

# ADC characterization Miko

## overall features of $\Delta\Sigma$ -ADCs

- input signal sampled at comparatively high frequency (modulator frequency)
- filtered and decimated (down sampled) for output signal
- ratio between modulator/sampling frequency ( $f_S$ ) and output data rate/frequency ( $D_R$ ,  $f_D$ ) is *oversampling ratio* or decimation ratio
- increasing OSR reduces output noise and output data rate, because more samples are averaged
- decimating samples does not affect accuracy because of Nyquist Theorem (can try to provide matlab representation till next time)

## Description of ADS1115

- comprises internal voltage reference (external can't be used), clock oscillator (1MHz) and i2c interface
- OSR ranges from 1162 to 125,000
- I2C & register functions
  - Programmable FSR, up to  $\pm 6.144V$ . Here, the FSR binary code can not be reached if  $VDD < FSR$
  - standard I2C interface, 100kHz, 400kHz and 3.4MHz clock frequency supported, high speed mode must be specially activated
  - Registers go to default values after power up after which the ADS enters power down state
  - Reset call via I2C possible, same effect as reset on power up
  - Programmable data rate, conversion time is  $\frac{1}{DR}$
  - single shot and continuous mode
  - In single shot mode, device will respond to I2C commands but won't convert anything until corresponding bit is set, after which device powers up in  $\sim 25 \mu s$ , resets bit and performs single conversion before powering down again

- Continuous operation performs conversions continuously and stores values in “Conversion Register”
- Alert pin for different status alerts seems irrelevant for us
- internal buffer register stores most recent sampled signal independent of op mode
- Electrical specifications
  - switched capacitor  $\Delta\Sigma$ -ADC followed by digital filter
  - input signals are compared to internal voltage reference
  - when in single ended, comparison against ground on negative input of ADC
  - differential and single ended mode possible
  - good attenuation of signal common mode
  - Low power duty cycling results in greatly reduced power consumption but also poorer noise performance
  - first order RC filter with cutoff frequency at output data rate is sufficient against most input aliasing sources