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INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF A 5 KW HOME AUTONOMOUS SOLAR POWER PLANT WITHOUT A SEPARATE CHARGING CONVERTER

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ABSTRACT The assessment of the parameters of the power section of the converter as part of an autonomous PV plant installation with a rated power of 5000 W, designed to supply consumers with single-phase sinusoidal voltage of 220 V 50 Hz using a transformerless circuit is provided. The structure of the proposed PV plant differs from traditional structures. In the proposed structure, the DC voltage converter is connected with its input to the series connection of solar panels and performs the function of maximizing the output power and its output is connected to the DC link – the battery. The voltage-source inverter with sin pulse-width modulation is also connected to this link, its output voltage is the supply voltage of consumers. The minimum battery voltage is slightly higher than the output voltage amplitude of the DC/AC inverter. In this structure, unlike common systems with a 48V battery, there is no need for a separate bidirectional DC/DC converter with the functions of ensuring the coordination of the battery voltages and the internal DC voltage link (about 400 V, from which the voltage-source inverter is powered) and ensuring the charge – discharge of the battery with a set power from half the nominal power and above. The absence of a separate DC/DC converter simplifies the system and allows to significantly increase its efficiency in the battery load power supply mode. In the article evaluates the parameters of the PV plant of the proposed structure: the required number of serial solar panels with a nominal power of 500 W is determined, the use of a step-down DC-DC converter circuit is justified, its PWM frequency (25 kHz) is selected and the capacitance of the input storage capacitor is estimated. For the switches of the DC-DC converter, it is proposed to use modern field-effect transistors with an insulated gate and Schottky diodes based on silicon carbide (SiC); the types of semiconductor devices are selected and the power loss estimate in them (about 12 W) is provided. The required number of series-connected accumulator battery cells is determined. For the DC/AC inverter using the bridge circuit, the MOSFET type and the PWM frequency of 25 kHz are selected. The use of a three-level (unipolar) PWM algorithm is proposed, which allows doubling the output current ripple frequency. Estimates of power losses in the DC/AC inverter switches are provided: about 50 W. It is proposed to use a sendust ring core for the output filter choke, the choke parameters are determined, including an estimate of power losses: about 7 W. An estimate of the efficiency of an autonomous PV plant is provided: in the solar panel power mode 98.3% versus 97.6% for the analog and 98.8% when powered by an accumulator battery versus 94% for the analog, which corresponds to a reduction in power losses of 1.4 – 5 times.

Keywords: autonomous PV plant; solar panels; DC/DC converter; accumulator batteries; DC/AC voltage inverter; sin PWM; insulated gate field effect transistors; silicon carbide; power loss; sendust.

ПІДВИЩЕННЯ ЕФЕКТИВНОСТІ ПОБУТОВОЇ АВТОНОМНОЇ СОНЯЧНОЇ ЕЛЕКТРОСТАНЦІЇ ПОТУЖНІСТЮ 5 КВт БЕЗ ОКРЕМОГО ЗАРЯДНОГО КОНВЕРТОРА

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АНОТАЦІЯ Дається оцінка параметрів силової частини перетворювача у складі автономної сонячної фотоелектричної установки з номінальною потужністю 5000 Вт, призначеної для живлення споживачів однофазною синусоїдальною напругою 220 В 50 Гц за без-трансформаторною схемою. Структура фотоелектричної установки, що пропонується, відрізняється від традиційних структур тим, що, що перетворювач постійної напруги, який своїм входом під'єднаний до послідовного з'єднання сонячних панелей і здійснює функцію максимізації вихідної потужності, своїм виходом під'єднаний до ланки постійного струму – акумуляторної батареї. До цієї ж ланки під'єднано автономний інвертор напруги з широтно-імпульсною модуляцією за синусоїдальним законом, його вихідна напруга є напругою живлення споживачів. Мінімальна напруга акумулятора децю вища за амплітуду вихідної напруги інвертора напруги. У такій структурі, на відміну від розповсюджених систем з акумуляторною батареєю напругою 48В, нема необхідності у окремому двоспрямованому перетворювачі постійної напруги з функціями забезпечення узгодження напруг акумулятора і

внутрішньої ланки постійної напруги (біля 400 В, від якої живиться автономний інвертор напруги) і забезпечення заряду – розряду акумулятора з встановленою потужністю від половини номінальної потужності та вище. Відсутність окремого перетворювача постійної напруги спрощує систему і дозволяє помітно підвищити ККД в режимі живлення навантаження від акумулятора. Проведені оцінки параметрів сонячної фотоелектричної установки запропонованої структури: визначено необхідну кількість послідовних сонячних панелей номінальною потужністю 500 Вт, обґрунтовано використання схеми перетворювача постійної напруги понижуючого типу, обрана його частота ШІМ (25 кГц), дана оцінка величини ємності вхідного накопичувального конденсатора. Для ключів перетворювача постійного струму запропоновано використання сучасних польових транзисторів з ізольованим затвором та діодів Шотткі на базі карбіду кремнію (SiC); вибрані типи напівпровідникових приладів та надана оцінка потужності втрат у них: приблизно 12 Вт. Визначена необхідна кількість послідовно з'єднаних комірок акумуляторної батареї. Для інвертора напруги за мостовою схемою обрано тип MOSFET, частоту ШІМ 25 кГц. Запропоновано використання алгоритму трирівневої (одно полярної) ШІМ, який дозволяє подвоїти частоту пульсації вихідного струму. Надані оцінки потужності втрат у ключах інвертора напруги: орієнтовно 50 Вт. Запропоновано для дроселя вихідного фільтра використання сендастового кільцевого осердя, визначені параметри дроселя, в тому числі оцінка потужності втрат: біля 7 Вт. Надана оцінка ККД автономної сонячної фотоелектричної установки: у режимі живлення від сонячних панелей 98,3% проти 97,6% у аналога та 98,8% при живленні від АБ проти 94% у аналога, що відповідає зменшенню втрат потужності у 1,4 – 5 разів.

Ключові слова: автономні сонячні фотоелектричні установки; сонячні панелі; перетворювач постійної напруги; акумуляторні батареї; автономний інвертор напруги; синусоїдальна широтно-імпульсна модуляція; польові транзистори з ізольованим затвором; карбід кремнію; потужність втрат; сендаст

Introduction

The general direction of world energy development is related to the wide use of renewable energy sources. This is due to the growth of demand for electricity with a simultaneous increase in efforts to eliminate emissions of conventional pollutants, decarbonize electricity as a replacement for fossil fuels in transport, construction and industry. The dynamics of commissioning of solar power plants in recent years significantly exceeds this indicator for other renewable energy sources and this trend will continue. It is expected that in the European Union the growth of rooftop solar photovoltaic installations will outpace the growth of large-scale power plants [1]. For Ukraine, the use of an autonomous solar photovoltaic installation is particularly relevant due to damage to the power infrastructure, interruptions in power supply, etc. as a result of the aggression of the Russian Federation.

Typically, all solar PV plants are divided into residential, with a capacity of 3-11 kW, commercial – 100 kW-2 MW and municipal scale – 5-100 MW [2]. Plants used in the residential sector, as a rule, have a battery as an intermediate energy storage - a local battery energy storage system, which allows to power the domestic electricity consumers in the absence of grid energy. Commercial and municipal solar PV plants can use external battery energy storage systems to smooth out peaks in electrical energy consumption.

The difference in the functionality of solar PV plants is due to their different structures and circuit solutions of semiconductor energy converters used in the plants. The most universal solar PV plant is a hybrid solar PV plant. Unlike hybrid structures, the autonomous PV plant, also called solar PV plants, have a similar structure, but are not designed to transfer excess energy generated in the solar PV plant to a single-phase alternating current network with a frequency of 50 Hz. Their inverter is not designed for connection to the AC grid, and its load is household appliances. In the European Union and some countries of the world, residential solar PV plants of this

structure are limited to a capacity of 10 kW [3]. This paper considers autonomous solar PV plant structures with a capacity of about 5 kW, as one of the most widely used for alternative power supply of private households, for example, in rural areas.

A typical structure of a solar PV plant is shown in Fig. 1 [4]. Autonomous solar PV plants, as a rule, have the structure of a two-stage converter with input stage constant voltage converters (DC/DC) as input stage, the number of which corresponds to the number of connected strings of serially connected solar panels (PV strings) and which also perform the function of finding the point with maximum power (Maximum Power Point Tracker, MPPT). DC/DC converters operate to a DC link (DC-coupled system). To DC link a DC/AC converter is connected with or without a built-in matching transformer. Depending on the availability of grid energy, the domestic electricity consumers is powered either from the grid or from the solar PV plant. Switching is performed using switching devices, which are not shown in the Fig. 1.

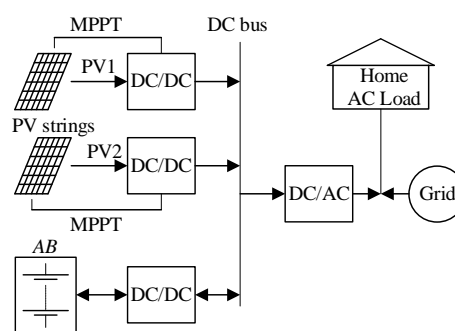


Fig. 1 – Typical structure of a solar PV plant [4]

The battery pack or battery energy storage system is connected to the DC link using a separate DC/DC converter, which has the functions of regulating the charge-discharge current of the battery, ensuring the coordination of the voltage of the battery and the internal

DC bus, and transferring energy from the battery energy storage system to the DC link in the event of insufficient energy from the solar panels and/or lack of grid energy.

The solar PV plant BluE H3/H5 manufactured by KSTAR [5] has a similar structure. These systems use batteries with a nominal voltage of 48 V and a voltage range of 40 to 60 V. This voltage is a compromise between the overall cost of operating the batteries, the cost of the DC/DC converter, and the efficiency of the system. The presence of a separate DC/DC converter complicates and increases the cost of the entire system and does not contribute to improving the efficiency. Thus, according to the specification of the solar PV plant BluE H3/H5 [5], the maximum efficiency when powering the load from the battery is 94%, and from photo panels – 97.6%, that is, the latter is significantly higher.

There are several typical structural schemes of a solar PV plant [4,6,7]. This paper considers the structure of a solar PV plant with a DC link, without a separate DC/DC converter serving the battery (Fig. 2).

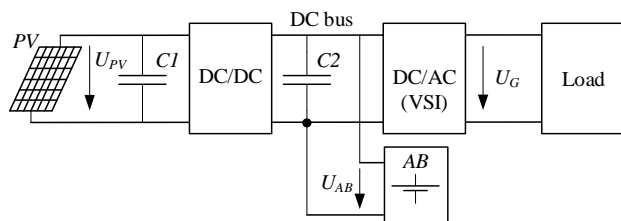


Fig. 2 – Simplified diagram of the solar PV plant under consideration

Solar PV plant includes a PV photo panel block, a DC voltage converter block (single-link DC/DC converter with MPRT function), a battery block, an autonomous DC/AC inverter (Voltage Source Inverter, VSI) with sinusoidal PWM. Power of the solar PV plant is 5000 W, output voltage – 220 V, 50 Hz.

Work Purpose

The purpose of the work is to evaluate the main parameters of the solar PV plant under consideration, including power losses and efficiency. Proposals are formed for the selection of types of power semiconductor switches and parameters of passive elements.

Evaluation of battery parameters, solar panels and selection of DC-DC converters

The voltage of the DC link in converters with the structure of Fig. 1 is determined, usually, only requirements from the DC/AC converter. In converters with the structure of Fig. 2, these requirements are significantly influenced by the characteristics of the batteries. In our case, the range of battery voltage changes should be such that this voltage U_{AB} is not less than the minimum amplitude of the output voltage

$U_{Gm}^{min}=220 \cdot 1,41 \cdot 0,9=280$ V. It is advisable to give a reserve of 10%, then the minimum battery voltage should be $U_{AB}^{min}=310$ V.

Let us assume that the battery cells are made using LiFePO₄ technology. The minimum voltage of one element is $U_{cell}^{min}=3.0$ V (10% of residual capacity), the nominal voltage – $U_{cell}^{nom}=(3.20 \sim 3.25$ V), and the maximum – is $U_{cell}^{max}=3.65$ V (Fig. 3).

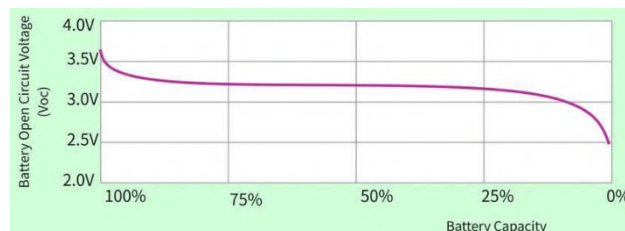


Fig. 3 – Dependence of the voltage of a 3.2V LiFePO₄ cell on the degree of discharge of the battery [8]

We set the minimum cell voltage at 3.0 V. Then the number of series-connected elements $N_{AB}=U_{AB}^{min}/U_{cell}^{min}=310/3=103$. Alternatively, we can assume a series connection of 26 sections with 4 cells per section ($N_{AB}=26 \cdot 4=104$; $U_{AB}^{min}=N_{AB} \cdot U_{cell}^{min}=104 \cdot 3=312$ V), batteries with a series connection of 4 cells with a nominal section voltage of 12.8 V and a total nominal voltage $U_{AB}^{nom}=3,2 \cdot 104=333$ V may be available. Taking this into account, we can assume the following values of the minimum and maximum battery voltage: $U_{AB}^{min}=312$ V, $U_{AB}^{max}=3,65 \cdot 104=380$ V. Assuming that the installed capacity of the battery is the same as in system [5], i.e. its base nominal voltage is 50 V, and the base capacity is 100 A*h and the energy is $E=5000$ W*h, at a voltage of $U_{AB}^{nom}=333$ V we find an estimate for the capacity of the battery: $C_{AB}=E/U_{AB}^{nom}=5000/333=15$ A*h: the battery should consist of 104 series-connected cells with a capacity no less than 15 A*h.

It should be noted that the features of LiFePO₄ batteries are the high repeatability of cell parameters, which makes it possible to exclude the use of active BMS (Battery Management System) balancers for capacities less than 40 A*h. It is possible to manufacture such a “non-standard” battery of 104 cells at the facilities of Viatic [9], which specializes, in particular, in the distribution and manufacture of components for solar energy.

Of the two main types of DC-DC converters (DC/DC converter unit with MPRT function, see Fig. 2) – boost or buck – in the opinion of the authors, it is advisable to choose a buck-type DC-DC converter, since such a DC-DC converter has an output choke that is connected to the positive output of the battery. The choke limits the current ripple when charging the battery, which has a beneficial effect on the battery. In addition, limiting the ripple of the output current of the DC-DC converter helps reduce the share of inactive components of the

system power, which, in turn, helps increase the efficiency of the system [10].

For the structure of Fig. 2 with a step-down DC-DC converter, the minimum voltage of the solar panel strings U_{PV}^{min} must be no less than the maximum battery voltage: $U_{PV}^{min} > U_{AB}^{max} = 380$ V.

It is known that the main parameters of solar panels, which are displayed in the specifications, are divided into two groups: found for the STC mode (Standard Test Conditions: solar intensity 1000 W/m^2 , photovoltaic cell temperature 25°C) or NOCT (Normal Operating Cell Temperature), which is determined under the conditions: solar intensity 800 W/m^2 , ambient temperature 20°C . The temperature of the photovoltaic cell depends on its characteristics and is higher than the air temperature by $10\text{--}30^\circ\text{C}$ [11]. The specific temperature is given in the documents for solar panels.

Let us choose as the base panel PNGNH60-B8(182) from Hefel Pinergy Solar Technology Co., Ltd, China with a nominal power (in STC mode) of 500 W [12]. According to the specification, the NOCT power is 376 W , the temperature coefficient of voltage for the maximum power point TK_U is $TK_U = -0,28\%/^\circ\text{C}$, the NOCT temperature $T_{(NOCT)} = 44^\circ\text{C}$, the voltage at maximum power of the MPPT in STC mode $U_{MP}^{(25^\circ\text{C})} = 36.06 \text{ V}$, the voltage at maximum power of the MPPT in NOCT mode $U_{MP}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = 33.91 \text{ V}$, the maximum temperature is 70°C . Then the estimate for the voltage for maximum power at 70°C is:

$$\begin{aligned} U_{MP}^{(T^\circ\text{C})} &= U_{MP}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} + TK_U(T - T_{(NOCT)}), \\ U_{MP}^{(70^\circ\text{C})} &= 33,91 - 0,0028(70 - 44) = 33,84 \text{ V} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

which differs from the voltage $U_{MP}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = 33.91 \text{ V}$ by only 0.1 V , i.e. insignificantly. It can be stated that for modern PVs the effect of temperature on the voltage in the maximum power mode at the temperature for the NOCT mode and higher temperatures is insignificant.

Let us assume the minimum voltage of one panel $U_{PV(1)}^{min}$ at the level of 32 V (with some margin): $U_{PV(1)}^{min} = 32 \text{ V}$.

To ensure the requirement $U_{PV}^{min} > U_{AB}^{max} = 380 \text{ V}$, it is necessary to install N panels in series: $N = U_{PV}^{min} / U_{PV(1)}^{min} = 380 / 32 = 11.88$, i.e. $N = 12$, while the voltage of the series connection of 12 PVs (PV string) will be $12 \cdot 32 = 384 \text{ V}$. The nominal installed power P_{PV}^{nom} (STC mode) will be $P_{PV}^{nom} = P_{PV(1)}^{nom} \cdot N = 500 \cdot 12 = 6000 \text{ W}$, and for the NOCT mode for one panel (radiation 800 W/m^2 , voltage $U_{MP(1)}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = 33.91 \text{ V}$, current $I_{MP}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = 11.09 \text{ A}$, power $P_{MP(1)}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = 376 \text{ W}$) the operating power $P_{PV}^{NOCT} = P_{MP(1)}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} \cdot N = 376 \cdot 12 = 4512 \text{ W}$.

Requirements for the class of DC/DC switches and assessment of their main parameters

The simplified diagram of the input block of a solar photovoltaic installation is shown in Fig. 3. It includes solar panels, a DC/DC converter with MPPT

function and a battery. When used as a DC/DC converter – a buck converter of constant voltage, the maximum voltage that can be applied to the keys $VT1$, $VD1$ is equal to the voltage of the PV string of 12 panels.

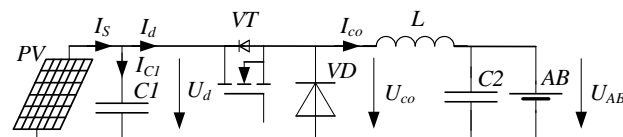


Fig. 3 – Simplified diagram of the input block of a solar PV plant

In the no-load mode of the STC mode, the no-load voltage $U_{PV(1)}^{xx}$ of one PV, according to the specification, is $U_{PV(1)}^{xx} = 43.39 \text{ V}$, and for a string with $N = 12$ PVs – $U_{PV}^{xx} = U_{PV(1)}^{xx} \cdot N = 43,39 \cdot 12 = 520 \text{ V}$.

Fig. 4 shows a family of volt-ampere characteristics of PVs for a power of 435 W for different temperatures [12].

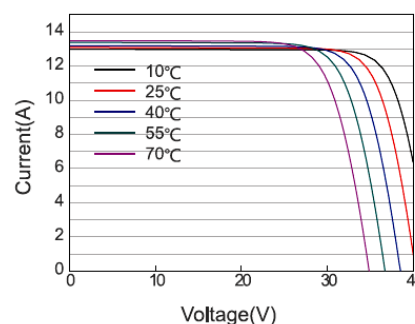


Fig. 4 – Family of current-voltage characteristics of the PV

Extrapolating the curve of the dependence of the PV current on the voltage for a temperature of 10°C (Fig. 4) for the idle mode (XX), we see the approximate value of the XX voltage in this case – 45 V . The latter gives the maximum value of the string voltage of 540 V . Thus, keys (diodes and MOSFET transistors) with a limit voltage of $y 650\text{--}700 \text{ V}$ can be used as keys, especially since the actual switching of the keys will occur at voltages close to $U_{MP}^{(25^\circ\text{C})} = 36.06 \text{ V}$ and below (with increasing temperature), which gives an approximate value of the string voltage $U_{MPS}^{(25^\circ\text{C})}$ at which switching is performed $U_{MPS}^{(25^\circ\text{C})} = U_{MP}^{(25^\circ\text{C})} \cdot N = 36,06 \cdot 12 = 432 \text{ V}$, and in the NOCT mode $U_{MPS}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = U_{MP}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} \cdot N = 33,91 \cdot 12 = 407 \text{ V}$. At PV voltages exceeding 40 V (string voltage 480 V), switching can be omitted at all, without turning on the transistor.

Let's estimate the main parameters of the switches in order to determine the its types. The class of switches is determined - about 700 V . We will find other parameters for the NOCT mode for the PV (at the string voltage $U_{MPS}^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = U_d = 407 \text{ V}$, the panel (string) current $I_s^{(44^\circ\text{C})} = I_s = 11.09 \text{ A}$. Let's set the battery voltage $U_{AB} = U_{AB}^{nom} = 333 \text{ V}$. At this stage, we consider the

switches VT , VD to be ideal, the capacitances of the capacitors $C1$, $C2$, and the inductance of the choke L to be large (i.e., the ripples of the input voltage of the DC-DC converter U_d and the output current of its switch I_v are insignificant).

The average value of the switch voltage U_{co} over the period T of the f PWM frequency coincides with the value of the voltage AB : $U_{co} = U_{AB}^{nom} = 333$ V. The value of the duty cycle τ of the transistor current pulse is found from the equation for switch voltages:

$$U_o = \tau U_d, \quad \tau = U_o / U_d = 333 / 407 = 0,82 \quad (2)$$

Fig. 5 shows the time diagrams of currents and voltages in the DC-DC converter according to Fig. 3: transistor gate voltage VT u_{GVT} (Fig. 5a), capacitor current $C1$ i_{C1} (Fig. 5b), transistor current VT i_{VT} (Fig. 5c), switch output voltage u_{co} (Fig. 5d) and choke voltage L u_L (Fig. 5e).

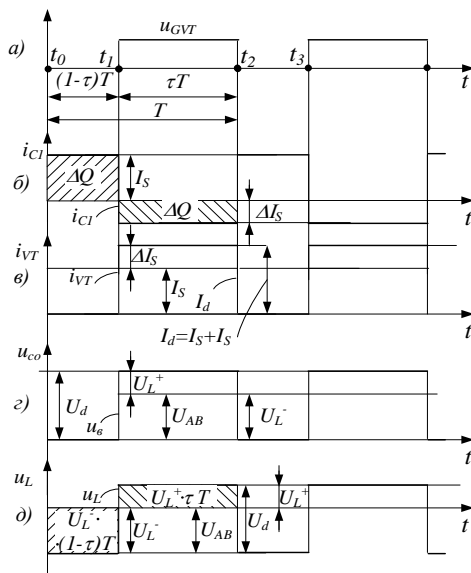


Fig. 5 – Timing diagrams of processes in a DC-DC converter

Let the transistor VT be turned on by the moment t_0 , through it, the choke L and the battery a current I_d flows, the panel current has the value I_S , the voltage of the panel and capacitor $C1$ is U_d . At the moment t_0 the transistor VT is turned off, the diode VD is turned on and the panel current I_S begins to flow through the capacitor $C1$. The choke current of the value I_d continues to flow through the battery, charging it, the voltage on the choke becomes equal to the battery voltage.

At the moment t_1 the transistor VT is turned on, the diode VD is turned off. During the interval $t_1 - t_0$ with a duration of $(1-\tau)T$, an additional charge of the value $\Delta Q = (1-\tau) \cdot T \cdot I_S$ accumulates in the capacitor. This charge during the interval $t_2 - t_1$ with a duration of τT , until the transistor is turned off at the moment t_2 , is transferred to the load by the current ΔI_S . Thus, an additional component ΔI_S appears in the current I_d : $I_d = I_S + \Delta I_S$. An estimate for the value ΔI_S can be made on the basis of the

balance (equality) of charges of value ΔQ , which enter the capacitor $C1$ in the interval $t_2 - t_1$ with a duration of $(1-\tau)T$ and are removed from it in the interval $t_1 - t_0$ with a duration of τT :

$$\Delta Q = (1-\tau) \cdot T \cdot I_S = \tau T \cdot \Delta I_S, \quad \Delta I_S = ((1-\tau)/\tau) \cdot I_S \quad (3)$$

For $I_S = 11,09$ A, $\tau = 0,82$

$$\Delta I_S = ((1-\tau)/\tau) \cdot I_S = ((1-0,82)/0,82) \cdot 11,09 = 2,43 \text{ A}, \\ I_d = I_S + \Delta I_S = 11,09 + 2,43 = 13,52 \text{ A}.$$

Average I_{AVVT} , effective I_{RMSVT} current of the transistor and average I_{AVVD} , effective I_{RMSVD} current of the diode:

$$I_{AVVT} = (I_S + \Delta I_S) \cdot \tau = (11,09 + 2,43) \cdot 0,82 = 11,09 \text{ A}, \\ I_{RMSVT} = (I_S + \Delta I_S) \cdot \sqrt{\tau} = (11,09 + 2,43) \cdot \sqrt{0,82} = 12,2 \text{ A} \\ I_{AVVD} = (I_S + \Delta I_S) \cdot (1-\tau) = (11,09 + 2,43) \cdot (1-0,82) = 2,43 \text{ A} \\ I_{RMSVD} = (I_S + \Delta I_S) \cdot \sqrt{1-\tau} = (11,09 + 2,43) \cdot \sqrt{1-0,82} = 5,31 \text{ A}$$

Selecting the type of DC/DC diode (MPPT)

When using a PWM frequency above 20 kHz, the frequency properties of the diode play an important role, in particular, the value of the reverse recovery charge Q_{rr} , the value of which is responsible for the losses in the transistor when it is forced to turn on, which results in the diode turning off. At a finite value of this charge, the effect of through currents occurs, and the power of the transistor's turn-on losses can often, at high frequencies, constitute a significant portion of all converter losses. Devices that fundamentally do not have this charge are attractive – Schottky diodes. Currently, Schottky diodes based on silicon carbide (SiC) technology are available on the market, which, like silicon ones, do not have a charge Q_{rr} , but have an increased reverse voltage U_{RR} from 650 – 1200 V and higher, have an acceptable price – 0.2-0.6 \$/A of the classification current (for a voltage of 650 V), a voltage drop U_F of about 1.5 V.

Let's choose as the VD diode a diode of the IDH12G65C6 type from *Infineon* [13] with the main parameters: $U_{RR} = 650$ V, a voltage drop U_F of about 1.5 V, capacitance energy at a voltage of 400 V $E_C = 3.2$ μ J, cost \$ (1.9 – 5.05) [14]. Let's assume the operating junction temperature $T_j = 100$ °C. According to the graphs of the I-V family at $T_j = 100$ °C and $I_F = I_d = 13.52$ A, the voltage drop U_F will be $U_F = 1.4$ V. The average power of static losses $P_{VD(st)}$

$$P_{VD(st)} = U_F \cdot I_d \cdot (1-\tau) = 1,4 \cdot 13,52 \cdot (1-0,82) = 3,4 \text{ Вт} \quad (4)$$

Let us take the approximate value of the PWM frequency $f = 25000$ Hz. At the operating reverse voltage of the diode $U_R = U_d = 407$ V, according to the specification, the energy E_C accumulated in the diode capacitance is about 3.2 μ J: $E_C = 3,2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ J. At the frequency $f = 25000$ Hz, this energy is released in the diode in the form of heat in each period. Average additional power $P_{VD(C)}$:

$$P_{VD(C)} = E_C \cdot f = 3,2 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 25000 = 0,08 \text{ W} \quad (5)$$

and is not significant. Power loss in the diode will be:

$$P_{VD} = P_{VD(st)} + P_{VD(C)} = 3,4 + 0,08 = 3,48 \text{ W} \quad (6)$$

Selecting the type of DC/DC transistor (MPPT)

SiC-based MOSFETs are currently available on the market, which have the following advantages: ultra-low switching losses; low gate threshold voltage, $V_{GS(th)} = 4.5 \text{ V}$; resistance to parasitic turn-on even at a gate turn-off voltage of 0 V; high operating junction temperature T_j (up to 175°C). Transistors with a cut-off voltage of 650 – 1200 V are available. As the VT transistor, we will choose a transistor of the IMZA65R040M2H type from Infineon [15] with a price of about \$(4.6–9.7)\$ [16] with the following main parameters: cut-off voltage $V_{DSS} = 650 \text{ V}$, nominal channel resistance $R_{DS(on)} = 40 \text{ m}\Omega$, energy when switching off $E_{VT(off)}$ at a leakage current $I_{DS} = I_d = 13.52 \text{ A}$ and a voltage of 400 V (which is close to the switching voltage $U_d = 407 \text{ V}$) $E_{VT(off)} = 11 \text{ }\mu\text{J}$. Assuming the operating temperature of the crystal $T_j = 100^\circ \text{C}$, after correcting the channel resistance to this temperature, we obtain the operating resistance value: $R_{DS(on)}^{(100^\circ \text{C})} = 52.5 \text{ m}\Omega$ and an estimate for the voltage drop of the switched-on device: $U_{VT(on)} = I_d \cdot R_{DS(on)}^{(100^\circ \text{C})} = 13,52 \cdot 0,0525 = 0,71 \text{ V}$. Estimate for the static power loss $P_{VT(st)}$

$$P_{VT(st)} = I_{RMSVT}^2 \cdot R_{DS(on)}^{(100^\circ \text{C})} = 12,2^2 \cdot 0,0525 = 7,8 \text{ W} \quad (7)$$

Estimated power loss of switching off at a voltage $U_{DS} = 400 \text{ V}$ (which is practically no different from the voltage $U_d = 407 \text{ V}$, the specification indicates the energy value $E_{VT(off)} = 11 \text{ }\mu\text{J}$):

$$P_{VT(off)} = E_{VT(off)} \cdot f = 11 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 25000 = 0,275 \text{ W} \quad (9)$$

In the specification, the turn-on losses are given for the transistor in the DC-DC converter, taking into account the effect of the reverse recovery charge of the MOSFET diode. In this case, the diode is used without this charge, so we assume that the turn-on losses $E_{VT(on)}$ coincide with the turn-off losses: $E_{VT(on)} = E_{VT(off)}$. Then the switching power losses $P_{VT(sw)}$ will be:

$$P_{VT(sw)} = 2 P_{VT(off)} = 2 \cdot 0,275 = 0,55 \text{ W} \quad (10)$$

Let us also take into account the losses associated with the discharge of the output capacitance C_{oss} of the transistor. According to the specification, the energy P_{Coos} for a voltage of 400 V is 7 μJ . Then the power value P_{Coos} will be

$$P_{Coos} = P_{Coos} \cdot f = 7 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 25000 = 0,175 \text{ W} \quad (11)$$

Total power loss P_{VT} :

$$P_{VT} = P_{VT(st)} + P_{VT(sw)} + P_{Coos} = 7,8 + 0,55 + 0,175 = 8,53 \text{ W} \quad (12)$$

Capacitance estimation of the capacitor C_I and the inductance of the choke L

Simplified diagrams of capacitor voltage and inductor current over the PWM frequency period are presented in Fig. 6a and 6b, respectively.

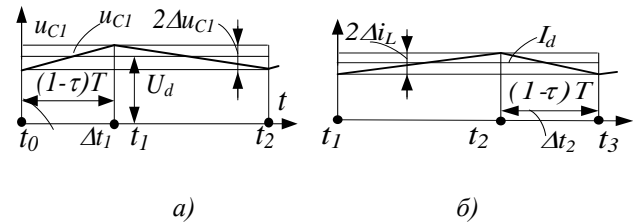


Fig. 6 – Timing diagrams of processes in a DC-DC converter

We set the value of the capacitor voltage ripple coefficient $k_{nn} = \Delta u_{C1} / U_d$ at the level of $k_{nn} = 0,01$. Considering that during the time interval $t_1 - t_0 = \Delta t_1 = (1 - \tau)T$, during which the capacitor is charged by the current I_s of the PV panel, the increase in its voltage is $2\Delta u_{C1}$, we find the required capacitance value:

$$C_I = I_s \cdot (1 - \tau) / (2 \cdot k_{nn} \cdot U_d \cdot f) = 11,09 \cdot (1 - 0,82) / (2 \cdot 0,01 \cdot 407 \cdot 25 \cdot 10^3) = 9,08 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ F} \quad (13)$$

i.e. 10 μF .

By analogy, with the same value of the ripple coefficient of the choke current $k_{ni} = \Delta i / I_d = 0,01$, we find the required value of inductance:

$$L = U_{AB} \cdot (1 - \tau) / (2 \cdot k_{ni} \cdot I_d \cdot f) = 333 \cdot (1 - 0,82) / (2 \cdot 0,01 \cdot 13,52 \cdot 25000) = 8,87 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ H} \quad (14)$$

For the choke, since the selected value of k_{ni} is sufficiently small, the amplitude of the variable component of induction in the choke core will also be small, which will allow us to neglect hysteresis and eddy current losses in the core and eddy current losses in the winding, taking into account only ohmic losses. Since the ratio of the powers of dynamic and static losses in the transistor and diode at a given PWM frequency turned out to be quite small, there are grounds for increasing this frequency, which will allow us to reduce the installed power and mass of the reactive components of the DC-DC converter. Optimization of the DC-DC converter parameters is not part of the purpose of this work.

Selection of the circuit and the basic algorithm of the voltage-source inverter

The traditional bridge circuit of a voltage-source inverter with MOSFET power switches is shown in Fig. 7.

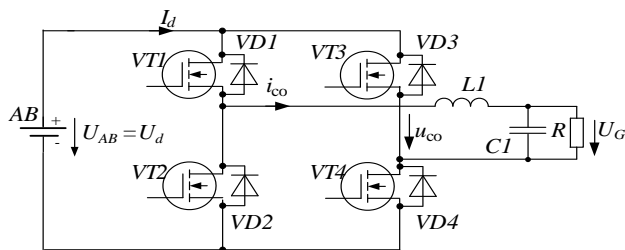


Fig. 7 – Power section diagram of a voltage-source inverter

As the basic algorithm for controlling the VT1-VT4 switches, we will take the algorithm of unipolar (according to the terminology [7]), or three-level (according to the terminology [17]) sinusoidal pulse width modulation (SPWM). This method of signal formation uses a comparison on comparators of a carrier voltage signal of a symmetrical triangular shape with a frequency f_M with two antiphase sinusoidal voltages with amplitudes equal to the amplitude of the carrier multiplied by the modulation coefficient K_M ($K_M = U_{Gm}/U_d$ where U_d is the input voltage, U_{Gm} is the amplitude of the output sinusoidal voltage U_G). The output signals of the two comparators are the signals of the switching functions of the transistors for each of the two inverter racks. One of the essential features of this method of forming control signals for transistors is that the frequency of the highest harmonic of the output voltage is twice the modulation frequency (i.e., for example, twice of 25 kHz) (see Fig. 7 [18]), this allows us to significantly reduce the dimensions of the components of the power filter $L_f C_f$. The ratios of the average and active currents of the keys for an ideal output filter are the same as for a single-phase half-bridge inverter, the operation of which is characterized by bipolar modulation.

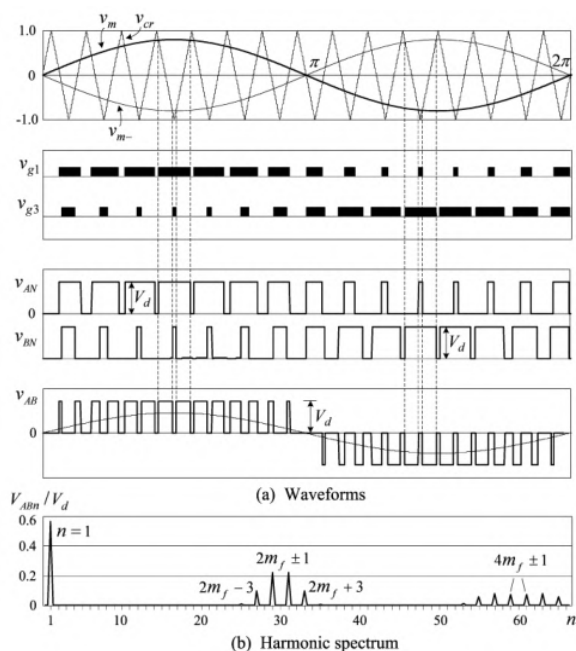


Fig. 8 – Formation of the output voltage of an voltage-source inverter for three-level PWM (carrier and bending frequency ratio 15, modulation factor 0.8 [18])

For an ideal output filter, we will assume that the output current is a sinusoid with a frequency of 50 Hz and the corresponding amplitude I_{Gm} , the load is purely active, and the output voltage is a sinusoid with an amplitude U_{Gm} . For the nominal mode

$$U_G = 220 \text{ V}, U_d = U_{AB}^{nom} = 333 \text{ V}, U_{Gm} = \sqrt{2} U_G = 310 \text{ V},$$

$$K_M = \frac{U_{Gm}}{U_d} = \frac{310}{333} = 0,93, I_{Gm} = \frac{2 \cdot P_{PV}^{NOCT}}{K_M \cdot U_d} = \frac{2 \cdot 4512}{0,93 \cdot 333} = 29,1 \text{ A} \quad (15)$$

where I_{Gm} is the amplitude of the output current; K_M is the modulation coefficient.

Key type selection and loss capacity estimation

As transistors VT1-VT4, we will choose MOSFET transistors using SiC technology, for which the standard voltage class is considered to be the value of the drain-source limit voltage $U_{DSS} = 650 \text{ V}$, which gives a sufficient voltage margin compared to the battery voltage amplitude $U_{AB}^{max} = 380 \text{ V}$. To gain a competitive advantage over an inverter based on IGBT of a similar voltage class (about 600 V) in terms of static key losses, we will select transistors with an average voltage drop when an average current flows $I_{eAV} = I_{Gm} \cdot 2/\pi = 18,23 \text{ A}$ of about 1 V (as opposed to the approximate value of the voltage drop on an IGBT of the class of about 600 V, about 1.7 V for low-frequency devices and about 2 V for high-frequency ones). Then the channel resistance $R_{DS(on)}$ should not be greater than:

$$R_{DS(on)} \leq \frac{1}{I_{eAV}} = \frac{1}{18,23} = 0,054 \Omega \quad (16)$$

Let us take as transistors VT1-VT4 a device of type IMZA65R040M2H [15] - the same as for the MPRT converter, which for the transition temperature $T_j = 100^\circ \text{C}$ has $R_{DS(on)}^{(100^\circ \text{C})} = 52,5 \text{ m}\Omega$.

From the specification of the IMZA65R040M2H device, it can be seen that in the current range up to 30 A, the drop across the key when current flows through the internal diode of the transistor, the voltage drop across the device (up to about 4.5 V) significantly exceeds the voltage drop when the same current flows through the gate-switched transistor (up to about 2 V). To reduce static losses, it is advisable to turn on the transistor at the gate when reverse current flows, as is done in synchronous rectifiers, and to assume that the switch current flows through the channel of the switched-on transistor both with forward and reverse switch current.

To estimate the current of the switch and the power of static losses, we will use the well-known expressions for the current of the transistor and diode in the inverter rack for bipolar PWM according to the sinusoidal law [19], assuming the threshold voltage of the on-switch $U_{(TO)} = 0$ and for the differential resistance of both the transistor and the diode $r_T = r_D = R_{DS(on)}^{(100^\circ \text{C})} = 52,5 \text{ m}\Omega$, as well as the value of the load power factor $\cos \varphi = 1$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{VTRMS} &= I_{bm} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{K_M}{3 \cdot \pi}} = 29,1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} + \frac{0,93}{3 \cdot \pi}} = 13,76 \text{ A}, \\
I_{VDRMS} &= I_{bm} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} - \frac{K_M}{3 \cdot \pi}} = 29,1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} - \frac{0,93}{3 \cdot \pi}} = 4,72 \text{ A} \\
P_{VTst} &= I_{VTRMS}^2 \cdot r_T = (13,76)^2 \cdot 0,053 = 10 \text{ W} \\
P_{VDst} &= I_{VDRMS}^2 \cdot r_D = (4,72)^2 \cdot 0,053 = 1,18 \text{ W} \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

Total static losses in the transistor and in the commutator:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{st}^1 &= P_{VTst} + P_{VDst} = 10 + 1,18 = 11,2 \text{ W} \\
P_{st}^{tot} &= 4 \cdot P_{st}^1 = 4 \cdot 11,2 = 44,8 \text{ W} \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

The dynamic losses during transistor on/off can be estimated based on the dependence of switching energies on the value of the switched current at a switched voltage of 400 V (see Fig. 9, [15]).

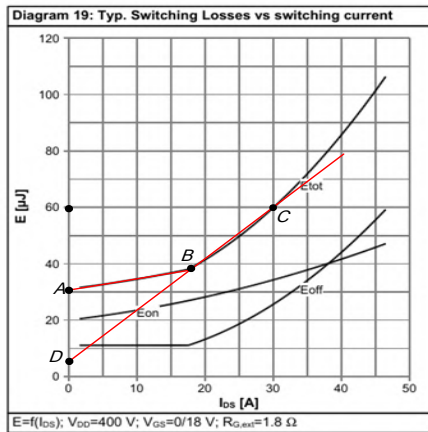


Fig. 9 – Dependence of switching loss energy on current [15]

Let us assume the PWM frequency value to be the same as for the DC-DC converter $f_M = 25 \text{ kHz}$: The value of the total energy of switching on and off losses E_{tot} , as can be seen, linearly depends on the value of the switched current, but with two different derivatives: for the current interval from 0 to 18 A (points A and B of the graph, derivative k_1) and from 18 and 30 A (points A and C of the graph, derivative k_2). Having obtained from the graph the numerical values of the derivatives and displacement energies $E(A)=31 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J}$, $E(B)=39 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J}$, $E(D)=6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J}$, $k_1=0,39 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J/A}$, $k_2=1,75 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J/A}$, and also for the current of point B $i(B)=18 \text{ A}$, we can find the value of the angle θ_l , which corresponds to this current for the sinusoid of the current $i(\theta)=I_{em} \sin \theta$ with the amplitude $I_{em}=29 \text{ A}$:

$$\theta_l = \arcsin \frac{I(B)}{I_{em}} = \arcsin \frac{18}{29} = 0.667 \text{ rad}$$

and the sum of the two energies E_1 and E_2 of the switching at angular intervals from 0 to θ_l and from θ_l to $\pi/2$ of the period:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_1 + E_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta_l} [E_A + k_1 \cdot i(\theta)] d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\theta_l}^{\pi/2} [E_D + k_2 \cdot I_{em} \sin(\theta)] d\theta \\
&= 3.677 \cdot 10^{-6} + 7.232 \cdot 10^{-6} = 10,9 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J} \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

It is known [20] that the amount of switching energy for IGBT depends on the switched voltage as a step function of the ratio of the switched and nominal voltages with the power exponent $K_U = 1.4$. For SiC MOSFETs, such data are not available, but for Si MOSFETs, $K_U = 1$ is assumed. Assuming $K_U = 1$, then, taking into account the correction, we obtain an estimate of the dynamic switch loss power:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{(tot)} &= f_M \cdot 2 \cdot (E_1 + E_2) \left(\frac{U_d}{U_{DSnom}} \right)^{K_U} = 25 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 2 \cdot (3.68 \cdot 10^{-6} + \\
&+ 7.23 \cdot 10^{-6}) \cdot \left(\frac{333}{400} \right)^1 = 0.454 \text{ W} \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us also take into account the power losses in the transistor, which are due to the output capacitance of the transistor. When the transistor is turned on at a voltage of U_d , the energy E_{oss} , which was accumulated in the output capacitance C_{oss} , is dissipated as heat. The device specification provides a dependence of the value of this energy on the voltage, at a voltage of $U_d = 333 \text{ V}$, the value of the energy E_{oss} will be approximately 5.3 μJ : $E_{oss} = 5,3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ J}$, and the power of these losses P_{oss} is a larger value in f_M times, i.e. $P_{oss} = E_{oss} \cdot f_M = 5,3 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 25 \cdot 10^3 = 0,123 \text{ W}$. In one transistor, the total P_{Σ}^1 (static P_{st}^1 , dynamic $P_{(tot)}^1$ and “capacitive” P_{oss}^1) will be $P_{\Sigma}^1 = P_{st}^1 + P_{oss}^1 = 11,8 + 0,123 = 12,4 \text{ W}$, and in four transistors - $4 P_{\Sigma}^1 = 49,6 \text{ W}$ - about 1% of the output power.

It should also be noted that the selected circuit of the bridge voltage-source inverter is bidirectional, i.e. it allows charging the battery from the alternating sinusoidal voltage network, which can be the source U_G (see Fig. 7). The assessment of the relevant parameters of the voltage-source inverter, which will work in this case as a regenerative rectifier, is not part of the purpose of this work.

Evaluation of the main parameters of the filter choke

We are talking about the choke L_l of the circuit in Fig. 7, its main function is to suppress the higher harmonics of the output current. The peculiarity of the algorithm for controlling the keys of a voltage-source inverter is that the pulsating component of the current (higher harmonic currents) has a characteristic spectrum (shown in Fig. 8), in which there are higher harmonics with numbers $2m \pm 1$, where $m = f_M/f_G$, is the multiplicity of

the modulation frequency f_G relative to the envelope frequency f_G ; in this case, $f_G = 50$ Hz, $f_M = 25$ kHz, i.e. $m=500$ and $2m=1000$ and the average frequency of the higher harmonics is 50 kHz. It is to this frequency that the filter should be adjusted.

With a sufficiently large capacitance of the capacitor C_I of the output filter (see Fig. 7), when almost all the higher harmonics of the output current of the switch flow through this capacitor, and the useful component of the sinusoidal current with a frequency of f_G is supplied to the load, the choke current as the sum of the currents of the components with a frequency of f_G and higher harmonics has a characteristic shape. Fig. 10 shows as an example the corresponding machinograms of currents that were obtained in the MATLAB package with the following parameters: $R=53$ Ohm, $L_I=1.2$ mH, $C=20$ μ F, $f_M=5$ kHz, $f_G=50$ Hz [21], including the current of higher harmonics of the choke (Fig. 10 c).

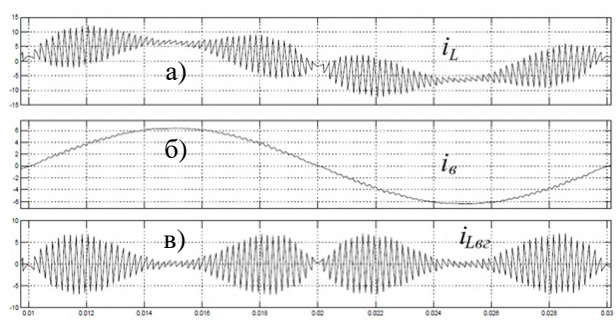


Fig. 10 – Machine diagrams of currents in the inverter at resistive load: a) - choke current; b) - output current (load current); c) - current of higher harmonics of the choke and capacitor

In relation to the output voltage of the commutator $u_e(\theta) = U_{em} \cdot \sin \theta = K_M \cdot U_d \cdot \sin \theta$ in the range of angles $(0-\pi)$ and $(\pi-2\pi)$ the operation of the converter does not differ from the operation of the step-down converter with sinusoidal law of the change of the output voltage: the relative duration $\tau = u_e/U_d$ of the output voltage pulse as a function of the current angle θ also changes according to the sinusoidal law: $\tau(\theta) = K_M \cdot \sin \theta$. It is known [22] that during the conversion period T_P , the maximum value of the relative ripple component of the output current, i.e. k_{pimax} depends on the value τ , according to the expression

$$k_{pi} = \frac{\Delta i / 2}{i_{co0}} = \frac{U_d (1-\tau) \tau}{2 f_p L i_{co0}}, \quad (21)$$

where i_{co0} is the average inductor current for the period T_P at the current value τ , Δi is the deviation of the current value from the average value. The maximum value of k_{pimax} occurs at $\tau=0.5$, which in this case corresponds to the current angle θ_I :

$$\theta_I = \arcsin\left(\frac{\tau}{K_M}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{0,5}{0,93}\right) = 0,568 \text{ (31,6 grad)} \quad (22)$$

in this case, the current value $I_{co}(\theta_I) = I_{com} \sin \theta_I$ will be 15.6 A. The effective current of the choke I_L when pulsations are neglected has the value $I_L = I_{com} / \sqrt{2} = 29,1 \cdot 0,707 = 20,6$ A.

As the choke core, we will choose a sendust toroidal core of the type MS-250060-2 from Micrometals, Inc. [23] with the parameters: outer diameter $a = 63.5$ mm, inner diameter $b = 31.4$ mm, thickness $c = 25.0$ mm, magnetic line length $l_\mu = 14.4$ cm, cross-sectional area $F_c = 3.89$ cm², volume $V_c = 55.8$ cm³, mass $m_c = 320$ g, magnetic permeability $\mu = 60$, approximate cost \$(3-4).

Assuming current density $j = 3 \cdot 10^6$ A/m², for an effective current $I_L = 20.6$ A, we obtain a cross-sectional area of a round wire $F_w = 6.9$ mm² and a diameter $d_w = 2.96$ mm, the nearest standard $d_w = 2.83$ mm. On the inner diameter, $w = (\pi b) / d_w = (\pi \cdot 31,4 \cdot 10^{-3}) / 2,83 \cdot 10^{-3} \approx 35$ turns can be placed in one layer. According to the specification, the specific inductance is 206 nH/w², then $L = 252 \cdot 10^{-6}$ H. The amplitude of induction at a frequency of 50 Hz $B_{m(50)}$ at a current $I_{em} = 29.1$ A will be:

$$B_{m(50)} = \frac{L \cdot I_{em}}{F_c \cdot w} = \frac{2,52 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 29,1}{6,3 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 35} = 0.539 \text{ T}, \quad (23)$$

which is approximately half the saturation induction $B_s \approx 1$ T [24].

From (21) at $\tau=0,5$, we can find the value Δi_m of the maximum deviation from the current value of the fundamental harmonic of the current $I_{co}(\theta_I) = 15,6$ A:

$$\Delta i_m = \frac{U_d}{2 \cdot L \cdot 4 \cdot f_{II}} = \frac{333}{2 \cdot 2,52 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 4 \cdot 50000} = 3,3 \text{ A} \quad (24)$$

Let us estimate the power of losses in the core. It was indicated above that in the spectrum of the inductor current there are two higher harmonics of the current with frequencies $(50 \pm 0,05)$ kHz, which create a “beat” of the current. It is known that losses in the core with a sinusoidal form of induction depend on the amplitude of the induction (in the case of a sendust – quadratically [24]), while the core induction is proportional to the current. With a non-sinusoidal form of the current, the resulting losses can be found as the sum of losses from individual harmonics [25]. Let us assume that in the vicinity of $\tau = 0,5$ the total current of these harmonics gives a triangular pulse with an amplitude according to (24), and the contribution of both harmonics is the same: the current increase provided by each is half the value. Let us replace the real current curve of the triangular form with sinusoidal signals according to the criterion of equality of the effective values of the sinusoidal and triangular signals. For a triangle with amplitude I_{mtp} , the effective value of I_{mp} is $I_{mp} = I_{mtp} / \sqrt{3}$, for a sinusoidal pulse of the same duration with amplitude I_{msin} , the effective

value is $I_{msin}/\sqrt{2}$. Equating the effective values, we obtain the value of the correction factor: $I_{msin} = I_{mp} \cdot (2/3)^{0.5} = I_{mp} \cdot 0.82$. Then the amplitude of the equivalent sinusoid of one higher harmonic of the current:

$$I_{msin1} = (\Delta i_m \cdot 0.82) / 2 = (3.3 \cdot 0.82) / 2 = 1.35 \text{ A}. \quad (25)$$

The amplitude of this component of the B_{msin1} induction in the core:

$$B_{msin1} = \frac{\mu_0 \cdot \mu \cdot I_{msin1} \cdot w}{l_\mu} = \frac{1.256 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 60 \cdot 1.35 \cdot 35}{14.4 \cdot 10^{-2}} = 0.025 \text{ T}.$$

Let us replace two harmonics with one equivalent harmonic of induction with frequency $f_M = 50000 \text{ Hz}$ and amplitude $B_{msin(eq)}$, which is equal to the square sum of these harmonics:

$$B_{msin(eq)} = \sqrt{2 \cdot B_{msin1}^2} = B_{msin1} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 0.025 \cdot \sqrt{2} = 0.035 \text{ T}$$

According to the specification for the core material, the specific losses $P_p(B_{msin1(eq)})$ for a frequency of 50 kHz for such an induction amplitude are 40 kW/m^3 . With a core mass $m_c = 0.32 \text{ kg}$ and a volume $V_c = 55.8 \text{ cm}^3 = 55.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$, the losses in the core P_c will be:

$$P_c = P_p(B_{msin1(eq)}) \cdot V_c = 40 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 55.8 \cdot 10^{-6} = 2.23 \text{ W} \quad (26)$$

We also take into account the losses in the core from the induction component of the frequency 50 Hz (amplitude $B_{m(50)} = 0.54 \text{ T}$). According to the specification [24], the specific losses depend on the induction amplitude quadratically, and on the frequency as a power function with an index of 1.46, which gives the ratio of losses for frequencies 50 Hz and 50 kHz at the level of $5.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$, this allows us to neglect the former.

Estimation of ohmic losses. The length of one turn l_{wl} , the wire l_w , the winding resistance R_w and ohmic losses P_w :

$$l_{wl} = (a - b + 2 \cdot c) = 63.5 \cdot 10^{-3} - 31.4 \cdot 10^{-3} + 2 \cdot 25.4 \cdot 10^{-3} = 0.082 \text{ m}$$

$$l_w = l_{wl} \cdot w = 0.082 \cdot 35 = 2.87 \text{ m}$$

$$R_w = \frac{l_w \cdot \rho}{F_w} = \frac{2.87 \cdot 2.1 \cdot 10^{-8}}{6.29 \cdot 10^{-6}} = 9.59 \cdot 10^{-3} \Omega$$

$$P_w = I_L^2 \cdot R_w = 20.6^2 \cdot 9.59 \cdot 10^{-3} = 4.06 \text{ W}$$

The estimation of additional losses in the winding (eddy current losses) was carried out according to the method [26]. It was found that to ensure the value of additional losses at the level of 10%, a winding of 5 insulated copper wires with a diameter of 1.2 mm should be made. Taking into account the 10% increase in losses in the winding, the total losses in it P_{wtot} will be $P_{wtot} = 4.47 \text{ W}$. Total losses in the P_L choke:

$$P_L = P_c + P_{wtot} = 2.23 + 4.47 = 6.7 \text{ W} \quad (27)$$

To estimate the required capacitance of the filter capacitor C_L , we replace the currents of its harmonics with frequencies $f_M \neq f_G$ (i.e., the harmonics of the choke current) with the equivalent effective current of one harmonic I_{C1} with frequency f_M :

$$I_{C1} = \sqrt{2 \cdot (I_{msin1} / \sqrt{2})^2} = I_{msin1} = 5.52 \text{ A} \quad (28)$$

Let us take the amplitude of the equivalent sinusoid of the capacitor voltage U_{C1M} at a frequency of $f_M = 50 \text{ kHz}$ at the level of 2% of the amplitude of the fundamental harmonic (frequency $f_G = 50 \text{ Hz}$), i.e. from $U_{GM} = 311 \text{ V}$, and then the effective value of U_{C1} :

$$U_{C1M} = 0.02 \cdot U_{GM} = 0.02 \cdot 311 = 6.22 \text{ V}$$

$$U_{C1} = \frac{U_{C1M}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{6.22}{\sqrt{2}} = 4.4 \text{ V} \quad (29)$$

Capacitor capacity C_L :

$$C_L = \frac{I_{C1}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_M \cdot U_{C1}} = \frac{5.52}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 50 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 4.4} = 3.99 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ F} \quad (30)$$

A film capacitor with a capacity of 10 μF is suitable.

Discussion of results and conclusion

Assuming that the ohmic losses in the inductor winding of the DC-DC converter are approximately the same as the losses in the inductor of an voltage-source inverter, i.e. about 7 W, we can estimate the losses in the DC-DC converter as the sum of the losses in the diode, transistor and inductor: $P_{\text{ППП}} = P_{VT} + P_{VD} + P_L = 8.53 + 3.4 + 7 = 19.3 \text{ W}$, which is $19.3/4512 = 0.43\%$ (in NOCT mode), i.e. the efficiency is about 99.7%. For an voltage-source inverter, the total losses in the transistors and inductor are $P_{\text{АИГ}} = 4 P_{\Sigma}^I + P_L = 49.6 + 6.7 = 56.3 \text{ W}$, i.e. 1.24%, and the efficiency is 98.8%. The total losses in the DC-DC converter and the voltage-source inverter for the load power supply mode with PV energy source in the NOCT $P_{DC/DC+DC/AC}$ mode will be $19.3 + 56.3 = 75.6 \text{ W}$, and the efficiency in this mode is 98.3%. In the autonomous battery power supply mode (in the absence of PV current) system efficiency is 98.8%. Comparing these parameters with the corresponding prototype indicators – 97.6%, and 94%, respectively, we can state a noticeable, from 97.6% to 98.3%, increase in efficiency for the load power supply mode from the PV, and a significant – from 94% to 98.8% increased efficiency for the load power supply mode in the absence of PV current. Power losses have been reduced by 1.4-5 times. The comparison is made with the basic structure [5] with a separate charge-discharge device relative to a low-voltage battery with a matching transformer. A noticeable increase in efficiency (from 97.6% to 98.3%) and reducing power losses by 1.4

times for the load power supply mode from PV is associated with the use of a modern element base of power devices – SiC MOSFET in the switch of the voltage-source inverter and DC-DC converter and Schottky diode in the DC-DC converter. Analyzing the ratio between static and dynamic losses of transistors (7.8 W to 0.55 W for a DC voltage converter and 11.2 W to 0.45 W for transistors of an voltage-source inverter), we can come to a conclusion about the feasibility of increasing (optimizing) the PWM frequency, which will allow us to optimize (improve) the weight, size and cost indicators of reactive components, including justifying the feasibility of using other magnetic materials for the choke of an voltage-source inverter (for example, sendust with a permeability of 125 instead of 60, which has approximately the same specific loss indicators). Optimization of the parameters of reactive elements when optimizing the conversion frequency will be one of the directions of further work, as well as consideration of the operation of voltage-source inverter and evaluation of the corresponding parameters of the converter in the regenerative rectifier mode when charging the battery from an alternating voltage network.

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