



Soft Switched KY Step Up Converter with Load Regulation

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ABSTRACT: This paper presents a novel voltage gain enhanced KY step up converter with soft switching. A KY converter is a voltage step up converter which always operates in continuous conduction mode. To further improve the voltage gain a coupled inductor can be employed. Soft switching is applied for reducing the switching losses and it improves the efficiency of the converter. Simulation is done with 12V input voltage. The obtained output voltage is 72V, output current is 0.8A, and output power is 60W.

KEYWORDS: KY converter; Synchronous rectification; Voltage gain enhancement; soft switching

I. INTRODUCTION

The term Gain in electronics can be defined as the ability of a circuit to increase the power or amplitude of a signal from its input value. A voltage gain enhancement or a voltage boosting is required in many applications. High voltage conversion converters are used for the same. These converters increase the output voltages to a higher level from a lower input voltage level according to the requirement of load.

For improving the voltage gain, we can adopt different methods. The traditional methods are to use the converters like boost converter, buck-boost converter. But the voltage gains of these converters are not so high. Upto now many kinds of voltage boosting are available. The other techniques for voltage boosting are use of several inductors connected in series which are magnetized and then pumping the stored energy into the output, by the use of coupled inductors, Voltage super position based on switching capacitors, use of auxiliary transformers, use of multiplier cells[1]-[6], use of voltage lift circuits, use of KY converter etc. Among them one of the efficient methods is the use of KY converter. [7]-[12]

The base circuits of this novel voltage gain enhanced step up converter are a KY converter and a synchronous buck-boost converter. A KY converter is a boost converter and its behaviour can be considered as a buck converter with synchronous rectification. The feature of KY converter which makes it different from other converters is that it always operates in continuous conduction mode. Also the output current is non pulsating. A synchronous buck-boost converter is similar to buck boost converter with the diode is replaced by a MOSFET switch. By doing so, the conduction losses can be reduced and effectively the efficiency can be improved. [12]-[18]

Soft switching can be applied for reducing the switching losses. Different methods are available for achieving the same like parallel resonance circuit, series resonance circuit etc. In this paper a detailed description of the proposed converter, modes of operations, simulation results are explained. Simulation results include load regulation.[19]

II. OVERALL SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

Figure 1 shows the proposed step up converter with soft switching, which contains two MOSFET switches namely S1 and S2 along with their body diodes D1 and D2. A coupled inductor with primary turns N_p and secondary turns N_s is used to obtain voltage gain enhancement. Capacitor C1 is energy transferring capacitor and capacitor C2 is charge pump capacitor. At the output side, one output inductor L_o , one output capacitor C_o is connected. The load is signified as R_o . The input voltage and output voltages are represented as V_i and V_o respectively. A resonance inductor L_r and a resonance capacitor C_r is also used.

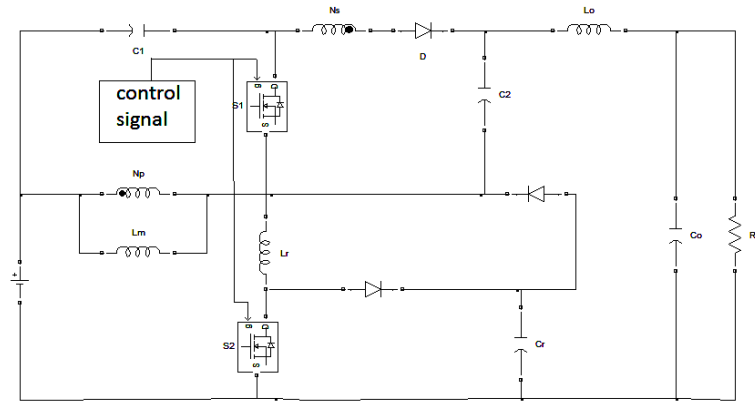


Fig 1 proposed step up converter

III.BASIC OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Fig 2 describes the modes of operations of the circuit.

Mode 1(t_0-t_1)

Figure 2(a) describes the mode1 operation. During this mode switch S1 is turned on and switch S2 is turned off. Current flows through resonance inductor and capacitor. Resonance capacitor Cr charges through resonance inductor Lr. Thus the voltage across capacitor Cr increases.

Mode 2 (t_1-t_2)

Switch S1 is still on and switch S2 is off. When the voltage across capacitor Cr increases and exceeds the voltage across capacitor C1, the direction of current reverses. The switch conducts through the anti parallel diode. This is shown in figure 2(b).

Mode 3 (t_2-t_3)

When the voltage across capacitor Cr reaches its maximum value, V_{cr} stays at a constant value. This mode of operation is shown in figure 2(c)

Mode 4 (t_3-t_4)

Mode 4 is shown in figure 2(d).In this mode of operation, switch S1 is turned off and switch S2 is turned on. Due to the presence of a series inductor, the current across switch S2 increases slowly which is responsible for zero current turn on of switchS2. The energy stored in the capacitor Cr discharges through diode and resonance inductor Lr. Due to this discharge the voltage across switch S1 increases slowly only. Thus zero voltage turn off can be achieved.

Mode 5 (t_4-t_5)

In this mode, switch S2 is still on and switch S1 is off. When the energy stored in the capacitor Cr becomes zero the power flow changes which is shown in figure 2 (e).

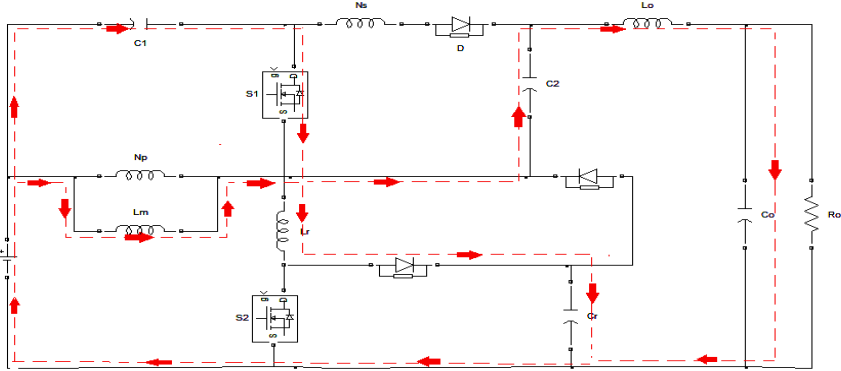


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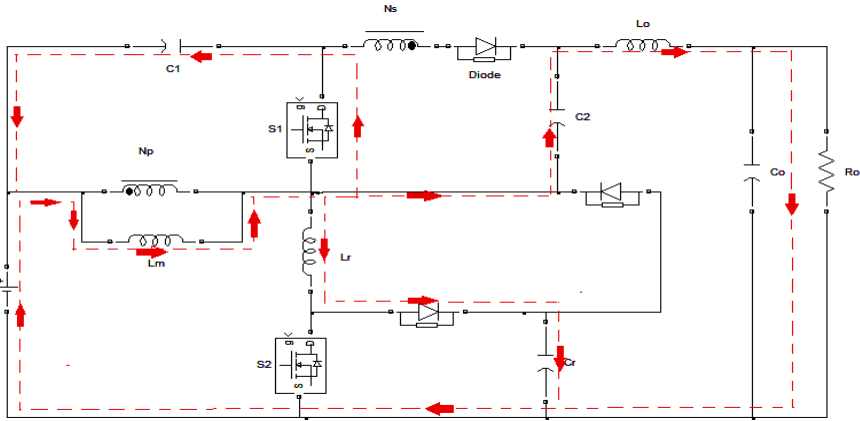


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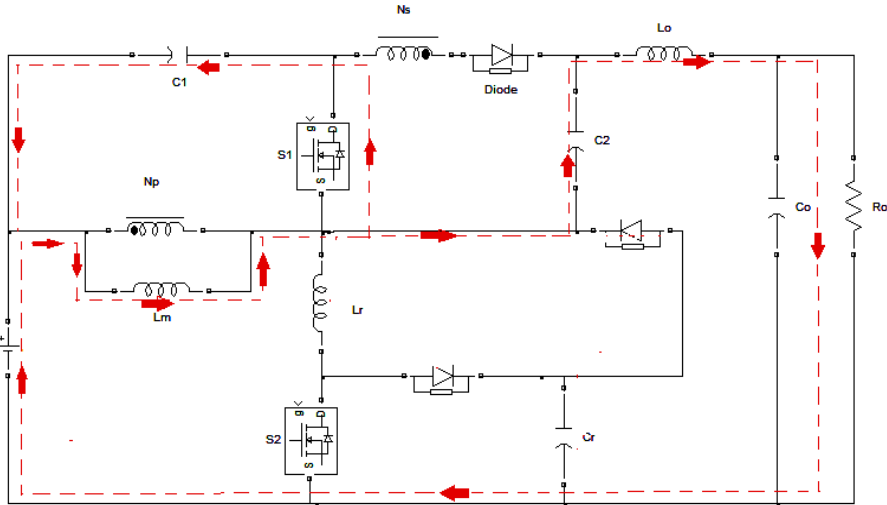


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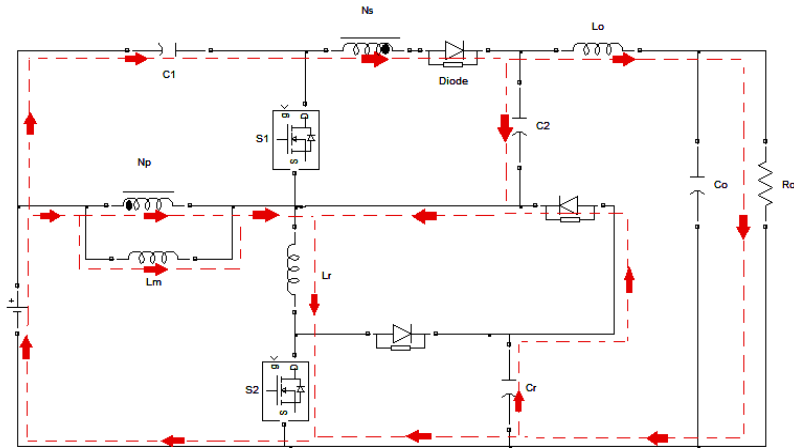


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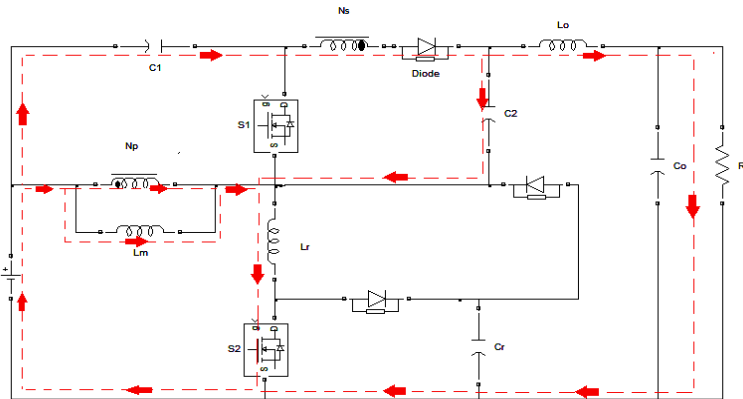


Fig 2(e)

IV SIMULATION RESULTS

The simulation was done using MATLAB/SIMULINK. The closed loop simulation diagram is as shown in figure 3. To obtain soft switching, a resonance inductor and resonance capacitor namely L_r and C_r are connected in the circuit. The specifications of components used are given in Table I. The design values are given in Table II.

TABLE I. CIRCUIT PARAMETERS

Parameter	Values
Magnetizing inductor, L_m	100 μH
Energy transferring capacitor, C_1	174 μF
Charge pump capacitor, C_2	69 μF
Output capacitor, C_0	300 μF
Output inductor, L_o	180 μH
Output resistor, R_o	90 Ω
Resonance inductor, L_r	10 μH



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Parameter	Values
Resonance capacitor, Cr	10nF

TABLE II. DESIGN PARAMETERS

Parameter	Values
Input voltage, Vi	12V
Output voltage, Vo	72V
Output current Io	0.8A
Output power	60W
Switching frequency	100 KHz

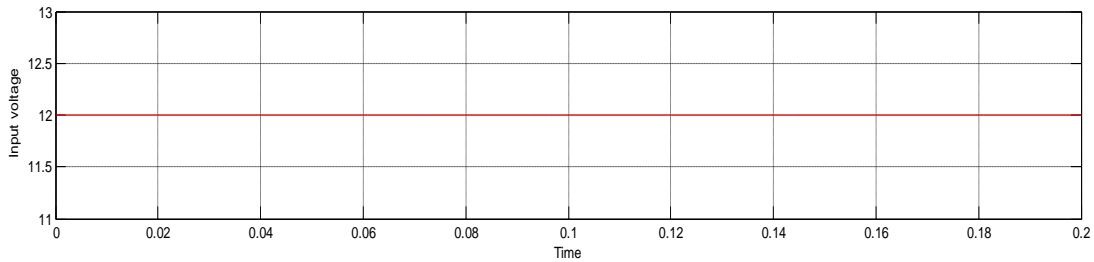


Fig 3. Input voltage, Vi=12V

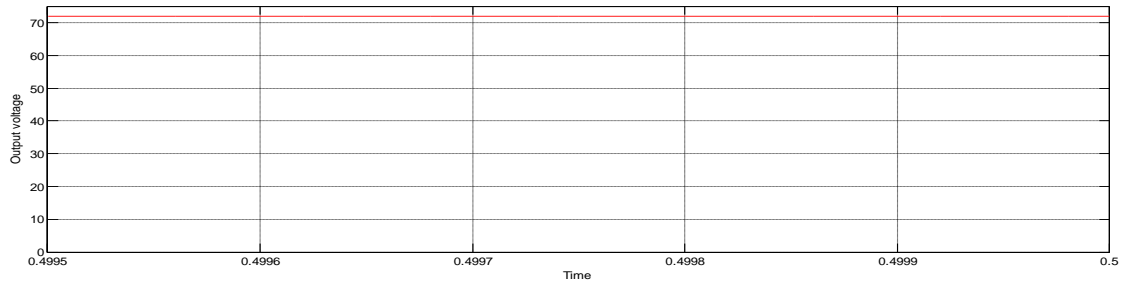


Fig 4. Output voltage, Vo= 72V

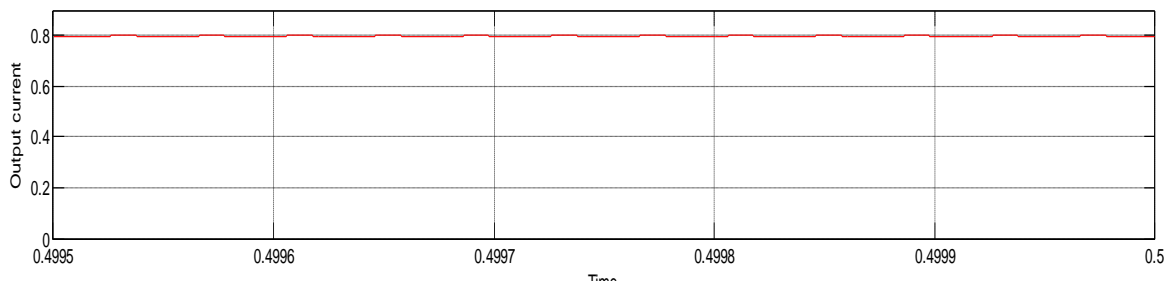


Fig 5. Output current, Io

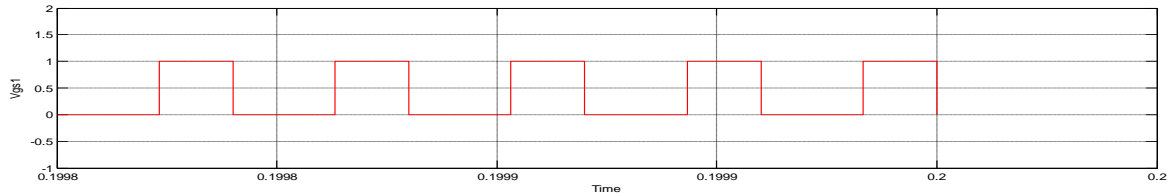


Fig 6. Gate pulse for switch S1

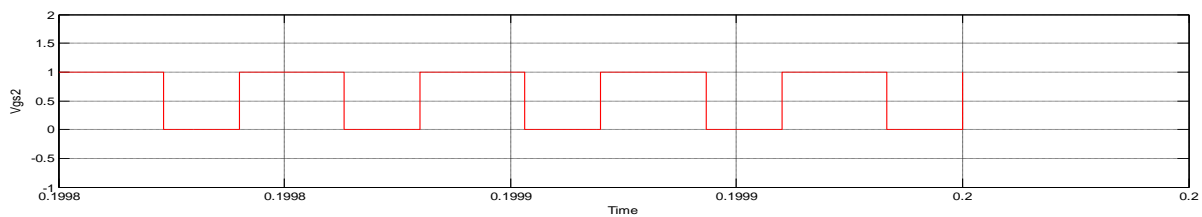


Fig 7 Gate pulse for switch S2

The DC input voltage $V_i=12V$ is shown in figure 3. The output voltage obtained is shown in figure 4. $V_o=72V$. The output current $I_o=0.8A$ is given in figure 5. The gate pulse for switch S1 and switch S2 are shown in figure 6 and figure 7 respectively. The switching pulse for switch S1 and S2 are given as complimentary pulses.

Voltage and current across switch S1 is represented as V_{sw1} and I_{sw1} respectively. Similarly voltage and current across switch S2 is represented as V_{sw2} and I_{sw2} respectively. Zero current turn on and zero current turn off is obtained for both switches. Figure 8 shows the voltage and current across switch S1 and switch S2 respectively. Switch S1 is turned on first. Then the voltage across switch S1 is zero. The current across switch increases slowly. This results in zero current turn on. Voltage across switch S2 is maximum. When switch S2 is turned on voltage across it becomes zero and current increases slowly to achieve zero current turn on. During this period zero voltage turn off is applicable for switch S2.

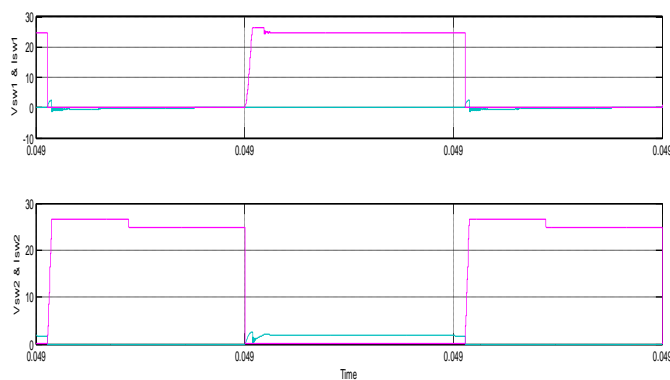


Fig 8. Soft switching waveforms

Now, performing the load regulation. Full condition is first analysed. The corresponding waveform is given in figure 9. In this case output voltage is 72V and output current is 0.8A

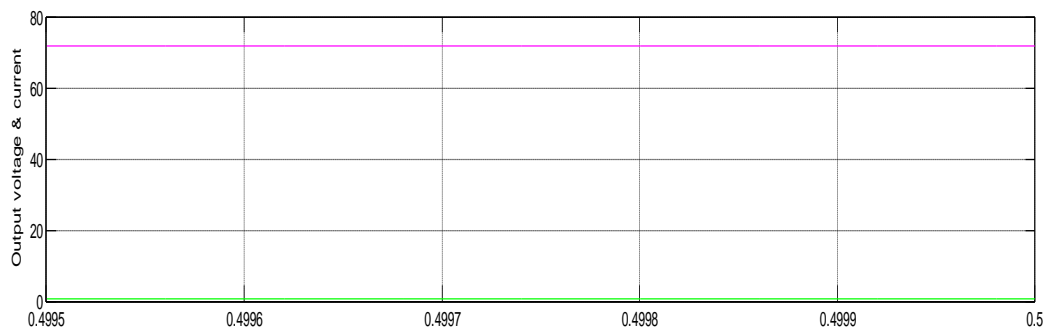


Fig 9 . Full load condition

Now performing the no load condition.

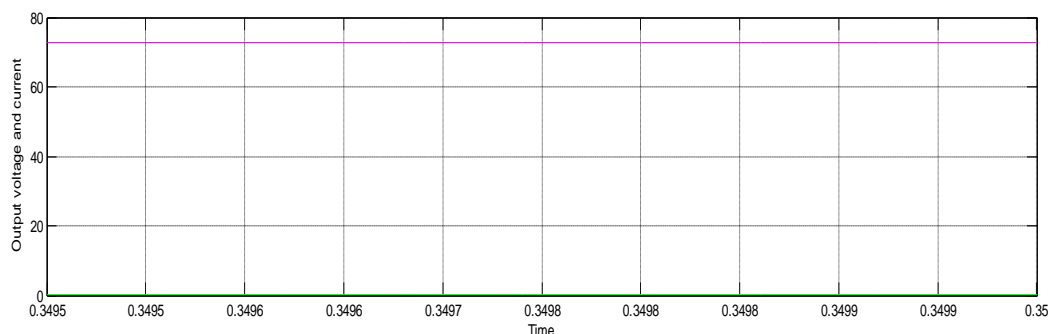


Fig 10 . No load condition

In this case, output voltage is 72V and output current is 0A.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper describes about a novel voltage gain enhance KY step up converter with soft switching, its features, and modes of operation. A KY converter along with a synchronous buck boost converter structure is presented here. To obtain a high voltage gain a coupled inductor can be employed. Simulation is done using Matlab. Load regulation is performed. The gain enhanced output voltage is obtained.

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