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Abstract. The methods of functional integration of discrete electrical and electromagnetic components allow to increase the reliability and efficiency of electrical energy conversion systems, to reduce their weight and dimensions. The authors proposed a solution based on replacing some individual discrete components of a DC voltage boost converter with a multifunctional integrated electromagnetic component (MIEC). The component acts as an inductor and filter capacitor. A computer model of a DC voltage boost converter based on MIEC in the MatLab software package has been developed. The graphs of the output voltage are obtained. The circuits of step-up converters of constant voltage are analyzed. The optimal for the implementation of the replacement of the inductor and the filter capacitor with a multifunctional integrated electromagnetic component has been chosen. A circuit of a DC voltage boost converter based on MIEC is assembled. Oscillograms of the output voltage were taken. The analysis of the computer model and laboratory test sample was carried out.

1. Introduction

The operation of a DC voltage boost converter is based on the phenomenon of self-induction. The semiconductor switch commutes the current through the inductor. When the current is interrupted, the energy stored in the magnetic field of the inductor is fed through the semiconductor diode and the filter capacitor to the load. By controlling the switching time of the semiconductor switch and the current through it, you can adjust the output voltage [1-3]. The use of functional integration methods makes it possible to replace the inductor and filter capacitor with a single hybrid element. Thus, the replacement of individual discrete components with a multifunctional integrated electromagnetic component (MIEC) makes it possible to increase the reliability and energy efficiency of a DC voltage step-up converter, to reduce its weight and dimensions. MIEC consists of two conductive copper plates, separated by a polyimide dielectric and rolled up (figure 1). The equivalent circuit of a multifunctional integrated electromagnetic component is shown in figure 2 [4-8].



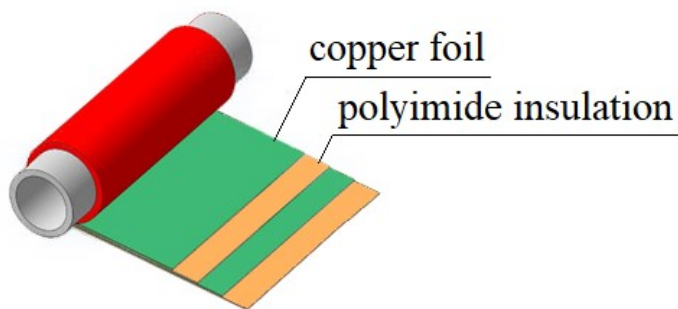


Figure 1. MIEC.

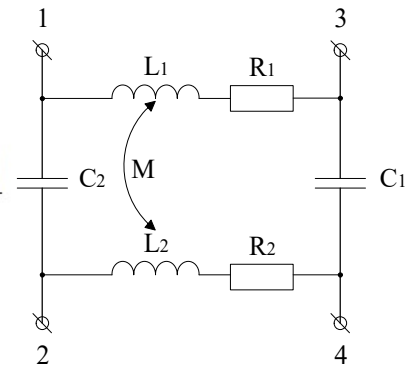


Figure 2. MIEC equivalent circuit.

2. Computer modelling

In order to obtain high-quality results of laboratory research, it was decided to create a computer model of the proposed technical solution. So, in the MatLab software package, a computer model of a simplified circuit of a DC voltage boost converter based on MIEC was created (figure 3) [6-11].

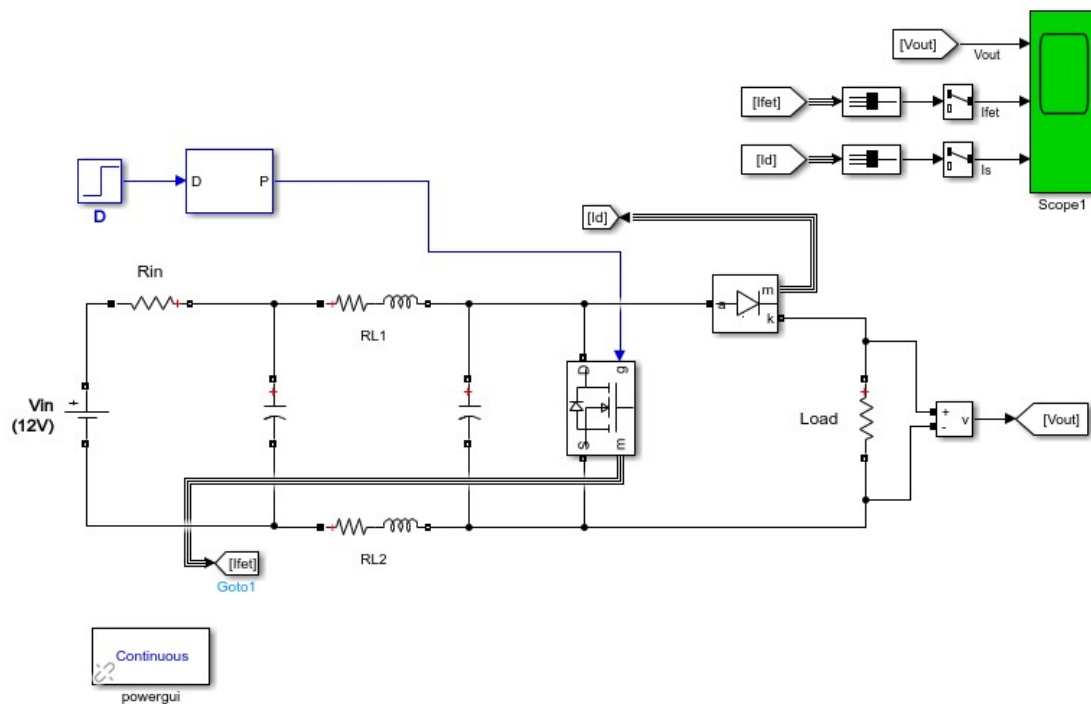


Figure 3. Computer model.

The results of computer simulation are presented in figure 4 in the form of graphs of the output voltage and currents through the rectifier diode and transistor.

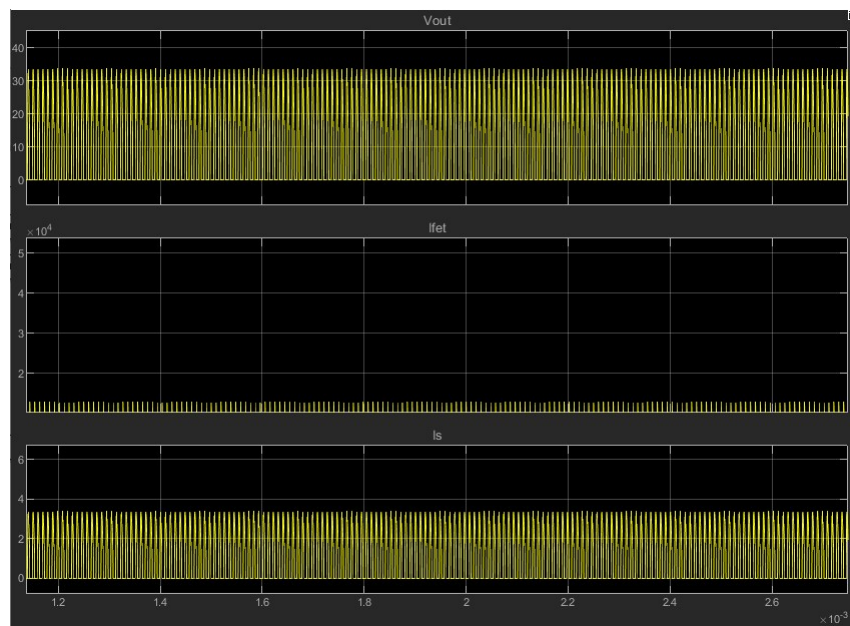


Figure 4. Graphs of the output voltage and currents through the rectifier diode and transistor.

3. Laboratory research

The results obtained in the course of computer simulation showed the feasibility of laboratory studies and the creation of a DC voltage boost converter based on MIEC. The optimal DC voltage converter circuit was chosen (figure 5).

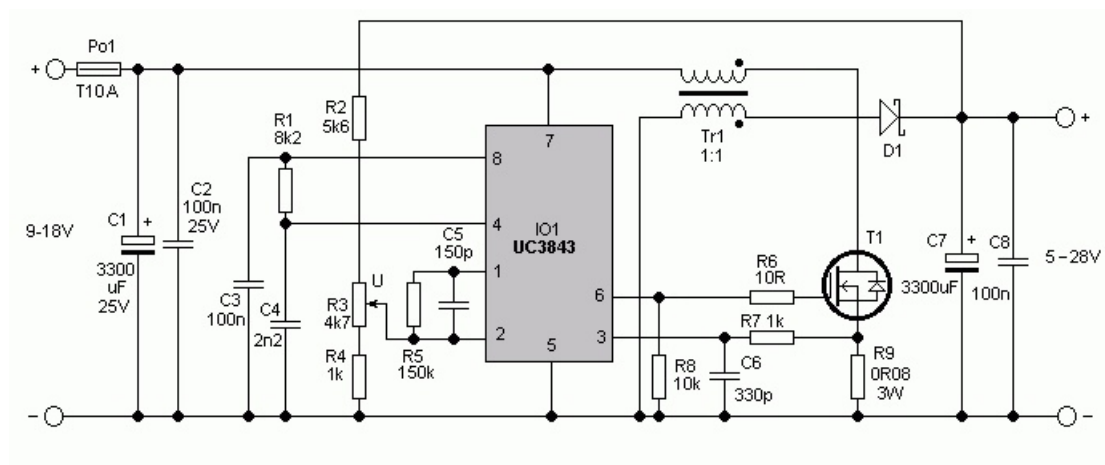


Figure 5. DC voltage converter.

Discrete elements Tr1, C7 and C8 have been replaced with a multifunctional integrated electromagnetic component (figure 6).

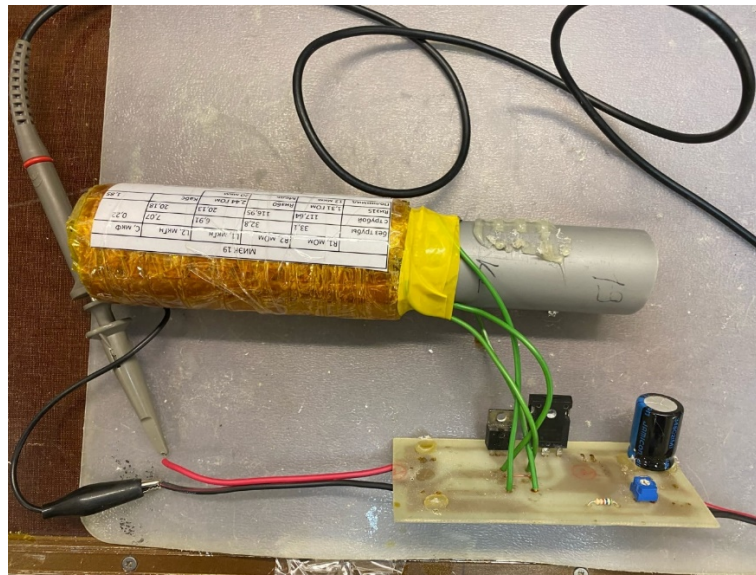


Figure 6. Assembled converter circuit.

When the circuit is powered from 12V, the oscillogram of the output signal has strong ripple, reaching an amplitude value of 27V (figure 7).

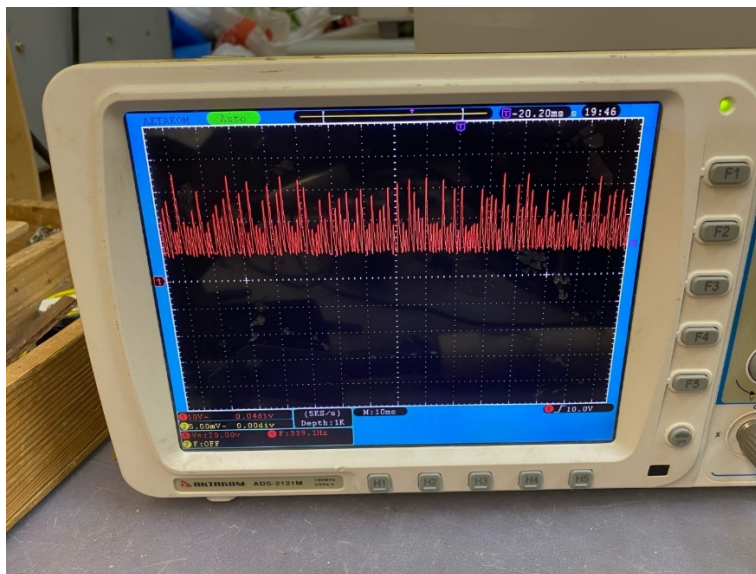


Figure 7. Oscillogram of the output voltage.

In order to reduce ripples for experimental confirmation of a possible lack of capacity of the filtering capacitor, the function of which is performed by MIEC, an external discrete capacitor with a nominal value of 3300 μF is additionally connected. At the same time, the ripple decreased significantly and the output voltage took on a constant waveform (figure 8).



Figure 8. Oscillogram of the output voltage with additional capacitance.

4. Analysis of the received data

In the course of laboratory studies, the performance of the developed computer model of the DC voltage step-up converter was confirmed. The difference between the obtained graph of the output voltage of the computer model and the oscillogram of the output voltage of the laboratory sample was 3V.

The obvious problem is the lack of capacity of the filtering capacitor, the function of which is performed by the MIEC. However, in order to increase the capacity, it is necessary to increase the length or width of the plates, which will lead to an increase in the mass and dimensions of the system. Research is possible aimed at changing the control algorithm of the power part of the system in order to ensure greater pumping of the inductor and, as a consequence, a smoother form of the output voltage.

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