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Special Issue on Power Converters and Control Techniques for Very Fast Response Applications, 2020

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Efficient power converters able to change their output voltage in the microsecond scale and beyond play a major role in very fast response (VFR) applications: these include dynamic voltage scaling in microprocessors and integrated circuits, envelope tracking techniques in audio and communication systems, visible light communication, high-frequency AC inverters/generators, wireless power, pulsed loads, etc. Current trends in VFR converters are twofold: first, operation at high switching frequency (MHz range) naturally allows faster response and higher bandwidth. Second, novel circuit topologies, architectures and control techniques can enable faster dynamics at lower switching frequencies, making it easier to achieve high efficiencies. In both cases many challenges arise around the converter design: frequency-dependent loss mechanisms in active and passive devices, influence of parasitic elements, design of low-loss reactive components capable of operating at high frequencies, optimal utilization of wide band-gap power devices, implementation of adequate control circuitry (analog, digital or mixed-signal), design of high-bandwidth control loops, etc. Therefore, VFR applications are a fertile ground for innovative circuit design solutions and technological advances to keep up with ever-increasing requirements.

The main objective of this Special Issue is to collect the latest developments in power converters, technologies and control techniques for VFR applications. Prospective authors are invited to submit original contributions for review and for publication in this Special Issue. Topics of interest included, but are not limited to:

- Innovative topologies: soft-switching techniques, resonant converters, switch-capacitor converters and hybrid switched-capacitor converters.
- Novel architectures: multiphase converters, multilevel converters, modular converters, etc.
- Modelling and simulation with emphasis on system-level approach.
- Novel control strategies and high bandwidth control loop design.
- Magnetic design and new capacitor technologies.
- Optimal utilization of wide band-gap power devices.

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