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A Graphical User Interface Implementation of Second Order Sigma-Delta Analog to Digital Converter with Improved Performance Parameters

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Abstract—Analog to Digital Converters are widely used in the field of VLSI and are mainly used in the applications like audio, instrumentation, seismic, voice etc which requires higher value of resolution. For such applications, ADC's can be used based on Nyquist Rate modulators (where sampling is done with twice the sampling frequency) or Sigma-Delta modulators (where sampling is done with 15-20 times the sampling frequency). ADC based on sigma-delta modulators is attractive for VLSI implementation because they are not so sensitive of circuit non-idealities and component mismatch. However, issues such as clock jitter and excess loop delay become great challenges to the designer, especially at high sampling frequency. Special design should be applied to overcome these problems. Sigma-Delta modulator can be of different orders like 1st order, 2nd order etc and can be continuous time (less power consumption) or Discrete Time (less sensitive to non-idealities). This work demonstrates a Graphical User Interface (GUI) of 2nd order Sigma-Delta modulator which is used to check the non-idealities of the circuit. Here the model is based on the behavioral modeling of the parameters with the help of Matlab - Simulink and the parameters like Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) & Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) (which in turn gives the Resolution) are calculated. The value of SNR and ENOB are found to be 107.88 dB and 17.61 bits respectively in comparison to the 89.4, 94.7 dB & 14.56, 15.44 bits respectively of the previous work. Since the value of SNR and ENOB are increased it makes the respective signal power and Resolution better. The Graphical User Interface (GUI) of overall model has been successfully implemented after modelling of non-idealities.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Analog-to-digital converters are important components in applications requiring the interface between analog and digital domains. There are numerous applications such as digital radio systems, military and medical sensors, and wire- line and wireless communication systems. There are a number of different ADC architectures available to accomplish the data conversion task; however, no single architecture is suitable for all applications. These architectures span a range of intended resolutions and conversion speeds. Meanwhile, wireless and wire- line applications need the bandwidth of the signal to be in megahertz and better resolution with 12 or more bits. [1]

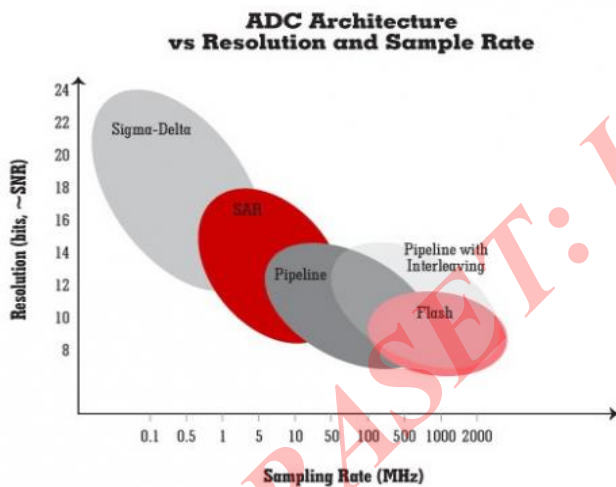


Fig 1.1: Applications of different types of ADC [2]

1.1 Low-pass sigma delta ADC

ADC based on 2nd order sigma-delta modulators is attractive for VLSI implementation because they are resistant to the circuit non-idealities and component mismatch. However, issues such as clock jitter and excess loop delay

become great challenges to the designer, especially at high sampling frequency. Special design should be applied to overcome these problems. Sigma-delta modulation has demonstrated to be very suited interfaces for the implementation of various Analog to Digital in many different electronic systems, covering a large number of applications from instrumentation to telecom.

II. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

2.1 Proposed Methodology during the Tenure of Research Work

Delta-sigma ($\Delta\Sigma$; or sigma-delta, $\Sigma\Delta$) modulation is a method for encoding analog signals into digital signals or higher-resolution digital signals into lower-resolution digital signals.

A 2nd Order Sigma-Delta A/D Converter consists of the following

- A loop filter or loop transfer function $H(s)$
- A clocked quantizer
- A feedback digital to analog converter (DAC).

A loop filter $H(s)$ provides a noise-shaping function for the analog input signal before it is sampled and quantized by an ADC. The digital output signal is then converted back to analog signal by a DAC and feedback to the input for subtraction to form a closed-loop operation. The input signal is sampled after being filtered through the loop filter, significant suppression at aliasing frequencies can be obtained. Proposed work will use 2nd order CT sigma delta modulator ADC and system modeling of no idealities and simulation of modulator will be done. There are two

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integrators inside the topology to realize the 2nd order system.

Also the output noise value is less in less frequency.[2]

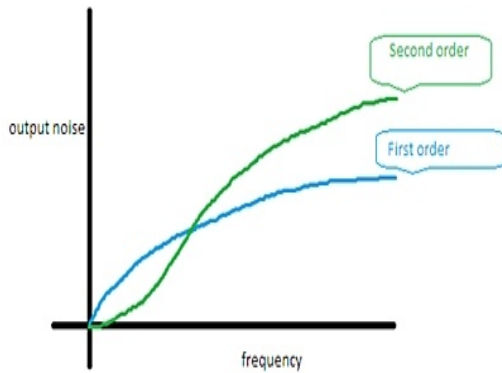


Fig 2.1: Output noise of first order vs. second order sigma delta ADC

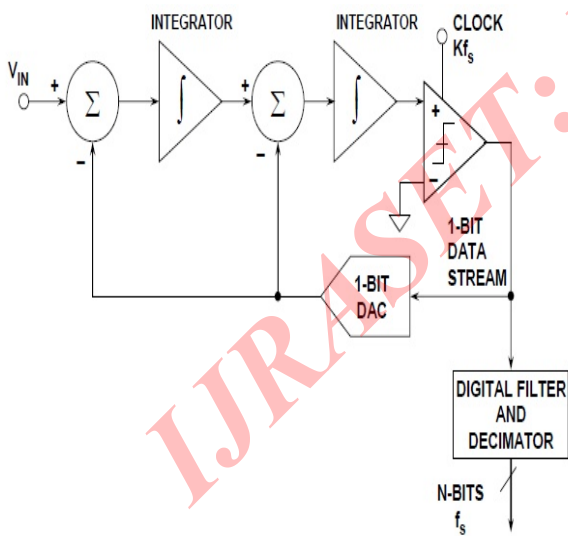


Fig.2.2: Second-Order Sigma-Delta ADC [6]

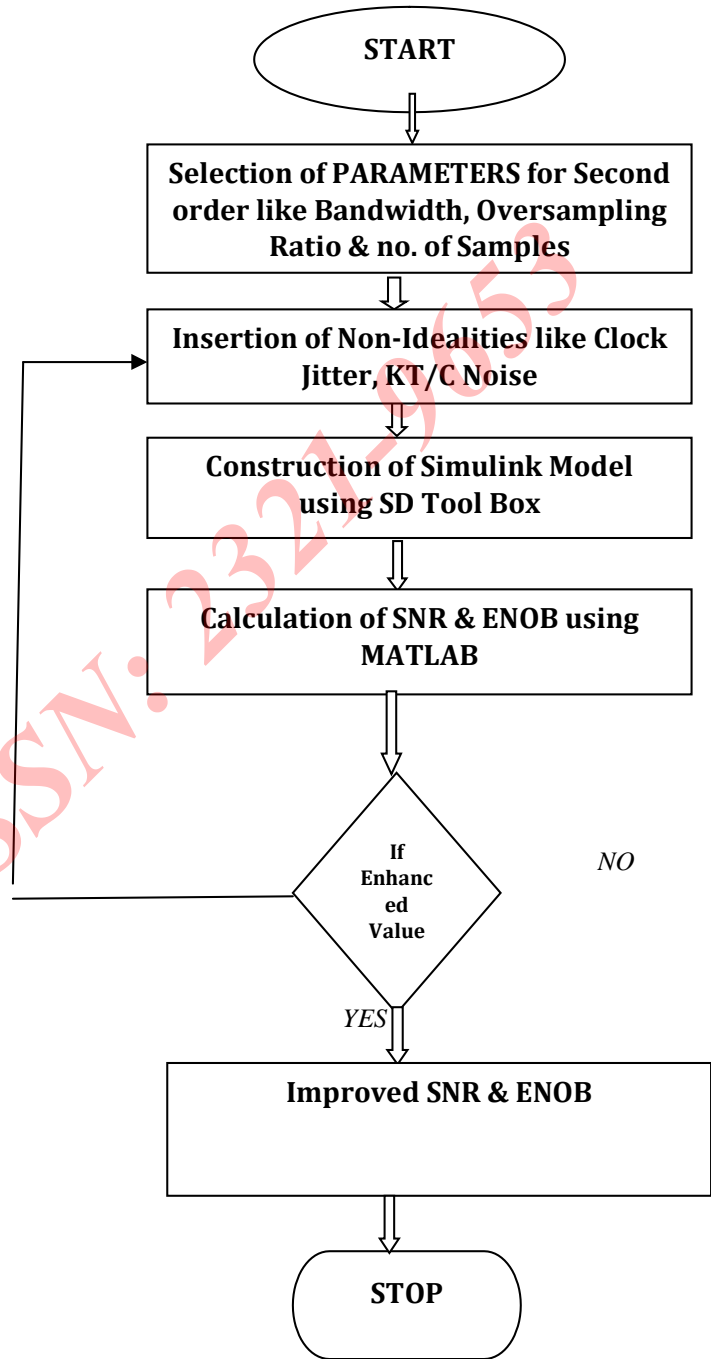


Fig. 2.3 Flow chart Execution of proposed work.

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III. RESULTS

3.1 Experimental Setup

The basic GUI performs the following function

- 1) **For giving the inputs:** Here in this diagram it is clearly shown that 3 inputs namely Bandwidth, Oversampling Ratio(R) & No. of Samples (N) is inputted.
- 2) **For generating the Simulink Model:** After applying the inputs the Open Simulink Model Tab will open the simulink model as shown below.
- 3) **For getting the outputs :** After the simulink model runs we will get the output in the GUI

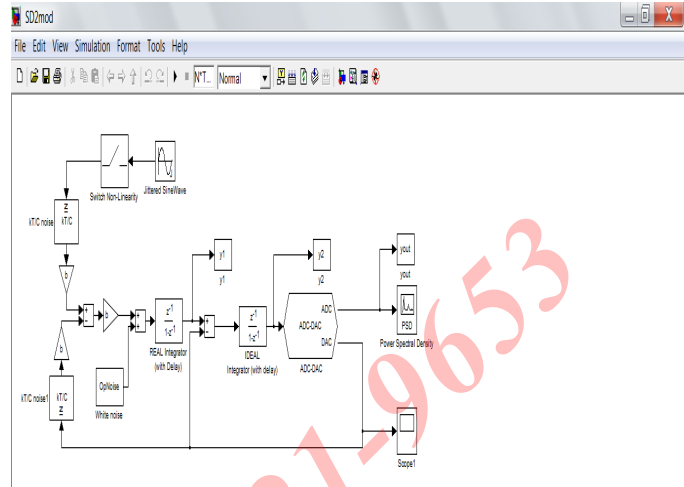


Fig 3.2: Simulink Model

3.2 Outputs

The basic design of the simulink model along with the non idealities is shown.

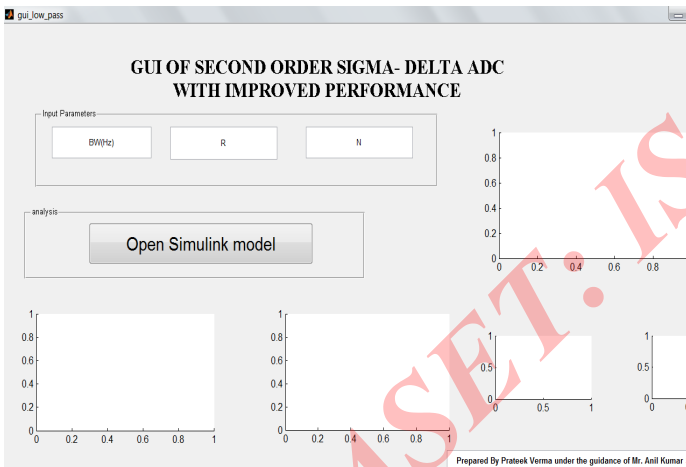


Fig 3.1: Basic GUI diagram

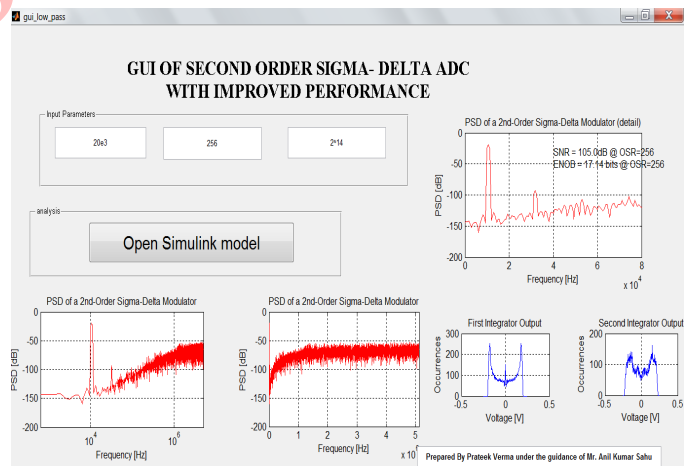


Fig 3.3 GUI showing the output waveforms

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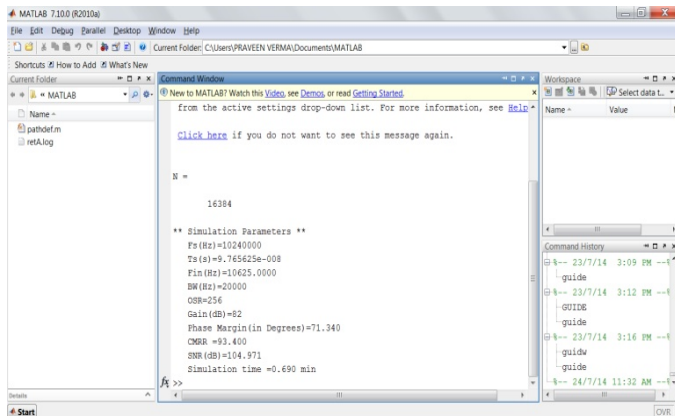


Fig 3.4: Output of the command window of MATLAB

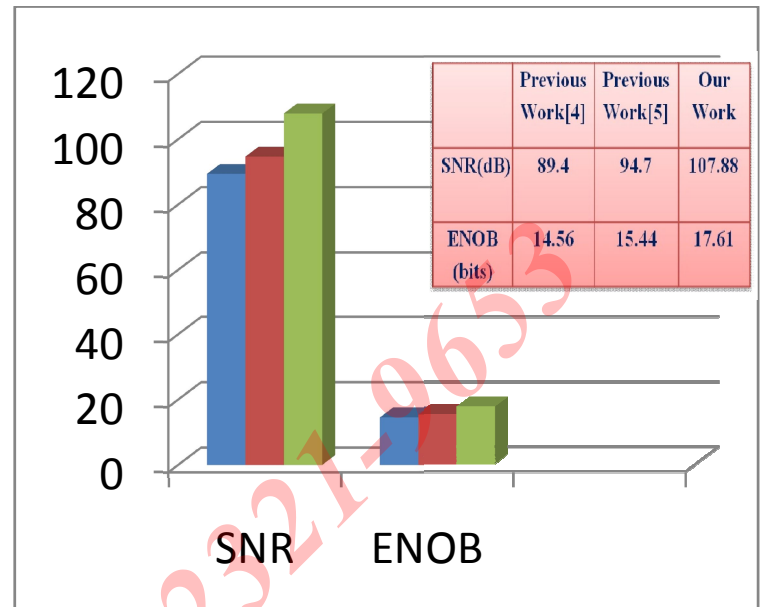


Fig.3.5 Bar Graph showing the comparison value of SNR & ENOB

S. No.	Parameters	Previous Work[4]	Previous Work[5]	Our Work
1)	Bandwidth(BW in HZ)	22000	20000	20000
2)	Oversampling Ratio(R)	256	256	256
3)	No. of Samples (N)	2 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁴
4)	Slew Rate	17(V/us)	202(V/us)	250(V/us)
5)	GBW	100 MHz	102 MHz	150MHz
6)	SNR (in dB)	86.7	94.7	107
7)	ENOB(bits)	14.11	15.44	17.6

TABLE 3.1: COMPARING THE VALUE OF OUR WORK WITH PREVIOUS WORK

IV. CONCLUSIONS

With the help of 2nd Order low pass Sigma Delta analog to digital converter we can improve the resolution and signal to noise ratio as well as we can reduce the power consumption and increase the ENOB. We have to take care of the Non Idealities like clock jitter, excess loop delay etc so that it will not affect the performance of the circuit. Behavioral model of 2nd order low-pass sigma-delta modulator including the non-idealities (sampling jitter, thermal noise, op-amp noise, slew rate and bandwidth) are studied. Special design could be applied to overcome the non-idealities. A GUI based implementation has been made to calculate the SNR and ENOB.

Here the model is based on the behavioral modeling of the parameters with the help of Matlab- Simulink and the parameters like Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) & Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) (which in turn gives the Resolution)

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