

Analysis and Design of High Step-Up DC-DC for Grid Connected Photovoltaic Converter Application

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Abstract- Photovoltaic (PV) power-generation systems are suitable increasing significantly and predominant in distribution generation systems. A high voltage gain converter is necessary for the module's grid connection through a dc-ac inverter or for battery charging for standalone PV system. This paper proposes a new high step up DC-DC converter with floating active switch which acts as a high state drive. This floating active switch segregates energy from the PV panel when the AC module is off. It also regulates the DC interface between the DC-AC converters. The high step up voltage conversion ratio is accomplished with several turns ratio of a coupled inductor and appropriate duty ratios. The energy stored in the leakage inductor with the help of magnetizing inductor of a coupled inductor is efficiently recycled to the load through the output capacitor. With an input voltage of (V_{in}) 15V and 250V output voltage is obtained. An output power of 97W is also obtained from the designed converter circuit. Its maximum full load efficiency is better than conventional convert model.

Index Terms- AC Module, Coupled Inductor, High Step Up Voltage Gain.

I. INTRODUCTION

FOSSIL fuels are an fundamental source of electricity and are carried out vastly in latest decades. Unfortunately, utilization of fossil fuels has led to lots of issues for the environment. Threat of weather exchange and different comparable damages to the environment at the moment are very extreme. Now, researchers are inspired to search for uncontaminated options for proposing strength [1] and [2]. Renewable power resources were found as the great opportunity for fossil fuels. Among those easy electricity sources, photovoltaic (PV) structures are considered because the leading generation. In current years, plenty of researches are done for improving the photovoltaic structures and making these structures more financial [3] and [4]. Also, other alternatives like fuel cells are studied and are considered as smooth and ability resources. The improvements

within renewable strength systems include enhancements in electricity conversion systems, consisting of PV arrays and fuel cells, and enhancements in electrical circuits for coping with the generated energy. Figure.1 indicates a hybrid renewable electricity grid-linked system. The fundamental demanding situations within designing these renewable structures are: green extracting electric strength from the power conversion system and changing the generated energy to the desired degree and shape. For example, for the renewable electricity machine proven in Figure.1, the most possible generated power through the PV array need to be extracted by means of the following electricity converter and then the low voltage of the PV module ought to be transformed to a much better voltage wanted by using the following block. Therefore, two crucial responsibilities of the high step-up converters in Figure.1 are: Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) and boosting the low generated voltage by means of PV array and fuel cell. So a ways, lots of researches are finished to improve the performance, reliability, value and existence span of the DC-DC converters for renewable electricity sources [1-10].

In [1-6] many DC-DC and DC-AC converters for this purpose are reviewed. For this application, conventional boost converter might be the primary choice. But for the simple increase converter, the voltage stress of the transfer and diode are same to the high output voltage, where high-voltage rated components with high on-resistance need to be used, which reasons excessive conduction losses. Moreover, in excessive obligation cycles, excessive conduction losses and critical opposite restoration problems are precipitated. Hence, inside the conversion ratios of extra than 7 traditional improve converter isn't always an affordable desire.

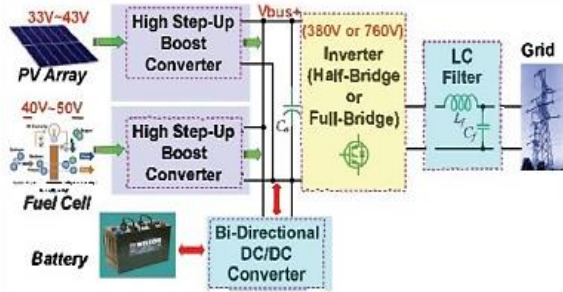


Fig. 1. Diagram of a single-phase renewable energy grid-connected system[8].

II. RELATED WORKS

So far, lots of research carried out to achieve a high efficiency, high-conversion ratio converter without extremely high operating duty cycle. The quadratic boost converter is an interesting topology for extending conversion ratio which uses only a single active switch[10]-[12], where the voltage conversion ratio is a quadratic function of a conventional boost converter. However, voltage stress of the switch in these converters is equal to the output voltage thus a high-voltage and high current switch should be selected.

Three-level boost converter can double the voltage gain and halve components voltage stress compared with the conventional boost converter [14] and [15]. Lower voltage rated MOSFETs with lower on resistance can be employed to reduce associated loss with switching and conduction the circuit cost and the conduction losses due to the low voltage stress. However, the converter operates under a hard switching condition, and the output diode reverse-recovery problem is troublesome. In [16] switched capacitors are used to achieve high step up conversion ratio converter. However, in these converters as voltage gain increases number of required components increase, which results in higher cost. Also, high switching losses and current stress are troublesome too.

III. METHODOLOGY OF SYSTEM

The proposed converter is shown in figure.2. It consists of coupled inductor T_1 with floating active switch S_1 . The primary winding N_1 of a coupled inductor T_1 is similar to the input inductor of the conventional boost converter and capacitor C_1 and diode D_1 receive leakage inductor energy from N_1 . The secondary winding N_2 of Coupled inductor T_1 is

connected with another pair of capacitor C_2 and diode D_2 , which are in series with N_1 in order to further enlarge the boost voltage. The diode D_3 is a diode rectifier which is connected to the output capacitor C_3 and load.

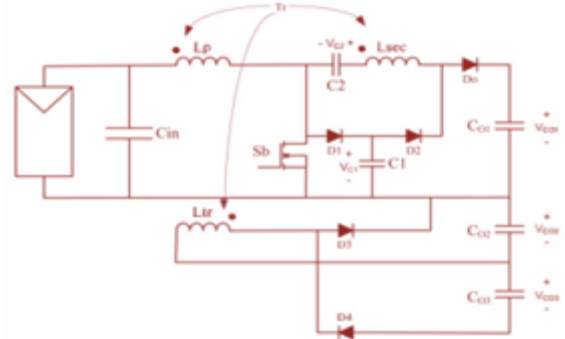


Fig. 2. Proposed High Step-Up Converter

In order to analysis the circuit of the proposed converter, the following assumptions are made.

- 1) All the components are ideal expect for the leakage inductance of coupled inductor T_1 .
- 2) The on-state resistance $R_{DS(on)}$ and all the snubber capacitance of S_1 are neglected.
- 3) The capacitors $C_1 \sim C_3$ are sufficiently large that the voltages across them are considered to be constant.
- 4) The ESR of capacitors $C_1 \sim C_3$ and the parasitic resistance of coupled inductor T_1 are neglected.
- 5) The turn ratio n of the coupled inductor T_1 windings is equal to N_2 / N_1 .

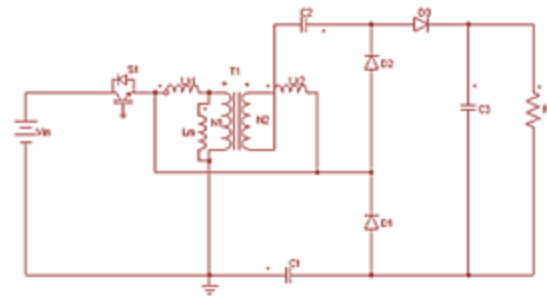


Fig.3. Polarity definitions of voltage and current in proposed converter

Continuous Conduction Mode Operation (CCM):

In the continuous conduction mode there are many transition intervals will takes place. Initially whenever the supply is applied and made the switch S_1 to turned ON, then the magnetizing inductor L_m continuously charges capacitor C_2 through coupled inductor T_1 . The current i_{Lm} is continuously decreases because the source voltage V_{in} crosses the

magnetizing inductor L_m and primary leakage inductor L_{k1} during this time the i_{D2} and i_{c2} are decreasing. Once the leakage current equals the decreasing i_{Lm} , then the V_{in} is series connected with N_2 , C_1 and C_2 to charge the output capacitor C_3 and load R . The rectifier diode D_3 is conducting but diode D_2 will not conduct. The i_{Lm} , i_{Lk1} , and i_{d3} are increasing because the V_{in} is crossing L_{k1} , L_m and primary winding N_1 . The discharging current $|i_{c1}|$ and $|i_{c2}|$ are increasing. When the switch S_1 is made off, instantly the energy stored in the inductor L_{k1} will flow through the diode D_1 to charge the capacitor C_1 meanwhile the energy stored in the leakage inductor L_{k2} is series connected with C_2 to charge the capacitor C_3 and the load R . L_{k1} and L_{k2} are far smaller than L_m due to this the i_{Lm} is increasing with energy receiving from i_{Lk1} and i_{Lk2} decreases rapidly to zero. Once i_{Lk2} reaches the zero, the L_m released its energy to C_1 and C_2 . Simultaneously diodes D_1 and D_2 are conducting. The energy stored in the capacitor C_3 is constantly discharged to the load R . This process will continue for each turn on and turn off Switch S_1

CCM Operation: For the steady state analysis of converter the two switching instants are considered, S_1 ON and OFF instants.

During S_1 ON

$$V_{Lm} = V_{in}$$

$$V_{N2} = n V_{in}$$

During S_1 OFF

$$V_{Lm} = -V_{c1}$$

$$V_{N2} = -V_{c2}$$

The voltage across C_1 and C_2 are obtained as

$$V_{c1} = (D|1-D)V_{in}$$

$$V_{c2} = (nD|1-D)V_{in}$$

The output voltage of the converter during switch S_1 on is given by

$$V_0 = V_{in} + V_{N2} + V_{C2} + V_{C1}$$

$$V_0 = V_{in} + nV_{in} + (D|1-D)V_{in} + (D|1-D)V_{in}$$

$$MCCM = V_0/V_{in} = (1 + n|1-D)$$

Dis-Continuous Conduction Mode Operation: In the discontinuous mode there are many transition intervals will take place. Initially when the switch S_1 is made ON with input source V_{in} . The in V_0 put source V_{in} is series connected with N_2 , C_1 and C_2 to charge the output capacitor C_3 and load R . Meanwhile L_m is also receiving energy from V_{in} . The i_{Lm} , i_{Lk1} and i_{D3} are increasing because the V_{in} is increasing L_{k1} , L_m and primary winding N_1 . The discharging current $|i_{c1}|$ and $|i_{c2}|$ are increasing. When the switch S_2

made off then instantly the energy stored in the leakage inductor L_{k1} flows through diode D_1 to charge the capacitor C_1 . $|i_{c1}|$ and $|i_{c2}|$ increases and current through i_{D3} also increase. Then the current i_{Lk1} and i_{D1} are continuously decreased because the leakage energy flows through D_1 keeps charging a capacitor C_1 . The energy stored in capacitor C_3 is constantly discharged to the load R . These energy transfers results in decrease in i_{Lk1} and i_{Lm} but increases in i_{Lk2} . L_m only constantly releasing its energy to C_2 and only Diode D_2 is conducting. The i_{Lm} is decreasing due to the magnetizing inductor energy flowing through the coupled inductor T_1 to secondary winding N_2 and D_2 continuous to charge capacitor C_2 . The energy stored in capacitor C_2 is continued to be discharge to the load. This process will continue for each turn on and turn off Switch S_1 .

DCM Operation

For the steady state analysis of the converter at two switching instants are considered, S_1 ON and OFF instants.

During S_1 ON

$$V_{Lm} = V_{in}$$

$$V_{N2} = n V_{in}$$

During S_1 OFF

$$V_{Lm} = -V_{c1}$$

$$-V_{N2} = V_{c2}$$

The voltage across C_1 and C_2 are

$$V_{c1} = (D|DL)V_{in}$$

$$V_{c2} = (nD|DL)V_{in}$$

$$(V_0/V_{in}) = ((n+1)(D+DL))/DL$$

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The designed high step-up DC-DC converter consists of single active switch, which acts as high state drive. It also contains the coupled inductor, 2 diodes and 2 capacitors used to step-up the voltage level and it also recycles the leakage energy. One diode is used as rectifier diode.

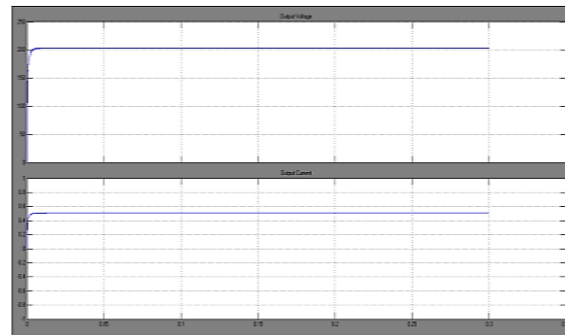


Fig.4. output voltage and current waveform at CCM

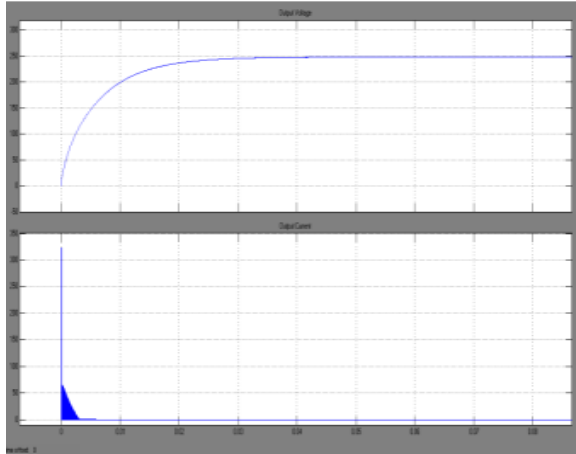


Fig.5. output voltage and current waveform at DCM

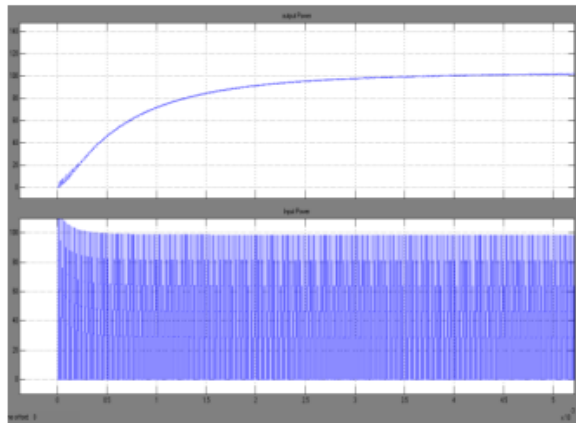


Fig.6. output and input power of proposed converter

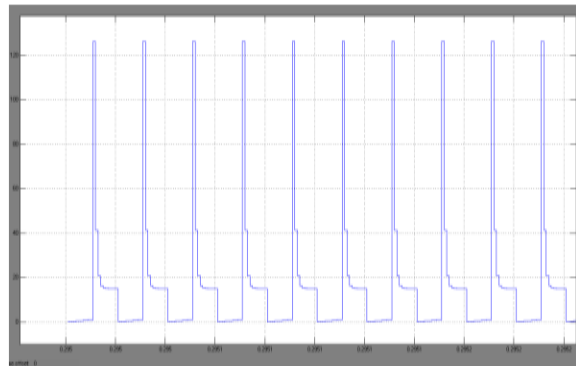


Fig.7. Voltage stress across the switch

These are the various results obtained from the proposed converter with the electrical specifications of the circuit components with an applied voltage $V_{in}=15V$, $f_s=50kHz$, and full load resistance of $R=400\Omega$. The major components with the values of $C_1=C_2=47\mu F$ and $C_3=220\mu F$, the switch used for the

simulation is IGBT, for recycling and rectifying diodes are used. The turns ratio of the mutual inductor is assumed to be $n=5$, and the duty ratio D is derived as 50%. The magnetizing inductor of the coupled inductor $L_m > 30.54$ for the full load. The maximum full load efficiency of the proposed converter at continuous conduction mode is given by 97%, this will be better than conventional converter. The proposed converter shows the wide range of efficiency.

V. CONCLUSION

The energy of leakage inductor's has been effectually recycled and the voltage stress across the switch is constrained. The switch here acts as a high state drive and also it protects panel and installers from the electrical hazardous while the switch is in off state. The switching action is performed well by floating active switch during the system operation at all the condition with eliminating the residential energy effectively during non operating condition. Lacking an extreme duty ratio and with an numerous turns ratio the proposed converter achieved high voltage step-up gain. Thus improvements to the efficiency of the proposed converter have achieved.

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