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## Chapter 5. The Discontinuous Conduction Mode

for same D — New Volny  
3 circuits, 3 intervals

5.1. Origin of the discontinuous conduction mode, and

mode boundary

← Handy for critical

condition

$$K > K_c$$

$$D_i > I$$

5.2. Analysis of the conversion ratio  $M(D, K)$

5.3. Boost converter example

5.4. Summary of results and key points

L too small  $D_i$  too big  
unidirectional switch blocks —

or  $R_L$  too large  $I_{dc}$  too small  
open ckt loads all DCM

"What if inductor runs dry -  $i_L = 0$ "

## Chapter 5. The Discontinuous Conduction Mode

Go back to go and recalculate  $M(D, R_L)$

Change is DCM

DC gain depends on load

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Before  $M(D)$  only

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Next  $M(K, D)$ !

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All foils

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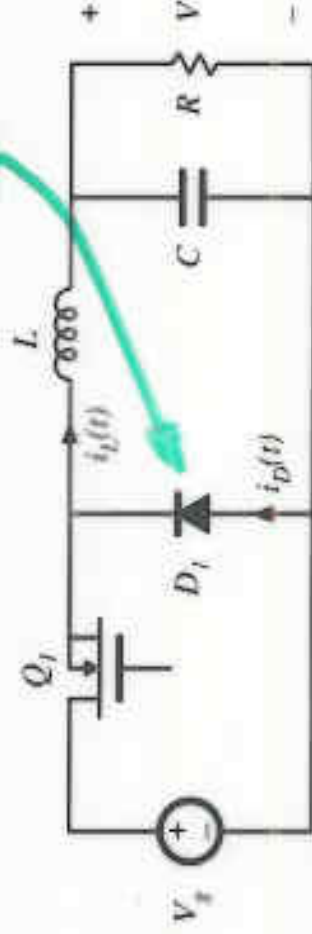
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HW Hints

## 5.1. Origin of the discontinuous conduction mode, and mode boundary

Buck converter example, with single-quadrant switches



Minimum diode current is  $(I - \Delta i_L)$

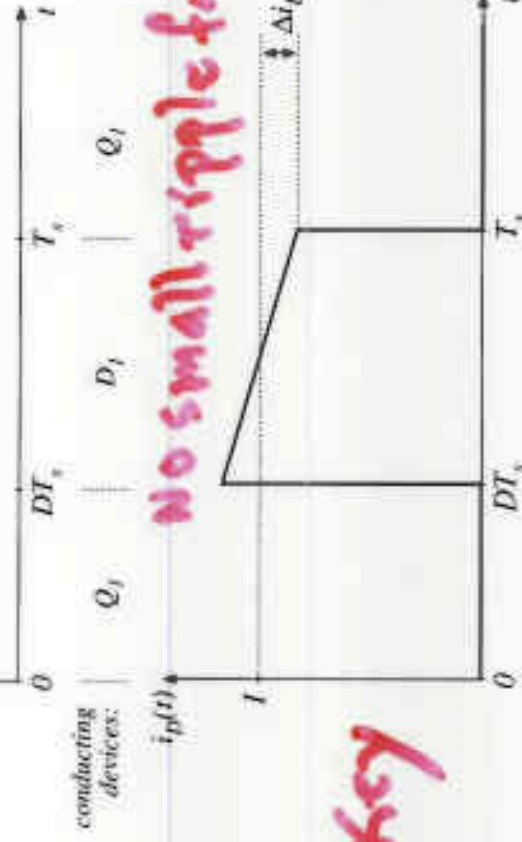
Dc component  $I = V/R$

Current ripple is

$$\Delta i_L = \frac{(V_g - V)}{2L} DT_s = \frac{V_g DD'T_s}{2L}$$

Note that  $I$  depends on load, but  $\Delta i_L$  does not.

Key

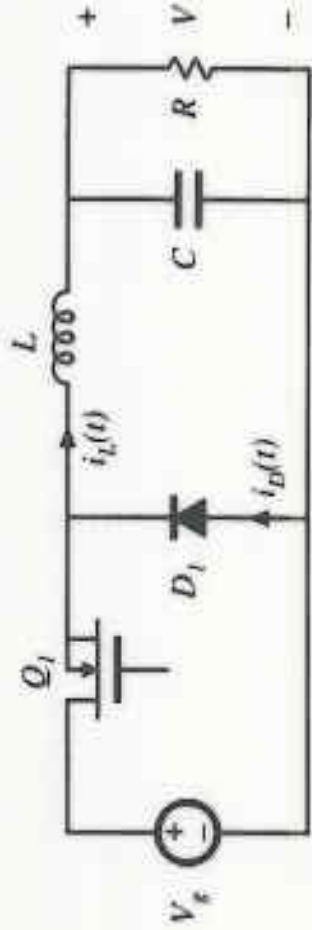


Use CCM Exp v9 to DCmi event!!

## 5.1. Origin of the discontinuous conduction mode, and mode boundary

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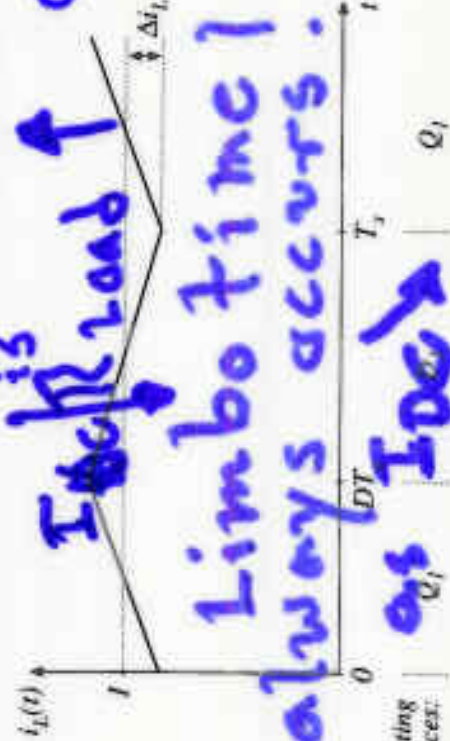
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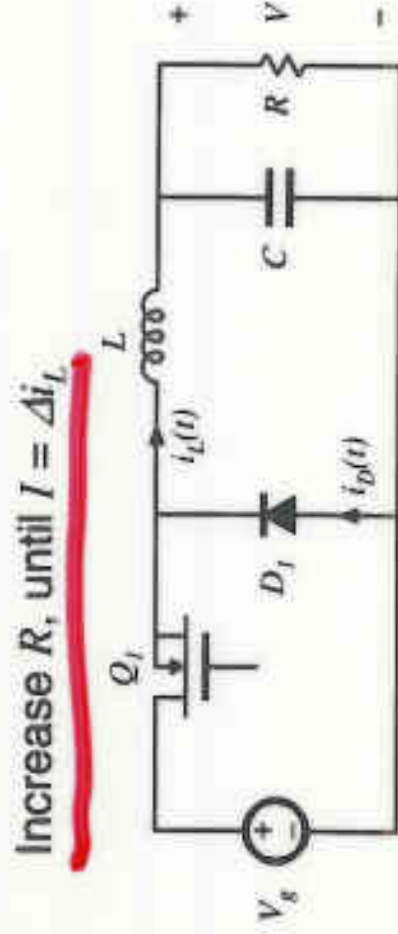
Open Load: DCM always happens

Trend  
continuous conduction mode (CCM)



## Reduction of load current

Fig 5.3 PS105



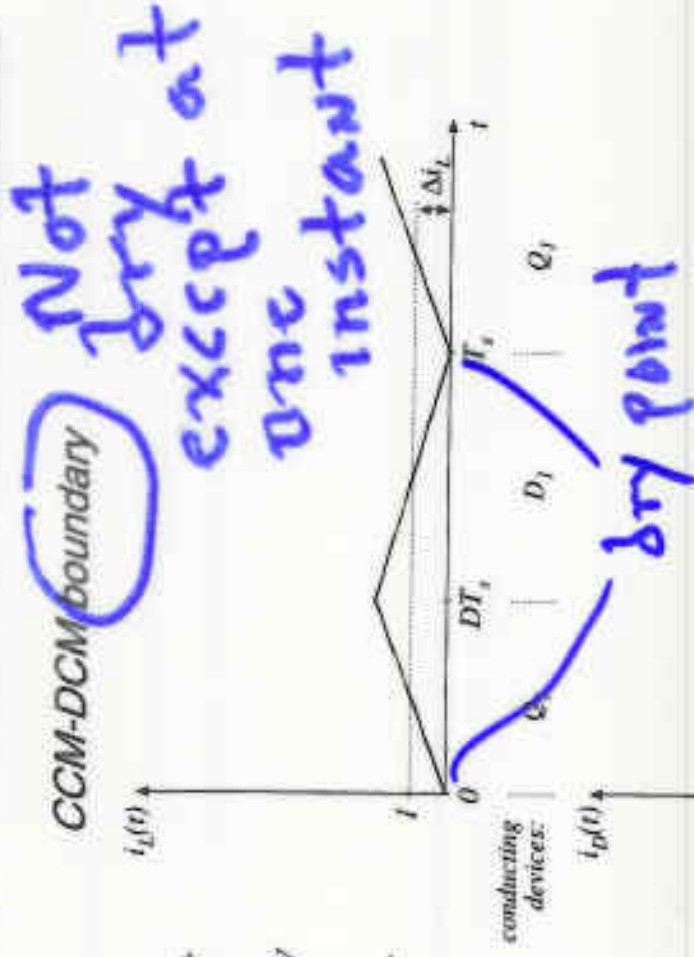
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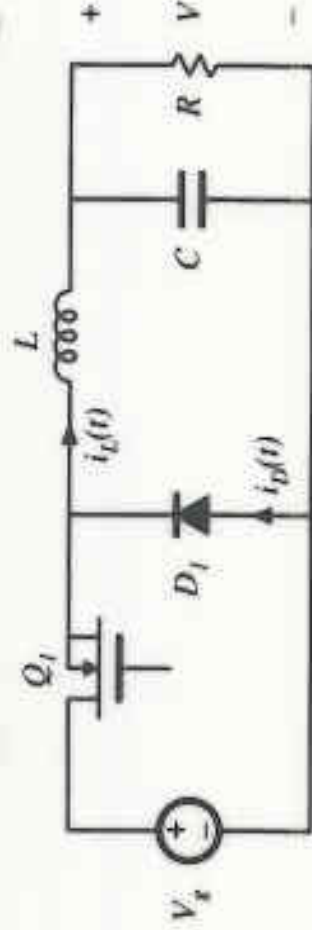


Get a third interval  $D_3$

Further reduce load current

Fig 5.4 p116

Increase  $R$  some more, such that  $I < \Delta i_L$



Minimum diode current is  $(I - \Delta i_L)$

Dc component  $I = V/R$

Current ripple is

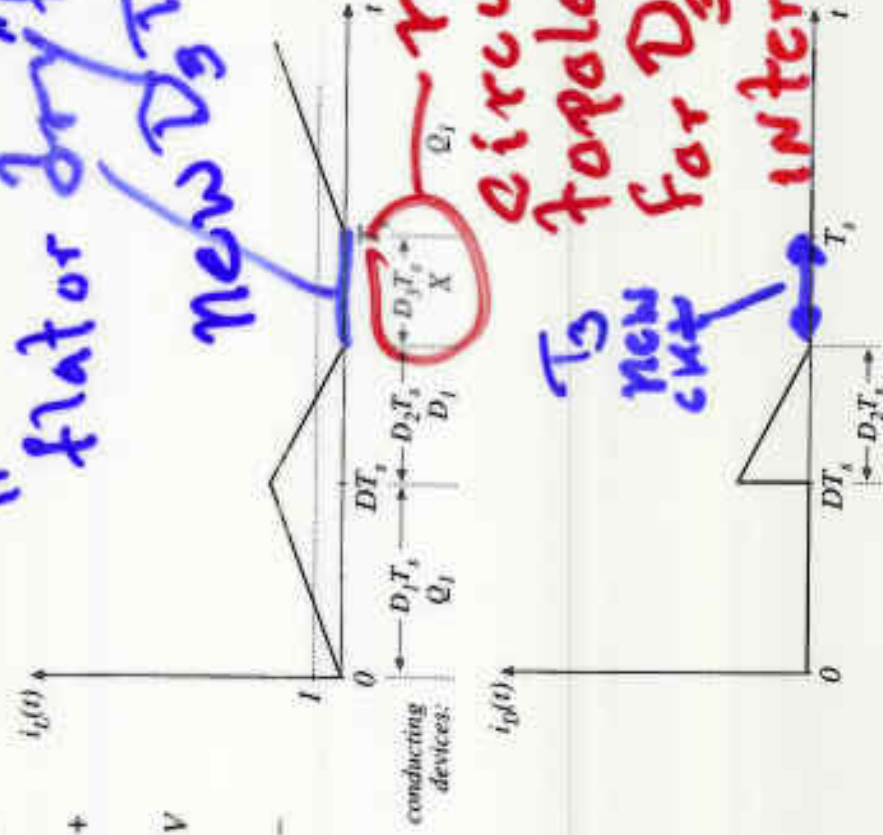
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Note that  $I$  depends on load, but  $\Delta i_L$  does not.

The load current continues to be positive and non-zero.

Discontinuous conduction mode

"flat or dry for new  $D_3 T_s$ "



## Mode boundary

$I > \Delta i_L$  for CCM

$I < \Delta i_L$  for DCM

Insert buck converter expressions for  $I$  and  $\Delta i_L$ :

$$\frac{DV_g}{R} < \frac{DD'TV_g}{2L}$$

CCM Eq. still valid

Simplify:

Key:  $\frac{2L}{RT} < D'$

This expression is of the form

$$K < K_{crit}(D) \quad \text{for DCM}$$

where  $K = \frac{2L}{RT_s}$  and  $K_{crit}(D) = D'$

L too small  
R too big  
K ↓

CCM: bipolar disorder

## Mode boundary

the  $K_c$  is circuit topology specific

$I > \Delta i_L$  for CCM

$I < \Delta i_L$  for DCM



DCM: The third personality emerges fun begins

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choice of  $L, R, f_{sw}$

For Buck

$K \in K_{critical}$  way of thinking  
 $K = f(R, L, f_{sw})$   
 $K_c = f(D)$

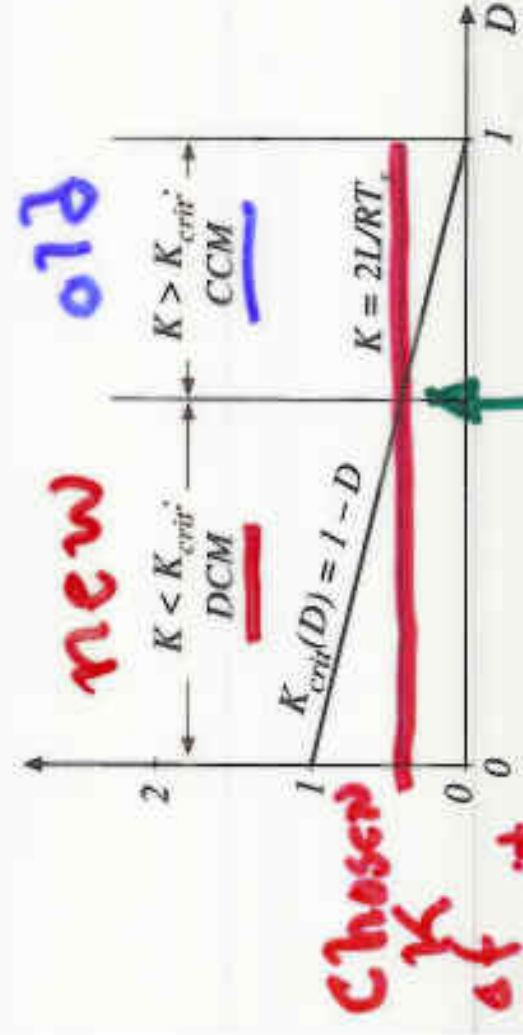
At CCM/DCM crossover

Static: New m  
Dynamic: P & E must be same

# K and $K_{crit}$ vs. $D$ for BUCK

Fig 5.5

for  $K < 1$ :



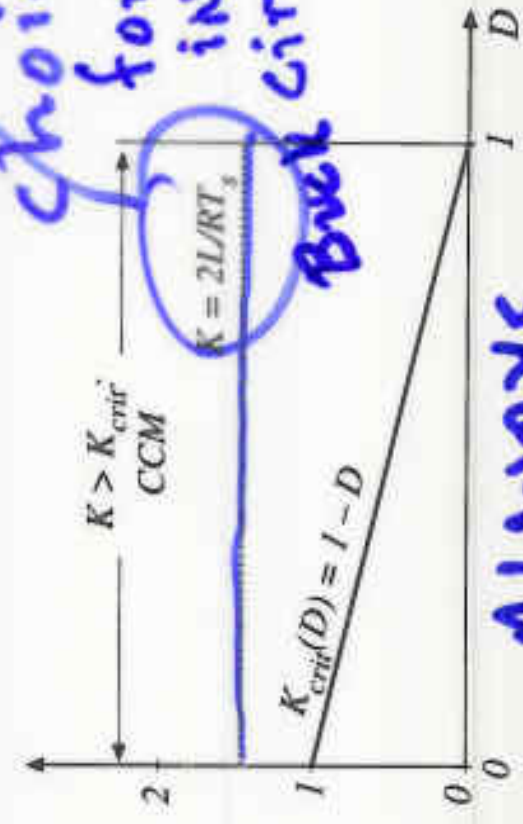
new old

what happens here?

LDZ

Fig 5.6

for  $K > 1$ :



Your design choice for K in your circuit

ALWAYS CCM

how to solve

## Critical load resistance $R_{crit}$

Too high  $R \rightarrow$  DCM

Solve  $K_{crit}$  equation for load resistance  $R$ :

$$R < R_{crit}(D) \quad \text{for CCM}$$

$$R > R_{crit}(D) \quad \text{for DCM}$$

$$R_{crit}(D) = \frac{2L}{D^2 T_s}$$

where

How to  
Guarantee?  
CCM  
Simple way!  
even for  $R_L > R_{crit}$

# Summary: mode boundary

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|                   |    |                   |         |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|---------|
| $K > K_{crit}(D)$ | or | $R < R_{crit}(D)$ | for CCM |
| $K < K_{crit}(D)$ | or | $R > R_{crit}(D)$ | for DCM |

Way of  $K$  intuitive Parallel to Load to insure?

Table 5.1. CCM-DCM mode boundaries for the buck, boost, and buck-boost converters

| Converter  | $K_{crit}(D)$ | $\max_{0 \leq D \leq 1} (K_{crit})$ | $R_{crit}(D)$             | $\min_{0 \leq D \leq 1} (R_{crit})$ |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Buck       | $(1-D)$       | $\frac{4}{27}$                      | $\frac{2L}{(1-D)T_s}$     | $2 \frac{L}{T_s}$                   |
| Boost      | $D(1-D)^2$    | $\frac{4}{27}$                      | $\frac{2L}{D(1-D)^2 T_s}$ | $27 \frac{L}{2 T_s}$                |
| Buck-boost | $(1-D)^2$     | $1$                                 | $\frac{2L}{(1-D)^2 T_s}$  | $2 \frac{L}{T_s}$                   |

Depends on circuit

unique