

Analog Integrated Systems Design

Lecture 14

Oversampling Data Converters (1)

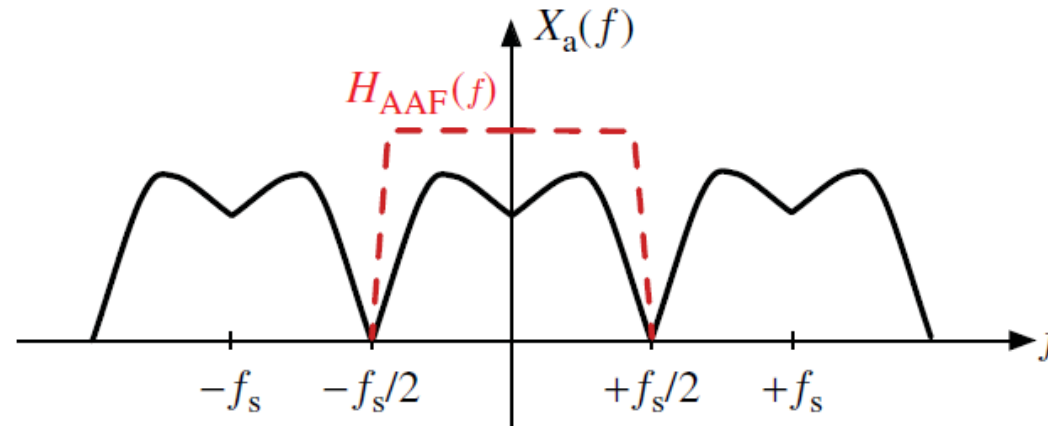
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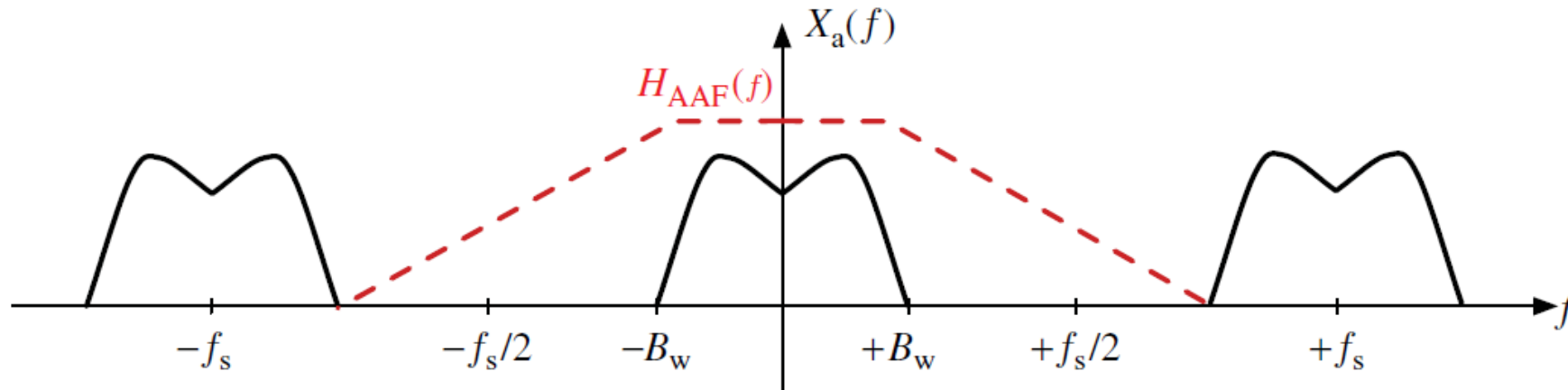
Why Oversampling?

- ❑ Technology scaling enable very fast MOS transistors
 - GHz sampling and processing is possible
 - We can build faster ADCs for broadband signals
- ❑ But signals in many applications have limited bandwidth
 - Ex: sensors (baseband) and communication systems (passband)
- ❑ Oversampling: $f_s \gg f_N = 2BW$
 - Make use of the high sample rate to improve the resolution
 - Oversampling Ratio (OSR)
$$OSR = \frac{f_s}{f_N} = \frac{f_s}{2BW}$$
 - Also simpler antialiasing filter
 - But higher digital power consumption

Nyquist vs Oversampling ADC



(a)



(b)

Quantization Error

- ❑ The quantization process generates an error signal
 - Strictly speaking, the quantization error is a distortion component

- ❑ But it can be approximated as white noise if:
 - The resolution N is sufficiently large
 - No correlation between the input signal and the sample rate
 - f_s not an integer multiple of f_{in}
 - Also the input is not a DC signal!

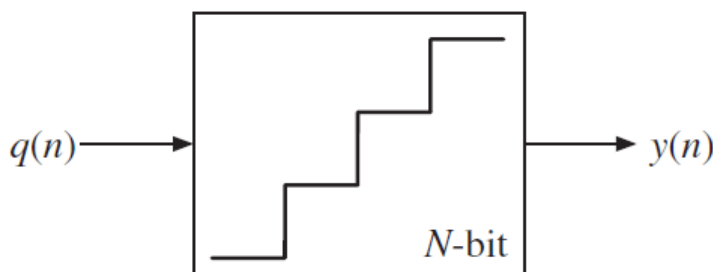
- ❑ The quantization noise power is given by

$$P_Q = \frac{V_{LSB}^2}{12} = \frac{\Delta^2}{12}$$

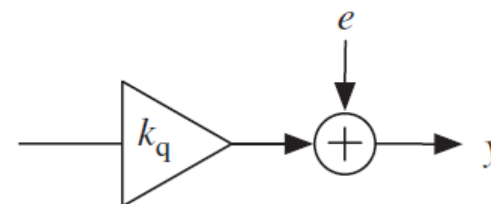
Quantization Linear Model

□ Note the $q(n)$ and $e(n)$ are ANALOG signals. ONLY $y(n)$ is quantized.

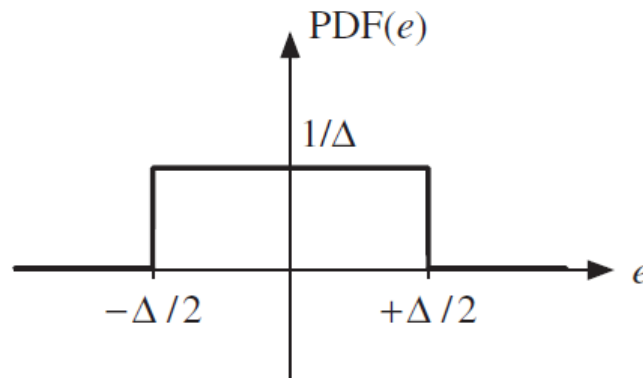
$$y(n) = k_q q(n) + e(n)$$



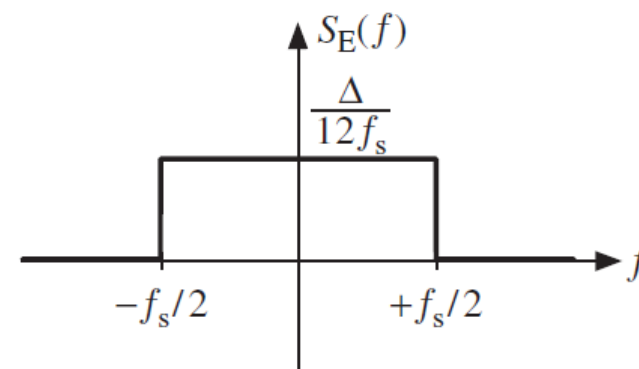
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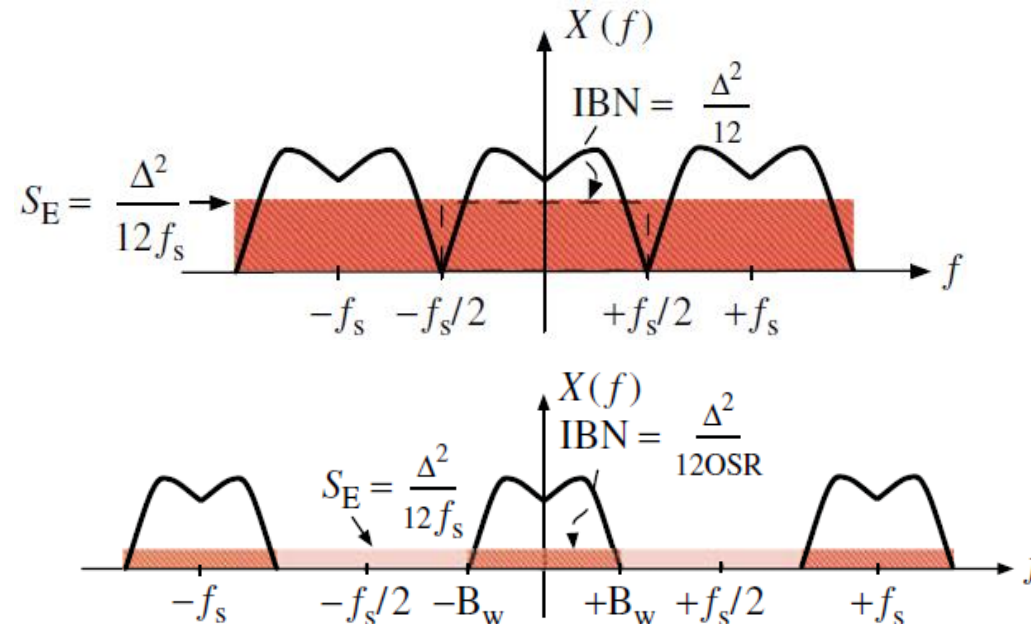
Oversampling Gain

$$SQNR = 10 \log \left(\frac{\text{Signal Power}}{\text{In-Band Noise (IBN)}} \right) = 10 \log \left(\frac{(2^N \Delta/2)^2 / 2}{\frac{\Delta^2}{12f_s} \times 2BW} \right)$$

$$= 1.76 + 6.02 \times N + 10 \log \left(\frac{f_s}{2BW} \right) = SQNR_{Nyq} + \mathbf{10 \log(OSR)}$$

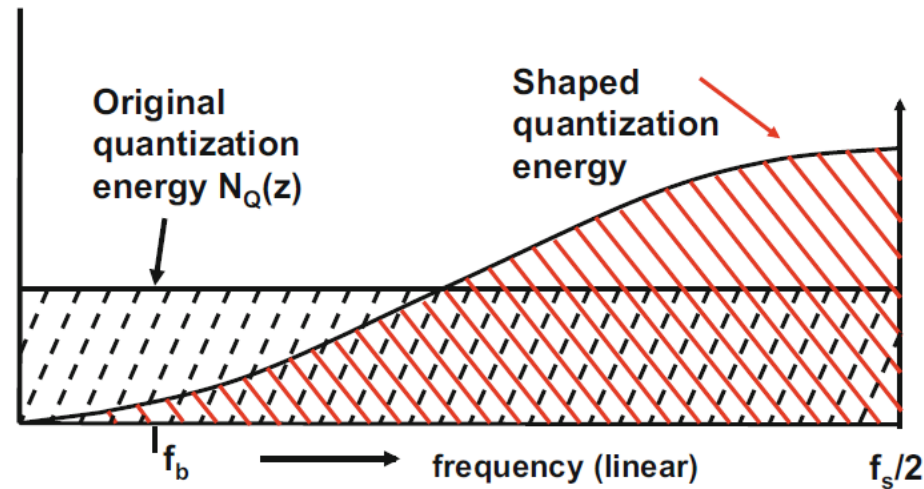
$$\Delta ENOB = \frac{\mathbf{10 \log(OSR)}}{6} \approx \mathbf{0.5 \log_2(OSR)}$$

□ ENOB improves by 3 dB/octave = 0.5 bit/octave



Noise Shaping

- ❑ Noise transfer function (NTF) is a HPF (differentiator)



- ❑ For 1st order NTF: The shaped noise has twice the noise power
 - But IBN is significantly reduced

S-Plane vs Z-Plane

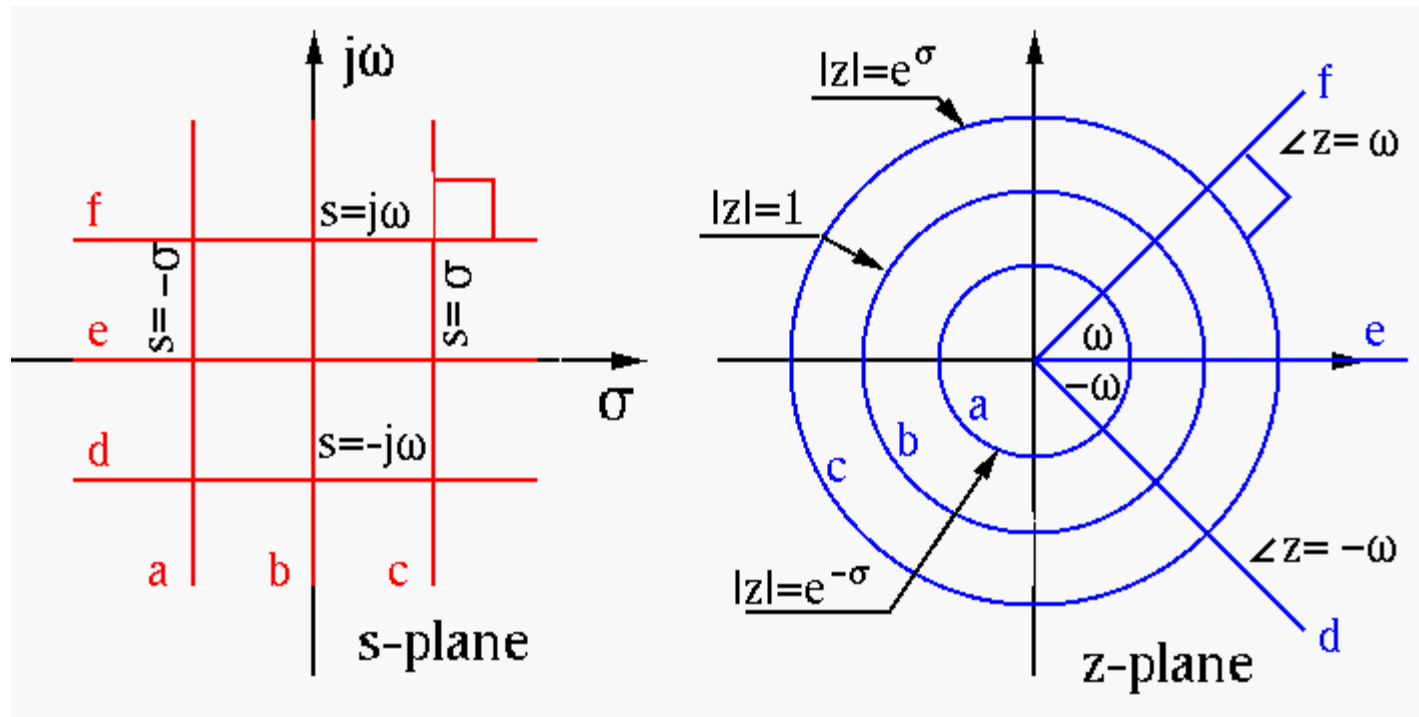
$$z = e^{sT_s} = e^{(\sigma + j\omega)/f_s}$$

- Assume $f_s = 1$ (normalized)

$$|z| = e^{\sigma}$$

$$\angle z = \omega$$

- RHP in s-domain maps to outside unit circle in z-domain



1st Order LPF/Integrator in z-domain

□ LPF → Integrator

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} = \frac{1}{z - 1}$$

- No zeros
- Pole at $z = 1$

Mapping s/z-domain to Frequency Domain

$$|H(s = j\omega)| = \left| \frac{1}{s + p} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega^2 + p^2}} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{ps}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{s} - \vec{p}\|}$$

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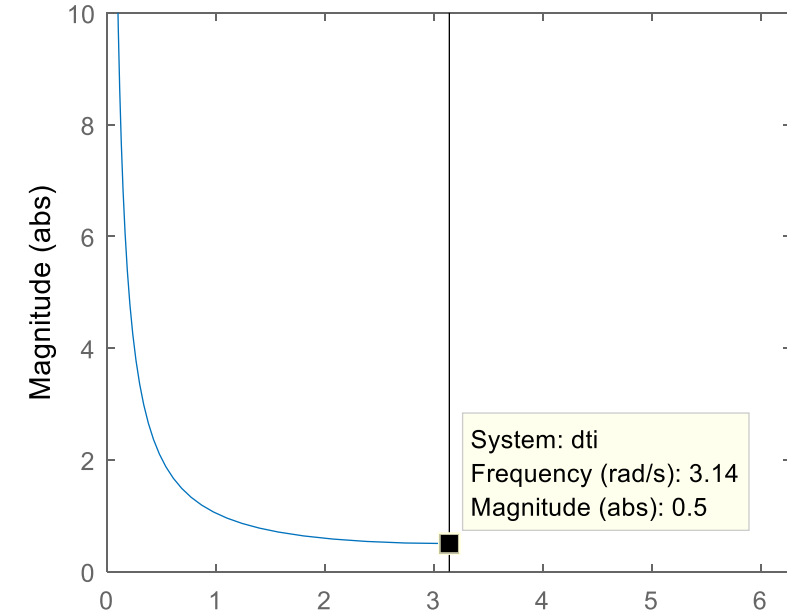
□ Frequency response: evaluate $H(z)$ along the unit circle:

$$z = e^s = e^{j\omega}$$

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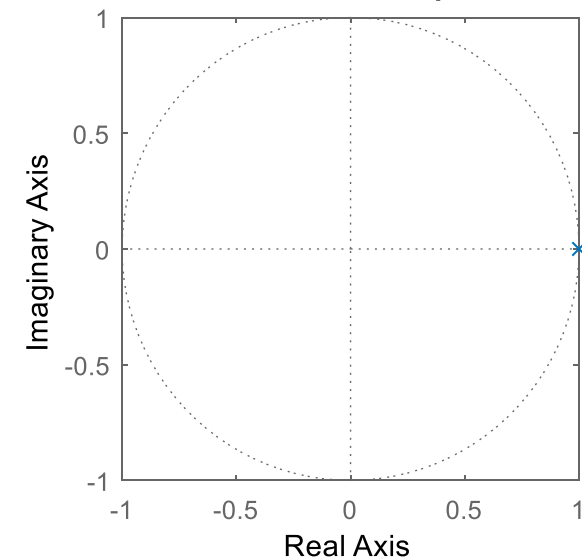
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Frequency (rad/s)

Pole-Zero Map



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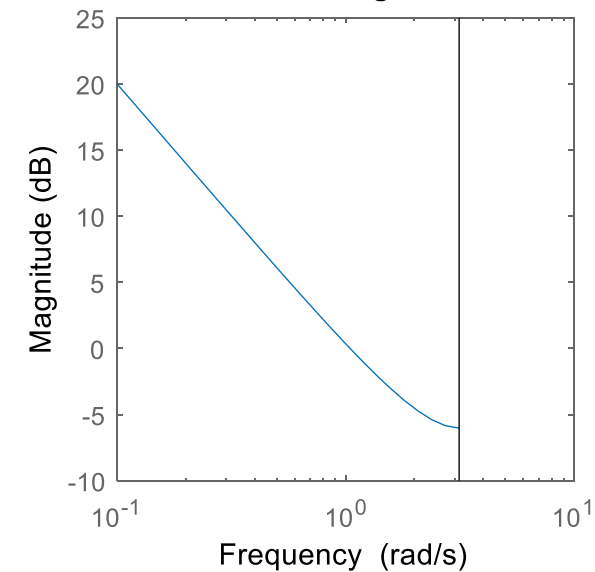
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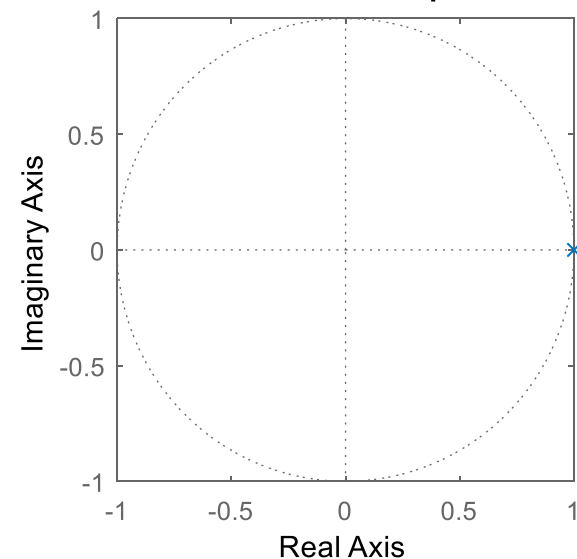
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Bode Diagram



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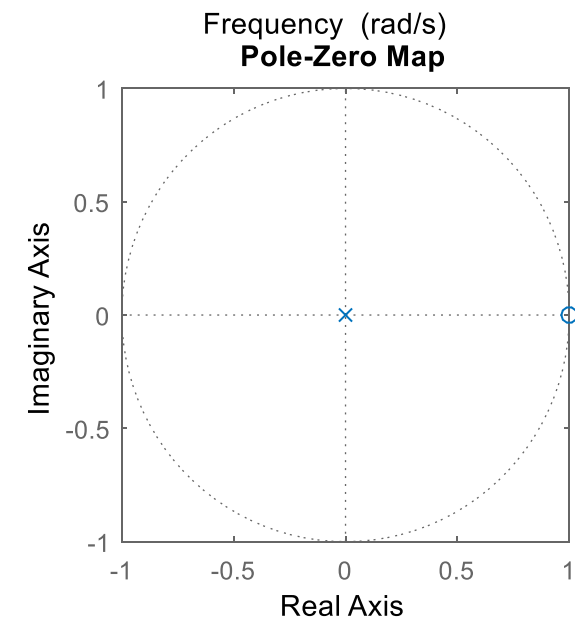
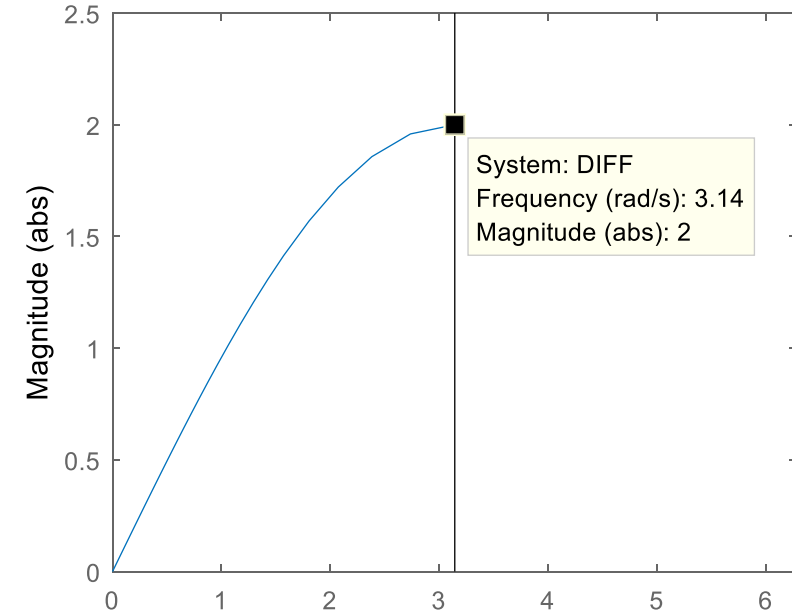
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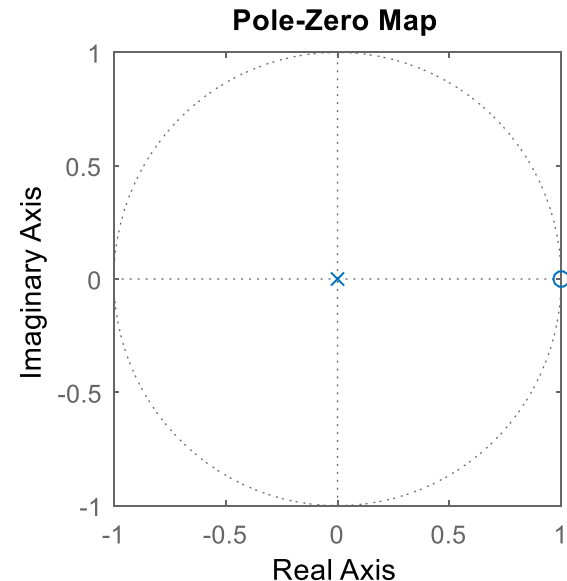
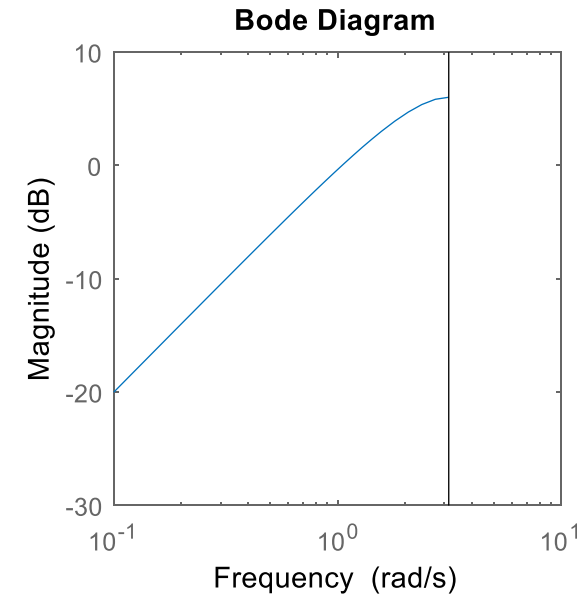
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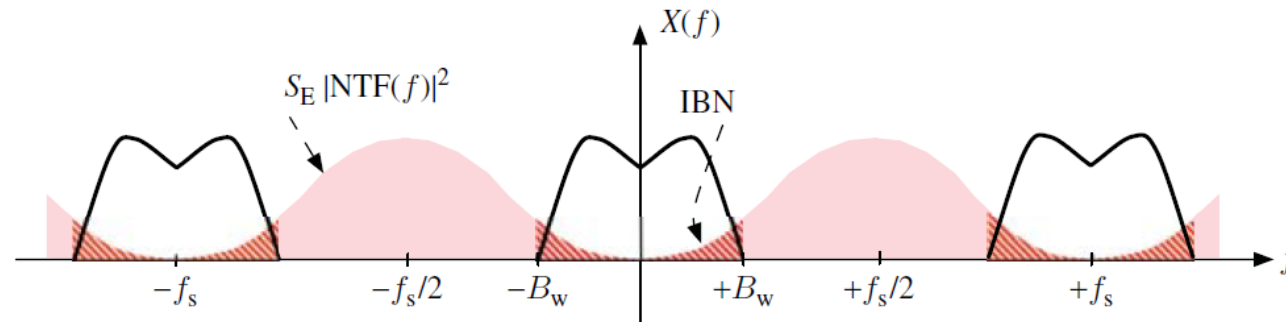
- ❑ Noise transfer function (NTF) is a HPF (differentiator)

$$NTF(z) = (1 - z^{-1})^L$$

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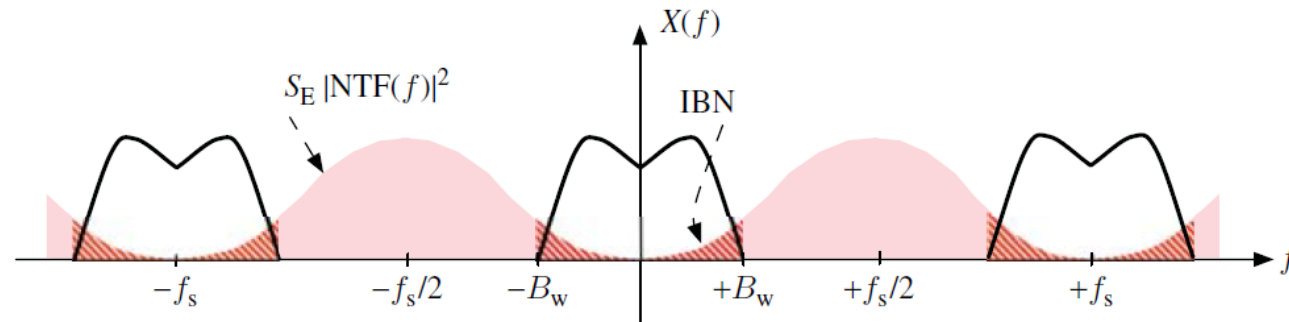
$$|NTF(f)| = |1 - e^{-j\omega}|^L = \left[2 \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)\right]^L \approx (\omega)^L \approx \left(\frac{2\pi f}{f_s}\right)^L$$

- ❑ For 1st order HPF ($L = 1$): $|NTF(f)|^2 \approx \left(\frac{2\pi f}{f_s}\right)^2$



Noise Shaping Gain

$$|NTF(f)| = \left[2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi f}{f_s} \right) \right]^L \approx \left(\frac{2\pi f}{f_s} \right)^L$$
$$IBN = \int_{-BW}^{BW} \frac{\Delta^2}{12f_s} |NTF(f)|^2 df \approx \frac{\Delta^2}{12} \cdot \frac{\pi^{2L}}{(2L+1)OSR^{2L+1}}$$
$$SQNR = 10 \log \left(\frac{P_{sig}}{IBN} \right)$$
$$\approx 1.76 + 6.02N + \mathbf{10 \log \left(\frac{2L+1}{\pi^{2L}} \right)} + \mathbf{(2L+1)10 \log(OSR)}$$



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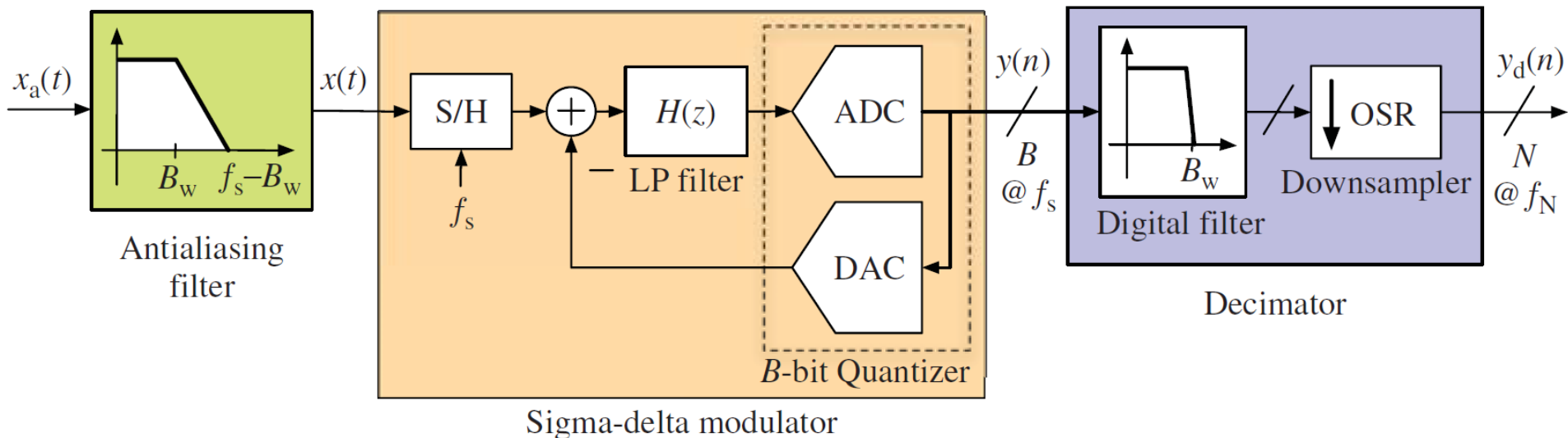
$$ENOB \text{ Gain} = \frac{\mathbf{(2L+1)10 \log(OSR)}}{6} \approx \mathbf{(2L + 1) \times 0.5 \log_2(OSR)}$$

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Sigma-Delta ($\Sigma\Delta$) ADC

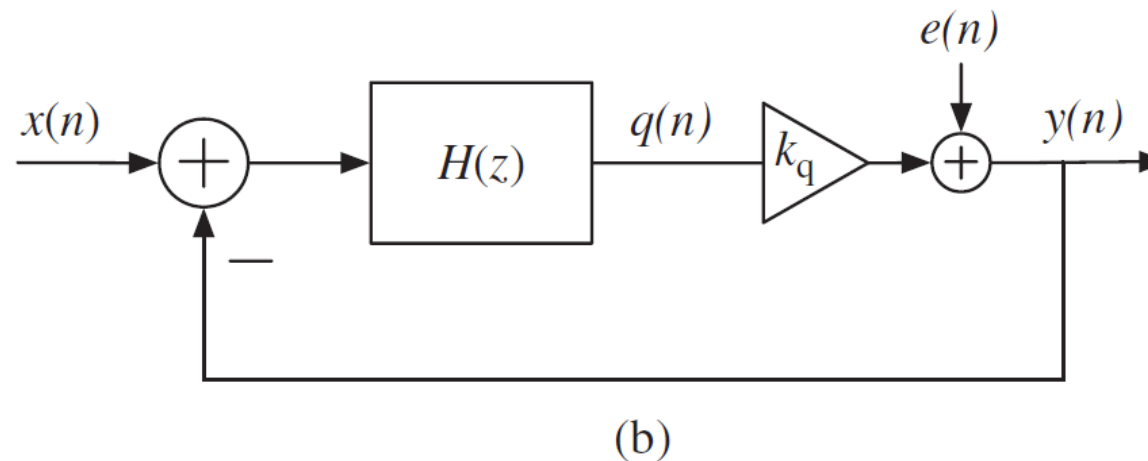
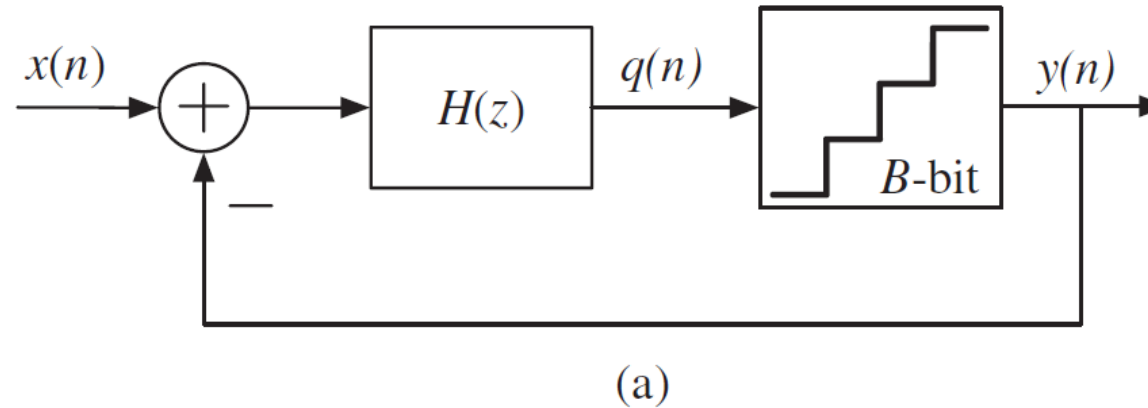
- ❑ Closed loop negative feedback system
- ❑ $H(z)$ is the loop filter
- ❑ The B-bit quantizer is typically 1 – 5 bit
 - Single bit: One bit DAC is inherently linear
 - We care more about DAC linearity (we will know why later)
 - Multibit: Each bit in the ADC/DAC adds 6dB to the SNR



Negative Feedback Reminder

Sigma-Delta Modulator ($\Sigma\Delta\mathbf{M}$)

- ❑ The negative feedback action will minimize the error between $x(n)$ and $y(n)$



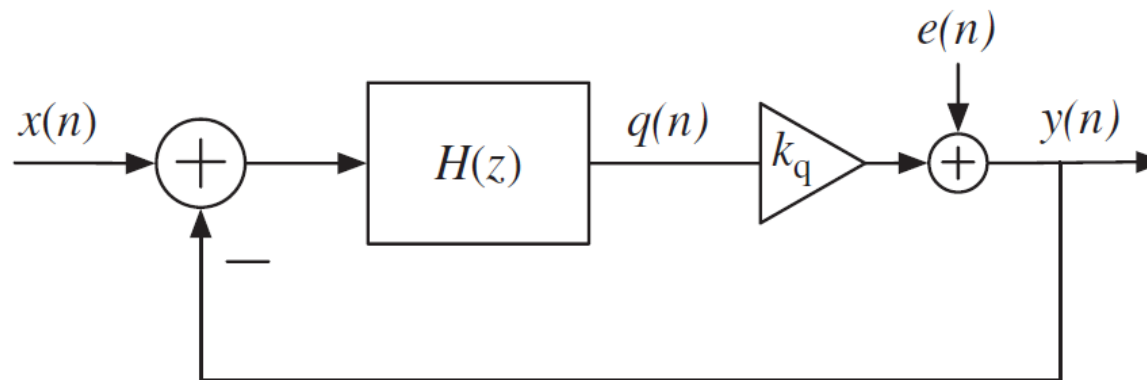
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$$A_{CL} = \frac{A_{OL}}{1 + \beta A_{OL}}$$

$$STF(z) = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{k_q H(z)}{1 + k_q H(z)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |STF(z)| \approx 1$$

$$NTF(z) = \frac{Y}{E} = \frac{1}{1 + k_q H(z)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |NTF(z)| \ll 1$$

□ For $e(n)$ to see a HPF (noise shaping), $H(z)$ must be a LPF (integrator)



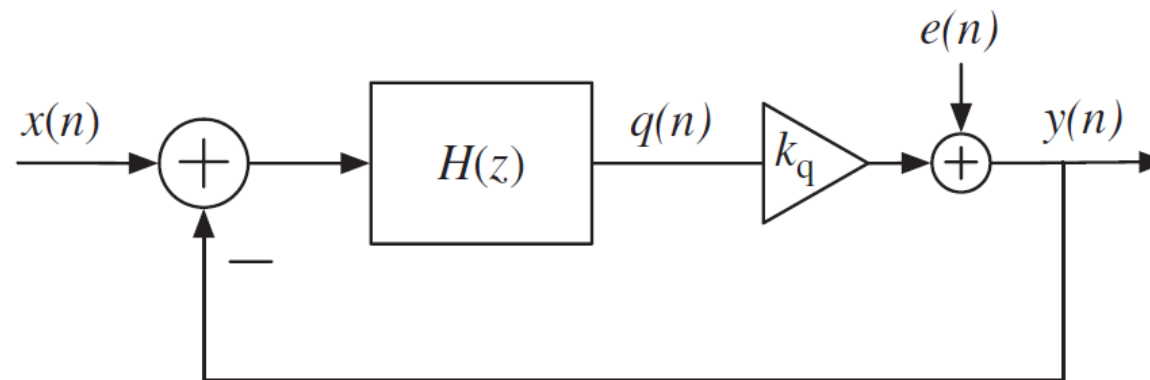
First-Order $\Sigma\Delta\text{M}$

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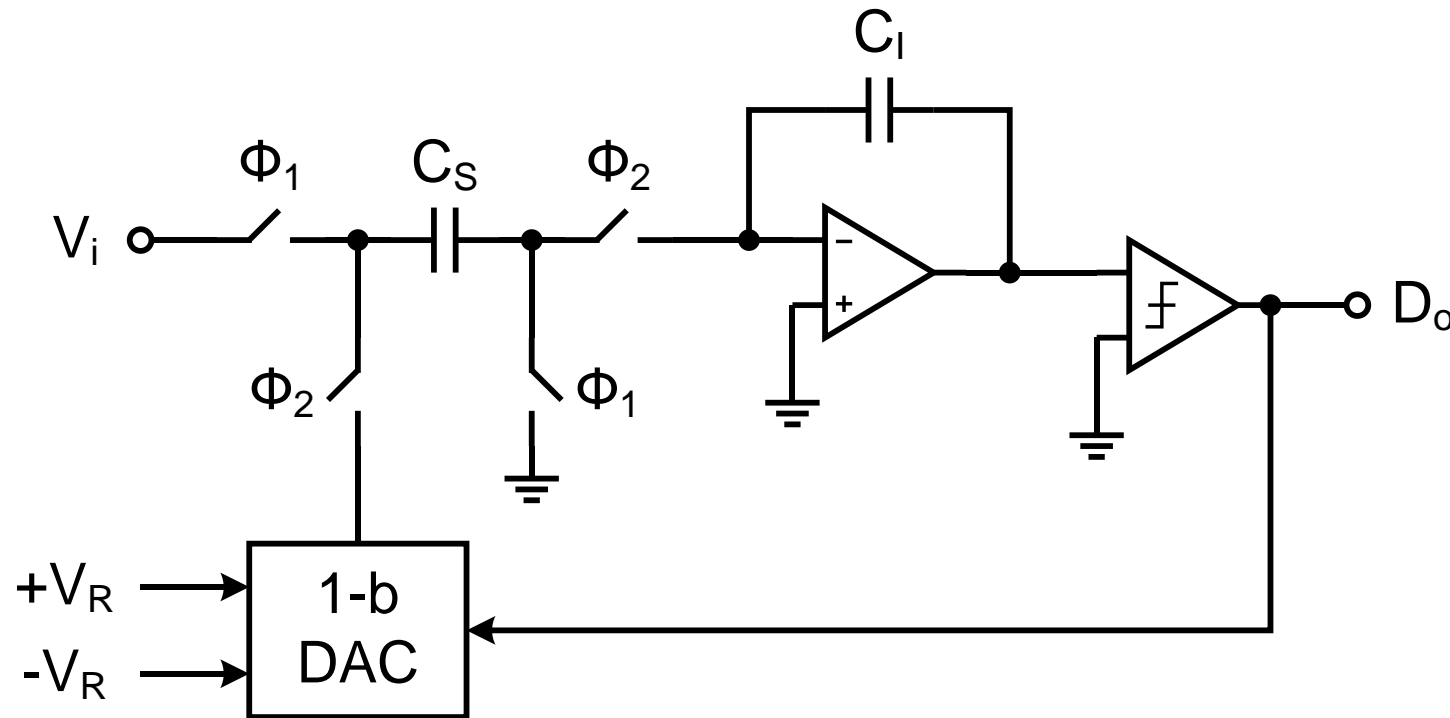
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$$Y = STF \cdot X + NTF \cdot E = z^{-1} \cdot X + (1 - z^{-1}) \cdot E$$

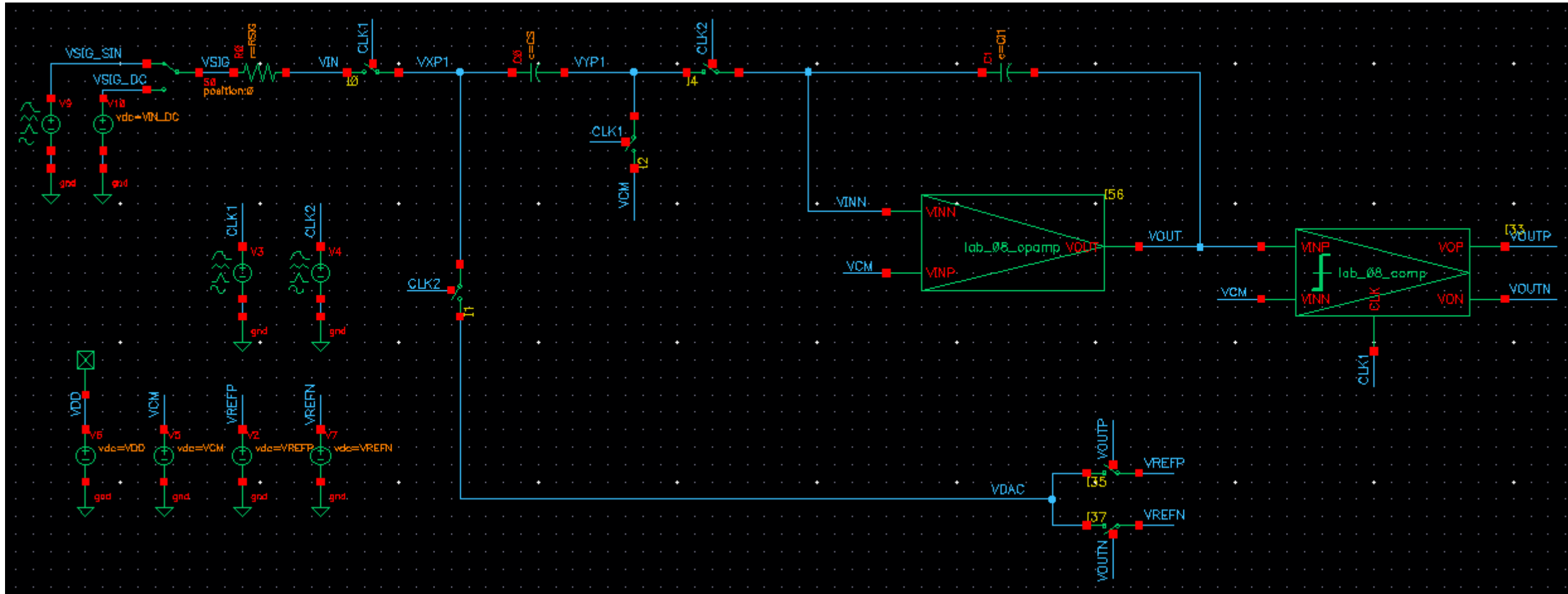


First-Order $\Sigma\Delta\mathbf{M}$: SC Implementation

- ❑ SC integrator
- ❑ 1-bit ADC \rightarrow simple, ZX detector
- ❑ 1-bit feedback DAC \rightarrow simple, inherently linear



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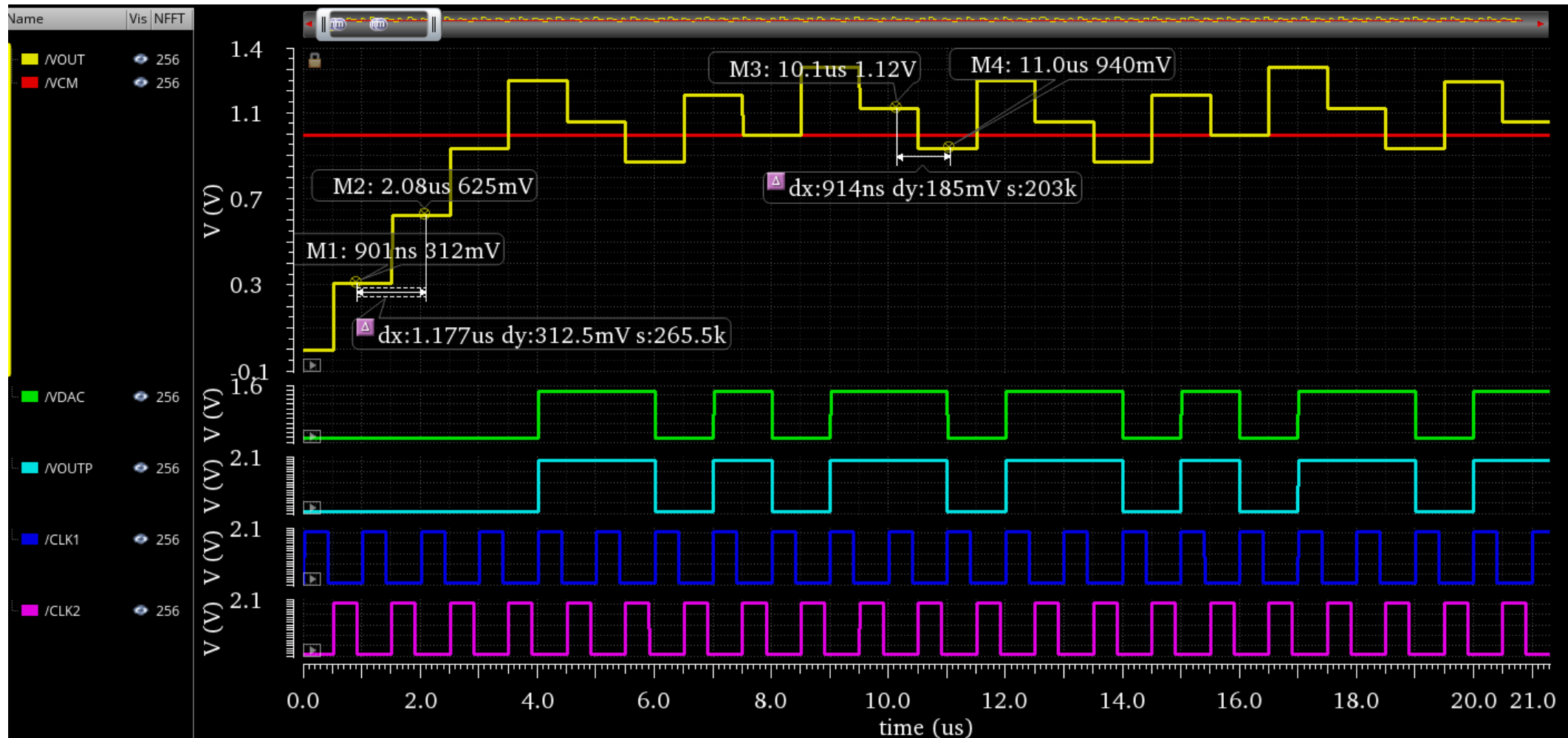


DC Input Simulation Parameters

CI1	2p
CS	1p
TS	1u
TON	$0.4 \cdot TS$
VDD	2
VCM	$0.5 \cdot (VREFP + VREFN)$
VREFP	$0.75 \cdot VDD = 1.5$
VREFN	$0.25 \cdot VDD = 0.5$
OSR	$2^{**}5$
VIN_DC	$0.625 \cdot (VREFP - VREFN) + VREFN$
TSTOP	$2 \cdot OSR \cdot TS$
SW_POS	2

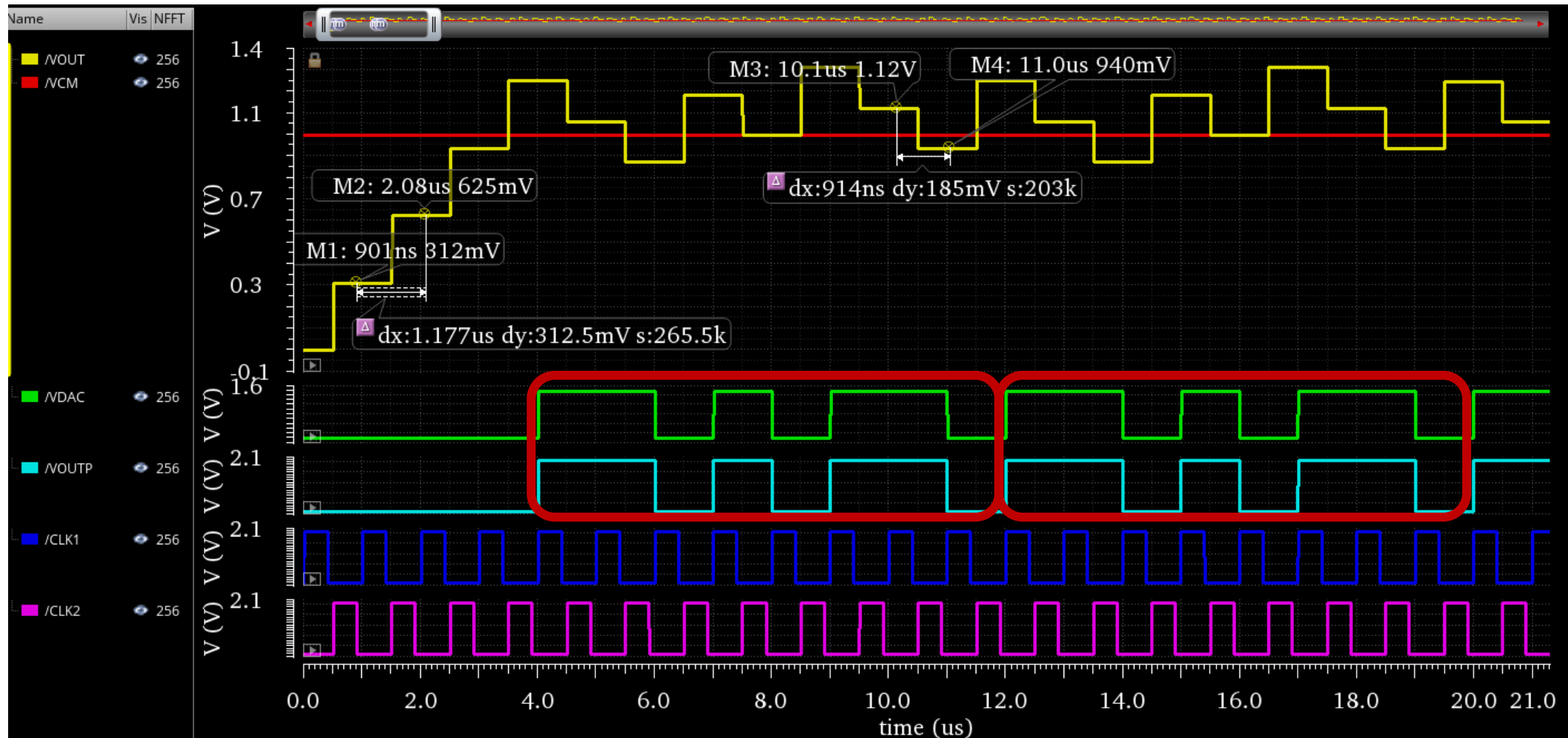
First-Order $\Sigma\Delta\text{M}$: Response to DC Input

□ $Output\ step = (V_{in} - V_{DAC}) \times C_S / C_{I1} = [(0.625 + 0.5) - (0.5/1.5)] \times 0.5$
 $[0.625 / -0.375] \times 0.5 = +312.5m / -187.5m$



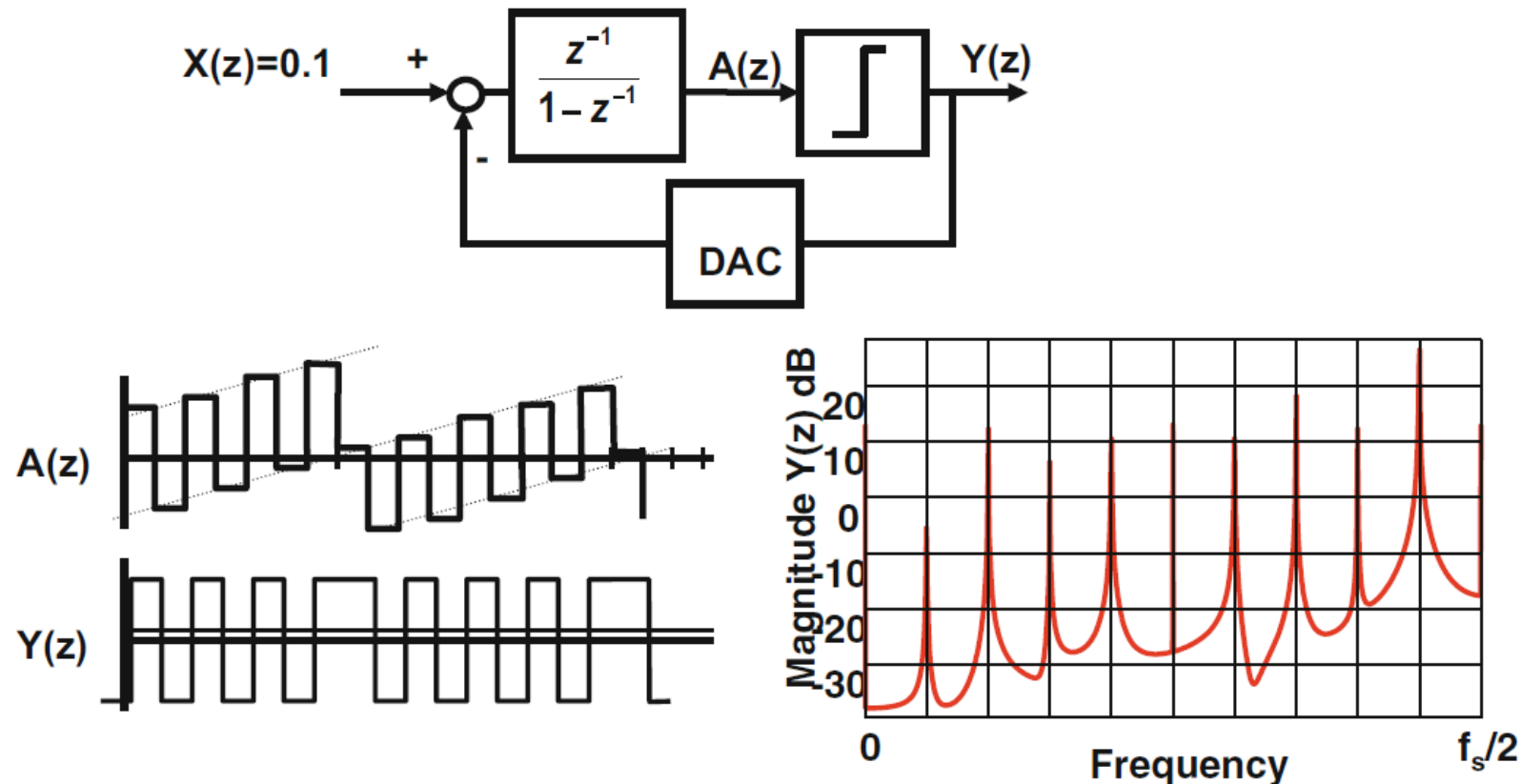
First-Order $\Sigma\Delta M$: Response to DC Input

- Average DAC output = $(1.5V \times 5 + 0.5V \times 3)/8 = 9/8 = 1.125V = V_{in}$ (-ve FB action)
- Average COMP output = $(2V \times 5 + 0V \times 3)/8 = 10/8 = 1.25V = 0.625V_{DD}$



Idle Tones

- ❑ The low frequency repetitive pattern in the output creates unwanted tones
- ❑ With higher-order modulators or the addition of helper signals (dither) these tones are reduced to acceptable levels.



Higher-Order $\Sigma\Delta\mathbf{M}$

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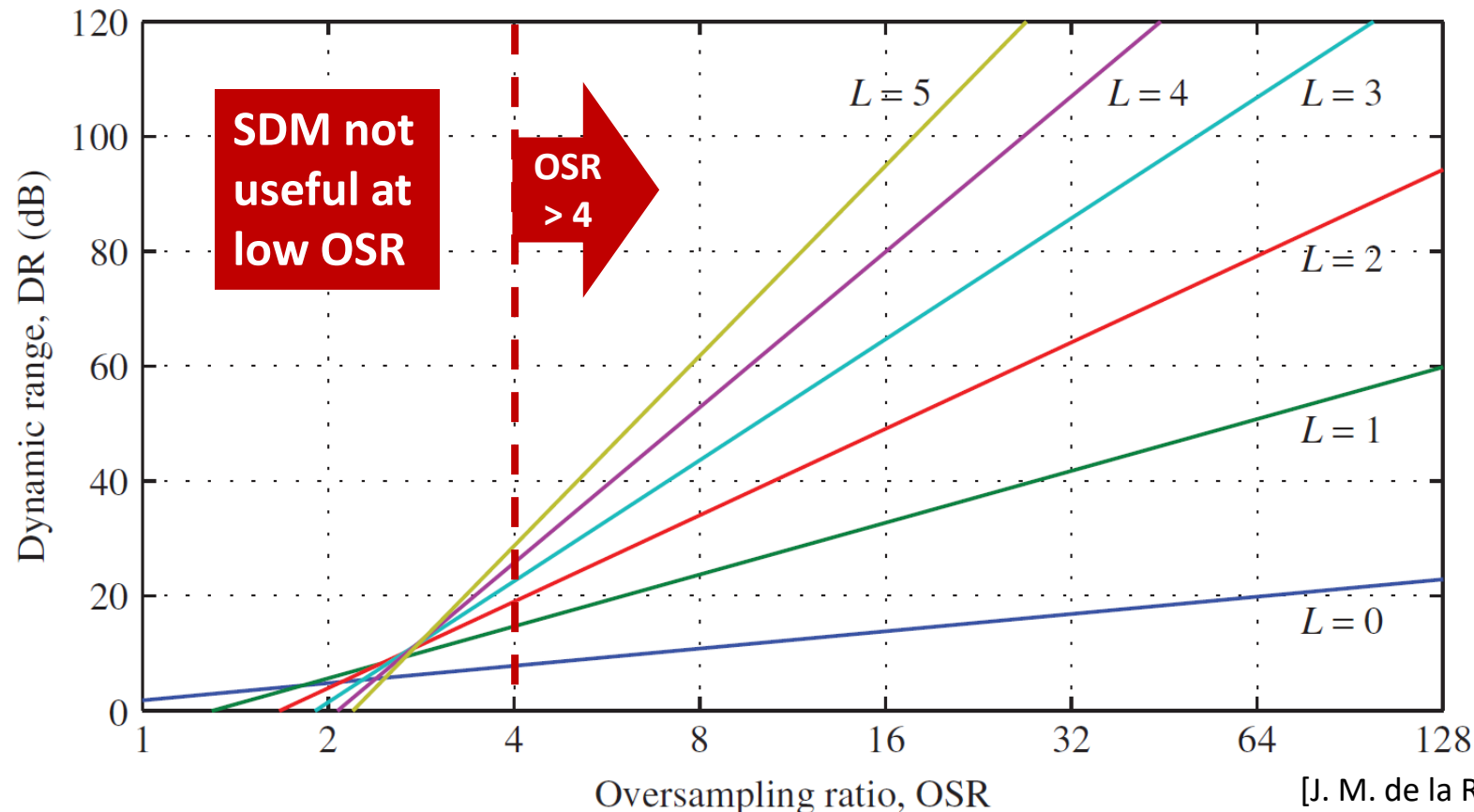
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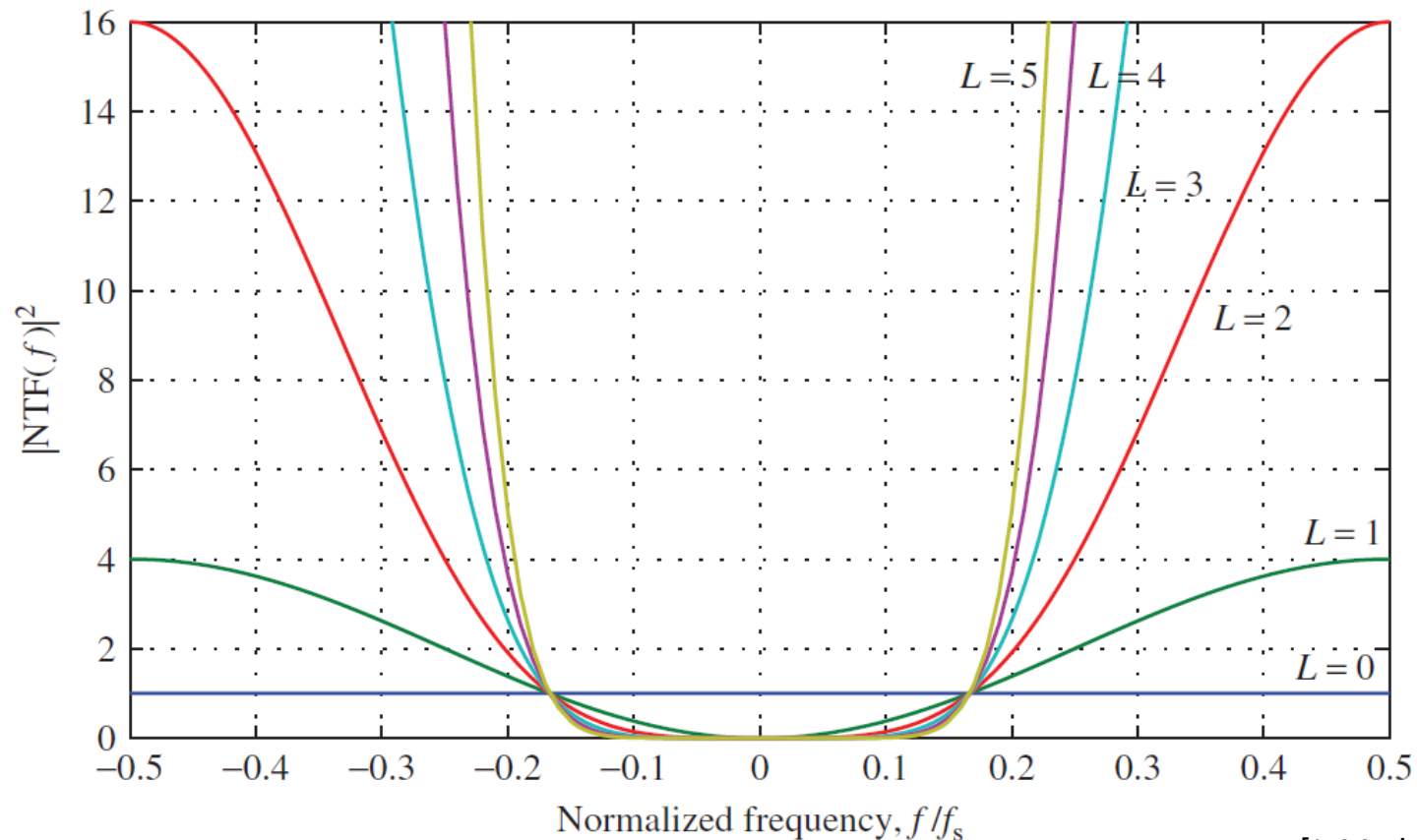
□ Higher order gives more noise shaping

- Ex: For $\text{OSR} = 32$, 4th order will give 3.5-bit more than 3rd order
 $(5 \times 4.5 - 5.02) - (5 \times 3.5 - 3.55) \approx 3.5 - \text{bit}$



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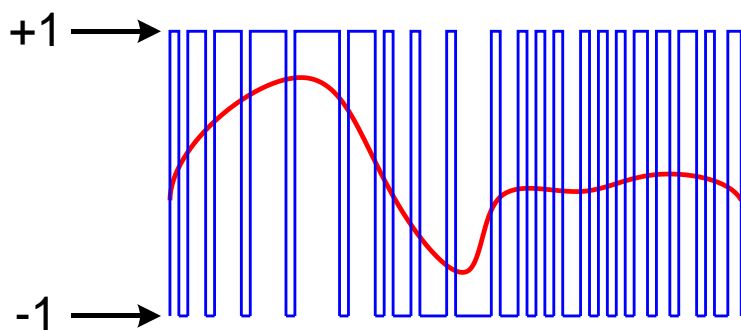
- Higher order gives more noise shaping
 - But $L > 2$ complicates loop stability
 - And more suppression of out-of-band noise is required



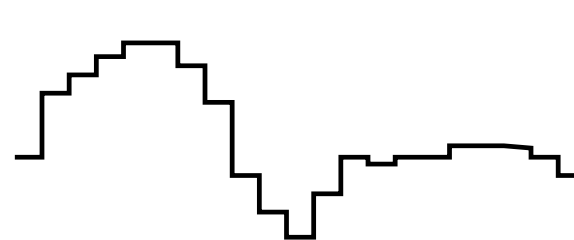
$\Sigma\Delta$ vs Nyquist ADC

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$\Sigma\Delta$ ADC output (1-bit)

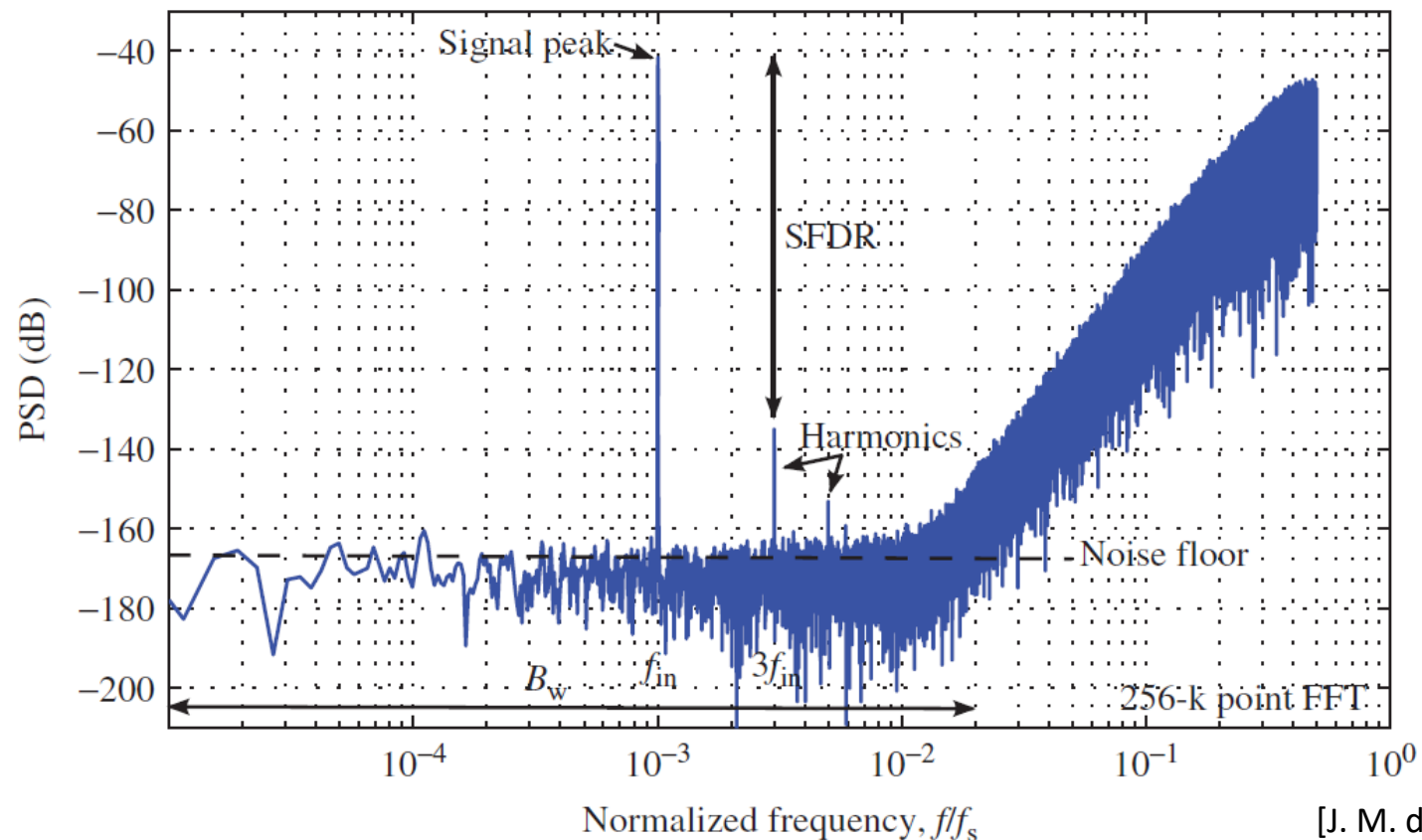


Nyquist ADC output



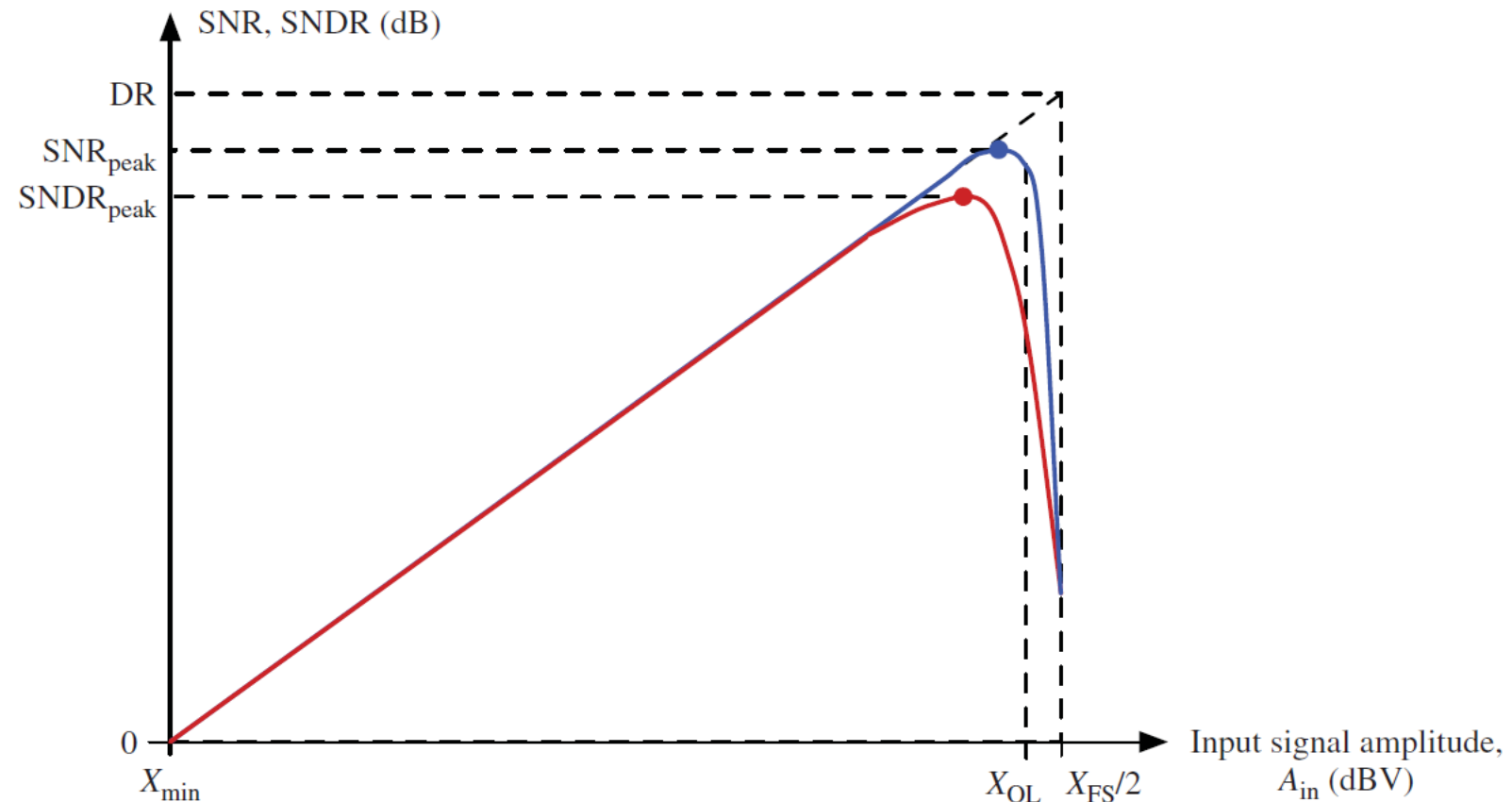
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Sigma-Delta Modulator Specs

- ❑ SNDR degrades faster due to distortion of large input signals
- ❑ SNR follows due to modulator overload
 - X_{OL} : Overload level
 - The amplitude at which SNR drops by 6dB
- ❑ Dynamic range is the span between full scale and noise floor



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