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Soft-switching multi-level power amplifier for High Voltage

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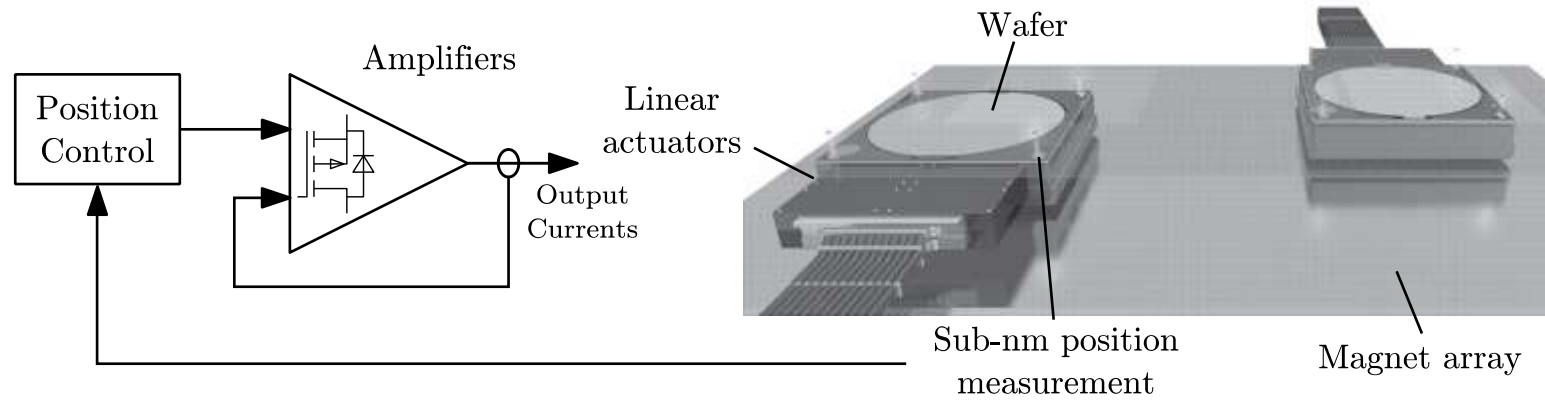
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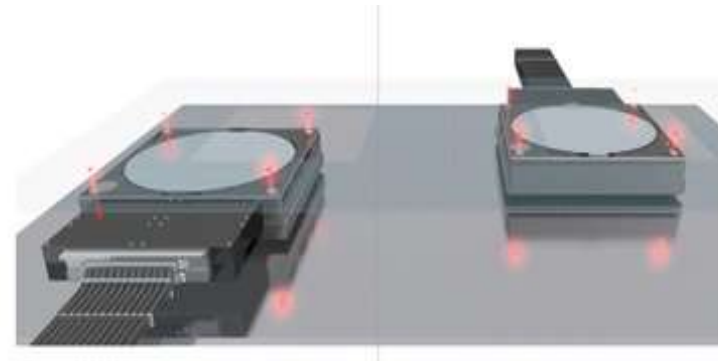
1. Introduction

- Amplifier in high precision motion control system
 - Performance indicators
 - Position error
 - Throughput
- Main challenge: high output power and high accuracy



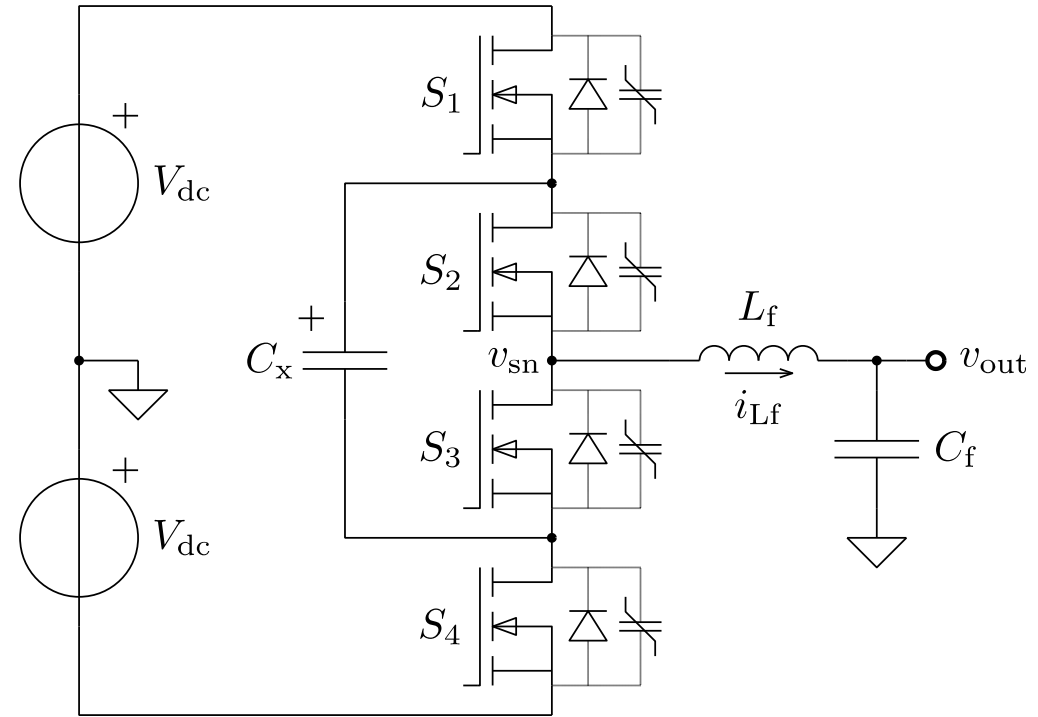
1. Introduction

- High output power → increase voltage instead of current
 - Bus voltage: 2 kV
 - Output current: 30 A_{rms} , 85 A_{pk}
 - High accuracy → increase switching frequency
 - Switching frequency: ≥ 100 kHz
 - Reduced size of filter components
- No fast HV switches available



2. Flying capacitor resonant pole inverter

- 4 switches connected in series
 - Redundant switching states
 - V_{Cx} regulated to V_{dc}
 - Voltage across switches limited to V_{dc}
- Use fast switches with lower voltage rating
- 1200V SiC MOSFETs
 - Increased output voltage: $V_{dc} = 1\text{ kV}$
 - High switching frequency: $f_{sw} \geq 100\text{ kHz}$
- 3-level switch-node voltage
- Trapezoidal filter current

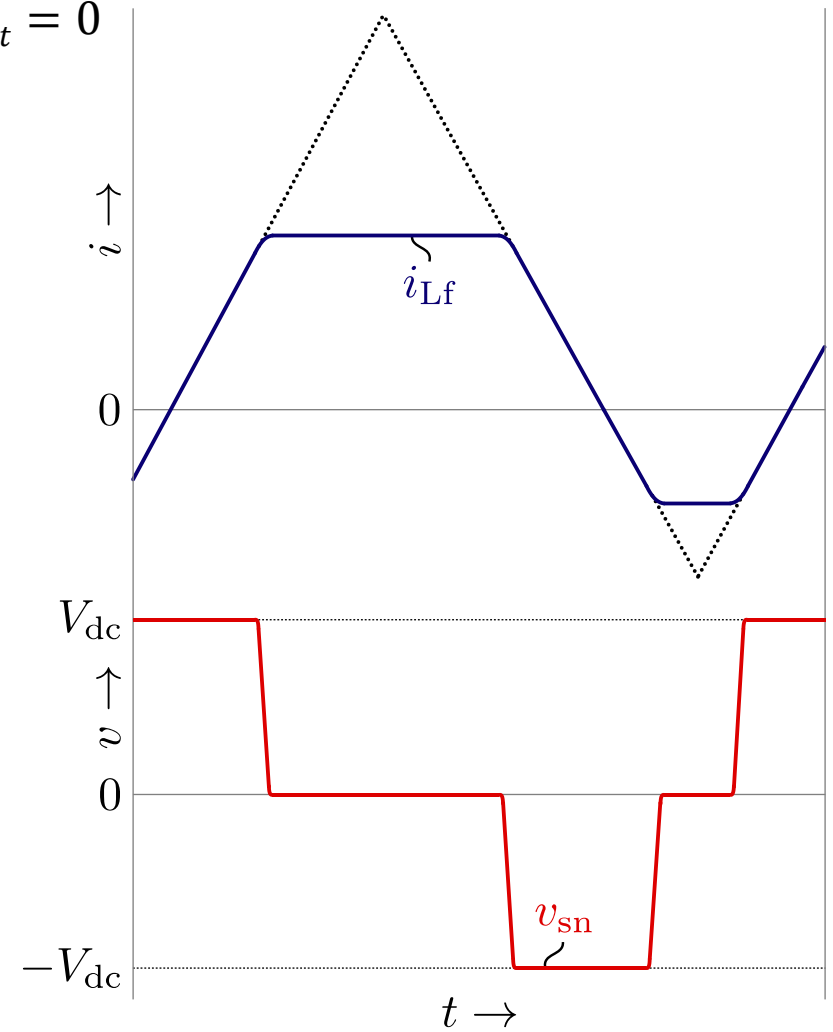
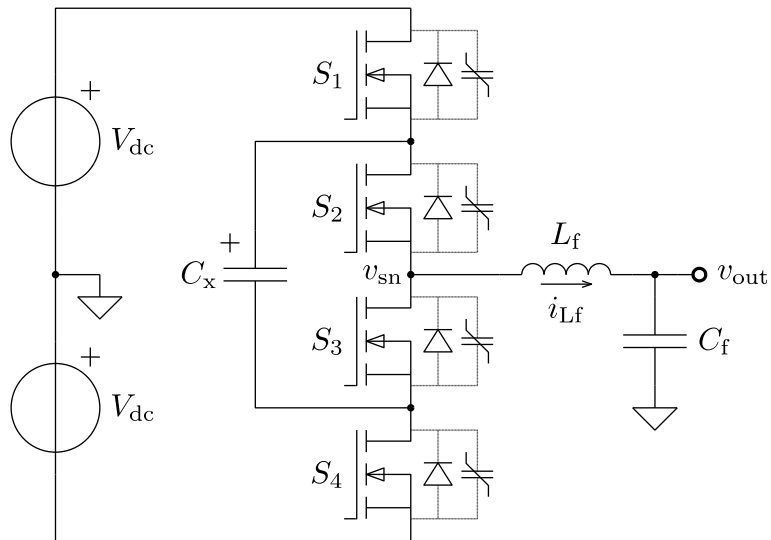


2. FC RPI – Trapezoidal filter current

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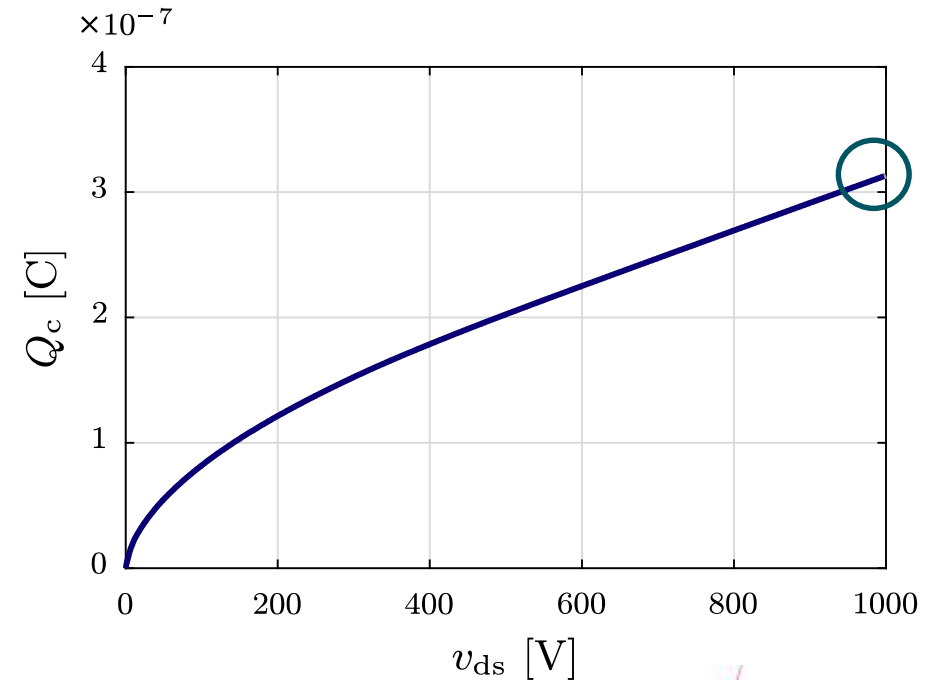
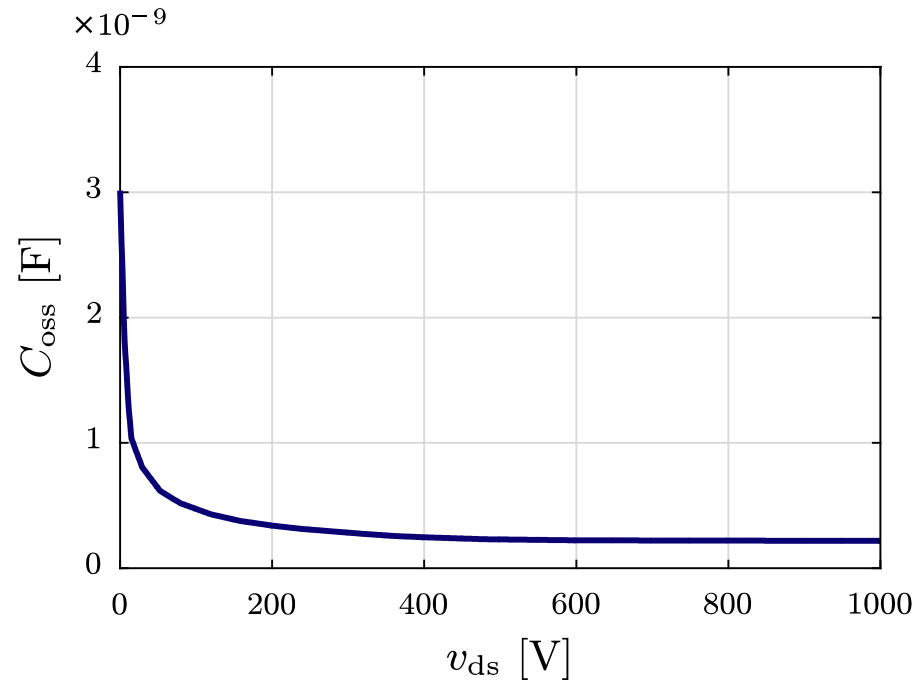
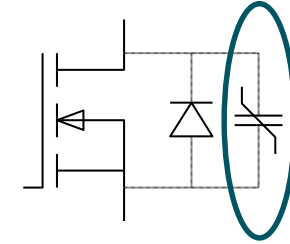
- 3 voltage levels available
 - $v_{sn} = \{V_{dc}, 0, -V_{dc}\}$
 - Trapezoidal filter current i_{Lf}
- Decreased peak and rms value of the current

$$i_{avg} > 0, v_{out} = 0$$



3. Charge-based ZVS

- Guarantee ZVS
 - Non-linear output capacitance of switch
 - Minimum required commutation charge Q_c
 - Piece-wise linear approximation of i_{Lf}
- From datasheet of Cree C2M0025120D:



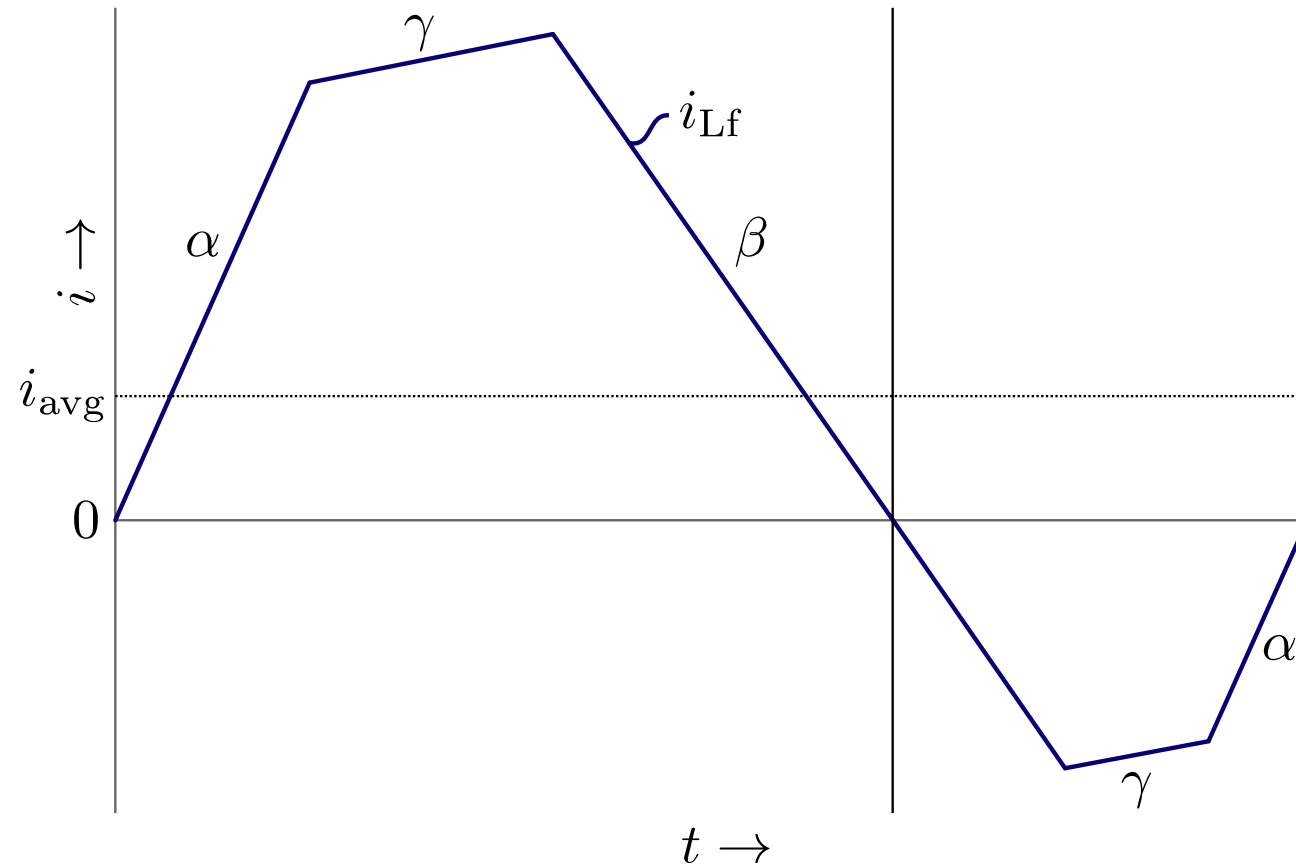
Trapezoidal filter current with ZVS

- Case: $i_{avg} > 0$ and $v_{out} < 0$

$$\alpha = \frac{V_{dc} - v_{out}}{L_f}$$

$$\beta = \frac{-V_{dc} - v_{out}}{L_f}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{0 - v_{out}}{L_f}$$

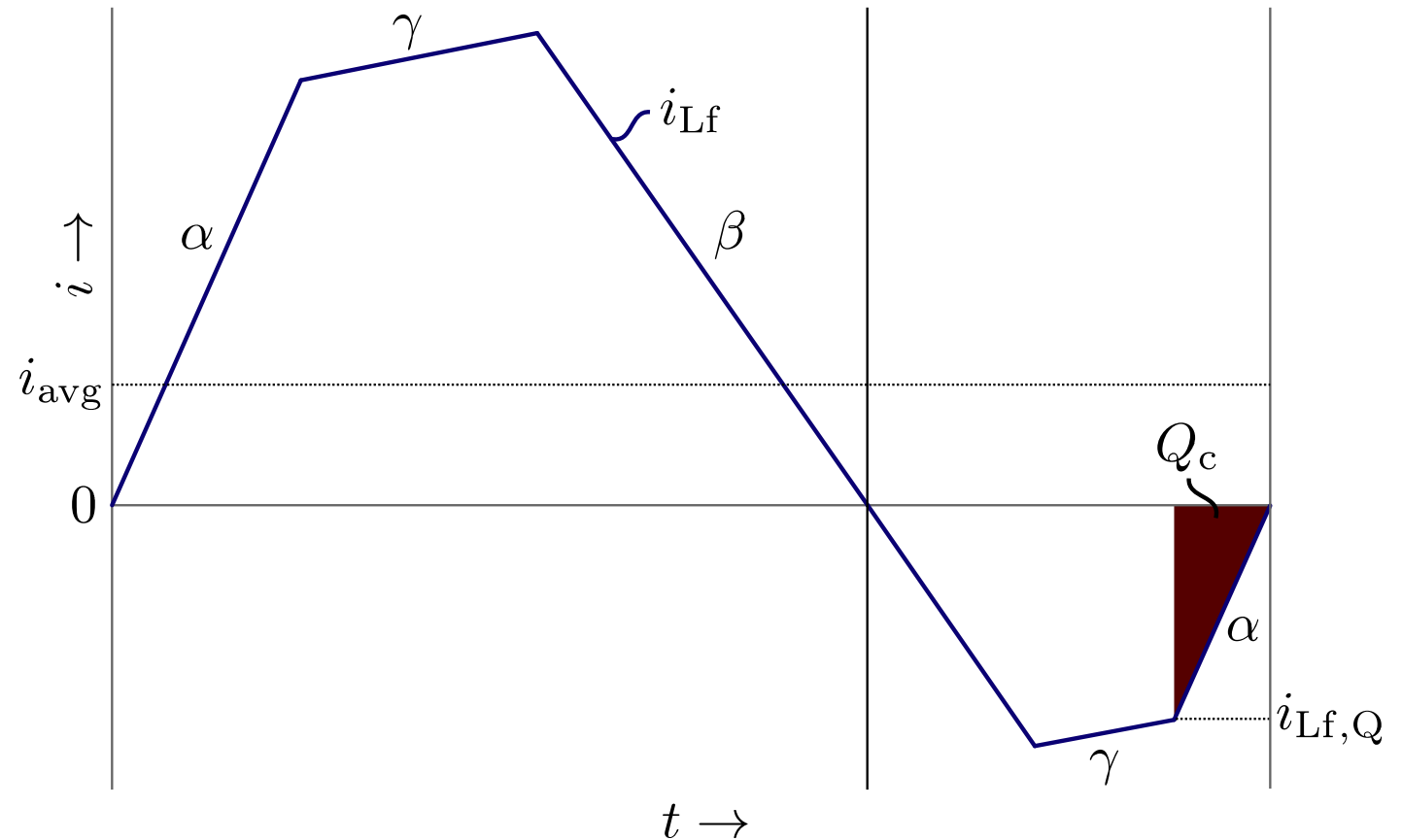


Trapezoidal filter current with ZVS

- Case: $i_{avg} > 0$ and $v_{out} < 0$

- $i_{Lf,Q}$

$$i_{Lf,Q} = -\sqrt{2 \cdot Q_c \cdot \alpha}$$
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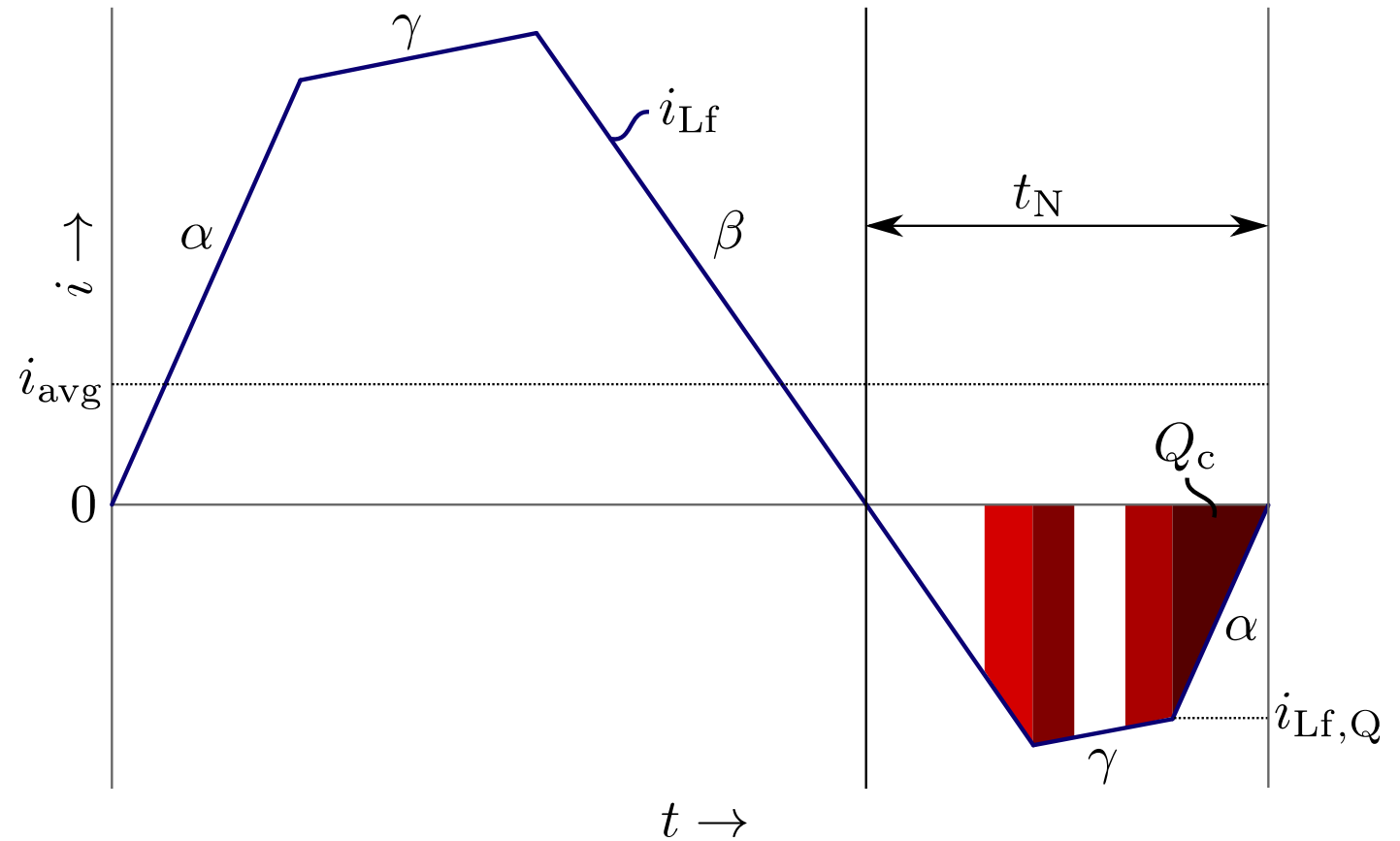


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- A_N and t_N



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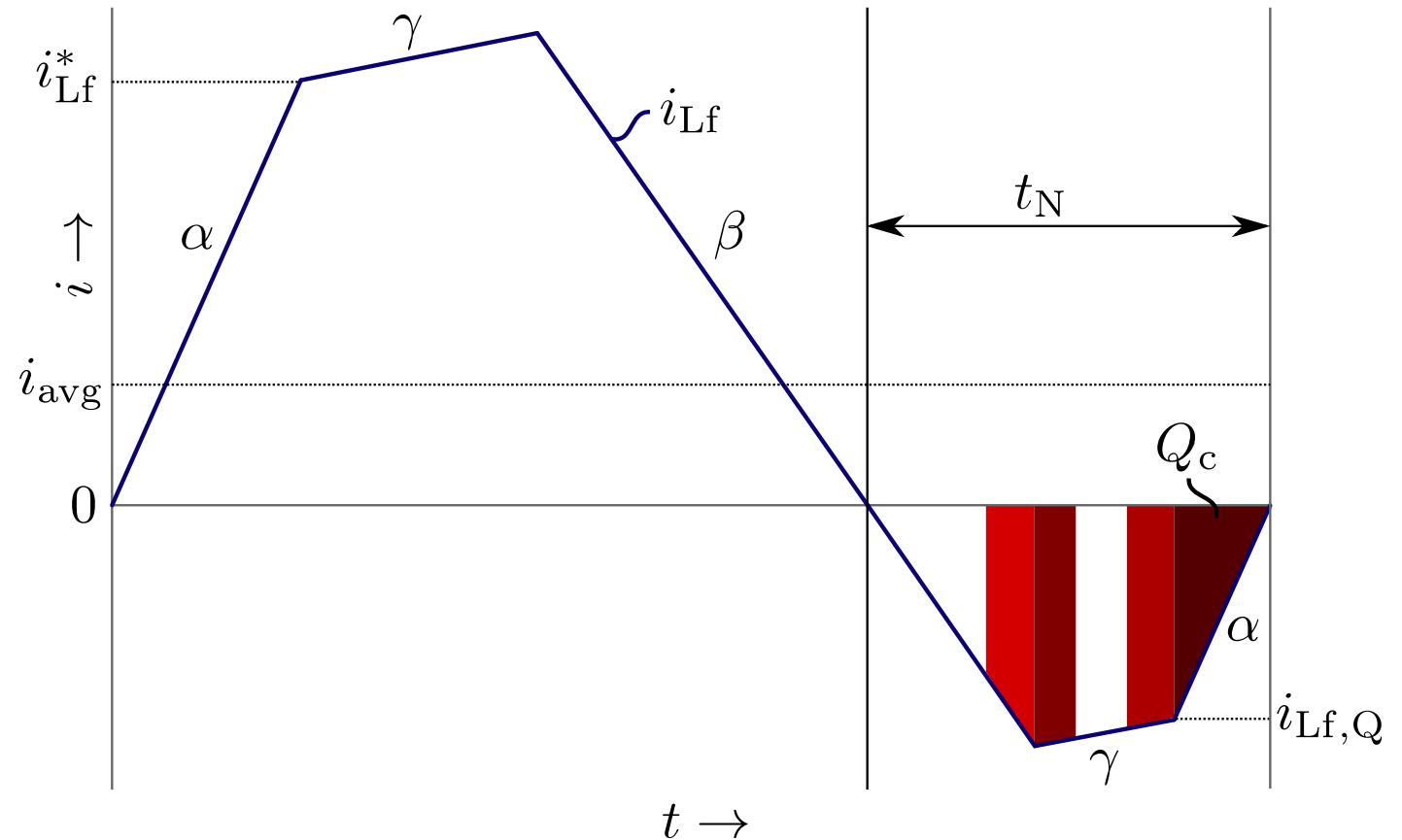
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- i_{Lf}^*

$$i_{Lf}^* = -i_{Lf,Q} + 2 \cdot i_{avg}$$



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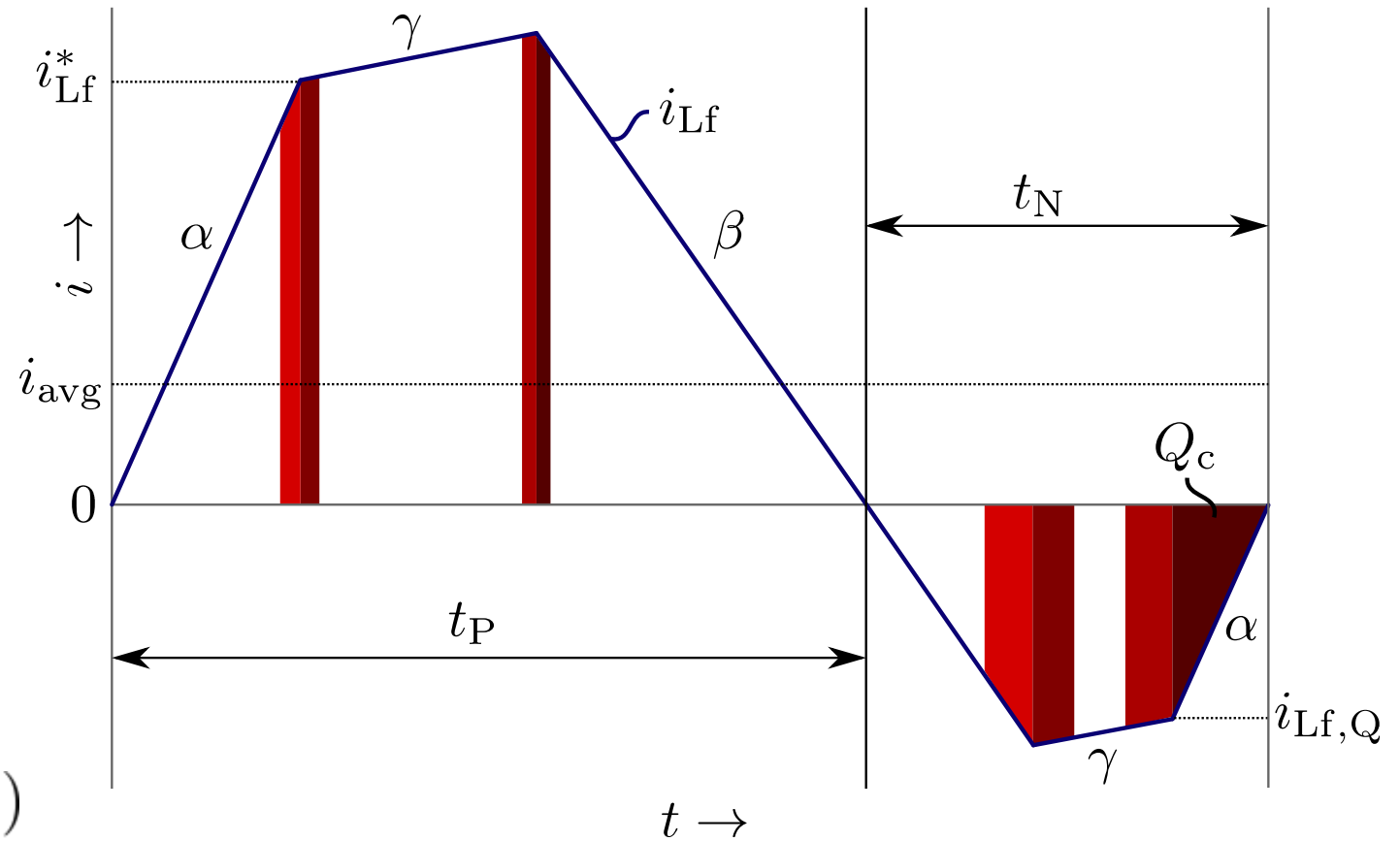
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- i_{Lf}^*

- A_P and t_P

$$A_P = A_N + i_{avg} (t_N + t_P)$$



Trapezoidal filter current with ZVS

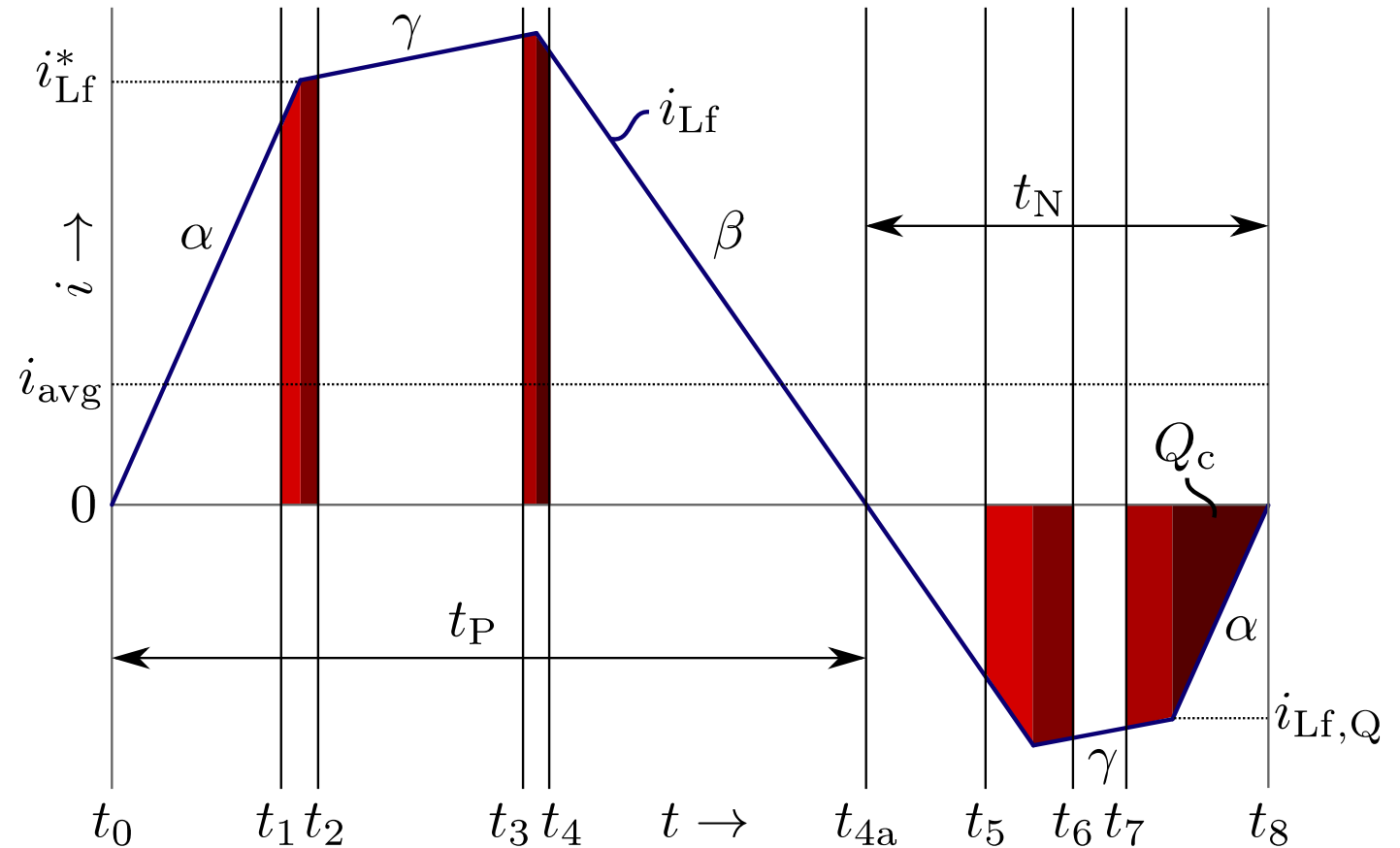
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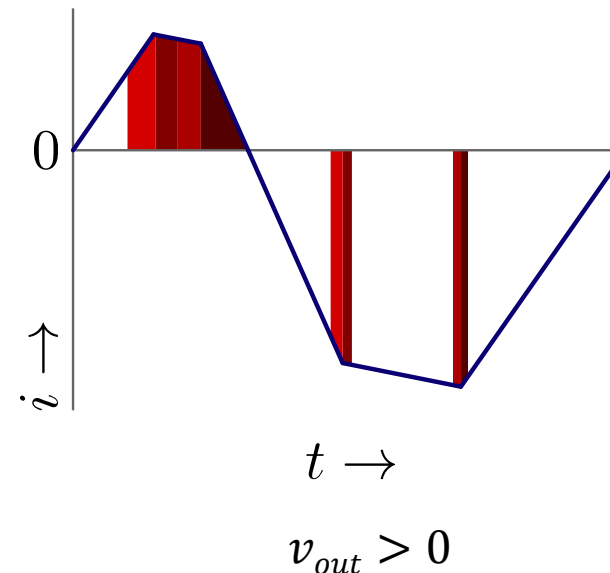
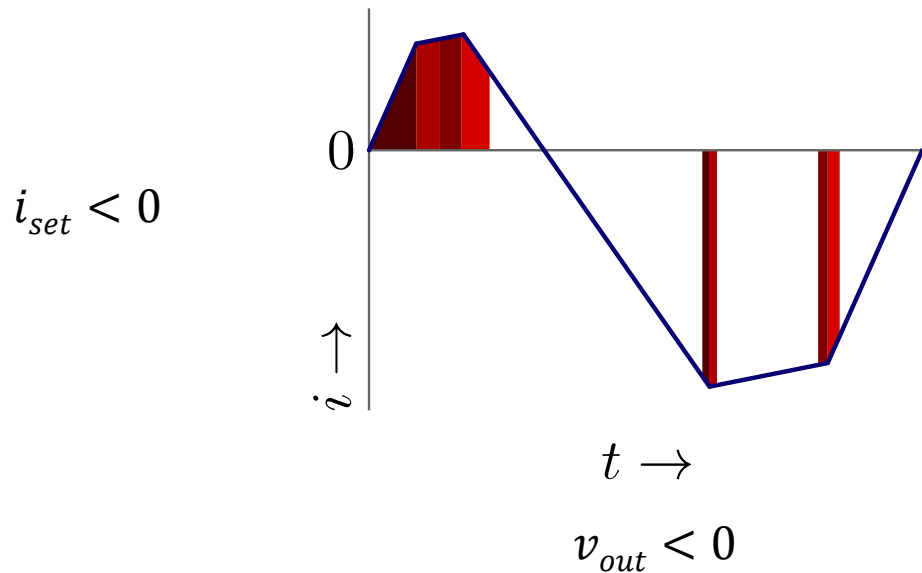
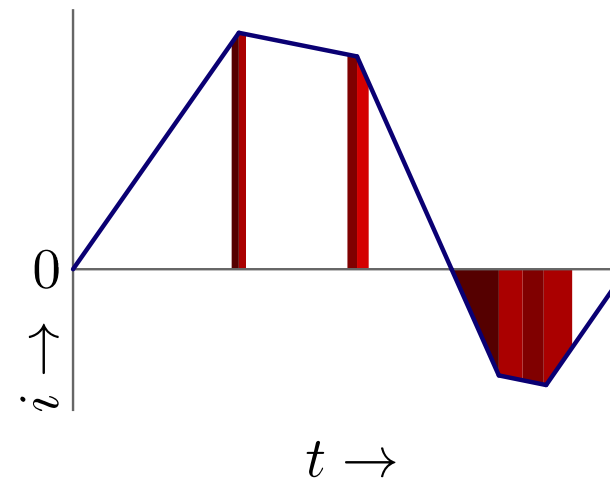
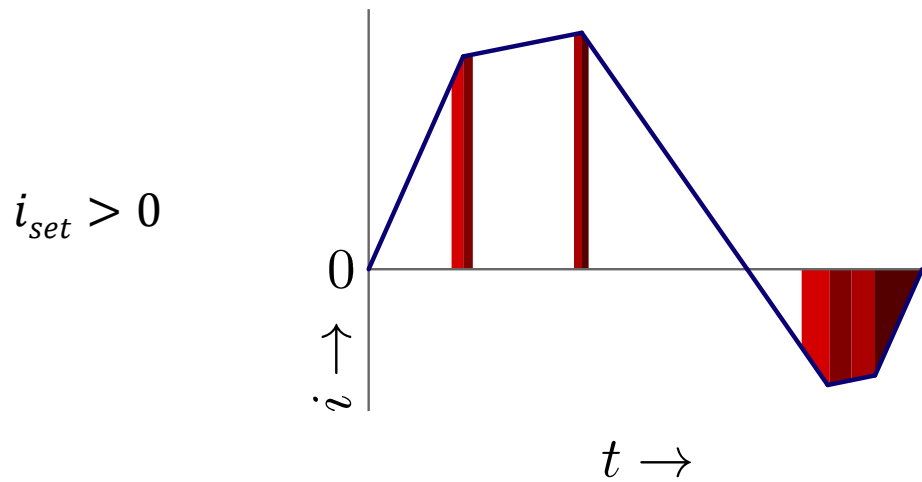
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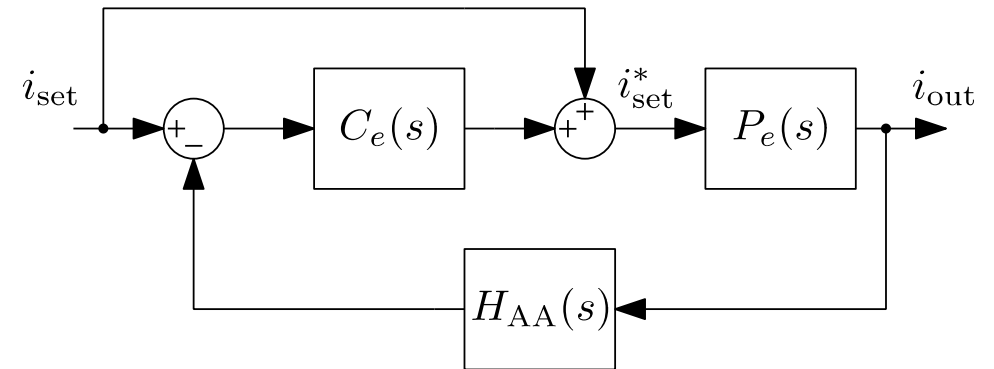
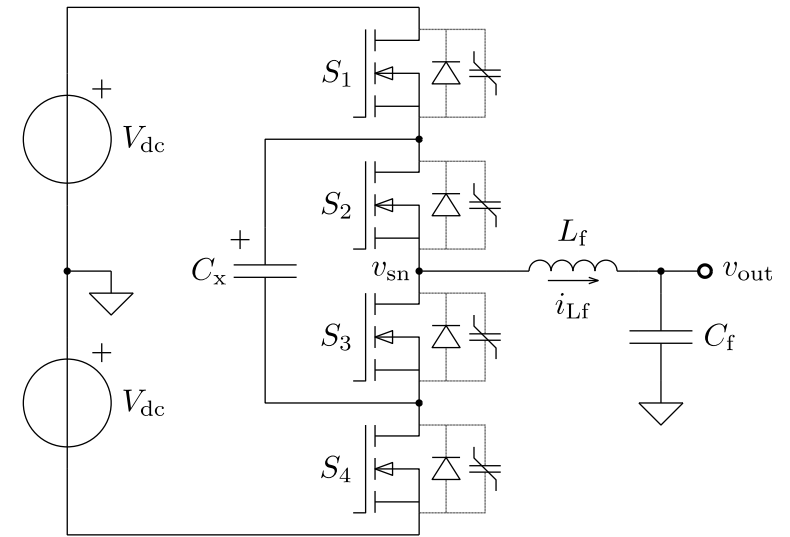
4-quadrant operation

- Analysis similar for all 4 quadrants



4. Simulation results

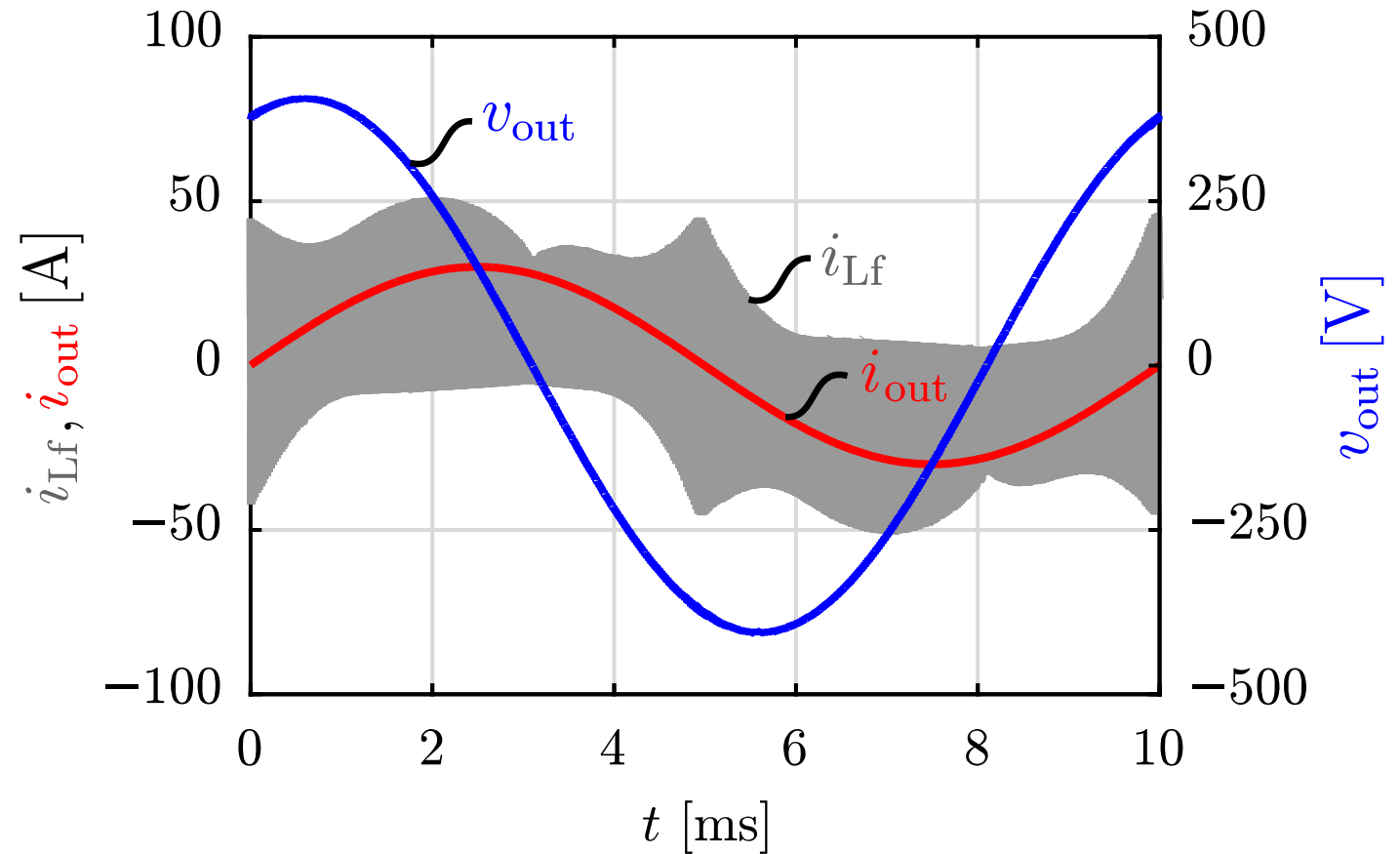
- Complete simulation framework constructed
- PLECS blockset
 - Electrical circuit
 - Load: series connection of R_o and L_o
- Matlab Simulink
 - Charge-based ZVS modulation
 - Trapezoidal filter current
 - Output current control
 - Open-loop bandwidth: 10 kHz



Parameter	Value	Unit	Parameter	Value	Unit
V_{dc}	1	kV	R_o	5	Ω
C_x	100	μF	L_o	20	mH
L_f	20	μH	$f_{i,set}$	100	Hz
C_f	10	μF	$ i_{set} $	30	A

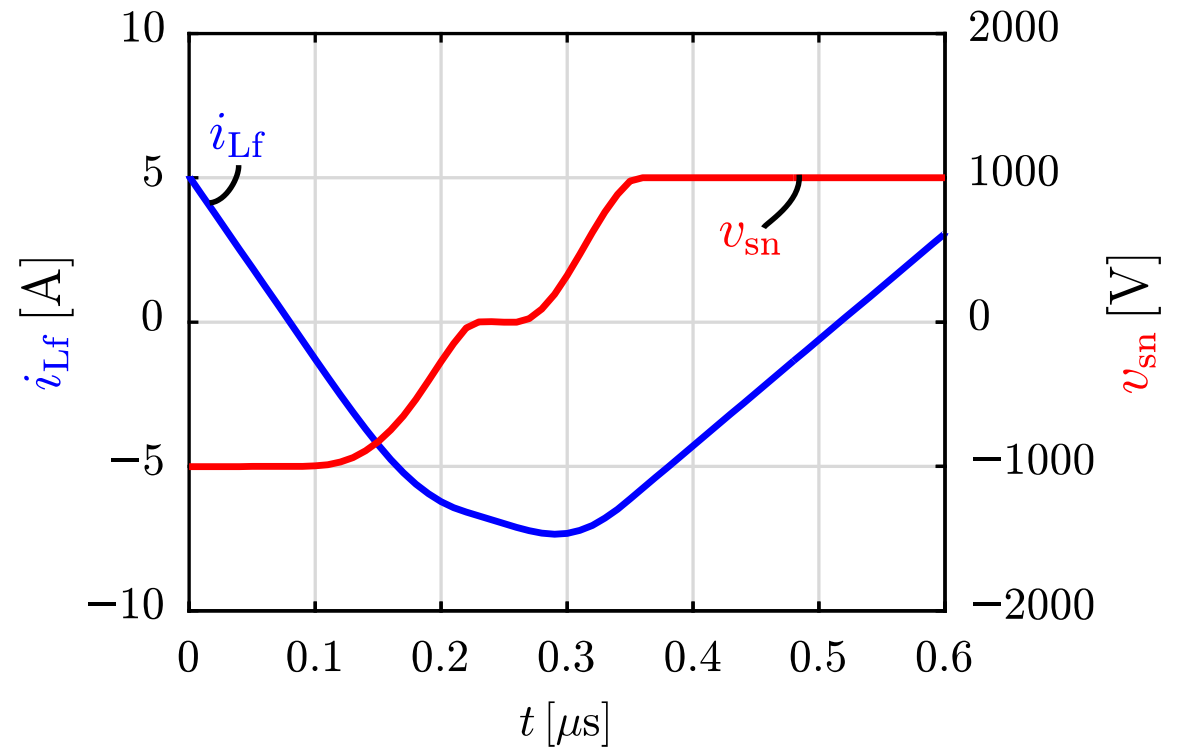
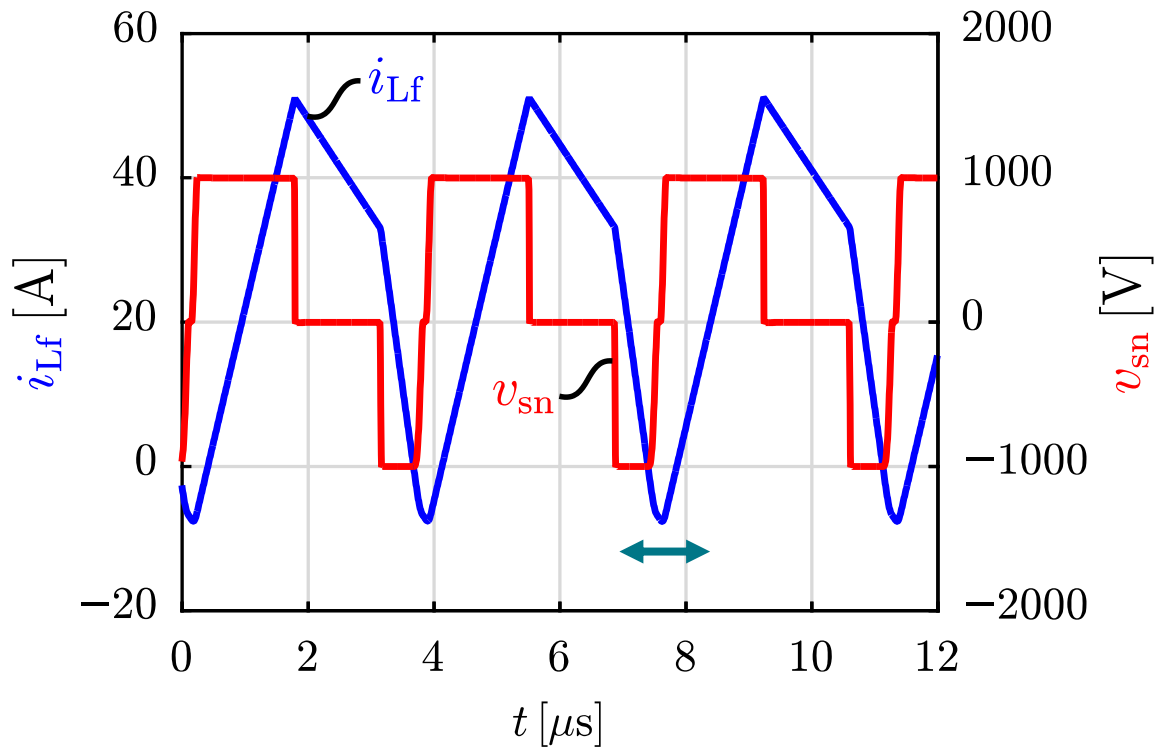
4. Simulation results – Time domain

- 1 period of 100 Hz sinewave
- Phase difference between i_{out} and v_{out} due to inductive load
- Shape of i_{Lf} depending on i_{out} and v_{out}



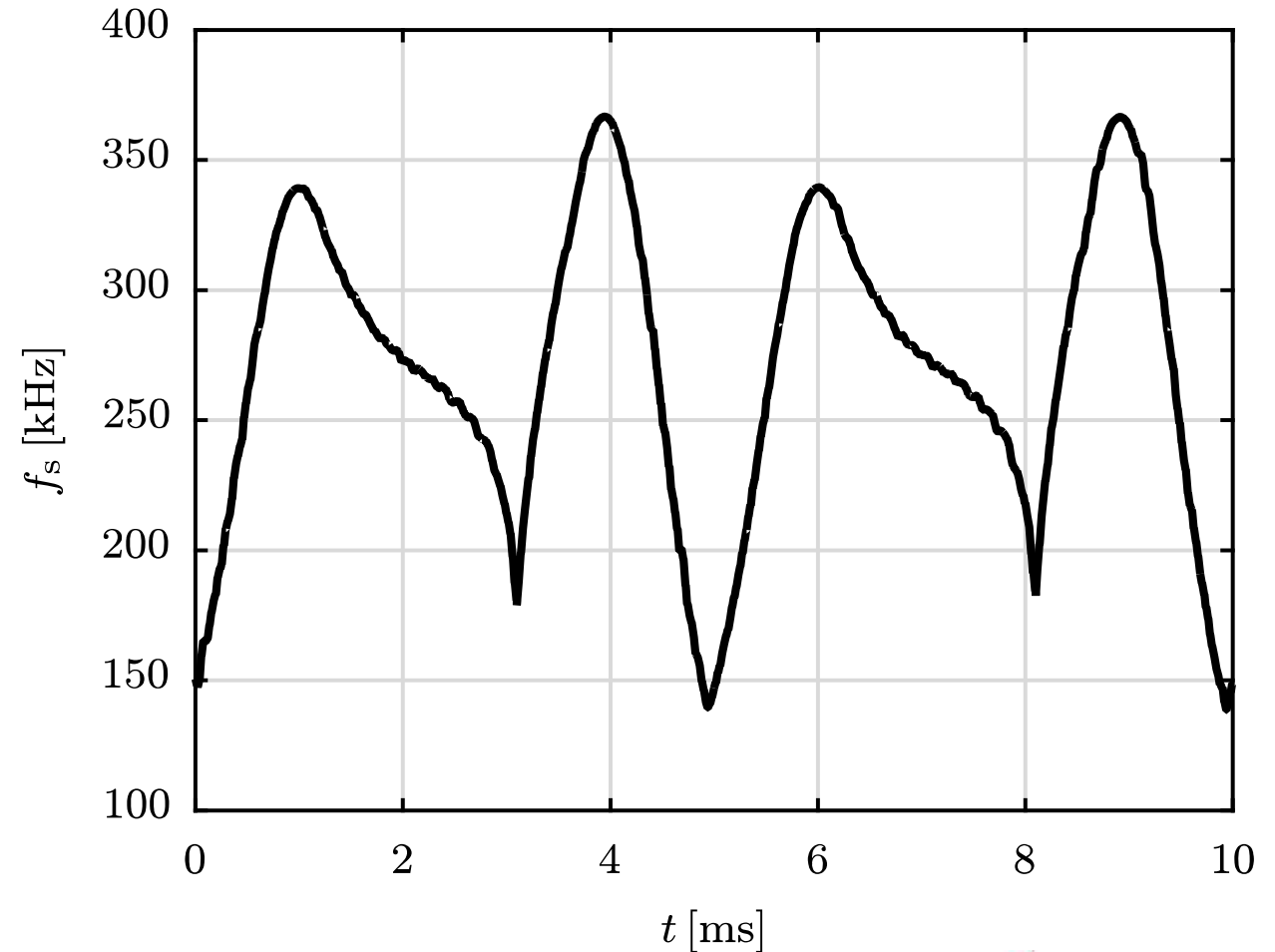
4. Simulation results – Time domain

- Zoom-in at peak of i_{out}
- Proper commutation of v_{sn}



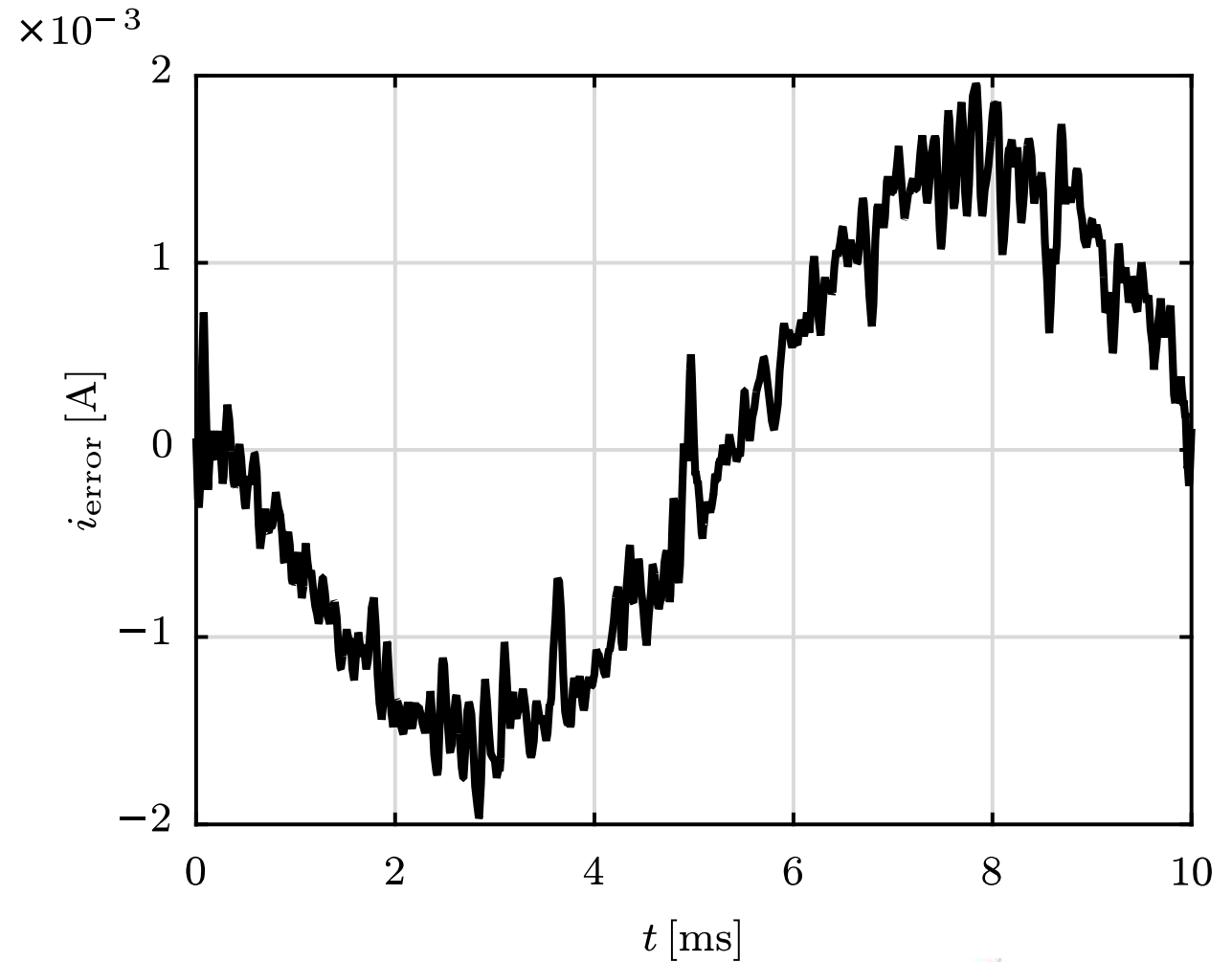
4. Simulation results – Switching frequency

- 1 period of 100 Hz sinewave
- Range: 140 – 370 kHz
- Depending on i_{out} and v_{out}



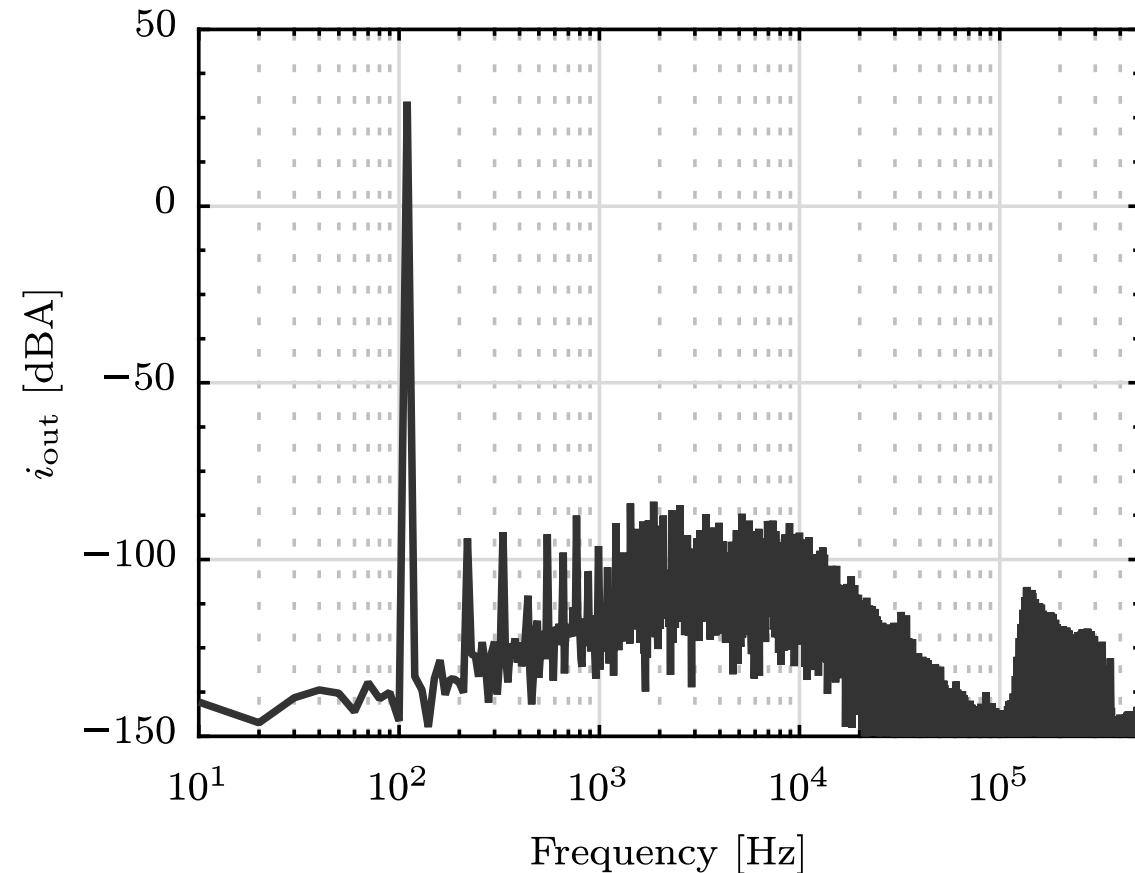
4. Simulation results – Current error

- 1 period of 100 *Hz* sinewave
- Maximum error: 2 *mA*
- Depending on i_{out} and v_{out}



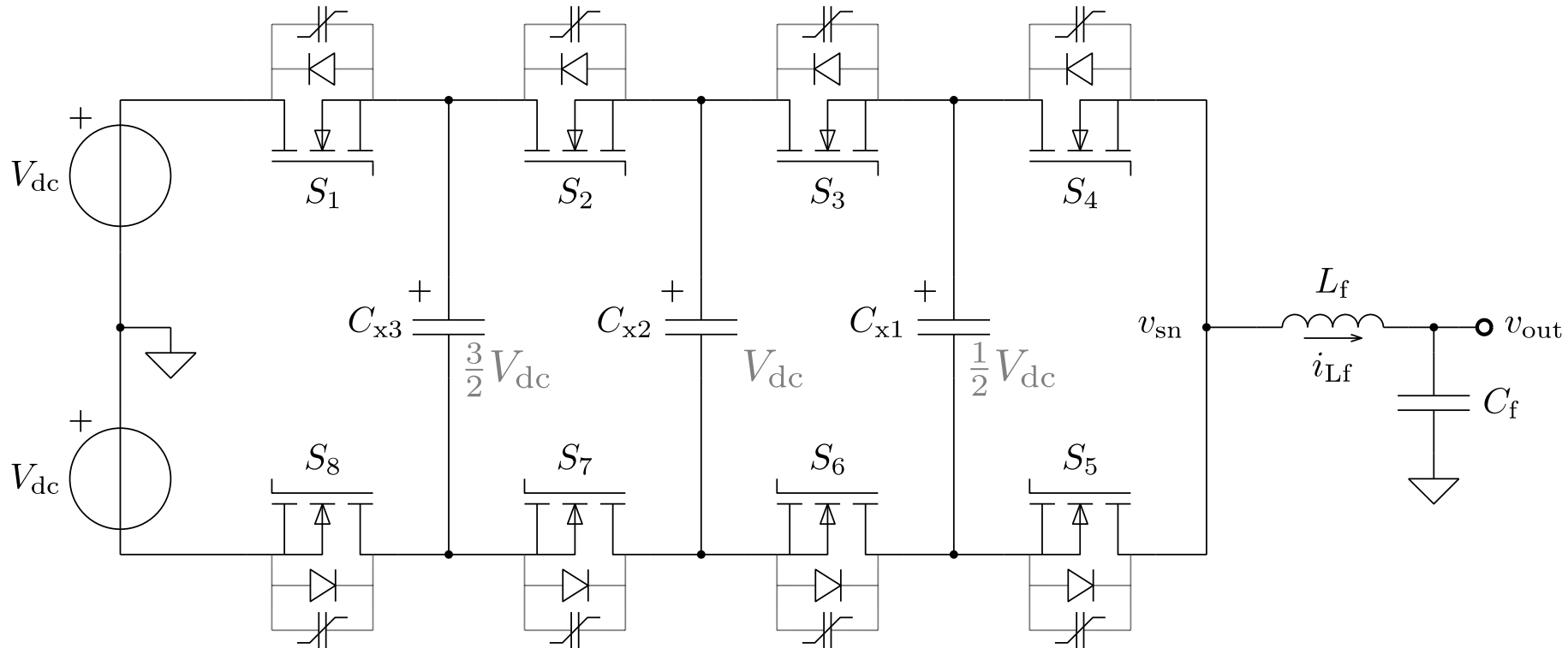
4. Simulation results – Spectral analysis

- Simulation settings
 - $f_{i,set} = 110 \text{ Hz}$
 - $|i_{set}| = 30 \text{ A}$
 - $n = 11 \text{ periods}$
- SFDR: 113.2 dB
- THD: -101,9 dB



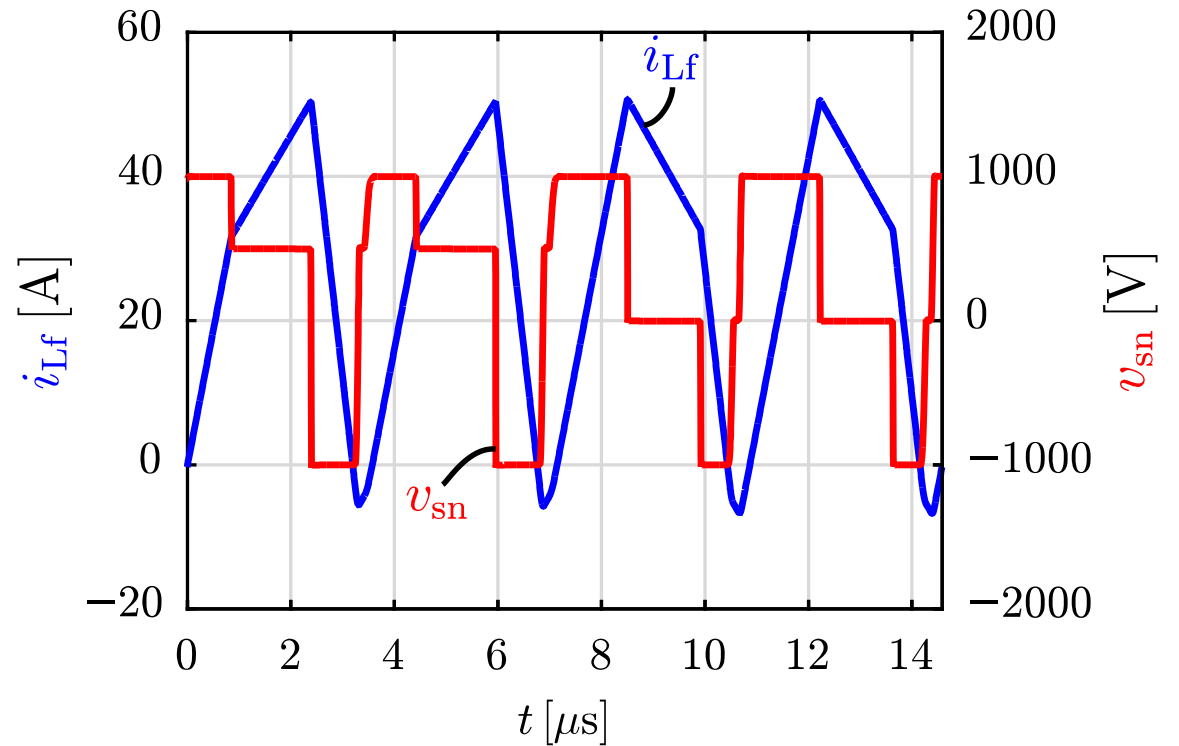
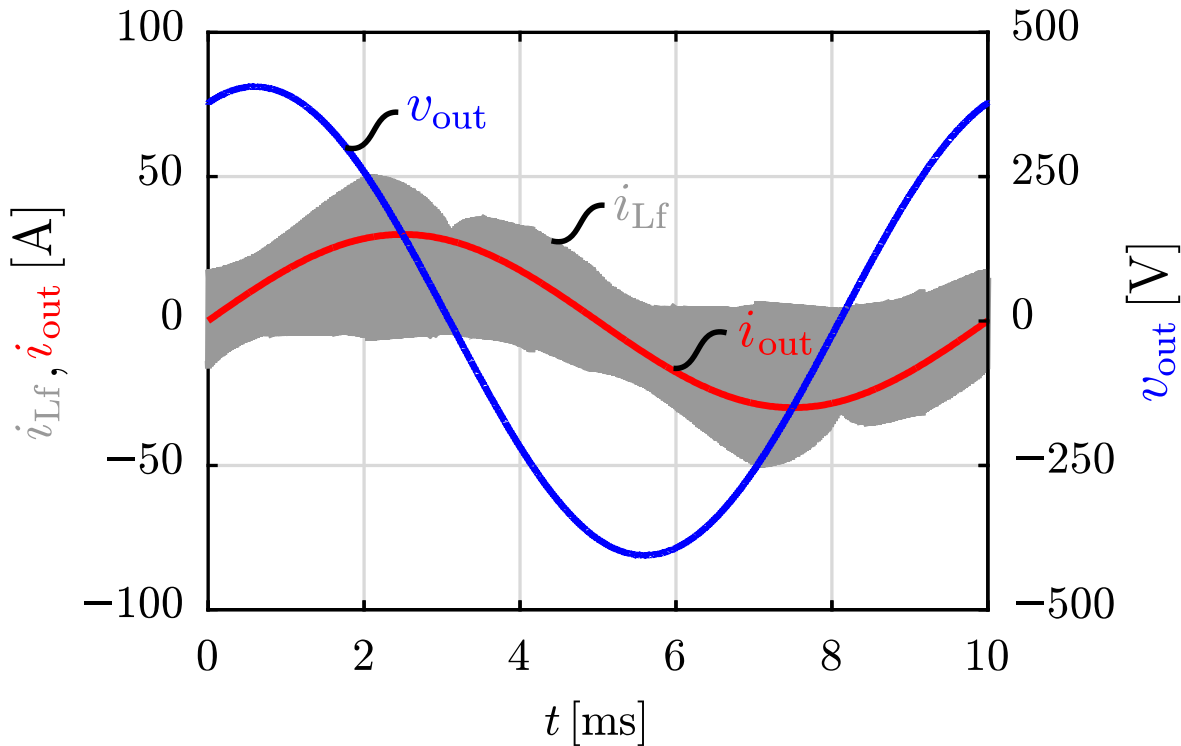
5. Increased number of levels

- 5-level Flying Capacitor Resonant Pole Inverter
 - 3 flying capacitors



5. Increased number of levels

- Choose middle voltage level closest to v_{out}
- Increase V_{dc}
- Decrease rms and peak values of i_{Lf}



5. Conclusions

- Presented converter configuration
 - Multi-level converter for fast switching of HV
 - Flying Capacitor Resonant Pole Inverter
 - Charge-based Zero-Voltage Switching
- Performance verified with simulation framework
 - High switching frequency
 - High accuracy
- Future work
 - Hardware verification (see TU/e demo stand)





Thank you for your attention

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Output current control

- Bode of tranfers

