

Nonisolated High Voltage Gain DC-DC Converters Based on SSC and VMC

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ABSTRACT: This paper is about a new dc-dc converter based on VOLTAGE MULTIPLIER CELL and MULTI STATE SWITCHING CELL. This method can be applied for all type of converters like BUK, BOOST, BUK-BOOST, CUK, SEPIC & ZETA. To verify the operating principle BOOST converter is chosen. Experimental analysis is obtained from 1Kw lab prototype and the results are verified using simulation software. The output current and voltage waveforms are analyzed experimentally using the digital oscilloscope. The experimental results are compared with the results obtained from the software analysis using the matlab software. The analyzed converter can be applied in uninterruptible power supplies, fuel cell systems, and is also adequate to operate as a high-gain boost stage with cascaded inverters in renewable energy systems. Furthermore, it is suitable in cases where dc voltage step-up is demanded, such as electrical fork-lift, audio amplifiers, and many other applications.

I. INTRODUCTION

This paper introduces a dc-dc converter based on the three-state switching cell and voltage multiplier cells. In order to verify the operation principle of this converter, the boost converter is chosen and experimented in detail.[1-2] The behavior of the converter is analyzed through theoretical analysis, while its performance is investigated by experimental results obtained from matlab simulation. The analyzed converter can be applied in uninterruptible power supplies, fuel cell systems, and is also adequate to operate as a high-gain boost stage with cascaded inverters in renewable energy systems. Furthermore, it is suitable in cases where dc voltage step-up is demanded, such as electrical fork-lift, audio amplifiers, and many other applications. [3] A DC-to-DC converter is a device that accepts a DC input voltage and produces a DC output voltage. Typically the output produced is at a different voltage level than the input. In addition, DC-to-DC converters are used to provide noise isolation, power bus regulation, etc. A review on Converters, firstly schematic showed in Fig. 1.1 shows the basic boost converter.

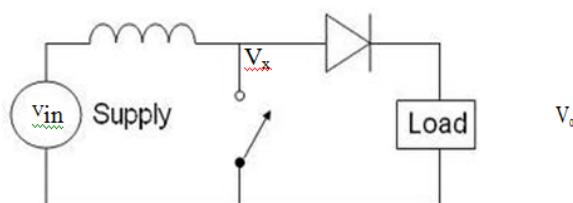


Fig 1.1: Boost Converter Circuit

This circuit is used when a higher output voltage than input is required.

While the transistor is ON $V_x = V_{in}$, and the OFF state the inductor current flows through the diode giving $V_x = V_o$. For this analysis it is assumed that the inductor current always remains flowing (continuous

conduction). The voltage across the inductor is and the average must be zero for the average current to remain in steady state respect to the common ground.

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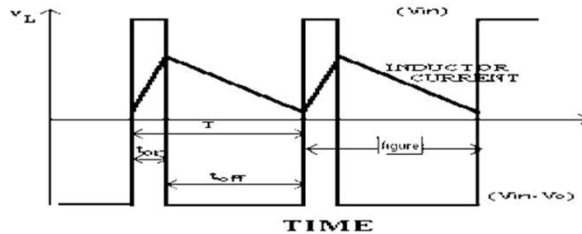


Fig 1.2 Voltage and Current Waveform

Since the duty ratio "D" is between 0 and 1 the output voltage must always be higher than the input voltage in magnitude. The negative sign indicates a reversal of sense of the output voltage.[4]

ISOLATED DC-DC CONVERTERS

In many DC-DC applications, multiple outputs are required and output isolation may need to be implemented depending on the application. In addition, input to out put isolation may be required to meet s afe ty standards and to provide impedance matching. The above-discussed DC- DC topology can be adapted to provide iso lation between input and output.[5-7]

FLY BACK CO NVERTER

The flyback converter can be developed as an extension of the Buck-Boost converter. Fig 1.3 shows the basic converter; Fig 1.4 replaces the inductor by a transformer. The buck-boost converter works by storing energy in the inductor during the ON phase and releasing it to the output during the OFF phase.[8]

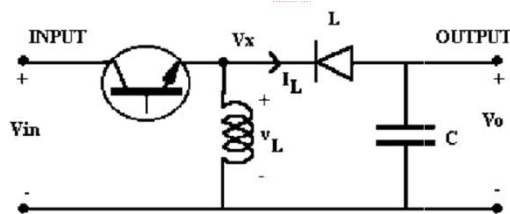


Fig 1.3 Buck Boost Converter

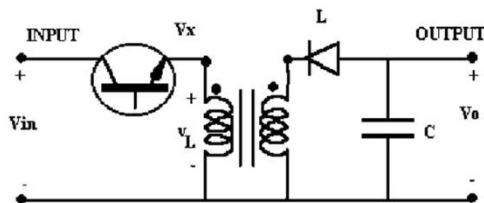


Fig 1.4 Inductor Replaced by Transformer

With the transformer the energy storage is in the magnetization of the transformer core. To increase the stored energy a gapped co re is often used. In Fig 1.2(c) the isolated output is clarified by removal of the common reference of the input and output circuits.[9]

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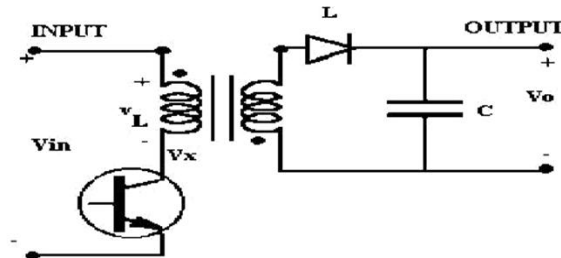


Fig 1.5 FlyBack Converter

Converters with magnetically coupled inductance such as flyback or the single-ended primary inductance converter (SEPIC) can easily achieve high voltage gain using switches with reduced on-resistance, even though efficiency is compromised by the losses due to the leakage inductance. An active clamping circuit is able to regenerate the leakage energy, at the cost of increased complexity and some loss in the auxiliary circuit. The efficiency of the conventional flyback structure is typically low due to the parasitic inductance. A possible solution lies in connecting the output of the boost converter to that of the flyback topology, with consequent increase of voltage gain due to the existent coupling between the arrangements. In this case, the boost converter behaves as an active clamping circuit when the main switch of the flyback stage is turned OFF.

The drawbacks of the conventional circuit is Large in size due to bulky inductor and capacitor, Less efficiency, More voltage stress, Complex control circuit, More Power Losses.

II. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The converter proposed has high voltage gain, while the input current is continuous with reduced ripple. The input inductor is also designed for twice the switching frequency, implying reduction of weight and size. The voltage stress through the switches is less than half of the output voltage due to clamping performed by the output filter capacitor. It is also important to mention that, for a given duty cycle, the output voltage can be increased by adjusting the transformer turns ratio without affecting the voltage stress across the main switches.

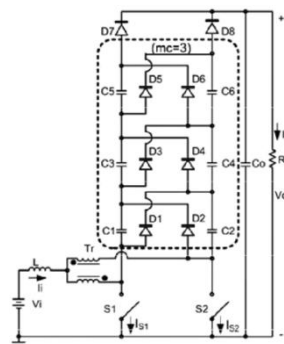


Fig 1.5 Proposed Circuit Diagram

Three state switching cell and voltage multiplier cell is interleaved into the boost converter. Three state switching cell consist of two diodes, coupled inductor and two MOSFETs. Voltage multiplier cell consist of diodes and capacitors connected in parallel. The 3SSC and VMC can be interleaved into main circuit without disturbing the main circuit. A n number of voltage multiplier cell can be added to the circuit according to the requirement of voltage. [10-12]

A dc input voltage is given, the inductor and the load capacitor is initially charged. In first mode of operation the two MOSFETs is triggered while all the diodes and capacitors remain in reverse bias condition. The energy stored in the output capacitor is discharged to load. In second mode of operation MOSFET M1 is triggered while the other MOSFET

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remain in off condition. During this mode diode D1, D3, D5 are forward biased and conducts through D8 capacitors C2, C4, C10 are charged while all the remaining capacitors are discharged. Third and fourth mode of operation is similar to that of first and second mode of operation. The use of high-voltage gain converters is of great interest, even though many approaches are based on Non- isolated topologies . This paper presents a topology for voltage step-up applications based on the use of multiplier cells constituted by diodes and capacitors.[13] The converter is able to operate in overlapping mode (when a duty cycle D is higher than 0.5) and nonoverlapping mode (when a duty cycle D is lower than 0.5). However, the study carried out in this paper only considers the operation with $D > 0.5$. The generic structure, which is valid for any number of cells, is initially presented, while the analysis is focused on structures with three cells, aiming to determine the stress regarding the elements that constitute the aforementioned configurations. Experimental results regarding the structure with three multiplier cells are also presented and discussed to validate the proposal. By using the proposed cell , it is possible to generate the six novel nonisolated dc–dc converters, i.e., buck, boost, buck–boost, Cuk, SEPIC, and zeta. The advantages of Reduced No of switches, Increased efficiency, Control Logic Reduces, Reduced losses. The boost converter is chosen to verify the claimed advantages of the converter family. The circuit considers the converter associated with 3State switching cell and three voltage multiplier cells.

The 3SSC is obtained by the association of two two-state switching PWM cells (2SSCs) interconnected to a center tap autotransformer. Some prominent advantages are reduced size, weight, and volume of magnetic, which are designed for twice the switching frequency.

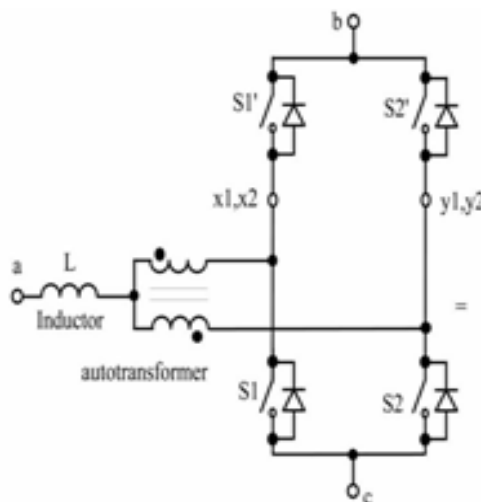


Fig 1.6 Three state switching Cell

The current stress through each main switch is equal to half of the total output current, allowing the use of switches with lower current rating. Losses are distributed among the semiconductors, leading to better heat distribution and consequently more efficient use of the heat sinks. The drive circuit of the main switches becomes less complex because they are connected to the same reference node.

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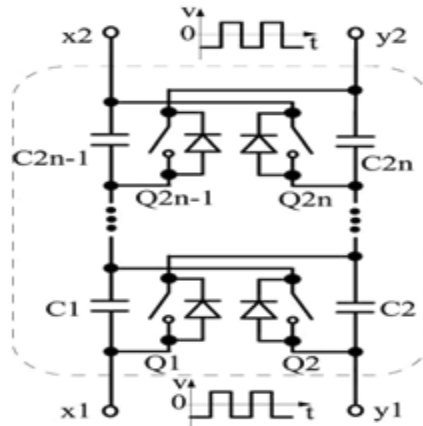


Fig 1.7 Voltage Multiplier Circuits

The voltage increases by cascading several voltage multiplier cells constituted by diodes and capacitors that operates on the resonance principle. The voltage stress across the elements is reduced due to clamping performed by the output capacitor. The high step up dc-dc converter with three state switching cell and voltage multiplier cells provides continuous input current with reduced ripples and high voltage.

Voltage multiplier cells (VMCs) are adopted to provide high voltage gain and reduce voltage stress across the semiconductor elements. Interleaving allows the operation of the multiplier stages with reduction of the current stress through the devices. Besides, the size of input inductors and capacitors is drastically reduced. The voltage stress across the main switches is limited to half of the output voltage for a single multiplier stage.

The figure shows the complete experimental circuit of the proposed DC-DC converter. For good operation of the VMC shown in Fig 1.6, ac input voltage is required, which is an important requirement of this cell. Due to this fact, the use of the 3SSC depicted in Fig 1.5 is considered because it generates such ac voltage across the terminals of the autotransformer and the drain terminals of the controlled switches. For this reason, both cells are integrated leading to the proposed cell shown in Fig1.7.

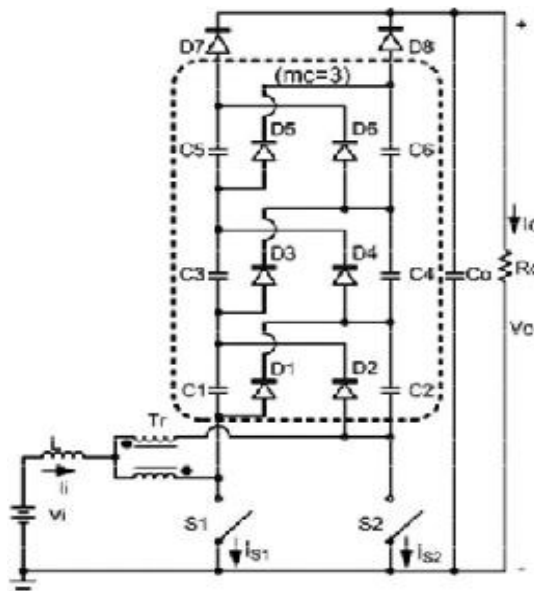


Fig 1.7 Resultant Circuit

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In the resulting cell, the controlled switches can be represented by MOSFETs, junction field-effect transistors, insulated gate bipolar transistors, bipolar junction transistors, etc. All the generated topologies present bidirectional characteristics. By using the proposed cell shown in Fig 2.4, it is possible to generate the six novel nonisolated dc–dc converters, i.e., buck, boost, buck–boost, C’uk, SEPIC, and zeta. The use of high-voltage gain converters is of great interest. It is worth to notice that the use of nonisolated converters particularly dedicated to applications regarding renewable power systems has been the scope of recent works . The efforts leading to the development of such nonisolated topologies are then well justified in the literature. In order to verify the claimed advantages of the converter family, the boost converter is chosen. The developed analysis considers the converter associated with three voltage multiplier cells and is detailed as follows.

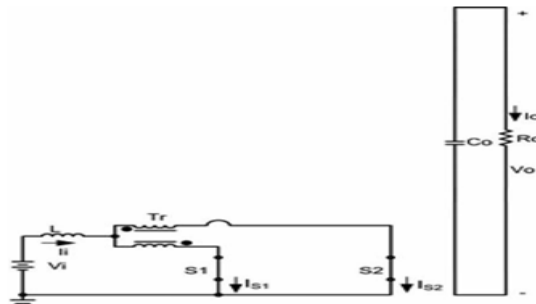
MODES OF OPERATION

In order to better understand the operating principle of the structures, the following assumptions are made:

- ✓ the input voltage is lower than the output voltage;
- ✓ steady-state operation is considered;
- ✓ semiconductors and magnetics are ideals;
- ✓ switching frequency is constant;
- ✓ the turns ratio of the autotransformer is unity;
- ✓ the drive signals applied to the switches are 180°

Mode 1 :

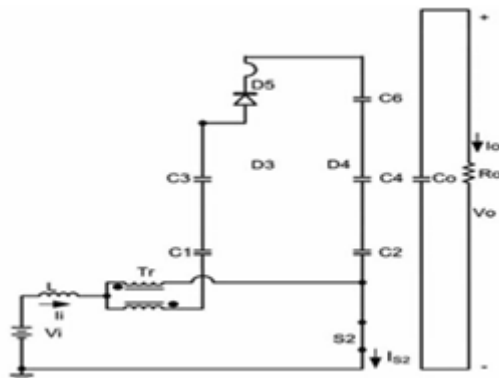
Switches $S1$ and $S2$ are turned ON, while all diodes are reverse biased. Energy is stored in inductor L and there is no energy transfer to the load. The



output capacitor provides energy to the load. This stage finishes when switch $S1$ is turned OFF.

Mode 2 :

Switch $S1$ is turned OFF, while $S2$ is still turned ON and diode $D5$ is forward biased. There is no energy transfer to the load as well. Inductor L stores energy, capacitors $C1$ and $C3$ are discharged, and capacitors $C2$, $C4$, and $C6$ are charged.



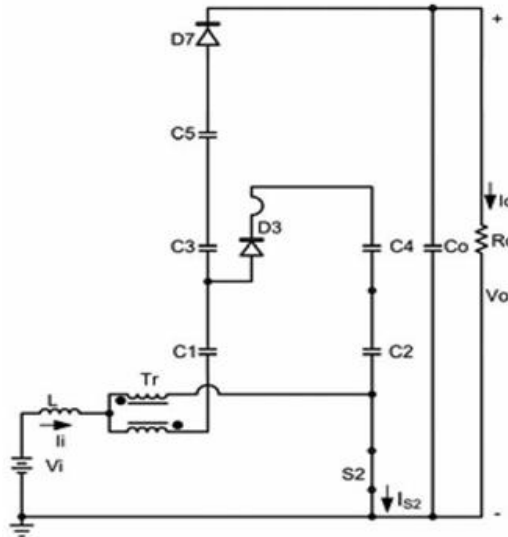
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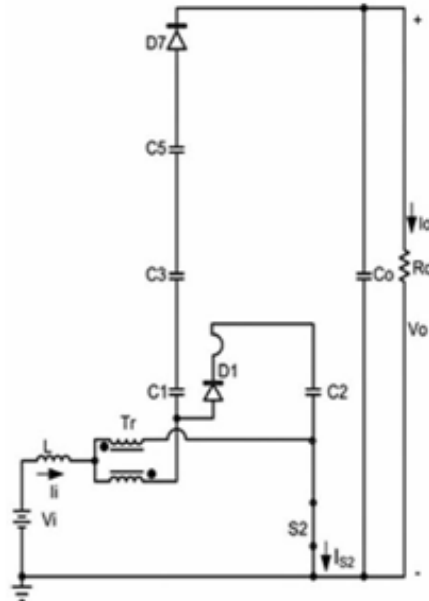
Mode 3 :

Switches $S1$ and $S2$ remain turned OFF and ON, respectively. Diodes $D3$ and $D7$ are forward biased, while all the remaining ones are reverse biased. Energy is transferred to the output stage through $D7$. The inductor stores energy, and capacitors $C2$ and $C4$ are still charged. Capacitors $C1$ is discharged, and so are $C3$ and $C5$.



Mode 4 :

Switch $S2$ remains turned ON, diode $D3$ is reverse biased, and diode $D1$ is forward biased. Energy is transferred to the load through $D7$. The inductor is discharged, and so are capacitors $C1$, $C3$, and $C5$, while $C2$ is charged.



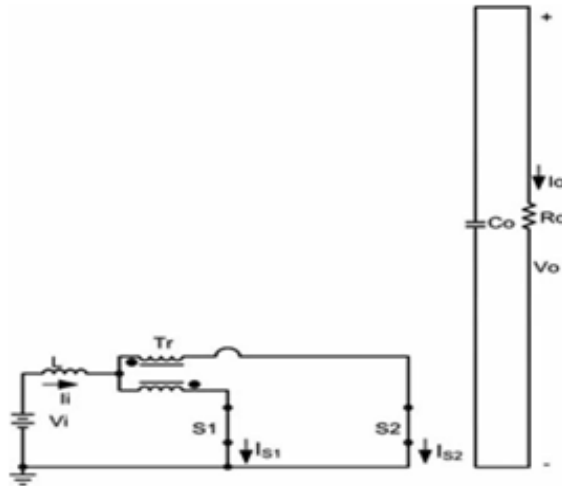
Mode 5 :

This stage is identical to the first one. Switch $S2$ is turned OFF and switch $S1$ is still turned ON. Diode $D6$ is forward biased. The inductor is charged by the input source, although capacitors $C2$ and $C4$ are discharged instead.

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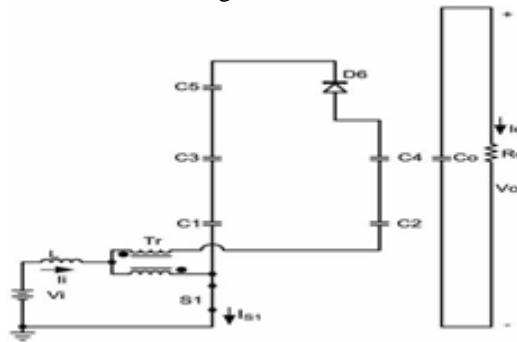
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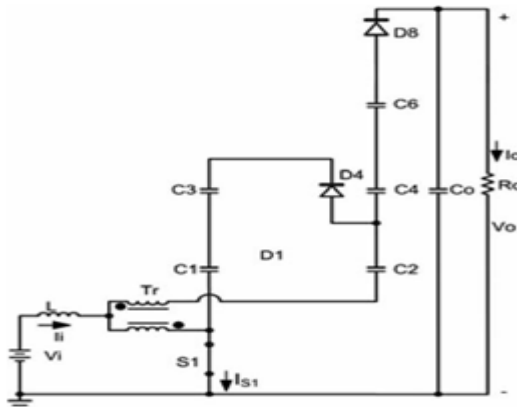
Mode 6 :

Switch S_2 is turned OFF and switch S_1 is still turned ON. Diode D_6 is forward biased. The inductor is charged by the input source, although capacitors C_2 and C_4 are discharged instead.



Mode 7 :

This stage is similar to the third one.



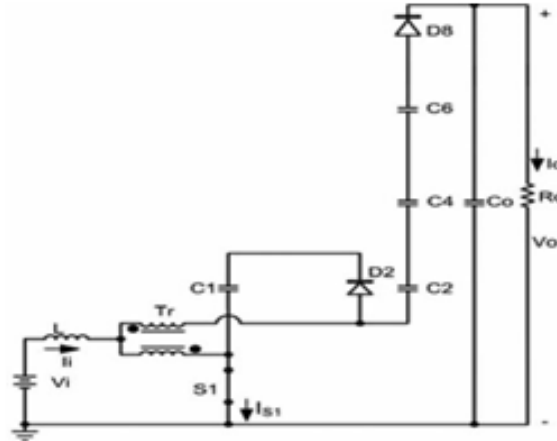
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Mode 8 :

Switch $S1$ is turned ON, while $S2$ remains turned OFF. Diodes $D2$ and $D8$ are forward biased, while $D4$ is reverse biased as well as the remaining diodes. Energy transfer to the load occurs through $D8$, and capacitor C_o is still charged. The inductor is discharged, while capacitor $C1$ is charged and capacitors $C2$, $C4$, and $C6$ are discharged.



Characteristics of the Proposed System

Parameter	Specification
Rated output power	$P_o=1000$ W
Minimum input voltage	$V_{i(min)}=42$ V
Maximum input voltage	$V_{i(max)}=54$ V
Rated input voltage	$V_i=48$ V
Output voltage	$V_o=400$ V
Number of multiplier cells	$mc=3$
Switching frequency	$f_s=25$ kHz

STATIC GAIN

The static gain for the generic structure of the boost converter Can be obtained from the inductor volt-second balance. The Voltage area multiplied by the time interval that corresponds To the inductor charge is equal to that regarding the inductor Discharged. The following expression can then be derived:

$$G_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{(mc + 1)}{(1 - D)}$$

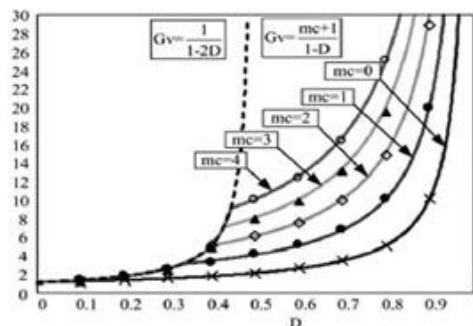


Fig 1.8 Static Gain Curves

Where mc is the number of voltage multiplier cells; v_i is the input voltage; v_o is the output voltage; and d is the duty cycle. Expression (1) is plotted and shown in fig. 6, where one can see that the static gain changes when $d < 0.5$, as

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represented by the dotted line. It occurs because the multiplier capacitors are not fully charged due to the reduced charge time.

III. SIMULATION RESULTS

The fig 2.1 shown is the simulation diagram for the conventional boost converter. The supply is 300 volts. The duty cycle is set as 50%. The switching frequency is 10kHz. Since it is a boost converter it will boost the voltage to two times the input voltage. So the above circuit will provide an output of 600 volts. The output can be verified from the simulation.

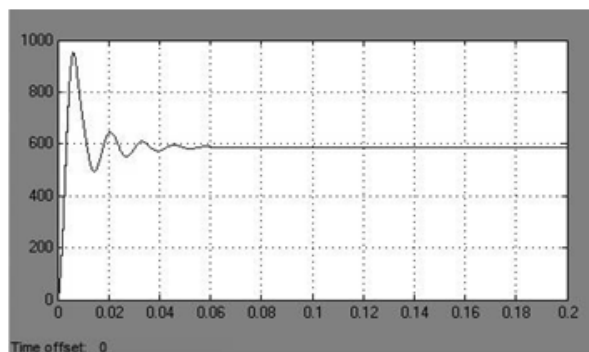


Fig 2.2 Output Voltage

For an input of 300 volts the boost converter boosts up the voltage for switching frequency 10kHz and duty cycle 50% to 600 volts.

IV. PROPOSED CIRCUIT

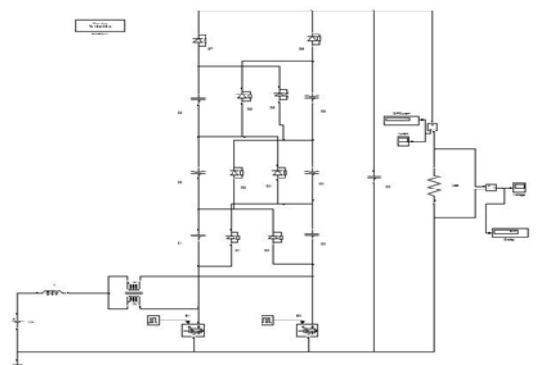


Fig 2.3 Simulation diagram for the proposed circuit.

Output Voltage Waveform

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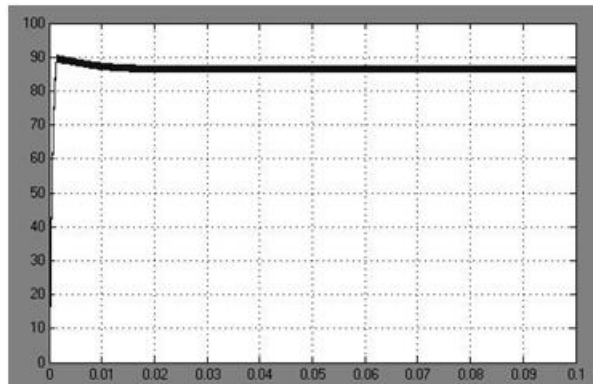


Fig 2.4 Shows the Output Voltage waveform for an input voltage of 10 volts.

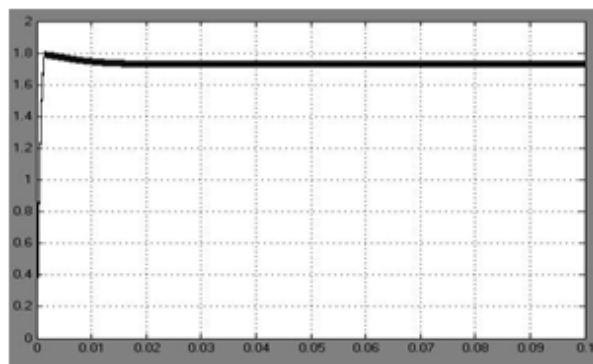


Fig 2.5 Shows the Current output Waveform for an input voltage of 10 Volts.

Prototype Specification

PROTOTYPE SPECIFICATIONS

Component	Specifications
Inductor L	Core: FERRITE NEE 55/28/21 Inductance: 70 μ H Number of turns: 15 (62x26 SWG) Gap: 1mm
Autotransformer T_1	Core: FERRITE NEE-65/33/26 Primary turns: 19 Primary winding: 28x SWG26 Secondary turns: 19 Secondary winding: 28x SWG26
Switches S_1 and S_2	MOSFET IRF 640N
Diodes D_1, \dots, D_2	Ultra fast diode 1N4007
Capacitors C_1 and C_2	2.2 μ F / 400 V
Capacitors C_3 and C_4	2.2 μ F / 400 V
Capacitor C_5 and C_6	2.2 μ F / 400 V
Output capacitor C_o	470 μ F / 450 V

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Hardware Prototype

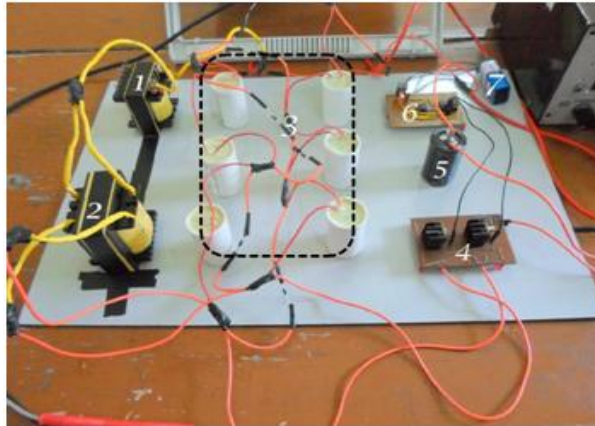


Fig 2.5 Hardware Diagram

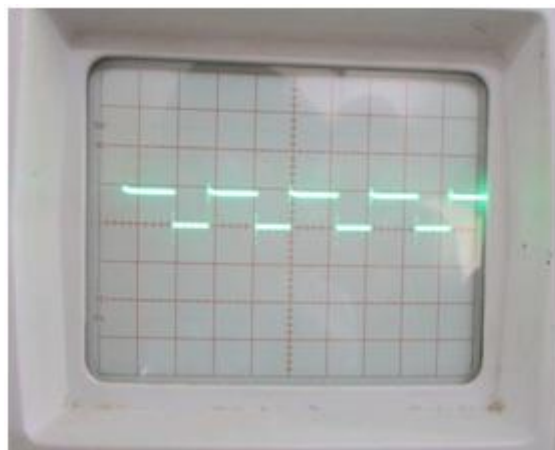


Fig 2.6 Trigger pulse to switch 1

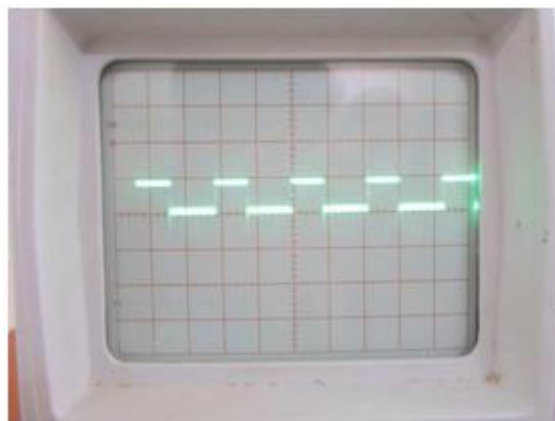


Fig 2.7 Trigger pulse to switch 2

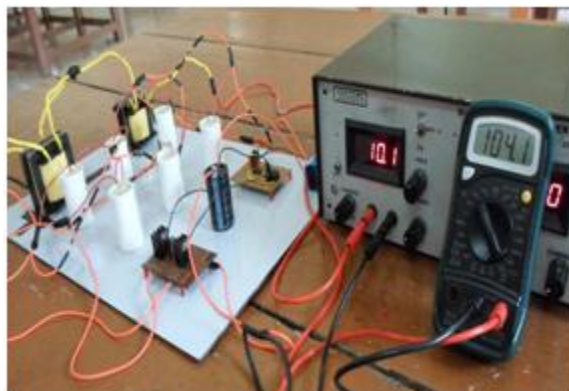
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V. PROTOTYPE OUTPUT

INPUT=10.1V
OUTPUT=104.1V



VI. CONCLUSION

This paper has proposed six generalized nonisolated high gain voltage dc–dc converters. To verify the principle operation of the generated structures, the boost converter was chosen. An important characteristic that can be seen in the experimental results is the reduced blocking voltages across the controlled switches compared to similar circuits, allowing the utilization of MOSFETs with reduced on-resistance. The qualitative analysis, theoretical analysis, losses modeling, and experimental results for a 1-kW prototype have been discussed. The converter achieves about 95.3% efficiency at rated load if compared to similar configurations that were previously proposed in the literature. It is also expected that nonisolated converters based on the 3SSC and VMC may be competitive solutions for high-current-high-voltage-step-up applications if compared with some other isolated approaches. In this prototype a timer circuit is used to produce the trigger pulse to the mosfet. Instead of the timer circuit a microcontroller can be used to provide the trigger pulse. The microcontroller can provide an exact pulse with duty cycle less than 0.5 which helps to increase the efficiency and gain of the converter. Using the components of the same specification can provide more accurate results.

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