaces of the heat sink shall be convectively air cooled via air blower fan(s); [0319] DC/DC converter(s) **226** or **326**, for example, can be a sealed module with internal conductive cooling to an external heat sink. The external surfaces of the heat sink shall be convectively air cooled via air blower fan(s); and [0320] Power head **336** Kiosk, for example, can be fan cooled.

Electric Reservoir Housing (Mechanical)

[0321] The electric reservoir **222** or **322** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can comprise or consist of a separately housed battery module array. This unit shall be enclosed in an appropriately grounded structure. The maximum distance of displacement from the power head **336** shall be defined based upon the DC link conductor resistance losses.

[0322] Although the electric reservoir **222** or **322** may be stylized and graphically decorated, the mechanical implementation shall be utilitarian (similar to an electrical transformer housing). This unit size will scale directly with the selected power deployment and should be modular in design (block volumes).

Power head **336** Structure (Mechanical)

[0323] The power head **336** structure and design, for example, can be highly stylized to project the brand image (e.g. NOCO brand image) to the customer. The construction of this housing, for example, can be configured using internal pillars with stylized outer panels and cladding.

[0324] The materials selected for the structural pillars, for example, can preferentially be made of non-conductive material(s) with some metal elements to impart strength and rigidity. No conductive structural elements shall be within “contact proximity” to high voltage bus works and electrical components such that impact damage to the Power head **336** may result in high voltage potential external to the unit. The materials selected for the outer surfaces shall be of non-conductive material.

Fast Charge Electric Vehicle (EV) Systems Data I/O Connection

[0325] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be equipped with Ethernet connectivity. This Ethernet connectivity shall be capable of accessing the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system data stored for data mining and system performance. The data to be accessible, for example, can include, but not be limited to battery module state of health (SOH), state of charge (SOC) history, battery cycle life monitoring (HOBBS), fault history, functional safety history, system readiness, and software support and maintenance.

EV/HEV I/O

[0326] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can establish a “handshake” with the EV/HEV vehicle upon port connection. The characteristics to be shared in this “handshake” shall be used to define the charge protocol. These characteristics shall include but are not limited to: [0327] EV/HEV target battery pack voltage; [0328] EV/HEV target battery pack id; [0329] EV/HEV target battery pack charge protocol request; and [0330] EV/HEV target battery pack charge completion.

Protection and Security

[0331] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** components (i.e. electric reservoir

222 or **322** and power head **336**) shall be designed and constructed by means of secure features that discourage dis-assembly and unauthorized access to internal subsystems. This may be achieved by means of security type fasteners, locking access panels and interlocking closure panels.

[0332] The design shall utilize inherent safety techniques such that removal of access and closure panels and/or violation of voltage protection barriers internal to the system while in a “powered state” shall trigger the HVIL system and break down the high voltage potential and discharge the bus(es) to safe voltage levels. For example, these safety features must be designed such that the panels and barriers are impossible to remove in a time that is less than the “detect and discharge time” capability of the HVIL safety circuit and logic.

Modular Scalability

[0333] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**, for example, can be designed such that each deployment is “power scaled” based upon both the available reserve grid power at the site and the desired capabilities requested by site authorities.

[0334] The primary factors affecting scalability are listed below, including available utility voltage at the application site, available utility reserve power at the application site, available reserve power based upon the usage of the commercial operation at the site, the number of vehicles throughput at the site, the EV/HEV vehicle battery pack voltage “mix” encountered at the site, the EV/HEV vehicle battery pack capacity “mix” encountered at the site; and the recovery capacity for the Charge Reservoir based on the factors noted above.

Electromechanical Architecture

[0335] The electromechanical architecture, for example, takes into account this concept of scalability. The bus works and the termination points within the electric reservoir **222** or **322**, for example, can be constructed to maximize scalability (i.e. battery module connectivity). The electric reservoir **222** or **322** modularity, for example, can allow for the system to be expanded in a block format.

[0336] The power head **336**, for example, can be designed and constructed, for example, to meet the maximum **350** KW power rating. For economic consideration, this shall be a common design for all power deployment variants.

Voltage Trim/Tapp

Buck/Boost

[0337] The buck mode is the preferred mode of operation for the purpose of maximizing efficiency. For regions of operation that require boost mode, for example, this mode can be limited to a 2:1 boost ratio for the purposes of efficiency.

[0338] To meet operational voltage requirements, it may be preferential to increase the battery module sting voltage that to operate within a sustained boost mode.

Software Requirements

[0339] As a high voltage apparatus, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310** shall require a high degree of operational control and system monitoring.

Charge System Control

[0340] The charge cycle and “circling” function required for maintenance of the electric reservoir **222** or **322**, for example, can require a sub-controller (e.g. embedded controller) to be deployed within each base battery module **372**. The base battery module **372** operational data parameters acquired by each sub-controller (e.g. embedded controller) shall be uploaded to a central controller for the purpose of determining system readiness, fault status, and functional safety.

System Monitoring

[0341] The primary elements of the monitoring system are stated below, including battery module state of charge, battery module state of health (SOH), fault monitor, functional readiness, functional safety, high voltage isolation, and high Voltage Interlock.

System Data I/O Protocol

EV/HEV Interface Protocol

[0342] The system protocol format will most likely be developed by vehicle OEM's for selection of specific battery pack charge profiles.

Regulatory Requirements

[0343] The regulatory requirements shall be based upon compatibility with those of mobile EV/HEV vehicle high voltage requirements. These requirements shall remain under continuous review for the purpose determining necessity for application to the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**.

[0344] The standards that follow are for guidance and “engineering decision making” in the development of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **210** or **310**.

NEMA

[0345] NFPA70 (NEC)

NEC

[0346] National Electrical Code (NEC); [0347] NFPA 70 (Connection to Grid Power); [0348] 625.10 Electric Vehicle Coupler; [0349] 625.15 Marking; [0350] 625.16 Means of Coupling; [0351] 625.17 Cable and cable ampacity; [0352] 625.18 Interlock (Control Pilot); [0353] 625.19 Automatic De-energization of the cable; [0354] 625.22 Personnel Protection Equipment; [0355] 625.41 Overcurrent Protection; [0356] 625.43 Disconnecting Means; [0357] 625.44 Equipment Connection; [0358] 625.48 Interactive Systems-Bidirectional; [0359] 625.101 Part IV Wireless Power Transfer Equipment; [0360] Article 210.8 (Ground Fault Protection); and [0361] Article 210.12 (Arc Fault Arc Fault Protection);

IEEE

[0362] IEEE 1547—Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems; [0363] IEEE 1547.1—Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electrical Power Subsystems; and [0364] IEEE 2030.5.

UL

[0365] UL 2202—Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging System Equipment; [0366] UL 2594—Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE); [0367] UL 2251—Plugs, Receptacles and Couplers for Electric Vehicles; [0368] UL 62—Flexible Cords and Cables; [0369] UL 2231-1 & -2—Personal Protection for EVSEs; [0370] UL 9741—Bidirectional EV Charging System Equipment (V2G); [0371] UL 1741—Standards for Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection; System Equipment for Use with Distributed Energy Resources (Grid); [0372] UL 458; [0373] UL 943; [0374] Subject 943C; [0375] UL 2231-1/2; and [0376] UL 1022.

IEC

[0377] IEC 62196; [0378] 61851-1; [0379] 61850-90-8; [0380] IEC 60529

ISO

[0381] ISO 15118

SAE

[0382] SAE J1772; [0383] SAE J1850; [0384] SAE J2178; and [0385] SAE 2293.

Power Port (EV/HEV)

[0386] The EV/HEV charge port will be defined by the charge port configuration of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system.

Data

[0387] Wi-Fi. [0388] Serial (Support). [0389] Ethernet.

USB-C Charge Input & Output

TABLE-US-00001 Battery Temp Charge -15 C. to 0 C. Slow Charge 0 C. to 45 C. Fast Charge 45 C. to 55 C. Slow Charge

Diagnostic Mode

[0390] All products, for example, can include provisions for a diagnostic mode. The diagnostic method, for example, can provide internal diagnostic information, including critical parameters to the main MCU. The USB-C Port shall be used for this function.

Fast Charge Station

[0391] A fast charge station **310** according to the present invention is shown in FIG. **40**. The fast charge station **310** can be combined with a fuel station to provide a fuel/fast charge station. For example, a fuel station having multiple fuel pumps or fuel/electric pumps can be provided on a different side (e.g. left side, right side, opposite side) of the store **36** to provide a fuel/fast charge station. Alternatively, the power heads **336** shown in FIG. **40** can be replaced with fuel/electric pumps **12** (FIG. **7**) according to the present invention to provide the fuel/fast charge station.

[0392] The fast charge station **310** comprises a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312** and a store **336**, as shown in FIG. **40**.

[0393] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312** comprises power heads **336**, transformers **314**, electric reservoirs **332**, a trunk power line **364**, and a power distribution box **382**. For example, the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312** comprises a plurality of power heads **336** (e.g. sixteen (16) power heads **336**) arranged with four (4) power heads **336** in four (4) rows, a plurality of transformers **314** (e.g. four (4) transformers **314** with one (1) transformer **314** provided in each row), a plurality of electric reservoirs **332** (e.g. four (4) electric reservoirs **332** with one (1) electric reservoir **332** located in each row), a trunk power line **364** selectively connected to the transformers **314** and/or the electric reservoirs **332** for powering the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312**. One end of the trunk power line **364** extends into the power distribution box **382** and connect with power lines **240A**, which connect to the electric power grid **240**.

[0394] The power heads **336** can be configured to each charge at least one electric vehicle. Alternatively, the power heads **336** can be configured to charge multiple electric vehicles at the same time (e.g. power heads **336** each configured with two (2) EV chargers and respective charging cables to separately removably connect and charge at least two (2) electric vehicles each located on opposite sides of each power head **336** to allow for charging of at least thirty (32) electric vehicles at the same time at the fast charge station **310**).

[0395] The transformers **314** and the electric reservoirs **322** are selectively or simultaneously connected to the trunk power line **364** to selectively or simultaneously power the transformer **314** and the electric reservoirs **322** from power supplied by the electric power grid **240**. For example, a power controller or control system can be provided and connected to one or more power switches configured to control power being selectively or simultaneously supplied from the electric power grid **240** to the transformers **314** and the electric reservoirs **322**. For example, the power controller or control system can be configured to selectively or simultaneously supply power to each of the power heads **336** (e.g. to turn on or turn off each power head **336**).

[0396] The power heads **336** can each be provided with a battery or battery array (e.g. Li-ion battery or Li-ion battery array) the same or similar to that provided in the housing of the fuel/electric pump **12** (FIGS. **6-9**) to provide another level of energy storage with each battery or battery array acting as an additional electric reservoir within each power head **336**.

Fuel/Charge Station or Fast Charge Station With Power Generator

[0397] The fuel/charge station or fast charge station according to the present invention, for example, can comprise one or more power generators (e.g. electric power generators). The one or more power generators, for example, can be one or more onsite power generators and/or one or more offsite power generators.

[0398] The one or more power generators, for example, can produce electrical energy and electrical power to provide an additional power source for charging electric vehicles and/or charging the one or more energy storage devices (e.g. electric reservoirs) used for charging the electric vehicles.

[0399] The three major categories of energy for electricity generation are fossil fuels (e.g. coal, natural gas, and petroleum), nuclear energy, and renewable energy sources. Most energy is generated with steam turbines using fossil fuels, nuclear, biomass, geothermal, solar thermal energy, and wind power.

[0400] The one or more power generators for use with the fuel/charge station or fast charge station

according to the present invention, for example, can be provided by power generating equipment, fuel operated generators, electromechanical generators, hydroelectric generators, hydroelectric turbines, wind generators, wind turbines, solar generators, solar panels, geo-thermal power generator, power stations, and/or power plants (e.g. mobile, small-sized, medium-sized power stations or power plants located onsite or offsite relative to the fuel/charge station or fast charge station according to the present invention).

[0401] The one or more power generators, for example, can be operated when the power grid supplying power to the fuel/charge station is shut down, or when the power grid cannot provide sufficient power for the power demands of the fuel/charge station or the fast charge station according to the present invention, for example, when charging the one or more electric reservoirs and/or powering the EV chargers.

[0402] The one or more power generators allow for constructing and operating the fuel/charge station or the fast charge station according to the present invention for charging electric vehicles in areas or locations where electric power sources (e.g. the power grid) is limited, for example, in remote areas of a country or state (e.g. located along low density population or remote sections of state or interstate highways).

[0403] The ability to generate energy and power, and then store the energy at or near the fuel/charge station or the fast charge station according to the present invention provides for greater reliability and continuous 24/7 operation of the fuel/charge station or the fast charge station according to the present invention.

[0404] In the case of the fuel/charge station or the fast charge station, fuel such as gas, gasoline, petroleum, oil, diesel, bio-diesel, kerosene, petrol, natural gas, methane, propane, liquid propane, butane, alcohol, methanol, ethanol, coal gas, coal, hydrogen, biomass, wood, and other suitable fuels can be stored at the fuel/charge station or fast charge station according to the present invention. For example, the fuel can be stored at the fuel/charge station or fast charge station in containers (e.g. tanks, above ground tanks, below ground tanks, portable storage containers) and used for fueling or refueling vehicles. This stored fuel (e.g. same fuel for refueling vehicles (e.g. gasoline, diesel) or different fuel (e.g. liquid propane, hydrogen) can also be used for supplying the one or more power generators of the fuel/charge station or fast charge station according to the present invention.

[0405] A fast charge station **210** comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **212** with a collective topography, a pad transformer **214** selectively connected to the electric power grid **240** via power switches **240A**, **240B**, a wind driven power generation system **290** via power switches **290A**, **290B**, and a photovoltaic power generation system **292** via power switches **292A**, **292B**, and a power control unit **244**, is shown in FIG. **41**.

[0406] The power control unit **244**, for example, can be connected to the power switches **240A**, **240B**, **290A**, **290B**, **292A**, **292B**, and configured to selectively control power supply from the electric power grid **240**, wind driven power generation system **290**, and the photovoltaic power generation system **292** to the pad transformer **214** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **212**. For example, the power control unit **244** and power switches **240A**, **240B**, **290A**, **290B**, **292A**, **292B** are configured to provide a power control system to selectively turn on or turn off one or more of the power switches **240A**, **240B**, **290A**, **290B**, **292A**, **292B** to connect one (1) power source, two (2) power sources, or three (3) power sources from the electric power grid **240**, wind driven power generation system **290**, and/or the photovoltaic power generation system **292** to the pad transformer **214** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **212**. The power control unit **244**, for example, can be programmable to control the power switches **240A**, **240B**, **290A**, **290B**, **292A**, **292B** based on the power demand and/or operational conditions of the fast charge station **210**.

[0407] A fast charge station **310** comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312** with a distributed topography, a pad transformer **314** selectively connected to the electric power grid **340**

via power switches **340A**, **340B**, a wind driven power generation system **390** via power switches **390A**, **390B**, and a photovoltaic power generation system **392** via power switches **392A**, **392B**, and a power control unit **344**, is shown in FIG. **42**.

[0408] The power control unit **344**, for example, can be connected to the power switches **340A**, **340B**, **390A**, **390B**, **392A**, **392B**, and configured to selectively control power supply from the electric power grid **340**, the wind driven power generation system **390**, and the photovoltaic power generation system **392** to the pad transformer **314** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312**. For example, the power control unit **344** and power switches **340A**, **340B**, **390A**, **390B**, **392A**, **392B** are configured to provide a power control system to selectively turn on or turn off one or more of the power switches **340A**, **340B**, **390A**, **390B**, **392A**, **392B** to connect one (1) power source, two (2) power sources, or three (3) power sources from the electric power grid **340**, the wind driven power generation system **390**, and/or photovoltaic power generation system **392** to the pad transformer **314** of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **312**. The power control unit **344**, for example, can be programmable to control the power switches **340A**, **340B**, **390A**, **390B**, **392A**, **392B** based on the power demand and/or operational conditions of the fast charge station **310**. Alternatively, or in addition, solar thermal and concentrated solar type power generation systems can be added.

[0409] A fast charge station **410** comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **412** with a collective AC/DC converter arrangement, is shown in FIG. **43**. The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **412** is integrated into the fast charge station **410**, as shown in FIG. **43**.

[0410] The fast charge station **410** comprises a transformer **414** (e.g. pad transformer, PAD XFMR), an AC/DC converter **416**; a fast charge controller **418**; an input bus **420**; an electric reservoir **422** with four (4) electric reservoir modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**; an output bus **424**; a DC/DC converter **426**; a by-pass power circuit **428**; an EV charger **430**; and an EV charge port **432** configured for charging an electric vehicle (EV) **434**.

[0411] The fast charge station **410** comprises, or is selectively connected to a power source **440** (e.g. external power supply, electric power grid, 240 VAC 1-PHASE/208 VAC or 480 VAC 3-PHASE GRID via control switches **440A**, **440B**, as shown in FIG. **43**, acting as a power source **440** for the fast charge station **410**. The power source **440**, for example, can include one or more additional external power sources, for example, a power source generated by wind power (e.g. wind driven power generation system), hydroelectric power (e.g. water wheel, water turbine), photovoltaic power generation system (e.g. solar panels), power generator (e.g. fuel powered generator), power plant, power station, or other types of offsite power sources.

[0412] The fast charge station **410** can further comprises an offsite power generator **480** and/or an onsite power generator **482** for supplying additional electric power to the fast charge station **410**. The fast charge station **410** shown in FIG. **43**, for example, can be provided with one or more fuel tanks (e.g. above ground fuel tank, below ground fuel tank, mobile fuel tank) for storing and supplying fuel to at least the onsite power generator **482**.

[0413] The power supply **440** with power switches **440A**, **440B**, the offsite power generator **480** with power switches **480A**, **480B**, and/or the onsite power generator **482** with power switches **482A**, **482B** can be selectively connected individually or in various combinations to supply power to the transformer **414** by the power control unit **444**. The transformer **414** is connected to and supplies power to the AC/DC converter **416** acting as an electric reservoir charger.

[0414] The AC/DC converter **416** is connected to and supplies power to the fast charger controller **418**, which is connected to and supplies power (e.g. selectively or simultaneously) through the input bus **420** to the four (4) electric reservoir modules (e.g. battery modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**) of the electric reservoir **422** for charging the four (4) electric reservoir modules (e.g. battery modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**). The number of electric reservoir modules can be decreased or increased from the four (4) shown in FIG. **43** (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11+ electric reservoir modules).

[0415] The four (4) electric reservoir modules (e.g. battery modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**) of the electric reservoir **422** are connected to and supply power through the output bus **424** to the DC/DC converter **426**. The output bus **424**, for example, can selectively be supplied power from one or more of the four (4) electric reservoir modules (e.g. battery modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**).

[0416] The by-pass power circuit **428** is connected between the AC/DC converter **416** and the DC/DC converter **426** for by-passing the fast charger controller **418**, the input bus **420**, the four (4) electric reservoir modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D**, and output bus **424** for supplying power directly from the AC/DC converter **416** to the DC/DC converter **426**.

[0417] The DC/DC converter **426** is connected to and supplies power to the EV charger **430**, which is connected to and supplies power to the EV charge port **432** configured for connecting to and charging or recharging the electric vehicle **434**.

[0418] In the collective AC/DC converter arrangement **412**, the AC/DC converter **416**, for example, is a single stage AC/DC converter configured for selectively charging each of the electric reservoir modules **422A**, **422B**, **422C**, **422D** on demand. In addition to this on demand charge capability, a maximum rated power of the AC/DC converter **416** is available for direct charging of a battery pack of the electric vehicle **434** when operating in a by-pass mode.

[0419] A fast charge station **510** comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **512** with a distributed AC/DC converter arrangement, is shown in FIG. **44**. The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **512** is integrated into the fast charge station **510**, as shown in FIG. **44**.

[0420] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **510** comprises a transformer **514** (e.g. pad transformer, PAD XFMR); four (4) AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D**; four (4) switches **518A**, **518B**, **518C**, **518D** (e.g. by-pass switches); input bus **520**, an electric reservoir **522** with four (4) electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D**; an output bus **524**; a DC/DC converter **526**; a by-pass power circuit **528**; and EV/HEV charger **530**; and a charge port **532** for charging an electric vehicle **534**.

[0421] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **510** comprises the power source **540**, or is connected to the power supply **540** (e.g. external power supply, electric grid, for example, 240 VAC 1-PHASE/208 VAC or 480 VAC 3-PHASE GRID, as shown in FIG. **44**, acting as a power supply for the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **510**. The power supply **540**, for example, can include one or more additional power supplies, for example, a power supply generated by wind power (e.g. wind driven power generation system), hydroelectric power, photovoltaic power generation system, power generator (e.g. fuel powered generator), or other types of power sources.

[0422] The fast charge station **510** can further comprises an offsite power generator **580** and/or an onsite power generator **582** for supplying additional electric power to the fast charge station **510**. The fast charge station **510** shown in FIG. **44**, for example, can be provided with one or more fuel tanks (e.g. above ground fuel tank, below ground fuel tank, mobile fuel tank) for storing and supplying fuel to at least the onsite power generator **582**.

[0423] The power supply **540** with power switches **540A**, **540B**, the offsite power generator **580** with power switches **580A**, **580B**, and/or the onsite power generator **582** with power switches **582A**, **582B** can be selectively connected individually or in various combinations to supply power to the transformer **514** by the power control unit **544**. The transformer **514** is connected to and supplies power to the AC/DC converter **516** acting as an electric reservoir charger.

[0424] The power supply **540** is connected to and supplies power to the transformer **514**, which is connected to and supplies power to each of the four (4) AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D** acting as an electric reservoir charger.

[0425] The four (4) AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D** are connected to and supply power through the input bus **520** to the four (4) electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D** of the electric reservoir **522** for charging the four (4) electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D**.

[0426] The four (4) electric reservoirs **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D** are connected to and supply power through the output bus **524** to the DC/DC converter **526**. The output bus **524**, for example, can selectively receive power from one or more of the four (4) electric reservoir modules (e.g. four (4) battery modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D**).

[0427] A by-pass power circuit **528** is connected between the four (4) switches **518A**, **518B**, **518C**, **518D** and the DC/DC converter **524** for by-passing the four (4) electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D** of the electric reservoir **522**, and output bus **524** for supplying power directly from the four (4) AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D** to the DC/DC converter **526**.

[0428] In the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **512** with distributed AC/DC converter arrangement, the AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D**, for example, are a multi-channel AC/DC converter or individual AC/DC converters appropriately rated to each of the electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D**, and independently charge each of the electric reservoir modules **522A**, **522B**, **522C**, **522D** on demand. In addition to this on demand charge capability, either a single channel rated power of one or more of the AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D** is available for direct charging of the battery pack of the electric vehicle **534** when operating in a by-pass mode, or with added circuitry and software, the collective output of all the individual AC/DC converters **516A**, **516B**, **516C**, **516D** may be blended at the DC/DC converter stage for maximum rated power available for direct charging of the battery pack of the electric vehicle **534** when operating in the by-pass mode.

[0429] It is noted that hybrid architectures of these two variants of the fast charge station **410** and **510** are possible with increased circuit complexity.

[0430] A fuel/charge fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **610** comprising one or more fuel/charge pumps **612** and one or more power heads **636**, is shown in FIG. **45**.

[0431] The one or more fuel/charge pumps **612** are connected to and supplied fuel by a fuel system **616** connected to fuel tank **620A** (i.e. fuel tank #1) and fuel tank **620B** (i.e. fuel tank #2).

[0432] The one or more power heads **636** are connected to, or part of the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **622** comprising electric reservoir **626A** (i.e. electric reservoir #1), electric reservoir **626B** (i.e. electric reservoir #2), and electric reservoir **626C** (i.e. electric reservoir #3).

[0433] The fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system **622** is connected to and selectively receives electric power from the electric power grid **640**, offsite power generator **680**, and onsite power generator **682**.

CLAUSES

[0434] 1. An electric vehicle charging station for charging electric vehicles, the electric vehicle charging station comprising: [0435] one or more power sources supplying electric power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles; [0436] one or more energy storage devices receiving and storing energy from the one or more power sources and/or the one or more power generators, the one or more energy storage devices each comprising multiple electric reservoir modules; [0437] one or more power heads for charging the electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electrical power from the one or more energy storage devices, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station; and [0438] one or more electric power source controls or control systems configured to control supplying power from the one or more power sources to the multiple electric reservoir modules of the one or more energy storage devices. [0439] 2. An electric vehicle charging station for charging electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the electric vehicle charging station comprising: [0440] one or more power sources for supplying electrical power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles; [0441] one or more power generators supplying electric power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles; [0442] one or more energy storage devices receiving and storing energy from the one or more power sources and/or the one or more power generators, the one or more energy storage devices each comprising multiple electric

reservoir modules; [0443] multiple power heads for simultaneously charging multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electrical power from the one or more power sources, the one or more power generators, and/or the one or more energy storage devices, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the multiple electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station; [0444] one or more electric power source controls or electric power source control systems configured to control supplying power from the one or more power sources to the multiple electrical reservoirs of the one or more energy storage devices; and [0445] one or more electric reservoir controls or electric reservoir control systems configured to control supplying power from the multiple electrical reservoirs to the multiple power head. [0446] 3. An electric vehicle charging station for charging electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the electric vehicle charging station comprising: [0447] multiple power sources for supplying electrical power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles; [0448] one or more power generators supplying electric power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles; [0449] multiple energy storage devices located at or adjacent to the electric vehicle charging station for receiving and storing energy from the multiple power sources and/or the one or more power generators, the multiple energy storage devices each comprising multiple electric reservoir modules; [0450] multiple power heads for simultaneously charging multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electrical power from one or more of the multiple power sources and/or one or more of the multiple energy storage devices, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station; [0451] one or more electric power source controls or electric power source control systems configured to control supplying power from the one or more of the multiple power sources to the multiple electric reservoir modules of one or more of the multiple energy storage devices; and one or more electric reservoir controls or electric reservoir control systems configured to control supplying power from the multiple electrical reservoirs to the multiple power heads. [0452] 4. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-3, further comprising one or more electric reservoir controls or control systems configured to control supplying power from the multiple electrical reservoirs to the one or more power heads. [0453] 5. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-4, wherein the electric vehicle power station is configured so that the one or more power heads receive electric power from the one or more power sources and/or the one or more energy storage devices. [0454] 6. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-5, wherein the electric vehicle charging station is configured to simultaneously charge multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station at the same time. [0455] 7. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-6, wherein the one or more power heads is multiple power heads for simultaneously charging multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electric power from the one or more power sources and/or the one or more energy storage devices, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station [0456] 8. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-7, further comprising one or more electrical power charging controls or systems configured to control supplying electric power from the multiple energy storage units of the one or more energy storage devices to the multiple electric vehicles being charged at the electric vehicle charging station. [0457] 9. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-8, wherein the one or more power sources comprises an electric power grid. [0458] 10. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-9, wherein the one or more power generators use fuel for operating the one or more power generators. [0459] 11. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-10, wherein the one or more power generators is located onsite the electric vehicle charging station. [0460] 12. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-11, wherein the one or more power generators is located offsite the electric vehicle charging station.

[0461] 13. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-12, wherein the one or more energy storage devices is multiple energy storage devices. [0462] 14. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-13, wherein the one or more power heads is multiple power heads. [0463] 15. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-14, wherein the one or more electric controls or control systems is configured to control supplying power from multiple power sources to the multiple electric reservoir modules of the one or more energy storage devices. [0464] 16. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-15, including one or more electrical controls or systems configured to control supplying power from the one or more power sources to the multiple electric reservoir modules of the one or more energy storage devices. [0465] 17. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1, including one or more electrical power charging controls or control systems configured to control supplying electrical power from the multiple electric reservoir modules of the one or more energy storage devices to multiple electric vehicles being charged at the electric vehicle charging station. [0466] 18. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1, wherein the one or more power sources is multiple power sources. [0467] 19. The station according to clause 18, including one or more electrical controls or control systems configured to control supplying power from the multiple power sources to the multiple electric reservoir modules of the one or more energy storage devices. [0468] 20. The station according to clause 19, wherein the one or more electrical controls or systems is configured to charge the multiple energy storage units in a sequence. [0469] 21. The station according to clause 19, wherein the one or more electrical controls or systems is configured to circle to repeat the sequence one or more times. [0470] 22. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-21, further comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with a collective AC/DC converter arrangement. [0471] 23. The station according to clause 22, wherein the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with the collective AC/DC converter arrangement comprises: [0472] a transformer; [0473] an AC/DC converter connected to and receiving electrical power from the transformer; [0474] a fast charge controller connected to and receiving electrical power from the AC/DC converter; [0475] an input bus connected to and receiving electrical power from the fast charge controller; [0476] an electric reservoir with multiple electric reservoir modules connected to and receiving electrical power from the input bus; [0477] an output bus connected to and receiving electrical power from the multiple reservoir modules; [0478] a DC/DC converter connected to and receiving electrical power from the output bus; [0479] an EV charger connected to and receiving power from the DC/DC converter; and [0480] an EV charge port connected to and receiving power from the EV charger, the EV charge port configured for charging the one or more electric vehicles. [0481] 24. The station according to clause 23, further comprising a by-pass power circuit connecting the AC/DC converter to the DC/DC converter. [0482] 25. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-24, further comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with a distributed AC/DC converter arrangement. [0483] 26. The station according to clause 25, wherein the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with the distributed AC/DC converter arrangement comprises: [0484] a transformer; [0485] multiple AC/DC converters connected to and receiving power from the transformer; [0486] multiple switches each connected to and receiving power from the respective multiple AC/DC converters (e.g. by-pass switches); [0487] an input bus connected to and receiving power from the multiple switches; [0488] an electric reservoir with multiple electric reservoir modules connected to and receiving power from the input bus; [0489] an output bus connected to and receiving power from the multiple electric reservoir modules of the electric reservoir; [0490] a DC/DC converter connected to and receiving power from the output bus; [0491] an EV/HEV charger connected to and receiving power from the DC/DC converter; and [0492] a charge port connected to and receiving power from the EV/HEV charger, the charge port configured for charging the one or more electric vehicles. [0493] 27. The station according to clause 26, including a by-pass power circuit connecting the multiple switches to the DC/DC converter. [0494] 28. The station according to any of the preceding clauses 1-27, further

comprising one or more power generators supplying electric power to the electric vehicle charging station for charging the electric vehicles. [0495] 29. The station according to clause 28, wherein the one or more energy storage devices receives and stores energy from the one or more power sources and/or the one or more power generators. [0496] 30. The station according to clause 29, wherein the one or more energy storage devices each comprise multiple electric reservoir modules.

Claims

1. An electric vehicle charging station for charging electric vehicles, the electric vehicle charging station comprising: a plurality of energy storage reservoirs configured to receive and store energy from one or more power sources and/or one or more power generators; one or more power heads for charging the electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station, the multiple power heads receiving electrical power from the plurality of energy storage reservoirs, the multiple power heads each being configured for releasably connecting to each of the electric vehicles for charging at the electric vehicle charging station; and a computer control system configured to monitor a charging demand at each of the one or more power heads and to connect one or more of the plurality of energy storage reservoirs to one or more of the power heads based on the charging demand of the one or more power heads.
2. The electrical vehicle charging station of claim 1, further comprising: one or more electric power source controls or control systems configured to control supplying power from the one or more power sources to the plurality of energy storage reservoirs.
3. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, wherein the electric vehicle charging station is configured to simultaneously charge multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station at the same time.
4. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 3, wherein the one or more power heads is multiple power heads for simultaneously charging multiple electric vehicles at the electric vehicle charging station.
5. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, wherein the one or more power sources comprises an electric power grid.
6. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, wherein the one or more power generators use fuel for operating the one or more power generators.
7. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, wherein the one or more power generators is located onsite the electric vehicle charging station.
8. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, wherein the one or more power generators is located offsite the electric vehicle charging station.
9. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 2, wherein the one or more electrical controls or systems is configured to charge the plurality of energy storage reservoirs in a sequence.
10. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 9, wherein the one or more electrical controls or systems is configured to repeat the sequence one or more times.
11. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, further comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with a collective AC/DC converter arrangement.
12. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 11, wherein the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with the collective AC/DC converter arrangement comprises: a transformer; an AC/DC converter connected to and receiving electrical power from the transformer; a fast charge controller connected to and receiving electrical power from the AC/DC converter; an input bus connected to and receiving electrical power from the fast charge controller; an electric reservoir with multiple electric reservoir modules connected to and receiving electrical power from the input bus; an output bus connected to an receiving electrical power from the multiple reservoir modules; a DC/DC converter connected to and receiving electrical power from the output bus; an EV charger connected to and receiving power from the DC/DC converter; and an EV charge port connected to

and receiving power from the EV charger, the EV charge port configured for charging the one or more electric vehicles.

13. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 12, further comprising a by-pass power circuit connecting the AC/DC converter to the DC/DC converter.

14. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 1, further comprising a fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with a distributed AC/DC converter arrangement.

15. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 14, wherein the fast charge electric vehicle (EV) system with the distributed AC/DC converter arrangement comprises: a transformer; multiple AC/DC converters connected to and receiving power from the transformer; multiple switches each connected to and receiving power from the respective multiple AC/DC converters (e.g. by-pass switches); an input bus connected to and receiving power from the multiple switches; an electric reservoir with multiple electric reservoir modules connected to and receiving power from the input bus; an output bus connected to and receiving power from the multiple electric reservoir modules of the electric reservoir; a DC/DC converter connected to and receiving power from the output bus; an EV/HEV charger connected to and receiving power from the DC/DC converter; and a charge port connected to and receiving power from the EV/HEV charger, the charge port configured for charging the one or more electric vehicles.

16. The electrical vehicle charging station according to claim 15, including a by-pass power circuit connecting the multiple switches to the DC/DC converter.
