Implementation of Multi level inverter for SEPIC Converter with Grid Connected PV System

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Abstract— this paper proposes transformer less grid-connected Single Ended Primary Inductance Converter (SEPIC) for photovoltaic generation systems. The photo voltaic cell can be made up of thin-film solar cell array and the Material used for manufacturing solar cells are polycrystalline si and Mon crystalline si. Using this in solar cell array module enhances the potential to generate the electric power for longer time. The photo voltaic cell can be made up of thin-film solar cell array and the Material used for manufacturing solar cells are polycrystalline si and Mon crystalline si. Using this in solar cell array module enhances the potential to generate the electric power for longer time. The developed model can also be used to extract the physical parameters for a given solar PV cell as a function of temperature and solar radiation. PV strings are connected to a SEPIC converter for three-level inverter to produce output voltage in three levels of Vdc. That was equivalent to the amplitude of the triangular carrier signal were used to generate PWM signals for the switches. The simulation work of these SEPIC converter and multi level inverter with grid connected PV system circuits has been done using MATLAB/SIMULINK software.

Index Terms—DC–DC power conversion, voltage multiplier and solar power generation, renewable energy sources

INTRODUCTION
Because of constantly growing energy demand, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems are becoming more and more popular, and many countries have permitted, encouraged, and even funded distributed-power-generation systems. Currently, solar panels are not very efficient with only about 12–20% efficiency in their ability to convert sunlight to electrical power. The efficiency can drop further due to other factors such as solar panel temperature and load conditions. In order to maximize the power derived from the solar panel, it is important to operate the panel at its optimal power point. To achieve this, a maximum power point tracker will be designed and implemented.

The MATLAB/PSPIRE model of the PV module is developed [1–4] to study the effect of temperature and insolation on the performance of the PV module. The power electronics interface, connected between a solar panel and a load or battery bus, is a pulse width modulated (PWM) DC-DC converter or their derived circuits used to extract maximum power from solar PV panel. I-V characteristic curve of photovoltaic generators based on various DC-DC converters [5–8] was proposed and concluded that SEPIC converter is the best alternative to track maximum power from PV panel.

The various types of non-isolated DC-DC converters for the photo voltaic system is reviewed [9]. The maximum power tracking for PV panel using DCDC converter is developed [10] without using microcontroller. This approach ensures maximum power transfer under all atmospheric conditions. The analogue chaotic PWM is used to reduce the EMI in boost converter. The conversion efficiency is increased when CPWM is used as a control technique [11]. To increase conversion efficiency, an active clamp circuit is introduced into the proposed one to provide soft switching features to reduce switching losses. Moreover, switches in the converter and active clamp circuit are integrated with a synchronous switching technique to reduce circuit complexity and component counts, resulting in a lower cost and smaller volume [12].

The wide use of fossil fuel has resulted in the emission of greenhouse gases which results in pollution. In spite of the increase in fuel cost there is an increase in renewable energy trading. The run provides the energy needed to sustain life in our system. It is clean, inexhaustible, abundantly, and universally scare of RE. The most popular renewable energy is solar energy, that can be utilized directly in two ways (1) by collecting the radiant heat and using it in a thermal systemor (2) collecting and converting it directly to electrical energy using photovoltaic system. The thin-film solar cell has the potential to generate the electric power for longer time, than a crystalline si solar cell and thin film can be easily combined with glass, plastics, metal, and it can be incorporated [13].

The SEPIC converter should operate with high switching frequency. However, as the switching frequency increases, the reverse recovery current of the output diode affects the
switching devices in the form of additional switching losses. Other adverse effects of the reverse-recovery problem include electromagnetic interference (EMI) noises and additional thermal management. Also, the switch utilization factor in the SEPIC converter is much lower than that of other topologies, such as the buck and boost converters. In other words, the power-handling capabilities of the semiconductor devices in the SEPIC converter are much lower than those of the buck or the boost converter at the same power level. Thus, the reduction of reverse recovery loss is particularly important for the SEPIC converter [14].

Different topologies MLIs for the conversion from DC to AC are available such as Neutral point clamped MLI (NPC-MLI), Flying capacitor MLI (FC-MLI), Cascade H-Bridge MLI (CHB-MLI) and Asymmetrical Cascade H-Bridge Multilevel inverters. Among them CHB-MLIs are mostly used for PV applications because each cell of CHBMLI requires separate DC sources which can be easily supplied by individual PV arrays and each H-Bridge cell will be available in a single module6. The number of levels of the output wave form increased by cascading the no. of H Bridge cells. There is a large no. of control techniques developed so far to control the operation of multilevel inverters such as SVPWM, SPWM, OHPWM, SHE-PWM, Hybrid modulation [15].

Figure 1. Grid connected converter systems with SEPIC converter.

Figure 1 shows that the solar array module producing lower level DC voltage, and this voltage is feedback to input of SEPIC converter. Based on the requirement these SEPIC converter performs both boost and buck operation. And this change in voltage is the output of SEPIC converter. This output is passed as a input to the inverter, to convert the DC voltage to AC voltage and connected to load. The conventional method boost converter is acts as the step-up converter, and the output voltage is greater than the input voltage, and drawback of this method is only the voltage is stepped up and one inductor is used so energy storage is less compare to proposed system SEPIC converter is used in the proposed method. It is a DC-DC converter to allow the electrical potential (voltage) at its output to be greater than or lesser than the input voltage. It can use coupled inductors and take the form of a single package at cost slightly higher than single inductor. The purpose of inductor is to store the energy in the form of electromagnetic field [5]-[6] Proposed converter is controlled by the duty cycle control method. By increasing duty cycle output voltage can be controlled. The advantage of SEPIC is non-inverted output voltage (the output voltage is of the same polarity as the input voltage).

II PROPOSED CONVERTER WITHOUT MAGNETIC COUPLING

A. Power Circuit without Magnetic Coupling

The step-up and step-down static gain of the SEPIC converter is an interesting operation characteristic for a wide input voltage range application. However, the switch voltage is equal the sum of the input and output voltages, and the static gain is lower than the classical boost converter. The modification of the SEPIC converter is accomplished adding only two components with the inclusion of the diode DM and the capacitor CM, as presented in Fig.2. Many operational characteristics of the classical SEPIC converter are changed with the proposed modification, as the elevation of the converter static gain. The capacitor CM is charged with the output voltage of the classical boost converter. The polarity of the CS capacitor voltage is inverted in the proposed converter and the expressions of the capacitors voltages and other operation characteristics are presented in the theoretical analysis. The continuous conduction mode (CCM) of the modified SEPIC converter presents two operation stages. All...
Capacitors are considered as a voltage source and the semiconductors are considered ideals for the theoretical analysis.

1) First Stage \( [t_0-t_1] \) (Fig. 2): At the instant \( t_0 \), switch \( S \) is turned off and the energy stored in the input inductor \( L_1 \) is transferred to the output through the CS capacitor and output diode \( D_o \) and also is transferred to the CM capacitor through the diode \( D_M \). Therefore, the switch voltage is equal to the CM capacitor voltage. The energy stored in the inductor \( L_2 \) is transferred to the output through the diode \( D_o \).

2) Second Stage \( [t_1-t_2] \) (Fig. 3): At the instant \( t_1 \), switch \( S \) is turned on and the diodes \( D_M \) and \( D_o \) are blocked and the inductors \( L_1 \) and \( L_2 \) store energy. The input voltage is applied to the input inductor \( L_1 \) and the voltage \( V_{CS}-V_{CM} \) is applied to the inductor \( L_2 \). The VCM voltage is higher than the VC voltage. The main theoretical waveforms operating with hard switching commutation are presented in Fig. 4. The maximum voltage in all diodes and in the power switch is equal to the CM capacitor voltage. The output voltage is equal to the sum of the CS and CM capacitors voltage. The average \( L_1 \) inductor current is equal to the input current, and the average \( L_2 \) inductor current is equal to the output current. The static gain of the proposed converter can be obtained considering null the average inductors voltage at the steady state and it is presented in (1) considering the CCM operation. The static gain of the proposed converter is higher than the obtained with the classical boost.

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\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{1 + D}{1 - D}.
\]

(1)

The CM capacitor voltage is calculated by (2) that is the same output voltage of the classical boost converter. The maximum switch voltage is equal to the VCM voltage. Therefore, the switch voltage will be lower than the converter output voltage.

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\frac{V_{CM}}{V_i} = \frac{1}{1 - D}.
\]

(2)

The voltage across the CS capacitor is calculated by (3)

\[
\frac{V_{CS}}{V_i} = \frac{D}{1 - D}.
\]

(3)

The static gain of the classical SEPIC, boost and modified SEPIC converters are presented in Fig. 5. As it can be observed in this figure, with a duty cycle equal to \( D=0.818 \), a static gain equal to 10 is obtained, and the switch voltage is equal to 5.5 times the input voltage. Therefore, the switch voltage is close to half of the output voltage. The theoretical analysis, operation stages, and waveforms of the modified SEPIC converter operating in discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) is not presented in this paper. However, the static gain and the CM and CS capacitor voltages operating in DCM are presented in (4), (5), and (6), respectively.
II. PROPOSED CONVERTER WITH MAGNETIC COUPLING

A. Power Circuit with Magnetic Coupling

The modified SEPIC converter without magnetic coupling can operate with the double of the static gain of the classical boost converter for a high duty-cycle operation. However, a very high static gain is necessary in some applications. A practical limitation for the modified SEPIC converter in order to maintain the converter performance is a duty cycle close to \( D = 0.85 \), resulting in a maximum static gain equal to \( q = 12.3 \). As a simple solution to elevate the static gain without increasing the duty cycle and the switch voltage, a secondary winding in the \( L_2 \) inductor is included. The \( L_2 \) inductor operates similarly to a back–boost inductor and a secondary winding can increase the output voltage by the inductor windings turns ratio \( n \), operating as a fly back transformer. Fig. 6 shows this alternative circuit. However, this converter structure presents the problem of overvoltage at the output diode \( D_0 \) due to the existence of the coupling winding \( L_2 \) leakage inductance. The energy stored in the leakage inductance, due to the reverse recovery current of the output diode, results in voltage ring and high reverse voltage at the diode \( D_0 \). This overvoltage is not easily controlled with classical snubber or dissipative clamping. A simple solution for this problem is the inclusion of a voltage multiplier at the secondary side as presented in Fig. 7. This voltage multiplier increases the converter static gain, the voltage across Diode is reduced to a value lower than the output voltage and the energy stored in the leakage inductance is transferred to the output. Therefore, the secondary voltage multiplier composed by the diode \( D_2 \) and capacitor \( C_2 \) is also a non-dissipative clamping circuit for the output diode. The circuit presented in Fig. 6 is the power circuit studied in this paper. The solutions based on the classical boost converter with magnetic coupling or the integration of the magnetic coupling and the voltage multiplier cell can present very high voltage gain and an excellent performance as presented in [11]–[12]. However, as the magnetic coupling is accomplished with the input inductor in the boost-based solutions, the input current ripple is significantly increased and depends on the inductor winding turns ratio. Increasing the inductor turns ratio and the static gain, the input current ripple rises. The input current ripple increment is a non-desirable operation characteristic for some applications as the fuel cell power source. As the magnetic coupling is not accomplished with the input inductor in the proposed topology, the input current ripple is low and is not changed by the magnetic coupling. There are also some proposed solutions based on the integration of the SEPIC converter with boost and fly back dc–dc converters. An isolated active clamp SEPIC-fly back converter is presented in [13] in order to obtain high efficiency. However, the proposed topology presents pulsating input current, and the active clamp technique increases the converter complexity with an additional controlled switch and command circuit. The integration of the boost converter with a SEPIC converter is also proposed in [14] and [15]. Some operation characteristics of this converter are similar to the circuit with magnetic...
coupling proposed in this paper. The main differences of the proposed converter with respect the previous topology are the ZCS switch turn-on obtained with a resonant operation stage, reducing the commutation losses even in the operation with light load and a higher static gain considering the same transformer turns ratio, reducing the converter duty cycle and the switch voltage. The CCM operation of the modified SEPIC converter with magnetic coupling and output diode clamping presents five operation stages. All capacitors are considered as a voltage source, and the semiconductors are considered ideals for the theoretical analysis.

1) **First Stage** \([t_0−t_1]\) (Fig.6): The power switch \(S\) is conducting and the input inductor \(L_1\) stores energy. The capacitor \(C_S2\) is charged by the secondary winding \(L_2\) and diode \(D_{M2}\). The leakage inductance limits the current and the energy transfer occurs in a resonant way. The output diode is blocked, and the maximum diode voltage is equal to \((V_o−V_{CM})\). At the instant \(t_1\), the energy transfer to the capacitor \(C_S2\) is finished and the diode \(D_{M2}\) is blocked.

2) **Second Stage** \([t_1−t_2]\) (Fig 7): From the instant \(t_1\), when the diode \(D_{M2}\) is blocked, to the instant \(t_2\) when the power switch is turned OFF, the inductors \(L_1\) and \(L_2\) store energy and the currents linearly increase.

3) **Third Stage** \([t_2−t_3]\) (Fig.8): At the instant \(t_2\) the power switch \(S\) is turned OFF. The energy stored in the \(L_1\) inductor is transferred to the \(CM\) capacitor. Also, there is the energy transfer to the output through the capacitors \(C_{S1}, C_{S2}\) inductor \(L_2\) and output diode \(D_o\).

4) **Fourth Stage** \([t_3−t_4]\) (Fig.9): At the instant \(t_3\), the energy transfer to the capacitor \(CM\) is finished and the diode \(D_{M1}\) is blocked. The energy transfer to the output is maintained until the instant \(t_4\), when the power switch is turned ON.

5) **Fifth Stage** \([t_4−t_5]\) (Fig.10): When the power switch is turned ON at the instant \(t_4\), the current at the output diode \(D_o\) linearly decreases and the \(di/dt\) is limited by the transformer leakage inductance, reducing the diode reverse recovery current problems. When the output diode is blocked, the converter returns to the first operation stage. The main theoretical waveforms of the modified SEPIC converter with magnetic coupling and with the voltage multiplier at the secondary side are presented in Fig.13. The switch voltage and the voltage across all diodes is lower than the output voltage. The power switch turn-on occurs with almost zero current reducing significantly the switching losses. The current variation ratio \((di/dt)\) presented by all diodes is limited due to the presence of the coupling inductor leakage inductance, reducing the negative effects of the diode reverse recovery current.
Fig. 11. Main theoretical waveforms of the modified SEPIC converter with magnetic coupling and voltage multiplier at the secondary side.

The static gain of the modified SEPIC converter with magnetic coupling and voltage multiplier is calculated by (8). The static gain can be increased by the windings turns ratio \( n \) without increasing the switch voltage

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\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{1}{1 - D} \cdot (1 + n)
\]  

(8)

Where the inductor windings turns ratio \( n \) is calculated by

\[
n = \frac{N_{L2s}}{N_{L2p}}.
\]  

(9)

IV. PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SYSTEM

In the crystalline silicon PV module, the complex physics of the PV cell can be represented by the equivalent electrical circuit shown in Fig. 12. For that equivalent circuit, a set of equations have been derived, based on standard theory, which allows the operation of a single solar cell to be simulated using data from manufacturers or field experiments.

The series resistance \( R_s \) represents the internal losses due to the current flow. Shunt resistance \( R_{sh} \), in parallel with diode, this corresponds to the leakage current to the ground. The single exponential equation which models a PV cell is extracted from the physics of the PN junction and is widely agreed as echoing the behaviour of the PV cell

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l = I_s - I_s \left( \exp \left( \frac{V + R_s l}{V_t} \right) - 1 \right) - \frac{(V + R_p l)}{R_{sh}}
\]  

(10)

The number of PV modules connected in parallel and series in PV array are used in expression. The \( V_t \) is also defined in terms of the ideality factor of PN junction \( n \), Boltzmann’s constant \( K_B \), temperature of photovoltaic array \( T \), and the electron charge \( q \). Applied a dynamical electrical array reconfiguration (EAR) strategy on the photovoltaic (PV) generator of a grid-connected PV system based on a plant-oriented configuration, in order to improve its energy production when the operating conditions of the solar panels are different. The EAR strategy is carried out by inserting a controllable switching matrix between the PV generator and the central inverter, which allows the electrical reconnection of the available PV modules.

V. Diode Clamped Multilevel Inverters

The diode clamped multilevel inverter uses capacitors in series to divide up the dc bus voltage into a set of voltage levels. To produce \( m \) levels of the phase voltage, an \( m \) level diode clamp inverter needs \((m-1)\) capacitors on the dc bus.
In this paper, diode clamped multilevel inverters topology is used shown in fig. 13.

**VLMATLAB/SIMULINK RESULTS**

Here the different cases are presents Case.1. Proposed Converter without Magnetic Coupling. Case.2. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling. Case.3. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and closed loop controller. Case.4. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and inverter with grid connected PV.

**Case 1. Proposed Converter without Magnetic Coupling.**

![Fig. 13. Diode Clamped Three Level Inverter.](image1)

**Case 2. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling.**

![Fig. 16. Input current, output voltage, switch current, and voltage of the modified SEPIC converter without magnetic coupling.](image2)

![Fig. 17. L1 and L2 inductor current of the modified SEPIC converter without magnetic coupling.](image3)

**Case 3. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and closed loop controller.**

**Case 4. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and inverter with grid connected PV.**

![Fig. 18. Matlab/Simulink Model of the Modified SEPIC Converter with Magnetic Coupling.](image4)

![Fig. 19. Switch current and switch voltage of the Modified SEPIC converter with magnetic coupling and voltage multiplier.](image5)
Case 3. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and closed loop controller.

Case 4. Proposed Converter with Magnetic Coupling and inverter with grid connected PV.
Two new topologies of non isolated high static gain converters are presented in this paper. The first topology without magnetic coupling can operate with a static gain higher than 10 with a reduced switch voltage. The structure with magnetic coupling can operate with static gain higher than 20 maintaining low the switch voltage. The circuit topology, control algorithm, and operating principle of the proposed inverter have been analyzed in detail. The configuration is suitable for PV application as the PV strings operate independently and later expansion is possible. This paper presents simulation of multilevel inverter for SEPIC converter with grid connected PV system performs the three level inverter and grid current.

VII. CONCLUSION


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