

EMI Noise Reduction and Output Ripple Cancellation for Full-Wave Type Soft-Switching Converter

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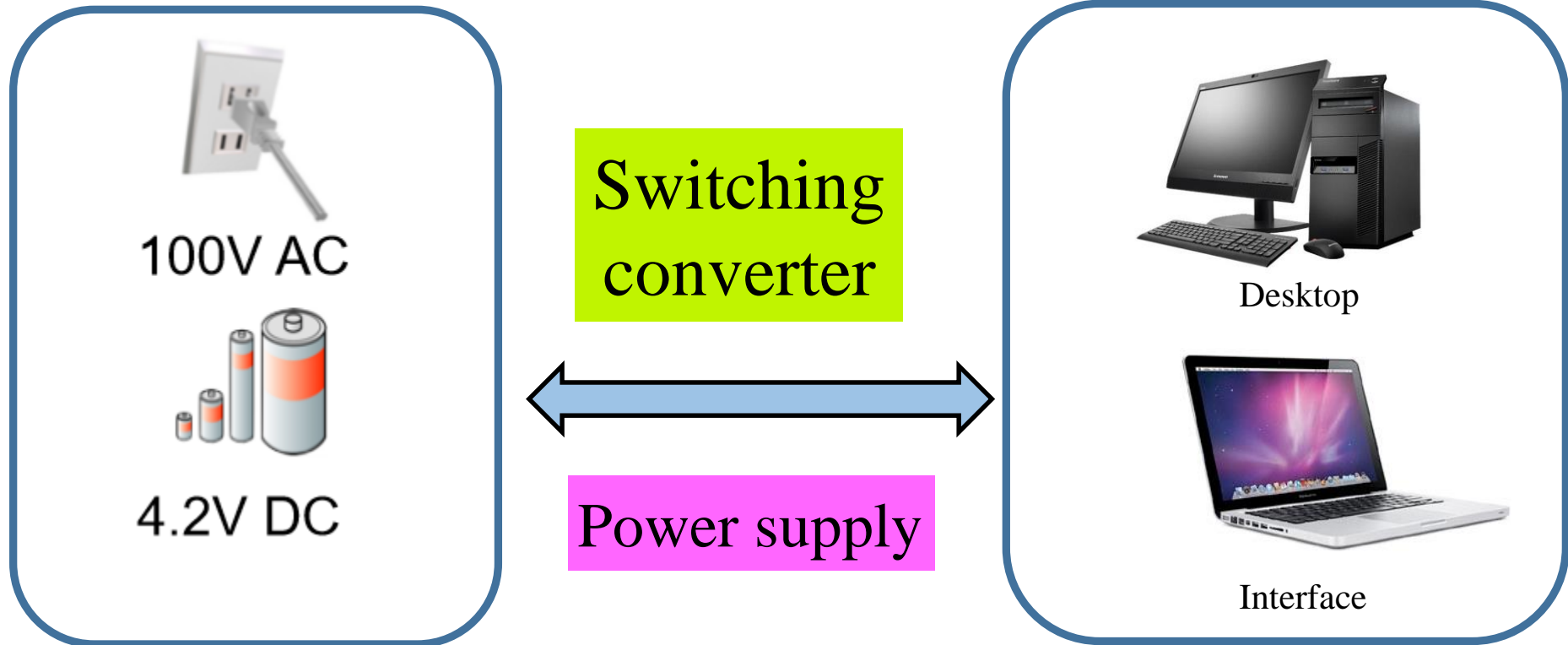
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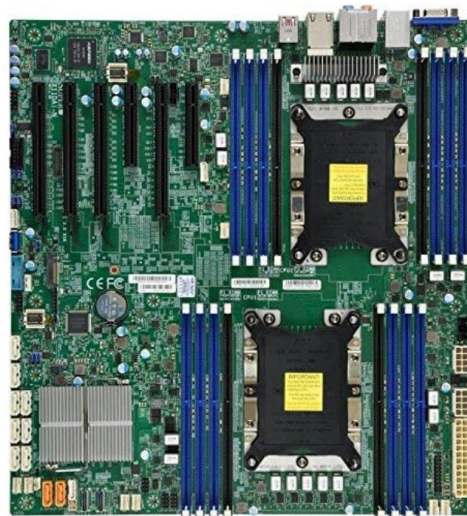
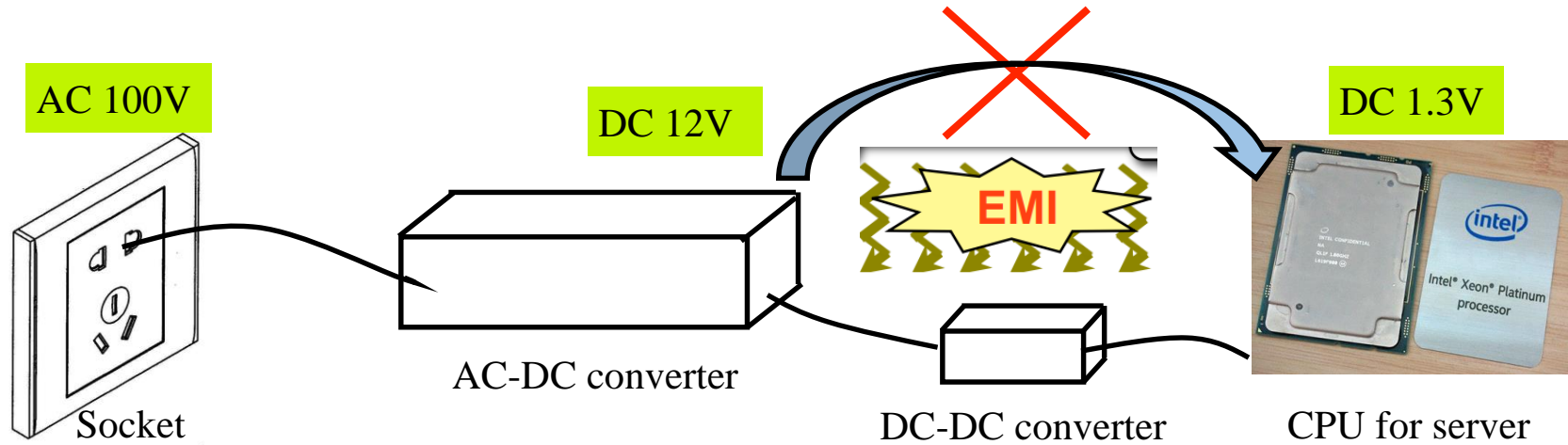
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Research Background



Power supply is a functional part that supplies the voltage required to operate these electronic components

Research Background



CPU for server

Need

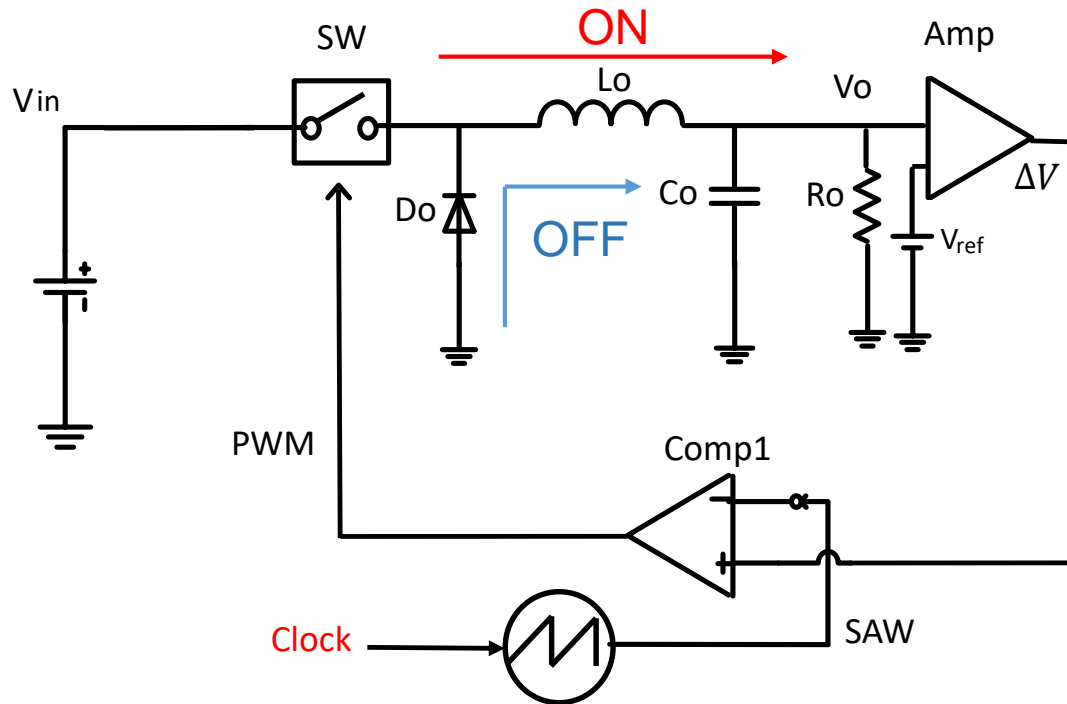


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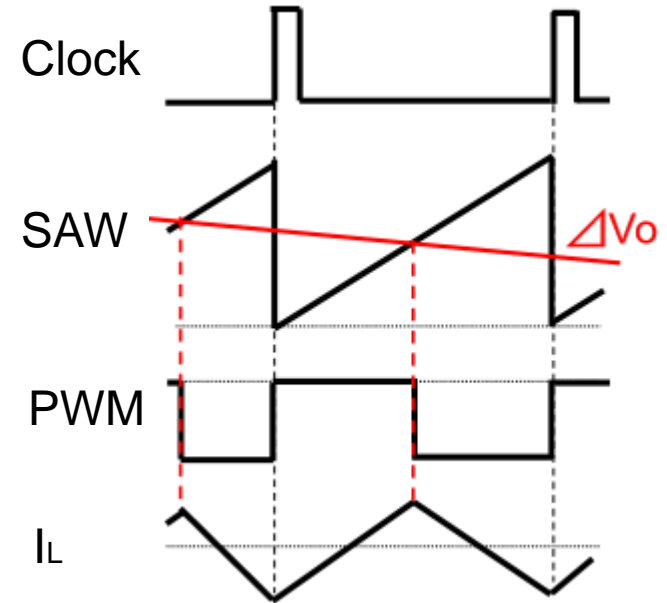
Large current

High frequency

Basic Buck Converter



6-1 Basic buck converter basic configuration



6-2 Operation waveforms

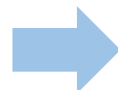
- Saw-tooth signal is generated by external clock
- PWM is generated by comparing ΔV and SAW signal
- SW is controlled by PWM signal

PWM: Pulse Width Modulation
SAW: Saw-Tooth

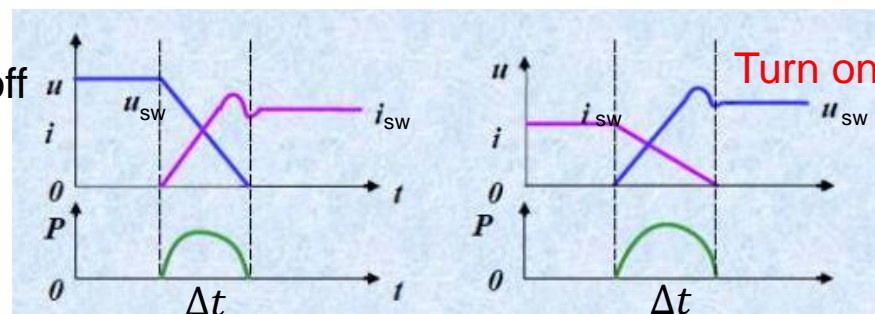
Basic Buck Converter

Switching loss

$$P_{sw} = \int_0^{\Delta t} I(t) \cdot V(t) dt$$



Turn off



a Turn-off process

b Turn-on process

7-1 Hard Switching

During switching

- The voltage and current are not zero, and overlap was appeared \Rightarrow switching loss
- The voltage and current change rapidly, and the waveform is overshoot \Rightarrow switching noise

Merits

- High efficiency
- Downsizing
- Gives off little heat

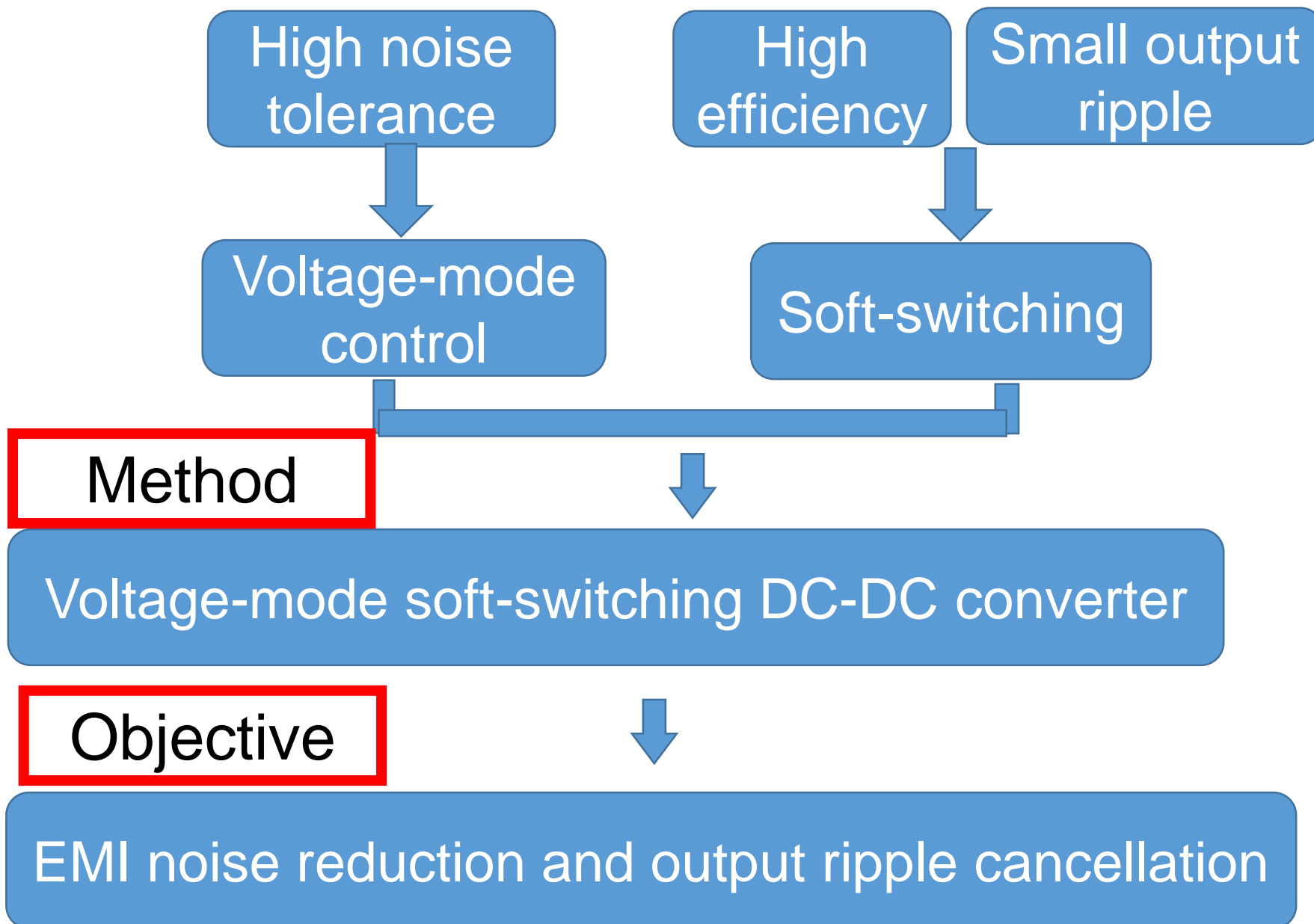


Demerits

- Large switching noise
- Large output ripple
- EMI due to high di/dt and dv/dt

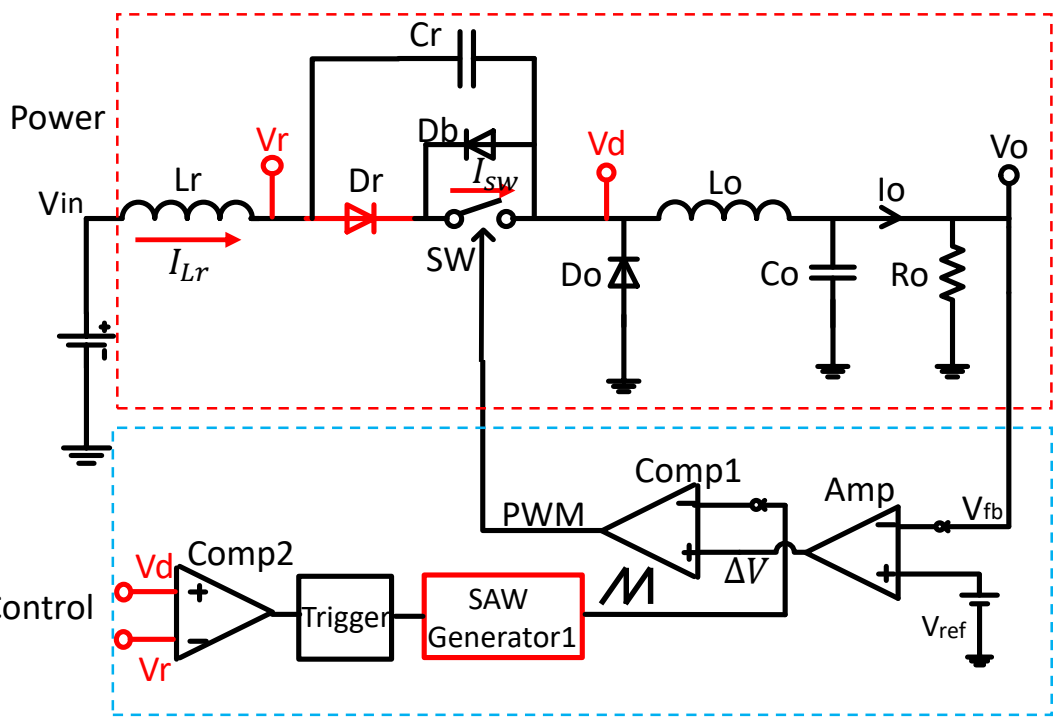
No good

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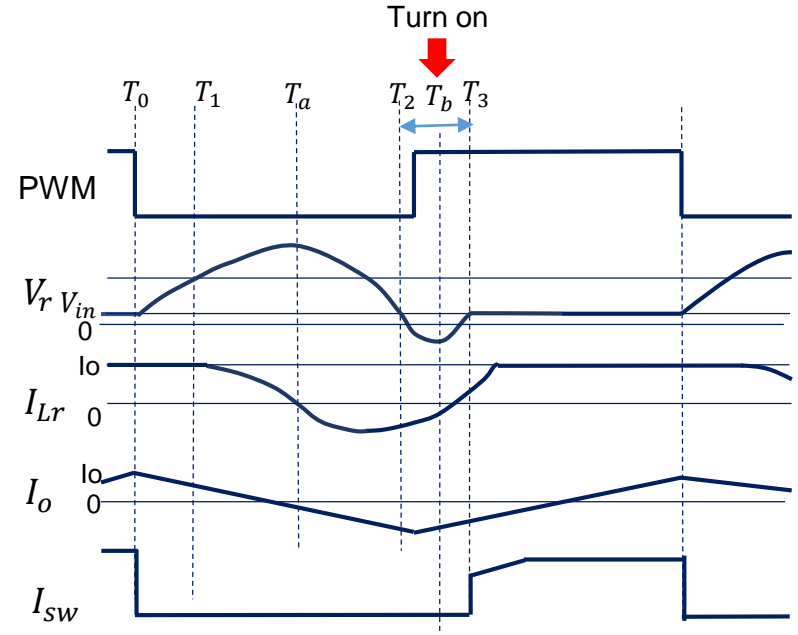


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Full-wave Type Voltage-mode Soft-Switching Converter



10-1 Full-wave type soft-switching Converter



10-2 Key Waveform

Added

- Resonant inductor L_r & Resonant Capacitor C_r
- Diode D_r (Full-wave type)

SAW is generated **without clock** \Rightarrow SAW is triggered & PWM turns on, when $V_r = V_d$

Full-wave Type Voltage-mode Soft-Switching Converter

- T1 The switch turns off when Vr is nearly 0
- T2 The switch turns on when Isw is nearly 0

Switching loss

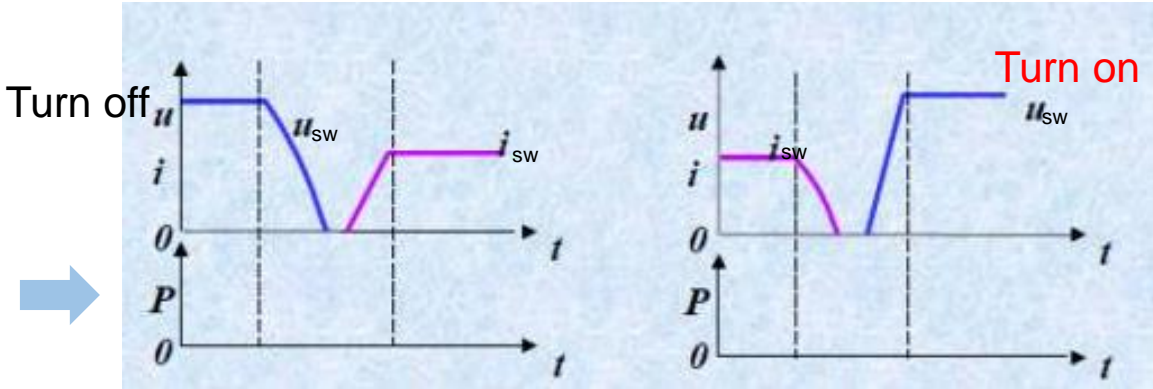
$$P_{sw} = \int_0^{\Delta t} I(t) \cdot V(t) dt = 0$$



Soft-switching is achieved




Reduce switching loss



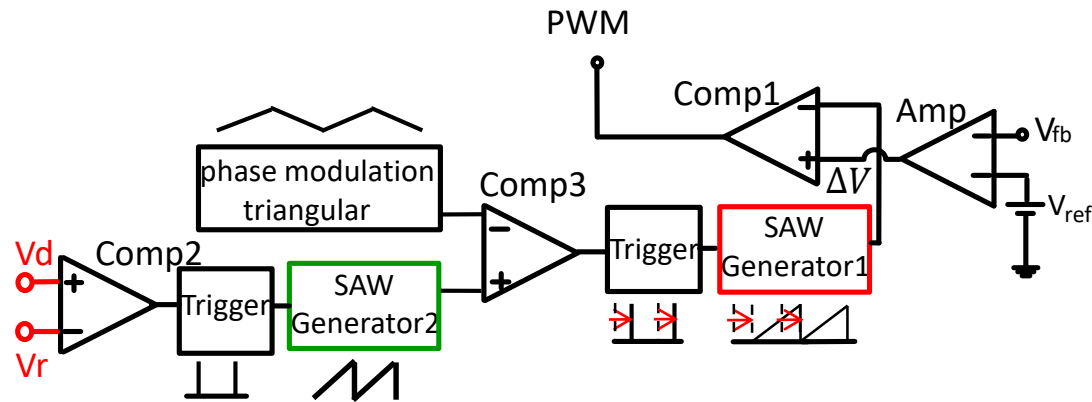
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11-1 Soft Switching

Merits

- Low EMI
- Lower losses
- Allows high frequency operation



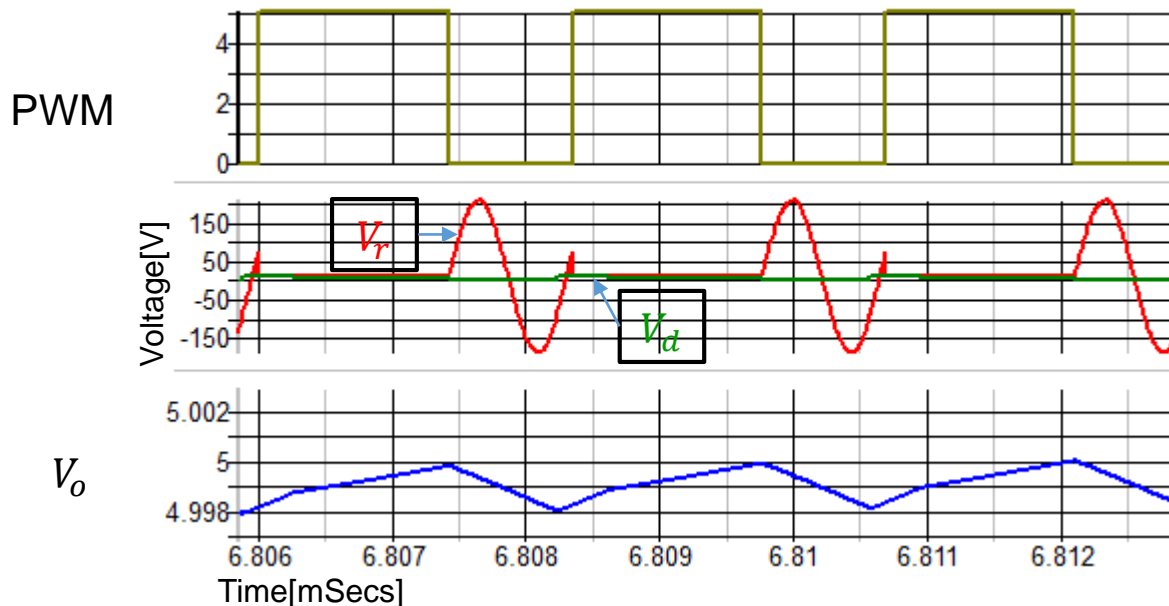
EMI Reduction with Spread Spectrum



12-1 EMI reduction modulation circuit

V_{in}	10.0V
V_o	5.0V
I_o	0.25A
L_o	200 μ H
C_o	470 μ F
F_{ck}	500kHz

12-2 Parameter values in simulation

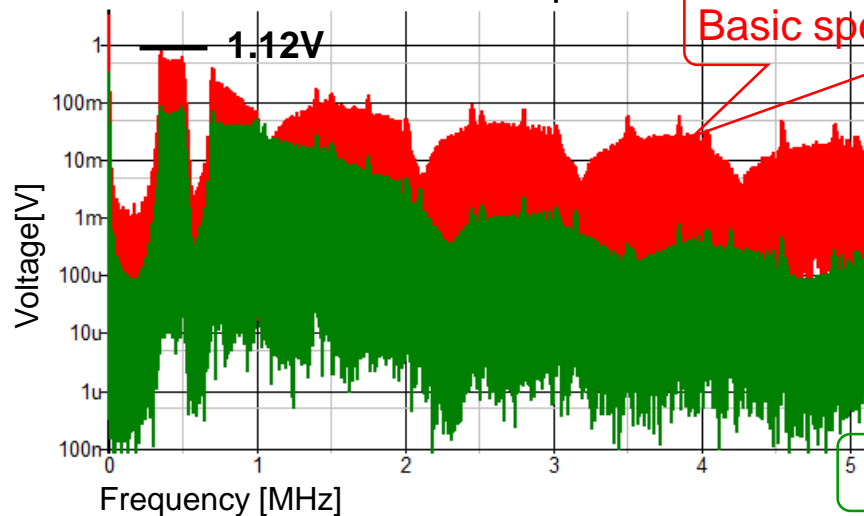
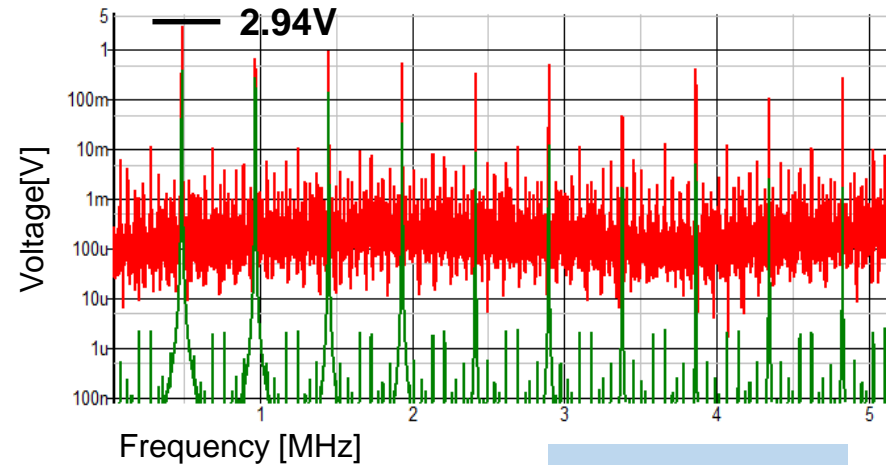
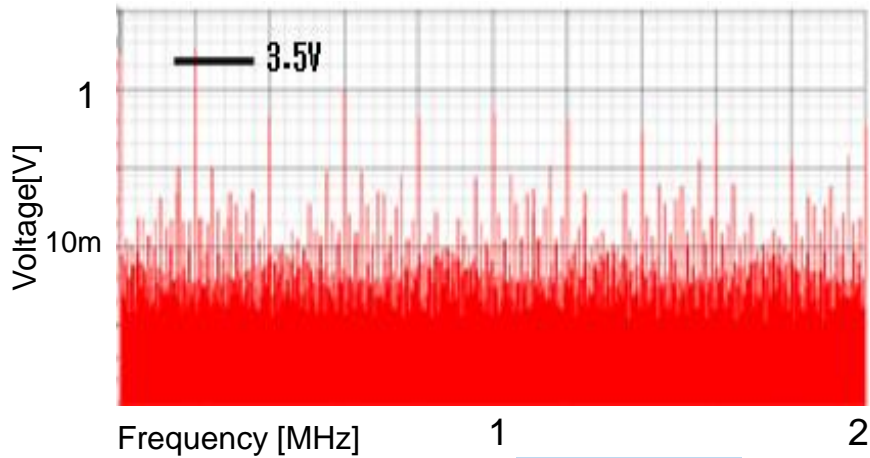


12-3 Simulation waveforms in EMI reduction modulation circuit

Evaluation index

- Spectrum
- Output ripple
- ZVS operation

Spread Spectrum Comparison

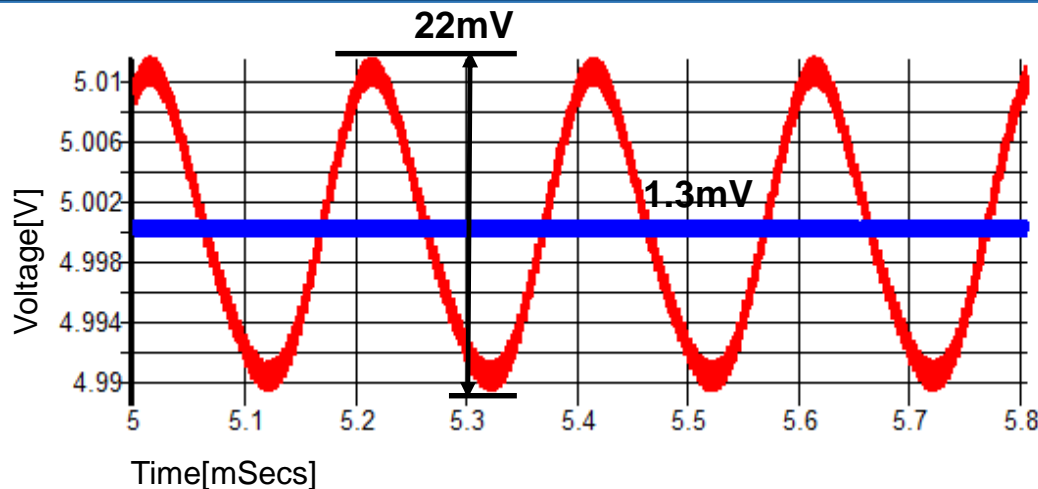


➤ Peak level \Rightarrow reduced from 3.5V \Rightarrow 2.94V \Rightarrow 1.12V

➤ Conduction noise \Rightarrow reduced from 359mV \Rightarrow 132mV

good

Output Ripple in Soft-switching Converter ¹⁴



14-1 Soft-switching converter output ripple

— Output ripple ΔV_o without EMI reduction

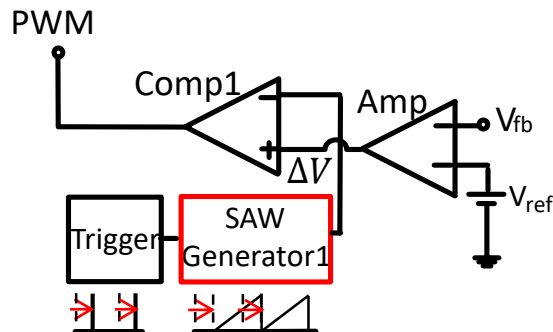
— Output ripple ΔV_o with EMI reduction

Output ripple



Increment **Not good**
Need improvement

The **reason** for ripple increase



Phase modulation the start timing of the SAW



Duty ratio of the PWM signal was also modulated

14-2 Phase modulation of SAW

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Output Ripple Cancellation with EMI Reduction¹⁶

Full-wave type soft-switching converter

PWM duty ratio D :

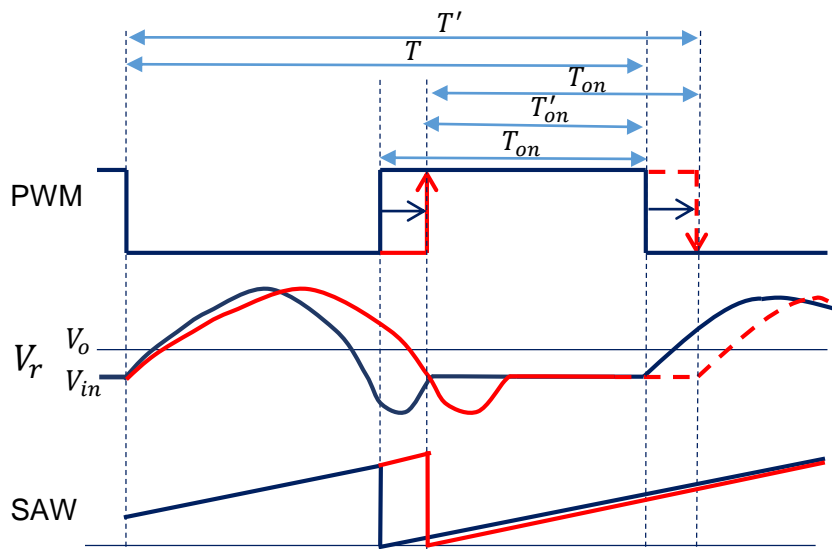
$$D = \frac{T_r}{T_o} \quad (T_r: \text{Resonance time}, T_o: \text{Operating cycle})$$

In the EMI reduction method: **modulated**

$$D' = \frac{T_r'}{T} = \frac{T_r + \Delta T_r}{T} \quad D \neq D' \Rightarrow D > D'$$

The ripple cancellation method (let duty constant):

$$D'' = \frac{T_r'}{T'} = \frac{T_r + \Delta T_r}{T + \Delta T} = D'$$

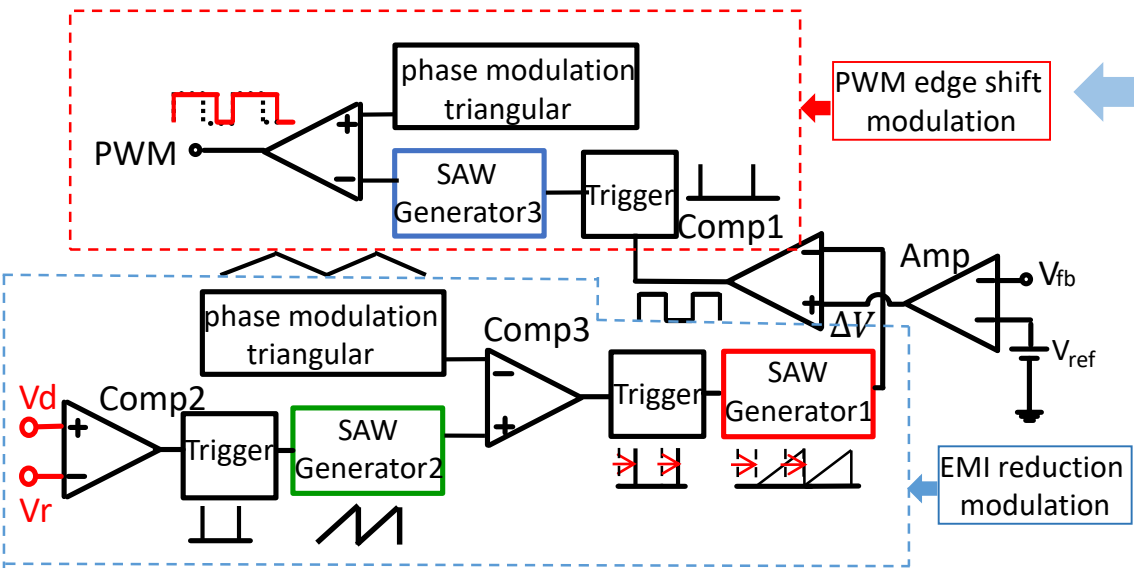


T_{off} delay \Rightarrow Duty changed

Let duty constant $\Rightarrow T_{on}$ extension

Operation cycle changed
in the opposite direction

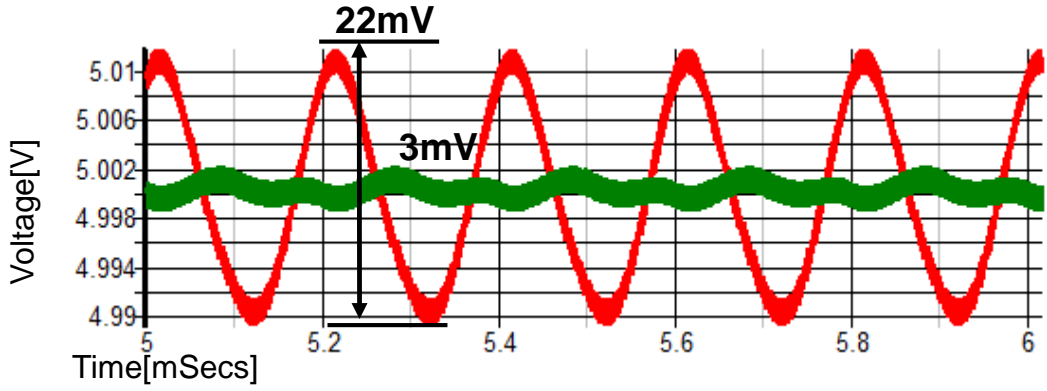
Output Ripple Cancellation with EMI Reduction



Cancel the modulated duty ratio with other signals

The change in the duty ratio changed in the cancel direction

17-1 Circuit of the output ripple cancellation method



EMI reduction 22mV ⇒ ripple cancellation 3mV

Very small

17-2 Output ripple with EMI reduction (red) and ripple cancellation (green)

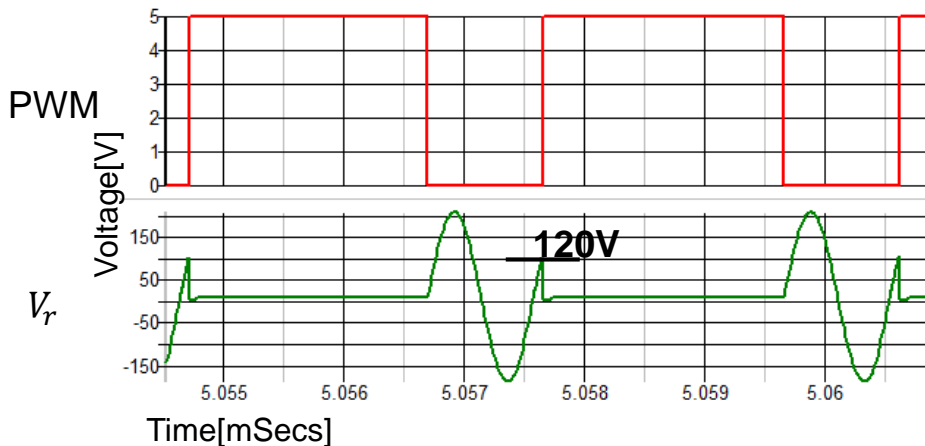
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Improvement of ZVS Operation

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full-wave type voltage-mode resonant switch control

- Spectrum \Rightarrow Good 😊
- Output ripple \Rightarrow improved 😊
- ZVS operation \Rightarrow **waiting for solution**



19-1 Circuit of the output ripple cancellation method

PWM : phase modulated by shifting
($V_d = V_r$)



On-timing of the SW for realizing
ZVS is delayed



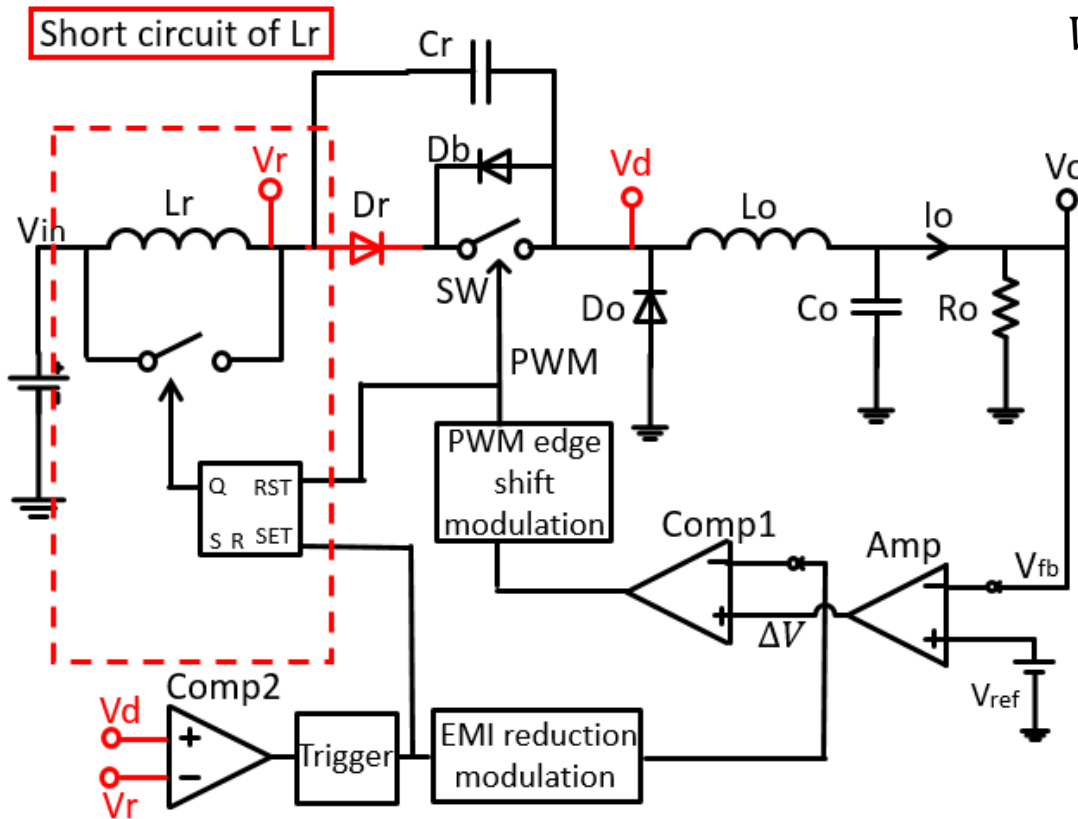
Resonant voltage V_r causes
over-resonant \Rightarrow 120V



Need to

Cancel this **over-resonant** while
keeping EMI reduction and
ripple cancellation enabled

Improvement of ZVS Operation with Ripple Cancellation Circuit



20-1 ZVS operation improvement circuit

ZVS operation: need to maintain the $V_r = V_d$ even during the **over-resonant** period

↓ Method

Timing from $V_r = V_d$ to **SW ON**

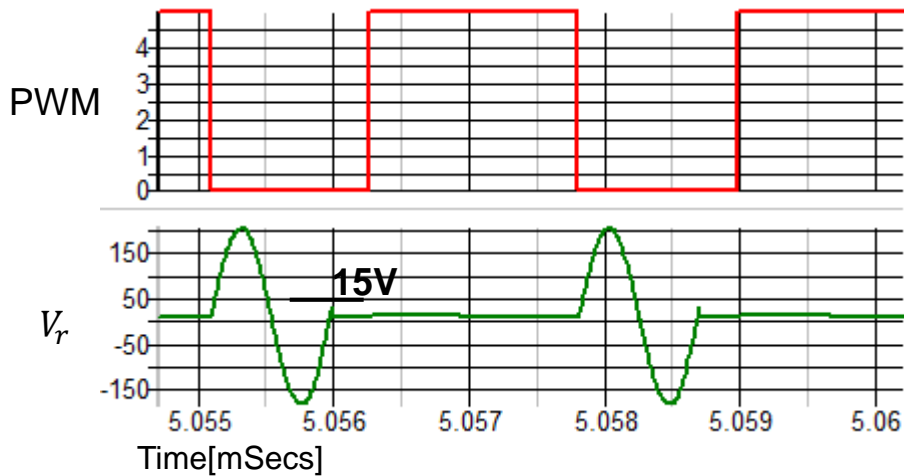
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Short both ends of the L_r to maintain the current value of I_{Lr}

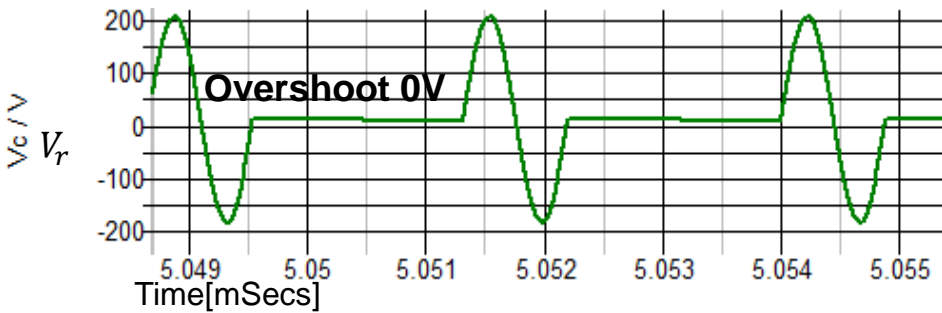
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C_r is stopped and resonance voltage is maintained at 0V

Waveforms of ZVS Operation Improvement ²¹



21-1 Waveforms of ZVS operation improvement



21-2 Simulation of the resonant voltage improvement

The control pulse of SW is turned off simultaneously with the on-timing of the PWM signal



Resonance voltage \Rightarrow **small overshoot** = 15V

Still big

Reason

Delay time until L_r is shorted after detection of $V_r = V_d$

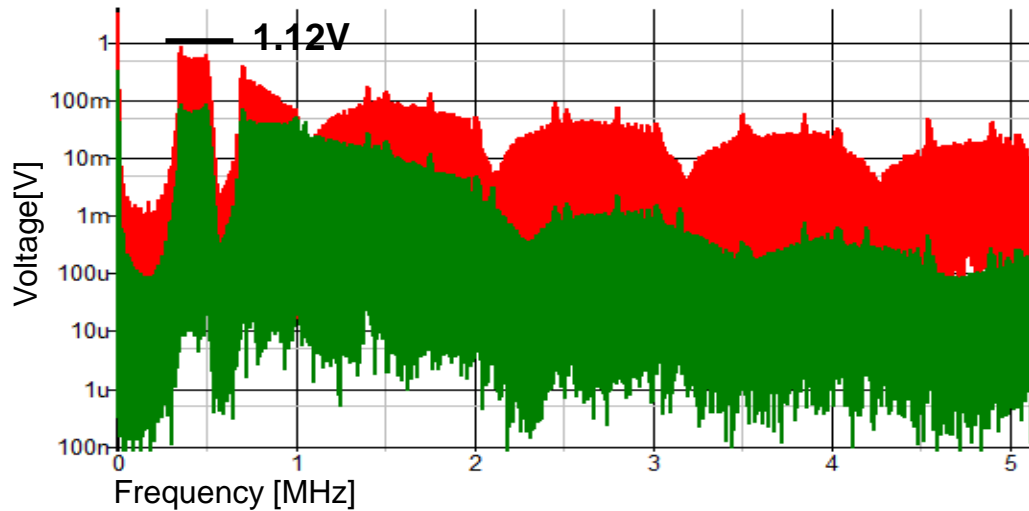


Method



Set the V_d to be low about -5V than compared with V_r

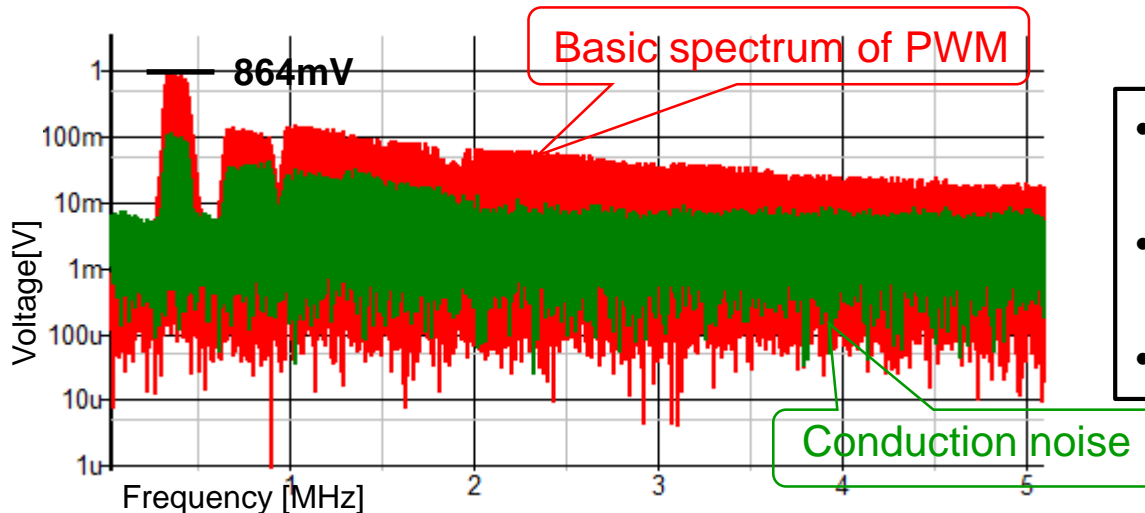
Simulation Result with ZVS Improvement ²²



➤ Peak level \Rightarrow reduced from 1.12V \Rightarrow 864mV
About 2.3dB reduction

➤ Conduction noise \Rightarrow Almost the same in Low frequency

11-3 Spread spectrum of the soft-switching converter output



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- Spectrum \Rightarrow Better
- Output ripple \Rightarrow improved
- ZVS operation \Rightarrow achieved

22-2 Spectrum of ZVS improvement circuit

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- We have proposed the output ripple cancelation method for the EMI reduction full-wave type soft-switching converter

➤ EMI reduction (spectrum peak level)

Buck type Normal soft switching Spread spectrum ZVS improvement
3.5V \Rightarrow 2.94V \Rightarrow 1.12V \Rightarrow 864mV

➤ Conducted noise

Normal soft switching Spread spectrum of soft switching
359mV \Rightarrow 132mV

➤ Output ripple

Very small : 3mV

Thank you for listening