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Wireless Charging Station Based on Solar and Grid

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Abstract: *The wireless charging technology is being developed as a potential method for charging electric vehicles by removing the need for connectors and improving convenience. This project describes the design and development of a small-scale wireless charging station for electric vehicles based on the electromagnetic induction principle for wireless power transfer. The proposed system includes a transmitter coil driven by a regulated DC power source and a receiver coil fixed to the electric vehicle, where the induced AC is rectified and regulated to charge the battery.The proposed system combines solar energy, charge controller, battery storage, DC-DC buck conversion, and wireless power transfer coils, making the system energy efficient and environmentally sustainable. The critical components of the system, including the transmission and receiving coils, charge controller, inverter circuitry, relay modules, and monitoring units, are selected and tested for functionality. The principles of mutual inductance and resonance coupling are used to maximize the efficiency of power transfer, and calculations are done to determine the values of the coils.The benefits of wireless charging include ease of charging, less mechanical wear and tear, enhanced safety, and future-proofing for technologies such as autonomous vehicles and smart grids. While issues such as efficiency, alignment, and cost of infrastructure exist, the experimental results show that wireless charging is a viable alternative to the traditional plug- in charging of EVs.*

This project emphasizes the use of wireless charging systems that can facilitate the increasing demand for electric vehicles and thus helps in creating a cleaner, safer, and friendlier transportation environment..

Keywords: Wireless Charging, Electric Vehicle (EV), Electromagnetic Induction, Resonant Coupling, Mutual Inductance, Solar-Powered Charging Station, Contactless Power Transfer, Smart Charging Infrastructure

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing popularity of electric vehicles has led to a huge demand for efficient, safe, and convenient charging solutions. The traditional plug-in charging process involves the use physical connectors, which can cause wear and tear, as well as safety and convenience issues. To address these issues, wireless charging technology has been developed as a novel solution for the non-contact transfer of electrical energy.

The wireless charging of electric vehicles is mainly dependent on the principle of electromagnetic induction, where the power is transmitted from the transmitter coil to the receiver coil using an alternating magnetic field. When an alternating current passes through the transmitter coil, it produces a magnetic field, which in turn induces a voltage in the receiver coil placed in its vicinity. The induced voltage is then converted into usable direct current (DC) to charge the vehicle battery. Even though the efficiency of wireless charging systems is lower compared to wired charging systems, research is being conducted to improve their efficiency.

The benefits of wireless charging include ease of use, improved safety, and less mechanical wear because there are no physical contacts required. In addition, wireless charging enables charging in different settings, including residential

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garages, parking lots, and public areas, thus improving accessibility. Moreover, the wireless charging technology is suitable for future applications, including autonomous cars and smart grids, where automatic and contactless charging is required.

In this project, a small-scale wireless charging station for electric vehicles is designed and developed using renewable energy resources and power electronics. The proposed system will be able to demonstrate the possibility of wireless power transfer, study mutual inductance, and emphasize the importance of wireless charging stations as a sustainable solution for electric vehicles.

Problem Statement :

The rising trend of using electric vehicles has brought into focus some of the drawbacks that come with the conventional plug-in charging method, including reliance on physical plugs, wear and tear, safety hazards posed by electrical contacts, and difficulties in the usage process. Furthermore, the conventional charging method requires accurate human input, making it less ideal for the emerging technology of autonomous vehicles. The absence of flexible and convenient charging points is also a factor in the rangeanx

Moreover, traditional charging points tend to depend solely on grid electricity, thus contributing to increased energy consumption and carbon emissions. There is a need for an efficient, safe, and sustainable charging method that requires minimal human intervention, prevents mechanical breakdowns, and enables the integration of renewable energy. Wireless charging technology, although promising, is faced with challenges such as efficiency, alignment, cost, and scalability.iety that hinders the widespread use of electric vehicles

Therefore, the problem to be solved is the design and development of a small-scale wireless electric vehicle charging system that has the capability of transferring power contactlessly through electromagnetic induction, operates in a safe and efficient manner, incorporates renewable energy sources, and can be expanded for use in smart and autonomous charging systems in the future.

Methodology :

The methodology used for the design and development of the wireless electric vehicle charging system is broken down into systematic steps to achieve efficient power transfer, safety, and reliability.

1. System Design and Requirement Analysis

The power requirements of the electric vehicle battery are analyzed to determine the required voltage and current levels. Based on these requirements, the system is designed to function within a safe and efficient power range suitable for small-scale wireless charging.

2. Selection of Components

The selection of the components is done in such a way that reliable functioning of the system is ensured. The components selected include a solar panel, charge controller, battery, buck converter, transmission coil, receiving coil, rectifier circuit, relay module, display unit, and monitoring instruments.

3. Power Source and Energy Storage

The solar panel acts as the source of power to ensure sustainability. The electrical energy produced is regulated by the charge controller and is then stored in a 12-volt battery. The battery provides a stable DC supply to the transmitter circuit.

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4. Transmitter Circuit Design

The transmitter circuit is responsible for the conversion of DC power to high frequency AC power using power electronic devices like an inverter or Class-D amplifier. The high frequency AC power is then fed to the transmission coil, which produces an alternating magnetic field necessary for wireless power transfer.

5. Wireless Power Transfer Mechanism

The mechanism of wireless power transfer is based on electromagnetic induction. When the varying magnetic field is produced by the transmitter coil, an induced voltage is generated in the receiver coil placed inside the magnetic field. Resonant coupling is also proposed to improve the efficiency of power transfer**.**

6. Design of Receiver Circuit

The AC voltage induced in the receiver coil is then converted to DC using a rectifier circuit. A filter and voltage regulator are used to smooth and regulate the output voltage, which is safe for charging the electric vehicle battery.

7. Control and Protection

A relay module and switch are used to control the flow of power. The charge controller prevents overcharging and deep.

System architecture

The system architecture of the wireless electric vehicle charging station is designed to provide efficient, safe, and contactless power transfer through electromagnetic induction. The system is divided into three main subsystems: the power generation and storage unit, the wireless power transmission unit, and the receiving and charging unit.

1. Power Generation and Storage Unit

This unit provides a stable and regulated DC power supply to the system. A solar panel is used as the primary power source, which converts solar energy into electrical energy. The output from the solar panel is regulated by a solar charge controller to prevent overcharging or undercharging. The regulated power is then stored in a 12-V battery, which acts as an energy reservoir and ensures continuous operation even during low sunlight condition.

2. Power Conditioning Unit

The DC power stored in the battery is conditioned by a DC-DC buck converter to provide the necessary voltage and current ratings for the transmitter circuit.

3. Wireless Power Transmission Unit

The conditioned DC power is converted to high-frequency AC by an inverter or Class-D amplifier circuit. The AC power supply energizes the transmitter coil, producing an alternating magnetic field. The magnetic field serves as the medium for wireless power transmission from the charging station to the electric vehicle.

4. Wireless Power Receiving Unit.

The receiver coil fixed on the electric vehicle receives the alternating magnetic field produced by the transmitter coil. As a result of mutual induction, an AC voltage is generated in the receiver coil. The magnitude of the induced voltage depends on the alignment, distance, and coupling coefficient between the coils.

5. Rectification and Voltage Regulation Unit

The induced AC voltage in the receiver coil is converted to DC by a rectifier circuit. A filter circuit smoothes the rectified DC, and a voltage regulator provides a constant and safe voltage to the vehicle battery for charging.

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6. Monitoring and Control Unit

The circuit consists of relay modules, switches, digital voltmeters, and display units for monitoring voltage levels, charging status, and system health. LED indicators are used to show the status of the charging process. Safety features are also provided to ensure that the system operates in a safe manner by isolating the faults and preventing overcurrent conditions.

7. Load and Mechanical Structure

The entire system is placed on a chassis and plywood base for mechanical stability and protection of the electronic components.

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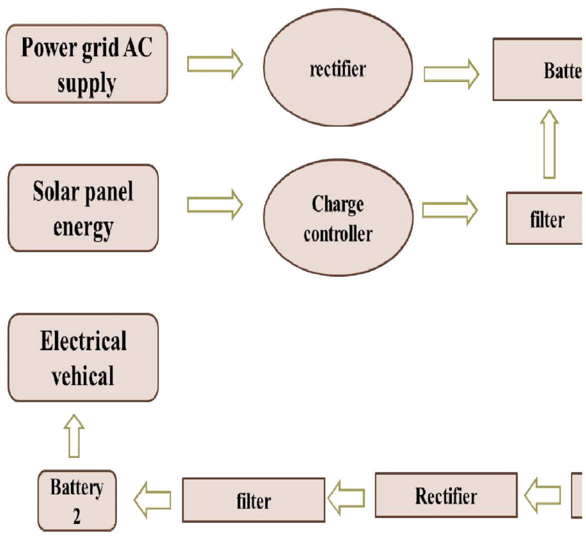

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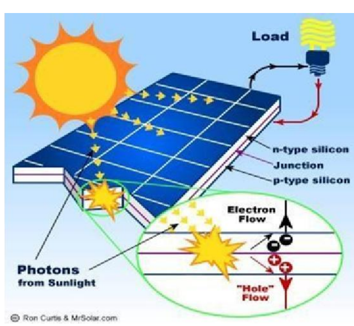
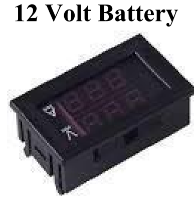


Solar panel **12 Volt Battery** **Power Transferring**



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Digital multimeter   Boost converter Level indicator

Charge controller

Solar Panel
It converts solar energy into electrical energy to run the system.

Charge Controller
It manages the solar panel output and prevents the battery from overcharging and deep discharging**.**

Battery (12V)
It stores electrical energy and provides a stable DC voltage to the system.

Buck Converter
It reduces the battery voltage to the desired level for the transmitter circuit.

Inverter/Driver Circuit
It converts DC power into high-frequency AC for wireless power transmission.

Transmitter Coil
It produces an alternating magnetic field for wireless power transmission.

Receiver Coil
It receives the magnetic field and generates the AC voltage due to electromagnetic induction.

Rectifier Circuit
It converts the induced AC voltage to DC voltage.

Voltage Regulator
It maintains a constant and safe voltage to charge the EV battery.

EV Battery (Load)
It stores the received energy and propels the electric vehicle.

PROPOSED WORK

The proposed work involves the design, development, and testing of a small-scale wireless charging station for electric vehicles (EVs) based on electromagnetic induction. The aim is to develop a safe, efficient, and user-friendly charging station that does not require any physical connections and promotes the use of sustainable energy.

The design will incorporate a solar panel as the main power source, with the regulated power stored in a 12-V battery. A DC-DC buck converter will be used to condition the stored energy to the desired voltage level. The conditioned DC power will then be converted to high- frequency AC using an inverter or driver circuit to power the transmitter coil, producing an alternating magnetic field.

A receiver coil will be fixed on the electric vehicle to receive the magnetic field by the principle of mutual induction, and an AC voltage will be induced. The received AC power will be converted into DC power by a rectifier and filter circuit, and then a voltage regulator will be used for the safe charging of the EV battery. The circuit will also include relay modules, switches, LED indicators, and digital meters for monitoring the charging process.

Experimental analysis will be performed to investigate the impact of coil misalignment, distance, and resonance coupling on the efficiency of power transfer. The proposed research will attempt to prove the viability of wireless EV charging on a small scale while overcoming the most important challenges, which are efficiency, safety, and usability. This project provides a starting point for further development in the areas of smart grid, autonomous vehicle charging, and wireless charging infrastructure.

MARKET ANALYSIS

The global electric vehicle market is growing at a fast pace because of rising fuel costs, environmental issues, and government initiatives for the development of clean energy transportation. As the adoption of electric vehicles increases, the demand for efficient and convenient charging solutions is also rising. The existing market is led by plug-in charging solutions; however, these have limitations such as manual handling, connector wear, safety issues, and lack of adaptability for autonomous vehicles.

1.Current Market Scenario

Currently, wired charging stations dominate the EV charging market due to their lower cost and higher efficiency. However, the wireless charging technology is slowly gaining popularity among automobile manufacturers, charging station providers, and research institutions due to its ease of use and future readiness. Various global companies and research institutions are investing in wireless EV charging systems for residential, commercial, and public use.

2.Market Drivers

Increasing adoption of electric vehicles across the globe
Increasing focus on convenience and automation
Increasing interest in autonomous and smart vehicles
Government support for EV infrastructure development
Use of renewable energy sources like solar energy

3.Market Challenges

Higher initial investment in wireless charging infrastructure
Lower efficiency compared to wired charging systems
Lack of universal standards and compatibility
Alignment sensitivity between the transmitter and receiver coils

4.Market Opportunities

There are significant opportunities for wireless charging in the following markets:
Home charging solutions for individual EV owners
Public parking lots and commercial environments
Fleet management (buses, delivery vans, self-driving taxis)
Smart cities and smart grid solutions

As the technology advances and prices come down, wireless charging is likely to become more competitive and mainstream.

5.Future Market Outlook

As research and development continue to advance, the efficiency of power transfer improves, and the industry works towards standardization, the future for wireless EV charging looks bright. This technology is likely to be a key enabler of the next generation of EV infrastructure.

II. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

The wireless electric vehicle charging system was successfully designed, assembled, and tested to analyze its performance, efficiency, and reliability. The experimental setup was able to demonstrate the efficient contactless power transfer through electromagnetic induction between the transmitter and receiver coils.

1. System Operation Result

When the solar panel and battery unit were connected to supply power, the transmitter circuit produced a high-frequency alternating current. The current produced an alternating magnetic field through the transmitter coil. The receiver coil, positioned inside the effective charging distance, was able to detect the magnetic field and produce an AC voltage, which was then rectified and regulated to charge the battery

2. Power Transfer Performance

The system demonstrated a stable voltage output at the receiver's end when the coils were properly aligned. It was noted that:

The maximum power transfer was achieved when the coils were aligned properly at the transmitter and receiver ends.

As the distance between the coils increased, there was a reduction in the induced voltage.

Misalignment had a negative effect on efficiency but did not stop charging at short distances.

3. Efficiency Analysis

Though the wireless charging system had lower efficiency than wired charging, the losses were attributed to the following factors in the wireless charging system:

Air gap between the coils

Magnetic leakage

Conversion losses in the inverter and rectifier circuits

Despite the mentioned factors, the resonance coupling and power electronics helped in improving the efficiency of the system.

4. Safety and Reliability

The fact that there were no physical connectors reduced the risks associated with sparking, exposed terminals, and mechanical failure. The charge controller and relay module ensured that the battery was not subjected to overcharging and overcurrent situations.

5. Renewable Energy Integration

The inclusion of the solar panel proved the concept of using renewable energy sources to power wireless charging. The system worked well even when there was low solar intensity.

6. Observations

Wireless charging is more convenient and user-friendly

Wireless charging is appropriate for short-range EV charging applications

The performance of the system is highly dependent on the coil design and alignment

ANALYSIS SUMMARY

The experimental results have verified that wireless charging is a viable and feasible solution for small-scale electric vehicle charging applications. Although there are limitations in the efficiency of the system, the advantages of safety, convenience, and future compatibility make wireless charging a promising alternative to the existing charging systems.

III. CONCLUSION

In this project, a small-scale wireless charging system for electric vehicles has been designed and implemented successfully using the principle of electromagnetic induction. The designed system has been able to transfer power from the transmitter coil to the receiver coil contactless, thus eliminating the need for wired connections.

The use of solar energy, charge control, energy storage, and power conditioning circuits has ensured that the system operates in a reliable and sustainable manner. The experimental results have confirmed that efficient charging is possible if the coils are properly aligned and the distance is maintained at its optimal value. Although the efficiency of wireless charging is lower compared to wired charging systems, the benefits of wireless charging make it a promising technology.

The outcome of the study has confirmed that the wireless charging technology is viable for short-range EV charging applications and can be further enhanced by optimizing coil design and control methods. With further research and development, wireless EV charging technology has the potential to become a crucial part of future smart transportation systems and autonomous vehicles.

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