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# **Study on Novel Bidirectional AC-DC Converter Circuit of the Wireless Charging for Portable Devices**

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**ABSTRACT** In this paper, a novel symmetrical topology for the small power high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter has been proposed, which is applied to the bi-directional wireless power transmission system based on the magnetic coupling resonance. It has dual functions of the inverter and rectifier. The research is mainly reflected in the following aspects: First, based on analyzing the principle of the wireless power bidirectional transmission technology, the operation mechanism of the topology circuit is analyzed emphatically. Second, the feasibility of the designed converter is verified by the simulation of the PSPICE software. Third, the hardware system has been operated at 200 kHz in the modes of the constant current, the constant voltage and the constant resistance, respectively. The results show the maximal output power of the designed circuit is 7.8 W, meeting the design requirement. This circuit has the advantages of the simple circuit structure and simple control. It's suitable for the bidirectional wireless power charging of the small power portable devices.

**INDEX TERMS** AC-DC converter, bi-directional, magnetic resonance coupling, portable device, wireless power charging.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The development of the wireless power transmission technology makes the development of the public mobile charging equipment possible. To some extent, it drives the development of the infrastructure [1]–[3]. With the widespread use of the portable devices (such as mobile phones, cameras, tablets, etc.), the wireless charging technology for the portable devices has become the research hotspots in the academic and industrial fields [4]–[9]. In this field, most of the current researches focus on the unidirectional transmission system, such as, the electrical power can only be transmitted to the portable devices through the power supply group. It has caused lots of inconveniences for the travelers. However, some power supply groups and mobile hand generators can also play an emergency role, which need rely on the power supply group. Some devices can

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charge between the portable devices through the Buck/Boost topology circuit, which need rely on the connection line [10]. Therefore, it is necessary to study the bidirectional wireless charging technology for the portable devices.

The circuit of the traditional bidirectional wireless charging system is composed of a fully controlled H bridge circuit and a resonant network [11], [12], which mainly used in the electric vehicle industry [13], [14]. It is well known, the full controlled H Bridge circuit produces more harmonic pollutions during the turn-on and turn-off of the power semiconductor devices, which needs the higher requirement for the latter EMI filter circuit and resonant network [15]. Moreover, the control method of the fully controlled H bridge circuit is relatively complex and tedious [16]. A bypass rectifier diode is added to the switching element to realize the wireless charging function between the portable devices, but the situation is without considering the charging of the power supply group to the portable device, and the maximal output power is 2.5 W [17]. For the small power portable devices, the full



FIGURE 1. The topology structure schematic diagrams of bi-directional charging for wireless power.

controlled H bridge converter not only has more energy loss, but also the volume is relatively large. Therefore, it is not suitable for the bidirectional wireless charging between the portable devices.

In order to overcome the prior art problems mentioned above, this paper is dedicated to solve the problem of the single and limited charging mode for the intelligent portable devices and other problems based on the former study [18]. A novel symmetrical topology circuit has been presented for the small power bidirectional wireless charging based on the magnetic coupling resonance, which has dual functions of the inverter and rectifier. It can not only realize itself as the charging terminal of the wireless power, but also realize itself as the power supply end of the wireless power to charge other portable devices when the situation is without the power supply group. It can be charged if only two people or two portable devices touch lightly together. And, the turn-on and turn-off times of the power semiconductor devices have been reduced. The research is aimed to reduce the volume of the device, improve the maximal output power and the compatibility of the device.

## **II. CIRCUIT TOPOLOGY AND PRINCIPLE**

#### A. CIRCUIT TOPOLOGY

As shown in Fig. 1, the topology structure of the bidirectional wireless charging circuit is mainly composed of the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter and the resonant network. Among them, the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter is the main research object in this paper, and the PP structure is selected in the resonant network to improve the maximal output power.  $K_{11}$ ,  $K_{12}$ ,  $K_{21}$ ,  $K_{22}$  are the control circuits of the operation state, which can be used as the common switch parallel diode structure, two diode parallel structure or the power electronic device parallel diode structure, as shown in Fig. 2. In this paper, the operation mode of the control circuits is described in Fig. 2(c).



FIGURE 2. Three kinds of control structures of K11, K12, K21, K22. (a) Switch parallel diode. (b) Two diodes are in parallel. (c) Power electronic device parallel diode.

The topology structure of the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter is symmetrical, which has the inverter mode (discharge) and the rectifier mode (charge). In order to descript the operation principle, the symbols in Fig. 1 are simplified, as shown in Table 1.  $L_3$  and  $C_3$  make up the LC filter circuit, which has a filtering effect on the input and output. By controlling the turn-on and turn-off of 4 high frequency power switching tubes, the circuit can be controlled in the inverter mode or rectifier mode.

## **B. INVERTER OPERATION MODE**

The driving signals are triggered by  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  in the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC conversion circuit.  $S_1$  and

TABLE 1. Symbols description and its simplification.

Original symbols	Simplified symbols	Description
$S_{11}, S_{21}$	$S_I$	High frequency power switch tubes
$S_{12}, S_{22}$	$S_2$	High frequency power switch tubes
$S_{13}, S_{23}$	$S_3$	High frequency power switch tubes
$S_{14}, S_{24}$	$S_4$	High frequency power switch tubes
$L_{11}, L_{21}$	$L_{I}$	High frequency choke inductances
$L_{12}, L_{22}$	$L_2$	High frequency choke inductances
$L_{13}, L_{23}$	$L_3$	Input and output filter inductances
$C_{11}, C_{21}$	$C_I$	Bypass capacitors of $S_1$
$C_{12}, C_{22}$	$C_2$	Bypass capacitors of $S_2$
$C_{13}, C_{23}$	$C_{3}$	Input and output filter capacitors
$D_{11}, D_{21}$	$D_I$	Free-wheeling diodes of $S_1$
$D_{12}, D_{22}$	$D_2$	Free-wheeling diodes of $S_2$
$D_{13}, D_{23}$	$D_3$	The conduction diodes
$D_{14}, D_{24}$	$D_4$	The conduction diodes
$L_{lr}, L_{2r}$	$L_r$	Resonant inductances
$C_{lr}, C_{2r}$	$C_r$	Resonant capacitors
$R_{11}, R_{21}$	$R_I$	The equivalent internal resistance of $L_r$
$K_{11}, K_{21}$	$K_{I}$	Control circuits of operation state
$K_{12}, K_{22}$	$K_2$	Control circuits of operation state

 $S_2$  are the complementary conduction to each other, and the duty cycle is 50%. At the same time,  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  operate in the shutdown mode.  $U_{DC}$  supplies the power for the AC-DC topology circuits. When  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are alternately turned on, the AC-DC topology operates in the inverter mode. The high frequency sine wave is generated at both ends of  $L_r$  and  $C_r$ . The schematic diagram of the equivalent circuit structure of the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter operating in the inverter mode is shown in Fig. 3. The current direction has been marked in the graph.



FIGURE 3. Schematic diagram of the equivalent circuit in inverter mode.

In Fig. 3, the impedances of the inductances  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are large enough, so the current fluctuations passing through  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are very small. In order to descript the inverter operation mode, the symbols in Fig. 3 are listed, as shown in Table 2.

According to the analysis of the zero voltage switching and zero current switching, the maximum output voltage  $U_{LrMAX}$  of the resonant element is,

$$U_{LrMAX} = 3.562 U_{dc} \tag{1}$$

#### TABLE 2. Symbols description in inverter operation mode.

Original symbols	Description		
$I_l$	The current of $L_1$		
$I_{SI}$	The current of $S_I$		
$I_{CI}$	The current of $C_l$		
$I_2$	The current of $L_2$		
$I_{S2}$	The current of $S_2$		
$I_{C2}$	The current of $C_2$		
$i_0$	The resonant current of $L_r$ and $C_r$		
T	The current of $L_3$ , which is approximately equal to		
13	the input current		
$U_{dc}$	The input voltage		



FIGURE 4. The operation waveform of the inverter state in one period.

Fig. 4 shows the operation waveform of the inverter state in one period. According to the Fig. 4, the specific operating process of the Fig. 3 is as follows:

1)  $S_1$  is switched from the close state to the open state,  $S_2$  is switched from the open state to the close state.

In t<sub>0</sub>- t<sub>1</sub>: on the side of  $S_1$ ,  $I_{S1}$  begins to rise, and  $i_0$  begins to decrease due to  $I_{S1} = I_1$ - $i_0$ . On the side of  $S_2$ ,  $I_{S2}$  is reduced and  $I_{C2}$  is raised. At this time,  $C_2$  is charged and the charging current is that  $I_{C2} = I_2 + i_0$ .  $C_2$  is gradually filled with the electricity. The load voltage drops to 0 V and then goes to the next stage.

In t<sub>1</sub>- t<sub>2</sub>: the current  $I_2$  flows into  $C_2$ ,  $L_r$  and  $C_r$ , respectively. The resonant current  $i_0$  will be charging over. Currently,  $I_1 = I_{C1} + i_0$ . When  $C_2$  is full of the electricity,  $i_0 = I_2$ .

In  $t_2-t_3$ :  $C_2$  begins to discharge and then flows into  $L_r$ ,  $C_r$ ,  $R_1$  and  $S_1$ . The voltage on  $C_2$  begins to decrease.

2)  $S_1$  is switched from the open state to the close state,  $S_2$  is switched from the close state to the open state.

In t<sub>3</sub>-t<sub>4</sub>: on the side of  $S_2$ ,  $I_{S2}$  begins to rise, and  $i_0$  begins to decrease due to  $I_{S2} = I_2 \cdot i_0$ . On the side of  $S_1$ ,  $I_{S1}$  is reduced and  $I_{C1}$  is raised. At this time,  $C_1$  is charged and the charging

current is that  $I_{C1} = I_1 + i_0$ .  $C_1$  is gradually filled with the electricity. The load voltage drops to 0 V and then goes to the next stage.

In t<sub>4</sub>-t<sub>5</sub>: the current  $I_1$  flows into  $C_1$ ,  $L_r$  and  $C_r$ , respectively. The resonant current  $i_0$  will be charging over. Currently,  $I_1 = I_{C1} + i_0$ . When the capacitor  $C_2$  is full of the electricity,  $i_0 = I_1$ .

In t<sub>5</sub>-t<sub>6</sub>:  $C_1$  begins to discharge and then flows into  $L_r$ ,  $C_r$ ,  $R_1$  and  $S_2$ . The voltage on  $C_1$  begins to decrease.

## C. RECTIFIER OPERATION MODE

The driving signals are triggered by  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  in the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC conversion circuit.  $S_3$  and  $S_4$ are the complementary conduction to each other, and the duty cycle is 50%. At the same time,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  operate in the shutdown mode. The AC-side input power is from  $L_r$  and  $C_r$ , which supplies to the AC-DC topology circuits. When  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  are alternately turned on, the AC-DC topology operates in the rectifier mode. Then the DC current is generated at *RL* of the output side. The schematic diagram of the equivalent circuit structure of the high frequency bidirectional AC-DC converter operating in the rectifier mode is shown in Fig. 5.



FIGURE 5. Schematic diagram of the equivalent circuit in rectifier mode.



FIGURE 6. Current flow diagrams of the simplified equivalent circuit.

The high frequency sine wave is coupled to the receiving coil by the transmitting coil through the magnetic coupling wireless power transmission mode.  $L_r$  and  $C_r$  are the resonant elements which couple the same frequency sine wave in the receiving coil. At this point,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  operate in the shutdown mode,  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  are alternately turned on. The schematic diagram of the simplified equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 6.  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  can be used to replace  $S_3$  and  $S_4$ , which can realize the full wave rectification in a complete period.

In Fig. 6, the circuit is like the single-phase full bridge uncontrolled rectifier circuit, so the relationship before the filter between the input and the output voltage is,

$$U_{dc} = 0.9 U_{Lr} \tag{2}$$

where,  $U_{dc}$  is the output DC voltage of the circuit,  $U_{Lr}$  is the input voltage RMS of the resonant element  $L_r$ .

As shown in Fig. 5 and Fig. 6, the specific operating process is as follows:

1)  $S_3$  is switched from the close state to the open state,  $S_4$  is switched from the open state to the close state, as shown in Fig. 6(a). Suppose that the current of  $L_r$  is positive to the left, the current of the positive half cycle flows through  $L_r$ ,  $L_1$ ,  $D_3$ ,  $L_3$ ,  $R_L$  and  $D_2$ . Then it finally returns to  $L_r$ . The current flow can be seen in the red thick line.

2)  $S_4$  is switched from the close state to the open state,  $S_3$  is switched from the open state to the close state, as shown in Fig. 6(b). Suppose that the current of  $L_r$  is negative to the right, the current of the negative half cycle flows through  $L_r$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$ ,  $R_L$  and  $D_1$ . Then it finally returns to  $L_r$ . The current flow can be seen in the red thick line.

Therefore, in a complete period, it can be rectified and filtered through two branches, and the power is supplied to the load.

In conclusion, this novel bidirectional AC-DC topology circuit can work normally both in the inverter mode and in the rectifier mode in theory.



FIGURE 7. The equivalent model of the system.

## D. SYSTEM TRANSMISSION EFFICIENCE

Fig. 7 shows the equivalent model of the wireless power transmission system. Due to the symmetrical structure of the bidirectional AC-DC converter, the parameters of the receiver and transmitter are the same.  $U_{dc}$  is an equivalent voltage source,  $R_{dc}$  is an internal resistance of the equivalent power source,  $R_{1r} = R_{2r} = R_r$  are the equivalent internal resistances of the resonant circuit,  $L_{1r} = L_{2r} = L_r$  are the coil self inductance,  $C_{1r} = C_{2r} = C_r$  are the resonant coils,  $R_L$  is a load resistance,  $i_{1r}$  and  $i_{2r}$  are the primary and secondary side currents respectively,  $I_{in}$  is the RMS of the input current,  $I_{out}$  is the RMS of the output DC current.

When the circuit is the optimal resonant operation state, the KVL equations of the primary and secondary side are obtained,

$$\begin{cases} i_{1r} Z_{1r} - j\omega M I_{2r} = U_{dc} \\ i_{2r} Z_{2r} - j\omega M I_{1r} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(3)

where,

 $\omega$  is the operating angle frequency of the inverter circuit. The primary and secondary impedances  $Z_{1r}$ ,  $Z_{2r}$  are,

$$Z_{1r} = R_{dc} + j \frac{1}{\omega C_{1r}} / (R_{1r} + j\omega L_{1r})$$

$$Z_{2r} = R_L + j \frac{1}{\omega C_{2r}} / (R_{2r} + j\omega L_{2r})$$
(4)

In the optimal resonant state, the reactive power is not considered. When  $R_r$  is far less than  $\omega L_r$ , the equation (4) is simplified as,

$$\begin{cases} Z_{1r} = R_{dc} + \frac{L_r}{C_r R_r} \\ Z_{2r} = R_L + \frac{L_r}{C_r R_r} \end{cases}$$
(5)

Assuming that the mapping impedance  $Z_s$  is,

$$Z_s = \frac{(\omega M)^2}{Z_{2r}} \tag{6}$$

Therefore, when  $L_r/(C_r R_r) = LCR$ , the input current  $I_{in}$  and the output current  $I_{out}$  are,

$$\begin{cases}
I_{in} = \frac{U_{dc}}{Z_{1r} + Z_s} = \frac{U_{dc}}{R_{dc} + LCR + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{LCR + R_L}} \\
I_{out} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{j\omega M \cdot U_{dc}}{Z_{1r} Z_{2r}} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{j\omega M \cdot U_{dc}}{(R_{dc} + LCR)(R_L + LCR)}
\end{cases}$$
(7)

The input power is,

$$P_{in} = \left(\frac{U_{dc}}{R_{dc} + LCR + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{LCR + R_L}}\right)^2 \left(LCR + \frac{(\omega M)^2}{LCR + R_L}\right)$$
(8)

The output power is,

$$P_{out} = \left(\frac{4}{\pi} \frac{\omega M \cdot U_{dc}}{\left(R_{dc} + LCR\right) \left(R_L + LCR\right) + \left(\omega M\right)^2}\right)^2 R_L \quad (9)$$

In the ideal state, when the power transmission efficiency of the inverter side meets ZVS, ZDS and other conditions,  $\eta_1 = 1$ . Then, the system transmission efficiency  $\eta$  is,

$$\eta = \eta_1 \eta_2 = \eta_2 = \frac{1.62}{1 + \frac{L_r}{C_r R_r R_L} + \frac{\frac{L_r}{C_r R_r} \left(\frac{L_r}{C_r R_r} + R_L\right)^2}{R_L(\omega M)^2}}$$
(10)

The system transmission efficiency  $\eta$  is derived from  $R_L$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial R_L} = 0 \tag{11}$$

When the equation (11) is 0, the system transmission efficiency is the maximum, and the optimal load  $R_{LM}$  is,

$$R_{LM} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{L_r}{C_r R_r}\right)^2 + (\omega M)^2}$$
(12)

**III. SIMULATION ANALYSIS** 

Fig. 8 shows the whole schematic diagram of the bidirectional wireless power charging system, in which the dotted line is a resonant circuit. While the Buck/Boost circuit is used as the auxiliary circuit of the voltage rise and fall in the system, it will not be discussed in this paper.



FIGURE 8. The overall schematic diagram of the bidirectional wireless power charging system.

In Fig. 8,  $V_{in}$  is the input DC voltage of the system, which ranges from 3.7 V to 4.2 V;  $V_{bc1}$  and  $V_{bc2}$  are the output DC voltage of the Buck/Boost circuit respectively, which converts 5 V to 12 V or 12 V to 5 V;  $V_t$  is the output AC voltage RMS of the transmitter;  $V_r$  is the input AC voltage RMS of the receiver;  $V_{rd}$  is the output DC voltage of the rectifier device;  $V_{out}$  is the output DC voltage of the system, which ranges from 3.7 V to 4.2 V.

By controlling the operation modes of the switch tubes, the left side of the bidirectional AC-DC circuit is used as the inverter, and the right side of the bidirectional AC-DC circuit is used as the rectifier. In order to facilitate the simulation,  $S_3$ and  $S_4$  are replaced by the diodes, seen in Fig. 3 and Fig. 6.

The input DC voltage of the bidirectional AC-DC circuit is 12 V. For the magnetic coupling resonance mode, it is theoretically considered that when the resonant frequencies of the transmitting coil and the receiving coil are the same, the transmission efficiency can reach 100%, and the coupling coefficient is 1. Considering the actual operation, the wireless power transmission system has a deviation, so the coupling coefficient of  $L_{1r}$  and  $L_{2r}$  is set to 0.3. The designed bidirectional AC-DC converter will apply to the small power portable devices, which need conform to the Qi standard. Considering the operation efficiency, the operation frequency is 200 kHz. And, the duty cycle of the switch tubes is 50%. The load  $R_L$  is 7.83  $\Omega$ . Then, the voltage waveform of transmitter coil is shown in Fig. 9.



**FIGURE 9.** When  $R_L$  is 7.83  $\Omega$ , the voltage waveform of transmitter coil.

It can be seen from Fig. 9 that the peak voltage is about 100 V which is more than 8 times of the DC bus voltage.

There are the good sine and low harmonic content. The simulation is basically the same as the bidirectional AC-DC converter as the inverter.

When  $R_L$  is 7.83  $\Omega$ , the voltage waveform of the receiver coil is shown in Fig. 10.



**FIGURE 10.** When RL is 7.83  $\Omega$ , the voltage waveform of receiver coil.

It can be seen from Fig. 10 that the peak voltage is about 95 V which is lower than the transmitter voltage. Also, there are the good sine and low harmonic content. The simulation is basically the same as the bidirectional AC-DC converter as the rectifier.

When the load is 7.83  $\Omega$  and the other conditions are constant, the output voltage and current waveforms are shown in Fig. 11.



FIGURE 11. When RL is 7.83  $\Omega,$  the output voltage and current waveform of system.

As shown in Fig. 11, the output voltage of the system is smooth and stable at 8.5 V, and the output current of the system is smooth and stable at 1.13 A. The operation efficiency is 53.4% due to the low coupling coefficient.

Through the above simulation analysis, the bidirectional AC-DC converter can operate independently. Moreover, it can switch between the inverter and the rectifier according to the different control modes of the switch tubes. A bidirectional chopper circuit can be added between the DC power supply side and the bidirectional AC-DC converter. It makes the bidirectional output voltage more stable, so the voltage regulation and voltage stabilization can be achieved.

## **IV. CIRCUIT PARAMETERS**

In the test of the hardware, the resonant coil conforms to the Qi standard, as shown in Fig. 12. The specific parameters of the resonant coil are as follows: the inner diameter of the resonant coil is 5 mm, the outer diameter is 23 mm, and



FIGURE 12. Resonant coil with Qi standard.



FIGURE 13. Prototype of bi-directional wireless charging circuit.

the thickness is 1 mm. The actual circuit of the bidirectional wireless charging is shown in Fig. 13. It mainly composed of the resonant coil, the Buck/Boost circuit and the resonant circuit which have been marked in the graph. Among them, the resonant circuit consists of two circuits with the same topological structure. Each circuit has the dual functions of the transmitter and the receiver.

In the system, the DC input voltage is 5 V, the output voltage is 5 V, the output power is 5 W, the resonant frequency is 200 kHz, the duty cycle is 0.5, and the load resistance  $R_L$  is 7.83  $\Omega$ .

If the bypass capacitor of the switch tube can meet the operating conditions of ZVS and ZDS of the system, then,

$$C = \frac{4}{(1 + \frac{\pi^2}{4}) \cdot \pi \cdot 2\pi f \cdot R}$$
(13)

According to the equation (13),  $C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = 37.38 \text{ nF.}$ 

The high frequency choke inductance and the filter inductance are,

$$L \ge \frac{R}{\left(2\pi f\right)^2 \cdot C} \tag{14}$$

It can be seen from the equation (14),  $L \ge 132.65 \ \mu$ H. And the actual inductance value should be greater than the calculated value. However, if *L* is too large, not only the dynamic adjustment becomes slower, but also the filtering effect with the high frequency will be worse. So,  $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = 150 \ \mu$ H.

According to the resonance frequency formula, the resonant capacitor is,

$$C_r = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi f}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{L_r} \tag{15}$$

#### TABLE 3. Circuit parameters.

Item	Model number & parameter	
PCB size of the resonant circuit	67 mm×53 mm	
Driver IC	LTC6900	
MOSFETs	IRF840N	
Schottky diode	1N5822	
Input voltage Vin	5 V	
Output voltage Vout	5 V	
Output power Pout	5 W	
Self-inductances Lr	8 / 8 μH	
Resonant capacitors Cr	79.16 / 79.16 nF	
Switching frequency for resonant circuit	200 kHz	
Resonant frequency for resonant circuit	200 kHz	
High frequency choke inductances $L_1, L_2$ and filter inductance $L_3$	150 μΗ	
Bypass capacitors $C_1$ , $C_2$ and filter capacitor $C_3$	37.38 nF	

Set  $Lr = 8 \mu$ H, according to the equation (15), the resonant capacitance Cr = 79.16 nF.

In Table 3, it shows the specific parameters of the components of the bidirectional wireless charging circuit.

## **V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

In this experiment, the input voltage of the system is 5 V and the output voltage of the system is 5 V. The Buck/Boost circuit adopts the fixed duty cycle modulation mode. When it is used as a Buck circuit, the output voltage is 5 V. When it is used as a Boost circuit, the output voltage is 12 V. The resonant circuit with the bidirectional wireless charging adopts the fixed frequency modulation mode. The power supply adopts the model DF1743003C, which provides the DC input voltage to the system. The load adopts the model IT8512+, which can be set at the constant current (CC), the constant voltage (CV) and the constant resistance (CR). When the CC mode is applied, the current is set to 0.5 A. When the CV mode is applied, the voltage is set to 5 V. When the CR mode is applied, the resistance is set to 5  $\Omega$ . The oscilloscope uses the Tektronix TDS2012C, which is used to measure the AC voltage waveform, the AC current waveform and the DC voltage waveform, respectively.

Fig. 14 shows the voltage waveform of the resonant coil of the transmitting and receiving terminals at no-load time. The sine is good and the frequency is 200 kHz. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the RMS voltage of the transmitting coil is 17.8 V, and the coupling RMS voltage of the receiving coil is 19.5 V, as shown in Fig. 14(a). When the coil spacing is 15 mm, the RMS voltage of the transmitting coil is 21.6 V, and the coupling RMS voltage of the receiving coil is 13.2 V, as shown in Fig. 14(b). Fig. 15 shows the current waveform of the resonant coil of the transmitting and receiving terminals at no-load time. The sine is good and the frequency is 200 kHz. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 84.7 mA, and the coupling RMS current of the receiving coil is 77.5 mA, as shown in Fig. 15(a). When the coil spacing is 15 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil spacing is 15 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 15.5 mm the RMS current



FIGURE 14. The voltage waveforms of transmitter and receiver at no-load time.



FIGURE 15. The current waveforms of transmitter and receiver at no-load time.

coil is 116 mA, and the coupling RMS current of the receiving coil is 64.8 mA, as shown in Fig. 15(b). Fig. 16 shows the output voltage waveform after the rectifier and filtering of the receiver at no-load time. The ripple is less than 3%. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the output DC RMS voltage is 56.3 V and the peak voltage is 1.6 V, as shown in Fig. 16(a). When the coil spacing is 15 mm, the output DC RMS voltage is 42.2 V and the peak voltage is 0.8 V, as shown in Fig. 16(b).

Fig. 17 shows the voltage waveform of the resonant coil of the transmitting and receiving terminals at the load (CV mode). The sine degree is good and the frequency is 200 kHz. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the RMS voltage of the transmitting coil is 15.9 V, and the coupling RMS voltage of the receiving coil is 15.1 V, as shown in Fig. 17(a).







FIGURE 17. The voltage waveforms of transmitter and receiver at load time (CV mode).

When the coil spacing is 15 mm, the RMS voltage of the transmitting coil is 21.5 V, and the coupling RMS voltage of the receiving coil is 4.46 V, as shown in Fig. 17(b). Fig. 18 shows the current waveform of the resonant coil of the transmitting and receiving terminals at the load (CV mode). The sine degree is good and the frequency is 200 kHz. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 106 mA, and the coupling RMS current of the receiving coil is 68.1 mA, as shown in Fig. 18(a). When the coil spacing is 15mm, the RMS current of the transmitting coil is 122 mA, and the coupling RMS current of the receiving coil is 24.9 mA, as shown in Fig. 18(b). Fig. 19 shows the output voltage waveform after the rectifier and filtering of the receiver at the load (CV mode). The ripple is less than 10%. When the coil spacing is 2 mm, the DC output RMS voltage is 6.16 V and the peak value is 0.6 V, as shown in Fig. 19(a). When the coil spacing is 15 mm, the DC output RMS voltage is 5.12 V and the peak value is 0.32 V, as shown in Fig. 19(b).

Fig. 20 shows the DC voltage and current of the system in the different operating modes when the coil spacing is different. When the system operates in the CC mode, the output DC current is 0.5 A and the coil spacing ranges from 0 to 9 mm, its



(b) The coil spacing is 15 mm

**FIGURE 18.** The current waveforms of transmitter and receiver at load time (CV mode).



FIGURE 19. The voltage waveforms of the receiver after the filter at load time (CV mode).



FIGURE 20. When the coils spacing is different, the system output DC voltage and DC current curves of different operation modes.

output DC voltage will be greater than 5 V and the maximum is 11.1 V. When the coil spacing is 11 mm, the output DC voltage is 2.34 V. When the system operates in the CV mode, the output DC voltage is 5 V and the coil spacing ranges from 0 to 9 mm, its output DC current is greater than 0.5 A and the maximum is 1.56 A. When the coil spacing is 11 mm, the output DC current is 0.45 A. When the system operates in the CR mode and the coil spacing ranges from 0 to 7 mm,



**FIGURE 21.** Resonance coil conversion efficiency under different operation mode.

its output DC voltage will be greater than 5 V and its output DC current is greater than 0.5 A. When the coil spacing is 9 mm, the output DC voltage is 3.75 V and the output DC current is 0.76 A. When the coil spacing is 11 mm, the output DC voltage is 2.58 V and the output DC current is 0.51 A.

Fig. 21 shows the conversion efficiency of the resonant coil under the different operating modes. It can be seen from the results, the conversion efficiency of the CC mode is obviously higher than the CV and CR modes. When the coil spacing ranges from 2 mm to 3 mm, the conversion efficiency of the CC mode is close to be 100%. When the coil spacing is 9 mm, the conversion efficiency of the CC mode is 48.22%. When the coil spacing is 3 mm, the highest conversion efficiency of the CV mode is 63.2%. When the coil spacing is 3 mm, the highest conversion efficiency of the CR mode is 85.66%. Fig. 22 shows the conversion efficiency of the resonant circuit under the different operating modes. It can be seen from the results, the overall conversion efficiency of the resonant circuit in three operating modes is not high, and the maximum efficiency is about 40%.



FIGURE 22. Resonance circuit conversion efficiency under different operation mode.

In order to verify the advantages of the proposed circuit, compare with the existing research [17] in this area, the results are shown in Table 4.

According to the data analysis, the designed bi-directional AC-DC converter topology circuit can not only realize the inverter function, but also realize the rectifier function. The numbers of the controlled switch tube of the proposed circuit is less than the existing research. The proposed circuit

#### **TABLE 4.** Comparative results.

The performance index	The proposed circuit	The existing research
The size of the resonant circuit	67 ×53 mm	None
The numbers of the rectifier	1	1
The numbers of the inverter	1	1
The numbers of the switch tube	8	8
The numbers of the controlled switch tube	4	8
The inner diameter of the coil	5 mm	32 mm
The outer diameter of the coil	23 mm	21.7 mm
The thickness of the coil	1 mm	Double-layer
The size of the ferrite square plate	None	34 × 34 mm
The operation frequency	200 kHz	205 kHz
The maximal output power	7.8 W / 2 mm air gap	2.5 W / 2 mm air gap
The efficiency	About 40%	About 70%
Cost	Low	None



FIGURE 23. The power distribution of the device.

does not adopt the ferrite square plate. When the resonant frequency is 200 kHz, the coil spacing ranges from 0 to 5 mm, no matter in which mode, the output power of the proposed circuit is greater than 5 W. The maximal output power can reach 7.8 W which is larger than the existing research. And most of performance indexes of the proposed circuit are high, which meet the design requirements.

However, the conversion efficiency of the proposed resonant circuit is not perfect. The main reasons are as follows: (1) the turn-on voltage drop in the switch tube has the conduction loss; (2) the switch tube has a parasitic resistance which generates the loss; (3) the problem of the resonance coil matching. Fig. 23 shows the power distribution of the device. The result shows that the maximal loss is from the resonance coil matching. According to the equation (10) and the equation (12), when the ratio of Lr and Cr is about 49, and the optimal load is 7.83  $\Omega$ , the maximal efficiency is about 100% theoretically. However, the actual parameters of the resonant coil exist the error. The actual ratio of Lr and Cr is about 101.06 so that the optimal matching is not achieved.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, the method of the software simulation and the hardware testing are combined. A novel bidirectional AC-DC converter topology has been designed. The inverter

module and the rectifier module have been integrated, and the circuit has been controlled by 4 switch tubes. It can realize the bidirectional flow of the electric energy. After analyzing the converter theoretically, the feasibility of the designed bidirectional AC-DC converter has been verified by PSPICE software simulation analysis. Finally, in the test of the hardware system, the experimental results show that the designed bi-directional AC-DC converter has a dual function of the inverter and rectifier. When the resonance frequency is 200 kHz and the coil spacing is range from 0 to 5 mm, no matter in which mode, the output power is greater than 5 W, and the maximum output power can be 7.8 W. When the coil spacing is 2 mm and the output DC current is 0.5 A, the output DC voltage can up to be 11.1 V. When the coil spacing is 2 mm and the output DC voltage is 5 V, the output DC current can up to be 1.56 A. However, the overall conversion efficiency of the resonant circuit in the three operation modes is not high due to the low coupling coefficient and the bad resonance coil matching, other performance indexes present well.

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