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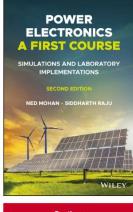
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DC - DC Buck Converter Summary

1 Where the duty cycle is $0 < D < 1$

2 Where ΔI_L is inductor current (peak to peak)

Where L_{min} is the minimum (critical) inductance required to maintain continuous conduction

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6 Capacitor value is inversely proportional to L

$V_o = D V_{in}$

$\Delta I_L = V_o (1-D) T / L$

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

$I_L = I_o = \frac{V_o}{R}$

$T = \frac{1}{f}$

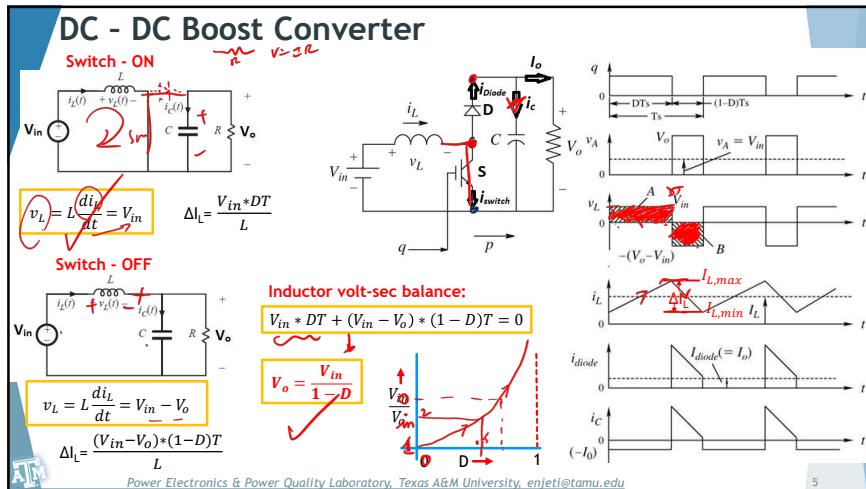
$(\text{Input Power}) V_{in} I_{in} = V_o I_o (\text{Output Power})$

$I_{in} = \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} I_o = D \cdot I_o = D I_L$

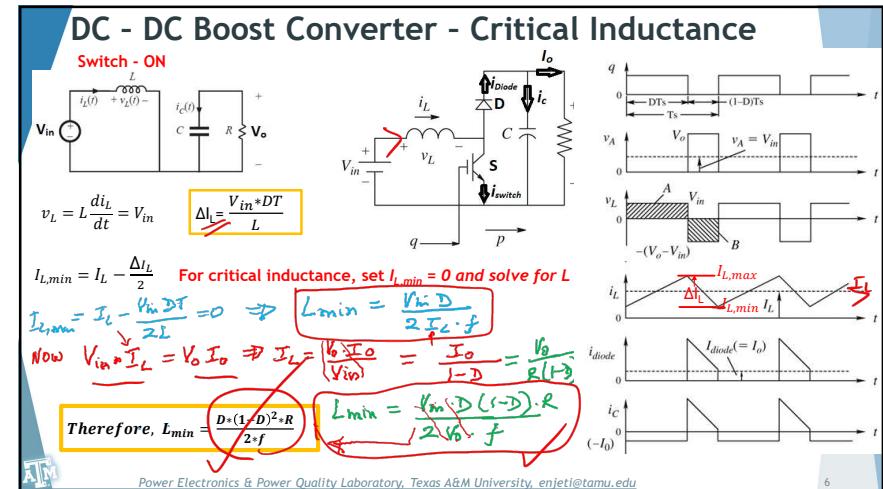
solve for: $C = \frac{(1-D)}{\left(\frac{\Delta V_o}{V_o}\right) * 8 * L * f^2}$

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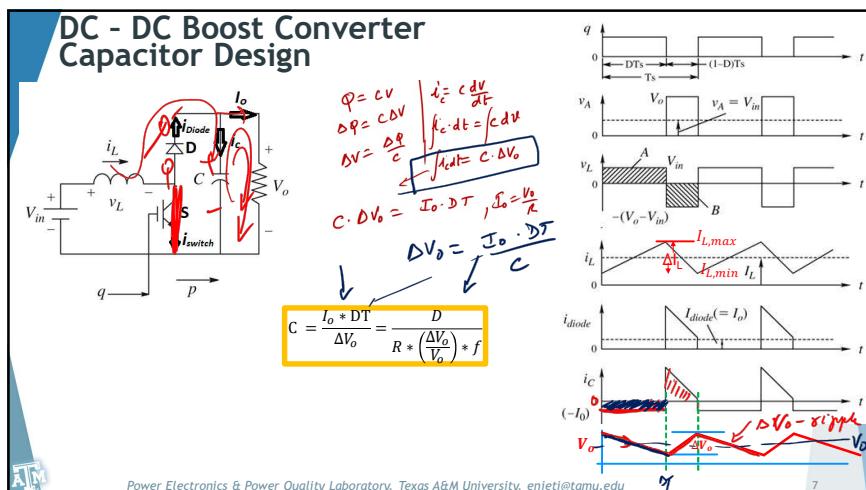
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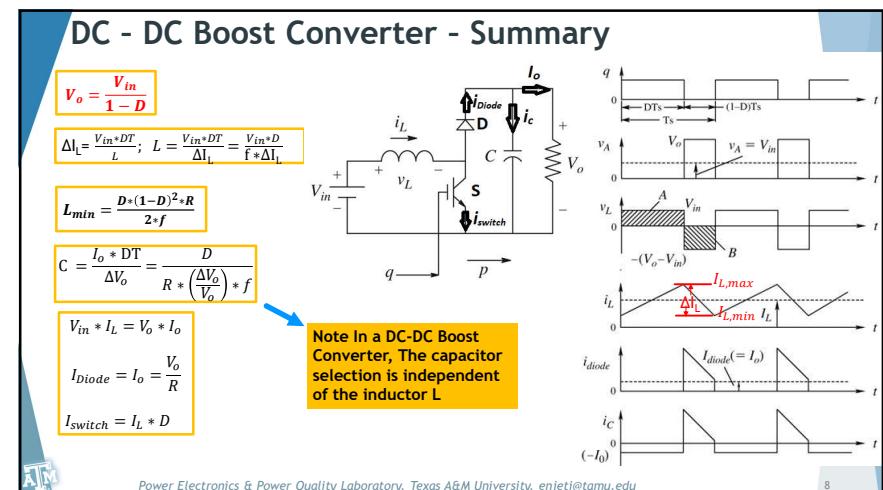
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DC - DC Boost Converter - Design Example

Key Specifications: Step-Up Switching Regulators

| Part Number | V _{in} (V) min max | V _{in} (V) min max | V _{out} (V) | Max. I _{out} (A) | Max. I _{out} (A) | Output Adjust. Method | DC-DC Outputs | Oper. Freq. (kHz) | Package/Pins | Smallest Available Pkg. (mm ²) | Price |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--|------------|
| MAX8752 | 1.8 5.5 | 1.8 13 | 1.8 | 1.8 | PWM | 1 | 1200 | TDFN-EPB | 9.6 | See Notes max w/pins 50.9 @1k | \$0.91 @1k |

Diagram

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Example #1: Design a DC-DC Boost Converter for:
 $V_{in} = 1.8V$, $V_o = 3.6V$, a max of 2% voltage ripple, Output Power $P=3.6W$, $f = 1MHz$. Inductor current ripple not to exceed 10% of its average current. Assume ideal components for this design.

Solution:
 $I_o = 1A$, $R = 3.6\text{ ohms}$, $D = 0.5$

Now $V_{in} * I_L = V_o * I_o$ i.e. $1.8 * I_L = 3.6$; Therefore $I_L = 2A$
 $\Delta I_L = 0.1 * 2 = 0.2A$
Since $\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{in} * DT}{L}$... Calculate $L = 4.5\mu H$ and $C = 7\mu F$

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DC - DC Boost Converter - Design Example

Input voltage $V_{in} = 2.7V$ to $4.2V$
Output voltage $V_o = 8V$; voltage ripple not to exceed 2%
Output current $I_o = 1A$
Switching frequency $f = 200kHz$

Specify the inductor value such that the peak-to-peak variation in inductor current does not exceed 40% of its average current. Also calculate the capacitor value C that meets the above specifications.

Case # 1: $V_{in} = 2.7V$, $V_o = 8V$, $R = 8\text{ ohms}$

$$V_o = \frac{V_{in}}{1-D}; D = 1 - \frac{V_{in}}{V_o} = 0.663$$

$$V_{in} * I_L = V_o * I_o; I_L = \frac{8 * 1}{2.7} = 2.96A$$

$$\Delta I_L = (40\%) * 2.96 = 1.19A$$

$$L = \frac{V_{in} * DT}{\Delta I_L} = \frac{V_{in} * D}{f * \Delta I_L} = 7.5\mu H$$

$$C = \frac{D}{R * \left(\frac{\Delta V_o}{V_o}\right) * f} = 20.7\mu F$$

Case # 2: $V_{in} = 4.2V$, $V_o = 8V$, $R = 8\text{ ohms}$

$$V_o = \frac{V_{in}}{1-D}; D = 1 - \frac{V_{in}}{V_o} = 0.475$$

$$V_{in} * I_L = V_o * I_o; I_L = \frac{8 * 1}{4.2} = 1.19A$$

$$\Delta I_L = (40\%) * 1.19 = 0.762A$$

$$L = \frac{V_{in} * DT}{\Delta I_L} = \frac{V_{in} * D}{f * \Delta I_L} = 13.1\mu H$$

$$C = \frac{D}{R * \left(\frac{\Delta V_o}{V_o}\right) * f} = 14.8\mu F$$

Note In a DC-DC Boost Converter, The capacitor selection is independent of the inductor L

Choose the largest $L = 13.1\mu H$ and $C = 20.7\mu F$

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DC - DC Boost Converter - Summary

Equations:

$$V_o = \frac{V_{in}}{1-D}$$

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{in} * DT}{L}; L = \frac{V_{in} * DT}{\Delta I_L} = \frac{V_{in} * D}{f * \Delta I_L}$$

$$L_{min} = \frac{D * (1-D)^2 * R}{2 * f}$$

$$C = \frac{I_o * DT}{\Delta V_o} = \frac{D}{R * \left(\frac{\Delta V_o}{V_o}\right) * f}$$

$$V_{in} * I_L = V_o * I_o$$

$$I_{Diode} = I_o = \frac{V_o}{R}$$

$$I_{switch} = I_L * D$$

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DC - DC Boost Converter - Inductor Resistance

Switch - ON

Inductor Volt-second-balance
 $(V_{in} - I_L * r_L) * D + (V_{in} - I_L * r_L - V_o) * (1-D) = 0$

Solve the above equation to obtain V_o

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{1-D} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r_L}{R(1-D)^2}}$$

$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt} = V_{in} - i_L * r_L$

Switch - OFF

Efficiency $\eta = \frac{V_o * I_o}{V_o * I_o + I_L^2 * r_L}$ since $I_L = \frac{I_o}{1-D}$ we have

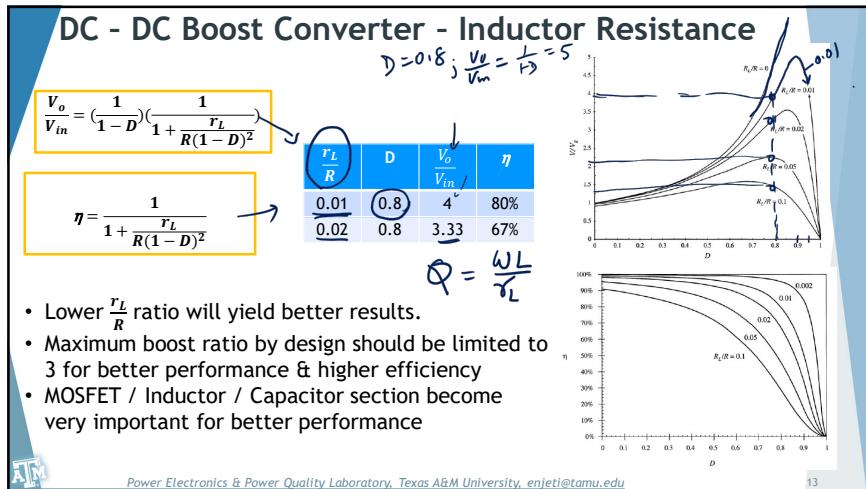
Simplify the above equation to obtain η

$$\eta = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(r_L)}{R(1-D)^2}}$$

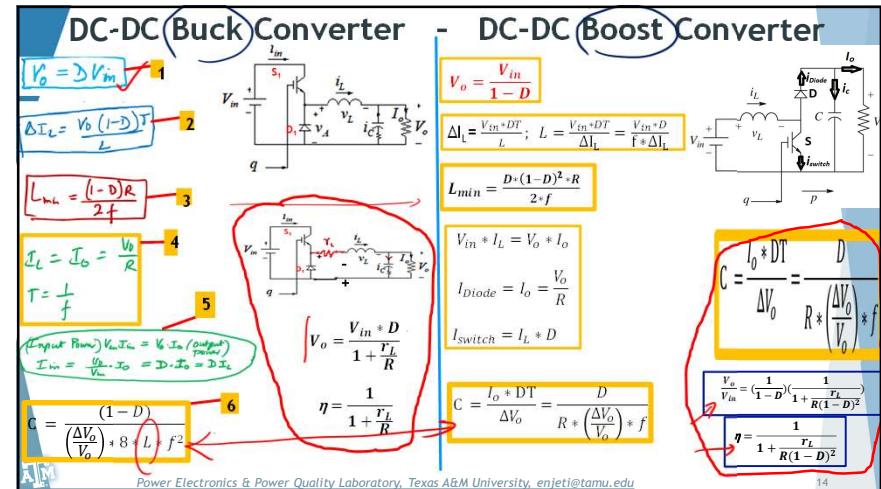
Graph of efficiency η vs. duty cycle D.

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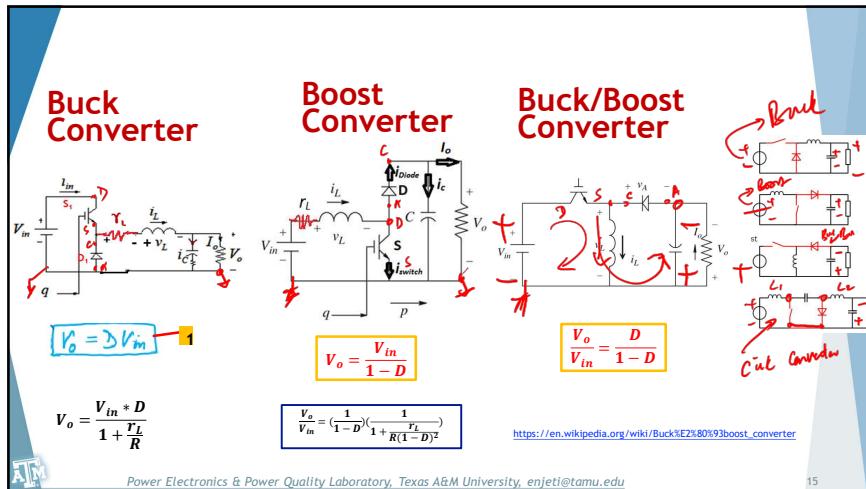
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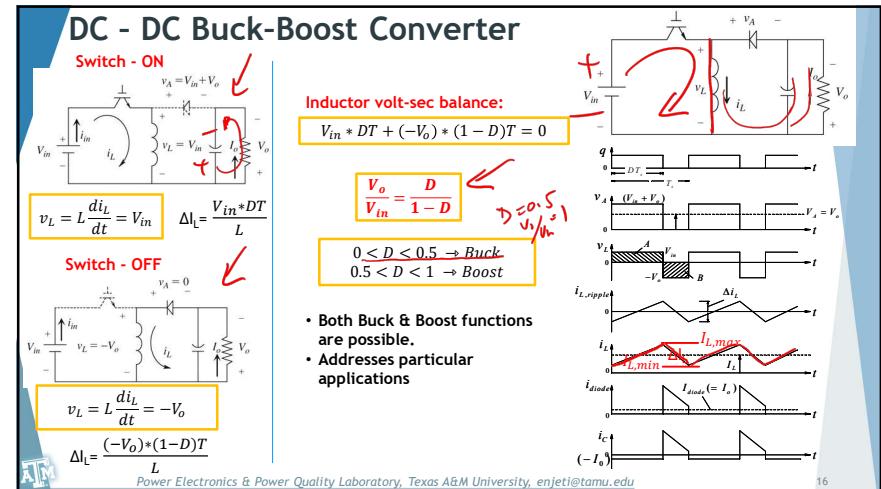
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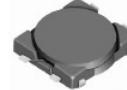


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DC - DC Buck/Boost Converter - Component Selection



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Specification

| Part No. | Stamp | Inductance [μ H] (W hen 1V) | D.C.R.(mΩ) Max.(Typ.) (at 20°C) | Saturation Current (A) @1 | Temperature Rise current (A) @2 |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CMDSD13NP-3R3M_ | 3R3 | 3.3 ± 20% | 81 (65) | 1.90 | 1.25 |
| CMDSD13NP-4R7M_ | 4R7 | 4.7 ± 20% | 106 (65) | 1.50 | 1.20 |
| CMDSD13NP-6R8M_ | 6R8 | 6.8 ± 20% | 144 (115) | 1.40 | 0.90 |

Note: the ± 20% variation in inductor value



Part number Click for samples

| Inductance ±20% [μ H] | DCR max2 (mΩms) | SRF min (MHz) | Isat3 (A) | Irms (A)4 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 20 | 42 | 13 | 36.0 | 5.1 |

Notes:

- 1 Inductance measured at 100 kHz, 100 mVrms, 0 A using an Agilent/HP 4132 impedance analyzer or equivalent.
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- 4 Irms: Current that causes the specified temperature rise from +25°C ambient. [Details](#)
- 5 Ambient temperature range: +40°C to +125°C with derated current. Derating curve
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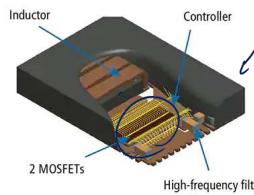
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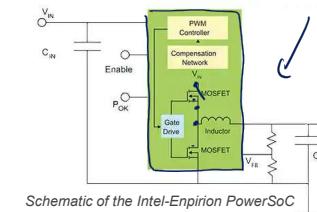
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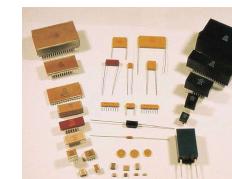
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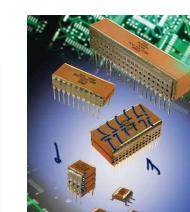


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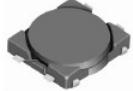
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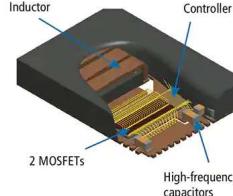
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Schematic of the Intel-Empirion PowerSoC

The schematic shows a Power SoC package connected to an input voltage V_{IN} through a compensation network V_C . The package contains a PWM Controller, a Compensation Network, two MOSFETs, a Gate Drive, and an Inductor. The output voltage V_{OUT} is filtered by a high-frequency filter capacitor C_{OUT} .

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White Paper

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Optimizing the integration of point-of-load buck converters

As electronic products have grown in complexity with highly evolved feature sets, system designers by necessity have developed correspondingly sophisticated schemes for load and power management. PCB-design intricacy, energy budgets, signal integrity, and, in some cases, thermal management issues have driven up the number of PoL (point-of-load) buck regulators typical systems use.

Modules



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Single Inductor Multiple Output DC-DC Converter

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[54] SINGLE INDUCTOR MULTIPLE OUTPUT BOOST REGULATOR
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[73] Assignee: Micro Linear Corporation, San Jose, Calif.

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Multi-output Boost Regulator

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PoLbuck-regulator modules with integrated inductor enable space-efficient designs

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Point of Load (PoL)

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