

A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

# A Solar PV Based Input-Parallel Output-Series DC/DC Converter with Improved Voltage Gain



Sreekanth Reddy Kashireddy M.Tech Student Department of EEE Hyderabad Institute of Technology & Management.

#### ABSTRACT:

In many industrial applications High voltage gain DC-DC converters are required such as PV and fuel cell energy systems, high intensity discharge lamp (HID), DC back-up energy systems and electric vehicles. This paper presents a novel solar PV based input-parallel output-series boost converter with dual coupled-inductors and a voltage multiplier module. On the one hand, the primary windings of two coupled-inductors are connected in parallel to share the input current and reduce the current ripple at the input. On the other hand, the proposed converter inherits the merits of interleaved series-connected output capacitors for high voltage gain, low output voltage ripple and low switch voltage stress. Moreover, the secondary sides of two coupledinductors are connected in series to a regenerative capacitor by a diode for extending the voltage gain and balancing the primary-parallel currents. In addition, the active switches are turned on at zerocurrent and the reverse recovery problem of diodes is alleviated by reasonable leakage inductances of the coupled inductors. Besides, the energy of leakage inductances can be recycled. A prototype circuit rated 500W output power is implemented in the laboratory, and the experimental results shows satisfactory agreement with the theoretical analysis.

Index Term- High gain, dc-dc converter, inputparalleloutput-series, dual coupled-inductors.



Mr.N.Ravi Assistant Professor Department of EEE Hyderabad Institute of Technology & Management.

### **I.INTRODUCTION**

These days high voltage gain DC-DC converters are required in many industrial applications[1]-[7], For example, photovoltaic (PV) energy conversion systems and fuel-cell systems usually need high step-up and large input current dc-dc converters to boost low voltage (18–56V) to high voltage (200–400V) for the grid-connected inverters. High-intensity discharge lamp ballasts for automobile headlamps call for high voltage gain dc-dc converters to raise a battery voltage of 12V up to 100V at steady operation [8], [9]. Also, the low battery voltage of 48V needs to be converted to 380V in the front-end stage in some uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) and telecommunication systems by high step-up converters [10]-[11]. Theoretically, a basic boost converter can provide infinite voltage gain with extremely high duty ratio. In practice, the voltage gain is limited by the parasitic elements of the power devices, inductor and capacitor.

Moreover, the extremely high duty cycle operation may induce serious reverse-recovery problem of the rectifier diode and large current ripples which increase the conduction losses. On the other hand, the input current is usually large in high output voltage and high power conversion, but low-voltage-rated power devices with small on-resistances may not be selected since the voltage stress of the main switch and diode is respectively equivalent to the output voltage in the conventional boost converter.



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

Many single switch topologies based on conventional boost converter had been presented for high step-up voltage gain [11]-[15]. The cascaded boost converter is also capable of providing high voltage gain without the penalty of extreme duty-cycle [16]. However, the voltage stress of the main switch is equal to the output voltage. In references[17]and[18], several switchingcapacitor/switching inductor structures are proposed, and transformer less hybrid dc-dc converters with high voltage gain are derived by the use of structures integrated with classical single switch non-isolated PWM converters. They present the following advantage: the energy in the magnetic elements is low, which leads to weight, size and cost saving for the inductor, and less conduction losses. Another method for achieving high step-up gain is the use of the voltage-lift technique [19], showing the advantage that the voltage stress across the switch is low. However, several diode-capacitor stages are required when the conversion ratio is very large, which makes the circuit complex. In addition, the single switch may suffer high current for high power applications, which risks reducing its efficiency.

Another alternative single switch converters including forward, fly-back and tapped-inductor boost can achieve high conversion ratio by adjusting the turns ratio of the transformer [20]-[22], but these converters require large transformer turns ratio to achieve high voltage gain. In [23], an integrated boost-flyback converter is proposed to achieve high voltage gain, and the energy of a leakage inductor is recycled into the output during the switch-off period. Unfortunately, the input current is pulsed from the experimental results. In addition, it should be noticed that the low-level input voltages usually cause large input currents and current ripples to flow through the single switch for high step up and high power dc-dc conversion, which also leads to increasing conduction losses. Therefore, the single-switch topologies are not perfect candidates for high step up dc-dc conversion In order to handle high input currents and reduce current ripples, the three-state switching cell based on interleaved control

is introduced in boost converters [24]. However, the voltage gain of conventional three-state switching boost converter is only determined by the duty ratio [18]-[25]. Moreover, the voltage stresses of the power devices are still equivalent to output voltage. Thus, the large duty ratios, high switch voltage stresses and serious output diode reverse recovery problem are still major challenges for high step-up and high power conversion with satisfactory efficiency. To solve above drawbacks, some three-state switching converters with high static gain employing diode-capacitor cells were presented [25]. However, several diode-capacitor cells are required to meet a very high step-up gain. Thus, other topologies using three state switching cell and coupled inductors are investigated in [26]-[31]. Reference [27] proposes an interleaved boost converter with coupled inductors and a voltage doubler rectifier in order to satisfy the high step-up applications and low input current ripple, in which the secondary sides of two coupled-inductors are connected in series. The winding-cross-coupled inductors and output diode reverse-recovery alleviation techniques are also introduced in an interleaved three-state switching DC-DC converters [32]-[33], which can get a considerably high voltage conversion ratio and improve the performance of the converter. In [34], an interleaved fly-back converter based on three-state switching cell for high step up and high power conversion is proposed. Although the converter can eliminate the main limitations of the standard fly-back, this circuit is a little complex and the input current ripples are large from the experimental results.

This paper proposes an input-parallel output-series boost converter with dual coupled inductors for high step up and high power applications. This configuration inherits the merits of high voltage gain, low output voltage ripple and low-voltage stress across the power switches. Moreover, the presented converter is able to turn on the active switches at zero-current and alleviate the reverse recovery problem of diodes by reasonable leakage inductances of the coupled inductors.



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

#### **Solar Photovoltaic**

Solar cells, also called photovoltaic (PV) cells by scientists, convert sunlight directly into electricity. PV gets its name from the process of converting light (photons) to electricity (voltage), which is called the PV effect. The PV effect was discovered in 1954, when scientists at Bell Telephone discovered that silicon (an element found in sand) created an electric charge when exposed to sunlight. Soon solar cells were being used to power space satellites and smaller items like calculators and watches.



A large silicon solar array installed on the roof of a commercial building.

Traditional solar cells are made from silicon, are usually flat-plate, and generally are the most efficient. Second-generation solar cells are called thin-film solar cells because they are made from amorphous silicon or nonsilicon materials such as cadmium telluride. Thin film solar cells use layers of semiconductor materials only a few micrometers thick. Because of their flexibility, thin film solar cells can double as rooftop shingles and tiles, building facades, or the glazing for skylights.

Third-generation solar cells are being made from a variety of new materials besides silicon, including solar inks using conventional printing press technologies, solar dyes, and conductive plastics. Some new solar cells use plastic lenses or mirrors to concentrate sunlight onto a very small piece of high efficiency PV material. The PV material is more expensive, but because so little is needed, these systems are becoming cost effective for use by utilities and industry. However, because the lenses must be pointed at the sun, the use of concentrating collectors is limited to the sunniest parts of the country.

Photovoltaic (PV) materials and devices convert sunlight into electrical energy. A single PV device is known as a cell. An individual PV cell is usually small, typically producing about 1 or 2 watts of power. To boost the power output of PV cells, they are connected together in chains to form larger units known as modules or panels. Modules can be used individually, or several can be connected to form arrays. One or more arrays is then connected to the electrical grid as part of a complete PV system. Because of this modular structure, PV systems can be built to meet almost any electric power need, small or large.

The largest PV systems in the country are located in California and produce power for utilities to distribute to their customers. The Solar Star PV power station produces 579 megawatts of electricity, while the Topaz Solar Farm and Desert Sunlight Solar Farm each produce 550 megawatts.

#### **Photovoltaic Solar Cells**

Commonly known as solar cells, individual PV cells are electricity-producing devices made of different semiconductor materials. PV cells come in many sizes and shapes, from smaller than a postage stamp to several inches across. Solar cells are often less than the thickness of four human hairs. In order to withstand the outdoors for many years, cells are sandwiched between protective materials in a combination of glass and/or plastics to make a PV module.

### **II. TOPOLOGY AND OPERATIONPRINCIPLE OF THE PRESENTEDCONVERTER**

The secondary windings of two coupled inductors are connected in series for a voltage multiplier module, The derivation procedure for the proposed topology is which is stacked on the output of the modified shown in Fig. 1. This circuit can be divided as two



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

converters to get higher voltage gain. Fortunately, this parts. These two segments are named a modified connection is also helpful to balance the currents of interleaved boost converter and а voltage doublertwo primary sides. The coupling references of the module using capacitor-diode and coupled inductor inductors are denoted\*"an bv"•" technologies. The basic boost converter topology is equivalent circuit of the presented converter is shown in Fig. 1(a) and Fig.1 (b) is another boost demonstrated in Fig. 2, version with the same function in which the output diode is placed on the negative dclink rail. Fig.1(c) is called a modified interleaved boost converter, which is an input-parallel and outputseries configuration derived from two basic boost types. Therefore, this part based on interleaved control has several main functions: 1) it can obtain double voltage gain of conventional interleaved boost; 2) low output voltage ripple due to the interleaved series-connected capacitors; 3) low switch voltage stresses. Then the double independent inductors in the modified interleaved boost converter are separately replaced by the primary windings of coupled inductors which are employed as energy storage and filtering as shown in Fig.1 (d).



Fig. 1.The procedure to obtain the proposed converter with high voltage gain.(a) Conventional boost converter. (b) Other structure of boostconverter. (c)The modified interleaved boost. (d) A high gain inputparallel output-series DC/DC converter with dual coupled-inductos. The secondary windings of two coupled inductors are connected in series for a voltage multiplier module, which is stacked on the output of the modified converter to get higher voltage gain. Fortunately, this connection is also helpful to balance the currents of two primary sides. The coupling references of the inductors are denoted by the marks "\* " and "•". The equivalent circuit of the presented converter is demonstrated in Fig. 2,

Lm1, Lm2	magnetizinginductances
Lk1, Lk2	leakage inductances
C1, C2, C3	output and clamp capacitors
S1, S2	main switches
D1, D2	clamp diodes
Dr, Cr	regenerative diode and capacitor
D3	output diode
N	tums ratio of Ns /Np
Vn1, Vn2	the voltage on the primary sides of
	coupled inductors



Fig. 2 The equivalent circuit of the presented converter

Fig. 3 shows the theoretical waveforms when the converter is operated in continuous conduction mode (CCM). The duty cycles of the power switches are interleaved with 180° phase shift, and the duty cycles are greater than 0.5. That is to say, the two switches can only be in one of three states (S1: on, S2: on; S1: on, S2: off; S1: off, S2: on;), which ensures the normal transmission of energy from the coupled inductor's primary side to the secondary one. The operating stages can be found in Fig.4- Fig.11.



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

1)First stage [t0-t1]: At t = t0, the power switch S1 is turned on with zero current switching (ZCS) due to the leakage inductance Lk1, while S2 remains turned on, as shown in Fig. 4. Diodes D1, D2 and Dr are turned off, and only output diode D3 is conducting. The current falling rate through the output diode D3 is controlled by the leak-age inductances Lk1 and Lk2, which alleviates the diodes' reverse recovery problem. This stage ends when the current through the diode D3 decreases to zero.

2) Second stage [t1-t2]: During this interval, both the power switches S1 and S2 are maintained turned on, as shown in Fig.5 All of the diodes are reversed-biased. The magnetizing inductances Lm1 and Lm2 as well as leakage inductances Lk1 and Lk2 are linearly charged by the input voltage source Vin.



Fig. 3 Key theoretical waveforms

This period ends at the instant t2, when the switch S2 is turned off.

3)Third stage [t2-t3]: At t = t2, the switch S2 is turned off, which makes the diodes D2 and Dr turned on. The current flow path is shown in Fig. 6. The energy that magnetizing inductance Lm2 has stored is transferred to the secondary side charging the capacitor Cr by the diode Dr, and the current through the diode Dr and the capacitor Cr is determined by the leakage inductances Lk1 and Lk2. The input voltage source, magnetizing inductance Lm2 and leakage inductance Lk2 release energy to the capacitor C2 via diode D2.

4)Fourth stage [t3-t4]: At t = t3, diode D2 automatically switches off because the total energy of leakage inductance Lk2 has been completely released to the capacitor C2. There is no reverse recovery problem for the diode D2. The current-flow path of this stage is shown in Fig.7. Magnetizing inductance Lm2still transfers energy to the secondary side charging thecapacitor Cr via diode Dr. The current of the switch S1 is equal to the summation of the currents of the magnetizing inductances Lm1 and Lm2.

5)Fifth stage [t4-t5]: At t = t4, the switch S2 is turned on with ZCS soft-switching condition Due to the leakage inductance Lk2, and the switch S1remains in on state. The current-flowpath of this stage is shown in Fig.8. The current falling rate through the diode Dr is controlled by the leakage inductances Lk1and Lk2, which alleviates the diode reverse recoveryproblem. This stage ends when the current through the diode Drdecreases to zero at t = t5.

6)Sixth stage [t5-t6]: The operating states of stages 6 and 2 are similar. During this interval, all diodes are turned off. The magnetizing inductances Lm1, Lm2, and the leakage inductances Lk1, Lk2are charged linearly by the input voltage. The voltagestress of D1 is the voltage on C1, and the voltage stress of D2 is the voltage on C2. The voltage stress of D7 is equivalent to the voltage on Cr, and the voltage stress of D3 is the output voltage minus the voltages on C1 and C2 and Cr.



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

7) Seventh stage [t6-t7]: The power switch S1 is turned off at t = t6, which turns on D1and D3, and the switch S2remainsin conducting state. The current-flow path of this stage is shown in Fig.10. The input voltage source Vin, magnetizing inductance Lm1 and leakage inductance Lk1 release their energy to the capacitor C1 via the switch S2. Simultaneously, the energy stored in magnetizing inductor Lm1 is transferred to the secondary side. The current through the secondary sides in series flows to the capacitor C3 and load through the diode D3.

8) Eighth stage [t7-t0 ']: At t = t7, since the total energy of leakage inductance Lk1 has been completely released to the capacitor C1, diode D1 automatically switches off. The current of the magnetizing inductance Lm1 is directly transferred to the output through the secondary side of coupled inductor and D4 until t0'.

It should be pointed out that the time periods of stages I, IV, V and VIII are much shorter than those shown in Fig.3, which were enlarged in order to clearly show the waveform variations.

# III.STEADY-STATEPERFORMANCEANALYSIS OF THEPROPOSED CONVERTER

To simplify the circuit performance analysis of the proposed converter in CCM, and the following conditions are assumed.

1) All of the power devices are ideal. That is to say, the on-state resistance RDS(ON) and all parasitic capacitors of the main switches are neglected, and the forward voltage drop of the diodes is ignored;

2)The coupling-coefficient k of each coupled-inductor is defined as Lm/(Lm+Lk). The turn ratio N of each coupled-inductor is equal to NS /NP;

3)The parameters of two coupled-inductors are considered to be the same, namely

Lm1 = Lm2 = Lm, Lk1 = Lk2 = Lk,

 $\label{eq:NS1/NP1=NS2/NP2=N, k 1= Lm1/(Lm1+Lk1)= k2=Lm2/(Lm2+Lk2)=k;$ 

4) Capacitors C1, C2, C3 and Cr are large enough. Thus, the voltages across these capacitors are considered as constant in one switching period.



Volume No: 4 (2017), Issue No: 2 (February) www.ijmetmr.com

February 2017



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal



Fig. 11 Eighth stage

### IV. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS A.Coupled Inductor Design

Usually, the duty cycle should be less than 0.8 to reduce conduction loss of the switches. If the voltage gainand switch duty cycle are selected, the turns ratio of the coupled inductor can be calculated. According to above analysis, the leakage inductance of the coupled inductors has some effects on the voltage gain. Fortunately, the leakage inductance can be used to limit the diode current falling rate and alleviate the diode reverse recovery problem. Therefore, a optimize the compromise should be made to performance of the converter. Moreover, considering the input current ripples and current sharing performance, the leakage inductance of the coupled inductors should be designed as symmetrical as possible. The relationship of the leakage inductance, the diode current falling rate,

### **B.Active Switches and Diodes Selection**

The voltage -rating of the power components have been derived from (17)-(20). In practice, voltage spike may be produced during switch transition process because of the effect of the leakage inductance and parasitic capacitor. Therefore, regarding the margin of safety, the voltage -rating of the selected power devices will usually be more than 150% of the calculated value.

### **C.Considerations of Capacitor Design**

How to suppress the voltage ripple on every capacitor an acceptable value is main consideration. According to Q C VCICT, The capacitance of the capacitors C1,C2, C3or Cr can be estimated by the equation (45)~(48),inwhich VO is the output voltage, VC1~ $\Delta$ VC3 and VCr are the maximum tolerant voltage ripple on the capacitors C1, C2, C3 or Cr, and fS is the switching frequency, R is the loadGenerally, the equivalent series resistor (ESR) of an aluminum electrolytic capacitor will be smaller as the capacitance increases. So the capacitor is usually selected to be larger than the calculated value for reducing the power losses caused by the ESR. Moreover, it is a favorable



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

solution that parallel several capacitors are adopted to make the equivalent ESR minimum.

#### **V. SIMULATION RESULTS**

In order to verify the operation and evaluate the performance of the proposed three-state switching boost converter with high voltage gain, a prototype was assembled and tested with the specifications defined in the Table II. Fig.14 shows some experimental current waveforms. Fig.14 (a) displays the gate signals of S1, the input current iin, the primary side leakage inductor currents iLK1 and iLK2 of the dual coupled inductors. It is seen that the currents iLK1, and iLK2 are nearly the same, which confirms the current sharing performance of the proposed converter. In addition, the input current ripples are very low due to the interleaved operation.Fig.14 (b) shows the gate signals of S1 and S2 and current waveforms passing through them. One can see that the active switches are turned on from zero current (ZCS), which reduces the switching losses and the EMI noise. 14(c) and(d) illustrate the experimental Fig. waveforms of iD1, iD2, iD3, and iDr, which agree with the operating principle and the steady-state analysis.

# Table II Utilized components and parameters of prototype

Parameters 18-361⁄	
500 <i>W</i>	
40kHz	
19/18	
120 nH	
2.1 uH	
FIRFP150N	
DSSK20-015A	
DSSK28-01AS	
220 <i>uF</i> /100 V	
47uF/100 V	
470 <i>uF</i> / 200 <i>V</i>	
	Parameters 18-36V 200V 500W 40kHz 19/18 120uH 2.1 uH FIRFP150N DSSK20-015A DSSK20-015A DSSK28-01AS 220uF/100 V 47uF/100 V 470uF/200V

Fig. 15 shows the voltage stress waveforms of main switches and diodes when turns ratio N is 1. From fig. 15.(a), it is seen that the voltage stresses Vds1and Vds2 on the main switches are only a quarter of the output voltage during the steady-state period, which is about 50 V. Thus low voltage ratings and low on-state resistance levels active switches can be selected for high efficiency. Fig. 15.(b) and (c) show that the voltage stresses on the diodes D1,D2,D3 and Dr. One can see that the voltage stresses of the diodes D1,D3 and Dr are approximately 100V which are equal to half of the output voltage in the steady-state period. The voltage stress of the diode D2 is only a quarter of the output voltage, approximately50V. Therefore, lowvoltage rated Scotty diodes with high-performance can be adopted for the presented converter.

Fig. 16 shows the measured conversion efficiency of the proposed converter considering the loss of control circuit. The corresponding efficiency is around 94.37% at Po = 200 W. The full-load efficiency is appropriately 92.76%, In order to improve the efficiency further, the soft switching and integration magnetic techniques can be used to this converter, which is also the future work.



Volume No: 4 (2017), Issue No: 2 (February) www.ijmetmr.com

February 2017



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal



D3 diode voltage



S1 & s2 gating signals

### CONCLUSION

For low input-voltage and high step up power conversion, this paper has successfully developed a high-voltage gain dc-dc converter by input-parallel output-series and inductor techniques. The key theoretical waveforms, steady-state operational principle and the main circuit performance are discussed to explore the advantages of the proposed converter.

Some important characteristics of the proposed converter are: 1) It can achieve a much higher voltage gain and avoid operating at extreme duty cycle and numerous turn ratios; 2) the voltage stresses of the main switches are very low, which are one fourth of the output voltage under N=1; 3) The input current can be automatically shared by each phase and low ripple currents are obtained at input ; 4) the main switches can be turned on at ZCS so that the main switching losses are reduced; 5) The current falling rates of the diodes are controlled by the leakage inductance so that the diode reverse-recovery problem is alleviated. At the same time, there is a main disadvantage that the duty cycle of each switch shall be not less than 50% under the interleaved control with 180° phase shift.

### REFERENCES

[1]C Cecati, F Ciancetta, and P Siano, "A multilevel inverter for photovoltaic systems with fuzzy logic control," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 57, no.12, pp. 4115–4125, Dec. 2010.

[2]X H. Yu, C Cecati, T Dillon, and M. G. Simoes, "The new frontier of smart grid," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron. Magazine, vol. 15, no.3, pp. 49–63, Sep. 2011.

[3]G. Fontes, C. Turpin, S. Astier, and T. A. Meynard, "Interactions between fuel cell and power converters: Influence of current harmonics on a fuel cell stack," IEEE Trans. Power Electron., vol. 22, no. 2, pp. 670– 678, Mar. 2007.

[4]J.-Y. Lee and S.-N. Hwang, "Non-isolated highgain boost converter using voltage-stacking cell," Electron. Lett, vol. 44, no. 10, pp. 644–645, May 2008.

[5]Z. Amjadi and S. S. Williamson, "Powerelectronics-based solutions for plug-in hybrid electric vehicle energy storage and management systems," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 57, no. 2, pp. 608– 616, Feb. 2010.

[6]Luiz Henrique S. C. Barreto, Paulo PeixotoPraca, Demercil S. Oliveira Jr., and Ranoyca N. A. L. Silva, "High-voltage gain boost converter based on threestate commutation cell for battery charging using PV panels in a single conversion stage," IEEE Trans. Power Electron., vol. 29, no. 1, pp. 150–158, Jan. 2014.

[7]FlorentBoico, Brad Lehman, and Khalil Shujaee, "Solar battery chargers for NiMH batteries," IEEE Trans. Power Electron., vol. 22, no. 5, pp. 1600–1609, Sep. 2007.

[8]A. Reatti, "Low-cost high power-density electronic ballast for automotive HID lamp," IEEE Trans. on



A Peer Reviewed Open Access International Journal

Power Electron., vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 361-368, Mar, 2000.

[9]A. I. Bratcu, I. Munteanu, S. Bacha, D. Picault, and B. Raison, "Cascaded DC-DC converter photovoltaic systems: Power optimization issues," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 58, no. 2, pp. 403–411, Feb. 2011.

[10]H. Tao, J. L. Duarte, and M. A.M. Hendrix, "Line-interactive UPS using.

[11]M. H. Todorovic, L. Palma, and P. N. Enjeti, "Design of a wide input range dc–dc converter with a robust power control scheme suitable for fuel cell power conversion," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 55, no. 3,pp. 1247–1255, Mar. 2008.

#### **Author Details:**

#### Sreekanth Reddy Kashireddy

Received B.Tech degree from Sri Sai Jyothi Engineering College, Vattinagulapally (V), Rajendarnagar (m), Rangareddy(D), Telangana in 2010 and currently pursuing M.Tech in Power electronics and electrical drives at Hyderabad institute of technology and management, Gowdavelly(V), Medchal(M), Ranga Reddy(D). Her area of interest in Power electronics field.

#### Mr.N.Ravi

Obtained his B.TECH degree from Jntuh, Hyderabad(AGCET) in 2008, M.Tech from Jntuh, Hyderabad (ASRCET) in 2013. He has been working as a Asst., Prof., in Dept of EEE at HITAM Hyderabad since 2010.His area of interest include power electronics and Electrical machines.