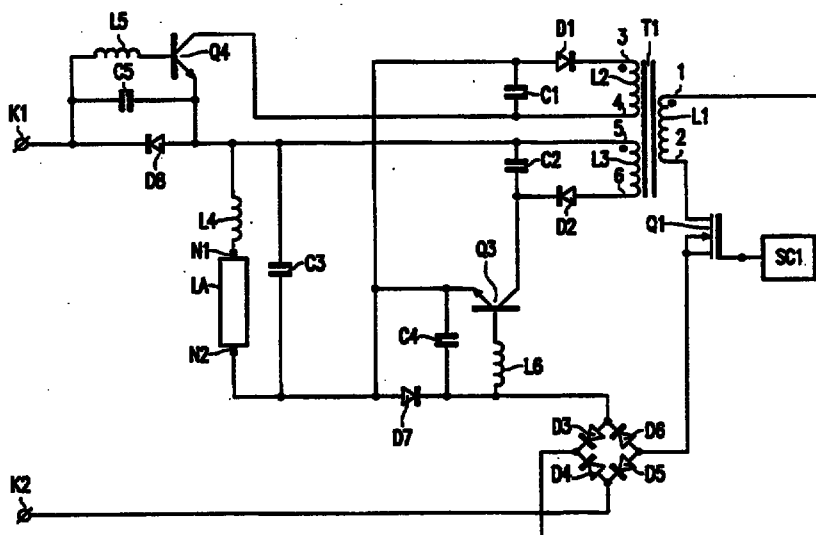




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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a circuit arrangement for operating a lamp (La), comprising: supply input terminals (K1, K2) for connection to a supply voltage source, a transformer (T) provided with a primary winding L1 and a secondary winding L2, a first branch comprising terminals (N1, N2) for holding the lamp and connecting a first end of the secondary winding L2 to a second end, a second branch comprising a series circuit of a switching element (Q1) and the primary winding L1 and interconnecting the supply input terminals, a control circuit (SC1) coupled to a control electrode of the switching element for generating a control signal for rendering the switching element conducting and non-conducting, and thus generating a first current in the primary winding L1 and a second current in the secondary winding L2. According to the invention, the second branch comprises a series arrangement of the primary winding (L1), the switching element (Q1), and the terminals (N1, N2) for connecting the lamp. It is achieved thereby that the total lamp current can be controlled by means of the switching element which passes only a portion of the lamp current.