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# **ECE 398GG – ELECTRICAL VEHICLES**

## **12b. EV Charger Design**

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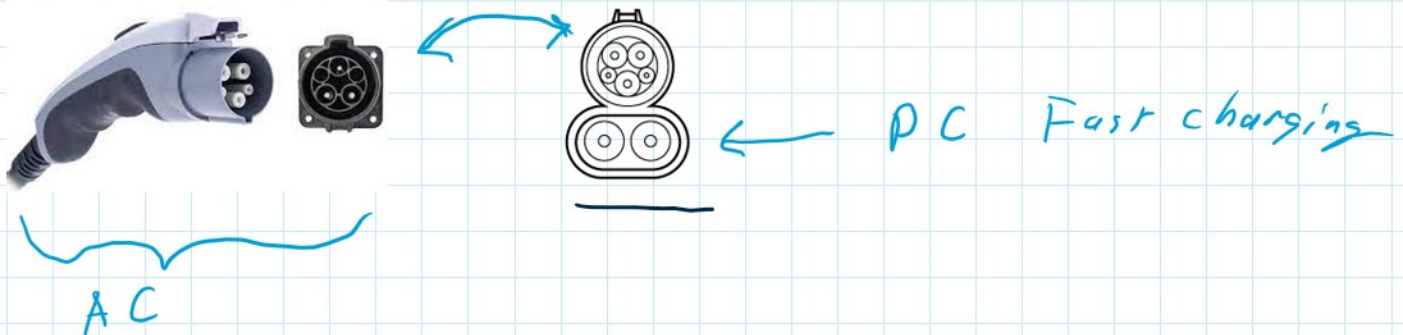
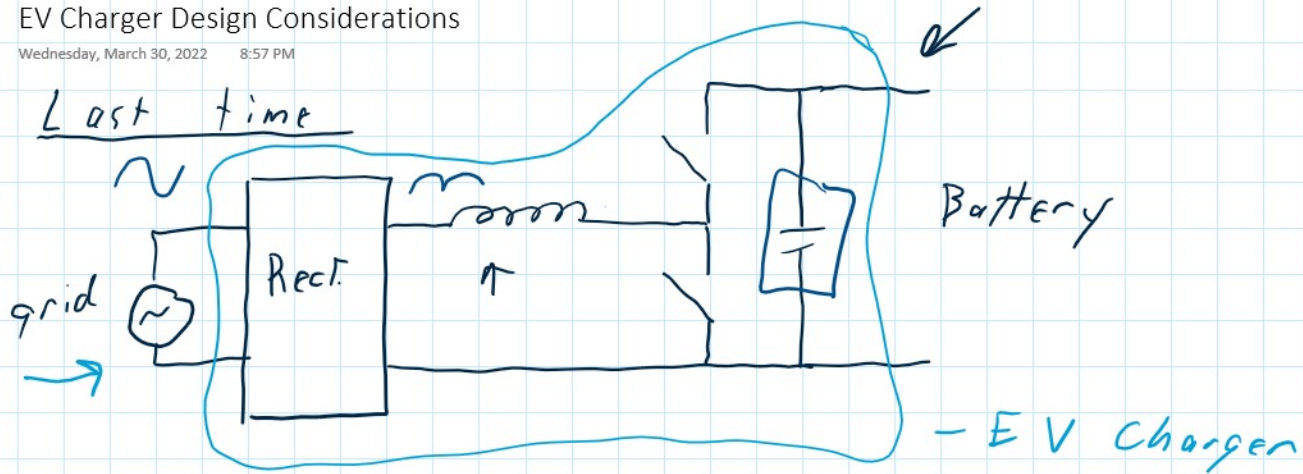
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# EV Charger Design Considerations

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↳ All EV chargers Follow Architecture  
↳ Variance, in topology, Filters, Voltage Levels

## AC Chargers (U.S.)

Level 1: 120 VAC, ~ 1.4 kW ~ 12A

Level 2: 240VAC 4-17 kW, 30A-80A

↳ up to 20-25 miles / hour charge

## AC Charger Challenges

- ↳ Power is limited by current
- ↳ Charging is limited by on board charger

## Energy Buffer

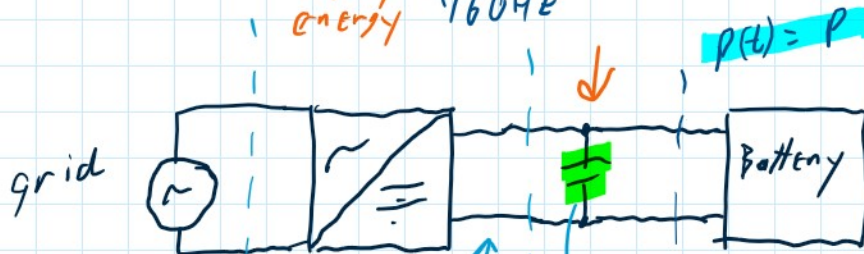
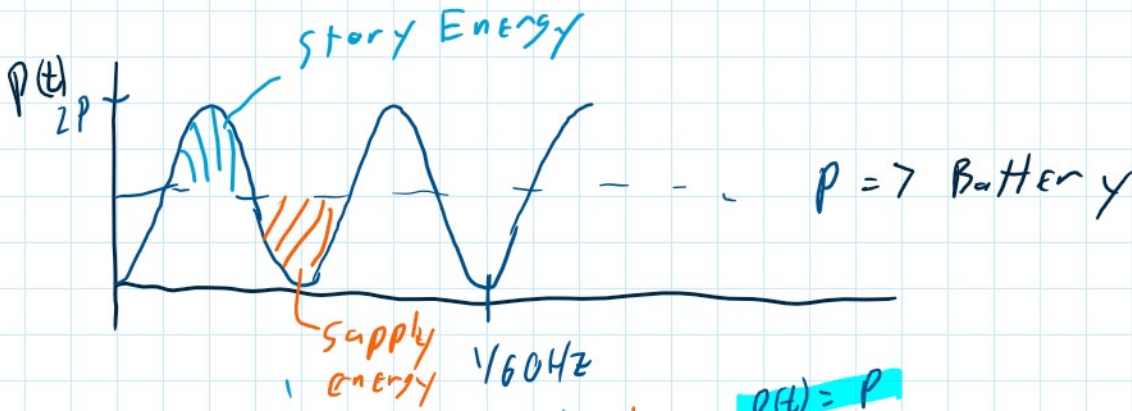
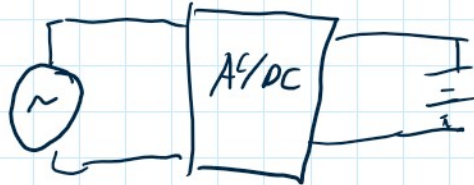
Recall: Instantaneous Power.

$$P(t) = \underbrace{V}_{V_{RMS}} \cdot \underbrace{I}_{I_{RMS}} \cos(\phi) + V \cdot I \cdot \cos(2\omega t - \phi)$$

↳ at unity PF = 1

$$P(t) = \underbrace{V \cdot I}_{P_{AC}} + \underbrace{V \cdot I \cdot \cos(2\omega t)}_{P_{dc}} \leftarrow$$

$$\langle P(t) \rangle = P = V \cdot I = P_{dc}$$



$$P(t) = P + P \cos(2\omega t)$$

$$v(t) = P \cos(2\omega t)$$

↳ must include an energy storage buffer to store/supply difference in AC & DC power

↳ simplest is capacitor  
↳ other methods exist

How? - allow some ripple on capacitor to store/release energy

$$\hookrightarrow P_c(t) = V_c(t) \cdot i_c(t) = P \cdot \cos(2\omega t)$$

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$$V_c = V_{dc} + \tilde{V}_c$$

$$\rightarrow i_c(t) \approx \frac{P}{V_{dc}} \cdot \cos(2\omega t) *$$

$$i_c(t) = C \frac{d\tilde{V}_c}{dt}$$

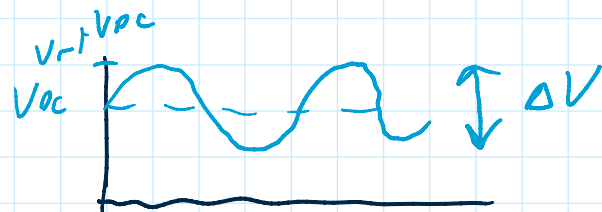
$$\tilde{V}_c = V_r \cdot \sin(2\omega t)$$

$$i_c(t) = 2\omega \cdot C \cdot V_r \cdot \cos(2\omega t) = \frac{P}{V_{dc}} \cdot \cos(2\omega t)$$

$$C = \frac{P}{2\omega \cdot V_{dc} \cdot V_r}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$$

$$C = \frac{P}{2\pi f \cdot V_{dc} \cdot \Delta V}$$



$$\Delta V = 2 V_r$$

↳ can only allow so much ripple ( $\Delta V$ )  
 ↳ not good for batteries

↳ as  $P$  goes up, must increase capacitance

↳ more volume / weight

↳ this is on board EV!

Examples - on board charging

Nissan Leaf - 6.6 kW  
 Kia Niro - 7.2 kW  
 Ford Lightning - 7.7 kW

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from lightning - 1.5 MW

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↳ supply DC Power "Directly" to Battery

↳ Not a Residential charger

↳ charge with DC current

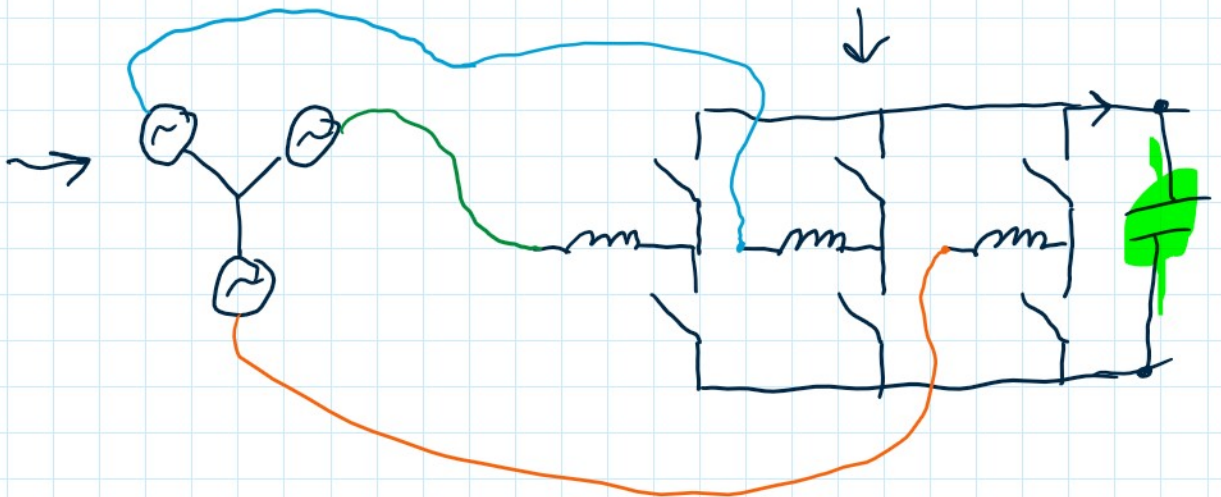
↳ still very high current, 100's A

↳ How do we get past Energy Buffer?

↳ Recall 3- $\phi$  Power

$$P(t) = 3 \cdot V \cdot I \cdot \cos \phi = \text{constant}$$

↳ 3 $\phi$  constant =  $P_{DC} \Rightarrow$  ideally no need for energy buffer



↳ still need **DC link capacitor** for switching noise & transient response

↳ much smaller than buffering

400 V vs 800 V

↳ 400 V DC Fast charging most common

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Porsche Taycan, Kia EV6 + variants

↳ use 800V charging

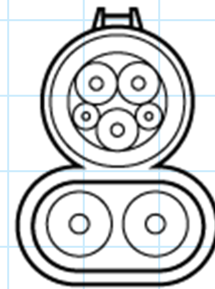
↳ Both can charge @ 400V... at reduced power

↳ unclear how this is implemented

# Battery Charger

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- Residential (SAE J1772)
  - Level 1: 120 VAC, 1.4 kW, ~12 A
  - Level 2: 240 VAC, 7.2 – 19.2 kW, ~30-80 A
  - Up to 20-25 miles/ hour
- DC Fast Chargers (Level 3)
  - SAE Combo Combined Charging System (CCS) most common
  - Up to 400 kW
- Note: charging rate is limited by charger and by vehicle



\*Maximum charge rate for Model 3 Standard Range is 32A (7.7kW) - up to 30 miles of range per hour.