# Unified Analysis of Isolated Bidirectional Converters for Battery Charging

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## Introduction





## **Isolated Bidirectional Topologies**

- topologies with reduced switch count
  - Flyback

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- topologies with dual bridge (or half-bridge or push-pull) configuration
  - Dual Active Bridge (DAB)
  - □ Interleaved Boost with Coupled Inductors (IBCI)

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- topologies with dual bridge configuration and high frequency resonant networks
  - Series Resonant DAB (SR-DAB)
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## **Reduced Switch Count Topologies**

- High voltage and/or current stress on active components
- Limited soft-switching operation
- Transformer leakage inductance requires suitable snubber circuits

### **Example: bidirectional Cuk converter**



## **Dual Active Bridge (DAB)**



## **Single-phase:**



- Simple phase-shift modulation
- Extended soft-switching operation
- Exploitation of transformer leakage inductance
- Optimum design for constant port voltages V<sub>1</sub> and V<sub>2</sub>

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## Interleaved Boost with Coupled Inductors (IBCI)



- Simple phase-shift modulation
- Extended soft-switching operation
- Exploitation of mutual inductor leakage inductance
- Duty-cycle control of port 2 switches for variable port voltages V<sub>1</sub> and V<sub>2</sub>
- Reduced port 2 current ripple (low-voltage high-current port)

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## **Unified Analysis**



All the aforementioned topologies control the power transfer between the two ports by modulating the voltage applied to a current shaping impedance



For DAB and IBCI topologies, Z is a simple inductor while for SR-DAB topologies Z is a series resonant L-C tank

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## **Phase-Shift Modulation**

**Example:** power transfer from  $v_A$  to  $v_B$ 



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## **Phase-Shift Modulation**

v<sub>A</sub> and v<sub>B</sub> are square wave voltages of amplitudes V<sub>A</sub> and V<sub>B</sub>, respectively

$$V_A = V_1$$
  $V_B = nV_2$ 

The power transfer between ports 1 and 2 is controlled through the phase-shift angle φ

$$0 \le \varphi \le \pi/2 \qquad v_A \stackrel{P}{\longrightarrow} v_B$$
$$-\pi/2 \le \varphi \le 0 \qquad v_A \stackrel{P}{\longleftarrow} v_B$$

Inductor current has a piecewise linear behavior (DAB)

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v<sub>A</sub> is a three-level voltage of amplitude V<sub>A</sub> while v<sub>B</sub> is a square wave voltage of amplitude V<sub>B</sub>

$$V_g D = (V_{CL} - V_g)(1 - D) \implies V_{CL} = \frac{V_g}{1 - D}$$

$$V_{A} = \frac{n_{s}}{n_{p}} V_{CL} = \frac{n_{s}}{n_{p}} \frac{V_{2}}{1 - D}$$
  $V_{B} = V_{B}$ 

- The duty-cycle of port 2 switches is controlled so as to obtain the condition V<sub>A</sub>=V<sub>B</sub>
- The power transfer between ports 1 and 2 is controlled through the phase-shift angle φ

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## Phase-Shift Modulation in Three-Phase Converters



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## Phase-Shift Modulation in Three-Phase Converters



- v<sub>A</sub> and v<sub>B</sub> are six-step voltage waveforms
- The power transfer between ports 1 and 2 is controlled through the phase-shift angle φ

$$0 \le \varphi \le \pi/2$$
  $v_A \stackrel{P}{\Longrightarrow} v_B$ 

$$-\pi/2 \le \varphi \le 0$$
  $v_A \leftarrow v_B$ 

Two different situations (power from port 1 to port 2):  $\Box 0 \le \varphi \le \pi/3$  $\Box \pi/3 \le \varphi \le \pi/2$ 

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Inductor current has a piecewise linear behavior (DAB)

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## **Systematic Steady-State Analysis**

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- The analytical determination of the current waveforms requires a systematic method for complex topologies (e.g. three-phase resonant DAB).
- The outcome is the mathematical expression of phase currents as a function of phase-shift and other design parameters.
- In addition, soft switching conditions can be analyzed in detail by extracting current values at the moment of switch commutations.



### **Systematic Steady-State Analysis**

The half switching period is divided into m subintervals. For each subinterval ( $i = 1 \div m$ ), the values of the current shaping impedance state variables  $x_i$  at the end of the interval are calculated, in normalized form, as a function of their value  $x_{i-1}$  at the beginning, i.e.:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{i}}\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{i}-1} + \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{i}}\upsilon_{\mathbf{i}}$$

We can iterate, obtaining

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{m} &= \mathbf{M}_{m,1} \mathbf{x}_{0} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \mathbf{M}_{m,i+1} \mathbf{N}_{i} \upsilon_{i} \right) + \mathbf{N}_{m} \upsilon_{m} = \mathbf{M}_{m,1} \mathbf{x}_{0} + \mathbf{F} \\ \end{aligned}$$
  
here 
$$\mathbf{M}_{j,i} &= \prod_{k=i}^{j} \mathbf{M}_{k} \quad j \ge i \end{aligned}$$

and v is a column vector containing  $m v_i$  elements, i.e.

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_m \end{bmatrix}^T$$
  
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**Exploiting the waveform symmetry, we can write:** 

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{m}} = \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{m},1}\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{0}} + \mathbf{F} = -\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{0}}$$

#### from which the initial state variable values are found:

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \left( -\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}_{m,1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{F}$$

that can be used to derive the current waveform expressions and to discuss soft-switching conditions

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## **Example: IBCI**



#### **Base variables:**

- Base voltage:
- Base impedance:
- Base current:
- Base power:

 $V_{N} = V_{A}$  $Z_{N} = \omega_{sw}L$  $I_{N} = V_{N}/Z_{N}$  $P_{N} = V_{N}^{2}/Z_{N}$ 

The half switching period is subdivided into 4 subintervals (m = 4).

Two situations has to be considered:

**Case A:**  $0 < \phi < \pi(D-1/2)$ 

**Case B:**  $\pi$ (D-1/2) <  $\phi$  <  $\pi$ /2

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## **Example: IBCI**



Defining  $j(\theta) = i(\theta)/I_N$  as the normalized inductor current:

$$J_i = J_{i-1} + \upsilon_i \delta_i$$
 for  $i = 1, ..., m$ 

Comparing with:  $\mathbf{x}_{i} = \mathbf{M}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{i-1} + \mathbf{N}_{i}\upsilon_{i}$ 

$$\begin{cases} M_i = 1 \\ N_i = \delta_i \end{cases} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

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**From:**  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (-\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{M}_{m,1})^{-1} \mathbf{F}$ 

the normalized initial inductor current value is:

$$J_0 = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^4 \upsilon_i \delta_i$$

For both cases A and B we have:

$$\mathbf{J}_0 = -\pi(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{D}) + \mathbf{k} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}\right)$$

For plus phase-shift modulation  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{1}$ :

$$J_0 = \pi \left( D - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \phi$$

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#### **Base variables:**

- Base voltage:
- Base impedance:
- Base current:
- Base power:
- Base frequency:



 $\omega_{N} = \omega_{r}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{N}} = \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{N}}^{2} / \mathbf{Z}_{\mathrm{N}}$$

$$\omega_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

 $Z_r = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$ 



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#### **Current shaping impedance state variables:**

$$\begin{cases} j_{L}(\theta) = \upsilon \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right) - U_{C0} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right) + J_{L0} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right) \\ u_{C}(\theta) = \upsilon\left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right)\right) + U_{C0} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right) + J_{L0} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{f_{n}}\right) \end{cases}$$

**Normalized state variable vector:**  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{j}_{L} \\ \mathbf{u}_{C} \end{bmatrix}$ 

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The half switching period is subdivided into 2 subintervals (m = 2).

i =	= 1	i = 2				
υ	δ	υ	δ			
1+k	φ	1 <b>-</b> k	$\pi - \phi$			





#### **Current shaping impedance state variables:**



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#### Matrix F:

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) \\ 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) - 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi-\phi}{f_{n}}\right) \\ 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi-\phi}{f_{n}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) - 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$

#### **Initial conditions:**

$$\mathbf{x}_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) & \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) \\ -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) & -1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{F}$$

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#### **Initial conditions:**

$$\mathbf{x}_{0} = \frac{1}{1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right)} \left[ \left( -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right)\right) + \left( \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi-\phi}{f_{n}}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{n}}\right)}{1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi-\phi}{f_{n}}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{n}}\right)} \right] \right]$$

$$J_{L0}(\phi) = \frac{-\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right) + k\left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi-\phi}{f_{n}}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{n}}\right)\right]}{1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{f_{n}}\right)}$$
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# Example: Three-Phase DAB



The half switching period is subdivided into 6 subintervals (m = 6).

Two situations has to be considered:

**Case A:**  $0 < \phi < \pi/3$ 

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## Example: Three-Phase DAB and SR-DAB



The half switching period is subdivided into 6 subintervals (m = 6).

Two situations has to be considered:

**Case B:**  $\pi/3 < \phi < \pi/2$ 

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## **Example: Three-Phase DAB** and SR-DAB



i=	1		2		3		4		5		6	
	υ	δ	υ	δ	υ	δ	υ	δ	υ	δ	υ	δ
А	$\frac{1+k}{3}$	φ	$\frac{1-k}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}-\varphi$	$\frac{2-k}{3}$	φ	$\frac{2(1-k)}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}-\varphi$	$\frac{1-2k}{3}$	φ	$\frac{1-k}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}-\varphi$
В	$\frac{1+2k}{3}$	$\varphi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{1+k}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}-\varphi$	$\frac{2+k}{3}$	$\varphi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{2-k}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}-\varphi$	$\frac{1-k}{3}$	$\varphi - \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{1-2k}{3}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}-\varphi$



#### Soft-switching conditions DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA DELL'INFORMAZIONE Single phase DAB: port 1 v<sub>A</sub> --- V<sub>A</sub> o----It S<sub>1aH</sub> o── S<sub>1bH</sub> $2\pi f_{sw}t$ -V<sub>A</sub>..... $2\pi$ φ VB $-V_{R}$ S<sup>o</sup>lt S<sup>o---</sup> $2\pi f_{sw}t$ $-V_B$ π $2\pi$ **Power flow** $i_{L}(\pi) = -i_{L}(0)$ $\mathbf{1}_{\mathrm{L}}$ $j_{L}(0) = -\phi \cdot k - \frac{\pi}{2}(1-k) \le 0$ $i_L(\phi)$ $\pi$ $2\pi f_{sw}t$ $2\pi$ $\phi \geq \frac{\pi}{2}$ $i_{L}(0)$

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#### Soft-switching conditions DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA DELL'INFORMAZIONE Single phase DAB: port 2 v<sub>A</sub> ---- V<sub>A</sub> o—∣⊧ S<sub>2bH</sub> o−− S<sub>2aH</sub> $2\pi f_{sw}t$ -V<sub>A</sub>..... $2\pi$ -III-Ls φ VB $-V_{R}$ n:1 S<sub>2bl</sub> $2\pi f_{sw}t$ $-V_B$ π $2\pi$ **Power flow** $i_{L}(\pi) = -i_{L}(0)$ $\mathbf{1}_{\mathrm{L}}$ $\mathbf{j}_{\mathsf{L}}(\boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \boldsymbol{\varphi} - \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - \mathbf{k}) \ge 0$ $i_L(\phi)$ $\pi$ $2\pi f_{sw}t$ $2\pi$ $\varphi \geq \frac{\pi}{2}(1-k)$ $i_{L}(0)$ 41/66 S. Buso, G. Spiazzi - University of Padova - DEI

#### Single phase DAB

Port 1:



$$\varphi \ge \frac{\pi}{2}(1-k)$$

Port 2:

For a power flow from port 1 to port 2 the phase-shift interval is  $0 \le \varphi \le \pi/2$ . Thus, if  $\mathbf{k} \ge \mathbf{1}$  the soft switching condition is satisfied for any  $\varphi$  value and for both bridge switches.

The same consideration holds for a power flow from port 2 to port 1 where voltages  $v_A$  and  $v_B$  are swept and k' = 1/k. Now, if  $k' \ge 1$  ( $k \le 1$ ) the soft switching condition is satisfied for any  $\varphi$  value.

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For a bidirectional power flow, if  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{1}$ the soft switching condition is satisfied for any  $\varphi$  value between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ .

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#### Single phase SR-DAB converter: port 2



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#### Single phase SR-DAB converter





Interleaved Boost with Coupled Inductors



Let's analyze the port 1 switch commutations first

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Case A: 
$$0 < \phi < \pi(D-1/2)$$
  $k \ge 2(1-D)$ 

**Case B**:  $\pi$ (D-1/2) <  $\phi$  <  $\pi$ /2

 $k \ge 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \varphi$ 

# Case B is included in case A! Same condition holds for reversed power flow

k = 1 is used to minimize the inductor current crest factor

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Interleaved Boost with Coupled Inductors



For port 2 switch commutations we have to analyze the currents  $i_a$  and  $i_b$  which depend also on duty-cycle:





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Considerations:



- The active clamp operation requires the clamp current to have zero average value. This means that the upper switch current must reverse polarity during their conduction interval (help soft-switching)
- A non negligible magnetizing inductor ripple helps to satisfy the soft-switching conditions especially at low power levels

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Single-phase DAB NORMALIZED TRANSFERRED POWER 1 0.8 V<sub>B</sub> 0.6  $\Pi(\phi)$ 0.4 **Power flow** 0.2  $\Pi(\varphi) = \mathsf{k}\varphi\left(1 - \frac{\varphi}{\pi}\right)$ 0 0.25 0.75 0.5 0  $k = \frac{V_B}{V_A}$ Π NORMALIZED PHASE-SHIFT ANGLE 58/66 S. Buso, G. Spiazzi - University of Padova - DEI



Single-phase DAB

NORMALIZED TRANSFERRED POWER



NORMALIZED PHASE-SHIFT ANGLE

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#### Single-phase SR-DAB



Power flow



#### NORMALIZED TRANSFERRED POWER



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NORMALIZED TRANSFERRED POWER

#### Single-phase SR-DAB







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#### Three-phase SR-DAB



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- Different isolated bidirectional topologies, belonging to the family of dual active bridge structures, have been considered
- A unified analysis has been carried out to calculate the steady-state current waveform responsible for the power transfer
- Soft-switching conditions have been investigated for each converter topology
- The transferred power and its relation with the phaseshift angle has been calculated

