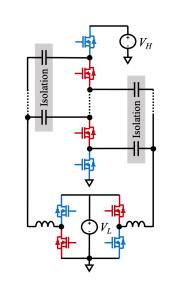
Hybrid Switched-Capacitor DC-DC Converters with Isolation



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Motivation and Applications

- Hybrid switched-capacitor converters offer high power density but have been restricted to non-isolated applications
- Traditional isolation methods require bulky and heavy transformers
- Capacitive isolation presents a power-dense alternative to magnetic isolation
- Flying capacitors with high voltage rating act as isolation capacitors



Challenges and Solutions

- ZVS theoretically possible, but not successful at higher input voltages
 - Ongoing issue; we'll spend more time investigating timing
- Light-load oscillations that damage converter at higher voltages
 - Current solution: avoid light load

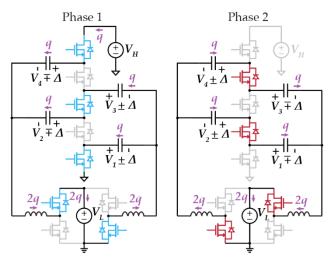


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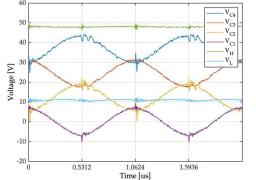
Theory of Operation

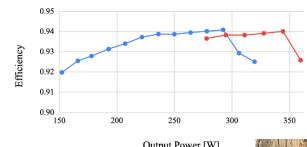
- Capacitively isolated hybrid switched-capacitor converter based on [1], [2]
- Complete soft-charging of capacitors eliminates loss from transient inrush currents
- 50% duty cycle and two-phase operation
- Switch voltage stress independent of load



Experimental Results

94.1% peak efficiency, 2,010 W/in³ power density





Output Power [W]

