

A HIGH STEP UP DC-DC CONVERTER WITH PV CELL FOR DISTRIBUTED GENERATION SYSTEM

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Abstract

During the first decade of the 21st century, the world wide photovoltaic (PV) markets have experienced a tremendous expansion. One reason for installing distributed generation in general of which distributed PV is a special case is to locate power generation closer to the load. A high step-up converter with PV cell for a distribution generation system is this paper. The concept is combined of two capacitors, two diodes and one coupled inductor and photovoltaic cell. Two capacitors are charged in parallel and are discharged in series by the coupled inductor. The high step up voltage gain can be get with an appropriate duty ratio. The voltage stresses on the main switch and output diode are reduced by a passive clamp circuit. Therefore, low resistance $R_{DS(ON)}$ for the main switch can be adopted to reduce conduction loss. In addition, the reverse recovery problem of the diode is alleviated and thus, the efficiency can be further improved. The operating principle and steady-state analyses of the voltage gain are also discussed in detail. Finally, a 24volts input voltage, 400volts output voltage and 400Watts output power prototype circuit of the proposed converter are implemented in the simulink to verify the performance.

Keywords - PV system, IGBT ,distributed generation system, high stepup dc-dc converter, coupled inductors

I. INTRODUCTION

In a micro grid system, all system components such as battery inverter, diesel generator, PV solar array, wind-turbine, hydro-turbine etc. are connected together via the ac-network [1-5]. This allows these components to be placed on any location on the property and also allows for easy expansion of the system. A system can start as a simple 5kW single phase stand alone system and grow into a large 3-phase network with multiple houses, multiple PV arrays and multiple wind-turbines connected. Micro grid systems are used as stand-alone power systems or as distributed generation systems that are connected to the public grid at one common point. These distributed generation systems can be a cost effective solution for subdivisions with limited capacity from the public grid. Fig.1 shows a photovoltaic distributed system have the solar energy source is low dc input voltage. Photovoltaic sources are connected in series to produce a sufficient dc

voltage for generating ac utility voltage. However it is difficult to realize a series connection of the photovoltaic source without incurring a shadow effect [6-7]. The photovoltaic source produce very low voltage, I want high dc voltage, we are using high step up dc-dc converters. The low voltage (12-14V) to high voltage(380-400V)[8]. The high step up dc-dc converters wanted high conversion ratio, high efficiency and small size [9-14]. The dc-dc converters are two types. They are isolated and non-isolated dc-dc converters. The non-isolated dc-dc converters are buck, boost, buck-boost. These are low voltage gain are produces. But any time fault occurs on the load side directly effects on the supply side, finally the system will collapse. So we are going to the isolated converters. They are fly back, forward, push-pull, sepic, cuk converters. These are high step-up voltage gain produced by adjusting the transformer windings. However,

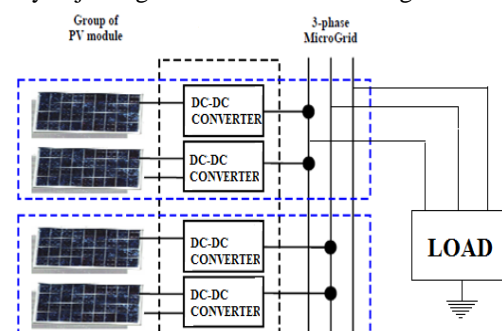


Figure. 1 Photovoltaic distributed system

the main switches of these converters are suffering a heavy voltage spike and high power loss from the leakage inductor of the transformer [15]. To decrease these disadvantages, the nondissipative snubber circuits and active clamp circuits are employed. However the cost increases accordingly due to the extra power switch and high side driver[16].

Theoretically, the non isolated converters can be added to provide high step-up voltage gain with extremely high duty cycle [17]. However, the step-up voltage gain certain range by the effect of the semiconductor switches, rectifier diodes and equivalent series resistance of the inductors and capacitors. The extreme duty cycle operation may also result in serious reverse-recovery problem and electromagnetic interference problem [18].

To improve the conversion efficiency and get high step-up voltage gain, much topography has been proposed [17-26].

High step-up gain can be gained by the use of the switched capacitor technique [20-23]. A coupled inductor is used in a boost or buck-boost converter instead of the input inductor. However, the main switch will suffer high transient current and conduction loss is high. Another method for achieving high step-up gain is the use of the voltage-lift technique [24-26]. However, it is the same disadvantage. The converters designing the coupled-inductor technique to get high step-up gain by adjusting the turns ratio [27].

The system analysis, design consideration, and implementation of a soft-switching zeta-fly back converter to achieve zero-voltage switching (ZVS). In proposed converter the zeta and flyback topologies are adopted in the output side to achieve the following features: to share the power components in the transformer primary side, to achieve the partial magnetizing flux reset, and to share the output power. The buck-boost type of active clamp is connected in parallel with the primary side of the isolation transformer to recycle the energy stored in the leakage inductor of isolated transformer and to limit the peak voltage stress of switching devices due to the transformer leakage inductor when the main switch is turned off. The active clamp circuit can make the switching devices to turn on at ZVS [28-29]. An integrated boost-fly back converter is presented, in which the secondary side of the coupled inductor is used as a flyback-type [30-31]. The proposed converter topology can promote the voltage gain of a conventional boost converter with a single inductor, and deal with the problem of the leakage inductor and demagnetization of transformer for a coupled-inductor-based converter [32-34]. A new type of non-isolated step-up converter with high voltage gain is proposed on this work. It is suitable for applications with a high voltage gain between the input and the output stages. In this converter, the output to input voltage ratio, for a given duty cycle, can be raised by adding voltage multiplier stages of capacitors (mc) [35-36]. The sepic-fly back converter with the coupled inductor and output stacking techniques has been proposed [37]. Additionally, a high step-up boost converter that uses multiple coupled inductors with output stacking has been proposed [38-39].

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This paper proposes a high efficiency, high step-up voltage gain, and clamp-mode converter. The proposed converter adds two pairs of additional capacitors and diodes to achieve high step-up voltage gain. The coupled inductor is used as both a forward and flyback type; thus, the two capacitors can be charged in parallel and discharged in series via the coupled inductor. The transit current does not flow through the main switch compared

with earlier studies [20–26]. Thus, the proposed converter has low conduction loss. Additionally, this converter allows significant weight and volume reduction compared with other converters [27–[38]. Another benefit is that the voltage stresses on the main switch and output diode are reduced. However, the leakage inductor of the coupled inductor may cause high power loss and voltage spike. Thus, a passive clamping circuit is needed to recycle the leakage-inductor energy of the coupled inductor and to clamp the voltage across the main switch. The reverse-recovery problems in the diodes are alleviated, and thus, high efficiency can be achieved.

II. OPERATION FOR THE DC-DC PROPOSED CONVERTER

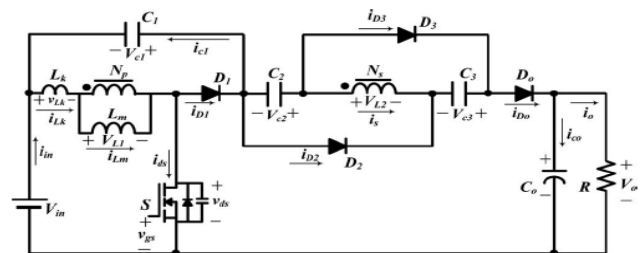


Figure 2: Circuit of proposed converter

Fig. 2 shows the circuit topology of the proposed converter. This converter consists of PV cell as input source consists of modeling of PV cells power switch S , coupled inductors N_p and N_s , one clamp diode D_1 , clamp capacitor C_1 , two blocking capacitors C_2 and C_3 , two blocking diodes D_2 and D_3 , output diode D_o , and output capacitor C_o . The coupled inductor is modeled as the magnetizing inductor L_m and leakage inductor L_k . Fig 3 shows the example of the circuit analysis with dc as input source

To simplify the circuit analysis, the following conditions are assumed.

- 1) Capacitors C_2 , C_3 , and C_o are large enough that V_{c2} , V_{c3} and V_o are considered to be constant in one switching period.
- 2) The power MOSFET and diodes are treated as ideal, but the parasitic capacitor of the power switch is considered
- 3) The coupling coefficient of coupled inductor k is equal to $L_m/(L_m+L_k)$ and the turns ratio of coupled inductor n is equal to N_s/N_p period.

A. Continuous-Conduction Mode (CCM) Operation

In CCM operation, there are six operating modes in one switching period of the proposed converter. Fig.

4shows the typical waveforms and Fig. 5 shows the current-flow path of the proposed converter for each modes. The operating modes are described as follows.

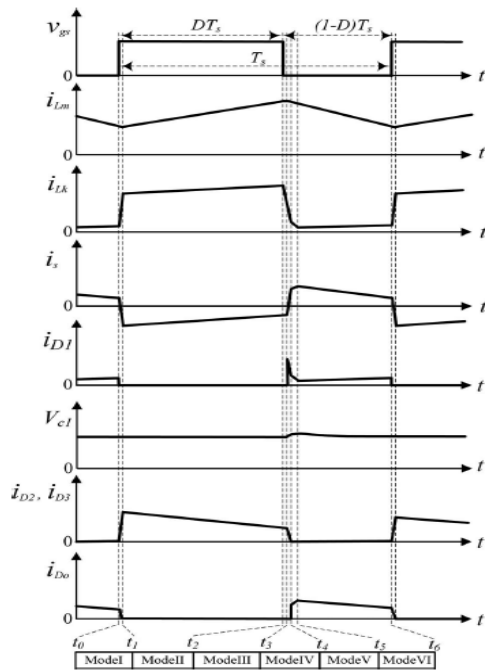
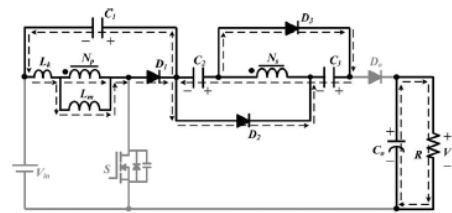
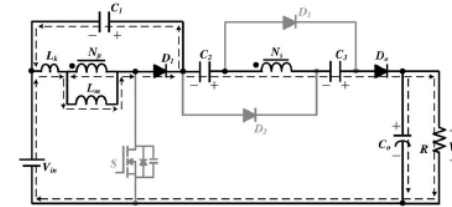


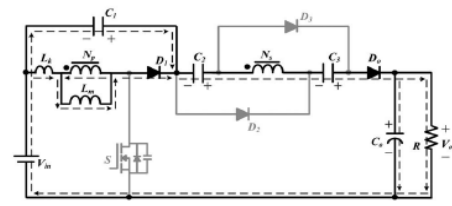
Figure.4 The waveforms of the proposed converter operation in CCM



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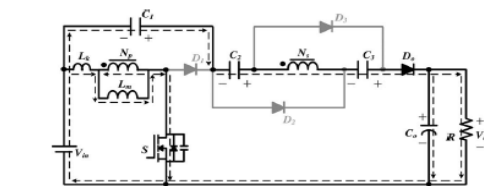


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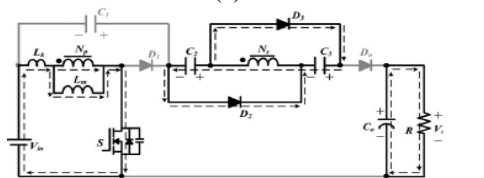


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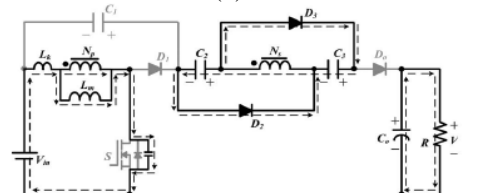
Figure.5 In CCM operation the current flowing in operating modes (a) Mode I (b) Mode II (c) Mode III (d) Mode IV (e) Mode V (f) Mode VI



(a)



(b)



(c)

1) *Mode I* [t_0, t_1]: During this time interval, S is turned on. Diodes $D_1, D_2,$ and D_3 are turned off, and Do is turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(a). The primary-side current of the coupled inductor iLk is increased linearly. The magnetizing inductor Lm stores its energy from dc source Vin . Due to the leakage inductor Lk , the secondary-side current of the coupled inductor $I s$ is decreased linearly. The voltage across the secondary side winding of the coupled inductor $V L 2$, and blocking voltages $Vc2$ and $Vc3$ are connected in series to charge the output capacitor Co and to provide the energy to the load R . When the current is becomes zero, dc source Vin begins to charge capacitors $C2$ and $C3$ via the coupled inductor. When iLk is equal to iLm at $t = t_1$ this operating mode ends.

2) *Mode II* [t_1, t_2]: During this time interval, S is still turned On. Diodes D_1 and Do are turned off, and D_2 and D_3 are turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(b). The magnetizing inductor Lm is stored energy from dc source Vin . Some of the energy from dc source Vin transfers to the secondary side of the coupled inductor to charge the capacitors $C2$ and $C3$. Voltages $Vc2$ and $Vc3$ are approximately equal to $nVin$. Output capacitor Co provides the energy to load R . This operating mode ends when switch S is turned off at $t = t_2$.

3) *Mode III* [t_2, t_3]: During this time interval, S is turned off. Diodes D_1 and Do are turned off, and D_2 and D_3 are turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(c). The

energies of leakage inductor L_k and magnetizing inductor L_m are released to the parasitic capacitor C_d of switch S . The capacitors C_2 and C_3 are still charged by the dc source V_{in} via the coupled inductor. The output capacitor C_o provides energy to load R . When the capacitor voltage $V_{in}+V_{ds}$ is equal to V_{c1} at $t = t_3$, diode D_1 conducts and this operating mode ends.

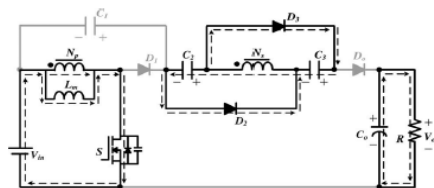
4) *Mode IV* [t_3, t_4]: During this time interval, S is turned off. Diodes D_1, D_2 , and D_3 are turned on and D_o is turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(d). The energies of leakage inductor L_k and magnetizing inductor L_m are released to the clamp capacitor C_1 . Some of the energy stored in L_m starts to release to capacitors C_2 and C_3 in parallel via the coupled inductor until secondary current i_s equals to zero. Meanwhile, current i_{Lk} is decreased quickly. Thus, diodes D_2 and D_3 are cut off at $t = t_4$, and this operating mode ends.

5) *Mode V* [t_4, t_5]: During this time interval, S is turned off. Diodes D_1 and D_o are turned on, and D_2 and D_3 are turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(e). The energies of leakage inductor L_k and magnetizing inductor L_m are released to the clamp capacitor C_1 . The primary and secondary windings of the coupled inductor, dc sources V_{in} , and capacitors C_2 and C_3 are in series to transfer their energies to the output capacitor C_o and load R . This operating mode ends when capacitor C_1 starts to discharge at $t = t_5$.

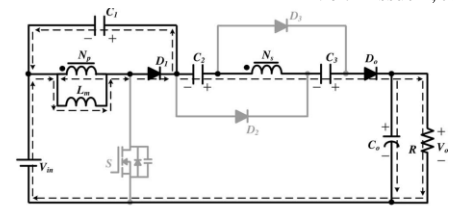
6) *Mode VI* [t_5, t_6]: During this time interval, S is still turned off. Diodes D_1 and D_o are turned on, and D_2 and D_3 are turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(f). The primary-side and secondary-side windings of the coupled inductor, dc sources V_{in} , and capacitors, C_1, C_2 , and C_3 , transfer their energies to the output capacitor C_o and load R . This mode ends at $t = t_6$ when S is turned on at the beginning of the next switching period.

B. Discontinuous-Conduction Mode (DCM) Operation

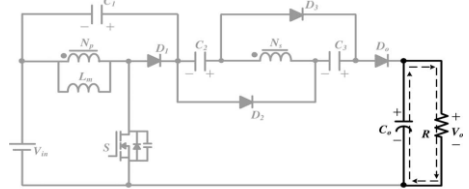
In order to simplify the analysis for DCM operation, leakage inductor L_k of the coupled inductor is neglected. Fig. 6 shows the typical waveforms when the proposed converter is operated in DCM, and Fig. 7 shows the current-flow path of the proposed converter for each mode. There are three modes in DCM operation. The operating modes are described as follows.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure .6 In DCM operation the current flowing in operating modes (a) Mode I (b) Mode II (c) Mode III

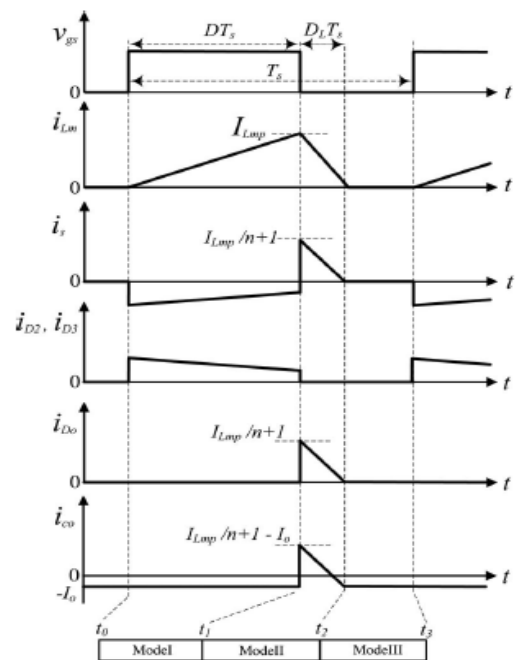


Fig.6 The wave forms of the proposed converter in DCM

1) *Mode I* [t_0, t_1]: During this time interval, S is turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 7(a). The part energy of dc source V_{in} transfers to magnetizing inductor L_m . Thus, i_{Lm} is increased linearly. The dc source V_{in} also transfers another part energy to charge capacitors C_2 and C_3 via the coupled inductor. The energy of the output capacitor C_o is discharged to load R . This mode ends when S is turned off at $t = t_1$.

2) *Mode II* [$t1, t2$]: During this time interval, S is turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 7(b). The energy of the magnetizing inductor Lm is released to the capacitor $C1$. Similarly, capacitors $C2$ and $C3$ are discharged in a series with dc source V_{in} and magnetizing inductor Lm to the capacitor $C0$ and load R . This mode ends when the energy stored in Lm is depleted at $t = t2$.

3) *Mode III* [$t2, t3$]: During this time interval, S remains turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 7(c). Since the energy stored in Lm is depleted, the energy stored in $C0$ is discharged to load R . This mode ends when S is turned on at $t = t3$.

II. STEADY-STATE ANALYSIS OF THE DC-DC CONVERTER

A. CCM Operation

At modes IV and V, the energy of the leakage inductor Lk is released to the clamped capacitor $C1$. According to previous work [13], the duty cycle of the released energy can be expressed as

$$D_{c1} = \quad (1)$$

where T_s is the switching period, D_{c1} is the duty ratio of the switch, and t_{c1} is the time of modes IV and V. By applying the voltage-second balance principle on Lm , the voltage across the capacitor $C1$ can be represented by

$$V_{c1} = \frac{D}{1-D} \cdot V_{in} \cdot \frac{(1+k)}{1} \quad (2)$$

Since the time durations of modes I, III, and IV are significantly short, only modes II, V, and VI are considered in CCM operation for the steady-state analysis. In the time period of mode II, the following equations can be written based on Fig.5(b):

$$v_{L1}^{II} = \frac{L_m}{L_m + L_{k1}} V_i \quad (3)$$

$$v_{L2}^{II} = n v_{L1}^{II} \quad (4)$$

Thus, the voltage across capacitors $C2$ and $C3$ can be written as

$$V_{c2} = V_c \quad (5)$$

During the time duration of modes V and VI, the following equation can be formulated based on Fig.5(f):

$$v_{L2}^V = v_{L2}^{VI} = V_{in} + V_{c1} + V_{c2} + \quad (6)$$

Thus, the voltage across the magnetizing inductor Lm can be derived as

$$v_{L1}^V = v_{L1}^{VI} = \frac{v_{L2}^{VI}}{n} = \frac{V_{in} + V_{c1} + V_c}{n} \quad (7)$$

Using the volt-second balance principle on Lm , the following equation is given:

$$\int_0^{D T_s} v_{L1}^{II} + \int_{D T_s}^{T_s} v_{L1}^{VI} = 0 \quad (8)$$

Substituting (2), (3), (5), and (7) into (8), the voltage gain is

Obtained as

$$M_{CCM} = \frac{1+nk}{1-D} + nk + \frac{D}{1-D} \cdot \frac{(1-k)}{1} \quad (9)$$

The schematic of the voltage gain versus the duty ratio under various coupling coefficients of the coupled inductor is shown in Fig. 9. It is seen that the voltage gain is not very sensitive to the coupling coefficient. When k is equal to 1, the ideal voltage gain is written as Fig. 9 shows the voltage gain versus the duty ratio of the proposed converter as compared with the converters in previous work [33] and [34] at CCM operation under $k = 1$ and $n = 3$. One can see that the voltage gain of the proposed converter is higher than those of the converters in [33] and [34]. According to the description of the operating modes, the voltage stresses on the active switch S and diodes $D1, D2, D3$, and $D0$ are given as

$$V_{DS} = \frac{1}{1-D} V_{in} \quad (10)$$

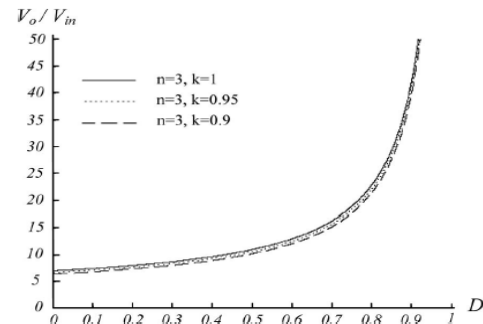


Figure 8. Voltage gain versus duty ratio at CCM operation under $n = 3$ and various k .

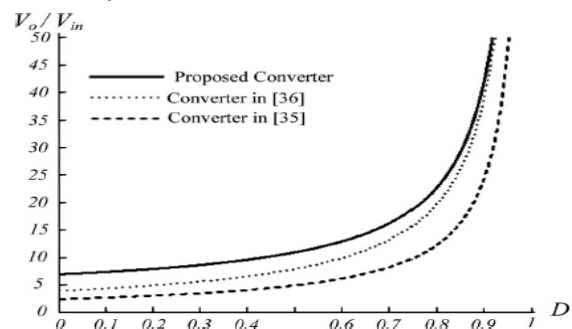


Figure 9. Voltage gain versus duty ratio of the proposed converter, the converters in [33] and [35] at CCM operation under $n = 3$ and $k = 1$.

$$V_{DS} = \frac{1}{1-D} V_{in} \quad (11)$$

$$V_{D1} = \frac{1}{1-D} V_{in} = \frac{V_o - nV_{in}}{n+1} \quad (12)$$

$$V_{D2} = V_{D3} = V_{D0} = \frac{n}{1-D} V_{in} = \frac{n}{n+1} V_o - nV_{in} \quad (13)$$

Equations (11)–(13) mean that with the same specifications, the voltage stresses on the main switch and diodes can be adjusted by the turns ratio of the coupled inductor.

B. DCM Operation

In DCM operation, three modes are discussed. The key waveform is shown in Fig. 7. During the time of mode I,

the switch S is turned on. Thus, the following equations can be formulated based on Fig. 7(a):

$$(14)$$

$$(15)$$

The peak value of the magnetizing inductor current is given as

$$(16)$$

Furthermore, the voltage across capacitors $C2$ and $C3$ can be written as

$$V_{c2} = V_{c3} = v_{L2}^I = (17)$$

In the time interval of mode II, the following equations can be expressed based on Fig. 6(b):

$$v_{L1}^{II} = - (18)$$

$$v_{L2}^{II} = V_{in} + V_{c1} + V_{c2} (19)$$

During the time of mode III, the following equation can be derived from Fig. 6(c):

$$v_{L1}^{III} = v_{L2}^{III} : (20)$$

Applying the voltage-second balance principle on Np , Ns of the coupled inductor, the following equations are given as

$$\int_0^{DT_s} v_{L1}^I dt + \int_{DT_s}^{(D+D_L)T_s} v_{L1}^{II} dt + \int_{(D+D_L)T_s}^{T_s} v_{L1}^{III} dt = (21)$$

$$\int_0^{DT_s} v_{L2}^I dt + \int_{DT_s}^{(D+D_L)T_s} v_{L2}^{II} dt + \int_{(D+D_L)T_s}^{T_s} v_{L2}^{III} dt = 0 (22)$$

Substituting (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), and (20) into (21) and (22), the voltage gain is obtained as follows:

$$V_{c1} = \frac{D}{D_L} V_{in} (23)$$

$$V_{c1} = \left[\frac{D}{D_L} (n + 1) + (2n + 1) : (24)$$

According to (24), the duty cycle DL can be derived as

$$D_L = \frac{(1+n)DV_{in}}{V_0 - (1+2n)V_{in}} (25)$$

From Fig. 5, the average current of i_{co} is computed as

$$I_{co} = \frac{1}{2} D_L \frac{I_{Lmp}}{n+1} (26)$$

Since I_{co} is equal to zero under steady state, (16), (25), and

$I_{co} = 0$ into (26) yield

$$\frac{I}{2[V_0 - (1+2n)V_{in}]} (27)$$

Then, the normalized magnetizing-inductor time constant is defined as

$$\tau_{Lm} \equiv \frac{L}{I} (28)$$

where f_s is the switching frequency.

Substituting (28) into (27), the voltage gain is given by

$$M_{DCM} = \frac{V_0}{V_{in}} = \frac{1+2n}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{(1+2n)}}{4} + \frac{D^2}{2\tau_{Lm}}} (29)$$

The curve of the voltage gain, shown in Fig. 9, illustrates the voltage gain versus the duty ratio under various τ_{Lm} .

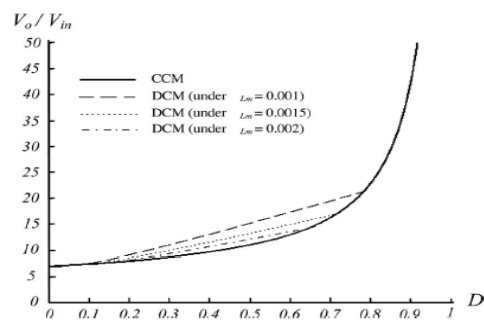


Figure. 10. Voltage gain versus duty ratio at DCM operation under various τ_{Lm} and at CCM operation under $n = 3$ and $k = 1$.

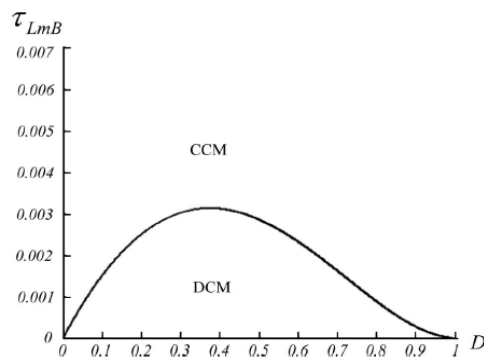


Figure. 11. Boundary condition of the proposed converter under $n = 3$.

C. Boundary Operating Condition Between CCM and DCM

If the proposed converter is operated in boundary-condition mode, the voltage gain of CCM operation is equal to the voltage gain of DCM operation. From (10) and (29), the boundary normalized magnetizing-inductor time constant τ_{LmB} can be derived as Applying the voltage-second balance principle on Np , Ns of the coupled inductor, the following equations are given as

$$\tau_{LmB} (30)$$

The curve of τ_{LmB} is plotted in Fig. 11. If τ_{Lm} is larger than τ_{LmB} , the proposed converter is operated in CCM.

IV MATLAB/SIMULINK MODELING AND SIMULATION RESULTS

A simulation modeling of a PV distributed system with high step up dc dc converter is showed bellow-

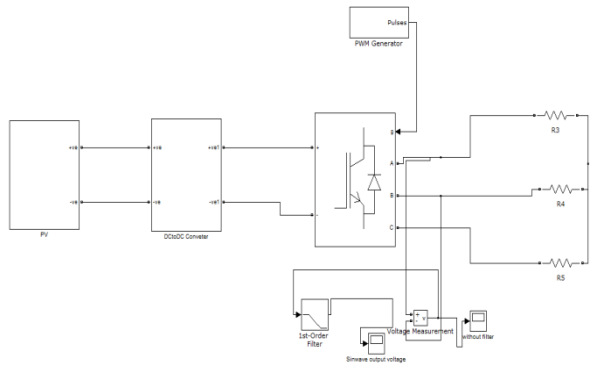


Figure 12. Simulink modeling of PV distributed system

PV connect in series to DC-DC converter obtain sufficient dc voltage for generating ac utility voltage. IGBT which is connected to the load .PWM generator generates the pulse to the diode .The internal structure of the DC-DC converter as shown below

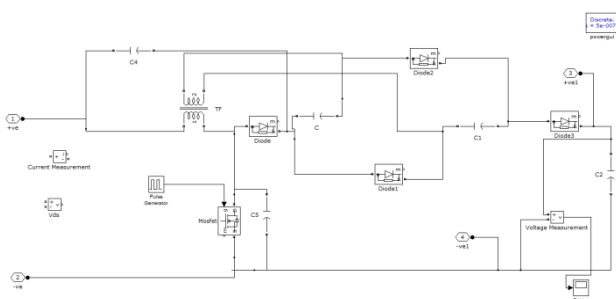


Figure13:Internal structure of the DC-DC converter

Fig 13 shows the internal structure of the dc-dc converter with input as photovoltaic cell of voltage of(15V-17V)and getting output of 240v .The below fig shows the ouptput of the dc-dc converter

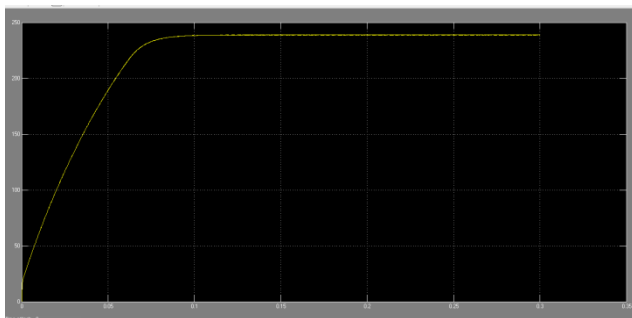


Figure 14: Output response of the DC-DC converter
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“12 Volt” PV module or panel has 36 series connected solar cells with a maximum power point (MPP) of approximately 15V at normal operating temperatures (approx 50°C). These system voltages are appropriate for lower power systems, but beyond powers of a few hundred Watts, these panels themselves are placed in series strings PV arrays to maintain lower currents and higher efficiencies.

A problem occurs when even a single cell in the array is shaded or obscured. The photocurrent generated in a shaded cell may drop to perhaps 20% of the other cells. The shaded cell will be reverse biased by the remaining cells in the string, but current will continue to flow through it causing large localized power dissipation.

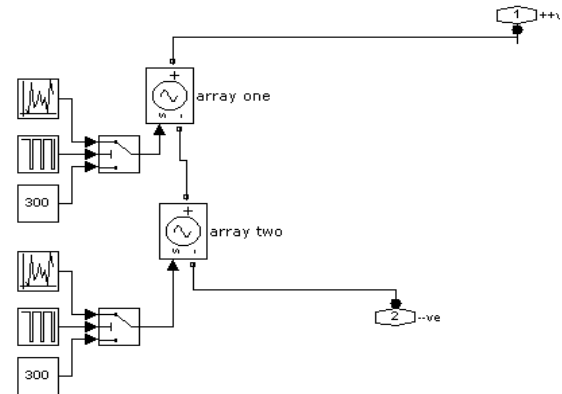


Figure 15: Modeling of solar array

The overall efficiency of the array is reduced to the efficiency of this module. For similar reasons PV panels in a string should be given the same orientation, and be of identical size. This is not always possible or desirable for ascetic or other architectural reasons.

The first order filter output sinwave voltage used in the simulink model of the proposed circuit is shown in the below wave form of the PV distributed system

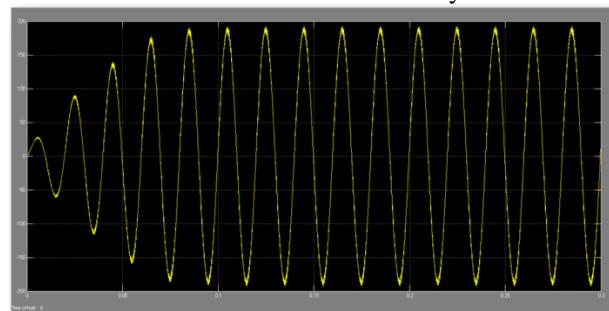


Figure 17: Response of the PV distributed system with filter

Fig 17 shows that the output response of the PV distributed system using the filter we get the sinusoidal output voltage as shown

VI CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a high gain and high efficiency using PV cell for a distributed system. By using the PV cell in series and discharged in a series to the Dc-Dc converter to

achieve high step-up voltage gain and high efficiency. The steady-state analyses of voltage gain and boundary operating condition are discussed in detail. Prototype circuit of the proposed converter is built in the laboratory. Experimental results confirm that high efficiency and high step-up voltage gain can be achieved. The efficiency is 95.5%. The voltage stress on the main switches is 90 V; thus, low voltage ratings and low on-state resistance levels RDS(ON) switch can be selected. Moreover, the proposed converter has simple structure. It is suitable for renewable energy systems for the distributed generation system applications.

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