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DA変換器の線形性向上に向けた 魔方陣アルゴリズムの検討

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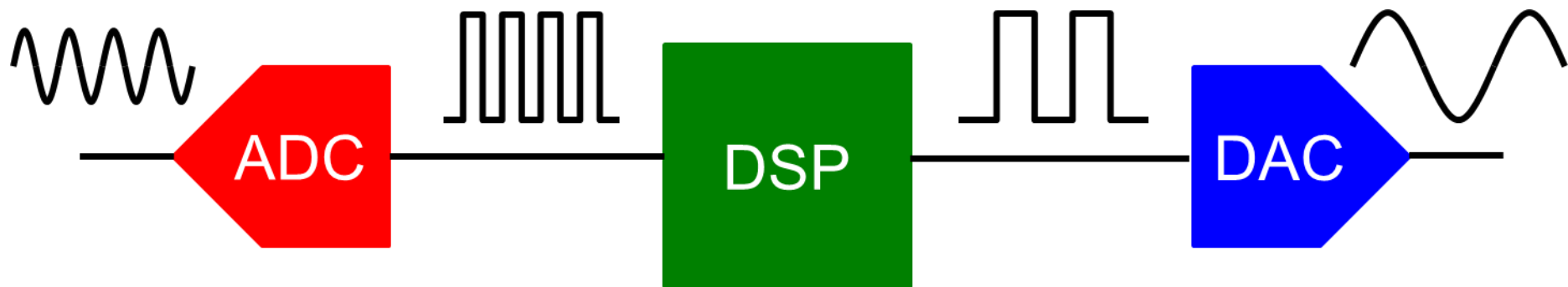
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研究背景



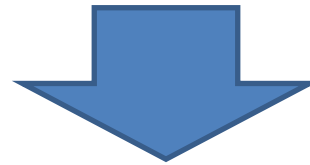
高性能なDA変換器が求められている

研究目的

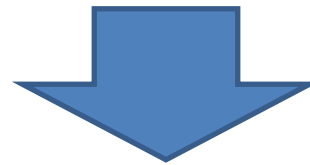
古典数学を用いた線形性向上アルゴリズムの考案

■ DA変換器の課題

DA変換器の入出力関係は、理想的に線形関係



MOSFETのミスマッチにより、入出力関係が非線形



魔方陣を用いたキャリブレーション・アルゴリズム

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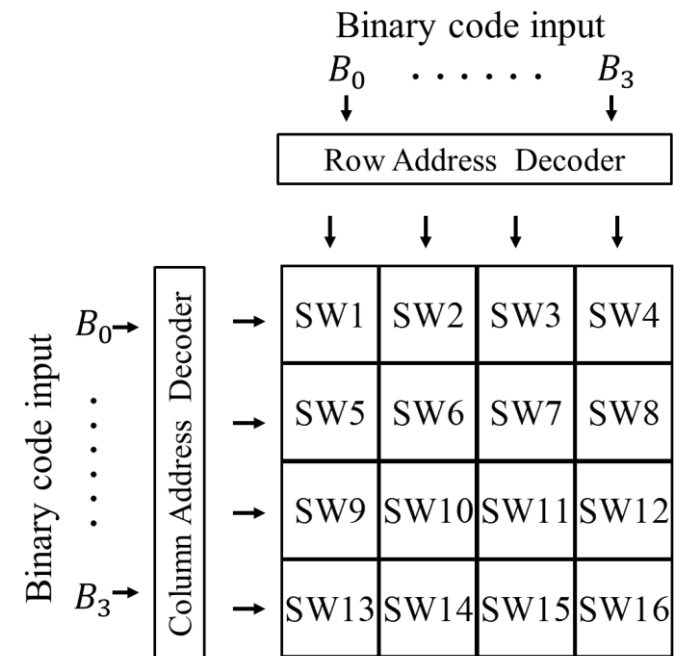
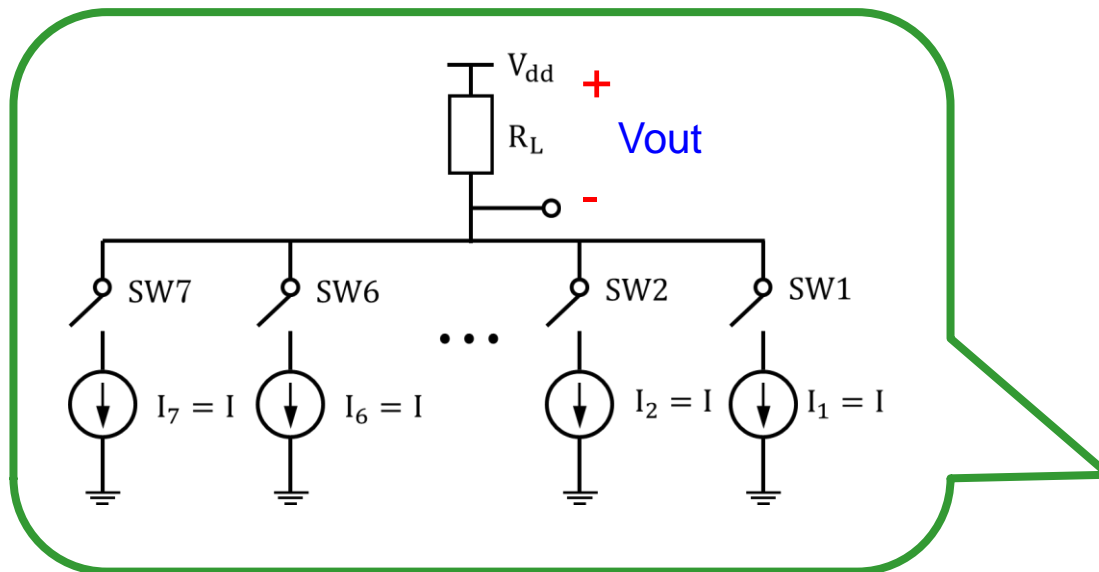
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Circuit and Features of Unary Current-Steering DAC

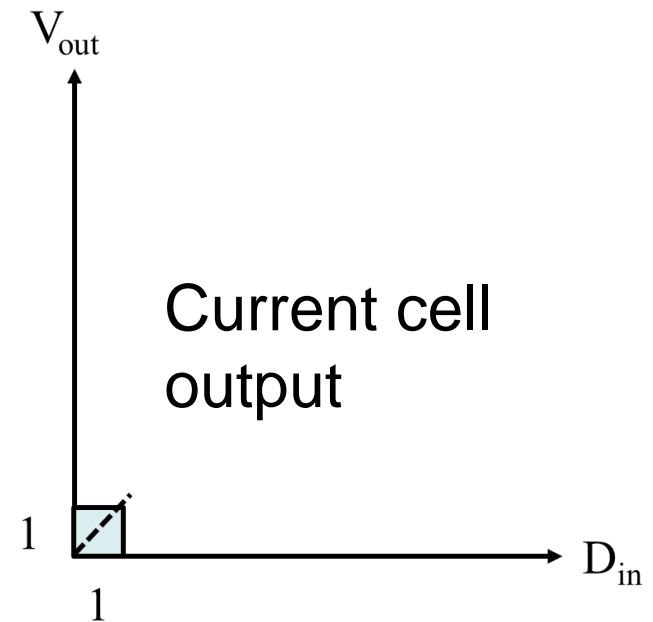
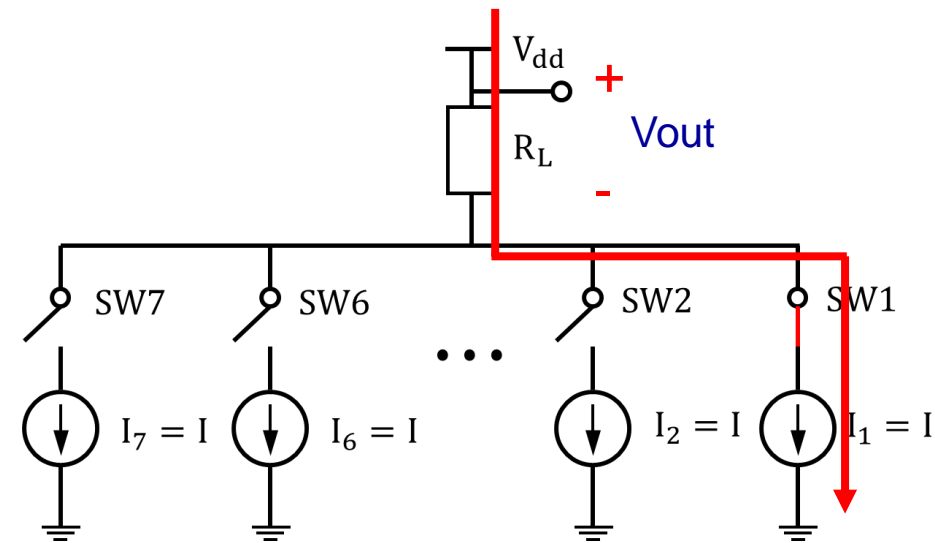
- Identical current sources
- Small glitch
- Inherent monotonicity
- High speed



- Large circuits
 - Decoder
 - Many switches and current sources



Operation of Current Steering DAC (1)

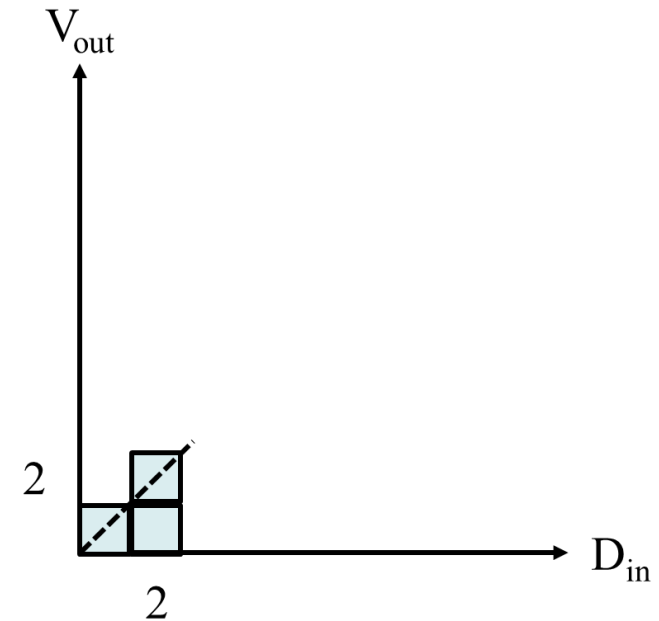
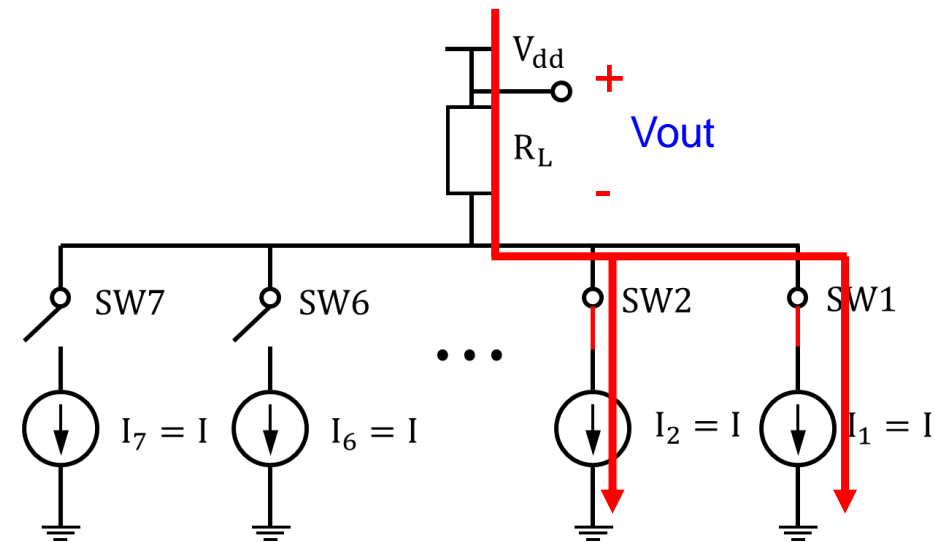


Current cell
output

Digital input = 1 , 1 current source.

$$V_{out} = R_L I_1$$

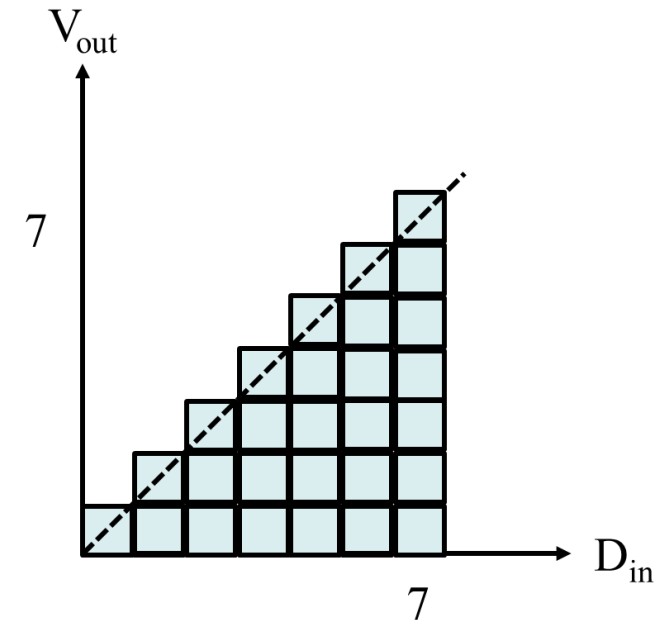
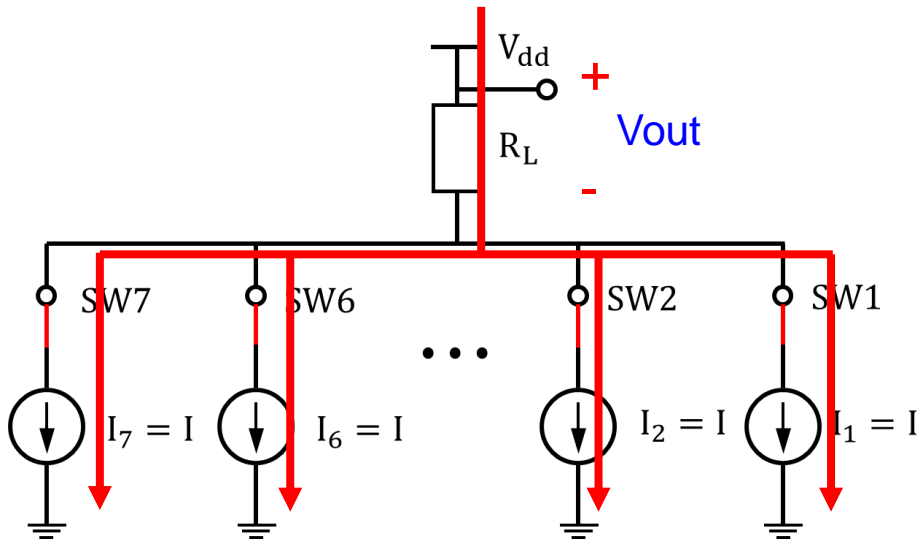
Operation of Current Steering DAC (2)



Digital input = 1 , 1 current source.
 “ = 2 , 2 current sources.

$$V_{out} = R_L(I_1 + I_2)$$

Operation of Current Steering DAC (3)



Digital input = 1 , 1 current source.
 “ = 2 , 2 current sources.
 “ = 7 , 7 current sources.

$$V_{out} = R_L(I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_7)$$

$$I_1 = I_2 = \dots = I_6 = I_7$$

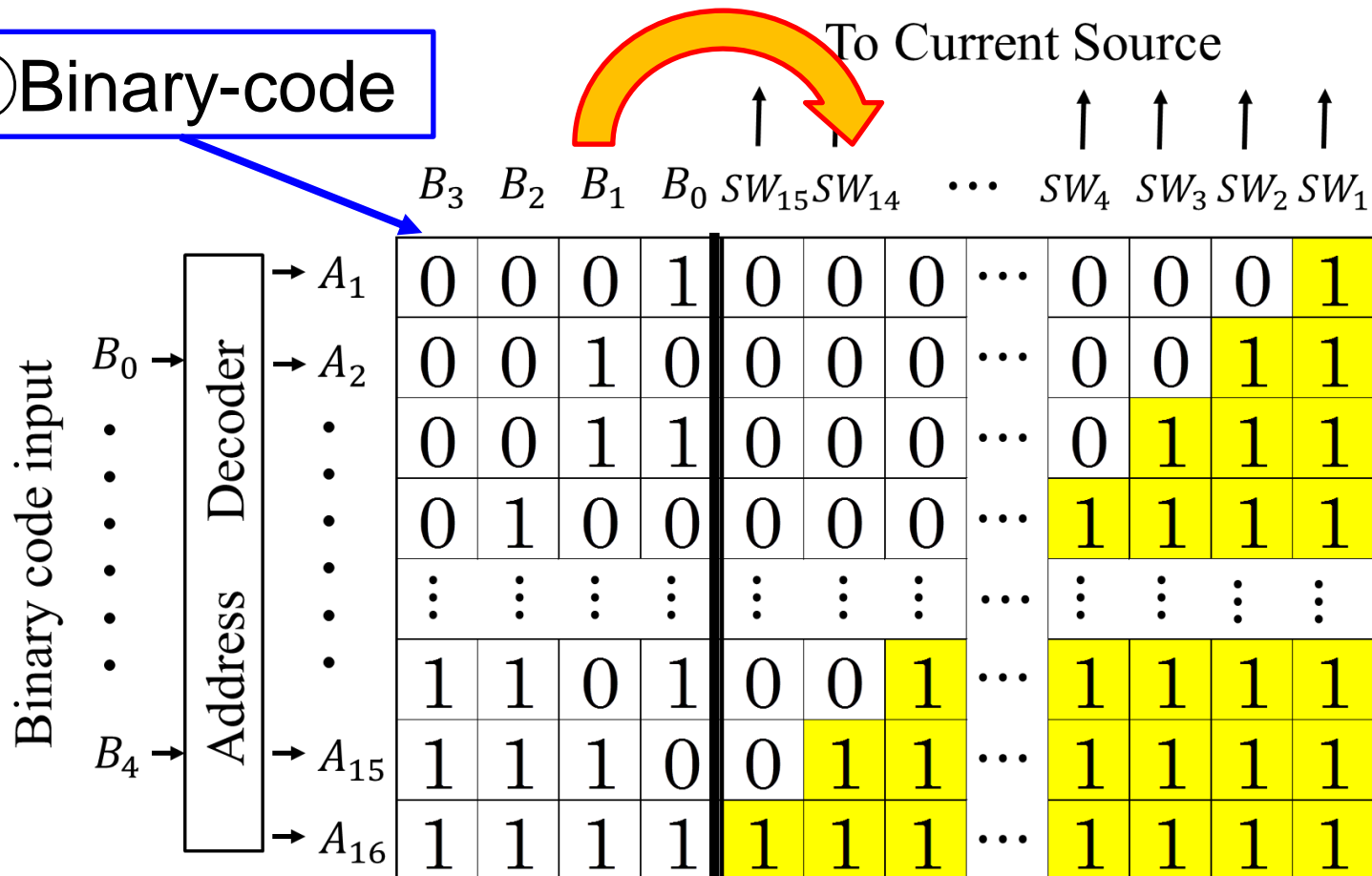


DAC is perfectly linear

Conventional Unary DAC Decoder

② Thermometer-code

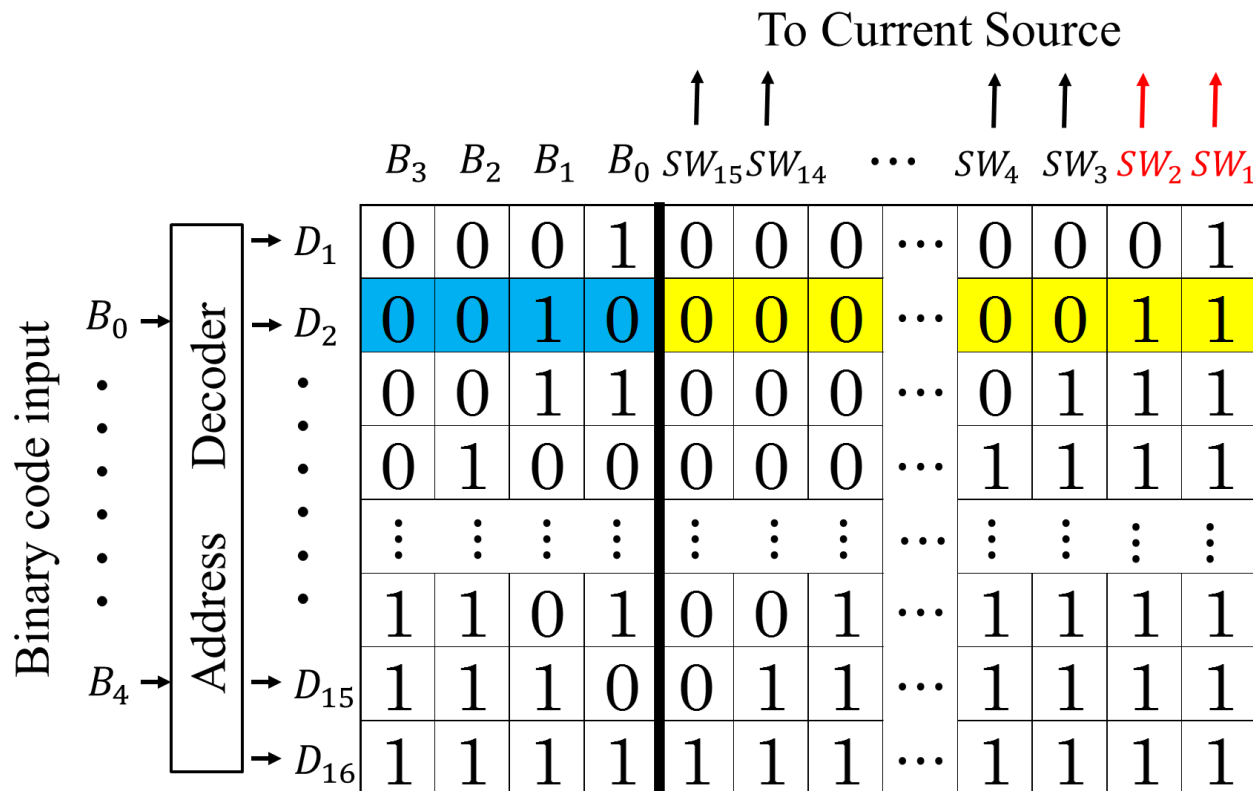
① Binary-code



Operation of Unary DAC Decoder

Example 1

- Digital binary input (0010)
 - ➔ Thermometer code (0000 0000 0000 0011)
 - ➔ 2 current cells turn on.



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What is Magic Square(魔方陣) ?

みなさん、“魔方陣”をご存知でしょうか。



16	3	2	13
5	10	11	8
9	6	7	12
4	15	14	1



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33	20	47	27	36	16	48	23
45	24	34	28	18	41	35	27
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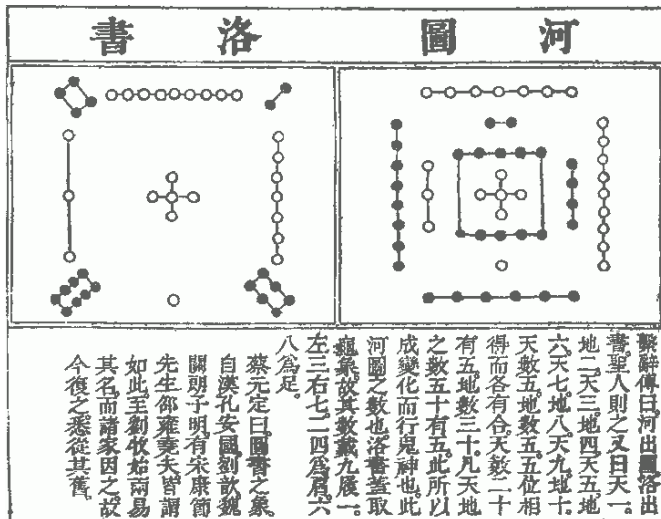
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What is Magic Square ?

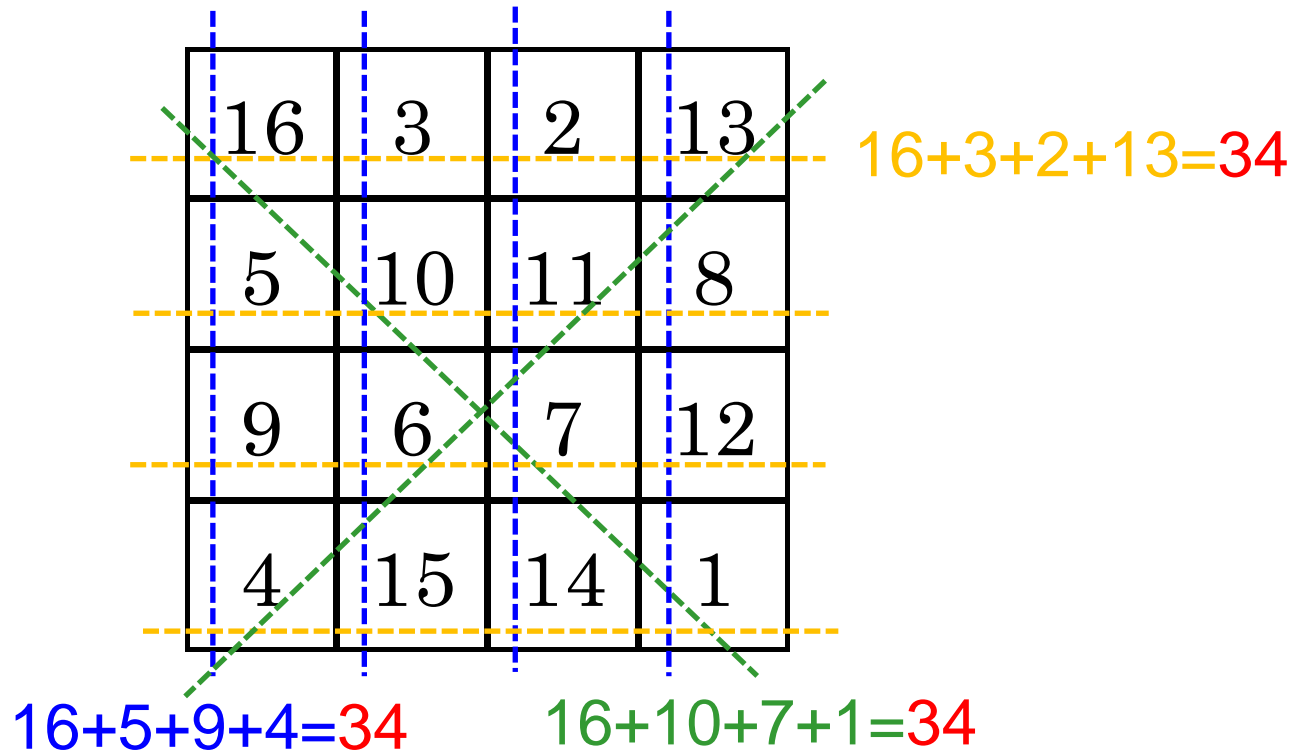
- Classical mathematics
- Origin from Chinese academia
- “Constant sum” characteristics
- Varieties of magic squares



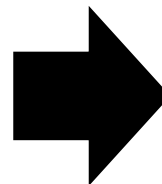
3x3 魔方陣

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

Features of Magic Square



- Constant Sum
 - Row, column, diagonal



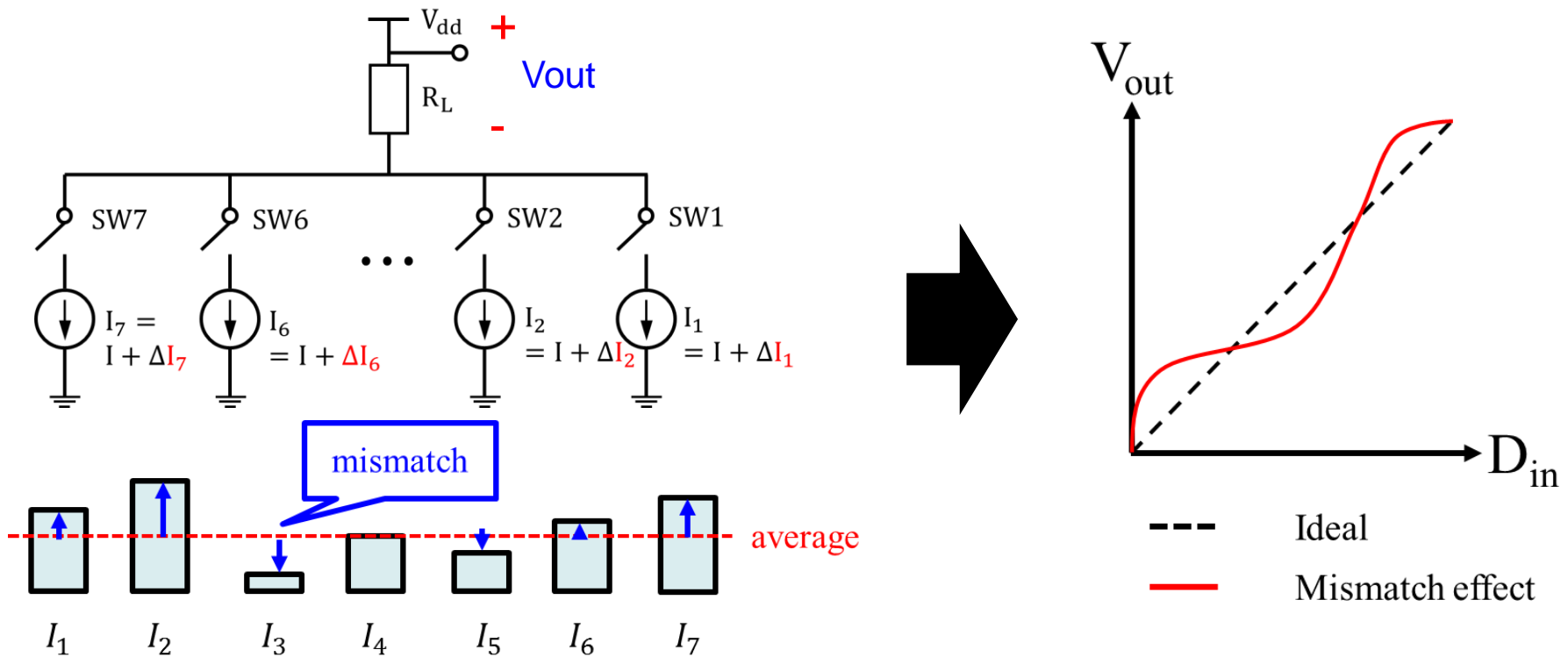
魔方陣 is Good balance



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Unit Current Source Mismatch Problem

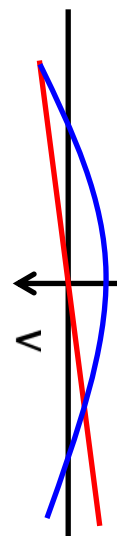
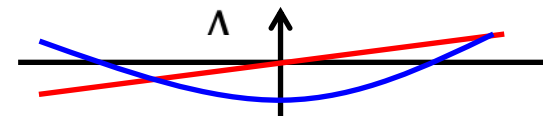
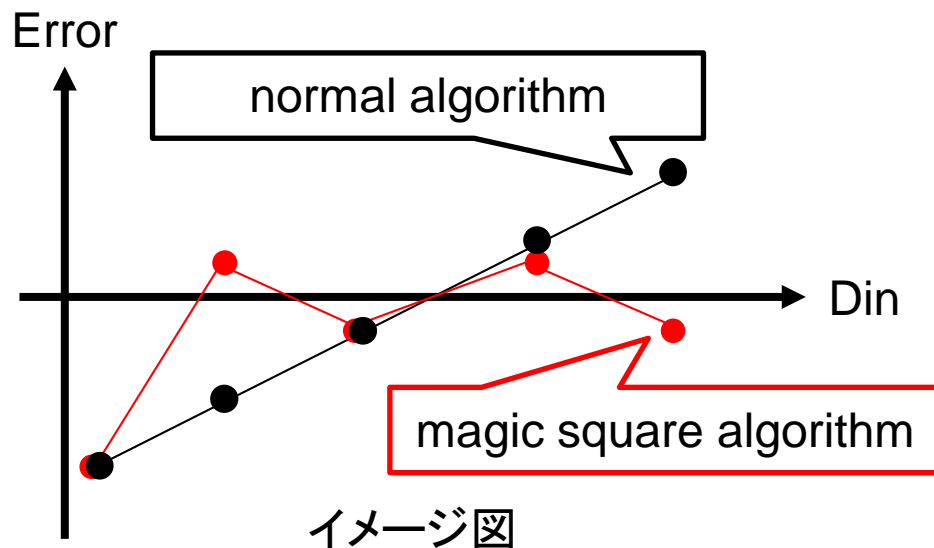


In practice, current sources have mismatches.

➔ **DAC becomes non-linear.**

Possibility of Using Magic Square

- Semiconductor devices have
random and systematic mismatches
- Changing the switching order
➡ Cancellation of mismatch effects
- We propose magic square algorithm

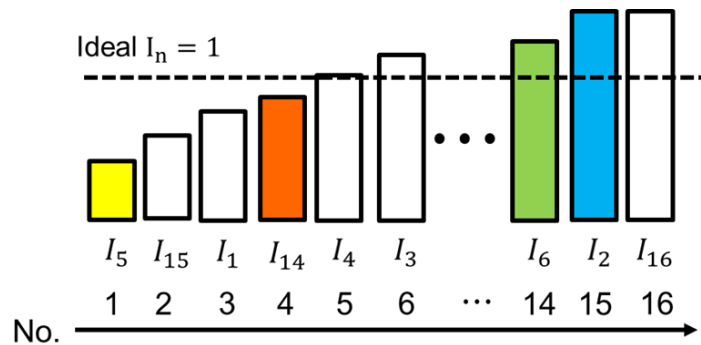


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Inspired New Algorithm

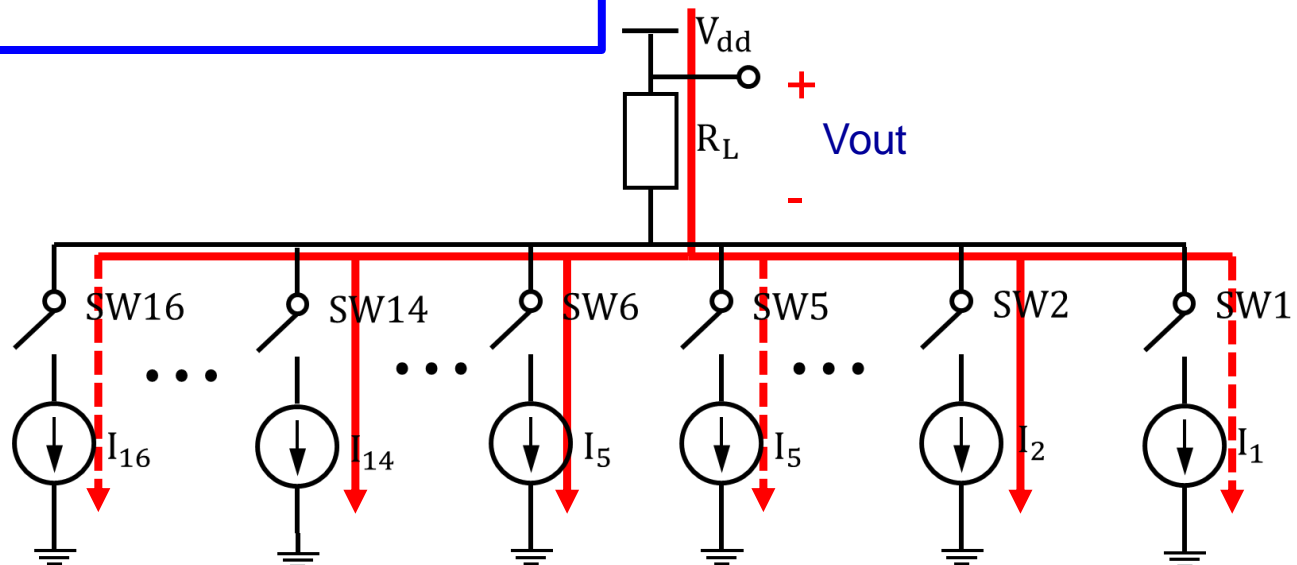
- Unit current source selection-order change algorithm
 - Mismatch effect cancellation

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4
I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}

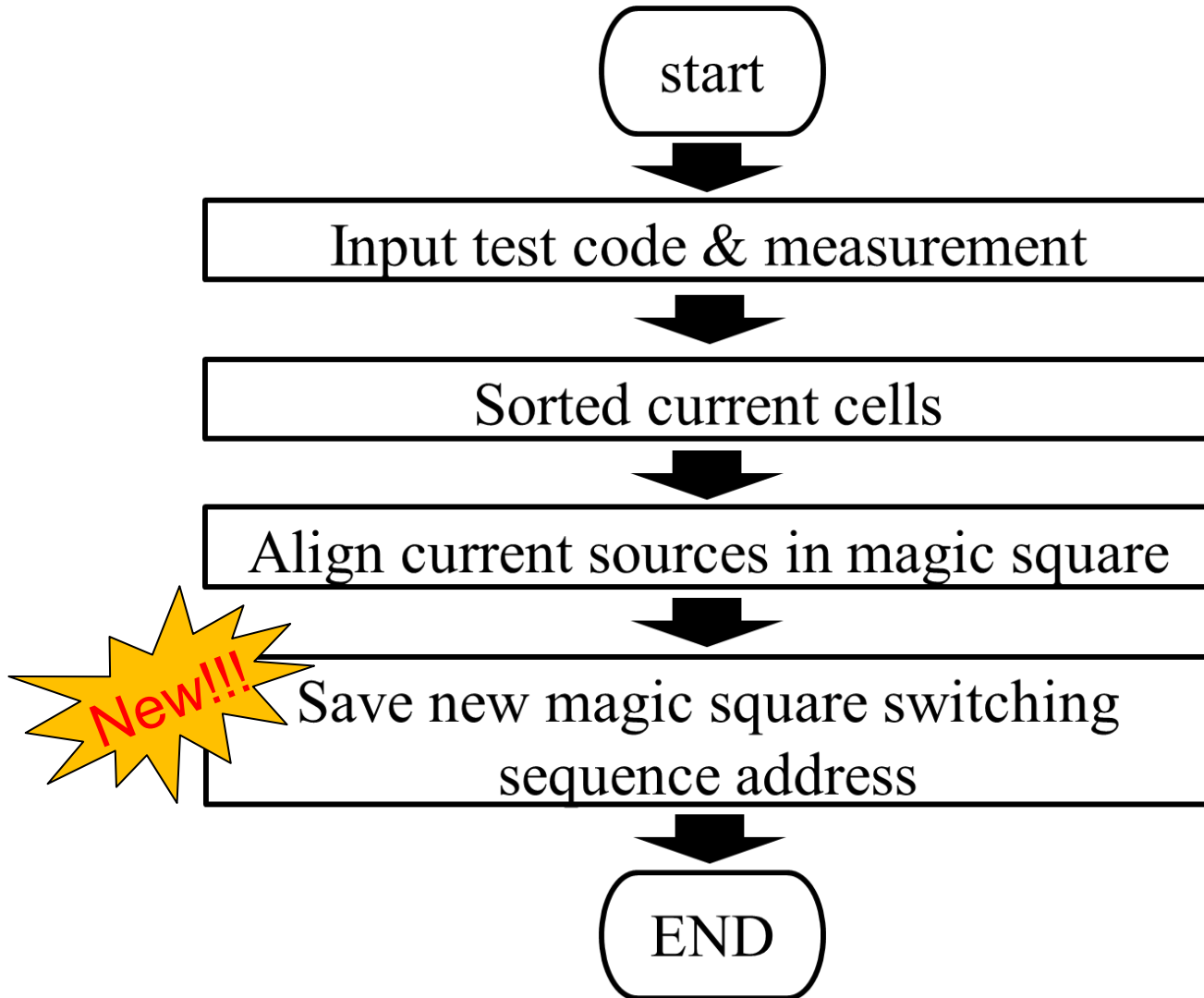


1. Measure the order of unit current cells
2. Align them virtually in magic square
3. Select current cells

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8	10	11	5
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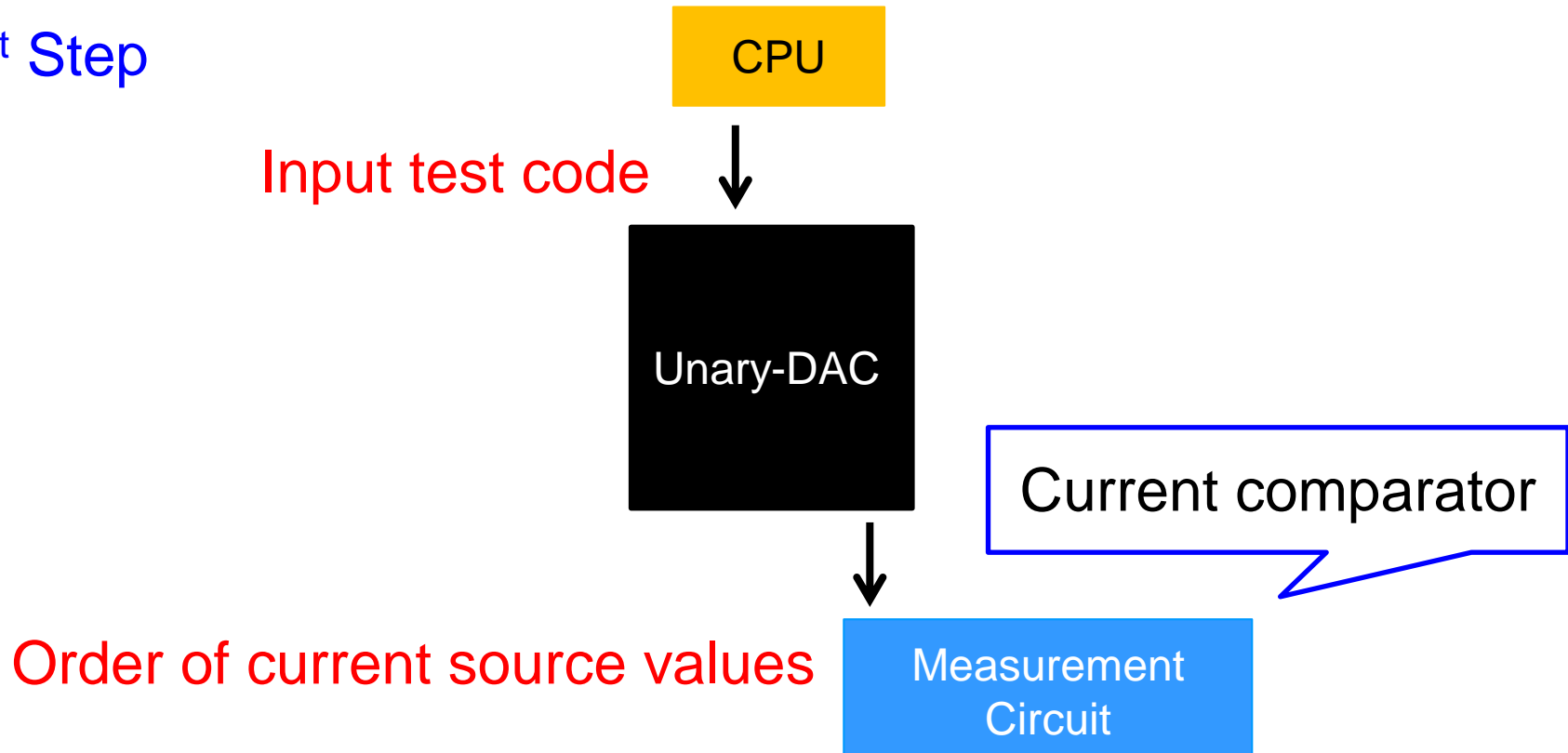
Proposed DAC Non-linearity Calibration Algorithm



Proposed Algorithm

Input Test Code & Measurement

1st Step



- CPU => input test code to unary-DAC cells
- Measurement circuit => order of current source values

Proposed Algorithm

Measure Order of Current Cells

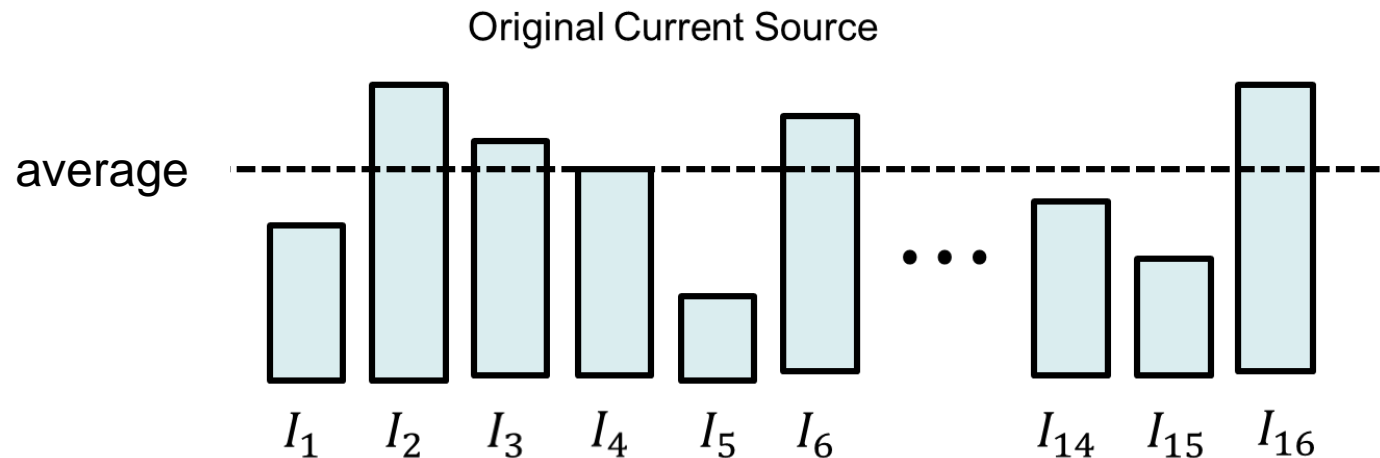
1st Step

- Measure the order of current cell values by a current comparator.
- Not need accurate value measurement.

4-bit case

Current cell

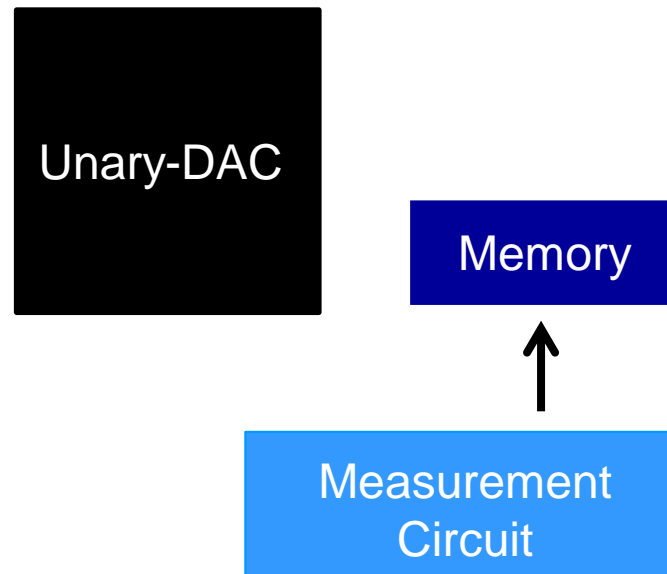
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I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
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I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}



Proposed Algorithm

Unit Current Source Sorting

2nd step



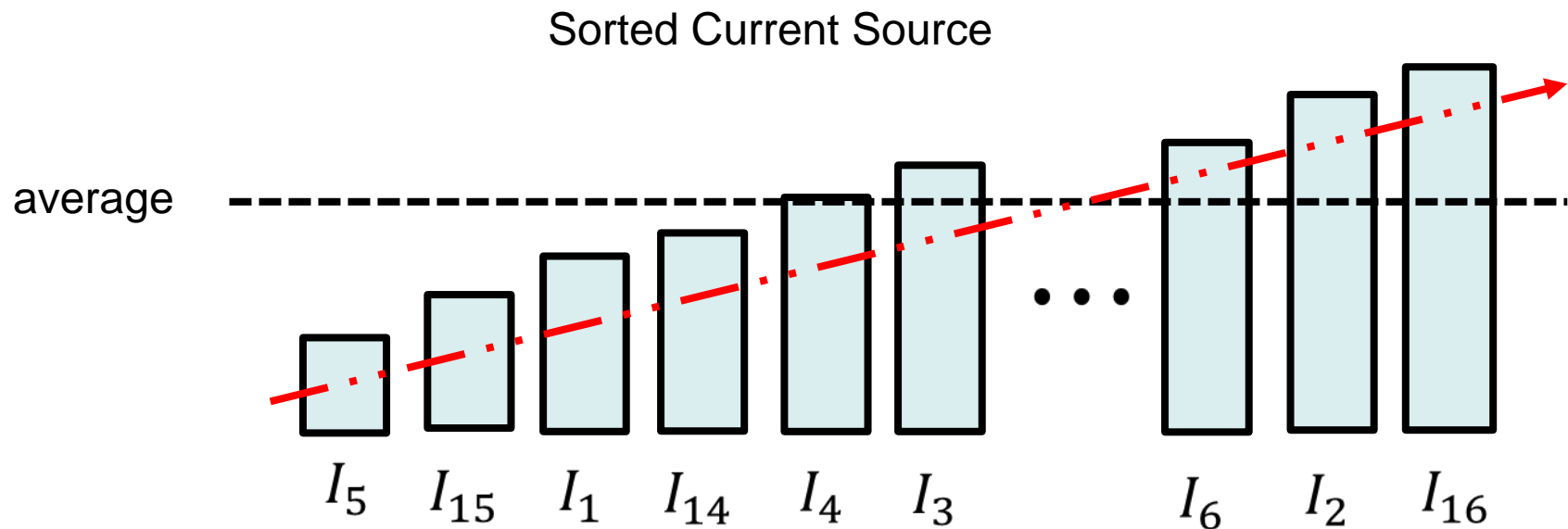
Sort and store the measured order of the unit current cell values into memory.

Proposed Algorithm

Unit Current Source Sorting

2nd step

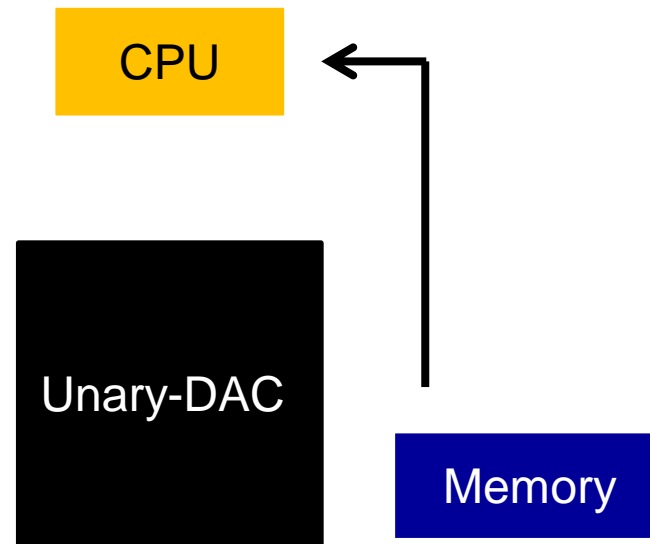
- Sort current source cells ascendingly.
- Store their information of cells number and value into memory.



Proposed Algorithm

Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square

3rd step



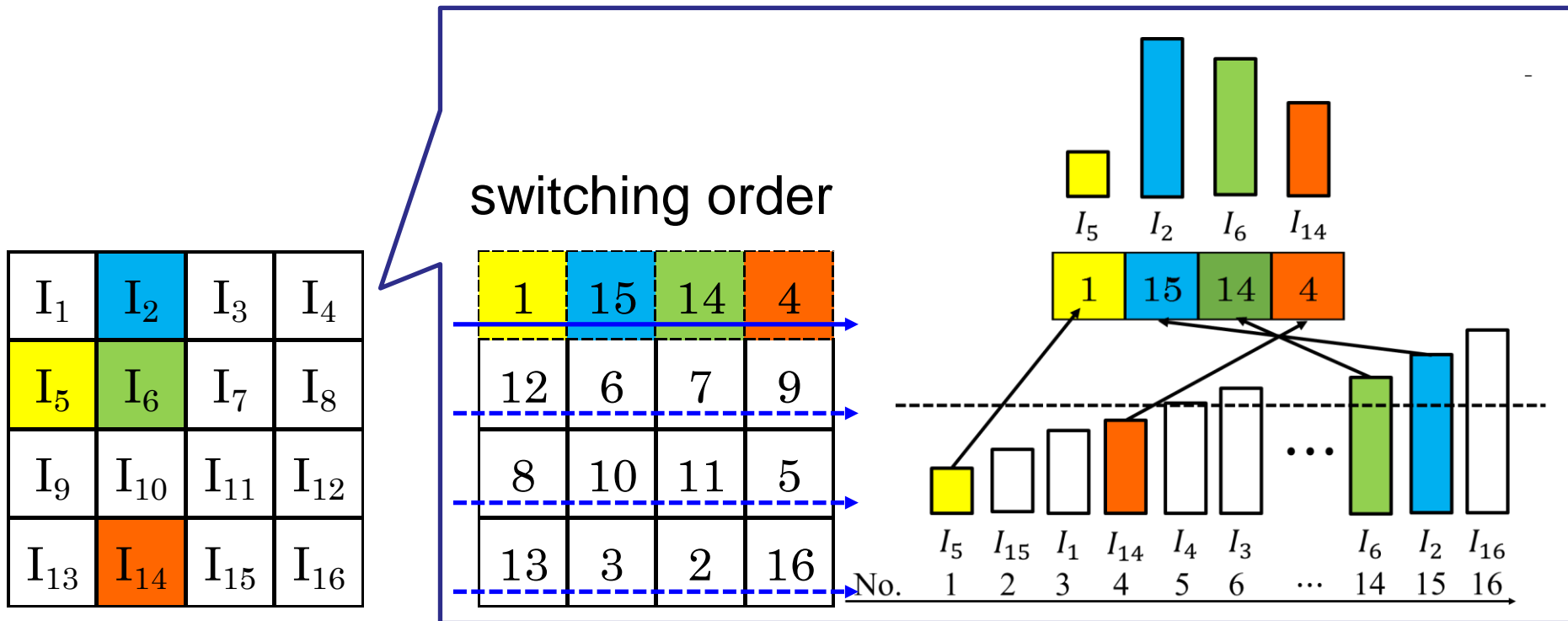
- Re-sort of current source values based on magic square

Proposed Algorithm

Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square (1)

3rd step

- Re-sorted of current source values based on magic square
- Store its info in decoder look-up table

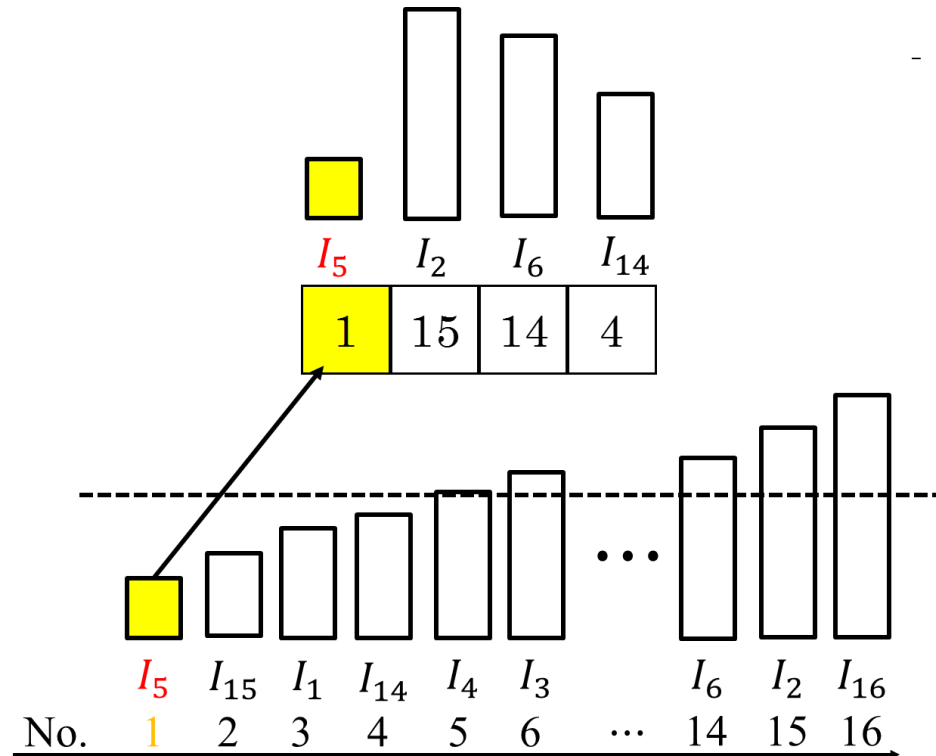


Proposed Algorithm

Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square (2)

- Digital binary input (0001)
 → 1 current cells turn on

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4
I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}

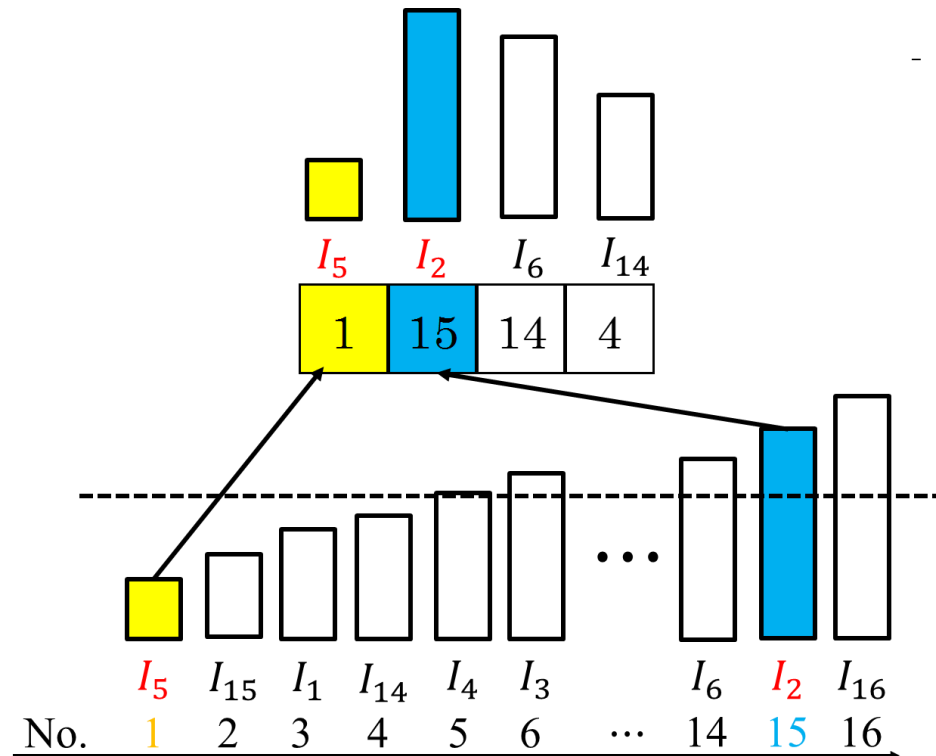


Proposed Algorithm

Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square (3)

- Digital binary input (00**10**)
 → 2 current cells turn on

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4
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I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}

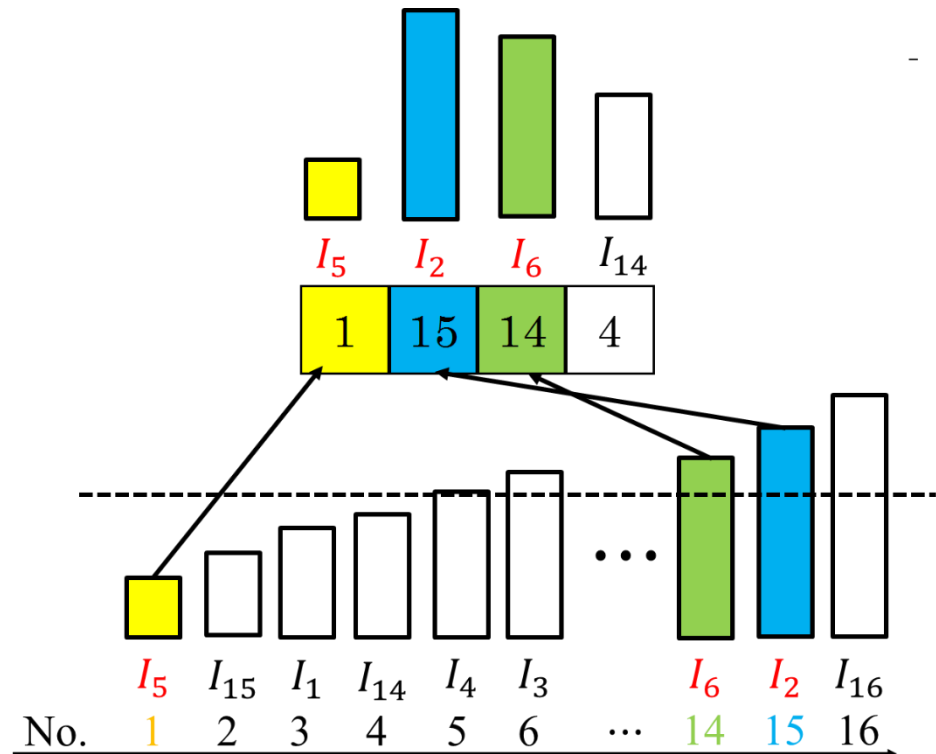


Proposed Algorithm

Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square (4)

- Digital binary input (0011)
 → 3 current cells turn on

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4
I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}

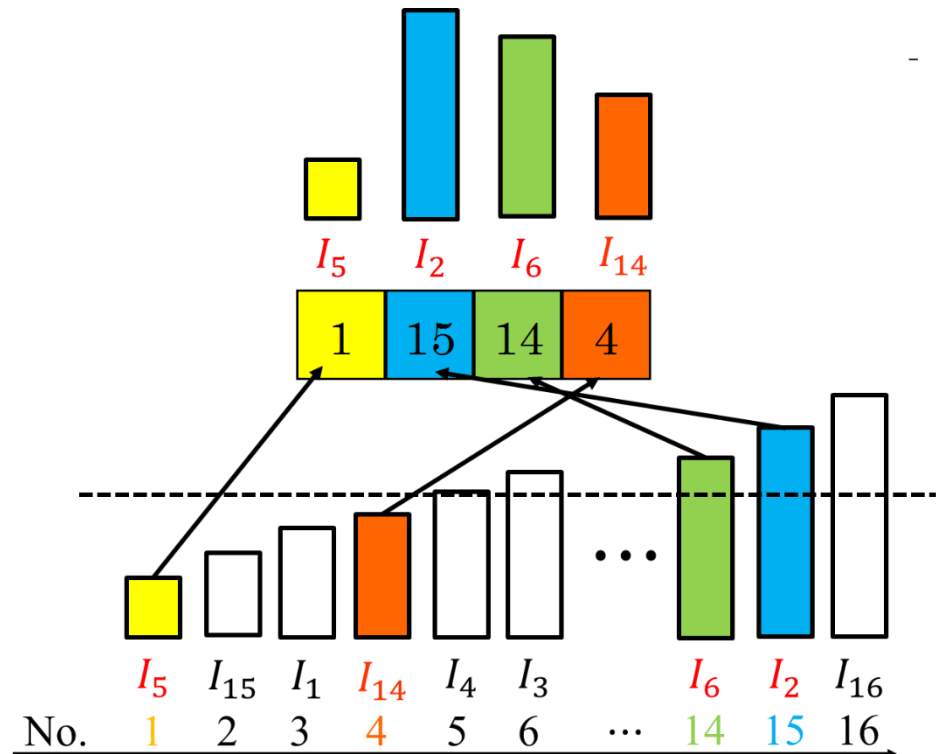


Proposed Algorithm

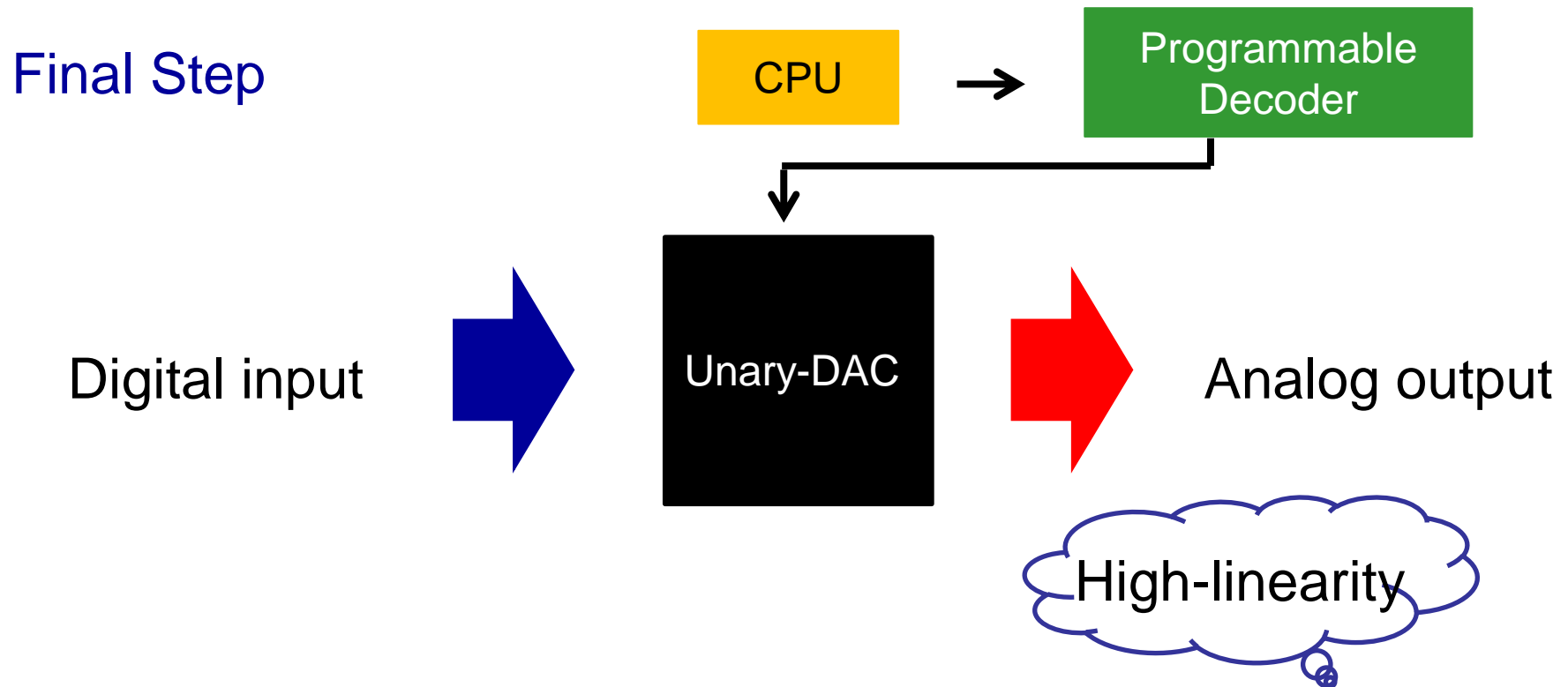
Current Source Sorting Based on Magic Square (5)

- Digital binary input (0100)
 → 4 current cells turn on

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4
I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}



Proposed Algorithm LUT-Magic Square Decoder



Store switching sequence based on magic square into programmable decoder.

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Simulation Conditions

- MATLAB simulation
- 8-bit unary DAC
 - Static performance (INL, DNL)
 - Dynamic performance (SFDR)
- Compared two methods
 - Conventional thermometer-code decoder usage
 - Proposed magic-square-based algorithm
- Mismatch of current sources
 - Current sources have average of value 1.0
 - Random number between $-1 < \text{mismatch} < +1$ (uniform distribution)

Simulation Conditions

● 使用した16次方陣 (8bit)

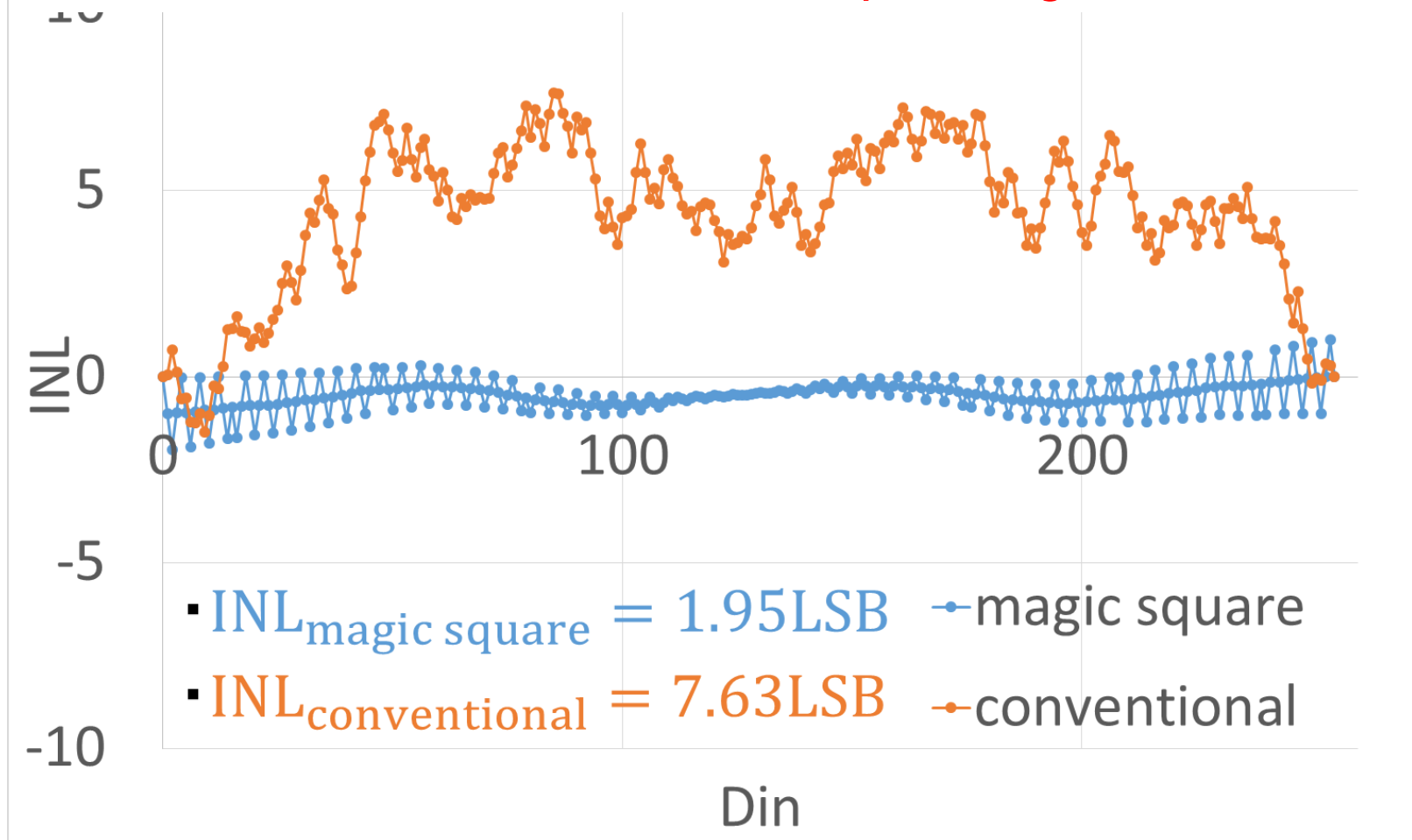
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80	178	179	77	76	182	183	73	72	186	187	69	68	190	191	65
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225	31	30	228	229	27	26	232	233	23	22	236	237	19	18	240
16	242	243	13	12	246	247	9	8	250	251	5	4	254	255	1

Simulation Result

- Static Performance INL -

Integral Non-Linearity (INL)

- 5.7 LSB improvement by the magic square algorithm
- 0.0 LSB at the center of the input range D_{in}

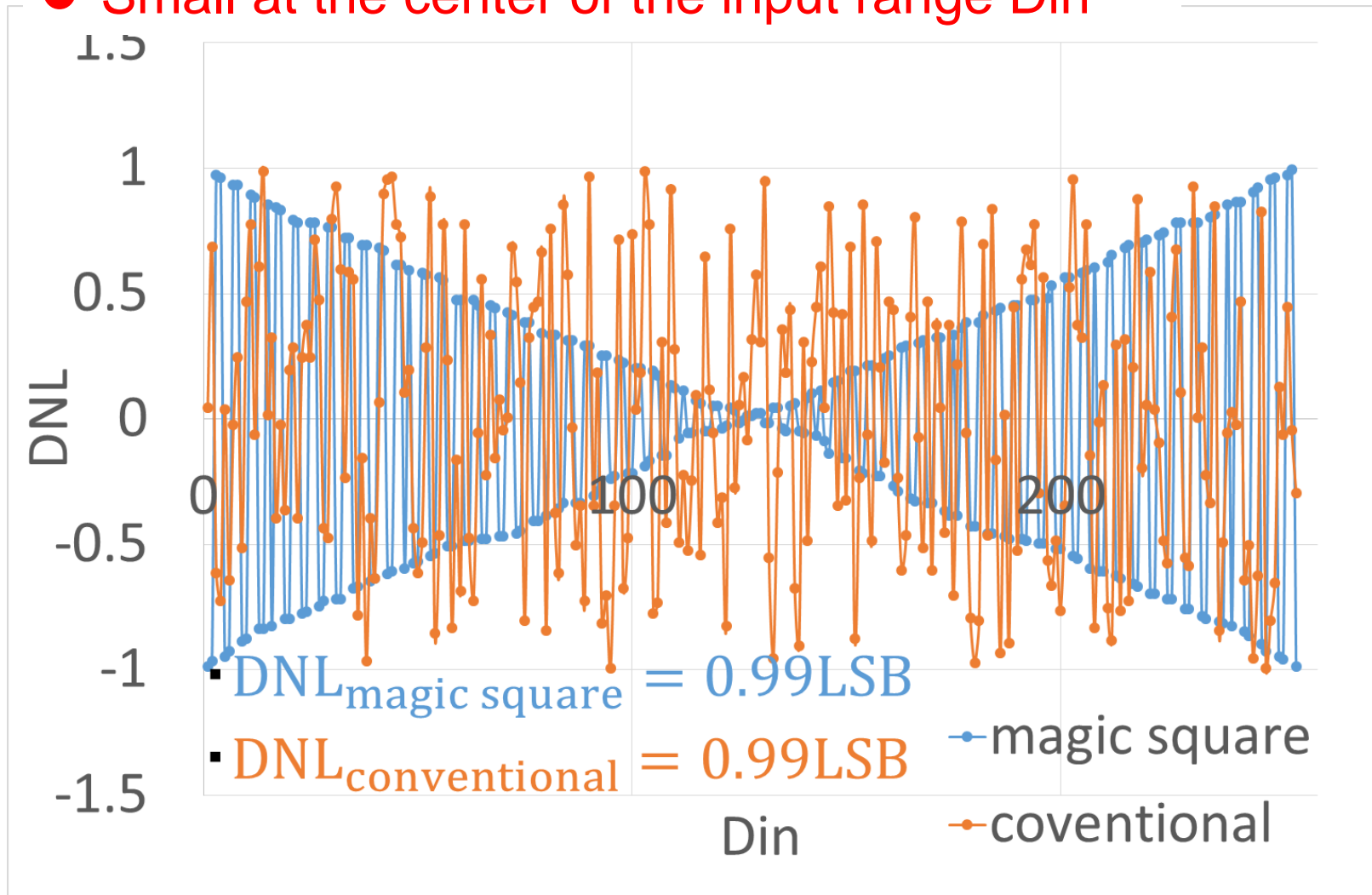


Simulation Result

- Static Performance DNL

Differential Non-Linearity (DNL)

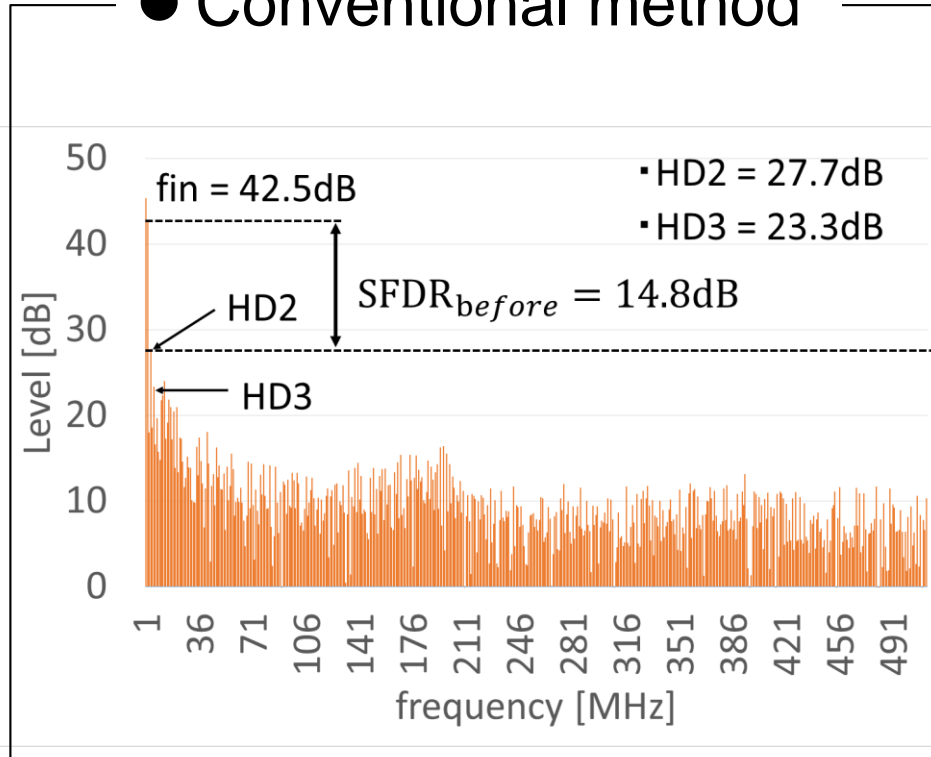
- Small at the center of the input range D_{in}



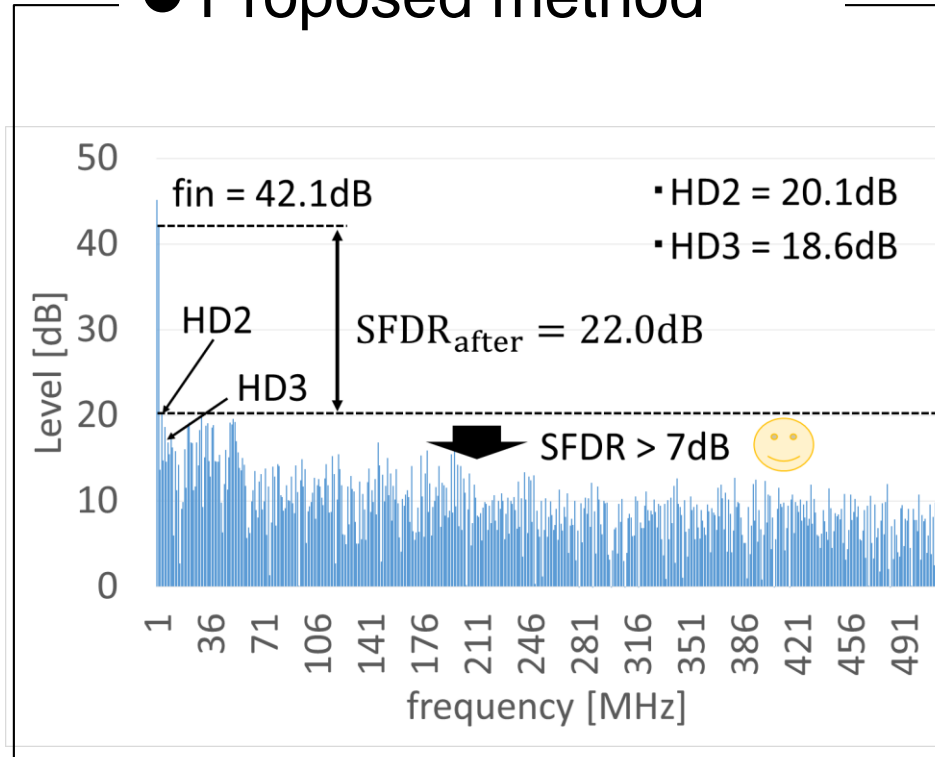
Simulation Result

- Dynamic Performance SFDR -

● Conventional method



● Proposed method



● SFDR improvement by 7 dB

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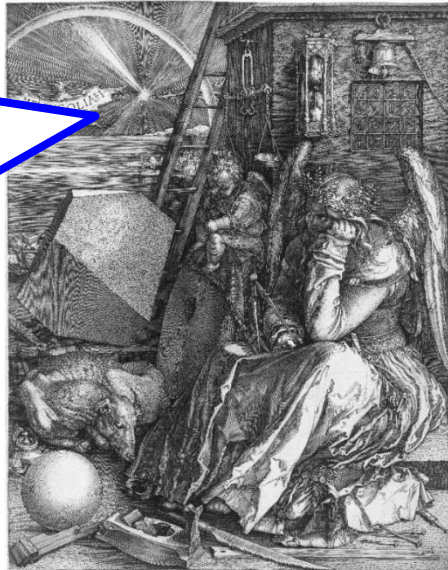
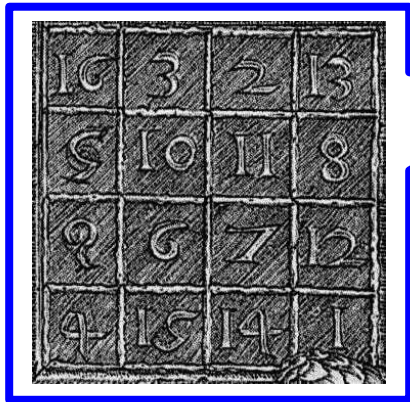
Conclusion

- Unary DAC linearity improvement
 - Cancel unit current cell mismatch effects
 - Unit current cell selection algorithm
 - ➔ Digital method
 - Based on magic square
 - Measurement of the order of current cell values
- MATLAB simulation
 - INL , DNL improvement
 - at the center of the input range.
 - SFDR improvement

Final Statement

温故知新

Classical mathematics can contribute modern technology.



質問内容(1)

- 基本研究の話。先行研究があるか
→ありません
- 魔方陣がどう有効に働いているか
→定和性により、ミスマッチが均等に分配され、キャンセルできる
- 2次元に作る必要性は
- 縦方向の定和性が使われていない。
→入力が多くなれば、縦方向の定和性が効いてくると考えている
- 行単位でバランスをとっている, 横方向の並び順は意味があるのか。
→大小の組み合わせ(魔方陣の配列)になっているので、並び順は意味があると考えている
- 1, 15, 14, 4 の順は関係ある, 4つ単位で定和性が生きてきてるんじゃないの
- システムティックなばらつきは考慮しているのか。
→今回は、考慮していないが、ばらつきに応じてセルを並び替えているので、結果は変わらないと考えられる
- いい並び方が他にある? 単純に大小を交互にスイッチングしたほうが良いのでは
- 縦の部分も活着していると感じた。マクロに見れば活着していないけど。
- I1, I2, I3の意味, スライドの書き方を丁寧に。混乱してしまう。
- 異なる魔方陣でやってみたか
- 別の乱数でやってみたか

質問内容(2)

- いい並び方が他にある？単純に大小を交互にスイッチングしたほうが良いのでは
→魔方陣が完璧な方法ではないので、検討課題ではある。
- 縦の部分も活着していると感じた。マクロに見れば活着していないけど。
- I1, I2, I3の意味, スライドの書き方を丁寧に。混乱してしまう。
- 異なる魔方陣でやってみたか
→4通りやった
- 別の乱数でやってみたか
→yes