

# LM2852 Typical application circuit



$V_o(mix) = 8$

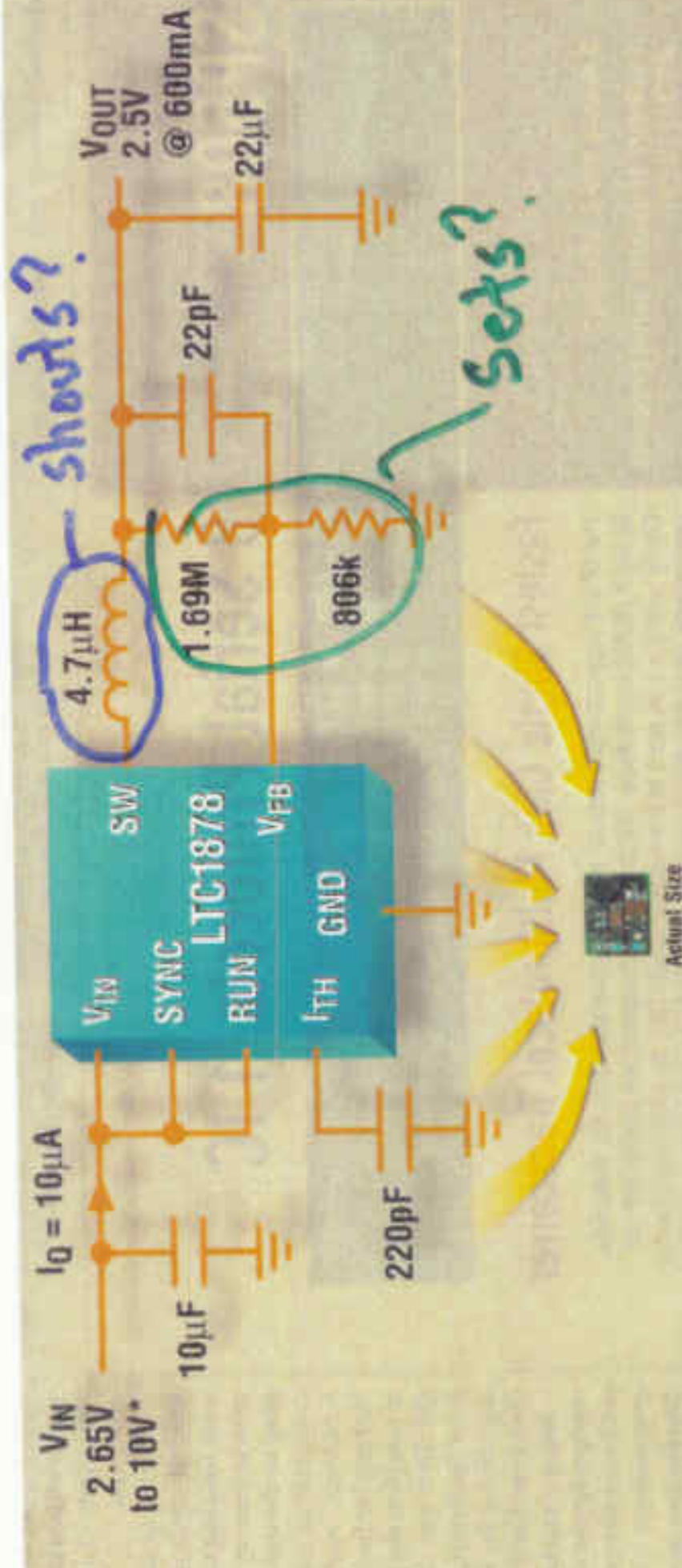
$C_{EX}$  lowf  
Ta caps

$L_{EX}$   
 $f_{sw} \sim \frac{1}{2} MHz$

$C_{IN(Ex)}$

Internal  
Inductance

Switches



\* LTC1878 Rated to 6V  
 LTC1877 Rated to 10V

Low Standby Power

95% Efficient Synchronous Step-Down Regulators Draw Only 10µA

Linear Technology

L's  
 C's  
 R  
 Need external

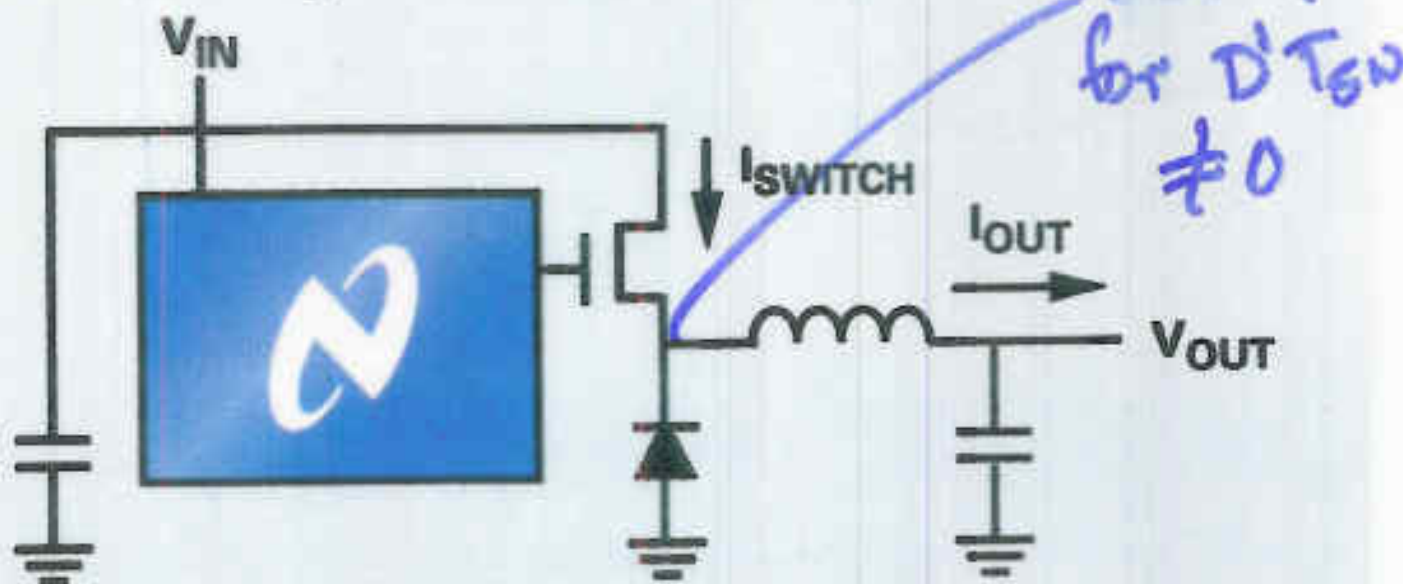
meaning

## ▼ Features

- No External FETs or Schottky Diode Required
- 10 $\mu$ A Quiescent Current
- Up To 95% Efficiency
- 2.65V to 10V Input Voltage (LTC1877)
- 600mA Output Current
- <1 $\mu$ A Shutdown Current
- Selectable Burst Mode™ Operation
- 550kHz Constant Frequency Operation  
Synchronizable from 400kHz to 700kHz
- Uses Ceramic or Tantalum Capacitors
- Small, Thin 8-Pin MSOP Package

} on board  
chip  
switches  
drives  


## Non-synchronous buck



**Function:** Step-down ( $V_{OUT} < V_{IN}$ )

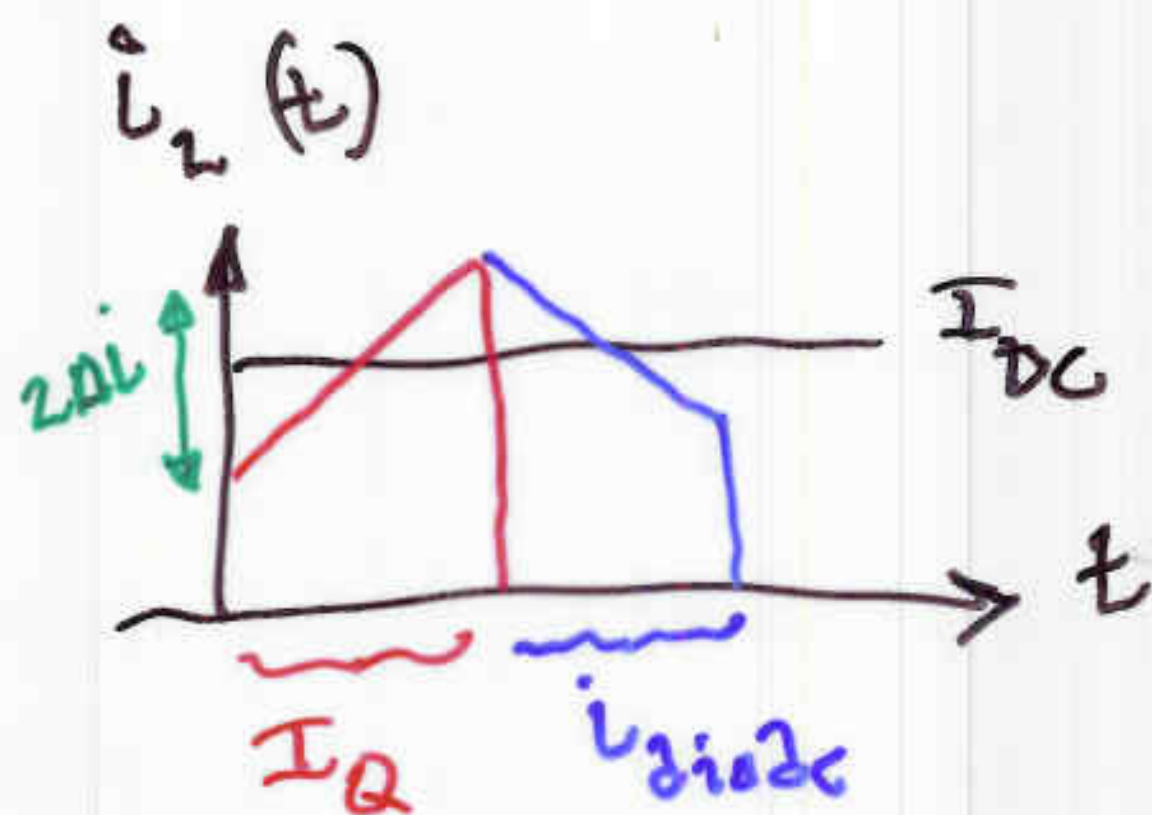
**When to use:** Typically when  $V_{IN}$  is 3x to 5x  $V_{OUT}$  and  $I_{OUT}$  is  $> 0.5A$  and  $< 5A$

**Characteristics:** Easy to design and good efficiency for the above-mentioned typical  $V_{IN}/V_{OUT}/I_{OUT}$  conditions

**Devices to use:** All buck integrated regulators and controllers

Cost of diode  
Smart diode?

Why are diode losses high?  
Which transition of diode has most loss



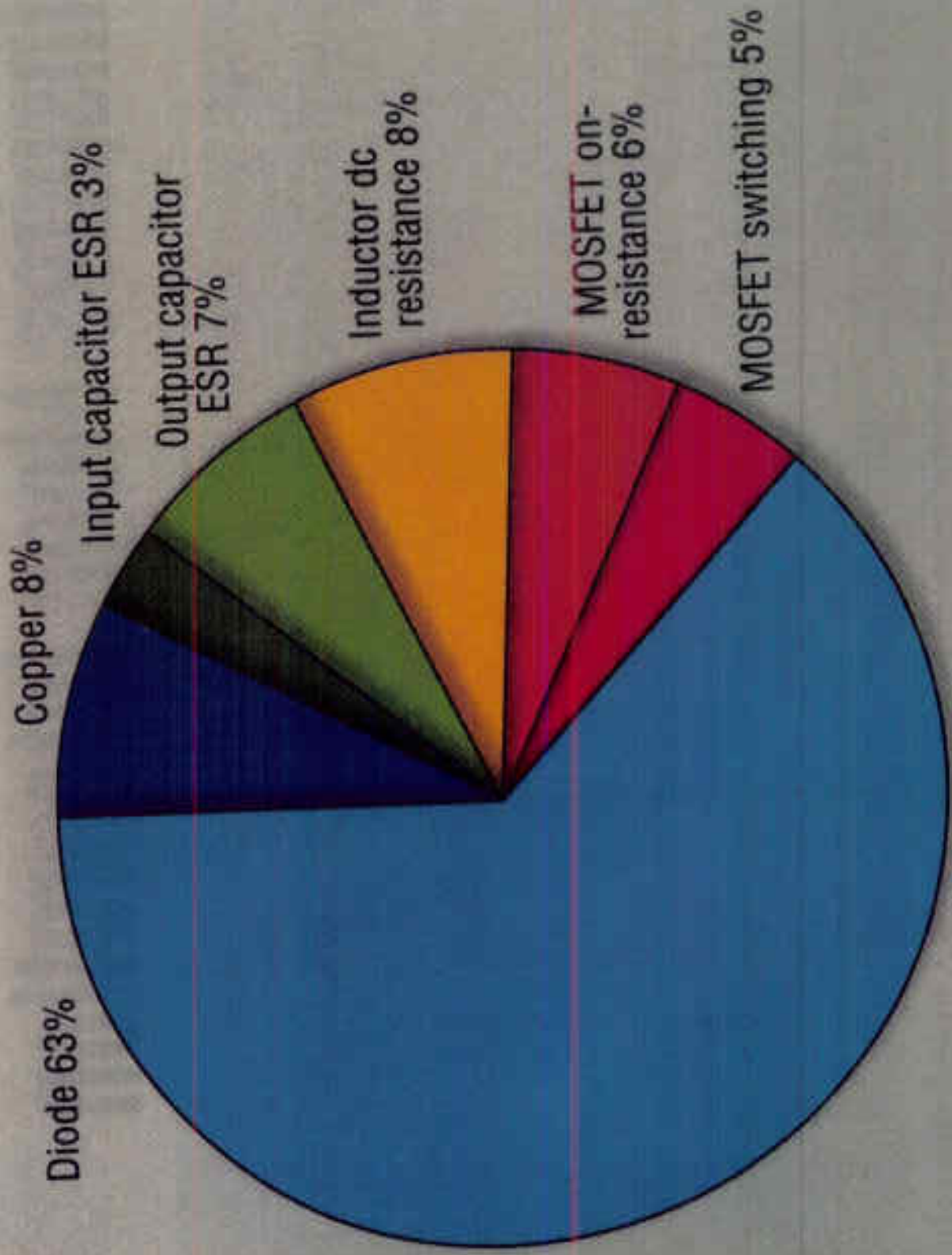
$L$  acts as a "flywheel"

$$2\Delta i = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{out}}{L} \frac{D}{f_{sw}}$$

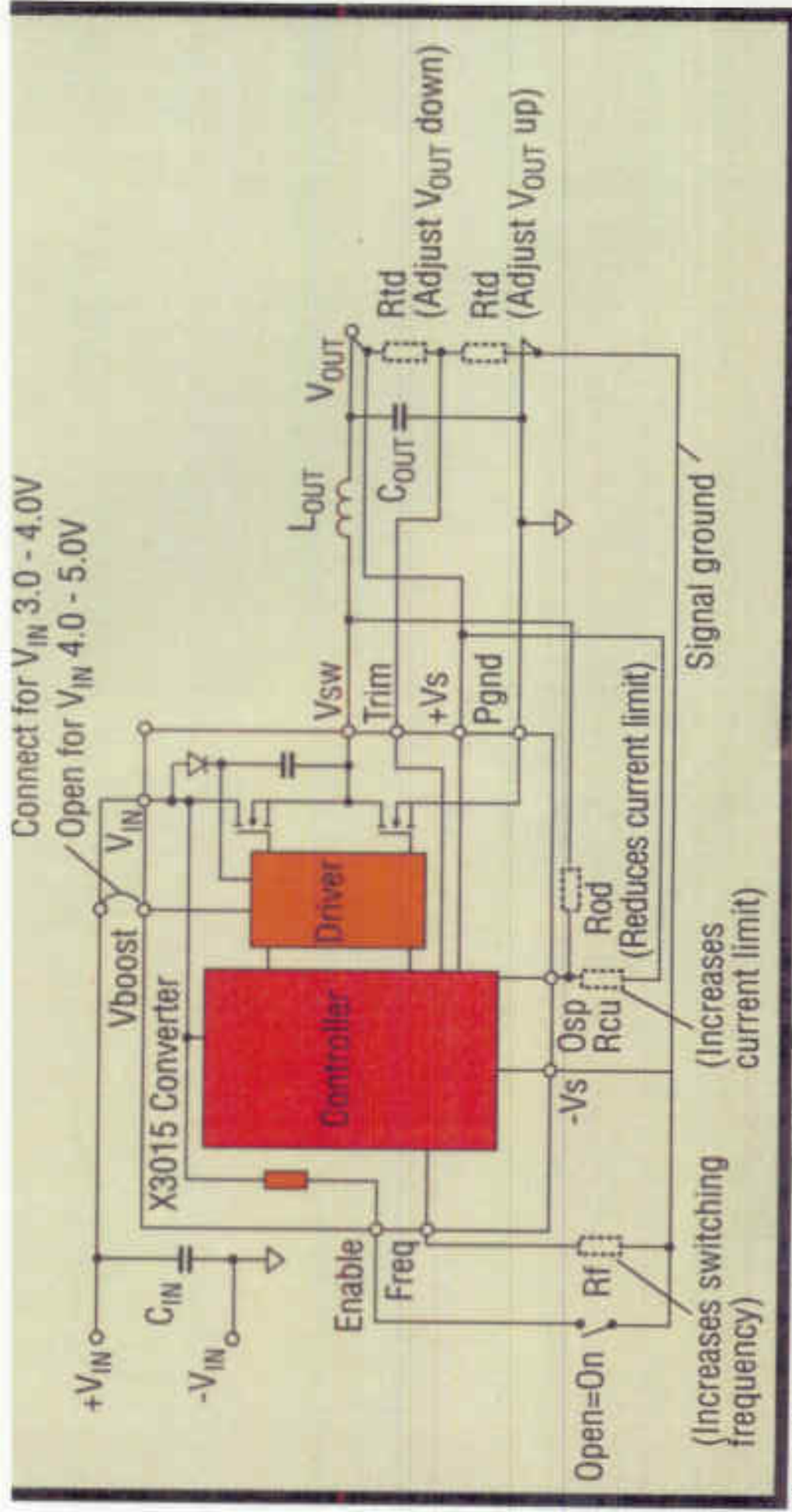
Choose desired  $\Delta i$

Pick  $L f_{sw}$

Pick  $D \equiv \frac{V_o}{V_{in}}$



**Fig. 6.** Power loss caused by the freewheeling diode should be eliminated to increase the converter's efficiency.



**Fig.1.** This synchronous buck converter is optimized for minimum switching and conduction losses.

# Synchronous Rectification in High-Performance Power Converter Design

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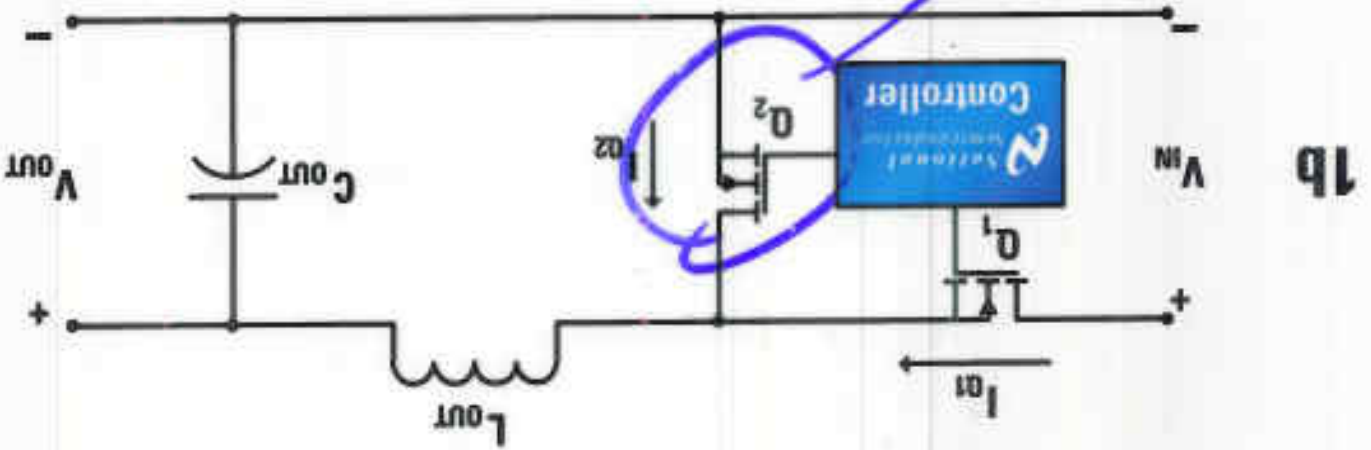
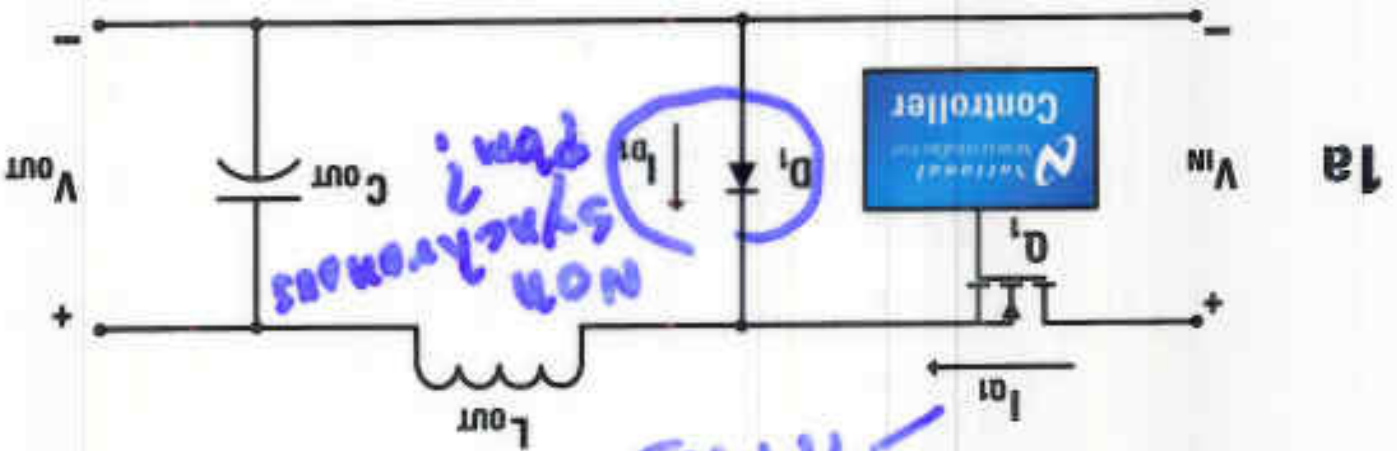
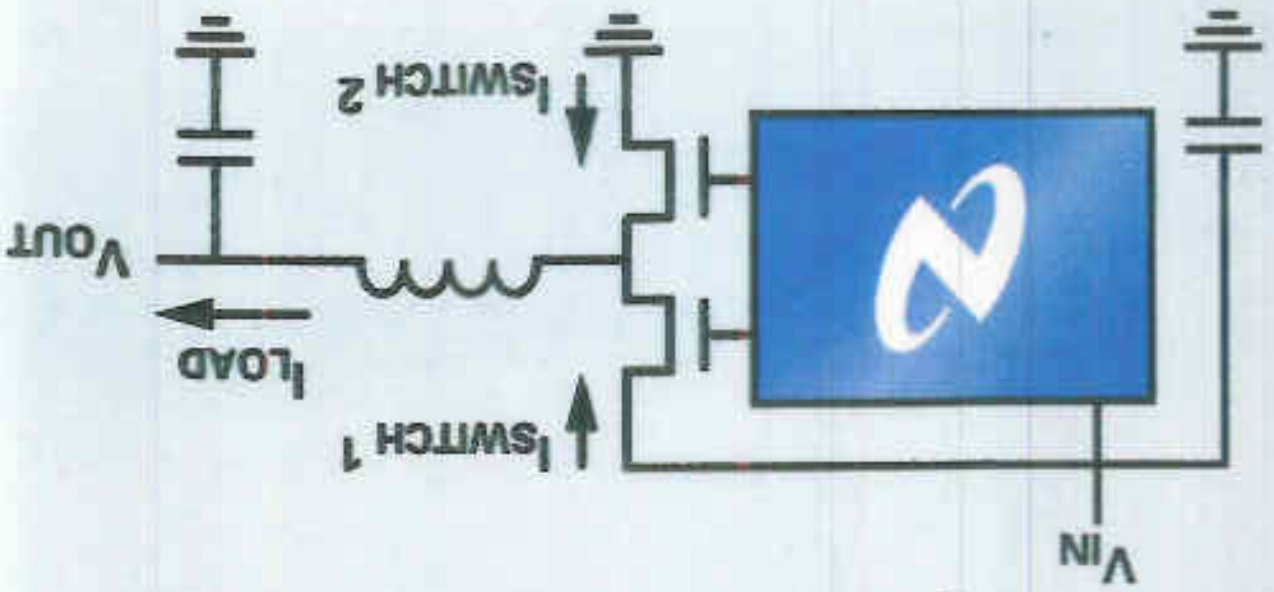


Figure 1. (a) Non-synchronous and (b) Synchronous Buck Converters

replace IV power diode

- ① avoid shoot through
- ② Always CCM (no need chf)
- ③  $V_{DN} = I * R_{DS(on)}$  (parallel) FETs
- ④ Need 100A 1mV

## Synchronous buck



**Function:** Step-down ( $V_{OUT} < V_{IN}$ )

**When to use:** When high efficiency is required with high-output current ( $> 5A$ ) or low duty cycles ( $V_{IN} > 5 \times V_{OUT}$  and/or  $I_{OUT} < 0.5A$ )

**Characteristics:** A second switch replaces the diode in the basic buck topology, reducing losses in the conditions mentioned above

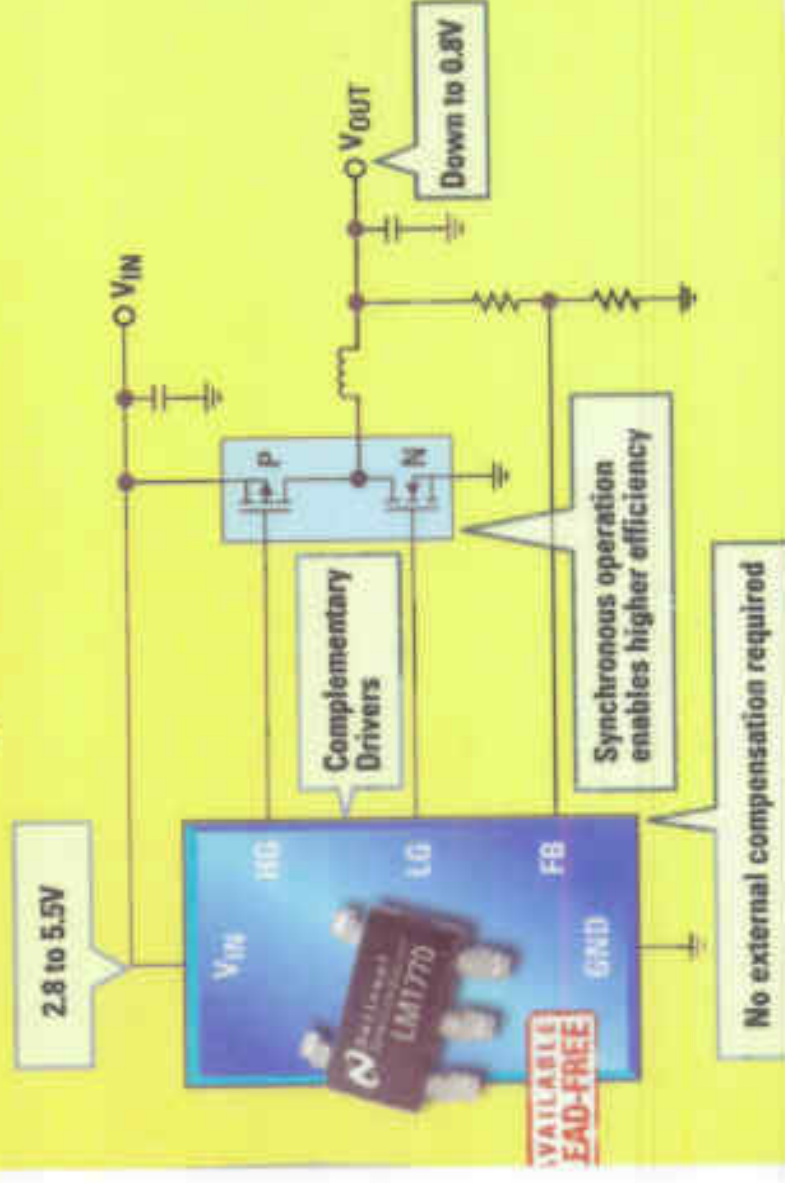
**Devices to use:** Any "synchronous rectification" buck integrated regulator or controller

**Figure 2: Step-down configurations**

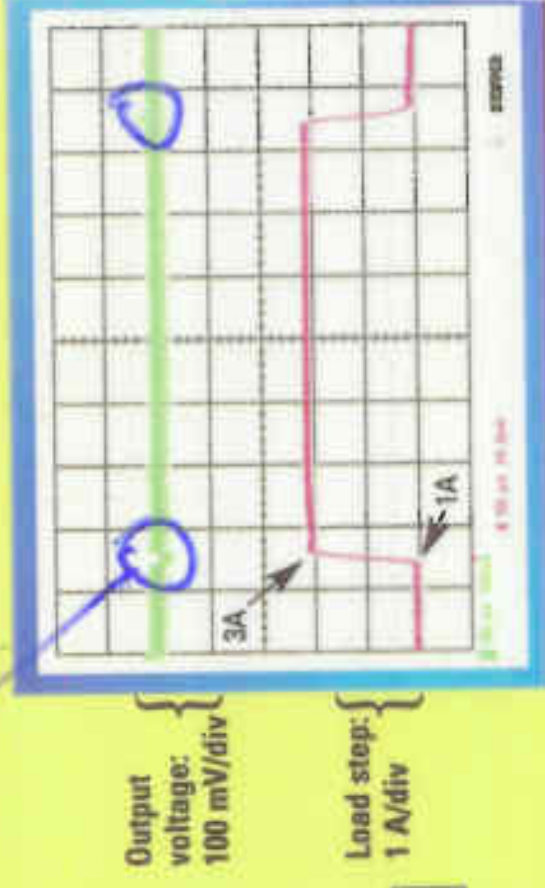
Cost of FET drives?

# High-Efficiency LM1770 Synchronous Controller for Low-Voltage DC-DC Conversion

## Application Circuit



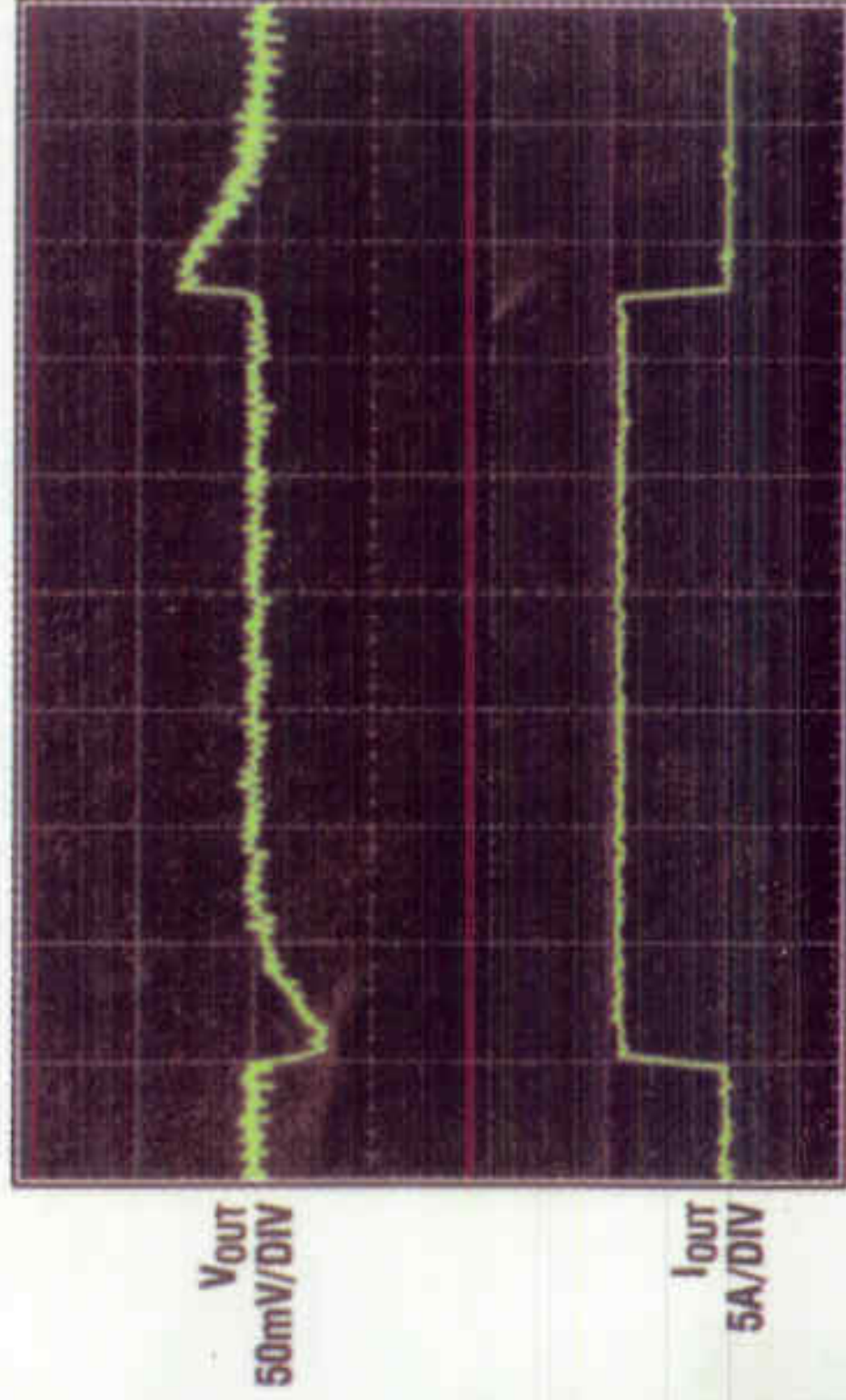
## Transient Response



$V_{IN} = 5V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$

# Ultrafast Transient Response

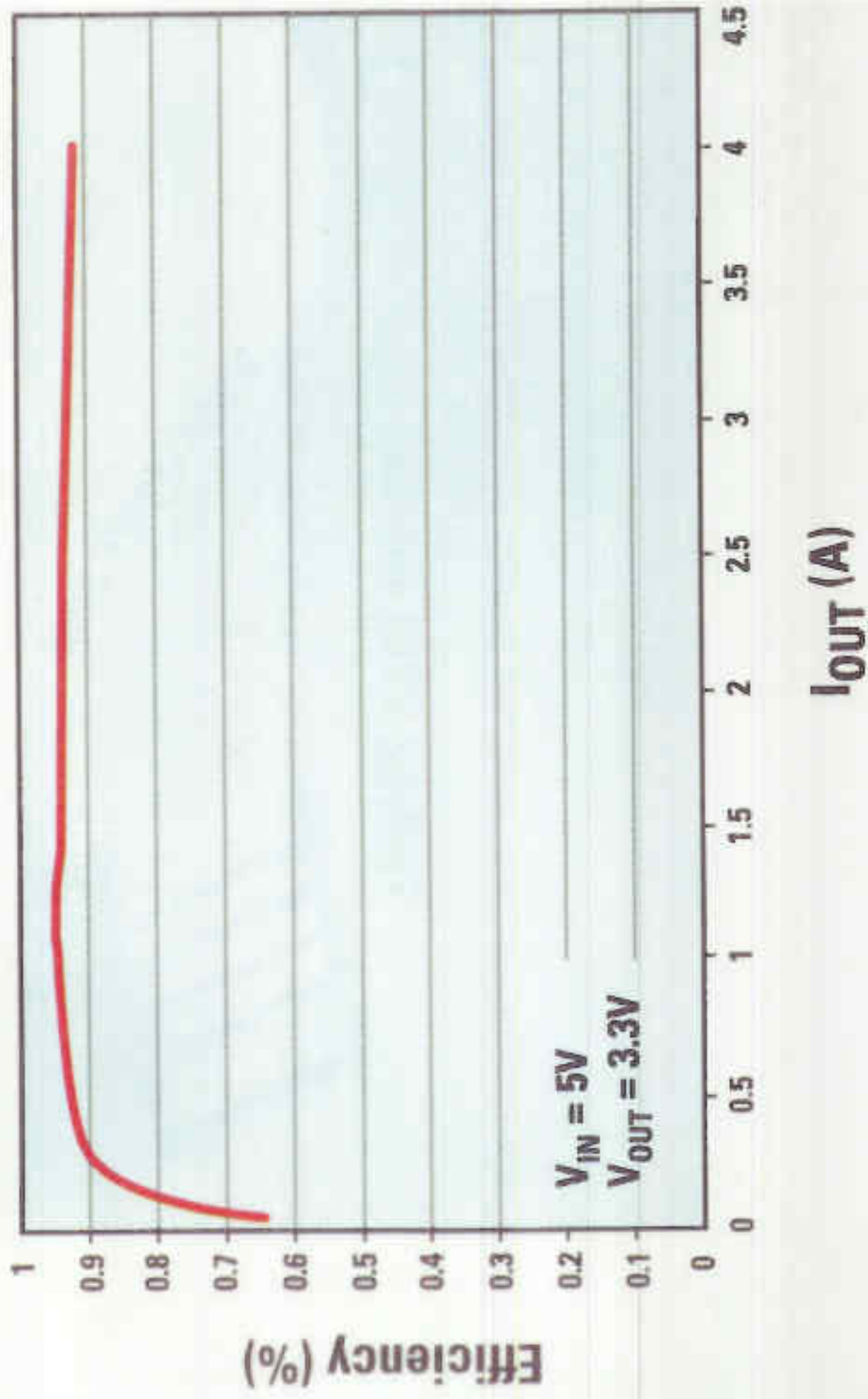
2%  $\Delta V_{OUT}$  with a 5A Step



25 $\mu$ s/DIV

$V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 1.5V$ , 0A to 5A Load Step  
( $C_{OUT} = 3 \times 22\mu F$  CERAMICS, 470 $\mu F$  POS CAP)

## >90% Efficiency Over Load Current



# BOGO for Low i Applications

## LM3370 Dual Buck Regulator Provides Highest Efficiency for FPGAs and Multimedia Processors

$V_{IN} = 2.7V$  to  $5.5V$

Automatic PFM-PWM mode switching provides high efficiency at all loads

ENABLE 1

SDA

SCL

ENABLE 2

I<sup>2</sup>C compatible interface scales power to match processor clock frequency

Lowest I<sub>q</sub> (<20  $\mu A$ ) extends battery life

LM3370

Buck 1

I<sup>2</sup>C Interface

Buck 2

POR (Buck 1)

POR (Buck 2)

$V_{OUT1} = 1V$  to  $2V$   
Up to  $600\text{ mA}$

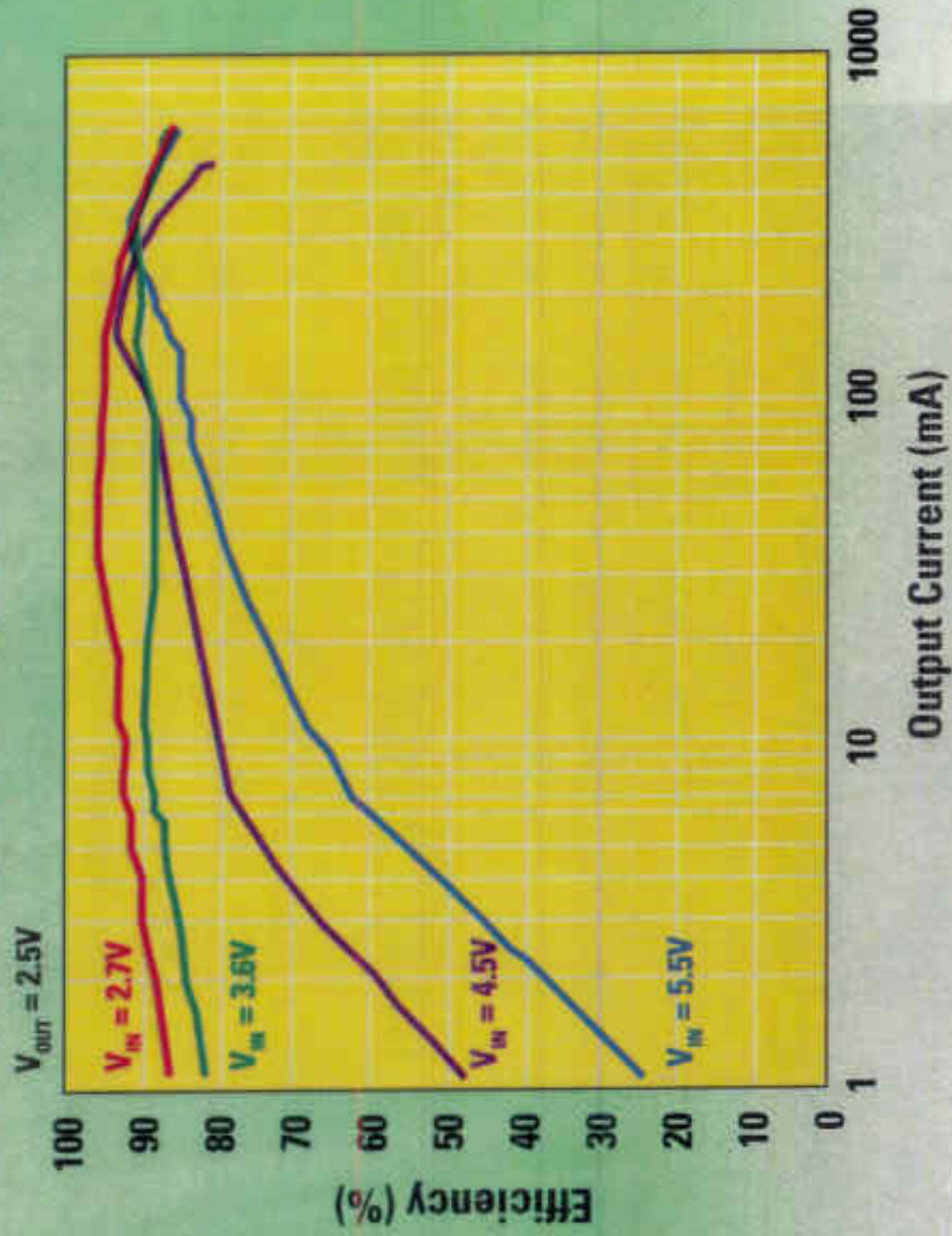
2 MHz operation enables smaller external components and minimizes footprint

Power-on-reset prevents fault condition in processors

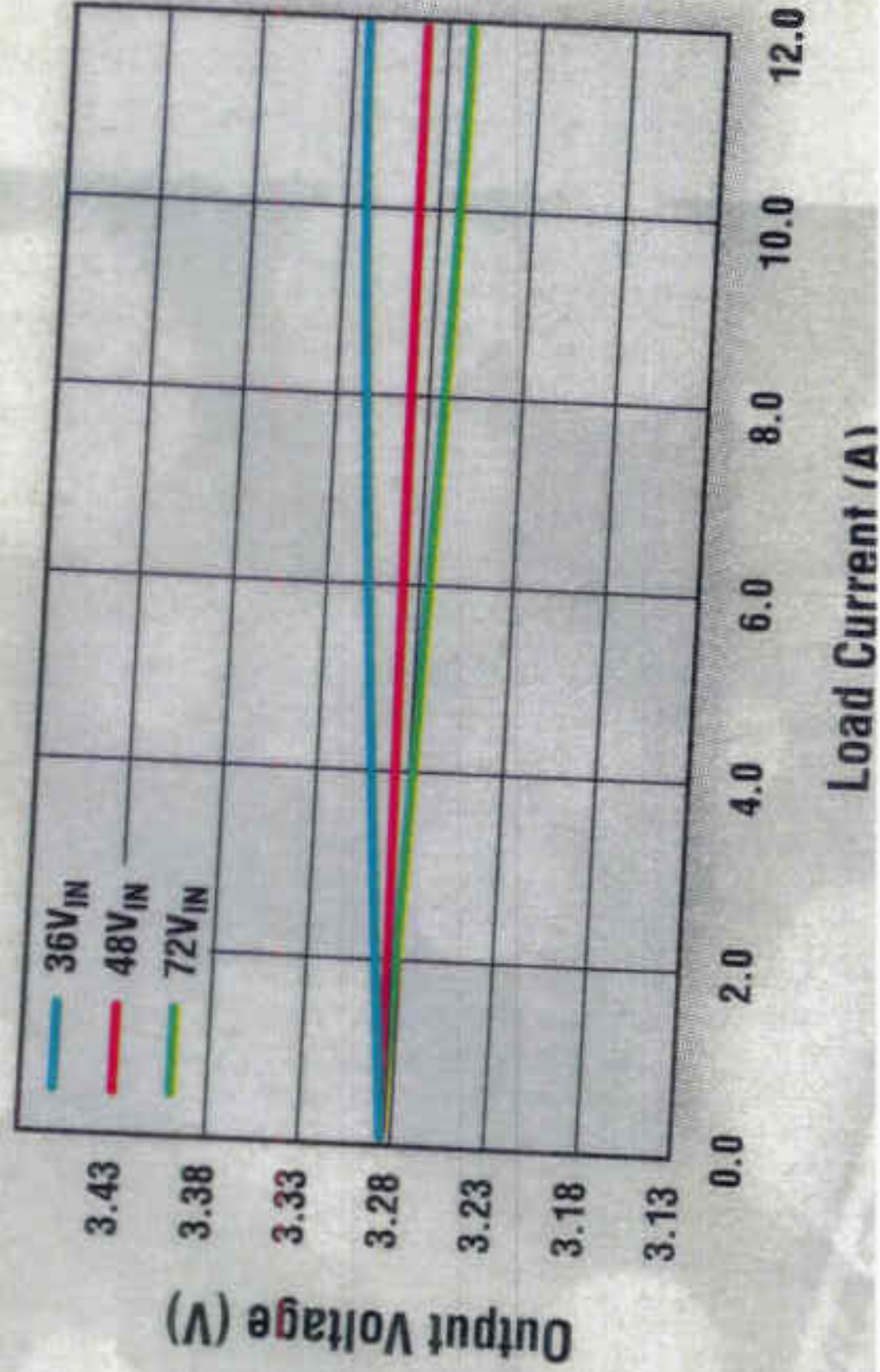
$V_{OUT2} = 1.8V$  to  $3.3V$   
Up to  $600\text{ mA}$

Spread spectrum reduces noise (ideal for RF systems)

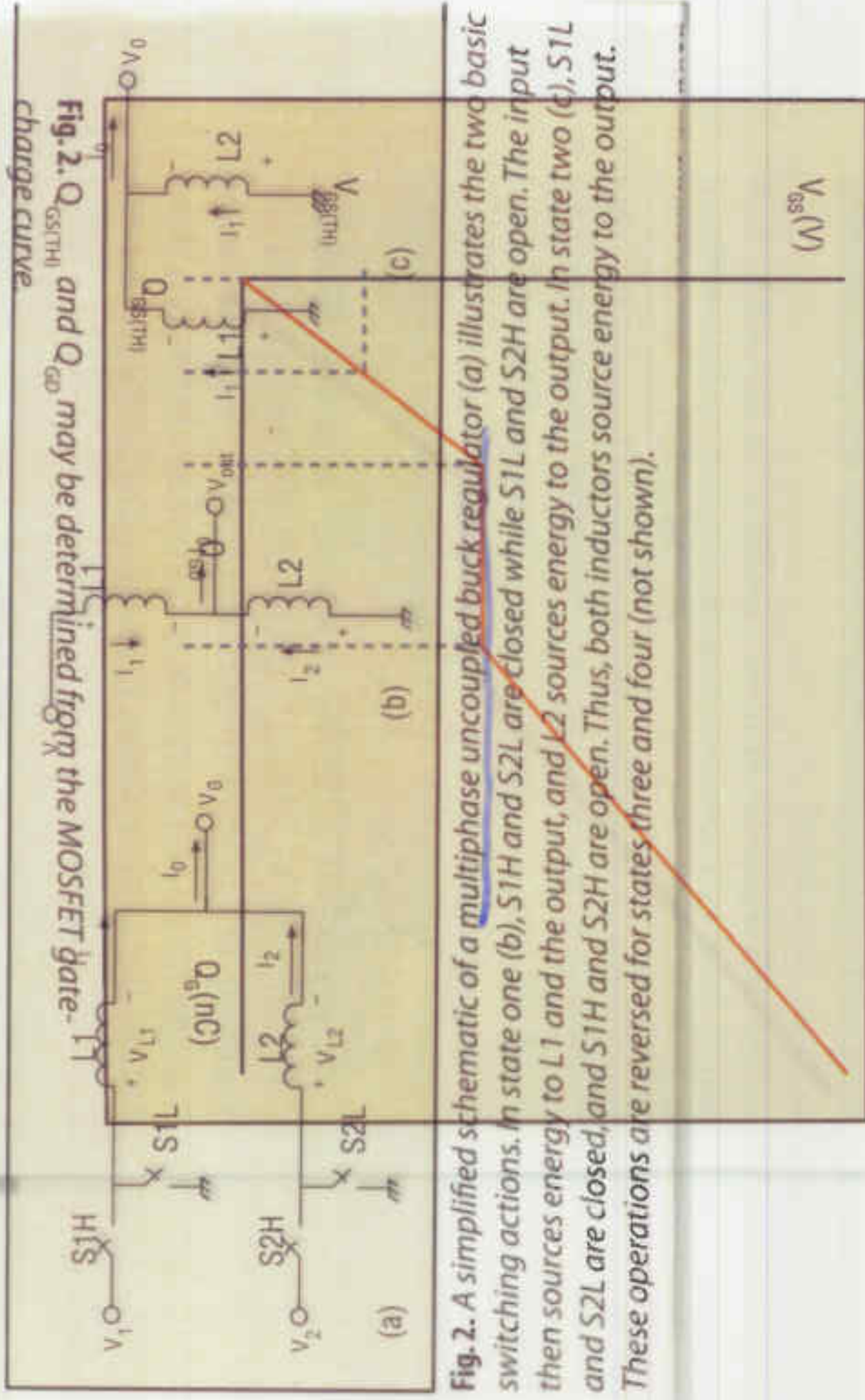
## High Efficiency Across All Loads

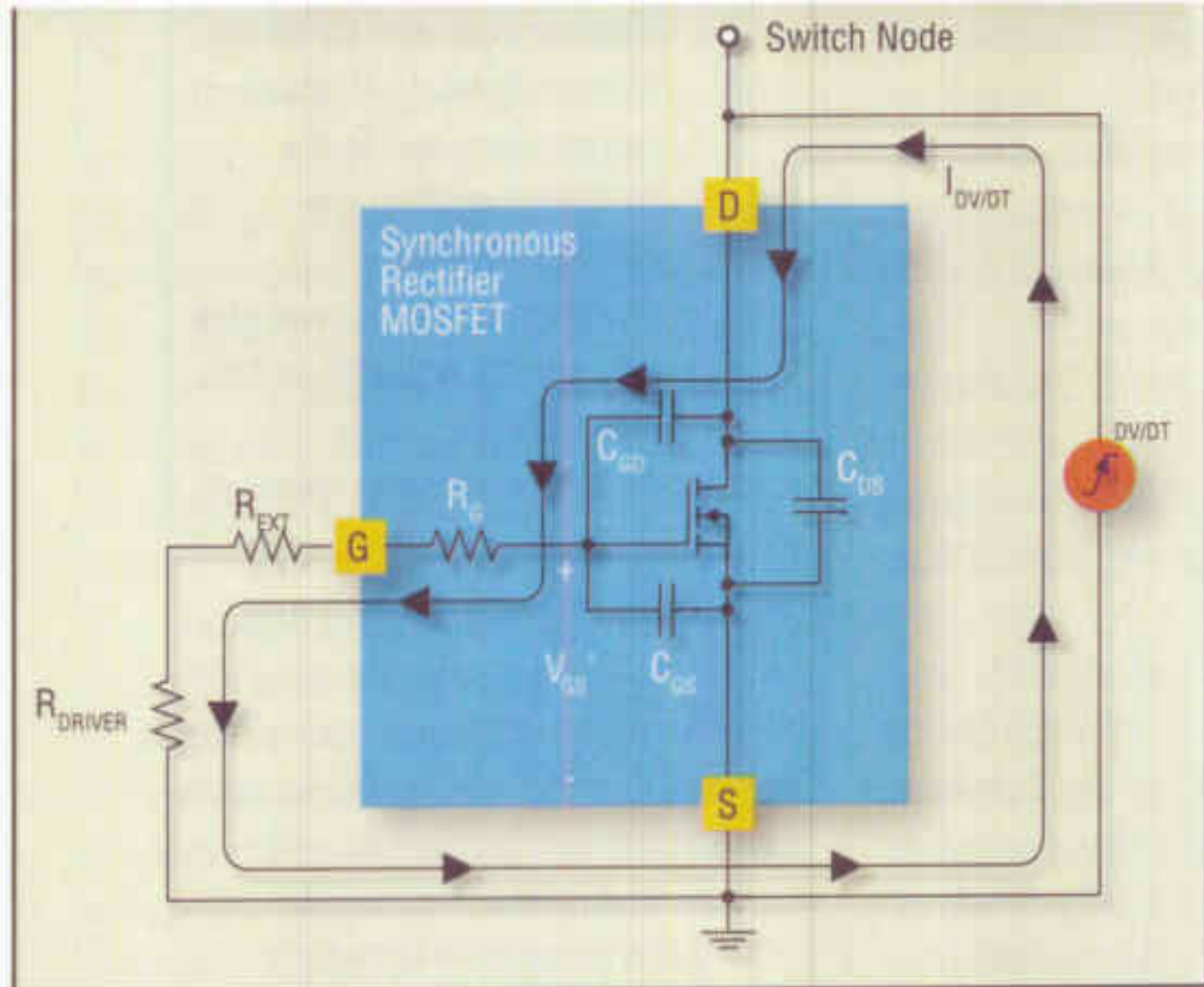


## Precise Regulation



## DV/DT IMMUNITY



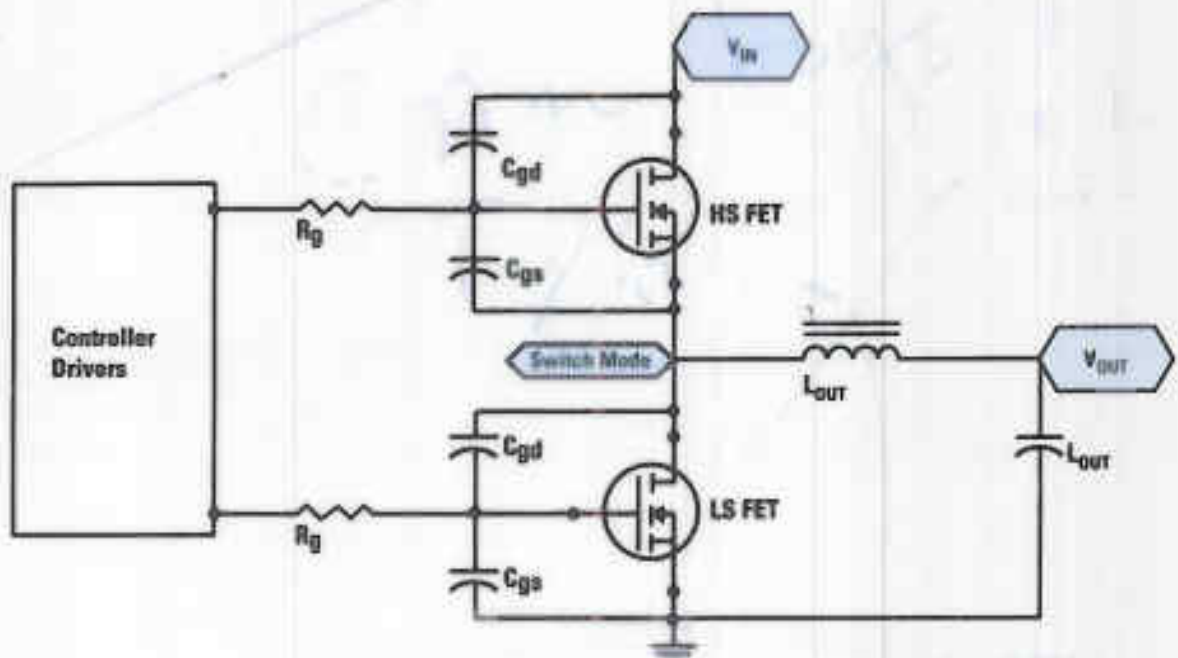


**Fig. 1.** Turn-on of the high-side MOSFET (not shown) produces a voltage transient  $dv/dt$  across the low-side (synchronous) MOSFET, which leads to the off-state current conduction shown here.

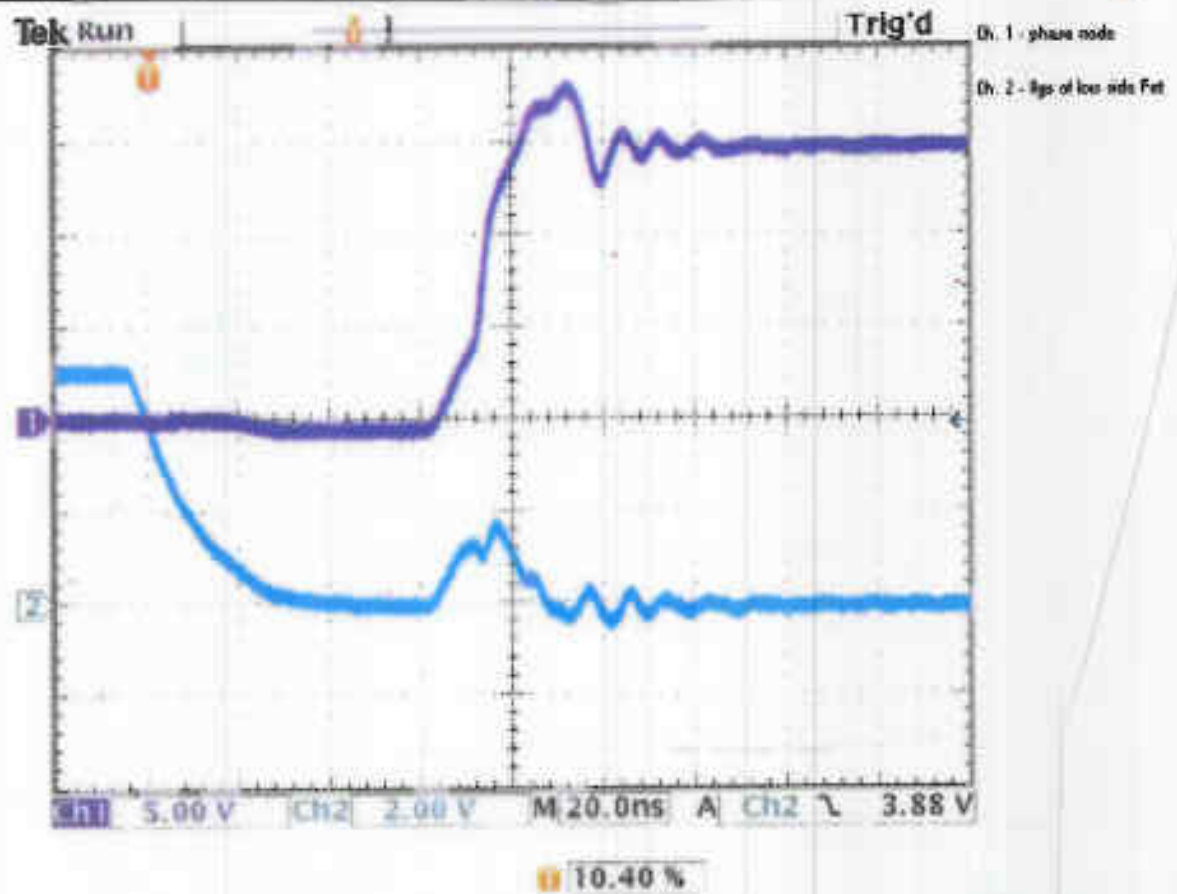
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① +V rail connected to D  
 $\Delta dv/dt$

② Via  $C_{gd}$  lower FET ON  
 Short (?!)



**Figure 3. Synchronous Buck Converter**



**Figure 4.  $dv/dt$  induced step on the low-side MOSFET**  
 Ch 1 Switch node  
 Ch 2  $V_{gs}$  \_ low-side MOSFET