

# Outdoor Power Topology

What topologies are used in power supply design?

Today, mainstream industry has reverted back to the early topologies. The same handful of circuits provides the best solutions for most applications. In the beginning of power supply design, there were three fundamental converters: the buck, boost, and buck-boost. Early analysis papers cover just these topologies.

How do I choose a power topology for a wireless design?

It is hard to choose a power topology for a wireless design when there are so many power-management integrated circuits (IC) out there. It may be hard to tell where to start, so I always start at the selection basics. The application of the design and onboard devices will determine the different voltage rails needed for operation.

How many power topologies can a smart damper use?

Three main power topologies are possible for smart damper applications: low dropout (LDO) regulator, step-down converter (also known as buck) and boost (see Figure 1). The LDO and buck implementations are not event-dependent, meaning that the two topologies use the same amount of energy regardless of how many damper louver movements occur in a day.

Why should you choose a power supply topology?

For example, switching power supplies can fit into tight spaces while providing reliable power without weighing down the system. Noise-sensitive applications, such as audio equipment, require you to select a power supply topology that ensures minimal disruption while still upholding peak performance.

Why do high density converters use a cascade of topologies?

Some high-density converters also use a cascade of topologies to let each one operate at its optimum point. This is a relatively new development in the power electronics field, brought on by the availability of low-cost silicon with extremely low on-resistance. It is the basis of most of the high performance power supplies in industry today.

How do you design a power system?

Most power system designs are done with the above topologies. Sometimes, though, you run into a situation that calls for more functionality than can easily be provided with a single standard power stage. Rather than trying to research other topologies, one of the best approaches is to use a cascade of topologies where each serves its own function.

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