

EE247

Lecture 25

- Administrative

- EE247 Final exam:

- Date: Sat. Dec. 13th
 - Time: 5 to 8pm
 - Location: 203 MCL (same as class)

- Closed course notes/books
 - No calculators/cell phones/PDAs/computers
 - Bring **two** 8x11 paper with your own notes
 - Final exam covers the entire course material unless specified otherwise

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Oversampled ADCs (continued)

- 2nd order $\Sigma\Delta$ modulator

- Practical implementation

- Effect of various building block nonidealities on the $\Sigma\Delta$ performance

- Integrator maximum signal handling capability
 - Integrator finite DC gain
 - Comparator hysteresis
 - Integrator non-linearity
 - Effect of KT/C noise
 - Finite opamp bandwidth
 - Opamp slew limited settling

- Implementation example

- Higher order $\Sigma\Delta$ modulators

- Cascaded modulators (multi-stage)
 - Single-loop single-quantizer modulators with multi-order filtering in the forward path

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator Example

- Digital audio application

- Signal bandwidth 20kHz
- Desired resolution 16-bit

$16\text{-bit} \rightarrow 98\text{ dB}$ Dynamic Range

$$DR_{2\text{nd order } \Sigma\Delta} = -11.1\text{ dB} + 50 \log M$$

$$M_{\min} = 153$$

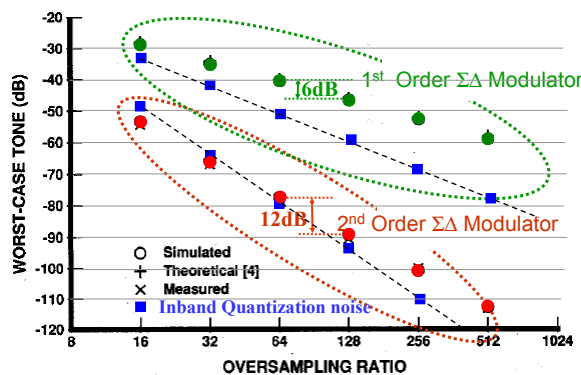
$M \rightarrow 256 = 2^8$ ($\rightarrow DR = 109\text{ dB}$) two reasons:

1. Allow some margin so that thermal noise dominate & provides dithering to minimize level of in-band limit cycle oscillation
2. Choice of M power of 2 \rightarrow ease of digital filter implementation

\rightarrow Sampling rate $(2 \times 20\text{kHz} + 5\text{kHz})M = 12\text{MHz}$ (quite reasonable!)

Limit Cycle Tones in 1st Order & 2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator

- Higher oversampling ratio \rightarrow lower tones
- 2nd order tones much lower compared to 1st
- 2X increase in M decreases the tones by 6dB for 1st order loop and 12dB for 2nd order loop

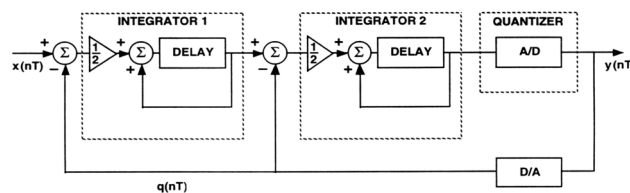


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 R. Gray, "Spectral analysis of quantization noise in a single-loop sigma-delta modulator with dc input," IEEE Trans. Commun., vol. 37, pp. 588-599, June 1989.

$\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Practical Design Considerations

- Internal node scaling & clipping
- Effect of finite opamp gain & linearity
- KT/C noise
- Opamp noise
- Effect of comparator nonidealities
- Power dissipation considerations

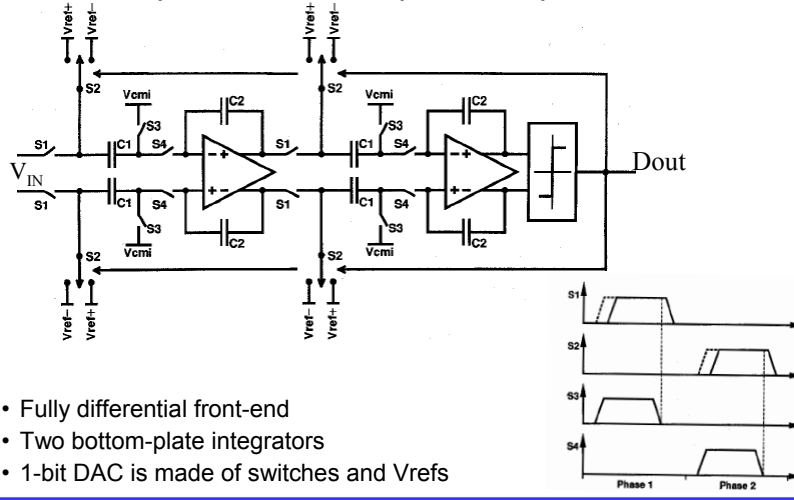
Switched-Capacitor Implementation 2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Nodes Scaled for Maximum Dynamic Range



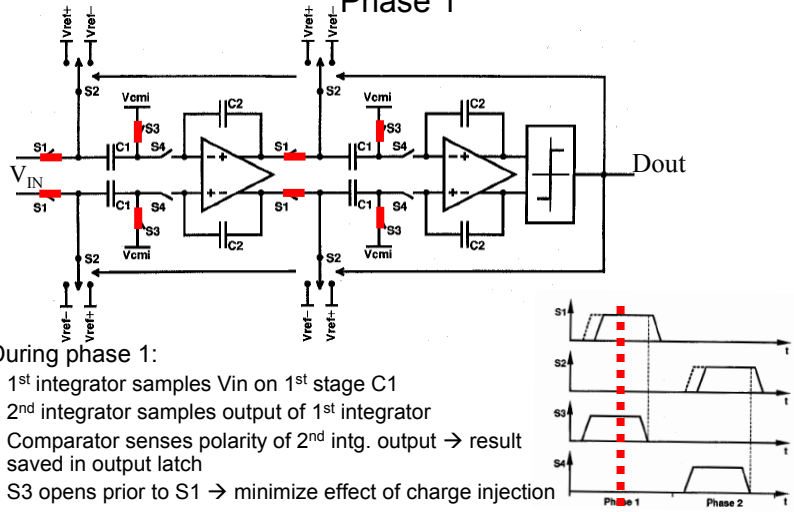
- Modification (gain of $1/2$ in front of integrators) reduce & optimize required signal range at the integrator outputs $\sim 1.7\times$ input full-scale (Δ)
- Note: Non-idealities associated with 2nd integrator and quantizer when referred to the $\Sigma\Delta$ input is attenuated by 1st integrator high gain
 - The only building block requiring low-noise and high accuracy is the 1st integrator

Ref: B.E. Boser and B.A. Wooley, "The Design of Sigma-Delta Modulation A/D Converters," IEEE J. Solid-State Circuits, vol. 23, no. 6, pp. 1298-1308, Dec. 1988.

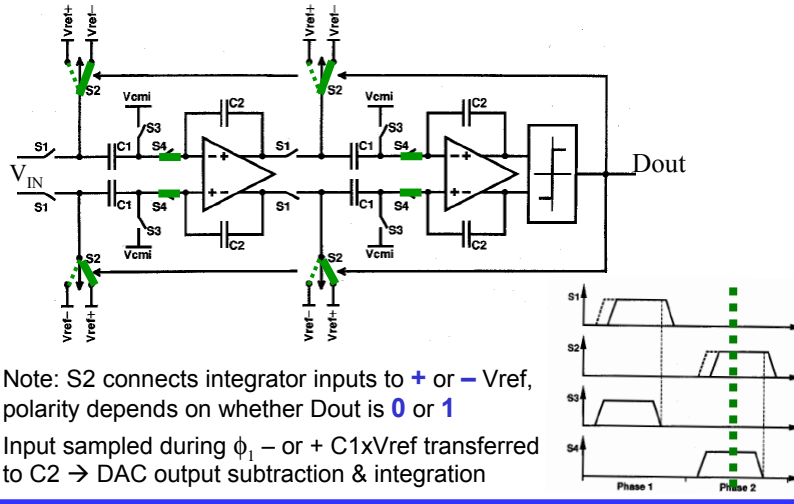
2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator Example: Switched-Capacitor Implementation



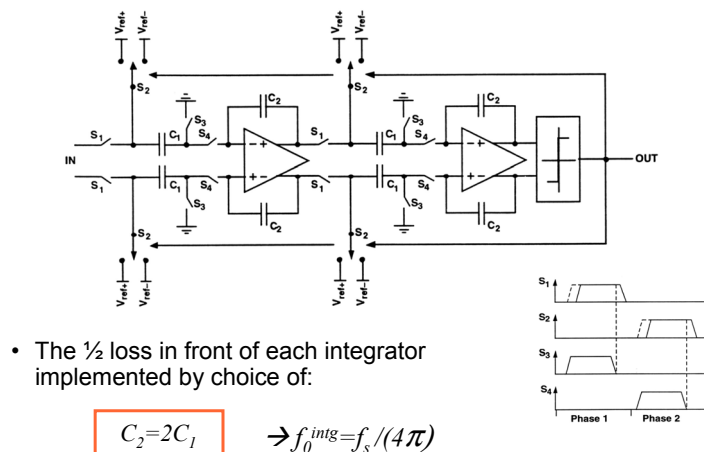
Switched-Capacitor Implementation 2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Phase 1



Switched-Capacitor Implementation 2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Phase 2



2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator Switched-Capacitor Implementation



Design Phase Simulations

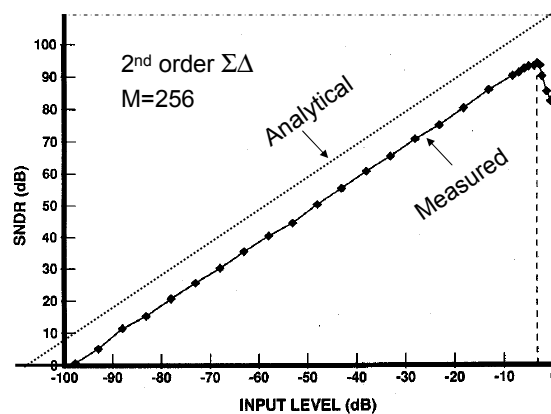
- Design of oversampled ADCs requires simulation of extremely long data traces due to the oversampled nature of the system
- SPICE type simulators:
 - Normally used to test for gross circuit errors only
 - Too slow for detailed performance verification
- Typically, behavioral modeling is used in MATLAB-like environments
- Circuit non-idealities either computed or found by using SPICE at subcircuit level
- Non-idealities introduced in the behavioral model one-by-one first to fully understand the effect of each individually
- Next step is to add as many of the non-idealities simultaneously as possible to verify whether there are interaction among non-idealities

Example: Testing $\Sigma\Delta$ ADC

Note:

The Nyquist ADC tests such as INL and DNL test do not apply to $\Sigma\Delta$ modulator type ADCs

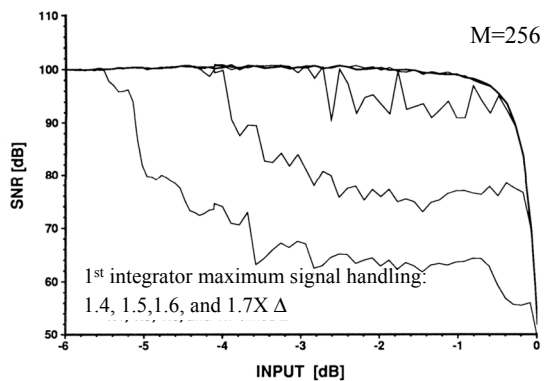
$\Sigma\Delta$ testing is performed via SNDR as a function of input signal level



2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$

Effect of 1st Integrator Maximum Signal Handling Capability on SNR

- Behavioral model
- Non-idealities tested one by one

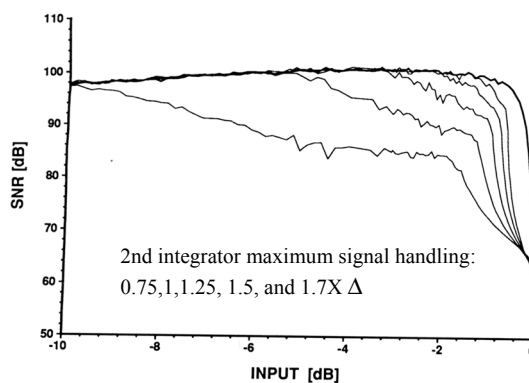


- Effect of 1st Integrator maximum signal handling capability on converter SNR
→ No SNR loss for max. sig. handling $> 1.7\Delta$

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$

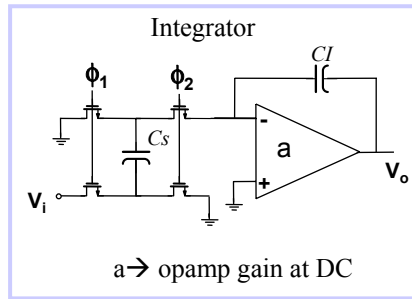
Effect of 2nd Integrator Maximum Signal Handling Capability on SNR



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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Finite DC Gain

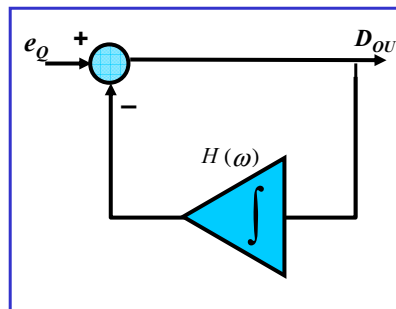
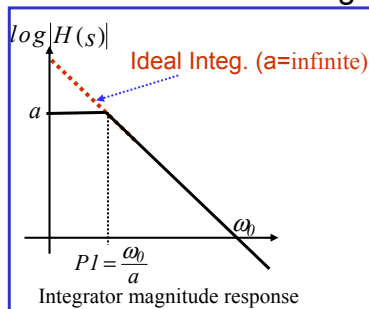


$$H(z)_{ideal} = \frac{C_s}{CI} \times \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

$$H(z)_{Finite\ DC\ Gain} = \frac{C_s}{CI} \times \frac{\left(\frac{a}{1 + a + \frac{C_s}{CI}} \right) z^{-1}}{1 - \left(\frac{1 + a + \frac{C_s}{CI}}{1 + a + \frac{C_s}{CI}} \right) z^{-1}}$$

$$\rightarrow H(DC) = a$$

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Finite DC Gain



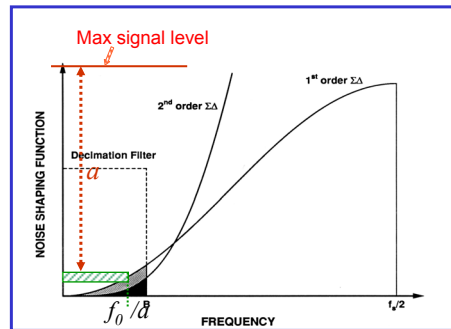
- Note: Quantization transfer function wrt output has integrator in the feedback path:

$$\frac{D_{out}}{e_Q} = \frac{1}{1 + H(\omega)}$$

$$\rightarrow @ DC \text{ for ideal integ: } \frac{D_{out}}{e_Q} = 0$$

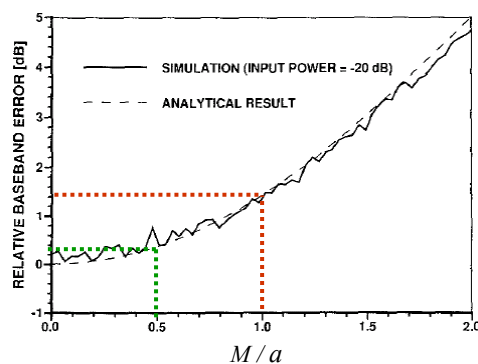
$$\rightarrow @ DC \text{ for real integ: } \frac{D_{out}}{e_Q} \approx \frac{1}{a}$$

1st & 2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Finite DC Gain



- Low integrator DC gain \rightarrow Increase in total in-band quantization noise
- Can be shown: If $a > M$ (oversampling ratio) \rightarrow Insignificant degradation in SNR
- Normally DC gain designed to be $\gg M$ in order to suppress nonlinearities

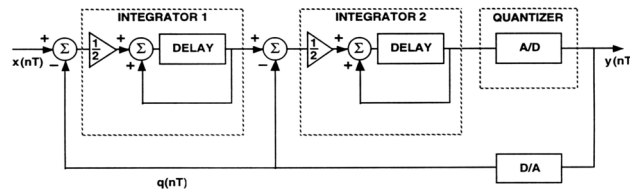
2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Finite DC Gain



- Example: $a = 2M \rightarrow 0.4\text{dB}$ degradation in SNR
 $a = M \rightarrow 1.4\text{dB}$ degradation in SNR

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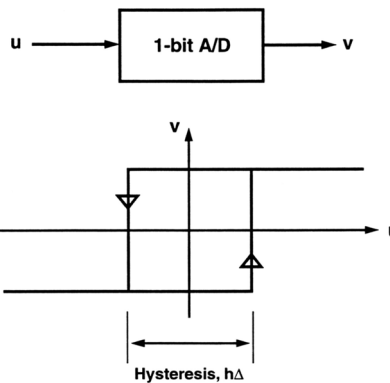
2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Comparator Non-Idealities on $\Sigma\Delta$ Performance



1-bit A/D \rightarrow Single comparator

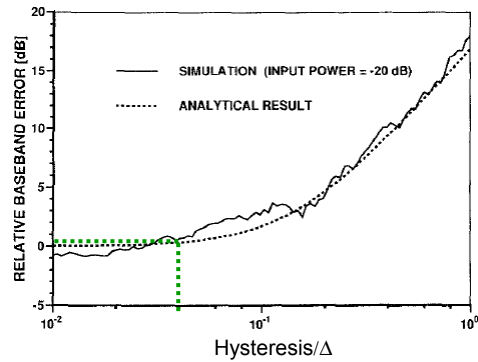
- Speed must be adequate for the operating sampling rate
- Input referred offset- feedback loop & high DC intg. gain suppresses the effect
 $\rightarrow \Sigma\Delta$ performance quite insensitive to comparator offset
- Input referred comparator noise- same as offset
- Hysteresis= Minimum overdrive required to change the output

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Comparator Hysteresis



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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Comparator Hysteresis

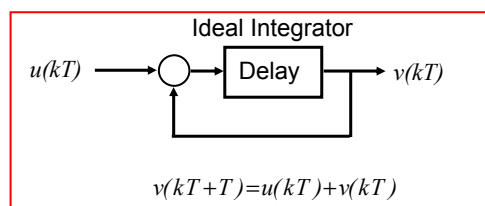


→ Comparator hysteresis $< \Delta/25$ does not affect SNR

→ E.g. $\Delta=1\text{V}$, comparator hysteresis up to 40mV tolerable

Key Point: One of the main advantages of $\Sigma\Delta$ ADCs → Highly tolerant of comparator and in general building-block non-idealities

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Nonlinearities

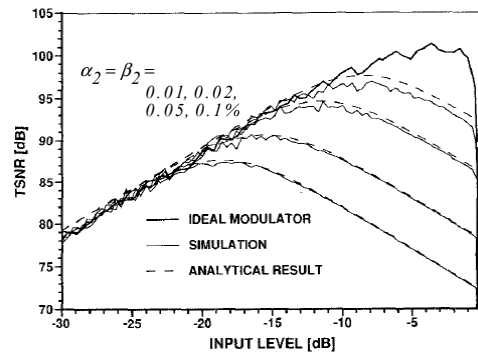


With non-linearity added:

$$v(kT+T) = u(kT) + \alpha_2 [u(kT)]^2 + \alpha_3 [u(kT)]^3 + \dots + v(kT) + \beta_2 [v(kT)]^2 + \beta_3 [v(kT)]^3 + \dots$$

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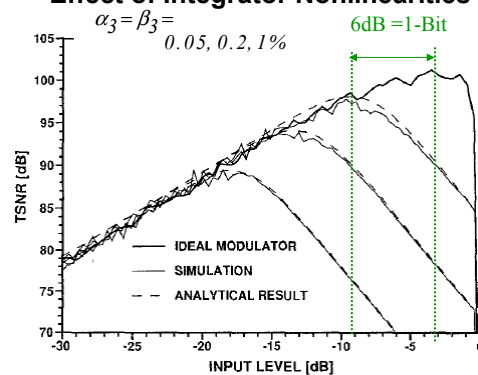
2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Nonlinearities (Single-Ended)



- Simulation for single-ended topology
- Even order nonlinearities can be significantly attenuated by using differential circuit topologies

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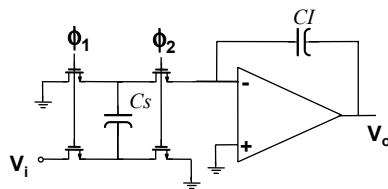
- Simulation for single-ended topology
- Odd order nonlinearities (3rd in this case)

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator Nonlinearities

- Odd order nonlinearities (usually 3rd) could cause significant loss of SNR for high resolution oversampled ADCs
- Two significant source of non-linearities:
 - Non-linearities associated with opamp used to build integrators
 - Opamp open-loop non-linearities are suppressed by the loopgain since there is feedback around the opamp
 - Class A opamps tend to have lower open loop gain but more linear output versus input transfer characteristic
 - Class A/B opamps typically have higher open loop gain but non-linear transfer function. At times this type is preferred for $\Sigma\Delta$ AFE due to its superior slew rate compared to class A type
 - Integrator capacitor non-linearities
 - Poly-SiO₂-Poly capacitors \rightarrow non-linearity in the order of 10ppm/V
 - Metal-SiO₂-Metal capacitors \sim 1ppm/V

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Integrator KT/C noise



$$\overline{v_n^2} = \frac{2KT}{C_S}$$

$$\overline{v_n^2} / f = 2 \frac{kT}{C_S} \times \frac{1}{f_s/2} = 4 \frac{kT}{C_S \times f_s}$$

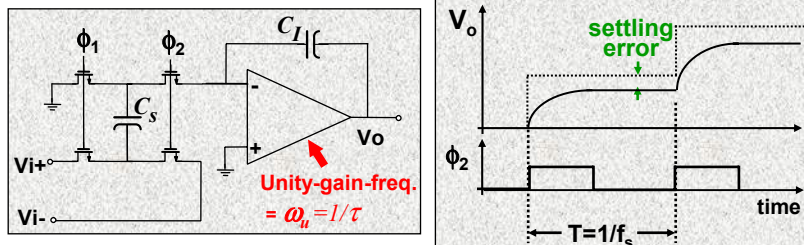
Total in-band noise:

$$\overline{v_n^2}_{\text{input-referred}} = 4 \frac{kT}{C_S \times f_s} \times f_B$$

$$= \frac{2kT}{C_S \times M}$$

- For the example of digital audio with 16-bit (96dB) & $M=256$ (110dB SQNR)
 - $\rightarrow C_S=1\text{pF} \rightarrow 7\mu\text{V}_{\text{rms}}$ noise
 - \rightarrow If $V_{FS}=2V_{p-p-d}$ then thermal noise @ -101dB \rightarrow degrades overall SNR by ~10dB
 - $\rightarrow C_S=1\text{pF}, C_I=2\text{pF} \rightarrow$ **much smaller capacitor area ($\sim 1/M$) compared to Nyquist ADC**
 - \rightarrow Since thermal noise provides some level of dithering \rightarrow better not choose much larger capacitors!

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Finite Opamp Bandwidth

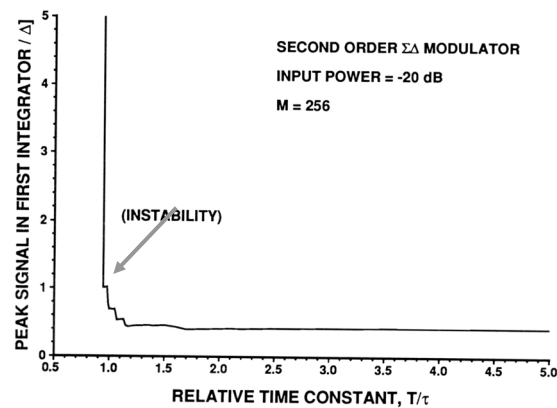


Assumptions:

Opamp \rightarrow does not slew

Opamp has only one pole \rightarrow exponential settling

2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Finite Opamp Bandwidth

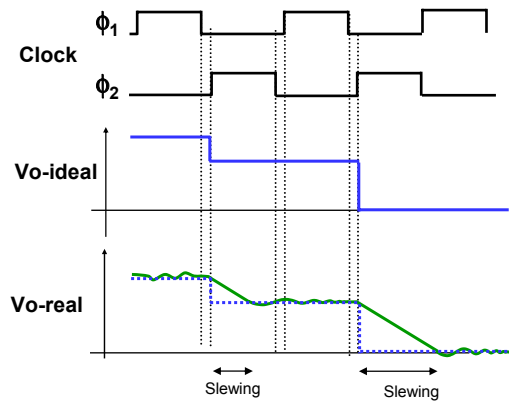


$\rightarrow \Sigma\Delta$ does not require high opamp bandwidth $T/\tau > 2$ or $f_u > 2f_s$ adequate

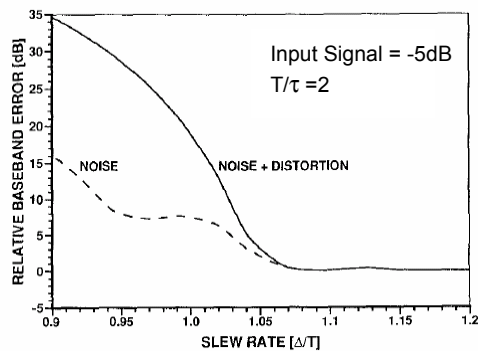
Note: Bandwidth requirements significantly more relaxed compared to Nyquist rate ADCs

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Effect of Slew Limited Settling



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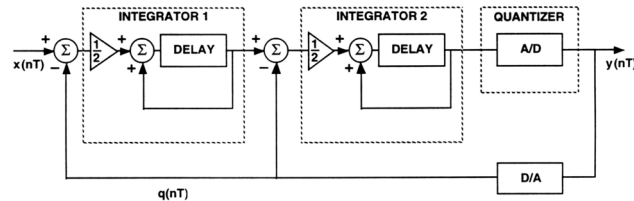


Assumption:

- Opamp settling \rightarrow includes a single-pole settling of $\tau = 1/2f_s$ + slewing
- \rightarrow Low slew rate degrades SNR rapidly- increases quantization noise and also causes signal distortion
- \rightarrow Minimum slew rate of $S_R^{min} \sim 1.2 (\Delta \times f_s)$ required

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Digital Audio Application

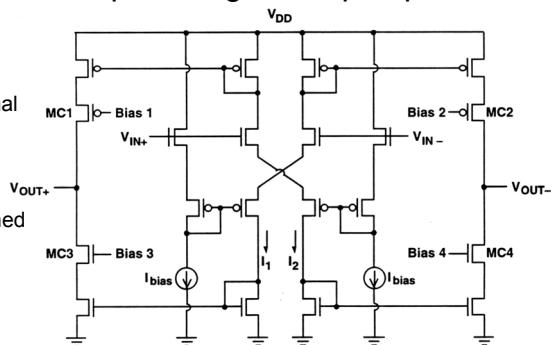


- In Ref.: 5V supply, $\Delta = 4\text{Vp-p-d}$, $f_s = 12.8\text{MHz} \rightarrow M=256 \rightarrow$ theoretical quantization noise @-110dB
- Minimum capacitor values computed based on -104dB noise wrt maximum signal
 - \rightarrow Max. inband KT/C noise = $7\mu\text{Vrms}$ (thermal noise dominates \rightarrow provide dithering & reduce limit cycle oscillations)
 - $\rightarrow C1 = (2kT)/(M v_n^2) = 1\text{pF}$ $C2 = 2C1$

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Integrator Opamp

- Class A/B type opamp \rightarrow High slew-rate
- S.C. common-mode feedback
- Input referred noise (both thermal and $1/f$) important for high resolution performance
- Minimum required DC gain $> M=256$, usually DC gain designed to be much higher to suppress nonlinearities (particularly, for class A/B amps)
- Minimum required slew rate of $1.2(\Delta f_s) \rightarrow 65\text{V}/\mu\text{sec}$
- Minimum opamp settling time constant $\rightarrow 1/2f_s \sim 30\text{nsec}$



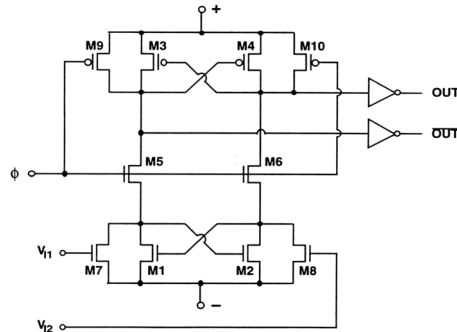
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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Comparator

▪ Comparator → simple design

▪ Minimum acceptable hysteresis or offset (based on analysis) → $\Delta/25 \sim 160\text{mV}$

→ Since offset requirement not stringent → No preamp needed, basically a latch with reset



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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Subcircuit Performance

Subcircuit Performance		Our computed <u>minimum required</u>	Over-Design Factor
Operational Amplifier			
DC gain	67 dB	DC Gain 48dB (compensates non-linear open-loop gain)	x8
Unity-gain frequency	50 MHz	Unity-gain freq = $2f_s = 25\text{MHz}$	x2
Slew rate	350 V/ μsec	Slew rate = 65V/ μsec	x5
Linear output range	6 V	Output range $1.7\Delta = 6.8\text{V}$!	X0.9
Sampling rate	12.8 MHz		
Integrator			
Settling time constant	7.25 nsec	Settling time constant = 30nsec	x4
Comparator			
Offset	13 mV	Comparator offset 160mV	x12

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Digital Audio Applications

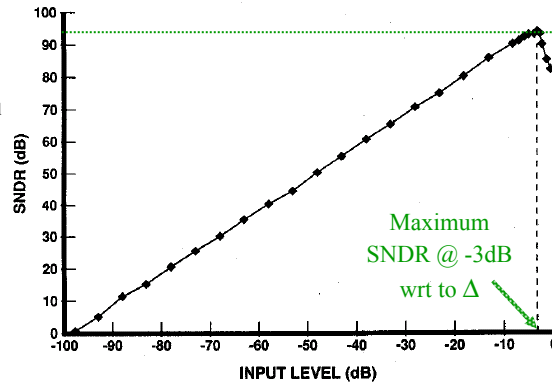
Measured SNDR

$M=256$, $0\text{dB}=4V_{\text{p-p-d}}$

$f_{\text{sampling}}: 12.8\text{MHz}$

Test signal

frequency: 2.8kHz



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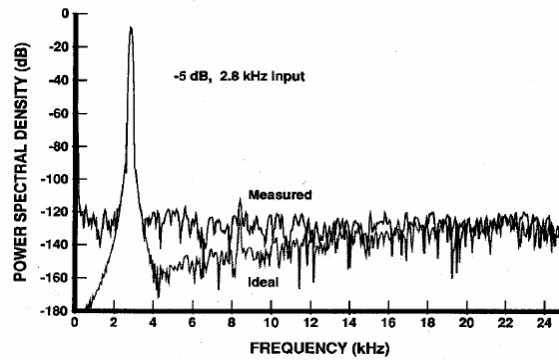
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Measured Performance Summary (Does Not Include Decimator)

Dynamic Range	98 dB (16 b)
Peak SNDR	94 dB
Sampling Rate	12.8 MHz
Oversampling Ratio	256
Output Rate	50 kHz
Signal Band	23 kHz
Differential Input Range	4 V
Supply Voltage	5 V
Power Supply Rejection	60 dB
Power Dissipation	13.8 mW
Area	0.39 mm ²
Technology	1- μm CMOS

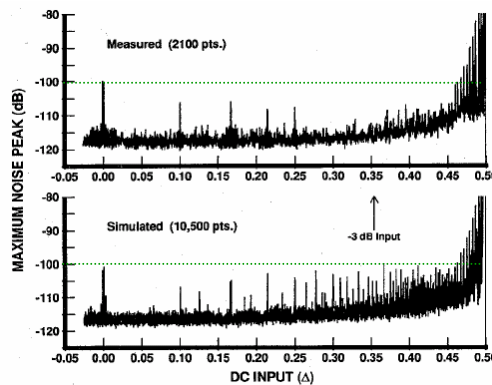
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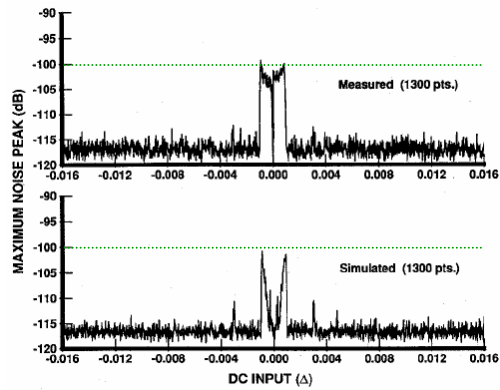
2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Digital Audio Applications



→ Measured & simulated spurious tones performance as a function of DC input signal
→ Sampling rate=12.8MHz, M=256

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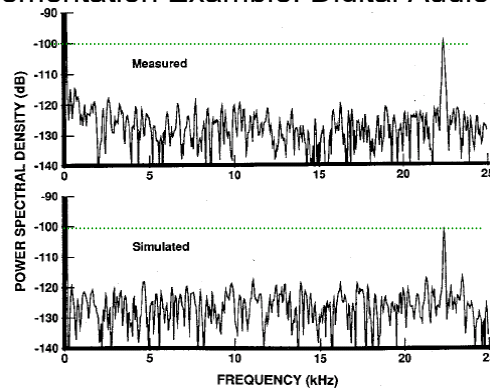


Sampling rate=12.8MHz,
M=256

→ Measured & simulated noise tone performance for near zero DC worst case input → 0.00088Δ

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2nd Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Implementation Example: Digital Audio Applications



→ Measured & simulated worst-case noise tone @ DC input of 0.00088Δ
→ Both indicate maximum tone @ 22.5kHz around -100dB level

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Higher Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator Dynamic Range

$$Y(z) = z^{-1}X(z) + (1 - z^{-1})^L E(z) \quad , \quad L \rightarrow \Sigma\Delta \text{ order}$$

$$\overline{S_X} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta}{2} \right)^2 \quad \text{sinusoidal input, } STF = 1$$

$$\overline{S_Q} = \frac{\pi^{2L}}{2L+1} \frac{1}{M^{2L+1}} \frac{\Delta^2}{12}$$

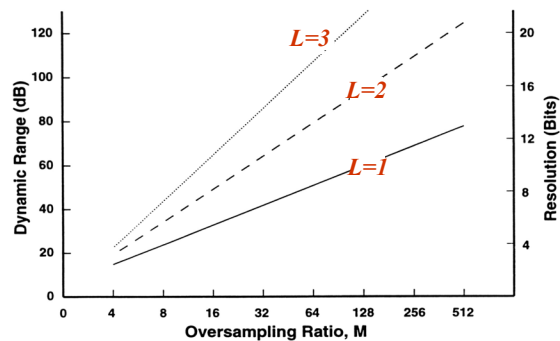
$$\frac{\overline{S_X}}{\overline{S_Q}} = \frac{3(2L+1)}{2\pi^{2L}} M^{2L+1}$$

$$DR = 10 \log \left[\frac{3(2L+1)}{2\pi^{2L}} M^{2L+1} \right]$$

$$DR = 10 \log \left[\frac{3(2L+1)}{2\pi^{2L}} \right] + (2L+1) \times 10 \times \log M$$

2X increase in M \rightarrow (6L+3)dB or (L+0.5)-bit increase in DR

$\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator Dynamic Range As a Function of Modulator Order

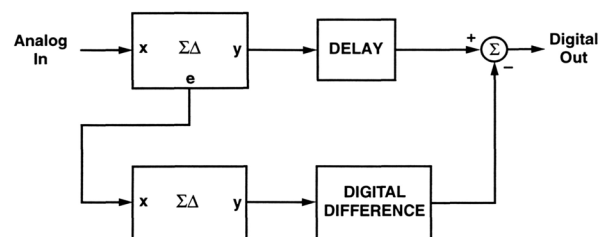


- Potential stability issues for L > 2

Higher Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators

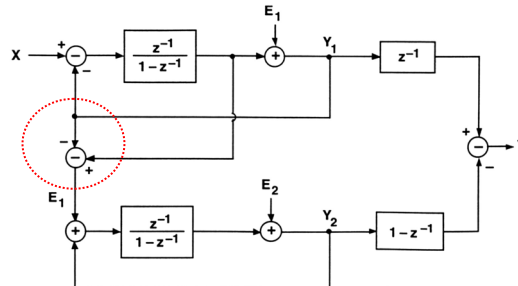
- Extending $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators to higher orders by adding integrators in the forward path (similar to 2nd order)
 - Issues with stability
- Two different architectural approaches used to implement $\Sigma\Delta$ modulators with order >2
 1. Cascade of lower order modulators (multi-stage)
 2. Single-loop single-quantizer modulators with multi-order filtering in the forward path

Higher Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators (1) Cascade of 2-Stages $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators



- Main $\Sigma\Delta$ quantizes the signal
- The 1st stage quantization error is then quantized by the 2nd quantizer
- The quantized error is then subtracted from the results in the digital domain

2nd Order (1-1) Cascaded $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators



$$Y_1(z) = z^{-1}X(z) + (1 - z^{-1})E_1(z)$$

$$Y_2(z) = z^{-1}E_1(z) + (1 - z^{-1})E_2(z)$$

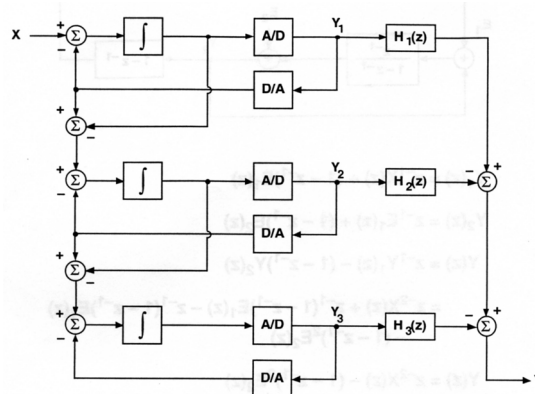
$$Y(z) = z^{-1}Y_1(z) - (1 - z^{-1})Y_2(z)$$

$$= z^{-2}X(z) + z^{-1}(1 - z^{-1})E_1(z) - z^{-1}(1 - z^{-1})E_1(z) - (1 - z^{-1})^2E_2(z)$$

$$Y(z) = z^{-2}X(z) - (1 - z^{-1})^2E_2(z) \quad \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order noise shaping}$$

3rd Order Cascaded $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators (a) Cascade of 1-1-1 $\Sigma\Delta$ s

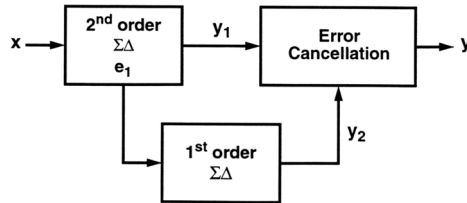
- Can implement 3rd order noise shaping with 1-1-1
- This is also called MASH (multi-stage noise shaping)



3rd Order Cascaded $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators (b) Cascade of 2-1 $\Sigma\Delta$ s

Advantages of 2-1 cascade:

- Low sensitivity to precision matching of analog/digital paths
- Low spurious limit cycle tone levels
- No potential instability



$$Y_1(z) = z^{-2}X(z) + (1 - z^{-1})^2 E_1(z)$$

$$Y_2(z) = z^{-1}E_1(z) + (1 - z^{-1}) E_2(z)$$

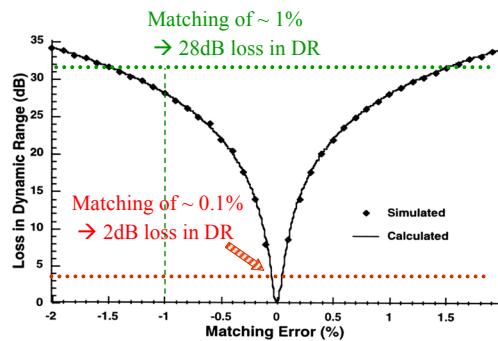
$$Y(z) = z^{-1}Y_1(z) - (1 - z^{-1})^2 Y_2(z)$$

$$= z^{-3}X(z) + z^{-1}(1 - z^{-1})^2 E_1(z) - z^{-1}(1 - z^{-1})^2 E_1(z) - (1 - z^{-1})^3 E_2(z)$$

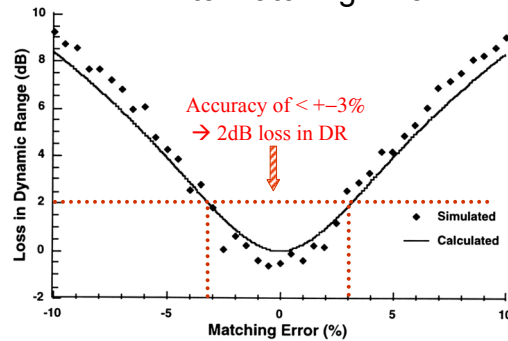
3rd order noise shaping \Rightarrow

$$Y(z) = z^{-3}X(z) - (1 - z^{-1})^3 E_2(z)$$

Sensitivity of Cascade of (1-1-1) $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators to Matching of Analog & Digital Paths



Sensitivity of Cascade of (2-1) $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators to Matching Error



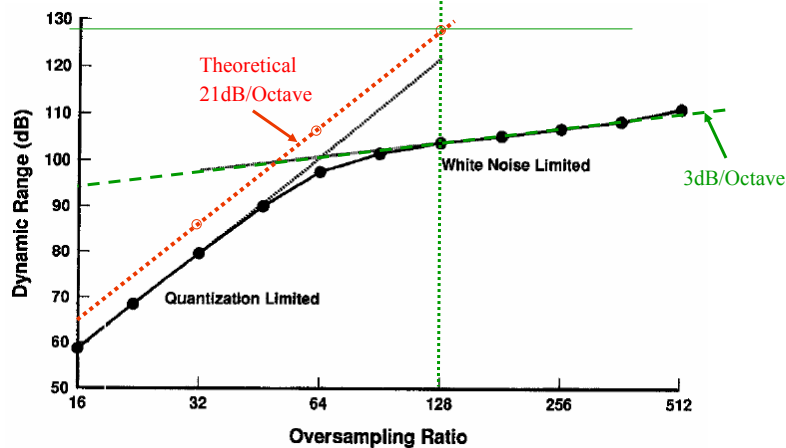
Main advantage of 2-1 cascade compared to 1-1-1 topology:

- Low sensitivity to matching of analog/digital paths (in excess of one order of magnitude less sensitive compared to (1-1-1)!)

Comparison of 2nd order & Cascaded (2-1) $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulator

Digital Audio Application, $f_N = 50\text{kHz}$ (Does not include Decimator)		
Reference	Brandt, JSSC 4/91	Williams, JSSC 3/94
Architecture	2 nd order	(2+1) Order
Dynamic Range	98dB (16-bits)	104dB (17-bits)
Peak SNDR	94dB	98dB
Oversampling rate	256 (theoretical \rightarrow SNR=109dB)	128 (theoretical \rightarrow SNR=128dB)
Differential input range	4V _{ppd} 5V supply	8V _{ppd} 5V supply
Power Dissipation	13.8mW	47.2mW
Active Area	0.39mm ² (1μ tech.)	5.2mm ² (1μ tech.)

2-1 Cascaded $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators Measured Dynamic Range Versus Oversampling Ratio

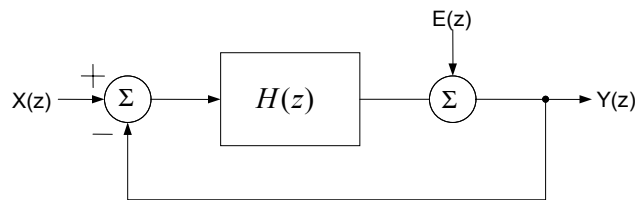


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Higher Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators (1) Cascaded Modulators Summary

- Cascade two or more stable $\Sigma\Delta$ stages
- Quantization error of each stage is quantized by the succeeding stage and subtracted digitally
- Order of noise shaping equals sum of the orders of the stages
- Quantization noise cancellation depends on the precision of analog/digital signal paths
- Quantization noise further randomized → less limit cycle oscillation problems
- Typically, no potential instability

Higher Order $\Sigma\Delta$ Modulators (2) Multi-Order Filter



$$Y(z) = \frac{H(z)}{1+H(z)}X(z) + \frac{1}{1+H(z)}E(z)$$

$$NTF = \frac{Y(z)}{E(z)} = \frac{1}{1+H(z)}$$

- Zeros of NTF (poles of $H(z)$) can be strategically positioned to suppress in-band noise spectrum
- **Approach:** Design NTF first and solve for $H(z)$

Example: Modulator Specification

- Example: Audio ADC

– Dynamic range	DR	18 Bits
– Signal bandwidth	B	20 kHz
– Nyquist frequency	f_N	44.1 kHz
– Modulator order	L	5
– Oversampling ratio	$M = f_s/f_N$	64
– Sampling frequency	f_s	2.822 MHz
- The order L and oversampling ratio M are chosen based on
 - SQNR > 120dB