

CSE121: IoT

ADC/DAC

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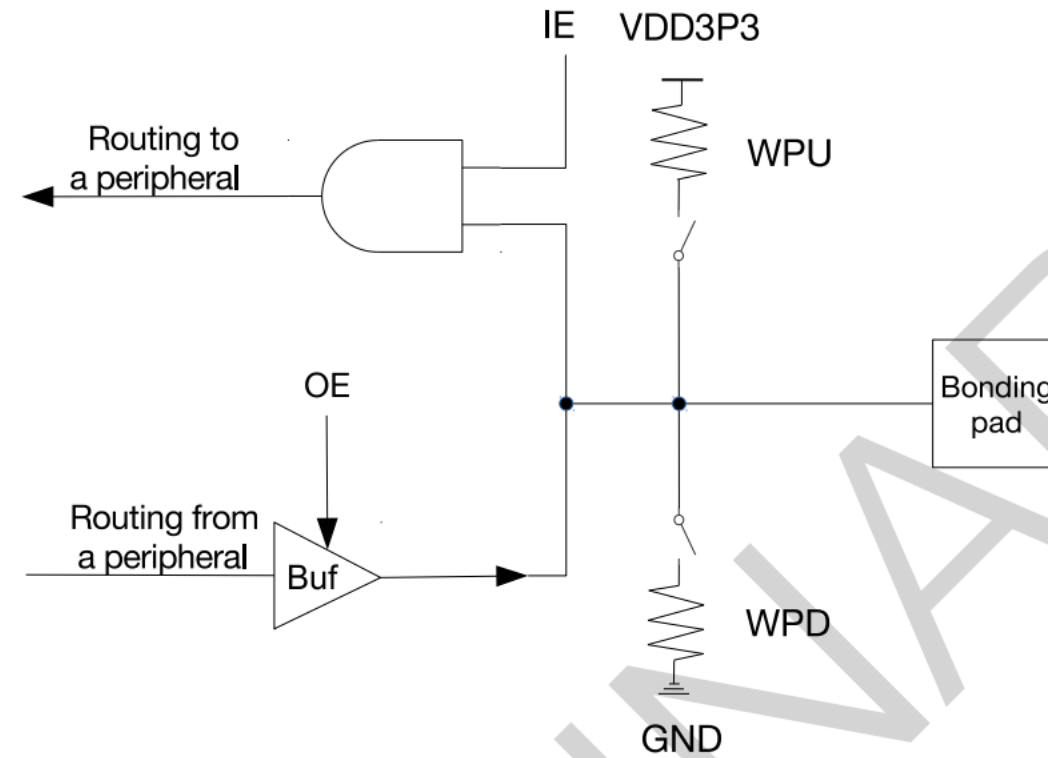
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Announcements

- Lab3 due next week
- Quiz next class
- Acknowledgments
 - Heiner Litz
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Single-Ended GPIO

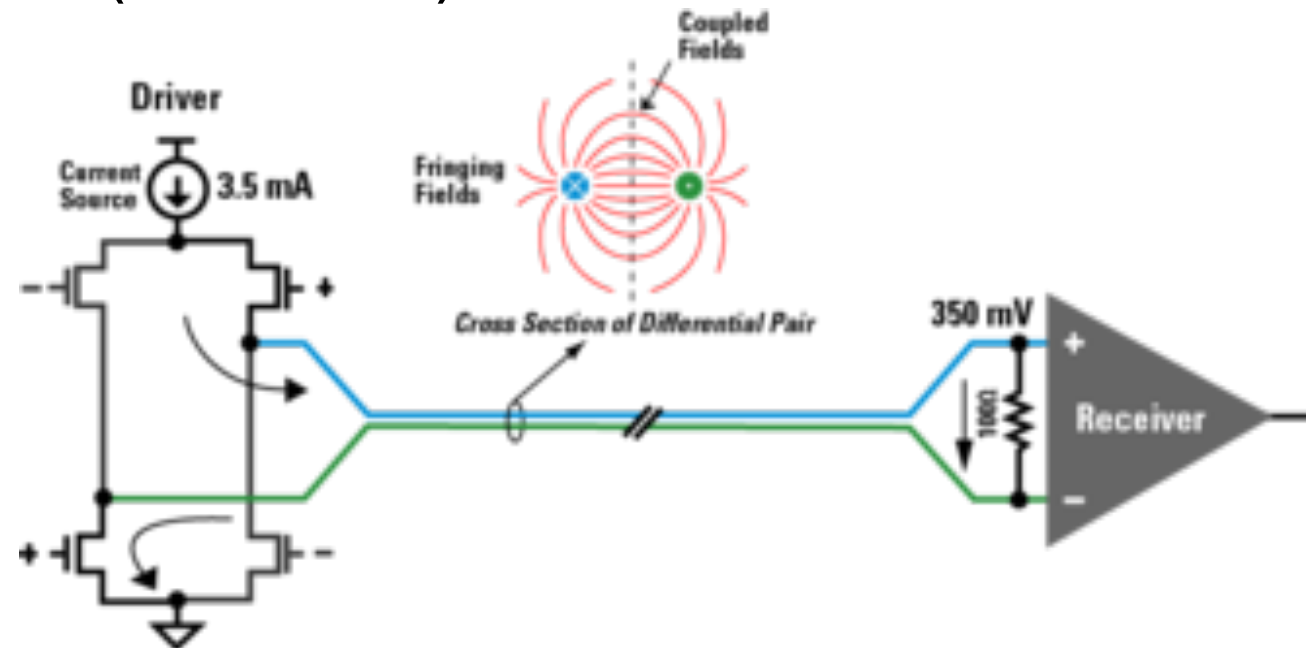
- GPIO like in ESP32



Single-ended limitations

- Clock frequency limits the amount of information that can be transferred via I/O
- Maximum frequency is limited (100's of MHz)
 - Longer PCB traces have higher capacity and impedance
 - Single ended signals operate at 3.3V/5V
 - Need to charge net to full swing
- DC signal generates current flow from one endpoint to the other
- Solution: Differential signaling (LVDS)

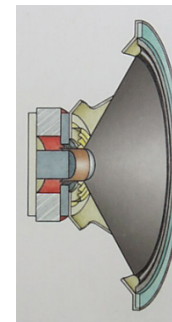
- Use two pins carrying an inverted voltage level
- No current flow
- Without full swing, just determine if $I_1 > I_2$ or $I_1 < I_2$
- Much higher frequencies (GHz)
- Longer (impedance-matched) PCB traces
- Supported by many microcontrollers (not PSoC)
- Higher power efficiency
- More Crosstalk immunity



- Almost all Integrated Circuits are digital systems
 - Robust: easy to distinguish 0 vs. 1 voltage-wise
 - Robust: temperature and variation tolerant
 - Simple: How to you build an electrical circuit to multiply 2 analog voltages? (e.g. $1.7V * 0.8V = 1.36V$)
- BUT: we live in an analog world
 - Audio
 - Video

We live in analog world

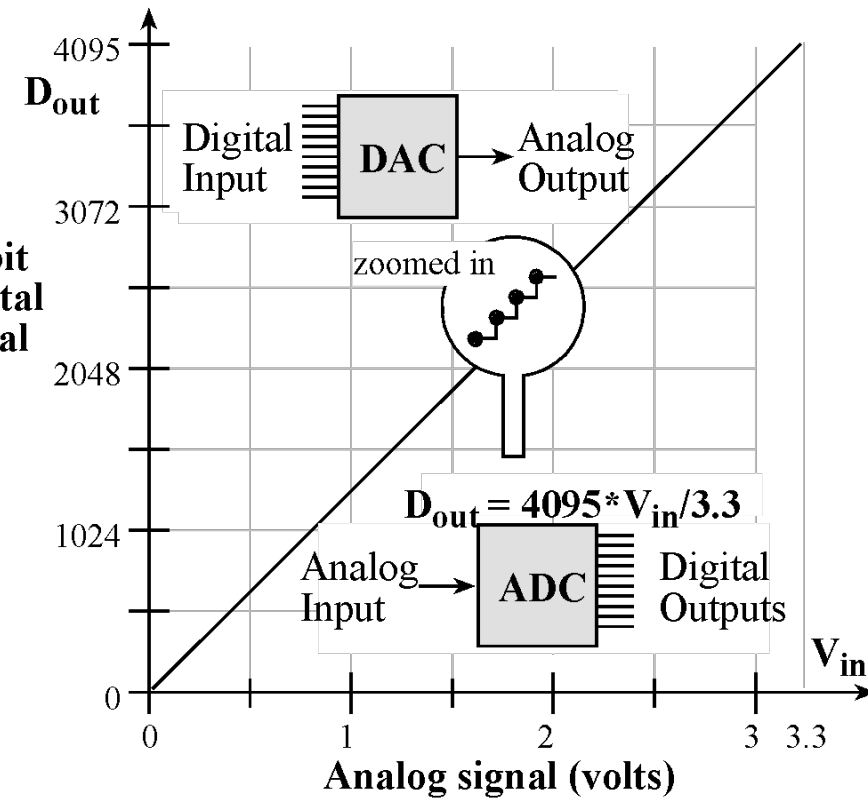
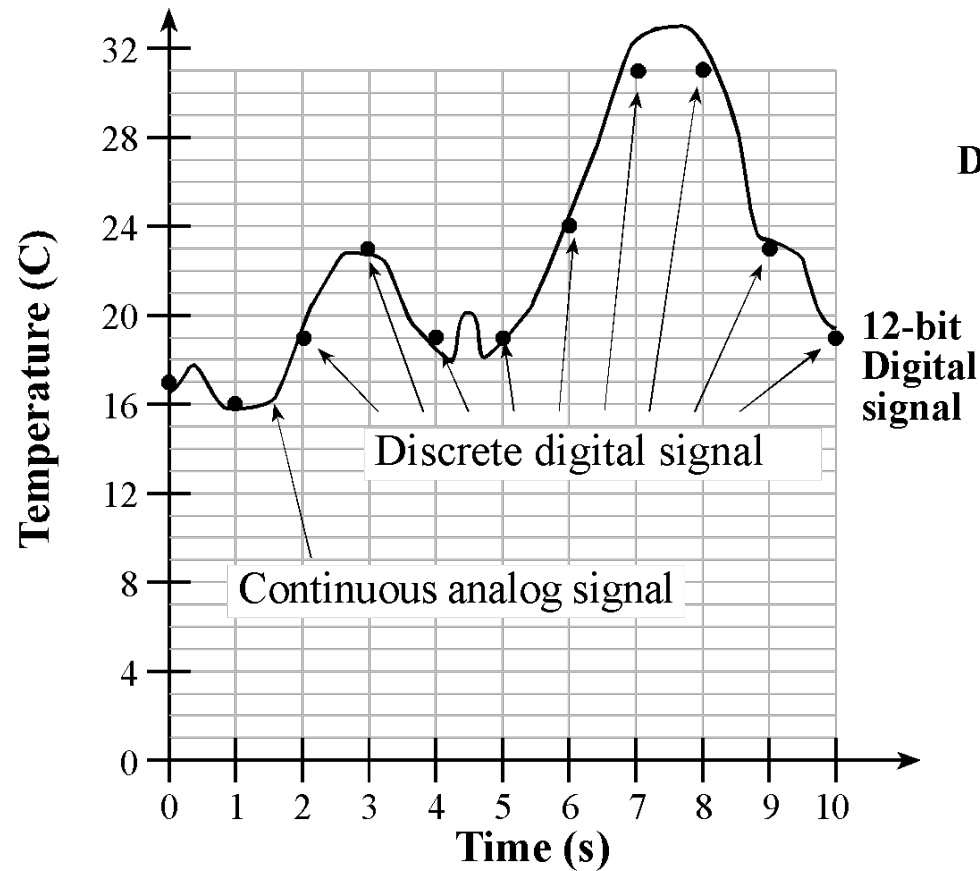
- Everything in the physical world is an analog signal
 - Sound, light, temperature, pressure
- Need to convert into electrical signals
 - Transducers: converts one type of energy to another
 - Electro-mechanical, Photonic, Electrical, ...
 - Examples
 - Microphone/speaker
 - Thermocouples
 - Accelerometers



- Analog-to-digital converter (ADC)
 - E.g: Microphone
- Digital-to-analog converter (DAC)
 - E.g: Speaker

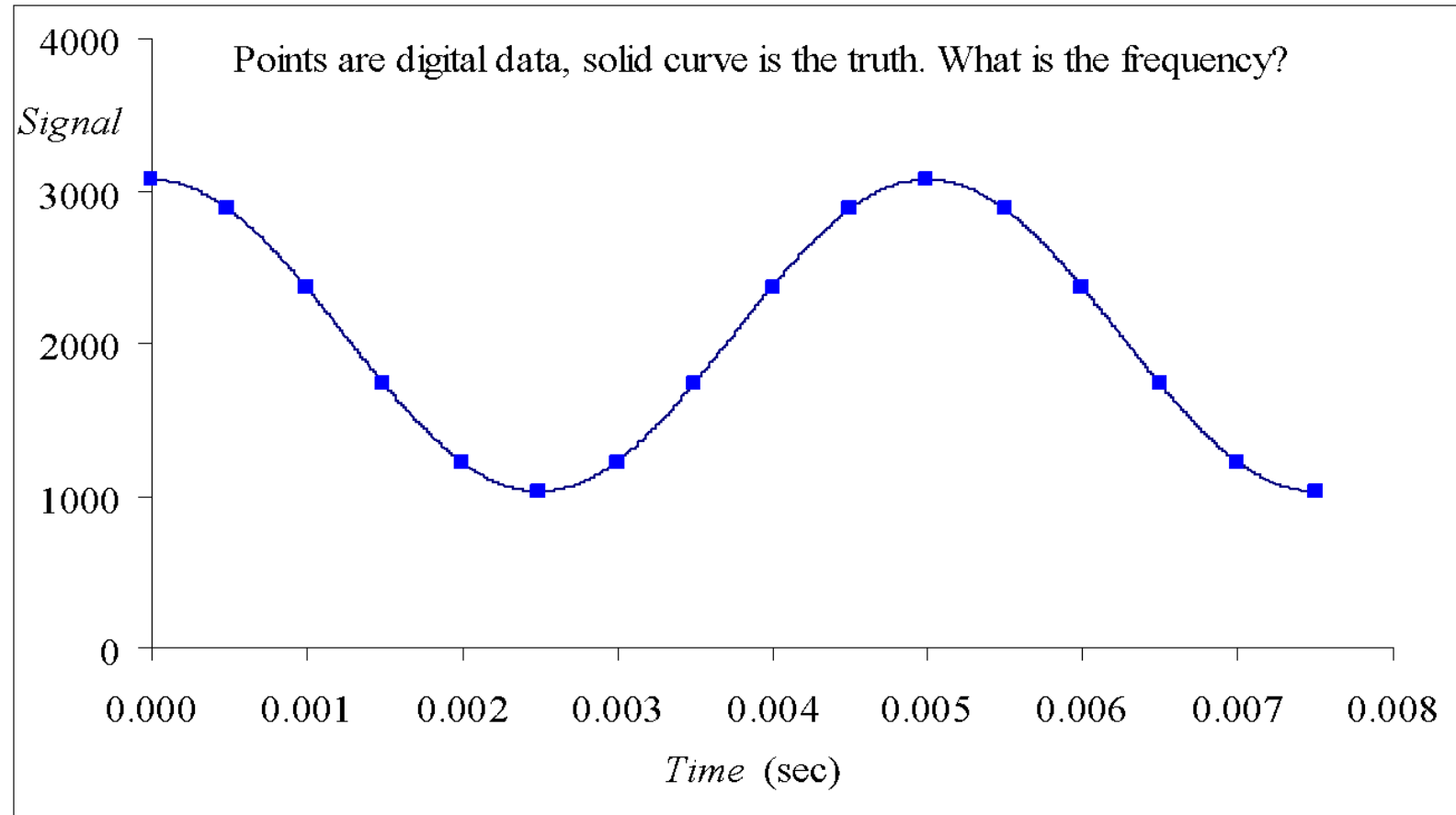
- Transforms continuous into discrete signal
- Discrete in time (x-axis)
- Described by sampling rate
 - How frequently do we measure?
 - Discrete amplitude (y-axis)
- Sensor produces a continuous range of voltages, e.g. 0V-5V
 - ADC input range needs to match sensor
 - An e.g. 12-bit ADC translates it into 2¹² discrete values
 - Discrete values uniformly distributed over range

- E.g:
 - 12 levels, 0 to 3.3V



Sampling frequency

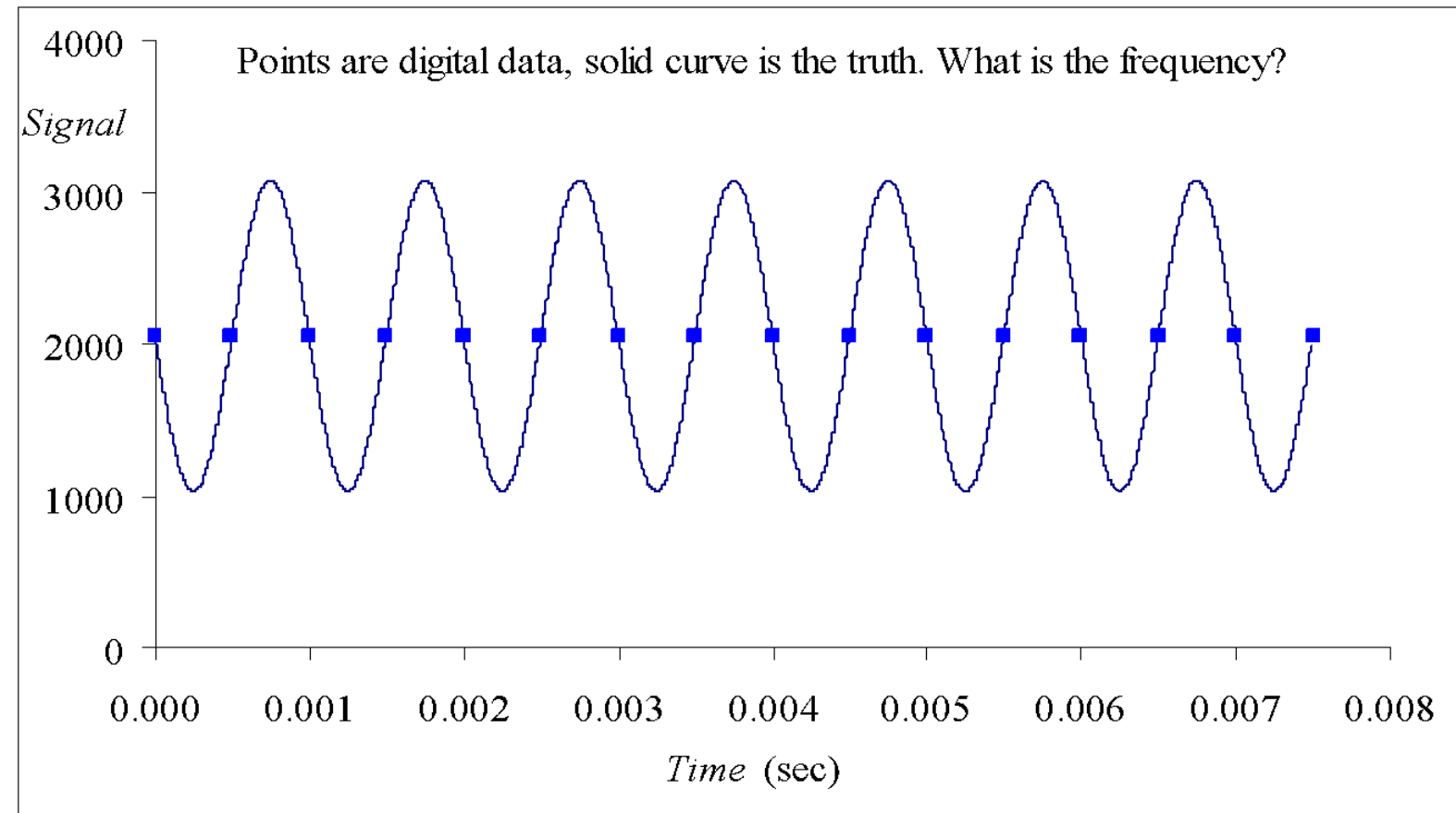
- 200Hz sampled at 2KHz



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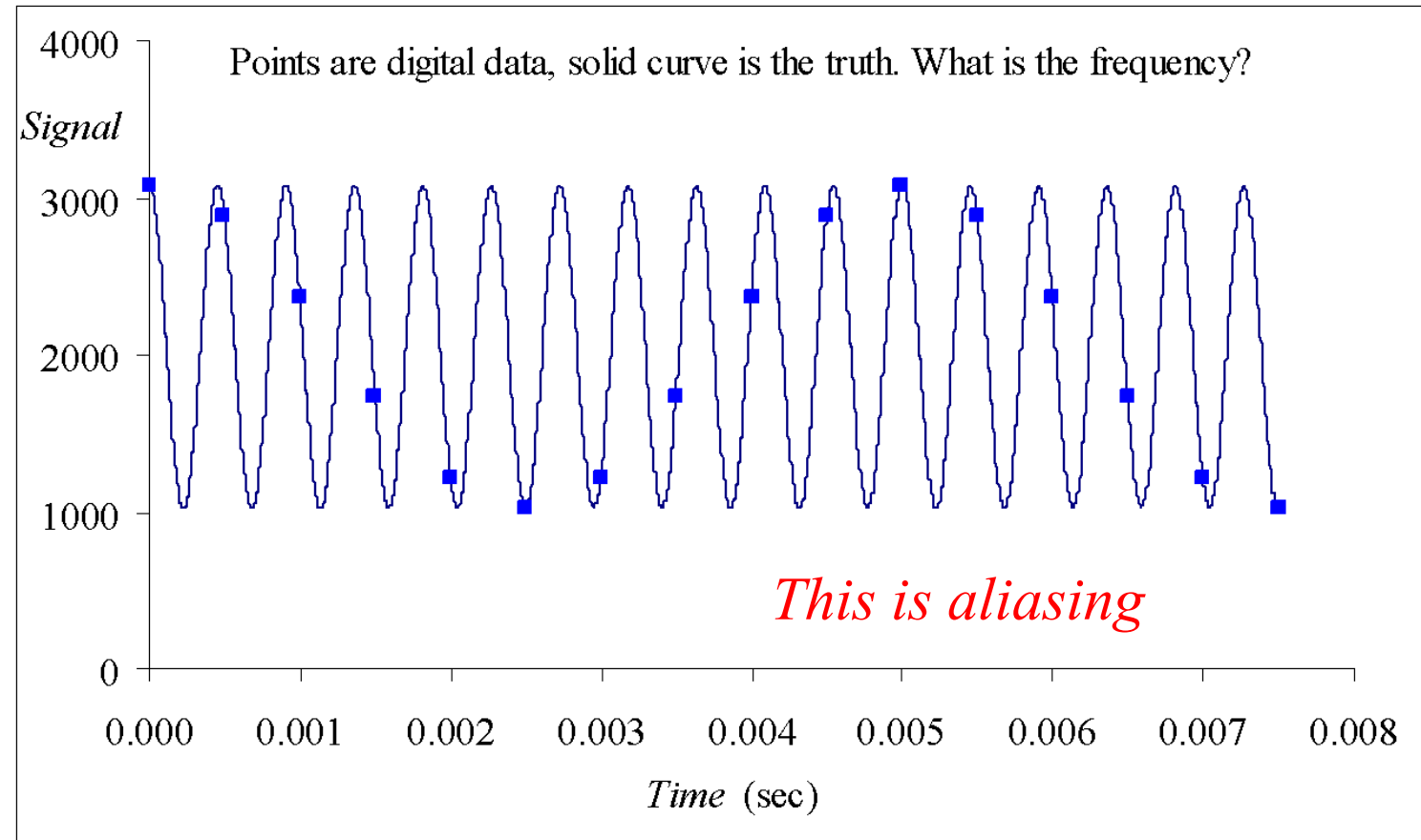
- 1KHz sampled at 2KHz



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Sample aliasing “funny effects”

- 2200Hz signal samples at 2000Hz



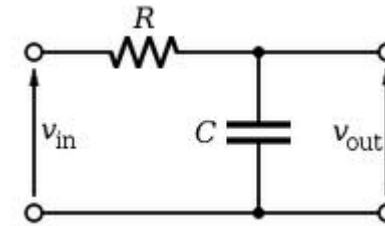
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- If a function contains no frequencies higher than B hertz, then it can be completely determined from its ordinates at a sequence of points spaced less than $1/(2B)$ seconds apart.

$$f_{\text{samples}} > 2f_{\text{max}}$$

What about alias?

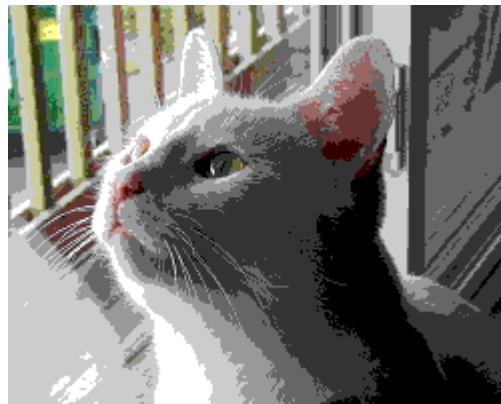
- Use a low-pass filter to remove high frequencies that can alias
- If your sampling frequency is 1KHz, you should remove frequencies higher than 1KHz to avoid potential alias



- Most ADC have a built-in filter

ADC Dithering

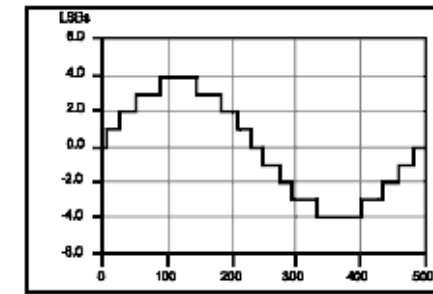
- Some ADCs have dithering (not ESP32)
 - Oversample with random noise
 - Filter (smooth) data



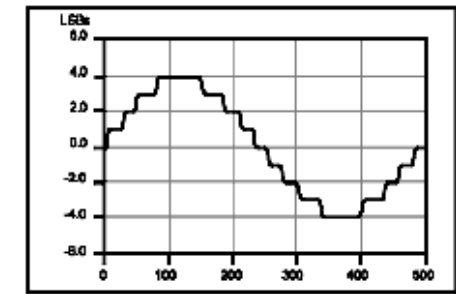
Direct Samples



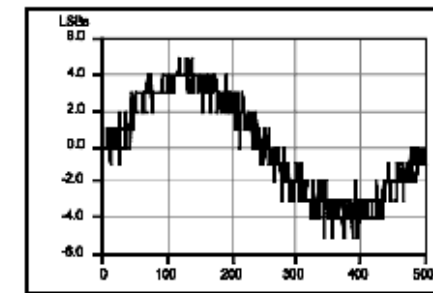
Dithered Samples



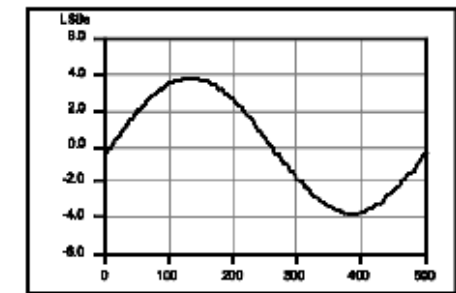
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b. Dither disabled; average of 50 acquisitions



c. Dither enabled; no averaging



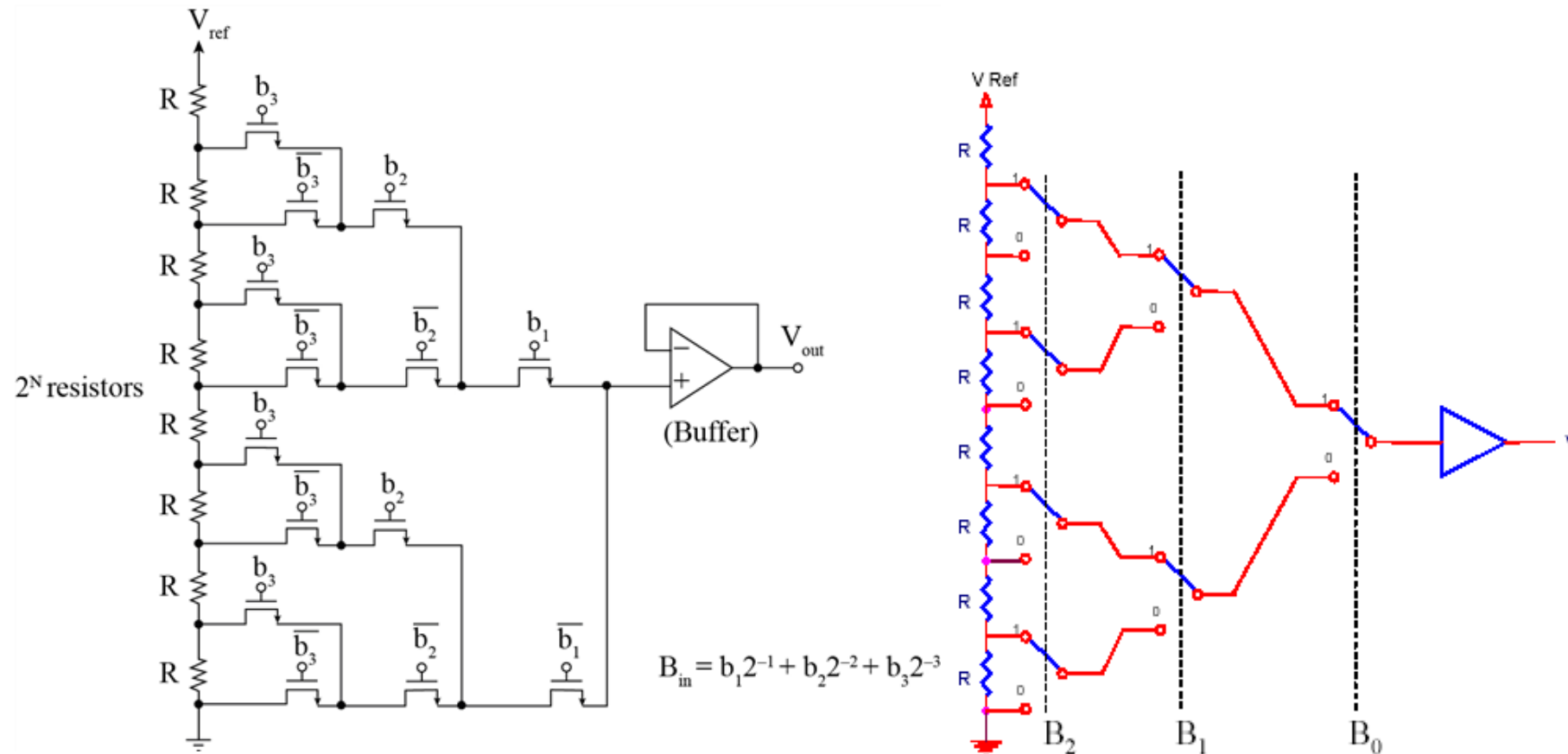
d. Dither enabled; average of 50 acquisitions

Building a DAC/ADC

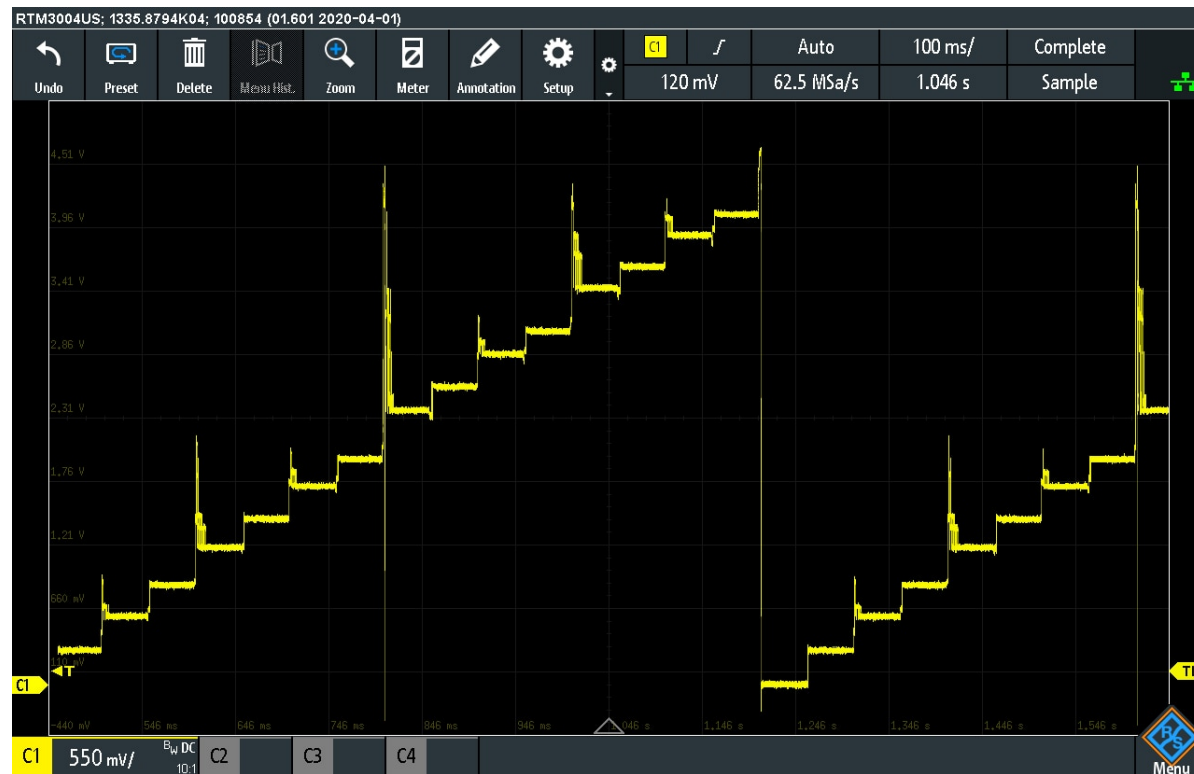
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Thermometer encoded DAC

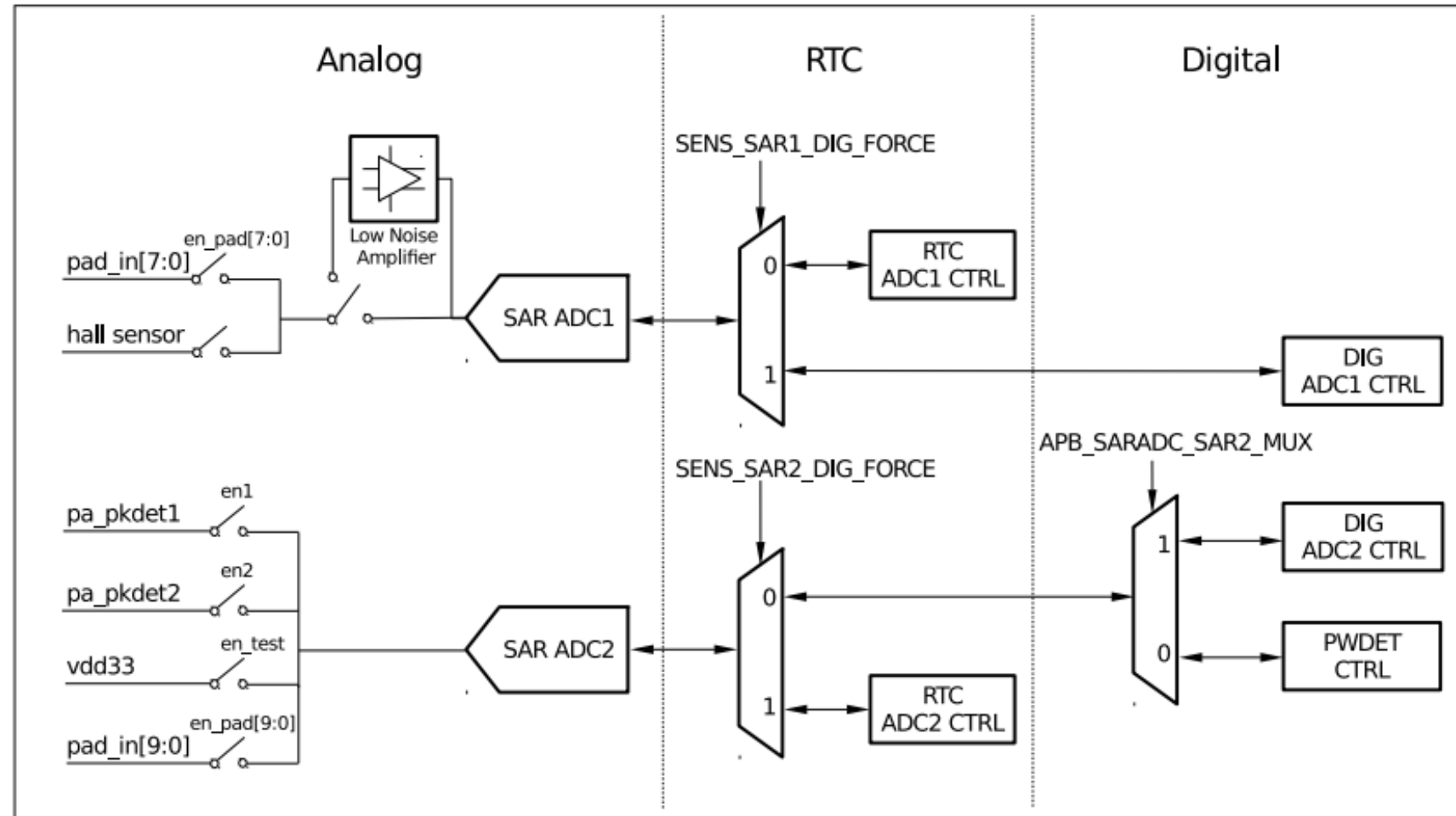
- <https://www.chegg.com/homework-help/analog-integrated-circuit-design-2nd-edition-chapter-16-solutions-9780470770108>



- Not all the bits may switch at once



ESP32 ADC

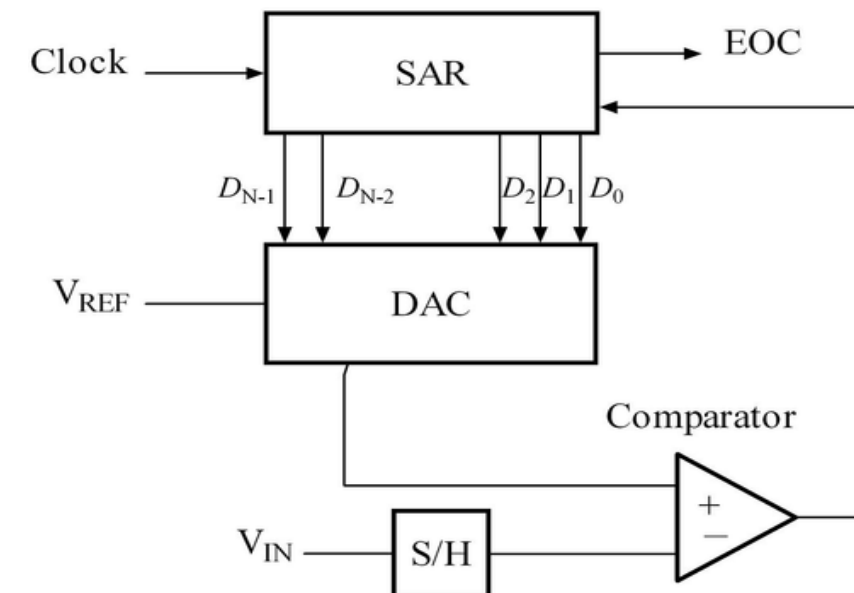


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- ESP32C3 SAR ADC
 - 2 channels
 - 12-bit, 11-bit, 10-bit, 9-bit configurable resolution
 - ESP32C3 DAC
 - 2 8-bit channels

- Successive approximation ADC
 - V_{IN} approximated as a static value in a sample and hold (S/H) circuit
 - Successive approximation register (SAR) is a counter that increments each clock as long as it is enabled by the comparator
 - output of the SAR is fed to a DAC that generates a voltage to compare with V_{IN}
 - when the output of the DAC = V_{IN} the value of SAR is the digital representation of V_{IN}
 - Brute-force search for V_{IN}



Sampling rate and gyro?

- Check ESP32 doc...

- Concurrency