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Abstract:
Circuit arrangement.

The invention relates to a circuit arrangement for preheating electrodes of a discharge lamp connected in series with a ballast by means of a supply voltage of alternating polarity. The circuit arrangement is provided with a switching element (S) which is operated by means of a control signal and which shunts the lamp. According to 5 the invention, the circuit arrangement is provided with a circuit portion (II) for adjusting both the phase and the frequency of the control signal in dependence on whether the ballast is inductive or capacitive. It is achieved thereby that the electrodes of the lamp are preheated in a short period both when an inductive ballast is used and when a capacitive ballast is used.

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