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Automatic High Frequency Notch Generation in Noise Spectrum of Switching Converters with Pulse Coding Method

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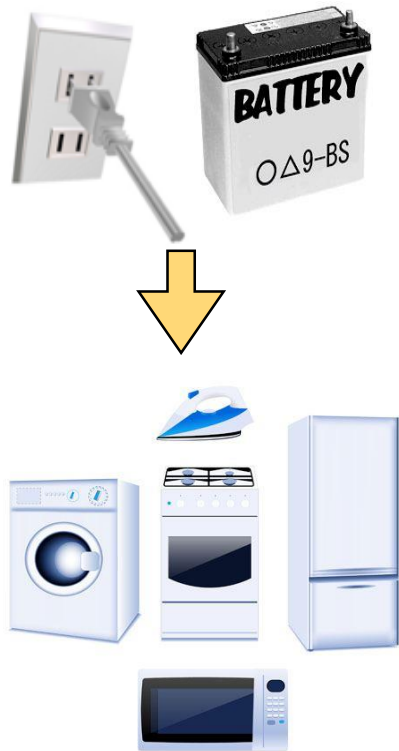
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Research Background



Switching converters
Supply many kinds of voltage by switching power



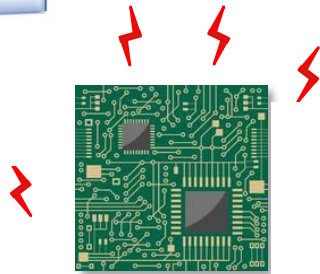
Power of switching converter
has become large



Switching noise has strongly spread
in wide frequency range



Important to reduce switching noise
by decreasing main spectrum level



EMI

EMI:Electro-Magnetic Interference

Research Objective

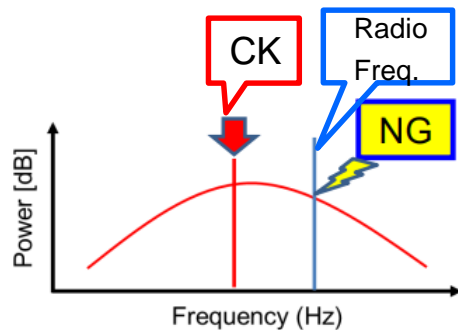
Reduce clock noise by spread spectrum
with shaking clock phase



Noise of clock frequency is spread



Some electronic devices would not like to be
affected at special frequency noise



Research Objective



Radio receiver

Spread spectrum with both **EMI^[1] reduction** and
control the diffusion of noise

[1]EMI: Electro-Magnetic Interference

Research Summary

Proposed method

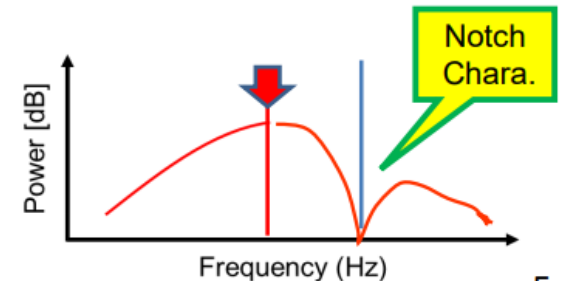
Spread spectrum method using pulse coding



Design modulation circuit
in order to generate notch frequency automatically

Achievement

- ① Reduction of EMI generated from clock
- ② **Noise removal** at specific frequency
- ③ **Automatic generation** of notch frequency



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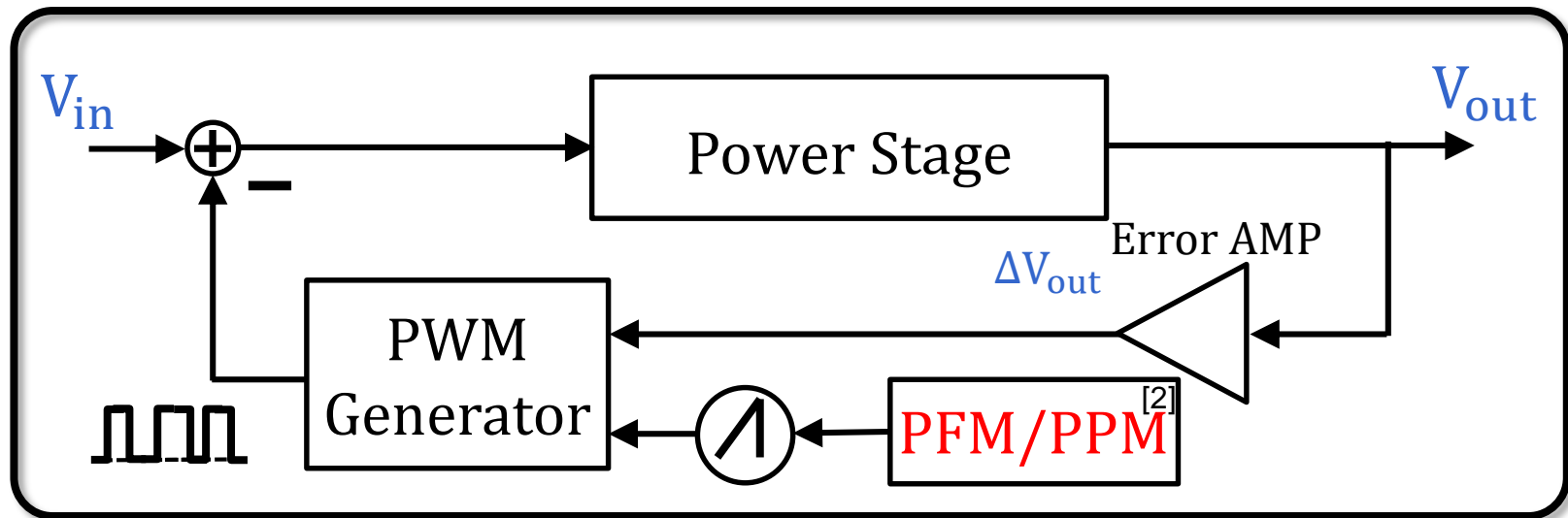
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Conventional Switching Converter with Spread Spectrum

Spread Spectrum

Continuous modulation of periodic clock

⇒ Reduction of EMI concentrating on
fundamental frequency

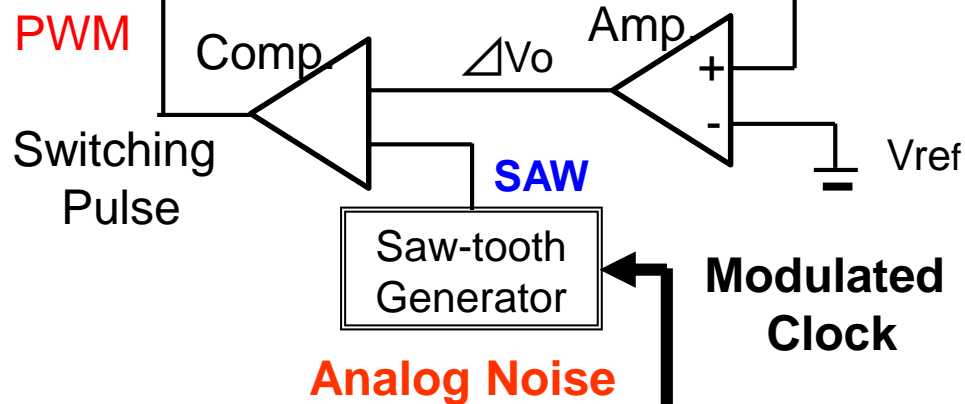
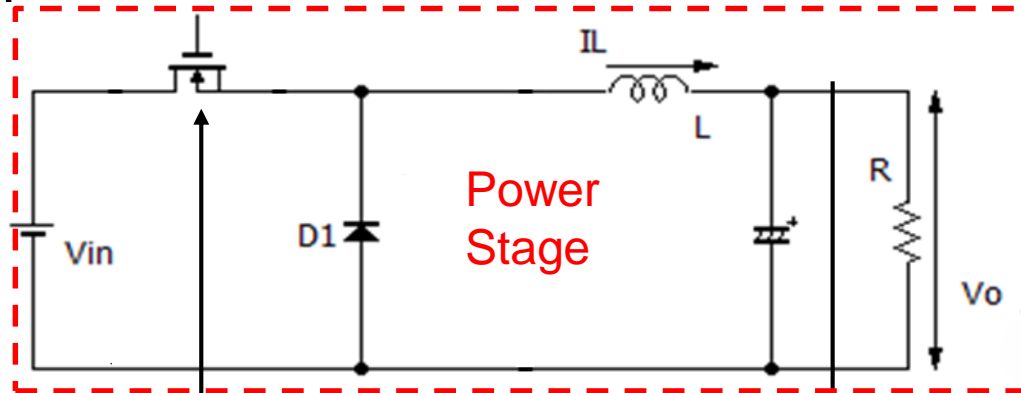


Switching Power

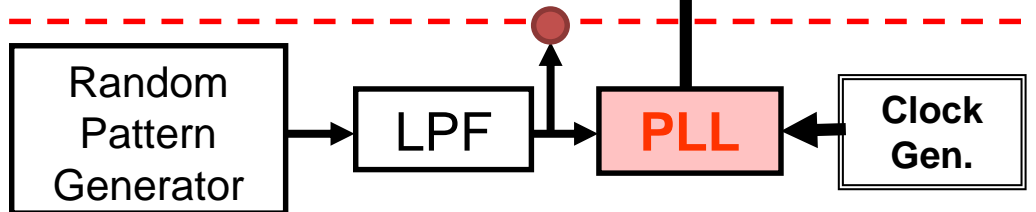
[2] PFM: Pulse Frequency Modulation PPM: Pulse Phase Modulation

Spread Spectrum for EMI Reduction

Spread spectrum using pseudo analog noise



Analog Noise

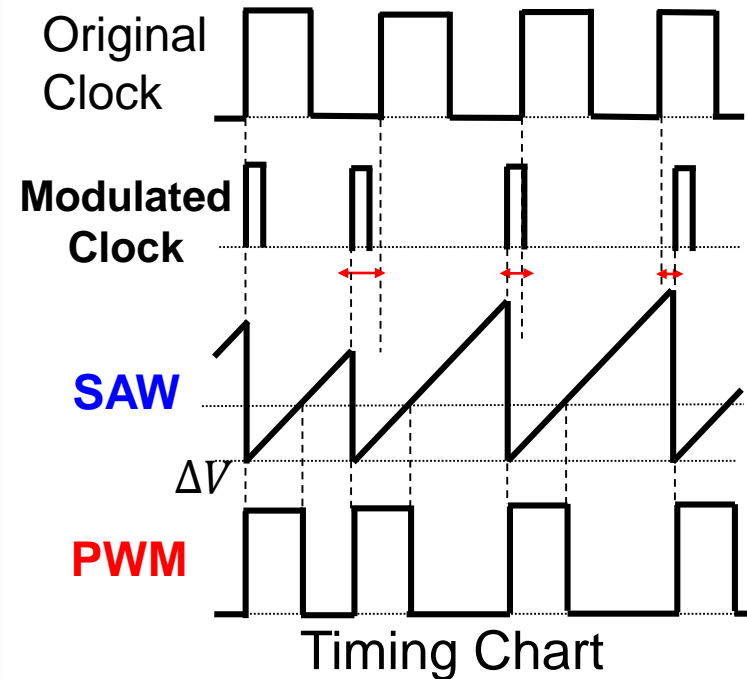


Buck converter with modulated clock

To reduce EMI noise, clock pulse is modulated



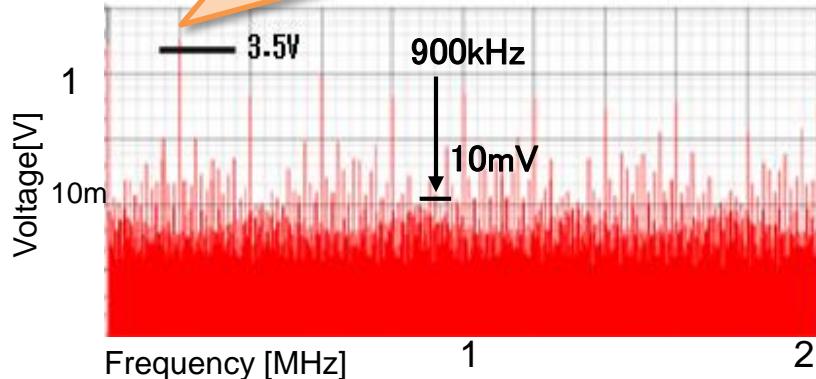
* SAW is modulated by shaking phase using analog noise & PLL^[3]



[3] PLL: Phase Locked Loop

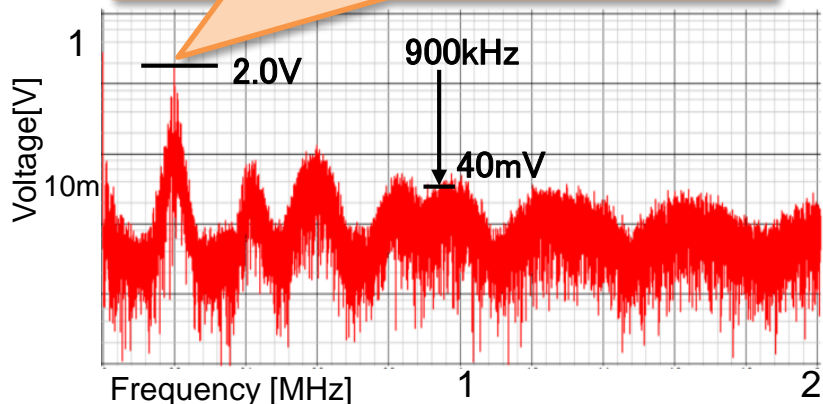
Spread spectrum for EMI Reduction

Maximum noise **3.5V**



PWM signal spectrum without EMI reduction

Maximum noise **2.0V**



PWM signal spectrum with EMI reduction

©Simulation conditions

Input : 12V

Output : 6V

Clock frequency : 200kHz

Without EMI reduction

- Noise is concentrated in basic and harmonic frequencies

With EMI reduction

- Peak level of clock frequency is reduced a lot



Noise is concentrated by diffusion



Bottom levels are increased

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Coding Method

Single coding method

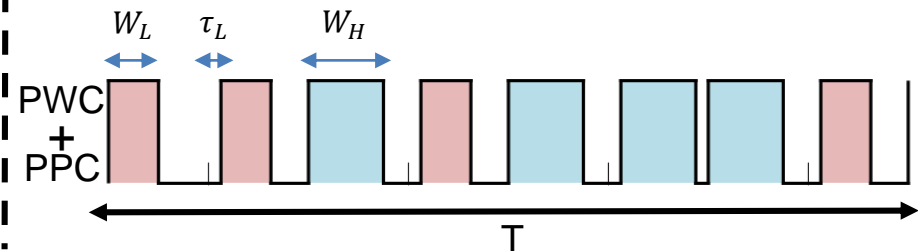
Pulse width · period · position
select one to modulation

- PWC(Pulse Width coding)method
- PCC(Pulse Cycle coding) method
- PPC(Pulse Phase coding) method

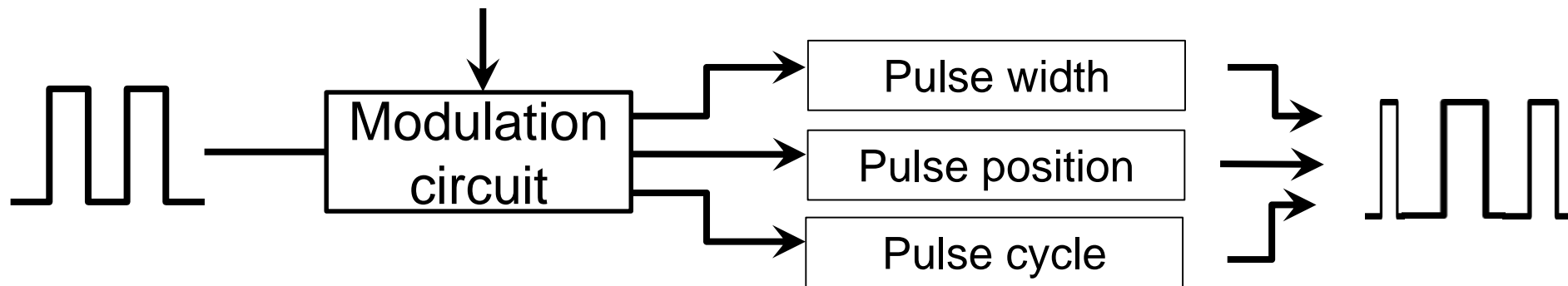
Complex coding method

Pulse width · period · position
select two to modulation

- PWPC (PWC+PPC) method



0/1 Signal

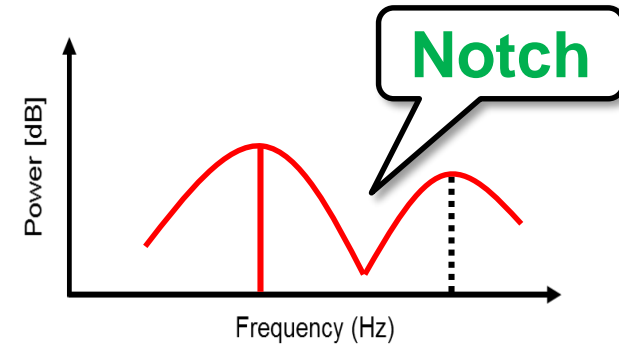


Complex coding method

Diffuse Noise to Specific Frequency

Problem

Noise diffusing uniformly
(using analog modulation)



Using digital modulation

Noise diffuses to specific frequency



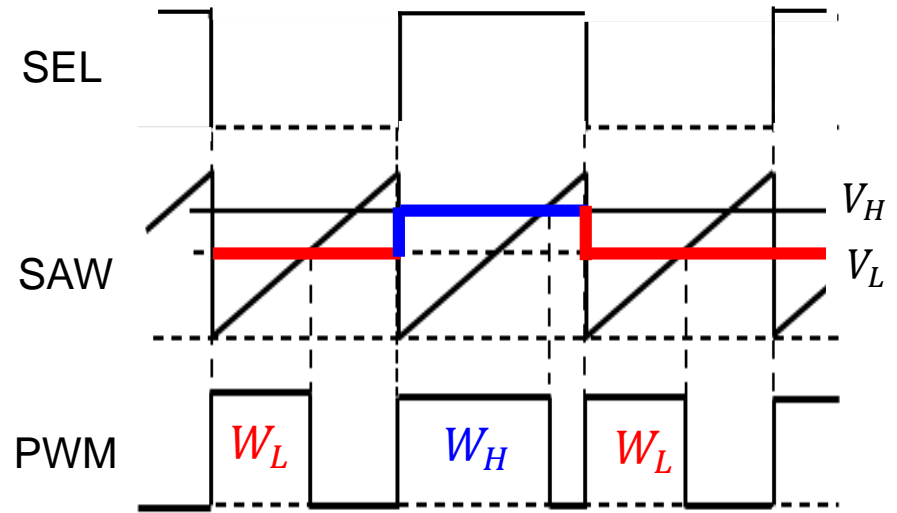
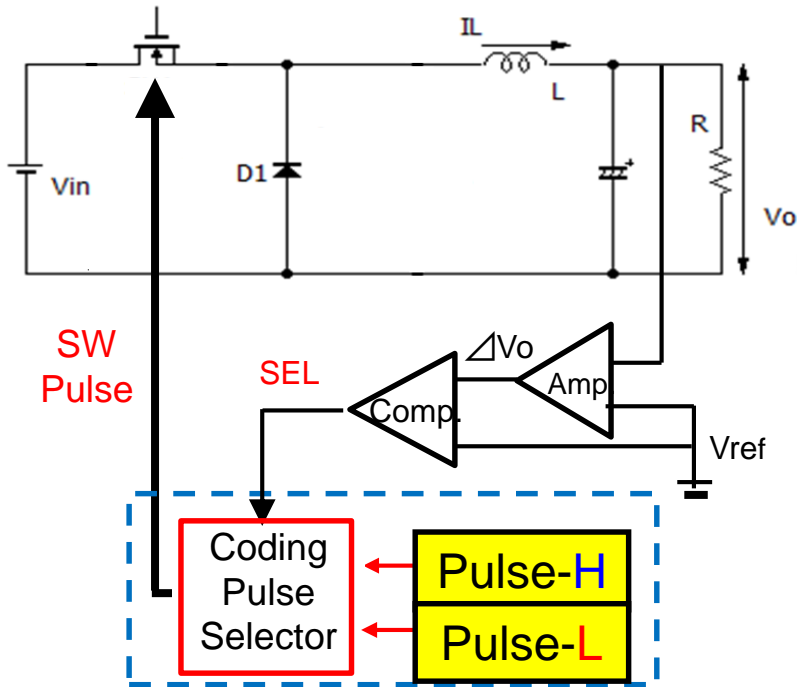
Frequency band where
noise does not spread

Notch band created in important frequency band



- EMI Reduction
- Control of diffused noise

Pulse Width Modulation in Switching Converter



Input High

- ① SEL: High
- ② MUX select V_H
- ③ Generate pulse with long width in comparator

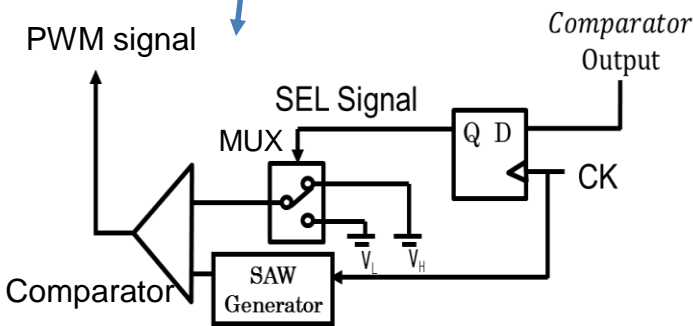
Input Low

- ① SEL: Low
- ② MUX select V_L
- ③ Generate pulse with short width in comparator

★ $D_H > D_o > D_L$

$$D_o = V_o / V_{in}$$

★ manually set W_L and W_H



Simulation Result with PWC Control

◎ Condition

Buck DC-DC converter

V_{in} : 10V

V_{out} : 5V

L : 200 μ H

C : 470 μ F

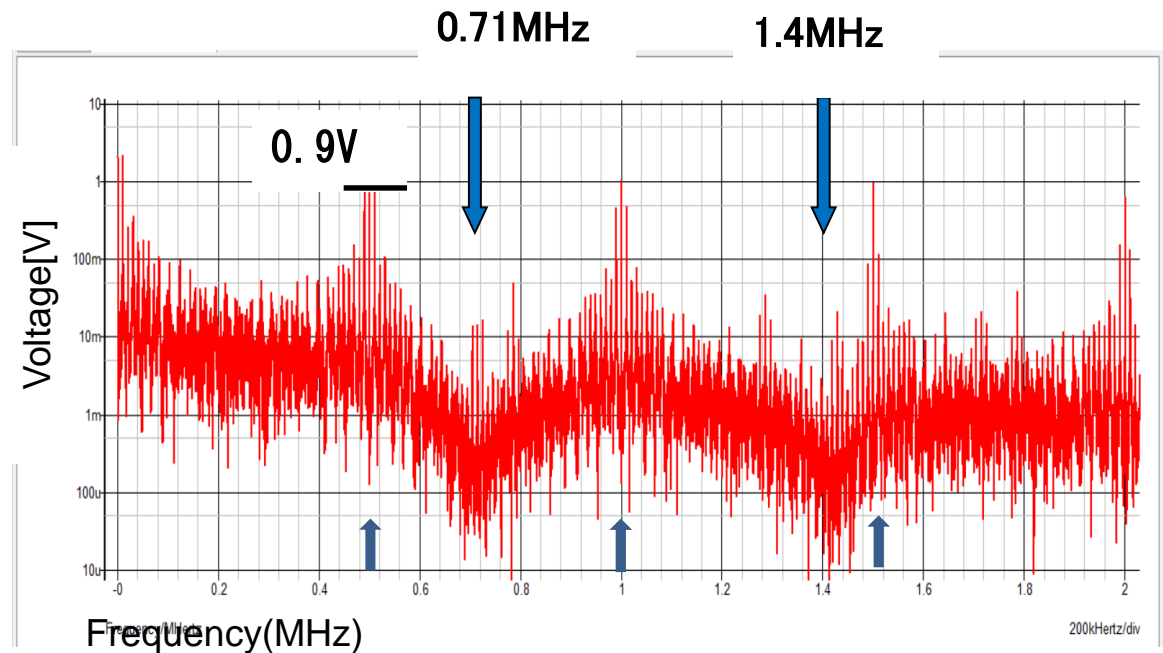
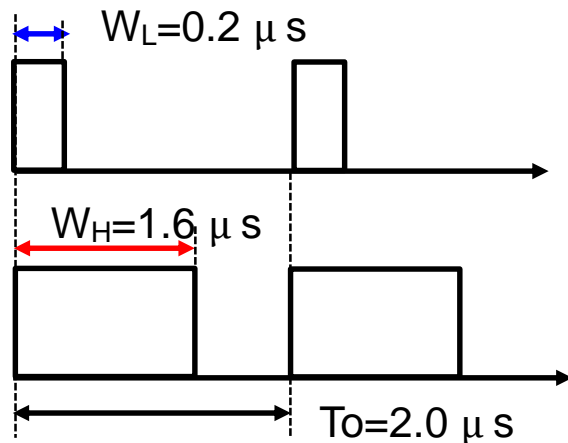
I_{out} : 0.25A

f_{ck} : 500kHz

Design clock pulse to determine the notch frequency

$$f_n \cong N \times \frac{1}{(W_H - W_L)} \quad [N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n]$$

$$= N \times \frac{1}{1.6\mu\text{s} - 0.2\mu\text{s}} = 0.71\text{MHz}$$



PWM signal spectrum using PWC control

Pulse widths of the coding pulses

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Automatic PWC Control

Set frequency of radio reception



Auto corresponding to F_{in} change is necessary



Notch frequency

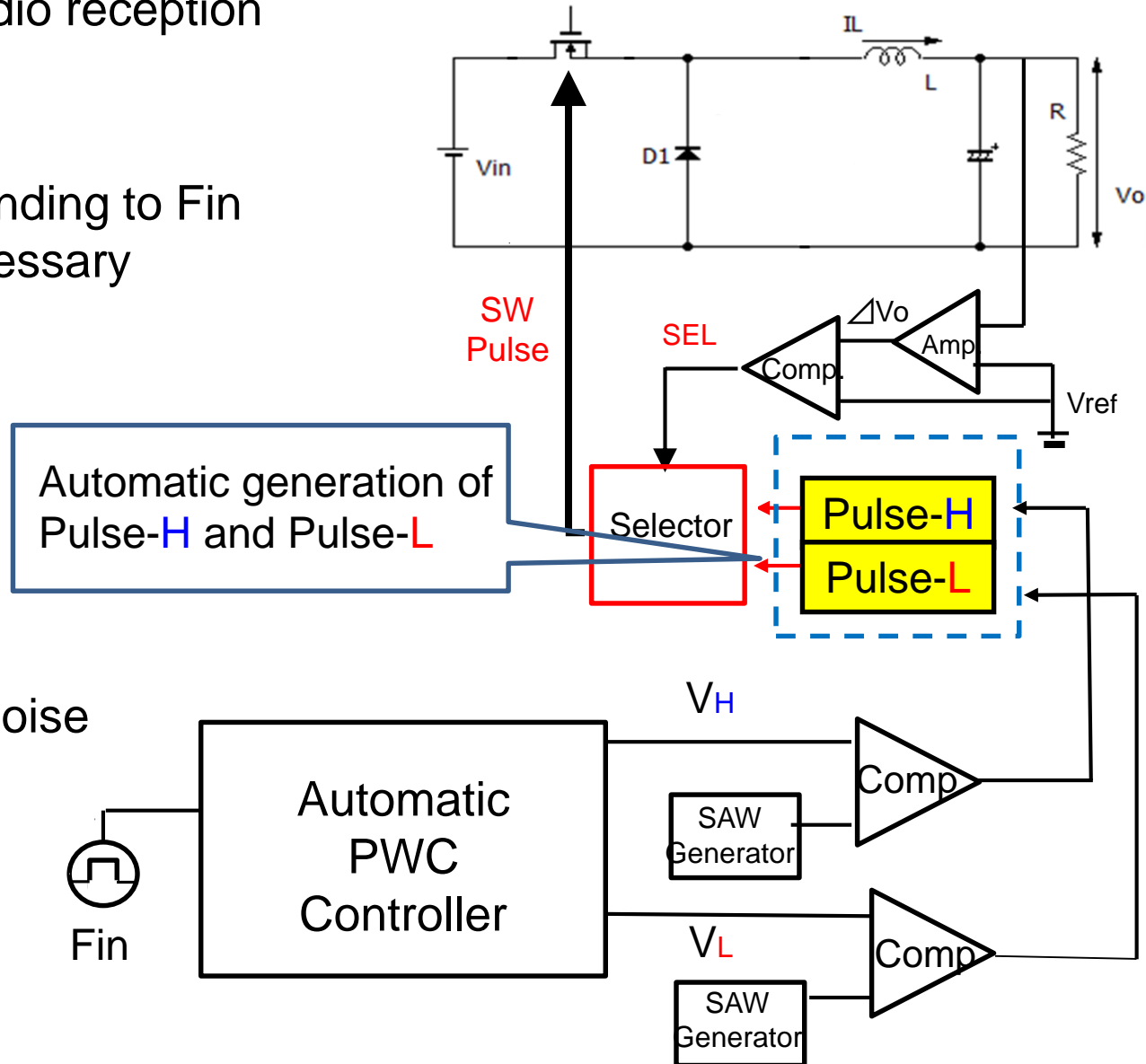


Research object

Control of diffused noise



Radio receiver

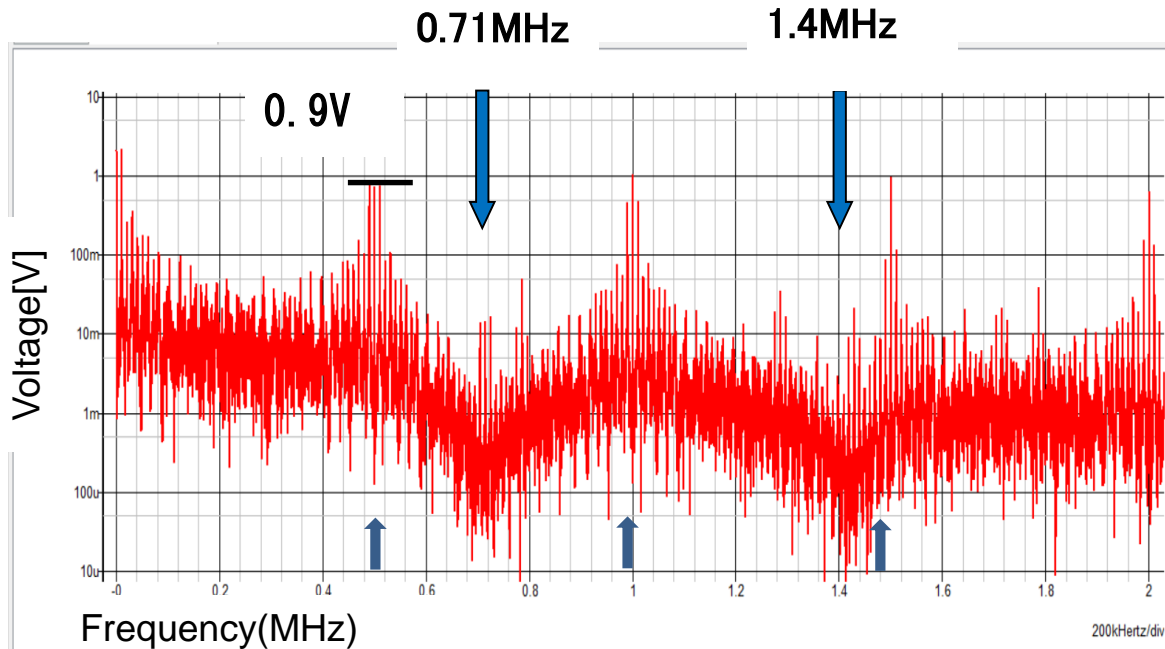


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Relationship with Clock and Notch

$F_{ck} : 500\text{kHz}$



PWM signal spectrum using PWC control

Better to generate F_n at
middle of F_{ck}

$$F_{ck} < F_n < 2F_{ck}$$

$$NF_{ck} < F_n < (N + 1)F_{ck}$$

Optimal

$$F_n = (N + 0.5)F_{ck}$$

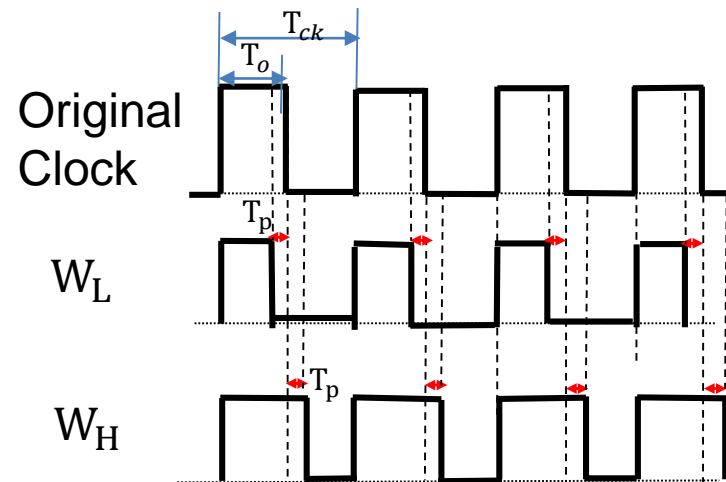
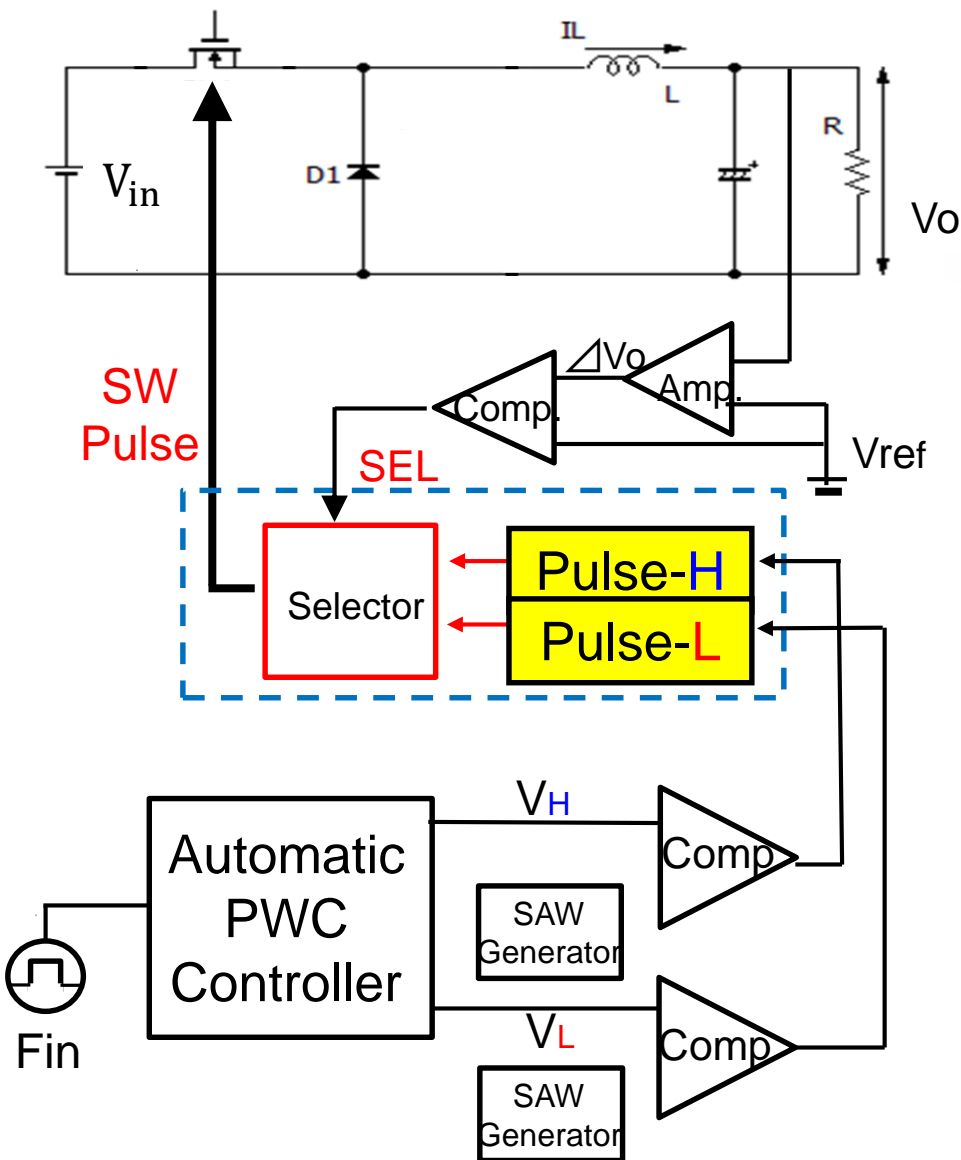
When $N=1$

Optimal

$$F_n = 1.5F_{ck}$$

$$\frac{F_n}{3} = \frac{F_{ck}}{2}$$

Relationship between Pulse-H and Pulse-L



Timing Chart

$$W_L = T_o - T_p$$

$$W_H = T_o + T_p$$

$$T_n = W_H - W_L = 2 \times T_p$$

$$T_o = D_o \times T_{ck} = \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \times T_{ck}$$

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Generating Tck using Direct Calculation

Generate Tck from Tin using:

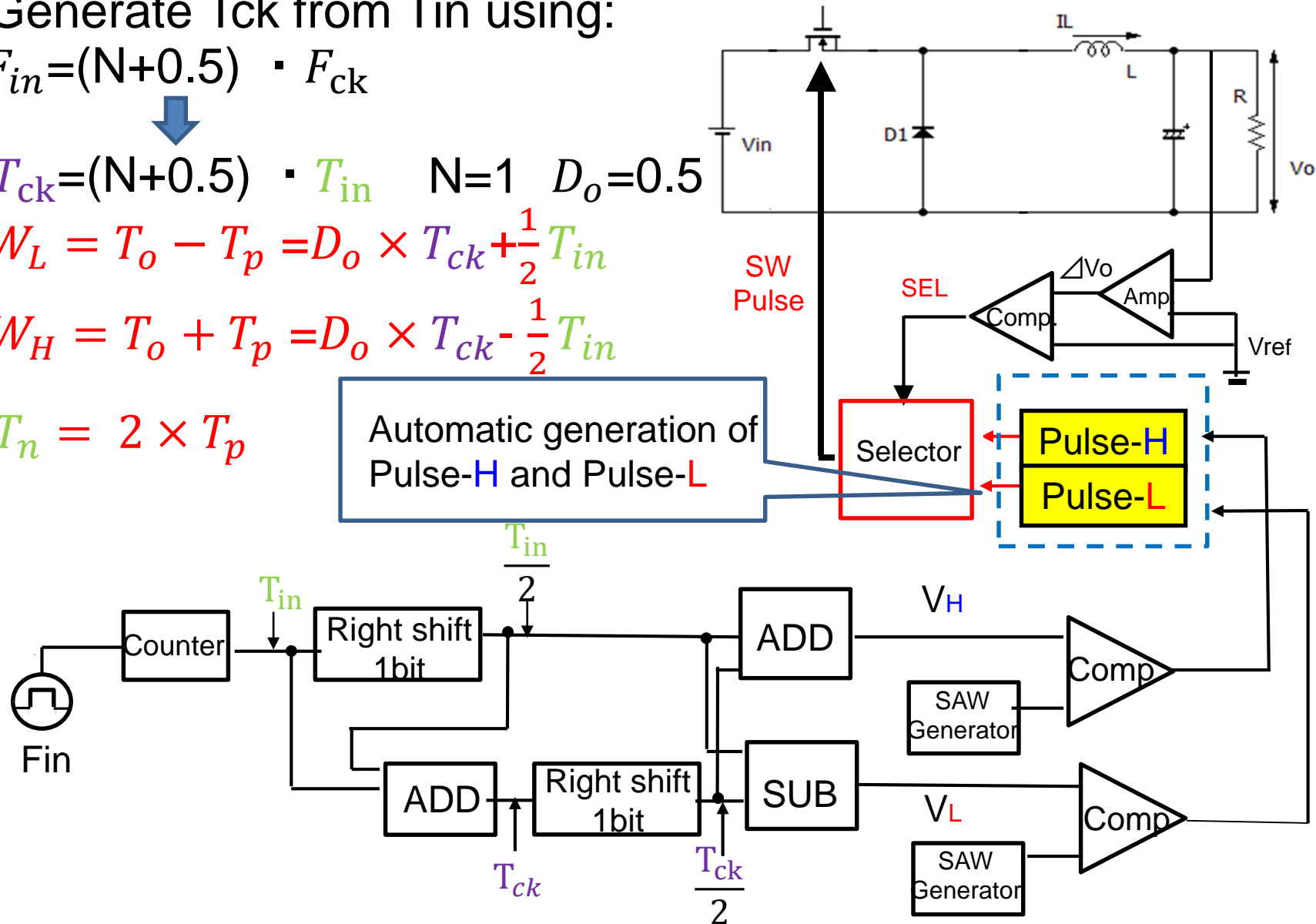
$$F_{in} = (N+0.5) \cdot F_{ck}$$

$$T_{ck} = (N+0.5) \cdot T_{in} \quad N=1 \quad D_o=0.5$$

$$W_L = T_o - T_p = D_o \times T_{ck} + \frac{1}{2} T_{in}$$

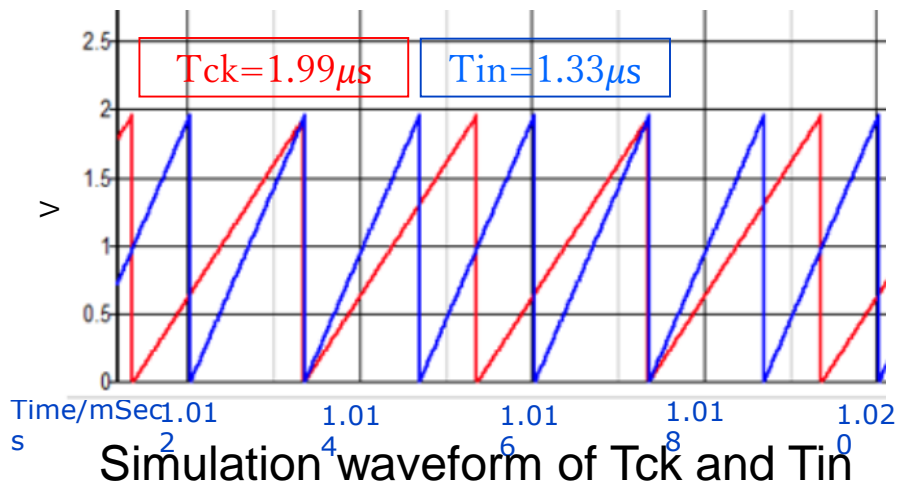
$$W_H = T_o + T_p = D_o \times T_{ck} - \frac{1}{2} T_{in}$$

$$T_n = 2 \times T_p$$



Simulation Waveforms of W_H , W_L Generation

We set $F_{in} = 750kHz$ \rightarrow Automatic generated $F_{ck} = 500kHz$



$$T_{ck} = 1.5T_{in}$$

Theoretical formula

$$W_H = 1.66\mu s$$

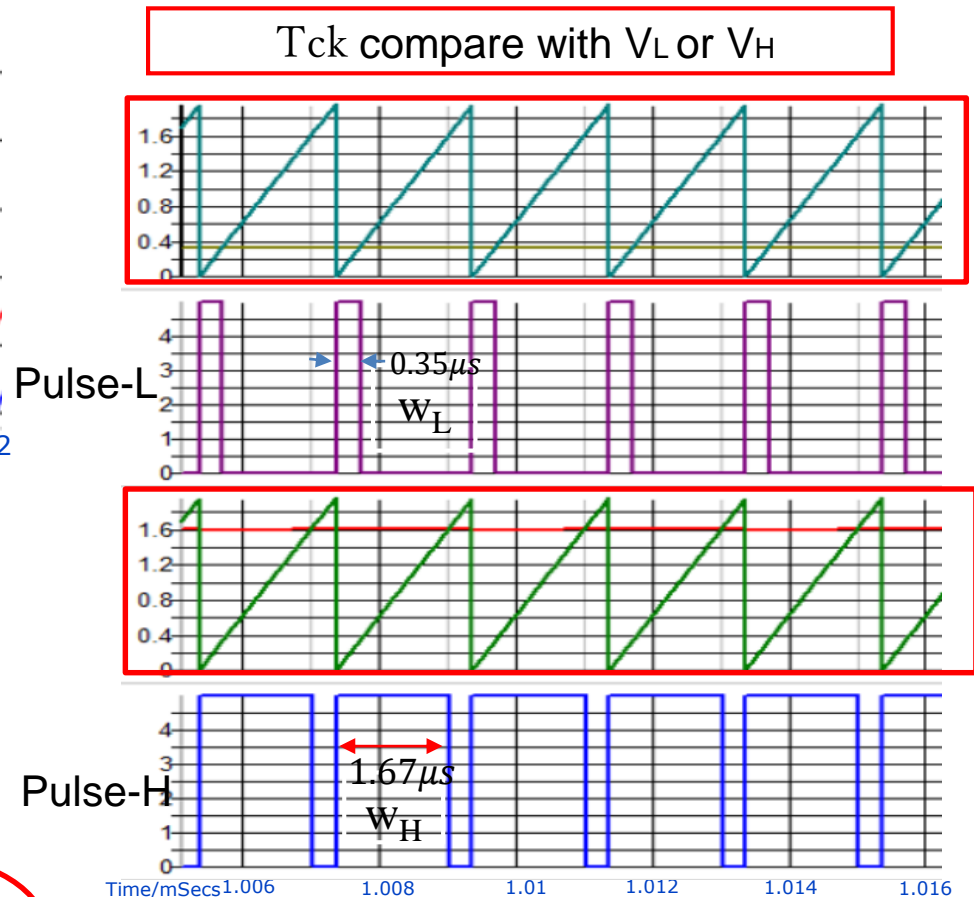
$$W_L = 0.33\mu s$$

Simulation result

$$W_H = 1.67\mu s$$

$$W_L = 0.35\mu s$$

Well
matched



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Simulated Noise Spectrum of PWM Signal Case 1

According to $F_{in} = (N + 0.5)F_{ck}$

● Case 1 : $F_{in}=750\text{kHz}$, $N=1$... $F_{in}=1.5 \cdot F_{ck}$

$F_n=750\text{ kHz}$, $F_{ck}=500\text{ kHz}$, $F_{ck} < F_n < 2F_{ck}$

◎ Condition

Buck DC-DC converter

$V_{in} : 10\text{V}$

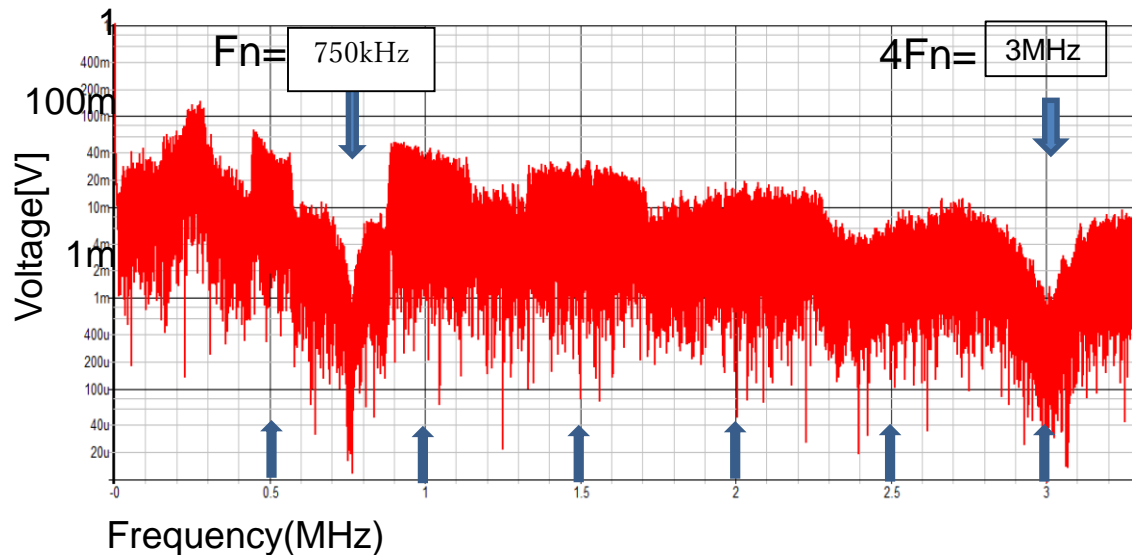
$V_{out} : 5\text{V}$

$L : 200\ \mu\text{H}$

$C : 470\ \mu\text{F}$

$I_{out} : 0.25\text{A}$

$F_{in} : 750\text{kHz}$



Simulated spectrum with EMI reduction

Assume to suppress influence on AM radio in 750kHz
⇒ A notch was generated around 750kHz

Simulated Noise Spectrum of PWM Signal Case 2^{26/33}

- Case 2 : $F_{in}=1.25\text{MHz}$, $N=2$ ∴ $F_{in}=2.5 \cdot F_{ck}$
 $F_n=1.27\text{ MHz}$, $F_{ck}=500\text{ kHz}$, $2F_{ck} < F_n < 3F_{ck}$

◎ Condition

Buck DC-DC converter

V_{in} : 10V

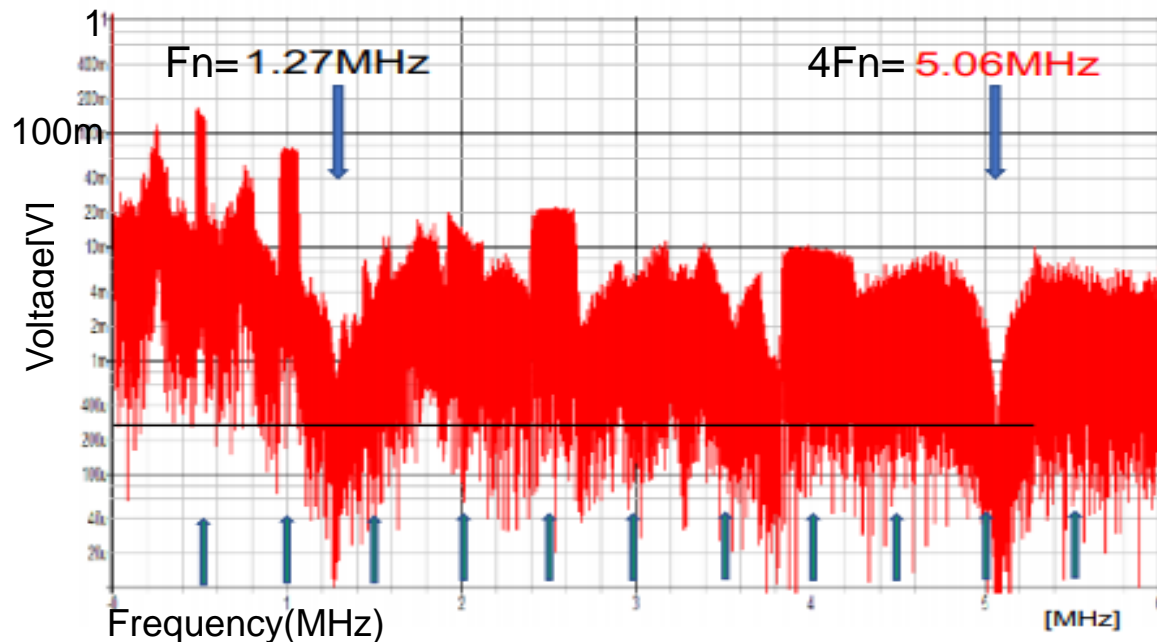
V_{out} : 5V

L : 200 μH

C : 470 μF

I_{out} : 0.25A

F_{in} : 1.25MHz



Simulated spectrum with EMI reduction

Transient Response with F_{in} Change in Case 2

© Condition

$$F_{in} = 1.25\text{MHz} \rightarrow F_{in} = 1\text{MHz}$$

$$F_{in} = 1.25\text{MHz} \rightarrow F_{in} = 750\text{kHz}$$

Settling Time $\approx 0\mu\text{s}$

© Output stability

Ripple: 2.37mV_{pp} at $F_{in} = 1.25\text{MHz}$

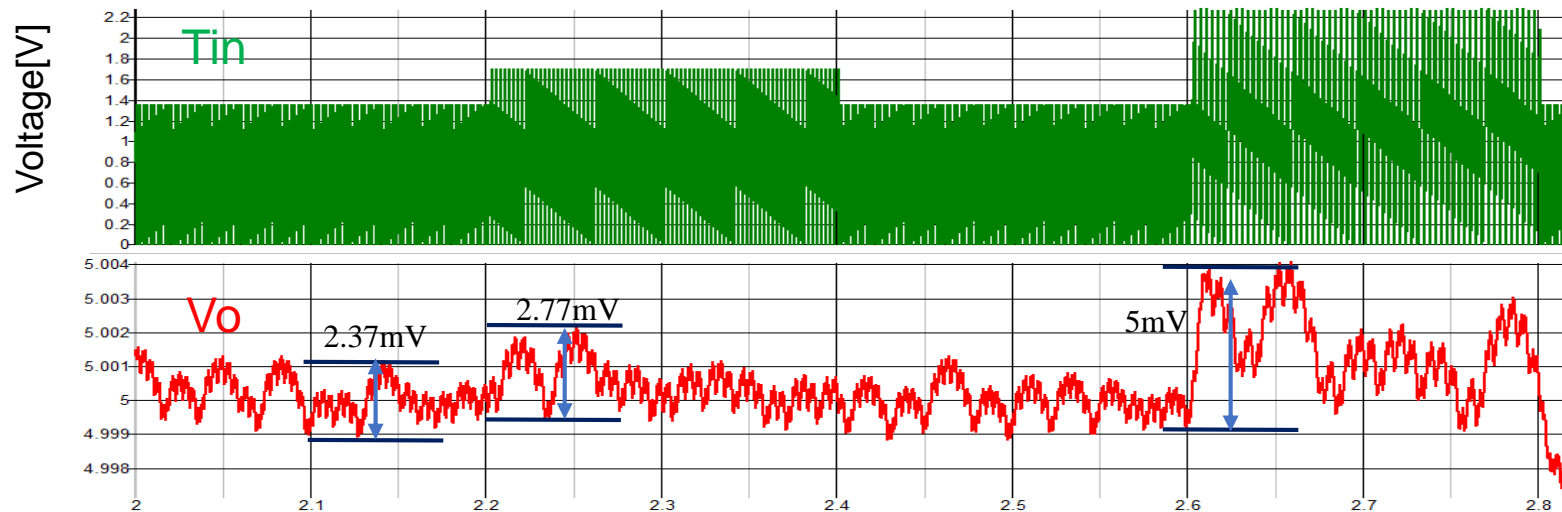
2.77mV_{pp} at $F_{in} = 1\text{MHz}$

5mV_{pp} at $F_{in} = 750\text{kHz}$

Overshoot : 5mV

Static ripple is about 0.1% of the output voltage V_o

stable



Transient response with F_{in} change

Response speed is important when tuning or switching communication channels

Simulated Noise Spectrum of PWM Signal Case 3^{28/33}

- Case 3 : $F_{in}=1.75\text{MHz}$, $N=3$ ∴ $F_{in}=3.5 \cdot F_{ck}$
 $F_n=1.8\text{ MHz}$, $F_{ck}=500\text{ kHz}$, $3F_{ck} < F_n < 4F_{ck}$

◎ Condition

Buck DC-DC converter

V_{in} : 10V

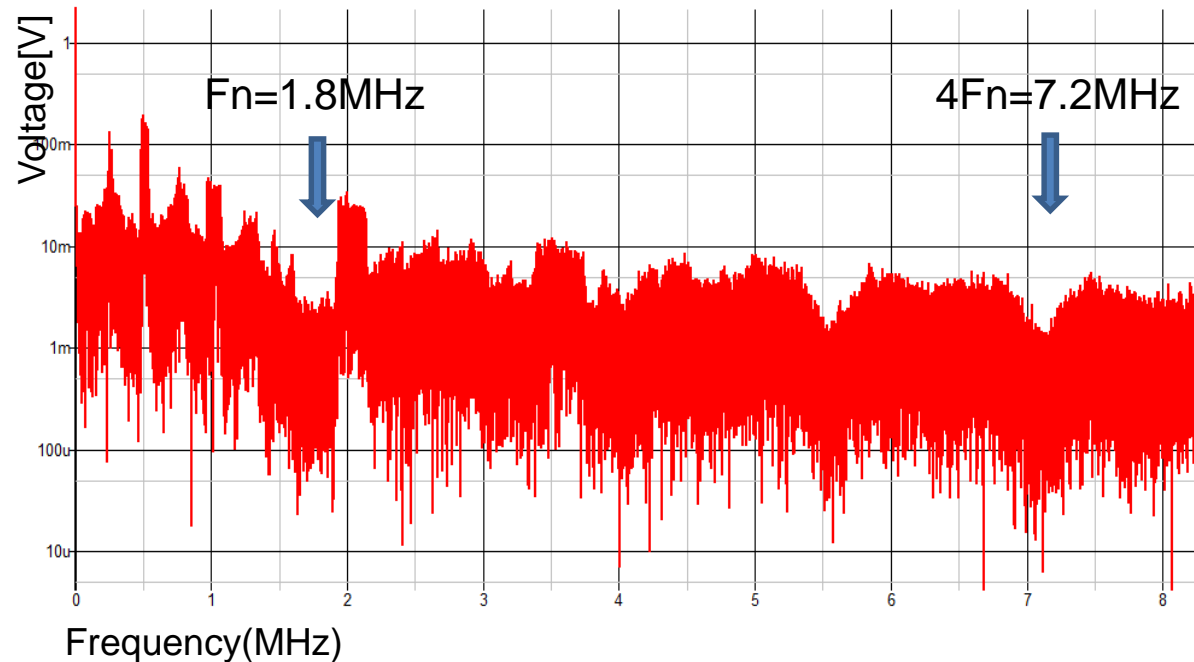
V_{out} : 5V

L : 200 μH

C : 470 μF

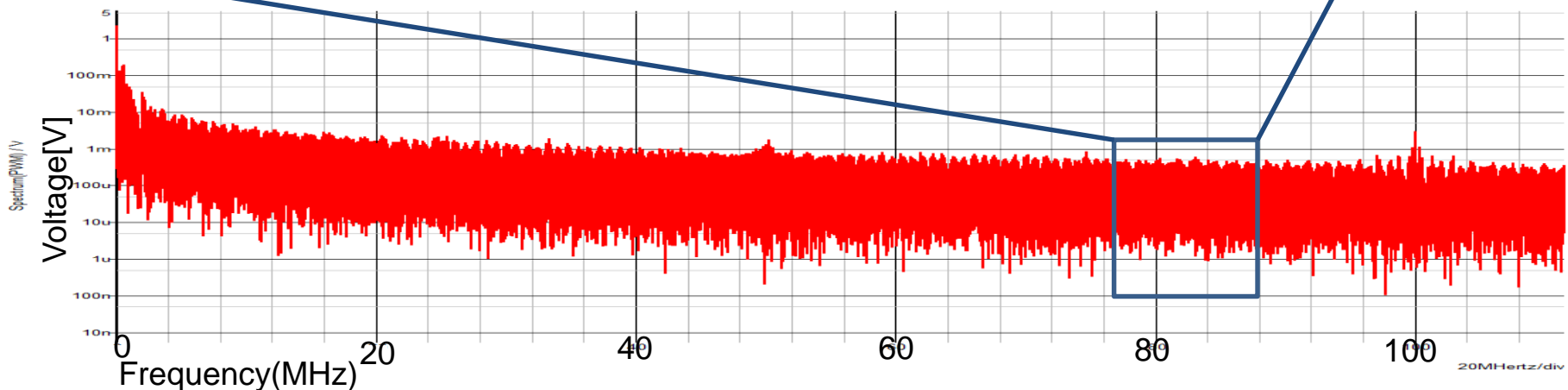
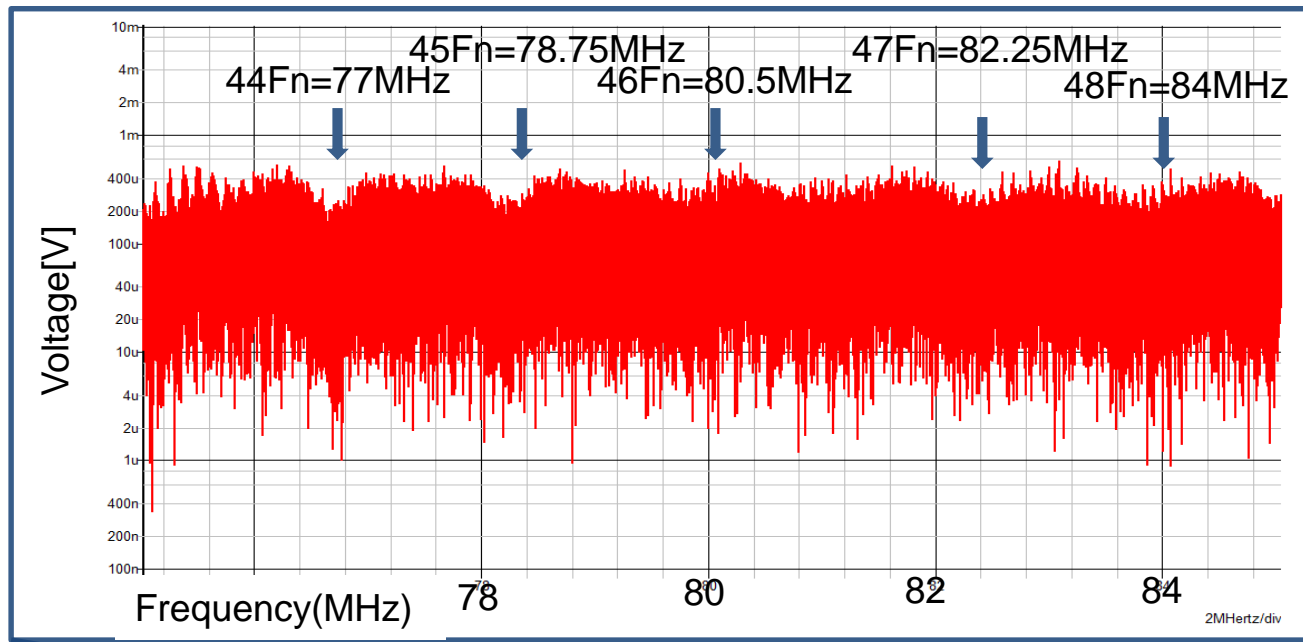
I_{out} : 0.25A

F_{in} : 1.75MHz



Simulated spectrum with EMI reduction

Simulated Noise Spectrum of PWM Signal Case 3



It is good for radio receiver to receiving high frequency signal without other communication devices interference

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Conclusion

- Developed pulse coding control in order to generate notch characteristics at desired frequency
- Analyze **spread spectrum** with notch characteristics
- **Automatically generate the notch frequency from F_{in}**



Create notch characteristics occurred around F_{in}

Using $F_{in} = (N + 0.5)F_{ck}$, discussion on direct generation of notch in $N=1,2,3$ situation using PWC method

Future Work

- Notch generation using PCC(Pulse Cycle Coding) method
- Investigate why the large notch at $4F_n$ appear.

Thank you for Listening

Q and A

Q1. Is anyone consider about filter design?

A: filter in this buck converter using RC filter, connect between V_o and diode, can makes the output point becoming the dc voltage that no rush and without ripple .

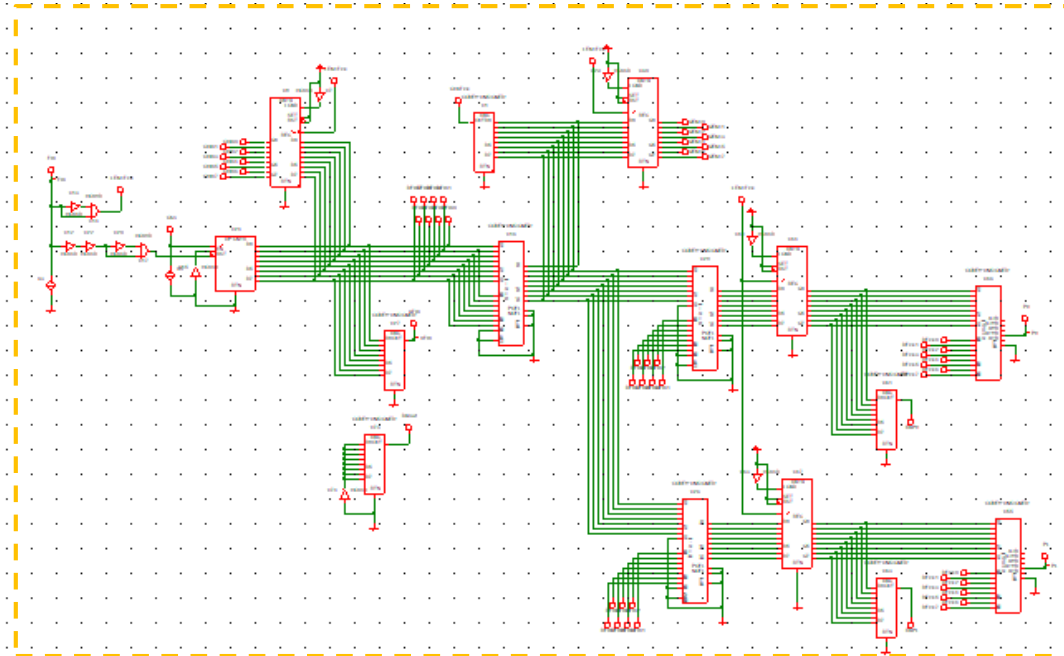
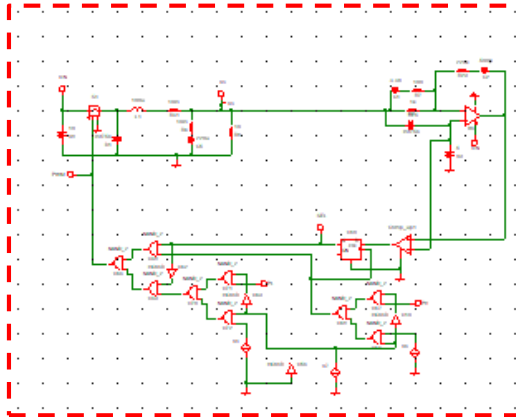
Suggestion: The transistor respond is important when turn on and off in switching.

The select of switching frequency is important. The longer the switch time, the greater the loss. Shorting the switching period can reduce the volume of the filter, but it will increase the total loss. So we need to choose between these two evaluation.

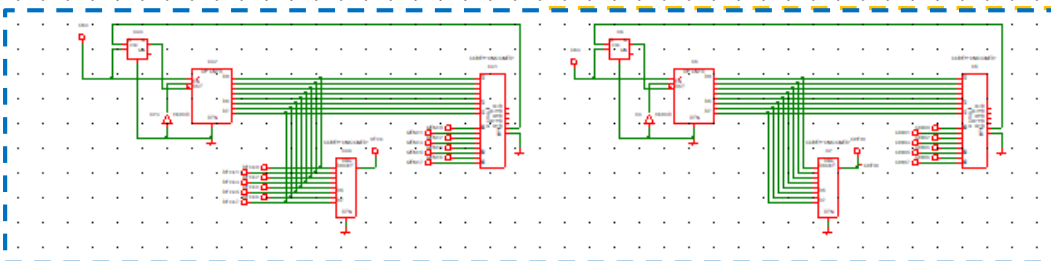
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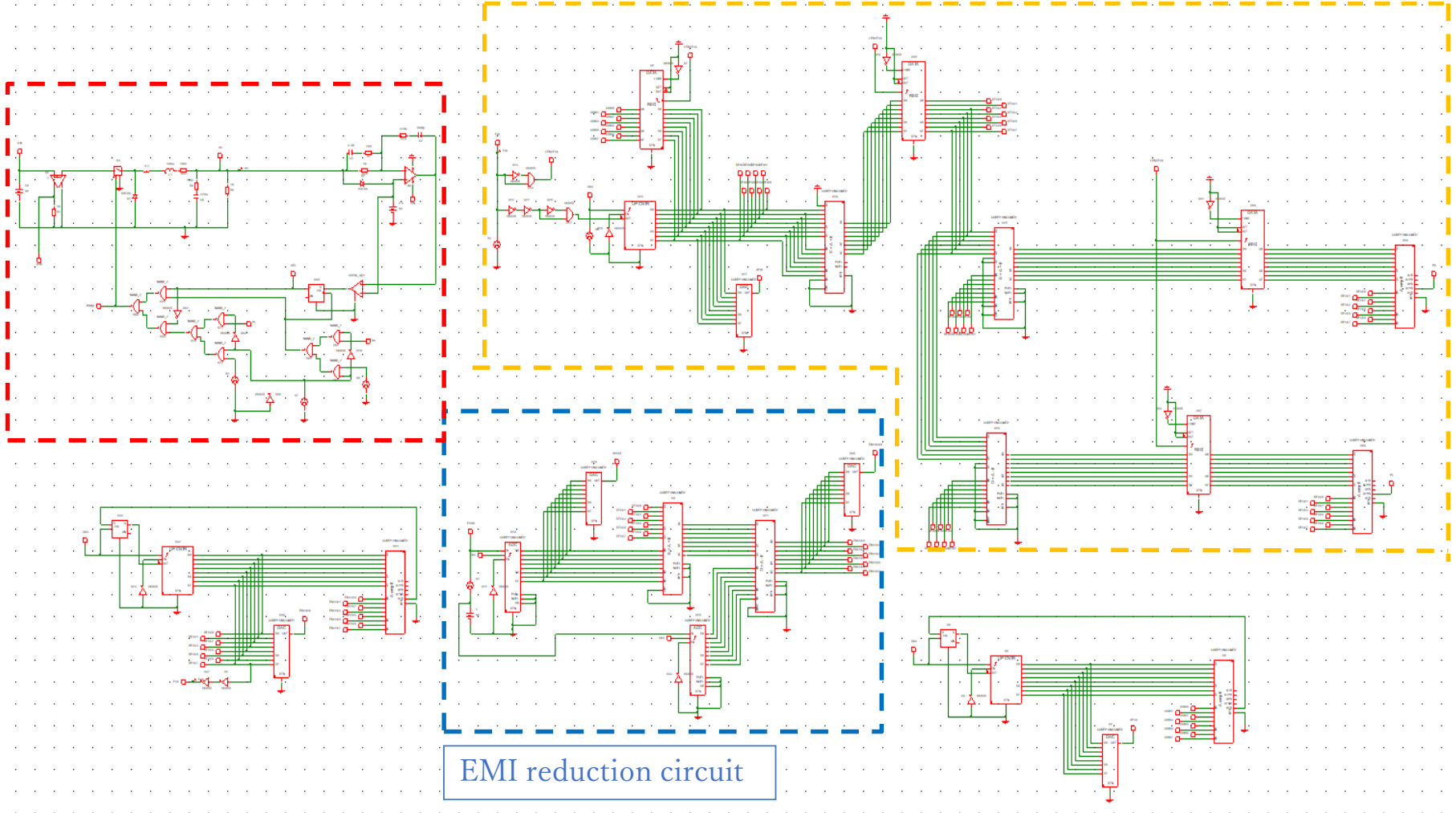
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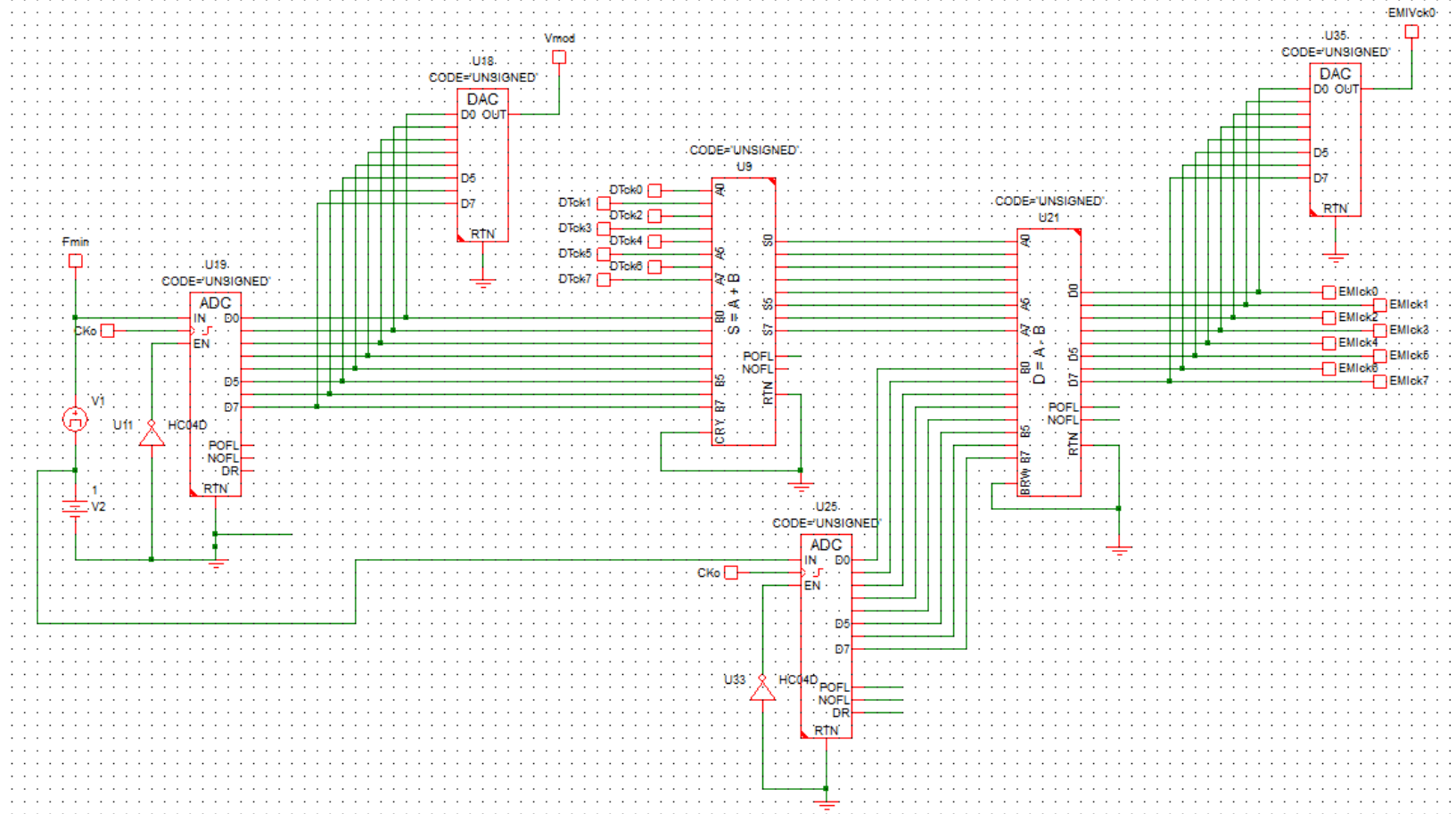


Saw-tooth generator



Automatic Notch Generation using Direct method with EMI Reduction (N=2)

Direct generation of W_H and W_L 



Application of Automatic Generation of the Notch Frequency



Switching frequency and harmonics used in in-vehicle DC-DC converter must not overlap reception frequency bands of AM, FM of radio

demand

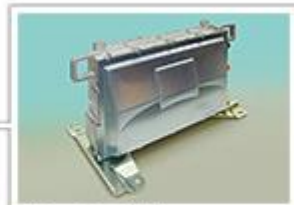
Reception frequency
from radio receiver

\approx Notch frequency

Frequency band where
noise does not spread

Goal

Automatic generation of
notch frequency



DC-DC converter

It is possible to greatly reduce influence
on other electronic devices

Set frequency of radio reception



Radio receiver

Auto correspond to Fin change is necessary