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# **Automotive Infotainment Power**

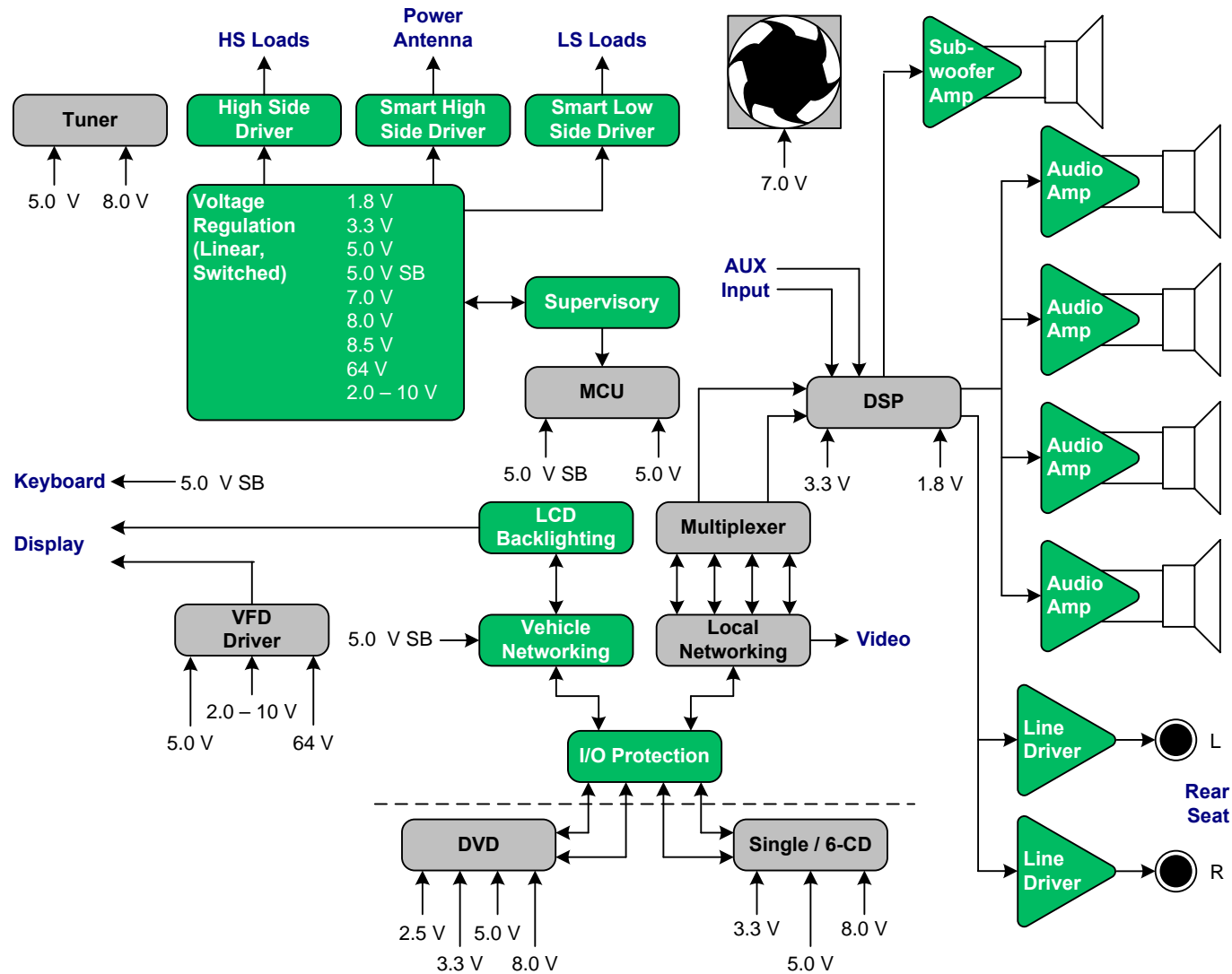
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- **Infotainment Overview**
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- Example Applications
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# Automotive Infotainment System



# Key Infotainment Features

- Many output voltages
- Low power stand-by, “always on” supplies
  - Low Iq LDOs (NCV861X)
- Higher power supplies during full operation
  - Switched-Mode Power Supplies (SMPS)
- Drive towards less power dissipation, higher efficiency
  - Necessitates more SMPS, upstream vs. downstream converters
- Drive towards more integration
  - System-basis devices (NCV885X)
- EMC of high importance



# Infotainment Power Requirements

- Low current
  - Microcontrollers: 5.0 V, 3.3 V; 10's to 100's of milliamps of current
  - Sensors / transducers: tracking output; 10's of milliamps of current
- Low voltage, higher current
  - DSPs: 3.3 V, 1.8 V, 1.2 V; amps of current
- Medium voltage, medium-higher current
  - DVD, CD, Tuner: 8.0 V; 100's of milliamps to amps of current
  - Fans, blowers, motors: tracking output; amps of current
- Pre-regulation boosting, high current
  - “Start/stop”: 18.0 V; many amps of current
- High voltage
  - VFD: 64 V



# Upstream vs. Downstream Converters

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|---|---|
| 1. High power SMPS  | 1. Inexpensive SMPS   |
| 2. Low power stand-by LDOs  | 2. Higher current LDOs, too   |
| 3. Wide range, high input voltage <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Battery</li><li>– Load dump: <math>V_{in} \geq 45\text{ V}</math></li><li>– Cold crank: <math>V_{in}</math> as low as 3-4 V</li></ul> | 3. Narrow range, low input voltage <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Upstream converter</li><li>– Typically: tight, regulated input</li></ul> |
| 4. Expensive automotive-grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– NCV devices on PS5, I2T/I3T</li></ul>   | 4. Inexpensive “consumer”-grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– NCP conversions</li></ul>   |
| 5. Low-frequency SMPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– In design: NCV8901, 2 MHz</li></ul>   | 5. High-frequency SMPS available <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 2+ MHz, multiple outputs</li></ul>   |



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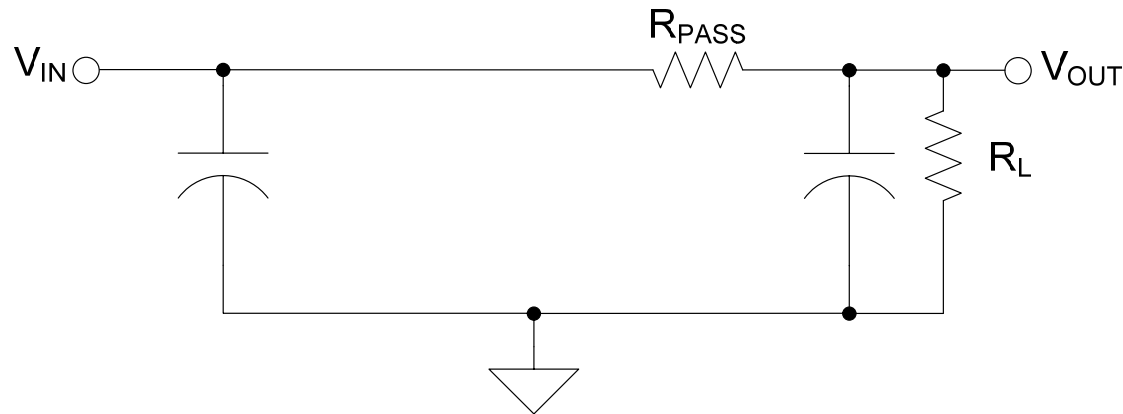
# Regulation

- Purpose: maintain constant output
  - Keep constant over input and load operating points (dc)
  - Minimize variation during transient perturbations (ac)
- Most applications: voltage is regulated
  - Other applications: current is regulated, such as LED driving
- Output is fixed or tracking
  - Fixed: output fed back, compared to internal, fixed reference
  - Tracking: output fed back, compared to external/variable reference
    - Remote output buffering, control via digital/analog converter (DAC)





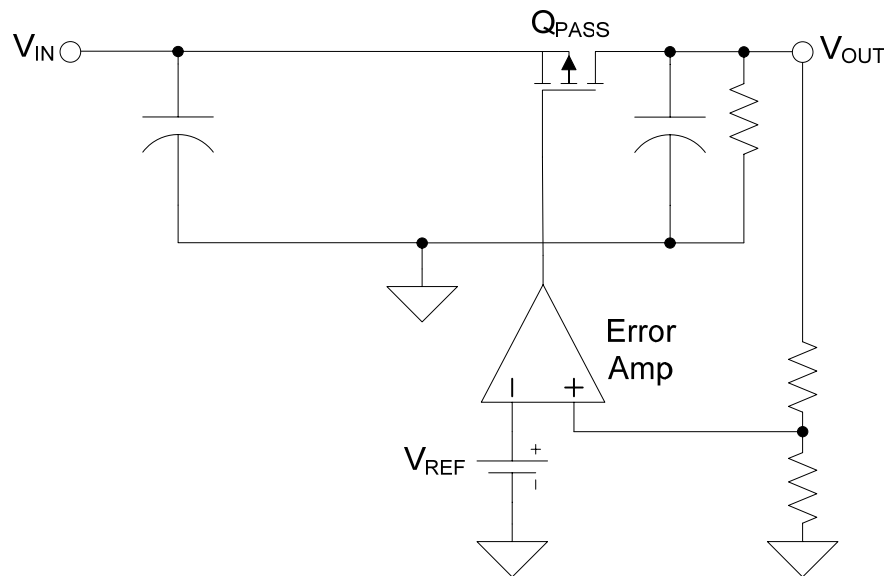
# Linear Regulation



- **Concept:** Burn off excess voltage to regulate output voltage to value lower than input voltage
- Resistive divider, dropping  $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$  over  $R_{PASS}$
- $R_{PASS}$  must be adjusted for changes in  $V_{IN}$  and load ( $R_L$ )
- **Regulation:** Automatically adjust  $R_{PASS}$  based on feedback

# LDO Realization

## (Voltage-mode)

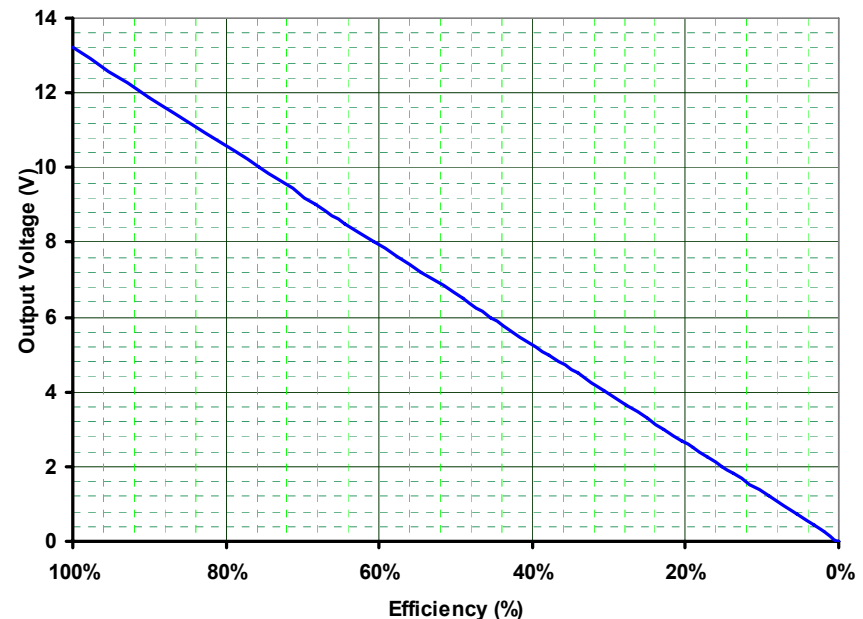


- Output voltage is fed back, compared to reference
  - Internally fixed or externally adjustable output
  - **Tracking regulator**: reference voltage is also adjustable
- Error amplifier adjusts pass transistor control signal
  - Pass transistor operates in linear/triode region
- Power dissipation:  
 $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \cdot I_{OUT}$

# What's the Problem with LDOs?

- Efficiency is very low with high conversion ratios
- As current increases, power dissipation becomes very large
- Large heat sinking is required for many applications
- From 13.2 V to 5 V, even just 500 mA is 4.1 W!
- If you're going to be dissipating over 2 watts, consider using a switcher!

$V_{OUT}, V_{IN} = 13.2 \text{ V}$ , vs. Efficiency



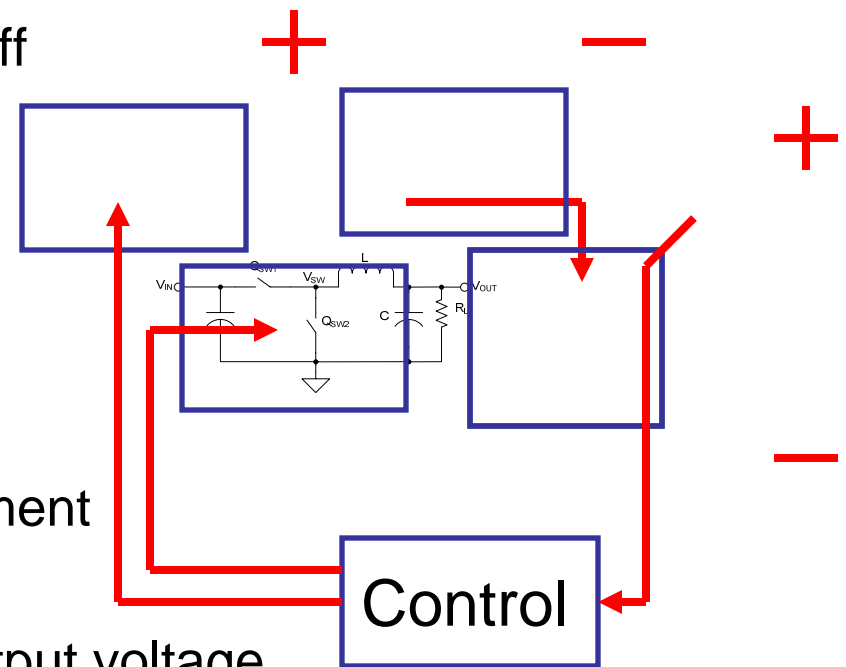
# Switching: Who Needs It?

- High current demands
- Hot environments
- High voltage conversion ratio
- Voltage step-up or negative voltage generation
- Isolation
- Pre-regulation for down-stream LDOs (and other SMPS)
- **NCV8851 can go from 40 V to 5 V at 4 A with just 2.2 W of dissipation, spread out amongst the power stage and IC!**



# Switcher “Hand-waving” Explanation

- **Concept:** Conservation of power from input to output to regulate output voltage (or current) to value lower, higher or equal to input voltage
- Switches some source fully-on/fully-off
- Source applies voltage to current storage element
- Current storage element supplies current into voltage storage element
- Voltage storage element provides output voltage
- **Regulation:** Feedback from output voltage controls switch(es)



# Switcher Topologies Primer

- Buck
  - Steps voltage down
  - High-side gate driver
  - NCV8842/43, NCV8851, NCV8901

$$\frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} = D$$

- Boost
  - Steps voltage up
  - Low-side gate driver
  - NCV8871/72

$$\frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} = \frac{1}{1-D}$$

- Buck-Boost
  - Steps voltage up or down
  - Inverts sign (negative output)
  - Low-side gate driver

$$\frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} = -\frac{D}{1-D}$$

- Buck-Boost Derived Topologies
  - Non-inverting, isolation
  - Flyback (turns ratio), SEPIC
  - Low-side gate driver

$$\frac{V_O}{V_{IN}} = \frac{nD}{1-D}$$



# Synchronous vs. Non-synchronous

- Primary, active, switch,  $Q_{SW1}$ :
  - Typically: MOSFETs
    - Low-side: NMOS
    - High-side: PMOS, NMOS
      - NMOS requires charge pump
  - BJT's also popular
  - IGBTs, SCRs, relays, tubes
    - Fundamentally same
    - Difference is in driving
- “Rectifier”,  $Q_{SW2}$ :
  - Non-synchronous:
    - Passive rectification
      - Schottky diode
    - Lower efficiency at high load
    - Subject to DCM
    - Less complicated, single driver
  - Synchronous:
    - Active rectification
      - As primary switch
    - Higher efficiency at higher loads
    - No DCM
    - More complicated, dual, drivers
      - Avoid cross-conduction with non-overlap time



# Switchers vs. LDOs for Automotive

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| 1. Typically, poor efficiency at very light loads, otherwise very high efficiency          | 1. Low efficiency over most conditions, but better than switchers at very light loads    |
| 2. Minimal heat in package, less heat in pass devices                                      | 2. Lots of heat, potentially watts in pass device  |
| 3. 10's of amps is fine  | 3. ½ of an amp is pushing it   |
| 4. Regulate at double battery, load dump, without much dissipation                         | 4. Even running off typical battery causes lots of dissipation                           |
| 5. Have to be careful with layout, components, compensators                                | 5. Drop-in product, typically “just works”, regardless of layout, most components        |
| 6. Expensive magnetics, components   | 6. Cheap!  |
| 7. EMI a significant problem   | 7. EMI comparatively a non-issue   |
| 8. Theory of operation is much more complicated, customers may not be use to switchers yet | 8. Theory of operation comparatively straight-forward, customers very acclimated to LDOs |



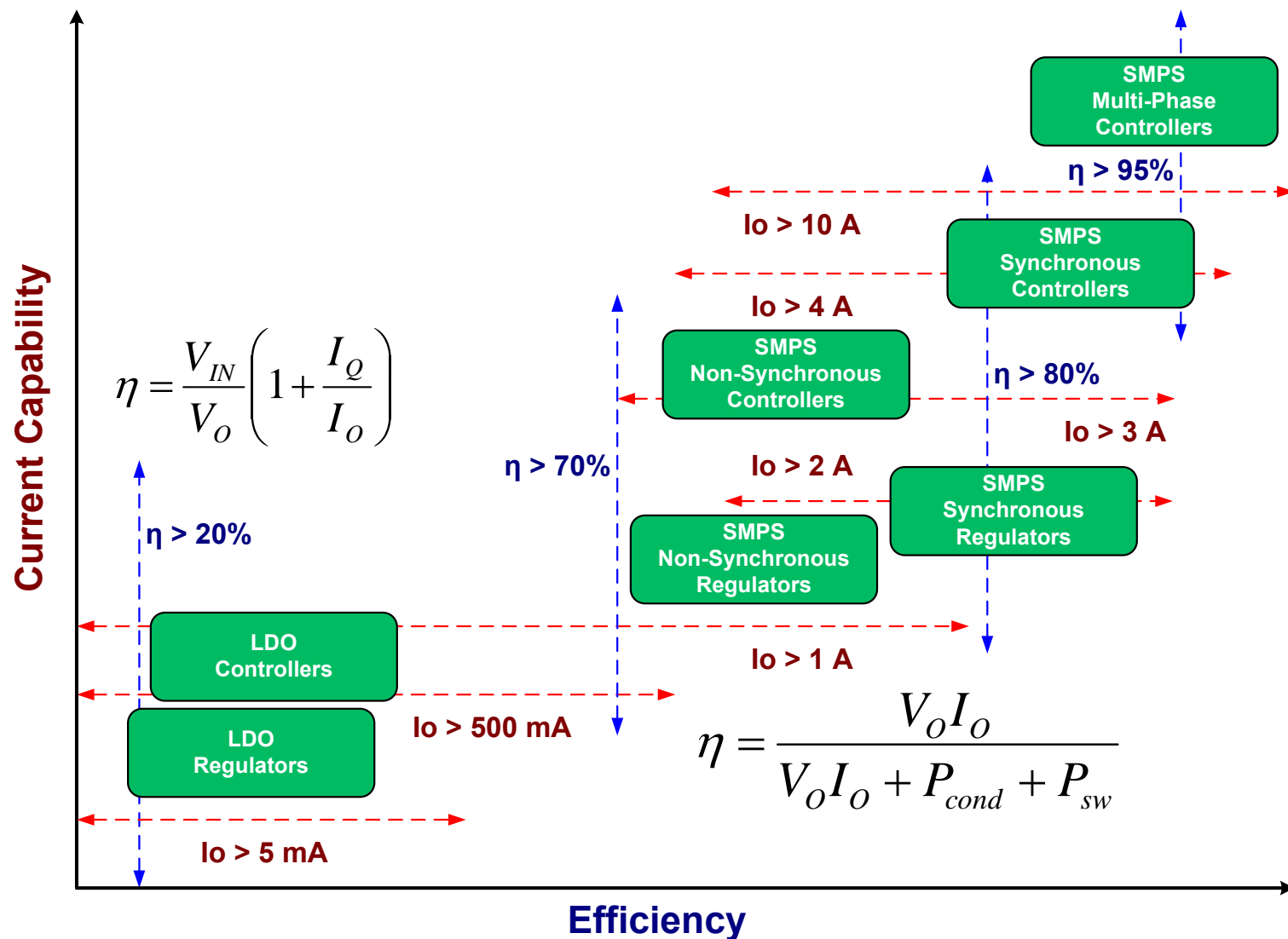


# Controllers vs. Regulators

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| 1. External pass element(s) (FET, BJT)   | 1. Internal pass element(s) (FET, BJT)            |
| 2. Less compact, more expensive  | 2. More compact, less expensive                   |
| 3. Power dissipation limited by pass element package   | 3. Power dissipation limited by regulator package |
| 4. More heatsinking options  | 4. Less heatsinking options                       |
| 5. Higher, flexible current capability   | 5. Lower, fixed current capability                |
| 6. Wide-range of external pass elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not necessarily optimal</li><li>• Application selection / tuning process</li></ul> | 6. Optimized for internal pass element            |



# Comparison of Power Devices



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# LDO Device Solutions

Product	Description	Output	VO (V)	IO Typ (A)	VI Max (V)	VDO Typ (V)	Iq Typ (mA)
NCV1117	1 A, Adjustable, Low Dropout Voltage Regulator	Single	Adjustable	1	20	1.07	
NCV2931	100 mA, Adjustable, LDO with 60 V Load Dump Protection	Single	Adjustable	0.1	40	0.16	
NCV317	1.5 A, Adjustable Output 1.2 to 37 V, Voltage Regulator with $\pm 4\%$ Tolerance	Single	Adjustable	1.5	40	2.25	
NCV4264	3.3 / 5.0 V, 100 mA Low Quiescent Current Low Dropout Voltage Regulator	Single	3.3, 5.0	0.1	45	0.27	0.033
NCV4275	450 mA, 3.3 / 5.0 V, LDO w/Reset and Delay	Single	3.3, 5.0	0.45	45	0.25	0.15
NCV4279	150 mA, 5 V, LDO w/ Reset, Delay, Adjustable Reset and Early Warning	Single	5.0	0.15	45	0.25	0.19
NCV5504	Dual Output LDO	Dual	1.25 / 3.3	0.25	18	0.25	
NCV551	150 mA, CMOS Low Iq Low-Dropout Voltage Regulator	Single	1.4 - 5.0	0.15	12	0.17	0.004
NCV553	80 mA, 5.0 V CMOS Low Dropout Regulator with NOCAP™	Single	5.0	0.08	12	0.7	0.0028
NCV5663	Fast Response Adj 3A LDO Regulator with Enable, Qualified for Automotive	Single	Adjustable	3	9	1	
NCV662	100 mA, 1.5 V, CMOS Low Iq Low Dropout Voltage Regulator w/Enable	Single	1.5	0.1	6	0.68	0.0025
NCV7805	1 A, 5 V, $\pm 2\%$ Tolerance, Voltage Regulator	Single	5.0	1	35	2	
NCV8141	500 mA, 5 V, Linear Regulator with ENABLE, /RESET, and Watchdog	Single	5.0	0.5	60	1.25	
NCV8184	Micropower 70 mA Low Dropout Tracking Regulator/Line Driver	Single	Tracking	0.07	26	0.35	0.05
NCV8509	Sequenced Linear Dual Voltage Regulator	Dual	1.8 / 3.3, 2.5 / 5.0	0.1	50	0.6	0.125
NCV8518A	250 mA, 5 V LDO with Watchdog, Wake Up, Reset, Delay and Enable	Single	5.0	0.25	45	0.425	0.1
NCV8570	200 mA, Ultra-Low Noise, High PSSR, BiCMOS RF LDO Regulator	Single	1.8 - 3.3	0.2	5.5	0.7	0.07
NCV8664	3.3 / 5.0 V, 150 mA Very Low Quiescent Current LDO	Single	3.3, 5.0	0.15	45	0.315	0.021

# System Power Solutions

- **NCV885X**

- SMPS Buck Controller
- 2 A SMPS Buck Converter
- 2 LDO Controllers
- 2 A High-Side Switch
- 170 kHz, 340 kHz options
- Options with ROSC or SYNC
  - Up to 600 kHz
- QFN32 6x6

- **NCV861X**

- 3 LDO Outputs
  - Various voltage / current options
  - NCV8612
- Automatic Switch-Over (ASO)
  - Decrease power dissipation
- Ultra Low  $I_q < 50 \mu A$
- DFN20 6x5

- **NCV8881**

- 1.5 A SMPS Buck Converter
- 8.5 V / 40 mA, 5.0 V / 100 mA LDOs
- ROSC and SYNC
  - Up to 600 kHz
- Watchdog
- SOIC-16EP

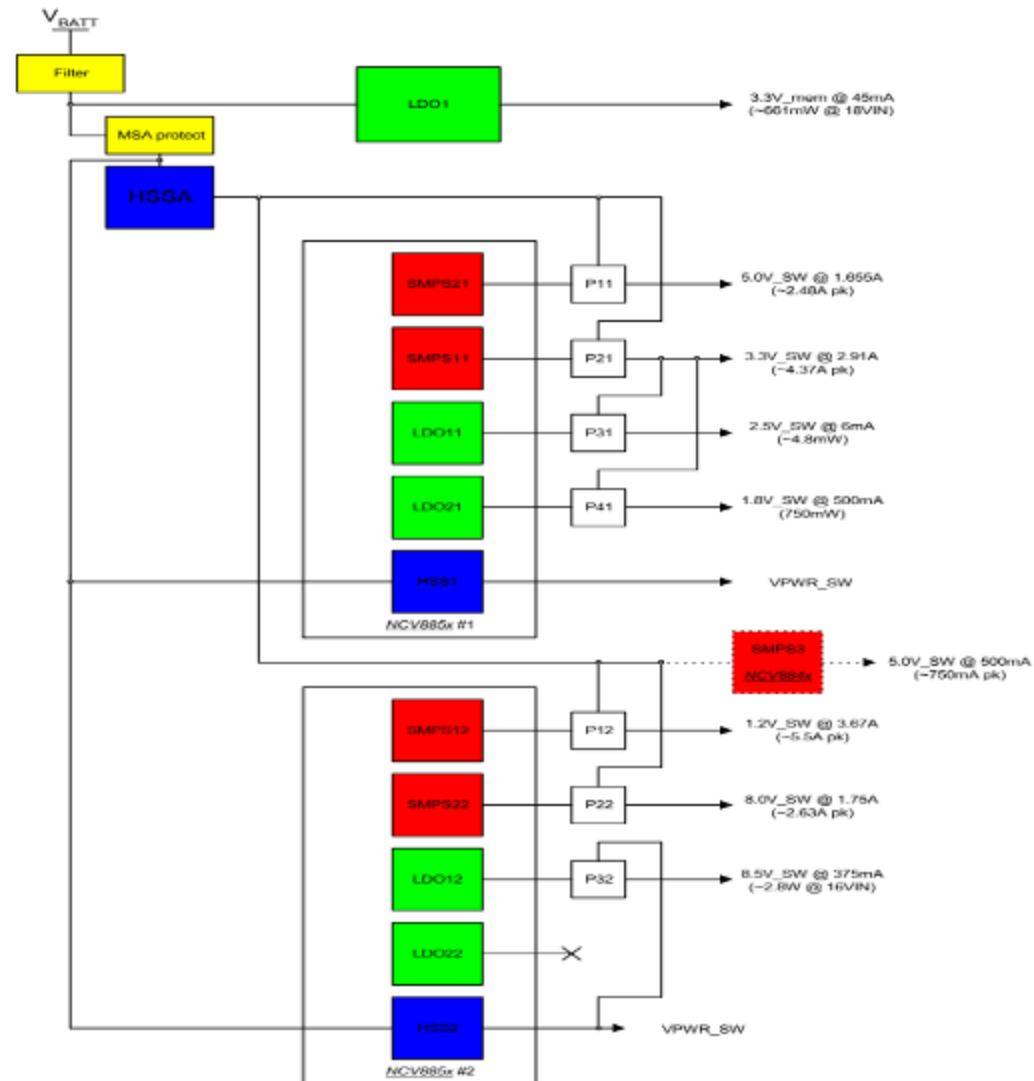


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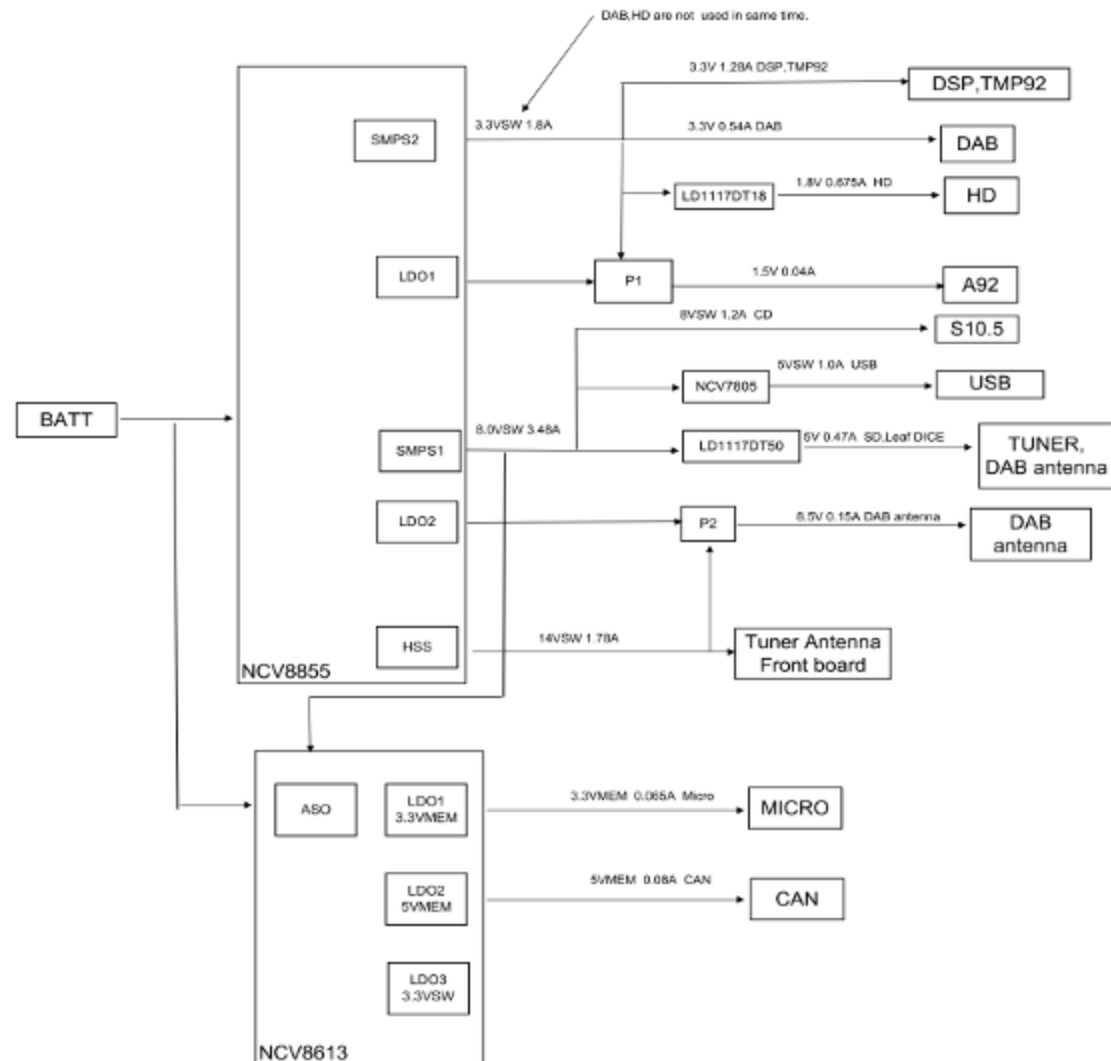
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# Many-Output NCV885X Application

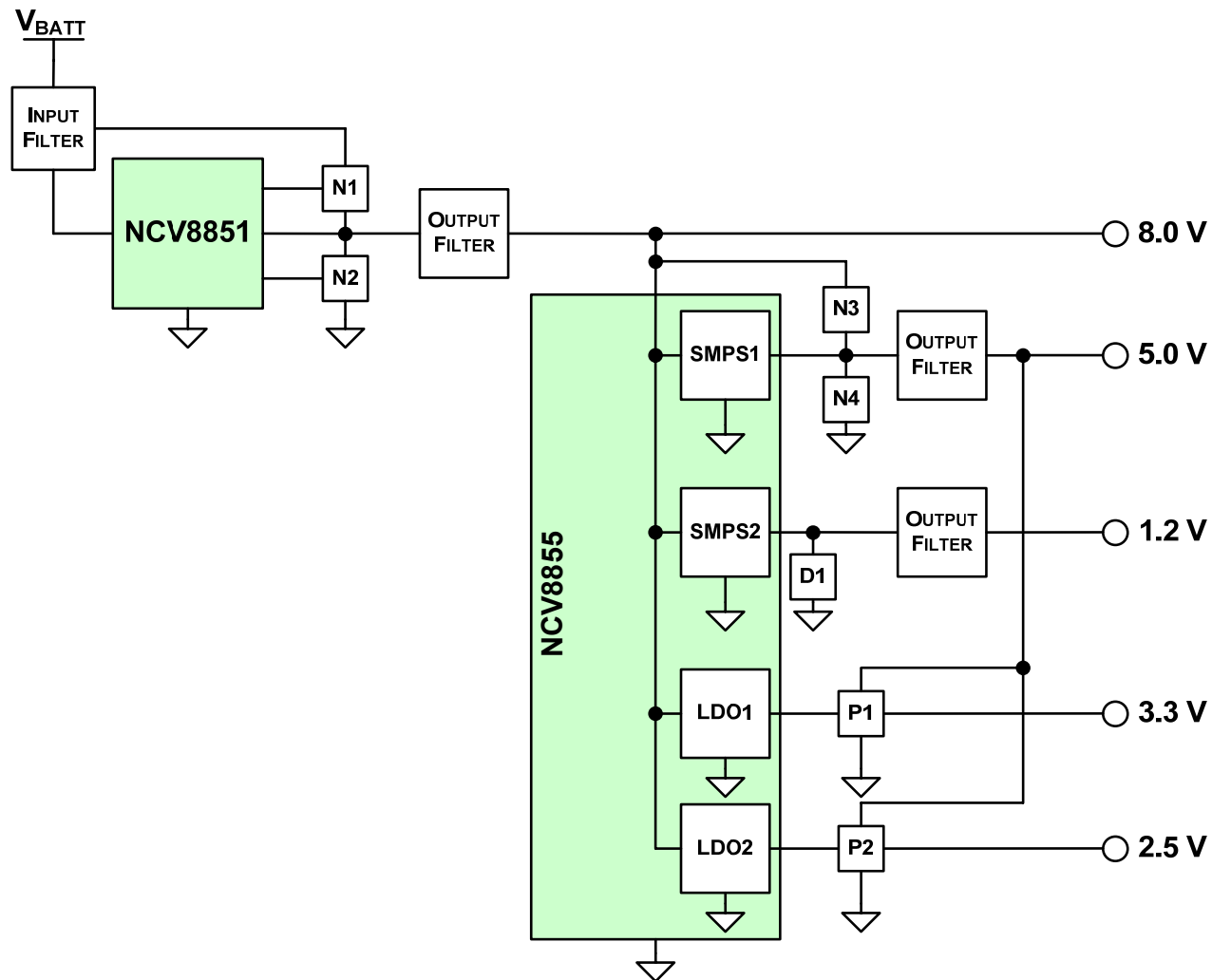


# NCV885X / NCV861X Application

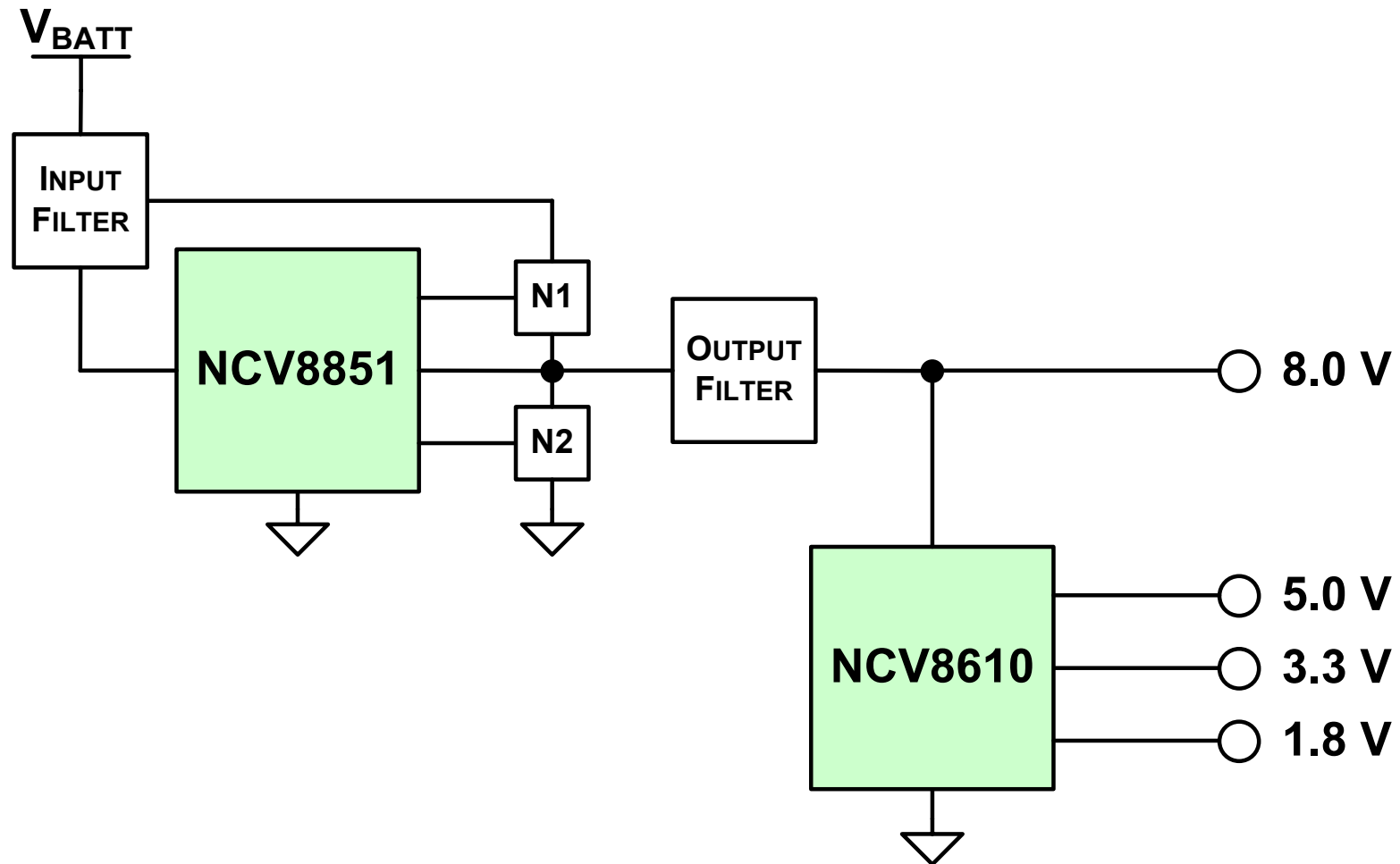




# 5-Output NCV8851/NCV8855



## 4-Output NCV8851/NCV8610



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# System Power Architecture Considerations

1. Customer voltage / current requirements
  - Standby / Quiescent current
2. Cost!
3. Efficiency / power dissipation
4. Integration / size
5. EMC requirements

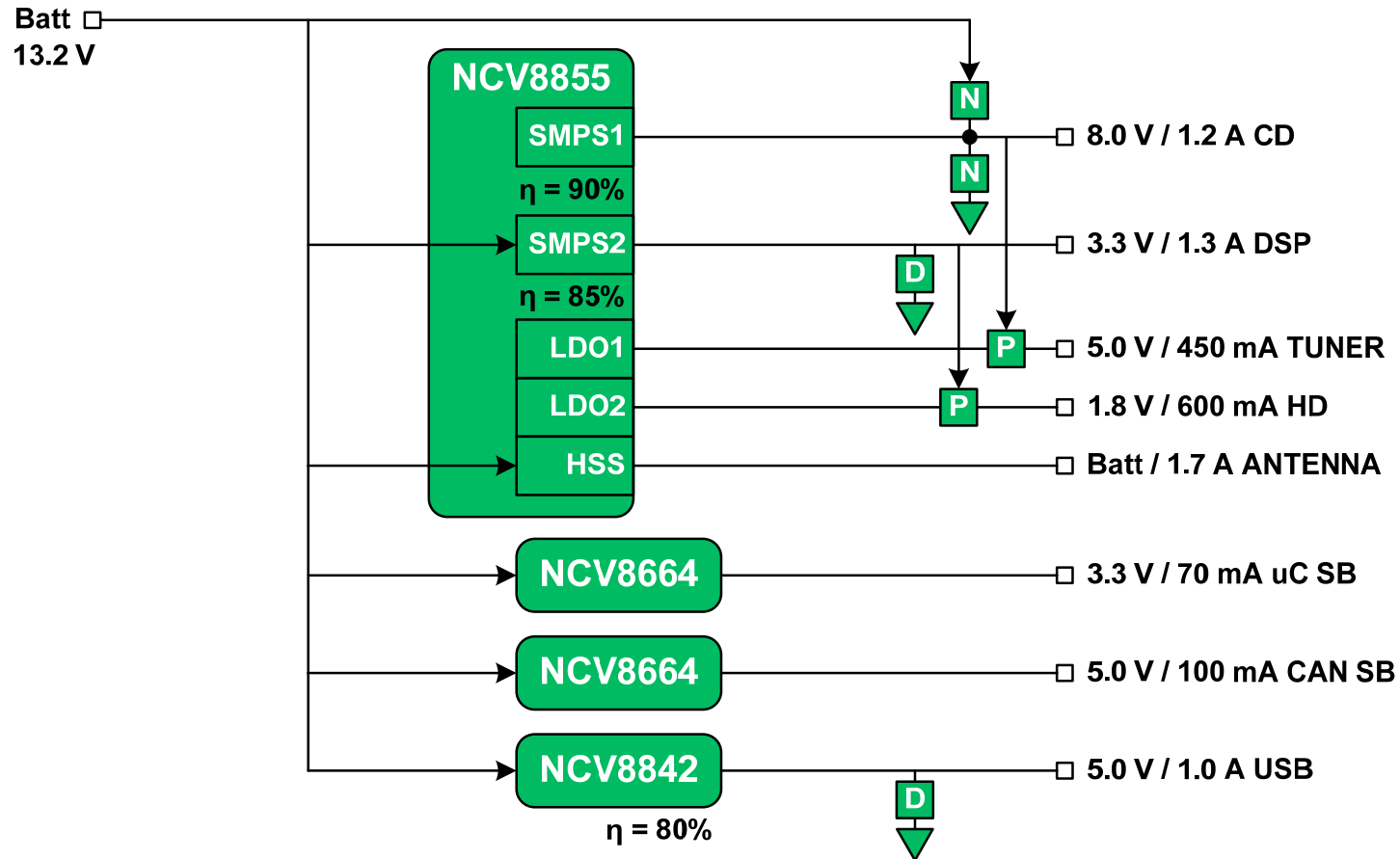


# Example: System Power Requirements

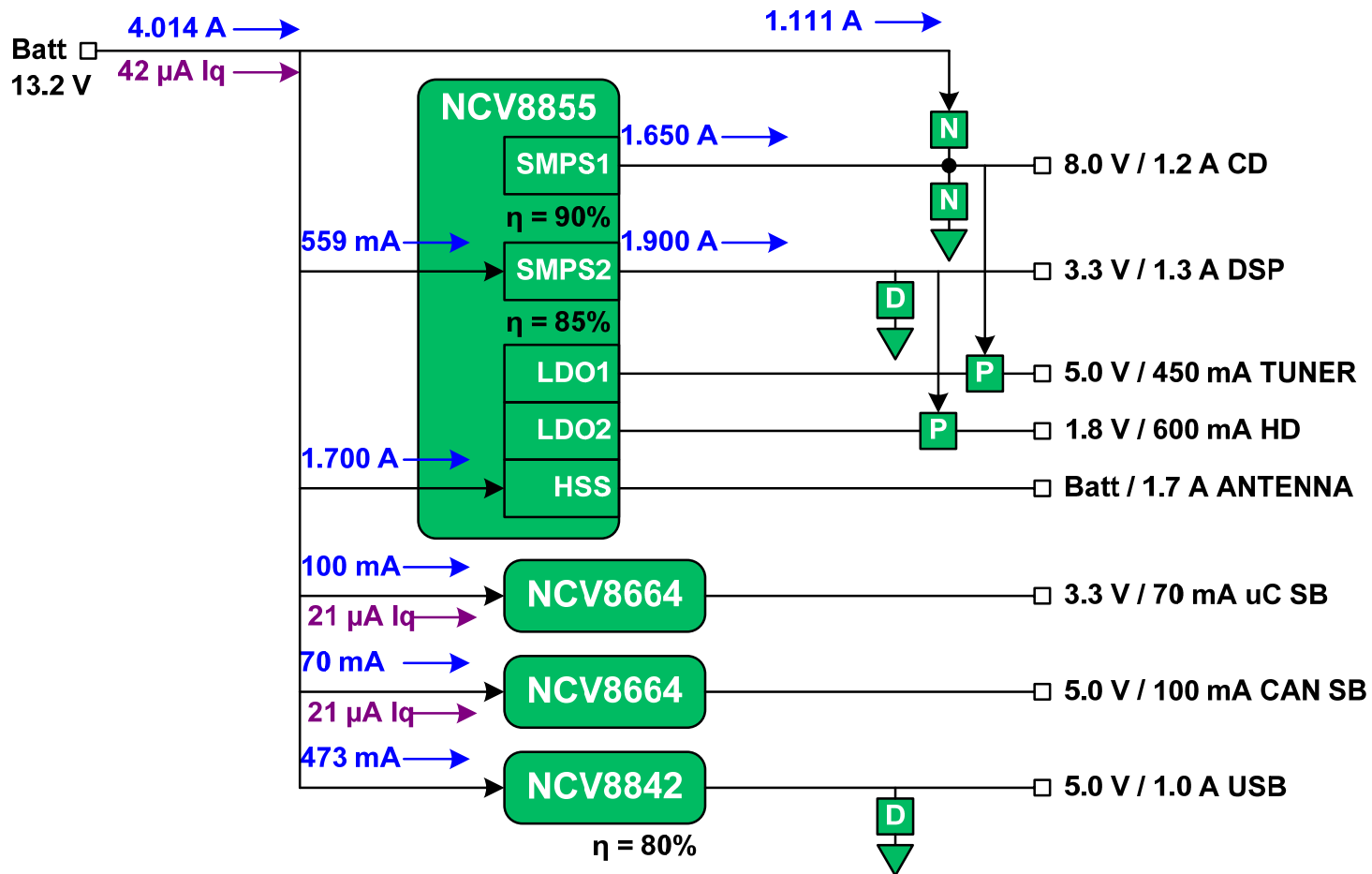
- Vbatt / 1.7 A Antenna
- 8.0 V / 1.2 A CD
- 5.0 V / 1 A USB
- 5.0 V / 500 mA Tuner
- 5.0 V / 100 mA CAN SB
- 3.3 V / 1.3 A DSP
- 3.3 V / 70 mA  $\mu$ C SB
- 1.8 V / 600 mA HD
- Protected connection to battery
- Standby HS-CAN IVN (CAN SB)
- Standby microcontroller ( $\mu$ C SB)
- 50  $\mu$ A max quiescent current ( $I_q$ )



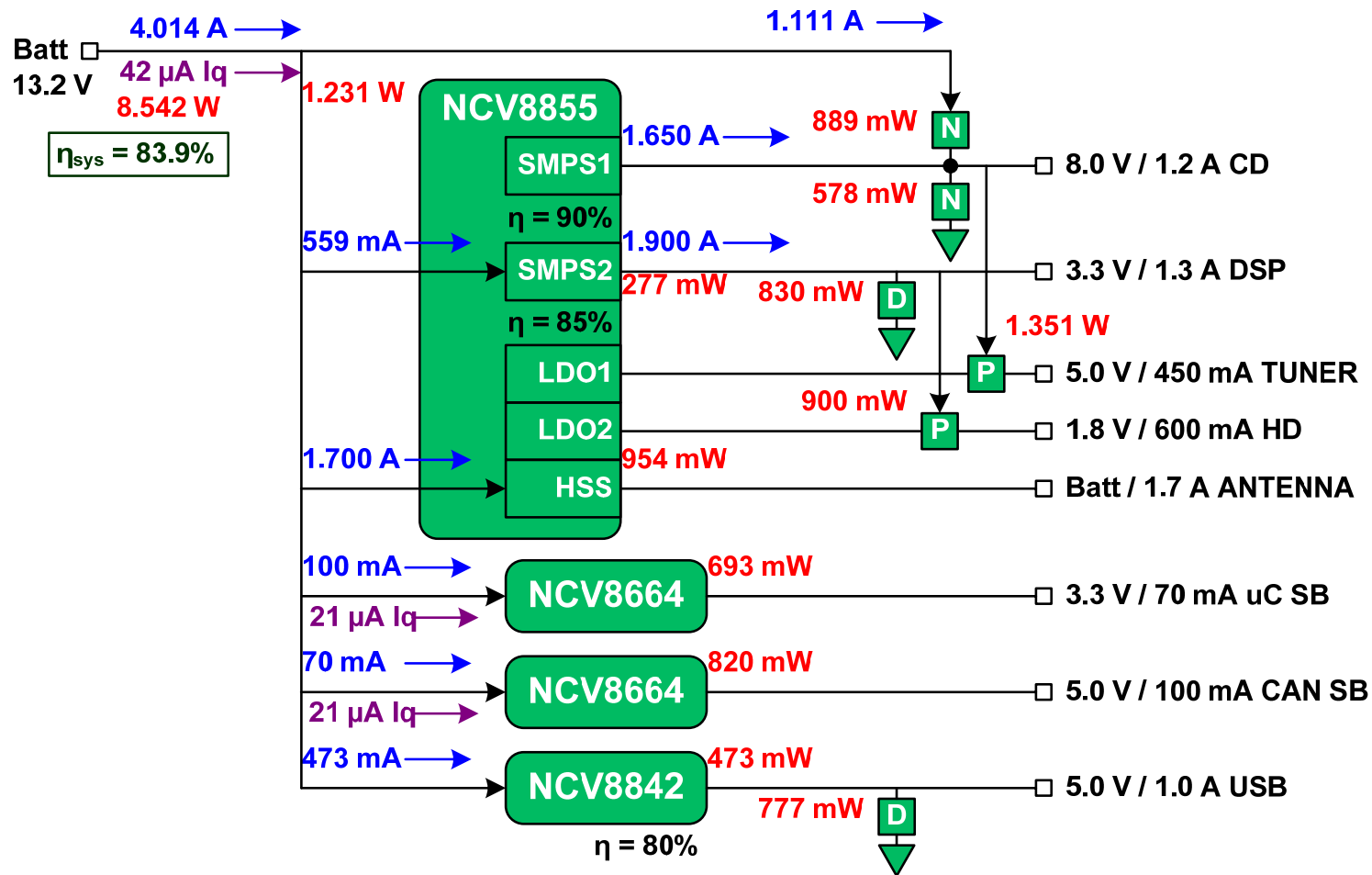
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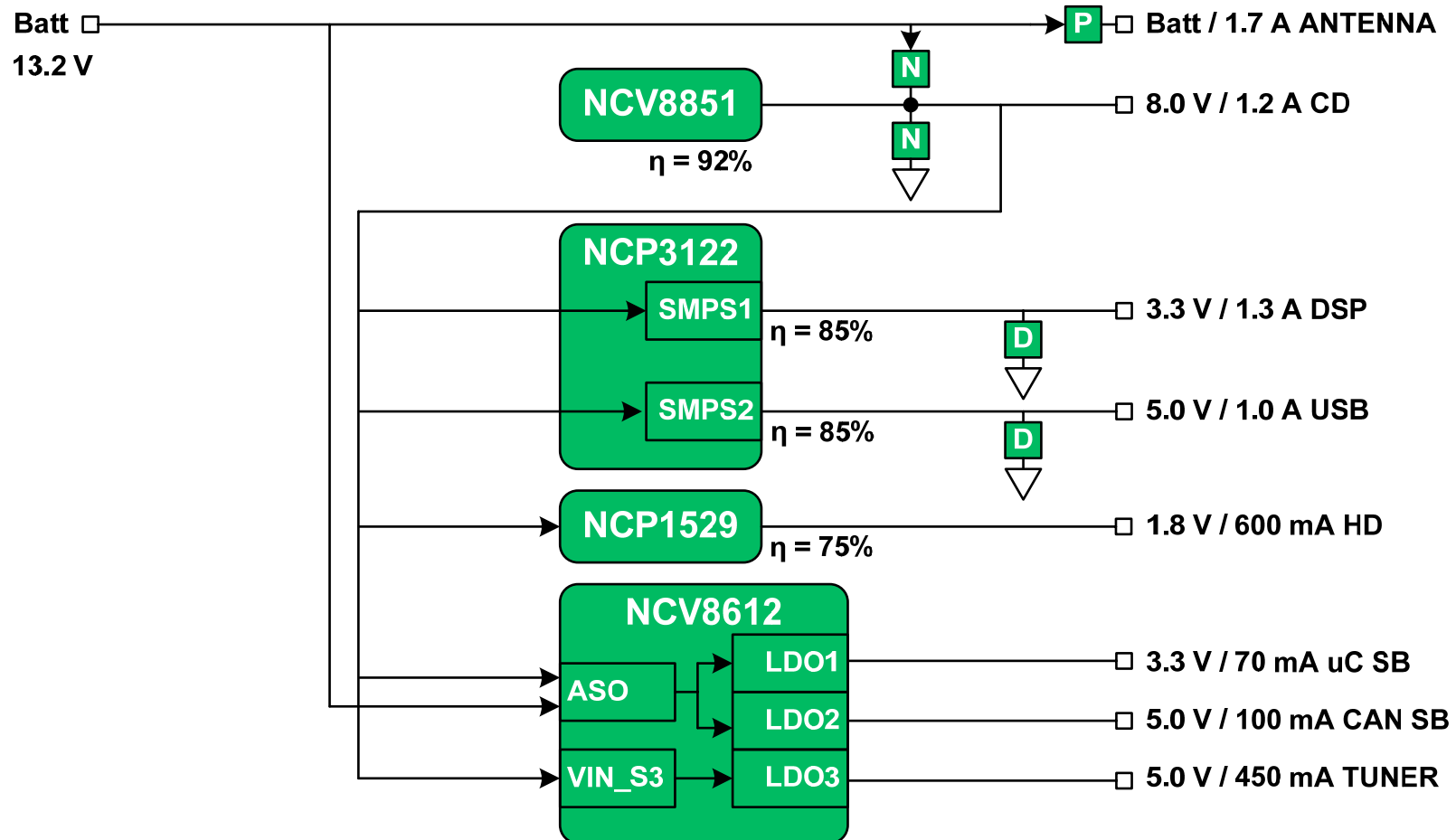


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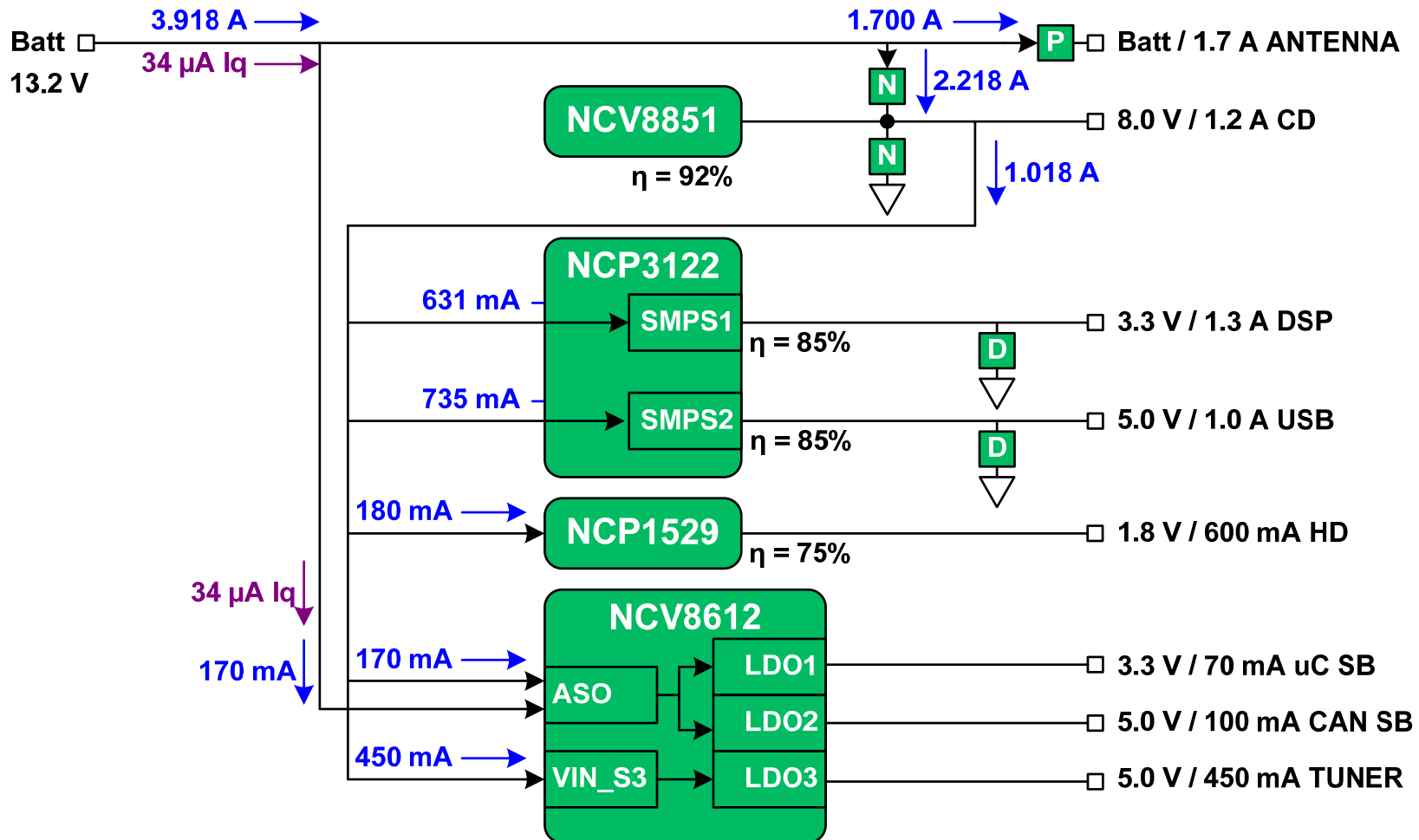




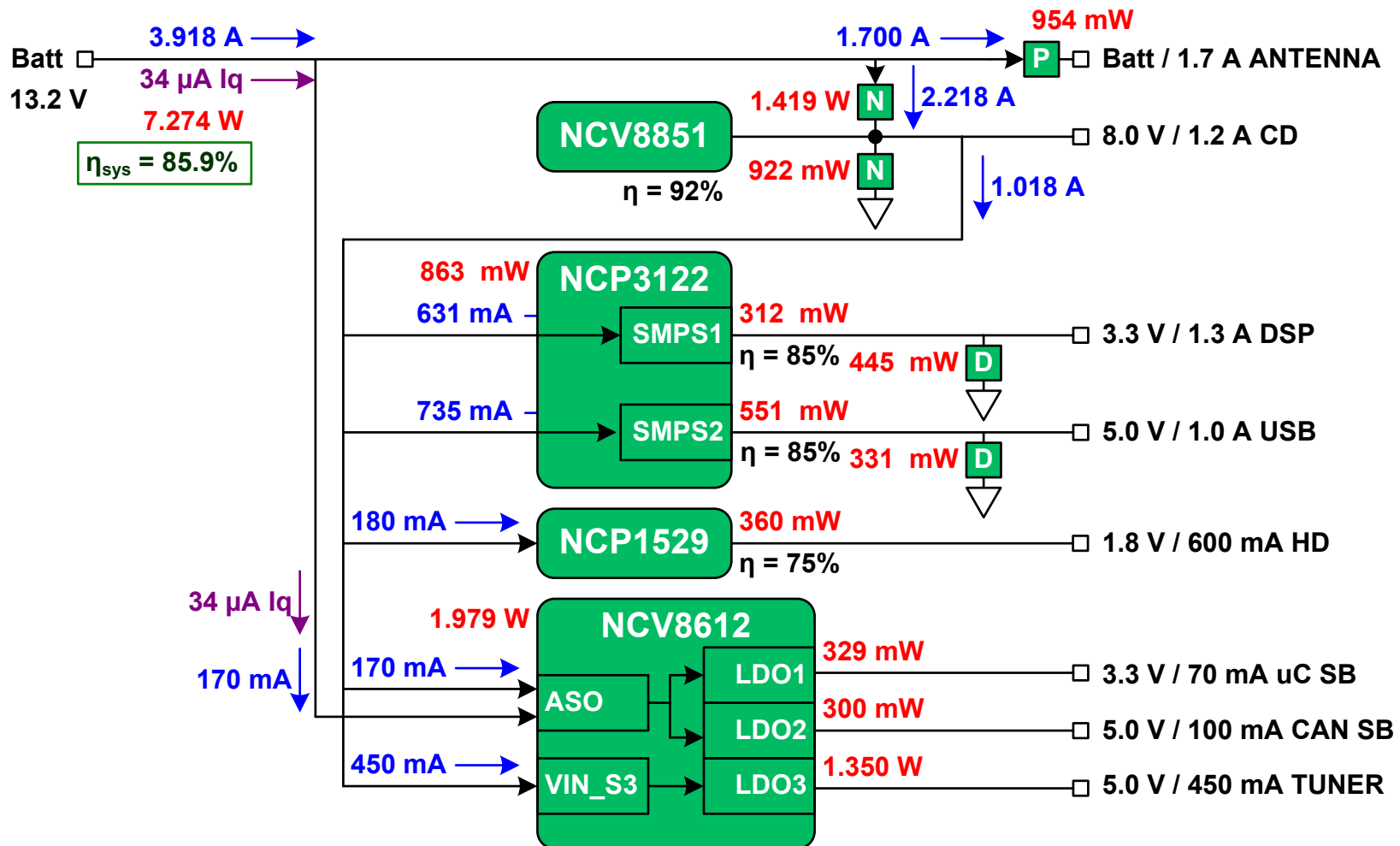
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