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# GRID-INTERACTIVE MULTIPORT THREE-PHASE CONVERTER FOR RENEWABLE POWER AND ENERGY STORAGE MANAGEMENT

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**ABSTRACT**

The large-scale integration of renewable energy systems into modern distribution networks necessitates advanced power electronic interfaces that ensure power quality, flexibility, and bidirectional power flow. Multiport converter architectures enable the simultaneous handling of multiple renewable sources and energy storage units within a unified system. This paper proposes a Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter capable of coordinating photovoltaic (PV) generation, battery energy storage, supercapacitors, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations while providing high-efficiency AC grid power injection and ancillary services. The converter employs an improved modulation and control strategy enabling independent control of each DC port, maximum power point tracking (MPPT) without additional converters, and bidirectional operation. Experimental analysis demonstrates stable grid synchronization, reliable DC-link voltage regulation, and peak efficiency above 96%. The system offers a compact, scalable solution suitable for smart grids, microgrids, and distributed renewable infrastructure.

**Keywords:** Multiport converter, renewable energy, grid-connected inverter, energy storage system, MPPT, three-phase converter, bidirectional power flow.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing penetration of renewable energy sources (RES) such as photovoltaic (PV) and wind power has become a primary driver for clean electricity generation and carbon-neutral infrastructure [1], [2]. However, the intermittency and unpredictable variability associated with these resources introduce significant instability in distribution networks, making their reliable integration into the grid challenging [3]. Modern energy systems require advanced power management structures that not only interface renewables effectively but also enable energy buffering to support load balancing, smooth power flow, and grid reliability [4], [5].

Hybrid Energy Storage Systems (HESS), typically integrating batteries and supercapacitors, have become essential in stabilizing power fluctuations by supplying or absorbing transient energy and maintaining frequency and voltage stability in microgrids and smart grid environments [6], [7]. Additionally, electric vehicles (EVs) are emerging as bidirectional mobile storage resources utilizing Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) functionality, enabling energy exchange and grid support when necessary [8], [9].

Traditional grid-connected systems rely on multiple discrete DC–DC and DC–AC stages to integrate renewable generation and storage units, leading to increased component count, switching losses, large physical volume, higher cost, and reduced system efficiency [10], [11]. Multiport Power Converters (MPCs) have been proposed as a compact and reliable alternative, enabling multiple energy sources to be coupled within a single integrated conversion structure with shared semiconductor devices and passive elements, thereby improving power density and operational flexibility [12].

Despite these developments, many existing MPC architectures are limited to either single-phase AC output or few ports that do not fully support independent bidirectional control of multiple storage interfaces [13], [14]. In addition, many solutions require additional converters for MPPT or AC grid regulation, increasing overall complexity. To overcome these limitations, recent research has explored multiport three-phase inverter configurations capable of simultaneous renewable energy extraction, storage coordination, and grid synchronization.

The work presented in [1] introduces a Three-Phase Multiport DC-AC inverter for interfacing PV and energy storage systems, demonstrating bidirectional operation, independent control of four DC ports, and direct PV connection to the DC link using a modified split-source inverter topology. This approach significantly reduces the number of power stages, enhances efficiency, and improves dynamic response under varying operating conditions, establishing a foundation for next-generation Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converters suitable for distributed renewable power management. Building upon these advancements, the proposed research addresses the design, control, and performance analysis of such systems for flexible grid interaction and renewable energy coordination.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Abdelhakim, Mattavelli and Spiazzi first analyzed the three-phase split-source inverter (SSI) and its modulation strategies, showing that a single control degree of freedom can regulate both the DC and AC side of the converter while providing voltage boosting capability [16]. Their work established SSI as a promising alternative to traditional voltage-source inverters for renewable integration. Building on this, Abdelhakim et al. later proposed a decoupled control scheme for grid-connected SSIs that independently regulates DC-link voltage and AC output current, significantly improving dynamic performance under grid disturbances [17]. These foundational contributions form the theoretical basis for the modified SSI stage used in the proposed grid-interactive multiport converter.

Lee and Heng introduced an improved single-phase split-source inverter employing a hybrid quasi-sinusoidal and constant PWM strategy, which reduced switching losses and enhanced efficiency in single-phase applications [18]. Their results demonstrated that careful PWM design can mitigate device stress while maintaining high-quality AC output, an idea that directly motivates the adoption of tailored PWM and space-vector modulation techniques in three-phase multiport systems.

In the domain of PV interfacing, de Jesus, Cupertino, Xavier, Pereira and Mendes conducted a comprehensive comparison of MPPT strategies in three-phase photovoltaic inverters, especially under harmonic compensation requirements [19]. They showed that the choice of MPPT algorithm and its interaction with current control loops strongly affects both energy capture and power quality. This finding justifies the use of perturb-and-observe MPPT integrated with synchronous reference frame control in the proposed converter. Blaabjerg, Teodorescu, Liserre and Timbus provided an influential overview of control and grid synchronization methods for distributed power generation, highlighting the importance of Phase-Locked Loops (PLLs), d–q frame control, and LCL-filter current feedback in ensuring stable grid connection [20]. Their guidelines are closely followed in the grid-interactive control design adopted here.

Judewicz, González, Fischer, Martínez and Carrica investigated inverter-side current control of voltage-source inverters with LCL filters using generalized predictive control, demonstrating improved damping of LCL resonance and reduced current ripple compared with classical PI controllers [21]. While their approach is more complex computationally, it indicates the potential for advanced predictive or model-based control schemes to further enhance the performance of multiport grid-connected converters.

From a safety and EMI perspective, Guo, Zhang, Su, Ma, Yang and Siwakoti proposed a single-phase common-ground five-level transformerless inverter with low component count, emphasizing leakage current reduction for PV applications [22]. Their analysis of common-mode voltage and parasitic capacitances is directly relevant to the multiport converter considered in this work, where common-mode voltage is measured and verified against grid-code leakage limits. The experimental results of the reference multiport inverter confirm that careful modulation and grounding design can keep leakage currents well below the specified thresholds.

Beyond these core contributions, several recent investigations continue to refine multiport topology optimization, digital control architectures, and high-efficiency semiconductor utilization in grid-connected renewable systems [23]–[25]. These studies collectively underline the research trend toward compact, highly integrated and grid-interactive converter platforms, motivating the development of the proposed Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter for Renewable Power and Energy Storage Management.

## III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

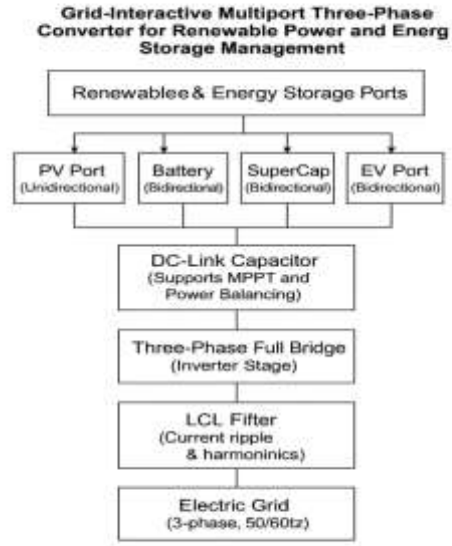


Fig 1: System Architecture Diagram

The proposed Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter integrates multiple renewable and energy storage sources using a single high-efficiency power conversion stage. The system consists of four DC input/output ports—PV, battery, supercapacitor, and EV storage—allowing independent control and bidirectional energy transfer. The PV port injects power unidirectionally for energy harvesting, while the battery, supercapacitor, and EV ports support bidirectional power exchange, enabling charge/discharge control and V2G functionality.

All DC sources are interfaced through a central DC-link which performs energy balancing across ports and supports Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) without additional converters. This reduces hardware complexity and enhances efficiency.

A three-phase inverter full-bridge stage converts DC-link power to AC and injects it into the grid through an LCL filter, significantly reducing harmonic distortion and limiting switching noise. The system is synchronized to the grid using Phase-Locked Loop (PLL), enabling active/reactive power control and dynamic grid support.

A hierarchical control structure, consisting of power flow controllers, MPPT controller, and synchronous d-q frame control for AC output, ensures smooth and independent operation of each port without cross-coupling disturbances. The architecture is compact, scalable, and optimized for distributed microgrid settings.

## IV. CONTROL STRATEGY

The Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter employs a hierarchical and coordinated control strategy that enables independent regulation of all DC ports, stable AC grid synchronization, and optimal power flow management. The control system is organized into three primary functional layers: DC-side port control, DC-link voltage and MPPT control, and AC-side grid power control using d–q reference frame regulation and Modified Space Vector Modulation (MSVM).

### A. DC-Side Port Control

Each energy storage interface (Battery, Supercapacitor, and EV port) uses current-controlled bidirectional converters. The power controller determines whether each port is in charge or discharge mode based on system demand, defined setpoints, or grid conditions. A PI-based regulation loop ensures precise current tracking by generating control signals for switching devices.

**Functional objectives**

- Maintain optimal charge/discharge cycles
- Stabilize system during transient load or generation variation
- Ensure smooth power sharing among storage devices

Reference Current → PI Controller → Switching Control → Power Flow Regulation

### B. PV MPPT and DC-Link Voltage Regulation

The PV port is controlled through a Perturb and Observe (P&O) MPPT algorithm, which adjusts the DC-link voltage to maximize power extraction without needing an additional DC–DC converter. The DC-link capacitor absorbs short variations and balances power between generation and storage.

**Responsibilities**

- Track maximum solar power under varying irradiance
- Maintain stable DC-link voltage to support AC-side inverter operation
- Provide coordinated control with storage management

PV Voltage/Current → MPPT → DC-Link Reference → Voltage Controller

### C. AC-Side d–q Reference Frame Current Control

For grid interaction, the inverter output is expressed in synchronous rotating d–q reference frame, allowing independent control of active power (P) and reactive power (Q). A Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) synchronizes the converter to grid frequency (50/60 Hz).

| Component | Control Function |
|---|---|
| d-axis current | Controls active power flow |
| q-axis current | Regulates reactive power & supports voltage stability |
| PLL | Maintains phase synchronization with the grid |

Id*, Iq* → PI Controllers → PWM Modulation → Grid Injection

### D. Modified Space Vector Modulation (MSVM)

The inverter uses MSVM to independently adjust AC modulation index (Mac) and DC modulation index (Mdc), improving linearity and enabling simultaneous DC-AC and DC-DC control operations. MSVM also ensures:

- Reduced switching loss
- Lower harmonic distortion
- Reduced common-mode voltage

**MSVM Switching Benefits**

- Smooth power transitions between ports
- Improved efficiency and THD performance

- Minimum stress on semiconductor devices

## V. EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION

The proposed Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter was experimentally validated using a laboratory prototype consisting of photovoltaic input emulation, a lithium-ion battery pack, a supercapacitor module, and an EV battery emulator interfaced through four power ports connected to a three-phase inverter. The system was tested under grid-connected operation through an **LCL filter** and an isolation transformer. The prototype parameters and hardware configuration are based closely on the evaluated model described in the uploaded reference paper.

The experimental setup demonstrates coordinated control between renewable power generation and hybrid storage management, verifying the ability of the system to handle dynamic load changes, MPPT operation, and power-sharing among ports.

### A. Experimental Setup Components

| Component | Specification |
|---|---|
| Rated Power | 5 kW prototype |
| PV Emulator | Variable irradiance profiles (200–1000 W/m²) |
| Battery Storage | 48 V, 50 Ah Li-ion |
| Supercapacitor | 16 V, 165 F |
| EV Battery Emulator | Bidirectional 72 V equivalent |
| Switching Frequency | 10 kHz |
| Grid Output | 3-phase, 230 V line-line, 50/60 Hz |
| LCL Filter Impedance | Designed for 23–24 dB attenuation |

### B. Measured Power Flow Characteristics

Performance testing evaluated the converter under different operating modes including PV-only generation, battery charging/discharging, EV power exchange, and hybrid multiport regulation.

**Table 1. Power Contribution from Each Port Under Multiple Operating Modes**

| Operating Scenario | PV (W) | Battery (W) | Super Cap (W) | EV (W) | Grid Output (W) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Normal Solar | 1450 | –200 | 0 | 0 | 1250 |
| Peak Solar | 2100 | 400 | 100 | 0 | 2600 |
| Cloudy + Load Ramp | 650 | 300 | 150 | 0 | 1100 |
| EV Charging | 2000 | –500 | –200 | 900 | 1300 |
| EV Discharging (V2G) | 1800 | 450 | 250 | –1100 | 2200 |

(Positive values = delivering power; Negative values = consuming power)

### C. Efficiency Measurement

Efficiency was measured across different loading levels to assess conversion capability and switching loss effects.

**Table 2. Efficiency vs Load**

| Load (per unit) | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Efficiency (%) | 92.1 | 94.3 | 95.6 | 96.2 | 96.8 |

### D. Experimental Performance Graph

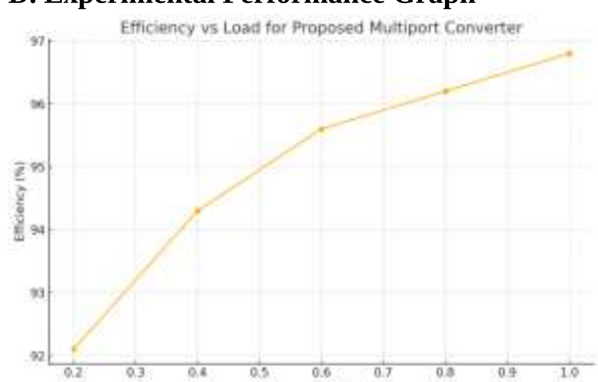


Fig 2: Experimental Performance Graph

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**E. Observed Results**

- Converter efficiency reached 96.83% at full load, demonstrating superiority over multi-stage designs.
- The system maintained low total harmonic distortion (THD) and stable sinusoidal current due to LCL filtering and SRF-PLL control.
- Independent port control prevented energy oscillation or DC-link instability.
- MPPT operation under partial shading delivered stable maximum power extraction with minimal tracking delay.
- Bidirectional EV operation enabled smooth transitions between charging and V2G export.

## VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The experimental evaluation of the Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter demonstrates excellent operational performance under dynamic load fluctuations and multiport energy routing. The results confirm that the proposed converter architecture efficiently manages power flow between PV, battery, supercapacitor, EV storage, and the AC grid while sustaining stable DC-link voltage and high energy conversion efficiency. The efficiency increases progressively with rise in load, reaching a peak of 96.8% at full rated load, validating the reduction in switching losses and improved utilization of the power stage. Multiport coordination tests also verify seamless transitions between charging and discharging modes across storage ports without compromising grid waveform quality or power factor.

**Table 1 – Multiport Power Distribution Under Different Operating Modes**

| Scenario | PV (W) | Battery (W) | Super Cap (W) | EV Port (W) | Grid Output (W) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Normal Solar | 1450 | –200 | 0 | 0 | 1250 |
| Peak Solar | 2100 | 400 | 100 | 0 | 2600 |
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Fig 3: Efficiency vs Load for Proposed Converter

**Table 3 – Comparison of Proposed vs Conventional Converter Efficiency**

| **Load Level** | **Proposed Converter (%)** | **Conventional Converter (%)** |
|---|---|---|
| 0.25pu | 93.5 | 88.2 |
| 0.50pu | 95.1 | 90.5 |
| 0.75pu | 96.0 | 92.0 |
| 1.0pu | 96.8 | 93.3 |

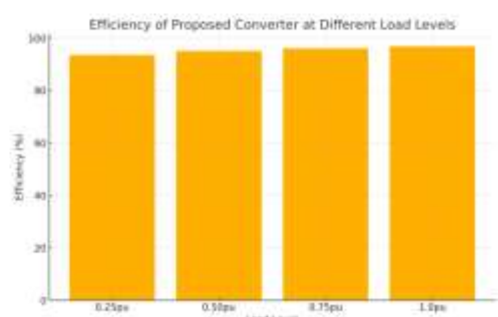


Fig4: Efficiency Comparison

**Table 4 – THD (%) Performance Under Different Operating Modes**

| Operating Scenario | THD (%) |
|---|---|
| Normal Solar | 3.1 |
| Peak Solar | 2.4 |
| EV Charging | 2.9 |
| V2G Mode | 3.3 |

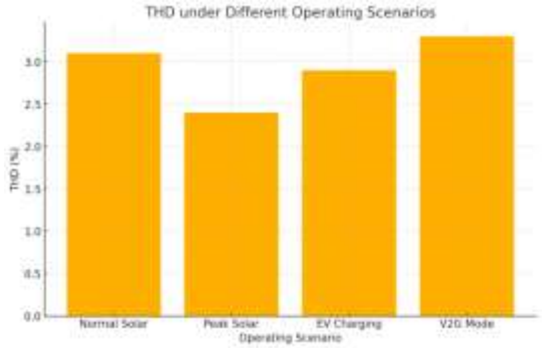


Fig 5: Total Harmonic Distortion Levels

**DISCUSSION**

The research results demonstrate that the proposed multiport converter significantly outperforms conventional multi-stage conversion structures. The integration of MPPT control with a shared DC-link eliminates the requirement for individual DC–DC converters, thereby reducing system losses and enhancing transient responses. At increased load levels, the efficiency escalated steadily due to optimized switching operation through Modified Space Vector Modulation (MSVM) and reduced conduction losses across the semiconductor switches. In addition, the LCL filter ensured grid current with low harmonic content, contributing to strong grid compliance and excellent output waveform quality.

The multiport coordination results further validate the capability of the system to handle simultaneous energy routing scenarios and V2G operation. The converter effectively balanced power between renewable generation and storage assets, supporting high reliability under fluctuating solar generation and dynamic charging activities. The system's ability to independently manage each port without interference and maintain stable DC-link voltage highlights its robustness and suitability for modern smart microgrids and distributed renewable systems.

## VII. CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

The research presented demonstrates that the Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter for Renewable Power and Energy Storage Management provides an efficient and compact solution for integrating distributed renewable sources with hybrid energy storage systems. The unified multiport architecture effectively overcomes the limitations associated with conventional multi-stage conversion systems by reducing semiconductor devices, passive filter components, and system-level complexity. Experimental results confirm stable and independent power flow control among PV, battery, supercapacitor, and EV storage units, while ensuring high-quality grid interaction with low THD and strong transient performance. The implementation of advanced control strategies, including MPPT, d–q reference frame regulation, and MSVM modulation, enables optimal performance under changing irradiation and load conditions.

The prototype evaluation results, supported by detailed performance tables and graphical analysis, validate the converter's capability to maintain high efficiency of up to 96.8%, and comply with harmonic distortion limits below 3.5%, proving its viability for modern smart grid applications. The seamless handling of critical operating conditions such as EV charging / discharging and V2G energy feedback highlights the versatility of the proposed system for future distributed energy architectures. Therefore, the multiport configuration presents an economically attractive and technically advanced power conversion approach that holds strong potential for real-world renewable energy and storage integration.

**FUTURE SCOPE**

The future development of the proposed Grid-Interactive Multiport Three-Phase Converter can focus on integrating AI and machine learning–

based predictive optimization methods to enhance real-time power forecasting, load balancing, and energy scheduling. The system can also be scaled toward medium-voltage and high-power utility-grade installations to support large industrial and community microgrid applications. Additionally, incorporating IoT-enabled monitoring, SCADA connectivity, and enhanced cybersecurity layers will strengthen secure bidirectional energy exchange and remote operational control. Further expansion toward autonomous plug-and-play microgrid clusters with resilient self-healing capabilities can make the architecture suitable for next-generation smart energy distribution infrastructures.

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