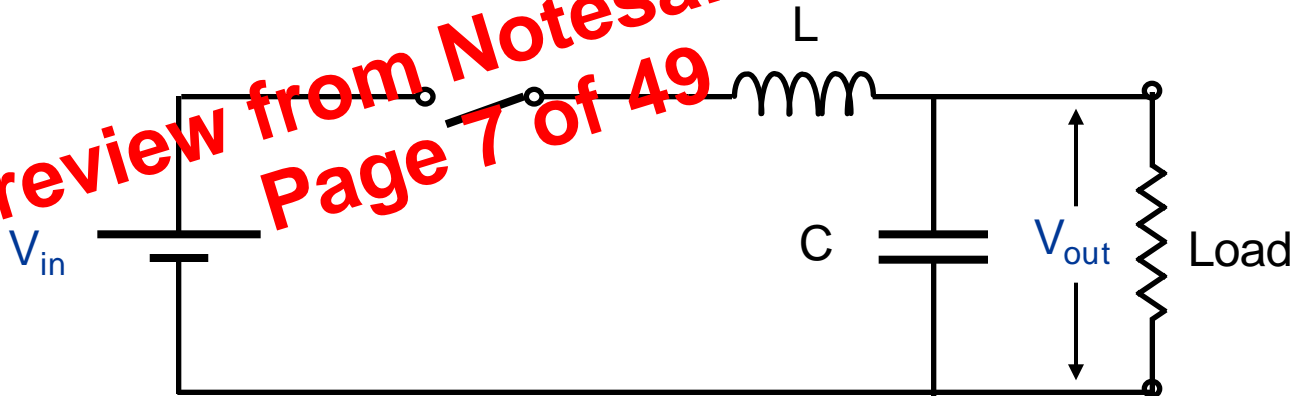


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Try adding an  $L$  to prevent the huge current spike. But now, if the  $L$  has current when the switch attempts to open, the inductor's current momentum and resulting  $Ldi/dt$  burns out the switch.

## Calculation for Inductor

The inductance value is not critical, but there are several factors that influence its choice:

- $I_{max}$  depends on  $\Delta I$ , so to minimise the switch and diode current ratings  $L$  should be large.
- The losses in the practical switch and diode increase somewhat as  $I_{max}$  increases, so  $L$  should be large.
- The cutoff frequency of the output 'LC' filter is  $\omega = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ . For a given filtering effect there is a trade-off between  $L$  and  $C$ .
- To minimise the ripple current rating of  $C$ ,  $L$  should be large.
- To ensure continuous mode of operation,  $L$  should be large.
- From size, weight and cost considerations we would like  $L$  to be as small as possible.

*When it operates in the continuous conduction mode, there is always a current in the inductor. The minimum current in the continuous conduction mode can be zero. Consequently, there is a minimum value of the inductor that ensures its continuous conduction mode.*

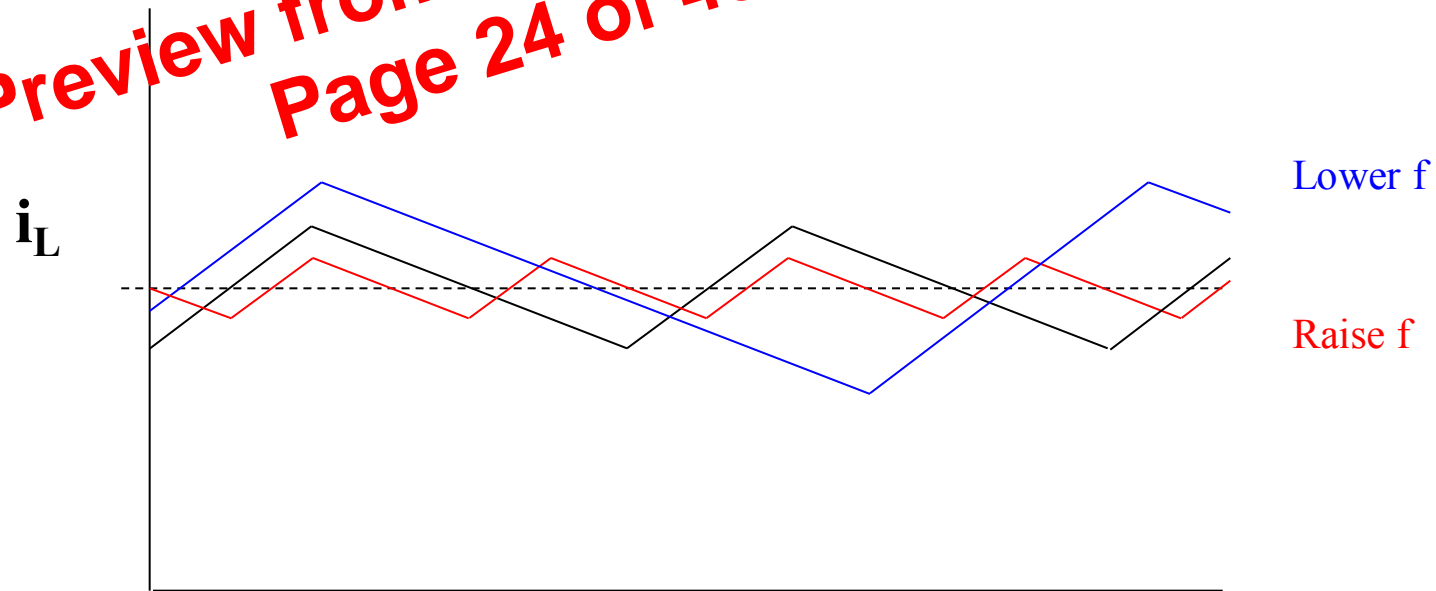
$$(V_{out}/R) - (V_{out}/2L_{min})(1-D)T = 0$$

*Hence:*

$$L_{min} = (1-D)(RT)/2 = (1-D)R / (2f)$$

# Effect of raising and lowering $f$ while holding $V_{in}$ , $V_{out}$ , $I_{out}$ , and $L$ constant

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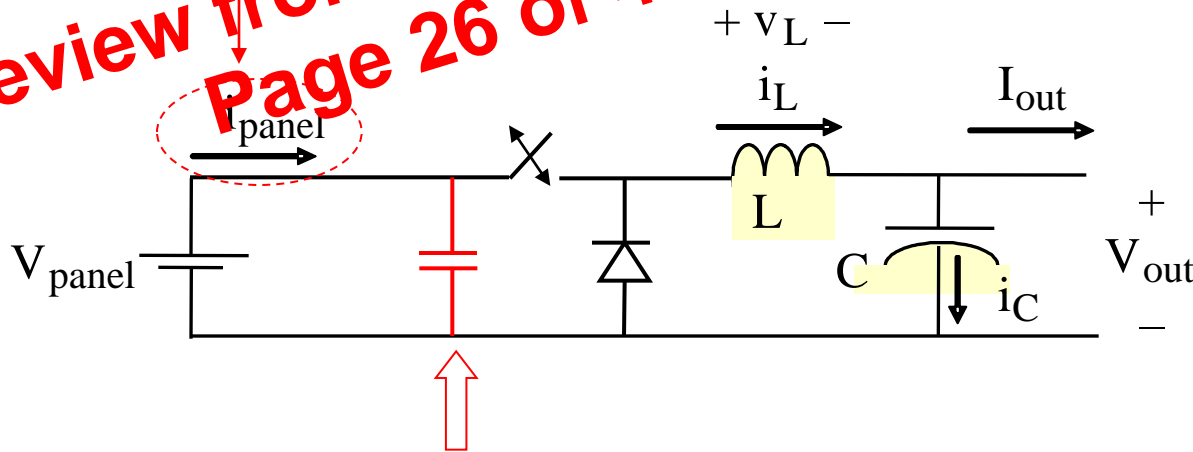


- Slopes of  $i_L$  are unchanged
- Lowering  $f$  increases  $\Delta I$  and moves the circuit toward discontinuous operation

# Buck converter for solar applications

The panel needs a ripple-free current to stay on the max power point.  
Wiring inductance reacts to the current switching with large voltage spikes.

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Put a capacitor here to provide the ripple current required by the opening and closing of the MOSFET

In that way, the panel current can be ripple free and the voltage spikes can be controlled

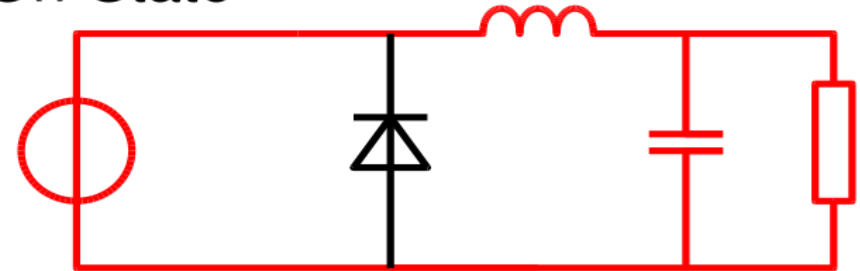
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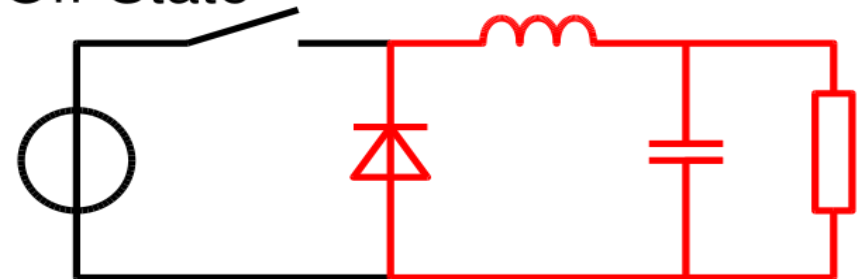
- A step down DC-DC converter
- Duty cycle dependence
- Up to 95% efficiency when used in integrated circuits
- On State: Storing Power in the inductor
- Off State: Discharging power from the inductor into the load

$$V_{out} = D V_{in}$$

On-State



Off-State



# The Buck / Boost Converter

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