

# Towards accurate calculation of supercapacitor electrical variables in constant power applications using new analytical closed-form expressions

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1 **Abstract**

2 Supercapacitor (SC) is one of the most trending energy storage solutions. The SCs equivalent circuit  
3 models have been extensively applied to energy management because of their accuracy and simplicity.  
4 However, there is a difficulty in solving the conventional differential equation-based model used to  
5 characterize the electrical behavior of SCs operating in constant power applications. Hence, numerical  
6 or metaheuristic techniques have been used in the literature to derive SC's internal voltage at any time.  
7 In this work, a thorough mathematical analysis that enables a precise calculation of the electrical variables  
8 implied in the charge/discharge processes of SCs operated at constant power as a function of time is  
9 presented. First, the transcendental discharge voltage expression of SCs operating at constant power is  
10 formulated, and then it was solved using the Special **Trans** Function theory (STFT). The precision of  
11 calculation of the method used for solving the transcendental expression is presented and discussed.  
12 Second, the transcendental voltage of charging expression of SCs operating at constant power as a  
13 function of time is also formulated, and then it was solved using Lambert W equation. Third, a  
14 comparison of different methods for solving mentioned equations is presented. Fourth, the electrical  
15 variables involved in the charge/discharge processes of SCs – voltage, current, power, energy, state of  
16 charge, and power loss are investigated. Furthermore, the results obtained for the variation of parameters  
17 and their operating conditions demonstrate the proposed equations' applicability and accuracy. Finally,  
18 the results obtained validate that the closed-form expressions suggested in this paper are accurate and  
19 straightforward, which can contribute to proper modeling, investigation, sizing, regulation, and control  
20 of constant power SCs in modern energy systems.

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22 **Keywords**— Charge and discharge processes; constant power applications; Lambert W function;  
23 mathematical analysis; parameter estimation; supercapacitors; transcendental equations.

24 **Abbreviations**

25	PECE	Predictor-corrector method
26	RC	Series-connected resistance (R) and capacitance (C) that represents the SC model
27	RESs	Renewable energy sources
28	SC	Supercapacitor
29	SoC	State of charge
30	TS	Taylor series
31	<b>STFT</b>	<b>Special Trans Function Theory</b>

32 **Nomenclature**

33	$a$	Arbitrary positive real number
34	$C$	Capacitance of the SC (kF)
35	$E_{discharge}$	Discharge energy (J)
36	$E_{stored}$	Energy stored in the SC (J)
37	$i$	Discharge current (A)
38	$G_{>}$ and $G_{<}$	Error functions
39	$M$	Positive integer
40	$R$	Internal resistance of the SC (m $\Omega$ )
41	$P$	Constant power (W)
42	$P_{loss}$	Power losses of the SC
43	$P_r$	Calculation precision
44	$t$	Time needed by the internal voltage to reach a current value from the initial one (ms)
45	$u$	Internal voltage (v)
46	$U_0$	Initial starting voltage
47	$u_{co}$	External voltage (v)
48	[x]	The largest integer that is less than or equal to x
49	$\alpha$	Coefficient of the transcendental expression of the SC charge equation
50	$\beta$	Coefficient of the transcendental expression of the SC discharge equation
51	$\theta$	Variable of the transcendental expression of the SC discharge equation
52	$\Psi$	Variable of the transcendental expression of the SC charge equation

## 53 1. Introduction

54 Energy generation from renewable energy sources (RESs) is emerging across the world  
55 rapidly in response to technical, economical, environmental, political, and social requirements  
56 under the umbrella of curbing the usage of high-carbon conventional fossil energy resources to  
57 droop the increasing rate of global warming [1]. However, many factors affect the operation of  
58 modern power systems with high penetration of RESs, such as the intermittent nature of  
59 renewables and geographic constraints, and incomplete flexibility for power system operators  
60 to reduce frequency fluctuations and balance generation and demand in the long term [2],  
61 particularly with the increased RESs share in global energy markets. Therefore, there is an  
62 imperative need to store energy using the developing energy storage (ES) technologies [3], [4].  
63 There is no doubt that ES is the primary driver towards achieving emission-free power  
64 generation that can accelerate the conversion of energy systems from fossil fuel-based sources  
65 to renewable-based sources [5], [6].

66 In the broadest sense, energy storage is one of the good facilities that can increase  
67 resiliency and enhance reliability of modern energy systems and enable the integration of clean  
68 renewable energy sources into these systems. Many ES technologies with various energy  
69 capacities that rely on chemical, thermal, electrical, mechanical, or electrochemical solutions  
70 can be connected to energy systems [7]. One of the most interesting ES applications that need  
71 rapid charge/discharge cycles is the supercapacitors (SCs). They are a particular type of  
72 capacitors with a capacitance value much higher than the traditional capacitors [8]. SCs can  
73 store 10 to 100 times more energy per unit volume than electrolytic capacitors, accept charge  
74 much faster than any batteries [9], [10]. SCs are frequently used to improve power quality,  
75 afford backup power, and support voltage since their long cyclability, high efficiency, and rapid  
76 response characterize them [5]. For instance, they are widely employed in several applications  
77 such as hybrid electric vehicles [11], induction generators and energy storage applications [12],  
78 [13], power supplies [14], wireless sensors nodes [15], [16], oscillator circuits [17] and others.  
79 However, SCs have a lower voltage limit and are characterized by low energy density and high  
80 self-discharge loss and cost [5]. Because the research interest in SC modeling is growing,  
81 accurate SC models are essential for developing management systems to investigate electrical,  
82 aging, and thermal concerns accurately [18]. So, it is imperative to form a simple but accurate  
83 mathematical model to simulate the SC's performance [19].

84 In the available literature, several models of these devices have been developed [18].  
85 From the electrical perspective, in [18], Zhang et al. presented an overview of various SC  
86 models – electrochemical, equivalent circuit, intelligent-based, and fractional-order. The

87 equivalent SC models of Zhang are widely recognized and used due to their simplicity and  
88 accuracy. Moreover, comprehensive research about SC models was offered by Grbovic et al.  
89 in [20]. Unlike Zhang et al.'s investigation, Grbovic et al. in [20] have treated the SC as a  
90 varying capacity. Hereafter, the third usually used model for SC representation was presented  
91 by Musolino et al. in [21]. However, Musolino SC models are complex as they consider many  
92 factors to parameterize low and high-frequency currents' effects on SC cells.

93 A series-connected resistance (R) and capacitance (C) represent the classical SC model,  
94 known as the RC model [22–24], which is widely used in all studies dealing with the charge  
95 and discharge process of the SC. Some research works have promoted an adapted SC model  
96 by including a parallel resistance to account for the leakage current [25]; it can be used when  
97 the self-discharge phenomenon is the primary motivator. It can be concluded that the RC model  
98 modification does not significantly impact the model accuracy, although it gives a better SC  
99 representation. What makes the SC modeling problem more difficult is unknown or missing  
100 parameters or the incomplete data in the datasheets offered by the vendors and manufacturers.  
101 Also, sometimes, SC parameters can be found in the manufacturer datasheet, but it is needed  
102 to estimate them based on other data or certain operating conditions [26]. This is why it is not  
103 simple to model the SC characteristics precisely with the missing data. However, the positive  
104 point that strengthens the use of the RC model is that its parameters could be considered  
105 constant in normal operating conditions, particularly the temperature, without significant errors  
106 [27], [28]. SCs usually operate in the charge/discharge process at constant current, impedance,  
107 and power [29]. The time-domain analytical expressions for all electrical characteristics of SCs  
108 under these modes of operations are presented in [29]. However, SCs have been used in most  
109 practical applications through the charge/discharge process at constant power or constant  
110 current [26]. In this regard, because the RC-based models in constant power applications have  
111 a complex mathematical solution, the authors in [29] have solved the SC modeling problem  
112 numerically using the predictor-corrector (PECE) method. Namely, the mentioned method  
113 extends Adams-Bashforth-Moulton's procedure for solving ordinary differential equations by  
114 fractional differential derivatives [30]. Closed-form expressions of SC electrical variables  
115 using Lambert W function in constant power applications are presented by Joaquín Pedrayes  
116 et al. in [26]. Both charge and discharge processes are formulated using the Lambert W function  
117 without solving complex differential equations. However, the discharge process results are only  
118 presented. Much additional mathematical formulation is given and added in the mathematical  
119 representation of this process, complicating its entire screen. Furthermore, no comments were  
120 made or discussed on the analytical solution of the proposed equations. Moreover, both charge

121 and discharge processes were presented in terms of the standard Lambert W function without  
122 sufficient feedback on the solutions' number, accuracy, and complexity.

123 In this paper, a thorough mathematical time-domain analysis that enables a precise  
124 calculation of all electrical variables involved in charge/discharge processes of SCs (voltage,  
125 current, power, and energy) operated at constant power is presented. Knowing the time-current  
126 and time-voltage (and vice-versa) curves during charge or discharge processes of SCs, accurate  
127 information can be obtained on SC's voltage value or SC's value at any time interval. These  
128 expressions can be useful in control loops where it is needed to control the value of  
129 current/voltage during the charge/discharge process of SCs or to calculate the SC's internal  
130 voltage value at any time. The proposed analytical closed-form expressions permit a direct  
131 calculation of all electrical variables involved in charge/discharge processes of SCs as a  
132 function of time, in addition to permit calculating the interrelations between these electrical  
133 variables in a straightforward matter, which can advance a good base for proper modeling,  
134 investigation, sizing, regulation, and control of constant power SCs in modern energy systems.

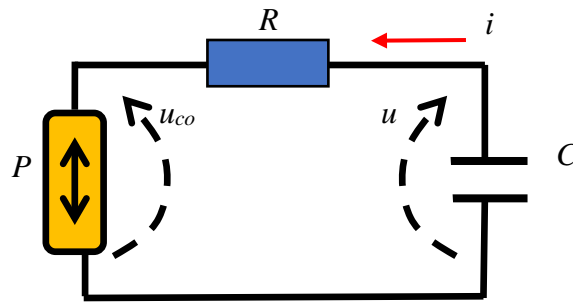
135 Mathematically speaking, the discharge process of SCs operating at constant power can  
136 be represented as a function of the type  $x=\beta(\exp(x))$ . This equation has two solutions. However,  
137 taking into account the physical constraints, only one is acceptable. Also, the charging process  
138 of SCs operating at constant power can be represented as a function of the type  $z=\alpha(\exp(-z))$ ,  
139 which also has one solution. In this regard, both the derived transcendental equations and  
140 corresponding expressions for electrical variables involved in SCs' charge/discharge processes  
141 in constant power applications as a function of time are solved analytically. The mathematical  
142 expressions derived are accurate and straightforward and do not require any other mathematical  
143 formulations. Furthermore, a comparison of different methods for solving mentioned equations  
144 is presented.

145 The rest of the work is organized as follows: In Section 2, a mathematical analysis of  
146 SCs that operate in constant power applications is presented. The proposed analytical methods  
147 for solving transcendental equations that describe both charge and discharge processes are  
148 presented and discussed in Section 3. A comparison of different methods for solving mentioned  
149 equations is presented. Results of the charge-discharge operations are presented and discussed  
150 in Section 4. Other key performance metrics as the state of charge (SoC) and power loss ( $P_{loss}$ ),  
151 are derived in different operating conditions, and the results are visualized. Lastly, the  
152 concluding notes and future work directions are given in Section 5. This paper also includes an  
153 appendix to show how the closed-form expressions derived in this contribution were solved

154 (Mathematica codes for expressing the discharging and charging processes of a SC at constant  
 155 power), which may be valuable for researchers who want to develop a model of SCs operating  
 156 in constant power applications.

## 157 **2. Mathematical investigation and analysis of supercapacitors operated at constant** 158 **power**

159 The conventional RC model of the SC comprises a capacitance  $C$ , internal resistance  $R$ ,  
 160 discharged at constant power  $P$  as illustrated in Fig. 1 [26]. In this figure,  $u$  denotes the internal  
 161 voltage,  $u_{co}$  denotes the external voltage, while  $i$  denotes the discharge current.



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 168 Fig. 1. Discharge of a SC at constant power ( $P$ ).

169 In the mathematical sense, the power balance equation of this model can be described as  
 170 follows:

$$P + Ri^2 = ui \quad (1)$$

171 where  $P > 0$  in the discharge process and  $P < 0$  in the charge one.

### 172 **2.1 Discharge process of a SC at constant power**

173 The internal voltage ( $u$ ) of the SC bank can be represented as follows:

$$u = u_{co} + Ri \quad (2)$$

174 Taking into account the relation between the current and voltage of the SC bank, one  
 175 can find that:

$$u' = \frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{i}{C} \quad (3)$$

176 Eq. (3) can be expressed in terms of Eq. (1); thus:

$$u'^2 + \frac{u}{RC}u' + \frac{P}{RC^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

177 Even though Eq. (4) has two solutions, only one solution is acceptable, which is the  
 178 positive one; thus:

$$u' = -\frac{u}{2RC} + \frac{\sqrt{u^2 - 4PR}}{2RC} \quad (5)$$

179 Solving Eq. (5) to get the time  $t$  needed by the internal voltage  $u$  to reach a current  
 180 value, from initial voltage  $U_0$ , has the following expression:

$$t = \frac{C}{4P} \left( U_0^2 + U_0 \sqrt{U_0^2 - 4PR} - u^2 - u \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR} - 4PR \log \left( \frac{U_0 + \sqrt{U_0^2 - 4PR}}{u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR}} \right) \right) \quad (6)$$

181 From the previous equation, Eq. (6), the following  $u$  expression can be derived. Thus:

$$u^2 + u \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR} - 4PR \log \left( u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR} \right) = h \quad (7)$$

182 where

$$h = U_0^2 + U_0 \sqrt{U_0^2 - 4PR} - 4PR \log \left( U_0 + \sqrt{U_0^2 - 4PR} \right) - \frac{4Pt}{C} \quad (8)$$

183 From the previous equations, Eqs. (7) and (8),  $u$  expression can be formulated as a  
 184 transcendental equation as follows:

$$\theta = \beta \exp(\theta) \quad (9)$$

185 where

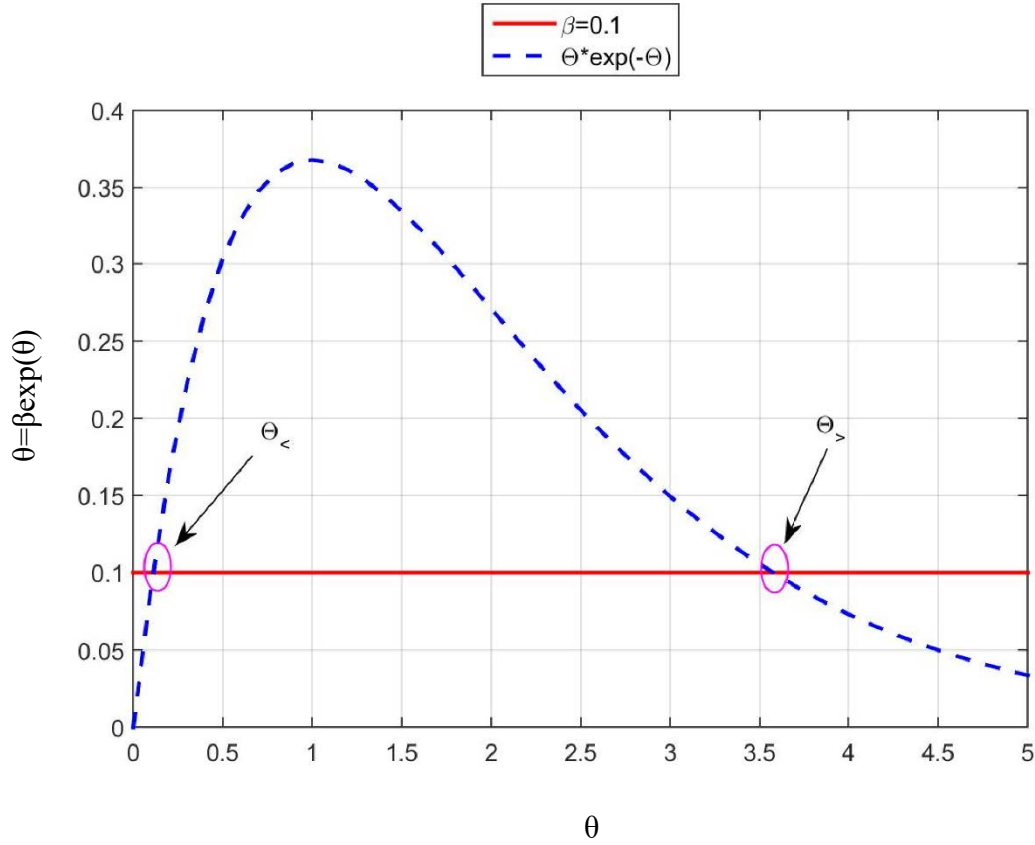
$$\beta = \frac{1}{4PR} \exp \left( \frac{2PR - h}{2PR} \right) \quad (10)$$

186 Hence, the voltage expression can be written as follows:

$$u = \sqrt{PR} \left( \frac{1 + \theta}{\sqrt{\theta}} \right) \quad (11)$$

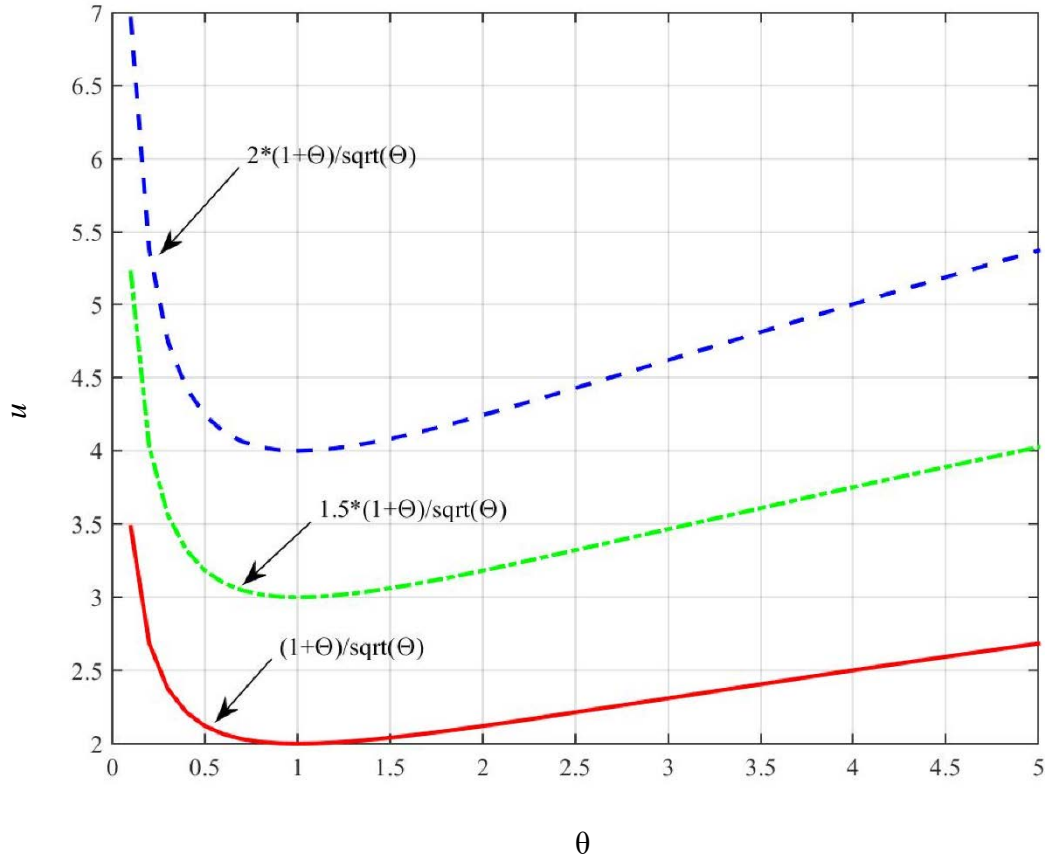
187 Derivation of Eq. (11) is explained in detail in Appendix A. It should be noted that  
 188 transcendental expression  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$  has two solutions [31]. One of the solutions is less than  
 189 1, denoted as  $\theta_<$ , and the second solution is greater than 1, denoted as  $\theta_>$ . Both solutions are  
 190 illustrated in Fig. 2.





191 **Fig. 2. Graphical representation of solutions of the transcendental expression  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$ .**

192 During the discharge process, i.e.,  $P > 0$ , the voltage decreases. On the other side,  
 193 observing the  $h$ th equation (Eq. (8)), it can be seen that  $h$  decreases with the rise in time. In this  
 194 case, the coefficient  $\beta$  increases. Hence, by observing Fig. 2, it can be seen that with the increase  
 195 in coefficient  $\beta$ , we can find a rise in  $\theta_<$  and a decrease in  $\theta_>$ . Solution  $\theta_<$  ranges between 0 and  
 196 1, while  $\theta_>$  is greater than 1. Observing the graph for  $u$  as a function of  $\theta$  shown in Fig. 3, it can  
 197 be seen that a decrease in  $\theta$  causes the reduction in  $u$  for  $\theta_>$ . Therefore, it is clear that for the  
 198 discharge process, we should consider the solution  $\theta_>$ .



199 **Fig. 3. Variation of the voltage  $u$  versus  $\theta$**

200 The discharge current can be calculated in the following manner:

$$i = C \left( \frac{du}{dt} \right) = C \left( \frac{du}{d\theta} \right) \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \quad (12)$$

201 After some mathematical manipulations, the mathematical expression for the current is  
 202 derived as follows:

$$i = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R\theta}} \quad (13)$$

203 **Derivation of Eq. (13) is explained in detail in Appendix A.**

204 Eqs. (14) and (15) represent the derived closed-form expressions of the instantaneous  
 205 energy stored in the SC ( $E_{stored}$ ) and the energy discharged ( $E_{discharge}$ ), respectively.

$$E_{stored} = \frac{1}{2} (Cu^2) = \frac{1}{2} C \left( \sqrt{PR} \frac{1+\theta}{\sqrt{\theta}} \right)^2 = \frac{PRC}{2} \left( 2 + \theta + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) \quad (14)$$

$$E_{discharge} = \frac{1}{2} C (U_0^2 - u^2) = \frac{PRC}{2} \left( \frac{U_0^2}{PR} - 2 - \theta - \frac{1}{\theta} \right) \quad (15)$$

206 **2.2 Charge process of a SC at constant power**

207 During a charging process, the power is less than zero, i.e.,  $P < 0$ . Hence, it can be  
 208 considered that  $P_1 = -P$ , and the following expressions can be deduced:

$$h = U_0^2 + U_0 \sqrt{U_0^2 + 4P_1R} + 4P_1R \log\left(U_0 + \sqrt{U_0^2 + 4P_1R}\right) + \frac{4P_1t}{C} \quad (16)$$

209 Also, we can write the following:

$$u^2 + u \sqrt{u^2 + 4P_1R} + 4P_1R \log\left(u + \sqrt{u^2 + 4P_1R}\right) = h \quad (17)$$

210 Eq. (17) can be transformed to the following form:

$$\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi) \quad (18)$$

211 Eq. (18) has one acceptable solution. In which the coefficient  $\alpha$  is given as

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4P_1R} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{2P_1R + h}{2P_1R}\right) \right] \quad (19)$$

212 Therefore, the voltage  $u$  can be derived as follows:

$$u = \sqrt{P_1R} \frac{\Psi - 1}{\sqrt{\Psi}} \quad (20)$$

213 Finally, the mathematical expression for the charge current  $i$  is derived as follows:

$$i = \sqrt{\frac{P_1}{R\Psi}} \quad (21)$$

214 **Derivations of Eqs. (20) and (21) are explained in detail in Appendix A.**

215 **3. Proposed analytical solutions**

216 The proposed methods for solving the transcendental equations representing charge and  
 217 discharge are presented and discussed in this section. A comparison of different methods for  
 218 solving the obtained equations is presented.

219 **3.1 Analytical solutions of the discharging equation of the SC at a constant power**

220 The transcendental expression  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$  can be solved using the Special **Trans**  
 221 **Function** theory (STFT) [31], [32]. The lower value of the solution ( $\theta_{<}$ ) has the following form:

$$\langle \theta_{<} \rangle_{\text{Pr}} = \sum_{n=0}^{[x]} (-1)^n \frac{\beta^n (x-n)^n}{n!} \quad (22)$$

222 where  $[x]$  denotes the largest integer that is less than or equal to  $x$ , while  $P_r$  represents calculation  
 223 precision.

224 The value of the higher solution ( $\theta_{>}$ ) can be calculated as follows:

$$\langle \theta_{>} \rangle_{P_r} = \langle \theta_{<} \rangle_{P_r} + K \quad (23)$$

225 where

$$K = \log \left( \frac{F_{>}(\beta, u-a)}{F_{>}(\beta, u)} \right) \quad (24)$$

$$F_{>}(\beta, u) = bR(b, u) \exp(bu) + R'(b, u) \exp(bu) \quad (25)$$

226 So that

$$R(b, u) = \sum_{n=0}^{[u/a]} (-1)^n \frac{(b \exp(-ab))^n (u-na)^n}{n!} \quad (26)$$

$$R'(b, u) = -b \exp(-ab) R(b, u-a)$$

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$$b = \frac{\theta_{<}}{a} \quad (27)$$

228 In the previous equation, Eq. (27),  $a$  is an arbitrary positive real number.

229 The accuracy of the calculation can be expressed in the following manner for both  
 230 solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{r>} &= |1 - \log(G_{>})| \\ P_{r<} &= |1 - \log(G_{<})| \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

231 where the error functions  $G_{>}$  and  $G_{<}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{>} &= |\theta_{>} - \theta_{>}(\exp(\theta_{>}))| \\ G_{<} &= |\theta_{<} - \theta_{<}(\exp(\theta_{<}))| \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

232 The solutions of the equation  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$  are presented in Table 1. Also, the solutions  
 233 obtained are shown in Table 2 in terms of accuracy  $P_r$ . It can be noted that for all the considered  
 234 values of  $\beta$ , the calculation error is very small, or approximately zero, particularly because of  
 235 the kind of physical problem solved in this work.

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**Table 1. Solutions obtained for  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$  at  $x=100$**

$\beta$	$\theta_<$	$G_<$	$u$	$\theta_>$	$G_>$
1/10	0.111832559158962965	$1.056 \times 10^{-152}$	100a	3.5771520639572	$9.863 \times 10^{-38}$
			200a		$1.075 \times 10^{-75}$
			300a		$9.885 \times 10^{-114}$
1/5	0.259171101819073745	$5.600 \times 10^{-101}$	100a	2.54264135777352	$2.373 \times 10^{-51}$
			150a		$5.471 \times 10^{-77}$
			200a		$5.514 \times 10^{-100}$
1/3	0.619061286735945112	$1.696 \times 10^{-40}$	20a	1.5121345516578	$7.876 \times 10^{-15}$
			50a		$9.492 \times 10^{-37}$
			150a		$4.145 \times 10^{-40}$

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239 **3.2 Analytical solutions of the charging equation of the SC at a constant power**

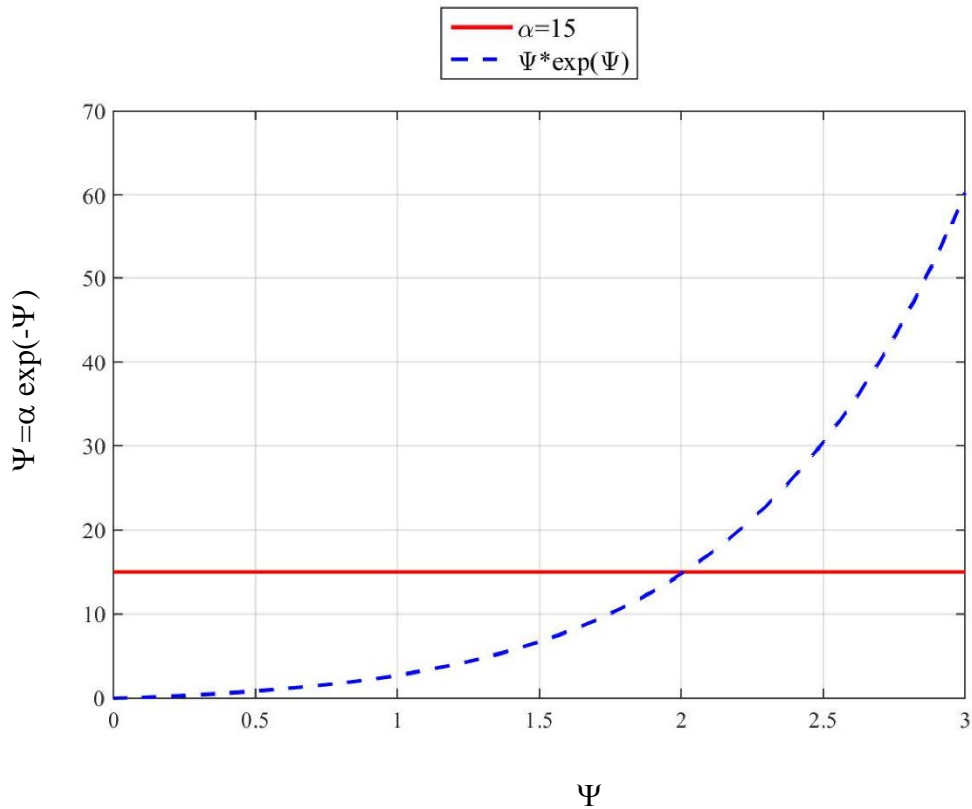
240 The graphical representation of the equation  $\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi)$  is presented in Fig. 4. The  
 241 transcendental expression  $\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi)$  represents the well-known Lambert W equation  
 242 [33–36]. The conventional methods for solving the Lambert W function are numerical and  
 243 iterative. The numerical methods are presented in many different domains (for example,  
 244 Fritsch’s iteration, Halley’s iteration, etc.). The iterative techniques, unlike analytical solutions,  
 245 are somewhat complicated.

246 **Table 2. Solutions obtained in solving  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$  at  $x=100$  in terms of  $P_r$**

$\beta$	$x$	$P_{r<}$	$u$	$P_{r>}$
1/200	100	321	100a	16
			200a	30
			300a	47
	200	637	100a	16
			200a	30
			300a	47
	300	953	100a	16
			200a	30
			300a	47
1/100	100	285	100a	19
			200a	38
			300a	56
	200	566	100a	19
			200a	38
			300a	56
	300	846	100a	19
			200a	38
			300a	56
1/10	100	153	100a	38
			200a	76

$\beta$	$x$	$P_{r <}$	$u$	$P_{r >}$
	200	303	300a	115
			100a	38
			200a	76
			300a	115
			100a	39
			200a	76
	300	453	300a	115
			100a	59
			200a	117
			300a	176
			100a	59
			200a	117
1/4	100	80	300a	176
			100a	59
			200a	117
	200	157	300a	176
			200a	117
			100a	59
	300	236	200a	117
			300a	176
			100a	59

247 Numerous program packages, such as Python, Mathematica, MATLAB, Maple, and  
248 others, have developed a solver for solving the Lambert W function. For instance, the Lambert  
249 W function is implemented as *LambertW* in Maple, *lambertw* in Matlab, Python, Octave,  
250 *lambert\_w* in Maxima, and *ProductLog* in Mathematica. The main drawback of all the  
251 implemented solvers is that they do not enable control of solution accuracy.



252 Fig. 4. The graphical representation of equation  $\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi)$

253 Two analytical methods for solving the Lambert W function can be found in the  
 254 literature. The first method is based on the Taylor series (TS) usage, while the second is based  
 255 on the use of STFT [34,36]. The TS of  $W_0$  around 0 can be found using the Lagrange inversion  
 256 theorem as follows:

$$W(\alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-n)^{n-1}}{n!} \alpha^n \quad (30)$$

257 For practical implementation and simplicity, Eq. (30) can be rewritten in the following  
 258 form:

$$W(\alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{(-n)^{n-1}}{n!} \alpha^n \quad (31)$$

259 where  $M$  represents a positive integer.

260 For a large value of  $\alpha$ , an asymptotic formula for solving the Lambert W equation will  
 261 have the following formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} W(\alpha) &= L_1 - L_2 + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l \begin{bmatrix} l+m \\ l+1 \end{bmatrix}}{m!} L_1^{-l-m} L_2^m \\ &= L_1 - L_2 + \frac{L_2}{L_1} + \frac{L_2(-2+L_2)}{2L_1^2} + \frac{L_2(6-9L_2+2L_2^2)}{6L_1^3} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

262 where  $L_1 = \ln(B)$  and  $L_2 = \ln(\ln(\alpha))$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} l+m \\ l+1 \end{bmatrix}$  are non-negative Stirling numbers of the first kind  
 263 [36].

264 Eq. (18) can also be solved by using STFT [36], in which the solution can be written  
 265 as follows:

$$\Psi = \alpha \frac{\sum_{n=0}^M \frac{\alpha^n (M-n)^n}{n!}}{\sum_{n=0}^{M+1} \frac{\alpha^n (M+1-n)^n}{n!}} \quad (33)$$

266 Hence, to solve Eq. (18), Eqs. (31) – (33) can be used, in which the calculation error  
 267 ( $G$ ) can be represented as follows:

$$G = \left| \Psi - \alpha e^{-\Psi} \right| \quad (34)$$

268 The precision  $P_r$  reflects the accuracy. The accuracy of the solution is high for the high  
 269 values of  $P_r$ , in which  $P_r$  is defined as:

$$P = |1 - \log(G)| \quad (35)$$

270 In order not to lose generality, specific examples of solving the Lambert equation using  
 271 Eqs. (31) and (32) are presented in Tables 3 and 4 for different values of  $\alpha$ . In this calculation,  
 272 *Mathematica* is used to solve the equations. The realized *Mathematica* code based on the  
 273 previously noted equations is given in Appendix B. Based on the presented results, it can be  
 274 concluded that a higher value of the integer  $M$  results in a higher precision of calculations.  
 275 Higher accuracy can also be obtained if STFT is used to solve the Lambert equation. However,  
 276 for considerable values of  $\alpha$ , using Eq. (33) is the best choice.

277 To sum up, all of the tested methods for Lambert  $W$  solving have good accuracy.  
 278 Furthermore, for small values of  $\alpha$ , this accuracy is extremely high for both STFT and TS. On  
 279 the other side, for a higher value of  $\alpha$ , the asymptotic formula has better accuracy. Because of  
 280 the physical nature of the problem solved in this work, both methods can be effectively used.

#### 281 4. Numerical results and discussion

282 The electrical parameters used in this case study for the discharge and charge processes  
 283 of a SC at constant power are presented in Table 5, where  $U_0$  denotes the initial starting voltage  
 284 used.

285 Table 3. **Solutions** of Eqs. (31) and (33) for small values of  $\alpha$

$\alpha$	M	$\Psi$	$G_{\text{STFT}}$	$G_{\text{TAYLOR}}$
$1e^{-6}$	3	9.9999900000149999 7333338541655866	$4.16 \times 10^{-32}$	$2.66 \times 10^{-24}$
	10		$2.50 \times 10^{-80}$	$6.49 \times 10^{-64}$
	20		$1.58 \times 10^{-152}$	$5.44 \times 10^{-120}$
	35		$7.41 \times 10^{-261}$	$7.94 \times 10^{-204}$
	50		$3.09 \times 10^{-369}$	$1.54 \times 10^{-287}$
0.001	3	0.0009990014973385 3088995782787410	$4.13 \times 10^{-17}$	$2.66 \times 10^{-12}$
	10		$1.66 \times 10^{-44}$	$6.50 \times 10^{-31}$
	20		$4.95 \times 10^{-85}$	$5.45 \times 10^{-57}$
	35		$3.17 \times 10^{-144}$	$7.95 \times 10^{-96}$
	50		$4.66 \times 10^{-204}$	$1.53 \times 10^{-134}$
0.02	3	0.0196115893374056 2729168248268298	$1.13 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.18 \times 10^{-7}$
	5		$1.11 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.75 \times 10^{-10}$
	10		$2.33 \times 10^{-26}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-16}$
	30		$7.91 \times 10^{-80}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-42}$
	50		$2.21 \times 10^{-120}$	$3.58 \times 10^{-60}$
0.3	5	0.2367553107885593	$3.91 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.93 \times 10^{-3}$



	10	1687136699131310	$8.36 \times 10^{-16}$	$8.31 \times 10^{-4}$
	50		$1.06 \times 10^{-67}$	$8.22 \times 10^{-8}$
	100		$4.75 \times 10^{-134}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-12}$
	200		$3.09 \times 10^{-266}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-22}$

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Table 4. **Solutions** of Eqs. (32) and (33) for large values of  $\alpha$

$\alpha$	M	$\Psi$	P <sub>STFT</sub>	P <sub>ASYMPTOTIC_FORMULA</sub>
100	30	3.38563014029005018 48882443645297	8	8
	60		15	13
	100		25	20
	300		74	50
	500		122	80
1000	50	5.24960285240159622 71260563196973	7	24
	100		15	43
	150		22	63
	200		29	82
	250		37	102
10000	60	7.2318460380933727 064756185001412538 840306	5	38
	90		8	55
	120		11	72
	150		14	89
	210		19	122
100000	100	9.28457142862210898 3205132234759581939 3169616724220653050 6106135740393299602 2127668743	6	74
	120		7	87
	140		9	101
	160		10	115
	180		11	125

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Table 5. Electrical parameters of the SC

$U_0$ (V)	$C$ (kF)	$R$ (m $\Omega$ )
2.7	1.2	0.58

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291 Table 6 shows the values of the coefficients  $\beta$ ,  $\theta$  as well as the voltage  $u$ , current  $i$ ,  
292 stored and discharged energy during the discharge process for different discharge power values.  
293 Besides, Figs. 5 and 6 show the variation of  $i$ ,  $u$ ,  $t$ , and power loss values for different discharge  
294 power values. **It can be noted that for a higher discharge power value, the voltage  $u$  faster  
295 decreases, while the current and power losses increase.**

296 Table 6. Results obtained during the discharge process for different discharge power values

$P$ (W)	$t$ (ms)	$h$	$\beta$	$\theta$	$u$ (V)	$i$ (A)	$E_{\text{stored}}$ (J)	$E_{\text{discharge}}$ (J)
100	35	2.4070191	$1.14057 \times 10^{-8}$	21.350207	1.164915	89.8638	814.2162	3559.8
	36	2.0736857	$2.01881 \times 10^{-7}$	18.323783	1.087172	97.0014	709.1658	3664.8
	37	1.7403524	$3.57330 \times 10^{-6}$	15.267764	1.002661	106.266	603.1974	3770.8

$P$ (W)	$t$ (ms)	$h$	$\beta$	$\theta$	$u$ (V)	$i$ (A)	$E_{\text{stored}}$ (J)	$E_{\text{discharge}}$ (J)
	38	1.4070191	0.000063247	12.167201	0.909100	119.039	495.8777	3878.1
	39	1.0736857	0.001119476	8.9911329	0.802456	138.477	386.3614	3987.6
	40	0.7403524	0.019814706	5.6536284	0.673920	174.631	272.5009	4101.5
80	46	1.9081321	$1.72128 \times 10^{-8}$	20.918198	1.032289	81.2023	639.3735	3734.6
	47	1.6414654	$3.04667 \times 10^{-7}$	17.888185	0.961980	87.8107	555.2434	3818.8
	48	1.3747988	$5.39261 \times 10^{-6}$	14.826925	0.885380	96.4507	470.3393	3903.7
	49	1.1081321	0.000095449	11.718047	0.800298	108.493	384.2863	3989.7
	50	0.8414654	0.001689446	8.5265379	0.702761	127.187	296.3239	4077.7
	51	0.5747988	0.029903154	5.1484959	0.583697	163.678	204.4215	4169.6
	60	0.4759871	$1.20419 \times 10^{-8}$	21.293250	0.901243	69.7012	487.3434	3886.7
60	65	1.2759871	$2.13142 \times 10^{-7}$	18.266366	0.840936	75.2550	424.3040	3949.7
	66	1.0759871	$3.7726 \times 10^{-6}$	15.209673	0.775360	82.4710	360.7099	4013.3
	67	0.8759871	0.000066775	12.108048	0.702733	92.4324	296.3002	4077.7
	68	0.6759871	0.001181920	8.9300353	0.619888	107.630	230.5567	4143.4
	69	0.4759871	0.020919955	5.5876019	0.519881	136.065	162.1658	4211.8

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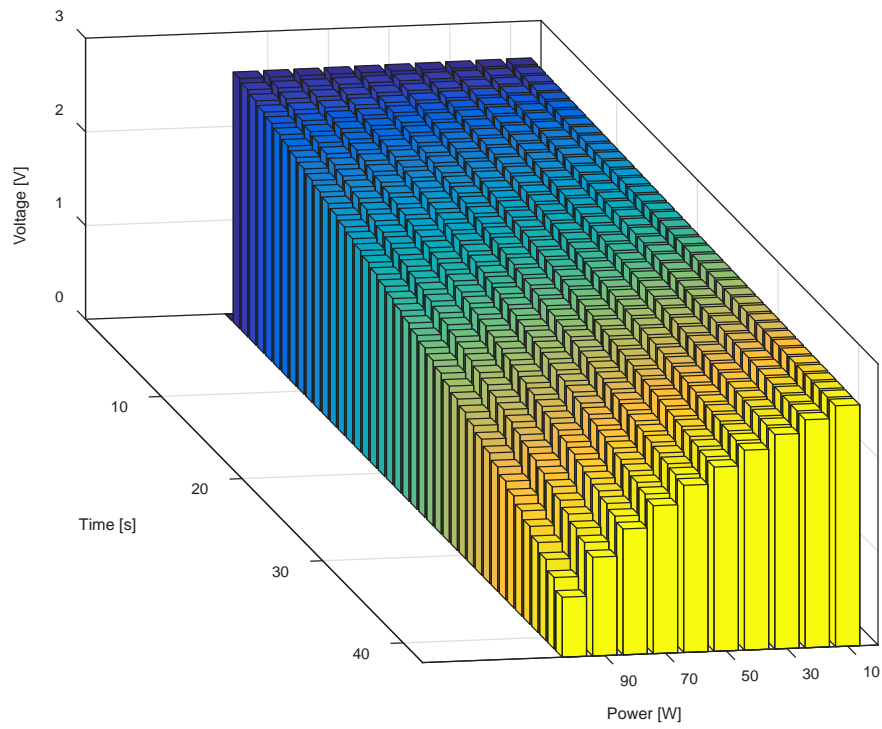
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Besides, the results obtained for the SC charging process are presented in Table 7. In this Table, the obtained results are presented for three values of the charge power in the initial time interval. It can be seen that  $\alpha$  has a high value, and therefore for solving Lambert W equation, both the proposed solution methods can be used. Also, it is clear that the accuracy of a few digits is enough because of the physical nature of the problem solved.

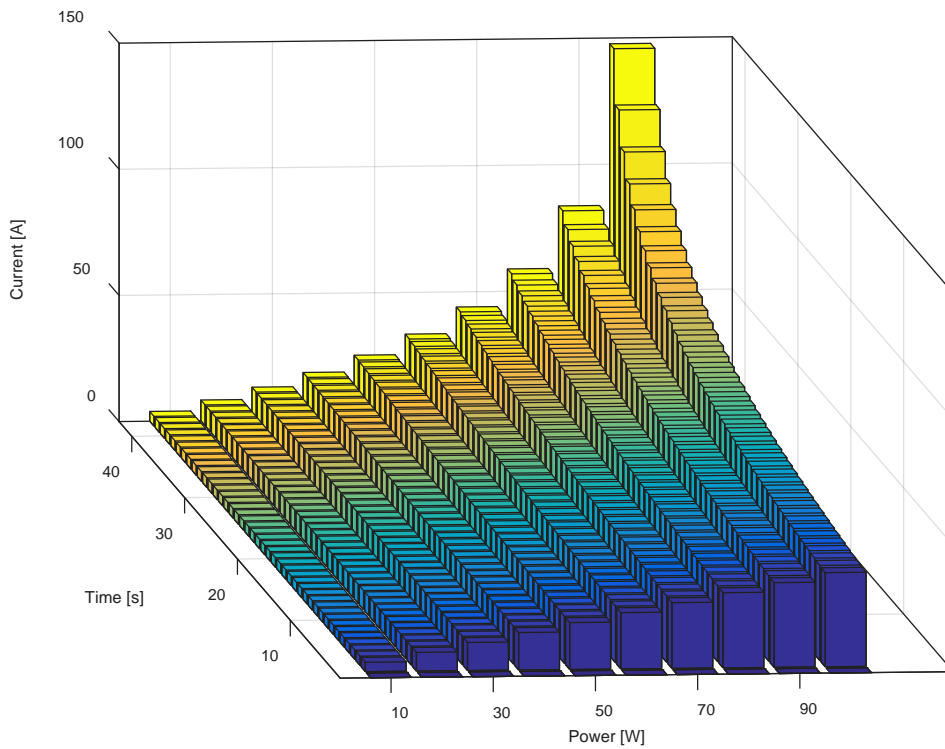
Also, the results of the calculation of  $\alpha$ ,  $\Psi$ ,  $u$ , and  $i$  are shown. Visualization of the results obtained is given in Figs. 7 and 8. It should be noted that the initial value  $u_0$  was set to 1 V in the simulation of charging of the SC. The higher value of the charging current increases the voltage value, and vice versa. Also, it can be seen that the current values increase with the high values of the charging powers, and in this case, the initial value of  $\alpha$  decreases for high values of charging power. However,  $\alpha$  and  $\Psi$  values begin to increase overtime at the same level of charging power.



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Fig. 5. Voltage changes with time for different values of power discharge



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Fig. 6. Current changes with time for different values of power discharge

Table 7. Results obtained for SC charging process

$P$ (W)	Time (s)	$\alpha$	$\Psi$	$u$ (V)	$i$ (a)
-200	0.0	$0.3922 \times 10^6$	10.5257	1.0000	180.9989
	0.1	$0.5228 \times 10^6$	10.7884	1.0150	178.7816
	0.2	$0.6968 \times 10^6$	11.0516	1.0298	176.6395
	0.3	$0.9287 \times 10^6$	11.3154	1.0444	174.5685
	0.4	$1.2379 \times 10^6$	11.5797	1.0589	172.5650
	0.5	$1.6500 \times 10^6$	11.8444	1.0732	170.6255
	0.6	$2.1993 \times 10^6$	12.1096	1.0873	168.7467
	0.7	$2.9314 \times 10^6$	12.3753	1.1013	166.9257
	0.8	$3.9073 \times 10^6$	12.6414	1.1152	165.1596
	0.9	$5.2080 \times 10^6$	12.9079	1.1288	163.4458
1.0	$6.9418 \times 10^6$	13.1748	1.1424	161.7818	
-400	0.0	$0.2875 \times 10^4$	6.1477	1.0000	334.9348
	0.1	$0.3832 \times 10^4$	6.3955	1.0276	328.3811
	0.2	$0.5108 \times 10^4$	6.6447	1.0547	322.1660
	0.3	$0.6808 \times 10^4$	6.8950	1.0813	316.2628
	0.4	$0.9074 \times 10^4$	7.1466	1.1075	310.6474
	0.5	$1.2095 \times 10^4$	7.3992	1.1331	305.2984
	0.6	$1.6121 \times 10^4$	7.6528	1.1583	300.1962
	0.7	$2.1488 \times 10^4$	7.9074	1.1832	295.3234
	0.8	$2.8641 \times 10^4$	8.1630	1.2076	290.6640
	0.9	$3.8176 \times 10^4$	8.4194	1.2316	286.2034
1.0	$5.0885 \times 10^4$	8.6767	1.2553	281.9286	
-600	0.0	$0.4916 \times 10^3$	4.6589	1.0000	471.2148
	0.1	$0.6553 \times 10^3$	4.8965	1.0388	459.6394
	0.2	$0.8734 \times 10^3$	5.1361	1.0766	448.7909
	0.3	$1.1642 \times 10^3$	5.3775	1.1136	438.6011
	0.4	$1.5517 \times 10^3$	5.6207	1.1497	429.0099
	0.5	$2.0683 \times 10^3$	5.8654	1.1851	419.9642
	0.6	$2.7568 \times 10^3$	6.1116	1.2198	411.4173
	0.7	$3.6746 \times 10^3$	6.3593	1.2537	403.3272
	0.8	$4.8979 \times 10^3$	6.6082	1.2870	395.6569
	0.9	$6.5284 \times 10^3$	6.8584	1.3196	388.3731
1.0	$8.7017 \times 10^3$	7.1098	1.3517	381.4460	

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Other closed-form expressions of crucial key performance metrics as the state of charge

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(SoC) and power loss ( $P_{loss}$ ) are derived for SC discharging and charging.

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Firstly, the mathematical expressions for the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  are given in Eqs. (36) and

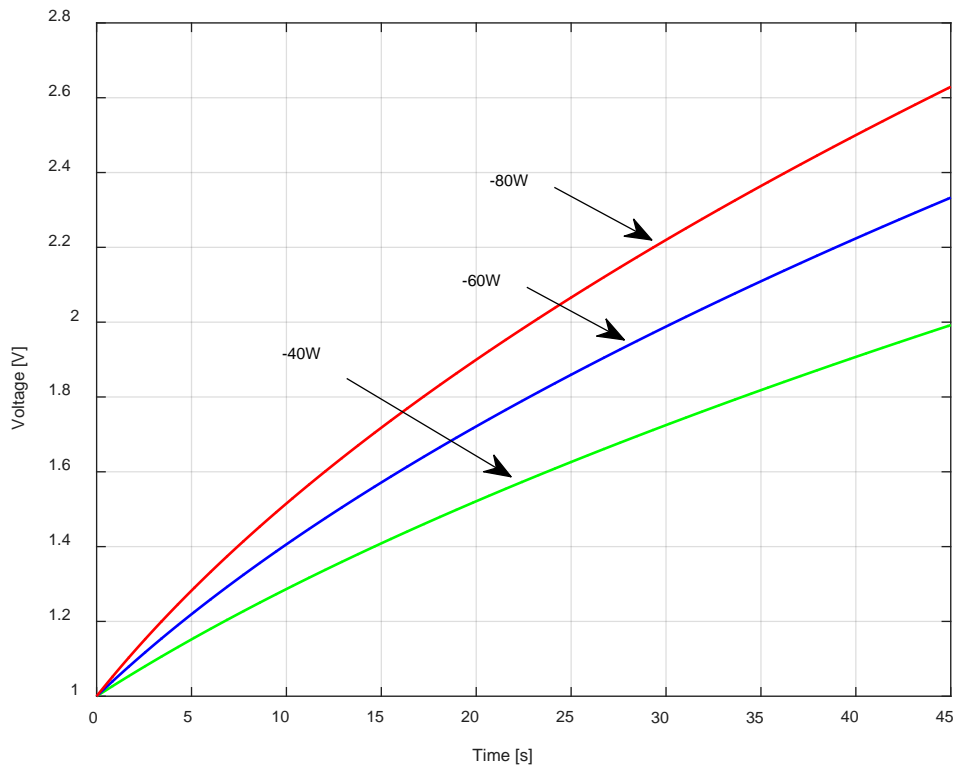
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(37) for the SC discharge process at constant  $P$ .

$$SOC = \frac{e_{stored}}{e_{max}} = \frac{PR}{U_N^2} \left( 2 + \theta + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) \quad (36)$$

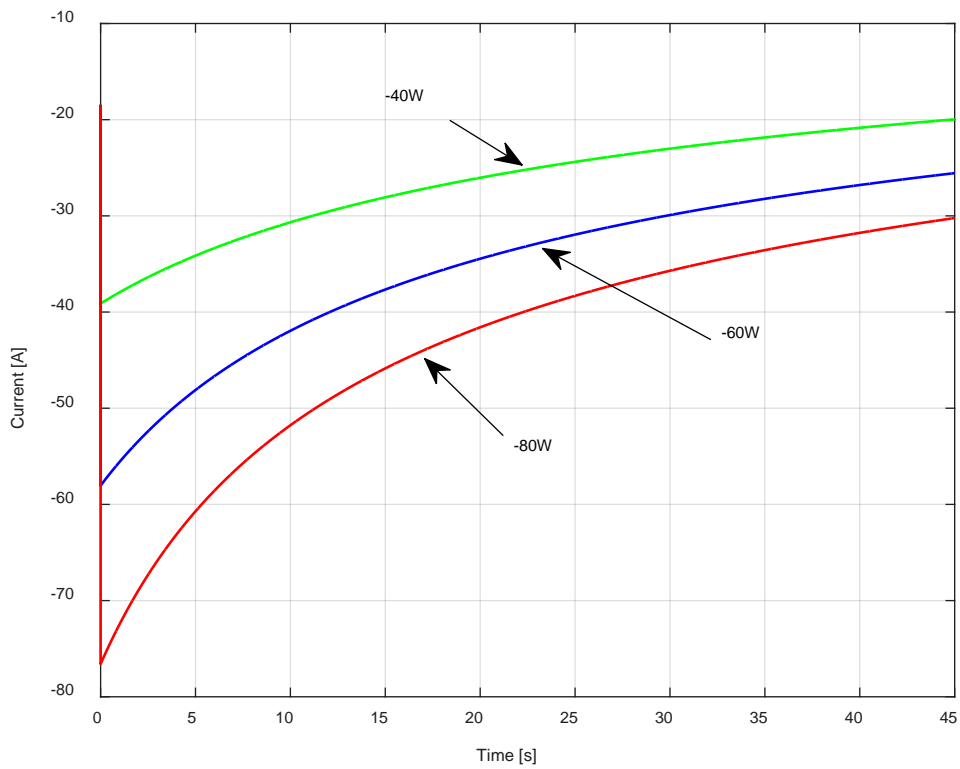
$$P_{loss} = \frac{P}{\theta} \quad (37)$$

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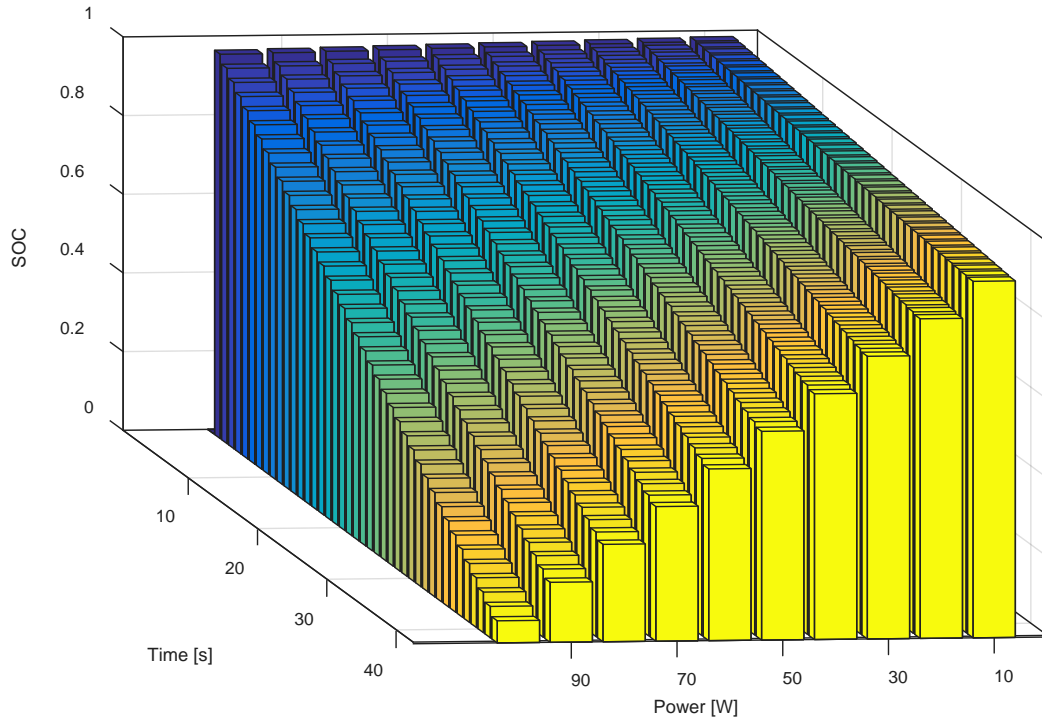
Fig. 7. Change of voltage versus time for different value of charging power



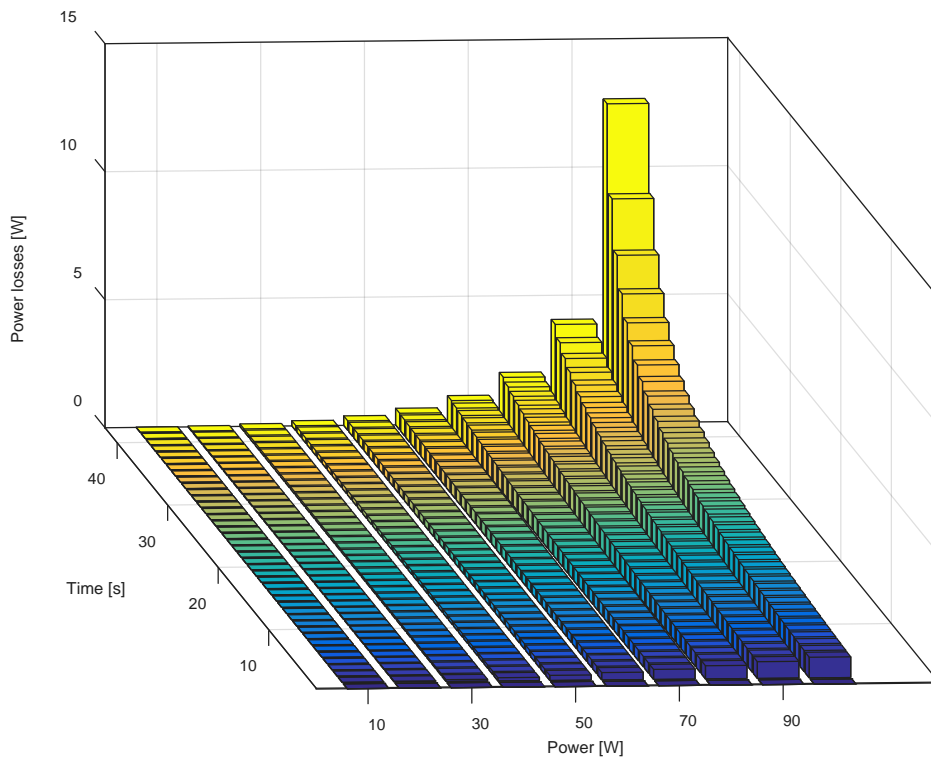
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Fig. 8. Change of current versus time for different values of charging power

327 Figs. 9 and 10 show the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values for different discharge power values. It  
328 can be noted that the current and power losses increase for a higher discharge power value, and  
329 the SOC rapidly decreases with time.



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331 **Fig. 9. SOC change with time for different values of power during SC discharge**



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333 **Fig. 10. Power losses change with time for different values of power during SC discharge**

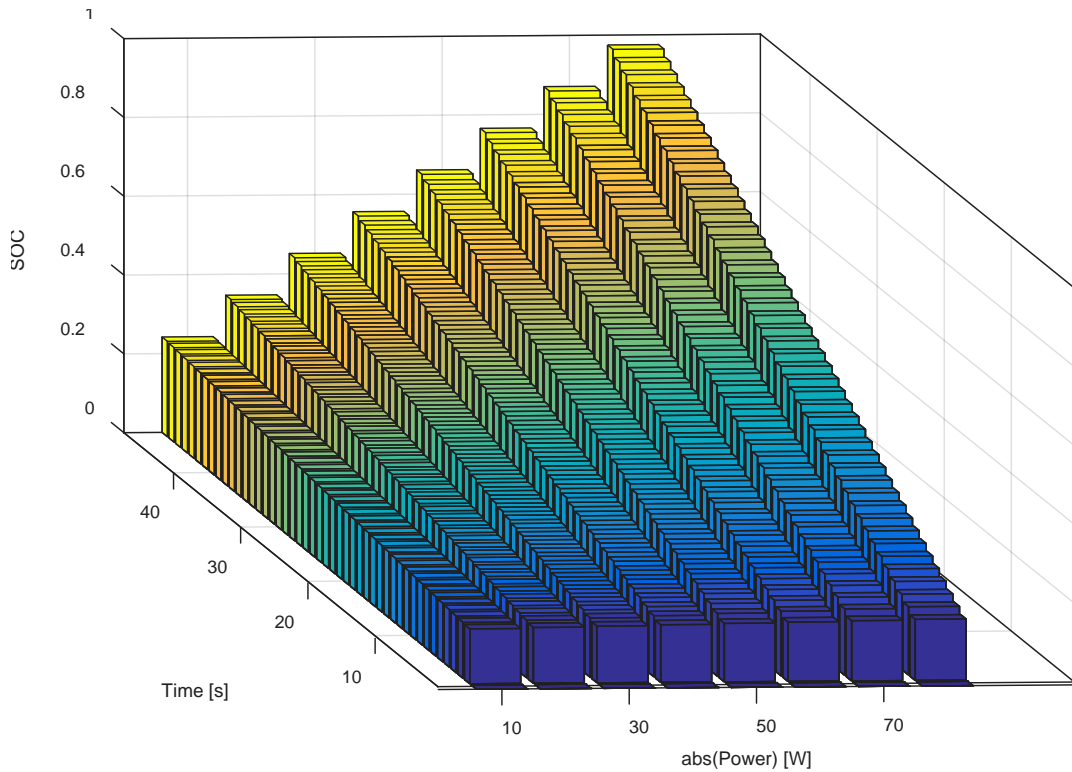
334 Secondly, the mathematical expressions for the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  are given in Eqs. (38)  
 335 and (39) for the SC charge process at constant  $P_1$ .

$$SOC = \frac{e_{stored}}{e_{max}} = \frac{P_1 R (\Psi - 1)^2}{U_N^2 \Psi} \quad (38)$$

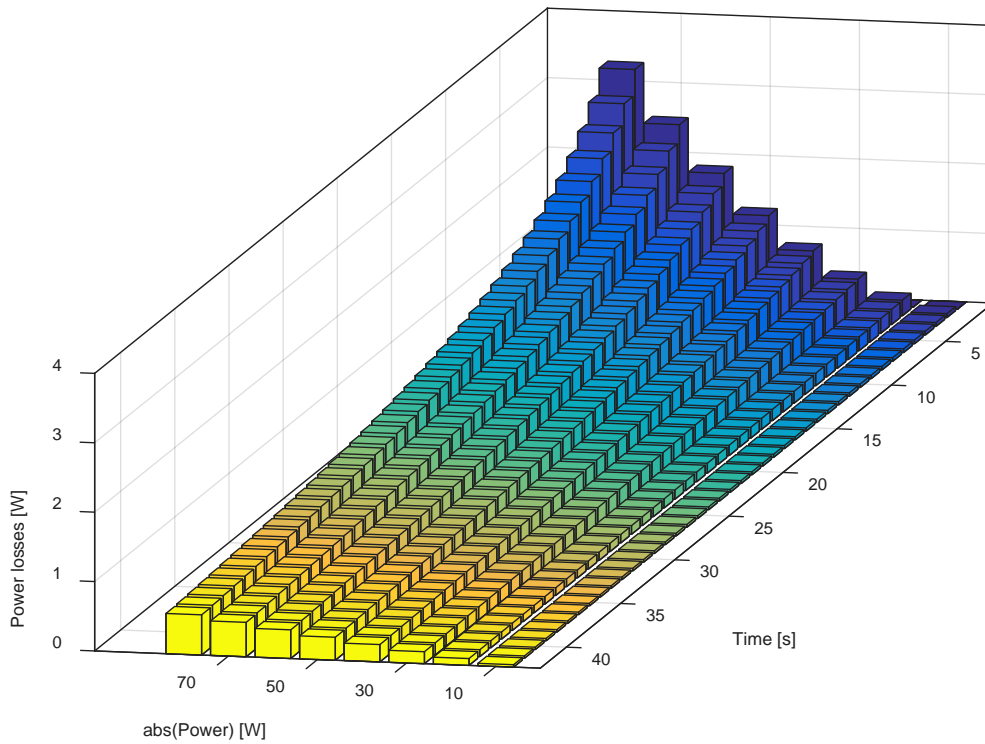
$$P_{loss} = \frac{P_1}{\Psi} \quad (39)$$

336 Figs. 11 and 12 illustrate the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values for different charge power values. It  
 337 can be noted that the current and power losses considerably increase for a higher charge power  
 338 value, and the SOC rapidly increases with time.

339 Thirdly, the expressions proposed in this work enable accurate estimating of the  
 340 investigated metrics as SOC and  $P_{loss}$  under different conditions or parameters' variations. For  
 341 illustration, Figs. 13 and 14 show the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values during SC discharge at constant  $P$   
 342 set to 100 W,  $U_0$  set to 2.7 V,  $C=1200$  F, and various internal resistance values ranging from  
 343 0.4 to 0.7 m $\Omega$ .

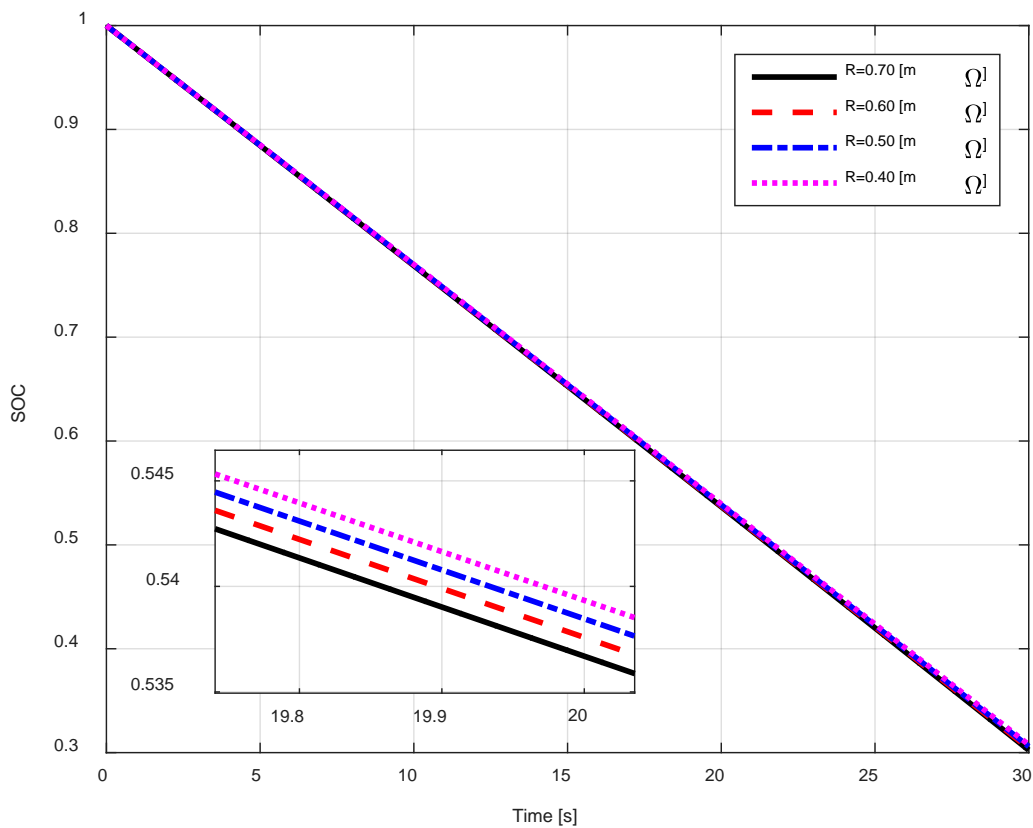


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 345 Fig. 11. SOC change with time for different values of power while charging the tested SC



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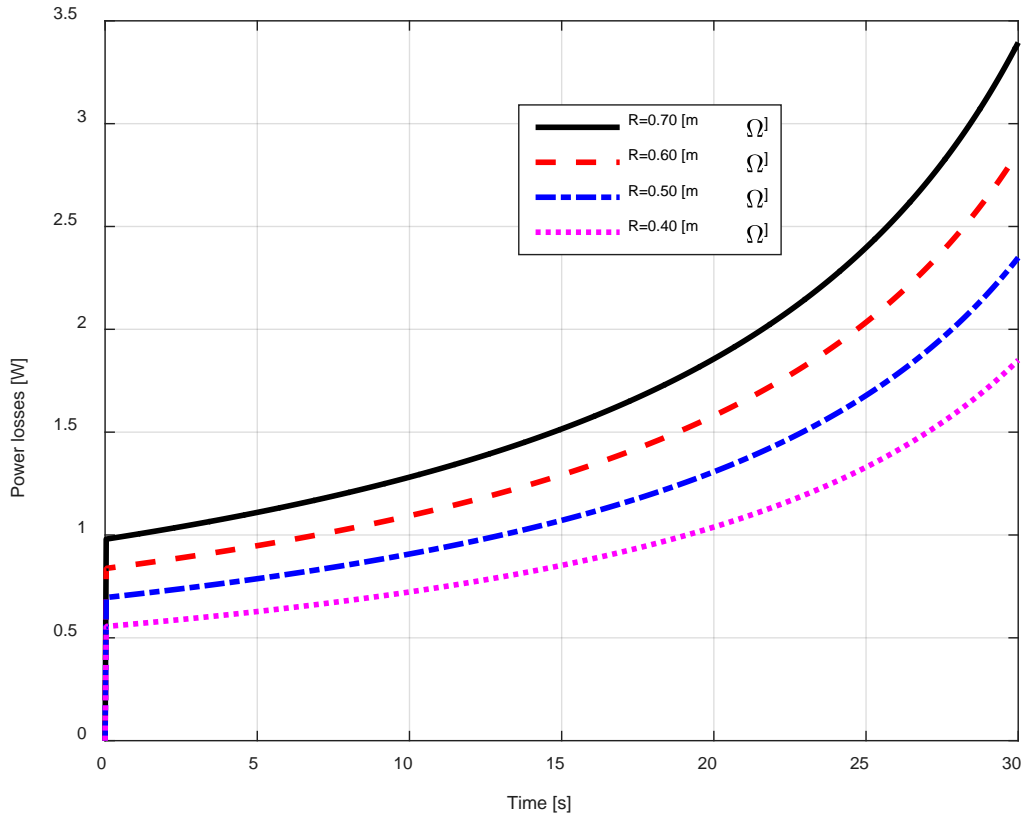
Fig. 12. Power losses change with time for different values of power while charging the tested SC



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Fig. 13. SOC versus time with different R values during SC discharge





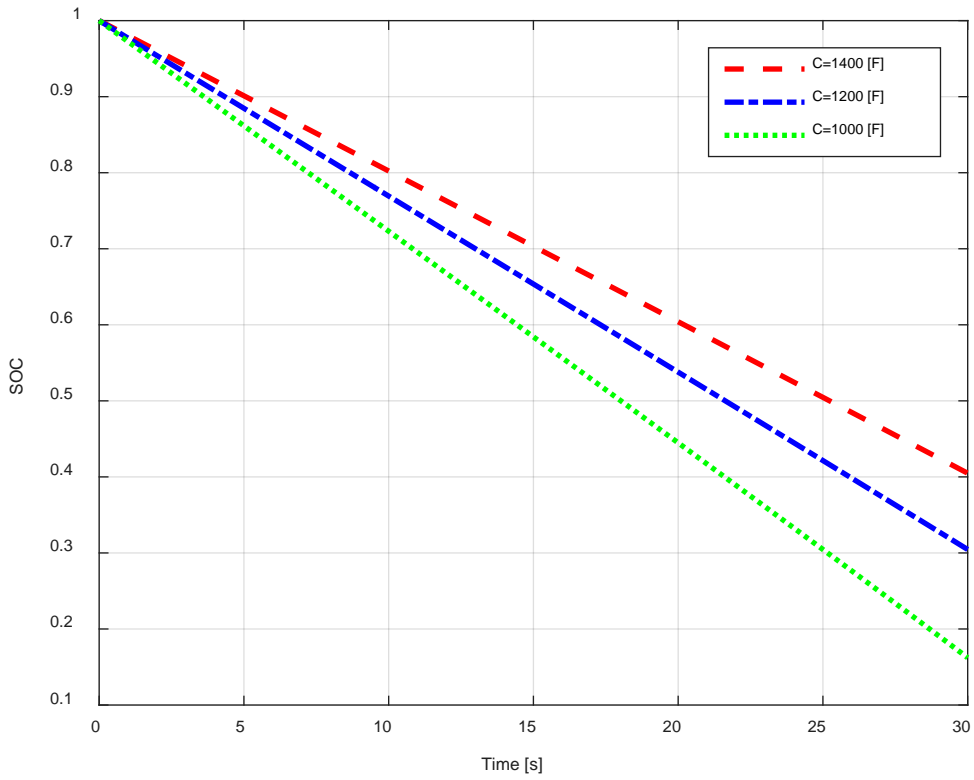
351 Fig. 14. Power losses versus time with different  $R$  values during SC discharge

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354 Besides, Figs. 15 and 16 show the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values during SC discharge at constant  
355  $P$  set to 100 W,  $U_0$  set to 2.7 V,  $R=0.58$  mΩ, and various capacitance values ranging from 1000  
356 to 1400 F.

357 Also, Figs. 17 and 18 show the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values during SC charge at constant  $P$  set  
358 to 100 W,  $U_0$  set to 1.0 V,  $C=1200$  F, and various internal resistance values ranging from 0.4  
359 to 0.7 mΩ. In addition, Figs. 19 and 20 show the SOC and  $P_{loss}$  values during SC charging at  
360 constant  $P$  set to 100 W,  $U_0$  set to 1.0 V,  $R=0.58$  mΩ, and various capacitance values ranging  
361 from 1000 to 1400 F.

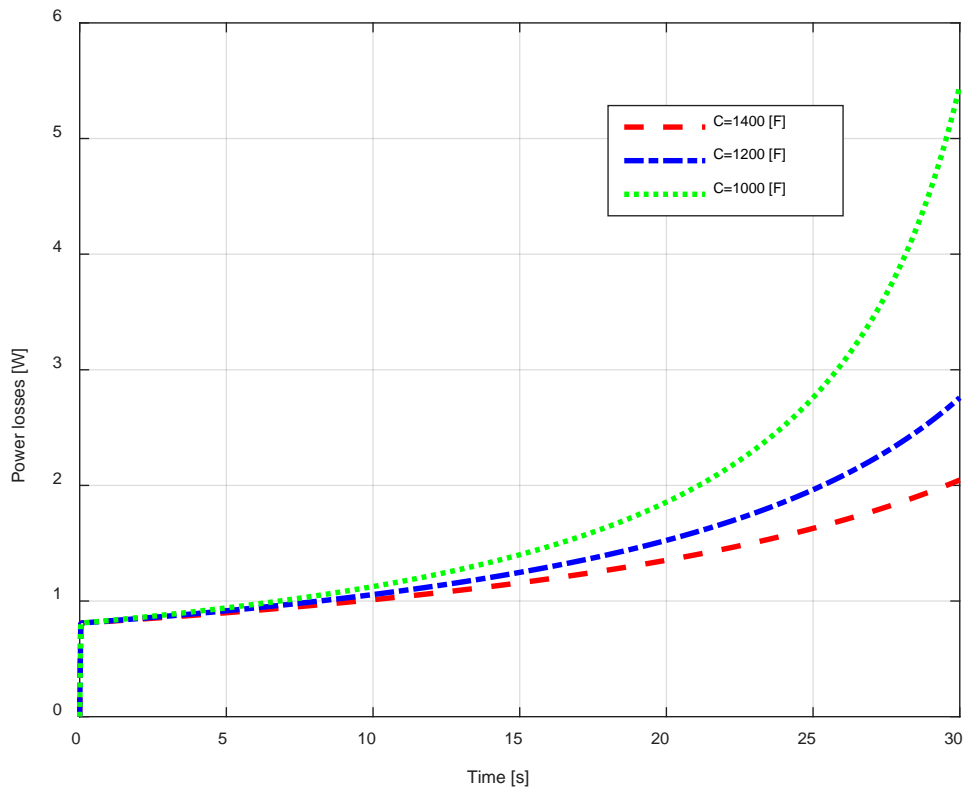
362 It can be noted from Figs. 13 – 16 that when the  $R$ -value increases, the SOC tends to  
363 decrease, while the power losses increase at the same  $C$ . However, when the  $C$ -value decreases,  
364 the SOC decreases, while the power losses increase at the same  $R$ . Similarly, it is realized from  
365 Figs. 17 – 20 that when the  $R$ -value decreases, the SOC increases and the power losses decrease  
366 at the same  $C$ . However, when the  $C$ -value increases, the SOC decreases, while the power  
367 losses increase at the same  $R$ .

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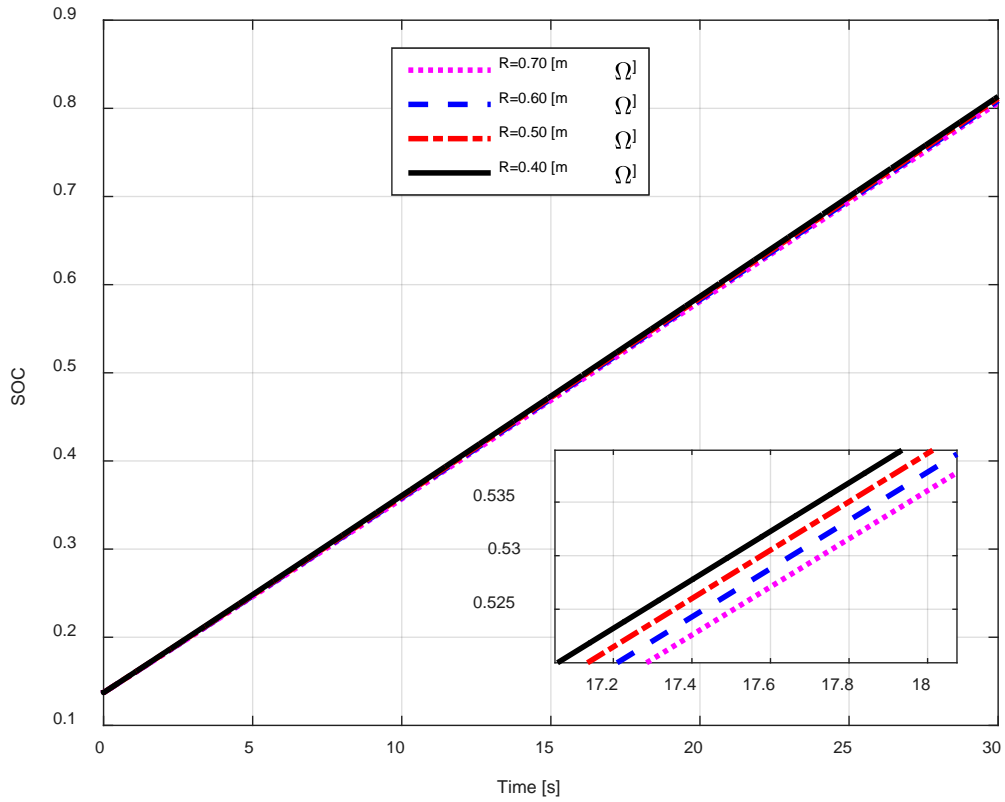
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Fig. 15. SOC versus time with different capacitance values during SC discharge



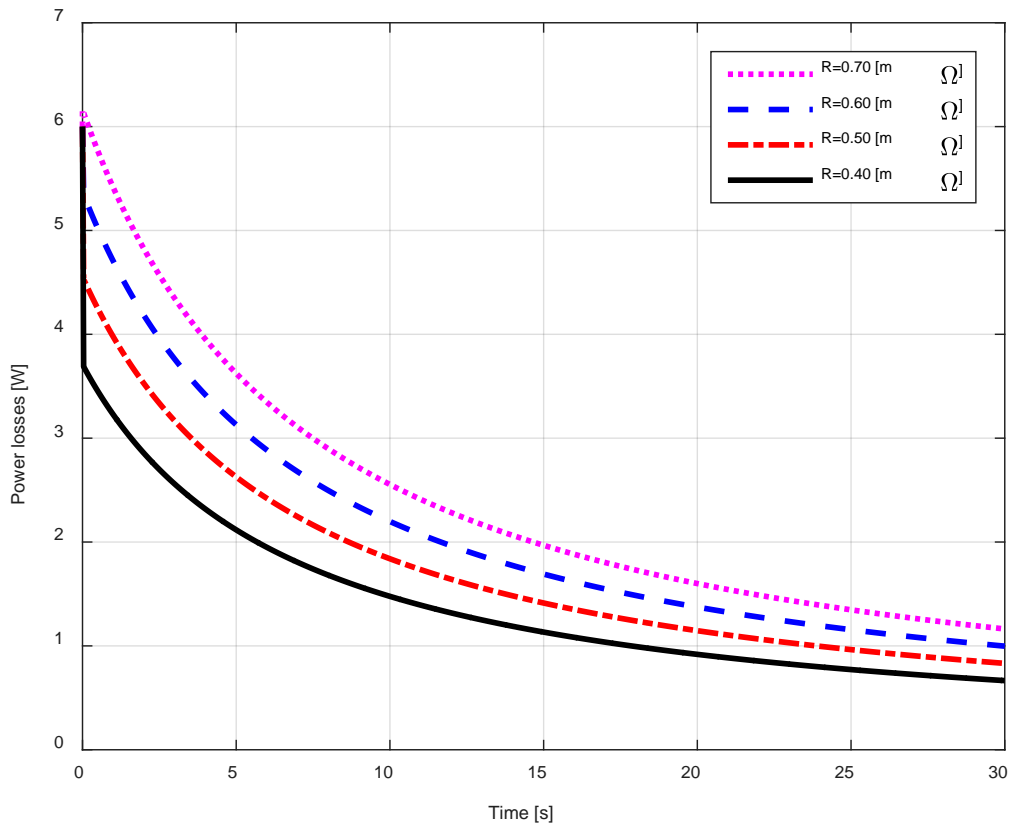
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Fig. 16. Power losses versus time with different capacitance values during SC discharge



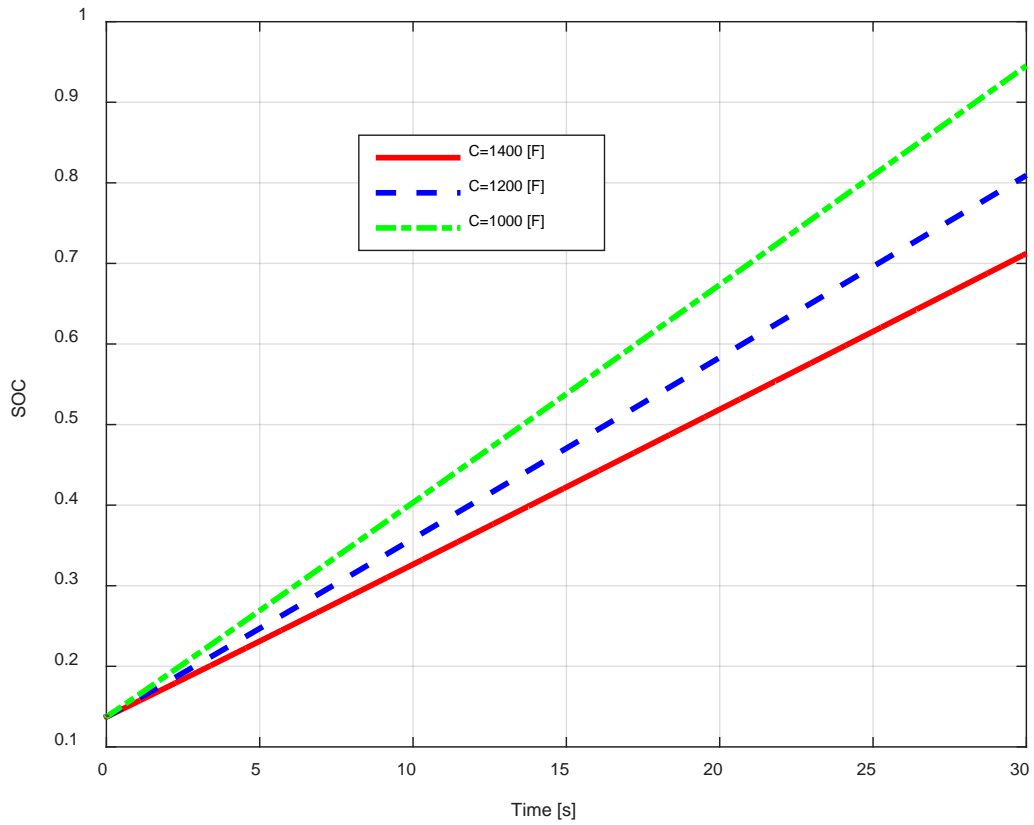
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Fig. 17. SOC versus time with different  $R$  values during SC charging



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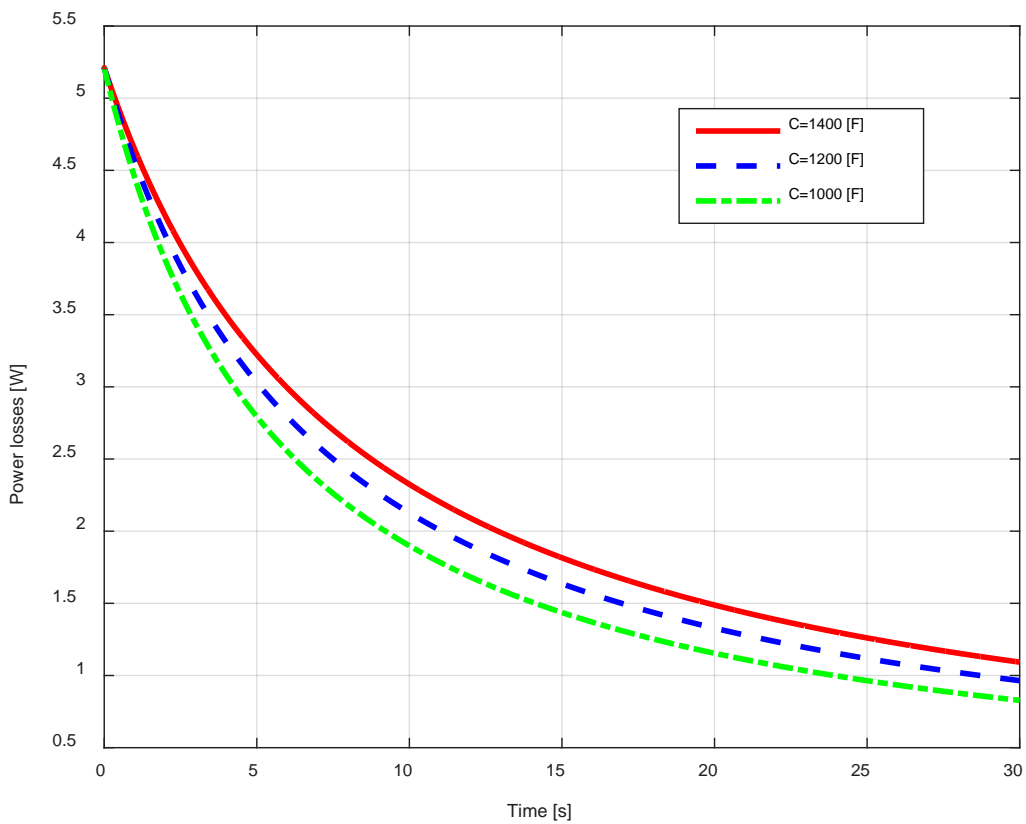
Fig. 18. Power losses versus time with different  $R$  values during SC charging



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Fig. 19. SOC versus time with different capacitance values during SC charging



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Fig. 20. Power losses versus time with different capacitance values during SC charging

## 383 5. Conclusions

384 In this work, a mathematical time-domain analysis that enables the explicit finding of  
385 the electrical variables involved in the charge/discharge processes of SCs – voltage, current,  
386 power, energy, SOC, and  $P_{loss}$  – operated at constant power is investigated. The mathematical  
387 expressions for these variables are transcendental. In the literature, transcendental equations  
388 are rarely solved using iterative methods. The discharge process of SCs operating at constant  
389 power can be represented as a function of the type  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$ . This equation has two  
390 solutions. However, taking into account the physical constraints, only one is acceptable. Also,  
391 the charging process of SCs operating at constant power can be represented as a function of the  
392 type  $\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi)$  which also has one solution. In this regard, the analytical solutions for  
393 the charging and discharging equations are derived in the form of the Lagrange inversion  
394 theorem of the Lambert W function in its asymptotic formula and the form of STFT.

395 Furthermore, numerical results obtained by using all mentioned methods are presented.  
396 The mathematical expressions derived are accurate and straightforward and do not require any  
397 other mathematical formulations. Comprehensive simulation results obtained at the parametric  
398 variation of the parameters are presented to demonstrate the proposed equations' applicability  
399 and accuracy. **The closed-form expressions suggested in this paper are accurate and**  
400 **straightforward, which can advance a good base for proper modeling, investigation, sizing,**  
401 **regulation, and controlling constant power SCs in modern energy systems.**

402 Our future research will focus on the mathematical description of SCs' charging and  
403 discharging **in practical applications under different modes of operation.**

404 **Appendix A**

405 **Derivation of Eq. (11): the internal voltage expression**

406 One can consider the combinatorial variable  $z$  as given in Eq. (A.1); thus Eq. (7) can be  
407 rewritten as given in Eq. (A.2):

$$z = u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

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$$z^2 + 4PR - 4PR \log(z^2) = 2h \quad (\text{A.2})$$

409 Also, one can consider the combinatorial variable  $y$  as given in Eq. (A.3), then Eq. (A.2) can  
410 be rewritten as given in Eq. (A.4):

$$y = z^2 + 4PR - 2h \quad (\text{A.3})$$

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$$e^{\frac{y}{4PR}} = y + 2h - 4PR \quad (\text{A.4})$$

412 Hence, one can reformulate Eq. (A.4) as follows:

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$$\frac{1}{4PR} e^{\frac{y+2h-4PR}{4PR}} e^{-\frac{2h-4PR}{4PR}} = \frac{y+2h-4PR}{4PR} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

414 Thus:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{4PR} e^{\frac{4PR-2h}{4PR}} \quad (\text{A.6})$$
$$\theta = \frac{y+2h-4PR}{4PR}$$

415 Finally, from Eqs. (A.1)- (A.6), one can derive  $u$  expression as follows:

$$u = \frac{z^2 + 4PR}{2z}$$
$$u = \frac{y + 2h}{2\sqrt{y + 2h - 4PR}}$$
$$u = \frac{y + 2h - 4PR + 4PR}{2\sqrt{y + 2h - 4PR}} \quad (\text{A.7})$$
$$u = \frac{4PR\theta + 4PR}{2\sqrt{4PR\theta}}$$
$$u = \sqrt{PR} \left( \frac{1 + \theta}{\sqrt{\theta}} \right)$$

416 **Derivation of Eq. (13): the discharge current expression.**

417 The discharge current can be expressed as given in Eq. (12). Substituting Eq. (A.7) into  
418 Eq. (12), thus:

$$\frac{du}{d\theta} = \sqrt{PR} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\theta} - (1+\theta) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta}}}{\theta} \right) = \sqrt{PR} \left( \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\sqrt{\theta}} \right) \quad (\text{A.8})$$

419 Also, one can express  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$  as follows:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{d\beta} \frac{d\beta}{dt} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

420 As  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$ , i.e.,  $\theta \exp(-\theta) = \beta$ , one can write the following expression

421

$$\begin{aligned} \theta' e^{-\theta} - \theta e^{-\theta} \theta' &= 1 \\ \theta' &= \frac{1}{e^{-\theta} - \theta e^{-\theta}} = \frac{1}{e^{-\theta} - \beta} = \frac{1}{\frac{\beta}{\theta} - \beta} = \frac{\theta}{\beta(1-\theta)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

422 On the other side, as  $\beta = \frac{1}{4PR} e^{\frac{4PR-2h}{4PR}}$ , one can derive the following expressions

423

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4PR} e^{\frac{4PR-2h}{4PR}} \left( \frac{1}{2PR} \right) \left( \frac{4P}{C} \right) \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= \beta \left( \frac{2}{RC} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

424 Hence, one can derive the current expression as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} i &= C \left( \frac{du}{d\theta} \right) \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \\ i &= C \left[ \left( \sqrt{PR} \frac{\theta-1}{2\theta\sqrt{\theta}} \right) \right] \left[ \left( \frac{\theta}{\beta(1-\theta)} \right) \left( \beta \frac{2}{RC} \right) \right] \\ i &= -\sqrt{\frac{P}{R\theta}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

425 where the negative sign in Eq. (A.12) indicates the discharge process.

426

427 **Derivation of Eq. (20): the voltage during charging expression**

428 During a charging process, the power is less than zero. Hence, one can consider  $P_1 = -P$ . One

429 can consider the combinatorial variable  $z$  as given in Eq. (A.13); thus Eq. (17) can be rewritten

430 as given in Eq. (A.14):

$$z = u + \sqrt{u^2 - 4PR} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

431

$$z^2 - 4P_1R + 4P_1R \log(z^2) = 2h \quad (\text{A.14})$$

432 Also, one can consider the combinatorial variable  $y$  as given in Eq. (A.15), then Eq. (A.14) can  
 433 be rewritten as given in Eq. (A.16):

$$y = z^2 - 4P_1R - 2h \quad (\text{A.15})$$

434

$$e^{\frac{y}{4P_1R}} = y + 2h + 4P_1R \quad (\text{A.16})$$

435 Hence;

$$\frac{1}{4P_1R} e^{-\frac{y+2h+4P_1R}{4P_1R}} e^{\frac{2h+4P_1R}{4P_1R}} = \frac{y + 2h + 4P_1R}{4P_1R} \quad (\text{A.17})$$

436 Thus:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4P_1R} e^{\frac{4P_1R+2h}{4P_1R}} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$\psi = \frac{y + 2h + 4P_1R}{4P_1R}$$

437 As  $z = u + \sqrt{u^2 + 4P_1R}$  then;

$$u = \frac{z^2 - 4P_1R}{2z}$$

$$u = \frac{y + 2h}{2\sqrt{y + 2h + 4P_1R}}$$

$$u = \frac{y + 2h + 4P_1R - 4P_1R}{2\sqrt{y + 2h + 4P_1R}} \quad (\text{A.19})$$

$$u = \frac{4P_1R\psi - 4P_1R}{2\sqrt{4P_1R\psi}}$$

$$u = \sqrt{PR} \left( \frac{\psi - 1}{\sqrt{\psi}} \right)$$

438 **Derivation of Eq. (21): the charging current expression.**

439 From Eq. (A.19), one can find that:

$$\frac{du}{d\psi} = \sqrt{P_1R} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\psi} - (\psi - 1) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\psi}}}{\psi} \right) = \sqrt{P_1R} \left( \frac{\psi + 1}{2\psi\sqrt{\psi}} \right) \quad (\text{A.20})$$

440 Also, one can distribute  $\frac{d\psi}{dt}$  as follows:

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{d\psi}{d\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \quad (\text{A.21})$$

441 Now, as  $\psi = \alpha \exp(-\psi)$ , i.e.,  $\psi \exp(\psi) = \alpha$ . Thus:



$$\begin{aligned}\psi' e^\psi + \psi e^\psi \psi' &= 1 \\ \psi' &= \frac{1}{e^\psi + \psi e^\psi} = \frac{1}{e^\psi + \alpha} = \frac{1}{\frac{\psi}{\alpha} + \alpha} = \frac{\psi}{\alpha(\psi + 1)}\end{aligned}\tag{A.22}$$

442 On the other side, as  $\alpha = \frac{1}{4P_1R} e^{\frac{4P_1R+2h}{4P_1R}}$ , one can write the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4P_1R} e^{\frac{4P_1R+2h}{4P_1R}} \left( \frac{1}{2P_1R} \right) \left( \frac{4P_1}{C} \right) \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dt} &= \alpha \frac{2}{RC}\end{aligned}\tag{A.23}$$

443 Hence, one can derive the current expression as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}i &= C \left( \frac{du}{d\psi} \right) \left( \frac{d\psi}{dt} \right) \\ i &= C \left( \sqrt{P_1R} \frac{\psi + 1}{2\psi\sqrt{\psi}} \right) \left( \frac{\psi}{\alpha(\psi + 1)} \right) \left( \alpha \frac{2}{RC} \right) \\ i &= \sqrt{\frac{P_1}{\psi R}}\end{aligned}\tag{A.24}$$

444 **Appendix B**

445 **B.1 Mathematica code for expressing the discharging process of a SC at constant power**

446 For solving  $\theta = \beta \exp(\theta)$ , the following Mathematica code can be used.

```

NumberOFdigits = 1000;
bet = 1 / 10
x = 35;
Fmanje =  $\sum_{m=0}^x (-1)^m * bet^m * ((x - m)^m) / m!$ ;
Fmanje1 =  $\sum_{m=0}^{x+1} (-1)^m * bet^m * ((x + 1 - m)^m) / m!$ ;
ThetaLOWER = bet * (Fmanje / Fmanje1);
ErrorThetaLOWER = Abs[ThetaLOWER - bet * E ^ ThetaLOWER];
Print["ThetaLOWER= ", SetPrecision[ThetaLOWER, NumberOFdigits]];
Print["ErrorThetaLOWER= ", SetPrecision[ErrorThetaLOWER, NumberOFdigits]];

a = 2 * Log[3];
b = ThetaLOWER / a;
U = 200 * a;

R =  $\sum_{m=0}^{IntegerPart[U/a]} (((-1)^m) * (b^m) * (E ^ (-a * b * m)) * ((U - m * a)^m) / m!);$ 
Ra =  $\sum_{m=0}^{IntegerPart[(U-a)/a]} (((-1)^m) * (b^m) * (E ^ (-a * b * m)) * ((U - a - m * a)^m) / m!);$ 
R2a =  $\sum_{m=0}^{IntegerPart[(U-2*a)/a]} (((-1)^m) * (b^m) * (E ^ (-a * b * m)) * ((U - 2 * a - m * a)^m) / m!);$ 

Fvece = b * E ^ (b * U) * (R - (E ^ (-a * b)) * Ra);
Fvece1 = b * E ^ (b * (U - a)) * (Ra - (E ^ (-a * b)) * R2a);

K = Log[(Fvece1 / Fvece)];
ThetaUPPER = K + ThetaLOWER;

ErrorThetaUPPER = Abs[ThetaUPPER - bet * E ^ ThetaUPPER];

Print["ThetaUPPER= ", SetPrecision[ThetaUPPER, brojcifara]];
Print["ErrorThetaUPPER= ", SetPrecision[ErrorThetaUPPER, brojcifara]];

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448

449 **B.2 Mathematica code for expressing the charging process of a SC at constant power**

450 For solving  $\Psi = \alpha \exp(-\Psi)$ , Lambert W equation, the following Mathematica code can  
 451 be used.

```

digitnumber = 500;
B = 1 / 1000;
Print["B= ", B];
M = 50;
Print["M= ", M];
F1 = Sum[(B^n * ((M - n)^n / n!)), {n, 0, M};
F2 = Sum[(B^n * ((M + 1 - n)^n / n!)), {n, 0, M+1};
SolutionTRANS = SetPrecision[B * (F1 / F2), digitnumber];
Print["SolutionTRANS= ", SolutionTRANS];
ErrorTRANS = SetPrecision[Abs[SolutionTRANS - B * E^(-SolutionTRANS)], digitnumber];
Print["ErrorTRANS= ", ErrorTRANS];

solutionLAMBERT = Sum[(B^NNN * (((NNN)^(NNN - 1)) / NNN!)), {NNN, 1, M};
Print["solutionLAMBERT= ", SetPrecision[solutionLAMBERT, digitnumber]];
ErrorLAMBERT = SetPrecision[Abs[solutionLAMBERT - B * E^(-solutionLAMBERT)], digitnumber];
Print["ErrorLAMBERT= ", ErrorLAMBERT];

L1 = Log[B];
L2 = Log[L1];
largeLambert = L1 - L2 + Sum[Sum[((-1)^l * StirlingS1[l + k, l + 1] * L1^(-l - k) * L2^k) / k!, {l, 0, M}, {k, 1, M}];
largeLambert = L1 - L2 + Sum[Sum[((-1)^j * Abs[StirlingS1[j + k, j + 1]] * L1^(-j - k) * L2^k) / k!, {j, 0, M}, {k, 1, M}];

Print["solutionlagreLambert= ", SetPrecision[largeLambert, digitnumber]];
ErrorlagreLambert = SetPrecision[Abs[largeLambert - B * E^(-largeLambert)], digitnumber];
Print["ErrorlagreLambert= ", ErrorlagreLambert];

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