Converter Topologies and Control Strategies Leveraging Piezoelectrics for High-Performance Miniaturized Power Conversion

Force

Voltage

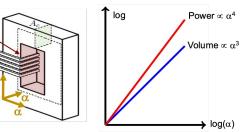
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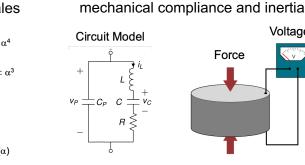


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Piezoelectrics as Passive Components

Magnetics present fundamental size and performance challenges at small scales





Piezoelectrics are promising alternative passives for miniaturized power conversion



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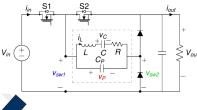
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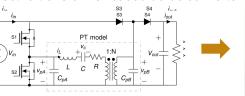
Converter Topologies Based on Piezoelectrics

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We develop converter Piezoelectric-transformer-based dc-dc converter topologies that leverage the advantages of piezoelectrics in a variety of applications

Piezoelectric-resonatorbased dc-dc converter



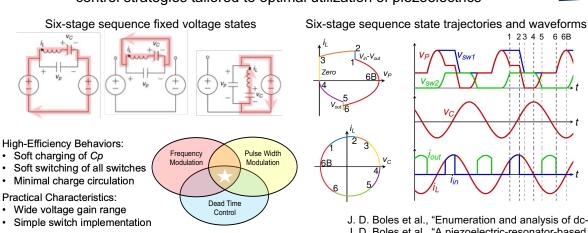


Hybrid piezo / switched capacitor converter



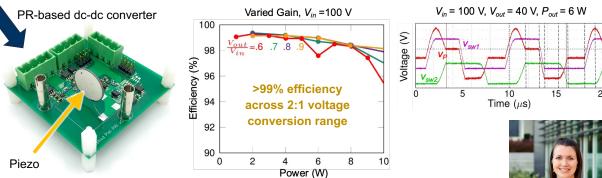
Control for Efficient Utilization of Piezoelectrics

We develop high-performance switching sequences and control strategies tailored to optimal utilization of piezoelectrics



Experimental Demonstration

We experimentally demonstrate the high performance capabilities of piezoelectric-based power conversion



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