

Slope Adjustable Triangular Wave Generator Design for Improving Dynamic Performance of Buck Converter

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Introduction

Transient Response

Three disturbance sources

- Output reference signal ☺ Band-gap reference
- Input voltage ☺ Line feed-forward control
- Load current ☹ Trouble

Fast dynamic current slew rate presents challenge in load transient response of power supplies

Research Objective

Proposed Control Scheme

Based on voltage-mode control

- Not require current sensor
- Not require slope compensation

V_{in} and V_{out} regulate the slope

- Line feed-forward control
- Wider closed-loop band

Simple

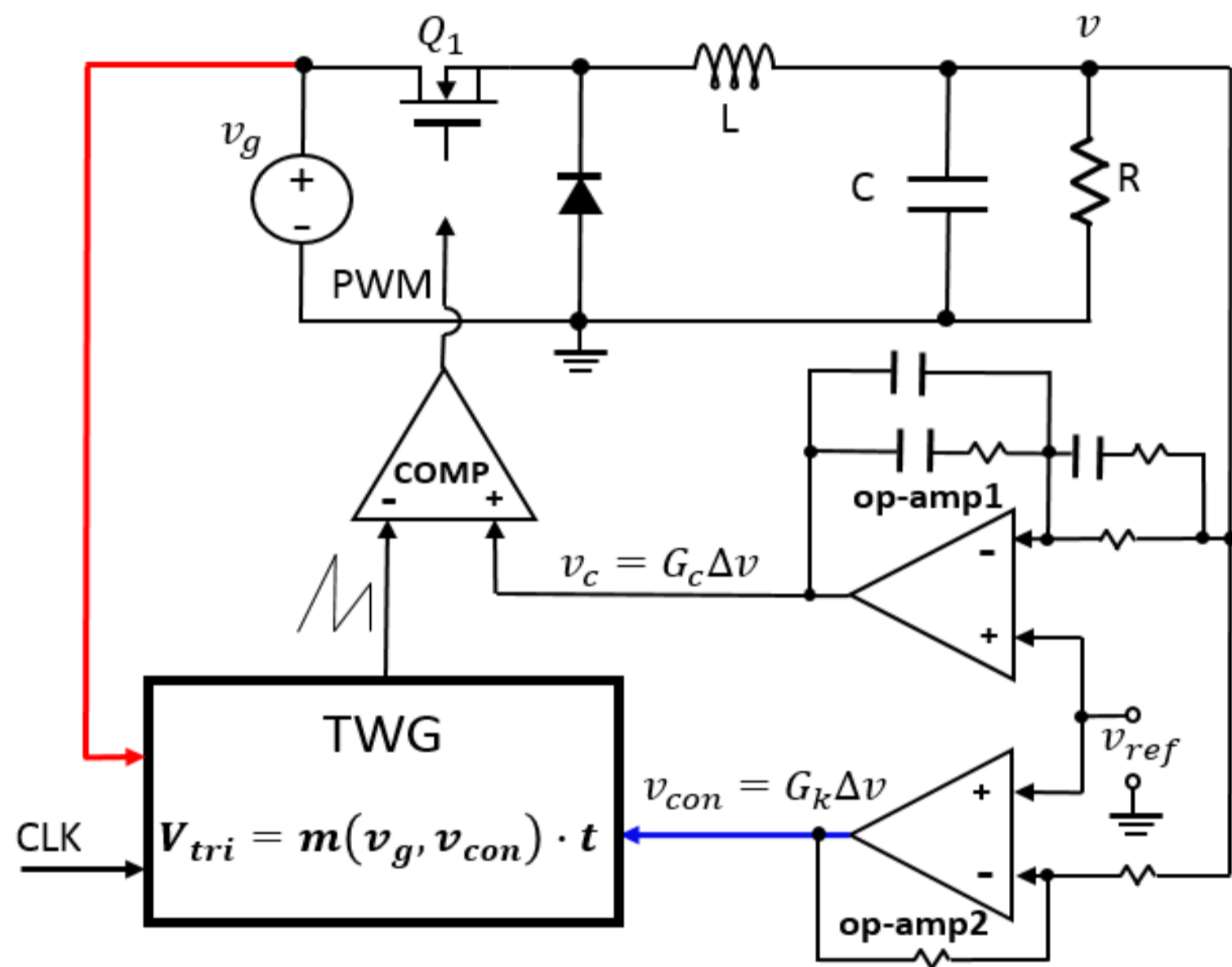
- Not require complicated calculation

Conventional Method

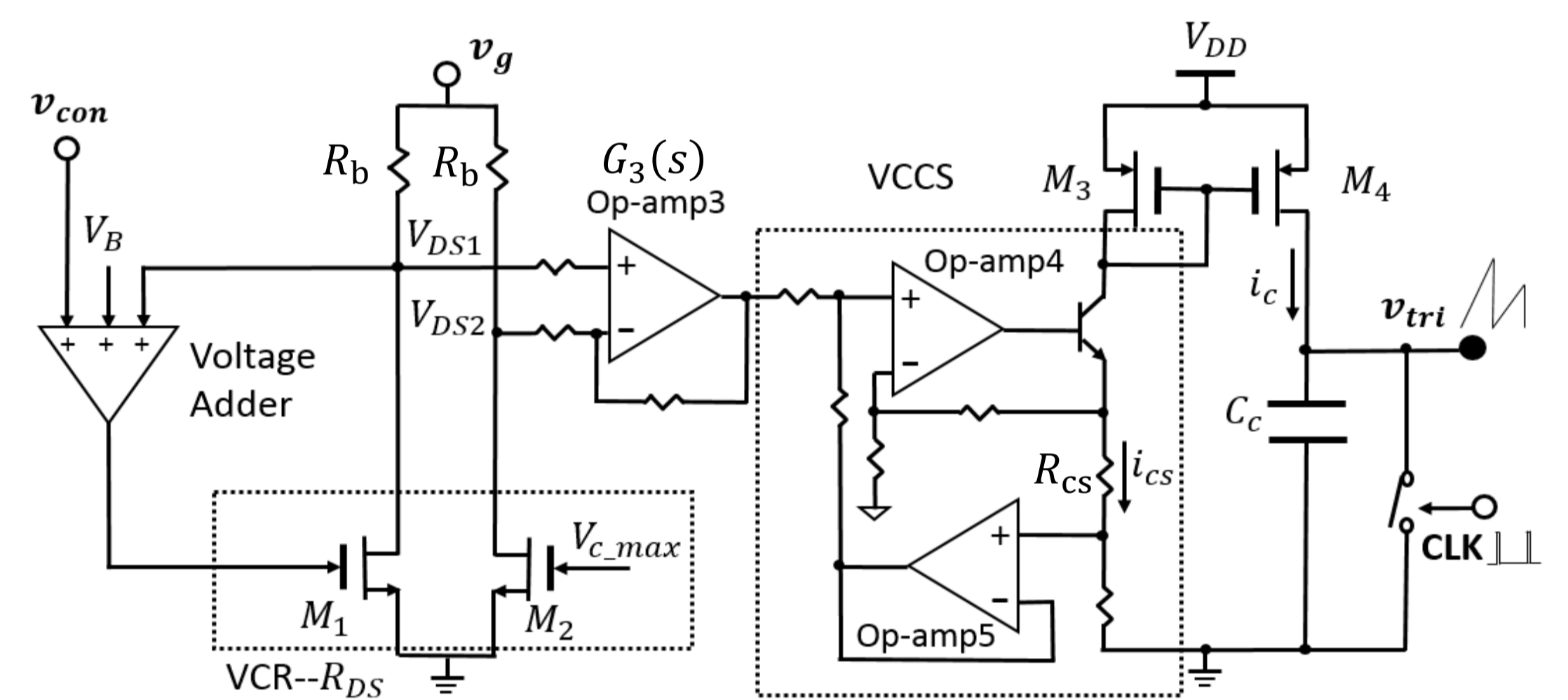
- **Feed-back control**
Voltage-Mode Control
Without line feed-forward control
Limited bandwidth
Current-Mode Control
Slope compensation
Current sensor
- **Feed-forward control**
Complicated non-linear calculation
Not cost effective

DC-DC Buck Converter with Slope Adjustable Triangular Wave Generator

System Configuration

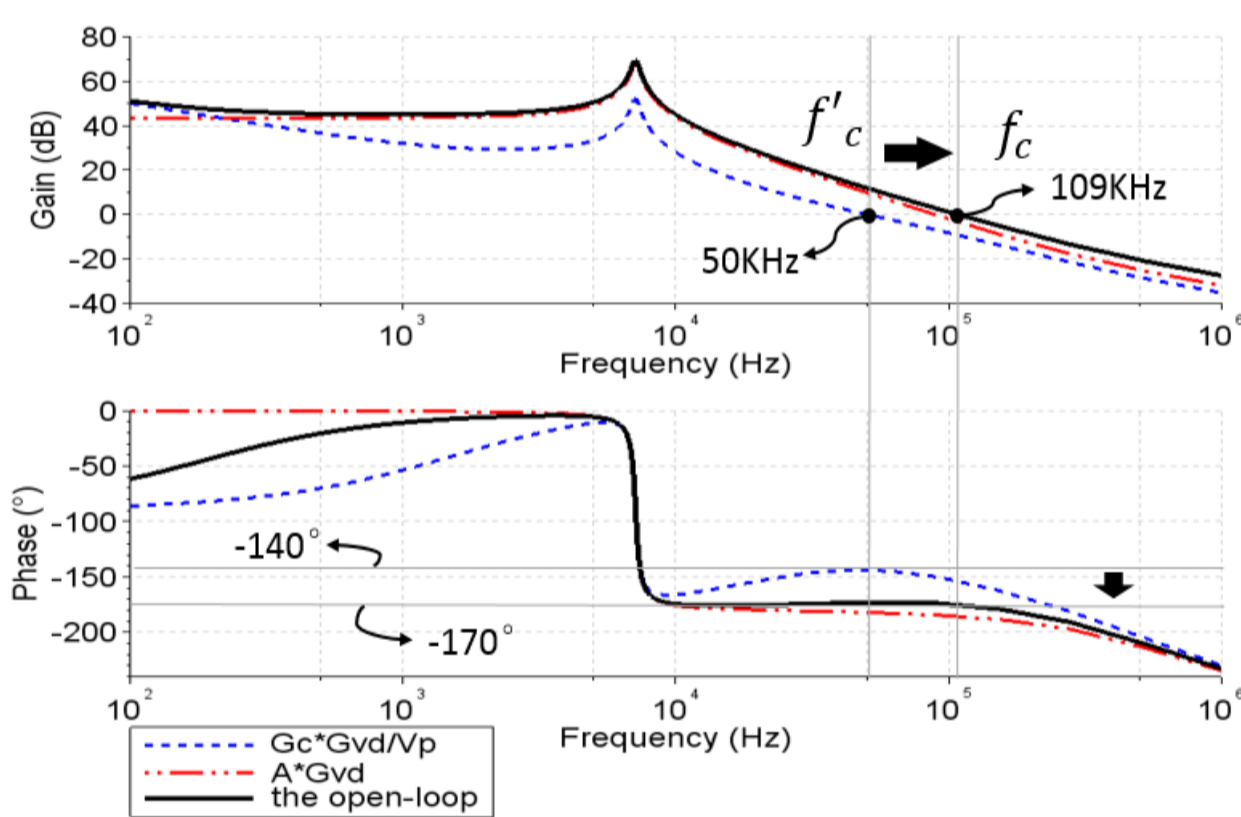


Triangular Wave Generator Circuit

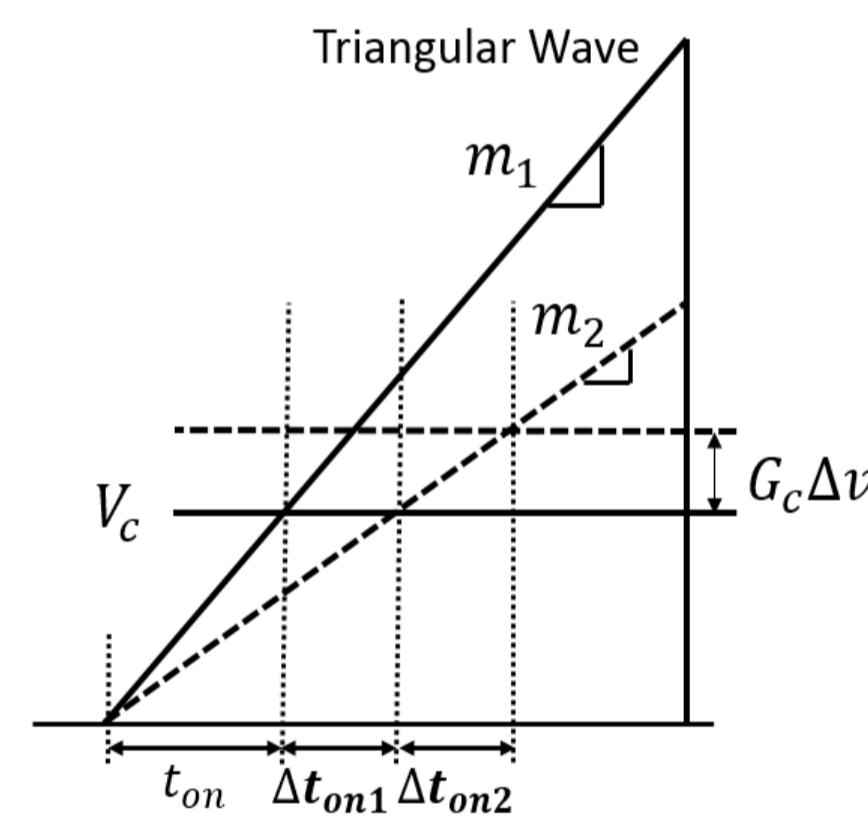


$$V_{tri} = \frac{G_3}{C_C R_{CS} R_b K_n} \cdot V_g \cdot \left(\frac{1}{V_{con}} - \frac{1}{V_{con_max}} \right) \cdot t = M(V_g, V_{con}) \cdot t$$

Stability Analysis



- Bandwidth increase
50kHz → 109kHz
 - Phase margin decrease
40° → 10°
- TWG needs phase compensation**



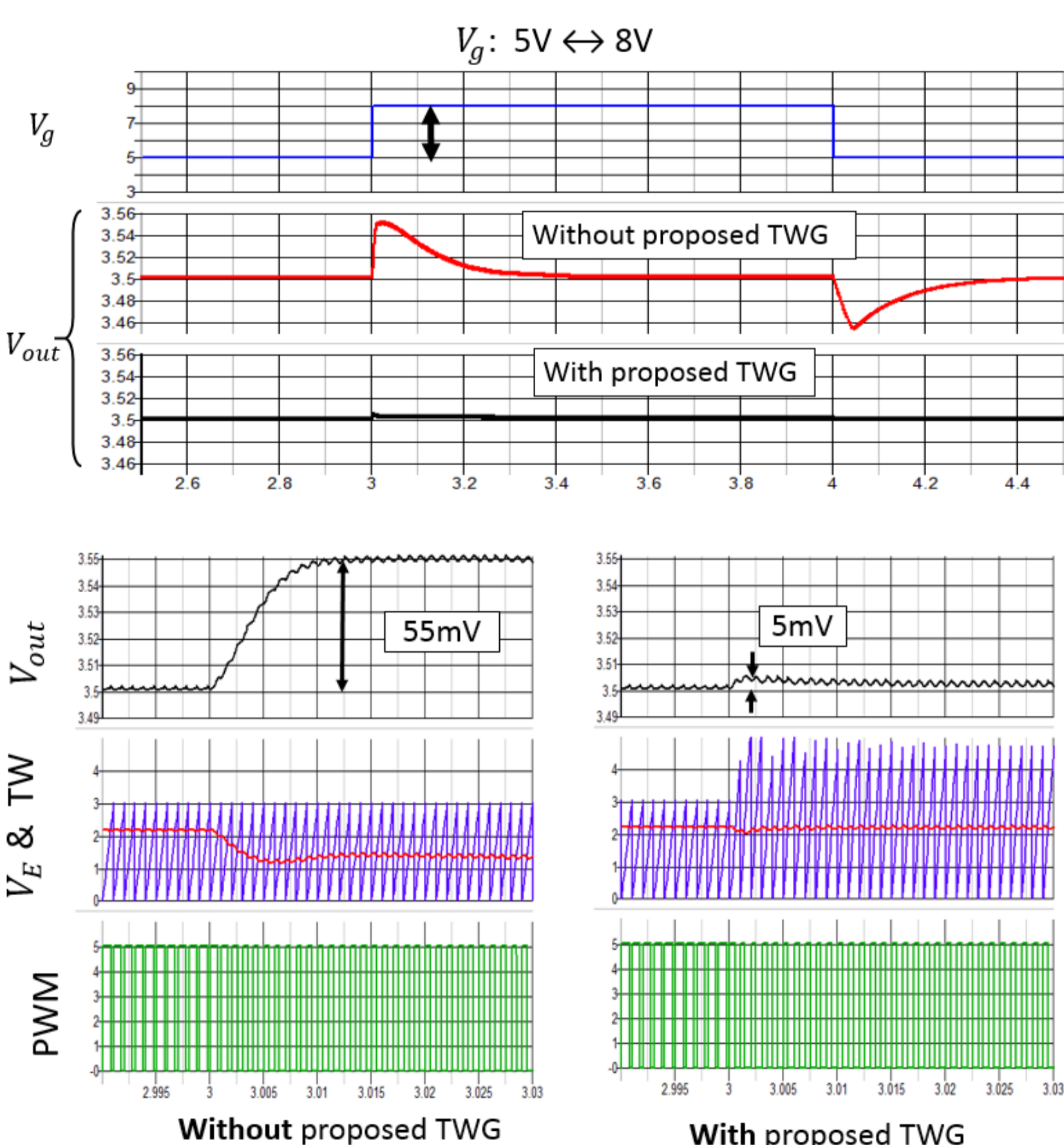
Duty Cycle Modulation

$$\Delta d = \Delta d_1 + \Delta d_2 = \frac{V_c + G_c \Delta v}{T_s} \cdot \frac{1}{m} + \frac{G_c \Delta v}{V_{p_ss}}$$

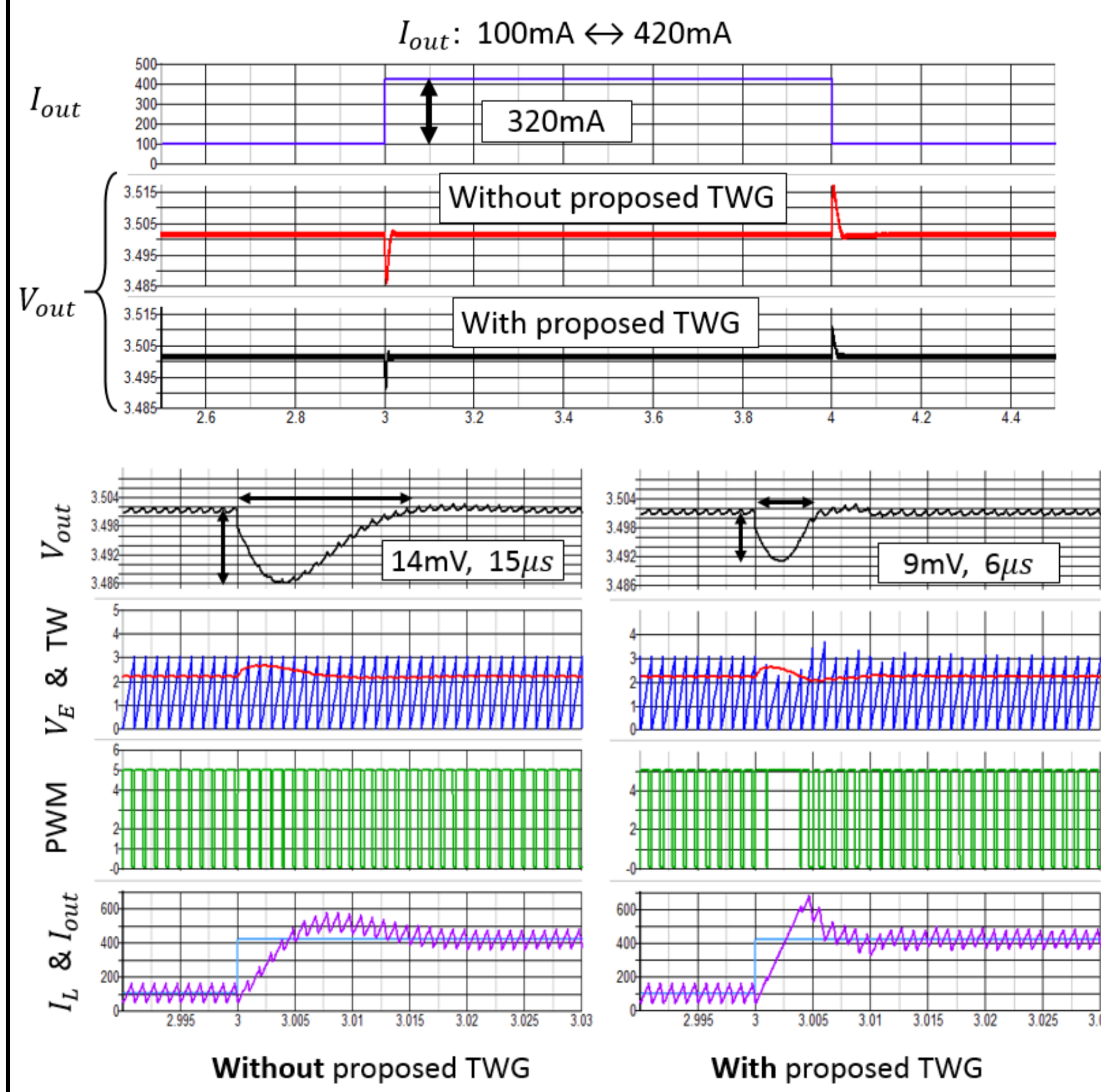
Faster and Stronger

Simulation Result

Line Transient Response



Load Transient Response



Summary

Design a slope adjustable triangular wave for DC-DC buck converter

- ◆ Dynamic performance improvement
- ◆ Simple
 - Not require current sensor
 - Not require slope compensation
 - Not require complicated calculation

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