

Notch Frequency Generation Methods in Noise Spread Spectrum for Pulse Coding Switching DC-DC Converter

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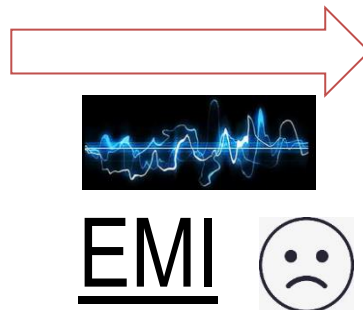
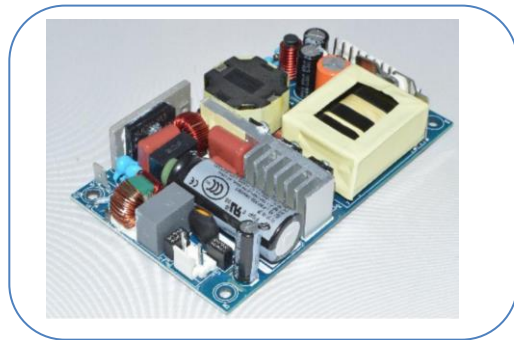
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EMI in switching converter



Many devices use **DC-DC switching converters**.
⇒ Switching pulses emit much EMI noise.
⇒ Reducing the EMI noise is critical.



EMI: Electro-Magnetic Interference

EMI Reduction by Noise Spectrum Spread

◆ Spectrum Spread

EMI noise spectrum peak:

Reduced



Noise in Radio signal bands:

Spread



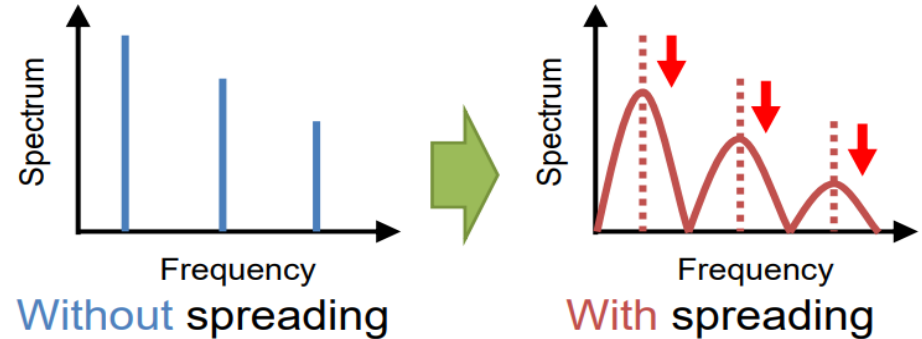
◆ + Pulse Coding method

Noise spectrum peak:

Reduced



Generate **Notch Frequency**
in Radio signal bands



Normal Spectrum Spread method

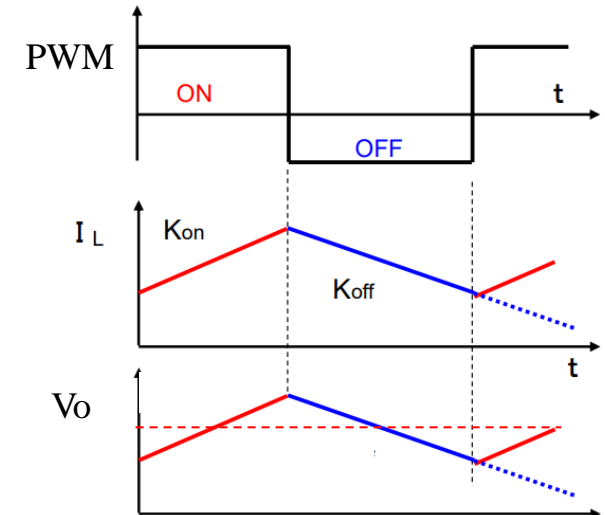
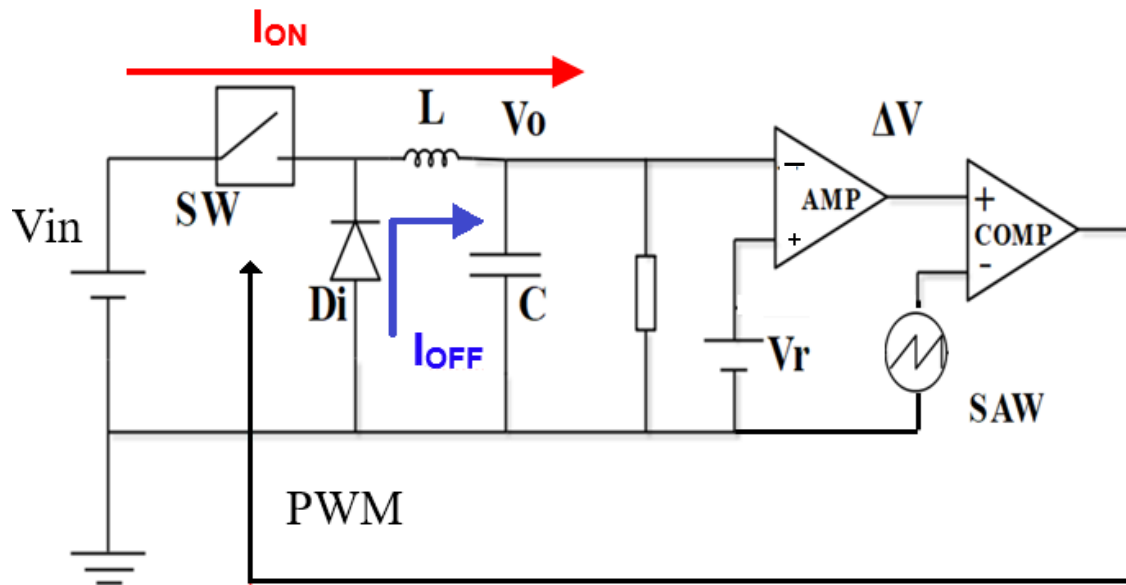
- **Next: ripple-controlled COT converter**
(This work)
- * **How to generate pulses**

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Basic buck DC-DC converter



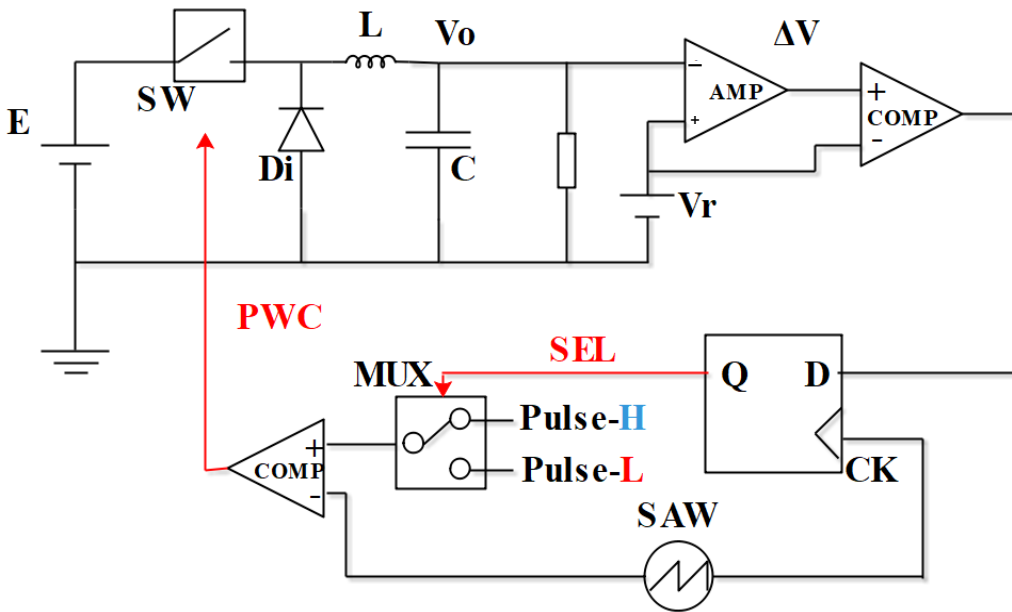
$$V_o = D \cdot V_{in} \quad (D: \text{PWM Duty})$$

$$I_{ON} = (V_{in} - V_o) / L$$

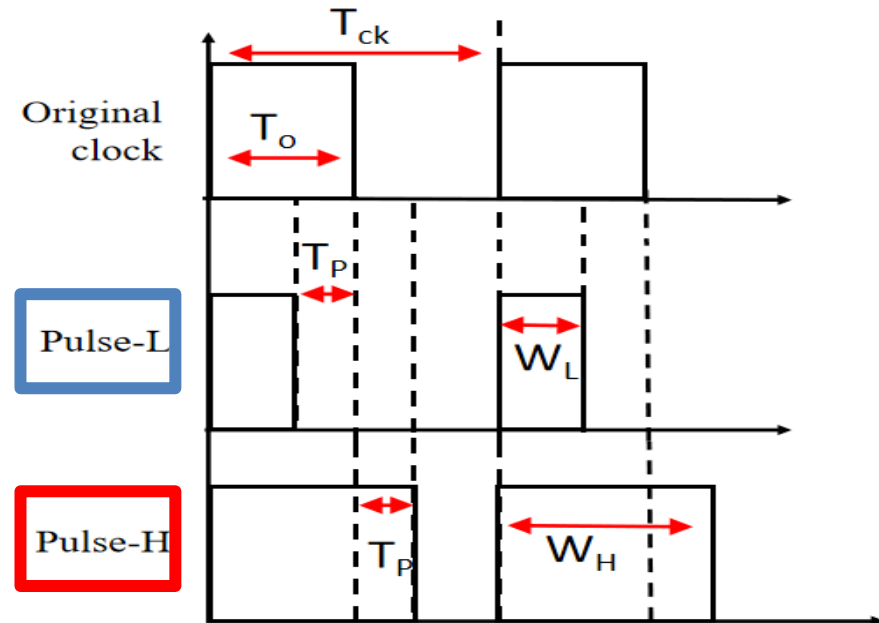
$$I_{OFF} = -V_o / L$$

PWM: Pulse Width Modulation

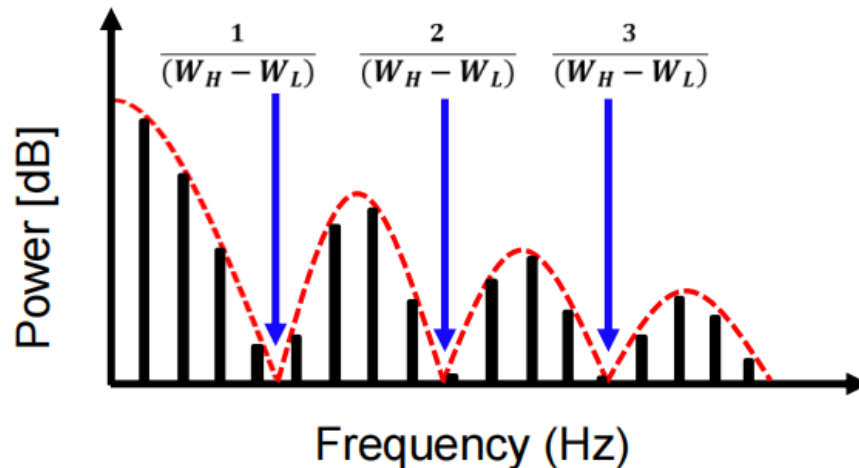
Notch frequency by Pulse Coding Control



PWC method switching converter



Coded pulses of the PWC control



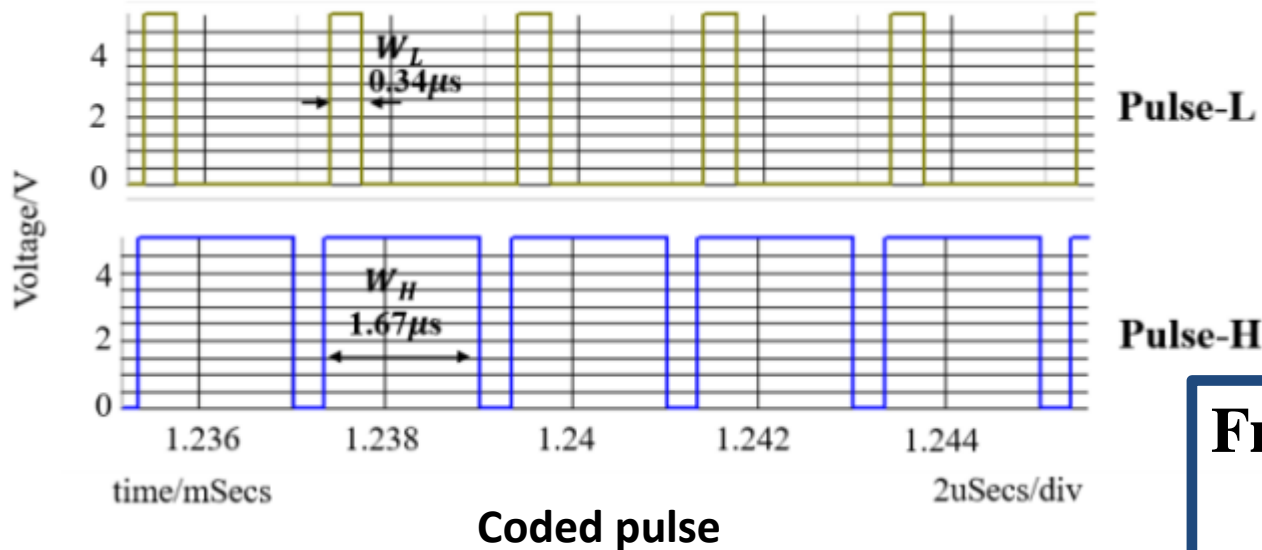
Spectrum of the switching converter with PWC

$$|f(\omega)| = (W_H - W_L) \left| \text{sinc} \left\{ \frac{\omega}{2} (W_H - W_L) \right\} \right|$$

$$F_n = \frac{M}{W_H - W_L}$$

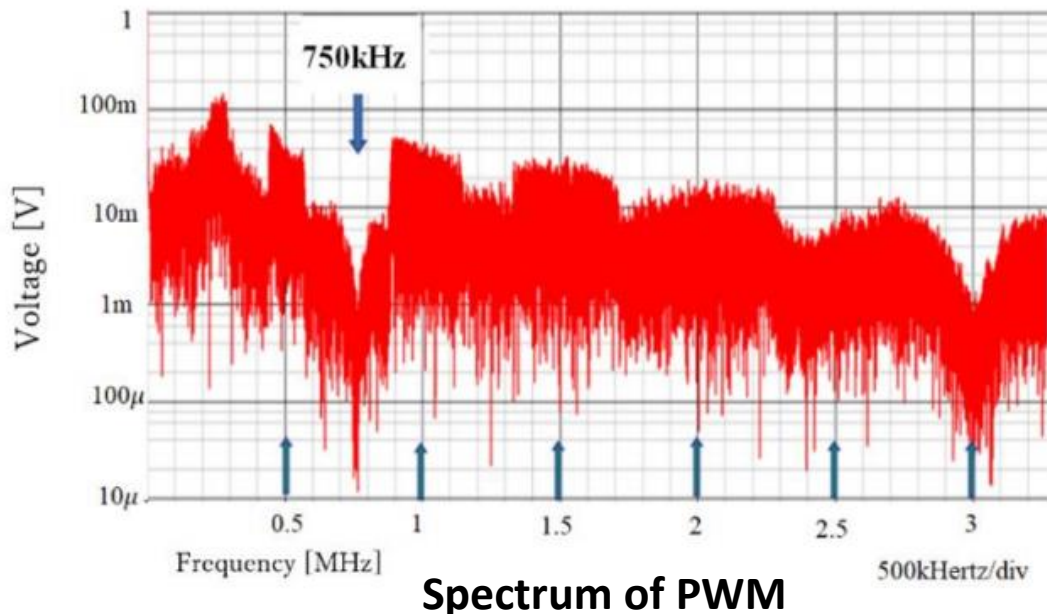
PWC: Pulse Width Coding

Notch frequency by Pulse Coding Control: Simulation



$$\begin{aligned}
 F_n &= 1/(W_H - W_L) \\
 &= 1/(1.67 - 0.34)\mu \\
 &= 750 \text{ kHz}
 \end{aligned}$$

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



$$F_n = \frac{M}{W_H - W_L}$$

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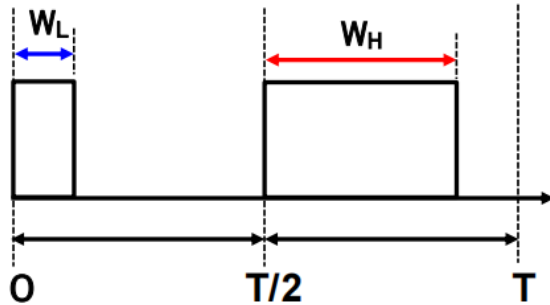
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Theoretical analysis of PFM method

PFM : pulse frequency modulation

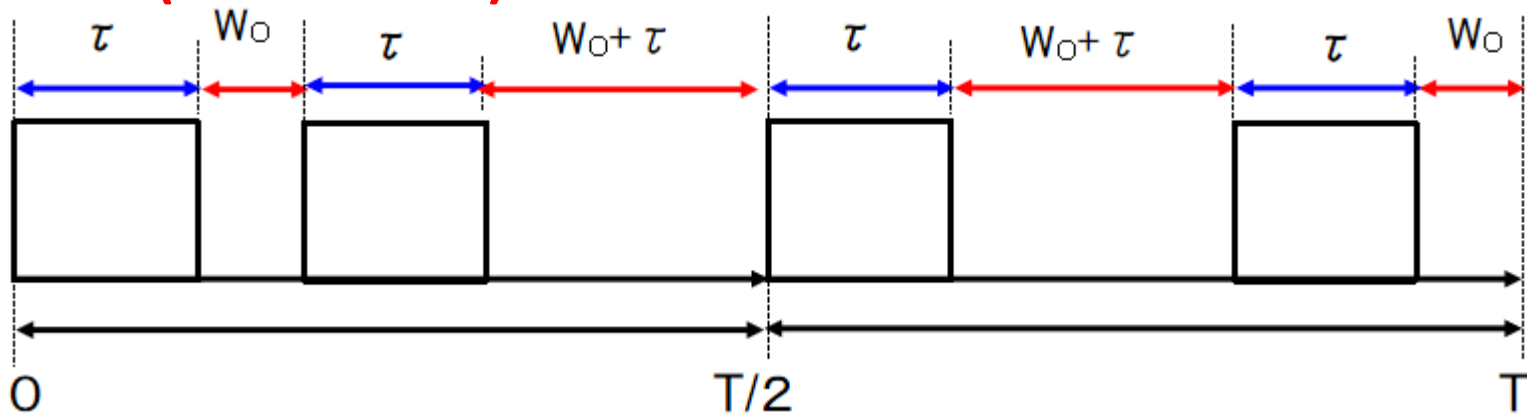
◆ PWC method (Previously proposed)



$$|f(\omega)| = (W_H - W_L) \left| \text{sinc} \left\{ \frac{\omega}{2} (W_H - W_L) \right\} \right|$$

$$F_n = \frac{M}{W_H - W_L}$$

◆ PFM method (COT control) (This time)

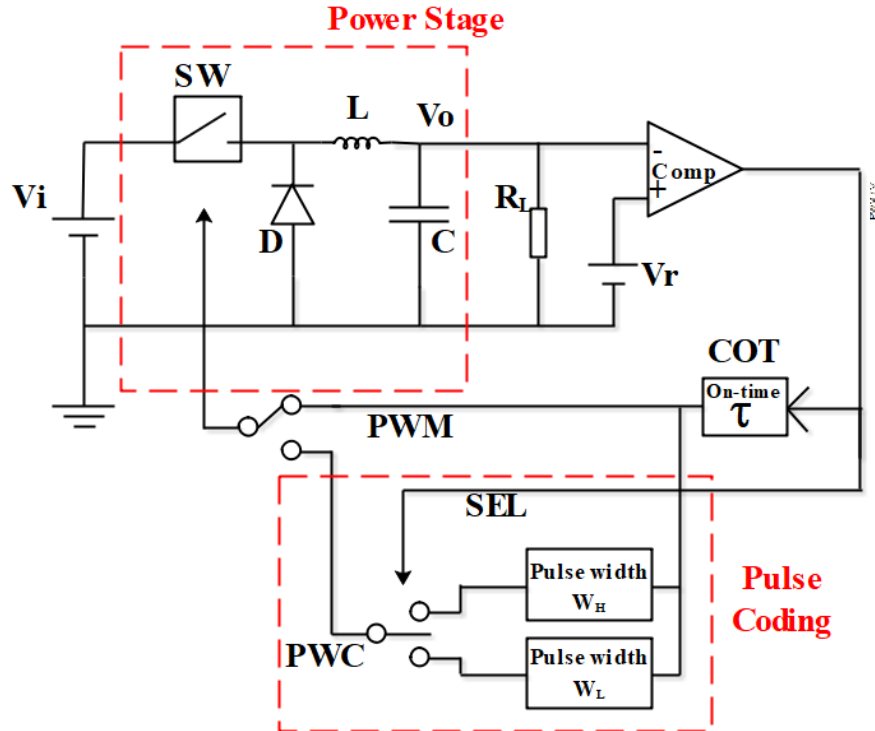


$$|f(\omega)| = \frac{4}{\omega} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2} \right) = 2\tau \sin \left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2} \right) \text{sinc} \left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2} \right)$$

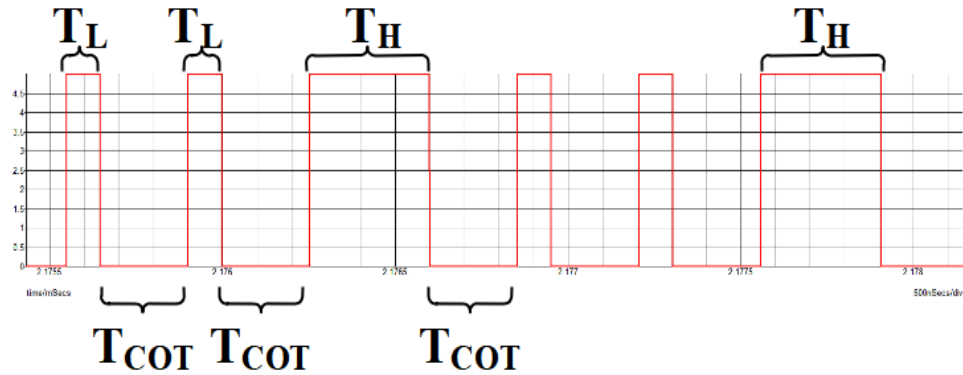
$$\frac{\omega\tau}{2} = n\pi \rightarrow$$

$$F_n = n/\tau$$

Pulse coding COT converter



Ripple controlled PFM
pulse coding converter



Pulse of PFM (COT method)

$$T_{COT} = \tau = T_{in}$$

$$D_o \doteq V_o/V_{in}$$

$$(1-D_o)T_{ck} = T_{cot}$$

$$T_{ck} = T_{cot} + (T_H + T_L)/2$$

T_{ck} : Average period of clock frequency

T_{in} : Period of input frequency

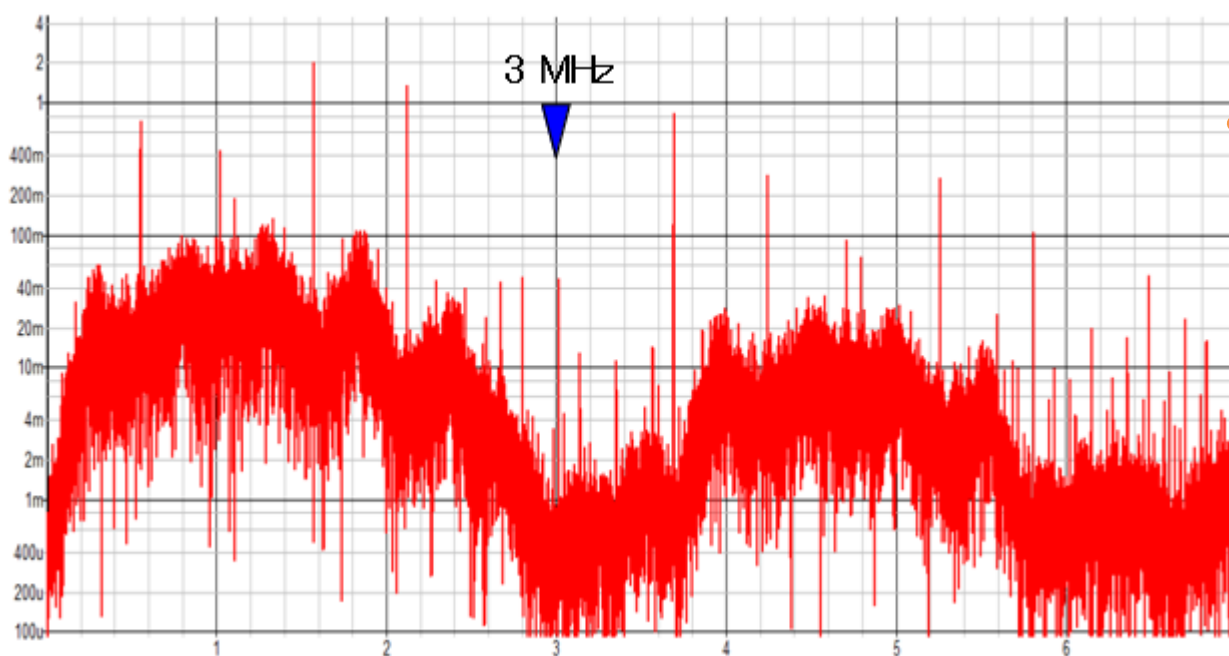
COT: Constant OFF Time

Pulse coding COT converter: Simulation results

$T_{ck} = 682\text{ns} \pm 150\text{ns}$ $F_{ck} = 1.47\text{MHz}$ ($\Delta F = -0.27/+0.41\text{MHz}$)

$\tau = T_{COT} = 336\text{ns}$, $W_H - W_L = 496 - 196\text{ns} = 300\text{ns}$

$F_N \doteq 3.0\text{ MHz} \sim 3.3\text{ MHz}$



Simulation result of analog circuit

$$F_n = n/\tau$$

Notch depth:

Shallow

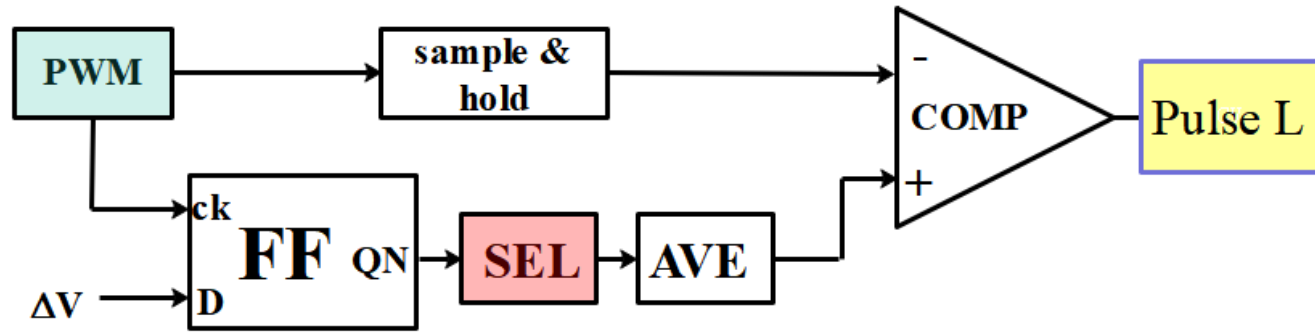
Accuracy :

poor

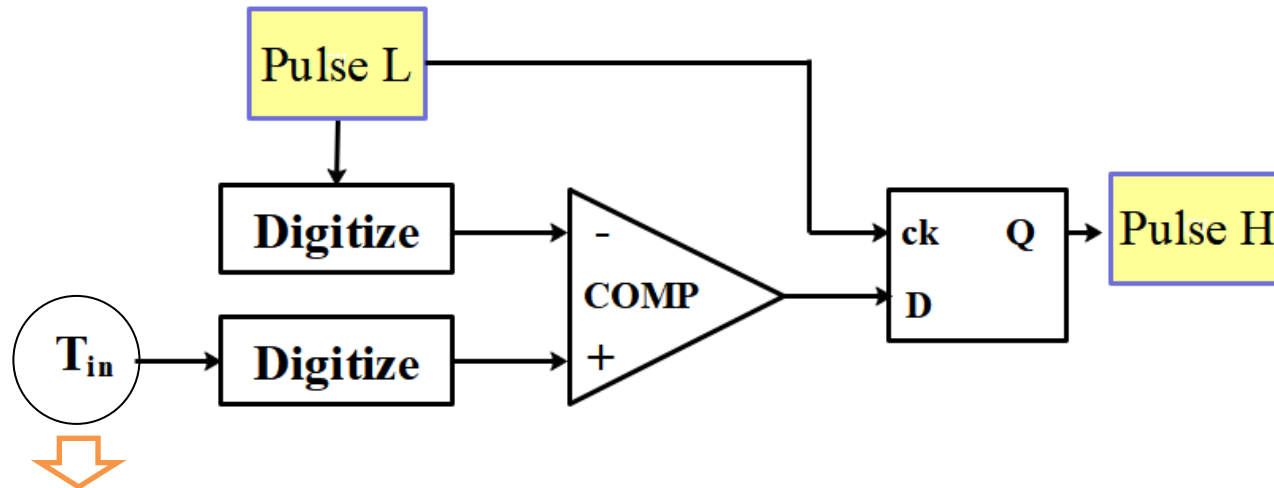
So we need:

Digital circuit

Pulse coding COT converter: Digital implementation



Blocks of pulse L generation circuit.



Automatic response when $F_{in}(1/T_{in})$ changes

Blocks of pulse H generation circuit.

Simulation results: Waveforms

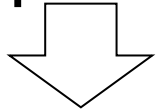
$F_{in} = 4.0 \text{ MHz}$ $V_{in} = 10\text{V}$

$V_o = 4.0\text{V}$ $I_o = 0.4\text{A}$

$F_m = 1 \text{ kHz}$, $V_m = 100\text{mV}$

$L = 100\mu\text{H} + 10\text{m}\Omega$,

$C_o = 220 \mu\text{F} + 10\text{m}\Omega$



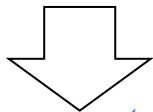
$T_{ck} = 950\text{ns}$ (1.05MHz)

$T_{OFF} = T_{cot} = 258 \text{ ns}$

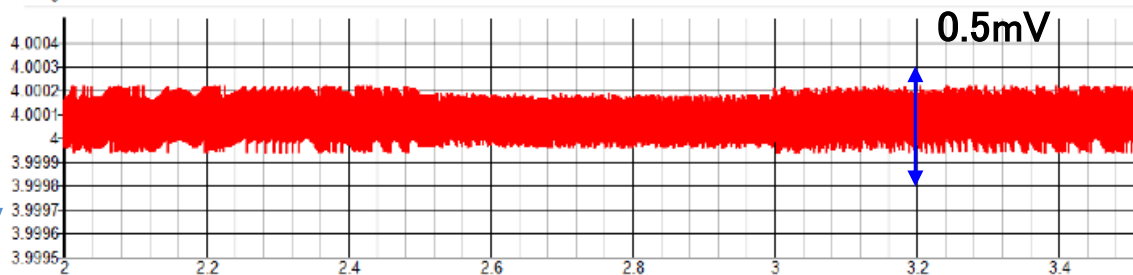
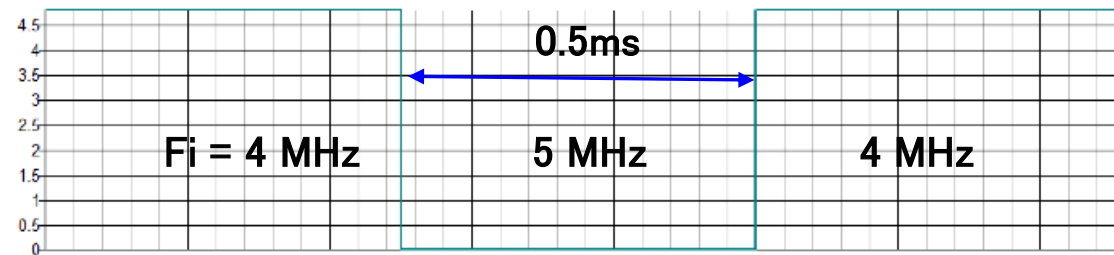
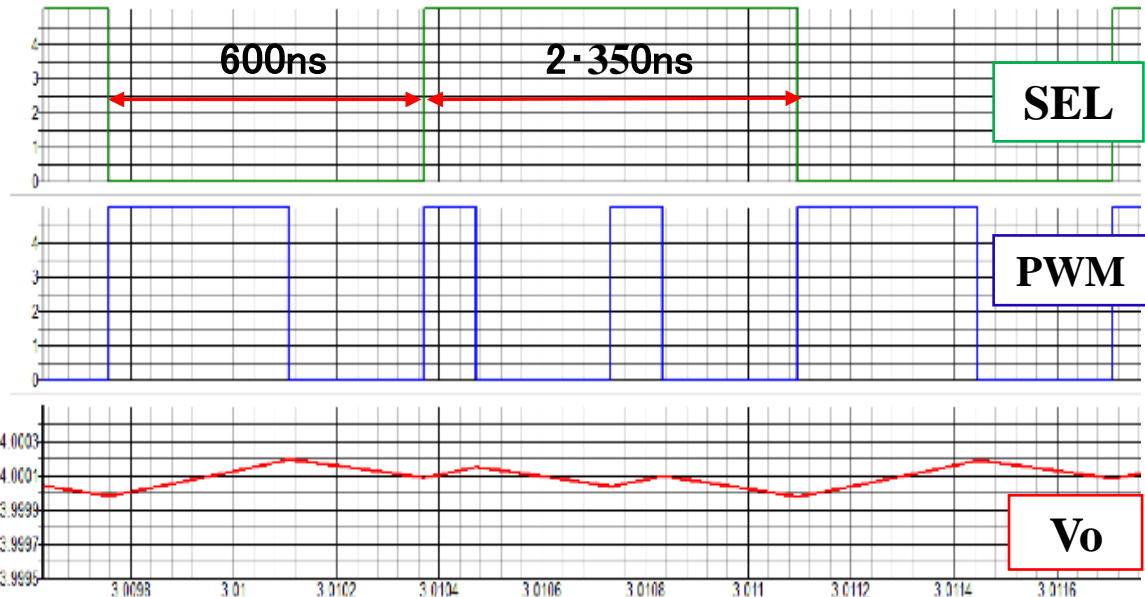
$W_H - W_L = 250 \text{ ns}$

$\Delta V_o = 0.4 \text{ mV}$

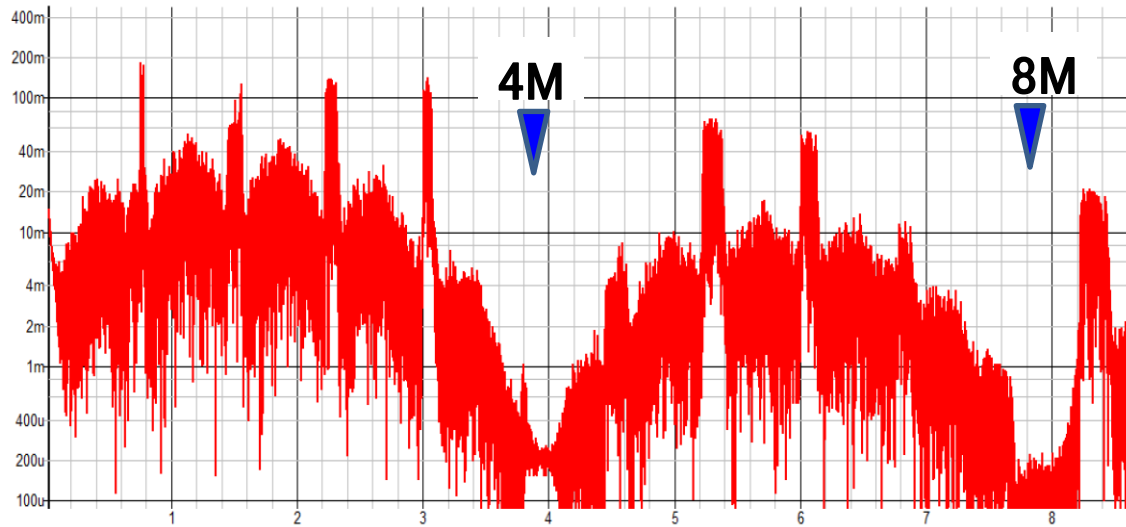
$F_{in} = 4 \text{ MHz} \leftrightarrow 5 \text{ MHz}$



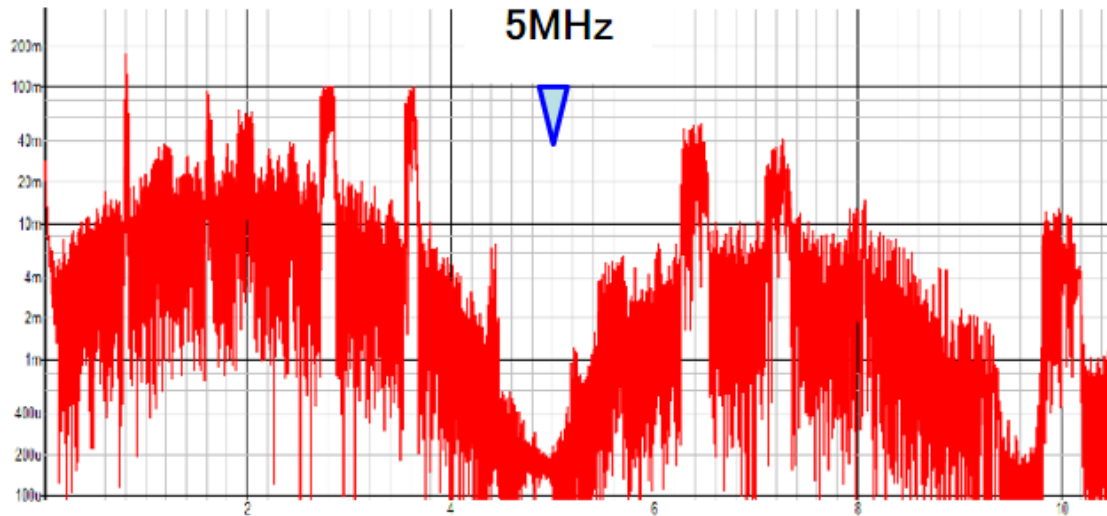
Overshoot: $\Delta V_s < 0.1\text{mV}$



Simulation results: Spectrum



$F_N = 4.0\text{M}, 8.0\text{ MHz}$



$F_N = 5.0\text{MHz}$

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This work:

- **Introduction** : Pulse coding switching DC-DC converter
- **Proposal** : **Ripple-controlled converter** with **pulse coding method**

Automatically generates notch frequency.

Notch : Deeper!

Overshoot: Smaller!

Transient response : Quicker!

Future work:

- Exploration of **more** methods
- **Hardware experiments** are underway