

Integration of Green Ammonia into Smart Grids: Neural Network-Based Modeling and Control for Direct Ammonia Synthesis and Fuel Cells

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Abstract

The current green ammonia production method involves generating green hydrogen via an electrolyzer and combining it with nitrogen through the Haber Bosch (HB) process to produce ammonia. A newer method, Direct Ammonia Synthesis (DAS), is gaining attention as it can produce green ammonia directly using an Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer (EAS) without the electrolyzer and HB system, significantly reducing costs and energy consumption. The produced ammonia can be directly converted to electricity using Direct Ammonia Fuel Cells (DAFC). Additionally, ammonia addresses hydrogen-related issues such as high flammability, poor volumetric density, and high storage costs. First, the thesis focuses on the DAS approach. It explores the integration of EAS and DAFC into the grid as a means to provide stable power through the utilization of various power smoothing filters. The EAS converts excess wind/solar power into green ammonia, which is then used by DAFC to produce electricity during power deficits. Second, a novel neural network (NN) model for EAS is developed to simplify the traditionally complex and sensor-intensive modeling of electrochemical systems. This NN model accurately predicts ammonia production based on solar power, nitrogen, and water inputs. Third, an NN model for DAFC is created to output electrical power from ammonia. Both EAS and DAFC NN models can be integrated into the existing microgrid system models in MATLAB-Simulink and Python. Finally, the thesis introduces a Neural Network-based Model Predictive Control (NNMPC) approach for regulating EAS output and meeting the ammonia demand, which demonstrates superior accuracy and efficiency compared to the traditional fuzzy logic control method. Unlike a traditional MPC, which uses a mathematical plant model for predictive optimization, an NN model demonstrates superior accuracy in encapsulating plant dynamics. The NNMPC addresses mathematical intricacies in MPC models, especially as plant complexities increase. Simulation results confirm the effectiveness of the NN models and NNMPC in practical applications. The research conducted in this thesis has resulted in journal and conference research publications as well as a collaborative project with a Waterloo-based company.

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List of Abbreviations

DAFC Direct Ammonia Fuel Cell [9](#)

E-HB Electrolyzer-Haber Bosch [7](#)

EAS Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer [9](#)

ESS Energy Storage System [9](#)

FLC Fuzzy Logic Controller [9](#)

G Gaussian [9](#)

MA Moving Average [9](#)

MM Moving Median [9](#)

MR Moving Regression [9](#)

NN Neural Network [9](#)

NNMPC Neural Network-based Model Predictive Control [9](#)

QN Quasi-Newton [87](#)

SG Savitzky Golay [9](#)

List of Symbols

- a Height of the Gaussian curve's maximum 54
- A_{DAFC} Total electrode area of direct ammonia fuel cell 58
- a^k Initial value of the reference ammonia 88
- a^{k+1} Subsequent value of the reference ammonia 88
- α Search parameter of the NN MPC 93
- b Gaussian peak's position in the middle 54
- B^{-1} Inverse of the Hessian matrix 88
- β Array of linear parameters 54
- β^T Transpose of the matrix X 54
- c Breadth of the Gaussian root mean square 54
- D Training dataset for the NN 73
- δ_{an} Electrode thickness at the anode 57
- δ_{ct} Electrode thickness at the cathode 57
- ΔG^0 Standard Gibbs energy change 56
- $D_{N_2}^e$ Effective coefficient of diffusion for nitrogen gas 57
- $\dot{N}_{DAFC-NH_3}$ Molar consumption rate of ammonia 58

$\dot{P}_{EAS-in}$ Electrochemical ammonia synthesizer power input requirement 57

F Faraday's constant 56

f Frequency 51

f_c Corner frequency of the moving average filter 52

$G_{MA}(f)$ Smoothed output power using the MA filter 51

$grad(a^k)$ Criterion for convergence 88

g Weight assigned to the neuron 72

$\hat{x}(n)$ SG filter output power 55

$\hat{y}_i$ Desired NN output 73

$h(n)$ Savitsky Golay filter's impulse response 55, 56

I_{0-EAS} Exchange current density 56

I_{D-DAFC} Operational current density of direct ammonia fuel cell 58

I_{D-EAS} Actual current density 56

I_{L-DAFC} Limiting current density of the DAFC 58

I'_m Trial input signal for the EAS NN in the NNMPC 88

I_p Input data for the NN in NNMPC 87

Total current output of the DAFC 58

$I_{tot-EAS}$ Electrochemical ammonia synthesizer total current input 57

J Cost function for the NNMPC 87, 88

k Neighboring data points of the target value 53, 54

λ Control weighting factor for the NNMPC 88, 92

M Savitsky Golay filter smoothing parameter 55
 N Number of data points in the solar and wind power profile 51
 n Electron count 56
 N_d Prediction duration in the NN MPC 88, 92
 N_v Control horizon of the NN MPC 88, 92
 Ω_{DAFC} Ohmic resistance of the DAFC 58
 O_p Output data for the NN in NN MPC 87
 P Gaseous pressure 56
 P_{DAFC} Output power of the DAFC 51
 P_{EAS} Input power to the EAS 51
 P_{fluc} Fluctuating solar and wind power 51
 P_{Grid} Output power of the DAFC 51
 $\phi(z)$ Sigmoid activation function 72
 $P_{N_2}^0$ Nitrogen gas partial pressure 57
 P_{ref} Power output of the smoothing filters 51
 $P(t)$ Smoothed output power using the MA filter 51
 R Gas constant 56, 84
 σ Gaussian filter standard deviation 55
 σ_D^2 Variance of the NN training dataset 73
 σ_w^2 Variance of the NN weights 73
 t_c Target value for the NN 73
 T_{DAFC} Operational temperature of the DAFC 58

T_{EAS} Operational temperature of the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer 56
 T_{MA} Period of the moving average filter 51
 T_S Control period 51
 v NN MPC output, control signal 87–89, 92, 93
 $V_{ac-DAFC}$ Activation polarization induced voltage loss 58
 V_{ac-EAS} Activation polarization voltage overpotential 56
 $V_{cnc-EAS}$ Concentration voltage overpotential of the EAS 56
 $V_{cnc-DAFC}$ Voltage loss due to concentration polarization 58
 $V_{cnc-EAS-an}$ Voltage overpotential due to concentration polarization at the anode 57
 $V_{cnc-EAS-ct}$ Concentration polarization overpotential 57
 $V_{OC-DAFC}$ Open circuit voltage of direct ammonia fuel cell 58
 V_{OC-EAS} Open circuit voltage of the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer 56
 $V_{Ohm-EAS}$ Ohmic voltage overpotential of the EAS 56
 $V_{Ohm-DAFC}$ Ohmic loss in voltage 58
 $V_{OPN-DAFC}$ Operational voltage of direct ammonia fuel cell 58
 $V_{OPN-EAS}$ Overall cell voltage 56
 W Matrix containing all the determined weights 54
 w_i Weight vector for the NN 73
 w_{ij} Output of the neuron 72
 $w(n)$ The noise variable 55
 $w(x)$ Distance weights 53
 x Target data point 53, 54

- x_j Input of the neuron 72
- $x(n)$ Input vector of fluctuating data points 53
- x' Distance from the target data point 53, 54
- y_c Output for a specific NN training case 73
- y_i Weight assigned to the neuron 72, 73
- y_m Ammonia produced by the EAS NN model 87, 88, 93
- $y(n)$ Median value of the input vector 52
- y_o NNMPC controlled ammonia output 88
- y_r Ammonia demand, reference for the NNMPC 87–89, 91, 93
- z Weighted input for the neurons in the hidden layer 73

Chapter 1

Introduction

Excessive use of fossil fuels in recent decades has dramatically increased greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, leading to serious environmental consequences. Fossil fuels, including coal, oil, and natural gas, have historically been the primary sources of energy globally, accounting for approximately 80% of the world's energy consumption [4]. This reliance on fossil fuels has resulted in significant carbon dioxide emissions, which are a major contributor to global warming and climate change. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), global CO_2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion reached a record high of 36.8 billion tonnes in 2022 [4]. The burning of fossil fuels also releases other harmful pollutants, such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter, which can lead to respiratory problems, acid rain, and environmental degradation. The transportation sector alone contributes to nearly 25% of total energy-related CO_2 emissions [5]. As the global population continues to grow and industrialize, the demand for energy remains high, further exacerbating the negative impacts of fossil fuel use on the environment. Transitioning to cleaner and more sustainable energy sources is crucial to mitigating these harmful effects and ensuring a healthier planet for future generations.

The bar chart in Fig. 1.1 illustrates the distribution of various energy sources contributing to global electricity production as of 2022. The data reveals that coal remains the predominant source, accounting for 36% of the total electricity generated worldwide, which emphasizes the continued challenges in transitioning to cleaner energy sources [6]. Natural gas follows as the second-largest contributor, representing 23% of global electricity generation, due to its lower carbon emissions compared to coal and its ability to serve as a flexible and reliable energy source [7]. Hydropower, the most prominent renewable energy source, contributes 16% to the global energy mix, reflecting its longstanding role in sustainable energy production [8]. Nuclear power accounts for 10% of electricity generation,

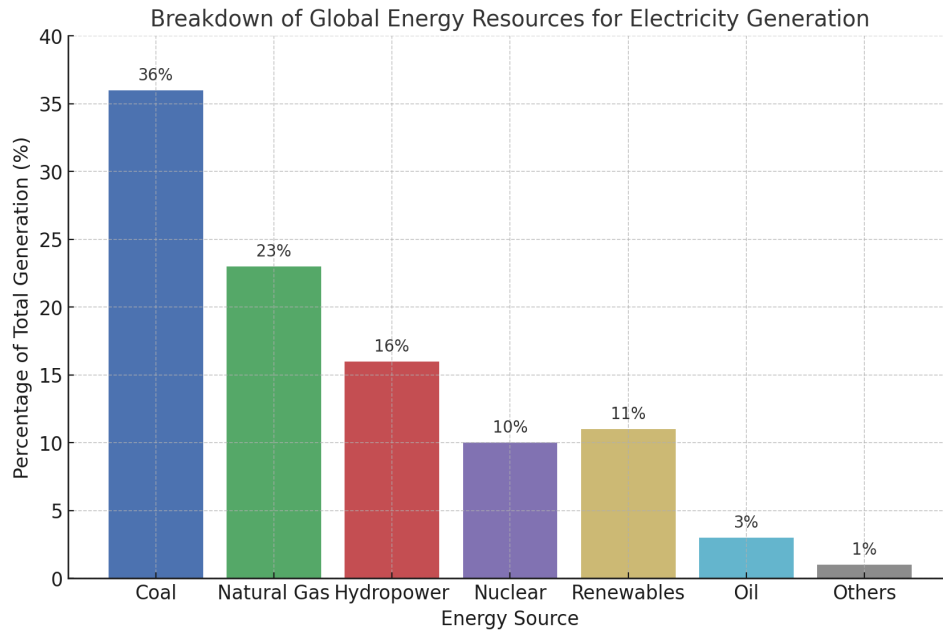


Figure 1.1: Breakdown of Global Energy Resources for Electricity Generation (2022) [3-5].

highlighting its importance in providing consistent and low-carbon energy [6]. Renewables, including solar, wind, and biomass, collectively make up 11% of electricity generation, indicating a growing shift towards sustainable energy solutions [8]. Despite efforts to diversify energy sources, oil contributes 3% and other minor sources account for 1%, showing that fossil fuels still play a significant role in the global energy landscape [7].

Globally, various initiatives are being taken to lessen reliance on fossil fuels and increase the use of environmentally-friendly renewable sources of energy, such as solar, wind, and hydro [9]. Unfortunately, the intermittent and fluctuating nature of these energy sources can result in rapid variations in the voltage and frequency at high penetration levels, introducing challenges to the stable operation of the grid [10]. Thus, renewable energy sources are integrated within a grid through microgrids and energy storage technologies are employed to regulate and stabilize wind and solar power outputs (as shown in Fig. 1.2) [9, 11]. The excess power that is available during periods of intense solar irradiation or wind speeds can be stored, and the stored energy can be used, as required, during times of low wind speed or solar irradiation [10]. The need for energy storage has strengthened the search for appropriate energy storage techniques. Batteries and thermal energy storage are currently the most prevalent storage methods. Yet, these systems are accompanied by

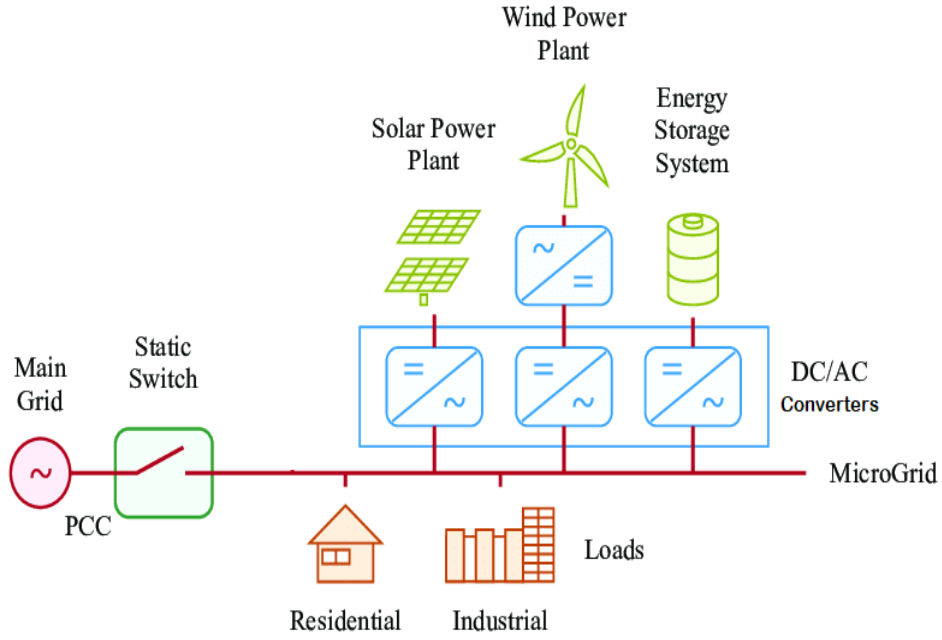


Figure 1.2: A microgrid with renewable sources and energy storage.

their own unique geographical, technological, environmental, and economic constraints [12], necessitating the development of novel energy storage techniques and technologies.

In order to deal with the unpredictable nature of solar and wind power, several energy storage systems (ESSs) are being used in the electricity generation industry, including batteries, supercapacitors, flywheels, and fuel cells (FCs) [13]. Even though batteries are the most common medium for energy storage, FCs have several advantages that can alleviate the difficulties currently faced by batteries [12]. In particular, FCs operate based on a chemical fuel, circumventing the issue of energy storage capacity fading in batteries. Since, in FCs, energy is retained in chemical form, storage durations can be extended significantly without any loss of energy quantity or quality, unlike with batteries. Moreover, increased storage capacity flexibility is achieved by the introduction of chemical fuels for energy storage [14], [15]. The most popular energy storage technology used in power systems is battery storage [16]. The drawbacks of such energy storage techniques include issues with sizing and lifespan, high cost, and negative impact on the environment. When excess power is available, it can be used to produce a green fuel like hydrogen or ammonia. Then, these fuels can be used to produce electricity when there is a shortage of energy. The fuel that is believed to displace fossil fuels in the coming years is hydrogen.

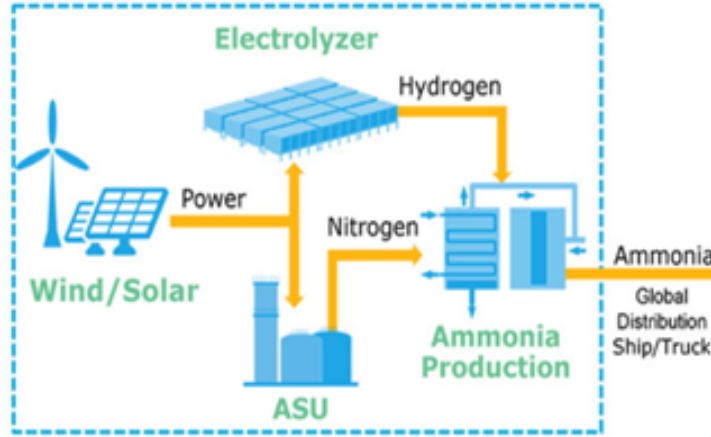


Figure 1.3: Green ammonia production via hydrogen electrolysis and Haber Bosch process.

However extensive use of hydrogen has been hindered due to its high flammability and low volumetric density [17, 18]. Recently, ammonia has been recognized as a viable hydrogen-containing alternative, capable of providing clean and environmentally friendly energy. There are various benefits to storing hydrogen chemically in the form of ammonia, including reduced storage and transportation complications, larger volumetric density, more hydrogen atoms per ammonia molecule than hydrogen molecule, and decreased flammability [19]. Thus, commonly, green ammonia is produced through the production of green hydrogen; an electrolyzer is used to produce hydrogen from water; the resulting hydrogen is then combined with the Air Separation Unit (ASU) produced nitrogen to generate ammonia using the Haber Bosch process, as shown in Fig. 1.3. This process has garnered attention owing to its capacity to harness renewable energy sources, thereby diminishing the carbon footprint [1]. Green ammonia synthesis via hydrogen electrolysis using wind power was investigated in [20] for remote islands. Hydrogen was produced using alkaline water electrolysis, and desalination was carried out using vapor compression. The Haber-Bosch process method served as the foundation for the ammonia production process. Authors in [21] investigated a thermochemical ammonia storage approach that made use of and stored solar thermal energy. Solar energy was used to split ammonia into its components, i.e., hydrogen and nitrogen, whereas the energy produced during the ammonia synthesis process was used as the system output.

Nonetheless, current hydrogen production methods emit substantial amounts of carbon dioxide. The pie chart in 1.4 illustrates the distribution of various methods used for hydrogen production globally. Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) is the predominant method,

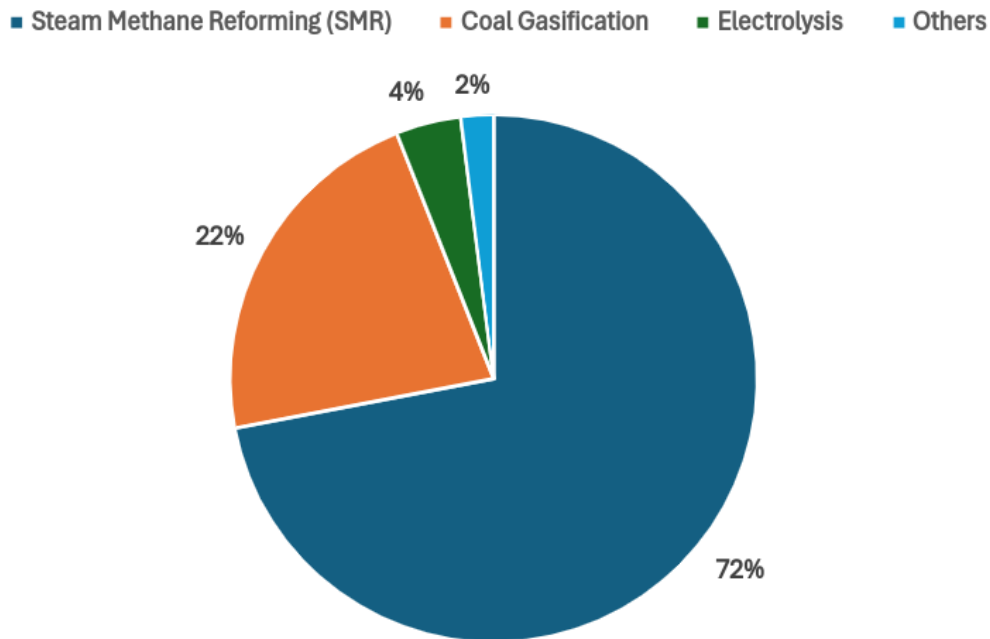


Figure 1.4: Distribution of Hydrogen Production Methods.

accounting for 72% of global hydrogen production. This process involves extracting hydrogen from natural gas, making it the most cost-effective but also the most carbon-intensive method [1]. Coal Gasification follows, contributing 22% to hydrogen production, primarily in regions with abundant coal resources [3]. In contrast, Electrolysis, which accounts for only 4% of hydrogen production, is the cleaner method that uses electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. The remaining 2% falls under Other Methods, including biomass gasification and waste reforming, which offer more sustainable alternatives by utilizing waste materials and biomass as feedstocks [3]. Despite the growing interest in renewable-based hydrogen production, the current landscape remains dominated by fossil fuel-based methods. The transition to greener technologies is crucial to reduce the environmental impact of hydrogen production and meet global sustainability goals. This shift requires significant investment in infrastructure and technology development to enhance the economic viability and scalability of renewable hydrogen production methods [2].

The graph in Fig. 1.5 illustrates the significant increase in investments in green hydrogen and ammonia production technologies from 2018 to 2022. Starting at approximately \$1 billion in 2018, investments have grown to around \$8 billion by 2022, reflecting a substan-

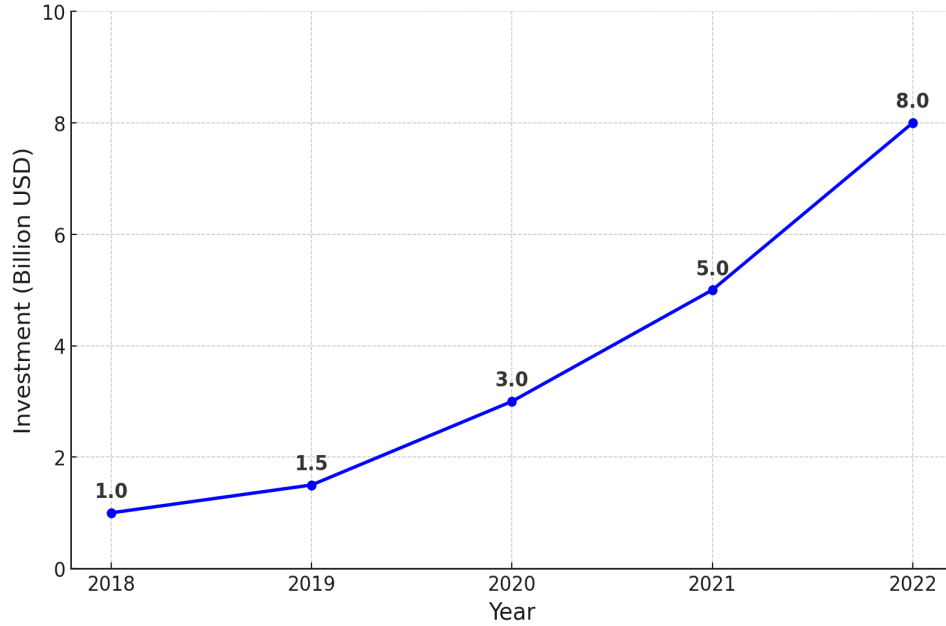


Figure 1.5: Investments in Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Production Technologies (2018-2022) [1–3].

tial shift in global energy strategies toward sustainable alternatives. This upward trend highlights the escalating commitment of governments and private sectors to reducing carbon emissions and advancing renewable energy technologies. The IEA and International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) have noted this growth as a response to the need for scalable, clean energy solutions that can complement existing energy systems [1], [2]. As technological advancements continue to reduce the costs of electrolysis and improve the efficiency of hydrogen and ammonia production, these investments are expected to further accelerate. The Hydrogen Council’s insights also emphasize that such financial commitments are crucial for the development of infrastructure necessary to support a sustainable hydrogen economy [3]. This surge in investments is a pivotal step toward achieving global sustainability goals and transitioning to a low-carbon energy future.

Hydrogen fuel cells, which convert hydrogen into electricity, are coupled with power electronic converters that play a crucial role in integrating various renewable energy sources and loads into the electricity grid. Typically, electrolyzers are paired with variable renewable energy sources, such as photovoltaic arrays or wind turbines, to produce hydrogen gas when there is an excess of renewable energy [22] (as shown in Fig. 1.6 [23]). Additionally,

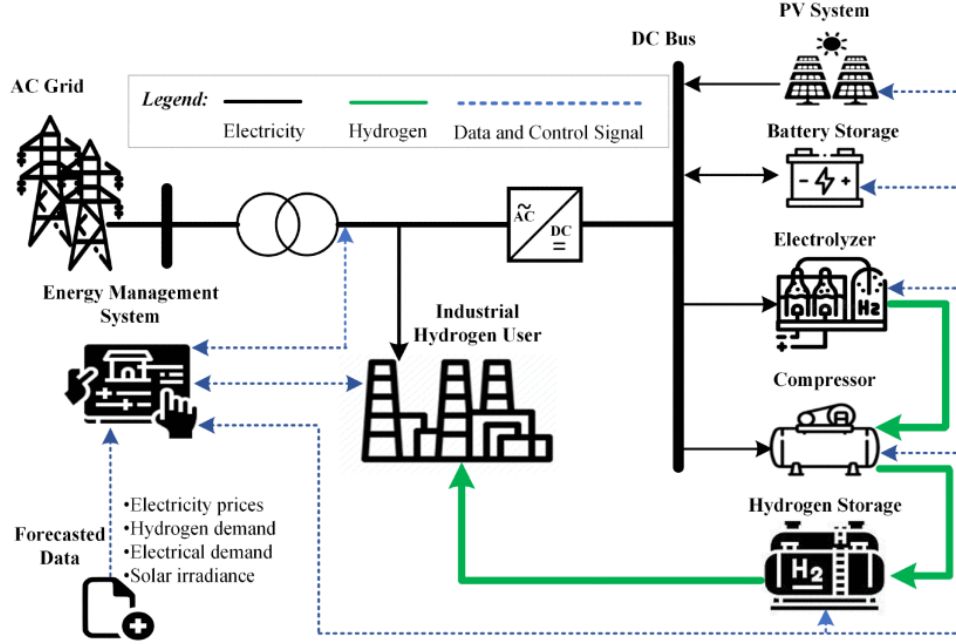


Figure 1.6: Industrial scale green hydrogen production system [23].

electrolyzers can function as controllable industrial loads, taking advantage of electricity rate structures like time-of-use pricing [24]. This capability allows for more efficient energy management and cost savings, promoting the wider adoption of green hydrogen and ammonia technologies as a sustainable solution to meet energy demands while minimizing environmental impacts.

1.1 Motivation

Although the [Electrolyzer-Haber Bosch \(E-HB\)](#) approach for green ammonia production is a well-researched area, it has the following disadvantages; (i) The electrolyzer is known to be costly and energy-intensive; (ii) The hydrogen produced by electrolyzer is first converted to ammonia and the generated ammonia through the E-HB process is later disassociated back to hydrogen to be utilized by hydrogen fuel cell, resulting in a loss of efficiency [25]. On the contrary, the approach for ammonia production based on Direct Ammonia Synthesis (DAS) has been gaining popularity due to its ability to produce green ammonia directly, using an Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer (EAS) [26]. As shown in Fig. 1.7, the

DAS approach eliminates the use of an electrolyzer and the Haber Bosch system, and, instead, directly produces ammonia using the EAS with water and nitrogen as the inputs. The elimination of the electrolyzer and Haber Bosch system greatly reduces the associated costs, and results in a higher efficiency [27].

The EAS approach, however, is a relatively less mature technology and is still in the early stages of research, but has high potential [27]. The authors in [27] state that the EAS approach can be readily decentralized as it obviates the need for electrolyzer and H-B system. Additionally, EAS would result in savings in energy and capital cost, and since EAS permits decentralized facilities and distributed sources, the cost of ammonia transportation is also reduced [28]. The discovery of active electrocatalysts for EAS has increased rapidly with a wide range of different chemical compositions [29]. Technoeconomic aspects of DAS have been analyzed and [28] concludes that the levelized cost of electricity is the major determinant of the cost of ammonia production via DAS. Moreover, the less capital cost-intensive structure of DAS can better take advantage of volatility in electricity pricing [29]. Likewise, DAS provides more opportunity to discontinue and resume production according to fluctuations in ammonia pricing or demand. In addition, the possibility of decentralization due to removing the need for an E-HB plant provides benefits in geographical areas that are less connected to infrastructure [30].

This thesis focuses on the direct ammonia synthesis approach, integrating the EAS and DAFC into smart grids to provide stable power using power smoothing filters, while developing novel neural network models for EAS and DAFC to enhance predictive accuracy and

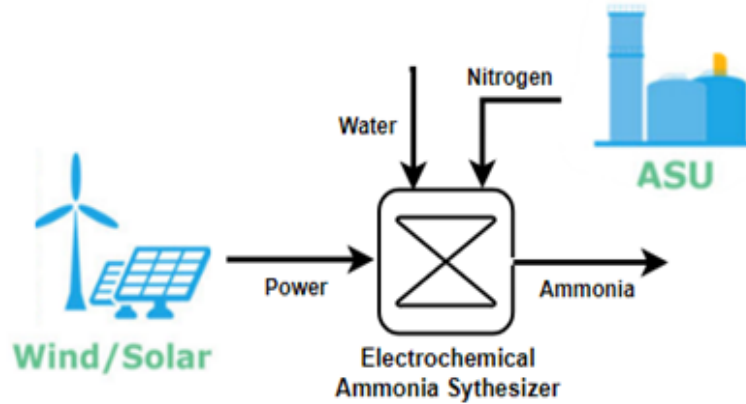


Figure 1.7: Green ammonia production via Direct Ammonia Synthesis using an Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer.

control, ultimately demonstrating improved efficiency over traditional methods through a neural network-based model predictive control system.

1.2 Research Objectives

The specific objectives of this study are listed below:

1. To introduce, design, and implement a power control strategy based on the utilization of green ammonia as a form of [Energy Storage System \(ESS\)](#).
2. To employ the [Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer \(EAS\)](#) and [Direct Ammonia Fuel Cell \(DAFC\)](#) as a means to supply stable solar and wind power.
3. To analyze the capacity requirements of the EAS and DAFC through the application of several power smoothing filters such as the [Moving Average \(MA\)](#), [Moving Median \(MM\)](#), [Moving Regression \(MR\)](#), [Savitzky Golay \(SG\)](#), and [Gaussian \(G\)](#) filter.
4. To conduct a comparison among various filters based on window sizes to study the power lagging phenomenon and its effect on the EAS and DAFC capacity requirements.
5. To propose and develop [Neural Network \(NN\)](#) models for the EAS and DAFC to capture complex nonlinear input-output relationships.
6. To create an EAS NN model that uses solar energy, water, and nitrogen as inputs to predict ammonia production output.
7. To develop a DAFC NN model that takes ammonia and oxygen as inputs to produce water, nitrogen, and power as outputs.
8. To design and implement a [Neural Network-based Model Predictive Control \(NN-MPC\)](#) approach for regulating the output of the EAS.
9. To validate the effectiveness of the NN-MPC in controlling EAS ammonia production and meeting ammonia demand through simulations.
10. To conduct a performance-based analysis comparing the proposed NN-MPC with a Mamdani-type [Fuzzy Logic Controller \(FLC\)](#).

1.3 Thesis Organization

The rest of the thesis is organized as follows:

Chapter 2 presents a literature review surveying studies relevant to the current research area. It surveys and describes relevant studies, identifying the main gaps in the existing literature that highlight the motivation for the present study. Section 2.1 discusses the integration of green hydrogen and ammonia production into energy systems. Section 2.2 explores recent advancements in the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer (EAS) for producing green ammonia. This is followed by Section 2.3, which examines the latest developments in direct ammonia alkaline anion-exchange membrane fuel cells (DAFCs). Section 2.4 reviews the utilization of energy storage and smoothing filters to ensure a stable renewable power supply. Sections 2.5 and 2.6 explore the applications of machine learning in modeling green hydrogen production systems and fuel cells, respectively. Finally, the chapter provides an in-depth review of control methodologies developed for both green hydrogen systems and fuel cells.

Chapter 3 addresses the challenges of output power fluctuations in renewable energy sources by utilizing EAS and DAFC. The chapter analyzes the capacity requirements of the EAS and DAFC through the application of various power smoothing filters. Section 3.1 details the proposed methodology and modeling techniques for the smoothing filters, along with the integration of EAS and DAFC. Section 3.2 presents the simulation results and provides key insights into system performance. Finally, Section 3.3 offers a summary and concludes the chapter.

Chapter 4 focuses on the development of neural network (NN) models for the EAS and DAFC. Section 4.1 outlines the fundamental equations that govern neural networks. Section 4.2 details the methodology for developing the EAS NN model and presents the results that demonstrate its accuracy. Similarly, Section 4.3 describes the NN model for the DAFC and provides the corresponding simulation results. Lastly, Section 4.4 concludes the chapter by summarizing the key findings.

Chapter 5 introduces and develops a neural network-based model predictive control (NNMPC) approach for regulating the output of the EAS and meeting ammonia demand. Section 5.1 outlines the key components of the NNMPC, while Section 5.2 details the modeling of the proposed controller, including the constraints imposed on it. This section also includes the design of a Mamdani-type Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC) for comparison. Section 5.3 presents simulation results that demonstrate the performance of the NNMPC and highlight its superiority over the FLC. The chapter concludes with Section 5.4.

Chapter 6 summarizes the thesis conclusions and suggests future research directions.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

In this chapter, a comprehensive literature survey is presented, covering key areas related to green hydrogen and ammonia production. Initially, the focus is on studies that developed or investigated green ammonia production via hydrogen electrolysis systems. This is followed by an examination of advancements in direct green ammonia synthesis via the electrochemical process, along with the latest developments in direct ammonia anion-exchange membrane fuel cells. Subsequently, research on power smoothing using various energy storage mediums and filters is discussed. The chapter also explores the application of machine learning-based modeling for green hydrogen production systems and fuel cells. Lastly, the development of different control strategies for green hydrogen and ammonia production systems is reviewed.

2.1 Overview of Energy Systems Incorporating Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Production

Green ammonia synthesis using wind power was investigated in [20] for remote islands. Hydrogen was produced using alkaline water electrolysis, and desalination was carried out using vapor compression. The Haber-Bosch process method served as the foundation for the ammonia production process. Authors in [21] investigated a thermochemical ammonia storage approach that made use of and stored solar thermal energy. Solar energy was used to split ammonia into its components, i.e., hydrogen and nitrogen, whereas the energy produced during the ammonia synthesis process was used as the system output. The study discovered that due to their greater heat transmission capacities, reactors with

smaller diameters are preferred for such systems. [31] examined an energy storage system based on ammonia and strontium chloride. To store the energy, the plant made use of ammonium-strontium chloride thermochemical interactions. The proposed system’s energetic and exergetic efficiencies during heat generation at temperature of 87°C was found to be 65.4% and 50.8%, respectively. Also, it was determined that the peak heat and cold energies produced were 2010 and 902 kJ/kg, respectively.

A combined solar- and wind-based system was proposed in [32] to manufacture ammonia and electrical power. The necessary hydrogen gas was generated using a water electrolysis process based on a proton exchange membrane (PEM). Furthermore, ammonia was created using a multistage synthesis technique. The system’s maximum energy efficiency was determined to be 75.8%, while its stated exergetic efficiency was 73.6%. Ammonia was taken into consideration as a form of energy storage for solar farms in [33]. Units for the manufacture of hydrogen, nitrogen, and ammonia utilized the additional power available. It was concluded that the synthesis phase accounted for more than 90% of the overall cost in the designed system. The work in [34] considered 1 to 10 MW islanded ammonia energy systems. The research studied the synthesis of hydrogen and nitrogen through PEM water electrolysis and pressure swing adsorption, respectively. It was discovered that the overall round-trip efficiency of the islanded system was 61%. Using the enhanced process integration method, [35] looked at an ammonia-based power generation system. The technique combines process integration and exergy recovery. These techniques were intended to reduce the energy loss of the entire process. Moreover, for storage, ammonia was created from the hydrogen produced. The designed system’s total efficiency was determined to be 66.9%. Researchers in [36] investigated the power-to-ammonia pathway, and an ammonia-based system with 100% renewable penetration was presented.

The thermodynamic performance of ammonia in a multigenerational system was thoroughly analyzed in studies by [37]. These studies explored the concept of converting electrical energy into ammonia, highlighting the benefits of producing valuable commodities such as fertilizers from ammonia [37]. The integration of ammonia dissociation and synthesis units was proposed to develop a reversible system capable of energy input and output through cyclic synthesis and dissociation processes. The system was designed to achieve an output capacity of 100 MW [37]. Additionally, oxygen production during water electrolysis was incorporated into the fuel cell subsystem. In [38], an ammonia-based transportation system was investigated, focusing on the use of ammonia as a fuel to mitigate harmful environmental emissions. The system emphasized the clean production of hydrogen from renewable resources and evaluated various methods of ammonia utilization, including combustion and decomposition. An efficiency rate of 39% was reported for the ammonia decomposition pathway, accounting for both energy storage phases of charging

and discharging [38]. Furthermore, [38] examined a hybrid solar-wind standalone energy system that employed an Electrolyzer-Fuel Cell (FC) configuration. This system facilitated hydrogen production during periods of surplus solar and wind energy generation and utilized the stored hydrogen during times of reduced renewable energy availability.

Bicer and Dincer [39] conducted a study on a solar-based electrochemical system for ammonia synthesis, which utilized photoelectrochemical hydrogen production. This system employed water electrolysis driven by solar photovoltaic (PV) technology, using photo-sensitive electrodes to enhance hydrogen production by capturing solar radiation. The electrochemical synthesis of ammonia was carried out using a molten electrolyte pathway, specifically a eutectic mixture of sodium and potassium hydroxide serving as the molten salt electrolyte. Nickel mesh electrodes with an area of 25 cm^2 were utilized, resulting in an ammonia synthesis rate of $4.41 \times 10 \text{ mol/s cm}^2$ and a coulombic efficiency of 14.2%. In a related study, researchers [40] investigated a renewable ammonia and methanol production system powered by wind energy. This system achieved an ammonia production capacity of 1202.6 metric tonnes per day, requiring 217.72 metric tonnes per day of hydrogen and 1009.15 metric tonnes per day of nitrogen. The primary cost constraint for these plants was identified as hydrogen production. Sanchez and Martin [41] explored a clean ammonia production system utilizing air and water as inputs, powered by solar PV and wind energy. Nitrogen was sourced from a Linde's double column, while hydrogen was generated via water electrolysis. The study focused on modeling and optimizing the parameters of each subsystem, including water splitting and air separation.

Machaj et al. [42] investigated a multigeneration system based on renewable energy designed to produce clean ammonia, which also functioned as a medium for hydrogen storage. The hydrogen required for ammonia synthesis was obtained from the electrolysis of desalinated water, while nitrogen was supplied from external sources. The system integrated an organic Rankine cycle and a steam Rankine cycle for power generation, along with an absorption cooling cycle that utilized waste heat for cooling purposes. PEM water electrolysis was used for hydrogen production, and the system achieved an energy efficiency of 28% and an exergy efficiency of 18.9%. Ye et al. [43] reviewed various technologies for clean ammonia synthesis and discussed their technoeconomic aspects. They identified carbon capture methods, water electrolysis for hydrogen production, and electrochemical ammonia synthesis techniques as the primary approaches. Carbon capture was found to be unfavorable, while water electrolysis presented significant challenges due to the low hydrogen production pressures unsuitable for ammonia synthesis. Smith et al. [44] examined the production of clean ammonia for sustainable agriculture, emphasizing both environmental and economic considerations. They reported that producing ammonia without the use of fossil fuels costs \$0.2/kg and can avoid 1.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

Verleysen et al. [45] conducted an optimization study on a wind energy-based clean ammonia synthesis system to assess its robustness under operational uncertainties. The research identified a trade-off between system robustness and ammonia production. A design optimized for high productivity achieved a 3.2-fold increase in output but exhibited a 2.6-fold decrease in robustness. Moreover, the ammonia production of the high-productivity design was significantly affected by speed measurement errors (75.4%) and temperature fluctuations (22.5%). However, the robustness of the system improved with a reduction in load size. Touili et al. [46] explored the feasibility of producing clean ammonia using solar and wind energy through a hydrogen production system based on water electrolysis. The study focused on the Haber-Bosch process for ammonia synthesis and assessed the potential for utilizing solar and wind energy across different locations to generate clean hydrogen and, consequently, ammonia. The research also evaluated the practicality of implementing such systems. El-Shafie et al. [47] proposed a solar-based clean ammonia production system that incorporated liquefied natural gas with thermal cracking and ammonia synthesis. Solar energy facilitated the thermal cracking process, generating a pure CO_2 stream suitable for urea synthesis. Optimal conditions were determined to be a thermocatalytic cracking temperature of $900^\circ C$ and a hydrogen production pressure of 23.8 bar. The system demonstrated energy and exergy efficiencies of 35.8% and 37.4%, respectively, with a production capacity of 974 tonnes per day. In [48], a technoeconomic analysis was conducted on a clean ammonia synthesis plant utilizing water electrolysis for hydrogen production. The study evaluated an optimized electrolyzer stack input of 164.2 MW, resulting in a payback period of 7.62 years.

Al-Zareer et al. [49] developed a system for ammonia production aimed at applications in hydrogen storage. The system utilized a multistage ammonia production process combined with an ammonia electrolyzer for dissociation. The design included a tanker truck equipped with a high-pressure ammonia storage tank, where hydrogen was converted into ammonia and stored. When hydrogen was required, the stored ammonia was passed through an electrolyzer to produce nitrogen and hydrogen gases. The ammonia synthesis subsystem was integrated with a steam turbine for power generation, resulting in an energy efficiency of 72.3% and an exergy efficiency of 71.8%. The system featured an ammonia storage capacity of 21 m^3 at a pressure of 61 atmospheres. Armijo and Philibert [50] explored the flexible production of clean ammonia and hydrogen using wind and solar energy. Their technoeconomic modeling demonstrated that hybridizing solar and wind energy resources reduced hydrogen production costs and improved the economic viability of ammonia production. This hybridization technique reduced power output variability, leading to lower operational costs. The near-term production costs were estimated at \$2/kg for hydrogen and \$500/tonne for ammonia. Hughes et al. [51] developed an ammonia synthesis system

based on non-carbon-based hydrogen production. The system employed a decentralized nitrogen generation technique using pressure swing adsorption and hydrogen production through water electrolysis. However, the study did not report specific output capacities for the proposed system. Tornatore et al. [52] examined the scalability of clean ammonia synthesis plants powered by renewable energy. The study evaluated a modular design, considering nitrogen production techniques such as membrane-based separation, and pressure swing adsorption (PSA)-based air separation. Hydrogen production was achieved through solar and wind-powered water electrolysis. Findings indicated that membrane-based separation is more suitable for low production rates, while the PSA technique is preferable for medium capacities of ammonia synthesis. Rasul et al. [53] investigated a wind-powered ammonia synthesis system designed for isolated islands. This system converted air and water into ammonia, using a conventional air separation unit for nitrogen production and alkaline electrolyzers for hydrogen production. Additionally, a mechanical vapor compression desalination unit was used to produce clean water, and ammonia was synthesized via the Haber-Bosch process. Wind data specific to an island were utilized to analyze the system. Although the wind-based system had higher costs compared to conventional diesel systems, the study also identified the breakeven diesel price that would make the wind-powered system competitive.

Allman and Daoutidis [54] analyzed a wind-powered ammonia production system, focusing on the effects of key design parameters. They introduced a 48-hour receding horizon optimization approach to determine schedule set points that minimize costs. The findings were used to establish correlations between operating costs and capacity ratios, with the objective of optimizing the ammonia supply chain while minimizing overall costs. The study also addressed the issue of location dependency through scaling optimization. Del Pozo [55] conducted a techno-economic optimization of an ammonia production plant based on renewable energy. In this system, hydrogen was generated via water electrolysis of desalinated seawater, and nitrogen was obtained through an air separation unit. The energy consumption of the system was reported as 10.43 kWh per kilogram of ammonia, achieving an efficiency of 37.4%. The optimization study aimed to identify the optimal configuration for generation and storage. A community-scale ammonia production plant powered by wind energy was investigated in [56]. This study focused on greenhouse gas emissions and energy balances, performing a cradle-to-gate life cycle assessment. Two scenarios were evaluated, taking into account the effects of location and reliance on the local energy system. The results indicated that ammonia production based on renewable energy significantly reduces emissions, although the regional electricity generation source has a substantial impact on the overall life cycle environmental effects. Qin et al. [57] studied clean ammonia synthesis using Ru/CeO₂ catalysts, observing higher synthesis rates at 375°C and 2.5 MPa. The

hydrogen-to-nitrogen ratio had a significant impact on synthesis rates, with higher ratios favoring increased synthesis rates at elevated temperatures. Conversely, lower ratios were more effective at lower temperatures and a pressure of 2.5 MPa. Additionally, increasing pressures at high temperatures enhanced synthesis activity due to the high dispersion of Ru particles.

Palys et al. [58] proposed a wind-powered system designed to support sustainable energy and agriculture by producing clean ammonia. This system was engineered to satisfy an annual demand of 40.3 tonnes, with a power requirement of 985 kW. The study indicated that the system could lower emissions at a cost of \$17.6 per tonne of CO_2 , utilizing hydrogen and ammonia as storage media. Usman et al. [59] conducted a thermodynamic analysis of a multigeneration system that stores hydrogen as clean ammonia. This system also produced hydrogen, heating, electricity, and cooling, employing phase change material for energy storage. The analysis was based on the first and second laws of thermodynamics, with several parametric studies to assess the impact of environmental and other variables on system performance. The energy efficiency was found to be 18.9%, while the exergy efficiency was reported to be 28%. The steam Rankine cycle exhibited an exergy destruction rate of 32 MW. An alternative approach for producing clean ammonia involves electrochemical synthesis, which generates ammonia using electrical input, electrodes, and an electrolyte. This method does not require high pressures and can operate under ambient conditions.

Griffiths et al. [60] performed an environmental assessment of several ammonia synthesis pathways, including those utilizing renewable hydrogen. Using the cradle-to-gate life cycle assessment methodology and the ReCIPE environmental impact assessment method, they determined that pathways incorporating steam methane reforming combined with chemical hydrogen looping achieved greater reductions in global warming potential. However, these methods also demonstrated higher environmental impacts in other categories. Hydrogen production via electrolysis using renewable energy sources was found to be environmentally beneficial. A sustainability model was used to assess the environmental performance of the developed system. Kyriakou et al. [61] proposed and examined an electrochemical method inspired by the Haber-Bosch process. Their design involved placing methane and steam at one electrode and nitrogen at the other. At the anode, methane and steam underwent electrochemical reactions to produce CO_2 and H^+ ions. These H^+ ions were transported through a proton-conducting membrane to the cathode, where they electrochemically reacted with nitrogen molecules to form ammonia. Concurrently, the cathode facilitated the electrochemical reduction of H^+ ions into hydrogen gas. Optimizing hydrogen extraction from the reforming compartment was found to improve overall system performance, with H^+ ion conversion to ammonia ranging from 5% to 14%. In

a comparative techno-economic study by Zhang et al. [35], various green ammonia production methods were assessed against a reference production capacity of 50 kTonne/year. Their findings revealed trade-offs between overall system efficiencies and production costs, with the power-to-ammonia route exhibiting higher efficiencies compared to biomass-to-ammonia and methane-to-ammonia routes. The power-to-ammonia method achieved an overall theoretical efficiency of 74%, dependent on increased utilization of renewable energy resources and mass production of solid oxide electrolytes. They also investigated the feasibility of ammonia synthesis using hydrogen from water electrolysis and nitrogen from cryogenic air separation, indicating a viable pathway with a discounted cash flow return of 8%.

2.2 Recent Advances in the Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer (EAS) for Green Ammonia Generation

Zhang et al. [62] investigated the clean synthesis of ammonia using an electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS) system that utilized water and nitrogen as inputs. The researchers utilized a molten salt electrolyte in conjunction with a nano-sized iron oxide catalyst, achieving a coulombic efficiency of 35% under operating conditions of 250°C and a steam pressure of 25 bar. In a similar study, [56] examined ammonia synthesis powered by electricity through an electrochemical route. This study employed a lithium-potassium-cesium chloride-based electrolyte along with catalysts such as iron oxide and cobalt oxide, achieving an ammonia production rate of $3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$. The synthesis process used nitrogen and water as reactants. The use of molten salt alkaline hydroxide electrolytes offers significant advantages, including lower operating temperatures and reduced corrosiveness compared to chloride salts. Bicer et al. [63] studied a wind-powered electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS) system that utilized a molten salt electrolyte. The study assessed system performance by evaluating wind speeds at a specific site and utilizing a 6 MW wind turbine. Electrochemical modeling of the ammonia synthesis process revealed that the key factors affecting the low-frequency region were the electrolyte capacitance and the electrode capacitance. Several electrochemical impedance spectroscopy models were developed and validated in this research.

Yang et al. [64] reviewed various molten salt-based electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS) methods. Their review covered the criteria for selecting hydrogen sources and included characterizations of all related reactions. They found that molten salt-based

ammonia synthesis could achieve a Faradaic efficiency of up to 80%, with formation rates higher than those observed with solid-state or aqueous electrolytes when using nano-sized iron oxide catalysts. Zhao et al. [65] reviewed recent advancements in EAS at atmospheric pressure, focusing on newly developed electrocatalysts essential for the nitrogen molecule reduction reaction in electrochemical ammonia synthesis. The review covered a range of catalysts, including precious metal-based ones made from ruthenium, gold, and palladium, as well as non-noble metal-based catalysts synthesized from materials like molybdenum, titanium, and iron. Additionally, non-metal catalysts such as those based on carbon and phosphorus were also examined.

The comprehensive review by Wang et al. [66] examined the potential of ammonia as a sustainable energy carrier and its role in electrochemical systems. The paper discussed various electrochemical synthesis methods, highlighting the use of molten salt electrolytes and solid electrolytes to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of ammonia production. The authors analyzed the catalysts used in these processes, such as palladium and yttria-stabilized zirconia (YSZ), focusing on their impact on reaction rates and selectivity. Additionally, the review covered the challenges associated with scaling up these technologies, including energy input requirements and the need for improved catalyst stability. The potential integration of ammonia as a fuel in direct ammonia fuel cells was also explored, presenting a pathway for its use as a clean energy source in future energy systems.

Liu et al. [67] presented a novel approach to ammonia synthesis using a membrane-free electrochemical cell, wherein the iron oxide catalyst was confined to the cathode. This configuration allowed for efficient conversion of water and air into ammonia, utilizing molten salts as the electrolyte. The study explored the reduction of iron oxide to metallic iron, which acted as the active catalyst for the ammonia synthesis reaction. The authors reported significant improvements in ammonia yield and energy efficiency, emphasizing the potential of this method to achieve carbon-neutral ammonia production. The research highlighted the benefits of using molten salts, such as enhanced ionic conductivity and stability, which contributed to the overall performance of the system.

In their paper, Shen et al. [68] delved into the fundamental mechanisms of electrochemical ammonia synthesis, focusing on the design and optimization of catalysts. The authors examined the role of molten salt electrolytes in facilitating ammonia production at lower temperatures, which was critical for improving energy efficiency. The study reviewed various catalyst materials, including transition metals and metal oxides, analyzing their performance in terms of activity, selectivity, and stability. By understanding the underlying reaction mechanisms, the authors proposed strategies for designing more effective catalysts, such as enhancing active sites and optimizing electronic structures. This mechanistic insight provided valuable guidance for developing next-generation catalysts for

sustainable ammonia synthesis.

Li et al. [69] investigated the use of solid oxide electrolysis cells (SOECs) with multicomponent materials for green ammonia synthesis. The study demonstrated the advantages of integrating molten salt electrolytes into SOECs, which resulted in improved efficiency and reduced energy consumption. The authors explored the role of multicomponent materials, such as composite oxides, in enhancing the flexibility and performance of the cells. The research highlighted the potential of this approach to revolutionize ammonia production by minimizing environmental impact and enabling the use of renewable energy sources. The paper also addressed the challenges of material stability and scalability, offering insights into the development of advanced SOEC technologies.

Wu et al. [70] provided a comprehensive overview of the progress and challenges in electrochemical ammonia synthesis. The review discussed recent advancements in catalyst development, including the use of novel materials and nanostructures to enhance reaction efficiency. The authors analyzed the configurations of electrolyte cells, such as solid-state and molten salt systems, highlighting their impact on ammonia yield and energy consumption. The paper also addressed the scalability and economic viability of electrochemical ammonia synthesis, identifying key obstacles that needed to be overcome to achieve widespread adoption. By exploring these aspects, the authors aimed to guide future research efforts toward developing sustainable and commercially viable ammonia production technologies.

Li et al. [71] focused on sustainable approaches to electrochemical ammonia synthesis, emphasizing the importance of catalyst and electrolyte design. The paper discussed the potential of using renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, to drive the electrochemical synthesis process. The authors highlighted recent advancements in catalyst development, including the use of earth-abundant materials and the design of bifunctional catalysts for improved efficiency and selectivity. The study also examined the challenges of achieving high ammonia yields and stability under various operating conditions, providing insights into future research directions to enhance the sustainability and practicality of electrochemical ammonia synthesis.

Yang et al. [64] investigated the use of molten salt electrolytes for ammonia synthesis, exploring their unique properties and advantages over conventional methods. The study addressed the challenges of side reactions and process optimization, highlighting the potential of molten salts to improve ammonia production efficiency. The authors provided a detailed analysis of the mechanisms involved in electrochemical ammonia synthesis, focusing on the role of molten salts in facilitating ion transport and enhancing reaction kinetics. The paper offered insights into the development of more effective and sustainable synthesis

processes, emphasizing the need for further research to optimize electrolyte compositions and operating conditions.

Bicer et al. [63] presented a model for ammonia production using molten salt electrolytes and wind power as an energy source. The authors evaluated the efficiency and sustainability of this renewable approach, highlighting the potential for integrating ammonia synthesis with renewable energy systems. The study demonstrated the feasibility of using wind power to drive the electrochemical synthesis of ammonia, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional fossil fuel-based methods. The paper discussed the challenges of optimizing the process for maximum efficiency and outlined future research directions to enhance the integration of renewable energy sources in ammonia production.

The review by Graça et al. [72] discussed the mechanisms, recent developments, and challenges in the design of catalysts for electrochemical ammonia synthesis. The authors focused on the use of molten salts as electrolytes, examining their advantages and limitations in the synthesis process. The paper highlighted the potential of ammonia as a clean fuel and explored the innovations required to enhance catalyst performance. Key challenges addressed included improving catalyst stability and selectivity, as well as reducing energy consumption. The authors provided insights into future research directions for improving the efficiency and sustainability of electrochemical ammonia production, emphasizing the need for multidisciplinary approaches to overcome existing barriers.

The technoeconomic aspects of electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS) have been examined, with [25] concluding that the levelized cost of electricity is the primary factor influencing the cost of ammonia production via EAS. Additionally, the less capital-intensive structure of decentralized ammonia synthesis (DAS) can better exploit fluctuations in electricity pricing [73]. Similarly, EAS offers greater flexibility to halt and resume production in response to changes in ammonia pricing or demand. Furthermore, decentralization is feasible as it eliminates the requirement for an electrochemical Haber-Bosch (E-HB) plant, providing advantages for agriculture, particularly in regions with limited infrastructure connectivity [74]. Gomez et al. [75] conducted a technoeconomic and life cycle assessment of electrochemical ammonia production using proton-conducting membranes. The study operated under near-ambient pressure conditions, with a feed rate of 32 tonnes per day of hydrogen and 135 tonnes per day of nitrogen. Various pathways employing different hydrogen and nitrogen production methods were explored to evaluate their feasibility and economic viability.

2.3 Latest Developments in Direct Ammonia Alkaline Anion-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells (DAFCs)

The DAFC in [76] was developed with a chloroacetyl polydimethyl polyvinyl alcohol (CPPO-PVA) polymer electrolyte for ionic transport of OH⁻ ions. This cell operated at room temperature and had a chromium anode on a nickel substrate and a manganese oxide cathode on carbon support. It delivered performance comparable to molten electrolyte cells, achieving 0.85 V under no-load and a maximum power output of 16 mW/cm^2 . Key advantages included reduced ohmic resistance due to minimal electrode distances, which also decreased polarization losses. Liu et al. [77] conducted an in-depth investigation into the performance characteristics of direct ammonia fuel cells utilizing anion exchange membranes (AEMs). The research emphasized the optimization of operational parameters such as temperature, ammonia concentration, and flow rates to achieve peak power output and enhanced efficiency. By systematically analyzing these variables, the study demonstrated significant improvements in fuel cell performance, achieving high power density and reduced ammonia crossover. The authors highlighted the critical role of AEMs in improving ionic conductivity and fuel utilization, thereby enhancing the overall viability of ammonia fuel cells as a sustainable energy solution.

Hu et al. [78] explored the development of Mn–Co–C spinel catalysts designed to mitigate poisoning effects in low-temperature DAFCs using AEMs. The research focused on enhancing the stability and performance of fuel cells by addressing ammonia crossover challenges. The synthesized catalysts exhibited remarkable anti-poisoning properties, which were attributed to their robust spinel structure that provided effective catalytic surfaces for ammonia oxidation. The study demonstrated that these catalysts not only improved fuel cell efficiency but also extended operational longevity by minimizing degradation caused by ammonia crossover, thus contributing to more reliable and sustainable fuel cell systems. Cao et al. [79] introduced innovative fluorinated poly (aryl piperidinium) membranes for DAFCs, focusing on their chemical stability and ionic conductivity. The study highlighted the unique properties of fluorinated polymers, which offered enhanced resistance to chemical degradation and superior ion transport capabilities. These membranes significantly reduced fuel crossover and improved fuel cell efficiency by maintaining high conductivity levels. The authors demonstrated that incorporating these advanced membranes into fuel cells led to substantial improvements in performance metrics such as power density and durability, positioning them as promising candidates for next-generation ammonia fuel cell applications.

Han and Liu [80] provided a comprehensive review of recent advancements in metal-

based electrocatalysts for AEM fuel cells, including those using ammonia as a direct fuel. The paper discussed various strategies for enhancing catalyst performance, such as structural and compositional modifications that improve reaction kinetics and stability. The authors highlighted the significance of tailored catalyst designs in achieving high efficiency and selectivity, emphasizing the role of advanced characterization techniques in understanding catalyst behavior. The review offered valuable insights into future research directions aimed at developing more effective and sustainable electrocatalysts for fuel cell applications. Liu et al. [81] investigated the development of a high-performance ion-solvating membrane for DAFCs, focusing on its ability to enhance ion transport and improve overall fuel cell efficiency. The study demonstrated that the innovative membrane design significantly reduced ohmic resistance and increased power density by facilitating efficient ion exchange and minimizing energy losses. The authors emphasized the membrane’s role in optimizing ammonia oxidation and reducing fuel crossover, highlighting its potential to enhance the performance and sustainability of ammonia fuel cells.

Dekel et al. [82] presented a comprehensive model for DAFCs with AEMs, focusing on the complex electrochemical and transport phenomena that occur within the cell. The model provided insights into key factors affecting fuel cell performance, such as membrane conductivity, catalyst activity, and mass transport limitations. By simulating various operational scenarios, the authors identified strategies for optimizing cell design and operation, including adjustments to cell geometry and catalyst composition. The study emphasized the importance of modeling in guiding experimental research and enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of ammonia fuel cells. Hu et al. [83] explored the development of a precious metal-free DAFC using Co-doped Ni₄Cu₁ anode catalysts, demonstrating high performance and cost-effectiveness. The study focused on the catalytic properties of the Co-doped Ni₄Cu₁ anodes, which exhibited excellent ammonia oxidation activity and stability. The authors highlighted the potential of these catalysts to reduce the reliance on expensive precious metals, thereby lowering the overall cost of fuel cell systems. The research demonstrated that the Co-doped Ni₄Cu₁ catalysts not only enhanced power output but also maintained high efficiency and durability, making them attractive candidates for commercial fuel cell applications.

Hren et al. [84] investigated the performance of alkaline AEMs in fuel cells, with a particular focus on ammonia as a direct fuel. The study addressed the challenges associated with ammonia crossover and its impact on cell efficiency and longevity. By evaluating different AEM materials, the authors provided insights into strategies for minimizing crossover and enhancing fuel cell performance. The research emphasized the critical role of membrane design and material selection in achieving efficient ammonia fuel cells, highlighting the need for continued innovation in membrane technology. Siddiqui et al. [85] examined the

effect of hydrogen addition on ammonia fuel cell performance. The study demonstrated that incorporating hydrogen as a supplementary fuel significantly improved power output and efficiency by facilitating more complete fuel oxidation and reducing anode polarization. The authors analyzed the synergistic effects of ammonia and hydrogen oxidation, highlighting the potential for optimizing fuel mixtures to enhance fuel cell performance and sustainability. The research provided valuable insights into the benefits of hybrid fuel systems in achieving higher efficiency and stability in ammonia fuel cells.

Guo et al. [86] explored the potential of DAFCs as a carbon-free energy technology, emphasizing the use of AEMs to improve fuel cell efficiency and sustainability. The study addressed challenges related to ammonia oxidation, such as slow reaction kinetics and catalyst degradation, and proposed solutions to enhance cell performance, including improved catalyst designs and optimized operational parameters. The authors highlighted the role of ammonia fuel cells in achieving sustainable and environmentally friendly energy solutions, positioning them as viable alternatives to traditional fossil fuel technologies. Kim et al. [87] provided a comprehensive review of research trends in DAFCs, focusing on ammonia as a fuel in AEM fuel cells. The paper covered recent developments in cell design, materials, and system integration, highlighting challenges and opportunities for this technology. The authors emphasized the importance of continued research and innovation to address current limitations, such as ammonia crossover and catalyst degradation, and enhance the commercial viability of ammonia fuel cells. The review offered insights into future directions for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Chen et al. [88] investigated the performance of DAFCs using various anode electrocatalysts, including PtIr/C, PtRu/C, and Pt/C, under mild conditions. The study demonstrated the effectiveness of these catalysts in promoting ammonia oxidation and improving power output. The authors provided detailed analyses of catalyst performance, highlighting the advantages and limitations of each material in terms of activity, selectivity, and stability. The research offered valuable insights into catalyst selection and optimization strategies for enhancing fuel cell efficiency and durability. Zhang et al. [89] explored the potential of generating electricity from ammonia in landfill leachate using an alkaline membrane fuel cell with precious-metal-free electrodes. The study demonstrated the feasibility of this approach, highlighting its potential for waste-to-energy applications. The authors emphasized the environmental benefits of ammonia fuel cells in converting waste streams into valuable energy resources, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional waste management practices. The research provided insights into optimizing cell design and materials to enhance power output and efficiency in waste-derived fuel cells.

Zhao et al. [90] investigated the development of a high-performance DAFC using gas-fed ammonia and hydroxide exchange membranes. The study evaluated the ammonia

oxidation process and highlighted improvements in cell design for enhanced efficiency and performance. The authors demonstrated the viability of this approach for achieving high power densities and stable operation, emphasizing the role of innovative membrane designs in optimizing fuel cell performance. The research provided valuable insights into the integration of ammonia fuel cells into energy systems, offering a promising solution for sustainable energy generation. Huihuang et al. [91] reviewed recent advancements in ammonia oxidation catalysts for DAFCs with AEMs. The paper highlighted the development of new catalysts with improved activity and selectivity, focusing on their impact on fuel cell performance at low temperatures. The authors discussed various strategies for enhancing catalyst performance, including structural modifications and compositional adjustments, to achieve higher efficiency and durability. The review provided insights into catalyst design and optimization for advancing ammonia fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Li et al. [92] investigated the development of high-performance ammonia oxidation catalysts for DAFCs using AEMs. The study highlighted advancements in catalyst design, focusing on their impact on fuel cell efficiency and durability. The authors emphasized the importance of optimizing catalyst structures and compositions to achieve superior ammonia oxidation performance, offering insights into strategies for enhancing catalyst activity and stability. The research demonstrated the potential of these catalysts to improve fuel cell performance and sustainability, contributing to the advancement of ammonia fuel cell technology. Xue et al. [93] focused on developing alkaline-stable anion exchange membranes using cycloaliphatic quaternary ammonium-based conductors. The study demonstrated the enhanced chemical stability and ionic conductivity of these membranes, offering improved performance and durability in ammonia fuel cells. The authors highlighted the potential of these materials to advance AEM fuel cell technology by providing stable and efficient ion transport pathways. The research provided valuable insights into membrane design and material selection for optimizing fuel cell performance and sustainability.

Wang et al. [94] introduced a nickel-based hydrogen oxidation catalyst with high ammonia tolerance for AEM fuel cells. The research demonstrated improved performance and anti-poisoning capabilities, offering insights into catalyst design for efficient fuel cell applications. The authors highlighted the potential of this catalyst to enhance ammonia fuel cell efficiency by mitigating the negative effects of ammonia crossover, providing a promising solution for achieving stable and efficient fuel cell operation. The study emphasized the importance of catalyst development in advancing ammonia fuel cell technology. Liu et al. [95] developed and evaluated a passive DAFC, focusing on its performance and operational characteristics. The study demonstrated the feasibility of passive ammonia fuel cells, highlighting their simplicity and potential for portable and small-scale applications.

The authors provided insights into optimizing cell design and materials to enhance power output and efficiency, emphasizing the role of passive fuel cells in promoting sustainable energy solutions. The research offered valuable guidance for advancing ammonia fuel cell technology and expanding its applications.

Gao [96] investigated nickel-based anode catalysts for AEM fuel cells, focusing on their efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The study demonstrated the potential of these catalysts to reduce fuel cell costs while maintaining high performance and durability. The authors highlighted the importance of catalyst design in achieving affordable and efficient ammonia fuel cells, providing insights into strategies for optimizing catalyst activity and stability. The research emphasized the role of nickel-based catalysts in advancing ammonia fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions. Cheng et al. [97] explored the impact of AEMs on ammonia fuel cell performance, focusing on membrane properties and operational conditions. The study highlighted the critical role of membrane conductivity and stability in determining fuel cell efficiency and durability. The authors provided insights into membrane design strategies to optimize ammonia fuel cell performance, emphasizing the importance of material selection and structural optimization. The research offered valuable guidance for enhancing the performance and sustainability of ammonia fuel cells.

Liu et al. [98] reviewed recent advancements in AEM fuel cells for ammonia, focusing on materials, catalysts, and system integration. The paper highlighted the challenges and opportunities for this technology, emphasizing the need for continued research and innovation. The authors provided insights into future research directions to enhance the sustainability and practicality of ammonia fuel cells, offering valuable guidance for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions. Zhang et al. [99] conducted a comparative study of ammonia and methanol as fuels in AEM fuel cells. The study evaluated the performance and efficiency of each fuel, highlighting the advantages and challenges associated with their use. The authors provided insights into fuel selection and optimization for enhanced fuel cell performance and sustainability, emphasizing the importance of understanding the unique characteristics of each fuel in achieving optimal results. The research offered valuable guidance for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Yang et al. [100] focused on catalyst development for AEM fuel cells, specifically addressing ammonia oxidation at the anode. The study highlighted advancements in catalyst design and their impact on fuel cell efficiency and durability. The authors emphasized the importance of optimizing catalyst structures and compositions to achieve superior ammonia oxidation performance, offering insights into strategies for enhancing catalyst activity and stability. The research demonstrated the potential of these catalysts to improve fuel

cell performance and sustainability, contributing to the advancement of ammonia fuel cell technology. Huang et al. [101] explored the potential of ammonia as a fuel in AEM fuel cells, highlighting its advantages and challenges. The study evaluated the feasibility of ammonia fuel cells, focusing on their efficiency and sustainability. The authors provided insights into optimizing cell design and materials to enhance the viability of ammonia as a clean energy source, offering valuable guidance for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Wu et al. [102] investigated innovative AEMs for high-performance ammonia fuel cells, focusing on membrane materials and design. The study demonstrated significant improvements in membrane conductivity and stability, leading to enhanced fuel cell efficiency and durability. The authors highlighted the potential of these innovative membranes to advance ammonia fuel cell technology by providing efficient ion transport pathways, offering valuable insights into membrane design and material selection for optimizing fuel cell performance and sustainability. Huang et al. [103] reviewed the challenges and opportunities in ammonia-fueled AEM fuel cells, focusing on materials, design, and system integration. The paper highlighted the technical and economic barriers to widespread adoption and provided insights into strategies for overcoming these challenges. The authors emphasized the importance of continued research and innovation to enhance the commercial viability of ammonia fuel cells, offering valuable guidance for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions.

Li et al. [104] investigated the design and performance of AEM fuel cells using ammonia as a sustainable fuel. The study demonstrated significant improvements in fuel cell efficiency and durability, highlighting the potential of ammonia as a clean energy source. Yang et al. [105] reviewed technology developments and emerging applications of ammonia electrolysis and fuel cells. The paper highlighted recent advancements in materials and system design, emphasizing the potential of ammonia as a sustainable fuel. The authors provided insights into future research directions and opportunities for integrating ammonia fuel cells into energy systems, offering valuable guidance for advancing fuel cell technology and promoting sustainable energy solutions. Zhao et al. [106] reviewed recent advancements in AEM materials for ammonia fuel cells, focusing on their impact on fuel cell performance and durability. The paper highlighted the development of new materials with enhanced conductivity and stability, offering insights into future research directions. The authors emphasized the importance of continued innovation in membrane materials to advance ammonia fuel cell technology, offering valuable guidance for enhancing fuel cell performance and sustainability.

2.4 Utilization of Energy Storage and Smoothing Filters for Stable Renewable Power Supply

The intermittent and fluctuating nature of renewable energy sources results in rapid variations in the voltage and frequency at high penetration levels, introducing challenges to the stable operation of the grid [10]. Thus, renewable energy sources are integrated within a grid through microgrids, and energy storage technologies are employed to regulate and stabilize wind and solar power outputs (as shown in Fig. 1) [9, 11]. The excess power that is available during periods of intense solar irradiation or wind speeds can be stored, and the stored energy can be used, as required, during times of low wind speed or solar irradiation [10]. The need for energy storage has strengthened the search for appropriate energy storage techniques. Batteries and thermal energy storage are currently the most prevalent storage methods. Yet, these systems are accompanied by their own unique geographical, technological, environmental, and economic constraints [12], necessitating the development of novel energy storage techniques and technologies.

In order to deal with the unpredictable nature of wind power, several energy storage systems (ESSs) are being used in the electricity generation industry, including batteries, supercapacitors, flywheels, and fuel cells (FCs) [13]. Even though batteries are the most common medium for energy storage, FCs have several advantages that can alleviate the difficulties currently faced by batteries [12]. In particular, FCs operate based on a chemical fuel, circumventing the issue of energy storage capacity fading in batteries. Since, with FCs, energy is retained in chemical form, storage durations can be extended significantly without any loss of energy quantity or quality, unlike with batteries. Moreover, increased storage capacity flexibility is achieved by the introduction of chemical fuels for energy storage [14], [15].

The employment of hydrogen fuel cells for energy storage has been examined in prior studies. A dynamical system model was constructed to analyze the performance of the system. In [107], a wind power leveling system via hydrogen FCs was simulated. The steady load tracking was examined via optimal control design and successive iterations. The tuning was aimed at saving system components and lowering operating costs. With intermittent renewable energy systems, hybrid battery and FC devices have also been presented [108]. The electrochemical hybrid ESS was found to have the ability to take the place of diesel generators for regulating the output of wind and solar energy systems. A hybrid wind-solar-based stand-alone energy system using an Electrolyzer-FC technology was assessed [109]. This system generated hydrogen when there was an excess of solar and wind energy outputs and used the hydrogen that had been stored when there was

a shortage of solar and wind energy. Additionally, research was done to plan the use of hydrogen-based ESS for wind turbines [110, 111]. ESS powered by hydrogen fuel cells has been created to address the power quality issues brought on by unpredictable wind power outputs [112]. Considering the numerous technological constraints associated with wind turbines, these technologies were developed for hybrid renewable energy systems.

Smoothing filters are employed in combination with BESS to minimize the battery charging and discharging power, which further lowers the system cost [113]. To smooth the output power, several smoothing filters have previously been developed and integrated with BESSs. The most widely used filtering methods are Low Pass (LP), Moving Average (MA), Moving Median (MM), Gaussian (G), Savitzky Golay (SG), and Moving Regression (MR) filters. [114] has reported that the use of low pass filters prior to injecting fluctuating power into the grid causes a severe lag in the resulting output power. Thus, the battery’s capacity for both charging and discharging is greatly increased. It was reported in [115] that the MA filter had much better flattening and power-following characteristics than the LPF. Longer LPF time constants and larger MA filter window sizes increase smoothness, however, they do so at the expense of a time delay, necessitating the use of larger batteries [114]. A longer LPF time constant has a negative effect on battery charging and discharging power, according to the authors of [116]. The battery’s SoC is frequently changed by insufficient power tracking, which increases the number of cycles the battery experiences and reduces its lifespan [117].

An MM filter was created and compared to LPF and MA filters in [114]. The findings indicated that while the MM filter offers greater power tracking at the expense of less effective solar power smoothing, it does so with window widths similar to those of an MA filter. A G filter is recommended in [115, 118] to smooth a wind turbine’s output power. A GF tends to over-smooth the power, which results in the loss of power signal characteristics, as was discovered in [119]. This causes a deep discharge of the battery, which reduces battery life [120]. In order to reduce solar PV variability, power lagging, and battery charging/discharging power, an MR filter has been proposed in conjunction with SoC feedback management [115]. The findings show that an MR filter enhances solar power flatness while maintaining BESS capacity. Finally, the SG filter combined with a control mechanism overcomes the difficulty of power tracking and generates a level of smoothness compared to the MA filter while reducing storage capacity [116].

Studies have explored hybrid approaches that combine multiple smoothing filters to optimize the performance of BESS in renewable energy applications. A combination of moving average and Savitzky-Golay filters was evaluated by [121], which demonstrated improved power smoothing and reduced storage requirements. This approach allowed for better adaptation to rapid changes in solar irradiance, enhancing the overall stability of the

energy system. Another innovative method involved the use of adaptive filtering techniques, as investigated by [122]. Adaptive filters dynamically adjusted their parameters based on real-time power fluctuations, resulting in enhanced power quality and reduced battery stress. The study highlighted the potential of these filters to extend battery lifespan by minimizing excessive charge-discharge cycles.

The integration of machine learning algorithms with smoothing filters was explored by [123]. The study utilized neural networks to predict power fluctuations and adjust filter settings accordingly, achieving superior smoothing performance compared to traditional methods. This intelligent approach significantly reduced power lag and improved the response time of the energy system. A study by [124] compared the effectiveness of different filtering techniques in wind energy systems. The research concluded that while low-pass filters were effective in smoothing short-term fluctuations, they often introduced delays that could affect grid stability. In contrast, moving average filters provided a better balance between smoothing and responsiveness, making them more suitable for wind power applications.

For photovoltaic systems, [125] investigated the integration of BESS with predictive control strategies to enhance power smoothing. By forecasting solar irradiance and adjusting battery operations preemptively, the system achieved a higher level of power stability and reduced reliance on smoothing filters. This predictive approach also minimized battery wear by optimizing charge-discharge cycles. The impact of filtering techniques on the economic viability of renewable energy systems was analyzed by [126]. The study found that although advanced filtering methods increased initial system costs, they provided long-term savings by reducing battery degradation and improving energy efficiency. This economic analysis underscored the importance of selecting appropriate filtering strategies to maximize return on investment.

Further advancements in power smoothing filters were reported by [127], who developed a novel multi-layer filtering approach for hybrid energy systems. This method employed different layers of filters to target specific frequency ranges of power fluctuations, resulting in improved overall system performance and reliability. The study demonstrated that this approach effectively mitigated power spikes and minimized stress on energy storage components. In terms of policy implications, [128] discussed the role of smoothing filters in achieving renewable energy targets. The study emphasized the need for supportive regulations that incentivize the adoption of advanced filtering technologies, as they play a crucial role in integrating renewable energy sources into the grid and ensuring energy security.

The application of digital signal processing techniques in the design of smoothing filters

has been a recent area of interest, as highlighted by [129]. Digital filters offer the advantage of precision and flexibility, allowing for real-time adjustments to meet specific grid requirements. The study demonstrated that digital signal processing could significantly improve the response time and accuracy of smoothing filters, reducing the need for excessive energy storage capacity and thereby lowering system costs. Another study by [130] examined the impact of harmonics on the performance of smoothing filters in energy systems. Harmonics, which are distortions in the electrical waveform, can adversely affect power quality and increase system losses. The research focused on developing harmonics-resistant filtering techniques that could maintain power quality while effectively smoothing output fluctuations, ensuring stable integration of renewable sources into the grid.

In exploring grid integration challenges, [131] emphasized the importance of grid-friendly filter designs that minimize the impact on grid stability. The research highlighted the development of filters capable of adapting to varying grid conditions, thus ensuring reliable power supply even during peak demand periods. This adaptability is crucial for maintaining the balance between renewable generation and grid requirements. [132] investigated the use of hybrid energy storage systems in conjunction with smoothing filters to enhance the stability of power systems with high renewable penetration. The study demonstrated that combining batteries with supercapacitors allowed for rapid response to power fluctuations, improving the effectiveness of smoothing filters in managing short-term variability and reducing stress on battery systems.

Recent advancements in control algorithms for smoothing filters have been reported by [133], who developed predictive control strategies that anticipate power fluctuations and adjust filter parameters accordingly. These advanced control algorithms enhance the precision and efficiency of smoothing filters, reducing the likelihood of over-smoothing and improving the overall performance of renewable energy systems. A comprehensive analysis by [134] explored the economic and environmental impacts of implementing advanced smoothing filters in distributed energy systems. The study concluded that while initial costs might be higher, the long-term benefits of improved system reliability, reduced maintenance, and extended battery lifespan outweighed the investment, contributing to more sustainable and economically viable energy solutions.

The potential of artificial intelligence in optimizing smoothing filter performance was explored by [135]. The study integrated machine learning algorithms with filter control systems to dynamically adjust filter settings based on real-time data. This approach resulted in significant improvements in power quality and system efficiency, highlighting the potential of AI to revolutionize renewable energy management. [136] focused on multi-objective optimization of filter design to simultaneously address power smoothing, cost, and environmental impact. The research employed advanced optimization techniques to

balance these objectives, resulting in filter designs that are not only effective in reducing power fluctuations but also cost-efficient and environmentally friendly.

The integration of smoothing filters in microgrid systems was investigated by [137]. The study emphasized the role of filters in enhancing microgrid stability and reliability, particularly in isolated and remote areas where grid connection is not feasible. The findings emphasized on the importance of robust filtering strategies in ensuring consistent power supply and optimizing microgrid operations. Finally, [138] addressed the challenges and future directions for the development of smoothing filters in the context of increasing renewable energy penetration. The study highlighted the need for filter design and control strategies that meet the evolving demands of modern power systems, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary research in advancing the field.

Research gap - As established above, numerous energy storage systems, hydrogen electrolyzers, and fuel cells have been investigated for power smoothing applications. EAS and DAFC present several advantages over systems based on hydrogen electrolyzers and fuel cells, particularly regarding lower volumetric density, reduced flammability, and decreased storage costs, which can be further optimized by utilizing ammonia [26], [139]. Nonetheless, the potential of ammonia for regulating and smoothing the fluctuations in solar and wind power remains to be examined. Ammonia offers a promising solution to the existing challenges associated with hydrogen by significantly reducing storage costs and enhancing volumetric capacity. Therefore, it is essential to explore the application of various smoothing filters and their effects on DAFC and EAS systems. Moreover, assessing the required EAS and DAFC capacities, in conjunction with different power smoothing filters, is vital, as reduced capacities can directly contribute to lowering overall system costs.

2.5 Application of Machine Learning in Modeling of Green Hydrogen Production Systems

Developing accurate models for hydrogen electrolyzer systems is crucial in advancing the efficiency and reliability of hydrogen production technologies. Electrolyzers, which facilitate the splitting of water into hydrogen and oxygen, are central to this production process. Accurate modeling of these systems is essential for optimizing operational parameters, thereby enhancing performance and reducing energy consumption. Models that provide a deeper understanding of the complex electrochemical dynamics and thermodynamic processes occurring within electrolyzers enable researchers and engineers to improve system design and scalability. Additionally, precise models support the integration of renewable

energy sources, ensuring stable and efficient hydrogen production. Furthermore, accurate modeling is crucial for developing advanced control strategies, minimizing maintenance costs, and extending the operational lifespan of electrolyzers. In the context of a global transition to a low-carbon economy, the capacity to construct reliable models is critical for speeding up the deployment of hydrogen technologies, ultimately contributing to their economic viability and environmental sustainability.

The study [140], explored the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to predict hydrogen output in Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolyzers (PEMEs) powered by solar energy. This study highlighted that CNNs, when compared to traditional regression models, significantly enhanced the accuracy of predictions by effectively capturing complex non-linear relationships within the data. The improved performance was attributed to the CNN’s ability to automatically extract relevant features from raw input data, reducing the need for extensive manual feature engineering. Moreover, [141] conducted a comparative analysis of various machine learning algorithms, including Decision Trees, Random Forests, and Gradient Boosting Machines, to predict hydrogen production efficiency. The findings indicated that ensemble methods like Random Forests and Gradient Boosting Machines outperformed individual algorithms by effectively reducing overfitting and improving generalization to unseen data. These techniques provided robust models capable of accurately predicting hydrogen yields under varying operational conditions.

Another significant contribution was made by [142], who integrated Reinforcement Learning (RL) into hydrogen production systems to optimize operational parameters dynamically. The RL-based approach enabled the system to learn optimal strategies for adjusting input variables, such as temperature and pressure, in real-time. This adaptive strategy enhanced system efficiency and increased hydrogen output by continuously learning from past performance data and adjusting to changing environmental conditions. Similarly, [143] implemented a hybrid approach combining RL with traditional optimization techniques to control hydrogen production processes. This hybrid model leveraged RL’s exploratory capabilities to identify potential improvements in system operations while utilizing deterministic optimization algorithms to ensure stability and reliability in the decision-making process. The results demonstrated significant improvements in both energy efficiency and hydrogen production rates.

Furthermore, [144] employed Bayesian Neural Networks (BNNs) to model the uncertainty in hydrogen production predictions. By quantifying uncertainty, the study provided insights into the reliability of predictions and allowed for risk-aware decision-making. BNNs were shown to be particularly useful in scenarios with incomplete or noisy data, as they could account for uncertainty in both the model parameters and predictions. The role of Support Vector Machines (SVMs) in hydrogen production system modeling was explored

by [145]. The study demonstrated that SVMs, when combined with feature selection techniques, effectively reduced the dimensionality of the input data and improved prediction accuracy. The integration of SVMs provided a robust framework for handling high-dimensional data, which is common in complex hydrogen production systems.

Additionally, [146] investigated the use of unsupervised learning techniques, such as clustering algorithms, to identify operational patterns in hydrogen production systems. By clustering historical data, the study identified common operating regimes and anomalies, which facilitated proactive maintenance and optimized system performance. This approach provided valuable insights into system behavior without requiring labeled data. Recent advancements in neural architecture search (NAS) have been applied to hydrogen production modeling by [147]. NAS techniques automated the design of deep learning models, enabling the discovery of optimal network architectures tailored to specific hydrogen production tasks. This automated approach significantly reduced the time and expertise required to develop high-performing models and improved prediction accuracy across various system configurations.

The impact of ensemble learning on hydrogen production predictions was further explored by [148], who utilized techniques such as bagging, boosting, and stacking to combine the strengths of multiple models. Ensemble learning improved the robustness and accuracy of predictions by aggregating the outputs of diverse models, thus mitigating the weaknesses of individual learners and enhancing overall system reliability. To enhance the interpretability of AI models in hydrogen production, [149] applied explainable AI (XAI) techniques to uncover the decision-making processes of complex models. By employing methods like SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) and Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME), the study provided insights into feature importance and model behavior, fostering trust and transparency in AI-driven decision-making.

Additionally, [150] explored the potential of transfer learning to improve model performance in hydrogen production systems. By leveraging pre-trained models on similar tasks, transfer learning enabled the rapid adaptation of models to new datasets, significantly reducing the amount of labeled data and computational resources required for training. This approach proved particularly beneficial in scenarios with limited historical data. A novel approach by [151] involved using genetic algorithms to optimize the design and operation of hydrogen production systems. Genetic algorithms efficiently explored the solution space and identified optimal configurations of system parameters, leading to enhanced hydrogen production efficiency and reduced energy consumption. The study demonstrated the potential of evolutionary algorithms to solve complex optimization problems in hydrogen production. [152] introduced the concept of federated learning for distributed hydrogen production systems, enabling multiple stakeholders to collaboratively train machine learn-

ing models without sharing sensitive data. This decentralized approach preserved data privacy and security while leveraging diverse datasets to improve model accuracy and generalizability across different production sites.

In the realm of feature engineering, [153] emphasized the importance of selecting relevant input features to improve model performance in hydrogen production systems. The study employed advanced feature selection techniques, such as recursive feature elimination and mutual information, to identify key variables that significantly impacted hydrogen production efficiency. By focusing on the most informative features, the models achieved higher predictive accuracy and robustness. Furthermore, [154] highlighted the significance of hyperparameter optimization in developing high-performing machine learning models for hydrogen production. The study employed techniques such as grid search, random search, and Bayesian optimization to fine-tune hyperparameters, resulting in improved model performance and reduced overfitting. Proper hyperparameter tuning was shown to be crucial for achieving optimal model performance. [155] addressed the scalability challenges of deploying AI models in large-scale hydrogen production systems. The study proposed scalable architectures and distributed computing frameworks to efficiently handle the vast amounts of data generated by these systems. By leveraging cloud-based platforms and parallel processing, the models were able to deliver real-time predictions and optimize system operations at scale.

The integration of ML with Internet of Things (IoT) technologies in hydrogen production systems was explored by [156]. IoT devices provided real-time data on system performance and environmental conditions, enabling ML models to make informed decisions and optimize operations dynamically. This integration enhanced system efficiency, reduced downtime, and improved overall reliability. [157] developed machine learning-based predictive maintenance models by analyzing historical maintenance data and real-time operational metrics from various sensors and IoT devices. These models utilized algorithms such as decision trees and random forests to predict equipment failures and maintenance needs, allowing operators to schedule interventions proactively and minimize downtime. This approach not only extended the lifespan of critical components but also reduced maintenance costs and improved the reliability of hydrogen production systems, ensuring a steady supply of hydrogen even under varying operational conditions.

Researchers in [158] employed adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference systems (ANFIS) to dynamically adjust operating parameters in hydrogen production processes. ANFIS combines the human-like reasoning style of fuzzy systems with the learning capabilities of neural networks, allowing it to model complex, non-linear processes effectively. This approach enabled real-time optimization by learning from historical data and adapting to changing conditions, resulting in enhanced efficiency, reduced operational costs, and im-

proved system resilience. By continuously updating its control strategies, the system was able to respond to fluctuations in input variables such as temperature, pressure, and feed-stock quality, ensuring consistent hydrogen output. [159] explored the application of deep reinforcement learning (DRL) to optimize the energy consumption of electrolysis-based hydrogen production systems. DRL combines deep learning with reinforcement learning principles and was employed to develop control policies that minimized energy usage while maximizing hydrogen output. The algorithms learned from interactions with the production environment, continuously adjusting their strategies to achieve optimal performance. The study demonstrated that DRL could achieve significant energy savings and improve the sustainability of hydrogen production processes, highlighting its potential to enhance the economic viability of renewable hydrogen.

Digital twins, which are virtual replicas of physical systems, have become a powerful tool for simulating and analyzing hydrogen production processes. [160] explored the use of digital twins combined with ML to enhance predictive capabilities in hydrogen systems. By integrating real-time data from sensors with advanced modeling techniques, digital twins provided operators with a comprehensive view of system performance, allowing them to optimize operations and anticipate potential issues. The study highlighted that digital twins could improve decision-making, reduce operational risks, and support the implementation of predictive maintenance strategies, ultimately increasing the reliability and efficiency of hydrogen production systems. [161] highlighted the impact of big data analytics on hydrogen production systems. By leveraging vast datasets generated by sensors and IoT devices, the study applied machine learning algorithms to uncover patterns and trends that informed decision-making and optimized system operations. Big data analytics enabled the identification of inefficiencies and bottlenecks, allowing operators to implement targeted improvements and enhance overall system performance. This data-driven approach facilitated more efficient resource management, reduced waste, and improved the scalability of hydrogen production systems, making them more adaptable to fluctuating market demands.

In hybrid energy systems, the role of machine learning-based models is increasingly critical for managing the interplay between hydrogen production and other renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. [162] investigated how ML models could balance energy inputs from these sources, optimizing resource allocation to ensure consistent hydrogen production. By leveraging machine learning algorithms to predict energy availability and demand, the system dynamically adjusted production schedules and resource distribution. This integrated approach improved the resilience and efficiency of hybrid systems, supporting broader adoption of renewable energy technologies and facilitating a more stable transition to low-carbon energy networks. [163] developed machine learning models to mon-

itor and predict safety risks, such as gas leaks and equipment malfunctions, in real-time. By analyzing data from various sensors, the models provided early warnings and actionable insights, enabling operators to take preventive measures and avoid potential accidents. This proactive approach to safety management not only reduced the likelihood of incidents but also ensured compliance with regulatory standards, contributing to safer and more sustainable hydrogen production facilities.

The impact of ML on cost reduction in hydrogen production was investigated in [164], various ML-driven solutions aimed at optimizing production processes and improving operational efficiency resulted in significant cost savings. By reducing energy consumption, minimizing waste, and enhancing system performance, the study emphasized that continued advancements in ML would be crucial for further reducing costs and promoting the widespread adoption of hydrogen as a sustainable energy source. [165] discussed key barriers to scalability, such as data privacy concerns, interoperability issues, and the need for robust infrastructure. The study outlined strategies to overcome these challenges, including the development of standardized data protocols, the adoption of cloud-based solutions for data storage and processing, and the implementation of secure data-sharing practices. By addressing these challenges, the research provided a roadmap for successfully deploying ML solutions at scale, ensuring widespread adoption and maximizing the impact of ML-driven innovations in hydrogen production.

2.6 Application of Machine Learning in Modeling Fuel Cells

Fuel cells offer numerous advantages, including high reliability and the ability to deliver clean, quiet power with modular installation. Due to their local control and shorter connection and transmission links, fuel cells are well-suited for secure local power generation [108, 166]. Beyond their environmentally friendly design, fuel cells also offer flexibility, as they can be integrated with grid systems or operated using local smart controls. Given the potential of fuel cells to contribute to the development of smart grids, significant efforts are being directed towards the accurate modeling of fuel cell-based systems for smart grid applications [167]. To effectively assess and characterize the behavior and performance of fuel cells across diverse operating conditions for the purpose of design, optimization, and diagnostics, a robust fuel cell model is necessary [113, 168]. Various types of fuel cell models exist, broadly categorized as empirical, physics-based, and data-driven. Empirical models, also referred to as equivalent models, lack representation of actual system components and necessitate extensive calibration, rendering them unsuitable for accurate performance

prediction [169]. Physics-based models, on the other hand, offer a more insightful understanding of system dynamics without the need for large datasets, but their development involves significant challenges in terms of complexity, experimental requirements, sensor validation, and computational resources [115]. Additionally, such models necessitate numerical techniques to tackle the underlying physics posing constraints on real-time applications [170]. In contrast to physics-based models, data-based machine learning models operate on the premise of establishing input-output relationships within a fuel cell model, primarily through experimental data, leveraging statistical techniques, probability theory, and network architecture. This approach circumvents the complexities associated with physics-based models and intensive calibration efforts, often yielding superior accuracy, particularly in scenarios where the intricacies of complex mechanisms defy modeling via governing equations [171, 172].

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) have become a pivotal tool in modeling and optimizing various aspects of energy systems, particularly in smart grid and fuel cell applications. One significant implementation strategy involves using ANNs for dynamic modeling of Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells (PEMFCs). [173] proposed a B-spline neural network for the air supply in PEMFCs, which accurately replicated the dynamic behavior of the fuel cell, as demonstrated through experimental outcomes. Similarly, [172] and [113] presented a neural network-based control unit for standalone power plants. This unit leveraged feedback signals from output voltage, hydrogen input, and terminal load to manage control operations effectively. The predictive capabilities of ANNs were further explored by [174], who used them to estimate the voltage-current parameters of PEMFCs. Their model, trained on experimental data, demonstrated high accuracy in predictions. Furthermore, [175] investigated the application of dynamic neural networks and other AI techniques for regulating PEMFC construction, confirming the effectiveness of model-based neural network control systems. This approach extended to calculating the efficiency and environmental impacts of nuclear-based thermochemical hydrogen production using ANN techniques, as explored by [176].

Recent research has expanded the application of artificial neural networks (ANNs) to predict component performance, material selection, and durability estimation in energy systems. [177] developed a hybrid neural network model for micro proton exchange membrane fuel cells (PEMFCs), integrating the Group Method of Data Handling with empirical equations using a genetic algorithm. This model effectively predicted stack temperature, voltage, and other critical parameters, demonstrating the potential of ANNs in creating control-oriented, data-driven models for PEMFCs [178]. In another study, [179] utilized ANNs to model PEMFCs by using averaged cell voltage as the output, with current density and cell temperature as inputs, which enabled accurate predictions of fuel

cell performance. Similarly, [180] applied ANN techniques to predict the voltage-current characteristics of PEMFCs, training the model on experimental data to ensure high accuracy in predictions. [181] provided a comprehensive overview of recent applications of ANNs and machine learning algorithms in predicting fuel cell performance, emphasizing advancements in material selection and durability estimation. Hybrid neural network models have also been employed to enhance modeling accuracy. [16] developed a hybrid neural network model for micro PEMFCs, employing the Group Method of Data Handling neural network integrated with empirical equations via a genetic algorithm. Input feature vectors included humidity, temperature, oxygen and hydrogen flow rates, and current density, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the fuel cell’s chemical reactions and transport phenomena [182].

The work of [183] demonstrated the application of recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to capture the temporal dynamics of PEMFCs. By using sequences of input data over time, RNNs allowed for the modeling of dependencies and feedback mechanisms inherent in the operation of fuel cells. This approach enabled the prediction of cell voltage and current density under various operating conditions, thereby facilitating the development of adaptive control strategies that improved the efficiency and stability of fuel cell operations. The study highlighted the potential of RNNs to provide real-time monitoring and optimization of PEMFC performance by continuously updating model predictions based on new data. [184] explored the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image-based analysis of PEMFC degradation patterns. By analyzing visual data from imaging techniques such as scanning electron microscopy and X-ray computed tomography, the CNN model accurately identified degradation trends in cell components such as the membrane and catalyst layers. This innovative approach offered a non-invasive method for assessing the health of fuel cells, improving maintenance scheduling, and reducing downtime. By automating the analysis of complex image data, CNNs provided valuable insights into the mechanisms of degradation and facilitated the development of strategies to mitigate their impact on fuel cell performance.

In the context of fuel cell stack modeling, [185] applied ANNs to predict the output performance of a multi-cell PEMFC stack. The ANN model was trained using data from individual cells, enabling it to generalize well across the entire stack. This approach allowed for the identification of variations in performance among different cells, providing insights into the factors influencing stack efficiency and reliability. The results showed that the ANN could effectively predict stack performance metrics such as power output and efficiency under varying load conditions, offering valuable guidance for stack design and optimization. This capability was particularly important for ensuring uniform performance across the stack and maximizing overall energy conversion efficiency. Furthermore, [186]

developed a hybrid modeling approach that combined ANNs with first-principles models to enhance the accuracy of PEMFC simulations. By integrating domain knowledge with data-driven methods, the hybrid model achieved higher accuracy and computational efficiency than traditional approaches. This method facilitated the exploration of complex phenomena in PEMFCs, such as water management and thermal dynamics, contributing to the development of advanced control strategies. The hybrid model leveraged the strengths of both approaches, providing a comprehensive understanding of fuel cell behavior that supported the optimization of system performance and the design of next-generation fuel cells.

ANNs have been utilized to optimize the water and thermal management of PEMFCs. [187] developed an ANN model to predict the water content and temperature distribution within the fuel cell. By integrating this model with a control system, the study achieved improved water management, preventing flooding and drying out of the membrane, which are critical issues affecting PEMFC efficiency and durability. The research demonstrated that effective water management, guided by ANN predictions, could significantly enhance the overall performance of PEMFCs. This is particularly important in ensuring that the fuel cells operate within their optimal range, maintaining the delicate balance required for efficient electrochemical reactions while minimizing the risk of component degradation due to thermal and hydration stress. [188] investigated the application of ANNs for fault detection and diagnosis in PEMFC systems. By training the neural network on historical data of normal and faulty operations, the model was able to identify and classify different types of faults with high accuracy. This capability enabled the implementation of predictive maintenance strategies, minimizing the risk of system failures and improving the reliability of fuel cell operations. The study demonstrated that ANNs could effectively monitor key parameters such as voltage, temperature, and pressure to detect deviations indicative of faults, thereby providing early warnings and reducing the need for costly repairs.

The integration of ANNs with physics-based models has been explored to improve the accuracy of PEMFC simulations. [186] proposed a hybrid modeling approach that combined ANN predictions with first-principles models, allowing for detailed simulations of complex processes such as electrochemical reactions and mass transport phenomena. The hybrid model leveraged the strengths of both approaches, achieving higher accuracy and computational efficiency than traditional models. This integration facilitated the exploration of design improvements and operational strategies, supporting the development of more efficient and robust PEMFC systems. By combining the predictive power of data-driven models with the foundational insights of physics-based models, this approach enables researchers to explore a wider range of operational scenarios and design configurations, ultimately leading to more innovative and effective fuel cell technologies. Energy management

in PEMFC-powered systems has also benefited from ANN applications. [189] implemented an ANN model to optimize the energy distribution in hybrid systems combining PEMFCs with renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. The model predicted energy generation and demand patterns, enabling efficient allocation of resources and minimizing energy waste. By optimizing energy flows, the study improved the overall efficiency and sustainability of hybrid energy systems, demonstrating the value of ANNs in supporting the integration of PEMFCs with other renewable technologies. This integration is crucial for maximizing the use of clean energy sources, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, and enhancing the resilience of energy systems in the face of fluctuating supply and demand.

In the context of fuel cell design, [190] utilized ANNs to explore new materials and configurations for PEMFC components. The study employed ANNs to evaluate the impact of different catalyst materials and membrane structures on fuel cell performance. By simulating various design scenarios, the model identified promising configurations that enhanced efficiency and reduced costs. This approach facilitated the rapid prototyping and testing of new designs, accelerating the development of next-generation PEMFCs with improved performance characteristics. By leveraging ANNs to guide material selection and design optimization, researchers can develop more efficient and cost-effective fuel cell technologies that meet the growing demand for clean energy solutions. The role of ANNs in optimizing PEMFC startup and shutdown processes was investigated by [191]. The study developed an ANN model to predict optimal operating parameters during startup and shutdown, minimizing energy consumption and thermal stress. By ensuring smooth transitions between operating states, the ANN model contributed to the durability and reliability of PEMFC systems, reducing the risk of damage during critical phases of operation. This capability is particularly important for applications where frequent cycling between operating states is required, such as in transportation and backup power systems, where maintaining system integrity and longevity is essential.

In energy systems integration, [192] applied ANNs to model the interactions between PEMFCs and other energy components in hybrid systems. The study focused on optimizing the operation of PEMFCs in conjunction with energy storage and renewable generation, achieving a balanced and efficient energy flow. By facilitating the integration of PEMFCs with other technologies, ANNs supported the development of flexible and resilient energy systems capable of meeting diverse energy demands. This integration is essential for creating sustainable energy networks that can adapt to changing conditions and provide reliable, low-carbon energy solutions across various sectors. [193] explored the application of ANNs in modeling the transient response of PEMFCs to sudden changes in load demand. The study demonstrated that ANNs could accurately predict the dynamic behavior of fuel cells, providing insights into the mechanisms underlying transient phenomena. By

understanding these dynamics, the research supported the development of control strategies that improved the responsiveness of PEMFC systems to rapid load changes, enhancing their suitability for applications requiring fast response times. This capability is crucial for ensuring that PEMFCs can maintain stable operation and deliver consistent performance in environments with highly variable energy demands.

The potential of ANNs to enhance the safety of PEMFC systems was highlighted by [194]. The study developed an ANN model to monitor safety-critical parameters such as temperature and pressure, providing real-time alerts in the event of deviations from safe operating conditions. By ensuring compliance with safety standards and reducing the risk of accidents, the ANN model contributed to the safe and reliable operation of PEMFC systems, supporting their deployment in a wide range of applications. This capability is crucial for maintaining high safety standards in environments where fuel cell technology is deployed, ensuring that potential risks are managed effectively and that systems operate within safe limits. The study [195] utilized historical data on fuel cell performance and maintenance records to train the ANN model, enabling it to predict when maintenance interventions were required. By implementing predictive maintenance strategies, the research reduced unplanned downtime and extended the lifespan of PEMFC systems, highlighting the value of ANNs in optimizing maintenance practices. This proactive approach to maintenance management helps ensure continuous operation and reliability, minimizing disruptions and enhancing the economic viability of PEMFC technologies.

The application of ANNs in optimizing hydrogen utilization in PEMFCs was investigated by [196]. The study developed an ANN model to predict hydrogen consumption rates under different operating conditions, enabling efficient management of hydrogen resources. By optimizing hydrogen utilization, the model contributed to the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of PEMFC systems, supporting their adoption in a wide range of energy applications. This capability is particularly important for applications where hydrogen supply may be limited or costly, ensuring that fuel cells operate efficiently and that hydrogen is used optimally to maximize energy output. [197] explored the scalability of ANN models for PEMFC systems, addressing challenges related to computational complexity and data requirements. The study proposed strategies for scaling up ANN models, including the use of transfer learning and parallel computing techniques. By overcoming scalability challenges, the research facilitated the application of ANNs in large-scale PEMFC systems, supporting the expansion of hydrogen-based energy solutions. This scalability is essential for deploying PEMFC technologies in commercial and industrial applications, where larger systems are required to meet energy demands and achieve economies of scale.

The integration of ANNs with IoT technologies in PEMFC systems was examined by [198]. The study demonstrated that IoT-enabled sensors could provide real-time data

on PEMFC performance, which was used by ANN models to optimize operation and maintenance. By leveraging IoT technologies, the research enhanced the connectivity and intelligence of PEMFC systems, supporting their integration into smart energy networks. This integration enables more responsive and adaptive energy systems, where data-driven insights can be used to optimize performance and enhance system resilience in real-time. The potential of ANNs to support the development of fuel cell-based transportation was highlighted by [199]. The study developed ANN models to optimize the operation of PEMFCs in vehicles, focusing on improving fuel efficiency and reducing emissions. By enhancing the performance of PEMFCs in transportation applications, the research supported the transition to sustainable mobility solutions and contributed to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This capability is particularly important for the automotive industry, where the adoption of fuel cell vehicles can play a significant role in reducing the carbon footprint of transportation and achieving climate goals. In the context of energy policy, [200] discussed the impact of ANNs on the development of policies supporting PEMFC adoption. The study highlighted how ANN-driven insights could inform policy decisions by evaluating the economic and environmental benefits of PEMFC systems. By providing evidence-based recommendations, ANNs contributed to the design of policies that promote the deployment of hydrogen technologies and support the achievement of sustainability goals. This capability is essential for ensuring that policy decisions are informed by the latest technological advancements and research findings, supporting the transition to a sustainable energy future.

Comparative analyses of different modeling techniques have also been conducted. [172] evaluated the performance prediction capabilities of ANNs and Support Vector Regression (SVR) for PEMFCs, analyzing the impacts of variable reactant pressure and cell temperature across diverse operating conditions. The study demonstrated that ANNs provide robust predictive capabilities for fuel cell operation under varying conditions. Additionally, [174] and [111] demonstrated the use of autoregressive neural networks to forecast durability aspects of PEMFCs, including state of health and voltage trends over time. Their models utilized operational data spanning 1200 hours to provide accurate predictions of PEMFC performance. These data-driven models were validated against real-world conditions, ensuring their applicability in practical scenarios. The integration of RNNs with state-space systems has further enhanced the modeling of PEMFCs. [177] utilized this approach to develop a novel data-driven model capable of accurately predicting stack temperature, voltage, and power output. This model demonstrated significant improvements in prediction accuracy, underscoring the potential of RNNs in fuel cell modeling.

Research gap - Sections 2.5 and 2.6 highlight the considerable progress made in machine learning-based modeling of hydrogen-integrated systems and fuel cells. However,

there remains a need to develop data-driven models for direct green ammonia production systems, such as electrochemical ammonia synthesizers and direct ammonia fuel cells. Ammonia offers several advantages over hydrogen, including higher volumetric density, easier liquefaction, and a lower flammability range, making it a more attractive alternative [38]. Additionally, ammonia can be directly converted into electricity using ammonia fuel cells, providing a carbon-neutral pathway [201]. Despite these benefits, there is a lack of studies focusing on the modeling of EAS and DAFC. Developing neural network models for EAS and DAFC can facilitate the creation of intelligent control systems and enable integration with existing machine learning-based fuel cell and battery models, thereby supporting comprehensive feasibility studies.

2.7 Control Methodologies for Green Hydrogen Production Systems and Fuel Cells

Hydrogen for PEMFCs can be generated from water using hydrogen electrolyzers, which are crucial for integrating various renewable energy sources into the electricity grid to achieve climate goals. Typically, electrolyzers are paired with variable renewable energy sources, such as photovoltaic arrays or wind turbines, to produce hydrogen gas when there is an excess of renewable energy [22]. Electrolyzers can function as controllable industrial loads, taking advantage of electricity rate structures like time-of-use pricing [24]. While some studies have experimentally identified electrolyzer models [202, 203], and others have used model predictive controllers (MPC) to manage electrolyzers [204, 205], these approaches often simplify the models. For instance, they might assume constant energy conversion efficiencies [206] or linearize the models for MPC applications. Examples include maintaining constant conversion efficiencies [207] and using greedy approximations of dynamic programming to mitigate scaling issues due to state/input size [208], but these simplifications result in sub-optimal outcomes.

Integrating hydrogen technology into a utility-scale power system necessitates the use of power electronic devices, such as DC/DC converters. Numerous studies have addressed the control systems for these converters, emphasizing the need to maintain stable power system operations and extend the lifecycle of hydrogen technology devices [209, 210]. Analytical controllers, such as PI controllers, are commonly used due to their straightforward design and versatility [211]. However, the nonlinear characteristics of large power networks, electrolyzers, and storage systems often render PI controllers less effective in terms of operational efficiency [211]. More robust model-based control systems, including sliding mode controllers and backstepping-based nonlinear controllers, provide more reliable

operations [212]. Despite their benefits, these systems face challenges such as the chattering effect, parameter uncertainty, and high computational demands [213]. Alternatively, model-free controller-based converters have been proposed, demonstrating improved efficiency and reduced operational costs, which significantly enhance the performance of fuel cells and electrolyzers [214]. However, they also entail a high computational burden, and any truncation of the system model can result in instability. Fuzzy logic control offers robust stability across a wide range but lacks theoretical stability guarantees [215]. Hydrogen storage and flow control are also crucial for hydrogen-based power systems. Controllers based on frequency domain techniques are effective in this context, although they may exhibit slow response times [216]. Kalman filter-based energy management systems provide highly efficient hydrogen storage control, but model accuracy can be a concern. Dynamic programming-based hydrogen storage control systems can achieve globally optimal points but require prior experience [217].

Researchers in [218] explored control for electrolyzers in balancing supply and demand in wind and solar power systems. The study demonstrated that electrolyzers could effectively absorb excess renewable energy during periods of low demand, converting it into hydrogen for storage or later use. This capability not only stabilized the grid but also enhanced the economic viability of renewable energy projects by providing a flexible load that could respond to variations in power generation. By acting as a buffer, electrolyzers help mitigate the intermittency of renewable energy sources, smoothing out fluctuations in power supply and reducing the need for backup generation from fossil fuel plants. Additionally, the stored hydrogen can be used for various applications, such as fuel for transportation or feedstock for industrial processes, further integrating electrolyzers into the broader energy system.

Electrolyzers have been investigated for their potential to provide grid ancillary services. [219] examined the use of electrolyzers for frequency regulation and voltage support in power systems. By rapidly adjusting their power consumption in response to grid conditions, electrolyzers could help maintain system stability and reliability. This study highlighted the importance of developing advanced control strategies that enable electrolyzers to participate in ancillary service markets, thereby unlocking additional revenue streams for hydrogen production facilities. By providing services such as frequency regulation, where rapid adjustments in power output are required to maintain the grid's balance, electrolyzers can contribute to the overall stability of the power system. Moreover, their ability to quickly ramp up or down offers utilities a valuable tool for managing grid stress during peak demand or supply shortages.

Recent studies have also focused on optimizing the operational strategies for electrolyzers to maximize their economic and environmental benefits. [220] utilized a multi-objective

optimization framework to balance the trade-offs between hydrogen production costs, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. By integrating economic and environmental considerations into the decision-making process, the study provided insights into the optimal scheduling of electrolyzer operations, taking into account factors such as electricity prices, carbon intensity, and hydrogen demand. This approach helps identify the most cost-effective and sustainable operating strategies, ensuring that electrolyzers can contribute to both economic growth and environmental sustainability.

Machine learning techniques have been applied to enhance the modeling and control of electrolyzers. [221] developed a data-driven approach using neural networks to predict electrolyzer performance under varying operating conditions. The model accurately captured the non-linear dynamics of the system, providing a reliable tool for real-time control and optimization. This approach demonstrated the potential of machine learning to improve the accuracy and robustness of electrolyzer models, supporting the development of advanced control strategies that optimize their integration with renewable energy systems. In the context of decentralized energy systems, electrolyzers have been explored for their role in microgrid applications. [222] investigated the integration of electrolyzers into microgrids, where they served as both energy storage devices and flexible loads. By controlling the electrolyzer based on real-time energy prices and availability, electrolyzers contributed to the economic and operational optimization of microgrids, enhancing their resilience and sustainability. This study highlighted the potential of electrolyzers to support the transition to distributed energy systems that prioritize local energy generation and consumption.

For fuel cells, various control strategies have been explored, including proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control, adaptive control, and model predictive control [172, 223]. PID control adjusts parameters such as pressure and temperature using traditional feedback or feedforward methods. While PID control is simple and cost-effective, it struggles with issues like slow response, inaccuracy, and offset due to the complex non-linear dynamics of fuel cells, necessitating more advanced control strategies for optimal performance [120, 224]. Adaptive control (AC), when combined with PID controllers, allows systems to dynamically modify operating conditions, based on sensor feedback, to maintain optimal performance [225]. MPC uses fuel cell models to iteratively adjust control actions by comparing actual and predicted outputs, thus optimizing system performance [226]. Developing a precise and computationally efficient model for control applications is essential for achieving real-time model-based control of fuel cell systems.

Although many empirical, analytical, and non-physics-based models have been extensively studied in the literature [172, 227, 228], these models often fall short in accurately predicting fuel cell performance under various operational conditions due to inherent simplifications. Achieving high prediction accuracy requires extensive databases for model

validation, modification, and calibration. However, PEM fuel cell performance can vary significantly based on design and manufacturing processes, with different developers obtaining different performance data for similar fuel cells, often kept confidential [229]. Consequently, models in the literature are typically validated against specific experimental data sets with limited information on the measurement details [230]. To address these challenges, advanced data-driven models, including statistical and artificial intelligence-based approaches [231], have been integrated into control-oriented model development. This has led to significant interest in simplified PEM fuel cell models with reduced spatial dimensionality, suitable for real-time control applications, as the commercialization of PEM fuel cells progresses [33].

MPC is effective for managing nonlinear dynamic systems by predicting future outputs based on model-based calculations [232]. In [233], MPC was utilized to regulate power variation rates, ensuring smooth operation during high load fluctuations. Among the three control methods evaluated, MPC exhibited the second-lowest operating cost and the highest performance. In MPC, it is essential that the model achieves accurate system identification with minimal complexity. Hybrid models, which combine linear models for quick convergence with nonlinear models for high accuracy, are frequently employed. Successive linearization helps to address the limitations of both model types [234]. Researchers in [235] found that nonlinear model-based real-time iteration (RTI) schemes achieve convergence speeds close to that of linear MPC. The study conducted by [236] investigated various system identification methods, including exponential functions, neural networks, autoregressive integrated moving average, and Markov chains, highlighting that their accuracy varies depending on system characteristics. Advances in system identification methods, increased data accessibility, and enhanced computing hardware have improved MPC's performance and applicability [237].

Fuzzy logic control (FLC) has also been applied to fuel cell systems to manage their non-linear dynamics effectively. [238] investigated the use of FLC for controlling the temperature and humidity levels in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells. The fuzzy logic approach allowed for more flexible and adaptive control strategies, as it could handle the uncertainties and variations in system parameters more effectively than traditional methods. The study showed that FLC could maintain optimal operating conditions, leading to enhanced efficiency and longevity of the fuel cells. The ability of fuzzy logic to handle imprecise data and provide robust control solutions makes it a valuable tool for managing the complex interactions within fuel cell systems. Moreover, robust control strategies have been developed to address the challenges of operating fuel cells under variable environmental conditions. [239] developed a robust control framework for Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs) that accounted for variations in fuel composition and temperature. The con-

trol strategy was designed to maintain stable performance and prevent degradation under fluctuating operating conditions. By incorporating robustness into the control design, the study ensured that SOFCs could operate efficiently in diverse environments, enhancing their reliability and performance. This approach is particularly important for applications where fuel cells are exposed to varying external conditions, such as in mobile or remote power systems.

The role of predictive maintenance in fuel cell systems was studied in [240], a predictive maintenance strategy using data-driven models to forecast potential failures and optimize maintenance schedules. By analyzing historical performance data and identifying patterns indicative of component degradation, the study developed predictive models that could alert operators to maintenance needs before failures occurred. This proactive approach reduced downtime and maintenance costs, while also extending the lifespan of fuel cell systems. The integration of predictive maintenance strategies with control systems ensures that fuel cells operate at peak efficiency and reliability. Control strategies for hybrid fuel cell systems, which combine fuel cells with other energy sources, have also been explored. [241] investigated the optimal control of a hybrid system integrating PEMFCs and battery storage. The study developed a control algorithm that managed the power flow between the fuel cell and battery to maximize efficiency and minimize fuel consumption. By dynamically adjusting the operating modes based on load demand and battery state-of-charge, the control system optimized the performance of the hybrid system, demonstrating the benefits of integrating fuel cells with complementary energy storage technologies. This approach enhances the flexibility and resilience of energy systems, supporting the integration of renewable energy sources.

In addition to traditional control methods, model-free control approaches have also been studied in [242], a model-free control strategy based on reinforcement learning (RL) for PEMFC systems. By using RL algorithms to learn optimal control policies through interactions with the system, the study eliminated the need for detailed system models, which are often challenging to develop and maintain. The RL-based control strategy demonstrated improved adaptability and performance in managing the complex dynamics of PEMFCs. Furthermore, the optimization of fuel cell systems for transportation applications has been a significant area of research. Energy management strategies for fuel cell systems have also been explored to enhance their performance in diverse applications. [243] developed an energy management system for a microgrid integrating fuel cells, solar panels, and battery storage. The system optimized the use of each energy source based on availability and demand, ensuring reliable and efficient power supply. By coordinating the operation of multiple energy resources, the study demonstrated the potential of fuel cells to enhance the flexibility and resilience of microgrid systems. The role of fuel cells in combined heat and

power (CHP) systems has been investigated for their potential to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. [244] explored the integration of SOFCs into CHP systems, where they provided both electricity and heat for residential and industrial applications. The study developed a control strategy that optimized the distribution of energy outputs based on demand, maximizing the efficiency of the CHP system. By utilizing the waste heat from fuel cells, CHP systems can achieve higher overall energy efficiencies, contributing to reduced energy costs and emissions.

In recent years, the integration of machine learning algorithms into fuel cell control strategies has gained significant attention. [245] explored the use of neural networks to enhance the predictive capabilities of MPC in fuel cell systems. By integrating a neural network model with traditional MPC frameworks, the study achieved improved accuracy in predicting system behavior and optimizing control actions. The adaptive learning capabilities of neural networks allowed the control system to adjust to changing operating conditions, thus enhancing the robustness and efficiency of fuel cell operations. This hybrid approach demonstrated the potential of combining data-driven models with traditional control methods to improve the performance and adaptability of fuel cell systems. Machine learning developments, in particular, have made it possible to achieve both accuracy and simplicity in MPC, which were traditionally seen as trade-offs [246, 247]. Neural networks have been used effectively to control PEMFC systems, providing simplicity and cost-effectiveness without the heavy computational demands of traditional MPC or adaptive control, while still delivering superior performance [248]. However, traditional control studies often focus on one or two variables, failing to manipulate all necessary variables for maximum power production. To address the complexities of controlling multi-input-multi-output (MIMO) systems with a single MPC, cascade or hierarchical control methods have been employed [248].

Research gap - As highlighted in the literature reviewed in this section, the development of data-driven controllers for hydrogen electrolyzers and hydrogen PEM fuel cells is a well-established field of research. In contrast, the application of data-driven controllers for the EAS is still in its nascent stages. The absence of an accurate mathematical model for EAS limits the use of traditional model-based controllers such as the MPC. However, an accurate neural network model of the EAS can be employed in the design of a neural network-based MPC, thus overcoming the limitations associated with traditional MPC in EAS applications. Given the neural network's ability to effectively capture plant dynamics, a neural network-based MPC for EAS has the potential to outperform conventional MPC approaches without requiring a complex mathematical model.

Chapter 3

Utilization of the EAS and DAFC for Stable Solar-Wind Power Supply

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This chapter addresses the output power fluctuations of renewable energy sources. Power smoothing filters are implemented to extract the signal representing the power that can be used to produce smooth power via EAS and DAFC. Even though electrolyzers and hydrogen FCs can serve the same purpose, the higher cost of storage of hydrogen [249] and substantially larger volumetric density, and lower safety risk of ammonia put ammonia in a superior position with respect to hydrogen. This is a motivation for research on the use of ammonia in the context of an energy storage system for smoothing variable power outputs of intermittent sources of energy. Several filter-based control systems have been proposed to smooth out solar and wind power fluctuations. Some common filtering techniques can provide the required reference for the smooth output power; however, this comes at the

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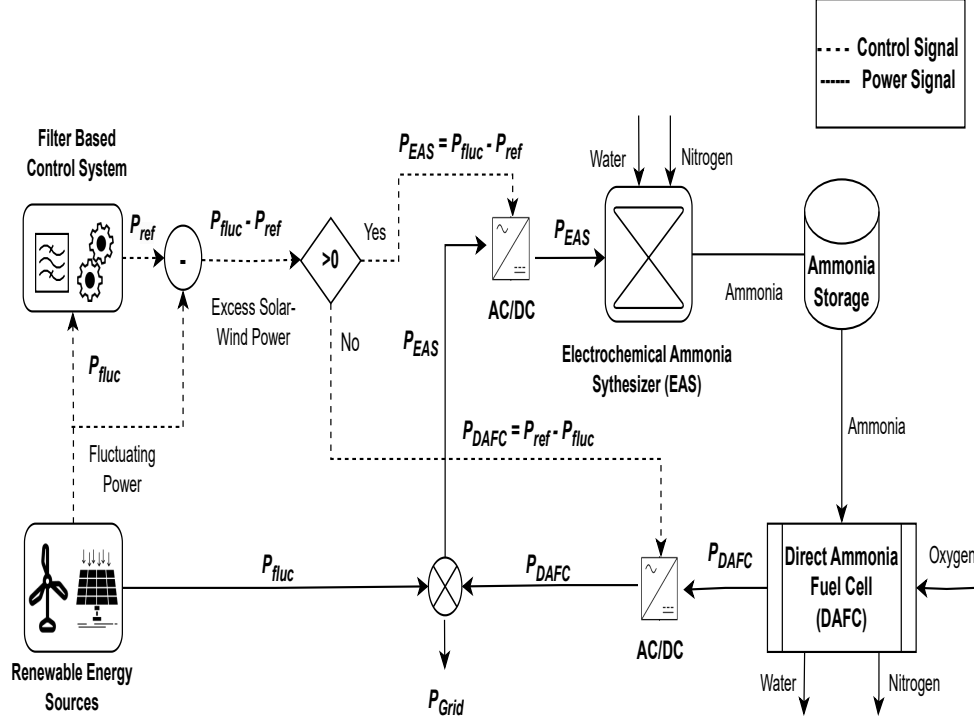


Figure 3.1: The Proposed solar and wind power control strategy via electrochemical ammonia synthesis and direct ammonia fuel cells utilization.

expense of a large time delay, which increases the capacity requirements of storage systems and cost of the overall system, as a result. This calls for a comparative study to identify a filter that provides reasonably smooth output with reduced time delays.

The objectives of this chapter are: (i) to introduce, design, and implement a power control strategy based on the utilization of ammonia as a form of ESS, employing the EAS and DAFC, for integration of solar and wind energy; (ii) to analyze the capacity requirements of the EAS and DAFC through the application of several power smoothing filters such as the Moving Average (MA), Moving Median (MM), Moving Regression (MR), Savitzky Golay (SG), and Gaussian (G) filter; and (iii) to conduct a comparison among various filters based on window sizes, to study the power lagging phenomenon and its effect on the EAS and DAFC capacity requirements.

3.1 Proposed Methodology

The proposed scheme for smoothing the fluctuating power output of solar and wind energy systems via electrochemical ammonia synthesis and direct ammonia fuel cells is demonstrated in Fig. 3.1. The fluctuating power output of renewable energy source, P_{fluc} , is first passed through the filter-based control system to get the excess power available for the EAS. The MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF smoothing filters considered in this research are popular methodologies and have previously been proposed in combination with BESS for control system design and power firming [115]. The output of the smoothing filters P_{ref} is subtracted from P_{fluc} to determine the excess solar and wind power available that can be supplied to the EAS. When $P_{fluc} > P_{ref}$, the excess power available, P_{EAS} , is provided as input to the EAS subsystem; power is supplied to EAS to generate ammonia. On the contrary, when $P_{fluc} < P_{ref}$, DAFC uses stored ammonia to produce electric power P_{DAFC} . P_{Grid} denotes the overall smoothed power supplied to the grid. The mathematical modelling of different system components is described in the following subsections.

3.1.1 Moving Average (MA) Filter

Moving average filtering is a power-firming technique that computes on-the-fly averages to smooth out oscillations in the time series of intermittent power data using a sliding window. The real solar/wind power data and the MA filter's window size are the required inputs to the algorithm. The power available for the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer depends on the difference between the power output of the MA smoothing algorithm (P_{ref}) and the actual variable power data (P_{fluc}) [250]. Although using larger window widths results in a smoother output, they cause power lagging, resulting in increased charging and discharging power of the integrated battery, thereby increasing the battery capacity requirement and the associated costs [117, 251]. The smoothed output power using the MA filter $P(t)$ is obtained using [250]:

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} P_{Wsys}(t - i \cdot T_S) \quad (3.1)$$

The number of data points, N in (1), is computed as $N = T_{MA}/T_S$, where T_{MA} denotes the moving average filter's period and T_S denotes the control period. The characteristic gain of MA filter $G_{MA}(f)$ is given by (2), where f is the frequency [117].

$$G_{MA}(f) = \frac{T_S}{T_{MA}} \cdot \frac{\sin(\pi \cdot f \cdot T_{MA})}{\sin(\pi \cdot f \cdot T_S)} \quad (3.2)$$

The characteristic phase of the MA filter is expressed as follows [252]:

$$\phi_{MA}(f) = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{X_{MA}}{Y_{MA}} \right\} \quad (3.3)$$

where,

$$X_{MA} = \sin(2\pi f \cdot T_{MA})(1 - \cos(2\pi f \cdot T_S)) - \sin(\pi f \cdot T_S)(1 - \cos(2\pi f \cdot T_{MA})) \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$Y_{MA} = \sin(2\pi f \cdot T_{MA})(\sin(2\pi f \cdot T_S) + (1 - \cos(2\pi f \cdot T_{MA}))(1 - \cos(2\pi f \cdot T_S))) \quad (3.5)$$

Finally, the corner frequency f_c of the MA filter is computed as [253]:

$$f_c = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi \cdot T_{MA}} \quad (3.6)$$

3.1.2 Moving Median (MM) Filter

Like the MA filter, MM filter uses a window with a defined length for smoothing. However, the MM filter determines the median of a vector whose length is determined by the window size rather than averaging across the window. When there are more outliers in the enclosed data, the moving median filter is very effective. In other words, an MM filter will handle the data more effectively than the MA filter if the input fluctuating power data inside the chosen window includes an abundance of outlying data points. When there are insufficient data points for the entire window, the window will automatically shrink in size. MM filter is used in the study in [254] to smooth solar output power, and its performance is compared to that of MA filter. The sliding window across the median value $y(n)$ of neighbouring values is obtained as follows [252]:

$$Y(n) = f(x(n)), x(n-1), \dots, x(n-m), (n-1), y(n-2), \dots, y(n-m) \quad (3.7)$$

Where

$$x(n) = [x(n), x(n-1), \dots, x(n-m)]^T \quad (3.8)$$

The output $Y(n)$ indicates the median value for the specified $x(n)$ input vector of fluctuating data points.

$$y(n) = \text{med}\{x(i)\}, i = n, n-1, n-m \quad (3.9)$$

Whenever an odd window size is specified, the window surrounds the element in its present location. In contrast, if the window size is even, the prior and current data points are surrounded by the window.

3.1.3 Moving Regression (MR) Filter

The MR filter is a non-parametric smoothing filter that eliminates the variations at each time step by using the linear regression ML principle [115]. The MR filter uses the window size as the input operational variable, just as the MA and MM filters. The training data for the linear regression technique are the k nearby data points of the target value. As a result, the window size of the MR filter affects how many nearby data points are employed to train the linear regression model. The more data used for training, the larger the window size, and the more accurate the estimated smoothed value will be [117]. Priority weights are given to the nearby data points depending on how far they are from the target value. As the distance from the target value grows, the weight assigned to that individual data point is reduced. The Tricubic function is employed to calculate the distance weights $w(x)$ for every k neighbors of x based on the distance x' :

$$w(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - |x|^3)^3 & , |x| < 1 \\ 0 & , |x| \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (3.10)$$

Normalizing (10) so that larger distances are associated with lower weights:

$$w(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - |\frac{d(x,x')}{\max_i d(x_i,x')}|^3)^3 & , |x| < 1, x_i \in D \\ 0 & , |x| \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (3.11)$$

where the distance between the closest neighbours k and x' is $d(x, x')$. Locality is accomplished by giving the data point nearest to x' the utmost priority and the data point farthest from x' the least priority. As a result, points that are farthest away from x' will have zero value for the weight, while the data point that is closest to x' will have a weight of 1, i.e., the maximum weight. The regression model of the MR employs the collected values of x and y as entries to the linear regression algorithm to compute the output estimate y' using the normalised first-degree linear regression technique [117].

$$\beta = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y \quad (3.12)$$

where W is the matrix containing all the determined weights, X and Y are the arrays storing all x and y values, accordingly, and β is the array of linear parameters. The updated values of y for firmed solar or wind power output generation are determined using (13), where β^T denotes the transpose of the matrix X .

$$y' = \beta^T X \quad (3.13)$$

3.1.4 Gaussian (G) Filter

Gaussian filter has an impulse response that approximates the Gaussian function presented in (14). A G filter has the lowest possible group delay and no overshooting characteristics while reducing rise and fall times. The variable power produced by renewable energy sources is flattened by the G filter smoothing [255]. Comparable to the MA filter, a G filter utilizes a moving window; however, the extent of smoothness is governed by the standard deviation of the Gaussian rather than the averaging method, making the outcome of the Gaussian filter a bell-shaped distribution [115].

$$f(x) = a \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-(x - b)^2}{2c^2}\right) \quad (3.14)$$

In (14), a is the height of the curve's maximum, b is the peak's position in the middle, and c represents the standard deviation or the breadth of the Gaussian root mean square. The GF can be implemented as follows in one dimension [255]:

$$G(x, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (3.15)$$

The Gaussian filter standard deviation is represented by σ .

3.1.5 Savitzky-Golay (SG) Filter

A Savitzky-Golay filter employs the method of least square of polynomial approximation across a sliding window. As a result, SG filter is often referred to as a least squares polynomial filter. By using an unweighted linear least square fit with a polynomial of a specific degree, the filter coefficients are determined. A significant benefit of the SG filter over the MA filter is its ability to retain important data characteristics like amplitude, breadth, and peaks of the input signal, which are typically lost when using the MA filter. As the polynomial order of the filter is increased, the SG filter's performance tends to improve [250]. An SG filter, however, is only limited to odd numbers for the window sizes, and it is less efficient at eliminating noise than the MA filter. Using an SG filter on a given batch of fluctuating data of the form:

$$y(n) = x(n) + w(n) \quad (3.16)$$

where $x(n)$ denotes the time series data, and the noise in $y(n)$ is given by $w(n)$. The SG filter output power $\hat{x}(n)$ is computed as follows:

$$\hat{x}(n) = \sum_{k=-M}^M h(n)y(n-k) \quad (3.17)$$

Here, M stands for the SG filter smoothing parameter and $h(n)$ represents the filter's impulse response across ($|n| \leq M$). At ($n = 0$), $\hat{x}(n)$ is defined as the coefficient of the polynomial of order k that best fits $y(n)$ across ($|n| \leq M$). The symmetric feature of the impulse response at ($n = 0$) should allow for the fulfillment of the condition ($0 < k \leq 2M$) for the polynomial order of k [33]. The squared error formula defined in (3.18) is used to determine the difference between the smoothed and unsmoothed signals, with $p(n)$ represented by the polynomial in (3.19).

$$E = \sum_{n=-M}^M (y(n) - p(n))^2 \quad (3.18)$$

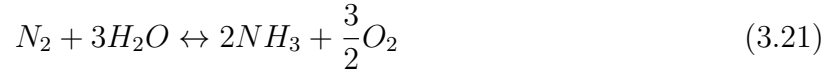
$$p(n) = \sum_{k=0} C_k n^k \quad (3.19)$$

The following relationship exists between the impulse response $h(n)$ and the SG filter's transfer function [252]:

$$H(z) = \sum_n h(n) z^{-n} \quad (3.20)$$

3.1.6 Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer (EAS)

In the present study, an electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS) system is employed for utilizing the surplus power signals available during the process of smoothing solar or wind power outputs. The overall reaction that represents the synthesis of ammonia in the EAS is as follows [26]:



First, the voltage of the EAS is determined under open circuit conditions V_{OC-EAS} according to [26]:

$$V_{OC-EAS} = \frac{-\Delta G^0}{nF} + \frac{T_{EAS}R}{nF} \ln\left(\frac{P_{NH_3}}{P_{N_2}^{0.5} P_{H_2}^{1.5}}\right) \quad (3.22)$$

where the standard Gibbs energy change is written as ΔG^0 , the operational temperature is denoted by T_{EAS} , the gaseous pressure is represented by P , the gas constant is written as R , the Faraday's constant is represented by F , and the participating electron count is n .

Further, the actual operational voltage of the EAS depends on the extent of ohmic $V_{Ohm-EAS}$, activation V_{ac-EAS} , and concentration polarization $V_{cnc-EAS}$ voltage overpotentials. The overall cell voltage $V_{OPN-EAS}$ during operation can thus be written as [17]:

$$V_{OPN-EAS} = V_{OC-EAS} + V_{ac-EAS} + V_{cnc-EAS} + V_{Ohm-EAS} \quad (3.23)$$

where the activation polarization voltage overpotential V_{ac-EAS} is calculated from the exchange current density I_{0-EAS} , actual current density during operation I_{D-EAS} , and operational temperature T_{EAS} as [27]:

$$V_{ac-EAS} = \ln\left(\frac{I_{D-EAS}}{2I_{0-EAS}}\right) \frac{T_{EAS}R}{Fn} \quad (3.24)$$

Also, the concentration polarization overpotential of voltage $V_{cnc-EAS-ct}$ can be evaluated as:

$$V_{cnc-EAS-ct} = \ln\left(1 + \frac{I_{D-EAS}T_{EAS}R\delta_{ct}}{nFP_{N_2}^0 D_{N_2}^e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{RT_{EAS}}{nF} \quad (3.25)$$

where δ_{ct} denotes the electrode thickness at the cathode, $D_{N_2}^e$ represents the effective coefficient of diffusion for nitrogen gas, and $P_{N_2}^0$ is the nitrogen gas partial pressure. Moreover, the voltage overpotential due to concentration polarization $V_{cnc-EAS-an}$ at the anode is determined as follows [27]:

$$V_{cnc-EAS-an} = \ln\left(\frac{1 + \frac{\delta_{an}I_{D-EAS}T_{EAS}R}{nFD_{NH_3}^e P_{H_2}^0}}{1 - \frac{\delta_{an}I_{D-EAS}T_{EAS}R}{nFD_{NH_3}^e P_{NH_3}^0}}\right) \frac{RT_{EAS}}{nF} \quad (3.26)$$

where the electrode thickness at the anode is represented as δ_{an} . The power input requirement of the EAS subsystem $\dot{P}_{EAS-in}$ at a given operational point is evaluated from the operational voltage and total current input $I_{tot-EAS}$ as [38]:

$$\dot{P}_{EAS-in} = V_{OPN}I_{tot-EAS} \quad (3.27)$$

3.1.7 Direct Ammonia Fuel Cell (DAFC)

DAFC is utilized in the present study to mitigate the power deficits during power smoothing. Ammonia reacts electrochemically in the DAFC according to the following overall reaction [27]:



where the operational current of the DAFC is related to the ammonia consumption rate according to [38]:

$$\dot{N}_{DAFC-NH_3} = \frac{I_{D-DAFC} A_{DAFC}}{nF} \quad (3.29)$$

where $\dot{N}_{DAFC-NH_3}$ represents the molar consumption rate of ammonia in the DAFC, I_{D-DAFC} denotes the operational current density of the DAFC, and A_{DAFC} is the total electrode area of the DAFC.

The operational DAFC voltage $V_{OPN-DAFC}$ is evaluated as a function of the DAFC open circuit voltage $V_{OC-DAFC}$, activation polarization induced voltage loss $V_{ac-DAFC}$, voltage loss due to concentration polarization $V_{cnc-DAFC}$, and Ohmic loss in voltage $V_{Ohm-DAFC}$ as follows [38]:

$$V_{OPN-DAFC} = V_{OC-DAFC} + V_{ac-DAFC} + V_{cnc-DAFC} + V_{Ohm-DAFC} \quad (3.30)$$

where the voltage loss due to Ohmic polarization is evaluated from the operational DAFC current density I_{D-DAFC} and DAFC Ohmic resistance Ω_{DAFC} as [27]:

$$V_{Ohm-DAFC} = I_{D-DAFC} \Omega_{DAFC} \quad (3.31)$$

The voltage loss induced in the DAFC due to concentration polarization can be evaluated as a function of the operational temperature T_{DAFC} , operational current density I_{D-DAFC} , and limiting current density I_{L-DAFC} as [26]:

$$V_{cnc-DAFC} = \frac{RT_{DAFC}}{\alpha F n} \ln \left(\frac{I_{D-DAFC}}{I_{L-DAFC} - I_{D-DAFC}} \right) \quad (3.32)$$

The DAFC power output is related to the total current output $I_{tot-DAFC}$ and operational voltage $V_{OPN-DAFC}$ as [26]:

$$\dot{P}_{DAFC-out} = V_{OPN-DAFC} I_{tot-DAFC} \quad (3.33)$$

3.2 Simulation Results and Discussion

Simulations of the proposed methodology are conducted using real solar and wind power profiles that have been imported to MATLAB for obtaining the smoothed filter outputs.

Engineering Equation Solver (EES) software [256] is used to implement the models for EAS and DAFC systems. The solar PV profile displayed in Fig. 3.2 was obtained from the University of Queensland-Saint Lucia campus solar live feed database. The fluctuating wind power plot shown in Fig. 3.11 was acquired from, roaring 40s wind park, Tasmania, Australia. Power smoothing, through the utilization of appropriate filters, is an effective method for reducing the amount of required storage capacity, discharge power requirements, and time delays associated with such energy storage systems.

For solar power smoothing, the window sizes for the filters are as follows: MA (48 min), MM (48 min), MR (63 min), SG (53 min), and GF (48 min). The results depicted in Fig. 3.2 suggest that different types of smoothing filters provide various smoothing levels of solar power output. However, the appropriate filter type can be assessed based on the associated energy storage requirements. The water and nitrogen input requirements and ammonia production rates of the EAS for electrochemical ammonia synthesis during excess power periods are depicted in Figures 3.3 - 3.5. The results show that the choice of smoothing filter impacts the water and nitrogen input rates as well as the ammonia production rate and the corresponding EAS capacity requirements. Higher ammonia production requirements correspond to higher EAS capacity requirements, which lead to higher overall system costs. Additionally, there is a loss of efficiency with an increase in ammonia production [26].

The DAFC ammonia input rate, depicted in Fig. 3.6, shows that the MR smoothing

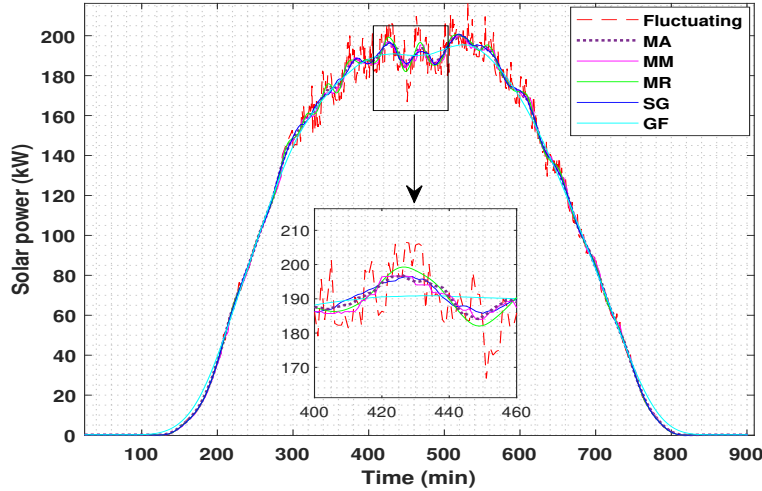


Figure 3.2: Solar power smoothing using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques.

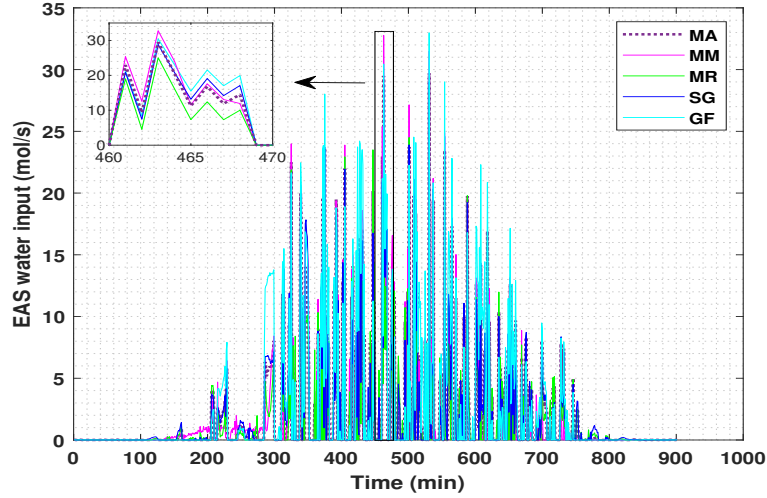


Figure 3.3: EAS water input requirements using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

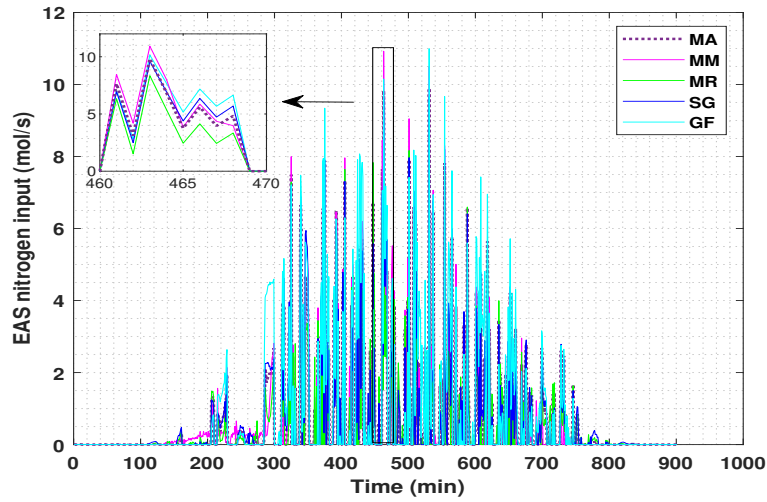


Figure 3.4: EAS nitrogen input requirements using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

filter results in the lowest peak ammonia input requirement for the DAFC of 150 mol/s, while the GF filter has a considerably higher peak ammonia input requirement of nearly

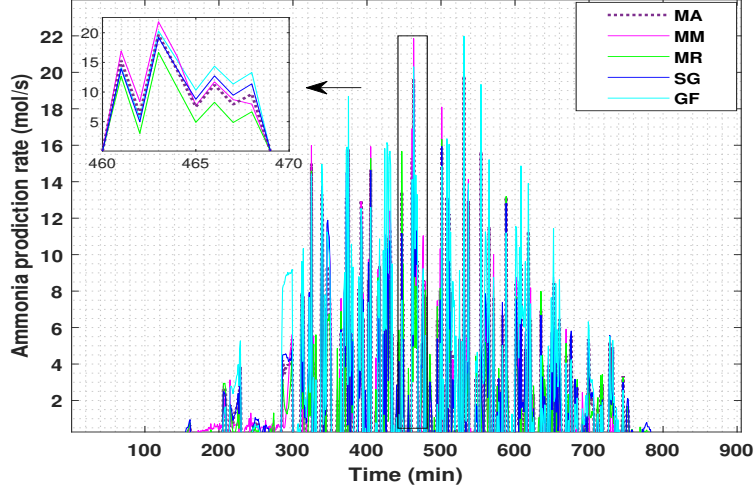


Figure 3.5: EAS ammonia production rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

230 mol/s. These are associated with the corresponding ammonia storage costs. Higher ammonia input requirements necessitate higher ammonia storage capacities and thus system costs. Hence, it is recommended to utilize smoothing filters that entail the least ammonia input requirements. Furthermore, the performance of the DAFC plays a key role in determining the ammonia input requirements.

The oxygen input requirements, nitrogen output, and water output from the DAFC are depicted in Figures 3.7 - 3.9. The peak oxygen input requirement reaches nearly 110 mol/s for the MR smoothing filter, while the peak value reaches nearly 170 mol/s for the G filter. Higher oxygen input requirements result in higher oxygen storage costs in the case of the utilization of pure oxygen feed. To reduce this cost, air can be used as the oxidant feed input. The peak water output from the DAFC is observed to reach 225 mol/s for the MR filter, while the peak output of water associated with the G filter entails a value of 340 mol/s.

The power output results obtained for the DAFC utilized during periods of time when the solar energy available is lower than what is required to provide the smoothed power output are depicted in Fig. 3.10. The results show that the MR smoothing filter provides optimal power smoothing along with minimal peak DAFC power outputs (Fig. 3.10) as well as minimal peak ammonia production requirements in the EAS (Fig. 3.5). The MR smoothing filter is found to provide comparatively favorable results under these criteria,

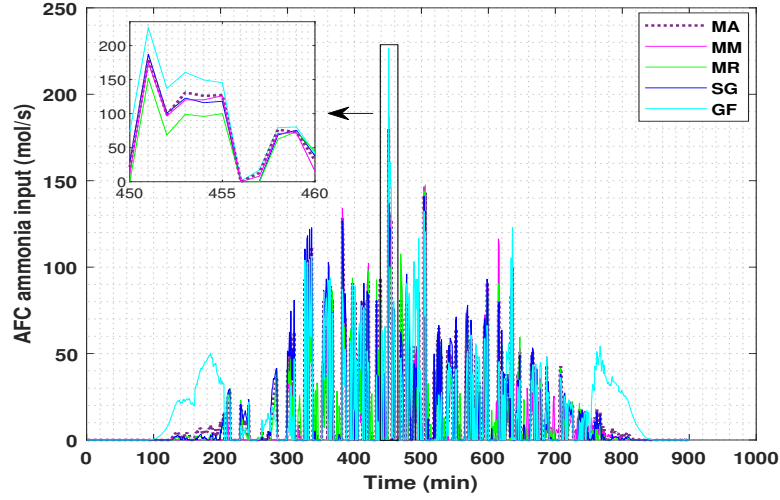


Figure 3.6: DAFC ammonia input rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

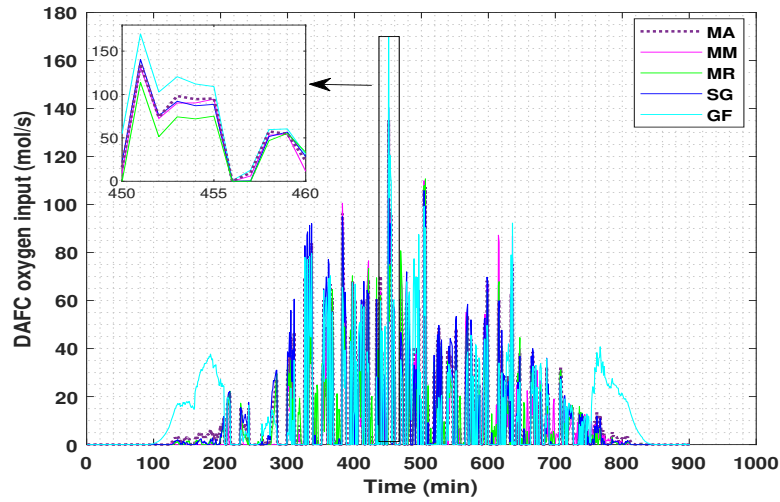


Figure 3.7: DAFC oxygen input rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

and its implementation can lead to reduced system costs, enhanced system efficiencies, and improved grid stability.

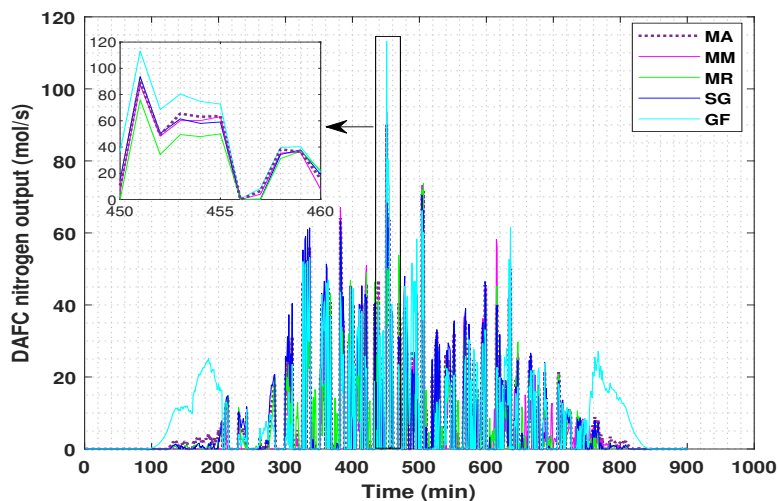


Figure 3.8: DAFC nitrogen output rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

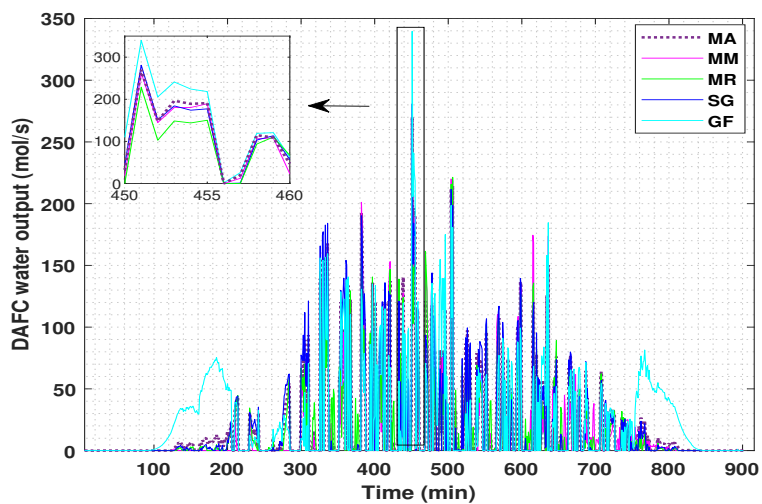


Figure 3.9: DAFC water output rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

In addition, the use of renewable energy sources such as wind also requires effective power smoothing techniques to ensure a consistent and reliable energy supply. Hence, in

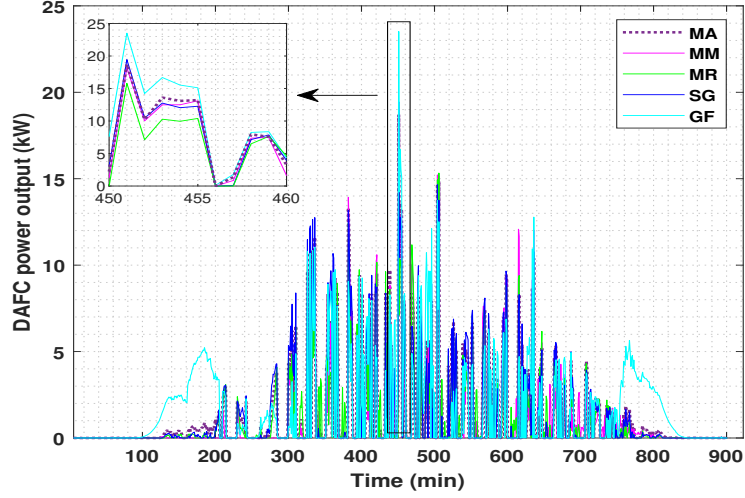


Figure 3.10: DAFC power outputs using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (solar power).

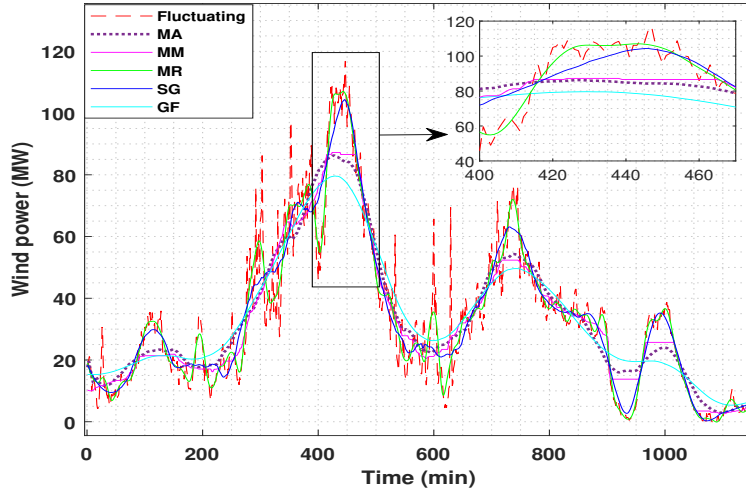


Figure 3.11: Wind power smoothing using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques.

this study, different smoothing filters, and their performances in power smoothing for wind-based power generation were also investigated. For wind power smoothing, the window

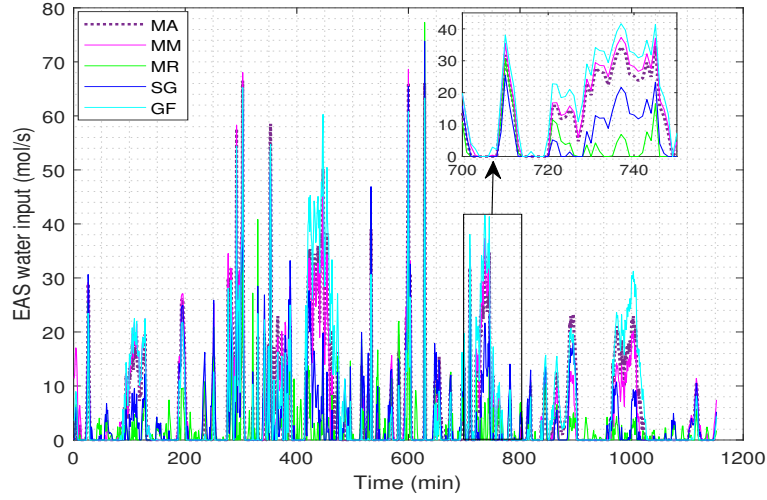


Figure 3.12: EAS water input requirements using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

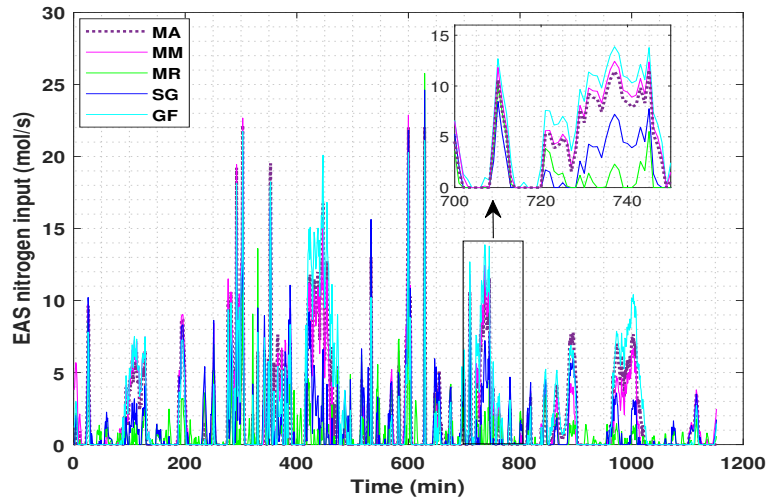


Figure 3.13: EAS nitrogen input requirements using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

size for all the filters is 115 min. The results depicted in Fig. 3.11 indicate that the MR filter is associated with the least time delay as compared with other investigated filters,

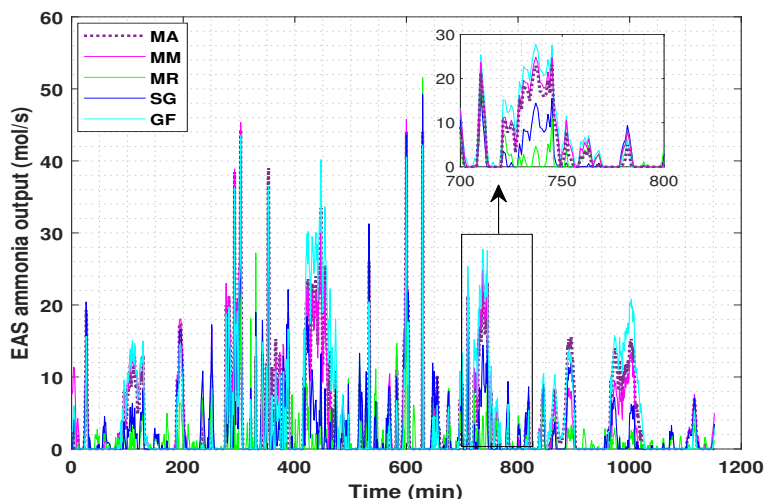


Figure 3.14: EAS ammonia production rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

making it a favorable choice for wind-based power generation. On the other hand, the G filter was found to have the highest power differentials with respect to the original power signal, which may result in instability in the energy supply as well as higher energy storage costs.

Excess power available can also be utilized for electrochemical ammonia synthesis (EAS). The results depicted in Figures 3.12 - 3.14 indicate that the MR filter is associated with the lowest EAS ammonia output capacities as well as associated water and nitrogen input requirements. The SG filter also performed well in this regard. However, the G filter was associated with higher requirements of ammonia production and storage to attain smoothed power outputs. These results highlight the importance of selecting appropriate smoothing filters to optimize EAS capacities and enhance the overall efficiency of the system.

Meeting power deficits with low energy storage requirements is another important consideration in wind-based energy systems. The results depicted in Figures 3.15 - 3.19 indicate that the MR filter is associated with considerably lower requirements of ammonia inputs as well as DAFC power output capacities as compared to the G filter. The MR filter was observed to entail nearly three times lower requirements in terms of EAS capacity, ammonia storage, and DAFC power output as compared to the G filter. These results suggest that the MR filter may be a more cost-effective option for meeting power deficits

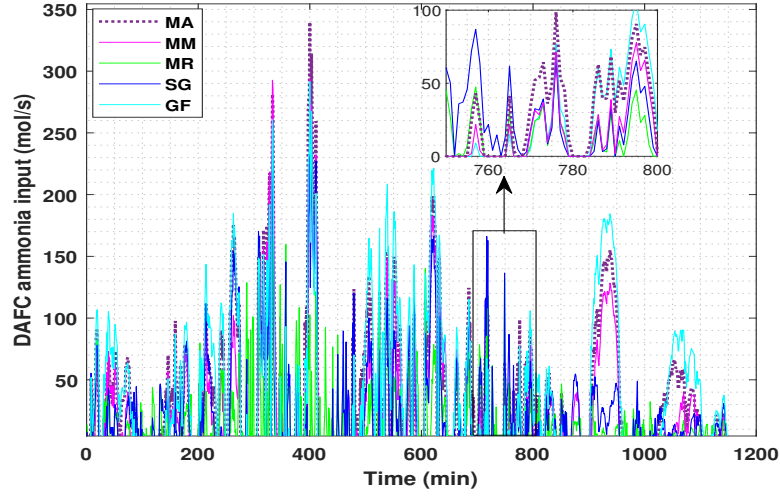


Figure 3.15: DAFC ammonia input rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

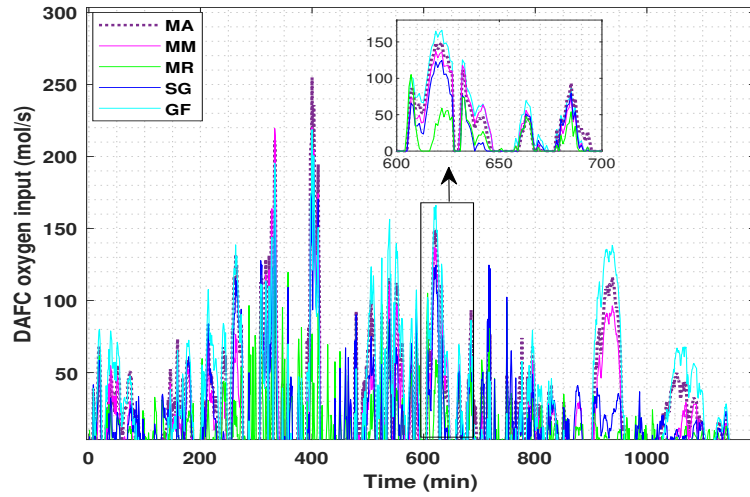


Figure 3.16: DAFC oxygen input rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

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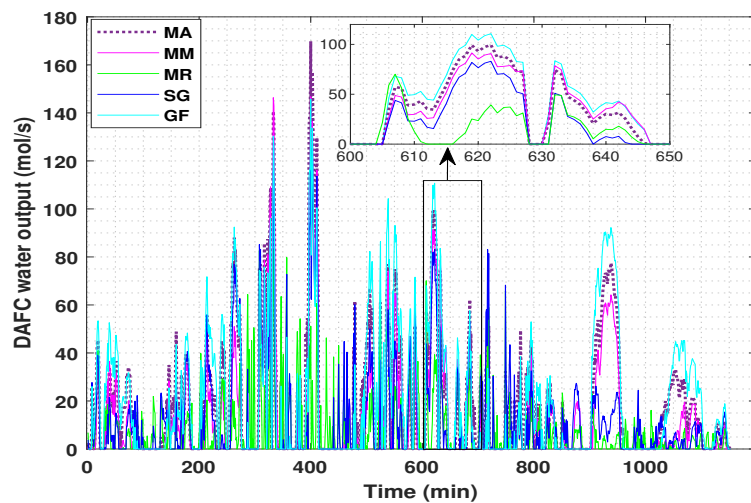


Figure 3.17: DAFC nitrogen output rates using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

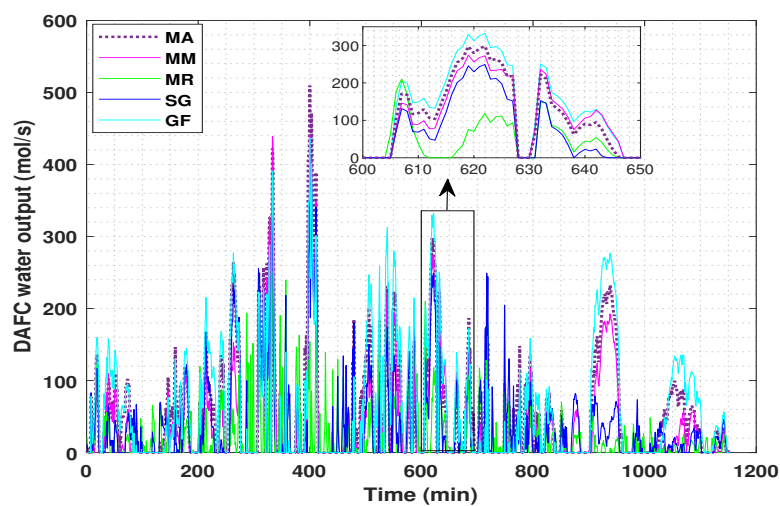


Figure 3.18: DAFC water output rate using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

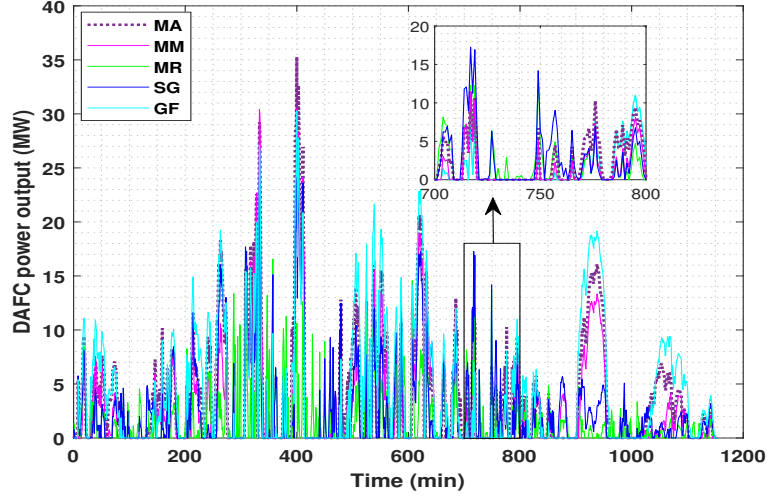


Figure 3.19: DAFC power outputs using the MA, MM, MR, SG, and GF filtration techniques (wind power).

3.3 Conclusion

Ammonia is a sustainable fuel that works well for storing energy from solar and wind power plants. This inspired the chapter's investigation into the smoothing and regulation of solar and wind power using ammonia fuel cells. Power output fluctuations can be mitigated with smoothing filters such as the Moving Average, Moving Median, Moving Regression, Savitzky-Golay, and Gaussian. The excess power is used by an electrochemical ammonia synthesizer to generate ammonia. A direct ammonia fuel cell uses the stored ammonia to produce the power deficit, ensuring a smooth and consistent power at the point of connection to the grid. The Moving Regression smoothing filter was identified to provide more effective smoothing to power with lower requirements on ammonia production and storage, and fuel cell power capacities, lowering the overall cost of the system. The proposed technique, which makes use of electrochemical ammonia production and oxidation, has been shown to be an effective method for regulating and smoothing the power produced from solar and wind energy resources.

Chapter 4

Neural Network Models of the EAS and DAFC

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Machine learning applications for creating data-based models are still in the early stages within the energy storage sector, especially in areas involving green hydrogen and ammonia. A neural network model facilitates the development of intelligent control systems that can integrate with existing grid models, which include renewable energy resources and various storage systems. This chapter introduces neural network modeling of the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer for green ammonia production, as well as the direct ammonia fuel cell for converting green ammonia into electricity. The EAS and DAFC NN models can operate independently or be combined into a single EAS + DAFC NN model, where the output from the EAS NN model feeds directly into the DAFC NN model. These models are developed using MATLAB/Simulink software. The EAS NN model processes inputs such as solar power, nitrogen, and water to produce ammonia, with its performance evaluated

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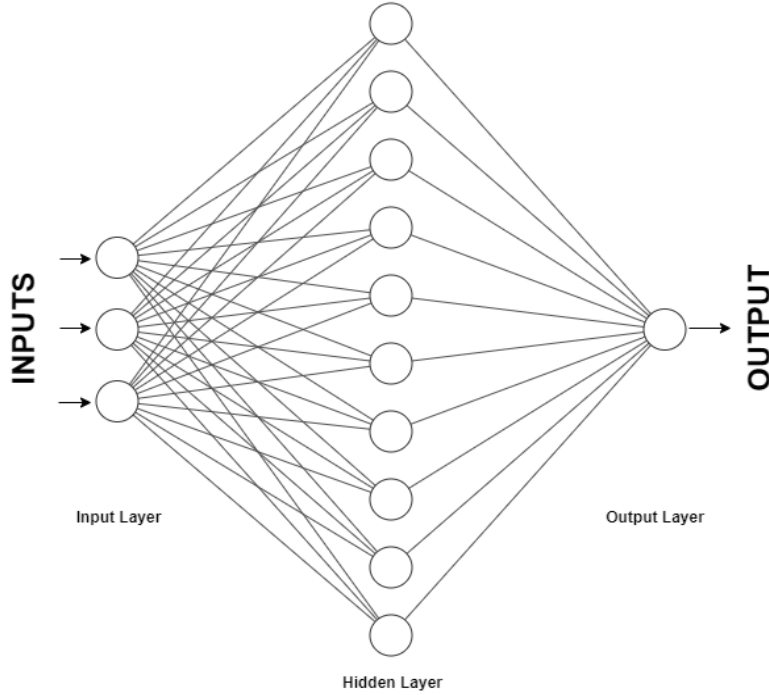


Figure 4.1: A neural network consisting of input, hidden, and output layers.

against the electrochemical model presented in section 3.1.6. Conversely, the DAFC NN model takes ammonia and oxygen as inputs and outputs power, water, and nitrogen, with its performance compared to the electrochemical DAFC model in section 3.1.7. Simulation results demonstrate the high accuracy of these proposed NN models, offering an efficient method for integrating neural network models with existing energy storage models and control systems. The neural network models developed for the EAS and DAFC can replace the electrochemical models in the control strategy proposed in section 3.1.

4.1 Equations Governing a Neural Network Model

Neural networks utilize historical data to learn and recognize the relationships between the input and output variables. A neural network consists of an input, hidden, and an output layer that house the neurons that make up an ANN's computational components. A general neural network is shown in Fig. 4.1. Every neuron in the layer under and

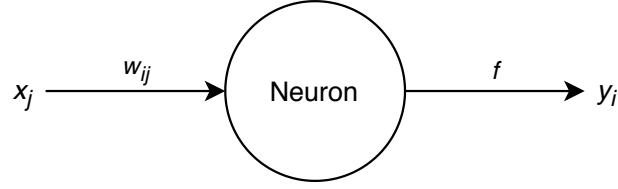


Figure 4.2: A single neuron with input x_j and output y_i .

above it has connections with every other neuron in the layer above, known as weights. Each one also has a bias that, depending on the strength of the incoming signal, decides whether it performs correctly or incorrectly [254]. The input for the neuron is created mathematically by combining the weight, bias, and signals from the previous neurons. The input is then processed by the transfer function, which creates the neuron's output [257]. Using a feedforward NN with biases, a sigmoid transfer function in the hidden layer, and a linear output, any actual continuous function can be estimated with any level of accuracy. In order to define weights and biases, calculations must be repeated. The error between the computed output and the intended targets is taken into account when iteratively adjusting the weights and biases [258].

Figure 4.2 shows a neuron, consisting of an input, and an output. The input x_j is multiplied by a weight w_{ij} to obtain the product $x_j w_{ij}$. The transfer function g uses this product as an argument to yield the output y_i represented as:

$$y_i = g\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j w_{ij}\right). \quad (4.1)$$

where i and j stand for the hidden layer's neuron index and the inputs to the neural network, respectively. Biases b are additional constants that are added to y_i (4.1) to ensure neuron activation if the input value is zero. The bias-added neuron output b included:

$$y_i = g\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j w_{ij}\right) + b. \quad (4.2)$$

To obtain the outputs from the nodes, activation functions are used. The sigmoid function $\phi(z)$ (4.3) is used to activate the hidden layers, whereas the linear transfer function (4.4) is used to activate the output layer.

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}. \quad (4.3)$$

$$f(x) = x. \quad (4.4)$$

where the weighted input for the neurons in the hidden layer is represented by z (4.3), while the weighted input for the neuron in the output layer is denoted by x (4.4).

The majority of the data is used to train the NN, which makes it possible to adjust the biases and weights for better prediction accuracy. The proposed EAS and DAFC neural network models are trained using the Bayesian Regularisation (BR) technique since it can generalize well avoiding overfitting, regardless of noisy samples. Because the regular Bayesian method is computationally demanding and unregulated across all weights, the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) approach is paired with the BR algorithm (4.5). The prediction accuracy was calculated using the Mean Squared Error (MSE) method (4.6). The MSE measures the discrepancy between outputs and objectives. The following is the BR inference for MAP:

$$BRMAP = \frac{1}{2\sigma_w^2} \sum_i w_i^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma_D^2} \sum_c (t_c - y_c)^2. \quad (4.5)$$

where t_c is the target value, y_c is the output for a specific training case, w_i is the weight vector, σ_w^2 represents the variance of the weights, and σ_D^2 is the variance of the training dataset D . Using MSE, the error in the predicted values of the ammonia is computed as shown in (4.6). Where y_i is the desired NN output, and $\hat{y}_i$ is the NN output.

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2. \quad (4.6)$$

4.2 Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer NN Model

4.2.1 The Proposed Methodology for the EAS NN Model

The proposed methodology for the design and development of an EAS neural network model is demonstrated in Fig. 4.3. Data from the EAS electrochemical model, detailed

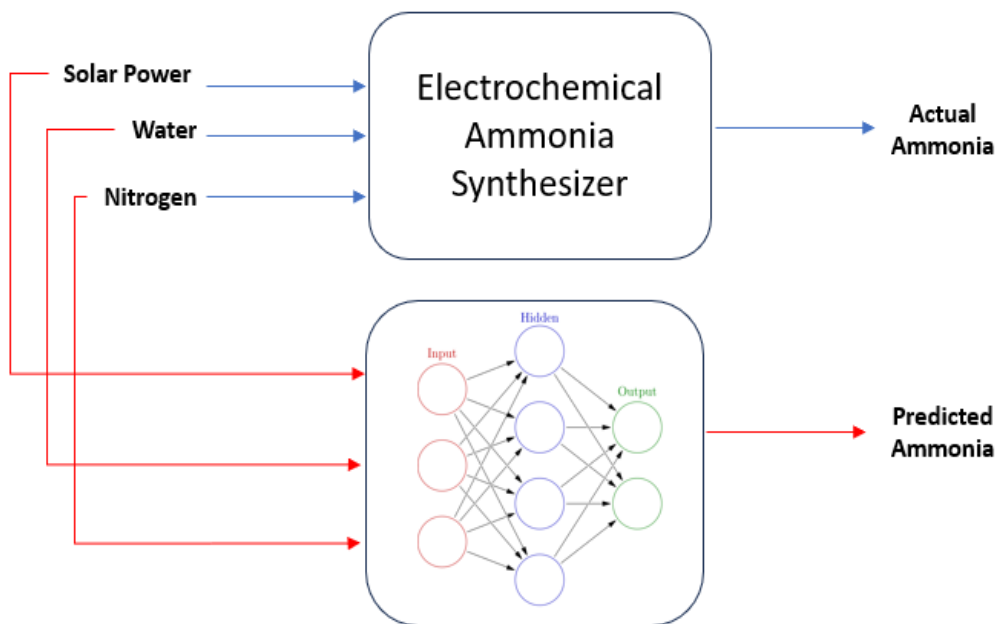


Figure 4.3: Proposed neural network model with three inputs - one output for accurate ammonia prediction.

in section 3.1.6, was used by the neural network to identify, learn, and recognize the nonlinear relationships between inputs and outputs. Specifically, input data such as solar power, water, and nitrogen quantities, along with the resulting ammonia output from the electrochemical model, were collected. This data trained the neural network model to accurately map the nonlinear input-output relationship of the EAS and minimize the mean squared error. The network's architecture included a hidden layer with 10 neurons, optimized to enhance accuracy. The dataset was cleaned and randomly divided into three. 70% of the original data was used to train the network, 15% to test network generalization, and 15% to provide a measure of the network's effectiveness after training. Ultimately, the NN model's performance was validated against the electrochemical model using a new dataset.

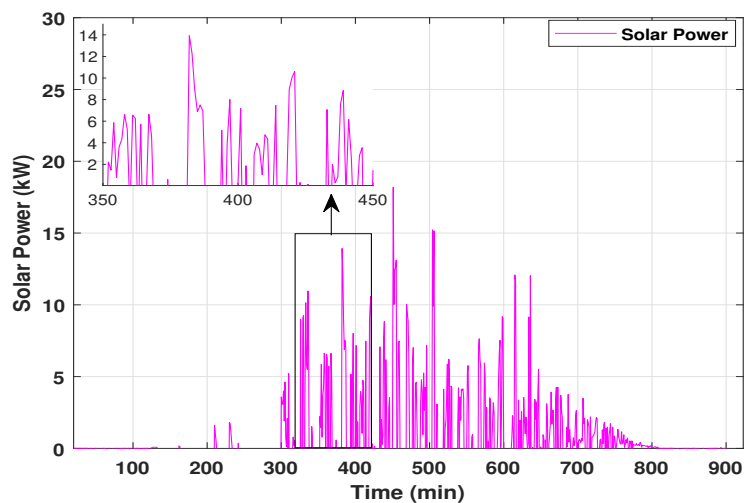


Figure 4.4: Solar power profile (kW), August 2020.

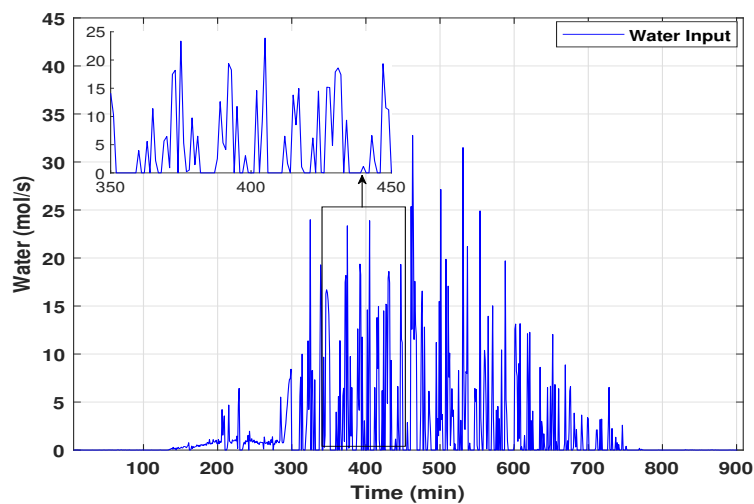


Figure 4.5: Water input for the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer neural network model.

4.2.2 Simulation Results and Discussion for EAS NN model

The solar power profile depicted in Fig. 4.4 was obtained from the University of Queensland-Saint Lucia campus database. The solar panels were subjected to a variety of naturally

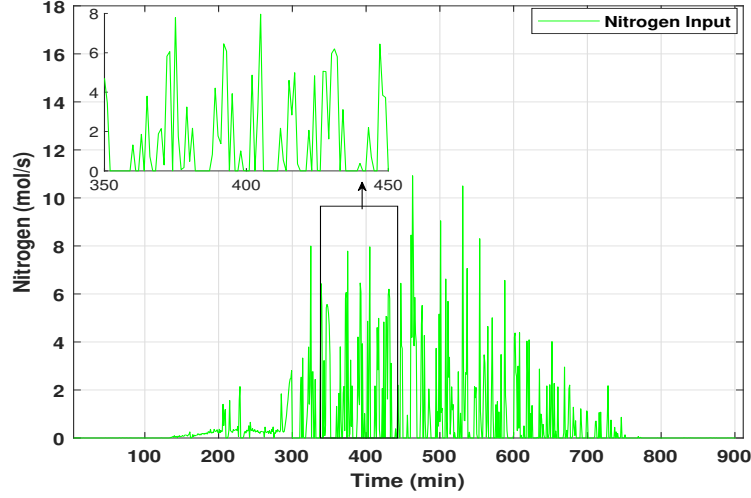


Figure 4.6: Nitrogen input for the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer neural network model.

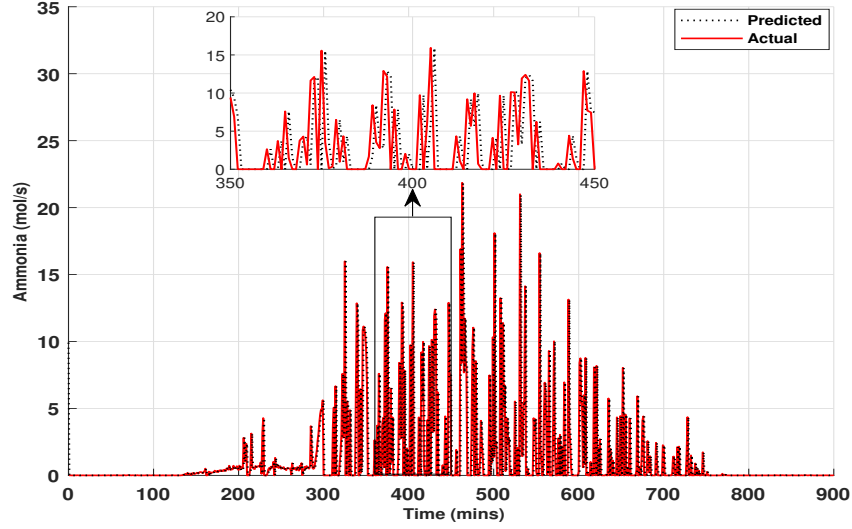


Figure 4.7: Actual and NN model predicted ammonia production rate.

occurring variables, including unclean solar panels and regular or partial cloud cover. First, the electrochemical model of the ammonia synthesizer is developed using the EES software [256]. Next, the data generated from the EES model is collected and arranged into

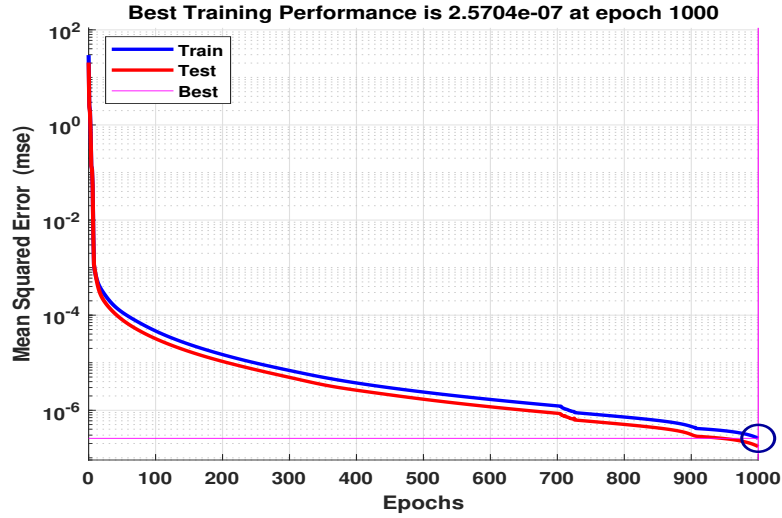


Figure 4.8: Performance curve for the NN model's testing and training phases.

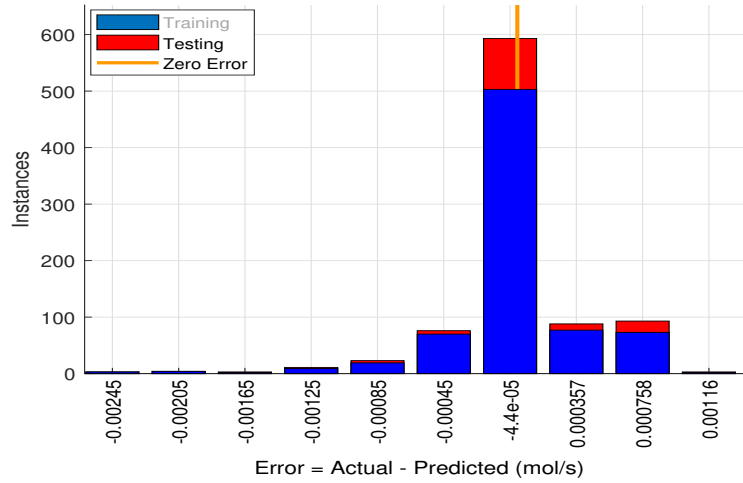


Figure 4.9: Error histogram plot of the EAS NN model.

input and output datasets to be used for creating and training the EAS NN model. The plant input-output data is collected to allow the NN model to recognize the nonlinear dynamics of the ammonia synthesizer. The EAS NN model is then created and trained using the collected data on Matlab-Simulink. As discussed in section 4.2.0 and 4.2.1, the

proposed neural network model consists of a hidden layer with ten neurons that use the sigmoid activation function (4.3) and an output layer with the linear transfer function (4.4). The input dataset contains solar power (Fig. 4.4), water (Fig. 4.5), and nitrogen (Fig. 4.6) data. Figure 4.7 demonstrates the ammonia production prediction performance of the developed EAS NN, it is clearly evident that the model achieves highly accurate ammonia production rate predictions.

The performance curve for the training and testing stages is displayed in Fig. 4.8. The mean squared error approach (4.6), which is explained in section 4.1 is used to calculate performance. The model is trained for 1000 epochs and the MSE achieved is between 0 and 10^{-6} , which is negligible and indicates that the model achieves a high level of accuracy. Furthermore, the error histogram plot is shown in Fig. 4.9 to show the discrepancies between the actual ammonia production and the ammonia value predicted by the neural network. Fig. 4.9 shows that the majority of the data have an absolute error of approximately just $4.4 * 10^{-5}$.

4.3 Direct Ammonia Fuel Cell NN Model

4.3.1 The Proposed Methodology for the DAFC NN Model

The methodology proposed for developing a DAFC neural network model is illustrated in Fig. 4.10. Initially, the electrochemical model of the DAFC from section 3.1.7 is employed to acquire the necessary data for the DAFC NN model. Subsequently, the input data, i.e., the quantities of ammonia and oxygen, along with the output data, including water, nitrogen, and power quantities from the electrochemical DAFC model, are gathered. Due to the number of inputs (i.e., 2) being fewer than the number of outputs (i.e., 3), the NN model's performance was initially inaccurate. Therefore, three distinct neural network models were developed, each designed to map the nonlinear relationships between the two inputs (ammonia and oxygen) and their respective single output variable: water, nitrogen, and power. Following this, the effectiveness of the NN DAFC model was evaluated against the electrochemical model using a new dataset.

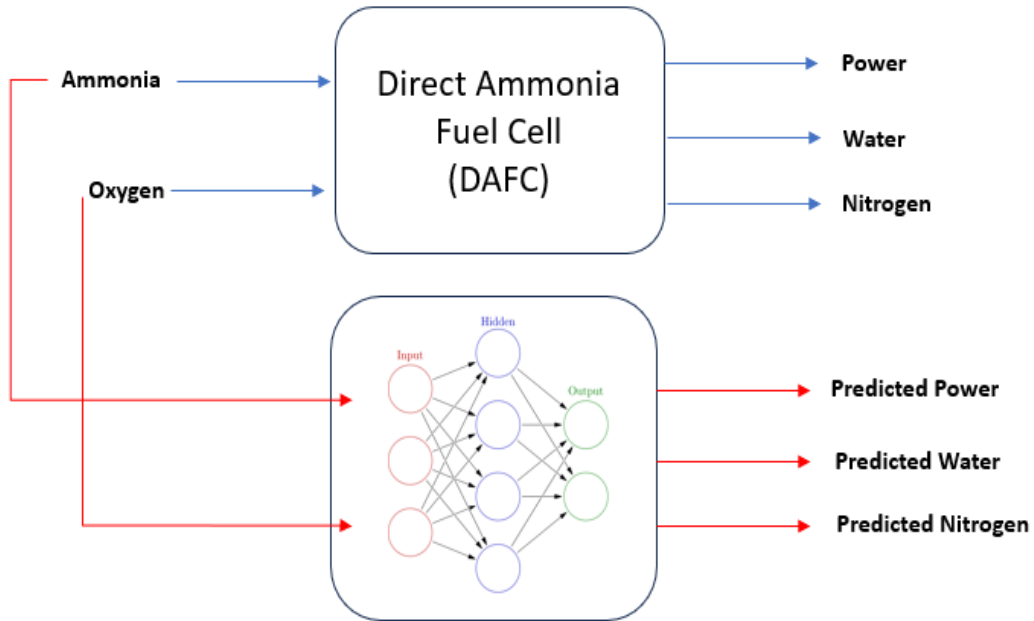


Figure 4.10: Proposed neural network model of DAFC with 2 inputs and 3 outputs.

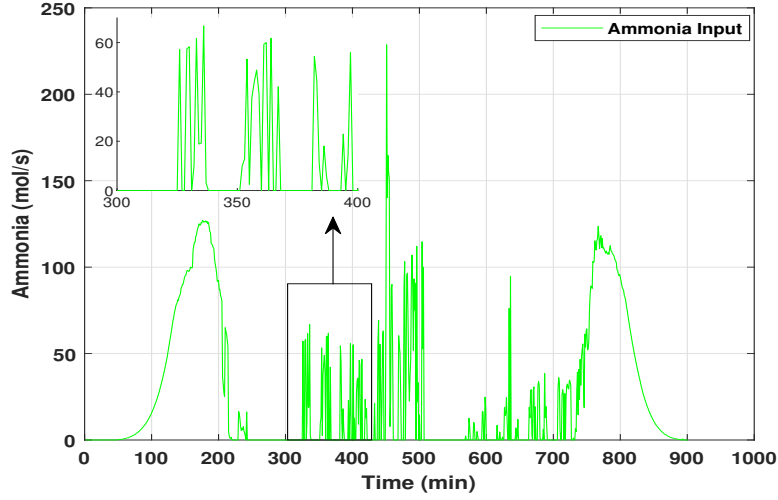


Figure 4.11: Ammonia input for the DAFC NN model.

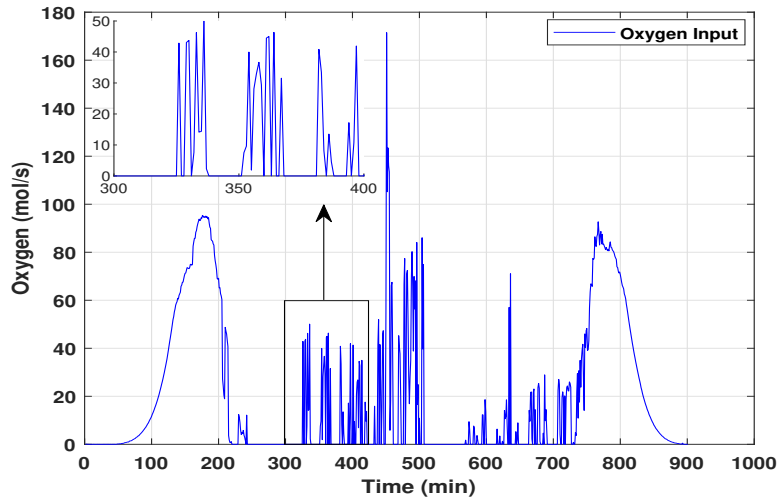


Figure 4.12: Oxygen input for the DAFC NN model.

4.3.2 Simulation Results and Discussion for the DAFC NN model

The input data profiles for the DAFC neural network models are shown in Figs. 4.11 and 4.12 for ammonia and oxygen, respectively. The electrochemical model of the DAFC

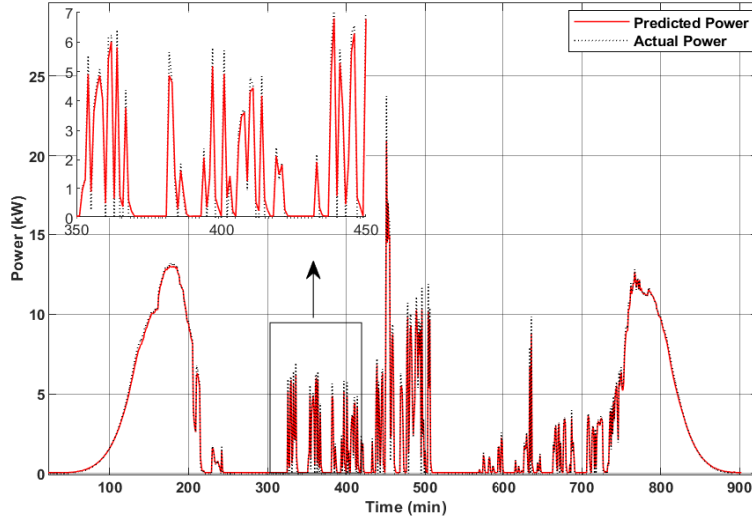


Figure 4.13: Actual and NN model predicted power output from the DAFC.

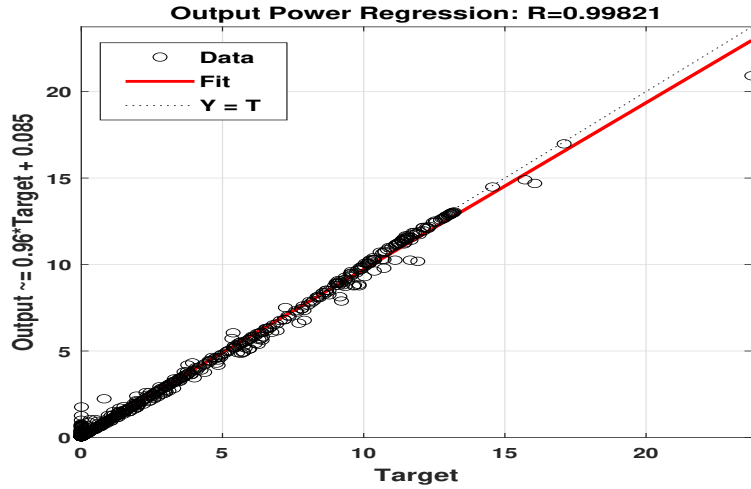


Figure 4.14: Regression plot for the power prediction NN model.

described in 3.1.7 is developed using the EES software [256], and the resultant output data i.e., water, nitrogen, and power is collected so that it can be used to develop the equivalent NN models. Three distinct NN models, one for each output, have been developed to recognize the non-linear relations between the inputs and the respective outputs. The 3

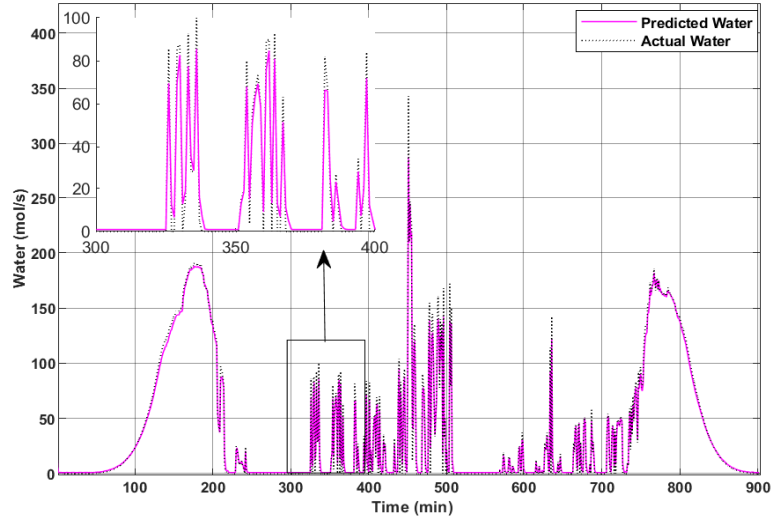


Figure 4.15: Actual and NN model predicted water output from the DAFC.

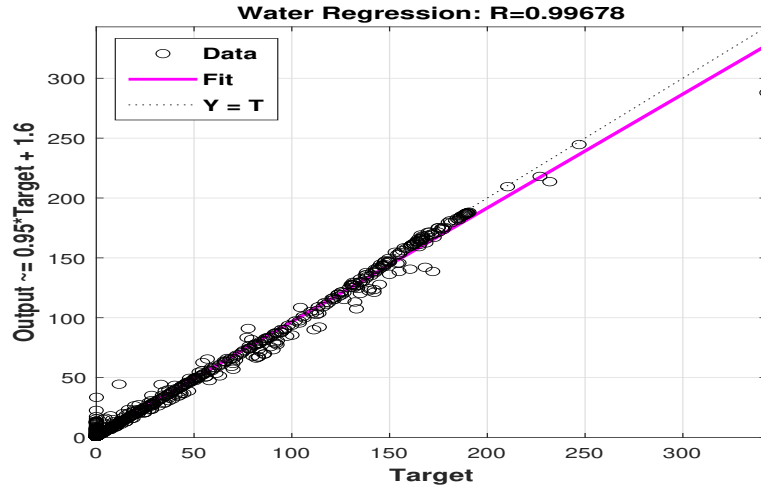


Figure 4.16: Regression plot for the water prediction NN model.

NN models are then trained using MATLAB. In each neural network model, as outlined in section 4.1, there is a hidden layer employing the sigmoid activation function with 15 neurons and an output layer with the linear transfer function.

Figure 4.13 illustrates the output power prediction performance of the NN model devel-

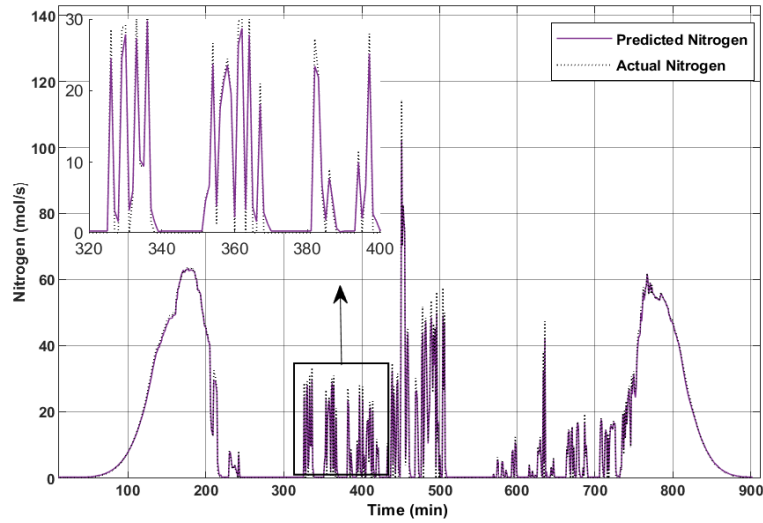


Figure 4.17: Actual and NN model predicted nitrogen output from the DAFC.

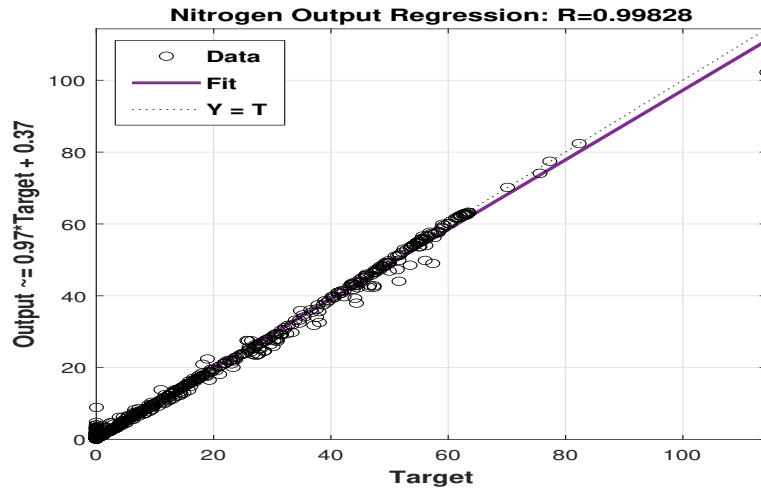


Figure 4.18: Regression plot for the nitrogen prediction NN model.

oped for the DAFC, showing highly accurate predictions. Additionally, the regression plot in Fig. 4.14 indicates strong model fitting and predictive ability, capturing a significant portion of the variance in the dependent variable. Similarly, the high prediction accuracies of the water and nitrogen NN models are depicted in Figs. 4.15 and 4.17, respectively,

along with regression values ($R > 0.9$) in Figs. 4.16 and 4.18.

4.4 Conclusion

In this chapter, neural network models of the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer (EAS) and direct ammonia fuel cell (DAFC) were proposed and developed. The EAS neural network (NN) model captures the nonlinear input-output relationships, with ammonia production as the output and solar energy, water, and nitrogen as inputs. It consists of a hidden layer with ten neurons employing the sigmoid activation function and a linear transfer function for the output. The DAFC NN model, on the other hand, uses ammonia and oxygen as inputs to generate water, nitrogen, and power as outputs, comprising three individual NNs with a hidden layer of 15 neurons. Both models were trained using the Bayesian Regularization Maximum A Posteriori technique, demonstrating high accuracy and minimal prediction error in simulations. The integration of these NN models allows for seamless interaction with existing ammonia production and energy storage systems, such as fuel cells and battery systems. This integration facilitates the development of intelligent control strategies for smart grid applications, leveraging the strengths of each system to optimize performance and efficiency.

Chapter 5

Neural Network Based Model Predictive Control Approach for Meeting Ammonia Demand via the EAS

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This chapter addresses the need for developing an efficient and robust control strategy for direct green ammonia production systems, specifically for the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer. As previously mentioned in this thesis, the EAS offers a promising alternative to hydrogen electrolysis due to lower storage costs [18], higher volumetric density, and reduced safety risks. Furthermore, green ammonia is pivotal in advancing sustainable energy systems across sectors like transportation, energy storage, and fertilizer production [17]. The EAS system requires effective regulation to meet the ammonia demand. Therefore, this chapter introduces a Neural Network-based Model Predictive Control (NN-

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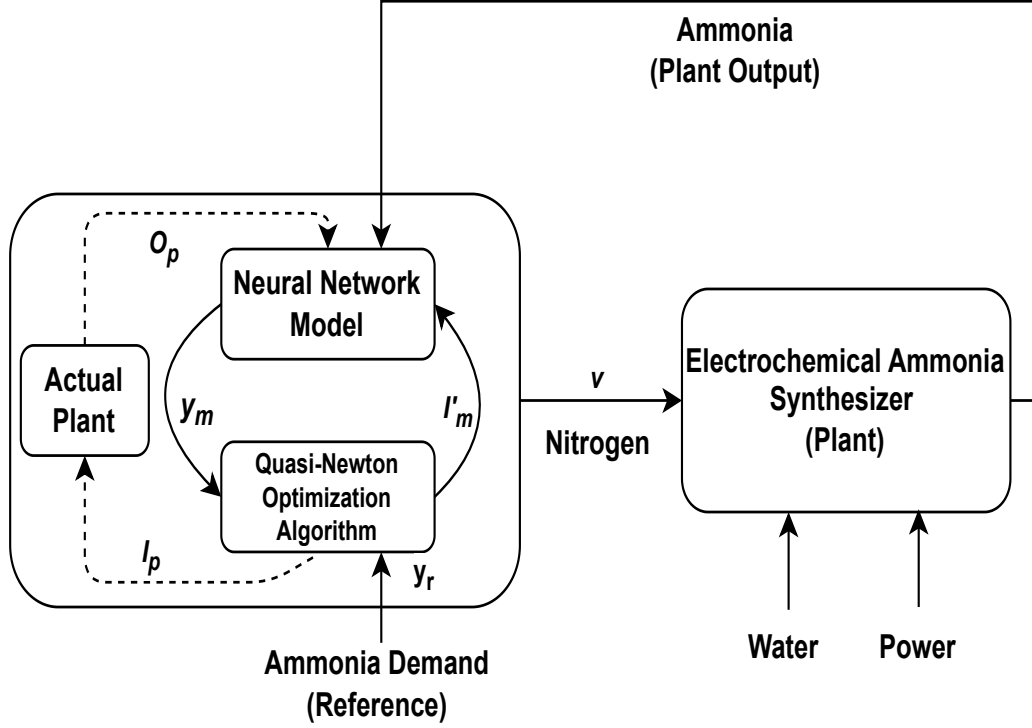


Figure 5.1: Proposed neural network model predictive controller for EAS output regulation based on ammonia demand.

MPC) approach tailored for the EAS. Unlike traditional MPC methods, NN MPC utilizes neural network models to accurately predict and optimize ammonia production dynamics. This approach enhances precision with increasing input-output data volume and effectively manages complex operational scenarios.

The objectives are: (i) to introduce, design, and implement an NN MPC approach for regulating the output of the EAS; (ii) to validate the effectiveness of the NN MPC in controlling EAS ammonia production and meeting ammonia demand through simulations; and (iii) to compare the performance of NN MPC with a Mamdani-type Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC), to analyze control capabilities.

5.1 The Proposed Methodology

The NN MPC shown in Fig. 5.1 is comprised of two key modules:

(i) The neural network (NN) model representing the EAS developed in section 4.2; the NN model accurately mimics the behavior of the EAS i.e., the plant. A precise plant model is essential for the proposed controller to perform predictive optimization and generate an optimal control signal for the actual plant. Thus, for model-based controllers like the NN MPC, the plant model must provide an accurate representation of the real plant. The designed EAS neural network in section 4.2 adopts a feed-forward architecture, where inputs encompass water, nitrogen, and power, while the output is ammonia, as shown in Fig. 4.3.

(ii) The Quasi-Newton (QN) optimization algorithm. As depicted in Fig. 5.1, the optimization algorithm is tasked with generating the optimal control signal v for the EAS, with nitrogen input being designated as the controlled variable, and water and power as constant inputs. Training data for the EAS NN, consisting of input I_p and target output O_p , is generated using the electrochemical-based EAS model (described in section 3.1.6) and fed into the neural network EAS plant model. The design methodology of the NN MPC is presented in the following section 5.2.1.

5.2 Modeling and Controller Design

5.2.1 Neural Network Based Model Predictive Controller Design

For the EAS neural network model, as discussed in section 4.2, the NN model was designed using the data collected from the electrochemical EAS model described in section 3.1.6. This dataset was divided such that 70% was allocated for training the neural network, 15% for assessing the network's generalization, and the remaining 15% for evaluating network performance. The results presented in section 4.2 demonstrated the EAS NN model's high accuracy, therefore this model is used for the predictive optimization step in the NN MPC.

The QN optimization technique described by (5.1) is employed to minimize the cost function J defined by (5.3). The function J presents the disparity between the desired ammonia i.e., the demand, y_r , and the output ammonia predicted by the EAS NN model, y_m , as shown in Fig. 5.1. Thus, the collaborative operation of the NN, QN algorithm, and applied constraints facilitates the generation of control signal v aimed at minimizing the discrepancy between y_r and y_m .

$$a^{(k+1)} = a^{(k)} - [B^{-1}] \cdot \text{grad}(a^{(k)}) \quad (5.1)$$

In equation (5.1), a^k represents the initial value of the reference ammonia y_r , while a^{k+1} denotes the subsequent value of y_r . The term $\text{grad}(a^k)$ serves as the criterion for convergence, and B^{-1} refers to the inverse of the Hessian matrix described in (5.2).

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.2)$$

The objective function J (5.3) is comprised of two main terms: the first term measures the difference between the predicted ammonia output, y_m , from the EAS NN and the desired ammonia level, y_r , while the second term calculates the sum of squares of adjustments made to the control variable I'_m (referring to Fig. 5.1). The QN algorithm determines the optimal signal I'_m to minimize the overall cost function J . The prediction duration spans N_d time steps, and the control horizon covers N_v time steps, assessing tracking errors and adjustments in control. Additionally, the coefficient λ , acting as a control weighting factor, governs the impact of control variations on system performance.

$$J = \sum_{i=N_c}^{N_d} [y_r(t+i) - y_m(t+i)]^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{N_v} [I'_m(t+i-1) - I'_m(t+i-2)]^2 \quad (5.3)$$

Accordingly, the NNMPCC is subjected to the following practical constraints:

$$0 \leq y_o \leq y_r \quad (5.4)$$

$$0 \leq v \leq 12 \text{ mol/s} \quad (5.5)$$

The constraint (5.4) guarantees that the NNMPCC controlled output of ammonia, denoted as y_o , stays within predetermined boundaries, thus avoiding production levels that exceed the demand, represented by y_r . Meanwhile, constraint (5.5) ensures that the control signal v remains within the range of 0 to 12 mol/s, which results in an optimal solution ensuring that the process converges. The constraint (5.5) prevents values that are too high or too low, which could potentially destabilize the system.

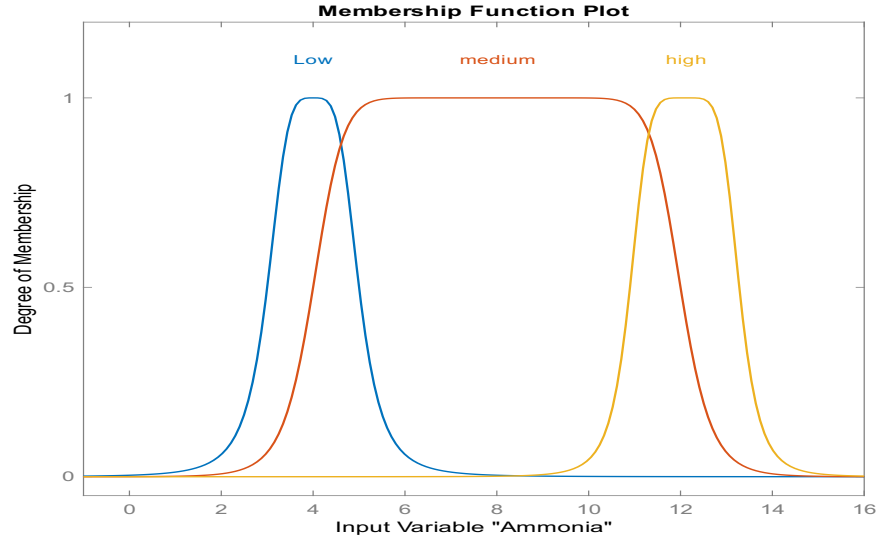


Figure 5.2: Ammonia (mol/s) fuzzy membership function, input.

5.2.2 Fuzzy Logic Controller Design

As a baseline for the relative performance assessment of NNMPC, a Mamdani-type Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC) was developed. Similar to NNMPC, the FLC dynamically adjusts the nitrogen input v to the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer to align the produced ammonia with the desired demand y_r . The Mamdani FLC operates based on fuzzy set theory principles, utilizing a set of IF-THEN rules to translate system knowledge into a rule-based framework. In this specific application, the input membership function for ammonia demand, y_r is illustrated in Fig. 5.2, while the membership function for FLC's output, i.e., the nitrogen control signal, v , is depicted in Fig. 5.3. The centroid defuzzification method is used and the judgment rules for the FLC are structured as follows: When ammonia levels are high, nitrogen is also high; when ammonia levels are medium, nitrogen is medium; and when ammonia levels are low, nitrogen is low.

A thorough comparison between the NNMPC and a traditional model predictive control would be optimal. However, implementing an MPC necessitates a precise mathematical model of the plant, which is currently unavailable for the electrochemical ammonia synthesizer. Consequently, FLC was employed as an alternative. The FLC, being an intelligent control strategy, relies on the plant's behavior through input-output fuzzy membership functions, thereby providing a viable approach in the absence of a detailed mathematical model.

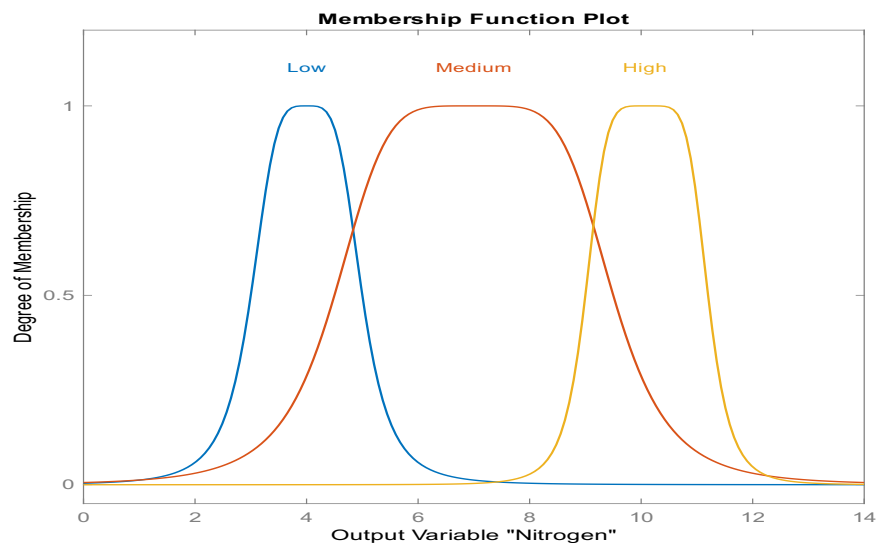


Figure 5.3: Nitrogen (mol/s) fuzzy membership function, output.

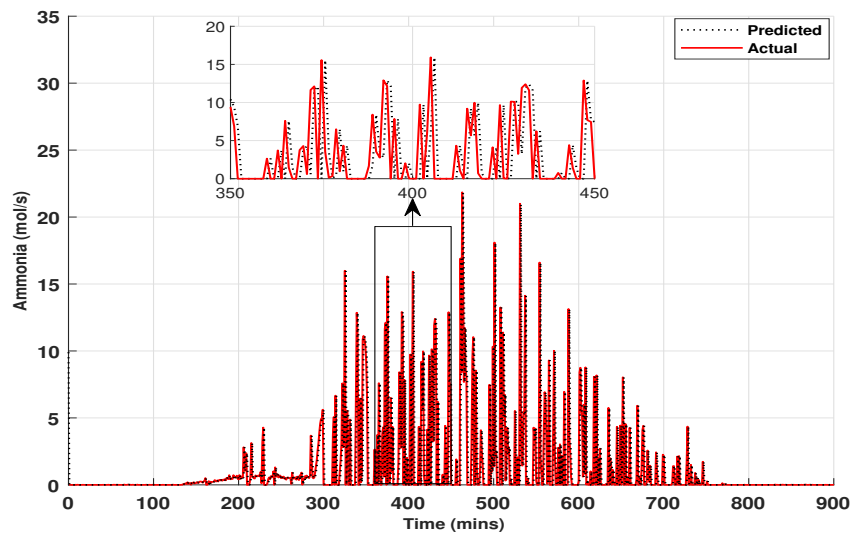


Figure 5.4: Actual and NN model predicted ammonia production rate (same as Fig. 4.7).

5.3 Simulation Results and Discussion

The predictive performance of the EAS NN model, as depicted in Figure 5.4, corresponds to the results presented in section 4.2.2. As illustrated in Figure 5.4, the NN EAS model

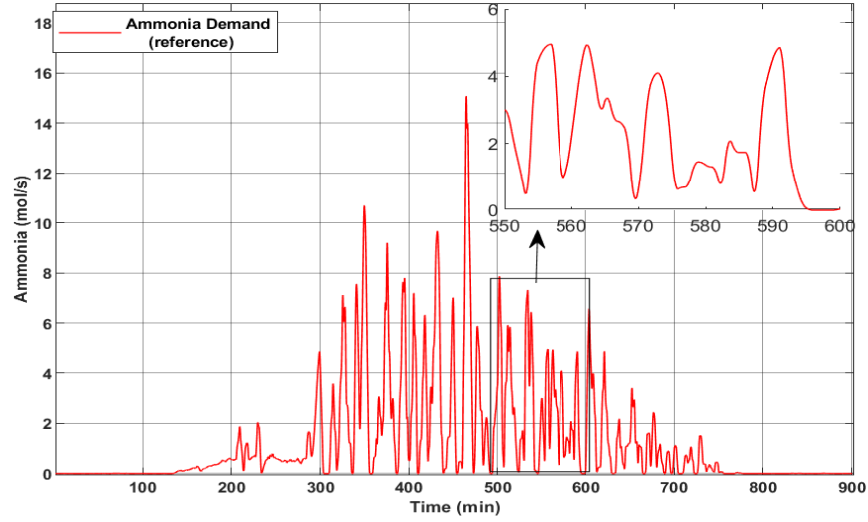


Figure 5.5: Ammonia demand profile as the reference input to the NNMPC and FLC.

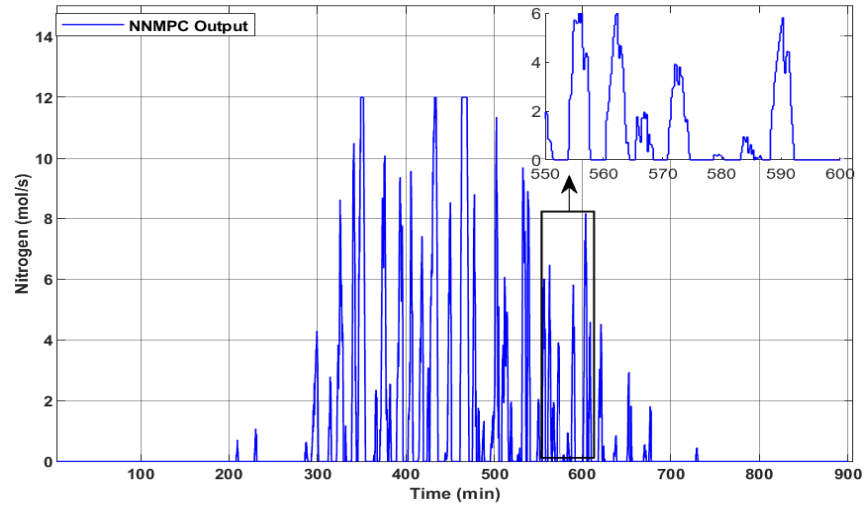


Figure 5.6: Output of the NNMPC, controlled variable nitrogen profile.

demonstrates high accuracy, which supports its integration into the NNMPC framework. This framework was implemented within the MATLAB-Simulink environment. As outlined in section 5.2.1, the primary objective of the NNMPC is to regulate ammonia production in the EAS system based on the demand y_r , achieved by controlling the nitrogen input

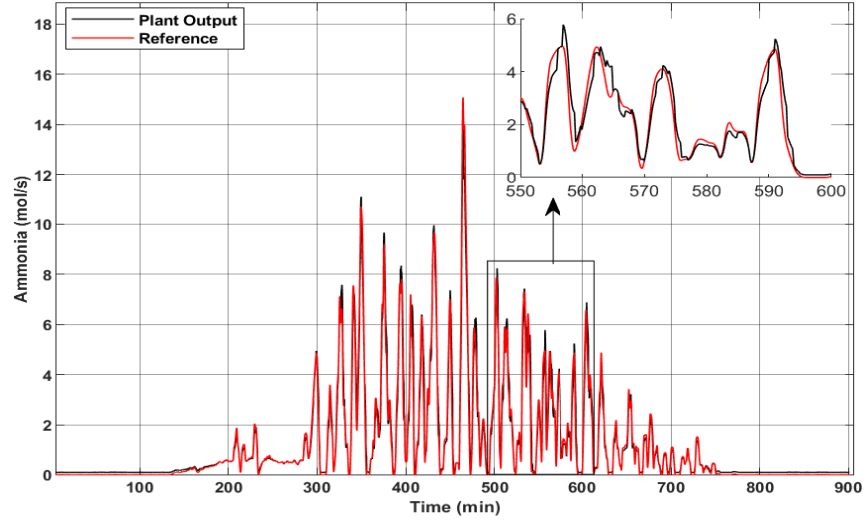


Figure 5.7: Comparison between the reference ammonia demand and the regulated EAS ammonia production through NNMPC.

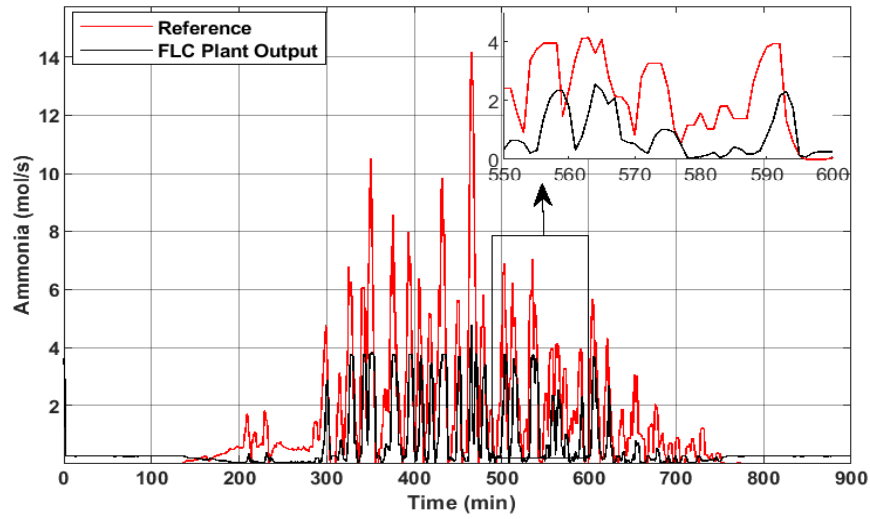


Figure 5.8: Comparison between the reference ammonia demand and the regulated EAS ammonia production through FLC.

v. The controller design parameters detailed in section 5.2.1 include a prediction horizon of $N_d = 7$, a control horizon of $N_v = 2$, a control weighting factor of $\lambda = 0.05$, and an

incremental step in the control signal v values denoted by the search parameter $\alpha = 0.001$, selected through iterative experimental trials for optimal performance.

The reference ammonia demand y_r , depicted in Fig. 5.5, serves as the input reference for the NNMPC. Utilizing the Quasi-Newton optimization algorithm, y_r is employed to generate the control signal, v , adjusting nitrogen inputs in the EAS plant to align ammonia production with y_r . Consequently, the controllable variable, v , dynamically adjusts to minimize the error between y_r and y_m . Fig. 5.6 illustrates the output of the NNMPC, showcasing the fluctuating values of v over time in response to y_r . Fig. 5.7 demonstrates the performance of the proposed NNMPC, confirming that the EAS plant can effectively meet the ammonia demand y_r , validating the NNMPC's ability to regulate ammonia production via the control of nitrogen, v .

Furthermore, a fuzzy logic controller was designed with the same objective of regulating EAS output based on y_r by adjusting nitrogen input v . The input and output fuzzy membership functions are illustrated in Fig. 5.2 and Fig. 5.3, respectively, selected after extensive test trials to suit the dynamics of the EAS. Fig. 5.8 depicts the performance of the FLC, demonstrating that the proposed NNMPC outperforms the FLC in meeting ammonia demand effectively (Fig. 5.7).

5.4 Conclusion

This chapter presents a Neural Network-based Predictive Control (NNMPC) approach specifically designed to regulate the output of an electrochemical ammonia synthesizer. The corresponding EAS NN model, as detailed in section 4.2, is trained to capture the relationships between inputs (solar energy, water, and nitrogen) and the output, which is ammonia production. By leveraging the neural network model of the EAS, the NNMPC generates control signals for nitrogen input to the EAS, ensuring that ammonia production aligns with demand. Unlike traditional MPC methods that depend on mathematical models of the plant, the NNMPC utilizes the NN model to accurately capture the dynamic behavior of the EAS system. As additional input-output data is collected from the plant, the precision of the NN model is further enhanced. Simulations demonstrate the effectiveness of the NNMPC in regulating ammonia production and meeting demand, highlighting its practical utility in real-world applications. Moreover, comparative analysis reveals that the NNMPC surpasses a fuzzy logic controller in its ability to meet ammonia demand. The flexible nature of the NNMPC enables its adaptation to various applications involving wind, solar, and hybrid energy systems.

Chapter 6

Conclusions and Recommendations

In this chapter, the key outcomes, results, and findings from this thesis are summarized. Recommendations for future research based on these findings are also presented.

6.1 Summary and Conclusion

The conventional method of producing green ammonia involves creating green hydrogen through an electrolyzer system, which is then combined with nitrogen via the Haber Bosch (HB) process to generate ammonia. However, the emerging Direct Ammonia Synthesis (DAS) method, which utilizes an Electrochemical Ammonia Synthesizer (EAS) without the need for an electrolyzer and HB process, is drawing interest due to its potential to significantly cut costs and reduce energy consumption. This method allows for the direct conversion of produced ammonia into electricity using Direct Ammonia Fuel Cells (DAFC). Moreover, using ammonia helps overcome issues related to hydrogen, such as its high flammability, low volumetric density, and substantial storage costs. Therefore, the thesis focuses on the DAS approach for green ammonia production.

The study examines how integrating the EAS and DAFC into the power grid can stabilize power output using various power smoothing filters. Filters such as moving average, moving median, moving regression, Savitzky-Golay, and Gaussian help mitigate power output fluctuations. The surplus power is utilized by the EAS to produce ammonia, which is then stored and used by the DAFC to compensate for any power shortfalls, ensuring consistent electricity supply to the grid. Among these, the moving regression filter has proven particularly effective in smoothing power fluctuations while requiring less ammonia

production and storage, and lower fuel cell power capacities, thereby reducing overall system costs. This method, leveraging electrochemical ammonia production and oxidation, has proven to be an effective method for managing and smoothing power derived from solar and wind sources.

Neural network (NN) models for the EAS and DAFC have been created to streamline the complex and sensor-heavy modeling traditionally required for electrochemical systems. The EAS NN model effectively handles nonlinear input-output relationships, using inputs like solar energy, water, and nitrogen to predict ammonia production. This model features a hidden layer with ten neurons using the sigmoid activation function and a linear output transfer function. Conversely, the DAFC NN model processes inputs of ammonia and oxygen to output water, nitrogen, and power, with each output managed by separate neural networks containing a hidden layer of 15 neurons. Both models were trained using Bayesian Regularization Maximum A Posteriori technique, achieving high accuracy and low prediction errors in simulations. These NN models are designed for integration into existing microgrid system models using MATLAB-Simulink and Python.

The thesis introduces a Neural Network-based Model Predictive Control (NNMPC) method for managing EAS output and meeting the ammonia demand. Utilizing the neural network model of the EAS, the NNMPC generates control signals for nitrogen input, ensuring ammonia production aligns with the demand. This approach differs from MPC techniques that rely on mathematical plant models, as NNMPC employs the NN model to more precisely represent the dynamic operations of the EAS system. The accuracy of the NN model improves as more input-output data is collected, enhancing its performance. Simulation results confirm the NNMPC's effectiveness in controlling ammonia production to meet demands, demonstrating its viability for practical implementation. Additionally, a comparative analysis shows that NNMPC outperforms a fuzzy logic controller in satisfying ammonia demand requirements.

6.2 Recommendations for Future Work

Based on the results of this study, a number of recommendations are proposed for future research:

1. While the NNMPC has shown promising results, exploring additional advanced control strategies could offer improvements. Future studies could investigate adaptive control or reinforcement learning algorithms to dynamically adjust system parameters in real-time based on changing environmental conditions and grid demands.

2. Ongoing research to refine the neural network models used for predicting ammonia production and managing system operations could enhance accuracy and reliability. Exploring different network architectures and training methodologies could yield better performance, especially in handling non-linear dynamics of the system.
3. Research into the scalability of the DAS method in various operational environments would be beneficial. This includes pilot projects and case studies to evaluate the practical challenges and economic viability of deploying these systems on a larger scale.
4. Comprehensive studies assessing the environmental impact of large-scale implementation of DAS and DAFC technologies would be crucial. This includes lifecycle analyses to determine the overall carbon footprint and environmental benefits compared to traditional ammonia production methods.
5. Conducting detailed economic analyses to understand the cost-effectiveness of the DAS approach compared to traditional methods is essential. Research could also explore market dynamics, including demand for green ammonia in various industries, such as agriculture or energy, to identify potential commercial opportunities.

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