An Efficient Power Control Technique for High-Frequency Resonant Inverter in Induction Heating System

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Abstract-An efficacious and reliable power control technique has been developed which can be used to regulate the output power of a high-frequency full bridge series resonant inverter (HF-FBSRI) in an induction heating (IH) system. In this paper, a modified buck-boost converter is presented to control the DC link/bus voltage which maintains the IH system under resonant mode and optimizes the performance of the IH system. Controlled DC link/bus voltage has been applied to this HF-FBSRI to control the average output power in the IH system. Using this aimed control technique, a wide range of output powers has been controlled and consistent performance of the IH system has been achieved. ZVS switching technique has been used to reduce the switching losses. Varying average power has been obtained at different duty cycles ranging from 0.2 to 0.8 with variable DC link voltage and it has been corroborated using PSIM environment for an IH system rated at 5500W.

Keywords-induction heating (IH) system; DC link voltage; duty cycle; FBSRI; series resonance

I. INTRODUCTION

Today's era reveals that the uses of induction heating (IH) technology are increasing in industrial and domestic applications [1]. The benefits of using this technology are its high efficiency, less heating time, accurate heating pattern, safety and cost-effectiveness. Due to these unique merits, IH technology became one of the most promising methods to attain high heating performance for development in the field of high frequency (HF) inverter and its control technique [2]. IH technology can be defined as an electrical and contactless process in which workpiece/object is heated with the help of eddy current, generated by HF alternating flux/current [3]. Actually this HF alternating flux links with the workpiece and generates eddy current. Due to this eddy current, the workpiece placed inside the IH coil gets heated by the Joule principle. Generally, to generate HF current, an HF resonant inverter is used like the full bridge series resonant inverter (FBSRI) [4-5], half bridge-SRI [6], single switch topology [7], class -D [13] and so on. The demerit of resonant converters is the occurence of switching and power losses across semiconductor switches.

Zero voltage switching (ZVS) and zero current switching (ZCS) techniques are used to mitigate these losses [8]. In the current work, FBSRI has been applied with ZVS condition.

Apart from that, various power control techniques have been developed for resonant converter topologies [2]. In the resonant inverter, output power could be varied in two ways. One is by employing variable DC link voltage to the resonant inverter and another is by manipulating the time period of pulses. Out of these two techniques, pulse width modulation (PWM) technique is employed for manipulating output power. Some of the control techniques for a resonant inverter used for IH applications are: Frequency modulation technique [9], phase shift [10], pulse density modulation [11, 16], asymmetrical duty cycle [12] and square wave [12]. These methods are not able to maintain the IH system under resonant mode. Due to this, the performance of the IH system decreases and switching losses become more significant [12]. It has been seen in frequency modulation technique that while varying frequency the current and power through resonant tank diminish. of the aforementioned elimination Regarding the disadvantages, variable DC link voltage method is proposed in this work which has been done by a modified buck-boost dc-dc converter. In this paper, controlled output power has been achieved using modified buck boost dc-dc converter. The main advantage of DC-link voltage control technique through a dcdc converter is that, it protects from the electromagnetic disruptions at the input side of the IH system. This electromagnetic disruption is generated through a high frequency component (i.e. generated at the output side) which tries to superimpose on the input side. In this paper, additionally L_s and C_s have been used to eliminate this HF component in the input side of FBSRI. This proposed control technique can be applied in both industrial and domestic IH applications.

II. PROPOSED CLASSICAL IH SYSTEM BASED ON MODIFIED BUCK BOOST CONVERTER

The block diagram of the proposed classical IH system is shown in Figure 1. In this Figure, AC supply (230V, 50Hz as

per Indian standards) has been applied to the full bridge diode rectifier which converts alternating current (AC) to direct current (DC) with ripple content. After rectification, filter inductor (L_f) and capacitor (C_f) have been used for mitigating the ripple content in DC voltage. Later, this pure DC supply has been applied to the modified buck-boost dc-dc converter which is used to regulate DC-link voltage (V_{dcl}) . Now this variable DC-link voltage has been applied to a full bridge series resonant inverter (FBSRI) through a filter composed of L_s and C_s that eliminates high frequency components [4]. This FBSRI generates HF AC current which flows through the IH coil. Due to this, HF alternating flux generated across the coil, links with the metallic object and thus creates eddy current inside the object which is to be heated. Due to Joule's law of heating effect, the metallic object that is placed inside the IH coil gets gradually heated.



Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed HF induction heating system

In this paper, the heat intensity in the object is being controlled by controlling the output power of FBSRI. This has been done through the modified buck boost converter topology which controls the DC link voltage that is finally applied to the FBSRI as shown in Figure 1. The circuit configuration of modifed buck boost converter is shown in Figure 2, where L_{bb} and C_{bb} are the buck boost inductor and capacitor respectively. Unlike the conventional buck boost converter, the modified buck boost converter allows both input and output voltage to be of the same polarity. Switches M1 and M2 are turned ON and OFF simultaneously. When both switches are turned OFF, L_{bb} stores the energy and when the switches are turned OFF, L_{bb} supplies energy to the load through a path incorporating both diodes, D1 and D2.



 L_{bb} and C_{bb} have been evaluated by (1)-(2):

$$L_{bb} = \frac{V_{dcl} \left(1 - D\right)}{\Delta i_L f_s} \tag{1}$$

$$C_{bb} = \frac{I_o D}{\Delta V_o f_s} \tag{2}$$

where, V_{dcl} is the DC link voltage, D is the duty cycle, Δi_L and ΔV_o are the changes in current and voltage respectively and f_s is the switching frequency of the modified buck boost converter. The controlled output of the modified buck boost converter is

fed to FBSRI. The circuit configuration for FBSRI is shown in Figure 3 [17-18]. An FBSRI generally consists of four HF semiconductor switches (i.e. MOSFETs, GTO, IGBTs) with an anti-parallel diode. Due to the switching of two switches at the same time in one leg, a quasi-square waveform is generated. Commonly, MOSFETs and IGBTs are the first choices for the resonant inverter in IH applications. In FBSRI, the IH coil and its load have been modeled as a series combination of R_{eq} and L_{eq} [14-15]. C_{eq} is the resonating capacitor connected in series to create series resonance condition for analyzing the electrical behavior of the practical IH system. Generally, resonant inverter operates at the resonant frequency f_r . But in practical cases, switching frequency f_s of the FBSRI must be greater or less than resonant frequency f_r to reduce switching losses. In this work, FBSRI has been incorporated with ZVS condition.



Fig. 3. Circuit configuration of FBSRI

A. Mathematical Analysis of the Proposed Control Technique

In this part, a brief description of the proposed power control technique has been presented. From Figure 1 it can be seen that the buck boost converter has been connected to control the output power of FBSRI. The proposed power control technique has been validated by the use of the following mathematical equations. Let V_D is the average DC output voltage of bridge rectifier, V_{dcl} is the average DC link voltage, and D is the duty cycle. So:

$$V_D = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \tag{3}$$

where V_m is the maximum input voltage and

$$V_{dcl} = V_D (1 - \cos \omega t) = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} (1 - \cos \omega t)$$
(4)

Now the output voltage of the buck boost converter i.e. V_{BB} can be written as:

$$V_{BB} = V_{dcl} \frac{D}{1-D} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} (1 - \cos \omega t) \times \frac{D}{1-D}$$
(5)

Equation (5) reveals that V_{BB} can be controlled by varying duty cycle. Let V_o be the output voltage of FBSRI and its first harmonic amplitude can be defined as:

$$V_1 = \frac{4V_{BB}}{\pi} \cos \alpha \tag{6}$$

$$\left|Z(j\omega)\right| = \left|R_{eq} + j\omega L_{eq} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{eq}}\right| = \frac{R_{eq}}{\cos\phi}$$
(7)

where ϕ is the phase angle between voltage and current while the proposed FBSRI operates at resonant frequency (*f_r*). Due to this, voltage and current will be in the same phase. Owing to this $\phi = \alpha$ is assumed for further analysis.

$$\therefore |Z(j\omega)| = \frac{R_{eq}}{\cos\alpha} \tag{8}$$

Fundamental output current, I_1 and output power of FBSRI can be expressed as:

$$I_1 = \frac{V_1}{Z(j\omega)} = \frac{4V_{BB}}{\pi R_{eq}} \cos^2 \alpha \tag{9}$$

$$P = \left(\frac{I_1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 R_{eq} = \frac{16V_{BB}}{2\pi^2 R_{eq}^2} R_{eq} \cos^4 \alpha = \frac{8V_{BB}}{\pi^2 R_{eq}} \cos^4 \alpha \quad (10)$$

From (10) it can be concluded that output power can be controlled by varying buck boost output voltage V_{BB} .

III. IH LOAD ELECTRICAL MODELING AND FREQUENCY RESPONSE ANALYSIS

A. Electrical Modeling of IH Load

To analyze the electrical behavior of the classical IH system, the electrical modeling of IH load is needed. The electrical modeling of IH load can be explained with the help of a transformer equivalent circuit representation because IH system works on the principle of electromagnetic induction between the IH coil (which acts as a primary winding) and the load (which will act as a secondary winding) [19-20]. The electrical equivalent circuit of IH load is shown in Figure 4. In this figure, L_P and L_S are the self-inductances in the primary and secondary side respectively. M is the mutual inductance of transformer equivalent circuit. R_L is the resistance of the object to be heated which is placed inside the IH coil.



Fig. 4. Transformer model/equivalent circuit of IH load

 R_{eq} and L_{eq} can be calculated by:

$$J\omega L_P + J\omega M I_{S_2} = V_{P_1} \tag{11}$$

$$J\omega MI_{P_1} + (J\omega L_s + R_L)I_{S_2} = 0 \tag{12}$$

Rearranging (11) and (12), we get (13):

$$\frac{V_{P_{1}}}{I_{P_{1}}} = \frac{\omega^{2} M R_{L}}{R_{L}^{2} + \omega^{2} L_{S}^{2}} + J \omega \left(\frac{L_{P} R_{L}^{2} + \omega^{2} L_{S} (L_{P} L_{S} - M^{2})}{R_{L}^{2} + \omega^{2} L_{S}^{2}} \right)$$
(13)

On identifying the real and imaginary part in (13), the values of R_{eq} and L_{eq} can be found as:

$$R_{eq} = \frac{\omega M R_L}{R_L^2 + \omega^2 L_S^2} \tag{14}$$

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$$L_{eq} = L_P - \frac{\omega^2 L_S M^2}{R_L^2 + \omega^2 L_S^2}$$
(15)

The exact equivalent circuit of the IH system is shown in Figure 5 where *Req* and *Leq* are connected in series. Additionally, a capacitor is connected in series to create the resonance condition shown in Figure 3.



Fig. 5. The equivalent circuit of IH load/series RLC circuit

B. Frequency Response Analysis of IH Load

It is already mentioned that, IH load is modeled as a series connection of R_{eq} , L_{eq} , and C_{eq} . The voltage gain of the equivalent circuit shown in Figure 5 is used for frequency analysis. Here V_s is the input voltage for the resonant tank and V_{out} is the output voltage across resistance that has been taken for calculation of gain. The voltage gain equivalent circuit shown in Figure 5 can be defined as:

$$G(S) = \frac{V_o(S)}{V_{in}(S)} = \frac{R_{eq}I(S)}{I(S)(R_{eq} + SL_{eq} + \frac{1}{SC_{eq}})} = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{eq} + SL_{eq} + \frac{1}{SC_{eq}}}$$
(16)

Putting $S=j\omega$ in (16):

$$\therefore G(j\omega_s) = \frac{V_o(j\omega_s)}{V_{in}(j\omega_s)} = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{eq} + j\omega_s L_{eq} + \frac{1}{j\omega_s C_{eq}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{j\omega_s L_{eq}}{R_{eq}} - \frac{j}{\omega_s C_{eq} R_{eq}}}$$
(17)

where ω_s is the switching frequency of the FBSRI. Resonant frequency and quality factor of series R_{eq} , L_{eq} and C_{eq} are defined as:

$$\omega_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_{eq}C_{eq}}}, \ Q = \frac{\omega_r L_{eq}}{R_{eq}}$$
(18)

$$\therefore G(j\omega_s) = \frac{1}{1 + jQ\left(\frac{\omega_s}{\omega_r} - \frac{\omega_r}{\omega_s}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + jQ\left(\mu - \frac{1}{\mu}\right)} (19)$$
$$|G(j\omega_s)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[1 + Q^2\left(\mu - \frac{1}{\mu}\right)^2\right]}} (20)$$

where
$$\mu = \frac{\omega_s}{\omega_r}$$
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The magnitude plot for the different values of quality factor in (20) is shown in Figure 6. From Figure 6, it can be concluded that, as the quality factor increases, the selectivity for the resonant frequency increases, thereby maximizing power transfer occurs from source to load. It can be observed that maximum output power and maximum gain $G(j\omega)$ i.e. 1 could be obtained at the resonant frequency. By varying resonant frequency, the output power of FBSRI could be varied but it disturbs the quality factor of the resonant tank. So the characteristic of R_{eq} , L_{eq} , and C_{eq} tank becomes selectively poor, thereby yielding poor regulation of the output power. Due to this, the switching frequency is kept fixed and near to resonant frequency. The switching frequency and quality factor for the FBSRI are calculated from (18).



Fig. 6. Frequency response curve of R_{eq} , L_{eq} , and C_{eq} series circuit

IV. SIMULATED MODEL AND RESULTS

A 5kW classical IH system based on the buck boost converter has been proposed and corroborated with PSIM. Design parameters and their values are given in Table I. Figure 7 shows the simulated model of the proposed classical IH system. In this work, a modified buck boost converter has been designed to control the output power of FBSRI. This modified buck boost converter has been designed to generate a regulated dc link output voltage V_{BB} between 8V and 124.71V corresponding to duty cycle $0.2 \le D \le 0.8$. This variable V_{BB} is fed to FBSRI. Thus, a wide range of values of the controlled output power across IH load is achieved through FBSRI.

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Designed Parameters	Values
Input AC Voltage $(V_{r.m.s})$	230V, 50Hz
Switching frequency (f_s) for FB-SRI	25KHz
Filter inductance (L_f)	1mH
Filter capacitance (C_f)	250mF
Buck boost inductor (L_{BB})	320.5uH
Buck boost capacitor (C_{BB})	2.49mF
Resonating capacitor (C_{eq})	0.8uF
Equivalent inductance (L_{eq})	52.7uH
Equivalent resistance (R_{eq})	5Ω
HF Filter inductance (L_s)	25uH
HF Filter capacitor (C_s)	5uF
Maximum R.M.S output power (P_{out})	5500W

Figures 8(a) to 8(d) show the simulated waveforms of voltages and currents with regulated V_{BB} at different duty cycles *D* across R_{eq} , L_{eq} , and C_{eq} . Figures 8(a) and 8(b) show the buck operating mode while Figures 8(c) and 8(d) show the boost operating mode of the modified buck boost converter with the input of 30V DC link voltage (V_{dcl}). Thus, variable DC-link voltage (V_{dcl}) has been obtained using modified buck





FBSRI operates at the resonant frequency f_r and is calculated by:

$$\omega_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_m C_m}} \tag{21}$$

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{eq}C_{eq}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{52.7 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.8 \times 10^{-6}}} \approx 25 \text{KHz} \quad (22)$$

Pulse density modulation (PDM) controller has been used to generate pulses for the FBSRI as shown in Figures 9(a) and 9(b). Table II shows the variation of output power P_{out} of the FBSRI with respect to variable duty cycle α . Here, $cos\theta$ (power factor) has been assumed as unity for the calculation of output power because the proposed FBSRI works on the resonant frequency. The graph between average output power P_{out} versus duty cycle α is shown in Figure 10 which validates the linear relationship between P_{out} and α . From this figure, it can be concluded that as the duty cycle increases, output average power increases. Thus, simulation results show that the proposed IH system is more efficient and reliable.

TABLE II. OUTPUT POWER VS DUTY CYCLE



V. CONCLUSIONS

An efficient output power control technique has been implemented for the classical IH system which controls the DC link voltage and it has been verified in PSIM environment. The heating effect of this proposed IH system can be varied by using variable average output power of 5.5kW. Owing to this, whatever the requirements of power/heat, it can be regulated up to its rated power. This FBSRI transfers the maximum amount of current because it is resonating in nature. This DC link voltage control technique can be applied to both domestic and industrial induction heating (IH) applications.



Fig. 10. Output power (P_{out}) vs duty cycle (α)

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