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# Asymmetric Voltage Multiplied Non-Isolated Bidirectional DC-DC Converter with Soft-Switching and High Gain

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**Abstract-**This paper introduces a novel bidirectional DC-DC converter (BDC) that has a high gain of voltage, soft switching capability, and minimal ripple current on the low-voltage side (LVS). The suggested converter consists of an improved two-phase buck-boost converter, an Asymmetrical Voltage Multiplier cell, and a coupled inductor to provide a high-voltage gain converter. This paper offers a comprehensive theoretical examination of the converter. The converter elements, performance, and switching intervals provide suitable conditions for conducting the switches with zero voltage switching (ZVS) conditions. Due to the implementation of soft switching, the efficiency is increased, and no voltage spikes occur across the switches. The simulation was executed to design a converter and analyze its performance using the PSIM. The suggested converter offers an ultra-high voltage converting gain in both boost and buck operation modes. A laboratory prototype with a power of 300W is implemented to validate the performance of the converter. The presented experimental results outline a low-side voltage of 50V DC and a high-side voltage of 300V DC during the step-up operation.

**Index Terms-** Asymmetrical Voltage Multiplier, DC-DC Converter, High Gain, Soft Switching, Non-Isolated.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the increasing use of renewable energy in existing power systems has greatly enhanced the importance of power electronics converters. Bidirectional DC choppers are useful in fields like renewable energy technologies, microgrids and electric cars. Many studies have been carried out on different topologies and techniques for using DC choppers as part of energy storage systems. Bidirectional DC choppers obtain significant voltage gain in

both buck and boost modes, facilitating effective power conversion and transmission, rendering them appropriate for renewable energy uses. They can convert a low voltage such as 12, 24, or 48V to a high voltage to provide a DC link for an inverter and also convert high voltage to low voltage due to bidirectional capability. As a result, bidirectional converters with high voltage step-down/step-up gain are beneficial for use in renewable energy storage applications to adjust the power and voltage values between the low voltage level and the high voltage connections.[1]–[4]

Generally, bidirectional converters are categorized into two groups: non-isolated and isolated converters. A solution to obtain high voltage gain is to use an isolated transformer. Electrical isolation is one of the most popular methods for providing high voltage conversion by adding a degree of freedom to the converter voltage gain equation. Thus, the desired voltage gain is achieved by selecting the appropriate coil turns ratio. These converters can be utilized for applications that require a wide range of input source variations and load regulation. These converters find use in various applications. However, they frequently encounter practical issues such as high weight, magnetic interference, and the necessity of an active or passive clamp [5]. When the voltages on either side of the dual-active-bridge BDC are not matched, it can lead to problems such as high circulating currents, elevated turn-off power losses, and the loss of soft-switching capability. These challenges, in turn, can result in a significant decrease in conversion efficiency [6]–[8].

A straightforward approach to achieving bidirectional

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power exchange is by using a boost converter, where the diode is replaced with a switch, allowing for bidirectional power flow. However, this approach isn't ideal for high step-down/step-up applications due to several challenges. Firstly, while high switching frequencies can enhance dynamic response and power density while reducing passive element size, they also increase switching losses and worsen diode reverse recovery, leading to lower converter efficiency. Using slow-power-switch diodes as rectifying elements exacerbates the reverse recovery issue and results in high voltage and current stresses in semiconductors. Additionally, high switching frequencies may cause electromagnetic interference, negatively impacting other devices.

Second, most industrial applications require high voltage conversion rates. Low-gain converters, such as conventional buck-boost converters, must operate at duty cycles close to zero/one to achieve high voltage step-down/step-up gains, which increases current stress in switches and diodes and raises conduction losses.

Third, to minimize conduction loss and semiconductor costs, low switch voltage stress is crucial, and the voltage level significantly influences the correct switch selection [9]–[11]. In [12]–[14], several high-gain converters are introduced that employ multilevel converters.

This method provides high gain and decreases the switches' voltage stress however the quantity of switches has increased. This results in increase in the cost and complexity of the control method, complicating the topology and control circuit.

In addition, switched capacitor (SC) circuits are used to increase the voltage rating [15]–[17]. The voltage gain is increased by this method but some converters based on SCs suffer from the high current transient issues. This problem has a negative effect on power density and decreases the efficiency [10], [18].

In [19], the voltage gain is achieved using a converter consisting of two boost converters. To increase the efficiency of traditional buck-boost converters, a circuit composed of a cascaded step-up-step-down converter along with an extra capacitor is suggested [20]. A bidirectional two-phase topology with high voltage gain is presented in [21]. In [22], a DC chopper with bidirectional functionality and soft switching capability is suggested. The voltage gain rises but is contingent on the switching frequency.

The paired inductors are employed to achieve a notably high step-down gain in [8], [10], [22]–[26]. This method has several benefits. The high step-down of step-up gain can be achieved by using a turn ratio. Furthermore, they can be controlled by conventional PWM control. In [10] high voltage gain is provided by employing a voltage doubler cell connected the buck-boost BDC. The coupled inductor is used to increase voltage gain based on the turn ratio. A high voltage gain BDC with a coupled inductor is proposed in [22], but the voltage gain is limited compared to the others. The bidirectional interleaved buck-boost linked to a dual active half-bridge provides significant voltage gain by utilizing a coupled inductor as shown in [23]. In [24], a method of combining voltage amplification modules and coupled inductors is used to achieve a high step-up/down voltage conversion. In [25], a proposal includes a two-phase converter on the low voltage side alongside a parallel high voltage series converter that features coupled inductors to

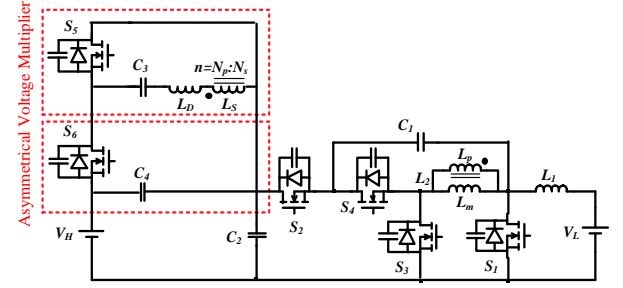


Fig. 1. The schematic of proposed converter.

obtain significant voltage amplification. The topology proposed by [26] provides high voltage gain by employing two coupled inductors. In [27], a proposal features a bidirectional design with high gain for a BDC converter, integrating a dual active half-bridge (DAHB) with a high-gain interleaved DC-DC converter through the use of a coupled inductor.

The design provides multiple important benefits, such as high voltage amplification, two-way power flow, and soft switching to minimize energy losses. Ref. [28] employs two coupled inductors to achieve a high voltage gain. Although this results in a higher voltage gain, it also increases the overall volume of the passive components.

This paper proposes a non-isolated bidirectional DC-DC converter that has soft switching capability for the keys and offers higher voltage gain than competitors by using an asymmetric voltage multiplier cell.

## II. PROPOSED CONVERTER

This converter, obtained from the acknowledged converters in [11] and [24], is illustrated in Fig. 1. The suggested converter enhances the voltage gain in comparison to [11] and [24]. The system includes of a two-phase step-up-step-down converter composed of switches  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  and  $S_4$ , capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and inductor  $L_1$  at the low-side input. The converter consists of a voltage amplification cell consisting of capacitors  $C_4$  and  $C_3$ , switches  $S_5$  and  $S_6$  and an inductor  $L_D$ , forming an asymmetric voltage gain converter. Additionally, the coupled inductor,  $L_2$ , is characterized by its primary winding,  $n_p$ , a secondary winding,  $n_s$  and a magnetic inductance,  $L_m$ . The leakage inductance of the coupled inductor is combined with an  $L_D$  inductance structure.

### A. Operating Principle

Switches  $S_2$  and  $S_4$  operate in reverse to switches  $S_1$  and  $S_3$ . The duty cycle for switches  $S_2$  and  $S_4$  is identical to the value of  $D$ .  $\alpha$  is the amount of overlap for  $S_3$  and  $S_1$ , which is defined as  $\alpha = D - 0.5$ . Switches  $S_6$  and  $S_5$  operate in reverse of each other with a duty cycle of 0.5.  $D\phi$  represents the phase difference between switches  $S_5$  and  $S_1$ , While the  $S_1$  gate pulse has a phase difference of  $\pi$  with the  $S_2$  gate pulse (along with  $S_3$  and  $S_4$ ). This converter functions across twelve intervals during one switching period. The various states during a switching period for  $D\phi > \alpha$  are detailed below.

For easier analysis of the steady state of the proposed converter, the following assumptions are made:

- The ripple current of inductor  $L_1$  is ignored because it is sufficiently large

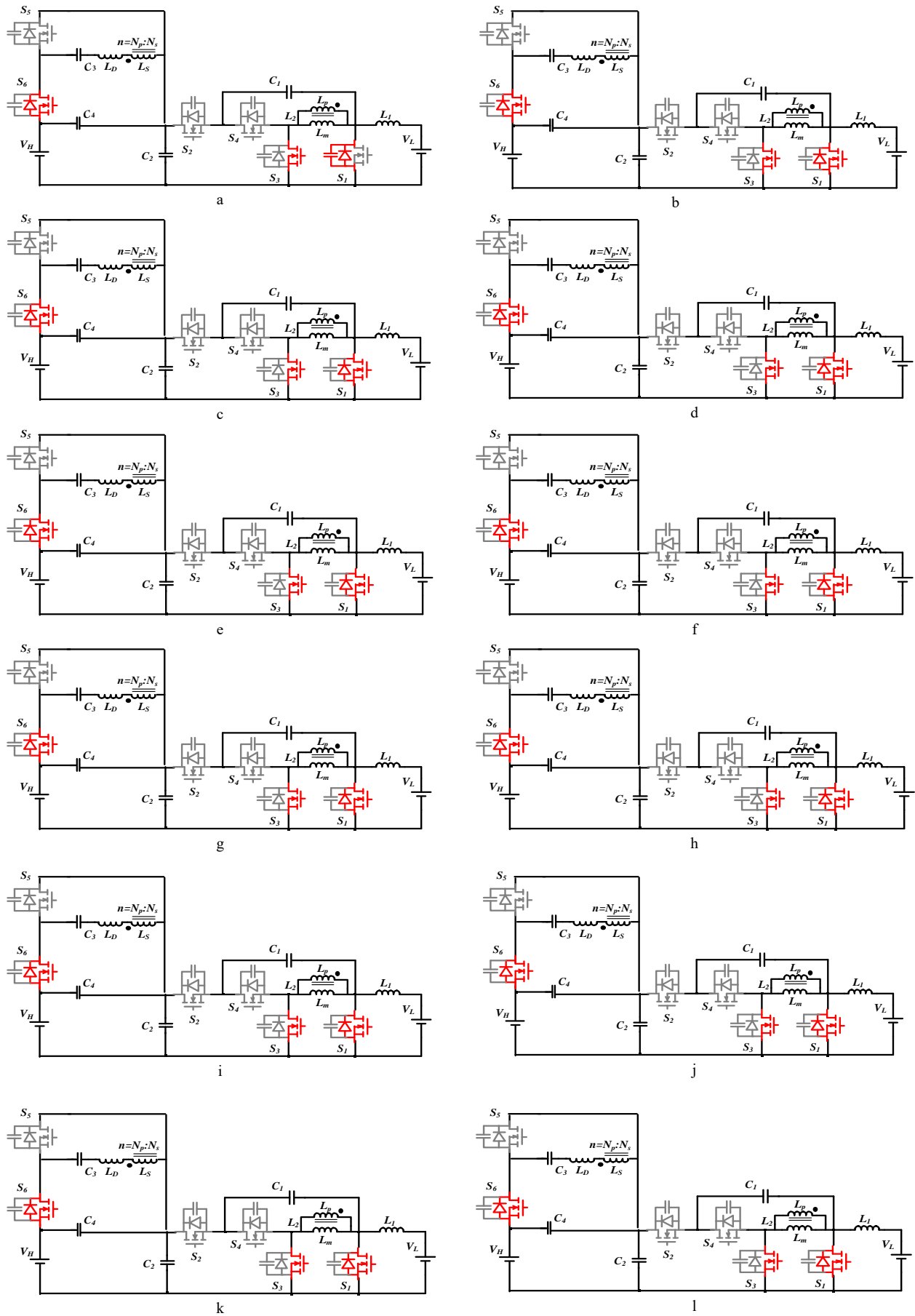


Fig. 2. Equivalent circuit for 12 modes in high step-up operation. (a) Mode 1, (b) Mode 2, (c) S Mode 3, (d) Mode 4, (e) Mode 5, (f) Mode 6, (g) Mode 7, (h) Mode 8, (i) S Mode 9, (j) Mode 10, (k) Mode 11, and (l) Mode 12

- The voltage ripple of  $C_1$  to  $C_4$ , is ignored because they are sufficiently large.
- It is assumed that the elements of converter are ideal, considering only the drain-source capacitances of the MOSFETs in the circuit.
- $n$  is equal to the turn ratio of the coupled inductor, denoted as  $n = n_s/n_p$ , and the magnetic coupling  $K$  is assumed to be one.
- The capacitors of MOSFETs,  $C_{ds1}$  to  $C_{ds6}$ , become completely charged and discharged throughout the dead time.
- The diodes connected in parallel to the switches are rapid recovery diodes.

Mode 1 ( $t_0 < t < t_1$ )

This interval starts when switch  $S_2$  is switched off. Since the sum of the initial current of the transformer primary current and capacitor  $C_1$  current is greater than the current  $i_{L1}$  (current of input inductor,  $L_1$ ) at time  $t_0$ , the capacitor at drain-source of switch  $S_1$  is initially discharged, after which the body diode under ZVS conditions begins to conduct.

Mode 2 ( $t_1 < t < t_2$ )

When this interval begins, the  $S_1$  switch starts functioning with ZVS situations. As  $S_6$  switch is currently on, the voltage of  $L_D$  ( $V_{LD}$ ) becomes negative, leading to a reduction in the flow of current through it. The formulas for the circuit in mode 2 can be expressed as (1):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = 0, V_{L1} = V_L, V_{LD} = V_{C3} - V_{C4} \\ I_{C1} = 0, I_{C2} = -I_H, I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = -I_H + I_{LD} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Where  $I_H$  denotes the current associated with the voltage of high side ( $V_H$ ) and  $V_{Lm}$  is the voltage of the inductor  $L_m$ . Hence, Equation (2) shows the inductor current in state 2.

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_0) \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_0) + \frac{V_{C3} - V_{C4}}{L_D} t \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Mode 3 ( $t_2 < t < t_3$ )

When this period begins, switch  $S_3$  has been turned off, and then the body diode of  $S_4$  starts conducting. Under this condition, the voltage of the magnetic inductor  $L_m$  becomes negative and not equal to zero. As a result, the  $L_m$  current is decreased.

Mode 4 ( $t_3 < t < t_4$ )

Under these situations, Switch  $S_4$  begins to function with ZVS operation. In this period, the voltage of  $L_D$  is more negative than in the previous two time frames and nears its minimum value with a steeper slope. In mode 4 the equations related to the circuit are as follows (3):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = -V_{C1}, V_{L1} = V_L, V_{LD} = -nV_{C1} + V_{C3} - V_{C4} \\ I_{C1} = I_{Lp}, I_{C2} = -I_H, I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = -I_H + I_{LD} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Thus, the equations  $i_{LD}$  and  $i_{Lm}$  for mode 4 can be represented as (4):

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_2) - \frac{V_{C1}}{L_m} t \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_2) + \frac{-nV_{C1} + V_{C3} - V_{C4}}{L_D} t \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Mode 5 ( $t_4 < t < t_5$ )

This interval starts when the switch  $S_6$  is turned off. First, capacitor  $C_{ds5}$  is discharged by current  $i_{LD}$  and then the capacitor  $C_{ds6}$  starts charging, which causes the diode of switch  $S_5$  to conduct with ZVS situations.

Mode 6 ( $t_5 < t < t_6$ )

Starting from this period, switch  $S_5$  operates with ZVS situation. While the current  $i_{LD}$  remains constant, the voltage across inductor  $L_D$  is almost zero. The voltage across inductor  $L_m$  is likewise negative and, with a slope identical to the prior segment, it attains its lowest value at the conclusion of this segment. The circuit equations in mode 6 can be represented as (5):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = -V_{C1}, V_{L1} = V_L, V_{LD} = -nV_{C1} + V_{C3} \\ I_{C1} = I_{Lp}, I_{C2} = -I_H, I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = -I_H \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

So, it can be concluded (6),

$$nV_{C1} = V_{C3} \quad (6)$$

For mode 6, the currents  $i_{Lm}$  and  $i_{LD}$  can be expressed by the equations given as follows (7):

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_4) - \frac{V_{C1}}{L_m} t \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_4) + \frac{-nV_{C1} + V_{C3}}{L_D} t \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Mode 7 ( $t_6 < t < t_7$ )

Mode 7 begins when the  $S_4$  switch is turned off. The current ( $I_p$ ), which the drain-source capacitor of switch  $S_3$  is discharged by the current on the primary side of the transformer, and then the body diode of the switch  $S_3$  conducts under ZVS situation.

Mode 8 ( $t_7 < t < t_8$ )

During this time, switch  $S_4$  starts operating with ZVS situation. The voltage of  $L_D$  becomes positive when switch  $S_5$  is activated, resulting in a rising current flowing through it. The circuit's equations in mode 8 can be represented as (8):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = 0, V_{L1} = V_L, V_{LD} = V_{C3} \\ I_{C1} = 0, I_{C2} = -I_H, I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = -I_H \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Thus, the  $i_{LD}$  and  $i_{Lm}$  equations for case 8 will be as follows (9):

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_6) \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_6) + \frac{V_{C3}}{L_D} t \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Mode 9 ( $t_8 < t < t_9$ )

During this time interval, switch  $S_1$  is inactive and due to the active rectification function of switch  $S_2$ , the diode on the body of transistor  $S_2$  starts to conduct. In this condition, the voltage of the magnetic inductance  $L_m$  becomes positive.

Mode 10 ( $t_9 < t < t_{10}$ )

At this stage, due to the ZVS condition for switch  $S_2$ , this switch conducts. At this stage, the  $L_D$  voltage increases positively and approaches its peak value with a sharper incline. The circuit equations in mode 10 can be represented as (10):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = V_{C2} - V_{C1}, V_{L1} = V_L - V_{C2} + V_{C1}, \\ V_{LD} = nV_{C2} - nV_{C1} + V_{C3} \\ I_{C1} = -I_{L1} + I_{Lp}, I_{C2} = -I_H + I_{L1} - I_{Lp} \\ I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = -I_H \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The current that flows through the primary winding of the coupled inductor is defined as. Thus, the formulas for  $i_{LD}$  and  $i_{Lm}$  in mode 10 can be represented as (11):

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_8) + \frac{V_{C2} - V_{C1}}{L_m} (t - t_8) \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_8) + \frac{nV_{C2} - nV_{C1} + V_{C3}}{L_D} (t - t_8) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Mode 11 ( $t_{10} < t < t_{11}$ )

This time state begins when the  $S_5$  switch is switched off. At first, capacitor  $C_{ds6}$  is discharged by current  $i_{LD}$ , and subsequently, the diode of  $S_6$  activates under ZVS situation.

Mode 12 ( $t_{11} < t < t_{12}$ )

In this mode, ZVS conditions are created for switch  $S_6$  so it starts conducting. The  $L_D$  voltage is near zero while the  $i_{LD}$  current remains constant. The voltage of  $L_m$  is above zero, and its current attains its peak value at the conclusion of its ramp, keeping the same slope as the previous mode. The formulas for the circuit in interval 12 represented in this way (12):

$$\begin{cases} V_{Lm} = V_{C2} - V_{C1}, V_{L1} = V_L - V_{C2} + V_{C1}, \\ V_{LD} = nV_{C2} - nV_{C1} + V_{C3} - V_{C4} \\ I_{C1} = -I_{L1} + I_{Lp}, I_{C2} = -I_H + I_{L1} - I_{Lp}, \\ I_{C3} = -I_{LD}, I_{C4} = I_{LD} - I_H \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Therefore, the equations  $i_{LD}$  and  $i_{Lm}$  for mode 13 can be expressed as (13):

$$\begin{cases} i_{Lm}(t) = i_{Lm}(t_{10}) + \frac{V_{C2} - V_{C1}}{L_m} (t - t_{10}) \\ i_{LD}(t) = i_{LD}(t_{10}) + \frac{nV_{C2} - nV_{C1} + V_{C3} - V_{C4}}{L_D} (t - t_{10}) \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Figs. 2(a-l) and 3 show the operating range and key waveforms of this converter.

It is essential to note that the converter operates in two modes: it functions in step-down mode when  $\alpha > D\phi$  and in step-up mode when  $\alpha < D\phi$ , where  $\alpha$  signifies the overlap of switches  $S_3$  and  $S_1$ , and  $D$  denotes the duty cycle of switches  $S_3$  and  $S_1$ . It has been mentioned previously that the duty cycle have to be greater than 0.5 to ensure smooth switching of the circuit switches, and  $D\phi$  indicates the time difference between the activation signals for transistors  $S_5$  and  $S_1$ . The reference point for phase shift is the duration when  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  operate simultaneously (MPOA, Middle Point of Overlapping Area).

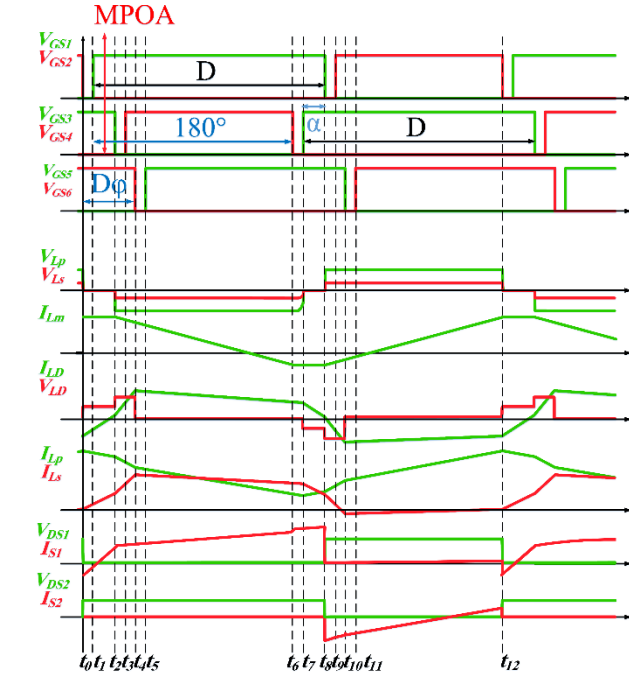


Fig. 3. Theoretical waveforms throughout a switching interval of the suggested converter in step-up operation mode

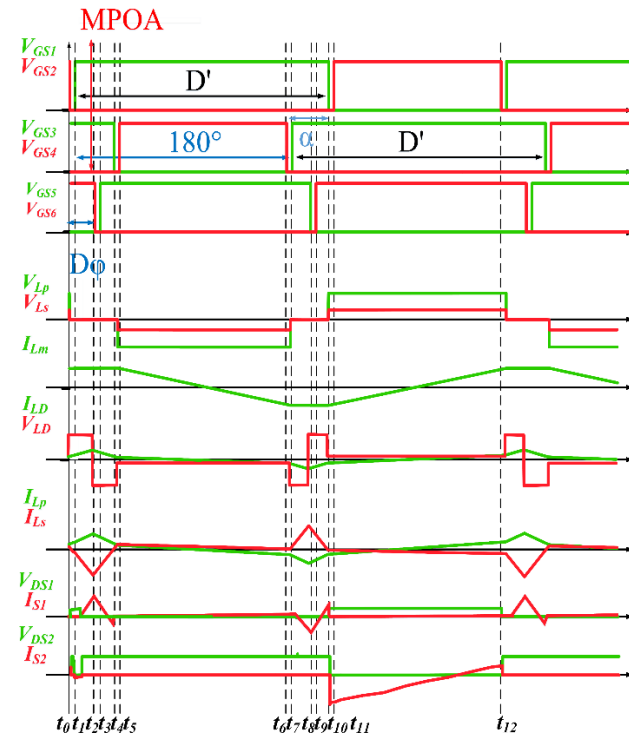


Fig. 4. Theoretical waveforms throughout the switching interval of the proposed converter in step-down operation mode

The functioning of a converter in the buck mode is typically akin to the boost mode. To gain a clearer insight into how a step-down mode functions, the theoretical key waveforms associated with it are illustrated in Fig. 4. Additionally, Table I displays the active switches for both modes of step-down and step-up during each interval.

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TABLE I

Active Switches During each Interval in Step-up and Step-Down Modes

| Time interval   | step-up mode | step-down mode |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| $t_0-t_2$       | $S_1S_3S_6$  | $S_1S_3S_6$    |
| $t_2-t_4$       | $S_1S_4S_6$  | $S_1S_3S_5$    |
| $t_4-t_6$       | $S_1S_4S_5$  | $S_1S_4S_5$    |
| $t_6-t_8$       | $S_1S_3S_5$  | $S_1S_3S_5$    |
| $t_8-t_{10}$    | $S_2S_3S_5$  | $S_1S_3S_6$    |
| $t_{10}-t_{12}$ | $S_2S_3S_6$  | $S_2S_3S_6$    |

### III. ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

#### A. Voltage Gain in Step-Up Modet

Equation (14) shows the voltage on the upper side of the suggested converter. This equation is obtained using the KVL law for the high-side voltage of this converter.

$$V_H = V_{C2} + V_{C4} \quad (14)$$

The voltage gain of the boost converter configuration is obtained as (15) using the volt-second law on the inductors  $L_m$  and  $L_1$ .

$$\begin{cases} V_{C1} = \frac{V_{C2}}{2} \\ \frac{V_{C2}}{V_L} = \frac{2}{1-D} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Equation (16) is obtained by assuming that in the stable condition the voltage of the  $L_D$  is approximately zero.

$$\frac{n_s}{n_p} = \frac{V_{C4}}{V_{C2}} = \frac{V_{C4}}{2V_{C1}} = n \quad (16)$$

Equation (17) shows the output voltage gain of the suggested converter operating in boost mode, taking into account equations (14) to (16).

$$G_H = \frac{V_H}{V_L} = \frac{2(n+1)}{1-D} \quad (17)$$

#### B. Component Design

According to the various modes of the suggested converter, for switches  $S_1$  to  $S_6$ , the maximum voltage stress is determined as follows (18):

$$\begin{cases} V_{max,S1} = V_{max,S2} = V_{max,S3} = \frac{V_L}{1-D} = \frac{V_H}{2(n+1)} \\ V_{max,S4} = \frac{2}{1-D} V_L = \frac{V_H}{n+1} \\ V_{max,S5} = V_{max,S6} = \frac{2n}{1-D} V_L = n \frac{V_H}{n+1} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

The existing stress on the switches can be articulated as (19):

$$\begin{cases} I_{max,S1} = I_{max,S3} = \frac{P_{High}}{V_L} + \frac{V_L D}{f_s L_1} + \frac{V_L D}{2L_m(1-D)f_s} + \frac{nV_{C4}}{4L_D f_s} (2D_\phi - \alpha) \\ I_{max,S2} = I_{max,S4} = \frac{nV_{C4}}{4L_D f_s} \alpha + \frac{P_{High}}{V_L} + \frac{V_L D}{f_s L_1} + \frac{V_L D}{2L_m(1-D)f_s} \\ I_{max,S5} = I_{max,S6} = \frac{nV_{C4}}{4L_D f_s} (2D_\phi - \alpha) \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

where  $f_s$  is the switching frequency.

Using the value of the inductor current ripple, the value of the inductors can be determined as follows (20):

$$\begin{cases} \Delta i_{L1} = \frac{V_L D}{L_1 f_s} \\ \Delta i_{Lm} = \frac{V_L D}{L_m f_s (1-D)} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

The capacitor's voltage can be determined using equations (6), (15), and (16). The potential of the capacitors can be determined from the output voltage as (21).

$$\begin{cases} V_{C1} = \frac{V_H}{2(n+1)} \\ V_{C2} = \frac{V_H}{n+1} \\ V_{C3} = \frac{nV_H}{2(n+1)} \\ V_{C4} = \frac{nV_H}{n+1} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

The capacitance of capacitors can be determined by their voltage ripple as (22):

$$\begin{cases} \Delta V_{C1} = \frac{2I_{L1}(1-D)}{f_s C_1} \\ \Delta V_{C2} = \frac{I_H D}{f_s C_2} \\ \Delta V_{C3} = \frac{I_H}{f_s C_3} \\ \Delta V_{C4} = \frac{0.5I_H}{f_s C_4} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

#### C. Power Transfer Analysis

According to the suggested converter, the conveyed power can be expressed as (23):

$$P_{total} = (V_{C2} + V_{C4})I_H \quad (23)$$



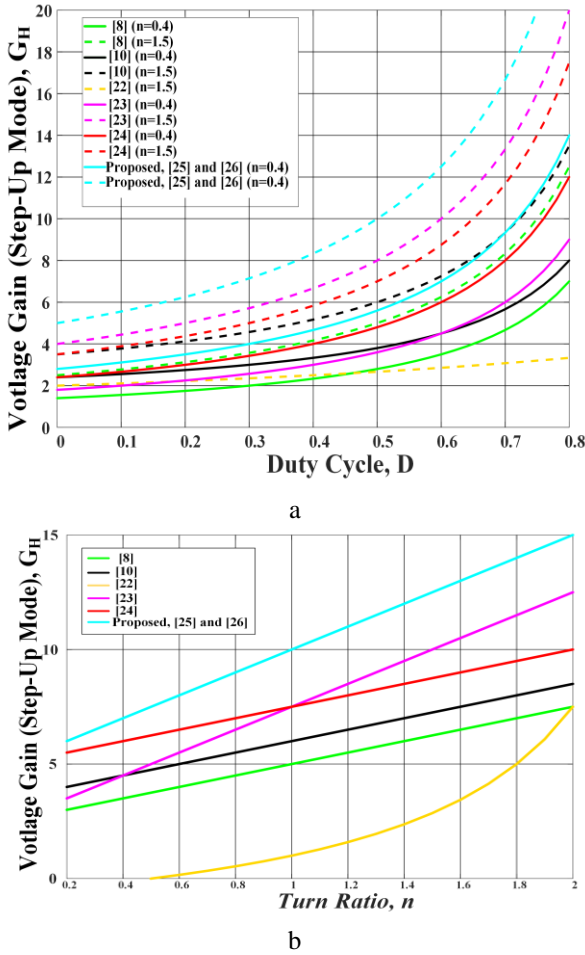


Fig. 5. Comparison of voltage gain a versus duty cycle for same turn ratio, and b versus turn ratio for same duty cycle.

To calculate the power component transmitted by the voltage boost cell, middle of current value of switches  $S_5$  and  $S_6$  during one switching cycle should be multiplied by the voltage factor of capacitor  $C_4$  as described in (24):

$$P_{total} = V_{C2} + 3V_{C4}f_s \int_0^{T_s} i_{S5} dt \quad (24)$$

The equations of power for the two operating modes of the suggested converter are obtained after calculating the middle of current of switches  $S_6$  and  $S_5$  with the state equations.

For  $\frac{a}{2} < D_\phi < a$

$$P_{total} = \frac{V_H^2}{4L_D f_s} \frac{n}{n+1} (\alpha D - 2D_\phi - \alpha - 2DD_\phi) \quad (25)$$

and for  $D_\phi > a$

$$P_{total} = \frac{V_H^2}{4L_D f_s} \frac{n}{n+1} (2D_\phi - 2DD_\phi + 4D_\phi \alpha - \alpha + D\alpha - 2\alpha^2 - 2D_\phi^2) \quad (26)$$

Equations (23)–(26) show that the transmitted power is affected by the phase shift angle  $D_\phi$  and the duty cycle  $D$ . As the duty cycle is defined by the output and input voltages, the power transfer is regulated by the phase shift. As a result, the converter is capable of functioning with various voltages and power levels.

To ensure ZVS for 6 switches require the inductance  $L_m$  must be designed considering the worst-case condition. The condition for ZVS is provided in Equation (27).

$$L_m < \frac{L_D(1-D)}{n \frac{(n+1)}{(1-D)} (A) - n^2(2D_\phi - \alpha)} \quad (27)$$

$$A = 2D_\phi - 2DD_\phi + 4D_\phi \alpha - \alpha + D\alpha - 2\alpha^2 - 2D_\phi^2$$

#### IV. COMPARISON

This part provides a comparison between the proposed converter and the other BDC converters mentioned in the introduction, as indicated in Table II. In the literature, several methods for DC-DC converters with high step-down/step-up voltage gain are introduced which among them the converters based on coupled inductors are one of the popular approaches to provide high voltage gain. In fact, the topology design approach for BDC converters aimed at achieving a high voltage gain which can be one of the main objectives. Hence, Fig.5 shows the voltage gain comparison of the suggested structure with competing. In the figure, the variations of the voltage amplification in boost configuration are illustrated when the duty cycle and the turn ratio are changed in the range of interest. These variations are plotted in MATLAB. The voltage gain versus duty cycle for the same turn ratio is shown in Fig. 5 (a) while the relationship between voltage gains and turn ratio for a constant duty cycle is shown in Fig. 5 (b). It is evident that the suggested converter offers the ultra gain of voltage when compared to the voltage gains presented in references [8], [10], [22]–[24]. Additionally, it achieves the same voltage level with fewer semiconductor components in comparison to references [25] and [26]. Additionally, the suggested converter offers a higher gain of voltage compared to those in [10] and [21]. The voltage gain of [21] is solely dependent on the duty cycle and the voltage gain of [10] is like [8]. So, the suggested converter offers a significantly higher voltage gain. The details of the specification of the converters are presented in Table II. Also, the suggested converter offers the highest step-down voltage gain compared to others. Furthermore, the suggested converter establishes common ground between the output and input terminals and also has current continuity on the side of low voltage. These features improve converter performance compared to the others. A high voltage gain BDC is suggested based on a reversal coupled inductor in [23]. It is evident that the equation for voltage gain in boost mode includes the turn ratio as a fractional term in the voltage gain formula's denominator. So, it may decrease voltage gain with a high turn ratio and lead to instability with a low turn ratio. As it can be seen, the number of elements of the proposed converter and [24] are almost equal, but the suggested converter offers higher gain of voltage compared to [24]. In [25] a high voltage gain BDC based on coupled inductor and voltage is presented. Likewise observed, the voltage gain is limited compared to the suggested converter and also the input and output currents are discontinuous. The converter proposed by [26] provides the same voltage gain, but the number of semiconductors is higher than the proposed here and the current of the low side is not continuous. Moreover, there is no common ground at input and output terminals in [25]. The proposed converter presented by [26] offers the same voltage gain, but the number of semiconductors is too high. Furthermore, it uses two coupled inductors to provide high voltage gain.

The comparison table illustrates the total voltage stress on semiconductor elements in the proposed converter compared

to others. As can be seen, the proposed converter experiences lower voltage stress than converters with the same voltage gains, resulting in reduced costs and increased efficiency. Moreover, the overall voltage stress on switches.

exhibits only a marginal difference compared to converters with a minor voltage gain, while the gain of voltage is significantly higher. In addition, the suggested converter provides interleaved capabilities that can diminish enhance power quality and the input current ripple.

## V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, the experimental results are presented. Before conducting an experimental assessment of the converter's performance, it was initially simulated using PSIM software. Subsequently, a laboratory setup was constructed and utilized to verify the operational and analytical findings of the suggested converter. The conditions and parameters of the converter for testing are provided in Table III. The prototype for the BDC is depicted in Fig. 6. The results of the experiment are presented for boost mode. Thus, input voltages of 50 V DC and output voltage of 300 V DC are considered, a value frequently utilized in industries like single-phase inverters and electric vehicles. Notably, different input and output voltages can be obtained by altering the design through the use of equations (14)-(26).

The EE42 ferrite core is encased by the coupled inductor, whereas the  $L_D$  and input inductors are wrapped around toroidal cores. (Due to its efficiency, accessibility, and affordability) That features an air gap in its legs. A controller board utilizing the STM32F303RBT microcontroller and TLP350 gate drivers generates PWM signals in a loop control system. (to evaluate the performance and operational modes

of the converter). Fig. 6(b) displays the control board. The control board consists of three parts: the flyback power supply, the microcontroller, and the gate drivers. For generating gate signals, the microcontroller provides three PWM channels. The circuits for the gate driver consist of six TLP350.

Fig. 7 presents the experimental findings for the buck and boost configurations. The stable waveforms of Fig. 7(a) show the current and input/output voltages of the proposed converter. The input voltage ( $V_{Low}$ ) is 50V DC in the step-up mode, while the high-side voltage ( $V_{High}$ ) is maintained at 301.2V DC. The efficiency measured at the nominal output power, is 96.23%. Fig. 7(b) show the voltage of capacitors  $C_1$  to  $C_4$ . The signals produced by gate drivers are illustrated in Fig. 7(c). The gate signal of  $S_3$  ( $V_{gs3}$ ) is 180 degrees behind the gate signal of  $S_1$  ( $V_{gs1}$ ). The signal of gates for switches  $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $S_5$  are opposite to those of switches  $S_2$ ,  $S_4$ , and  $S_6$ . Fig. 7(d) show the voltage of the switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  ( $V_{DS1}$  and  $V_{DS2}$ ).

TABLE II  
Comparison Among Various BDC

| Feature  | Proposed Converter   | [26]                 | [25]                 | [24]              | [23]                | [22]                      | [10]                | [8]                  |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| No. of semiconductors                                  | 6                    | 8                    | 7                    | 4                 | 6                   | 4                         | 4                   | 4                    |
| No. of inductors                                       | 2                    | -                    | -                    | -                 | 2                   | -                         | -                   | -                    |
| No. of coupled inductor                                | 1                    | 2                    | 2                    | 1                 | 1                   | 1                         | 1                   | 1                    |
| No. of capacitors                                      | 4                    | 4                    | 3                    | 2                 | 3                   | 2                         | 2                   | 3                    |
| Voltage gain (boost mode)                              | $\frac{2(n+1)}{1-D}$ | $\frac{2(n+1)}{1-D}$ | $\frac{2(n+1)}{1-D}$ | $\frac{n+2}{1-D}$ | $\frac{2n+1}{1-D}$  | $\frac{2n-1}{(n-1)(1-D)}$ | $\frac{2+n-D}{1-D}$ | $\frac{n+1}{1-D}$    |
| Voltage gain (buck mode)                               | $\frac{D'}{2(n+1)}$  | $\frac{D'}{2(n+1)}$  | $\frac{D'}{2(n+1)}$  | $\frac{D'}{n+2}$  | $\frac{D'}{2n+1}$   | $\frac{(n+1)D'}{2n-1}$    | $\frac{D'}{1+n+D'}$ | $\frac{D'}{n+1}$     |
| Total voltage stress across semiconductors/ $V_H$      | $\frac{4n+5}{2n+2}$  | $\frac{6n+5}{2n+2}$  | $\frac{6n+8}{2n+2}$  | 2                 | $\frac{4n+4}{2n+1}$ | 2                         | 2                   | $2 + \frac{2n}{1-D}$ |
| Reported efficiency at nominal power in boost mode (%) | 96.23                | 94.9                 | 96.3                 | 96                | 97                  | 95.22                     | 97                  | 95.2                 |
| Continuous input current at low voltage side           | Yes                  | Yes                  | No                   | No                | Yes                 | No                        | No                  | No                   |
| Common ground between input/output                     | Yes                  | Yes                  | No                   | No                | Yes                 | Yes                       | Yes                 | Yes                  |



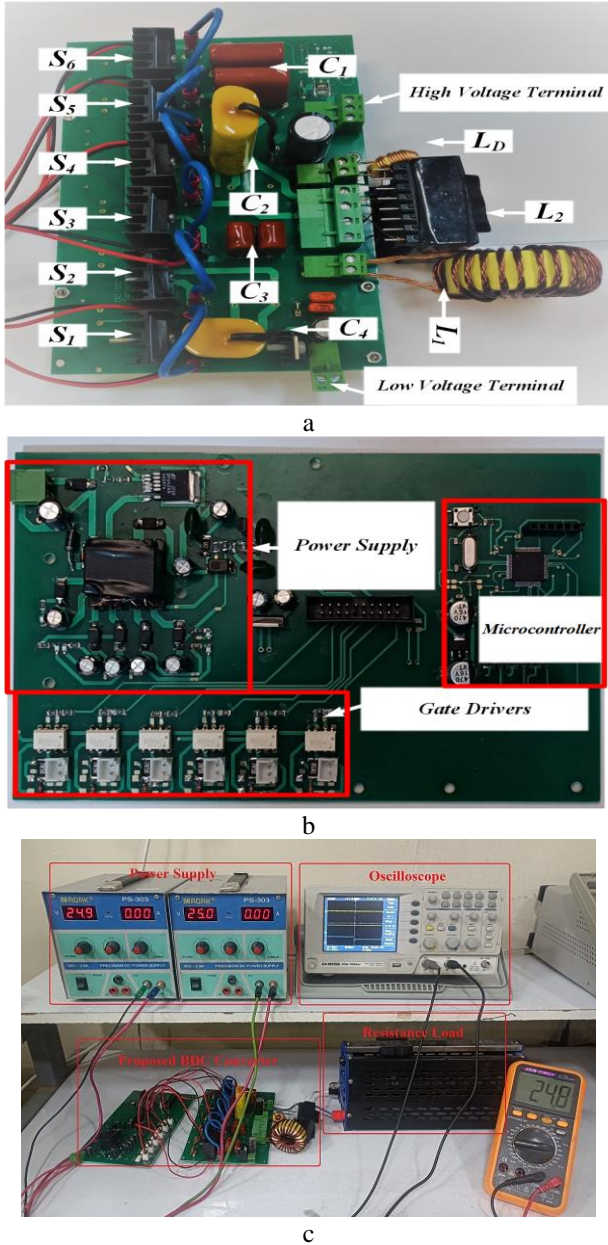


Fig. 6. Experimental prototype, a power converter, b gate drivers and microcontroller, c experimental setup.

The voltage stress for these switches is identical to that determined in equation (18). The waveforms corresponding to the voltages of switches  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$ , and  $S_6$  are shown in Fig. 7(e) displays the voltage waveforms for switches  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$ , and  $S_6$ .

Fig. 7 (f) show the waveforms of voltage and current for both the primary and secondary of the coupled inductor. The voltage waveforms for the primary and secondary are represented as  $V_{Lp}$  and  $V_{Ls}$ , respectively. The currents in the primary and secondary windings of the coupled  $L_2$ , are represented as  $I_{Lp}$  and  $I_{Ls}$ , respectively. Different waveforms of multiple components of the proposed converter are shown

to confirm the performance of the converter. To verify the ZVS functioning of the converter, the enlarged view of the waveforms is shown in Figs 7(g)-(i). The voltage, current, and input gate for switches  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are illustrated in Fig. 7 (g) and (h).

TABLE III  
Experimental Condition and Parameters

| Parameters                                 | Value  |
|--|--|
| $P_o$ , Output power                       | 350 W  |
| $V_{High}$ , High voltage                  | 300 V <sub>dc</sub>                            |
| $V_{Low}$ , Low voltage                    | 50 V <sub>dc</sub>                             |
| $f_s$ , Switching frequency                | 50 kHz   |
| $L_D$ and $L_{in}$ , Inductors             | 47 $\mu$ H, 100 $\mu$ H                        |
| $L_m$ , Coupled Inductor, turn ratio       | 250 $\mu$ H, 0.37                              |
| $C_1$ , $C_2$ , $C_3$ & $C_4$ , capacitors | 10 $\mu$ F, 12 $\mu$ F, 10 $\mu$ F, 12 $\mu$ F |
| $S_1$ , $S_2$ & $S_3$ , Switches           | IRFP260NPBF                                    |
| $S_4$ , Switch                             | IPW60R060P7                                    |
| $S_5$ & $S_6$ , Switches                   | IRFP150NPB                                     |

Fig. 7(i) additionally presents findings for the input gate and voltage of switch  $S_5$ . Additionally, the waveform of the magnetizing current for the coupled inductor is displayed in Fig. 7(i). It is evident that zero-voltage switching is available for the switches. Thus, the power loss is reduced, and the switch activates under soft switching conditions. Fig. 8 shows the outcomes for buck mode functionality. Fig. 7(j) shows the signal gates of switches  $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $S_5$ . The signal gates of switches  $S_2$ ,  $S_4$ , and  $S_6$  are opposite to those of switches  $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $S_5$ . The input voltage for buck operation is 300V, producing an output voltage of 49.87V. Fig. 7(k) illustrates the voltage across the capacitors, whereas Fig. 7(l) represents the voltage across switches  $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ , and  $S_5$ . The outcomes for buck mode indicate that the converter delivers strong performance across various components.

The distribution of power loss is determined using the RMS current, current and voltage waveforms, peak voltage, along with the switching frequency. Fig. 8 illustrates the efficiency results for various load conditions. For load levels between 80% and nominal power, the efficiency is greater than 96%.

Consequently, the experimental results validate the effective operation of the suggested converter, demonstrating its appropriateness for multiple applications. The result of experimental confirm the efficient operation of the suggested converter, demonstrating its appropriateness for multiple applications.

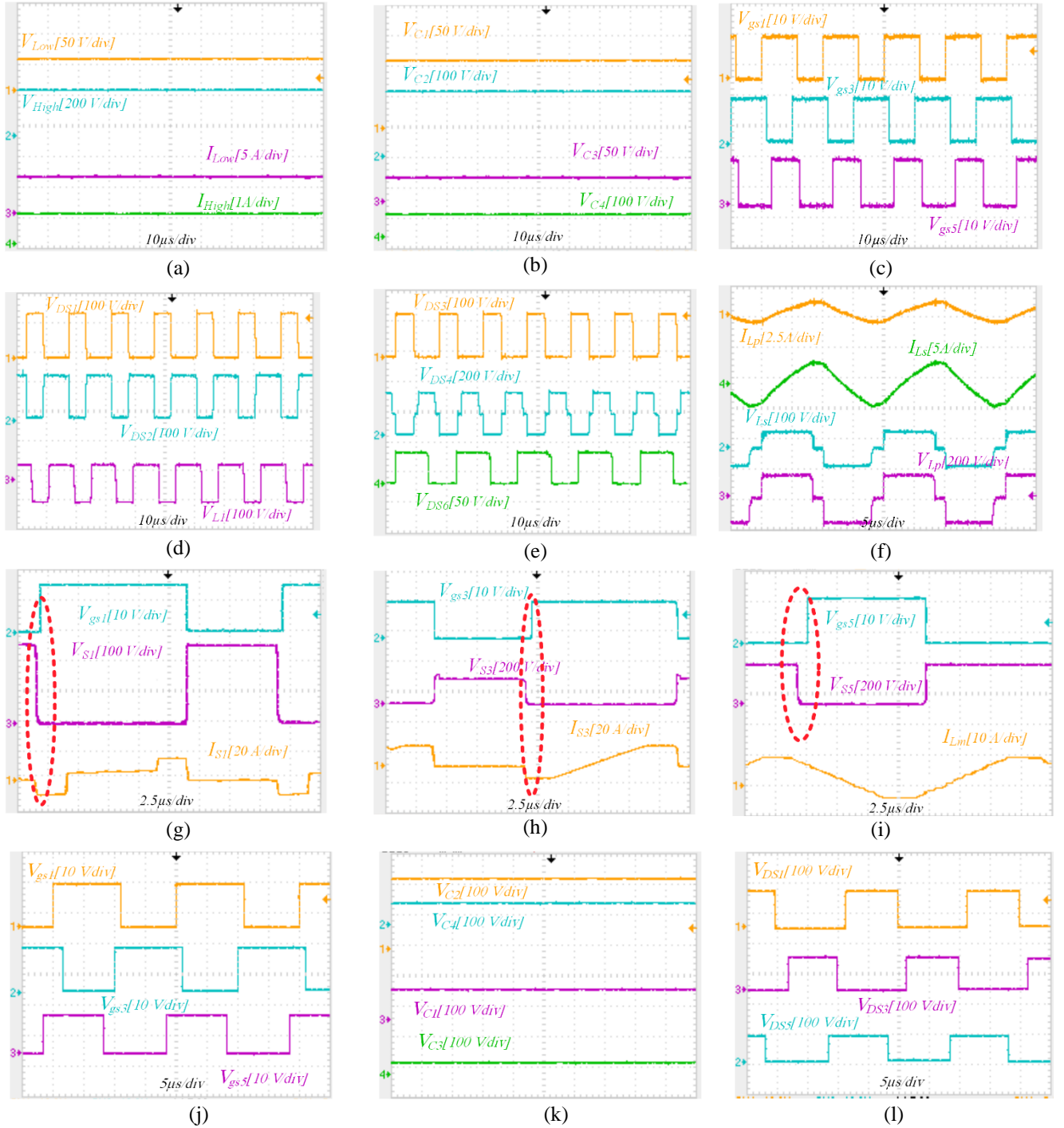


Fig. 7. The experimental data includes (a) waveforms for input and output, (b) voltages of capacitors, and (c) input gate measurements for switches S1, S3, and S5, (d) the voltage across S1 and S2, along with the voltage across the input inductor, (e) voltages of S3, S4, and S6, (f) voltage and current waveforms for the coupled inductor, (g) a detailed view of the input gate, voltage, and current for switch S1, (h) a detailed view of the input gate, voltage, and current for switch S3, and (i) a detailed view of the input gate, voltage, and current for switch S5. Additionally, (j) input gate data for switches S1, S3, and S5, (k) voltages across capacitors, and (l) voltages of switches S1, S3, and S5

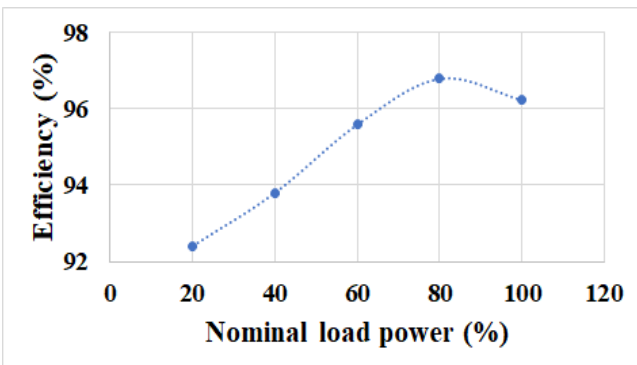


Fig. 8. The efficiency curve as a function of nominal power.

## VI. CONCLUSION

This paper presented an innovative power converter featuring a high voltage gain BDC through the use of a Asymetrical Voltage Multiplayer cell, a coupled inductor, and two-phase boost converter. Various switching modes of the converter are examined, and equations for each mode are presented. Additionally, the design equations for various elements are outlined. The suggested converter offers the greatest voltage gain in comparison to many competitors and contains fewer components than other converters with equivalent voltage gain. Additionally, it provides a steady

current on the low voltage side. ZVS switching is implemented, enhancing the efficiency of the converter. Using an asymmetrical design of the voltage multiplier cell can reduce total losses due to the voltage distribution strategy and reduced peak currents. The experimental findings indicate that the converter's performance is satisfactory and that it can deliver a high voltage from a low voltage according to pre-defined specifications.

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