

# PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF FLYBACK CONVERTER

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**Abstract:** Steady-state (DC) analysis of the flyback PWM dc-to-dc converter is performed for continuous conduction mode (CCM). The equations for the device stresses and the component values are derived. The circuit is designed and simulated with the aid of P-SPICE. The effect of transformer leakage inductance and the MOSFET output capacitance on switching losses is investigated. The ringing in the output voltage waveform of the power MOSFET switch is observed. The resonant behavior is analyzed and presented in this work.

**Key Words:** Flyback PWM dc-to-dc Converter  
Continuous Conduction Mode (CCM),  
MOSFET Output Capacitance, Transformer  
Coupling Coefficient, Switching Losses

## I. INTRODUCTION

Flyback converter [1]-[9], an isolated version of buck-boost converter, is widely used for low power applications, typically from 20 to 200 W ranges. A detailed analysis of such a circuit is highly important with respect to the design and selection of devices, specifically power MOSFET, power diode, transformer and the filter capacitor. The objective of this paper is to derive design equations and to investigate the effect of transformer leakage inductance and MOSFET output capacitance on switching losses of the flyback converter for CCM operation. Section II describes the circuit operation and steady-state analysis of the converter for continuous conduction mode (CCM) [1]. The design equations for the energy storing elements are derived and a procedure for selecting the diode and the power MOSFET is suggested in Section III. P-SPICE simulation result based on an example from Section III is also presented. In Section IV, the transformer and the power MOSFET is modeled and the circuit is analyzed to show the effect of parasitics on the switching losses. Switching simulation using P-SPICE and its results follow in Section V.

## II. STEADY-STATE (DC) ANALYSIS

The circuit diagram for the classic pulse width modulated (PWM) dc-to-dc flyback converter topology is shown in Fig. 1. The power MOSFET  $S$  is used as a controlled

switch and the diode  $D_1$  is used as an uncontrolled switch. Capacitor  $C$  is the filter capacitor and  $R_L$  is the load resistance.

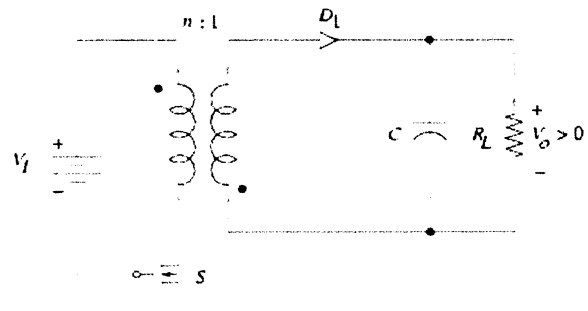


Figure 1. Classic Flyback Converter

The power MOSFET is driven by an external driver. The transformer (coupled inductors) performs two functions: provides dc isolation, stores magnetic energy required for power conversion and changes the voltage level given by the transformer turns ratio  $n$ . The polarity of the secondary winding of the transformer is chosen so as to obtain a positive output voltage. In this paper, the analysis is performed assuming the switches are ideal and neglecting the effects of parasitic components. The two time intervals are classified based on the state of the power MOSFET switch. The ratio of  $t_{on}$  to  $T$  is defined as the duty ratio  $D$ , where  $t_{on}$  is the ON time of the switch and  $T$  is the total time period of one switching cycle.

### A. Interval 1 ( $0 \leq t \leq DT$ )

During the first time interval, the switch  $S$  is ON and the diode  $D_1$  is OFF. The equivalent circuit for this time interval is shown in Fig. 2(a). When the switch is ON, the voltage across the diode  $v_D$  is equal to  $-(V_i/n + V_o)$ , causing the diode  $D_1$  to be reverse biased, where  $V_i$  is the input voltage,  $n$  is the transformer primary to secondary turns ratio, and  $V_o$  is the output voltage. Hence, secondary current  $i_2$  and the diode current  $i_D$  equals zero. Primary current  $i_1$  is also zero, given by

$$i_1 = -\frac{i_2}{n} = 0. \quad (1)$$

The voltage across the magnetizing inductance  $L_m$  is given by

$$v_{Lm} = V_i. \quad (2)$$

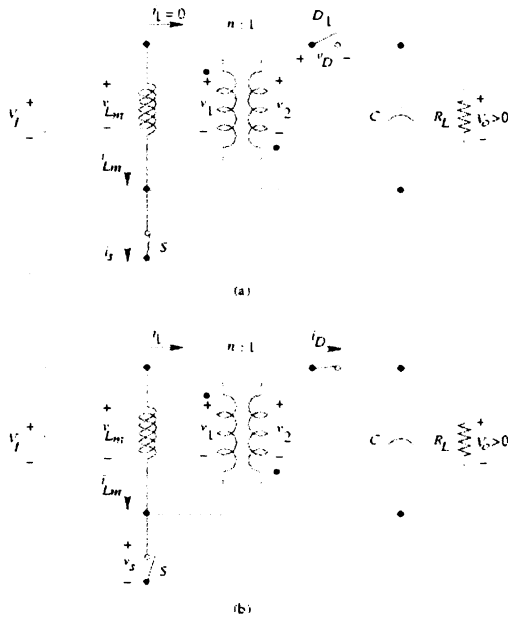


Figure 2. Flyback Equivalent Circuits.

(a) When the Switch is ON. (b) When the Switch is OFF

The current through the magnetizing inductance  $i_{Lm}$  ramps up with a slope of  $V_1/L_m$ . The switch current  $i_s$  equals the magnetizing inductance current  $i_{Lm}$  given by

$$i_s = i_{Lm} = \frac{1}{L_m} \int_0^t V_1 dt + i_{Lm}(0)$$

$$= \frac{V_1}{L_m} (t) + i_{Lm}(0), \quad (3)$$

where  $i_{Lm}(0)$  is the initial current in the magnetizing inductance at time  $t = 0$ . The peak current of the magnetizing inductance is

$$i_{Lm}(DT) = \frac{V_1 D}{L_m f_s} + i_{Lm}(0), \quad (4)$$

where  $f_s$  is the switching frequency given by the equation  $f_s = 1/T$ . The peak-to-peak value of the ripple current  $\Delta i_{Lm}$  through the magnetizing inductance is

$$\Delta i_{Lm} = i_{Lm}(DT) - i_{Lm}(0)$$

$$= \frac{V_1 DT}{L_m} = \frac{V_1 D}{f_s L_m}. \quad (5)$$

This time interval is terminated at time  $t = DT$ , when the switch is turned off by an external driver. The current through the magnetizing inductance is a continuous function of time and as  $i_{Lm}(DT)$  is non-zero at switch turn-off, it acts as a current source turning the diode ON. The idealized waveforms for both time intervals are shown in Fig. 3.

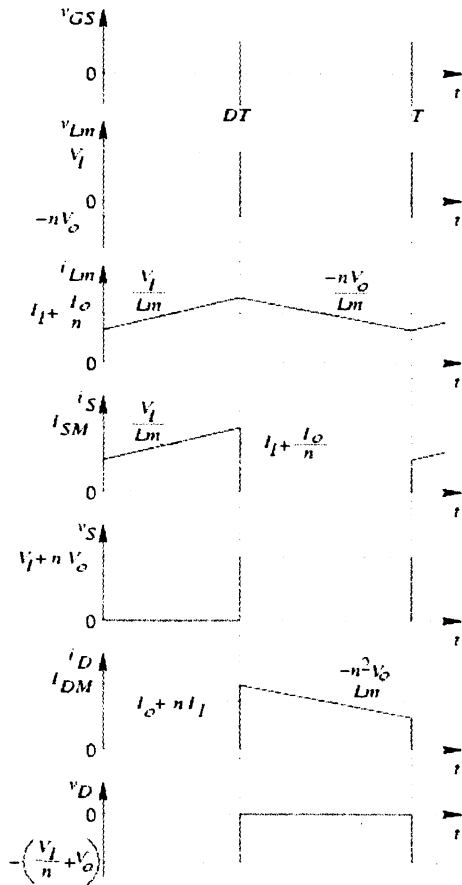


Figure 3. Idealized Voltage and Current Waveforms for CCM Operation.

#### B. Interval 2 ( $DT \leq t \leq T$ )

During this time interval, the switch  $S$  is OFF and the diode  $D_1$  is ON. Fig. 2(b) shows an ideal equivalent circuit for this time interval. The switch current  $i_s$  and the diode voltage  $v_D$  are zero. The voltage across the secondary of the transformer is

$$v_2 = V_o, \quad (6)$$

resulting in the voltage across the primary winding of the transformer as

$$v_1 = -nv_2 = -nV_o. \quad (7)$$

Therefore, the voltage across the magnetizing inductance is

$$v_{Lm} = -nV_o. \quad (8)$$

The current through the magnetizing inductance is found as

$$i_{Lm} = \frac{1}{L_m} \int_{DT}^t (-nV_o) dt + i_{Lm}(DT)$$

$$= -\frac{nV_o}{L_m}(t - DT) + \frac{V_l D}{f_s L_m} + i_{Lm}(0), \quad (9)$$

where  $i_{Lm}(DT)$  is the initial current of the magnetizing inductance at time  $t = DT$ . The current in the magnetizing inductance falls with a slope of  $-nV_o / L_m$ . The peak-to-peak value of the ripple current  $\Delta i_{Lm}$  through the magnetizing inductance is

$$\Delta i_{Lm} = i_{Lm}(DT) - i_{Lm}(T)$$

$$= \frac{nV_o T(1-D)}{L_m} = \frac{nV_o(1-D)}{f_s L_m}. \quad (10)$$

As the switch  $S$  is open, the switch current  $i_s$  is zero. Therefore, the primary current in the ideal transformer is

$$i_1 = -i_{Lm}. \quad (11)$$

This leads to the secondary current  $i_2$  and the diode current  $i_D$  as

$$i_D = i_2 = -ni_1 = ni_{Lm}. \quad (12)$$

This time interval is terminated at time  $t = T$ , when the switch is turned on by an external driver.

### III. EQUATIONS FOR DEVICE STRESSES AND COMPONENT VALUES

#### A. DC Voltage Transfer Function

In order to express the voltage and the current stresses of the diode  $D_1$  and the switch  $S$  in terms of the duty ratio  $D$ , the dc voltage transfer function of *lossless converter*  $M_{VDC}$  for CCM is derived as follows: Referring to the voltage waveform of the magnetizing inductance  $L_m$  and applying the volt-second balance from Faraday's law, we have

$$DTV_l = (1-D)TnV_o, \quad (13)$$

resulting in

$$M_{VDC} = \frac{V_o}{V_l} = \frac{D}{n(1-D)}. \quad (14)$$

The dc current transfer function is

$$M_{IDC} = \frac{I_o}{I_l} = \frac{n(1-D)}{D}, \quad (15)$$

where  $I_o$  and  $I_l$  are the converter output and input currents, respectively. The converter efficiency  $\eta$  is now considered and the dc voltage transfer function of *lossy converter* ( $M_{VDC(lossy)}$ ) is derived as follows: The converter efficiency as a ratio of output power  $P_o$  to the input power  $P_l$  can be expressed as

$$\eta = \frac{P_o}{P_l} = \frac{V_o I_o}{V_l I_l} = M_{VDC} M_{IDC}$$

$$= \frac{n(1-D)M_{VDC}}{D}, \quad (16)$$

from which

$$M_{VDC(lossy)} = \frac{\eta}{M_{IDC}} = \frac{\eta D}{n(1-D)}. \quad (17)$$

#### B. Device Stresses

During the first time interval, the peak value of the diode reverse voltage  $V_{DM}$  is

$$V_{DM} = -\left(\frac{V_l}{n} + V_o\right) = -\frac{V_o}{D}, \quad (18)$$

from which

$$V_{DM(max)} = -\left(\frac{V_{l(max)}}{n} + V_o\right) = -\frac{V_o}{D_{min}}. \quad (19)$$

The peak value of the switch current  $I_{SM}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} I_{SM} &= I_l + \frac{I_o}{n} + \frac{\Delta i_{Lm}}{2} \\ &= \frac{I_o}{n(1-D)} + \frac{\Delta i_{Lm}}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_{SM(max)} &= I_{l(max)} + \frac{I_o}{n} + \frac{\Delta i_{Lm(max)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{I_{o(max)}}{n(1-D_{max})} + \frac{\Delta i_{Lm(max)}}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

During the second time interval, the peak voltage across the switch  $V_{SM}$  is given by

$$V_{SM} = V_l + nV_o = \frac{nV_o}{D}, \quad (22)$$

resulting in the maximum value of the peak voltage across the switch as

$$V_{SM(max)} = V_{l(max)} + nV_o = \frac{nV_o}{D_{min}}. \quad (23)$$

The peak diode current  $I_{DM}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} I_{DM} &= nI_l + I_o + \frac{n\Delta i_{Lm}}{2} \\ &= \frac{I_o}{(1-D)} + \frac{n\Delta i_{Lm}}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

This leads to

$$I_{DM(max)} = nI_{I(max)} + I_{O(max)} + \frac{n\Delta i_{Lm(max)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{I_{O(max)}}{(1-D_{max})} + \frac{n\Delta i_{Lm(max)}}{2}. \quad (25)$$

### C. Component Values

The minimum value of the magnetizing inductance  $L_{m(min)}$  for CCM operation is derived as follows: Using (10) and (14), the maximum value of peak-to-peak ripple current  $\Delta i_{Lm(max)}$  of the magnetizing inductance is

$$\Delta i_{Lm(max)} = \frac{nV_o(1-D_{min})}{f_s L_{m(min)}}. \quad (26)$$

The dc output power at the boundary  $P_{OB}$  of continuous conduction mode (CCM) and discontinuous mode (DCM) is

$$P_{OB} = \frac{W_{OB}}{T} = f_s W_{OB}$$

$$= \frac{f_s L_{m(min)} \Delta i_{Lm(max)}^2}{2}, \quad (27)$$

where  $W_{OB}$  is the energy transferred from the input dc voltage source  $V_i$  to the magnetizing inductance during one cycle for the boundary case. The dc power transferred from the converter to the load  $R_L$  can be expressed as

$$P_{OB} = \frac{V_o^2}{R_{L(max)}}. \quad (28)$$

Substituting (26) into (27) and equating it to (28), the minimum value of the magnetizing inductance  $L_{m(min)}$  is found as

$$L_{m(min)} = \frac{n^2 R_{L(max)} (1-D_{min})^2}{2 f_s I_{O(min)}}. \quad (29)$$

The filter capacitor is modeled by its capacitance  $C$  and its equivalent series resistance (ESR) denoted by  $r_C$ . The equation for minimum value of filter capacitance is derived as follows: The dc component of the diode current equals the dc load current  $I_o$ . The ac component of the diode current is approximated to the peak-to-peak value of the capacitor current  $I_{C_{pp}}$ , which is

$$I_{C_{pp}} = I_{DM} \approx nI_I + I_o = \frac{I_o}{(1-D)}, \quad (30)$$

resulting in the peak-to-peak value of the voltage across  $r_C$  as

$$V_{rcpp} = r_C I_{C_{pp}} \approx \frac{r_C I_{O(max)}}{(1-D_{max})}. \quad (31)$$

The peak-to-peak value of the output ripple voltage  $V_r$  is usually specified as a percentage of the output voltage. Hence, the maximum peak-to-peak value of the ac component of the voltage across the capacitance  $C$  is found as

$$V_{cpp} \approx V_r - V_{rcpp}. \quad (32)$$

On the other hand, this voltage is approximately given by

$$V_{cpp} = \frac{\Delta Q_{max}}{C_{min}}$$

$$= \frac{I_{O(max)} D_{max} T}{C_{min}} = \frac{V_o D_{max}}{f_s R_{L(min)} C_{min}}, \quad (33)$$

where  $\Delta Q_{max}$  is the charge decrease during the time interval from zero to  $DT$ . Rearranging (33), we have

$$C_{min} = \frac{I_{O(max)} D_{max}}{f_s V_{cpp}} = \frac{V_o D_{max}}{f_s R_{L(min)} V_{cpp}}. \quad (34)$$

### D. Design Example

An example is illustrated for the following design. A power supply that accepts a single-phase line voltage from 85 to 264 V<sub>rms</sub> at frequencies 50 to 400 Hz is desired. The output voltage  $V_o$  required is 5 V, and the load current  $I_o$  varies from 1 to 10 A. The output ripple voltage  $V_r$  is to be less than or equal to one percent of output voltage  $V_o$ .

Design Solution: The maximum and minimum output powers are

$$P_{O(max)} = V_o I_{O(max)} = 5 \times 10 = 50 \text{ W},$$

$$P_{O(min)} = V_o I_{O(min)} = 5 \times 1 = 5 \text{ W}. \quad (35)$$

The minimum and maximum load resistances are

$$R_{L(min)} = \frac{V_o}{I_{O(max)}} = \frac{5}{10} = 0.5 \Omega,$$

$$R_{L(max)} = \frac{V_o}{I_{O(min)}} = \frac{5}{1} = 5 \Omega. \quad (36)$$

The minimum and maximum dc input voltages are

$$V_{I(min)} = 85 \times \sqrt{2} = 120.21 \text{ V},$$

$$V_{I(max)} = 264 \times \sqrt{2} = 373.35 \text{ V}. \quad (37)$$

From which, the minimum and the maximum values of dc voltage transfer functions are

$$M_{VDC(min)} = \frac{V_o}{V_{I(max)}} = \frac{5}{373.35} = 0.01339,$$

$$M_{VDC(max)} = \frac{V_o}{V_{I(min)}} = \frac{5}{120.21} = 0.04159. \quad (38)$$

Assuming the converter efficiency  $\eta = 80\%$  and  $D_{max} = 0.36$ , the transformer turns ratio  $n$  is found as

$$n = \frac{\eta D_{max}}{(1 - D_{max}) M_{VDC(max)}} = \frac{0.8 \times 0.36}{(1 - 0.36) \times 0.04159} = 10.83 \quad (39)$$

Let  $n = 11$ .

The minimum and maximum duty ratios are

$$\begin{aligned} D_{min} &= \frac{n M_{VDC(min)}}{n M_{VDC(min)} + \eta} \\ &= \frac{(11 \times 0.01339)}{(11 \times 0.01339) + 0.8} = 0.1555, \\ D_{max} &= \frac{n M_{VDC(max)}}{n M_{VDC(max)} + \eta} \\ &= \frac{(11 \times 0.04159)}{(11 \times 0.04159) + 0.8} = 0.3638. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Assuming the switching frequency  $f_s = 100$  kHz, the minimum magnetizing inductance is

$$\begin{aligned} L_{m(min)} &= \frac{n^2 R_{L(max)} (1 - D_{min})^2}{2 f_s} \\ &= \frac{11^2 \times 5 \times (1 - 0.1555)^2}{2 \times 10^5} = 2.157 \text{ mH}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Using (26), the peak-to-peak value of the ac current through the magnetizing inductance is

$$\Delta i_{Lm(max)} = 0.1858 \text{ A}. \quad (42)$$

The maximum input current is given by

$$\begin{aligned} I_{I(max)} &= M_{VDC(max)} I_{O(max)} \\ &= 0.04159 \times 10 = 0.4159 \text{ A}. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

From the design specification, the ripple voltage is

$$V_r = \frac{V_o}{100} = \frac{5}{100} = 50 \text{ mV}. \quad (44)$$

Assuming  $V_{rcpp} = 40$  mV and  $V_{cpp} = 10$  mV, the maximum value of the ESR of the filter capacitor is found to be

$$\begin{aligned} r_{C(max)} &= \frac{V_{rcpp}}{I_{DM(max)}} \\ &= \frac{40 \times 10^{-3}}{15.597} = 2.56 \text{ m}\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

and the filter capacitor value is found using (34) as

$$C_{min} = 3.638 \text{ mF}. \quad (46)$$

In order to choose the power MOSFET and the diode, the stresses are found out using (23), (21) for the MOSFET and (19), (25) for the diode, which are

$$\begin{aligned} V_{SM(max)} &= 428.35 \text{ V}, \\ I_{SM(max)} &= 1.418 \text{ A}, \\ V_{DM(max)} &= 38.94 \text{ V}, \\ I_{DM(max)} &= 15.597 \text{ A}. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

#### E. Selection of Components

Based on the stresses calculated, an International Rectifier IRF840 power MOSFET is chosen whose drain-to-source breakdown voltage  $V_{DS} = 500$  V, and maximum continuous drain current  $I_{SM} = 8$  A. A Motorola MBR2540 Schottky barrier diode is chosen whose maximum forward current  $I_{DM} = 25$  A, and maximum blocking voltage  $V_{DM} = 40$  V. A standard value of capacitance  $C = 4$  mF, with a breakdown voltage capacity of 25 V and an equivalent series resistance  $r_C = 2.5$  m $\Omega$  is chosen. Since the design analysis is performed considering the magnetizing inductance on the primary side of the transformer, a value slightly more than that of the magnetizing inductance is chosen for the primary inductance  $L_1$ . Let  $L_1 = 2.163$  mH, from which the value of secondary inductance  $L_2$  is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \frac{L_1}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{2.163 \times 10^{-3}}{11^2} = 17.876 \text{ }\mu\text{H}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

The designed values calculated in Section III C are incorporated in the flyback converter, and the circuit is simulated with P-SPICE [2]. The converter is operated at a maximum duty ratio of  $D = 0.3638$  to get full load current  $I_O = 10$  A. The value of transformer coupling coefficient  $K = 1$  is chosen for ideality. The simulation output voltage  $V_o$  and the load current  $I_O$  of the converter obtained are shown in Fig. 4.

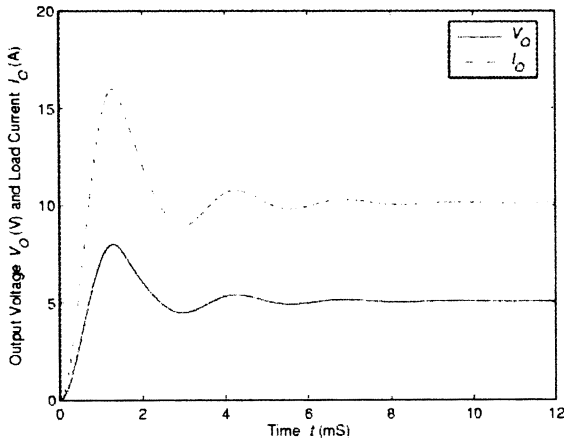


Figure 4. P-SPICE Simulation Output of Flyback Converter for CCM

#### IV. EFFECT OF PARASITICS ON SWITCHING LOSSES

A simple model of an ideal transformer and its magnetizing inductance  $L_m$  is considered for steady state analysis in Section II. Also, the power MOSFET switch is considered ideal. In this section, the transformer and the MOSFET parasitics are included and the MOSFET switching behavior is analyzed. The primary leakage inductance  $L_{l1}$  and the secondary leakage inductance  $L_{l2}$  is now considered and the transformer is re-modeled as shown in Fig. 5(a). Noting that the primary leakage current  $i_{Ll1}$ , magnetizing inductance current  $i_{Lm}$  and the primary winding current  $i_1$  is not altered, the primary leakage inductance  $L_{l1}$  is moved as shown in Fig. 5(b). The secondary leakage inductance  $L_{l2}$  is not moved. From [3], the expression of the primary leakage inductance  $L_{l1}$  in terms of the transformer coupling coefficient  $K$  is

$$L_{l1} = L_1 - nK\sqrt{L_1 L_2}, \quad (49)$$

where the transformer mutual inductance  $M$  is given by

$$M = K\sqrt{L_1 L_2}. \quad (50)$$

The power MOSFET is modeled as an output linear capacitance  $C_O$  in parallel with the series combination of an ideal switch and the MOSFET on-resistance  $r_{DS}$ . When the MOSFET is OFF, the ideal switch is open, charging the parasitic output capacitance  $C_O$ . When the MOSFET is ON, the ideal switch is closed, shorting the capacitor  $C_O$  through the on-resistance  $r_{DS}$ . The energy stored in the capacitor is dissipated in  $r_{DS}$  when the switch is on. The OFF-state MOSFET model is shown in Fig. 6. Assuming that the MOSFET output capacitance  $C_O$  is linear, the switching loss  $P_{sw}$  is expressed as

$$P_{sw} = f_s C_O V_{SM}^2 = f_s C_O (V_I + nV_O)^2. \quad (51)$$

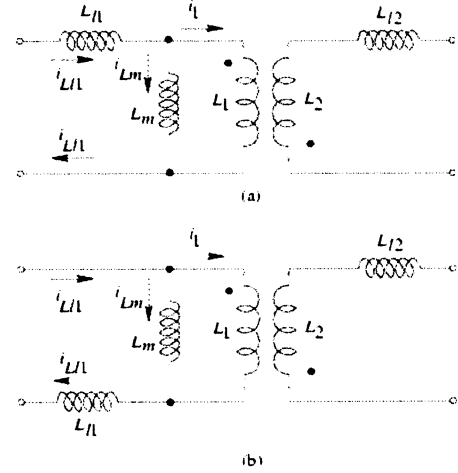


Figure 5. Transformer Models. (a) With Leakage Inductances. (b) Primary Leakage Inductance  $L_{l1}$  Moved

Using the transformer model of Fig. 5(b) and the MOSFET OFF-state model of Fig. 6, the flyback equivalent circuit for the time interval  $DT \leq t \leq T$  is shown in Fig. 7. At time  $t = DT$ , the power MOSFET switch is turned off, resulting in the series combination of transformer primary leakage inductance  $L_{l1}$  and the MOSFET output capacitance  $C_O$ . The energy of this series resonant circuit is transferred back and forth between  $L_{l1}$  and  $C_O$  creating high voltage transients across them. The resonating frequency is given by

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{l1} C_O}}. \quad (52)$$

Since the voltage across the capacitor  $C_O$  is the voltage across the switch, the peak switch voltage  $V_{SM}$  abruptly increases, thus affecting the switching losses as seen in (51). Also, the voltage stress across the switch is increased. A higher value of primary leakage inductance  $L_{l1}$  results in higher energy transfer and hence higher value of peak switch voltage  $V_{SM}$ . This energy has to be efficiently snubbed and transferred either to the input source or to the output load to increase the converter efficiency [4].

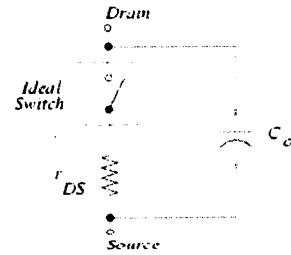


Figure 6. MOSFET OFF-State Model

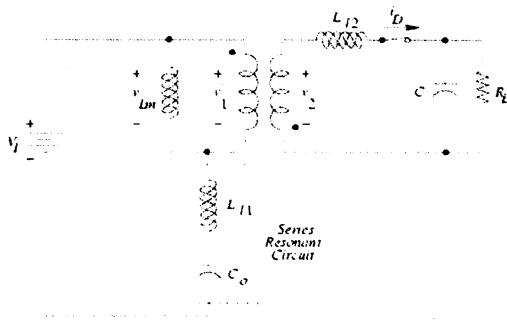


Figure 7. Flyback Equivalent Circuit with Transformer Primary Leakage Inductance and MOSFET Output Capacitance when the Switch is OFF.

## V. SWITCHING SIMULATION USING P-SPICE

Coupled inductors are used in place of the ideal transformer for P-SPICE simulation. Since coupled inductors are used, the value of the leakage inductance is easily varied by varying the transformer coupling coefficient  $K$  given by (49). The range of  $K$  is  $0 \leq K \leq 1$ .

When the value of  $K = 1$ , all the flux produced in either or both the transformer windings is linked to the other, resulting in no leakage flux and hence no leakage inductances. Any value of  $K$  less than one results in imperfect coupling and hence leakage inductances. The SPICE coupled inductor uses 'k' model [5]. This model assumes that when coupling coefficient is made less than one, the value of the primary leakage inductance equals the secondary leakage inductance. This assumption is valid when the windings of the transformer are physically symmetrical. Although this assumption is valid in rare cases, the coupled inductors are still maintained for the sake of simplicity. Table I shows the simulation values of the peak switch voltage  $V_{SM}$  as  $K$  is reduced from 1 to 0.98. The output voltage  $V_O$  is also observed.  $K$  is reduced in steps of 0.0002 from 0.9999 to 0.9989 and in steps of 0.1 from 0.99 to 0.98. Since the peak switch voltage is fairly constant between the values of  $K$  from 0.9989 to 0.99, the values in between are omitted. Using (22), the theoretical value of the peak switch voltage, when no leakage inductances are included, is calculated as 175.21 V.

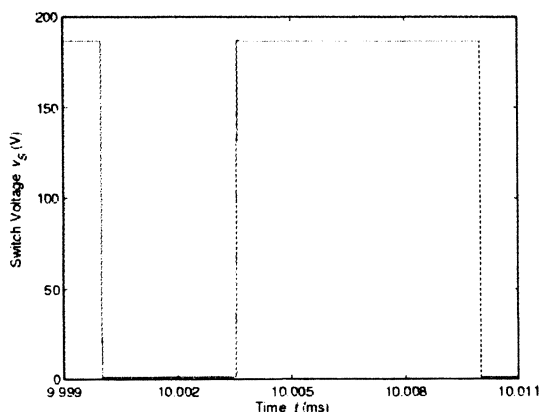


Figure 8. Switch Voltage Waveform for  $K = 1$ .

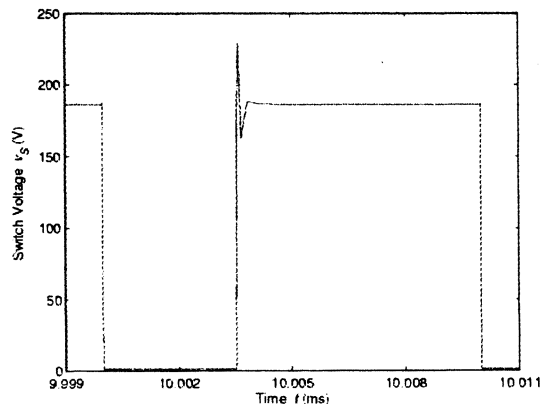


Figure 9. Switch Voltage Waveform for  $K = 0.9999$ .

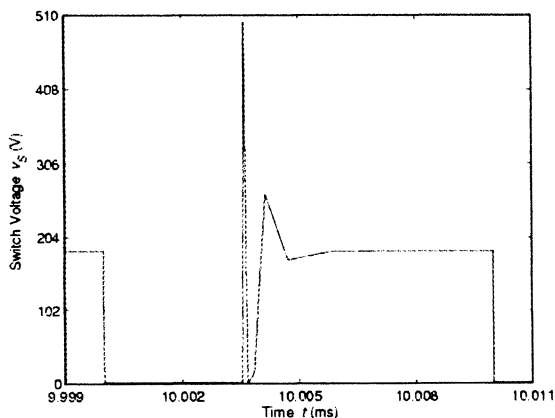


Figure 10. Switch Voltage Waveform for  $K = 0.9991$ .

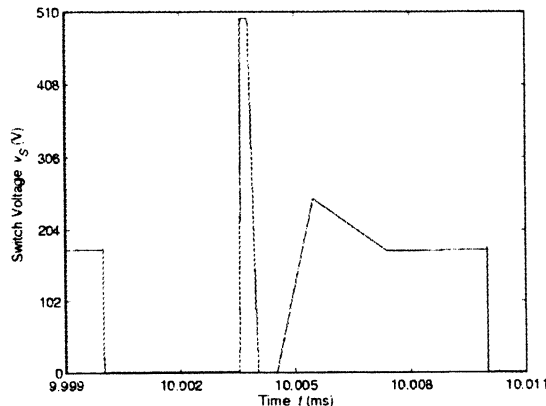


Figure 11. Switch Voltage Waveform for  $K = 0.9900$ .

TABLE I  
PEAK SWITCH VOLTAGES FOR VARIOUS VALUES  
OF TRANSFORMER COUPLING CO-EFFICIENT

$K$	$V_{SM}(V)$	$V_O(V)$
1.000	186.568	5.0744
0.9999	229.106	5.0615
0.9997	300.510	5.0356
0.9995	400.088	4.9853
0.9993	439.222	4.9535
0.9991	500.105	4.9372
0.9989	500.131	4.9479
0.9900	500.210	4.3471
0.9800	500.207	3.8888

The simulation value of the peak switch voltage at  $K = 1$  is found to be 186.568 V, with an acceptable error of 6.48 %. As seen in Table I, the peak switch voltage  $V_{SM}$  increases with a small decrease in the value of coupling coefficient  $K$ . Below a certain value of  $K$  (say 0.9991 in this case), the value of the peak switch voltage does not increase with decrease in  $K$ . This is because the power MOSFET switch IRF840 fails to remain OFF, as its maximum value of breakdown voltage  $V_{DSS} = 500$  V. For obvious reasons the output voltage  $V_O$  reduces. Figs. 8, 9, 10, and 11 show the waveforms of the switch voltage for selected values of  $K$ . Fig. 8 resembles the idealized waveform of the switch voltage whereas ringing is observed in Fig. 9. High voltage transients observed in the distorted switch voltage waveforms are depicted in Figs. 10 and 11. Fig. 12 shows the switching losses as a function primary leakage inductance. Switching loss increases as primary leakage inductance increases until the power MOSFET breaks down, after which it remains constant.

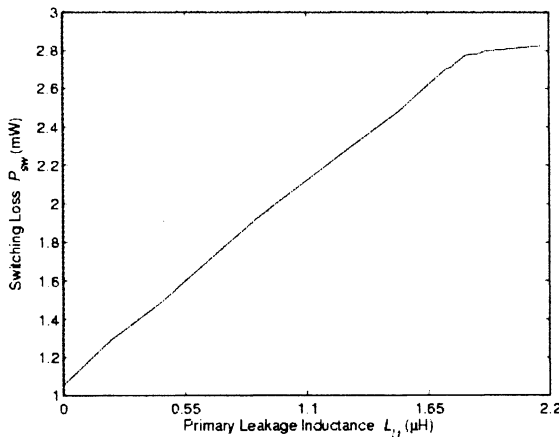


Figure 12. Switching Loss  $P_{sw}$  versus Primary Leakage Inductance  $L_{l1}$ .

In order to analyze the switching behavior when the power MOSFET does not breakdown, two cases are considered. Since the power MOSFET breakdown voltage is governed by (22), the input voltage is reduced to 60 V, and the switching simulation is performed. In this case, the power MOSFET still breaks down, but at a lesser value of  $K = 0.9976$ . In the other case, power MOSFET IRFPG50 is used, whose drain-to-source breakdown voltage  $V_{DSS} = 1000$  V and switching simulation is performed with input voltage  $V_I = 120.21$  V. This power MOSFET also breaks down at a value of  $K = 0.9958$ , which is lesser than the previous two cases.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

A detailed design procedure of the flyback converter for CCM operation has been presented. An example was illustrated and verified using P-SPICE. The effect of poor transformer coupling leading to an increased value of leakage inductance and hence power MOSFET voltage breakdown was demonstrated. From switching analysis, the transient behavior of the switch voltage due to the variation of coupling coefficient  $K$  was confirmed. The peak switch voltage was determined from simulation results and the switching power loss was estimated. From switching simulation, the following can be concluded

1. For a fixed value of input voltage  $V_I$ , and the transformer coupling coefficient  $K$ , a power MOSFET with higher voltage rating must be selected.
2. For a fixed value of coupling coefficient  $K$ , and a specific power MOSFET selected, the input voltage  $V_I$  has to be reduced.
3. For a fixed value of input voltage  $V_I$ , and a specific power MOSFET selected, the value of transformer coupling coefficient  $K$  is limited.

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