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List of Acronyms

- 1. IBDC Isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converter
- 2. NBDC Non-Isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converter
- 3. MOSFET Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor
- 4. IGBT Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor
- 5. UPS Uninterrupted Power Supply
- 6. SMPS Switching Mode Power Supply
- 7. EMI Electromagnetic Interference
- 8. ZVS Zero Voltage Switching
- 9. ZCS Zero Current Switching
- 10. PWM Pulse Width Modulation
- 11. SPWM Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation
- 12. PFC Power Factor Correction
- 13. FACTS Flexible Alternating Current Transmission System
- 14. GSSA Generalized State Space Averaging
- 15. ESS Electrical Storage System
- 16. AEA Antenna Electronics Assembly
- 17. MEA More Electronic Assembly
- 18. HVDC High Voltage direct Current
- 19. LVDC Low Voltage Direct Current
- 20. DAB Dual Active Bridge
- 21. TT Triangular Trapezoidal modulation
- 22. MIL -STD Military Standard
- 23. CD Current Doubler
- 24. WBG Wide band Gap
- 25. ABAC Active Bridge Active clamp
- 26. MPC Multi-port Converter
- 27. HEV Hybrid Electrical Vehicle
- 28. PV Photo-Voltaic system
- 29. GaN Gallium Nitride
- 30. SiC Silicon Carbide
- 31. SIDO Single Input Dual output
- 32. SIMO Serial Input Multi-Output
- 33. SLBC Super Lift and Buck Converter
- 34. FPLD Field Programmable Logic Device
- 35. FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array
- 36. CFM Carrier Frequency Modulation
- 37. MCFT Modulating Carrier Frequency Twice
- 38. DSP Digital Signal Processing
- 39. USB Universal Serial Bus
- 40. CPU Central Processing Unit
- 41. DRAM Dynamic Random Access Memory

Chapter 1 (Introduction & Theory)

Introduction

For the electrical power sources like Photovoltaic cells, Batteries, utility supplies (like UPS), the conventional loads are not compatible with direct connections because of some practical limitations related to *ratings of passive components, current tolerance and voltage withstanding capability*. That's why, to make them capable with the above mentioned power sources, a specific type of interfacing arrangements have to be added in between the source side and the receiving side (in case of any emergency, opposite direction power flow is also needed) so that currents, voltage and other necessary parameters are accordingly scaled and manipulated. For this purpose, **DC-AC** and **DC-DC** Converter (generally known as **Inverter** and **Chopper** respectively) is popularly and conventionally used.

With the rapid development of modern energy applications such as renewable energy, PV systems, electric vehicles, and smart grids, DC-DC converters have become the fundamental component to meet the proper industrial requirements. Advanced converters are effective in reducing switching losses and providing an efficient energy conversion. Yet the key challenge is to provide a single converter that has all the desired and required features to deliver efficient energy for various types of modern energy systems and energy storage system integrations. Here a small review is given on *multilevel, bidirectional, and resonant converters* w.r.t. their architecture, classifications, positive and negative sides, combined topologies, applications, and challenges; practical recommendations were also made to provide clear cut ideas of the recent challenges and bounded capabilities of these three converters to guide the engineering as well as common society on improving and providing a new, economically and functionally efficient converter that meets the strict demands of modern energy system integrations. The needs of other industrial applications as well as the number of elements under usage for lowering the size and weight, were also considered to achieve a power circuit that can efficiently mitigate the limitations under concern. Shortly we can say that, integrated bidirectional resonant DC–DC converters and multilevel inverters are expected to be well suited and are in rising demand for several applications in the near future.

Bidirectional Converter

Basic dc-dc converters such as buck and boost converters (and their derivatives) do not have bidirectional power flow capability. This limitation is due to the presence of diodes in their structure which prevents reverse current flow. In general, a unidirectional dc-dc converter can be turned into a bidirectional converter by replacing the diodes with a controllable switch in its structure. The bidirectional dc-dc converter along with energy storage has become a promising option for many power related systems, including hybrid vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, renewable energy system and so forth. It not only reduces the cost and improves efficiency, but also improves the performance of the system. Basically the bidirectional converters are divided into two types, non-isolated and isolated converters, meeting different application requirements.

Most of the existing bidirectional dc-dc converters fall into the generic circuit structure illustrated in Figure, which is characterized by a current fed or voltage fed on one side. Based on the placement of the auxiliary energy storage, the bidirectional dc-dc converter can be categorized into buck and boost type. The buck type is to have energy storage placed on the high voltage side, and the boost type is to have it placed on the low voltage side. To realize the double sided power flow in bi-directional dc-dc converters, the switch cell should carry the current on both directions. It is usually implemented with a unidirectional semiconductor power switch such as power MOSFET (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor-Field-Effect-Transistor) or IGBT (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor) in parallel with a diode; because the double sided current flow power switch is not available. For the buck and boost dc-dc type converters, the bidirectional power flow is realized by replacing the switch and diode with the double-sided current switch cell.

A. Non-isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converters

In the transformer-less non-isolated power conversion systems, the boost type and buck type dc-dc converter are chosen usually. The high frequency transformer based system is an attractive one to obtain isolation between the source and load sides. But from the view point of improving the efficiency, size, weight and cost, the transformer-less type is much more attractive. Thus, in the high power or spacecraft power system applications, where weight or

size is the main concern, the transformer-less type is more attractive in high power applications. Non-isolated BDCs (NBDC) are simpler than isolated BDCs (IBDC) and can achieve better efficiency the transformer-less type is more attractive in high power applications. For the present high power density bidirectional dc-dc converter, to increase its power density, multiphase current interleaving technology with minimized inductance has been found in high power applications. The operation of the NBDC of Fig. as follows. The inductor is the main energy transfer element in this converter. In each switching cycle it is charged through source side active switch for the duration of $T_{on}=DT$, where $T=1/f_{sw}$ is the switching period and D is the duty cycle. This energy is then discharged to load during $T_{off}=(1-D) T$.



Fig: 1- two back-to-back connected non-isolated bidirectional DC-DC Converter

In the four-switch buck boost converter the principle of operation is the same. In the left to right power transfer mode, Q_1 and Q_4 act as active switches, while in the right to left power transfer the opposite switches (Q_2 and Q_3) are controlled. Synchronous rectification technique can be employed in this configuration in order to add more features and improve efficiency.

B. Isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converters

Galvanic isolation between multi-source systems is a requirement mandated by many standards. Personnel safety, noise reduction and correct operation of protection systems are the main reasons behind galvanic isolation. Voltage matching is also needed in many applications as it helps in designing and optimizing the voltage rating of different stages in the system. Both galvanic isolation and voltage matching are usually performed by a magnetic transformer in power electronic systems, which call for an ac link for proper energy transfer. In the bidirectional dc-dc converters, isolation is normally provided by a transformer (figure 7). The added transformer implies additional cost and losses. However, since transformer can isolate the two voltage sources and provide the impedance matching between them, it is an alternative in those kinds of applications. As a current source, inductance is normally needed in between. For the isolated bidirectional dc-dc converters, sub-topology can be a full-bridge, a half-bridge, a push-pull circuit, or their variations. One kind of isolated bidirectional dc-dc converter is based on the half-bridge in the primary side and on the current fed push-pull in the secondary of a high frequency isolation transformer The converter operation is described for both modes; in the presence of dc bus the battery is being charged, and in the absence of the dc bus the battery supplies power. This converter is well suited for battery charging and discharging circuits in dc uninterruptible power supply (UPS). Advantages of this proposed converter topology include galvanic isolation between the two dc sources using a single transformer, low parts count with the use of same power components for power flow in either direction. The dual active bridge dc-dc converter with a voltage-fed bridge on each side of the isolation transformer operates utilization of the leakage inductance of the transformer as the main energy storing and transferring element to deliver bidirectional flow power.

An important characteristic of an IBDC is the type of converter at each side. Basically, two types of switching converters can be identified. A current-type (or current-fed) structure has an inductor with stiff current characteristic at its terminals which acts like a current source, like conventional boost converter at its input terminals. A voltage type (or voltage-fed) structure has a capacitor with stiff voltage characteristic at its terminals which acts like a voltage source, like conventional buck converter at its input terminals.

Necessity of Isolations

<u>Now why we need galvanic isolations in power electronics world</u>? This questions needs to be clarified with the following set of supportive words.

With galvanic isolation, it is possible to eliminate the main forms of interference and the risk of electrical circuit failure when the signal from a sensor is received by the control unit, both in hazardous and non-hazardous areas. Galvanic isolation (named after the Italian physicist Luigi Galvani) is one of the most important techniques of signal conditioning and is both cost effective and easy to implement. It is a technique that aims to resolve issues in implementing a common interface between sensors and control units when the output signals from the sensors differ, whether in their nature (e.g. current, voltage, resistance, etc.), level, or type (e.g. direct, alternating, or impulse current). More specifically, galvanic isolation makes it possible for the signal to flow from the source to the measuring device by way of transformers, opto-isolators, or capacitors.

Galvanic isolation also makes it possible to isolate a low-voltage circuit from the electrical grid (including between two or more circuits in which there is no direct conduction path) and to isolate the power from the control unit, thereby preventing peaks of high voltage and the common-mode high voltage that could destroy the electronic circuits, thereby protecting both users and the measurement and control devices. Isolators make it possible to eliminate the noise induced by the common points of circuits of different potential, while isolating measurement from signal processing.

> Types of Isolation

Galvanic Isolation is done by various methods in *power level*. Power level isolations are required to *isolate low power sensitive devices from high power noisy lines* or vice versa. Also, power level isolation provides proper *safety from hazardous line voltages* by isolating the high voltage lines from the operator and other parts of the system. They can be described one-by-one as per following;

1. Transformer

The popular power level isolator is again a Transformer. There are enormous applications for transformers the most commonly usage is to provide low voltage from a high voltage source.

The transformer does not have connections between primary and secondary but could step down the voltage from high voltage AC to low voltage AC without losing the galvanic isolation.



Fig: - 2 Transformer type galvanic isolation

The above figure is showing a step-down transformer in action where the primary side input is connected into the wall socket and the secondary is connected across a resistive load. A proper isolation transformer has a 1:1 turns ratio and do not alter the voltage or current level on both sides. The sole purpose of the isolation transformer is to provide isolation.

2. Relays

Relay is a popular isolator with a huge application in the field of electronics and electrical. There are many different types of relays available in the electronics market depending on the application. Popular types are Electromagnetic relays and solid state relays.

An Electromagnetic relay works with Electromagnetic and Mechanically movable parts often designated to as poles. It contains an electromagnet that moves the pole and completes the circuit. Relay creates isolation when high voltage circuits need to be controlled from a low voltage circuit or vice-versa. In such a situation both circuits are isolated but one circuit could energize the relay to control another one.



Fig: - 3 Relay type galvanic isolation

In the above figure, two circuits are electrically independent of each other. But by using the switch on Circuit-1, user can control the state of the load on the circuit 2. There are not much *difference between Solid State Relay and electromechanical relay* in terms of working. Solid state relays work exactly the same but the electro-mechanical part is replaced with an optically controlled diode. The galvanic isolation can be build up due to the absence of a direct connection between the input and output of the solid state relays.

3. Hall Effect Sensors

Needless to say that current measurement is a part of Electrical and Electronics engineering. There are different types of current sensing methods available. Often the measurements are required for High voltage and High current paths and the value read has to send to a low voltage circuitry which is a part of the measurement circuit. Also from the user perspective, invasive measurement is dangerous and impossible to implement. Hall Effect sensors provide *contactless current measurement* accurately and help to measure the current flowing through a conductor in a non-invasive way. It provides proper isolation and ensures safety from hazardous electricity. Hall Effect sensor uses electromagnetic field generated across the conductor to estimate the current flowing through it.



Fig: - 4 Hall effect Sensor

The core ring is hooked over a conductor in a non-invasive way and it is electrically isolated as shown in the figure above.

Applications

The applications of galvanic isolation include the following.

- Galvanic isolation is an extremely important parameter and the application of this is enormous. It is used in industrial, consumer goods, medical, and in the communication sector.
- In electronic industries, this kind of isolation is used for power generators, measurement systems, distribution systems, I/O logic devices & Motor controllers.
- In the medical field, this is one of the main priorities used in the medical equipment which can be connected directly through the bodies of patients like Defibrillators, Endoscopes, ECG & different types of imagining devices.
- These are used in communication systems at the consumer level. The examples are routers, Ethernet, switches, and many more. Standard consumer goods such as SMPS,

chargers, logic boards of computer are the most frequently used devices which employ galvanic isolation.

> Types of DC-DC Converter

Different types of DC–DC converters for renewable energy and other innovative applications and storage to enhance efficiency simultaneously overcoming the drawbacks of converters. DC–DC converters are classified into three major technologies based on their operation modes-**1) linear mode, 2) hard switching mode, and 3) soft switching mode**.



Fig 5: - Classification tree of DC-DC Converter

- Linear mode: It has features such as simple structure, low noise generation with good regulation, and faster response. On the other hand, its drawback is low efficiency due to power losses in various operating conditions.
- Hard switching mode: It converters are sub-divided into non-isolated and isolated converters based on galvanic isolation. The buck, boost, buck–boost, and Cuk converters are

examples of the hard switching mode topologies and these are without isolation (nonisolated) and identified as **chopper** circuits. However, isolation (transformer) is necessary for safety causes when the converters are supplied by the utility grid. Power converters along with their control techniques, help regulating voltages of nodes under micro grids with different types of loads such as resistive, linear, non-linear, inductive, constant power loads etc.. The drawbacks of hard switching mode converters include high electromagnetic interference (*EMI*), high switching losses, and bulky size and weight, which affects the switching frequency in addition.

Soft Switching Converter: In the field of Power Electronics Technology, another technology has been arrived that is Soft Switching Converter, in various topology, which has obtained a milestone success through its implementation as well as application by means of multiple factors like switching loss reduction, power density improvement, minimization of EMI i.e. Electromagnetic Interference, reducing the overall size of converter w.r.t to its hardware structure and space-taking tendency. In the past few decades, quite a number of topology related to this soft-switching converter, either in ZVS (Zero Voltage Switching) or ZCS (Zero Current Switching) mode, had been reported towards many authorized organizations. This documentation will review effectively on various soft-switching techniques based on resonant network location (arrangement of Inductor and Capacitor in different style), performance characteristics, dynamic analysis and the working principle with the functioning of different components. Also besides it, some innovating and worldwide accepted applications, its limitations and drawbacks are also depicted. this converter utilizes more than one switching method converter, including half-bridge, full-bridge, dual half-bridge, fly back, and push-pull converters

Merits and demerits of DC-DC Converter:

> Merits:

- It simplifies the power supply systems in the circuit.
- It provides isolation in the primary and secondary circuits from each other.
- It provides a technique to extend potential (voltage) as required.

- It is available as a hybrid circuit with all elements in a single chip.
- It is also used in the regulation and control of DC voltage.
- The output is well organized as positive or negative.
- Battery space can be reduced by using a converter.

> Demerits:

- Switching converters lead to more noise.
- They are expensive as an external circuit is required.
- Choppers are inadequate due to unsteady voltage and current supply.
- More ripple current, More input and output capacitance, higher losses, etc.

Necessity of Soft Switching

UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) used Computers, renewable energy sources, and auxiliary power supplies used in all types of vehicles need a DC-DC Boost Converter having a high gain, but due to narrow duty cycle feature, such requirements can't be met easily. Achieving a high gain using a PWM (Pulse Width Modulation technique) technique is also not a proper solution because of the *fast transition of voltage* ($\delta v/\delta t$) and current ($\delta i/\delta t$) that occurs across the power switches (*MOSFET, IGBT, THYRISTOR*, etc.) and this may lead to generation of Electromagnetic Interference noise, which may be exceeded its boundary limits in the power lines.

On the other hand, power dissipation will occur in the switches due to that transition in operational states, during turning ON and OFF actions, from the existing voltage and current values. Due to the demand of low sized converter and high power density within it, a serious effect can be noticed with these converters on the electrical power system as they generally operate at high switching frequency (nearly within 50 kHz – 200 kHz), and moreover if we go to decrease the power dissipation at switches (which is treated as loss) then automatically power density will be improved.

That's why, *soft switching techniques with high-frequency* are very much useful in case of avoiding the negative impact of EMI problems, switching loss and low efficiency; and also useful

for obtaining the converter low size, high power density, high reliability and components with lower ratings. As a result, any topology would be very much cost-efficient.

Soft Switching techniques contains high frequency resonant network (generally a power oscillating component comprising with Inductor and Capacitor i.e. LC Circuit) are added with hard-switching circuit in order to make the switching waveform worth of minimizing switching losses, EMI problems and switching stress.

Resonant Converter

Now let us talk about a brief theory of Resonant Switch Converter (*as per our project, because also there exists Resonant Load Converter which is scope beyond this paper*). These converters are of three types- **1**) Series, **2**) Parallel and **3**) hybrid (Combination of series and parallel), where a series capacitor is connected across the power switches (eventually with its internal snubber resistances) and resonant inductor in series with power switches. These switches are in the form of non-isolated series resonant network, or isolated series resonant converter (Isolation is carried out by means of either proper isolation transformer or using a tap-changing transformer with 1:1 tap setting). *Parallel isolated Converter* consists of a parallel capacitor across the switch and transformer to provide ZVS type of operating mode and in case of series isolated converter, more than one elements are needed at that parallel location.



Fig 6: - (a) Series Resonant Converter, (b) Parallel Resonant Converter, (c) Hybrid Resonant Converter Due to the fact that, in series resonant converters, resonant elements are connected in the primary power path, subjecting the resonant inductor to bidirectional voltage. As a result in generating additional voltage impact on the power switches. In addition, conduction losses are

substantially increased due to significant amount of circulating energy as a result of all power flowing through the resonant inductor. However, in parallel resonant converter, the shunt resonant circuit is activated for partial resonance to execute ZVS or ZCS during ON and OFF transition. Consequently, the circuit regressed back towards PWM operating mode after switching transition. Below, a general block diagram of resonant converter is given at *figure 3* and isolation scheme with the help of a **1**: **N** transformer (generally N=1 i.e. isolation transformer) is shown in *figure 7*.



Fig 7: - Structure of an isolated bidirectional converter with a transformer



Fig 8: - General Schematic block diagram of a resonant converter

Now let us discuss about its two types of switching methods as per following;

Zero Voltage Switching (ZVS): Basically, in ZVS, switching occurs at the initial novoltage condition of the turn-on device, by making the switch voltage zero and retarding the voltage rise by creating a time delay for the current so that current transition occurs at the zero-voltage state. ZVS banishes capacitive turn-on loss, and reduced switching losses at overall. The topologies of which can be either isolated type to achieve electrical isolation and voltage scaling or non-isolated type. A ZVS for a bridgeless power factor correction (PFC) boost converter operating in CCM i.e. continuous conduction mode, this provides ZVS for the switches and reduces switching losses. Similarly, the heat controlling problem, which is associated with conventional diode rectifier has been turned around due to the controlled transition in the output diode current at turn-off. These converters depend on soft switching for high-efficiency operation.

Zero Current Switching (ZCS): ZCS reduce switching losses at turn-off by bringing the switch current to zero forcefully, before the voltage between drain and source side increases from zero to turn-off static value. ZCS at turn-off makes the convenience for removing the stored charges which might cause a long current Rump. This feature makes ZCS highly preferable. However, the majority of the ZCS topology usually involved in reducing switching losses against the increase conduction losses. This is due to high circulating energy caused by the inductor in series with the power switch. This action leads to exposure of the power switch to a high current stress and a diode to high voltage stress. Besides that, another limitation of ZCS is the harmful parasitic nature of the power switch in terms of unnecessary electrical energy taking tendency. As a results of non-utilization of the output capacitance of the power switch, the capacitance attains oscillation with the resonant inductor when the switch turn-off. The low frequency parasitic ringing causes significant switching loss, noise and increment in voltage stress of the power switch. In addition, ZCS operates with constant on-time control.

ZCS are more effective in IGBT switching losses reduction than ZVS specifically at low frequency ranges and high power application.

In addition to *DC–DC* conversion, *DC–AC* conversion (Inverter operation) is also required to supply *AC* loads as well as grid integration *multilevel inverters* are one of the most crucial power converter topologies in industrial and residential applications. In recent years, multilevel inverters have achieved a lot of contemplation in the applications of medium voltage and high-

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power ranges due to their multi-angled advantages, and some of the advantages of multilevel inverters over the conventional two-level inverters include lower EMI, lesser harmonic distortion, and lower voltage stress on semiconductor elements. They requires a greater number of semiconductor elements (mainly switches) and for this drawback the system becomes unnecessarily bulky and budget overloaded. When compared to two-level inverter topologies with the same power ratings, multilevel inverters are more effective in eliminating the harmonic ripple component of voltage and current waveforms. Multilevel topologies are classified into different types, such as cascaded h-bridge ('h' stands for hybrid), diode clamped, and capacitor-clamped inverters. In the applications requiring high-power converters, multilevel inverters are essential. They are also widely used in energy sources which are substantially environment friendly, where they serve as an interfacing link between renewable energy sources, such as PV modules, and high-power loads. Among the common application areas, these inverters are Flexible Alternative Current Transmission System (FACTS) devices, power converters, and reactive power compensation systems for high-power AC motors. Apart from these, recently the hybridization of topologies is becoming famous in various industries. For an example, resonant converters are enabled to operate in *bidirectional mode* for power transfer through both ways (from Low Voltage to High Voltage and vice-versa). Bidirectional resonant converters are relatively easy to integrate amongst other components. Thus, they are widely used in battery chargers, electric vehicles, high-voltage power supply applications, and renewable energy systems.

Chapter 2 (Literature Review)

Literature Review:

A soft-switching bidirectional DC/DC converter with a LCLC resonant circuit is proposed that has the dual advantages of isolated converter and non-isolated converter. In boost mode, high efficiency can be achieved at high boost ratios. In buck mode, the circuit can also achieve automatic voltage equalization of full-bridge capacitors. In this study, a detailed theoretical analysis of the LCLC structure is performed, and the specific operating modes of the circuit in buck and boost mode are given. The circuit modes of the soft-switching resonant process are quantitatively analysed. The GSSA (generalized state space averaging) method was used to model and control the system. According to the obtained transfer function, the PID control circuit of the system is designed by using the zero-pole cancellation method, which enabled the system to obtain superior control performance. A prototype of 1000W was made, and the experimental results are in good agreement with the theoretical results.

In recent years, there are mainly two aspects in the research of bidirectional converters. One is the improvement of the topological structure. Through the analysis of the topological structure of the bidirectional converter, some applicable topological structures for special conditions are proposed. The second is the study of control strategies. Since bidirectional converters need to operate in different modes and the corresponding models of different modes are not the same, it is necessary to propose corresponding control strategies for different operating modes of bidirectional converters.

1. Converter with HVDC & LVDC implementation

Converters with bidirectional capability for *MEA (More Electric Aircraft) and AEA (Antenna Electronics Assembly)* applications is a current research topic. Bidirectional power converters are linked to power management in aircraft applications as part and parcel manner, with *Electrical Storage Systems* (ESS). Such ESS can be present in buses with regenerative loads, or in micro grid electrical distribution architectures, in which *generators operate in parallel* and *sources and loads are balanced by means of ESS*. Micro grid architectures are considered a promising alternative to one-generator for a single-bus conventional electrical architectures, as

it is expected to lead to generators size reduction. As for example, a bidirectional power converter for 270 $V_{DC}/28$ V_{DC} is investigated, with a focus on control capability of different energy storage sources (multiport converter). In this context, high-voltage DC (HVDC) to low-voltage DC (LVDC) bidirectional converters have been proposed *as inter-connecting component between HVDC and LVDC buses* in pure HVDC architectures. Bidirectional capability might also be used to increase system redundancy. For example, in aircraft emergency operation in which HVDC source is not available, they may operate in boost mode to feed critical loads from LVDC buse.

In the above context, the key aspects of the design of power converters are under prime observation which are enabling bidirectional power transfer between a HVDC network and 28 V_{DC} buses used in power electronics related to aircraft application. As per the fact that power converter should be able to generate either LVDC or HVDC voltages (operation in buck or boost modes respectively), and to transfer power under the presence of an externally generated HVDC or LVDC bus; the multi-angled features of converters are under crucial target. Internal current control capability is expected to facilitate control with this type of arrangement. In particular, we will focus on suitable topologies for near about 3 kW bidirectional isolated power transfer between 270 V_{DC} /28 V_{DC} . This comparative study is the first design step of a modular converter design, in which power capability can be extended to up to 20 kW by means of parallelization, and compatibility with $+270 V_{DC}$ voltages by means of series/parallel modules connection. It is interesting to note that in such modular solution, the performance of the modular connection is very close to the performance of the single modules that we have considered in this study, at least in terms of efficiency and power density. Although modules nominal rating in the HVDC side is 270 V_{DC} , results of achievable performances in a +-270 V_{DC} distribution network can also be extrapolated from the results of this study, which make this comparative study valid for any voltage level of the HVDC distribution network. As a final remark, an optimized design of a 270 V_{DC} module will outperform a wide range module in the complete range of 270 V_{DC} to 540 V_{DC} HVDC voltage range, since wider operation ranges always involve degraded performances. Since aeronautic stringent requirements requires a high

degree of optimization, it have been decided to limit voltage range as much as possible, respecting voltage ranges defined in MIL-STD-704 standards.

2. Converter in DAB & MEA topology

Several topologies have been proposed as suitable solutions for the literature review purpose. Typically, one of the widely implementable and preferable topologies for isolated bidirectional power transfer is Dual Active Bridge (DAB) [2]. For this topology, the simplest modulation scheme is the so called phase shift modulation [3], in which the phase shift between the two full bridges (operating at maximum duty cycle) is controlled. There are many alternative modulation schemes have been proposed for DAB to improve its performance. In [4, 5], the so called dual-phase-shift is presented as an alternative to phase shift modulation. In [2, 6], a general study of all modulation possibilities of DAB is presented, and their capability in terms of efficiency and power density is experimented in a 2 kW isolated automotive application, under a wide operation range. The design, which implements the so called Extended Triangular Trapezoidal (TT) modulation, is stated as a guaranteed solution, in terms of efficiency, power density and modulator simplicity. In [2], DAB optimized converter is compared with other suitable topologies such as the *bidirectional current doubler (CD)* topology [7], three phase dual active bridge [8] and bidirectional LLC (operating at fixed switching frequency, as in [9]). All the topologies Energies 2020, 13, 4883; 3 of 27 are optimized for wide range operation as well, and they are included in the topology comparison in terms of *efficiency and power density*. However, the comparison in [2] does not consider the impact of including recent WBG (Wide Band Gap) semiconductors in the design improvement.

As an alternative to voltage sourced DAB based topologies, current sourced topologies also bring to us a set of apt solutions for isolated bidirectional applications. An extensive review of the state of the art of isolated bidirectional current fed topologies and modulation schemes is executed in [2], for renewable energy applications ($20 V_{DC}$ – $40 V_{DC}$ to $400 V_{DC}$, 2 kW). A topology comparison based on optimized modelled designs performance is carried out. As in [10], a large set of topologies are compared under the similar operating conditions, and a weight

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comparison is also executed. Still, efficiency performance is only reported for boost operating mode, and no information is provided about efficiency variation with load or voltage.

No extensive topology and modulation comparison have been carried out for HVDC/LVDC bidirectional MEA applications. However, several topologies have been proposed for this particular application, and non-exhaustive topologies comparisons have been carried out in the literature. As an example of MEA application, in [11], several topologies for bidirectional 270 $V_{DC}/28 V_{DC}$ power conversion have been investigated. DAB (with phase shift modulation) shows the most promising results based in the simulations. A 1.2 kW DAB SiC (HV)/Si(LV) demonstrator based on this topology is developed, with a maximum measured efficiency of ~93% at half load, and efficiency ~90% at full load. Switching frequency is 100 kHz.

Several bidirectional HVDC/28 V_{DC} converter prototypes for MEA application are presented in [12]. A 1 kW DAB prototype, switching at 24 kHz was built, with achieved efficiencies of 95.8% at half load, and 94.4% at full load. Also, a 10 kW Series Resonant converter was built, with high efficiencies of 98% at nominal load. However, these high efficiencies come at the expense of a low switching frequency (20 kHz), which might lead to low power densities (not available data regarding weight). Finally a 20 kW Quadruple Active Bridge (as in [13]) prototype is also presented in [12], with nominal efficiencies of 98%, although no information is provided about switching frequency or power density.

Finally, a novel topology for the particular application studied here is presented in [17]. This topology, referred to as Active Bridge Active Clamp (ABAC), is an alternative to DAB phase shift topology. ABAC is a DAB variant with floating DC links on the LV side, and interleaved LV DC inductors. The ABAC architecture features inherent current control capability, very low LV output ripple, and short circuit current control capability. Although DAB and DAB-3p inherently lack these desirable capabilities, a filter and control structure such as the proposed in [2] would enable them. The comparison in [17] neglects the consideration of a more favourable filter structure for DAB.

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3. DC-DC Converter Current Doubler Topology

In [15], they optimize a bidirectional 10 kW 540 $V_{DC}/28 V_{DC}$ bidirectional multi-cell converter, which can be seen as an extension to 'n' phases of bidirectional current doubler topology [2]. They successfully implement GaN MOSFETs in LV switches, taking advantage of low currents per phase due to the large number of phases. In [16], two possible solutions are proposed for the same application as [15]. First, a parallelization of interleaved 3 kW modules (phase shift full bridge, with push pull in LV side) is developed. Then, a multi-cell architecture is proposed to achieve better performance than in the modular solution. Summing up, although the achieved performance in [15, 16] prove suitability of multi-cell topologies for a MEA application, their scope differs from the targeted modular approach of this study, in which lower power and voltage rated converters can be configured in series/parallel configurations.

4. Super-lift LUO converters for EV applications

As there is a huge growth in industry of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in recent years and also due to higher penetration of renewable energy resources like Photovoltaics (PV) incorporated with DC-DC multi-port converters (MPCs) with wide-voltage range that has come as a burning topic. A totally new generation of MPCs is applied in technology such as EVs and RESs (Renewable Energy Sources) The main advantage of these MPCs is, there is no need of electro-magnetic devices. The study related to this topic has brought a new approach to construct a MPC by integrating two separate SIMO (Serial Input Multi Output) Converters resulting in a reduction of the number of elements, thus making it less bulky and cost-efficient.

DC-DC resonant converters with two isolated outputs to be used in EV's application. In this suggested structure, a half-bridge DC-DC Converter with split capacitor, was used to reduce the size of converter.

Now by observing the gaps in the previous works, a new structure is introduced for the MPCs, which has some features such as generating two different step-up and step-down outputs within a considerable range, low ripples in the output voltage and not dependent on any electromagnetic components. So, a DC-DC multi-port converter is introduced by integrating or

combining a Super-lift LUO and a Buck converter. In this proposed topology, the Single Input Dual Output (SIDO) converter has the advantages of positive super-lifted while simultaneously generating step-up voltage by LUO converter and step-down voltage by the Buck converter.

Meanwhile, the introduced SLBC (Super-lift and Buck Converter) has a simple structure and an appropriate control method providing a wide range of output voltages. Also the simulation and experimental results indicate a considerable and significant reduction in conduction losses compared to other SIDO converters in the same specifications and constraints. The operational accuracy is validated by performing several simulations in software like PSCAD, EMTDC etc. and testing a 150 W prototype in the laboratory. Accordingly, simultaneous step-up and step-down outputs can be varied from about 98% to 93% by increasing the output power. The proposed structure is applicable to a SIMO converter with different output.

5. SPWM inverter for Digitized Signal Generation

Relevant studies in the field of Photovoltaic Power generation systems, three level inverters are widely used. In the present time, control technology of three-level inverters mainly focuses on Pulse Width Modularised control strategy, Harmonic suppression and DC Bus voltage balance control. Utilization ratio of the DC bus voltage is the key point in optimizing the pulse width modulation algorithm. In such cases, three level inverter's pulse width modulation algorithm is basically relies upon SPWM i.e. *Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation* technology. IN SPWM method, the harmonic content present in power signal waveform is reduced by using natural sampling method.

By realizing super modulation function, it can also make up for the deficiency low utilization ratio of DC bus voltage in SPWM. Therefore, it is reasonable and feasible to choose SPWM as PWM algorithm of three-phase inverters in high voltage high-power situations.

Digital Signal Processor equipment and a polynomial expression determining method has been used to realize to the digitisation of natural sampling method in SPWM. But the DSP chip faces the problem of insufficient ports which limits the size of the expression that means higher order expressions can't be handled with this traditional method. To mitigate this problem of port insufficiency, large scale logic equipment consisting of improved security and stability, are used to realize the desired pattern of digitization in natural sampling process. Its sinusoidal signal is generated by Analog circuit, sampled by microprocessor and then transmitted towards Field Programmable Logic Device (FPLD chip) which completes the digitization of triangular carrier wave.

In high power applications, the switching frequency is low in general and the natural sampling SPWM will further improve the output waveform quality. Also besides this, the DC Bus voltage balancing will also be improved in very efficient manner. But still the concerned technology related with this needs to be modified for the sake of today's modern industrial strategy.

For some crucial drawback mentioned above, the theory of three-level natural sampling method in SPWM and all attached digital technologies are needed to be re-studied for implement on FPGA based chip to realize it. Here in this literature section, a complete digital framework of SPWM with natural sampling are completely reviewed. Here, an ultra-relational and comparative calculation method is proposed to realize the advanced calculation of sampling points. Digital natural sampling method always avoids the cases like Taylor Series expansion or convergence judgement in traditional calculative strategies.

In FPGA, since Sine wave, Triangular Wave and any synchronized signal are automatically generated, which helps further improvement of the digitization degree, pulse width control accuracy and system response speed. The experimental results show that harmonic content of the SPWM output waveform using digital natural sampling method is lesser than 5-15% than that of the symmetrical regular sampling method. That's why the concerned sampling method is superior to the conventional symmetrical one with respect to harmonic content. And this digital sampling process can further improve the shape, quality and stability of DC Bus voltage balancing scheme.

6. SPWM with Carrier frequency Modulation

Relevant studies in SPWM Single-phase Inverter are also there in which the carrier frequency is modulated twice. In such inverters whose switching devices are working on Sinusoidal Pulse

Width Modulation (SPWM) mode, the frequent ON-OFF procedure of the switches is the primary sources of Electromagnetic Interference (EMI). The EMI level can especially arise up to the peak magnitude at switching frequencies as well as its harmonic frequencies. Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation method is used to control the EMI in the inverter output *and Carrier Frequency Modulation (CFM)* is the best scheme to suppress the EMI effect. Here, the peaks of interference can be effectively reduced by using CFM method.

The above scheme is generally performed in order to analyse the spectrum of the output voltage of differential mode in a SPWM inverter with periodic CFM technique. Using periodic CFM, it can reach peak suppression with smaller frequency distortion. This kind of CFM scheme makes the frequency of PWM triangular carrier frequency vary with the fluctuation of a periodic signal but it disadvantage of periodic modulation lies in its discrete spectrum where the frequency of periodic signal is higher, energy of the spectrum would be focused too on discrete spectral lines for handling the interference peaks. Moreover, using differential periodic signals will obtain different effects of interference peak suppression.

To solve these problems, the scheme of *Modulating Carrier Frequency Twice* (MCFT) is proposed. In this scheme, the frequencies and waveforms of the *first and second modulated signals can be optimized to form a new synthetic modulation signal*. The simulations performed on it proves that using the synthetic signals brings the best effect of the interference peak suppression while *the maximum frequency deviation of CFM is fixed*. Also the feasibility and validity of the scheme has been proved by simulation and experimental results in a single phase inverter.

Although the scheme of MCFT is verified only in the single phase inverter but it is a suitable process for suppressing interference peaks generated at carrier frequency signals in other converters which are triggered and controlled by PWM or SPWM and it can further also be useful in other methods like *multiple CFM*.

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7. Multi-level inverter with SPWM Control

Relevant studies in the field of existing multi-level inverter circuit is being done and coming up with a modified multi-level inverter with step-up operation using fewer components is proposed here. The proposed circuit, under concern, consists of three capacitors and eight switches, which can able to produce seven-level output, but one thing is noticeable here that, more no. of switches decreases the converter efficiency. *Charge Pump* principle is based on for boosting operation *about 1.5 times* of the input voltage as output. In 5 level inverter, capacitor-based charge pump strategy is employed where charging of capacitor is possible in parallel connection, but discharging of it occurs at series connection. Some seven-level inverters are using diodes multi-level inverters which affects the efficiency of converter and voltage boosting performance is not in desired and required level.

An SPWM is employed is employed to trigger the switches, and the switching pattern is mainly focused to balance the capacitors and their charging and discharging rate also. Using some mathematical in some Engineering based Simulation software like SIMULINK (under MATLAB), the seven level software is validated in the real time model. The main purpose of such multi-level circuitry is to reduce the total harmonic distortion.

8. DC-DC Converter with several application based topologies

Hua Bai et al., conducted a study on bi-directional DC-DC converter in a HEV. This DC-DC converter is a high-power converter that links the high voltage battery (HV) at a lower voltage with the high voltage DC bus. The typical voltage of a battery pack is designed at 300 to400V. The best operating voltage for a motor and inverter is around 600V. Therefore, this converter can be used to match the voltages of the battery system and the motor system. Other functions of this DC-DC converter include optimizing the operation of the power train system, reducing ripple current in the battery, and maintaining DC link voltage, hence, high power operation of the powertrain.

In [18], *a zero voltage switching (ZVS) bidirectional isolated DC-DC converter* was formulated. This is used in high power application especially for power supply in fuel cell vehicles electric vehicle driving system and power generation where a high power density is required. This technique has the advantages of low cost, light weight and high reliability power converter where the power semiconductor devices (MOSFET, IGBT, etc.) and packaging of the individual units and the system integration play a major role in isolated DC-DC converter hybrid/fuel cell vehicles.

In [18], a novel integrated bidirectional ac-dc charger and dc-dc converter (henceforth, the integrated converter) invented for PHEVs and hybrid-plug-in-hybrid conversions is proposed. The integrated converter is able to function as an ac-dc battery charger and to transfer electrical energy between the battery pack and the high-voltage bus of the electric traction system.

In [18], the basic requirements and specifications for PHEV bidirectional ac-dc converter designs were presented. Generally, there are two types of topologies used for PHEVs: an independent topology and a combination topology that utilizes the drive motor's inverter. Evaluations of the two converter topologies are analysed in detail. The combination topology analysis is emphasized because it has more advantages in PHEVs, in respect to savings in cost, volume and weight.

It was proposed in [18] about multi-power-port topology which is capable of handling multiple power sources and still maintains simplicity and features like obtaining high gain, wide load variations, lower output-current ripple, and capability of parallel-battery energy due to the modular structure. The scheme incorporates a transformer winding technique which drastically reduces the leakage inductance of the coupled inductor.

In [18], a bidirectional DC-DC converter is designed for a small electric vehicle. The DC-DC converter designed and tested is capable of raising the voltage from the battery pack (96 V nominal) to 600 V necessary to feed the Variable Frequency Drive that controls the induction motor. This converter is also capable of working in the opposite direction (600 V to 96 V)

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Chapter 3 (Working Principle)

Working Principle

Now the working strategy of the whole system can be highlighted in two subcategory. Firstly, it can be depict the working principle of Low-Voltage to High-Voltage Conversion and vice-versa

through the *DC-DC Soft-switching converter* and secondly, the working procedure of a *SPWM* (*Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation*) *Inverter* to get AC Power output for the Asynchronous Induction Machine load.

(i) DC-DC Soft Switching Converter: -

In this concerned bi-directional (with galvanic isolation) resonant DC-DC converter, V_L indicates the low-side voltage of the converter, whereas V_H indicates high-side voltage of the circuit. The soft-switching cell consists of two resonant inductors $L_{r1} \& L_{r2}$ and a resonant capacitor C_p . This three components together form a resonant impedance gain link. The capacitor C_d is an auxiliary capacitor of the circuit, which is connected to the parallel of MOSFET switcharrangement at the low-voltage side, as well as parallel with transformer. That C_d and the halfbridge capacitors $C_1 \& C_2$ maintain the equalized partial voltage of the half-bridge circuit, to mitigate the problem that half-bridge voltage division is not equal, caused by half-bridge capacitors that are participating in resonance. C_d provides a stable half-bridge voltage output and maintains the continuous operation of the converter by maintaining the dv/dt at a certain specific boundary. Now we can shortly describe the two modes of power conversion; boost mode and buck mode.

(a) Boost Mode: Before diving into the boost mode operation, the working principle of a simple boost converter have to be depicted in the following manner.

Definition: A boost converter or a DC boost chopper is another name for a DC boost converter. It's a DC-DC converter that can boost voltage and has a greater output (load) voltage than the input (power) voltage. A switching power supply containing at least two semiconductor elements (a diode and a transistor) and at least one energy storage element is known as a boost converter (inductor). Filters built of capacitors (and occasionally inductors) are positioned at the input and output ends to reduce voltage ripple. It's used in a variety of applications, including automotive applications, power amplifier applications, adaptive control applications, battery power systems, consumer electronics, communication applications, battery charging circuits,
heaters and welders, DC motor drives, power factor correction circuits, and distributed Power architecture systems.

Operation Principle: The tube that controls the power switch. The pulse width modulation (PWM) signal controls the V_T of the boost DC-DC converter, which is analogous to a mechanical switch that closes and opens at a high speed. Figure 9 depicts its functioning principle. Figures 9(a) and 9(b) depict the present routes when V_T is turned on and off, respectively. The figure depicts the closure and opening of switch S to aid circuit analysis. It takes the place of V_T 's on/off switches.

When V_T is switched on (i.e., S is closed), the input voltage U_I is applied straight to both ends of the energy storage inductor L, and the freewheeling diode V_D is turned off, as illustrated in Figure 9(a). Because the voltage of U_I is applied to L, the current I_L of the inductor increases linearly, as does the energy stored in the inductor. The inductor's induced electromotive force is left "+" and right "-." During this time, the energy provided by the input current (i.e., the inductor current I_L) is stored as magnetic field energy in the energy storage inductor L.

The filter capacitor C is discharged at the same time to give a current I_0 for the load R_L , and the capacitor C's discharge current I_1 is equal to the load current I_0 .



Fig: - 9 (a) Current path when V_T is on, (b) Current path when V_T is off

Because the inductor current cannot vary abruptly when V_T is switched off (i.e. S is disconnected), an induced voltage of left "-" and right "+" is generated on L to preserve the inductance, as shown in Figure 9(b). The present I_L remains unchanged. The freewheeling diode V_D is turned on at this point, and the induced electromotive force on L is connected in series

with U_1 , converting the magnetic field energy stored in L into electric energy, which provides current to the load at a voltage greater than U_1 and charges the output filter capacitor C. The total of the capacitor charging current I_2 and the load current I_0 is the inductor current I_L .



Fig 10: - Voltage and current waveforms of a DC/DC Boost converter

Figure 10 depicts the boost DC-DC converter's voltage and current waveforms. PWM is the pulse width modulation waveform, t_{ON} is the power switch V_T 's on time, and t_{OFF} is the power switch V_T 's off time. The switching phase is denoted by the letter T. The power switch tube V_T 's collector voltage waveform is denoted by U_C . The collector current waveform of V_T is I_C . The current waveform of the boost diode V_D is I_F , and the current waveform of the inductor is I L. When the power switch tube V_T is turned on, the collector voltage U_C is zero; when the power switch tube V_T is turned off, the collector voltage U_C is equal to the output voltage U_O . The inductor current increases linearly during the V_T on-time of the power switch and falls linearly during the V_T off-time. The collector current I_C of V_T and the current I_F of the boost diode V_D combine to create the inductor current I_L .

Here in this topology of project (figure 15), electrical energy flows from the lower energy storage terminal V_L to the high-voltage side DC bus, V_H . When the electrical energy flows into the converter, the inverter circuit (which is the intermediate functional division of this topology) composed of the switching transistors S_1 and S_2 is inverted into an AC square wave with amplitude $V_L / (1-D)$ [D = duty cycle = T_{on} / T_{off}], and the AC pulsating wave flows into the LC-LC resonant circuit, and then flows into a voltage raising rectifier circuit, composed of switching transistors S_3 and S_4 , and finally reaches the voltage V_H on the high voltage side. During the boost mode, the main inductor L maintains the circuit in a continuous current state, through controlling di/dt, means current changing rate.

(b) Buck mode: As similar to the boost mode, before diving into the buck mode operation, the working principle of a simple converter have to be depicted in the following manner.

Definition: A buck converter (buck converter) is a DC-to-DC power converter that lowers the voltage from the source to the load (in drawing a smaller average current). It's a type of switching power supply (SMPS) with at least two semiconductors (a diode and a transistor, though modern buck converters often use a second transistor instead of a diode for synchronous rectification) and at least one energy storage element, such as capacitance, inductance, or a combination of the two.

Filters consisting of capacitors (often paired with inductors) are typically added to the output (load-side filter) and input (power-side filter) of this type of converter to reduce voltage ripple.

As DC-DC converters, switching converters (such as step-down converters) are more efficient than linear regulators. Linear regulators are less complicated circuits that reduce voltage by dissipating energy as heat. However, the output current will not be increased. Buck converters are extremely efficient (often greater than 90%), making them ideal for converting the computer's primary (large-capacity) power supply voltage (about 12 V) to the lower voltages required by USB, DRAM, and the CPU (5V, 3.3V or 1.8V).

One of the most often used DC-DC converters is the step-down DC-DC converter, also known as Buck converter. The buck converter may reduce a greater DC voltage to a lower DC value, such

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as from 24V to 12V or 5V. The buck converter offers a wide range of applications, low losses, and great efficiency.



Fig: - 11 (a) Current path when V_T is on, (b) Current path when V_T is off

Operating Principle : In the tube that controls the power switch under the control of the pulse width modulation (PWM) signal, the V_T of the step-down DC/DC converter is switched on and off (also called cut-off) alternately. PWM is analogous to a mechanical switch that closes and opens at a fast speed. Figure 11 depicts its functioning principle. Figures 11(a) and 11(b) depict the current path when V_T is turned on and off, respectively. To make circuit analysis easier, the figure replaces the turning on and off of V_T by the shutting and opening of switch S. When V_T is activated (i.e., S is closed), the freewheeling diode V_D is disabled, and the input voltage U_I is applied to the left end of the energy storage inductor L, resulting in a voltage of (U_I -U₀). The energy stored in the inductor increases linearly as the current I_L running through L increases. The inductor's induced electromotive force is left "+" and right "-." During this time, the input current (i.e., the inductor current I_L) charges the filter capacitor C in addition to giving power to the load. The sum of the capacitor charging current I₁ and the load R_L current I₀ is the inductor current I_L.

The inductor L is detached from U_I when V_T is switched off (i.e. S is unplugged), as indicated in Figure 11(a). Because the current in the inductor cannot fluctuate abruptly, an induced voltage of left "-" and right "+" is generated on L to keep the current I_L through the inductor constant. The freewheeling diode V_D is turned on at this point, converting the magnetic field energy stored in L into electric energy, which continues to give power to the load through the loop formed by V_D , while the inductor current I_L declines linearly. At this point, the filter capacitor C's

discharge current I_2 is superimposed over the inductor current I_L to deliver power to the load R_L . The total of the inductor current I_L and the capacitor discharge current I_2 is the load current I_0 .



Fig 12: - Voltage and current waveforms of a DC/DC Buck converter

Figure 12 depicts the voltage and current waveforms of a step-down DC-DC converter. PWM is the pulse width modulation waveform, t_{ON} is the power switch V_T 's on time, and t_{OFF} is the power switch V_T 's off time. The switching time, T, is equal to the sum of t_{ON} and t_{OFF} , or T = t_{ON} + t_{OFF} . The duty cycle is the ratio of t_{ON} to T, which is denoted by the letter "D," as in D= t_{ON}/T .

The power switch tube V_T 's emitter voltage waveform is U_E , and the collector current waveform is I_C . The current waveform of the freewheeling diode V_D is represented by I_F . The filter inductor's current waveform is I_L . When the power switch tube V_T is turned on, the emitter voltage U_E equals the input voltage U_I , and when V_T is turned off, the emitter voltage U_E is zero. The inductor current increases linearly during the V_T on-time of the power switch and falls linearly during the V_T off-time. The collector current I_C of V_T and the current I_F of the freewheeling diode V_D combine to create the inductor current I_L .

The average value of the filter inductor current I_L equals the DC-DC converters output current I_0 . The inductor ripple current is the difference between the peak and valley values in the inductor current waveform. To reduce output current ripple, L should be large enough to allow the DC-DC converter to operate in continuous mode. The ripple current should typically be around 20% of the rated output current.

Now here in this topology under the concern of project (figure 15), when the circuit operates in the buck mode, the voltage-doubling rectifier circuit consisting of switch S_3 and S_4 becomes a voltage lowering inverter circuit. The power flows into the reduced voltage inverter circuit to get an AC power wave with an amplitude lower than V_H , and then passes through the transformer-isolated LC-LC resonant circuit and the rectifier circuit composed of the switch S_1 and S_2 . In Buck mode, the main inductor L and energy storage capacitor C_L (Parallel Low voltage element) form an LC filter, which filters out the high frequency components (i.e. acts as low-pass filter) in the circuit to obtain a better ripple free DC component to store the energy in the low voltage side.

In the boost mode and the buck mode, the switching MOSFETs in the circuit can realize *ZVS on*. At the same time, the freewheeling diode (along with the body diode of MOSFETs) in the circuit can realize *ZCS-off*. The soft switching state greatly improves the working efficiency of this converter, reducing the parasitic fashioned switching losses.

In the DC-DC Converter, isolation is necessary due to practical limitations of the semiconductor components are used in this system. Not only they are sensitive to the ratings, but also they may perform some detrimental functions due to harmonic components, which is the inherent drawback power electronics world.

(ii) **SPWM Inverter:** - Before starting the discussion on SPWM Inverter working procedure, it is quite necessary to understand the functionality of *PWM* Pulse Generating component of Inverter circuit.

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The SPWM technique is carried out by using two types of waveform, one is reference waveform which is going to be modulated and the other is carrier waveform. The reference waveform is the sinusoidal waveform with fundamental frequency and the carrier waveform is a triangular waveform with high frequency. The frequency of the carrier waveform *determines the switching frequency of the inverter*. With the increase in frequency of the carrier wave, switching frequency also increases. On the other hand, the frequency of the reference waveform *determines the inverter output frequency*. The output frequency is generated in terms of *compared output of carrier waveform and the reference waveform*. The fundamental frequency component of output voltage can be controlled by the modulation index.

Modulation Index, $\mathbf{M} = (Amplitude of Modulating Wave / Amplitude of carrier wave) = <math>A_m/A_{cr}$

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Where A_m and A_{cr} are the peak value of modulating waveform and carrier waveform. The modulation index is controlled by the peak amplitude, then in turns control the r.m.s output voltage of the inverter.



Fig: -13 Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation

The three phase inverters (figure 16) are generally used for high power applications like AC motor drives, induction heating, UPS devices etc. The 3 single phase half bridge inverters are connected in parallel to form a 3 phase voltage source inverter. A fixed DC voltage has given to

the inverter as input and has three phase-legs, each comprising MOSFET switches (Other switches can be used like IGBT, GTO etc.) combined with body diode, and a controlled AC output voltage is obtained by adjusting the ON-OFF periods of the inverter devices. The switches are opened and closed periodically in the proper sequence to get the desired output waveform. In the SPWM control, the switches of the inverter are controlled/triggered by comparison of a sinusoidal modulating signal with triangular carrier signal. The frequency ratio of the triangular carrier signal to the sinusoidal modulating signal is referred to as the modulation frequency ratio.



Fig: -14 Three Phase Sine-wave Pulse Width Modulation Waveform

In this method of modulation, several pulses per half-cycle is used. But instead of maintaining the width of the all pulses, the width of the each pulse is varied proportional with amplitude of a sine-wave evaluated at the centre of same pulse. The number of pulses per half cycle (N_p) depends on the carrier frequency. Within the constraint that any two switches at anyone same

leg cannot conduct or operate at the same instant, the instantaneous output voltage can be shown by figure.

By adjusting the modulation index, the RMS output voltage can be varied. It can be observed that the area of each pulse corresponds approximately to the area under the sine-wave between the adjacent mid-points of OFF periods on the gating signals. If P_m is width of the mth pulse then,

RMS voltage,
$$E_L = E_{dc} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{Np} Pm/\pi \right)$$
(2)

(i) For modulation index less than one, the largest harmonic amplitudes in the output voltage are associated with harmonics of order f_c/f_r +- 1 or ($2N_p$ + 1). Thus by increasing the number of pulses per half-cycle, the order of dominant harmonic frequency can be raised, which can then be filtered out easily. (ii) For modulation index greater than one, lower order harmonics appear since for modulation index greater than one, pulse width is no longer a sinusoidal function of the angular position of the pulse.

Basically there are two possible schemes for gating the devices. In one scheme, each switch can operate for 180° and for other scheme, they can conduct for 120°. In both the schemes, gating signals are and removed at 60° intervals of the output voltage waveform. Here in this topology, we employed the 180° conduction mode.

Chapter 4 (Circuit Diagram)

Circuit Diagram

(i) Bidirectional DC-DC Soft Switching Converter:



Fig 15: - Schematic diagram of Bidirectional isolated DC-DC Converter

(ii) Three Phase DC-AC Converter:



Fig 16: - Schematic diagram of Bidirectional isolated DC-DC Converter

Chapter 5

(Mathematical Modelling)

DC to DC Converter:

(i) Boost Mode: The operation under Boost Mode is divided into several stages by means different time domains like following;

<u>Stage 1 ($t_0 < t < t_1$ </u>): Stage 1 starts when the switch S₁ is turned off. In Stage 1, both switches S₁ and S₂ are off. The resonant inductor L_{r1} is discharged and the inductor current decreases. The main inductor L is charged and the main inductor current i_L increases in a positive direction. The resonant capacitor C_{S1} is discharged and the resonant capacitor C_{S2} is charged. Power is transferred to load by capacitors C₃ and C₄. The resonant inductor L_{r2} is charged through the diode D_{S4} and the inductor current direction is negative. When the capacitor C_{S1} is discharged completely and the capacitor C_{S2} is charged completely.

So, the voltage across the switch
$$S_2$$
 is given by $V_{s2}(t_2) = V_L / (1-D)$;(3)

Where D = Duty Cycle

<u>Stage 2 $(t_1 < t < t_2)$ </u>: At $t = t_1$, the main inductor L is charged. The antiparallel diode D_{S1} is turned on, and the voltage across S_1 is clamped to 0, so the ZVS condition of S_1 can be satisfied. At $t = t_2$, the switch S_1 drive signal arrives, and mode 2 ends. Final values are $i_{S1}=0$, $i_{S2}=0$, $V_{S1}=0$, $V_{S2}=V_L/(1-D)$.

The current flowing through the diode
$$D_{S1}$$
 is given by, $i_{Ds1}(t_2) = i_L(t_2) - i_{Lr1}(t_2)$ (4)

<u>Stage 3 ($t_2 < t < t_3$)</u>: At $t = t_2$ switch S_1 is turned on with ZVS. The main inductor L current begin to decrease linearly. The resonant inductor L_{r1} is charged through the capacitor C_1 , the resonant capacitor C_p , and the switch S1. The resonant inductor L_{r1} has a positive current. When the current of the resonant inductor L_{r2} decrease to zero. The diode D_{54} is turned off with zero current.

The equation of various currents for this mode is given by,

$$i_{s1}(t) = i_{Lr1}(t) - i_{L}(t)$$
(7)

Where, Resonant Impedance, $Z_r = [L_{r1}(C_1 + C_p)/C_1C_p]^{0.5}$ (8)

Resonant frequency,
$$\omega_r = [(C_1 + C_p)/L_{r1}C_1C_p]^{0.5}$$
(9)

<u>Stage 4 ($t_3 < t < t_4$)</u>: In stage 4, the antiparallel diode D_{S3}, D_{S4} are turned off and power is transferred to load by capacitors C₃ and C₄. At t = t₄, S₁ is turned off. The voltage across antiparallel diodes D_{S3} and D_{S4} is 0, and the voltage across switch V_{S2}=V_L/ (1-D).

<u>Stage 5 ($t_4 < t < t_5$)</u>: In this stage, the switch S_1 and S_2 are both turned off. The voltage across the antiparallel diode D_{S3} decreases to 0. The resonant inductor L_{r2} current increases in a positive direction. The resonant capacitor C_{S1} is charged and the resonant capacitor C_{S2} is discharged. At $t = t_5$, C_{s2} is discharged completely, and C_{s1} is charged to $V_L/$ (1-D).

<u>Stage 6 ($t_5 < t < t_6$)</u>: At $t = t_5$, antiparallel diode D_{S2} is turned on, resonant inductor L_{r1} is discharged through capacitor C_2 and diode D_{S2} . The current in inductor L_{r1} continues to decrease, and the current of main inductor L also decreases. Since D_{S2} is turned on, the voltage across the switch S_2 is clamped to 0, so S_2 can be turned on with ZVS condition. The diode D_{S3} is still on and the current in the inductor L_{r2} continues to change in the positive direction. When the switch S_2 drive signal arrives, stage 7 ends.

Voltage across Switch S₁;
$$V_{s1}(t_6) = V_L/(1-D)$$
;(10)

Current through D_{s2} ; $i_{DS2}(t_6) = i_L(t_6) - i_{Lr1}(t_6)$;(11)

<u>Stage 7 ($t_6 < t < t_7$)</u>: At $t = t_6$ switch S_2 is turned on with ZVS. The main inductor L starts charging linearly. Inductor L_{r1} , capacitor C_2 and C_p resonant with each other. The antiparallel diode D_{S3} is in on state, the current in the resonant inductor L_{r2} continues to maintain a positive change. When the current in the resonant inductor L_{r2} decrease to 0, the diode D_{S3} turns off with zero current.

The equation of various currents for this interval is:

$$i_L(t) = i_L(t_6) - (t-t_6) [V_L]/L$$
(12)

$$i_{L}(t) = [V_{c2}(t_{6}) - V_{cp}(t_{6}) / Z_{r}].sin \omega_{r} (t-t_{6}) \qquad(13)$$

$$i_{s_2}(t) = i_{Lr_2}(t) - i_L(t)$$
(14)

Where, Resonant Impedance, $Z_r = [L_{r1}(C_2 + C_p)/C_2C_p]^{0.5}$ (15)

Resonant frequency,
$$\omega_r = [(C_2 + C_p)/L_{r1}C_2C_p]^{0.5}$$
(16)

<u>Stage 8 (t7 < t < t8)</u>: In this stage, the antiparallel diodes D_{53} , D_{54} are both turned off and power to load is transferred by output capacitor C_3 and C_4 . When the switch S_2 is turned off, mode 8 ends.

(ii) Buck Mode: In buck mode, the voltage-doubling rectifier circuit composed of switch S_3 and S_4 becomes a half-voltage inverter circuit. The circuit operating mode is a little different from the boost mode, but the overall operating principle is similar.

DC-AC Converter in 180° Conduction Mode:

In this conduction mode, each device will be in conduction with 180° where they are activated at intervals with 60°. The output terminals like A, B, and C are connected to the star or 3 phase delta connection of the load. That means whether the load is Star or Delta connected, the mathematical principle will be equal in both case. In this project, we took the delta load but the following set of equations are for Star Load.

(i) During Interval I for 0 <= ωt <= 60°



Fig: - 17 Equivalent Circuit at Interval I

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Equivalent Resistance, R_{eq} = R + R/2 = 3R/2
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 $(as R_a = R_b = R_c = R)$

.....(17)

$Current I_1 = E_{dc} / R_{eq} = 2E_{dc} / R_{eq}$	(18)
Now, $E_{AN} = E_{CN} = I_1 \cdot R/2 = E_{dc}/3$	(19)
Also, <i>E_{BN} = - I₁.R = - 2E_{dc}/3</i>	(20)

(ii) During Interval **II** for **60**° <= ω t <= **120**°



Fig: - 18 Equivalent Circuit at Interval II

Equivalent Resistance, R _{eq} = R + R/2 = 3R/2	(21)
Current $I_2 = E_{dc} / R_{eq} = 2E_{dc} / R_{eq}$	(22)
Now, $E_{AN} = I_2 \cdot R = 2E_{dc}/3$	(23)
$E_{BN} = E_{CN} = -I_2 \cdot R/2 = -E_{dc}/3$	(24)

(i) During Interval III for **120**° <= ωt <= **180**°



Fig:- 19 Equivalent Circuit at Interval III

The instantaneous line-to-line voltage $E_{AB} = E_{AN} - E_{BN}$ can be expressed in terms of Fourierseries, recognizing that E_{AB} is shifted by 30° and even harmonics are zero.

 E_{BC} and E_{CA} ca also be found above equation by phase shifting E_{AB} by 120° and 240°, respectively.

For n = 3,9,15 , Cos $(n\pi/6) = 0$

The Line-to-line RMS Voltage can be found from the following equation,

The RMS of nth Component of the line voltage is,

For
$$n = 1$$
; $E_{L1} = [4 E_{dc} / (1.414. \pi)] \cos(30) = 0.7797 E_{dc}$ (33)

The RMS value of line-to-neutral voltages can be found from the line voltages,

$$E_p = E_L/1.732 = 1.414 E_{dc}/3 = 0.4714 E_{dc}$$
(34)

Chapter 6 (Software Simulation)

Software Simulation

(1) Overall block diagram of the entire system: -



Fig: - 20

(2) Buck-Boost Soft-switching converter: -

(A) Boost Mode



Fig: - 21 Simulation diagram of DC-DC Soft-Switching Converter (Boost Mode)

(B) Buck Mode



Fig: -22 Simulation diagram of DC-DC Soft-Switching Converter (Buck Mode)

(3) DC-AC Converter (Inverter): -



Fig: - 23 Three Phase DC-AC Inverter with 180° conduction mode

(4) Load: -



Fig: - 24 Load with 3-phase Asynchronous Induction Motor

(5) SPWM Pulse Generation Circuit: -



Fig: - 25 SPWM Pulse Generator circuit with Sinusoidal triggering Input and Triangular Carrier Input

Chapter 7 (Observation and Results)

Observations and results

(1) Battery Parameters: (A) Boost Mode



Fig: - 26 (a) Voltage, Current & SOC of LV Battery (Left Column from top to Bottom); (b) Voltage, Current & SOC of HV Battery (Right Column from top to Bottom)



(B) Buck Mode

Fig: - 27 (a) Voltage, Current & SOC of LV Battery (Left Column from top to Bottom); (b) Voltage, Current & SOC of HV Battery (Right Column from top to Bottom)



Fig: - 28 (a) Pulse Waveform; (b) Voltage across MOSFET, (c) Current through MOSFET, (d) Snubber Current

(B)





(4) Buck Mode Switching and Inductor Parameters:

(A)



Fig: - 30 (a) Pulse Waveform; (b) Voltage across MOSFET, (c) Current through MOSFET, (d) Snubber Current

(B)



Fig: - 31 (a) Pulse Waveform, (b) Current of inductor L, (c) Current of Inductor L_{r1}, (d) Current through L_{r2}

(5) Transformer parameters: (a) Boost Mode



Fig: - 32 (a) Transformer Voltage; (b) Transformer Current (From top to bottom) for Boost Mode



(b) Buck Mode

Fig: - 33 (a) Transformer Voltage; (b) Transformer Current (From top to bottom) for Buck Mode



(6) Output graph at Inverter: (a) Buck Mode





(b) Boost Mode

Fig: - 35 (a) Inverter output Phase-to-Phase Voltage; (b) Inverter output Phase Current (From top to bottom) for Boost Mode



(7) Output graph Load Section: (a) Buck Mode

Fig: -36 (a) Speed of Asynchronous Machine; (b) Torque of Asynchronous Machine (From top to bottom) for Buck Mode

(b) Boost Mode



Fig: -37 (a) Speed of Asynchronous Machine; (b) Torque of Asynchronous Machine (From top to bottom) for Boost Mode

(7) SPWM Pulse triggering graph:



Fig: - 38 Three-Phase SPWM Pulse Generation Curve

(8) Outcome values of each parameter: - (A) Boost Mode

Parameter Names	Respected Values	
A. Pulse Generation		
Switching frequency	100 kHz	
Pulse Amplitude	5 unit	
Duty Cycle	60%-40%	
B. MOSFET		
MOSFET Voltage	+- 0.01 – 0.03 Volts	
MOSFET Current	+- 12-13 Amps	
Snubber Current	+- 10-11 Amps	
C. Transformer		
Voltage	1.6 Volts	
Current	0.121 Amps	
D. Inductor Current		
Inductor Current 1	Nearly 60 Amps	
Inductor Current 2	Nearly 0.12 Amps	
Inductor Current 3	Nearly 0.05 Amps	

E. Inverter Output	
Phase-to-Phase Voltage	+- 250 Volts
Phase Current	+- 2.5 Amps
F. Load	
Speed	-8.5*10 ⁻³ p.u.
Torque	+- 1*10 ⁻³ p.u.

Table: 1

(B) Buck Mode

Parameter Names	Respected Values
A. Pulse Generation	
Switching frequency	100 kHz
Pulse Amplitude	5 unit
Duty Cycle	60%; 40%
B. MOSFET	
MOSFET Voltage	2 mV
MOSFET Current	+- 1 .1 Amps
Snubber Current	+- 1 Amps
C. Transformer	
Voltage	+- 40-50 Volts
Current	+- 0.5 Amps
D. Inductor Current	
Inductor Current 1	60 Amps
Inductor Current 2	+- 2-2.5 Amps
Inductor Current 3	+- 0.5-1 Amps
E. Inverter Output	
Phase-to-Phase Voltage	+- 75 volts
Phase Current	+- 0.72 Amps
F. Load	
Speed	-0.85*10 ⁻³ p.u.
Torque	+- 1*10 ⁻⁶ p.u.



Chapter 8 (Conclusion)

Conclusion

1) Soft-switching analysis and accurate modelling help the converter to achieve good circuit performance. The GSSA method was used to model and control the system. And a LCLC resonant bi-directional DC-DC converter with a power of 1000 W is built. The function of soft-switching is implemented. The experimental results are in good agreement with the theoretical results. The system efficiency is 95.56% in boost mode and 96.04% in buck mode.

2) Soft-switching techniques made possible the increasing demand of higher frequency converters with higher power density, high efficiency, compact size, and low EMI and losses. This article focus on various soft-switching techniques.

3) ZVS/ZCS reduces switching losses at turn-on and turn-off at the expense of high voltage/current stress. ZVT & ZCT provides soft-switching with minimum voltage/current stress on the main switch, perhaps these converters are faced with problems of limited voltage conversion range and variable frequency operation.

4) The passive components volume is reduced from 0.083 dm3 to 0.010 dm3 by varying the switching frequency from 50 kHz to 500 kHz. Thus, the overall volume of the converter is reduced with improved efficiency by considering higher switching frequency to the converter



• <u>Specification of Prototypes</u>

Specification/Parameter	Value
High-side Voltage	400 V
Low-side Voltage	200 V
Power rating	1 kW
Switching Frequency	100 kHz
Main inductance L	160 uH
Resonant inductance L _{r1} L _{r2}	30 uH
Resonant capacitance C _p	0.1 uF
Auxiliary capacitor C_d	680 nF
Energy storage capacitor C_L	33 uF
Low-side half-bridge capacitor $C_1 C_2$	100 uF
High-side half-bridge capacitor $C_3 C_4$	30 uF
MOSFET <i>S1 S2 S3 S4</i>	SCT2450KE
Diode <i>D</i> ₅₁ <i>D</i> ₅₂ <i>D</i> ₅₃ <i>D</i> ₅₄	STTH10LCD06

<u>Comparison between Si and SiC type SCT2450KE MOSFET</u>

Component	Si(STP8NK100Z)	SiC(SCT2450KE)
Rise Time t _r 3	3 ns	17 ns
Fall Time <i>t</i> f	30 ns	34 ns
R _{DS} (on)	3.50 Ω	0.45 Ω
Switching loss	1.05 W	0.85 W
On-state loss	87.5 W	11.2 W
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