

# The Parametric Optimization of Voltage Multiplier

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**ABSTRACT** The evolutionary model of voltage multiplier parametric optimization which includes 5 diodes and 5 capacitors is reviewed. It executes the transformation of alternating into constant voltage using a five times larger amplitude. The valve work is modelled according to the scheme of an ideal key. The original mathematical model of voltage multiplier which includes additional logical variables is deducted. It accepts binary meanings 0 and 1, where 0 corresponds to closed valve status and 1 corresponds to open. In order to receive such a model, it is necessary to indicate the amount of open and closed valve combinations. Then for each of them, it is necessary to write the system of differential equations. Comparing them with each other the single differential equation system with additional logical variables is written as a generalization. The evolutionary model is used in order to select the capacitor volume meaning. The goal function forecasts two conditions: maximum meaning of output voltage 1 kV and its minimal fluctuations in the stable regime.

**KEYWORDS** evolutionary model; parametric optimization; ideal key; voltage multiplier; logical variables.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**T**ASKS in which voltage transformation needs to be executed are widespread in practice. The frequency and amplitude are the voltage parameters. Devices that execute two transformations at the same time already exist, providing the transformation of AC voltage into a constant increasing amplitude of output voltage, by devices known as voltage multipliers. The amplitude multiplication is executed using cyclic charging of capacitors. To investigate the work dynamic of such devices a mathematical model must be created. After completing the numerical integration of these equations during a preset time interval, the calculation of the transition process can be executed. If the integration is executed over a significant amount of time, a stable regime will be obtained. The investigated multiplier includes 5 diodes, so the mathematical model should be chosen accordingly. The model of an ideal key, which is simple in realization and has satisfactory precision, has been chosen.

If the diodes have been modeled using the ideal key scheme, the changeable structure of an electric circle can be received. Our model includes the existence of additional logical variables in the dynamic equation. These take values of 0 or  $\pm 1$  depending on the diodes condition. The additional logical variables change their values depending on the open and closed valves conditions.

## II. ANALYSIS OF PUBLICATIONS

Electronic devices require DC voltage sources. So, in a large amount of scientific works DC voltage sources were investigated. For example, in [1-3] the electronic converter dynamic properties were analyzed in a specific usage but there is no analysis of the influence of the parameters on the converter work dynamic. In [4-8] a DC voltage rectifier with a triple band was proposed. In comparison with other similar constructions, it is highly efficient and compact. The analysis of an active transistor rectifier for railway transport was

reviewed in [9]. In this device the three-phase voltage is rectified and then turned into alternating voltage of another frequency. The result of this development is confirmed by experimental data. In [10] a transformer with several regulated voltages at the input was reviewed. For this transformer with several output signals, parametric optimization needs to be executed. The active topology of a three-phase rectifier was described in [11-14]. The proposed topology is tested experimentally. It is characterized by less power loss during unbalanced loads. The mild thyristors switch in inverters was described in [15]. In the proposed scheme, a marginal overload connected with the discharge capacitor was offered. A DC voltage transformer used to convert to DC voltage of another amplitude (converter) in a field transistor was described in [16]. The well-known parallel inverter scheme supplemented by an additional transformer is used. The disadvantage is the absence of a mathematical model for dynamic characteristic analyses. A four-cell voltage multiplier was reviewed in [17-19]. The proposed scheme includes 10 thyristors and 5 capacitors. To receive a high voltage at the input, resonance is used. In this work experimental charts are used, but the dynamic equations that describe the work of this multiplier are absent. A converter with a voltage multiplier was described in [20, 21]. All the description reflects the advantages of the proposed scheme. To calculate the frequency, inductance and amplitude of the output voltage, several formulas are used. The large amount of experimental results gives an opportunity to understand the dynamic processes in the converters. The disadvantage is the absence of dynamic equations and the conditions of the diodes switch. The problems of parametric optimization were described in [22], where the analysis of a DC voltage motor system's dynamics was performed. To sum up the literature review we may admit that an appropriate mathematical model does not exist. That is why, there no publications on parametric five-cell voltage multipliers. This conclusion unquestioningly confirms the relevance of this article.

### III. THE DYNAMICS EQUATION OF THE FIVE-CELL VOLTAGE MULTIPLIER

A converter of DC into AC with five time amplitudes multiplied at the same time is reviewed. It should be noticed that such transformation is possible when the capacity has a great resistance (several  $k\Omega$ ). The principal scheme of this transformer is shown in Fig. 1. It includes a transformer ( $Tr$ ), 5 diodes ( $D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4, D_5$ ) and 5 capacitors ( $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5$ ) and capacity ( $r_L$ ). The cyclic capacitors charge is executed by thyristors switching. On the  $C_1$  capacitor single voltage is accrued and on the others double voltage is accrued. So, when the resistance of charge is connected to capacitors  $C_1, C_3, C_5$  a voltage multiplied by 5 will be received.

In order to create mathematical models of the multipliers voltage, the appropriate algorithm is created. The first step is

the analysis of the number of combined open and closed valves. Then each combination is described by a differential equation system. The additional logical variables  $k_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$  which take values of 0, 1, are introduced. Usually the number of these is the same as the number of valves. The value 0 corresponds to closed valve status and 1 means open valve status. Further, it is necessary to compare the equations obtained for separate combinations and generalize these using variables  $k_i$ . The state equation should be added by the open and closed valves conditions, in which variables  $k_i$  take values of 0 and 1. Fig. 1 represents the scheme of the five-cell voltage multiplier.

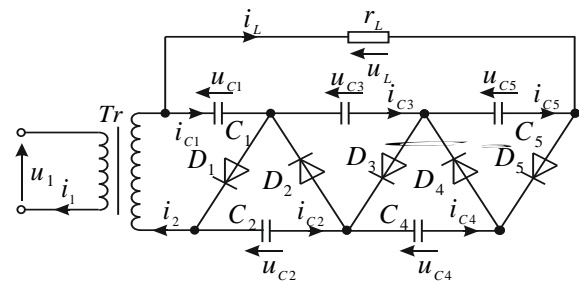


Figure 1. Basic diagram of five-cell voltage multiplier

Analyzing the work of the multiplier, we come to the conclusion that in this scheme more than 1 diode cannot be open at the same time. But the situation could exist when all valves are closed. So, we have six combinations of open and closed valves: 1) all 5 valves are closed; 2)  $D_1$  is open and the rest are closed; 3)  $D_2$  is open and the rest are closed; 4)  $D_3$  is open and the rest are closed; 5)  $D_4$  is open and the rest are closed; 6)  $D_5$  is open and the rest are closed.

The first combination (Fig. 2) is characterized by the following conditions:

$$i_2 = i_{C_2} = i_{C_4} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$i_{C_1} = i_{C_3} = i_{C_5} = -i_L, \quad (2)$$

$$i_L = (u_{C_1} + u_{C_3} + u_{C_5}) / r_L, \quad (3)$$

where  $i_{C_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$  – capacitor currents;

$u_{C_j}, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$  – voltages on capacitors;

$i_L, r_L$  – current and load resistance,

$i_2$  – the secondary winding current transformer.

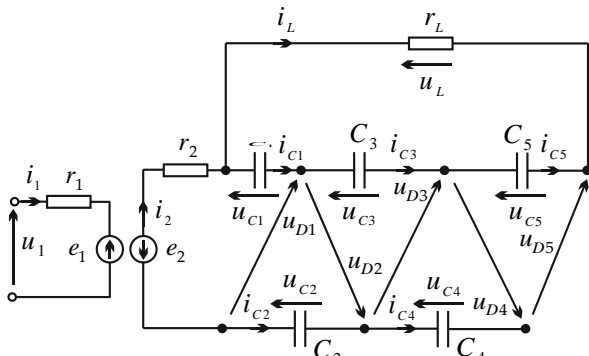


Figure 2. The first combination

Taking into account these conditions, the differential equations of the capacitors can be written as follows:

$$\frac{du_{C2}}{dt} = \frac{du_{C4}}{dt} = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{du_{C1}}{dt} = -\frac{i_L}{C_1}, \quad \frac{du_{C3}}{dt} = -\frac{i_L}{C_3}, \quad \frac{du_{C5}}{dt} = -\frac{i_L}{C_5}, \quad (5)$$

where  $C_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5$  – capacitors' receptivity.

For this combination, the transformer is not loaded, so it is described only by one equation:

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = g_1(u_1 - r_1 i_1), \quad g_1 = \alpha_1 / (\alpha'' + \alpha_1), \quad (6)$$

where  $\psi$  is the main transformer's flux linkage;  $u_1, i_1, r_1$  – voltage, current and the resistance of the primary winding of the transformer;  $\alpha_1$  – the value inverse to the scattering inductance of the primary winding of the transformer;  $\alpha''$  – the inverse differential inductance of the transformer, which is determined by the magnetization curve  $\varphi(\psi)$ .

The second combination (Fig. 3) is characterized by conditions:

$$i_2 - i_{C1} - i_L = 0, \quad i_{C2} = i_{C4} = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$i_{C3} = i_{C5} = -i_L, \quad (8)$$

$$i_L = (u_{C1} + u_{C3} + u_{C5}) / r_L, \quad (9)$$

The capacitors equations will remain unchanged and Eq. (5) will now take the form

$$\frac{du_{C1}}{dt} = \frac{i_2 - i_L}{C_1}, \quad \frac{du_{C3}}{dt} = -\frac{i_L}{C_3}, \quad \frac{du_{C5}}{dt} = -\frac{i_L}{C_5}, \quad (10)$$

The transformer is described by two equations:

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = g_1(u_1 - r_1 i_1) + g_2(-u_{C1} - r_2 i_2), \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{di_2}{dt} = a_1(u_1 - r_1 i_1) + a_2(-u_{C1} - r_2 i_2), \quad (12)$$

where  $r_2$  is the resistance of the secondary winding of the transformer;  $\alpha_2$  – the value inverse to the scattering inductance of the secondary winding of the transformer;  $g_1 = \alpha_1 / g, \quad g_2 = \alpha_2 / g, \quad g = \alpha'' + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \quad a_1 = -\alpha_2 g_1, \quad a_2 = \alpha_2(1 - g_2).$

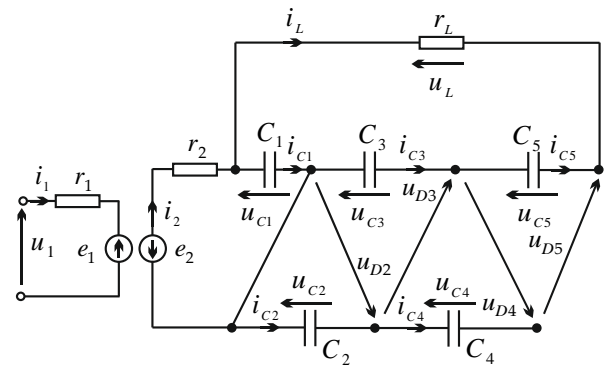


Figure 3. The second combination

Similarly, it is possible to write the dynamics equation of the remaining four combinations. Then, the six differential equations system is combined into one system for comparison. This is achieved using the additional logical variables  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5$ , which simulate the operation of diodes  $D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4, D_5$ . The logical variables  $k_i$  takes value 0 when diode  $D_i$  is closed and 1 when  $D_i$  is opened. To sum up all the variants of diodes switching, a common equations system will be used. This should be written in matrix form:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = BZ(t), \quad (13)$$

where  $X = (\psi, i_2, u_{C1}, u_{C2}, u_{C3}, u_{C4}, u_{C5})^T$  -variables state vector;  $B = \text{diag}(D, C^{-1})$  – coefficient matrix;  $Z(t) = (E, I_C)^T$  – time functions vector.

The introduced denotations can be described as below:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad (14)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g_1 &= \alpha_1 / g, \quad g_2 = k_{15} \alpha_2 / g, \\ g &= \alpha'' + \alpha_1 + k_{15} \alpha_2, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

$$a_1 = -k_{15} \alpha_2 g_1, \quad a_2 = k_{15} \alpha_2 (1 - g_2), \quad (16)$$

$$C = \text{diag}(C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5), \quad (17)$$

$$E = (u_1 - r_1 i_1, U_C - r_2 i_2)^T, \quad (18)$$

$$U_C = -u_{C1} + \sum_{i=2}^4 (-1)^i k_{i5} u_{Ci} - k_5 u_{C5}, \quad (19)$$

$$I_C = (i_{C1}, i_{C2}, i_{C3}, i_{C4}, i_{C5})^T, \quad (20)$$

$$i_{C1} = i_2 - i_L, \quad i_{C2} = (k_1 - 1) i_2, \quad i_{C3} = k_{12} i_2 - i_L, \quad (21)$$

$$i_{C4} = -k_{13} i_2, \quad i_{C5} = k_{14} i_2 - i_L, \quad (22)$$

$$i_L = (u_{C1} + u_{C3} + u_{C5}) / r_L, \quad (23)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} k_{15} &= \sum_{i=1}^5 k_i, \quad k_{25} = \sum_{i=2}^5 k_i, \\ k_{35} &= \sum_{i=3}^5 k_i, \quad k_{45} = k_4 + k_5. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (24)$$

The conditions of valves closing are as follows:

$$\text{if } ((k_1 == 1) \text{ and } (i_2 < 0)) \text{ then } k_1 = 0, \quad (25)$$

$$\text{if } ((k_2 == 1) \text{ and } (i_2 > 0)) \text{ then } k_2 = 0, \quad (26)$$

$$\text{if } ((k_3 == 1) \text{ and } (i_2 < 0)) \text{ then } k_3 = 0, \quad (27)$$

$$\text{if } ((k_4 == 1) \text{ and } (i_2 > 0)) \text{ then } k_4 = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$\text{if } ((k_5 == 1) \text{ and } (i_2 < 0)) \text{ then } k_5 = 0. \quad (29)$$

The conditions of valves opening are as follows:

$$\text{if } ((k_i == 0) \&\& (u_{Di} > 0)) \text{ then } k_i = 1, \quad (30)$$

$$u_{Di} = (-1)^{i+1} \sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j u_{Cj} + (-1)^i \frac{d\psi}{dt}, \quad i = \overline{1, 5}, \quad (31)$$

where  $u_{Di}$  – voltage on the  $i$ -th valve in the closed state.

If one of the conditions (25)–(29) is met, the valve will be closed. If the condition (30) was met, the valve would be opened. It should be taken into account that condition (30) can be checked only when all the valves are closed. The conditions (25)–(29) can be checked only when one valve is open.

#### IV. THE PARAMETRIC OPTIMIZATION

To develop the mathematical model of the voltage multiplier a program has been written using C# language and the simulation of its dynamic processes has been executed. The transformer feeding voltage is performed by the following equation:

$$u_1 = U_m \sin(2\pi ft), \quad (32)$$

where  $U_m=311$  V,  $f=50$  Hz.

The mathematical model's calculation has been executed using the following device parameters:  $r_1 = r_2 = 0.1 \Omega$ ;  $r_0 = 1$  k $\Omega$ ;  $\alpha_1 = 100$  H<sup>-1</sup>;  $\alpha_2 = 200$  H<sup>-1</sup>.

The magnetization curve is approximated by the following equations:

$$\varphi(\psi) = \begin{cases} m_1 \psi & \text{if } |\psi| > \psi_1 \\ S_3(\psi) & \text{if } \psi_1 \leq |\psi| \leq \psi_2, \\ m_2 \psi - m_0 & \text{if } |\psi| > \psi_2 \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

where  $m_1 = 0.25$  H<sup>-1</sup>;  $m_2 = 3$  H<sup>-1</sup>;  $m_0 = 1.9$  A;  $\psi_1 = 0.2$  Wb;  $\psi_2 = 0.9$  Wb;  $\varphi(\psi_1) = 0.05$  A;  $\varphi(\psi_2) = 0.9$  A;  $S_3(\psi)$  is the cubic spline

To obtain the optimal characteristics of the voltage multiplier, the capacitor parametric optimization of  $C_1 - C_5$  has been executed using the classic genetic algorithm with genes represented as real numbers [10, 11]. During the model simulation, it was discovered that the capacitor values influence the amount of output signal pulsations and its periodicity. To search for the optimum, the final area of the transitional process is used.

Integration of the model's dynamic equation is executed on the time span  $T=18$  seconds. As a criterion for the fitness function value, the amount of output voltage pulsation is chosen at [17.5, 18] second interval. The fitness value is calculated using the following formula:

$$Fit = u_{L \max} - u_{L \min}, \quad (34)$$

$$\text{if } (u_{L \min} < u_m) \text{ then } Fit = Fit + u_m - u_{L \min},$$

where  $u_m = 1200$  V.

During calculation of the fitness value, an additional condition that provides the parameters rejection when the output signal is less than 1200 V is used.

The optimum research for the dynamic device characteristics is executed according to preset criteria for the fitness function at established capacitors values:  $C_i \in [10^{-6}; 5 \cdot 10^{-3}]$  F,  $i=1, 2, \dots, 5$ . The amplitude fluctuation does not exceed 26 V in the stable regime. The capacity of capacitors  $C_1, C_3, C_4, C_5$  reaches the top of the limit of 5 mF. But the capacity of capacitor  $C_2$  for the fitness value (34) is 228  $\mu$ F. At the same time, the maximum value of the load voltage at the stable state is 1311 V, which is 4.2 times more than supply voltage. It is impossible to achieve the five-fold voltage multiplication because of losses on the supports. The greater the capacitance value  $C_1, C_3, C_4, C_5$  is, the better will be the result of the voltage multiplier. This will influence the capacitance value  $C_2$ .

For the genetic algorithm the population settings of 60 chromosomes are chosen, a mutation probability within 3–15%, and a coefficient of pleasure selection of 1.7 or 1.8 is adopted. The 1 chromosome is chosen for elitism.

In the process of device model investigation, it is detected that level of the direction voltage  $u_L$  depends on the capacitor value  $C_2$  (Fig. 4).

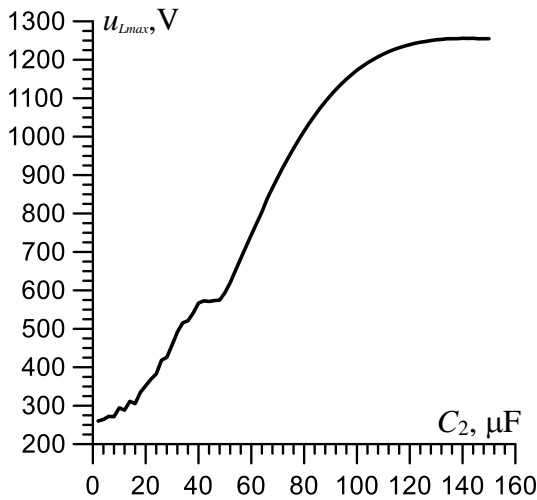


Figure 4. The dependence of maximum voltage values  $u_L$  for capacity  $C_2$

This dependence is linear in the range from 1 mkF to 120 mkF. In the range from 160 mkF to 200 mkF, the voltage level  $u_L$  remains almost stable, therefore in Figure 4 we have limited the value  $C_2=160 \mu\text{F}$ . The capacitance values of the other capacitors reach the maximum possible values. So, we accepted  $C_1=C_3=C_4=C_5=5 \text{ mF}$ . In order to ensure a stable regime, the dynamic equations are iterated at intervals of 20 sec. This fully guarantees the absence of the transitional process.

In Fig. 5 the time dependence of the load voltage for capacity  $C_2=60 \mu\text{F}$  is shown. The transitional process has an exponential character with such parameters. During the first second the voltage increases rapidly. Then there is a steady increase of voltage. It is necessary to take this fact into account because the duration of the transition process is more than 10 sec and this is quite enough as for electric circle.

In Fig. 6 shows the analogous dependence for the capacity load voltage  $C_2=120 \mu\text{F}$ . In this case, the transitional process is more equable and subsides twice as fast.

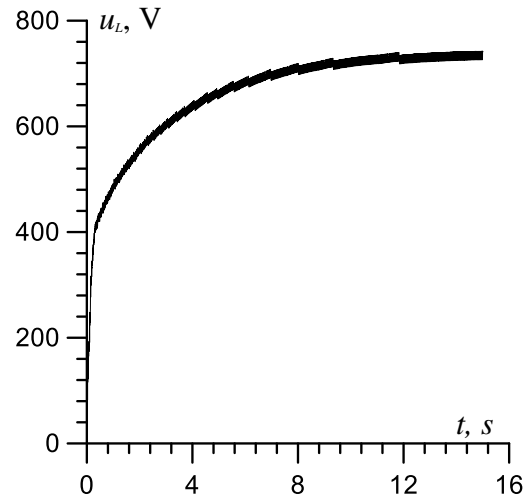


Fig. 5 – The time dependence of voltage  $u_L$  for capacity  $C_2=60 \mu\text{F}$

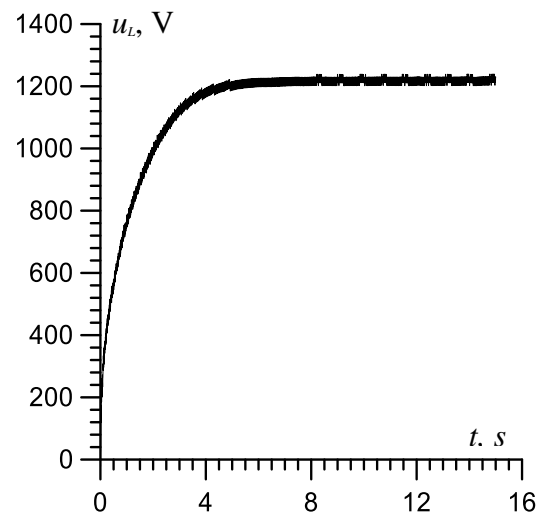


Figure 6. The time dependence of  $u_L$  voltage for capacity  $C_2=120 \mu\text{F}$

## V. CONCLUSION

In this article the mathematical model for the identification of a voltage multiplier based on five capacitors and five diodes is developed. The peculiarity of the approach is the usage of additional logical variables for modeling the working of the valves. This greatly simplifies the mathematical model and makes it suitable for explicit methods of numerical integration. For the parametric optimization analysis, a genetic algorithm is used. It is identified that the most significant impact on the final result is that of capacitor  $C_2$  and the maximum load voltage achieved is  $C_2=130 \mu\text{F}$ .

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