

**A LOW POWER HIGH SPEED 32/33 PRESCALER BASED ON DIVIDE BY 2/3 WITH TRUE SINGLE PHASE CLOCK LOGIC****Neetu Sharma*¹ and Uma Nirmal²**

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ABSTRACT

A low-power high-speed based on divide-by-2/3 divider, dual modulus divide by 32/33 prescaler is designed with characteristics of low supply voltage, high operating frequency and low-power consumption. The design uses TSPC logic to decrease the power consumption and increase the noise performance. The circuit is simulated at 180 nm low power CMOS process. The simulated results show that the highest operating frequency is up to 28.57 GHz and running at a power supply of 1v, the circuit consumes only 1.01 μ W at input frequency.

KEYWORDS: TSPC, Prescaler, low voltage, low power, dual modulus prescaler, frequency divider, Frequency Synthesizer

I. INTRODUCTION

The power utilization of RF building squares is a bottleneck for long battery lifetime. The frequency divider, working at the most noteworthy frequency, is a basic segment for low power design. The expanding interest of cell phones requires low-power circuit outlines for longer battery life, so the fast prescaler with low power utilization turned out to be critical.^[1]

A few topologies are accessible for prescaler in the GHz range, including MOS current-mode logic (CML), TSPC logic and extended TSPC logic. The CML circuit disperses high power

and is utilized for high frequency where different topologies can't work. It has been normally trusted that there is a speed-power exchange off between the two fundamental topologies: the E-TSPC based topology is appropriate for high speed applications however experiences high power utilization, while the TSPC based prescaler is better for low power applications with constrained speed. Contrasted with the traditional CML circuit, the TSPC circuit is more favorable for low voltage task since all FETs in the TSPC circuit work in the exchanging mode though all stacked FETs in the CML circuit must be biased in the saturation region.^[1]

Dual modulus prescaler is a basic building block in the fraction N frequency synthesizer in light of PLL. SCL structure is utilized to reduce the switching noise, and enhance the operating speed of prescaler. The most test in the design of high speed prescaler is to enhance the operating speed of D-type flip-flops.^[2]

To date, the majority of the fast dual modulus prescalers utilize SCL, bringing about high power utilization. Then again, utilizing dynamic logic methods, in particular, E-TSPC prompts low power utilization, compact design and broadband task. Notwithstanding, the E-TSPC logic has been just utilized as a part of plan of low speed prescaler.^[3]

Contrasting and regularly utilized SCL, dynamic logic reduces the capacitive load along these lines decreases the power utilization. The dynamic logic circuits have shorter interconnections between the transistors, consequently littler interconnection capacitances. In this manner, the W/L ratio of the transistors can be been littler, consequently decreasing the power utilization.^[3]

II Dual modulus divide-by-32/33 prescaler design

The primary parameters to be considered in designing high speed digital circuits are the operating frequency and power consumption.^[4] The operating frequency is restricted by propagation delay of the circuit. The power utilization of CMOS digital circuit is given by:

$$power = \alpha_{0 \rightarrow 1} f_{clk} C_L V_{dd}^2$$

Where f_{clk} is the clock frequency, α signifies node transition activity factor, V_{dd} is the supply voltage and C_L is the load capacitance. The power utilization is just contributed by switching activities in the CMOS advanced circuits. The completely programmable divider is proficient by the Dual modulus prescaler (N/N+1), programmable P and S-counters to accomplish the required division proportion dictated by (NP+S).

The primary phase of Dual modulus divide by 32/33 the prescaler which works most noteworthy frequency, devours much power because of switching between 32 and 33 division ratios. The prescaler consists of a synchronous 2/3 divider followed by an asynchronous divide by 16, unit as shown in Fig. 1. The flip-flop in this prescaler is the dynamic logic TSPC D flip-flop. The TSPC dynamic logic 2/3 asynchronous stage is utilized instead of E-TSPC as the later one has high switching power and short circuit power where as previous has diminished capacitive loads.

The sizes of transistors in the TSPC flip-flops and digital gates in divide by 2/3 is appropriately scaled to accomplish fast and low power utilization.

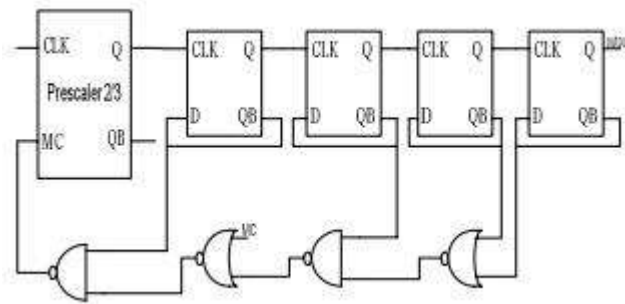


Fig. 1: Conventional divide by 32/33 dual modulus prescaler A. Divide-by-2/3 prescaler.

The ETSPC based $\div 2/3$ unit Design-I in^[6] is depicted in Figure 2. At the point when the modulus control signal MC is consistently high, the output of D Flip-Flop1 will be stopped to accomplish the $\div 2$ work. At the point when MC is set to low, it plays out the $\div 3$ work. In any case, both DFFs work regardless of whether DFF1 Doesn't take an interest in the $\div 2$ work. The limitation of design-I circuit is that the power dissipation due to short circuit path is more since the load capacitance is large, the operating frequency is limited and the critical path is long.

Figure 3 shows the ETSPC based $\div 2/3$ unit Design-II^[7] The output of DFF1 will be clogged to accomplish the $\div 2$ work, when the modulus control signal MC is consistently high. At the point when MC is coherently low, it works as the $\div 3$. When MC=0 in $\div 2$ mode, short circuit path is absent in the second and third phase of D Flip-Flop1 and thus the power consumption is decreased. Design-II is superior to design-I since short circuit path is absent and consequently devours less power.^[11]

In $\div 2/3$ prescaler Design-II transistor count is less thus power dissipation and delay is less as compare to design-I.

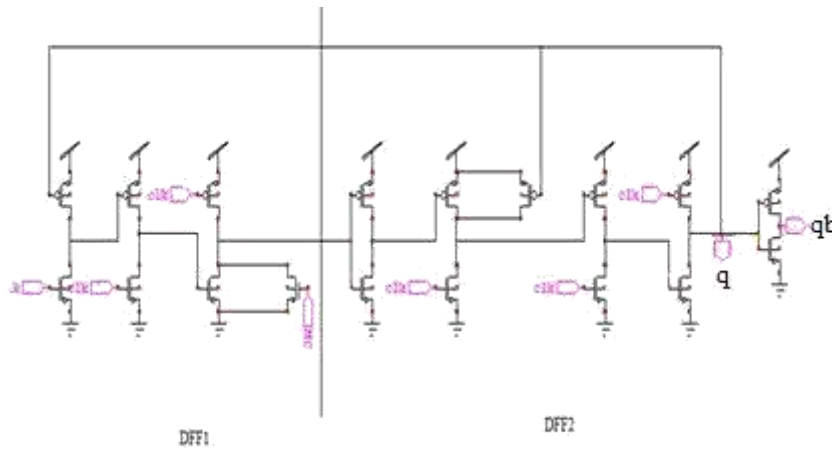


Fig. 2: ETSPC based $\div 2/3$ Prescaler Design-I.

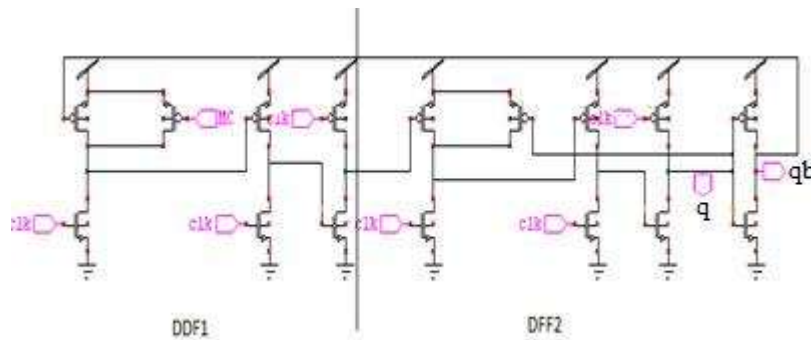


Fig. 3: ETSPC based $\div 2/3$ Prescaler Design-II.

Figure 4,5 shows the output waveform of $\div 2$ counter design-II and $\div 3$ counter Design-II respectively. Design-II operating at 1.2V has the transistor count of 16 and is Working at 180nm. The power consumed by $\div 2$ mode is 1.02 and $\div 3$ mode is 1.11.

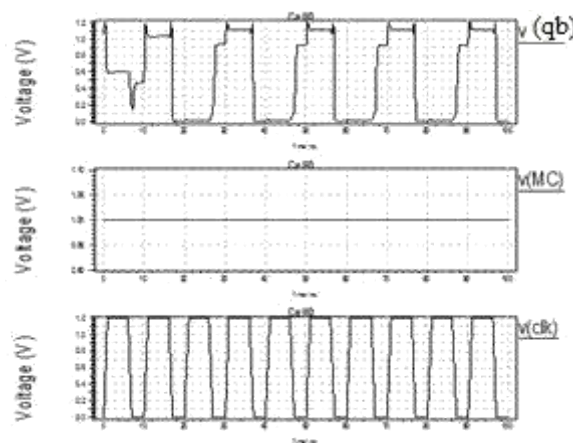


Fig. 4: Output waveform of Divide-By-2 Counter design-II.

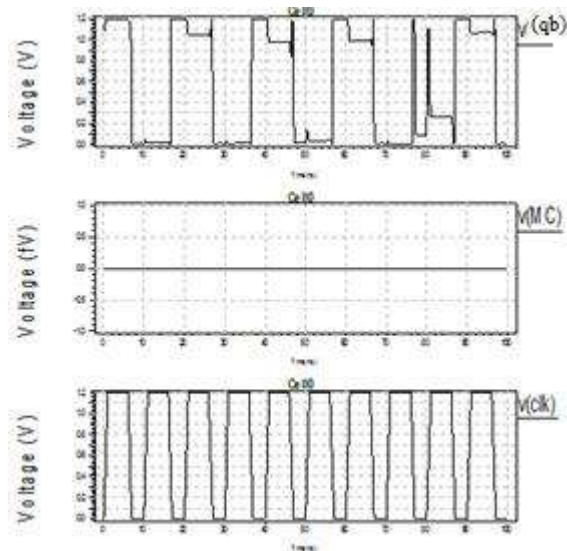


Fig. 5: Output waveform of Divide-By-3 Counter design-II.

Table I illustrates simulation performances of dual modulus $2/3$ prescalers and it is clearly visible that the results of Design-II is much better than Design-I. The Design-II can operate properly up to 1.2V. Moreover, the transistor count in implementing the circuit as well as the power dissipation of Design-II^[7] is much lower than the previous prescaler implemented in Design-I.^[6]

Table I: Performance analysis of different dual modulus $2/3$ prescalers.

Design Parameters	Design-I ^[6]	Design-II ^[7]
Transistor Count	18	16
Process(μm)	0.18	0.18
Voltage(V)	1.2	1.2
Power(mW) \div 2 mode	1.05	1.02
Power(mW) \div 3 mode	1.13	1.11

B. Sleepy keeper approach

In this philosophy combination of PMOS and NMOS transistor^[8] is coupled parallel between pull up network and Vdd and also pull down network and GND^[9] as appeared in Fig.7. The NMOS transistor of draw up rest transistor is joined to PMOS pull down rest transistor. As NMOS rest transistor which rail off the course from Vdd to GND is associated with GND and PMOS transistor which is associated with Vdd, NMOS transistor isn't turn ON that is the reason it won't competently pass Vdd. This trouble can be overwhelmed by maintaining yield esteem "1" in rest mode by joining NMOS to Vdd. PMOS transistor which is connected to the draw down NMOS transistor and GND and parallel to NMOS rest transistor, to maintain

yield esteem equivalent to "0" in rest mode. This strategy decreases the power well and keeps up the fitting rationale of the circuit with lessened zone.^[10]

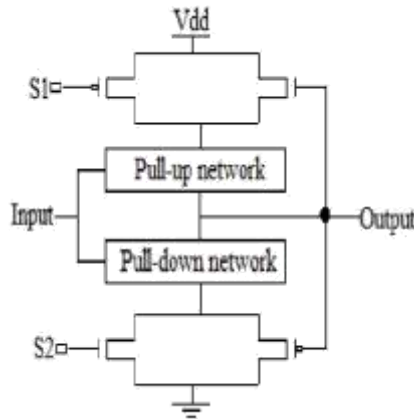


Fig. 6: Sleepy keeper approach.

III Simulation & Results of propose ÷ 32/33 DMP designs

A. Proposed Divide-by-32/33 Dual Modulus Type -I Prescaler

The Schematic of divide by 32/33 dual modulus Type-I prescaler using E-TSPC based divide-by-2/3 Prescaler Design I has been designed and moreover the NAND and NOR gate has been designed through sleepy keeper approach for further power reduction.

B. Proposed Divide-by-32/33 Dual Modulus Type -II Prescaler

The Schematic of divide by 32/33 dual modulus Type-II prescaler using E-TSPC based divide-by-2/3 Prescaler Design II has been shown in figure 7 and moreover the NAND and NOR gate has been designed through sleepy keeper approach for further power reduction.

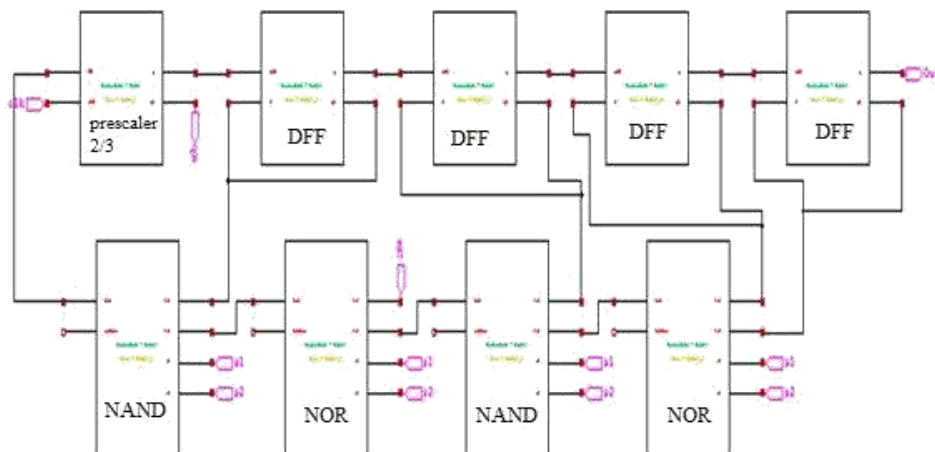


Fig. 7: Schematic view of proposed divide by 32/33 dual modulus prescaler using 2/3 prescaler.

The simulation waveform of design as divide by 32 counter (when MC=0) is shown in figure 8 and similarly as divide by 33 counter (when MC=1) is shown in figure 9.

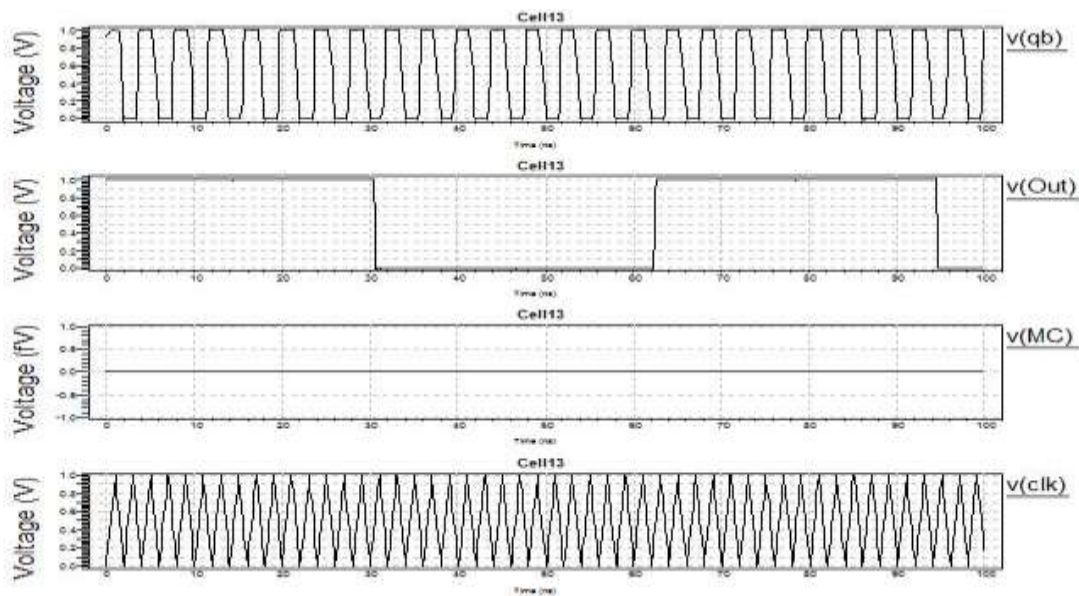


Fig. 8: Simulation waveform of divide by 32 counter.



Fig. 9: Simulation waveform of divide by 33 counter.

Table II illustrates simulation performances of dual modulus 32/33 prescalers and it is clearly visible that the results of Type-II is much better than Type-I. The Type-I can operate up to

1.0v which is lower than the supply voltage of Type-I. The power dissipation of Type-II is much lower than the Type-I prescaler. Table III illustrates simulation and comparison results of different dual modulus 32/33 prescalers are presented. The proposed design reduces most of circuit current power and consumes less power than all the conventional designs. The proposed designs can still work at a high speed and high operating frequency.

Table II: Performance of different dual modulus 32/33 prescalers using 2/3 prescaler.

Design Parameters	Type-I	Type-II
Process	0.18	0.18
Voltage(V)	1.8	1
Average Power(uW)	1.3	1.01

Table III: Performance summary and its comparison with low power dual modulus 32/33 prescaler.

Parameter	2004[2]	2005[3]	2007[4]	2009[5]	2015[1]	This work
Technology Used (μm)	0.25	0.18	0.18	0.09	0.18	0.18
Supply Voltage(V)	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.2	1
Operating Frequency(GHz)	3.2	5.3	2.55	6	17.9	28.57
Power Dissipation	4.6	2.53	1.7	1.19	0.245	1.01

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In this paper, I have implemented divide by 32/33 dual modulus prescaler using 2/3 prescaler with better power and speed performance. The simulation and comparison results are presented. It confirms that the proposed design reduces most of circuit current power and consumes less power than all the conventional designs. Besides, the proposed designs can still work at a high speed to meet the demand of high speed to meet the demand of high operating frequency.

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