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POWER MANAGEMENT CIRCUITS FOR PIEZOELECTRIC ENERGY HARVESTING

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The most popular transducers for vibration energy harvesting are piezoelectric (PZT) (lead, zirconate, and titanate) cantilevers, which offer high energy density, good scalability, and various shapes. The power conditioning circuit for a piezoelectric generator needs a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) to maximize the power transfer, while minimizing power consumption of the circuit. The presentation focuses on our research endeavors for power management circuits for vibration energy harvesting.

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