

## Efficiency of Charge Pump Inverter.

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### One pump stage: supply plus bulky capacitor.

Imagine connection: DC supply – switch( $R_{SW}$ ) – capacitor( $C_{bulk}$ ) – load(constant current sink).

During charging (switch ON) bulky cap is connected to supply with resistor (i.e. MOSFET's  $R_{dson}$ ). Current thru switch is given by:  $i(t) = I_{max} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$

Dissipated energy (which must be wasted to heat because of principle of operation and topology) is (finished transition):

$$\begin{aligned} E_{DIS} &= \int_0^\infty R_{SW} \cdot i^2(t) dt = R_{SW} I_{max}^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{2t}{\tau}} dt = \\ &= R_{SW} I_{max}^2 \left[ -\frac{\tau}{2} e^{-2t/\tau} \right]_0^\infty = R_{SW} I_{max}^2 \frac{\tau}{2} = \frac{R_{SW}^2 I_{max}^2 C_{bulk}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

DC supply gives  $U + \Delta U$  voltage,  $C_{bulk}$  was charged to voltage  $U$  thus  $I_{max} = \Delta U / R_{SW}$ . After charging is complete capacitor is charged to  $U + \Delta U$ .

Switch OFF: discharging bulky cap with constant current load  $I_{AV}$ .

$$\Delta U = \frac{I_{AV}}{C_{bulk}} \Delta t$$

$$I_{max} = \frac{I_{AV}}{C_{bulk} R_{SW}} \Delta t$$

Thus ( $C_{bulk} \equiv C$ )

$$E_{DIS} = \frac{I_{AV}^2}{2C} \Delta t^2 = \frac{I_{AV}^2}{2C f^2}$$

Approximation ( $I_{max}$  falls to 10% of initial value):

$$P_{DIS} = \frac{I_{AV}^2}{2C f}$$

Transferred energy to C (finished transition):

$$\begin{aligned} E_{TRD} &= \int_0^\infty i(t) u(t) dt = \int_0^\infty I_{max} \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} (U + \Delta U (1 - e^{-t/\tau})) dt = \\ &= I_{max} U \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} (1 + \tilde{r} (1 - e^{-t/\tau})) dt \end{aligned}$$

ripple  $\tilde{r} = \Delta U / U$

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} (1 + \tilde{r} (1 - e^{-t/\tau})) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-t/\tau} + \tilde{r} \int_0^\infty e^{-t/\tau} dt - \tilde{r} \int_0^\infty e^{-2t/\tau} dt =$$

$$= \tau + \tilde{r}\tau - \frac{\tilde{r}\tau}{2} = \tau(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2}) = R_{SW}C(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2})$$

$$E_{TRD} = I_{max}U\tau(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2}) = I_{AV}U\Delta t(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2}) = \frac{I_{AV}U}{f}(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2})$$

Energy transfer efficiency  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\varepsilon = \frac{E_{TRD}}{E_{TRD} + E_{DIS}} = \frac{(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2})}{(1 + \frac{\tilde{r}}{2}) + \frac{I_{AV}}{2fCU}} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \frac{I_{AV}}{2fCU}}$$

One cap storage stage achieves 99% efficiency if  $fCU \geq 50I_{AV}$