Calculation of Leakage Inductance of Integrated Magnetic Transformer with Separated Secondary Winding Used in ZVS PSFB Converter

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A novel zero voltage switching (ZVS) phase shift full bridge (PSFB) converter used in geophysical exploration is proposed in this paper. To extend the ZVS ranges and increase power density of the converter, external inductor acting as leakage inductance is applied and integrated into the integrated magnetic (IM) transformer with separated secondary winding. Moreover, the loss of ZVS PSFB converter is also decreased. Besides, the analysis and accurate prediction methodology of the leakage inductance of the IM transformer are proposed, which are based on magnetic energy and Lebedev. Finally, to verify the accuracy of analysis and methodology, the experimental and finite element analysis (FEA) results of IM transformer and 40 kW converter prototypes are given.

Keywords: Zero voltage switching (ZVS), phase shift full bridge (PSFB), integrated magnetic (IM), leakage inductance, magnetic energy, Lebedev

1. Introduction

As high-power DC-DC converter is tending to high frequency and efficiency, power density has become a research target of DC-DC converter in geophysical exploration. Soft-switching technology, which can reduce the electrical stresses and switching losses of switching devices effectively, is the most attractive candidate for high-power DC-DC converter with high frequency [1-4]. However, the primary of transformer applied in soft-switching converter usually requires additional resonant inductor, which is large in size and reduces the power density of soft-switching converter. By designing the magnetic circuit rationally, the resonant inductor can be integrated into transformer, named integrated magnetic (IM) transformer. It means that the power density of DC-DC converter can be successfully improved [5-9].

In order to obtain larger resonance current and ensure PSFB converter achieve soft-switch in the whole load range, auxiliary legs are added at the leading and lagging legs of the converter in the conventional method. While this method increases the cost and the controlling difficult of zero voltage switching (ZVS) phase shift full bridge

(PSFB) converter, due to the additional switching devices, resonant inductors and capacitors at the auxiliary leg [1, 10]. Increasing the resonant inductor at primary of transformer is another effective method to make sure ZVS PSFB converter achieve soft-switch over the whole load condition, this method is simple in topology and convenient in application [11]. However, greater resonant inductance will increase the duty loss of the secondary side waves and decrease the efficiency of ZVS PSFB converter [12, 13]. In addition, the resonant inductor can be integrated into transformer with integrated magnetic technology [14]. The resonant inductor of ZVS PSFB converter is replaced by IM transformer leakage inductance, and the most common method is increasing leakage inductance layer between the primary and secondary [15]. Leakage inductance layer can also provide sufficient inductance to help ZVS PSFB converter achieve softswitch over the whole load condition [16]. Nevertheless, the leakage inductance layer increases the loss and cost of transformers under full load.

To further improve efficiency and power density of high voltage, high power ZVS PSFB converter, IM transformer with separated secondary winding, which provides sufficient inductance for ZVS PSFB converter, is proposed to take place of the conventional transformer in this paper. Furthermore, the operating principle of the proposed ZVS PSFB converter is analyzed and a calculating

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method of leakage inductance in the IM transformer is proposed based on the energy storage and Lebedev [17]. For particular arrangement of coils has not been realized as pie or layer windings, the inner leakage inductance is difficultly determined through experience formula. By contrast, calculating the inner leakage inductance according to the distribution of the magnetic energy storage is appropriate and accurate. Finally, the experimental and finite element analysis (FEA) results of IM transformer and 40 kW converter prototypes verify the effectiveness of proposed method and the accuracy of the analysis.

2. Operational Principle of ZVS PSFB Converter With Separated Secondary Winding

The core of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding is composed of four C-type nanocrystal blocks, and the area of center leg is double of side leg, as shown in Fig. 1. The primary windings are wound around center leg, and the turns of primary windings are $N_{\rm p}$. The secondary winding is separated into two parts in order to reduce the voltage stress of secondary rectifier diodes. Transformer secondary side is divided into two subwindings, with number of turns being $N_{\rm s11}$ turns (central column) and $N_{\rm s12}$ turns (side column) for one sub-winding and being $N_{\rm s21}$ turns (central column) and $N_{\rm s22}$ turns (side column) for another sub-winding (both central column and side column refer to the magnetic columns of transformer core).

Figure 2 shows the equivalent circuit of the ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding. Based on the integrated magnetic topology, the primary side switching devices have achieved ZVS over the whole load condition, due to the participation of leakage inductance in resonant with capacitors. It is 8 supposing that the main switches (IGBT), diode, inductor and capacitor are all ideal devices and that blocking capacitor has sufficient capacity [2, 18]. Circuit parameters of the converter designed herein are based on the conventional phaseshifted full-bridge converter, where $C_1 = C_2$, $C_3 = C_4$,

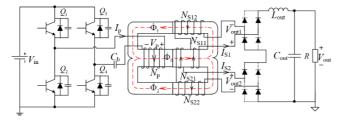


Fig. 1. (Color online) ZVS PSFB Converter with separated secondary winding.

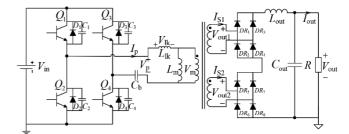


Fig. 2. Circuit diagram of ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding.

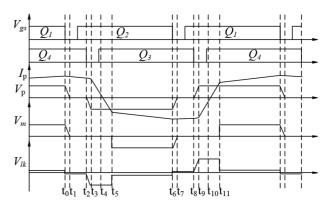


Fig. 3. Main waveforms of ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding.

 $n^2L_{\rm out} >> L_{\rm lk}$; $L_{\rm out}$ is the output inductor; $L_{\rm lk}$ is the leakage inductance of magnetic integrated transformer; n is the turns ratio of IM transformer; D_1 to D_4 and C_1 to C_4 are shunt diodes and capacitors across the main switches Q_1 to Q_4 , respectively; C_b is the blocking capacitor; DR_1 to DR_8 are the rectifier diodes; $C_{\rm out}$ is the output capacitor; R is the equivalent load.

Figure 3 shows the several waveforms and Figure 4 shows all of modes in the operation of ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding. $V_{\rm gs}$ is the driving voltage of the main switches. $V_{\rm p}$, $V_{\rm m}$, and $V_{\rm lk}$ are the voltages of primary winding, excitation winding and leakage inductance of the IM transformer, $V_{\rm out1}$ and $V_{\rm out2}$ are the voltages of the two secondary windings respectively. $I_{\rm p}$ is the current of the primary winding.

Mode 1 ($0 < t < t_0$): Both Q_1 and Q_4 are turned on until t_0 . In this mode, the converter outputs power, and the current of C_b is I_p .

Mode 2 ($t_0 < t < t_1$). Zero-voltage turning off of Q_1 can be achieved at time t_0 when C_1 and C_2 resonate with inductor L_{lk} + n^2L_{out} . After time t_0 , the voltage of C_1 reaches V_{in} , while the voltage of C_2 slowly discharges to 0V.

Mode 3 ($t_1 < t < t_2$). At t_1 moment, the voltage of C_b is in the maximum value, the voltage across L_{lk} reverses. Q_2 is zero-voltage turned on , while I_p conducts through D_2 and Q_4 . During this interval, L_{out} is involved in the process

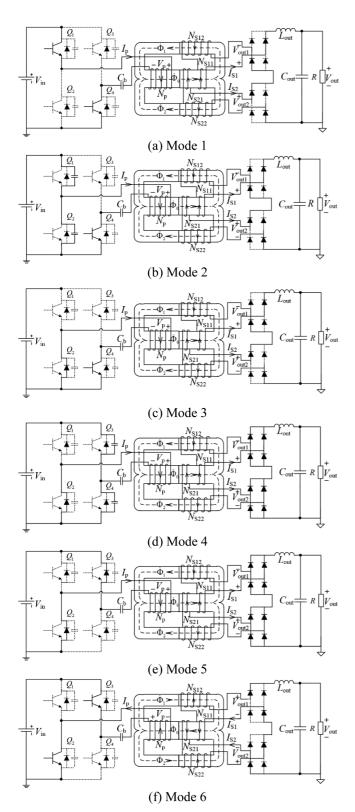


Fig. 4. Operation of proposed converter.

of resonance. Consequently, resonant current is large enough to ensure soft switching of leading legs.

Mode 4 $(t_2 \le t \le t_3)$. Q_4 is turned off at t_2 . The voltage

of C_4 and Q_4 rises from zero slowly. Thus, Q_4 is turned off with zero voltage.

Mode 5 ($t_3 < t < t_4$). While the voltage of C_3 is discharged to zero and C_4 is charged to $V_{\rm in}$, $I_{\rm p}$ begins to freewheel through D_2 , D_3 . In this interval, $I_{\rm p}$ is quickly dropped to zero.

Mode 6 ($t_4 < t < t_6$). Until the voltage of C_4 rises to $V_{\rm in}$, and C_3 voltage drops to zero, Q_3 is turned on with zero voltage. The primary current $I_{\rm p}$ of the IM transformer reverses after it decreases to zero, $I_{\rm p} = (V_{\rm Cb} + V_{\rm in}) \Delta t/L_{\rm lk}$, $C_{\rm b}$ is charged reversely. Since $I_{\rm p}$ at this case does not reach the threshold to output, the transformer secondary is still clamped. The converter starts to output at t_5 . Q_2 is turned off at t_6 , and the converter starts another half-cycle.

From *mode* 3 to *mode* 5, only the leakage inductance of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding involves the resonant with capacitors of the lag switches. In order to make the leg switches to achieve ZVS, the leakage inductance is requested to apply for the following relationship:

$$\frac{1}{2}L_{lk}I_p^2 \ge 2 \times \frac{1}{2}C_3V_{in}^2 \tag{1}$$

where $C_3=C_4=C^*+4C_p/3$, C^* is a parallel capacitance of the leg switches, C_p is the parasitic capacitance of IGBT.

From t_2 to t_5 , the IM transformer with separated secondary winding cannot output. This time is the so-called loss of the duty, expressed as:

$$D_{loss} = \frac{2L_{lk}I_s}{nV_{in}T} \tag{2}$$

where I_s is the secondary current, T is the switching period. According to the operational principle of ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding, it is observed that excessive leakage inductance will increase the loss of duty cycle as well as reduce the efficiency of the converter. On the opposite, small leakage inductance will increase the difficulty of ZVS. Therefore, accurate calculation of the leakage inductance of the IM transformer is much importance for the proposed ZVS PSFB converter.

3. Leakage Inductance of Integrated Transformer with Separated Secondary Winding

The flux distribution of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding is presented in Fig. 5, where Φ_{in} is inner leakage flux, Φ_{eq} is equivalent leakage flux and Φ_{y} is yoke leakage flux. Thus the leakage inductance is composed of three components, which are inner leakage inductance L_{in} related to Φ_{in} , yoke leakage inductance L_{y}

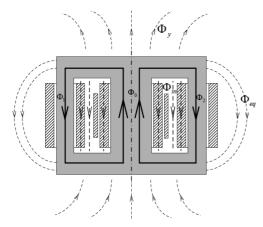


Fig. 5. Magnetic flux distribution of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

related to $\Phi_{\rm y}$, and equivalent leakage inductance $L_{\rm eq}$ related to $\Phi_{\rm eq}$. Due to the symmetry of transformer, the total leakage inductance of proposed transformer can be obtained by equation (3).

$$L_{lk} = 2(L_{in} + L_v + L_{eq}) (3)$$

3.1. Calculation of inner leakage inductance $L_{\rm in}$

Inner leakage inductance $L_{\rm in}$ is decided by the allocation of primary windings, secondary windings and window structure of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

The 0.18 mm Litz line is used as windings of the IM transformer, which can eliminate the skin effect and proximity effect at 20 kHz effectively. Thus the magnetic field distribution in high-frequency within half-core window is similar to the distribution in low-frequency [19, 20], shown in Fig. 6, where H(x) is the magnetic field intensity and x is the distance along x axis of core window.

Interval $(e_1 \rightarrow e_2)$, primary windings N_p are around the

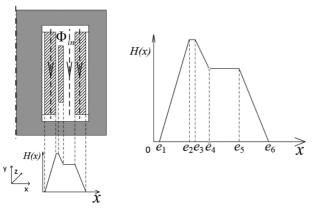


Fig. 6. Leakage flux path and magnetic field distribution within half-core window area.

center leg and the magnetic field intensity of half-core window increases from zero to maximum value.

Interval $(e_2 \rightarrow e_3)$, the magnetic field intensity keeps in maximum value, due to the insulating layer between the primary and secondary windings.

Interval $(e_3 \rightarrow e_4)$, as N_{s11} are wound around the center leg, the magnetic field intensity decreases slightly in this area.

Interval $(e_4 \rightarrow e_5)$, the magnetic field intensity remains in the air gap between center and side leg.

Interval $(e_5 \rightarrow e_6)$, since N_{s12} are around the side leg, the magnetic field intensity is reduced to zero.

According to the magnetic field intensity distribution of half-core window, $L_{\rm in}$ can thus be calculated by using the stored magnetic energy, and the relationship can be expressed as following:

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} L_{in} I_p^2 \tag{4}$$

where $W_{\rm in}$ is Inner leakage energy.

And also the inner leakage magnetic energy can be expressed as:

$$W_{in} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \int H(x)^2 dv \tag{5}$$

where μ_0 is the permeability of air.

According to the analysis of the magnetic field intensity, the inner leakage energy becomes:

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 l_w h_w \sum_{i=2}^{6} \int_{e_{i-1}}^{e_i} H_i(x)^2 dx$$
 (6)

where $l_{\rm w}$ is the core width along z axis, $h_{\rm w}$ is the height of the core window.

Since inner leakage field is divided into five areas, and the energy of each areas can be calculated as follows:

 $e_1 \rightarrow e_2$

$$W_{in_{-1}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 I_w h_w \int_0^{e_2 - e_1} \left[\frac{N_p I_p}{(t_2 - t_1) I_a} x \right]^2 dx \tag{7}$$

 $e_2 \rightarrow e_3$:

$$W_{in_2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 l_w h_w \left(\frac{N_p I_p}{l_a} \right)^2 (t_3 - t_2)$$
 (8)

 $e_2 \rightarrow e_A$

$$W_{in_{3}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{0} l_{w} h_{w} \int_{0}^{e_{4} - e_{3}} \left(\frac{N_{p} I_{p} - \frac{N_{s11} I_{s}}{t_{4} - t_{3}} x}{l_{a}} \right)^{2} dx$$
 (9)

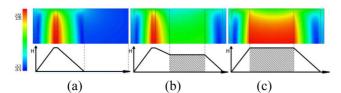


Fig. 7. (Color online) FEA of the self-core window for the IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

 $e_4 \rightarrow e_5$:

$$W_{in_4} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 l_w h_w \left(\frac{N_p I_p - N_{s11} I_s}{l_a} \right)^2 (t_5 - t_4)$$
 (10)

 $e_5 \rightarrow e_6$

$$W_{in_{5}} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_{0}l_{w}h_{w}\int_{e_{5}}^{e_{6}} \left[-\frac{N_{s21}I_{s}}{t_{6}-t_{5}}(x-t_{6}) \right]^{2} dx$$
 (11)

Based on the stored magnetic energy of leakage inductor, L_{in} becomes as follows:

$$L_{in} = \frac{\sum_{a=1}^{5} W_{in_{a}}}{I_{p}^{2}} \tag{12}$$

In order to verify the analyzing principle of inner leakage inductance distribution, the finite element analysis (FEA) is a candidate, shown in Fig. 7. When the secondary winding is centered on the center leg, the magnetic field intensity in gap area is zero as shown in Fig. 7(a). When the secondary windings are wound around both the center and side leg, the leakage magnetic field will be distributed throughout the half-core window and store large magnetic energy as shown in Fig. 7(b). When all of the secondary windings are wound around the side leg, the magnetic field distribution within the half-core window is shown in Fig. 7(c), and magnetic field stores the largest magnetic energy in the air gap.

Thus, it is obvious that the results of FEA are the same as the theoretical analysis, and inner leakage energy positively correlate in the secondary winding turns $N_{\rm s12}$ on side leg.

3.2. Calculation of yoke leakage inductance $L_{\rm v}$

Yoke leakage inductance L_y is mainly associated with yoke leakage flux and correlates with the secondary winding turns $N_{\rm s12}$ on side leg. First yoke leakage inductance is calculated at secondary windings and then converted to primary windings. According to Lebedev [17, 21], the formula of yoke leakage inductance at secondary wind-

ings $L_{\rm s}$ v is as follows:

$$L_{s,v} = \mu_0 N_{s12}^2 g_v \tag{13}$$

where g_y is a coefficient related to the geometry of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

Yoke leakage inductance at primary windings is expressed as:

$$L_{v} = n^{2}L_{s,v} \tag{14}$$

3.3. Calculation of equivalent leakage inductance $L_{\rm eq}$

To calculate the equivalent leakage inductance $L_{\rm eq}$, it is necessary to firstly calculate the equivalent leakage inductance of secondary winding $L_{\rm s_eq}$. $L_{\rm s_eq}$ is mainly correlated with the number of turns $N_{\rm s12}$, the average turn length of secondary windings $l_{\rm a}$, core window width along x axis $b_{\rm w}$ and core window height $h_{\rm w}$ [17, 21, 22]. The formula is shown below. $L_{\rm s_eq}$ is then converted to the primary side to get $L_{\rm eq}$.

$$L_{s_eq} = \frac{\mu_0 N_{s12}^2 l_a b_w}{3 h_2} \tag{15}$$

$$L_{eq} = n^2 L_{s eq} \tag{16}$$

where l_a is the average turn length of secondary windings.

4. FEA and Experimental Verifications

The main parameters of proposed transformer are presented in Table 1. Besides, the magnetic field distribution and total leakage inductance for the IM transformer with separated secondary winding are acquired by FEA, as shown in Fig. 8. The total leakage flux is composed of $\Phi_{\rm in}$, $\Phi_{\rm eq}$ and $\Phi_{\rm y}$, which conforms to the theoretical analysis at Chapter 3.

Table 2 presents the theoretical calculation, FEA and LCR measurement results of leakage inductance. The value of total leakage inductance L_{1k} was calculated using formula (3), and the FEA software (Ansoft Maxwell) was

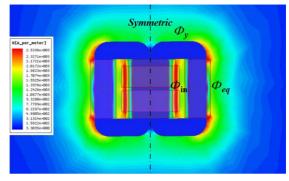


Fig. 8. (Color online) FEA of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

Table 1. IM transformer parameters.

Parameters	Values
Number of turns in primary (N_p)	10
Turns ratio (n)	1.3
Winding material	Litz line
Core material	Nanocrystal
Area of center leg (A_c)	25 cm^2
Area of side leg (A_s)	12.5 cm^2
Core window height (h_w)	9 cm
Core window width along x axis (b_w)	3 cm
Core width along z axis (l_w)	4 cm
Mean turn length in secondary (l_a)	20 cm
Insulator thickness (h _t)	2 mm

Table 2. Comparison on leakage inductances by the three different methods.

Number of	Calculation	FEA	Measurement
$N_{ m sl2}$	(μΗ)	(μΗ)	(μΗ)
26	42.36	43.16	42.62
18	22.89	23.32	23.28
10	10.6	11.13	11.23
2	4.48	5.32	5.42

used to calculate the leakage inductance of the transformer. Moreover, experimental values have been measured to evaluate the computational accuracy. For the present IM transformer design showing a closed core and a very high magnetizing inductance, so the short-circuit inductance values which are measured by LCR tester (the inductance measurement at the primary side during short-circuiting the two output terminals of the both secondary sides, measuring frequency 20 kHz) is closed to the leakage values, and the measured inductance values are considered to be the sought leakage inductance values [23]. Compared with the FEA and experimental results, the error of calculation results is less than 1 μH , which means that the proposed calculation method of leakage inductance are accurate. Moreover, it can be deduced that the value of leakage inductance in the IM transformer with separated secondary winding increases with the increase of turns on side leg.

To ensure ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding achieve ZVS under light load successful, the leakage inductance of prototype should be greater than 20 μ H. Therefore, the parameters of chosen IM transformer prototype are: $N_{\rm p}=10$, $N_{\rm s11}=4$, $N_{\rm s12}=18$ and $L_{\rm lk}=23.28$ μ H, as shown in Fig. 9. Besides, it is obvious that the total size and weight of the IM transformer with separated secondary winding are half of the conventional transformer and resonant inductance.

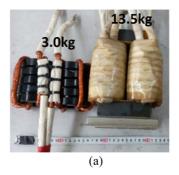




Fig. 9. (Color online) Comparisons of size and weight between magnetic components. (a) Conventional transformer and resonant inductance. (b) The IM transformer with separated secondary winding.

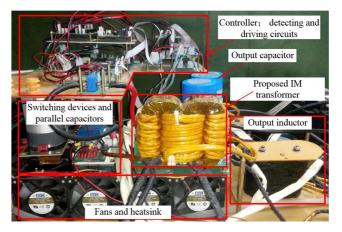


Fig. 10. (Color online) The prototype of proposed ZVS PSFB converter.

The proposed IM transformer is applied to a converter prototype, as shown Fig. 10. For the ZVS PSFB converter with separated secondary winding is designed for a geophysical prospecting equipment, which supplies high power, variable voltage and constant current signals to the earth, converter prototype is implemented with following server power specifications: input voltage $V_{\rm in}=340\text{-}420$ V, output voltage $V_{\rm out}=200\text{-}1000$ V, output current $I_{\rm out}=40\text{A}$, switching frequency f=20 kHz, primary switches $Q_1-Q_4=\text{FF}300\text{R}12\text{KE4}$, transformer leakage inductance $L_{\rm lk}=23.28~\mu\text{H}$, high-frequency rectifiers $DR_1-DR_8=\text{DSEI}2\times101$, output inductor $L_{\rm out}=1.6~\text{mH}$, output capacitor $C_{\rm out}=990~\mu\text{F}$, and Fan = DB 1238B24H (12V, 21.6W, r/min = 6000).

Figure 11 shows the measured efficiency in different load conditions of ZVS PSFB converter with proposed and conventional transformer. Corresponding to 20 %-100 % load conditions, the proposed converter outputs 8 kW-40 kW. The input and output power is measured with the *norma5000* power analyzer. The PSFB converter with

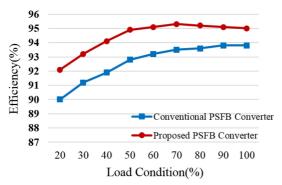


Fig. 11. (Color online) Efficiency comparison with load condition.

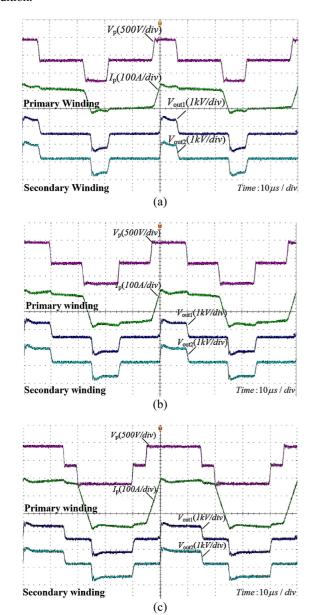


Fig. 12. (Color online) Waveforms of the proposed IM transformer. (a) 20 % load condition. (b) 50 % load condition. (c) 100 % load condition.

proposed transformer shows 1-2 % higher efficiency than the conventional PSFB converter over entire load conditions. Depending on soft-switching and integrated magnitude technology, the proposed converter reduces the switching loss and remove the high loss inductor of powder core [14, 24, 25].

Figure 12 shows the experimental waveforms of proposed IM transformer over the whole load condition. As shown in Fig. 12(a), soft switching is achieved under 20 % load despite slight distortions in the primary voltage, primary current and secondary voltage waveform of integrated magnetic transformer isolated from the secondary side, which meets the system design requirements. The waveforms of proposed IM transformer at 50 % and 100 % load condition are shown in Fig. 12(b) and (c). As shown in Fig. 12(c), the output power of the proposed converter keeps stable at 40 kW, while the loss of duty cycle is within an acceptable range.

5. Conclusions

To conclude, the IM transformer with separated secondary winding, which is suitable for ZVS PSFB converter with high power and high voltage, has been proposed in this paper. The calculation method of leakage inductance of the proposed transformer is expressed, and verified by experiment and FEA. Through simply setting the turns on side leg, leakage inductance can be easily designed for the ZVS operation of the proposed converter. Through comparison with conventional converter, the proposed converter increases the efficiency about 1-2 % at whole load condition, and reduces the size and cost. Therefore, the proposed IM transformer is very desirable for high power, high power density as well as high efficiency ZVS PSFB converter.

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