



HIGH EFFICIENCY DC-DC CONVERTER WITH SOFT SWITCHING CAPABILITY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY APPLICATIONS REQUIRING HIGH VOLTAGE GAIN

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ABSTRACT

In the last few decades, there has been a drastic increasing the demand for electricity this has led to rapid use and depletion of fossil fuels. These factors have led these researchers to renewable energy sources such as wind, solar PV and fuel cell stack. Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and fuel cell energy sources play a prominent role among the existing renewable sources poses major challenges such as Optimal utilization of the source due to their non-linear characteristics (e.g. Maximum Power Point Tracking in (MPPT) is required to track maximum available power from a PV source); They are usually operated at low output voltage levels (typ. 25-50V) because of safety issues. This makes their application to grid connected systems and even some stand-alone loads difficult because a large voltage boosting is required. It causes large peak current to flow on the input side, which adversely affects the magnetic components and results in high losses. Direct voltage step-up using high frequency transformer.

EXISTING METHOD

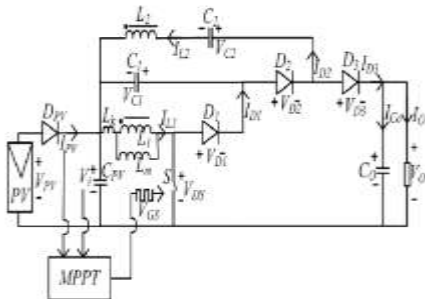


Fig: 1 Topology Energy conversion efficiency of solar PV is quite low (about 12-25%). Therefore, it is essential to use a highly efficient power conversion system to utilize the PV generated power to the maximum. The existing high gain consists of one passive clamp network, coupled inductor (L1, L2) and an intermediate capacitor apart from other components. The symbol V_{pv} represents the PV voltage applied to the circuit. S is the main switch

of the proposed converter. The coupled inductor's primary and secondary inductors are denoted by L_1 and L_2 . C_1 and D_1 represent the passive clamp network across L_1 . The capacitor C_0 is the output while D_3 is the output diode. The voltage V_o is the average (DC) output across the load. The intermediate energy storage capacitor. C_2 and the

feedback diode D_2 are connected on the secondary side.

Mode 1 (to-t1):

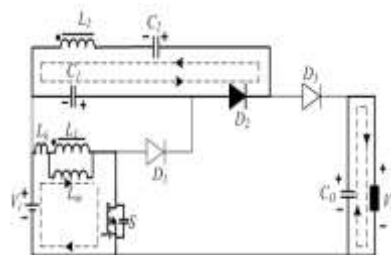


Fig:2 Mode 1

The switch (s) is turned on at the start of the converter operation. the current flows together the switch and the primary side of the coupled inductor (L_1). Energizing the magnetizing inductance (L_m) of the coupled inductor current path is as shown in fig 1. the two diodes D_1 and D_3 are reverse biased. While D_2 is forward biased during this mode. The intermediate capacitor, C_2 is charged through D_2 by L_2 and capacitor, C_1 .

Mode 2 (t1, t2):

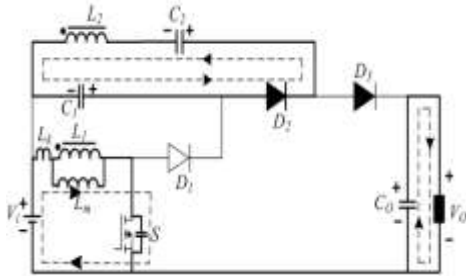


Fig :3 Mode2

The parasitic capacitance of the switch S is charged by the magnetizing current flowing through the inductor L1. The diode D2 remains forward biased and current continues to flow through this. Current path in this mode is shown fig2.

Mode3 (t2-t3):

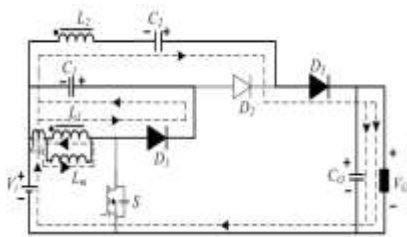


Fig: 4 Mode3

In this mode, diodes D1 and D3 become forward biased. D2 is reversed biased and its current become zero in this mode. The leakage energy stored in the primary side of the coupled inductor (L1) is recovered and stored in the clamp capacitor (C1) through diode D3.

Mode 4 (t3-t4):

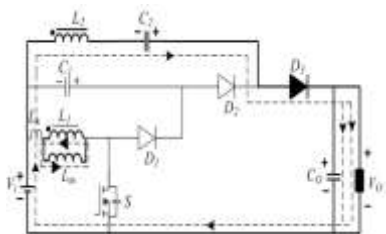


Fig: 5 Mode4

This mode begins after the completion of recovery of the leakage energy from inductor (L1). The diode D1 now becomes reverse biased while

diode D3 remains forward biased in this mode. The current flows from the input side to the output side to supply the load.

Mode 5(t4-t5):

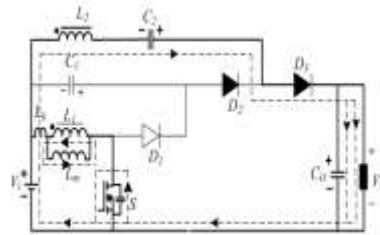


Fig: 6 Mode 5

This mode begins by turning on switch S. The leakage inductor energizes quickly using the full magnetizing current while the parasitic capacitance across the switch discharges in this mode. The two diodes D1 and D2 are in reverse biased conduction. The two diodes D1 and D2 are in reverse biased condition. The voltage (Vdc) across the switch ‘S’ cannot change instantaneously and decreases slowly. Thus there is little overlap of falling voltage and raising current and negligible switching loss at turn –on.

PROPOSED METHOD:

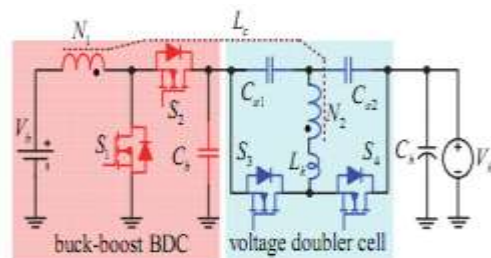


Fig: 7 Proposed bidirectional DC-DC converter

The proposed high step-up/step-down BDC is shown in Fig, respectively. N1 and N2 are the primary and secondary windings of the coupled inductor Lacc. From Fig. 1, it can be seen that the proposed BDC is a combination of the conventional buck-boost BDC and a voltage doubler cell. The magnetizing inductance Lm of the primary winding of the coupled inductor Lc is used as a filter inductor of the buck-boost BDC, while the secondary winding of the coupled inductor is inserted into the voltage doubler cell to improve



the voltage conversion ratio of the BDC. Since the two switch bridges composed of S1&S2 and S3&S4 are connected in series, the high voltage V_h is divided into two parts and shared by the two switch bridges, the voltage stresses on the active switches S1-S4 are reduced.

The proposed BDC topology can be divided into two parts. The equivalent circuits of the two parts are illustrated in Fig. 2, where it is shown that the equivalent circuit between the battery V_b and the capacitor C_b is a conventional buck-boost BDC, while the equivalent circuit between the capacitor C_b and the high side source V_h is a DAHB BDC. Therefore, the proposed BDC is derived by integrating the buck-boost BDC and the DAHB BDC through sharing the low-side switches, S1 and S2, and the capacitor C_b . It has been known that the best operation condition for the DAB BDC is that the voltages on the two sides of the DAB BDC are well matched [20]-[22]. In this case, the highest efficiency can be realized because the circulating current is minimized and soft-switching of switches is always achieved. Fortunately, voltage matching control can be achieved with the unique structure of the proposed BDC. Because the output voltage, V_{Cb} , of the buck-boost BDC is used as the input voltage of the DAHB BDC, the voltages on the two windings, N1 and N2, of the DAHB BDC can be controlled and matched with the turn ratio of the coupled inductor. To achieve the voltage matching, the voltage V_{Cb} is controlled by the buck-boost BDC to satisfy the following equation:

$$\frac{V_{Cb}}{V_h - V_{Cb}} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{1}{n}$$

Close observation indicates that the proposed BDC has the following features.

(1) Because the voltages on the two sides of the DAHB BDC are exactly matched to the turn's ratio of the coupled inductor, the circulating current is minimized and the soft-switching of all the switches can be always achieved.

(2) High step-up/step-down voltage conversion ratio is achieved easily with the coupled inductor and the output-series configuration.

(3) Wide voltage range regulation can be realized with the PWM controlled buck-boost BDC. Since the efficiency of the PWM controlled buck-boost BDC is not sensitive to the voltage range, high conversion efficiency within wide battery voltage range is expected.

(4) The circuit configuration of the proposed BDC is simplified by sharing the two switches, S1 and S2, between the buck-boost BDC and the DAHB BDC. More importantly, with the help of the DAHB BDC, the two switches S1 and S2 that belong to the buck-boost BDC can realize ZVS as well.

(5) The inductor L_k can be partly or fully implemented with the leakage inductance of the coupled inductor, which results in effective utilization of parasitic parameters and high power density.

OPERATION OF THE PROPOSED CONVERTER

The proposed high step-up/step-down BDC shown in Fig. is analyzed to verify the feasibility of the proposed topology and control method. The switches S1 and S2 are driven complementary, while S3 works complementarily with S4. S1 and S3 share the same duty cycle D , and D is used to regulate the voltage on the capacitor C_b , V_{Cb} . So the voltages V_{Cb} and V_h are always matched and satisfy (1). The phase-shift angle, ϕ , between S1 and S3 is utilized to regulate the value and direction of the transferred power of the BDC. According to the direction of the power flow, the BDC has two operation modes, i.e. step-up mode and step-down mode. The converter operates in the step-up mode if the energy is transferred from the low voltage side, V_b , to the high voltage side, V_h , whereas, the converter operates in the step-down mode if the power flow is reversed. In the step-up mode, the driving signal of S1 always leads the driving signal of S3, which means the phase-shift angle $\phi > 0$. On the other hand, the driving signal of S1 always lags the driving signal of S3 and the phase-shift angle $\phi < 0$ when the converter operates in the step-down mode..

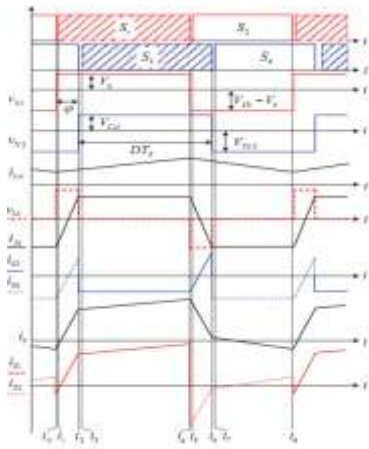


Fig: 8 key waveforms of the proposed BDC, the step-up mode

Mode 1[t0, t1]:

Before t0, the switches S2 and S4 are ON, and both the current i_b and i_{Lk} are negative. At t0, S2 is turned OFF. The body diode of S1 is ON due to the negative current of i_b .

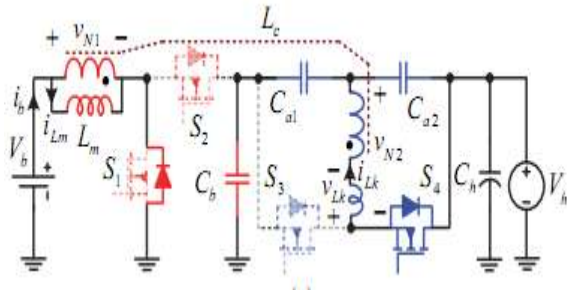


Fig.9 Mode1

Mode 2[t1, t2]:

At t1, S1 is turned ON with zero voltage switching (ZVS). During the Stage 1[t0, t1] and the Stage 2[t1, t2], the currents i_{Lm} and i_{Lk} increase linearly due to the positive voltage on the inductors L_m and L_c .

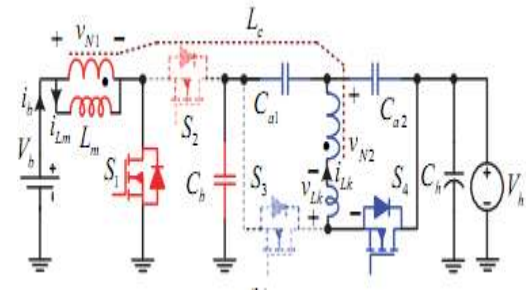


Fig: 10 Mode2

Mode 3[t2, t3]:

At t2, S4 is turned OFF, the body diode of S3 is ON due to the positive value of i_{Lk} .

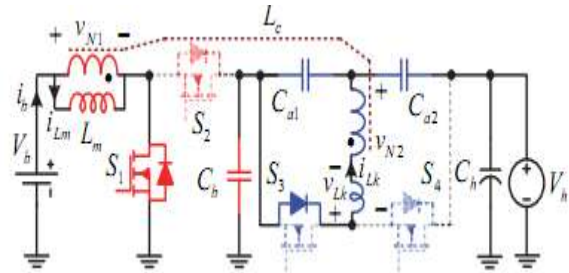


Fig: 11 Mode3

Mode 4[t3, t4]

At t3, S3 is turned ON with ZVS because S3 is operated as a synchronous switch in this Stage. During the Stage 3[t2, t3] and the Stage 4[t3, t4], the battery is discharged and supplies power to the load. So the inductor L_m is charged by V_b , and i_{Lm} keeps increasing linearly. And i_{Lk} is expressed as follows.

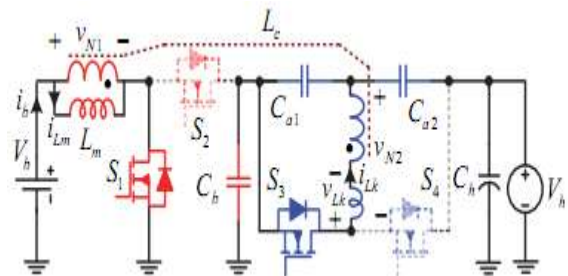


Fig: 12 Mode 4

Mode 5[t4, t5]:



At t_4 , S_1 is turned OFF, and the body diode of S_2 is ON due to the positive values of i_{Lm} and i_{Lk} .

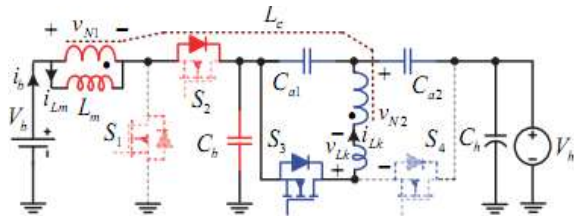


Fig: 13 Mode 5

At t_7 , S_4 is turned ON with ZVS.

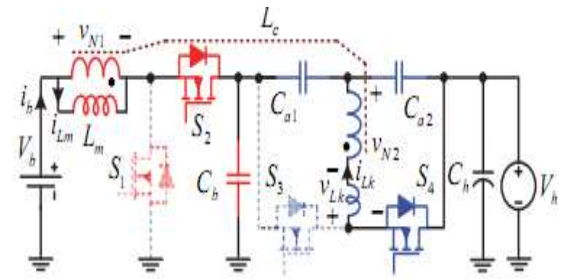


Fig: 16 Mode 8

Mode 6 [t_5, t_6]:

At t_5 , S_2 is turned ON with ZVS. ZVS of S_5 can be always achieved because the current in S_5 is negative and S operates as a synchronous switch in this Stage.

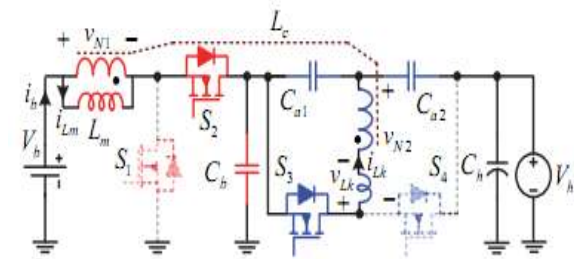


Fig: 14 Mode6

Mode 7 [t_6, t_7]:

At t_6 , S_3 is turned OFF and the body diode of S_4 conducts because of the negative value of i_{Lk} .

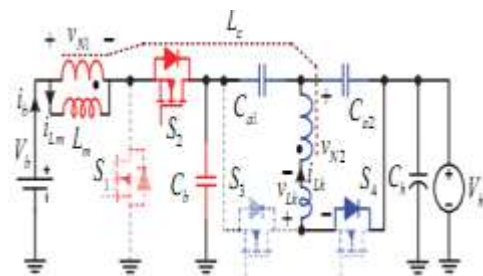


Fig: 15 Mode 7

Mode8 [t_7, t_8]:

SIMULATION RESULTS

Simulation has become a very powerful tool on the industry application as well as in academics, nowadays. The objective of this chapter is to describe simulation of impedance source inverter with R, R-L and RLE loads using MATLAB tool.

Simulation results

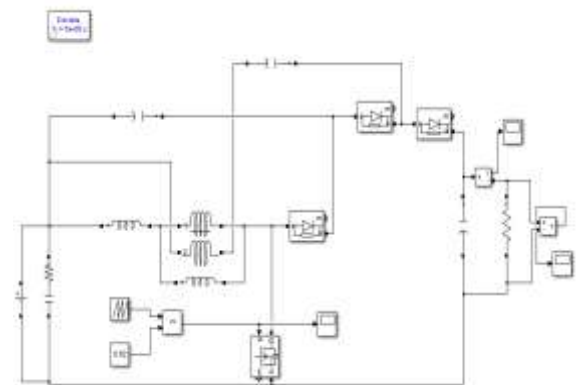


Fig:17 Matlab Implementation

Its consists of DC input voltage and four diode are connected to drive circuit and Inductances are placed between them . it has four capacitance are connected near connected to coupled inductance and storage capacitance .is input voltage in 12 V and output voltage in90 V. drive unit is used amplify voltage signal.

Input voltage(V)

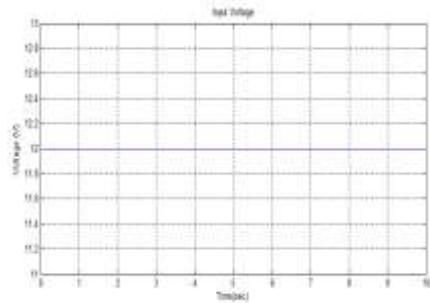


Fig:18 Input voltage of converter

4.2.3 LOAD VOLTAGE(V)

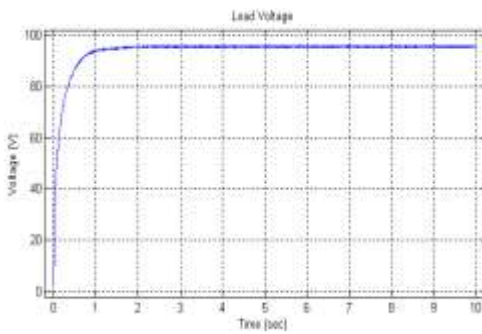


Fig:19 Load Voltage of Existing converter

LOAD CURRENT(A)

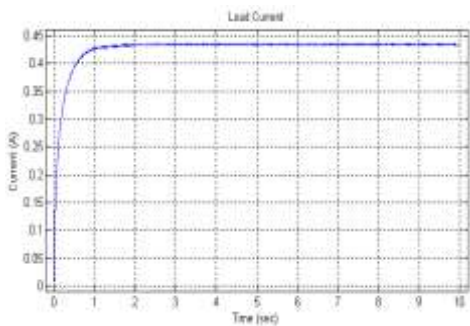


Fig:20 Load Current of Existing converter

Proposed Implementation

Open loop response

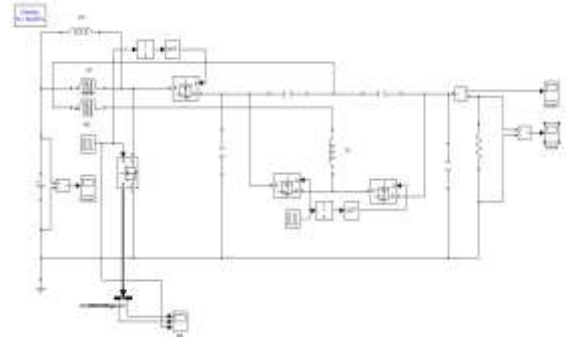


Fig. 21 Matlab Implementation Circuit of Proposed High Step up Converter System in open loop

Its consists of DC source voltage and four MOSFET are connected to dive circuit and inductances are placed between them it has four capacitance are connected to the open loop response connected pulse generator the input voltage 12V and output voltage 120V and output current 1.2 A.

LOAD VOLTAGE (V)

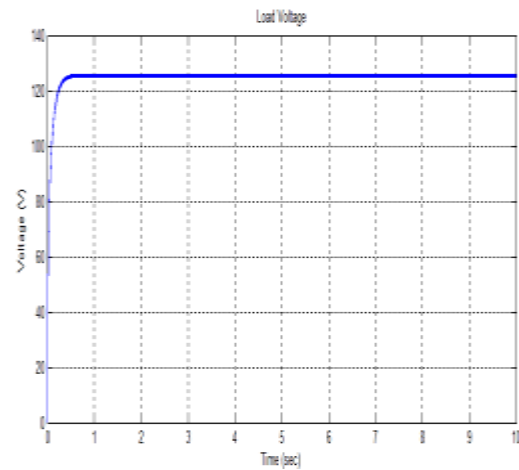


Fig. 22 Load Voltage of High step up converter in open loop

LOAD CURRENT(A)

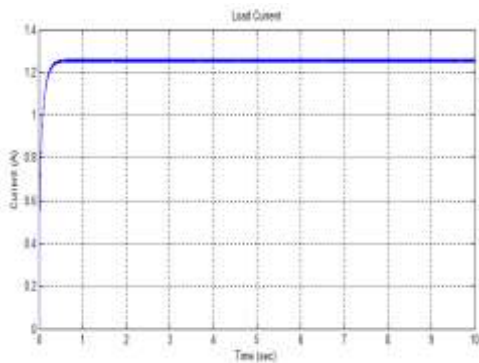


Fig. 23 Load Current of High step up converter in open loop

The output current is drawn between the current(A)and time(sec).it reaches the maximum current 1.2A.

SOFT SWITCH

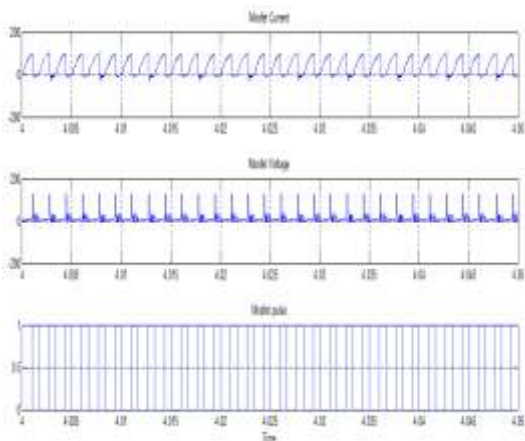


Fig. 24 Soft Switching Performance

Closed loop response

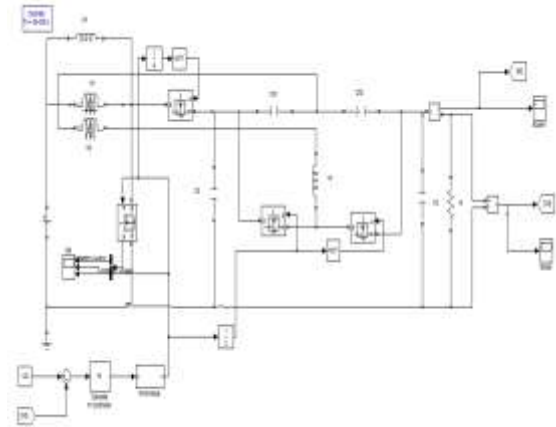


Fig. 25 Proposed High Step up Converter System in closed loop

Its consists of DC source voltage and four MOSFET are connected to dive circuit and inductances are placed between them it has four capacitance are connected to the closed loop response connected PIcontrollerfor buck boost converter.

INPUT VOLTAGE(V)

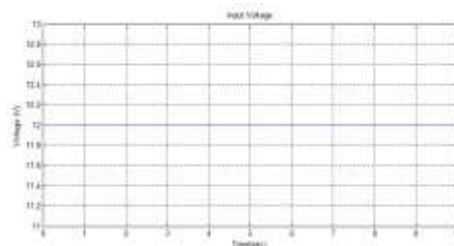


Fig. 26 Input voltage of High step up converter in closed loop

In input voltage using. The input graphs are shown above. The graph is drawn between input voltage Vs time. The input voltage 12V

OUTPUT VOLTAGE(V)

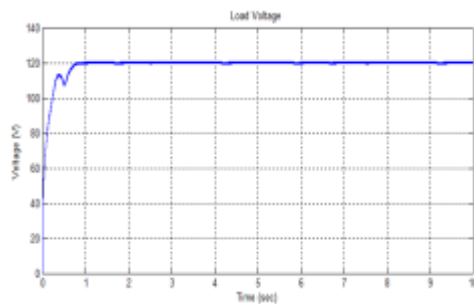


Fig.27 Load Voltage of High step up converter in closed loop

OUTPUT CURRENT(A)

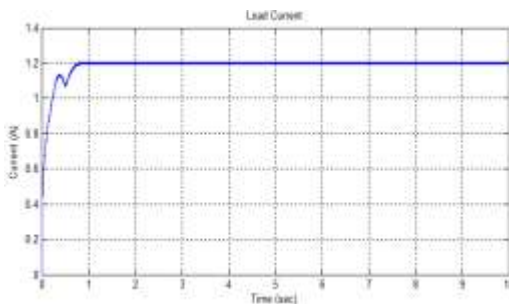


Fig. 28 Load Current of High step up converter in closed loop

4.3.9 SOFT SWITCH

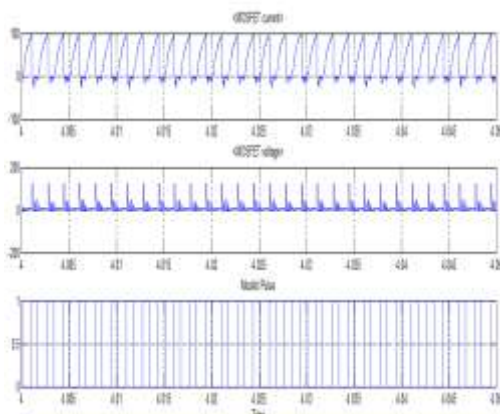


Fig. 29 Soft Switching Performance of High step up converter in closed loop

CONCLUSION

In this project, novel high efficiency high step-up/step-down bidirectional DC-DC converter is proposed by integrating a dual-active half-bridge

(DAHB) BDC into the conventional buck-boost BDC. The voltage stresses of switches have been reduced and the voltage conversion ratio has been increased by connecting the outputs of the buck-boost BDC and the DAHB BDC in series. Voltage matching control for the DAHB BDC is achieved by regulating the switches duty cycles of the buck-boost BDC. As a result, the voltages on the two sides of the DAHB BDC are always matched to reduce the conduction losses and improve the soft-switching performance of the DAHB BDC. Power flow regulation is achieved by adopting phase shift control to the DAHB BDC. Furthermore, ZVS soft switching is realized for all of the switches to lower the switching losses. Finally, the effectiveness of the proposed BDC topology and control is verified using simulation in MATLAB/Simulink platform. Simulation results indicate that the proposed solution is a good candidate for high efficiency energy storage system applications with steep voltage gain and wide battery voltage range.

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