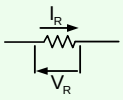
Current Sensing

- 9.1 Resistor
- 9.2 Current transformer

Current Sensing

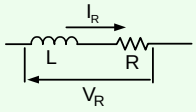
* Control PCM, ACM
* Protection

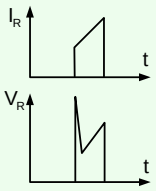
Sense Resistor



Problems

* Inductive component





Losses

$P_d = R I_{Rrms}^2 = V_{Rrms} I_{Rrms}$

For a reasonable S/N $V_R \approx 100\,mV$ at least

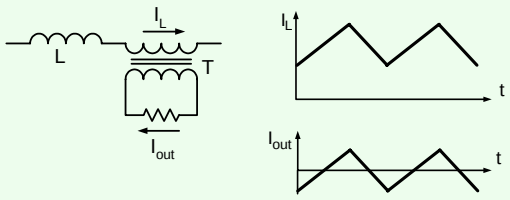
Assuming V_R, V_{Rrms} same order of magnitude

$P_d \approx 0.1\, I_{Rrms}$

$I_{rms} = 10$ A $P_d \cong 1$ W

Not practical for I>10A

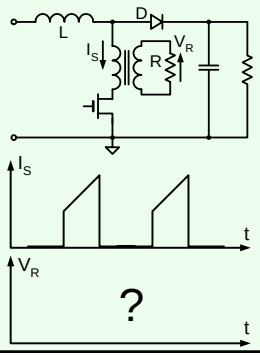
Current transformer



DC component via primary lost !

DC component may saturate transformer !

Current Transformer



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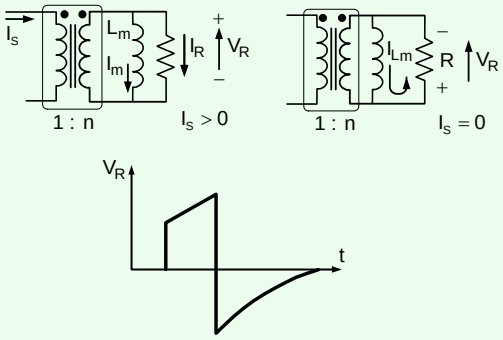
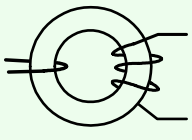


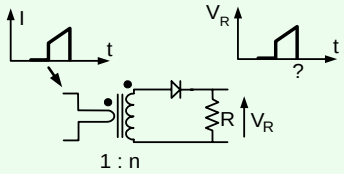
Conclusions

- Linear Current transformers are useful only if current to be measured is AC
- In Power Electronics, Pulse Current transformer is useful for measuring pulsed current

Pulse Current transformer Design

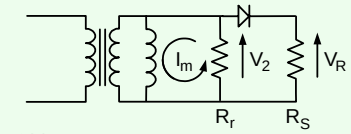


1. DC pulses

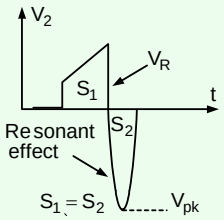


During pulse $V_R = \frac{I}{n} \cdot R$

Resistor reset

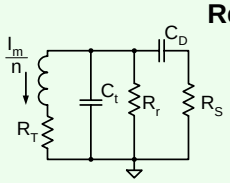


$R_r > R_s$

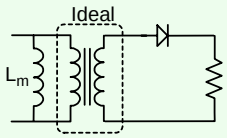


V_{pk} might be too high for diode

Reset

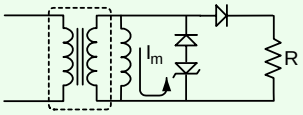


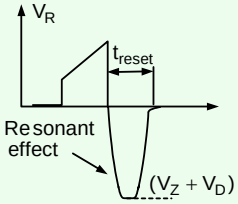
C_t - Transformer capacitance
C_D - Diode capacitance
R_T - Transformer Resistance



Sometime no resistor is used.

Reset - Clamp





$t_{reset} < t_{off}$

Place to put current transformer

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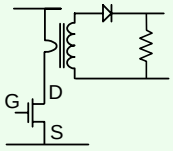

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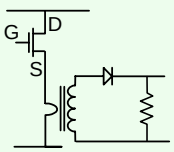
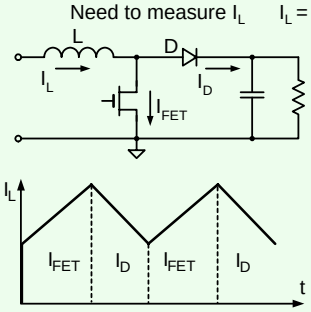


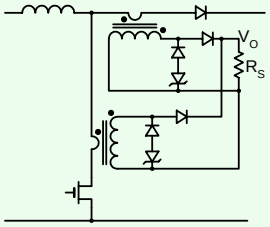
Why ?

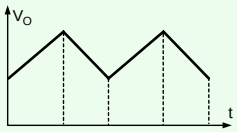
Measuring "DC" current with pulse current transformer

Need to measure I_L $I_L = I_D + I_{FET}$



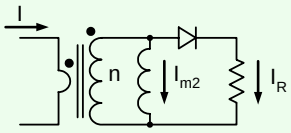
Inductor DC Current





Long wire for illustration only

Problem

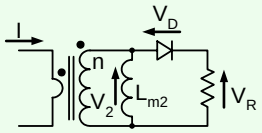


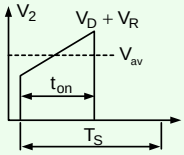
$$\frac{I}{n} = I_{m2} + I_R$$

I_{m2} must be smaller than I_R or $2\pi f_s L_m > R$

This becomes a problem at low frequencies

Design of current transformer





Transformer operation is limited by voltage NOT CURRENT

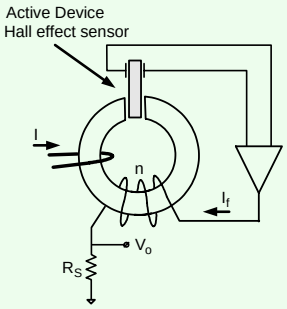
$$B_{max} = \frac{\int V dt}{nA_e} \qquad V_R \cong \frac{I}{n}R$$

$$\int V dt = V_{av} t_{on} = \frac{V_{av} D_{on}}{f_s}$$

$$B_{max} = \frac{I_{av} R D_{max}}{nA_e f_s}$$

If I_{av} large need R small.
Problem at low frequencies

DC Current transformer



Null operation Φ=0 by feedback

$$I_f \cdot n = I \qquad V_o = \frac{I}{n}R_S$$