

# High **VOLT** Interactive

Where power supply design meets collaboration

When to consider general purpose PWMs

## What will I get out of this session?

- Purpose:

How to use general-purpose PWM controllers in different system solutions and probable multi-topologies and what are the benefits.

- Part numbers mentioned:

- UCC38C42, UCC38C44,
- LM25037-Q1, LM5030

- Reference designs mentioned:

- PMP1083, PMP1141

- Relevant End Equipments:

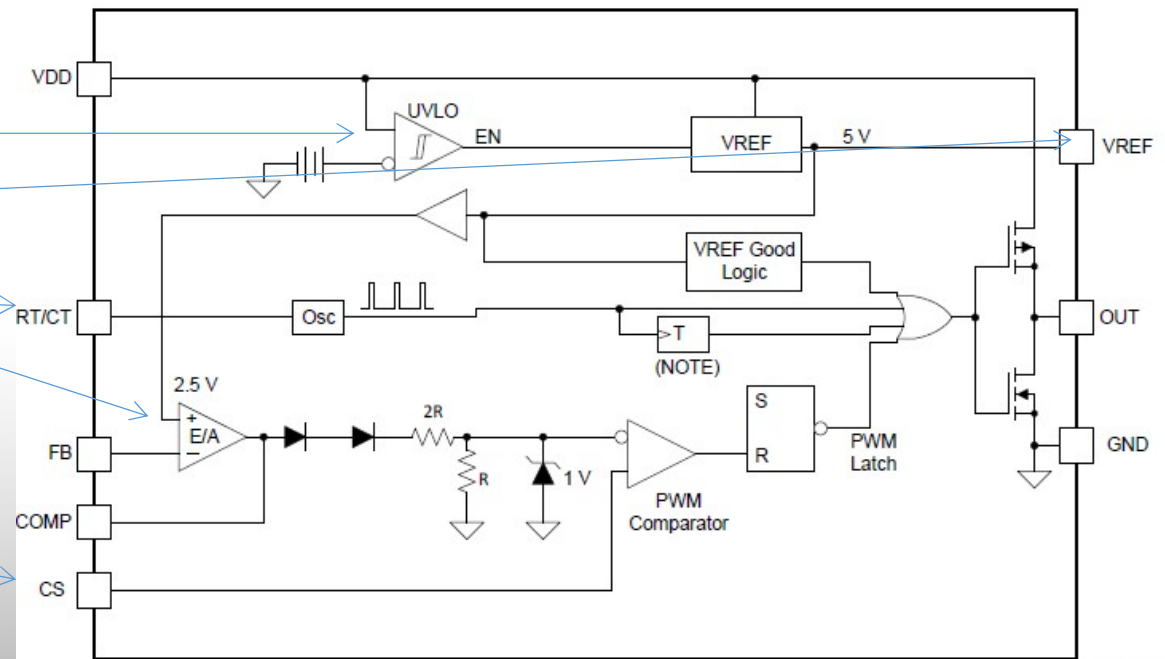
- Telecoms, Automotive, Industrial, Consumer

## What are General Purpose PWM Controllers

- Simple controllers that are easy to use
- Flexibility without complexity. In many applications, this can be exactly what a power-supply designer needs. Their flexibility allows them creation of a number of application variations.
- Long history, reliable, can have multiple vendors...
- General PWM controllers can be leveraged across multiple designs resulting in a high-volume sourced component in a high mix product portfolio.
- Using general PWM controllers can decrease development time, easy to run open loop and control externally during development debug.
- Can be used in a topology where no specific PWM controller exists.

## General Purpose PWM Block Diagram

- Basic building block
  - VDD with UVLO Protection
  - External Vref
  - Timing Pin RT/CT
  - Internal Error amplifier
    - Comp, FB
    - 2.5V internal reference
  - Current sense pin
    - Current mode control

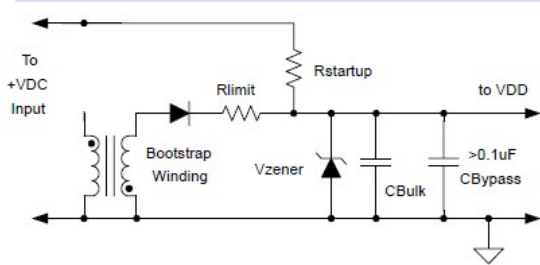


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Toggle flip-flop used only in UCCx8C41, UCCx8C44, and UCCx8C45

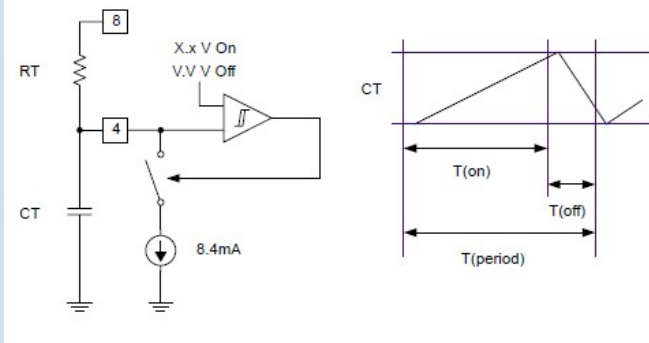
## External Circuits

### Start-up



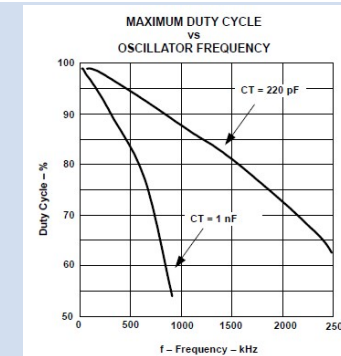
- Rstart connected to DC input or rectified AC line
- Auxiliary winding rectified to provide Vdd after start-up

### Oscillator



- Simple RC network
- Use stable capacitor dielectric, COG, NPO
- Place the R&C close to the pin of the IC

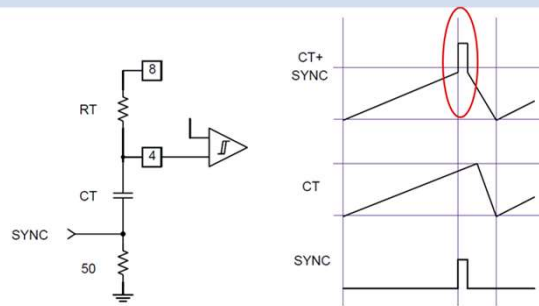
### Max Duty Cycle



- The ratio of the charging to discharging current specifies the maximum duty cycle.
- During the discharge time of CT, the output is always off.
- Deadtime is the minimum off time of the switch

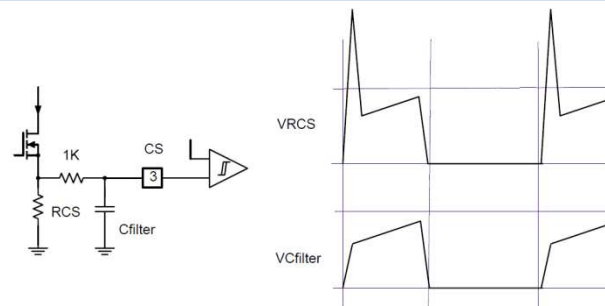
## External Circuits

### Synchronisation



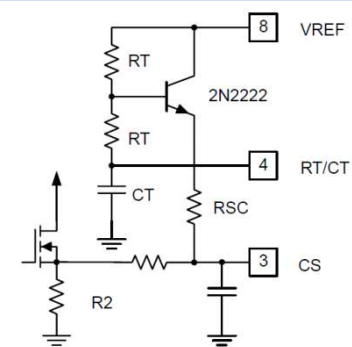
- Sync two power stages to eliminate beat frequency, interference
- Tighter tolerance on oscillator frequency

### Current Sense Filter



- Current sense signal contains a large amplitude leading edge spike
- Allows tuning of CS waveform filtering to each application

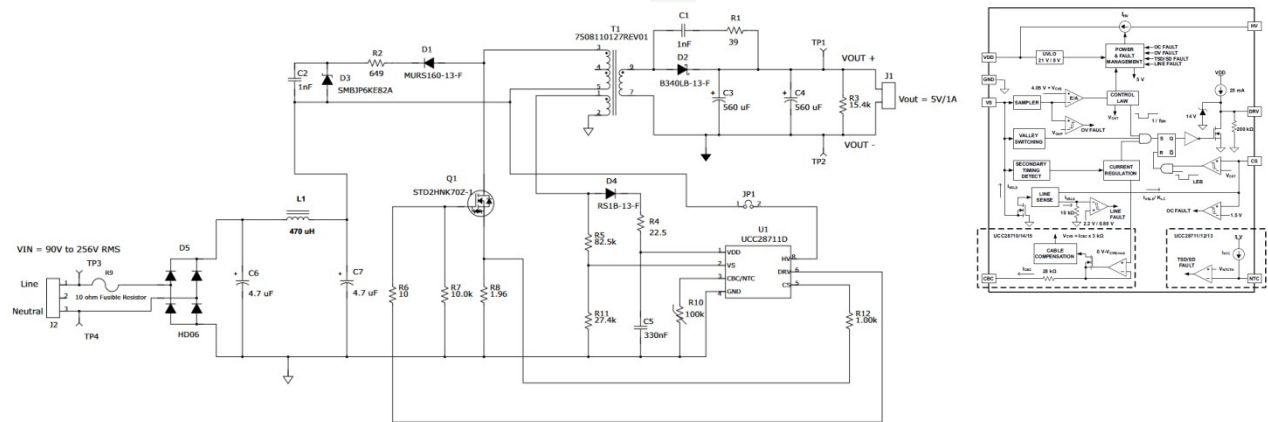
### Slope Compensation



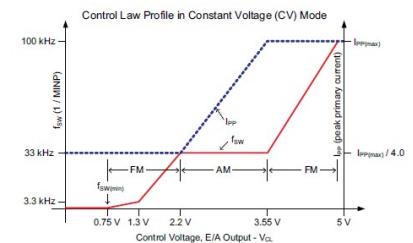
- Slope Comp is required to stabilize the overall loop with duty cycles exceeding 50%.
- Injecting a portion of the oscillator waveform to the actual sensed primary current

## UCC28710 Dedicated Controller

- Flyback Primary Side Regulation
  - No Opto or TL431 –lower cost
  - Sense from aux winding
- Internal control loop
  - Require minimum value of output capacitance
- Internal Oscillator, variable switching frequency
- Specific control law to maximise light load efficiency
- High Voltage start-up – 700V
- Pin to programme Cable compensation / NTC thermal sensor



<30 Components



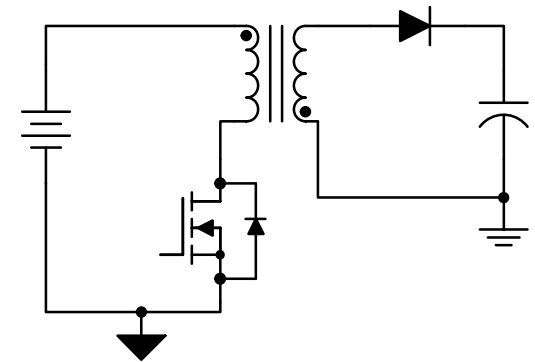
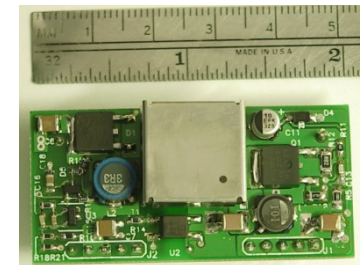
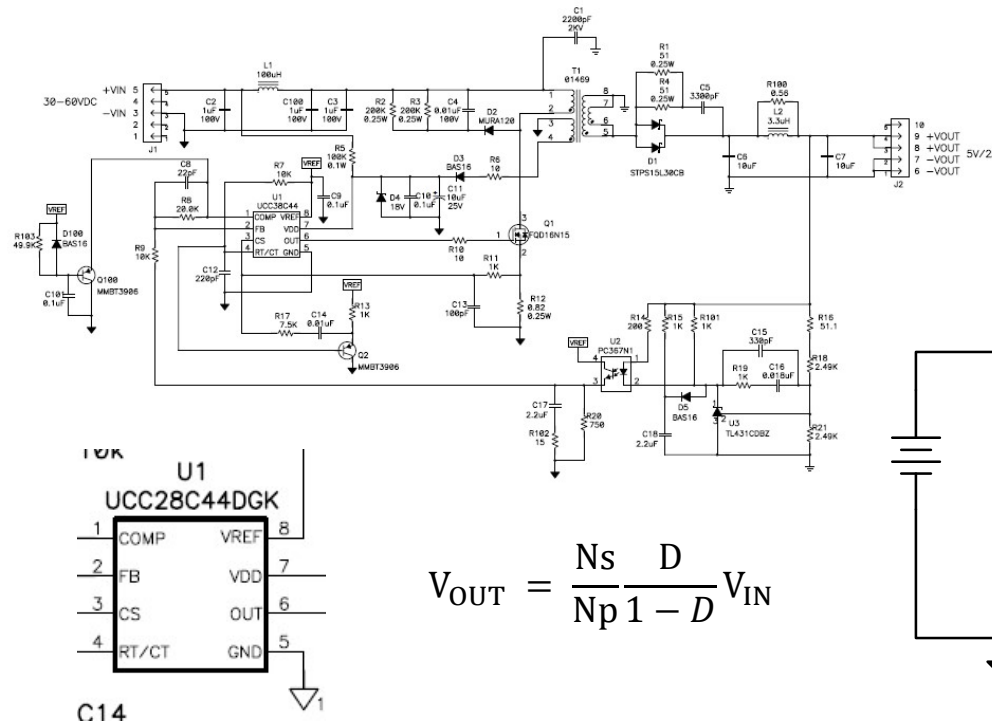
## 5V, 2A Universal AC input Isolated Flyback PMP1141

### Advantages

- Low component count, small footprint
- No output Inductor
- No reset winding in transformer
- Good for multiple output designs

### Disadvantages

- High ripple currents
- Higher output voltage ripple
- Limited to <150W
- High voltage stress on primary switch
- Requires snubber/clamp



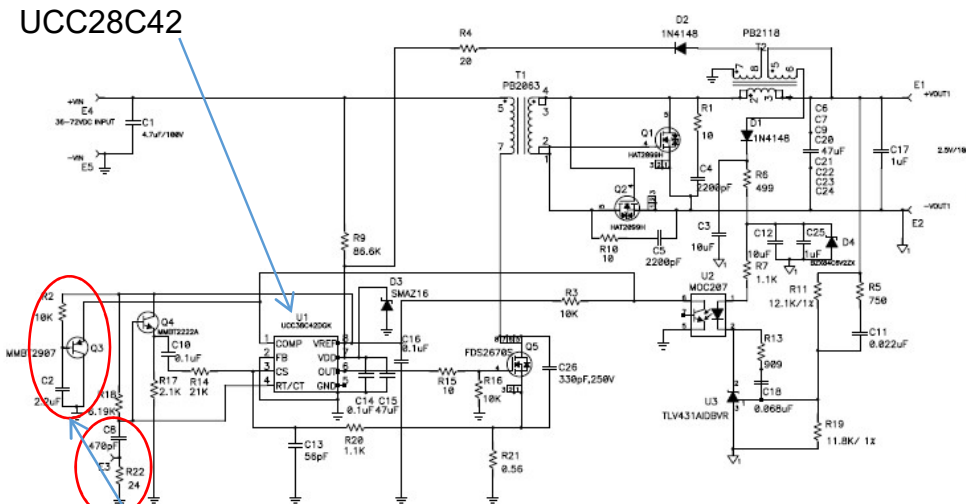
$$V_{OUT} = \frac{N_s}{N_p} \frac{D}{1-D} V_{IN}$$



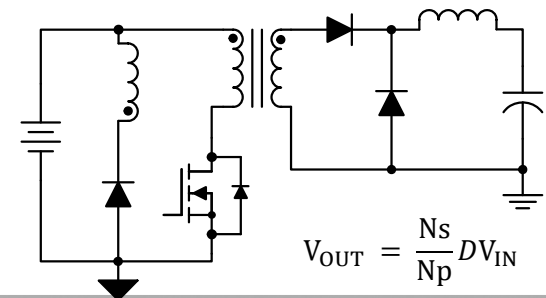
## Forward

- Advantages
  - Continuous output current
  - Suited for high load current
  - Self-Driven Synchronous Rectification
  - Good cross regulation with coupled inductor
- Disadvantages
  - Need two rectifiers and two magnetics
  - Poor core utilization
  - $D < 50\%$  unless reset mechanism used, reset winding or RCD snubber
  - DC magnetic bias needs core reset by external means such as reset winding or clamp circuit

<http://www.ti.com/lit/an/slua276/slua276.pdf>



- Telecoms 36V to 72Vdc
- 2.5V<sub>out</sub>, 10A
- 525kHz Switching Frequency
- Soft start
- Synchronisation Input

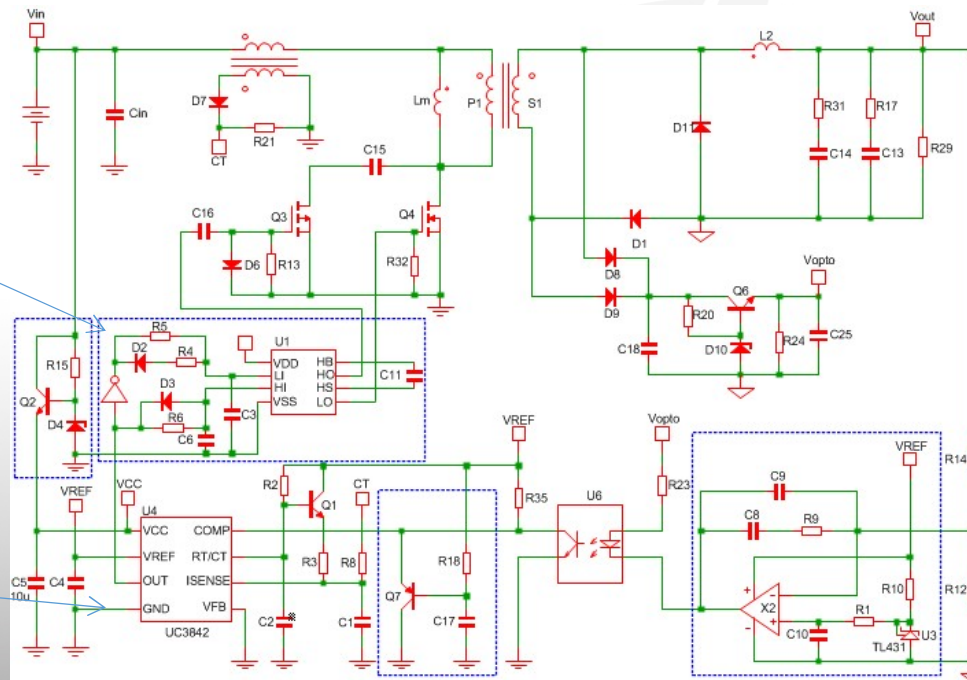


## Discrete Active Clamp Forward

External driver  
And dead-time  
control circuitry

HV start up

UC3842



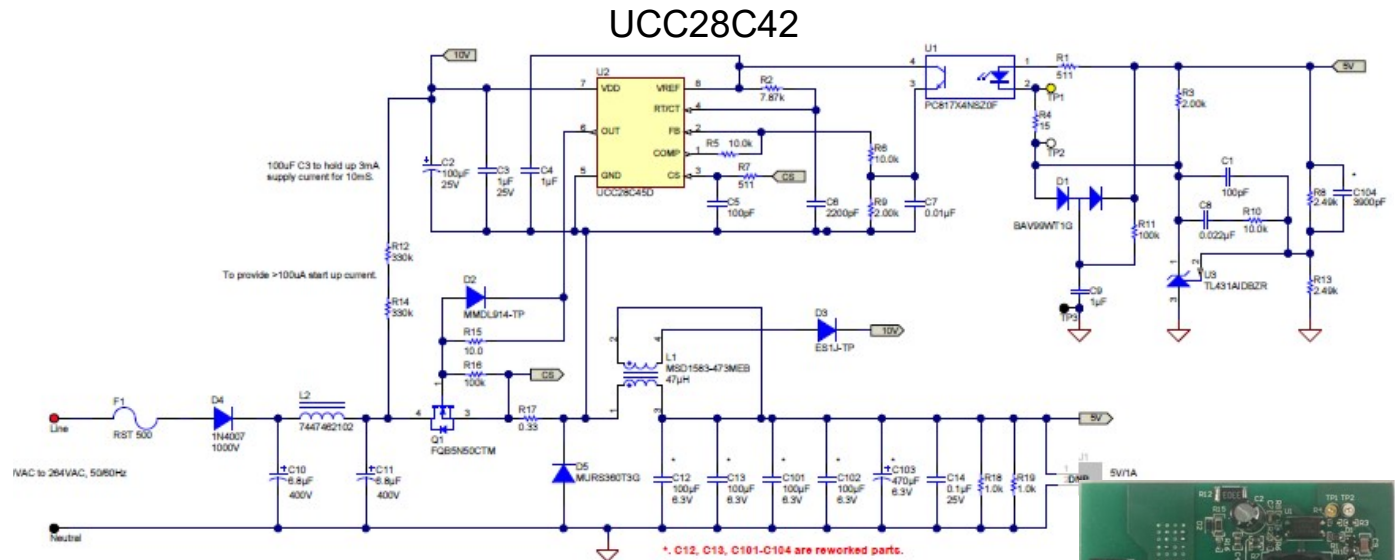
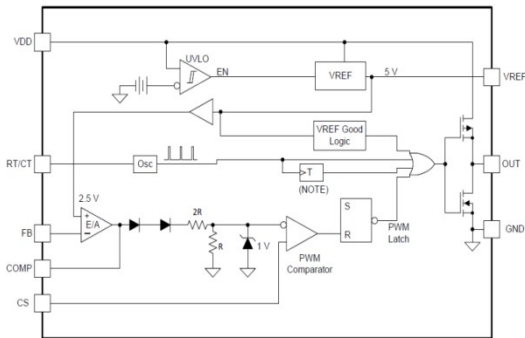
Soft-start

Feedback and compensation

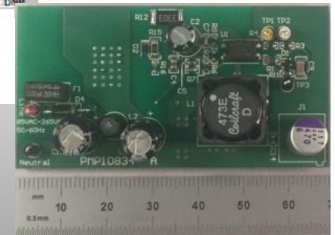
## 5Vout, 1Aout, AC-DC Fly-Buck™ Converter PMP1083

### Features:

- Non-Isolated AC/DC Flybuck
- Dual Output, 5V and 10V
- AC Line, 85V to 265V
- Less than 45C temperature rise
- 1% output regulation
- Use all standard components

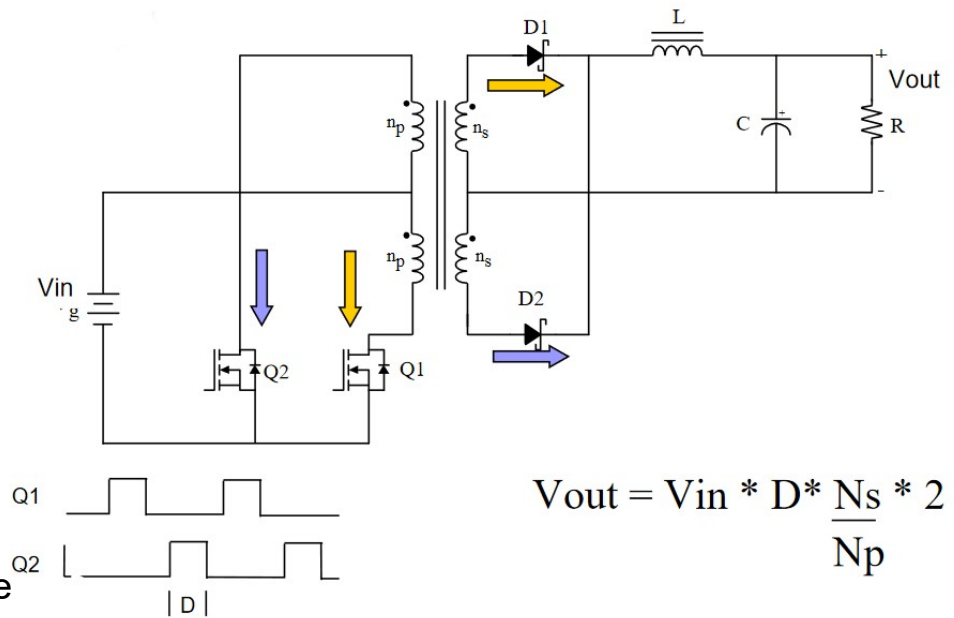


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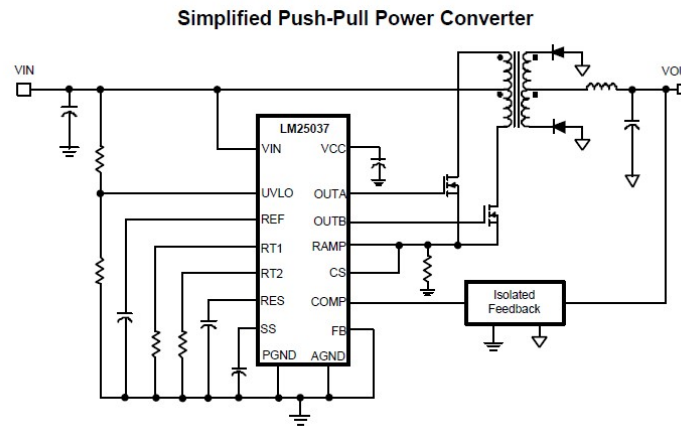
## Push Pull

- When to consider Push Pull
  - 25W to 500W, medium to high power
  - Low input voltage 12V auto or high output current
    - Voltage can drop to 6V during cold start – not good for half bridge/full bridge topologies with high side drive
- Advantages
  - Lower ripple current in input and output capacitors
  - Primary side mosfet are low side- easy to drive
  - Good transformer utilisation
- Caution
  - Voltage stress on FETS is twice  $V_{in}$
  - Beware of flux imbalance, use current mode controller

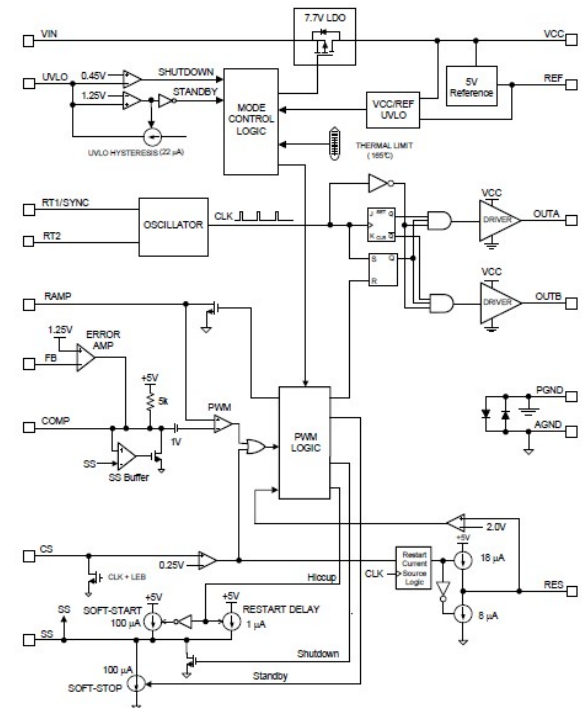


## LM25037 & -Q1 Auto Qualified

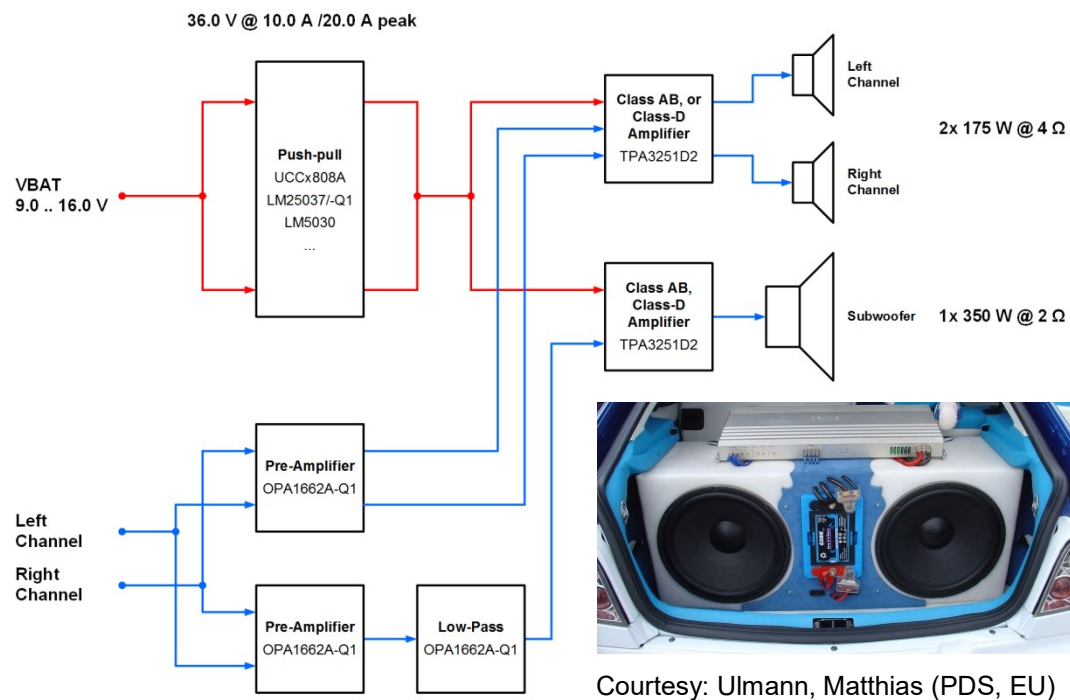
- Wide Input operating range 5.5V to 75V
- Current Mode or Voltage Mode with feed forward
- Programmable
  - Max Duty Cycle
  - Line UVLO
  - Soft Start
- Internal filtering (LEB) on CS pin
- 5V reference
- 2MHz Oscillator
- External synchronisation



Configured for Current Mode



## Premium Audio - Analog Input External Amplifier

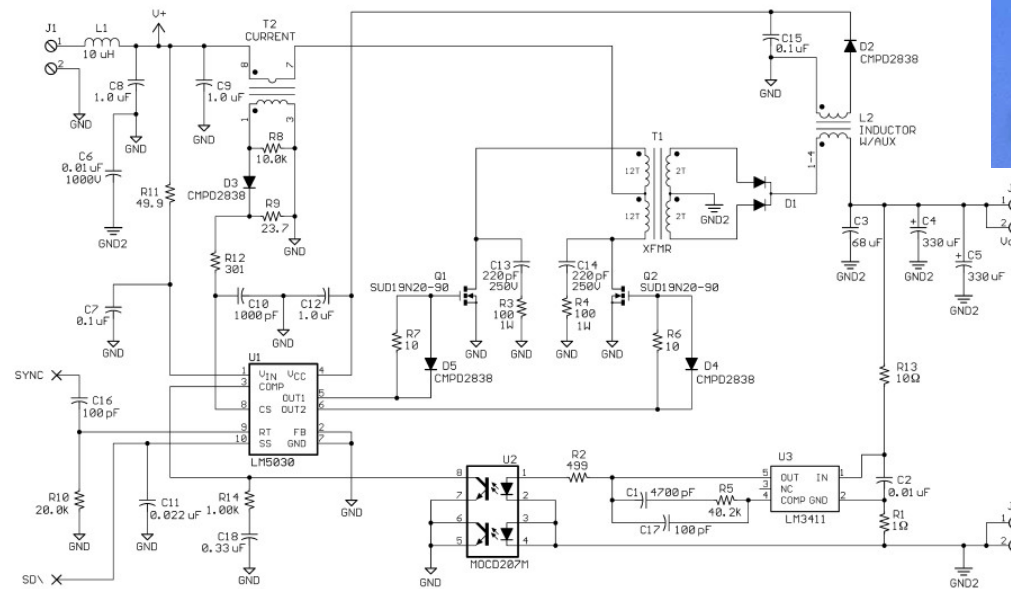


Pull-pull is preferred:

- If positive and negative supply voltage are needed such as in Class AB audio amplifier
- If high control bandwidth is needed as the frequency of the audio current draw increases up to 40kHz (80kHz+ for HD audio)
- LM25037-Q1 advantages
- Higher duty cycle, strong gate drivers and programmable soft start.
- Can operate in current mode or voltage mode

## LM5030 Telecoms Demo Board 36V-75Vin, 3.3V @ 10A

Input Range: 36 to 75V  
Output Voltage: 3.3V  
Output Current: 0 to 10A  
Efficiency (48V Input):  
82.5% @ 10A and 84.5% @ 5A  
Board Size: 2.4 x 2.4 x 0.45  
Load Regulation: 0.2%  
Line Regulation: 0.1%  
Current Limit ~11A



## Key Take Aways

- General purpose PWM controllers still have a place in power supply systems where simplicity, robustness and flexibility are the dominant concerns
- We have seen how a couple of variants of the UCC38C4x family can provide solutions for Flyback, Forward and Fly-Buck designs, they can also do boost but it was not covered in this presentation
- Dedicated controllers like the UCC28710 flyback controllers provide a focused low component count design but at the expense of flexibility.
- General purpose controllers are ideally suited to supporting a high mix of different designs





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