

# Comparative Study of DC-DC Converters For Dc Microgrid Applications

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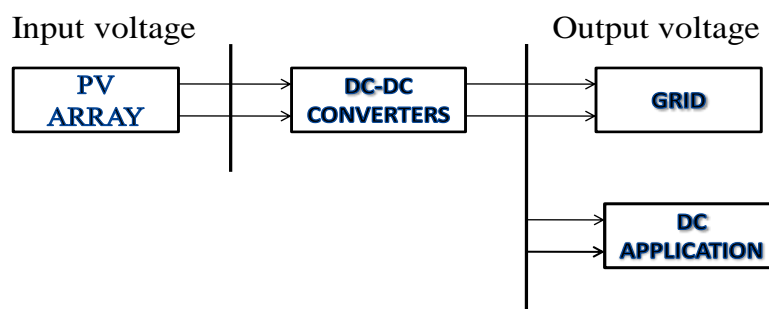
**Abstract** - To meet the ever increasing electrical energy demand, energy conversion from PV sources is gaining prominence. When used in the conjunction with existing power system network, the energy extracted from the renewable energy sources can be utilized to electrify remote areas also. The advancements in DC-DC converter topologies the wide emergence of grid tied PV systems. The efficiency at which power is a fed to the grid hinges largely on this proper choice and performance of the DC-DC converter stage. Hence, there is a compelling need to thoroughly review the performance of existing DC-DC converter topologies. In this work, a comparative study of dc-dc converters for dc microgrid applications for solar PV fed system is presented. There are four novel converter topologies that have been derived by using the proposed strategy are elaborated to illustrate the validity of the adopted synthesis methodology. The features and the feasibility of connecting the derived topologies to the DC grid/micro grid are highlighted. All the simulation work is done in MATLAB.

**Index Terms** - DC/DC Converter, Buck converter, Boost converter, Zeta converter, Sepic converter, DC microgrid.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Power converters have known as outstanding evolution for recent years due to the need of this converters in a large number of applications such as photovoltaic systems, DC microgrids is a inter connection especially because of their intermittent and low voltage power sources [1], [2], electric vehicle charging and discharging [3], [4] and energy storage devices [5]. These applications require DC/DC converters with high power quality, high static gain, reduced output ripple, small size and light weight in order to connect to the DC bus voltage to which loads and storage devices are also connected [6], [7]. All sources and loads are connected to a common DC bus of V; the adopted voltage level was a chosen to be more suitable for this DC microgrid [8]. To interface with this DC bus, a power converter stage is required: DC/DC in order to adapt the voltage level. As can be seen in this figure, most of the used converters are DC/DC converters.

Hence, in order to improve the yield of the systems, a better DC/DC converter is more than a need. In the literature, different classifications of the DC/DC converters were suggested [9], as for example isolated [10] and non- isolated [11], In this paper, a special attention was given DC/DC converters is a four topologies: the basic buck converter boost converter and Zeta converter and Single ended primary inductance (sepic) converter. Recently, many research papers have been focused in Sepic converter [12]-[13] due to its several advantages such as good power and voltage quality and reduced size. such as Sepic converter with coupled-inductor with double windings replacing both basic inductors [14]. Fig.1 Block diagram of dc-dc converters for dc microgrid applications.



**Fig.1** Block diagram of dc-dc converters for dc microgrid applications.

The structure of block diagram is Pv array, DC/DC converters, grid, DC bus, DC application.

**II. LITERATURE SURVEY**

**Manel Jebali Ben Ghorbal<sup>(a)</sup>, Sonia Moussa<sup>(b)</sup>, Jihen Arbi Ziani<sup>(c)</sup>, Ilhem Slama-Belkhodja<sup>(d)</sup>** - DC microgrids are the new trend for renewable energy distributed systems due to their high efficiency and more suitability to new load appliances. However, some problems are still open to discussion as it is an emerging concept. In a DC microgrid, a very important issue consists on an enhanced control of the DC bus voltage. This control should be reliable especially towards power flow variations which can be caused by distributed generation sources or by abrupt load demand.

**Pandav Kiran Maroti<sup>1</sup>, Soroush Esmaeili<sup>2</sup>, Atif Iqbal<sup>1</sup>, Mohammad Meraj<sup>1</sup>** - The proposed converter consists of a modified SEPIC converter along with a boosting module to obtain a high-voltage gain at a low-duty ratio. It has all advantages of the SEPIC converter such as continuous input current, which makes it applicable for renewable energy sources such as photovoltaic systems. The proposed converter is able to attain a higher voltage gain in comparison with similar previous transformer-less DC-DC converters.

**K. Manikandan, A. Sivabalan, R. Sundar, P. Surya** - DC-DC converters available are vast in power conversion system. Nevertheless they are different in circuit configuration and ripple reduction. According to the performance and its efficiency for photovoltaic system, the converters are chosen.

**H. Chen, X. Hu, Y. Huang, M. Zhang & B. Gao** - The inrush current problem of diode capacitors is restrained by the leakage inductance of the coupled inductor. The above characteristics are the reason for the high-voltage gain and high efficiency of the converter.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDIED DC MICROGRID**

The studied DC microgrid is a DC/DC converter and DC/DC load converters. The choice of the input voltage level is due to the fact that the primary energy source is a PV panel [8].

DC/DC load converters are connected in the DC bus and behave as Constant Power Loads. The power circuits of Buck and Boost and Zeta and Sepic converters are given in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 and Fig.4 and Fig.5 respectively

(1) Buck converter

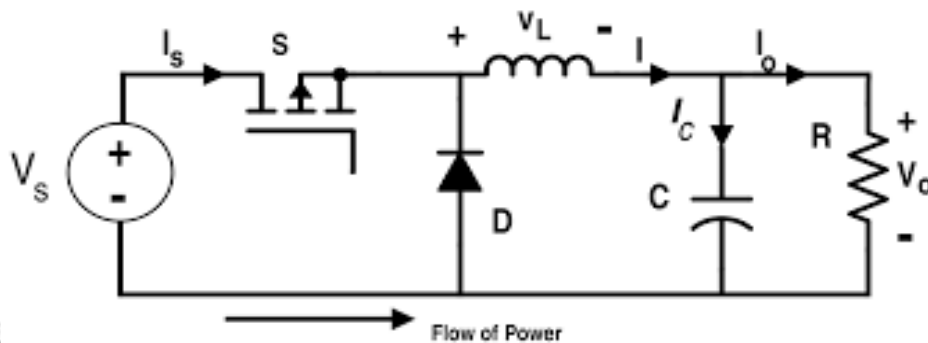


Fig.2 Buck converter power circuit

The voltage gain is given as follows

$$V_o = V_{in} * D$$

(2) Boost converter

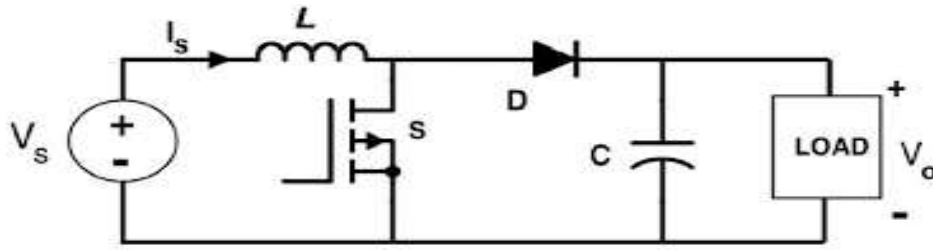


Fig. 3. Boost converter power circuit

The voltage gain is given as follows

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{1-D}$$

(3) Zeta converter

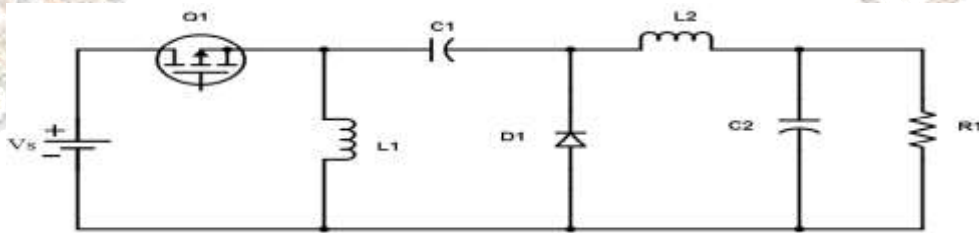


Fig. 4. Zeta. converter power circuit

The voltage gain is given as follows

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = D/1-D$$

(4) Sepic converter

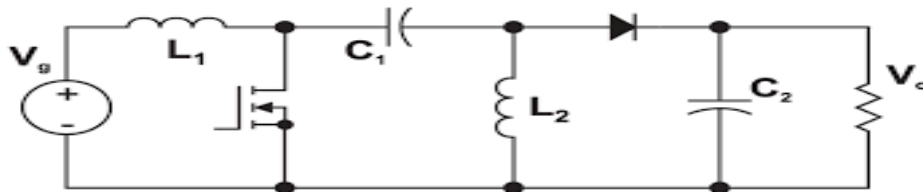


Fig. 5. Sepic converter power circuit

(5) Tables

TABLE 1: Voltage gain conversion ratios

S.NO.	CONVERTER TYPE	VOLTAGE GAIN
1	Buck converter	$V_{IN} * D$
2	Boost Converter	$\frac{1}{(1-D)}$
3	ZETA converter	$\frac{D}{(1-D)}$
4	SEPIC converter	$\frac{D}{(1-D)}$

TABLE 2: Simulation parameters for DC-DC converters

PARAMETERS	VALUES
Input Voltage, $V_i$	9 V
Inductor, $L_1$	$89.410^{-6}H$
Inductor, $L_2$	50Mh
Capacitor, $C_1$	$99.510^{-6}F$
Capacitor, $C_2$	$66.6710^{-6}F$
Duty ratio, D	50%
Switching frequency, $f_s$	50μHz
Output voltage, $V_o$	8.197 V

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS FOR DC-DC CONVERTERS

To the MATLAB software platform has been used to simulate the DC/DC converters topology. For (Fig. 6 and 7) all the power circuits, the input values is  $V_i = 9v$  ,  $L = 89.4e^{-6}$  ,  $C = 99.5e^{-6}$  ,  $R = 10$  ohm, and the switching frequency of  $F_s = 50\mu Hz$  , and the duty ratio, is  $D = 50\%$  .

The figure 7 & 8 simulation input values is  $V_i = 9v$  ,  $L_1 = 89.4e^{-6}$  ,  $L_2 = 50Mh$  ,  $C_1 = 99.5e^{-6}$  ,  $C_2 = 66.6710^{-6}F$  ,  $R = 10$  ohm, and the switching frequency of  $F_s = 50\mu Hz$ , and the duty ratio, is  $D = 50\%$  .

(1) Buck converter

When the buck converter having the input of 9V, when the simulation circuit is shown.

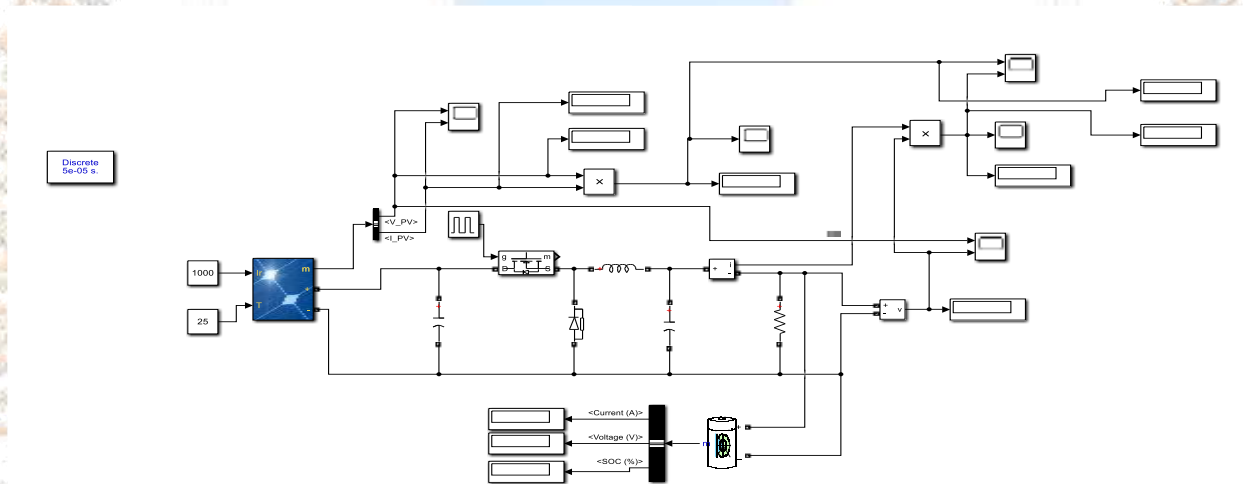


Fig.6 Buck converter simulation model.

The results obtained from the simulation circuit is given in the input values form of output voltage.

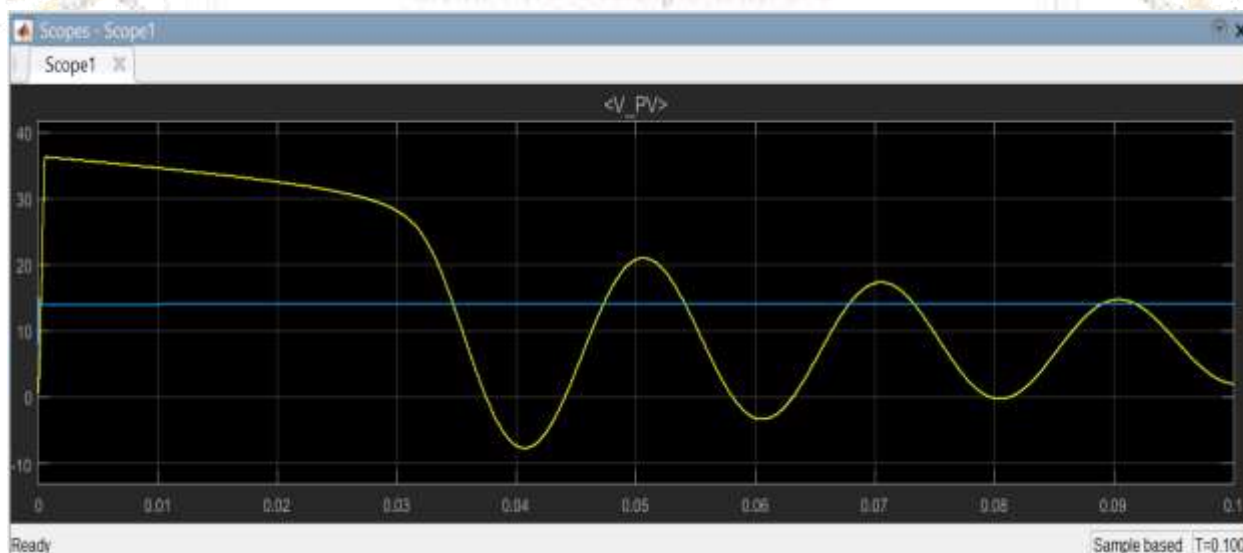


Fig.7 Buck converter simulation of output waveform

(2) Boost converter

When the boost converter having the input of 9V, when the simulation circuit is shown.

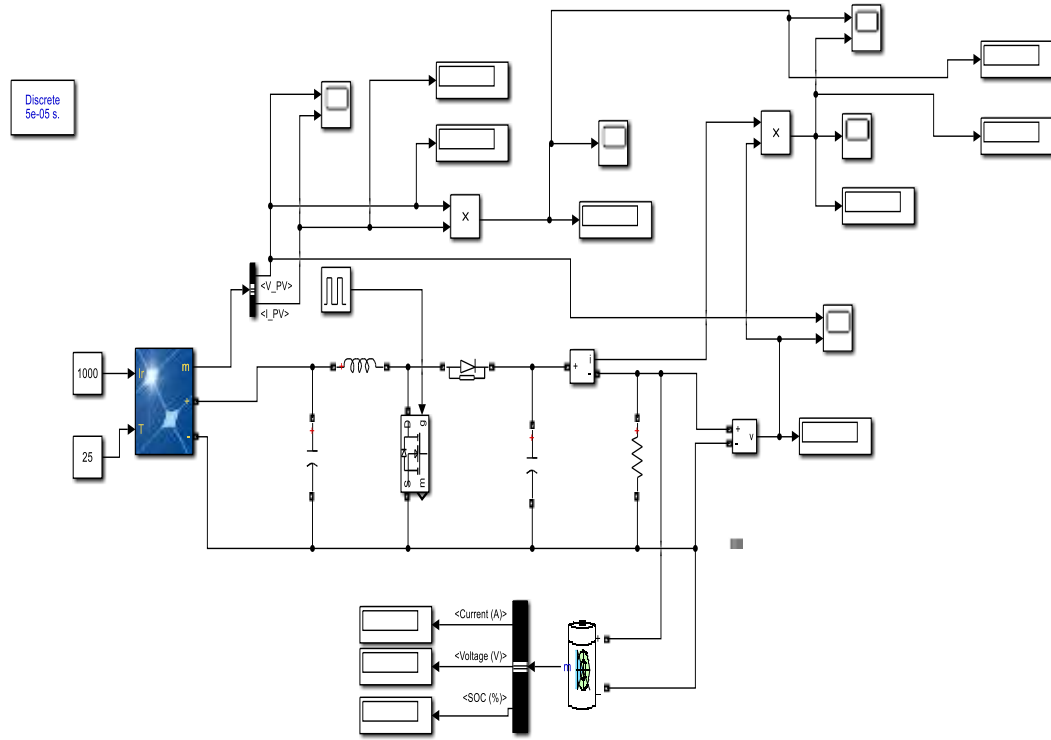


Fig.8: Boost converter simulation model.

The results obtained from the simulation circuit is given in the input values form of output voltage.

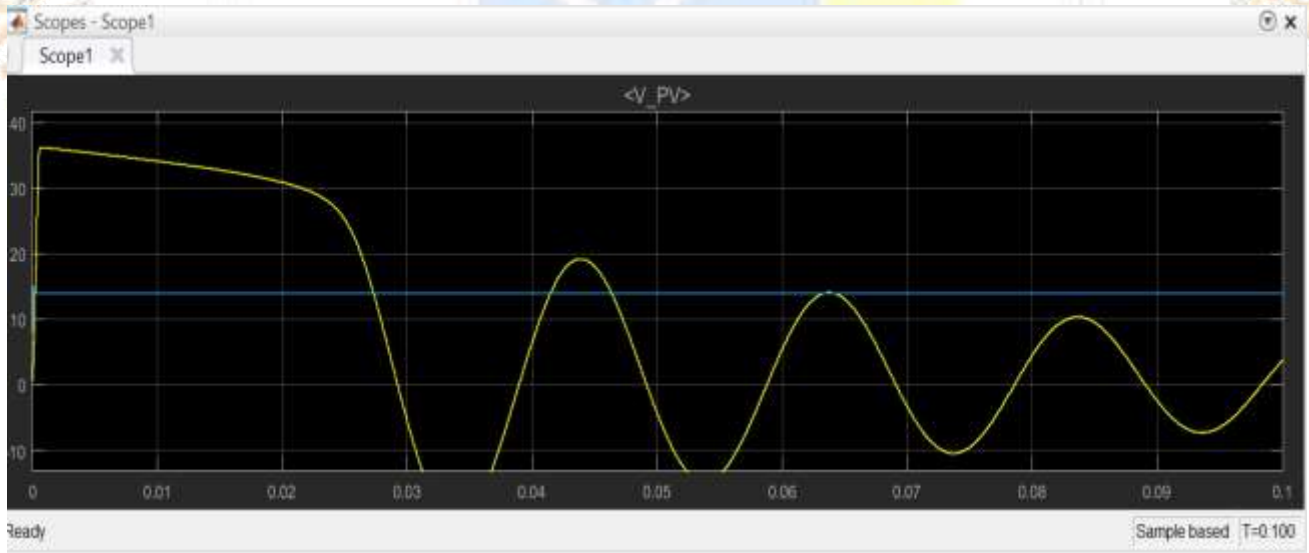


Fig.9: Boost converter simulation of output waveform.

(3) Zeta converter

When the zeta converter having the input of 9V, when the simulation circuit is shown.

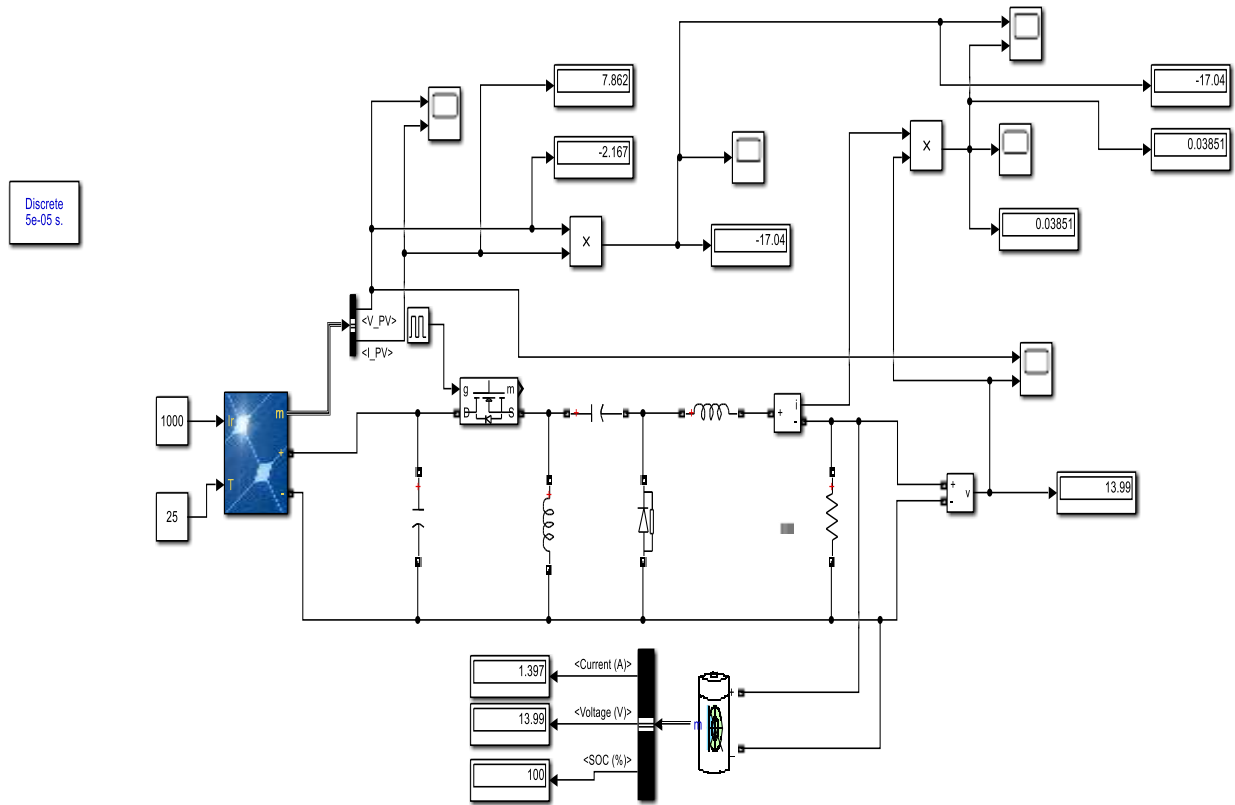


Fig.10: Zeta converter simulation model.

The results obtained from the simulation circuit is given in the input values form of output voltage.

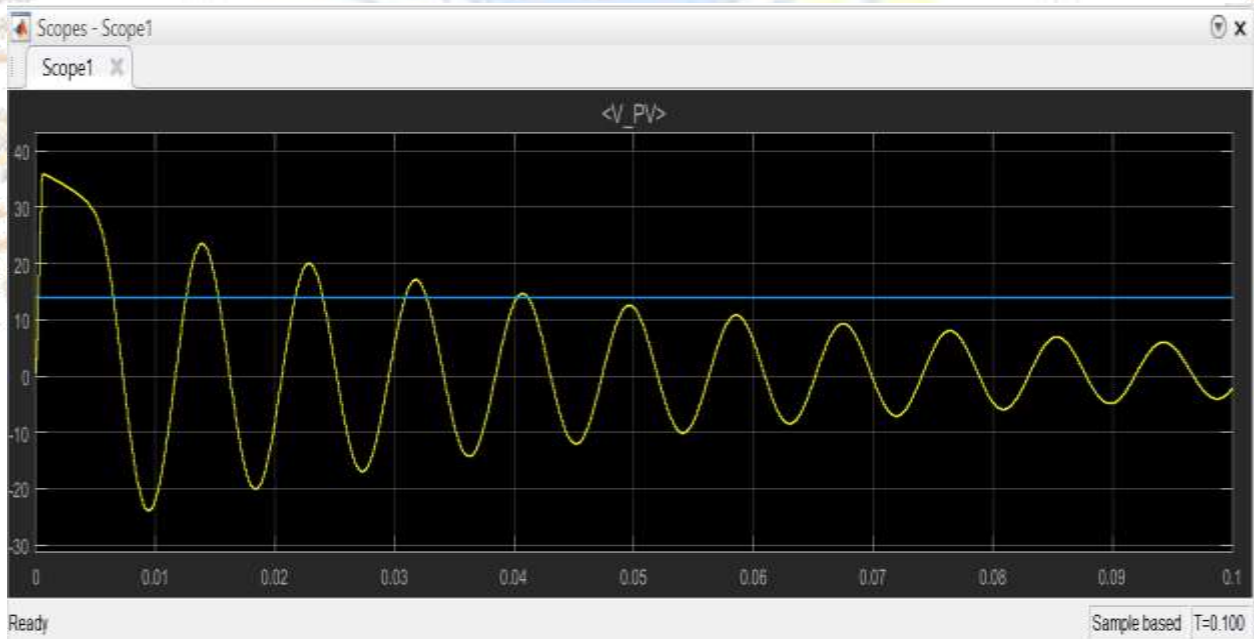


Fig.11: Zeta converter simulation of output waveform.

(4)Sepic converter

When the sepic converter having the input of 9V, when the simulation circuit is shown.

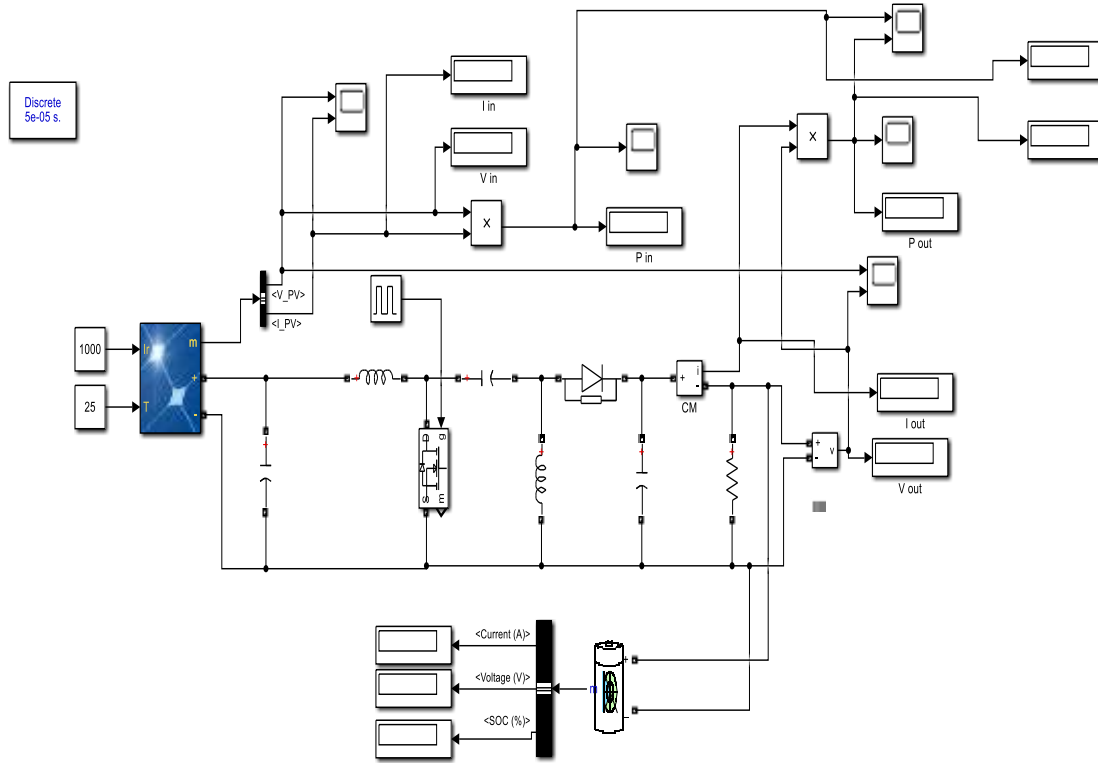


Fig.12: Sepic converter simulation model.

The results obtained from the simulation circuit is given in the input values form of output voltage.

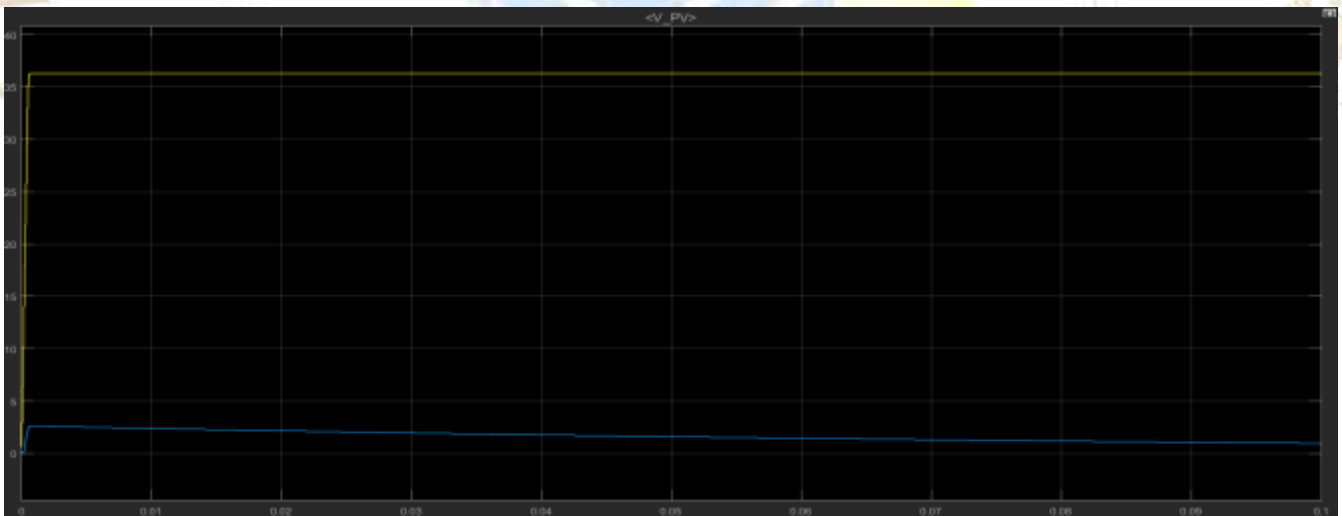


Fig.13: Sepic converter simulation of output waveform.

**TABLE 3:** Theoretical & Practical comparisons of DC-DC converters

Duty ratio	Converters	input voltage (Vin)	Output voltage(Vo)		voltage gain (Vg)
			Theoretical	practical	
0.25	BUCK	9V	2.25	2.134	0.25
	BOOST	9V	12	11.19	0.75
	ZETA	9V	2.197	2.192	0.33
	SEPIC	9V	2.197	3.522	0.33
0.65	BUCK	9V	5.85	5.548	0.65
	BOOST	9V	25.714	23.94	0.35
	ZETA	9V	16.713	14.37	1.857
	SEPIC	9V	16.713	15.23	1.857
0.75	BUCK	9V	6.75	6.52	0.75
	BOOST	9V	36	31.27	0.25
	ZETA	9V	27	16.97	3
	SEPIC	9V	27	23.62	3

These four features explain the quality of the output power of Sepic converter in terms of ripples amplitude as detailed in Fig. 12. This makes Sepic converter a better candidate for applications where output power and voltage quality is crucial. This could be very interesting for instance for applications like embedded ones where volumes and densities of passive components have to be very reduced.

**V. CONCLUSIONS**

In this paper, a comparison study of the performances of four power converters in DC microgrid context is proposed. The first one is a Buck converter and the second one is the Boost converter and third one is Zeta converter and fourth one is Sepic converter. The study was elaborated in the case where DC/DC converters behave as Constant Power Loads. Sepic converter presents obvious advantages which make it a better choice than basic boost converter. First, output voltage and power reveal lower ripples which provide low conduction losses and reduced stress on components and semiconductors and also better quality compared to the basic boost converter. Experimental results will be subject to future publications to further validate the presented results.

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