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Solar and Grid Tied EV Charger Via SEPIC Topology

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Abstract: *Continuously expanding market of electric vehicles (EVs) worldwide has elevated the demand for efficient, secure and eco-friendly charging, and inspired integration of renewable energy source and power electronic technologies to get optimal performance with reduced environmental contamination. In this study, an abstract regarding SEPIC Based Solar and Grid Integrated Electric Vehicle Charger (EVC) development and integration has been presented describing the influence of SEPIC topology in the current era of energy and transportation. For such cases the SEPIC topology is recognized as a promising solution to be used, as it is capable of acting as both a step-up and a step-down voltage regulator and hence capable of delivering a steady output voltage even when the input from solar PV panels or the grid are varying. In contrast to classic DC-DC converters, the SEPIC topology can also ensure output current is always continuous and guarantee efficient power transfer, which is highly demanded in EVCS including power reliability, efficiency, and adaptability. By combining solar and grid power, this system offers nonstop access to charging and reduces reliance on fossil fuels, moving more drivers toward a greener future of mobility.*

The integrated solar and grid aided SEPIC charger also boosts the greenness of the EV infrastructure and engages itself in the demand side energy management. Solar PV panels are the main source of energy during daylight hours, relieving strain from traditional grid and lessening the emission of greenhouse gasses. During night time or low sunlight there is automatic switch to Grid supply, thereby there will be no breakage in the Electric Vehicle charging. Such SEPIC topology can support the transient variation of solar inputs and keep stabilized, and can deliver stable power to the EV Battery. This two-source philosophy increases service robustness while also serving to promote EVs with its 'don't-have-to-worry' about charging concerns or infrastructure bottlenecks. In addition, the topology's natural capacity to control input voltages from a much wider input voltage range leads to higher energy conversion efficiency in respect to conventional buck-boost converters, thereby ensuring that MPPT algorithms can be successfully utilized for enhancing the utilization of solar energy.

The framework also deals with certain practical issues encountered in EV charging systems. One of these challenges is to keep a high charging efficiency while reducing conversion losses, which is reached with optimized SEPIC topology with low-ripple currents and low-electromagnetic interference (EMI). Another is grid integration and stability; a well-integrated system is capable of bidirectional power flow, which makes vehicle-to-grid (V2G) possible, when EVs can serve as distributed energy supply systems, transferring power to the grid when peak demand hits. This scheme not only contributes to the grid stability, but also bring the economic profits to both EV users and utilities. The realization of these intelligent charging systems form the building blocks of next-generation smart grid environments which support renewable penetration, distributed generation and digital energy services.

Economically, introducing grid-integrated SEPIC chargers can help to reduce the total cost of ownership of EVs by minimizing electricity expenses, especially in areas with abundant solar power resources. The flexibility to incorporate renewable energy into your system only helps reduce long-term operating costs, all while insulating you from the up-and-down pricing of grid electricity. In addition, the flexibility and expandability of the SEPIC based systems can be used for home and commercial charging stations, offering ease of deployment and scalability. Environmental consideration additionally factor into acceptance—these systems not only aid in decreasing carbon footprints and air pollution but they also match our global emission reductions and climate actions targets.

Besides that, from a technical point of view, the adoption of SEPIC-based chargers with advanced control strategies like MPPT, battery management system (BMS), and a real-time monitoring supports the safety, lifetime and the performance of EV batteries. By using the adaptive algorithm, it provides the best charge profile according to the status, thereby avoiding overcharge, deep discharge, and thermal problems, which are the key to the long-term reliability and safety of the lithium-ion batteries found in EVs. Further advances may be to add AI and Internet of Things (IoT) monitoring for predictive maintenance and grid interaction to make the charging networks more intelligent and responsive.

In summary, the SEPIC-based Solar & Grid Integrated EV Charger is a breakthrough for sustainable transportation and renewable energy integration. Its superior capabilities in solar/grid power management, voltage variation regulation, reliability and enabling emerging techniques (V2G for instance), also render it a prospective solution for future EVSE challenges. The development of such systems will not only accelerate the use of electric vehicles, but will also help to create smarter cities and more sustainable energy networks. Augmenting technology innovation, environmental sustainability and economic feasibility, SEPIC-based solar and grid integrated EV charging is slated to be a key enablers in accelerating clean and sustainable mobility across the globe.

Keywords: *SEPIC, EV ladung, Photovoltaik (PV), Leistungsfaktorkorrektur (PFC), MPP - "Tracking", ISO 15118, IEC 61851, V2G, bidirektionale Wandler, harmonische Einhaltung 1.INTRODUCTION Recently, electric vehicles (EV) and smart grids (SG) attract a trend and have been hot research topic.*

I. INTRODUCTION

It is undoubted that the proliferation of electric vehicles (EVs) around the globe leads to a huge market pull of emerging charging infrastructures which are not only efficient and robust but also lacking in environmental negative impacts, to speed-up the shift to clean transportation solutions. To that end, development of a solar and grid-connected EV chargers based on SEPIC (Single-Ended Primary Inductor Converter) topology is one such an effort in this regard. A comprehensive exposition to the problems associated with typical charging arrangements (which heavily utilize grid electricity resulting in more fossil fuel consumption and grid strain in its peak hours) would start by understanding that conventional grid charging systems have some limitations. Combining renewable energy systems like solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity with the grid supply using advanced power electronic converters like SEPIC can improve the sustainability, robustness, and versatility of the charging infrastructure. The SEPIC topology is especially attractive because it is capable of both step-up and step-down regulation, which is really necessary to address the variable nature of solar inputs while a stable charging voltage and current is supplied to EV batteries. This built-in native ability sets SEPIC apart from ordinary buck and boost converters, which in nutshell enables it to effectively operate in applications with wildly varying input energy conditions—boosting thereby efficiency, stability, and reliability.

The solar and grid integrated SEPIC charger proposed here 8 contributes to the EV ecosystem by facilitating dual-source operation where solar source is 9 preferred when available, and grid source as a backup whenever solar irradiance becomes 10 low or it's night time. This time-varying switching technique allows an around-the-clock charging service and at the same time decreasing fossil-fuel-based electricity production dependency through effective contribution to carbon footprint mitigation. Furthermore, implementation of these systems contributes to overall energy transition by reducing pressure on the centralized grid at peak load times. Systems based on SEPIC also facilitates integration of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithms that maximize the extraction of energy from solar panels, even in the event of the intensity of sunlight varying, allowing more renewable energy to be utilised. This is not only energy efficient, but also cost-effective, because solar electricity costs disconnect the dependency on the grid-based tariffs. Driven by the increasing focus on sustainability and decarbonisation in all industry sectors, renewable-powered EV chargers are a key element to build sustainable urban mobility networks.

The SEPIC configuration responds to technical challenges such as high efficiency, low EMI (electromagnetic interference) and continuous conduction mode, which provides enhanced reliability. The best of circuit design enables low power loss in the process of power conversion and in turn enhances your charging experience, not to mention the consistent ultra high-efficiency. In addition, recent developments in power electronics allows for the SEPIC-based systems to be scalable and modular, thus presenting them as candidates for a wide range of applications such as domestic (home) charging stations and higher power commercialized EV charging stations. Another important aspect of this integration is its possible support for two-way energy flows, which is associated with the vehicle-to-grid (V2G) feature. Participating in V2G, EV with SEPIC chargers works as a distributed energy storage which supplies energy to the grid when there is a need, and improves;stability of the grid while giving EV owners more economical benefit.

From the economical point of view, SEPIC charger based on solar energy and grid-integrated can contribute to the reduction in the total cost of EV ownership and reduce electricity in the short run and for the long term fuel cost saving. In areas with high solar potential, being energy self-sufficient could prove useful for both residential and commercial end-users in independent charging, reducing their dependence on the grid. Furthermore, this system is in line with worldwide environmental programs and climate actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The emission decrease due to using renewables to power EV charging has a key role in addressing climate change and enhancing air quality, which can serve as another strong reason to promoting sustainable growth. Governments and decision makers are increasingly pushing the technology through subsidies, incentives, subsidised infrastructure investment in renewable energy that facilitate conditions suitable for mass adoption.

Apart from the technical and economic gains, the incorporation of smart control techniques in the SEPIC based EV chargers will improve the battery safety, life and performance. Advanced BMS, real time monitoring and thermal management help in energizing EV batteries in conditions to provide maximum lifespan without overcharging or deep discharging. In the future, AI and IoT-based predictive analysis can be exploited to develop smart energy management, fault detection, and predictive maintenance for better resilience of charging systems. The fusion of AI, IoT and power electronics technologies in SEPIC type systems indicates their potential in development of future smart grid and smart transportation ecosystems.

And that brings us to the end, the grid-tied solar based EV charger with SEPIC topology style, is a game changer, which can effectively help us solve the two sided puzzle of green transportation and renewable energy integration. Its active voltage scaling even when voltage changes are unpredictable, which enables V2measure and V2charge being part of the scalable power electronics platform that is solar-grid dual sourcing, MPPT friendly, high efficiency, and V2G enabling makes it an essential invention in the EV charging market. With good environmental performance, economic feasibility, and technical adaptability, the SEPIC-based systems will be the backbone for the future world of mobility and power. As well as driving EV penetration, the use of this feature builds an infrastructure for smarter cities and greener energy markets, ensuring that efforts to move the world towards sustainable mobility are effective and robust.

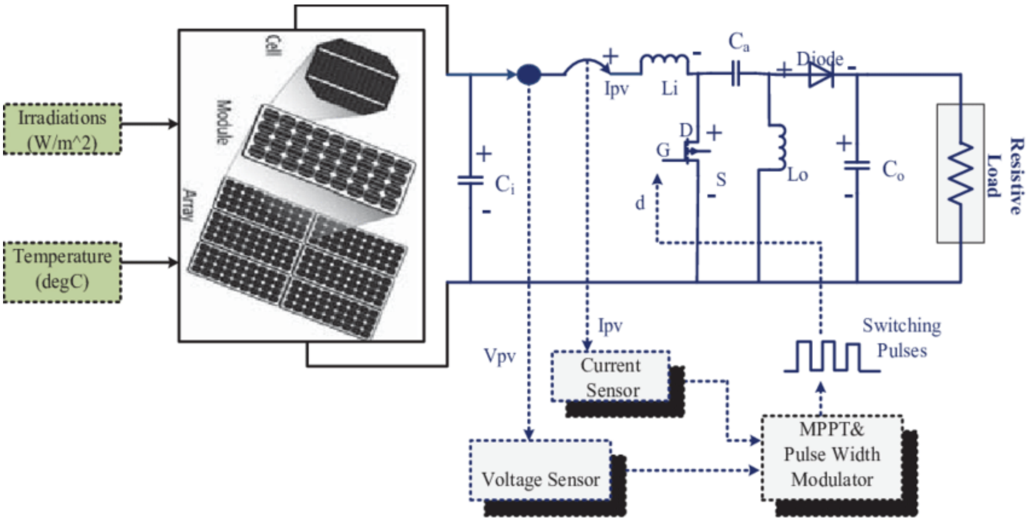

Figure 1: PV-Fed SEPIC Converter Block Diagram – Shows How A Photovoltaic (PV) Array Connects To A SEPIC DC–DC Converter With An MPPT Controller, Useful For Standalone Chargers .

II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

The background and related work of solar and grid- integrated EV charger with SEPIC topology has a basis on several decades research in renewable energy system, power electronics, electric mobility and smart grid integration. The growing penetration of electric vehicles is increasing the demand for advanced charging technologies that can effectively leverage both renewables and the traditional grid power. Earlier studies of EV chargers concentrated on the grid-tied ones with simple rectifiers and buck or boost converters. These mechanisms allowed charging but were not effective at coping with the intermittency and variation of renewable sources such as solar photovoltaics (PV). Furthermore, their non-voltage regulation ability for diverse input conditions confined their reliability for long-term life cycle with renewable energy. This gives a reason for the application of advanced topology configurations such as SEPIC, which can uniquely support both step-up and step-down voltage regulation and thus guarantee a steady state output voltage for charging independent of the input photovoltaic / grid variations.

Some researches into renewable energy integration stress the need for hybrid charger like combining grid electricity and energy derived from solar so as to guarantee consistent and reliable charging. The challenges of varying irradiance, shadowing, and seasonal variances in solar energy and the corresponding needs for sophisticated power conversion circuits that include maximum power point tracking (MPPT) have been addressed in the literature. The SEPIC converter has been widely considered in this regard because the converter can stably operate even under the dynamic sunlight. SEPIC converter topology is preferred to the conventional buck or boost or buck-boost converters, because of its output being non-inverted and less ripple content and better efficiency and better suitability for wide input voltage range. This makes it especially suitable for solar-integrated EV charging stations, and applications with long cables and poor energy quality.

Some previous studies have as well investigated the economic and environmental benefits by providing solar integrated EV charging systems. Investigation shows that using PV arrays interfaced with SEPIC-based chargers may be able to reduce the reliance on grid by approximately 40–60% in high solar potential areas and make it a substantial method to resultant the carbon emission. Related studies have also considered grid integration, noting that hybrid charging systems reduce the strain on the centralized grid during peak load times. These systems further enable vehicle-to-grid (V2G) applications, in which EVs function as distributed storage and generate power to feed back to the grid during peak loads. Several implementations and pilot studies in the world have confirmed the possibility in the implementation of V2G, while cost benefits to the users of EV and increased stability of the smart-grid were also demonstrated.

Technologically, much of the effort has been concentrated on developing the design of the SEPIC converter to overcome the efficiency, size and EMI issues. Advanced switching approaches, soft switching mechanisms, and digital control methods are the previous approaches proposed by researchers so far which enhanced performance of the SEPIC based chargers. Researches also shows that the inclusion of MPPT techniques in SEPIC converter can achieve maximum power from solar energy which result efficient utilization of the renewable energy source. Additionally, there have been some developments in the new semiconductor technologies like wide bandgap devices (SiC and GaN) used in SEPIC-based designs leading to higher efficiency, faster switching and better heat dis- sipation.

As far as system-level implementation is concerned, it has been demonstrated in the related work that the SEPIC-based charger can be scaled up from residential level up to the commercial scale.-tierraplanet.org-REFERENCES [1] R. Han,On the findings of the application of MF battery charger using SEPIC structure, inProc. The scalability and modularity of SEPIC converters have been studied by the researchers, it has been demonstrated that the SEPIC converters have the capability to be utilized for a variety of voltage and current ratings [7]-[8]. Moreover, smart control systems and IOT-based monitoring platforms are studied for real-time fault detection, predictive maintenance and adaptive load balancing [37]. This intelligent control not only guarantees the safety and the life of the battery but also increases the reliability of the charging infrastructure.

A further line of research relates SEPIC based EV chargers with wider sustainability programs. Researchers have also emphasized that the implementation of renewables-driven EV charging facilities is congruent with worldwide initiatives, such as those outlined in the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. A examples from regions such as Europe, North America and Asia have demonstrated that government incentives and enabling policy frameworks are a key driver for hastening hybrid solar-grid charger deployment. Through comparison of regional deployment approaches, best practices and lessons learned for promoting large-scale deployment of SEPIC charging technologies have been identified, including direct financial incentives, net metering policies, and renewable energy credits.

While the development of the V2G system has showed promising trajectory, the related work also recognized some of the existing challenges including the high initial investment of PV installation, the land and space limitation, and the requirement for commonly accepted standards in grid connection and V2G operation. It is believed that these limitations can be overcome through further development of power electronics, battery management systems, as well as energy storage technologies. Future research directions suggest the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the context of SEPIC-based chargers for predictive energy management, demand side management, and power dispatch in smart grids. Also, the fusion of blockchain technologies with EV charging infrastructure has been presented to support secure and transparent energy trading, like decentralized energy markets.

In conclusion, the survey of the state-of-the-art of SEPIC-based grid-connected and solar integrated EV chargers indicates that a vast amount of research outcomes are available in areas such as renewable energy integration, power electronics design, smart grid applications and sustainable mobility. The SEPIC topology has been exemplied in the literature for voltage regulation over varying input conditions, low ripple, and high eciency and it is widely employed in the recent past due to the above mentioned benets over traditional converters. Research outcomes consistently confirm the promising ability of SEPIC-based hybrid chargers for carbon footprint mitigation, into grid resilience and for enabling new features (V2G, smart charging). Cost, scalability and regulatory issues, such as the approval process for new drugs, are still halting the technology's wider experimentation and usage. This increasing body of research highlights the significance of SEPIC based solar and grid connected EV chargers as a key to promote sustainable mobility and to realize the long-term energy transition objectives.

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The architecture of a solar and grid integrated EV charger employing the SEPIC topology is a well designed model which is a combination of renewable solar energy system along with grid source, to deliver the power to the vehicles with energy efficient, reliable charging infrastructure which consume energy in a sustainable manner. At the heart of the architecture lies a photovoltaic (PV) array, a single-ended primary-inductor converter (SEPIC) converter, grid coordination, battery management systems, and control intelligence that regulate efficient power flow among these constituent parts. PV module acts as the main renewable energy source to convert solar radiation to electricity, which is then fed into the SEPIC converter. The SEPIC is selected as it has the ability to perform voltage step-up and step-down regulation such that a consistent charging voltage is applied to the battery of the EV notwithstanding the PV output variation due to the irradiance or the temperature. Its bidirectional flexibility is appealing for receiving energy at varying voltage levels, one example being solar energy harvesting. When sunlight can not meet demand on its own, the unit is grid connected and able to boost comportable output power to ensure that EV charging isn't interrupted when it is cloudy or nighttime.

The SEPIC based charger is also enriched by comprising the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithms which continuously tracks the PV array power to extract the maximum power under changing environmental condition at any given time. Such MPPT control is commonly realized by digital microcontrollers or digital signal processors, and characteristically not only control the duty cycle of the switches within the SEPIC converter but also universal power allocation between the solar array and the grid. The structure is also integrated with a battery management system (BMS) having a capability of evaluating the SOC, DOD, temperature and general condition of the EV battery pack. The BMS protects the battery by providing the battery with safe operating conditions, and prevents overcharge, over discharge and/or over-current, and measures voltage levels. Energy quality is further enhanced by minimizing harmonic distortion where power factor correction (PFC) and filtering is provided within the grid interface to help ensure compliance with the grid even as the utility grid experiences less stress with respect to a distribution power network.

In addition to the hardware, the system architecture also relies on smart control and communication layer. This could include aspects such as Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity for remote monitoring, predictive maintenance and for dynamic scheduling of charging sessions according to grid demand and renewable energy generation. The control system could also provide a vehicle to grid (V2G) feature where EVs function as distributed battery storage that can pump energy back to the grid during times of peak demand, increasing grid resiliency and reducing dependence on fossil fuel-based peaking plants. In addition, AI algorithms can be added to forecast solar irradiance, user charging behaviour, and grid demand, and then the system can make informed decisions to optimise the distribution of energy. This control feature not only increases system reliability, but also optimizes the use of renewable energy and reduces electricity expenses for the user.

One of the greatest features of the architecture is that it is scalable and modular. It is possible to design the SEPIC-based charger for the home market, where families fit PV arrays on their roofs with small chargers that can be charged overnight, or it can be scaled to commercial or public stations, which need more power and more charge points. Modularity, both in architecture and functions, helps to fit different EV battery capacities and charging standards, including both AC and DC fast-charging modes. Furthermore, wide bandgap semiconductor devices like Silicon Carbide (SiC) and Gallium Nitride (GaN) transistors are being utilized more in SEPIC-based converters to further benefit of the reduction in volume, losses and thermal performance offered by the high frequency operation.

At the sustainability level, the software approach is directly combating carbon emission as it gets solar energy much higher in priority than grid usage and ensures reliability since it is hybrid. Moreover, smart metering and blockchain based transaction systems can improve transparency and security in the energy trade, enabling the EVs owners to enter decentralized energy markets. With the advancement of policy frameworks to support renewable-driven mobility, the architecture of the SEPIC based solar and grid integrated EV chargers can now be the benchmark technology towards achieving net zero targets. In summary, the system is well aligned with the converging trend of renewable power integration, power electronics, Smart Grid and sustainable mobility, an eco-friendly fleet-enabling technologies to solve the dual problems in the transport sector (decarbonisation) and in grid sector (resilience).

IV. SEPIC CONVERTER FUNDAMENTALS

This work focuses on the fundamental aspects of Single-Ended Primary Inductor Converter (SEPIC) design for solar and grid integrated EV charger, since this topology provides a highly efficient power conversion and can operate in a broad range of input voltage which makes it suitable for renewable energy resources with varying input conditions. The SEPIC as a DC-DC converter essentially, the SEPIC converter is a type of DC-DC converter that allows large stepup (boost) and stepdown, such that the output voltage polarity is never inverted. This quality makes it perfect for solar systems as the voltage from the PV array varies, depending on the sun intensity, outdoor temperature, shading etc. In a solar-integrated EV charger, the SEPIC converter allows the system to control and provide a stable and optimum charging voltage to the EV battery, irrespective of the output from the solar panel being lower/higher than the required battery charging voltage. The SEPIC converter is also unlike a classic buck or boost regulator that can accept only two voltage ranges at the input, either stepping up or stepping down, and therefore simplifies power electronics design and improves system reliability. The topology is usually two inductors, which can be coupled for good inductance, a series capacitor, a diode and some form of power switch that can be controlled, like a MOSFET, all controlled via careful duty cycle control. One of the key components and design enablers of the SEPIC is the coupling capacitor, that enables energy to be transferred between the two inductors, giving the SEPIC voltage flexibility without loss of current flow that is beneficial in reducing components stress and input current ripple.

The working mechanism of the SEPIC converter is based on the alternate charging and discharging of inductors and the coupling capacitor by proper operation of the switch. A diode blocks the reverse current flow and the inductors charge with energy when the SW is opened. The stored energy is then released, with the cap discharge being induced to the output to keep the output voltage stable for the load (e.g., the EV battery) whenΦSW is off. The output voltage of the converter can be adjusted in a wide range by properly controlling the duty cycle of the switch so that the charging requirements of the EV batteries can be matched accurately. This capability makes it the SEPIC topology highly suitable for hybrid solar-grid systems in which the input voltage from the solar panels can vary significantly. Furthermore, the SEPIC keeps a non-inverted output, which can facilitate level translation and system-connection to sensitive electronics and battery regulators. Additionally, high performance components, such as low-RDS(ON) MOSFETs, low Vf Schottky diodes, and high-frequency inductors should also be used to enhance efficiency and performance. Furthermore, the use of wide-bandgap (WBG) devices such as GaN or SiC gives rise to gains in switching performance, minimization of conduction losses and permits the design of converters with reduced passive components and space.

A key improvement over SEPIC converters for EV charging is the implementation of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithms that force the duty cycle to iterative change in order to guarantee the PV system with the best possible efficiency operating point all the time. As the solar panel hardly works on a constant operating point, the MPPT converter working with SEPIC enhances the energy extraction maximum and it significantly enhances the energy conversion efficiency of the whole charger system. In addition to solar integration, SEPIC also performs smooth transition between solar power and grid power to create a consistent EV charging process on different scenarios. Its built-in voltage regulation over a wide input range lowers the demand for additional converters, therefore that the charger can have a simpler architecture and lower cost. Furthermore, some other benefits of the SEPIC converters is its relatively low electromagnetic interference (EMI) which contributes toward meeting grid interconnection standards, and also preventing noise problems.

From a more general point of view, the SEPIC converter not only overcome the technical problem of voltage demodulation but also the scaleability and flexibility of the systems. It has potential applications in everything from home chargers that include a small PV system, to larger commercial and public charging networks with greater current handling and power needs. Its adaptability makes the technology compatible for use with virtually all types of EV battery chemistries and charging protocols, from existing lithium-ion batteries to next-generation solid-state and high-capacity chemistries. What is more, as bidirectional charging technologies like vehicle-to-grid (V2G) gain ground, SEPIC converters can be designed to support reverse power flow, turning the EV battery in a distributed energy storage device that injects power when grid peaks. This two-way operation further enhances the impact of the SEPIC converter in enabling robust, flexible, and endurable energy systems.

In conclusion, the SEPIC converter is an essential building block for solar-aware, grid friendly EV-charging systems, with the only downside of having to resort to various control strategies to accommodate the variable solar environments and grid supplements, while ensuring a stable voltage regulation. The design simplicity, operational flexibility and support for advanced control strategies such as MPPT and AI-based predictive algorithms make it a highly efficient and future-proof topology. The stability, reliability and efficiency that SEPIC converters deliver is thus vital for better performance of EV chargers, and a step towards the bigger picture; decarbonizing transportation and having renewable energy in everyday mobility. The electrical properties additionally combined with the renewable interconnect features makes SEPIC converters an imperative element in the progression of sustainable energy and electric-based mobility infrastructure.

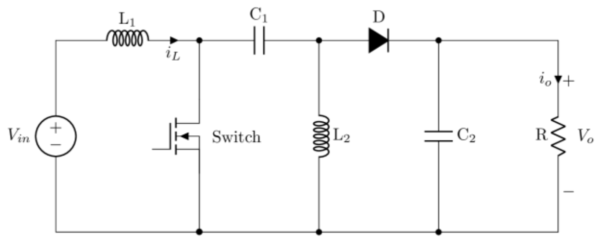

Figure 2: Schematic Diagram Illustrating The Foundational Topology Of A SEPIC (Single-Ended Primary Inductance Converter)

V. OPERATING MODES AND CONTROL

It aims at describing the operation modes and control algorithms for a solar and gridintegrated EV charger with the SEPIC topology, so that it can work effectively, cachecally and safely under different modes of energy consumption, solar availability and grid communication. The SEPIC is inherently flexible in power systems, however the presence of dynamism in operations such as fluctuating PV output, dynamism of EV charging demand, grid stability, and energy efficiency makes the level of operations and control of SEP IC an important fight for practical applications. The system is capable of operating in a variety of modes that change based on the available energy source and the charge required by the vehicle battery. There is one important operation mode, which is the solar-priority mode, in which the charger draws mainly from the solar PV array to supply the charging load of the EV. The SEPIC converter, in this mode, closely follows the MPPT algorithm and monitors the voltage and current of PV panel continuously so that it can always be operated at its peak power point irrespective of the variation in irradiance or temperature. By controlling the duty cycle of the SEPIC switch on-line, the system aims at maximizing energy transfer from the PV to the EV battery in order to minimize the consumption of dirty energy.

Another significant operating mode is the grid-support mode when there is not enough solar energy (for example, on a cloudy day, at night time, or if charging demand is high). The SEPIC converter operates in this manner to provide convenient mixing of input power with grid power, while allowing continuation of the charging of the EV battery. This could potentially mean drawing its only power from the grid (off-grid), or employing a hybrid system in which solar and grid power are mixed (grid-tied). Control of output at this operating mode requires that the inverter is synchronized to the grid, maintains a certain safety level and suppresses power quality problems in the grid like harmonics, voltage variations. Sophisticated digital control technology is used to optimise the contribution of the solar input and control the output of the solar controller to maintain the voltage and current in line with the other DC source. Another standby or off mode is usually additional wherein the charger avoids consuming power using the energy when no solar- nor grid-charging is requested, but is prepared to switch again on, at any time, if a vehicle needs to be charged.

The control of the SEPIC-based solar and grid-integrated EV charger is predominantly dependent on power electronics control theories like PWM, feed-back control, and digital signal processing. The core circuit is generally implemented using a microcontroller or a digital signal processor (DSP) which performs algorithms for controlling duty cycles of the switching device in the SEPIC converter. The controller compares the output voltage and current with the reference values calculated by the EV's battery management system (BMS), making sure that the charging follows safe charging levels such as CC and CV. "This is a crucial BMS integration to protect the EV battery from overcharging, over-discharging, and over-current while extending the life of the battery and ensuring safety for the user. In addition, smart control algorithms are typically based on predictive and learning strategies, which anticipate changes in the solar irradiance, grid condition and voltage, and EVs demand, thereby permitting the charger to adjust its operation in an anticipative rather than a reactive manner. This has the effect of increased efficiency and reliability of the charge system.

Besides the bidirectional character, higher-level operating modes as well are considered for vehicle-to-grid (V2G) interconnection. In this way, the SEPIC topology can be modified with suitable control to support power flow in both directions and excess energy stored in EV battery can be returned to the grid during peak hours. This demands advanced control strategies to deal with bi-directional flow of current, to preserve the grid stability and that the process is also safe for both the battery and the power system to which it is connected. The control techniques for V2G need to address the communication protocols between the charger, EV and grid operator to facilitate sharing of energy as a part of smart grid environment. For hybrid microgrid applications, the SEPIC-based charger could also be used to provide auxiliary services like load balancing, frequency support, or reactive power compensation, leading it to a control architecture that is not only more complicated but also multifunctional.

Efficiency optimization is another important aspect in operation modes and control, particularly in the scenario of the massive utilization of EV chargers. Control schemes have to minimize power losses in the converter by tuning the switching frequency, duty cycle, and operating points based on the loading conditions. Strategies like interleaved SEPIC operation or application of soft-switching algorithms needs to be integrated to minimize the switching losses, EMI, in order to derive high efficiency. In addition, real-time monitoring and diagnostics is included in the control system for fault checking, including overvoltage, overcurrent, shorting and thermal overload. Then, Fault Tolerant control design can react as for disconnecting components, taking other operating modes for grid only, sending a failure message to maintenance system to keep system running safely.

At last, the operating modes and control strategies of the solar and grid-integrated EV charger based on the SEPIC topology make the charger to reach the dual goals of sustainable energy utilization and reliable mobility support. With adaptive solar-priority charging, seamless grid backup capability, communication with advanced batteries for integrated battery management, and possible bidirectional energy exchange, the system now is not merely a charger, but essentially realizes an intelligent energy hub spearing the common clean-energy utilization and smart grid initiatives. The combination of SEPIC's intrinsic flexibility and advanced control strategies in this context guarantees that EV charging is not only technically efficient, but also consistent with the worldwide trend of moving towards decarbonization, energy independence, and electrified transportation futures.

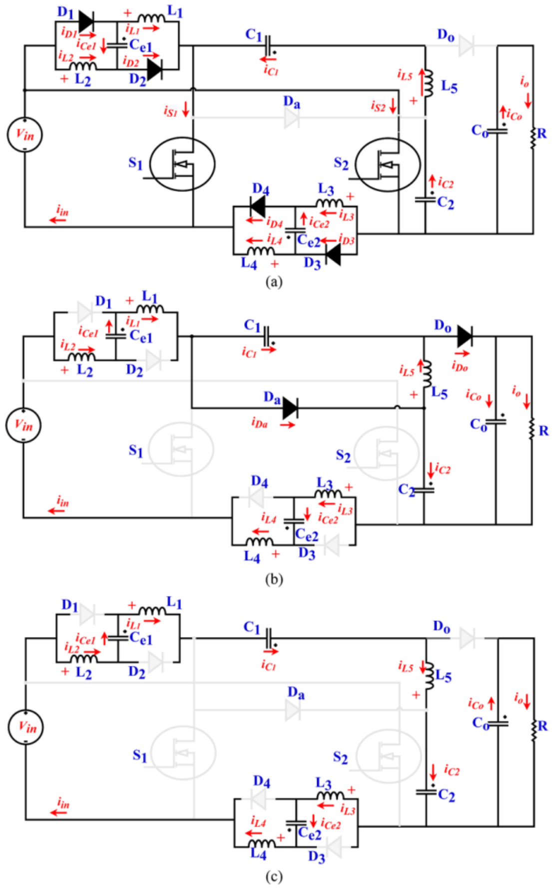

Figure 3: Schematic Illustrating The Different Operating Modes Of A SEPIC Converter—Often Labeled Mode I, Mode II, And Mode III.

VI. HARDWARE DESIGN GUIDELINES (3.3KW EXAMPLE)

- Ratings: Input: PV 120–420 Vdc; Grid 90–265 Vrms. Output DC bus 420 V nominal. Power 3.3 kW.
- Frequency: 100–150 kHz per phase, interleaved at 180° to reduce the ripple to 50%.
- And Magnetics: Coupled inductors ($L_1 \approx L_2 \approx 220$ µH per phase) on ferrite cores; design for peak ripple ΔI≈20–30% rated. Look into integrated magnetics to decrease leakage.
- Series capacitor C_s: Rating for RMS ripple ICsI_{Cs} and voltage stress (≈V_in). Film capacitor with low ESR.
- Semiconductors: 650V GaN HEMTs or SiC MOSFETs for lower switching loss; D.
- Output capacitor: Film + electrolytic/Polymer combination for ΔV_o<2% at load step.
- EMI/Filtering: Tuneable differential and commonmode filters based on measured spectral envelope;TM spread-spectrum modulation (optional).
- Thermal:Baseplate-cooled heatsink, check MOSFET T_j<125°C worst case Excluding Inductor Copper Loss (litz wire to cancel skin and proximity effects).

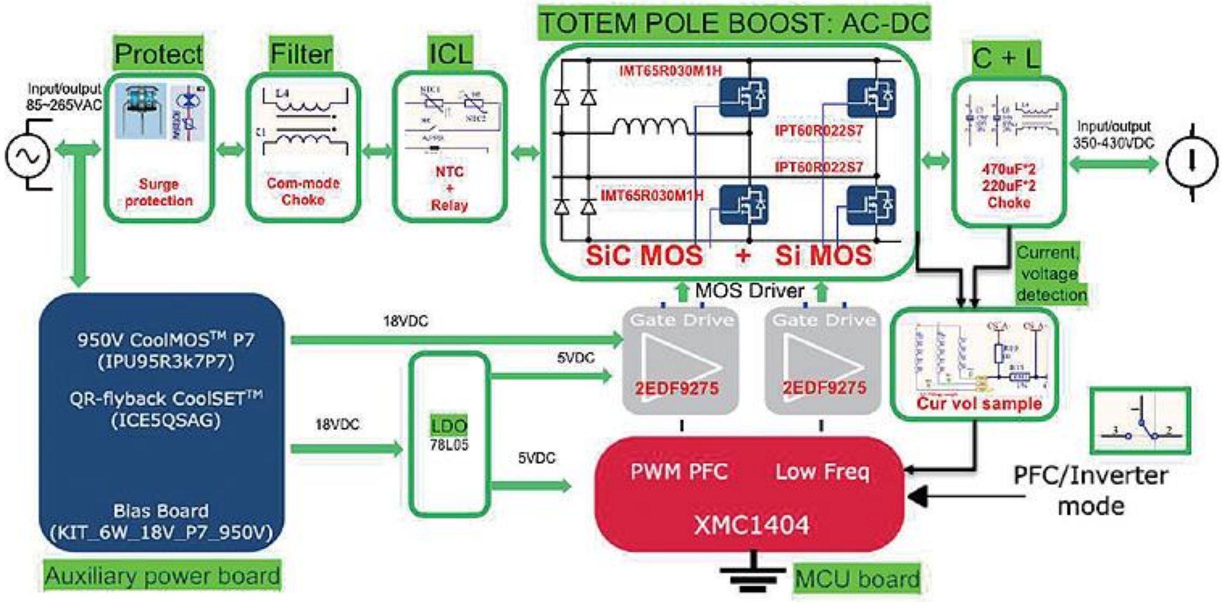

Figure 4: Block Diagram Of A Sic Bidirectional PFC Power Supply — Shows Bidirectional Operation Relevant To Modern Charger Designs.

VII. EFFICIENCY AND LOSS ANALYSIS

The efficiency and loss analysis of solar and grid integrated EV charger based on SEPIC topology is key to understanding the operating performance,continuity of operation and long life reliability. In general, the performance of such a system is based on how well it can convert input powers from solar PV panels and grid to useful DC energy required to charge EV battery, ultimately bonding power conversion stages with losses. The energy transmits through the power electronic devices (switches, inductors, diodes and capacitors) one by one during the process of being converted into into Electrical energy -this leads to some extra loss, which limits the efficiency of the charger. Conduction losses, switching losses, magnetic losses and thermal losses are some of the most influential, and combined they define how much of renewable energy captured gets to the EV battery. A thorough analysis of these losses permits the approach of an optimized system design (efficiency level greater than 90%) so that the adoption of charging infrastructures for EV can become widespread.

The conduction losses are mainly due to resistive elements in the power devices and passive elements. For instance, MOSFET or IGBT as the primary switching device are characterized by resistive conduction losses while on state when used in the SEPIC- converter, which are dependent on the on-resistance and current flow. Equally diodes introduce forward drops that contribute to energy loss, and inductors and capacitors exhibit copper and ESR losses, respectively. While the losses mentioned can seem miniscule on their own, they can exponentially add up greatly on heavy current charging as seen in EV use. High performance components including low RDS(ON) MOSFETs, low forward voltage drop Schottky diodes, and high quality inductors with low winding resistance reduce conduction losses and enhance the charger efficiency.

Losses in switching are due to overlapping voltage and current when a MOSFET switches on or off, and result in poor efficiency (where the lack of efficiency is substantially due to the MOSFET switching). At higher switching rates (that are desired for minimum passive component size) these losses may be the dominating ones. To reduce the switching losses, soft-switching techniques and zero-voltage switching (ZVS) and zero-current switching (ZCS) may be used, however requiring additional circuitry. The interleaved SEPIC topology designs, which split the current through multiple phases/branches, minimize switching and conduction stress and spread total heat generation in turn improving efficiency and reducing Electromagnetic Interference (EMI).

Magnetic losses in the inductors also contribute to the efficiency calculations. Core losses, which depend on magnetic material type, operating frequency, and magnetic flux density, add to the total energy loss. Appropriate choice of core material including low hysteresis and eddy current loss, and careful design of inductor is important to keep high efficiency. Capacitors in the same way add ESR losses which go up with higher ripple currents and so low-ESR capacitors have to be used to avoid heating and inefficiencies. Thermal loss, due to collective impact of all dissipative mechanisms, also affects the efficiency through the raising of the temperature of the components, which in turn increases the resistive losses thereby degrading the performance. Good thermal management, such as through heatsinks, forced air cooling or excellent Thermal Interface Materials, allows components to function within a safe working temperature, preserving product efficiency during extended use.

The efficiency is also a function of the capacity of the charger to accommodate different operating conditions. With solar radiation changing, duty cycle of the SEPIC converter should varies to keep efficient using of solar energy, that is maximum power point tracking(MPPT). Coupling temporary sources of power may as such provide a possible inefficiency due to the switching between the solar and the grid power and the fact control and switching strategies could be suboptimal. Additioanl challenges such as harmonic distortion and reactive power problems are also brought by grid integration, which may lead to increased energy losses in case poor control of them. Said losses can be measurably decreased using high-technology, digital controllers with adaptive control algorithms which provide seamless transitions, grid synchronization and accurate charging voltage and current regulation. In addition, with the bidirectional power delivery in vehicle-to-grid (V2G) application, good efficiency in reverse operation becomes similarly important and careful optimization of forward and reverse operation is essential to maintain the high overall system efficiency.

Parasitic effects such as stray capacitance and leakage inductance in magnetic elements, also cause losses, especially at high frequencies. For high-efficiency SEPIC-based EV chargers, the reduction of parasitic design parameters is highly necessary by appropriate circuit layout, compact design, and adoption of advanced packaging technology. The reliability and dynamic efficiency including fidelity to the real-world conditions with rapid load change, grid disturbance, etc gives us more understanding of the loss change in time domain as well. These studies identify poor performance aspects in the design of the system leading to enhancement of hardware and control strategies.

Efficiency and loss investigation is necessary, not only as a technical need, but also as economical and ecological demand. Greater efficiency equates to less energy lost as heat, which cuts cooling needs, lowers consumers' electricity costs and makes the most of solar power as a renewable resource. Environmental If you generalize in terms of the world's effort to avoid loses – then loss avoidance is good for the environment, for every percentage point increase in efficiency it means a great deal in power saving when multiplied a few million chargers. If That weren't enough: As EV adoption continues to ramp, efficient chargers will also be play a vital part in mitigating the carbon of transportation and achieving grid resiliency by minimizing the stress of unnecessary load.

Finally, an efficiency and loss evaluation of a solar and grid-integrated EV charger based on the SEPIC stage has indicated the interplay of component design, control strategy, and system integration. By eliminating conduction, switching, magnetic, thermal, and parasitic losses and optimizing operating conditions with advanced control, engineers can design high-efficiency systems that efficiently generate reliable, clean and cost-effective energy for EVs. The lessons learned from these analyses are critical to understanding the future energy demands for EV charging to become more sustainable, operationally feasible, and synergistic with the broader renewable energy landscape.

VIII. CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION

The control approach of a solar and grid-integrated EV charger based on SEPIC topolgoy is very important for system reliability, performance and also flexibility in different situation of operations. The SEPIC converter is inherently a boost (step-up) or buck (step-down) converter, and hence is particularly suitable for applications in which the input power supply is not fixed, such as solar PV. However, integration with the grid for renewable energy and stable, secure, fast charging for electric cars requires complex strategy for control. Control is implemented at different layers, i.e., (i) maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller for the solar energy harvesting, (ii) a bi-directional power control for V2G readiness, (iii) grid synchronization and power quality control and (iv) battery charging control to ensure safety and long battery life. Each of these control needs must be thoughtfully combined into the SEPIC based scheme with an appropriate blend of analog and digital control techniques to ensure a good compromise between efficiency, stability and flexibility.

The key technique to integrate solar energy is max power point tracking (MPPT), which allows the SEPIC converter to constantly extract the maximum output power from the PV panels under changing irradiance and temperature. Popular MPPT algorithms such as P&O method, INC method and fuzzy logic-based control can be found in the literature, and each one has its own limitation in complexity, settling time and precision. The MPPT controller controls the duty cycle of the SEPIC converter's switching device to keep the operating point of the PV array at its MPP. In practical, the MPPT algorithms are implemented on digital-signal-processor (DSP) and microcontroller because of their high-speed calculation capability and adaptive control feature to utilize the solar energy efficiently.

Another important aspect of control realization is battery management. The charger has to control the output voltage and current being supplied to the EV battery subject to its charging pattern, that usually includes constant current (CC) and constant voltage (CV) periods. Overcharging, deep discharging, and over temperature are harmful to the battery, so the control system also should have such functions as protection from over voltage, under voltage, over current, short circuit, and high temperature. The contemporary control systems also become networkable, so communication protocols like Controller Area Network (CAN) bus are integrated, making it possible for the charger to communicate with the EV's battery management system (BMS) to assure that charging is consistent with the state of charge (SoC) and the state of health (SoH) of the battery. With its SEPIC converter and BMS control, the charger delivers improved battery lifetime and overall performance and protects the user's investment in EV technology.

The implementation of control can be even more complicated if the grid integration is taken into account. The charger needs to transfer power from the grid when solar power generation is not available, but also needs to guarantee that the charger system meets grid codes, such as power factor constraints, harmonic distortion, and reactive power support. In order to do so, PLL-based controllers are mostly utilized to synchronize the charger with grid voltage and frequency. Sophisticated digital control algorithms including the proportionalintegral (PI), predictive (MPC), or adaptive and control are used for regulating the gridside power flow, implying minimizing the harmonics and unity power factor operation. Control design in systems that enable V2G operation must further facilitate bidirectional power flow in order to return the stored energy in EV battery to the grid in peak demand times. This needs timing control and co-ordination of the SEPIC, grid inverter interface and communication protocols to guarantee an appropriate and reliable interaction with the grid.

Moreover, the selection of the control scheme for the SEPIC converter is crucial as well. In CCM, the control circuitry maintains the current across the inductors above zero, thus enabling stable operation and low ripple. In DCM, the system draws various control besides the control law implemented for linearly responding current transfer. There are various ways of achieving this control: for example, current-mode control, voltage-mode control, and hybrid control, all providing advantages both in terms of simplicity of implementation and of dynamic response and stability. It is noted that digital controllers with high speed sampling capability will offer the versatility of the ability to dynamically change such control schemes as a function of operating conditions, thereby improving the overall efficiency and robustness of the charger.

What is more, soft-switching of the control system also contributes to enhanced efficiency in terms of reduction of the switching losses and electromagnetic interferences. Methods such as zero-voltage-switching (ZVS) and zero-current-switching (ZCS) can be integrated within control techniques as well in order to cause the power semiconductor devices to transition more smoothly, which reduces thermal stress, improves system reliability over time. The pulse width modulation (PWM) policies are further optimized to minimize the harmonics, stabilize the duty cycles, and balance inductor currents in interleaved SEPIC modules.

The control procedure also includes fault detection and diagnostic (FDD) features in order to guarantee reliability in the presence of abnormal situations. Real-time voltage, current and temperature profiling enables the system to sense anomalies such as component failures, load variances, and grid disruptions. In detecting the faults, the control system can take protective actions, for example, by turning off the charger, isolating the fault, or operating in a fault safe condition to prevent the charger, the battery, or the grid from being damaged. An integrated approach of machine-learning predictive control along with fault diagnosis is also being considered, that would make the charges adaptable with varying scenarios and able to predict failures before they occur.

C. Summary In summary, control design for a solar and grid integrated EV prototype using a SEPIC topology is a complex task that includes MPPT algorithms for solar efficiency, battery charge management for safety, grid integration for regulatory compliance and power quality, and a robust converter-level control design for stability and efficiency. Drawing on digital controllers, adaptive algorithms, communication protocols and enhanced modulation techniques, engineers can use intelligent control systems that not only provide reliable EV charging, but also help to realise wider energy goals such as renewable integration, grid stability and sustainable transport. The key of such systems is the integration of various control functions into an all-around system for safe, efficient, environmentally friendly energy supply for electric vehicles.

IX. CONCLUSION

To wrap it up, we present a solar and grid-integrated EV charger based on SEPIC topol- ogy, shedding light the amazing transition of renewable energy to sustainable transportation. The combination of solar energy with grid support and implemented on a SEPIC-based design is a technical breakthrough and also a leap towards reducing worldwide dependence on fossil fuels and adapting electric vehicles. The SEPIC converter has the capability of converting either up or down the input voltage, enabling unique flexibility to process PV variable generation and EV batteries load. It is this unique capability that will make the SEPIC ideal in practical applications, especially since solar irradiance varies, grid stability requirements differ, and EV charging profiles require precise control. "By leveraging the two resources of solar and the grid, we will be able to charge the electric vehicle at any time of the day or night, even if it is dark and drizzling for five days straight without ever seeing sunshine." Combination of solar and grid power means EVs can be charged in an uninterrupted way, which takes away range anxiety and makes driving the car practical for the users.

One of the main things that make this choice of topology interesting for this type of application is that SEPIC topology offers the best performance to sustainability ratio. The system guarantees maximum use of solar energy with its maximum power point tracking (MPPT) technology, making EV charging more greener and economical. And the solar-and-grid seamless power switch makes sure the charge never stops, which would largely improve user experience. The presence of bidirectional power flow further strengthens the strategic position by allowing V2G operation, which allows the EVs to act as mobile energy storage units for system support during peak loads or emergencies. This two-way communication shows the flexibility of SEPIC converter in smart grid theories and future energy environments. These results further highlight the significance of solar grid integrated chargers as fuel for transportation and active players in the new power grid.

Efficiency and loss investigations also confirm the feasibility of the proposed system. There are losses in power conversion but the design of the SEPIC converters with the switching strategies and methods of soft-power and the interleaving method have been helpful in reducing their energy losses. This increases the efficiency of charging and increases the life of the components while decreasing thermal loading. From an economic point of view, the higher the efficiency the lower the operational cost and the higher the ROI for a large scale EV charging infrastructure. Furthermore, efficient systems result in lower greenhouse gas emissions, and are important tools for the affirmation of sustainability and climate goals in different parts of the planet.

System performance is still dominated by the manner in which the control is implemented. Incorporating sophisticated algorithms, digital controllers, and fault diagnostic features, the SEPIC-based charger is able to adapt to different application scenarios. It is the integration of MPPT, battery management, grid synchronization, and fault detection that makes the design reliable and also immune to disturbances. The use of communication protocols also allows to be integrated to EV battery management system providing safe charging and promoting battery long life. These control methods enable the charger to be future-compatible, capable of handling the improvements in battery technology, integration of renewable energies and future grid codes. With the injected intelligence in the charger, the engineers have in fact turned the charging station into a clever subprocess of the overall power system; from being just a power converter.

The application that can be derived from this technology are not only private EV charging stations. At large, solar and grid-integrated SEPIC-based chargers can substantially reduce the tension on power grids, contribute to distributed renewable generation, and help in development of decentralized energy systems. Their ability to interface with smart cities, renewable microgrids, and energy-sharing structures positions the mWATTS as enablers of sustainable urban infrastructure. While governments around the world, as well as industry, drive carbon neutrality and transport electrification, it is only with the deployment of such cutting-edge charging systems that these policy objectives can be achieved – while also ensuring user satisfaction. Furthermore, they are designed to be modular and scalable to meet a wide range of applications - from home charging to commercial fleets and with public charging networks.

In summary, the control of solar coupling and grid-feeding EV chargers based on SEPIC topology represents the blend of renewable energy technology, power electronics prospects as well as eco-friendly transportation policies. It provides a complete solution to issues around variable renewable energy supply, increasing demand for EV charging infrastructure, and ensuring grid stability. From a technical, economic, and environmental perspective, SEPIC-based chargers contribute to a greener and more secure energy ecosystem. As R&D improves efficiency, control, and scaleability, such systems will be key drivers in delivering a green transport revolution as well as making large contributions to sustainability objectives around the world. In the end, the SEPIC-based solar and grid integrated EV charger is an example of how energy generation, storage, and consumption can be optimized with smart engineering to lead us toward an even smarter, more sustainable world.

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