

Analysis and Design of a Non-Isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converter with High Voltage Ratio for Battery Storage System

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Abstract—The energy storage system strengthens the grid resiliency and reliability and also has the ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But the most energy storage sources such as batteries and ultra-capacitors, have low terminal voltage. To integrate these energy sources into hybrid system necessitate high voltage conversion ratio power electronic topologies to meet the load requirement of the system. Practically, the traditional step-up or step-down DC-DC converters are not feasible to meet a wide range of conversions. A hybrid structure of a bi-directional high-gain DC-DC converter (HGBDC) has been developed by integrating capacitors and inductors. This converter offers enhanced conversion ratio at lower duty ratios and enables bi-directional energy transfer with a simplified component layout while utilizing fewer semiconductors and passive components. The operational principles, steady-state analysis, and performance of this topology have been thoroughly explained. Additionally, a comprehensive comparative study has been conducted with the recent literature to show superiority of proposed converter. To validate the performance and feasibility of the proposed bidirectional converter MATLAB/Simulink simulation results for output power of 500 W are presented.

Keywords— step-up, step-down, battery storage, dc-link, non-isolated, DC-DC converter

I. INTRODUCTION

Global policies aimed at decarbonizing [1] energy are driving the adoption of variable renewable energy sources (RES) such as solar photo-voltaic cells (PVs), wind, fuel cells, and hydro power [2-3] in the widespread electrification of transportation. However, the intermittent and variable nature of these RES can impact their output reliability, often resulting in the generation of minimal and less dependable voltage ranges. To enhance RES reliability, energy storage devices (ESDs) such as batteries or super-capacitors are utilized. Power electronic conversion technologies act as intermediaries between low-voltage ESDs and the grids to facilitate smooth energy transfer and management within electrical systems [4]. Within this framework, there's a growing interest in leveraging the substantial energy storage capacity of electric vehicles (EVs) to support the integration of renewables, a concept known as vehicle-to-grid (V2G) and grid-to-vehicles (G2V). The idea entails charging EV batteries during off-peak periods of demand or when renewable generation is high, with the stored energy subsequently available to be fed back into the grid as reserve power. In order to fulfil mentioned requirements, a high-gain bidirectional DC-DC converter is required to employ in hybrid energy systems. These converter play a crucial role in

transferring the power bi-directionally from the battery to grid.

Reliable and efficient high gain step-up and step-down DC-DC converters are used in multiple emerging applications such as battery storage, fuel cells, PV cells, LED lighting and X-ray power [5]. In order to fulfil mentioned requirements, a high-gain bidirectional DC-DC converter is required to employ in hybrid energy systems. These converter play a crucial role in transferring the power bi-directionally from the battery to grid and grid to battery. Therefore, developing a wide range of voltage gain bi-directional converters with fewer components is still a challenging task. Bi-directional converters face significant common limitations; low voltage gain, higher components counts, bulky, and low efficiency. Numerous bi-directional converters [6-15] documented in prior literature for various applications possess both pros and cons. Certainly, the conventional buck-boost converter [16] is suitable for achieving step-up/down voltage gain due to its simple structure and ease of control. However, in the conventional buck-boost converter, the power switch and output diode must withstand significant high voltage stresses and the input current ripple. Converters [6-7] have the voltage gains of $2/(1-D_H)$ and $D_L/2$ in step-up and step-down operations respectively. Converter [6] have low voltage stress and reduced current ripple but it uses more number of components. Where converter [7] uses a minimal number of components, but it can only achieve a limited gain range, making it suitable for specific applications. Converters [8-9] have voltage gain of $(2+D_H)/(1-D_H)$ in step-up operation and $D_L/(3-D_L)$ in step-down operation. Converter [9] have low voltage stress and reduced input current ripple across the power MOSFETs but exhibits low voltage gain.

In [10], with voltage gains of $3/(1-D_H)$ and $D_L/3$, a switched-capacitor-based interleaved bi-directional converter is proposed for EV applications, aiming for a higher gain. The circuit in [11] offers high voltage gain of $4/(1-D_H)$ and $D_L/4$ with inherent equal current sharing characteristics. However, converters [10-11] require a high duty ratio to achieve maximum gain, which is not suitable for a wide range of gain applications. Converters [12-14] can achieve extreme voltage with lower duty ratios compared to [10-11]. Converter [12] have voltage gains of $(1-0.33D_H)/(1-D_H)^2$ and $1.5D_L^2$ and uses an intermediate storage capacitor to improve voltage gain and employs a resonant network for ZVS operation. In [13], a quasi-Z-source-based switched capacitor network is proposed with voltage gain $2/(1-2D_H)$ and $D_L^2/(1+D_L)$ to achieve a high conversion ratio at lower duty ratios. However, this converter's gain is limited to duty ratio, increasing control complexity. Converter [14] have voltage gain of $2(3+D_H)/(1-D_H)$ and $D_H/2$ and converter [15] exhibits voltage gain of $1/(1-D_H)$.

D_H^2 and D_L^2 . Converters [14-15] are highly suitable for most emerging high-gain applications, they require a larger number of components.

The use of more switches can lead to increased switching losses, resulting in decreased efficiency, and increased system size and cost. Therefore, this work aims to overcome the mentioned drawbacks by proposing a high-gain bi-directional dc-dc converter (HGBDC) for battery storage system applications is presented.

II. OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF THE PROPOSED BI-DIRECTIONAL CONVERTER

The proposed high gain bidirectional dc-dc converter (HGBDC) incorporates two inductors, four capacitors, and five power MOSFETs as shown Fig. 1(a). The circuit arrangement of step-up mode of operation is shown in Fig. 1(b) and step-down mode operation is shown in Fig. 1(c). Two of the MOSFETs are used in step-up mode, while the remaining three are employed in step-down mode. In addition to improved voltage gain, the proposed converter reduces voltage stress on the MOSFETs.

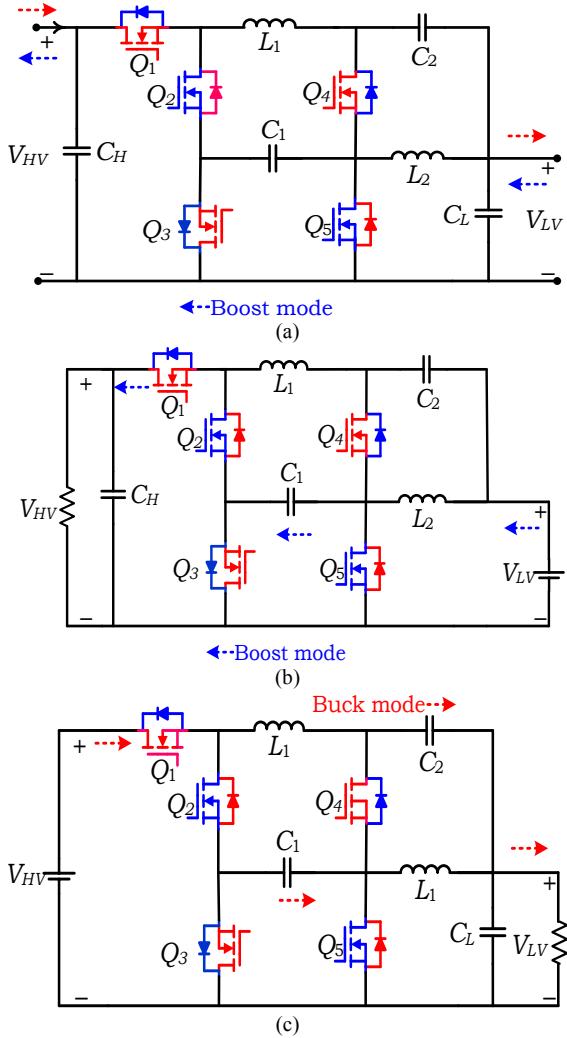


Fig.1 (a) Proposed bidirectional high-voltage gain dc-dc converter (b) step-up mode (c) step-down mode.

A. Step-up mode of operation

The step-up operation of proposed converter is presented under continuous conduction mode (CCM) are shown in Fig. 2(a) and (b) and respective analytical waveforms are shown

in Fig. 3(a). Similarly, discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) operation are presented in Fig. 2(a), (b) and (c) and analytical waveforms are shown in Fig. 3(b).

Mode 1 [$t_0 - t_1$]: At the time instant t_0 , Q_2 and Q_5 are switched ON and Q_1 , Q_3 and Q_4 are switched OFF. The equivalent circuit and current-carrying paths of mode 1 are shown in Fig. 2(a). Inductor L_2 energies from the low voltage source (V_{LV}) via path $V_{LV}-L_2-Q_5$. Inductor L_1 is energized from C_1 and C_2 via path $V_{L1}-V_{C1}-V_{L2}-Q_2-V_{C2}$. Thus voltages across the inductors derived as,

$$V_{L2} = V_{LV} \quad (1)$$

$$V_{L1} = V_{LV} + V_{C1} + V_{C2} \quad (2)$$

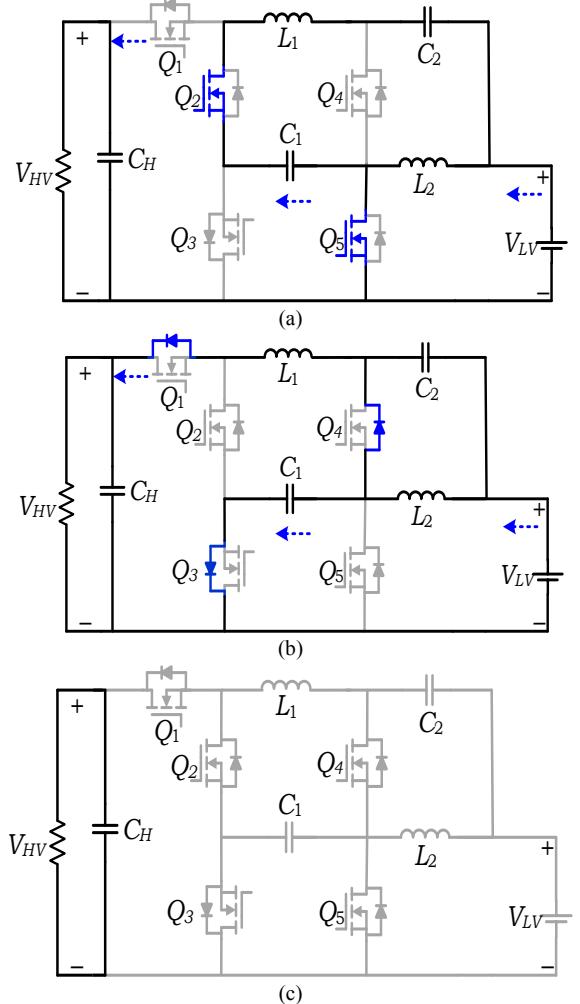


Fig. 2 Equivalent circuit of proposed converter in step-up operation (a) CCM and DCM (b) CCM and DCM (c) DCM.

Mode 2 [$t_1 - t_2$]: At time instant t_1 , anti-parallel diodes of Q_1 , Q_3 , and Q_4 are turned ON, and where switches Q_2 and Q_5 are turned OFF. The equivalent circuit and current-carrying paths of mode 2 are shown in the Fig. 2(b). The stored energy in the inductor L_2 de-energizes in the path via $V_{LV}-V_{L2}-V_{C1}-Q_3$ and $V_{L2}-Q_4-V_{C2}$. Inductor L_1 de-energizes via path $V_{L1}-Q_1-V_{HV}-V_{C1}$. The voltages across the inductors are

$$V_{L2} = -(V_{C1} - V_{LV}) = -V_{C2} \quad (3)$$

$$V_{L1} = -(V_{HV} - V_{C1}) \quad (4)$$

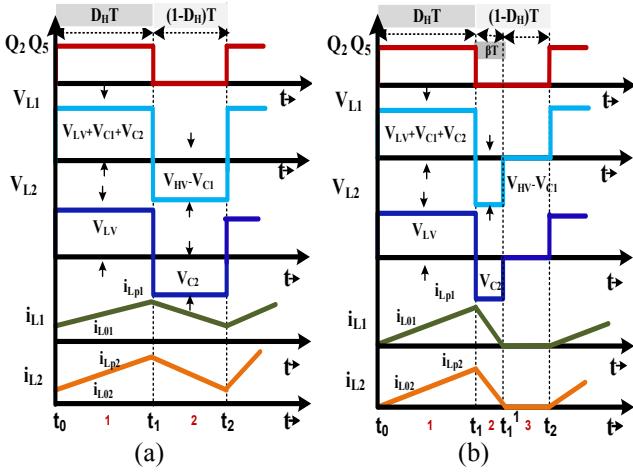


Fig. 3 Analytical waveforms of proposed converter in step-up operation (a) CCM (b) DCM

B. Step-down mode of operation

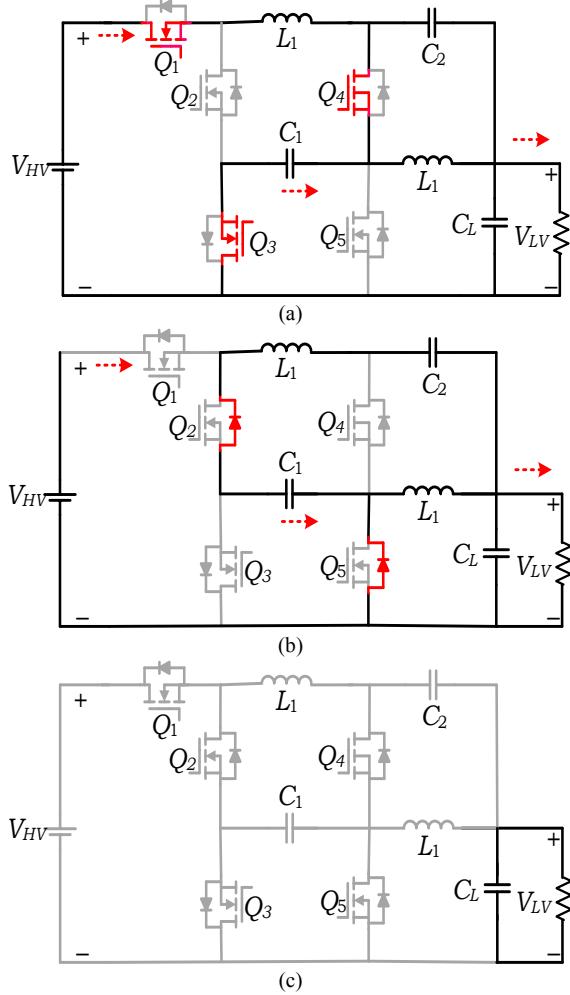


Fig. 2 Equivalent circuit of proposed converter in step-down operation (a) CCM and DCM (b) CCM and DCM (c) DCM.

The step-down operation of proposed converter is presented under continuous conduction mode (CCM) are presented in Fig. 4(a) and (b) and analytical waveforms are presented in Fig. 5(a). Similarly, operation of proposed converter is

$$V_{C1} = \frac{D_H}{1 - D_H} \quad (10)$$

From (2) and (4) L_1 inductor voltages are,

presented under discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) are presented in Fig. 4(a), (b) and (c) and analytical waveforms are presented in Fig. 5(b).

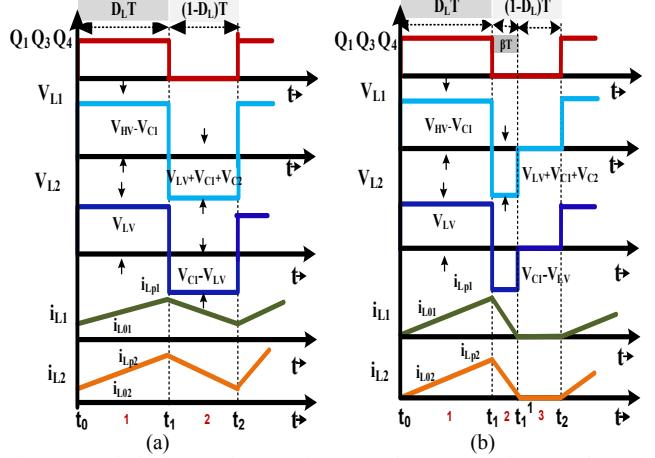


Fig. 5 Analytical waveforms of proposed converter in step-down operation (a) CCM (b) DCM

Mode 1 [$t_0 - t_1$]: At time instant t_0 , the switches Q_1 , Q_3 and Q_4 are switched ON, and Q_2 and Q_5 are turned OFF. The operation in mode 1 of the converter is presented through the equivalent circuit. Inductor L_1 energies from high voltage (V_{HV}) via current-carrying paths $V_{HV}-Q_1-V_{L1}-Q_4-V_{C1}-Q_3$, as shown in Fig. 4(a). Inductor L_2 energies from via current-carrying paths $Q_3-V_{C1}-V_{L2}-V_{LV}$ and $V_{L2}-Q_4-V_{C2}$. The voltages across the inductors expressed from the circuit are given below

$$V_{L2} = V_{C1} - V_{LV} = V_{C2} \quad (5)$$

$$V_{L1} = V_{HV} - V_{C1} \quad (6)$$

Mode 2 [$t_1 - t_2$]: At time instant t_1 , anti-parallel diodes of Q_2 and Q_5 are switched ON, and Q_1 , Q_3 and Q_4 are switched OFF as shown in Fig. 4(b). The stored energy in the inductor L_1 de-energizes via path $V_{L2}-V_{C1}-D_2-V_{L1}-V_{C2}$. The inductor L_2 starts de-energizes in the path via $V_{LV}-D_5-V_{L2}$. The voltages across the inductors

$$V_{L2} = -V_{LV} \quad (7)$$

$$V_{L1} = -(V_{LV} + V_{C1} + V_{C2}) \quad (8)$$

III. STEADY STATE ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED BI-DIRECTIONAL CONVERTER

Steady-state gain analysis of proposed converter in step-up mode and step-down mode of operations during CCM and DCM are presented as follows.

A. Gain analysis of the proposed converter

a) Step-up voltage conversion ratio

From volt-sec balance principle, L_2 inductor voltages (1) and (3) are,

$$V_{LV}(D_H) + (-V_{C2})(1 - D_H) = 0$$

$$V_{C2} = \frac{V_{LV}D_H}{1 - D_H} \quad (9)$$

By substituting (9) in (3)

$$(V_{LV} + V_{C1} + V_{C2})D_H + (V_{C1} - V_{HV})(1 - D_H) = 0$$

$$V_{LV}D_H + V_{C2}D_H + V_{C1} = V_{HV}(1 - D_H) \quad (11)$$

By substituting (9) and (10) in (11)

$$V_{LV} \left(\frac{1+D_H}{1-D_H} \right) = V_{HV} (1-D_H)$$

From above voltage gain of the proposed converter in step-up mode of operation is

$$Gain_{step-up} = \frac{V_{HV}}{V_{LV}} = \frac{1+D_H}{(1-D_H)^2} \quad (12)$$

The equivalent circuit in Fig. 2(c) and analytical waveform in Fig. 3(b) are shown under DCM operation. The voltage conversion ratio ($Gain_{step-up_DCM}$) in DCM operation under step-up mode is

$$Gain_{step-up_DCM} = \frac{V_{HV}}{V_{LV}} = \left(\frac{1}{2(D_H - 1)} \right) \left(\pm \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{8D_H^2}{\tau} \right)} - 1 \right) \quad (13)$$

From (12) and (13), the time constant ($\tau_{LB_step-up}$) in step-up operation is derived as,

$$\tau_{LB_step-up} = \left(\frac{D_H (1-D_H)^2}{1-D_H} \right) \quad (14)$$

The boundary between CCM and DCM operation of proposed converter in step-up mode is shown Fig. 6(a) and external characteristics are shown in Fig 6(b).

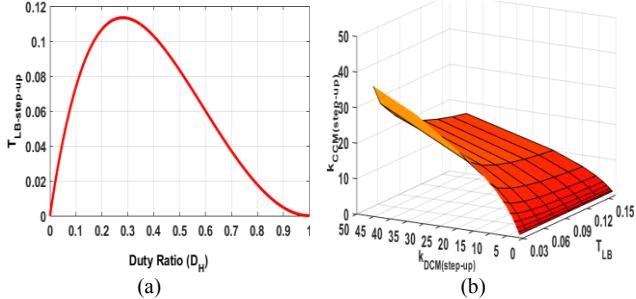


Fig. 6 (a) boundary condition between CCM and DCM (b) External characteristics of proposed converter in step-up operation

b) Step-down voltage conversion ratio

From volt-sec balance principle, L_2 inductor voltages (5) and (7) are,

$$V_{C2}(D_L) + (-V_{LV})(1-D_L) = 0$$

$$V_{C2} = \frac{V_{LV}(1-D_L)}{D_L} \quad (15)$$

By Substituting (15) in (5)

$$V_{C1} = \frac{V_{LV}}{D_L} \quad (16)$$

From (6) and (8) inductor L_1 voltages are,

$$(V_{HV} - V_{C1})D_L - (V_{LV} + V_{C1} + V_{C2})(1-D_L) = 0$$

$$V_{HV}D_L = V_{C1} + V_{C2}(1-D_L) + V_{LV}(1-D_L) \quad (17)$$

By substituting (15) and (16) in (17)

$$V_{LV} \left(\frac{2-D_L}{D_L} \right) = V_{HV}D_L$$

From above voltage gain of the proposed converter in step-up mode of operation is

$$Gain_{step-down} = \frac{V_{LV}}{V_{HV}} = \frac{D_L^2}{2-D_L} \quad (18)$$

The equivalent circuit in Fig. 4(c) and analytical waveform in Fig 5(b) are shown under DCM operation. The voltage

conversion ratio ($Gain_{step-down_DCM}$) in DCM operation under step-down mode is

$$Gain_{step-down_DCM} = \frac{V_L}{V_H} = \left(\frac{D_L^2(1-D_L)}{\sqrt{2\tau}(2-D_L)} \right) \quad (19)$$

From (18) and (19), the time constant ($\tau_{LB_step-down}$) in step-down operation is derived as,

$$\tau_{LB_step-down} = \left(\frac{(1-D_L)^2}{2} \right) \quad (20)$$

The boundary between CCM and DCM operation of proposed converter in step-down mode is shown Fig. 7(a) and external characteristics are shown in Fig 7(b).

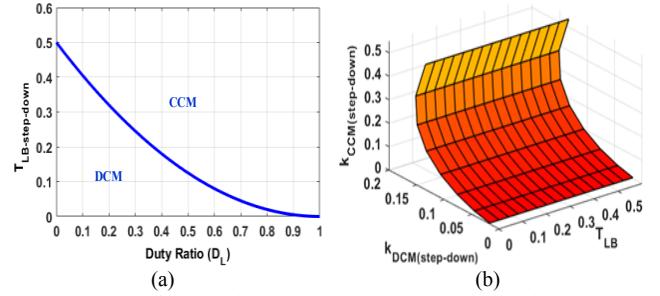


Fig. 7 (a) boundary condition between CCM and DCM (b) External characteristics of proposed converter in step-down operation

B. Voltage and current stress analysis

The voltage stresses of proposed bi-directional converter during step-up and step-down mode of operation are derived in (21) and (22). Similarly, current stresses of proposed converter are during step-up and step-down mode of operation are derived in (23) and (24).

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{Q1} &= \left(\frac{(1+D_H)^2 + (1-D_H)^3}{1+D_H(1-D_H)^2} \right) V_{HV} \\ V_{Q2} &= V_{HV} \\ V_{Q3} &= V_{Q4} = V_{Q5} = \left(\frac{1-D_H}{1+D_H} \right) V_{HV} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (21)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{Q1} &= \left(\frac{1+D_L}{D_L} \right) V_{LV} \\ V_{Q2} &= V_{LV} \\ V_{Q3} &= V_{Q4} = V_{Q5} = \frac{V_{LV}}{D_L} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (22)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{Q1} &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-D_H}(1-D_H)} \right) I_{LV} \\ I_{Q2} &= \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{D_H}(1-D_H)} \right) I_{LV} \\ I_{Q3} &= \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-D_H}(1-D_H)^2} \right) I_{LV} \\ I_{Q4} &= \left(\frac{1+D_H}{\sqrt{1-D_H}(1-D_H)^2} \right) I_{LV} \\ I_{Q5} &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{D_H}(1+D_H)}{(1-D_H)^2} \right) I_{LV} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (23)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{Q1} &= \left(\frac{D_L \sqrt{D_L}}{(2-D_L)} \right) I_{HV} \\ I_{Q2} &= \left(\frac{2D_L^2}{\sqrt{1-D_L}(2-D_L)} \right) I_{HV} \\ I_{Q3} &= \left(\frac{2(1-D_L)}{\sqrt{D_L}(2-D_L)} \right) I_{HV} \\ I_{Q4} &= \left(\sqrt{D_L} \right) I_{HV} \\ I_{Q5} &= \left(\sqrt{1-D_L} \right) I_{HV} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

C. Parameter Design

Based on the current ripples (ΔI_L) and voltage ripples (ΔV_C) of the inductors and capacitors, the sizes of the inductors for both step-up and step-down modes of operation are derived and shown in (25). Similarly, capacitors for both step-up and step-down modes can be derived as shown in (26), respectively. The maximum values from these equations are considered for the final selection of inductors and capacitors.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L_1 &\geq \frac{2D_H V_{LV}}{\Delta i_{L_1}(1-D_H)f_S} \geq \frac{2(1-D_L)V_{HV}}{(2-D_L)\Delta i_{L_1}f_S} \\ L_2 &\geq \frac{D_H V_{LV}}{\Delta i_{L_2}f_S} \geq \frac{D_L^2(1-D_L)V_{HV}}{\Delta i_{L_2}(2-D_L)f_S} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (25)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_H &\geq \frac{D_H I_{LV}}{\Delta V_{HV}f_S}; C_L \geq \frac{(1-D_L)I_{HV}}{\Delta V_{LV}f_S} \\ C_1 &\geq \frac{2I_{LV}}{\Delta V_{C1}(1-D_H)f_S} \geq \frac{2D_L(1-D_L)I_{HV}}{(2-D_L)\Delta V_{C1}f_S} \\ C_2 &\geq \frac{2D_H I_{LV}}{(1-D_H)\Delta V_{C2}f_S} \geq \frac{2D_L^2(1-D_L)I_{HV}}{(2-D_L)\Delta V_{C2}f_S} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (26)$$

IV. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED BI-DIRECTIONAL CONVERTER

To verify the superiority and performance of the proposed bi-directional DC-DC converter, the most recent reported topologies [6-15] have been considered and compared with the proposed converter across various critical aspects. A detailed comparative analysis is summarized in Table I and voltage gain vs duty ratio plots under step-up and step-down operations are shown in Fig. 8(a) and (b). From this plots, it is clearly indicates that proposed converter achieves higher voltage gain in low duty ratio compared to existing converters with minimum number of components.

TABLE-I

Topology	[6], 2018	[7], 2018	[8], 2021	[9], 2019	[10], 2019	[11], 2021	[12], 2018	[13], 2021	[14], 2019	[15], 2018	Proposed
N_S	5	4	5	5	8	6	7	7	9	6	5
N_L	2	1	3	2	3	2	5	2	2	2	2
N_C	4	4	5	6	6	5	6	6	5	3	4
N_T	11	9	13	13	17	13	18	15	16	11	11
% η_{max} Step-up, P_O	91.8%, 1kW	94.3%, 300W	96.4%, 1kW	94.09%, 400W	95.8%, 700W	95.6%, 1kW	97.5%, 200W	96.5%, 300W	91.4%, 490W	89%, 200W	95.3%, 500W
% η_{max} Step-down, P_O	91.8%, 1kW	94.45%, 300W	96.67%, 1kW	94.4%, 400W	95.9%, 700W	97.7%, 1W	95.5%, 200W	91.3%, 300W	91.3%, 490W	90.3%, 200W	95.6%, 500W
Step-Up Gain	$\frac{2}{1-D_H}$	$\frac{2+D_H}{1-D_H}$	$\frac{3}{1-D_H}$	$\frac{4}{1-D_H}$	$\frac{1-0.33D_H}{(1-D_H)^2}$	$\frac{2}{1-2D_H}$	$\frac{2(3+D_H)}{1-D_H}$	$\frac{1}{(1-D_H)^2}$	$\frac{(1+D_H)}{(1-D_H)^2}$		
Step-down Gain	$\frac{D_L}{2}$	$\frac{D_L}{3-D_L}$	$\frac{D_L}{3}$	$\frac{D_L}{4}$	$1.5D_L^2$	$\frac{D_L^2}{1+D_L}$	$\frac{D_L}{2}$	D_L^2	$\frac{D_L^2}{2-D_L}$		

Note: N_T = Total number of components, N_S = Number of switches, N_L = Number of inductors, N_C = Number of capacitors

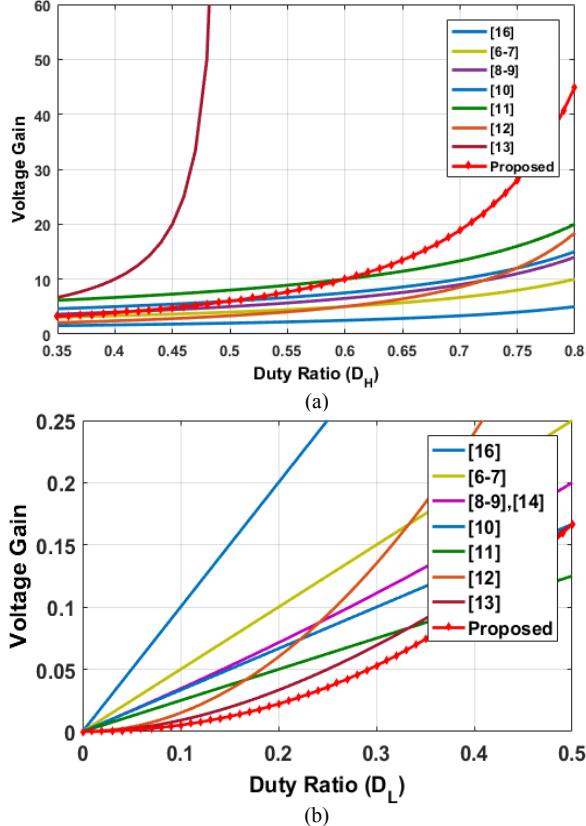


Fig.8 Comparative analysis gain plot (a) step-up mode (b) step-down mode

V. SIMULATION RESULTS AND VALIDATION

The simulation results of the proposed converter HGBDC presented in this section. The step-up and step-down mode operations at 500W power and switching frequency of 20 kHz are presented in this paper. During step-up mode of operation, $V_{LV}=48$ V, $V_{HV}=380$ V, $I_{LV}=11.91$ A and $I_{HV}=1.31$ A at duty ratio $D_H=56\%$ and voltages across the intermediate capacitors C_1 and C_2 are shown in Fig. 9(a). The voltage and current waveforms of inductors L_1 and L_2 are presented in Fig. 9(b). Similarly, in step-down mode of operation $V_{HV}=380$ V, $V_{LV}=48$ V, $I_{HV}=10.4$ A and $I_{LV}=1.8$ A at duty ratio $D_L=44\%$ and voltages across intermediate capacitors C_1 and C_2 are shown in Fig. 10(a). The voltage and current waveforms of inductors L_1 and L_2 are presented in Fig. 10(b).

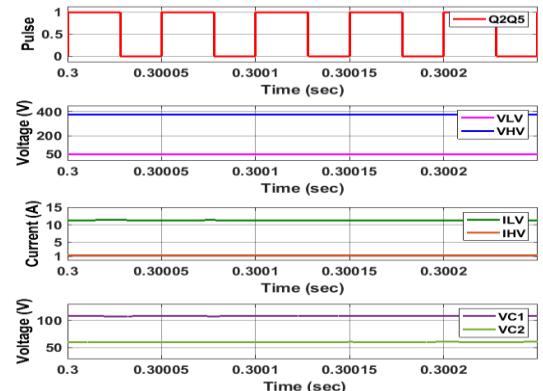


Fig. 9(a) simulation results in step-up operation (i) gate signal (ii) input and output voltages (V_{LV} and V_{HV}) (iii) input and output currents (I_{LV} and I_{HV}) (iv) capacitor voltages (V_{C1} and V_{C2}).

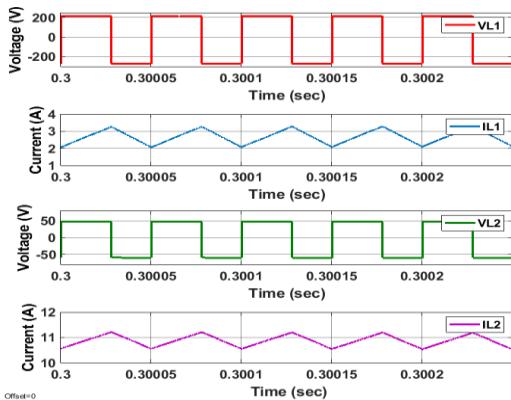


Fig. 9(b) simulation results in step-up operation (i) inductor voltage (V_{L1}) (ii) inductor current (i_{L1}) (iii) inductor voltage (V_{L2}) (iv) inductor current (i_{L2}).

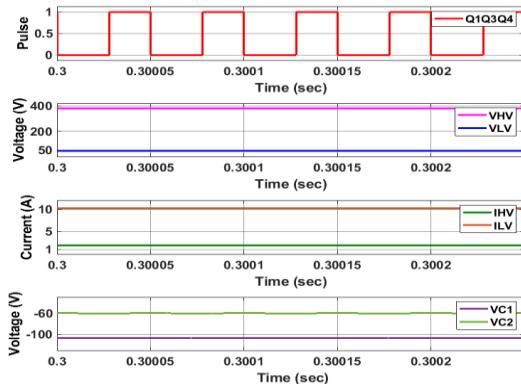


Fig. 10(a) simulation results in step-down operation (i) gate signal (ii) input and output voltages (V_{HV} and V_{LV}) (iii) input and output currents (I_{HV} and I_{LV}) (iv) capacitor voltages (V_{C1} and V_{C2}).

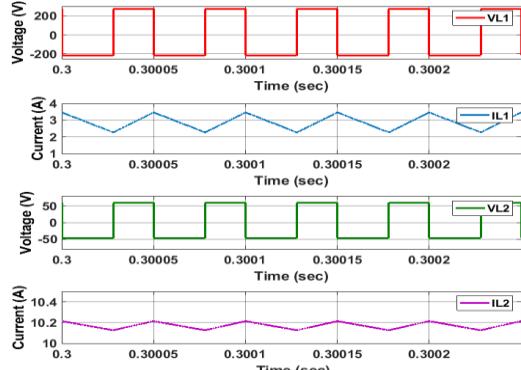


Fig. 10(b) simulation results in step-down operation (i) inductor voltage (V_{L1}) (ii) inductor current (i_{L1}) (iii) inductor voltage (V_{L2}) (iv) inductor current (i_{L2}).

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a high-gain bi-directional DC-DC converter is proposed. The proposed converter is designed to achieve maximum voltage gain with fewer components, thereby reducing the number of switching stages of converters. A 500 W simulation results of the proposed converter presented along with comparative analysis with recent converters to show the superiority. The comparative analysis confirm that the proposed bi-directional DC-DC converter offers high gain at low component count. Additionally, the approach reduces the use of switching converters at each conversion stage, leading to decreased losses, cost, and size. These advantages make the proposed converter most reliable for V2G and G2V applications.

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