

# V2G 시스템을 위한 보조 LC 회로를 가진 고효율 양방향 공진형 컨버터

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## A High Efficiency Bidirectional Resonant Converter With Auxilary LC Circuit for V2G System

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper a high efficiency bidirectional resonant converter for Vehicle-to-Grid applications (V2G) is proposed. The proposed converter has adopted an LC auxiliary circuit in the third winding of the transformer. With the proposed method full softswitching can be ensured in all switches over a wide range of loads and the secondary ringing can be removed with no additional snubber or clamp circuitry. In addition, since the proposed resonant converter is able to operate at an almost constant resonant frequency regardless of the load, CC/CV charge of the battery can be simply implemented with high efficiency. A 3.3 kW bidirectional converter for On-Board Charger of Electric Vehicle is implemented to verify the validity of the proposed method. The experimental results show the high efficiency characteristics of the proposed converter over the wide range of load in both charge and discharge mode. The maximum efficiency of the proposed system was 98.13 % at 2.3 kW during the constant voltage mode charge operation.

*Index Terms* – Vehicle-to-grid (V2G), bidirectional converter, soft switching and Auxiliary LC circuit.

### 1. Introduction

Demand for electric vehicles (EVs) is growing around the world rapidly due to their significant advantages such as its environmentally friendly characteristics, higher efficiency and quietness. One of the important functions of EV may be V2G operation, which transfers the power from the battery in EV to the grid upon the demand request. The conventional phase-shift full bridge converter is the most widely used topology for high power applications [1-2]. However, this topology suffers from high duty cycle loss due to the large leakage inductance to ensure the soft switching and serious ringing in the secondary side rectifiers. To damp this ringing the clamp circuits are used, but it increase the size, cost and complexity of the circuit. Another approach is to employ the high efficiency resonant converter such as CLLC resonant converter. However, for the wide range input or output voltage application, its magnetizing inductance needs to be sufficiently small and it leads to a high current turn-off resulting in high switching losses in primary side switches [3]. To overcome these issues, a new bi-directional resonant converter with an LC auxiliary circuit is proposed in this paper. The major role of the additional LC resonant tank is to make the equivalent magnetizing inductance larger to achieve the ZCS of the switches. Therefore, the turn-off current of the switch is reduced significantly. The ZVS for all the primary side switches can be achieved with a small magnetizing current. In addition, the proposed converter is capable of operating in constant current mode or constant voltage mode at one frequency, the CC/CV charge can be implemented without varying the switching frequency. The operating principle and design procedure of the proposed converter is provided and the validity of the proposed system is proved by the experiments.

### 2. Operating principle of the proposed converter

The proposed resonant converter with auxiliary LC tank is shown in Fig. 1. Switches  $S_1 \sim S_4$  in the primary side form a full bridge inverter, while the switches in the secondary side  $Q_1 \sim Q_4$  serve as a rectifier circuit. The resonant tank is composed of

transformer  $T_r$  with turn ratio  $n:1$ , magnetizing inductance  $L_m$ , inductors  $L_1/L_2$  and resonant capacitances  $C_1/C_2$ . An additional  $L_{au}/C_{au}$  circuit is added into the third winding of the transformer  $T_r$  and the equivalent magnetizing inductance can be expressed as shown in (1).

$$L_{m,eq} = L_m \frac{1 - \left(\frac{f_{au}}{f}\right)^2}{1 - \left(\frac{f_r}{f}\right)^2} \quad (1)$$

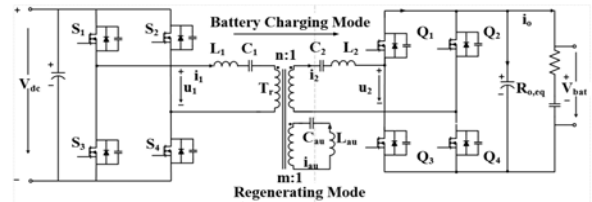


Fig. 1. Configuration of the proposed bidirectional converter system.

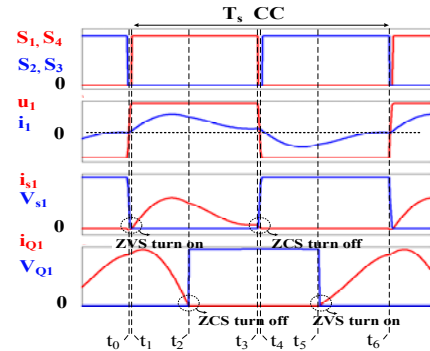


Fig. 2. Key waveforms of the converter in CC mode charge.

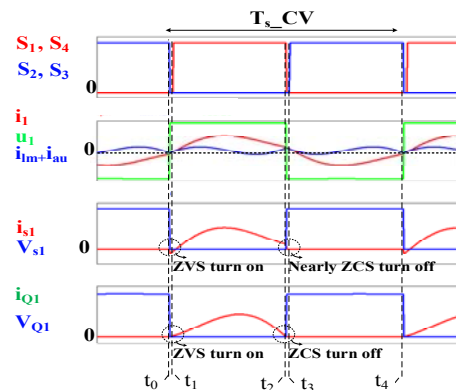


Fig. 3. Key waveforms of the converter in CV mode charge.

where,  $f$  is the switching frequency,  $f_{au} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{au}C_{au}}}$  and  $f_r =$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_1C_1}}$$

#### A. Operation of the converter in CC mode

The switching frequency in this mode is the resonant frequency  $f_{CC}$  as shown in (2).

$$f_{cc} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{(L_1 + L_{m,eq})C_1}} \quad (2)$$

The operating principle in CC mode charge is shown in Fig. 2

- Mode 1** [ $t_0 \sim t_1$ ): At  $t = t_0$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are turned off. The primary current  $i_1(t)$  discharges the output capacitances of  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ .
- Mode 2** [ $t_1 \sim t_2$ ): At  $t = t_1$ ,  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  are turned on with ZVS. The primary current  $i_1(t)$  starts to flow and power is transferred to the battery through the secondary rectifier switches  $Q_1$  and  $Q_4$ .
- Mode 3** [ $t_2 \sim t_3$ ): The resonance between  $C_2$  and the total sum of  $L_2$  and  $L_{m,eq}$  is ended at  $t = t_2$ .  $Q_1$  and  $Q_4$  are turned off with ZCS, meanwhile  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  turn on with ZVS.
- Mode 4** [ $t_3 \sim t_4$ ):  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  are turned off with ZCS at  $t = t_3$ . The primary current  $i_1(t)$  discharges output capacitances of  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ .
- Mode 5** [ $t_4 \sim t_5$ ): The remaining half switching period operates similar to these operating modes from Mode 1 to Mode 4.

#### B. Operation of the converter in CV mode

In CV mode, the converter operates at the frequency  $f_{cv}$ .

$$f_{cv} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_1 C_1}} \quad (3)$$

Fig. 3 illustrates the operation in CV mode charge.

- Mode 1** [ $t_0 \sim t_1$ ): At  $t = t_0$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are turned off. This mode is a dead-time interval.
- Mode 2** [ $t_1 \sim t_2$ ): At  $t = t_1$ ,  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  are turned on with ZVS. Power is transferred to the battery through the secondary rectifier switches  $Q_1$  and  $Q_4$ .
- Mode 3** [ $t_2 \sim t_3$ ): At  $t = t_2$ , switches  $S_1$  and  $S_4$  are turned off with nearly ZCS condition. The primary current  $i_1(t)$  discharges output capacitances of the switches  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ .
- Mode 4** [ $t_3 \sim t_4$ ): The other half switching period operates similar to the operating modes from Mode 1 to Mode 3.

#### C. The operation principle in regeneration mode

In regenerating mode, the converter regulates the dc bus voltage constant with the battery voltage by varying the switching frequency of MOSFETs  $Q_1 \sim Q_4$ . Meanwhile, the switches  $S_1 \sim S_4$  act as the rectifier bridge delivering power from the battery to the dc bus.

### 3. Design consideration

#### A. Soft switching condition in CC mode

In CC mode charge, the converter operates at the resonant frequency  $f_{cc}$ . In order to achieve ZVZCS, the input impedance of system is required to become zero. It means the primary voltage  $u_1(t)$  is in phase with the primary current  $i_1(t)$  as in Fig. 2. Therefore the resonant frequency in CC mode is designed as

$$f_{cc} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{(L_1 + L_{m,eq})C_1}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{(L_2 + L_{m,eq})C_2}} \quad (4)$$

#### B. Full ZVS for all switches in CV mode

In CV mode charge, a large magnetizing inductance will result in a small turn-off current which reduces the switching loss of the primary side switches. Therefore, the auxiliary inductor  $L_{au}$  and capacitor  $C_{au}$  are designed as (3) to maximize the equivalent magnetizing inductance  $L_{m,eq}$ .

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{(L_{au} + \frac{L_m}{m^2})C_{au}}} \quad (5)$$

However, the primary current should be sufficiently large to discharge the output capacitances of the primary side switches during the dead-time the magnetizing of this current depends on the equivalent magnetizing inductance and the duration of the dead-time. So, the ZVS in the primary side depends on the equivalent magnetizing inductance, the switch output capacitance, the operating switching frequency, and the dead-time. So the equivalent magnetizing inductance  $L_{m,eq}$  is designed to satisfy (6) [2]

$$(L_{m,eq}) \leq \frac{t_{dt}}{16C_{sf}r} \quad (6)$$

## 4. Experimental results

In order to prove the validity of the proposed bidirectional DC/DC converter, a 3.3 kW prototype was implemented. The specification of the proposed converter can be found in the Table 1. Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 show the voltage and current waveforms of the MOSFETs  $S_1$ ,  $Q_1$  in both CC and CV charge mode, respectively. ZVS turn-on and ZCS turn-off of the switches are achieved. Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 show the waveforms of switches  $S_1$  and  $Q_1$  in the regenerating mode (RM) at the full load. The overall efficiency plots in two operation modes are presented in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9. The peak efficiency of 98.13% was obtained at 2.3 kW in CV mode.

TABLE 1  
SPECIFICATION OF  
TOPOLOGY

Power rating ( $P_o$ )	3.3[kW]
Nominal input voltage ( $V_{in}$ )	400 [V]
Output voltage range ( $V_o$ )	250 - 420 [V]
Rated output load current ( $I_o$ )	7.85 [A]
Switching frequency in CV ( $f_{cv}$ )	59[kHz]
Switching frequency in CC ( $f_{cc}$ )	39[kHz]

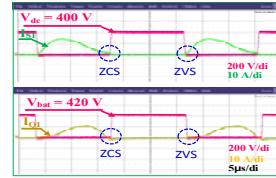


Fig. 4.  $S_1, Q_1$  waveforms in CC

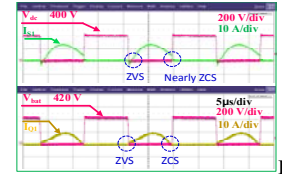


Fig. 5.  $S_1, Q_1$  waveforms in CV

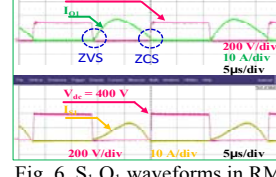


Fig. 6.  $S_1, Q_1$  waveforms in RM

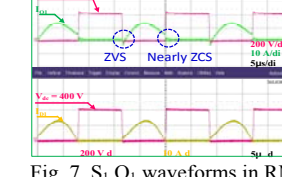


Fig. 7.  $S_1, Q_1$  waveforms in RM

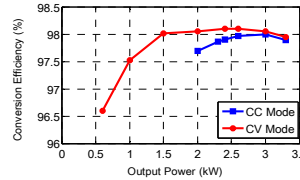


Fig. 8. Efficiency in CC and CV

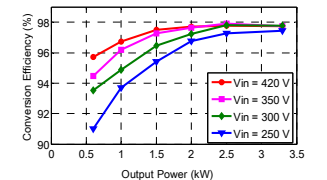


Fig. 9. Efficiency in RM

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, a new bidirectional converter using an extra LC auxiliary circuit for the V2G system has been presented. It has been proved that the proposed system exhibits excellent efficiency in both directions of power transfer. The soft switching is possible over the wide range of operation. The proposed system is suitable for the on-board charger of electric vehicle for V2G operation.

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