

Title (en)
Resonant converter for a gas discharge lamp

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Resonanzwandler für eine Gasentladungslampe

Title (fr)
Convertisseur résonant pour une lampe à décharge

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Abstract (en)
The invention relates to methods and apparatus for control of electrical lighting, in particular for powering a gas discharge lamp using a resonant power converter. Embodiments disclosed include a method of controlling a resonant power converter (400) to drive a gas discharge lamp (401), the resonant power converter comprising first and second series connected switches (402, 403) connected between first and second supply voltage lines (404, 405) and a resonance circuit comprising a capacitor (406) and an inductor (407), the resonance circuit connected between a node (408) connecting the first and second switches (402, 403) and the second supply voltage line (405), the method comprising, in an operational mode, the sequential steps of: closing the first switch (402) to start a first conduction interval; and opening the first switch (402) to end the first conduction interval when a voltage across the capacitor (406) crosses a predetermined first voltage level, wherein controlling the predetermined first voltage level determines a power level provided to the gas discharge lamp (401).

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