

EMI Reduction and Output Ripple Improvement of Switching DC-DC Converters with Linear Swept Frequency Modulation

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- **Applications of Switching Power Supply**
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- **Enlargement of Output Ripple**

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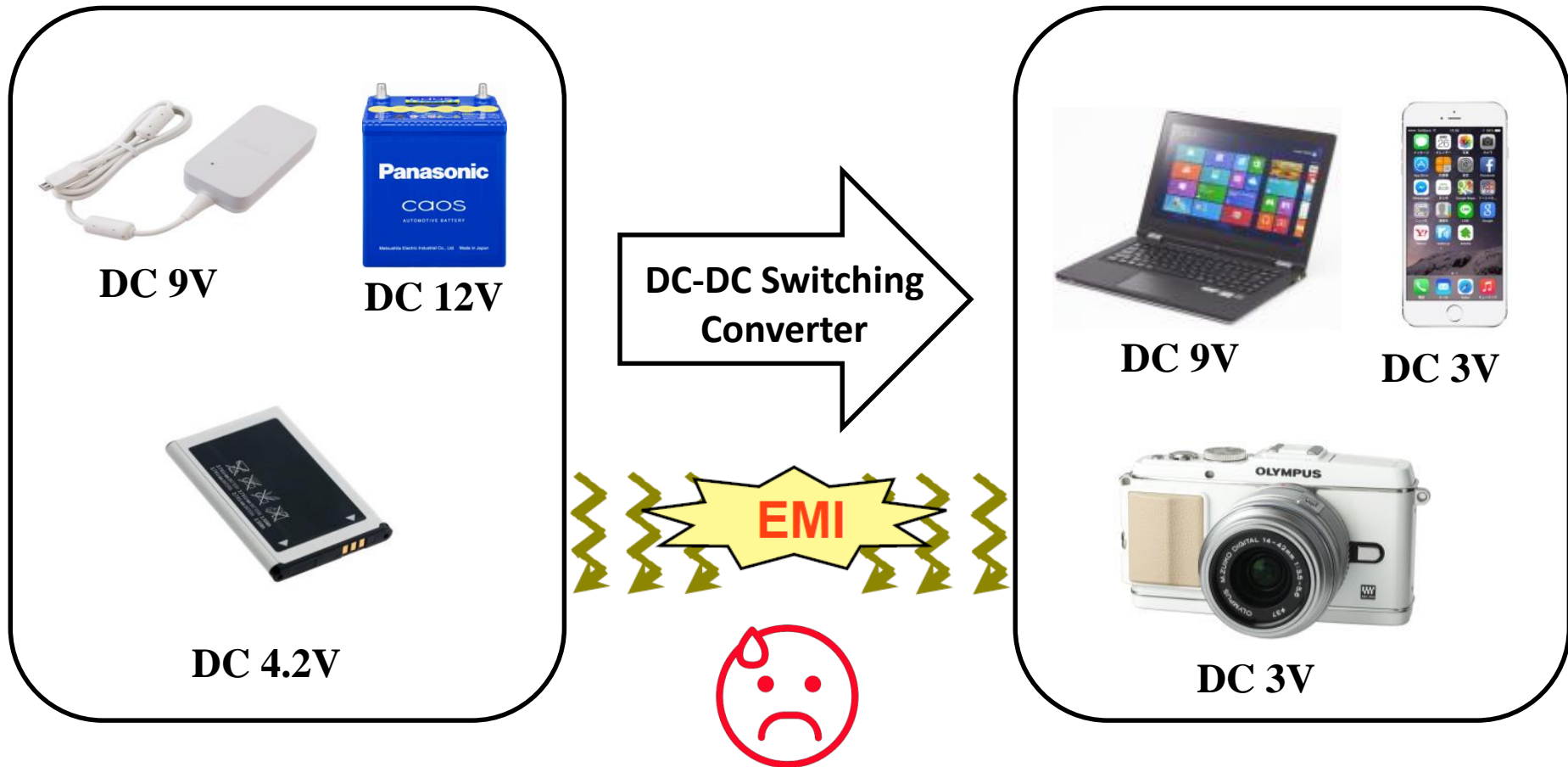
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1. Research Background

Applications of Switching Power Supply



EMI: Electro Magnetic Interference

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Research Objective

Objective

Development of power supply with

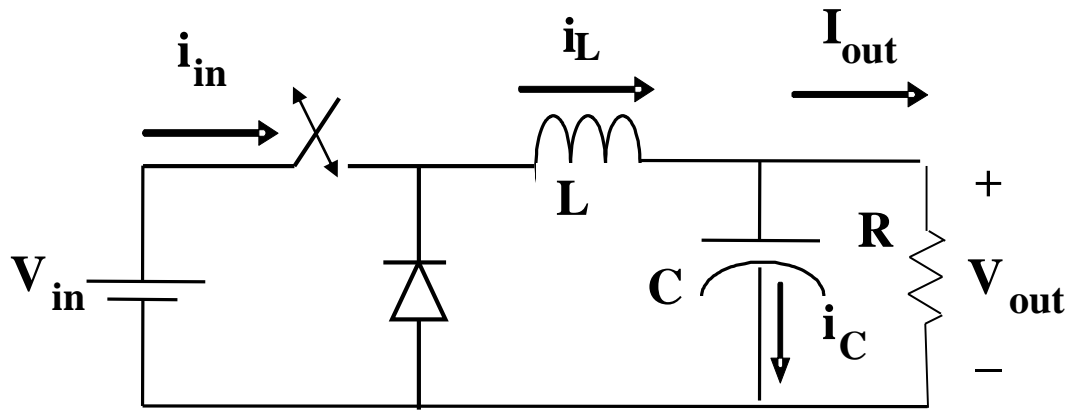
- **Fast Response & High Efficiency**
- **Low EMI Noise**
- **Small Output Ripple**

Approach

- **EMI Noise Reduction with Frequency Modulation**
- **PWM Duty Compensation in SAW Generator**

1. Research Background

Basic Switching Converter



Basic Switching Converter

Merits



- Downsizing
- Light Weight
- High Efficiency

High Efficiency Switching



- ➔ Reduce energy consumption
- ➔ Extend battery operating time
- ➔ Minimize costs of systems

Demerits



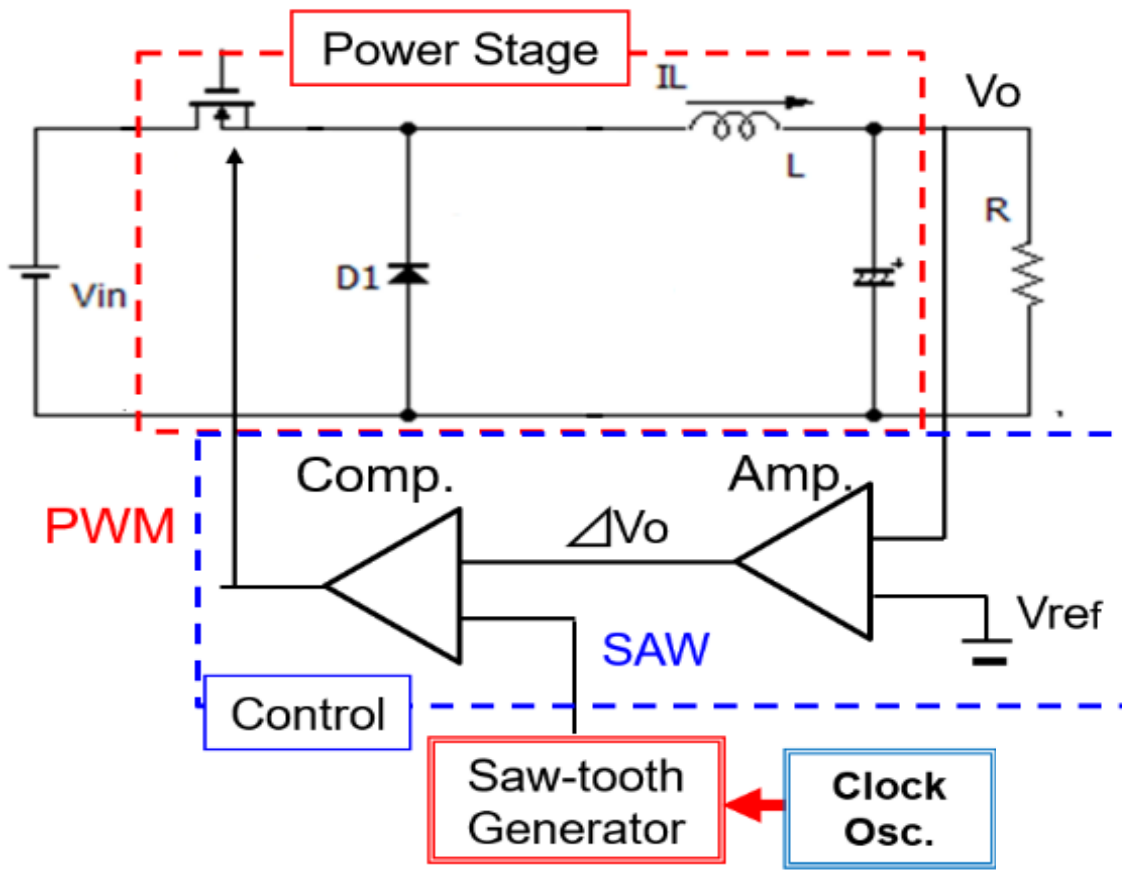
- Output Ripple
- Switching noise
- Harmonic noise

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Voltage Feedback Control

➔ Small Output Ripple & Quick Response

($F_{ck}=200\text{kHz}$)



Clock

SAW
Tooth

PWM

I_L

Switching Converter

Waveforms

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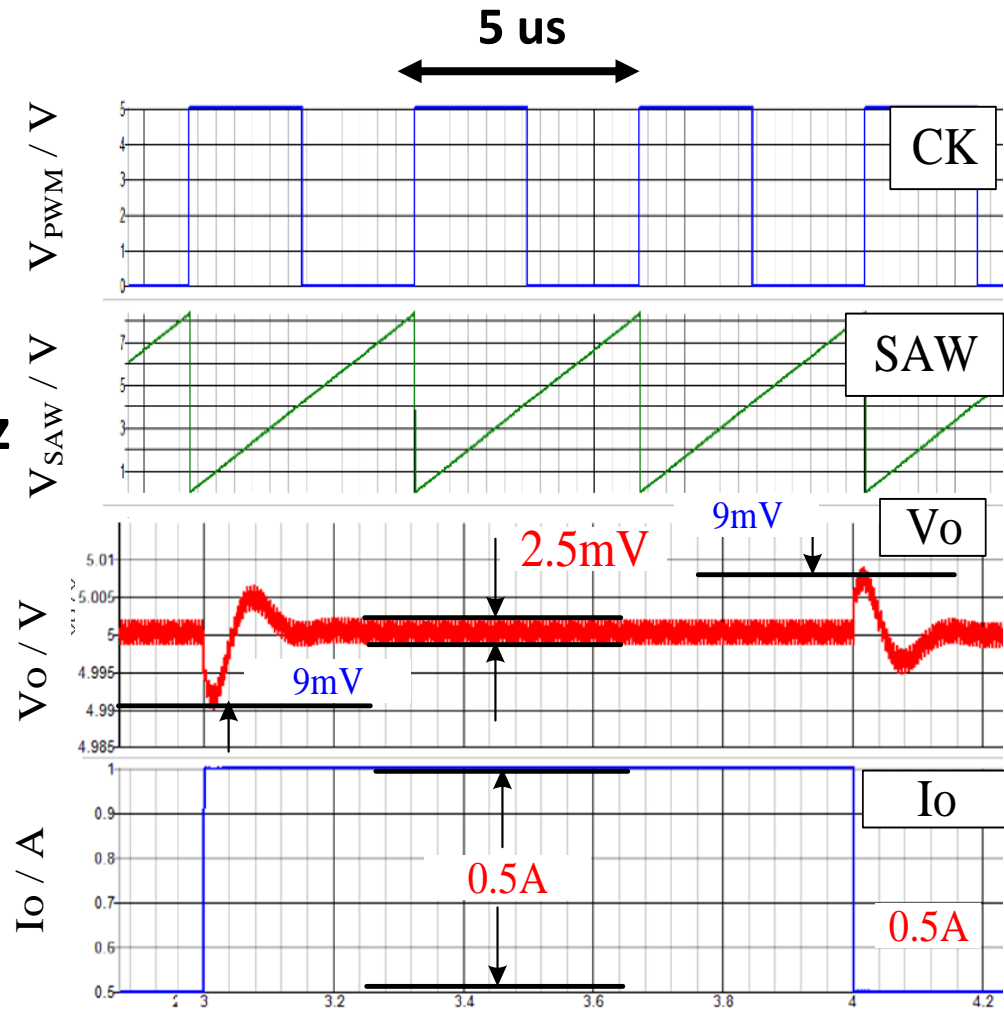
Simulation Results of Basic Switching Converter

Operation conditions:

- Input Voltage (V_{in}): 12V
- Output Voltage (V_o): 5.0V
- Output Current (I_o): 0.5A
- Clock Frequency (F_{ck}): 200kHz
- Current Step (ΔI_o) : 0.5A



- Output Ripple: 2.5mV_{pp}
- Over-shoot: 9.0mV
- Under-shoot : 9.0mV

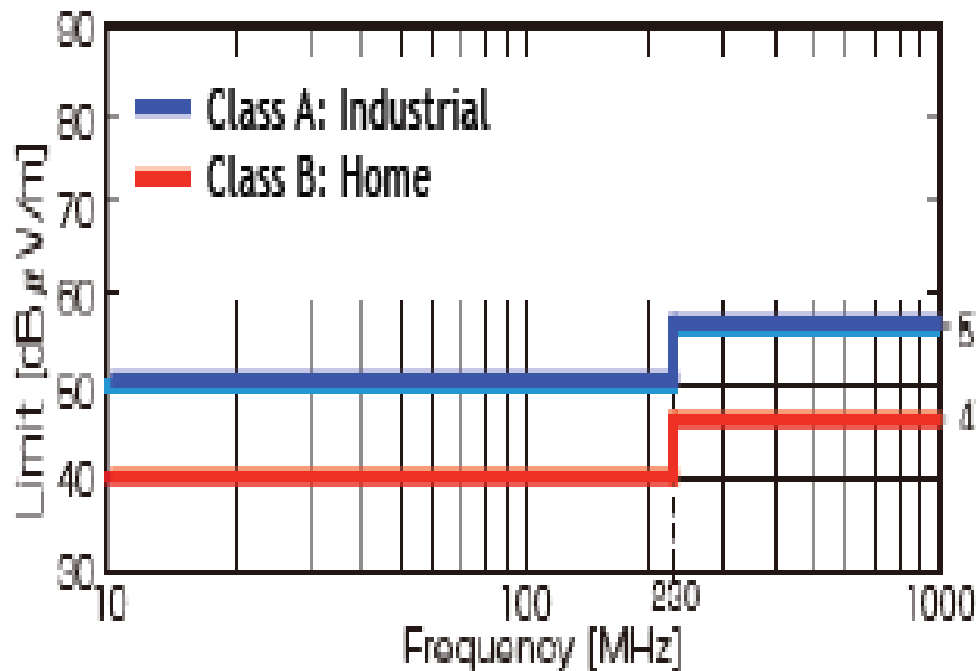


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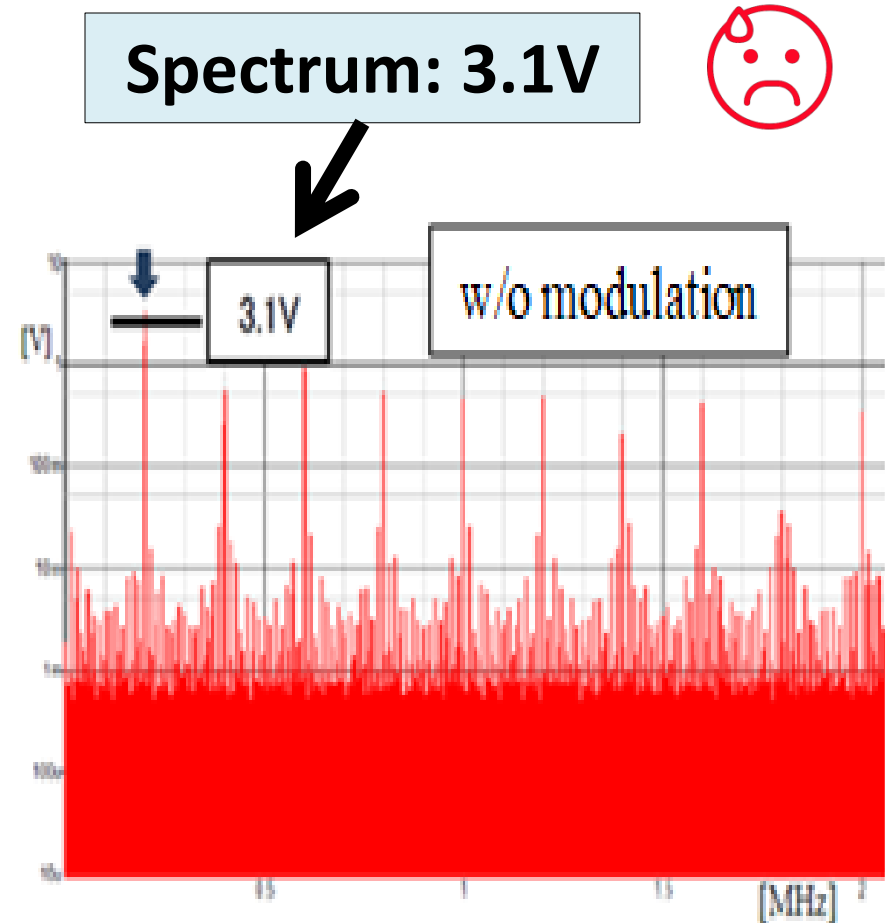
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Spectrums of EMI Noise

- Spectrums of PWM pulse
 - PWM noise $>$ Conduction noise
- ➔ Spectrum $<$ Standard Level



EMI Standard in Japan



Spectrums of PWM

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2. Conventional EMI Reduction

EMI Reduction with Frequency Modulation

VCO: Voltage Controlled Oscillator

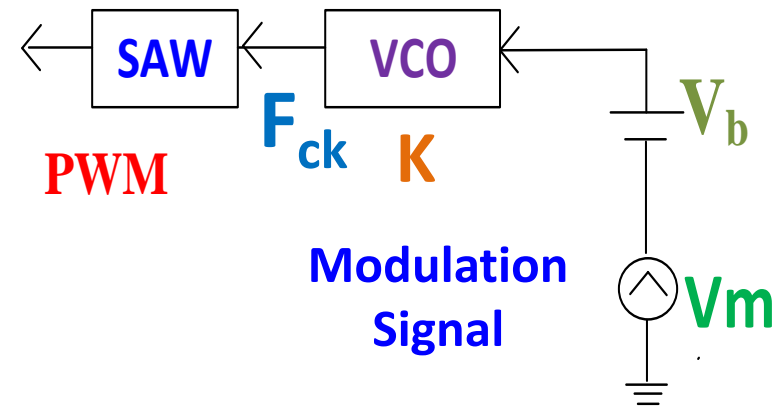
VCO Output = Clock Frequency (F_{ck})

$$F_{ck} = K \times (V_b + V_m)$$

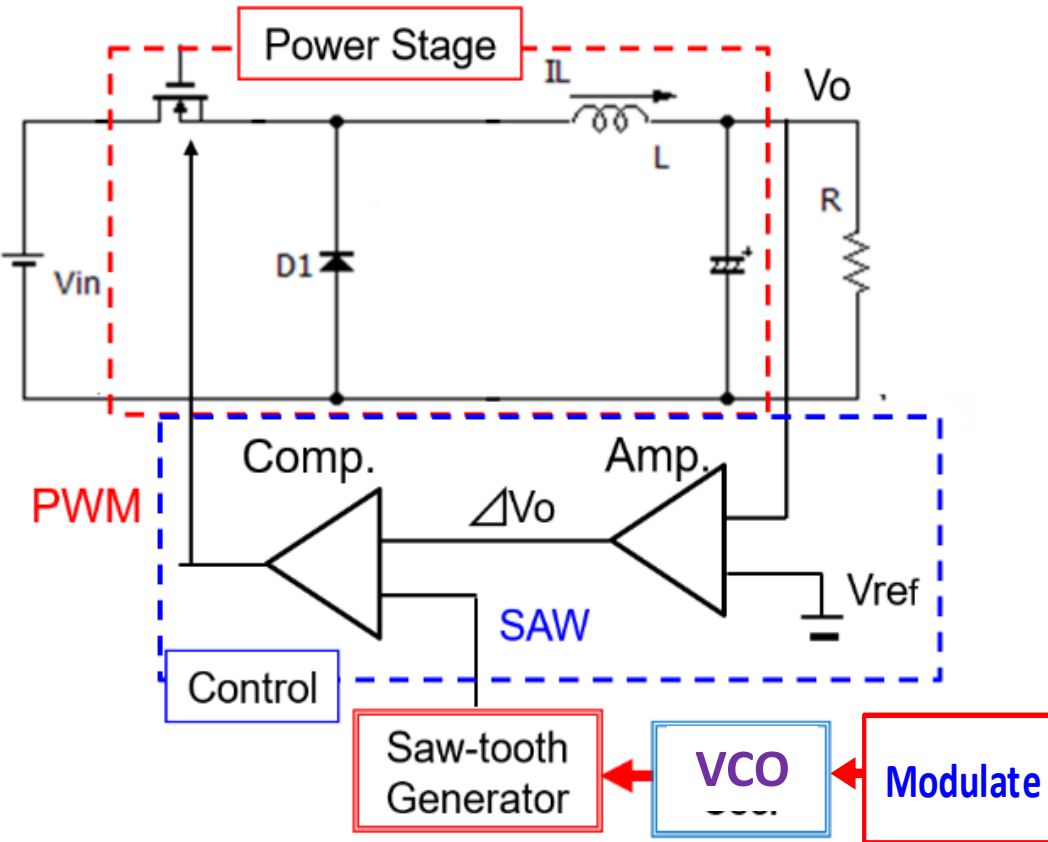
K : sensitivity of VCO

V_b : bias voltage

V_m : modulation voltage



Frequency Modulation



Circuit with Frequency Modulation

2. Conventional EMI Reduction

Spread Spectrum of PWM Pulse

Spread Spectrum

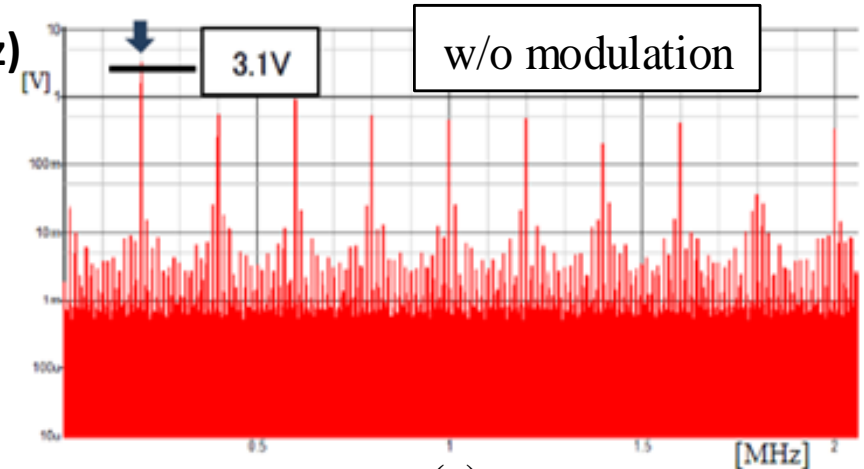
w/o EMI Reduction

Noise level:

→ Fck: $V_{Fck} = 3.1V$

→ 3Fck: $V_{3Fck} = 1.0V$

(Fck=200kHz)



(a)



Spread Spectrum

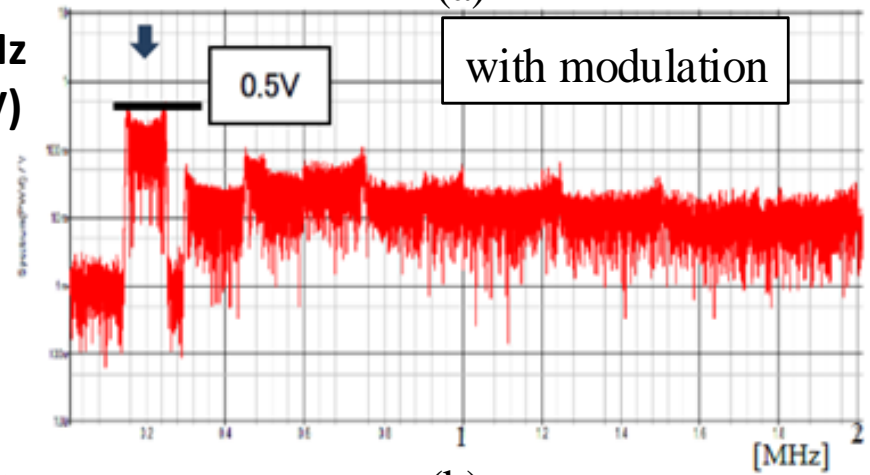
with EMI Reduction

Noise level:

→ Fck: $V_{Fck} = 0.5 V$ (-16 dB)

→ 3Fck: $V_{3Fck} = 0.06V$ (-24dB)

(Fm=2.0kHz
, Vm=2.0V)



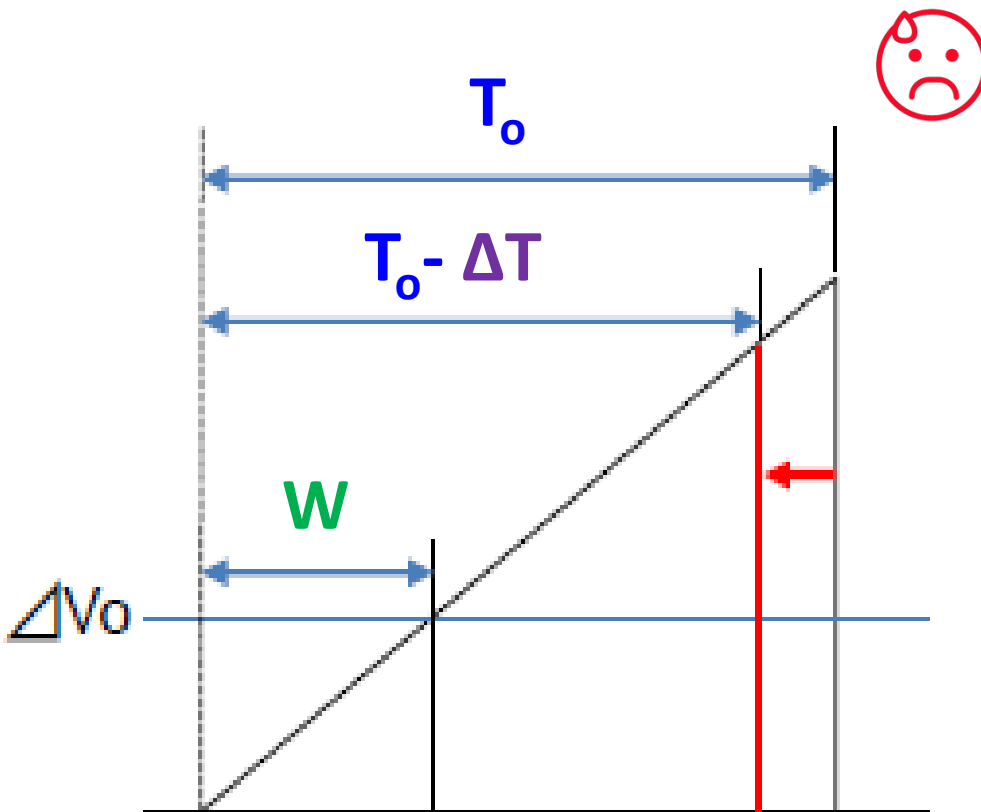
(b)

Spread Spectrum of PWM

2. Conventional EMI Reduction

PWM Duty variation (ΔD) with SAW Signal

Modified duty $>$ Original duty



Duty Variation of SAW

Modified duty (D'):

$$D' = \frac{W}{T_o - \Delta T}$$

Original duty (D_o):

$$D_o = \frac{W}{T_o}$$

Relation between D' & D_o

$$\frac{D'}{D_o} = \frac{\frac{W}{T_o - \Delta T}}{\frac{W}{T_o}} = 1 - \frac{\Delta T}{T_o}$$

2. Conventional EMI Reduction

Enlargement of Output Ripple

Duty variation (ΔD) \rightarrow Output Ripple Enlargement

($F_m=2.0\text{kHz}$, $V_m=2.0\text{V}$, sine wave)

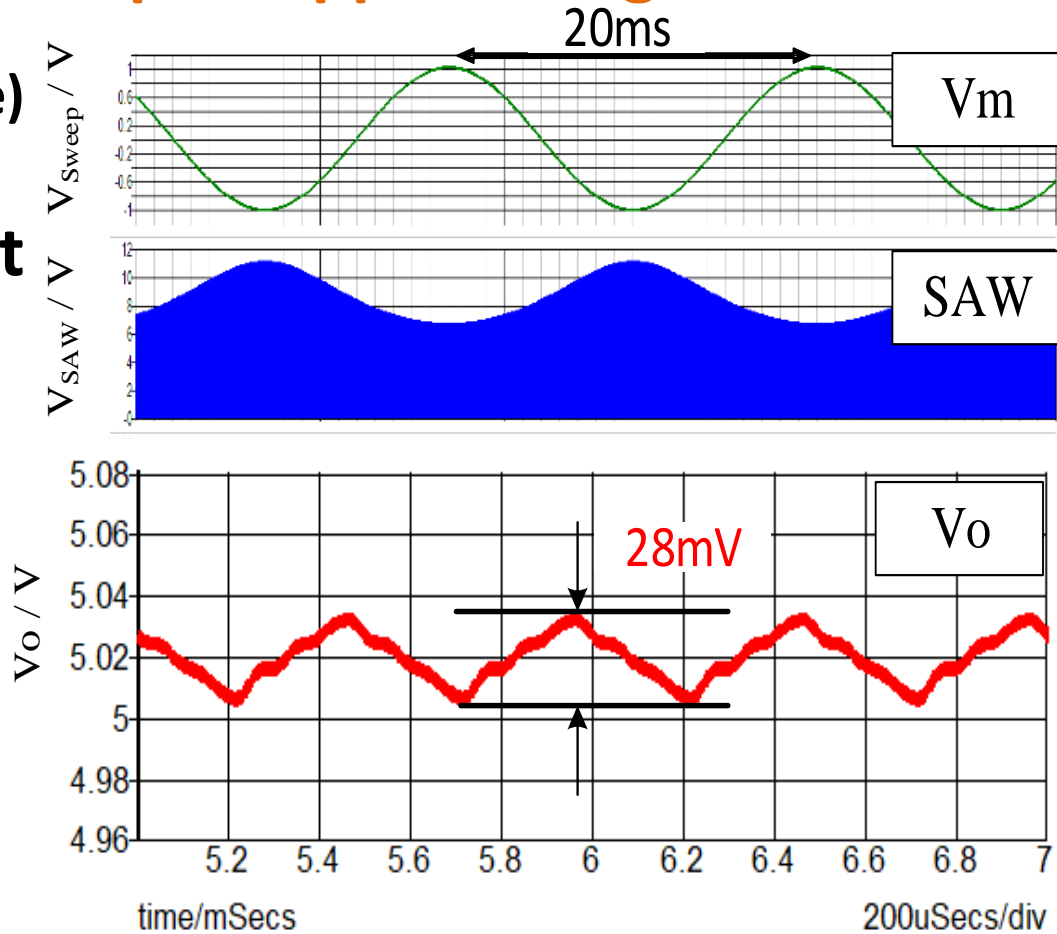
Output Ripple Enlargement

2.5 mV \Rightarrow 28.0 mV

(More than 10 times!)



Application Requirement
 \rightarrow Decrease Output Ripple
with EMI Reduction



Waveforms with Modulation

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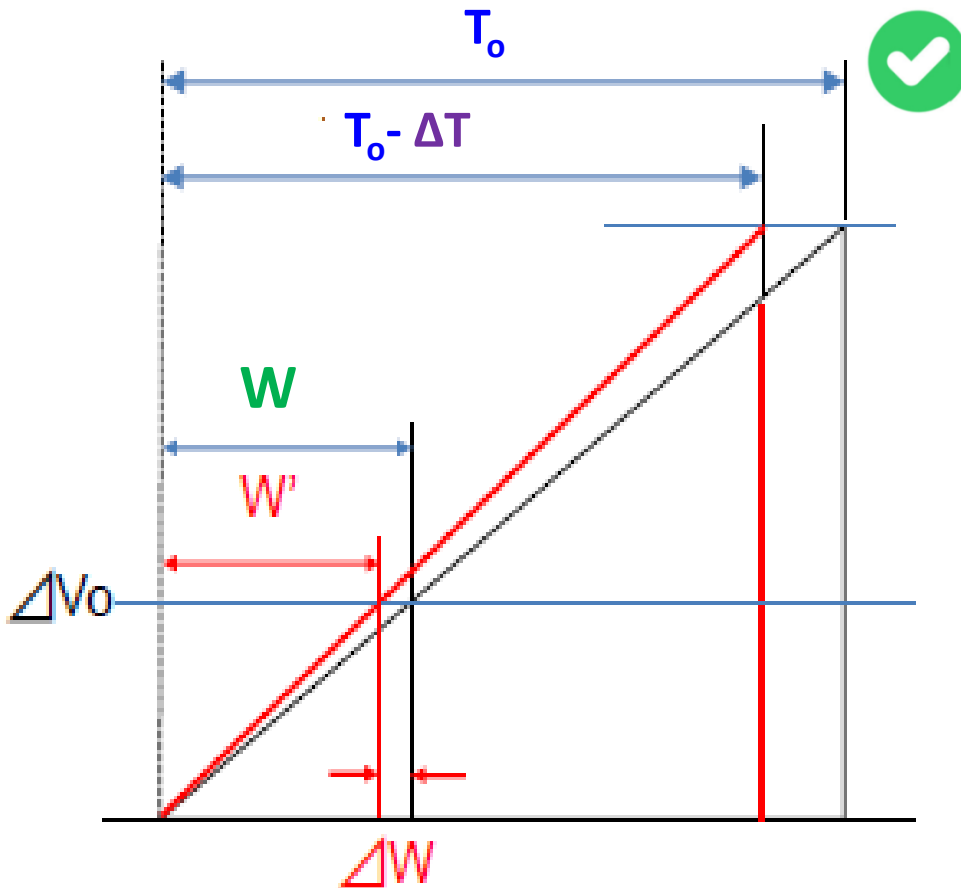
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3. Proposed EMI Reduction with Ripple Improvement Duty Compensation of SAW

Compensated duty = Original duty



Duty Compensation of SAW

Compensated duty (D_{comp}):

$$D_{comp} = \frac{W'}{T_o - \Delta T} = \frac{W - \Delta W}{T_o - \Delta T}$$

Original duty (D_o):

$$D_o = \frac{W}{T_o}$$

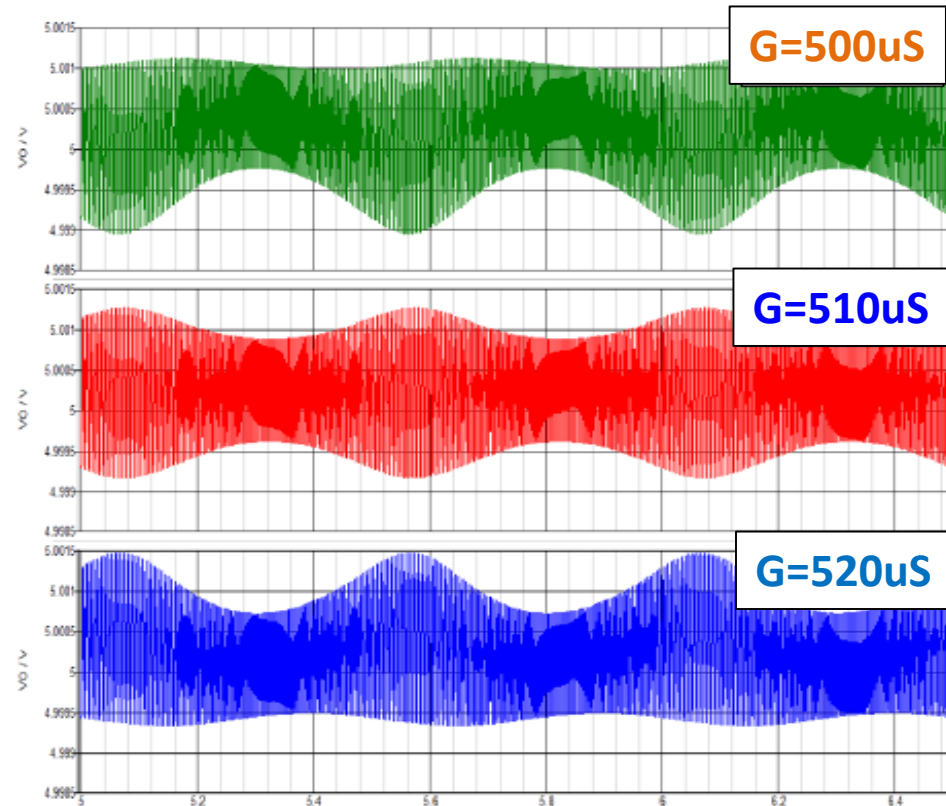
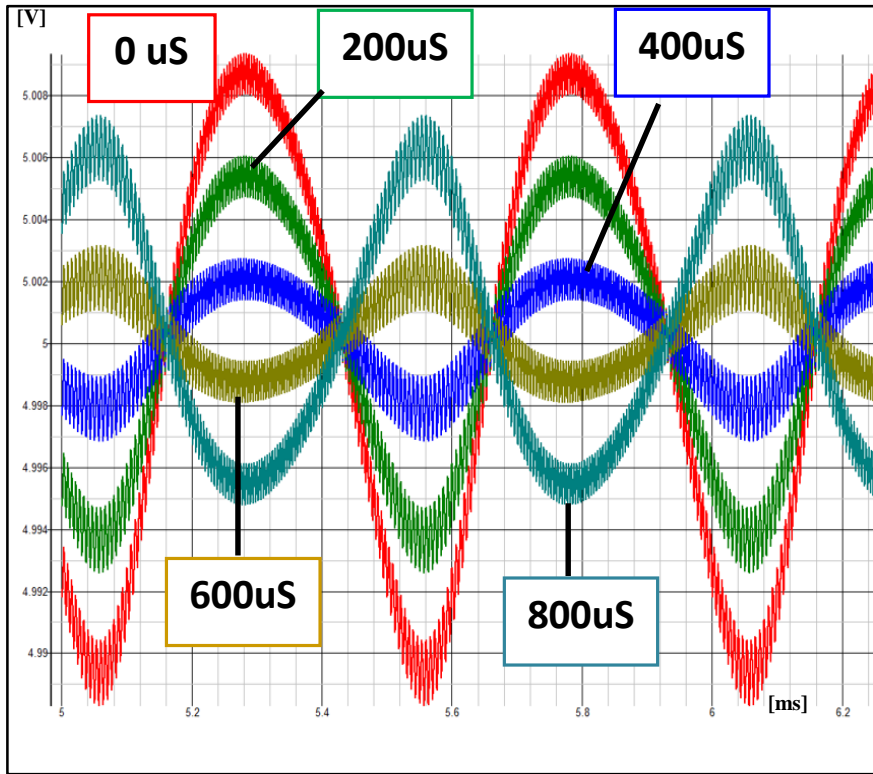
Relationship between D_{comp} & D_o

$$\frac{D_{comp}}{D_o} = \frac{\frac{W - \Delta W}{T_o - \Delta T}}{\frac{W}{T_o}} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{\Delta W}{W}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{\Delta T}{T_o}\right)} = 1$$

3. Proposed EMI Reduction with Ripple Improvement Optimization of Conduction G

Increase $G \rightarrow$ Decrease ripple

Best conductance: $G = 510\mu\text{S}$



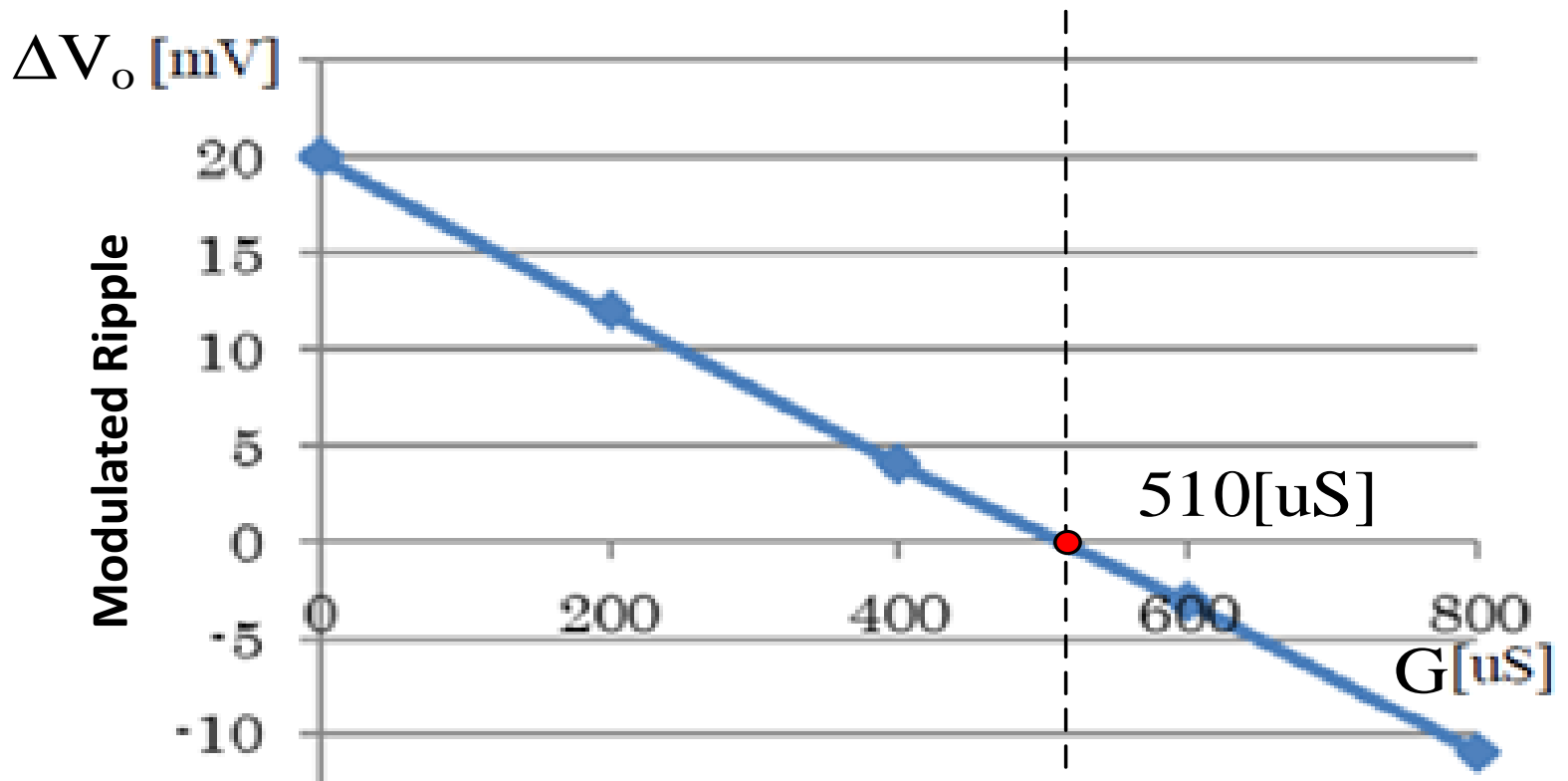
Ripple with various G (0 ~ 800 μS)

Ripple with various G (500 ~ 510 μS)

3. Proposed EMI Reduction with Ripple Improvement Conduction G vs Modulated Ripple (V_{MR})

$$V_{MR} = 20 - (31\text{mV}/800\text{uS}) \cdot G \text{ [mV]}$$

Enlargement of G \rightarrow Decrement of ΔV_o



Conduction G vs Modulated Ripple

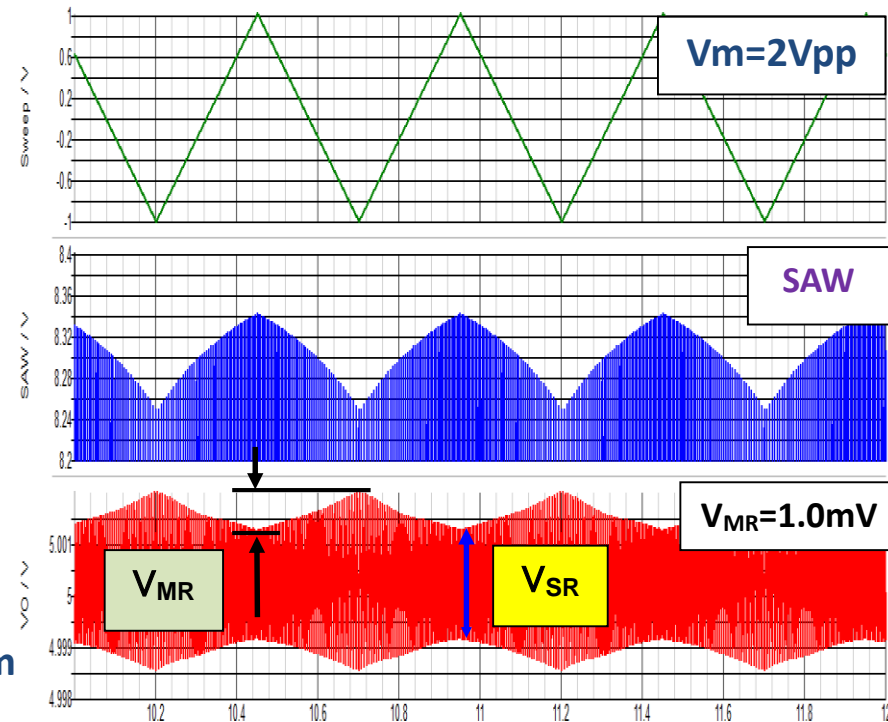
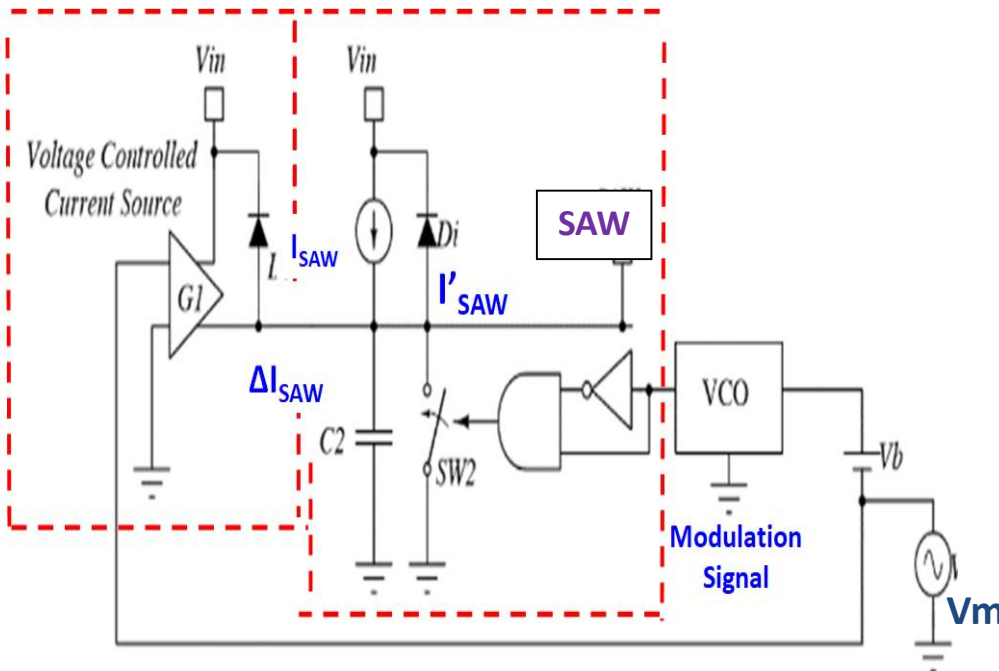
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Conduction G vs Output Ripple

- V_m : 2.0Vpp, triangle wave
- $G=510\mu S$

Output Ripple
 = Modulation Ripple + Switching Ripple
 ($V_{MR} = 1.0 \text{ mV}$) ($V_{SR} = 2.2 \text{ mVpp}$)

Modified current source SAW generator

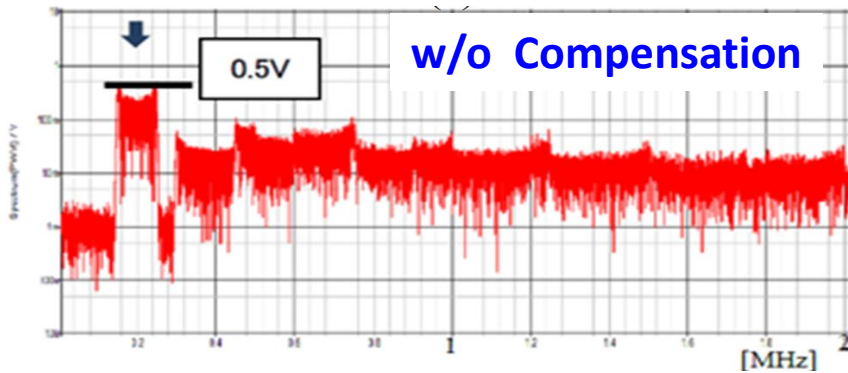


Linear Swept Frequency Modulation

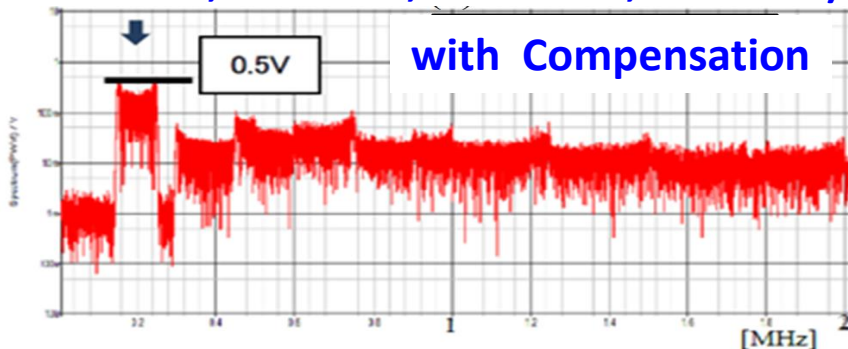
Ripple with $G=510 \mu S$

3. Proposed EMI Reduction with Ripple Improvement Spectrum with Compensation

With Current Compensation → Fck Spectrum : 0.5V (-16 dB Reduction)



(a) Only EMI reduction w/o Compensation (Fm=2.0kHz, Vm=2.0V, sine wave, G=510uS)



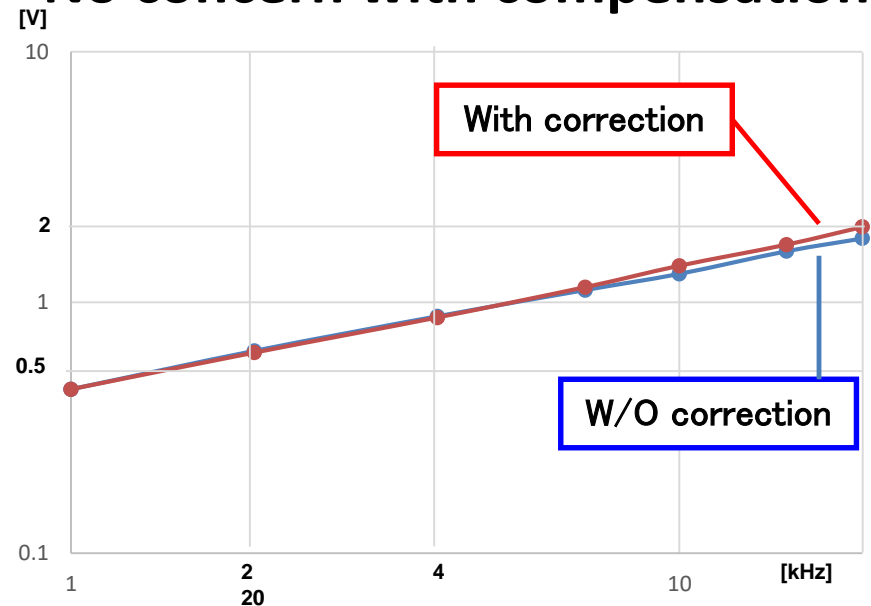
(b) With Compensation

Spectrums w/o & with compensation

(Same as w/o compensation)

Spectrum level vs. Fm

- * Peak level: proportional to Fm
- * No concern with compensation



Spectrum level vs. Fm

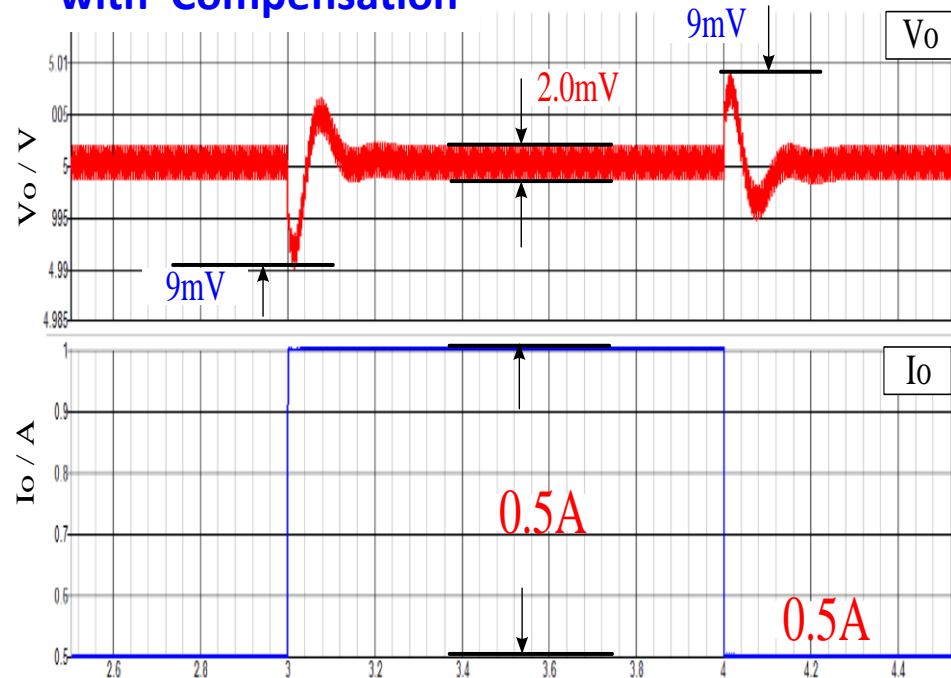
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Ripple Improvement with Compensation

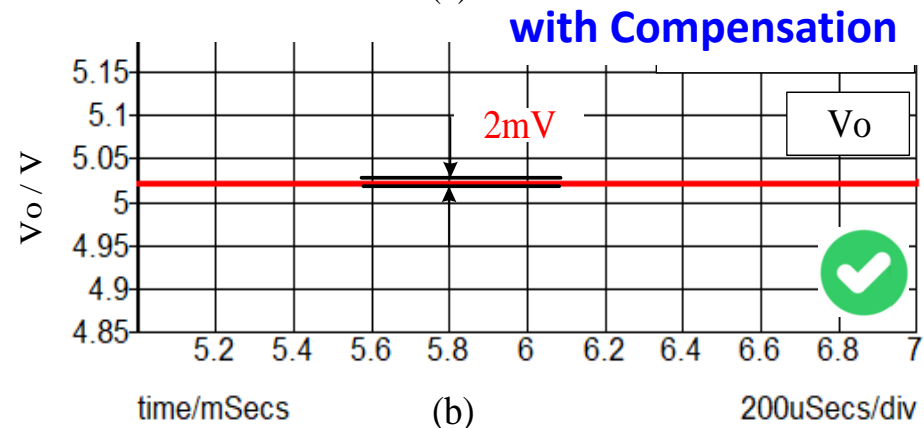
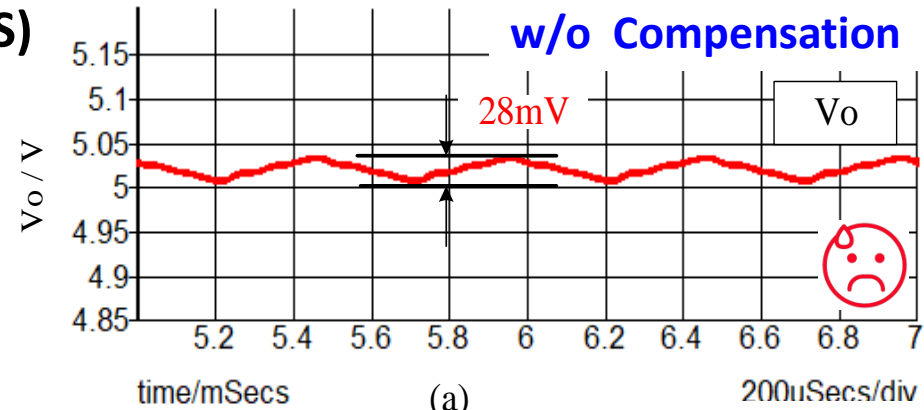
With Compensation : $28\text{mV} \rightarrow 2\text{mV}$
Over/under-shoot: $\pm 9\text{mV}$, $\Delta I_o = \pm 0.5\text{A}$

($F_m = 2.0\text{kHz}$, $V_m = 2.0\text{V}$, sine wave, $G = 510\mu\text{S}$)

with Compensation



Over/under-shoot & step response



Ripple improvement

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DC-DC Switching Converter:

- Developed output ripple compensation method with Fck modulation & EMI reduction
- Analyzed relationship between Fck modulation level and compensated current of SAW generator.

$$G = I_{\text{saw}} / V_b$$

- Keep output ripple < 2mV and EMI reduction –16 dB

Future of Work

- Implement this method
- Apply to other types of converters

Thanks for your kind attention!

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Appendix

* ΔT in a single cycle

To

$$\Delta T = \frac{T_{MAX} - T_{MIN}}{F_o / \left(\frac{1}{2} F_m \right)} \approx \frac{2(V_m / V_b)}{T_m / T_o}$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T_o} = \frac{\Delta W}{W} = \frac{2(V_m / V_b)}{T_m}$$

Current I_{SAW} of SAW

$$I_{SAW} = \frac{V_{SAW} * C}{T_o}$$