

Study on the Sigma Delta ADC Modulators Based on Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) and Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) Parameters

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Abstract

In this paper, the Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) and Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) parameters of the different types of the Sigma Delta ADC Modulators are studied and discussed, comprehensively. The CIFF structure of first, second and third orders with considering the different OSR are presented. Meanwhile, the MASH 1-1, MASH 2-1, and MASH 1-1-1 structures are analyzed and simulated, carefully, too. It is noteworthy that, as simulation results prove, the SNR and ENOB of each modulator is dependent on the value of the Order, OSR, and Quantizer bit parameters, extremely. For this case, in the design of the sigma-delta modulator, the designers must be considered and selected the suitable value for the mentioned parameters, carefully. Also, among of the presented modulators in this paper, the first order CIFB structure has minimum SNR and MASH 1-1-1 structure with good optimization has the maximum SNR, respectively. Finally, simulation results of the different orders and kinds of the DSM are compared in the comparison tables, too. Simulation results of the proposed paper are simulated using the MATLAB software.

Keywords: ADC, Delta Sigma, DSM, MASH, Modulator, CIFF

I. Introduction

Different types of ADCs are available nowadays, usually successive approximation or dual slope ADC is used when high resolution is chosen [1, 5, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28]. However, use of this family of ADCs is ineffective in many applications as it requires trimming to achieve higher accuracy [6, 9, 15, 20]. Its widespread use is also limited due to the complexity in the design of high precision sample and hold circuits [1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32]. Sigma-delta is an implementation method to realize converter with high accuracy [13, 15, 16, 26, 28, 29]. It uses the over sampling principle to compress the energy of quantization noise largely in the signal frequency band, and finally, through the down-sampling accomplished by digital decimation filter, so the higher SNR can be got [2, 4, 27, 30]. Comparing with the converters with other structures, sigma-delta ADC has the advantages of high accuracy, high linearity, large dynamic range and so on [5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 19, 20]. The oversampling ADCs sample analog signal with higher sampling rate than Nyquist rate, which is usually expressed through OSR [1, 3, 4,

23, 24, 28, 30]. Also, the oversampling converters use digital signal processing techniques instead of the complex and precise analog signal processing techniques exploited in the Nyquist rate converters [2, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25, 27]. Generally, a Sigma-Delta ADC consists of a digital section and an analog section. The digital filter along with the decimation filter forms the digital section. Analog section of sigma-delta modulator consists of an analog differencing unit, integrator, comparator and one-bit DAC [5, 11, 13, 16, 24, 25]. The main characteristics of Sigma Delta ADC [1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15] can be summed up as Oversampling, Noise Shaping, and Decimation. Oversampling means the technique of sampling the input signal at a frequency much greater than the Nyquist frequency [1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 14, 17, 18]. This method of sampling signals greatly reduces the quantization noise in the band of interest [9, 11, 16, 25]. Meanwhile, in the sigma-delta converter, the noise shaping filter distributes the quantization noise in such a way, which is very low, in the required band of interest. Decimation [1, 2, 3, 8] is the act of reducing the data rate down from the oversampling rate without loss of information. A digital filter is also used to remove signals and noise that are outside the band of interest [5, 6, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 31]. In this paper, the Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) and Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) parameters of the different types of the Sigma Delta ADC Modulators, are studied and discussed, comprehensively. It is notable that, among of the presented modulators in this paper, the first order CIFB structure has minimum SNR and MASH 1-1-1 structure with good optimization has the maximum SNR, as well.

The proposed paper is organized as follows. Basic building block of Sigma Delta ADC is presented in section II. Section III describes the system level model simulation of CIFF first, a second and third order of the Sigma Delta ADC by using MATLAB. System level model simulations of MASH 1-1 (Two Stage), MASH 1-1-1 (Three Stage) and MASH 2-1 (Two Stage) of the Sigma Delta ADC are advocated in section IV. Simulation results of the paper is presented in section V and finally, section VI concludes the paper.

II. Basic Building Block of Sigma Delta ADC

Principally, a sigma-delta ADC consists of an analog section and a digital section [1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 19, 20, 22, 25, 31, 32] which is indicated in Fig. 1. Meanwhile, analog section of sigma-delta modulator consists of an analog differencing unit, comparator, integrator and one-bit DAC. The digital filter together with the decimation filter forms the digital section [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 24]. Usually, sigma-delta ADCs are used in audio systems, industrial weight scales, Data Acquisition systems and precision measurement devices [1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 27].

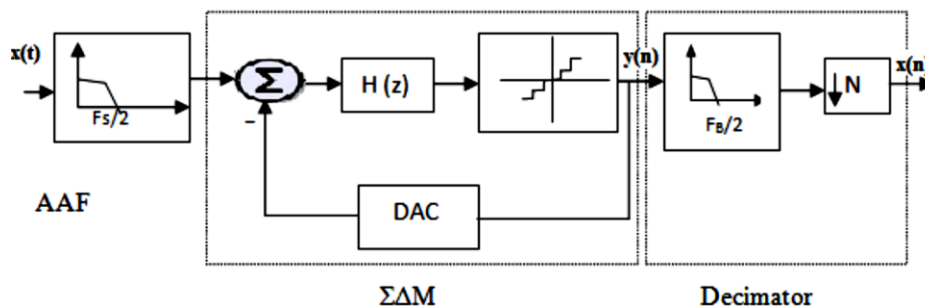


Fig. 1. Sigma Delta ADC Block Diagram [8]

III. System Level Model Simulation of CIFF First Second and Third order of the Sigma Delta ADC using in MATLAB

The system level CIFF architecture of the First-order Sigma Delta ADC is shown in Fig. 2. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit and Multi-bit quantization first order sigma-delta system level with considering OSR=256 are depicted in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, respectively.

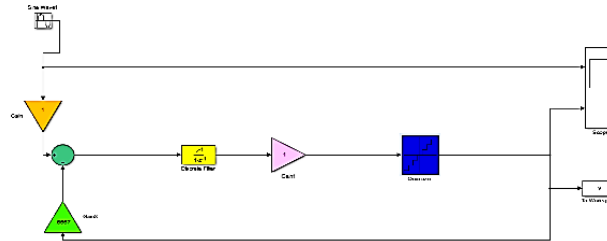


Fig. 2. The system level CIFF architecture of the First-order Sigma Delta ADC

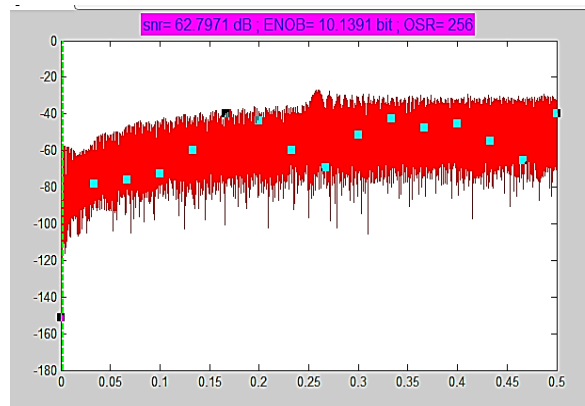


Fig. 3. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit quantization first order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

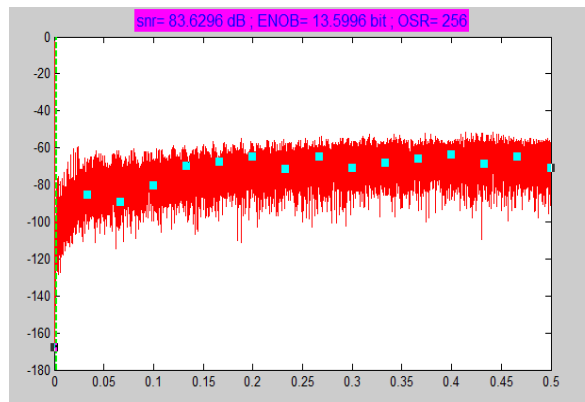


Fig. 4. The FFT spectrum of Multi-bit quantization first order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

Also, the system level CIFF architecture of the Second-order Sigma Delta ADC is presented in Fig. 5. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit and Multi-bit quantization second order sigma-delta system level with considering OSR=256 are depicted in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 respectively.

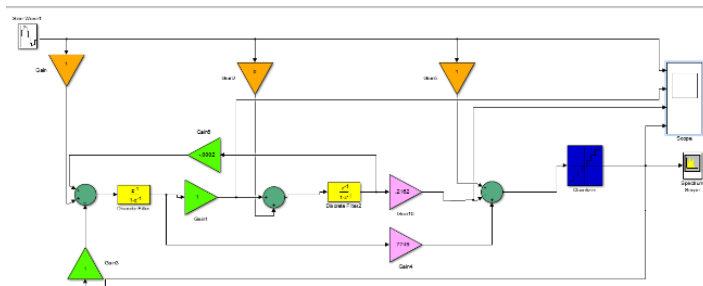


Fig. 5. The system level CIFF architecture of the Second-order Sigma Delta ADC

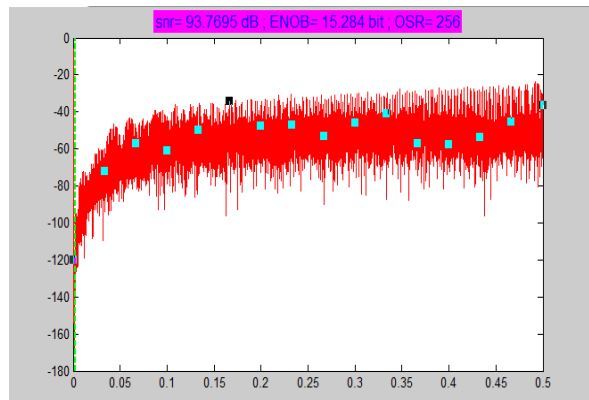


Fig. 6. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit quantization second order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

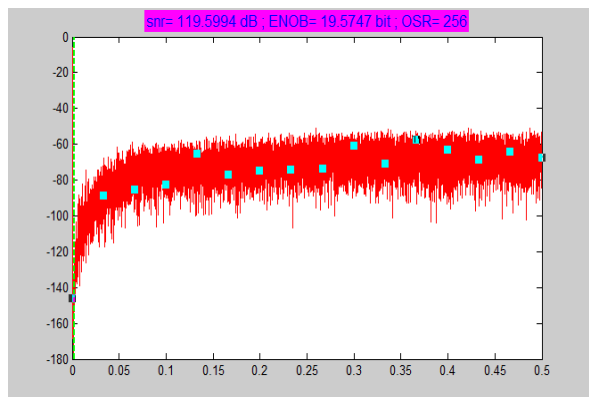


Fig. 7. The FFT spectrum of Multi-bit quantization second order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

Meanwhile, the system level CIFF architecture of the Third-order Sigma Delta ADC is depicted in Fig. 8. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit and Multi-bit quantization third order sigma-delta system level with considering OSR=256 are depicted in Fig. 9 and Fig. 10, respectively.

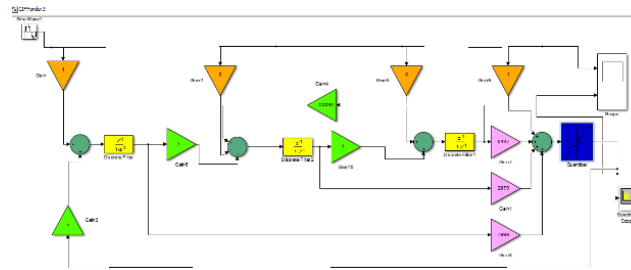


Fig. 8. The system level CIFF architecture of the Third-order Sigma Delta ADC

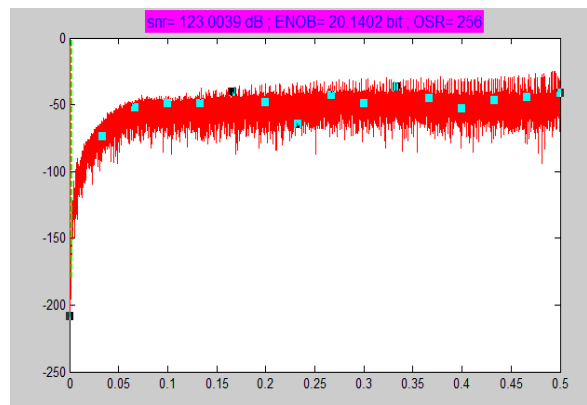


Fig. 9. The FFT spectrum of Single-bit quantization third order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

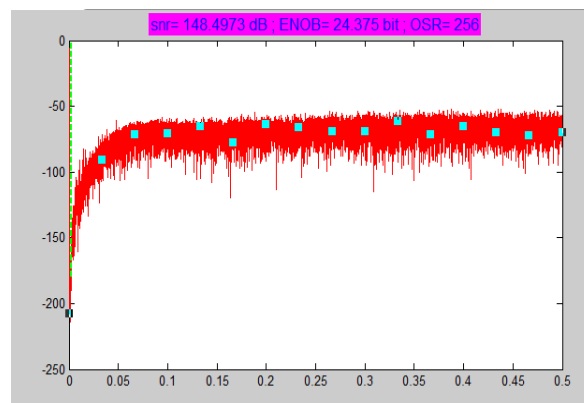


Fig. 10. The FFT spectrum of Multi-bit quantization third order sigma-delta with considering OSR=256

IV. System Level Model Simulation of MASH 1-1 (Two Stage) MASH 1-1-1 (Three Stage) MASH 2-1 (Two Stage) of the Sigma Delta ADC using MATLAB

Basically, the system level model MASH 1-1 (Two Stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC modulator is indicated in Fig. 11. The output FFT spectrum of the modulator is shown in Fig. 12 while both of the quantizer bits are considered the single one, and in Fig. 13 the first quantizer bit is supposed to be single and the second quantizer bit is chosen multi, meanwhile, in both of the cases the OSR=128, reliably. As simulation results prove that, in the second case (when first quantizer bit single and second quantizer bit multi) the SNR and Effective Number of Bits (ENOB) are better compared to the first case, as well.

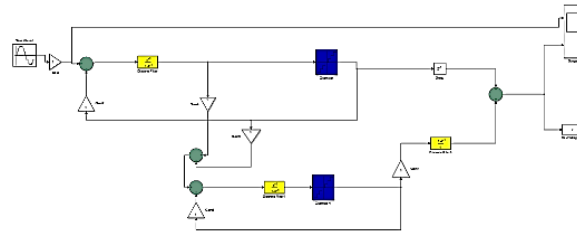


Fig. 11. The System level model MASH 1-1 (Two stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC

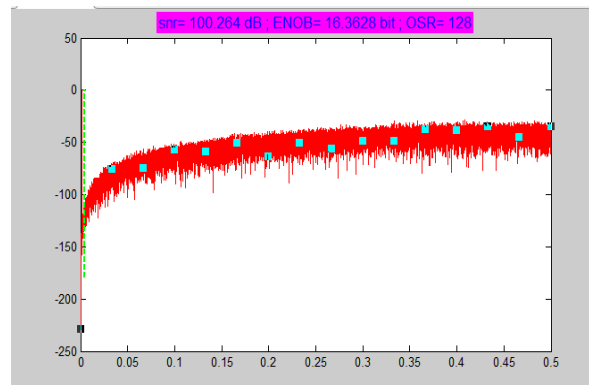


Fig. 12. The FFT spectrum of the MASH 1-1 structure when both of the quantizer bits are chosen single with considering OSR=128

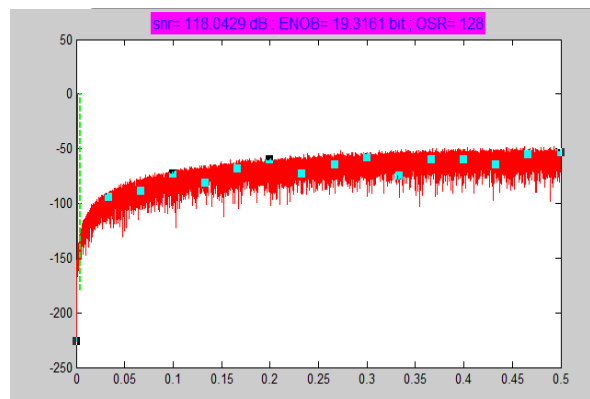


Fig. 13. The FFT spectrum of the MASH 1-1 structure when first quantizer bit single and second quantizer bit multi with considering OSR=128

The system level model MASH 1-1-1 (Three Stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC is indicated in Fig. 14. The output FFT spectrum of the modulator is shown in Fig. 15 while all of the three quantizer bits are considered the single bit, and in Fig. 16 the first and second quantizer bits are supposed to be single, and the third quantizer bit is chosen multi. Also, in Fig. 17 the first quantizer bit is considered to be single, and the second and third quantizer bits are selected multi. Fig. 18 shows the FFT spectrum when the first quantizer bit is supposed to multi, and the second and third quantizer bits are nominated single and finally, in Fig. 19 the first and third quantizer bits are designated to be single, and the second quantizer bit is chosen multi, as well. Meanwhile, in all of the cases the OSR=128, constantly. As simulation results prove that,

when first quantizer bit is considered to be single, and the second and third quantizer bits are selected multi, in this case the SNR and the ENOB are maximum value, also, when the first quantizer bit is supposed to be multi, and the second and third quantizer bits are nominated single, in this case, the SNR and the ENOB are minimum value, noticeably.

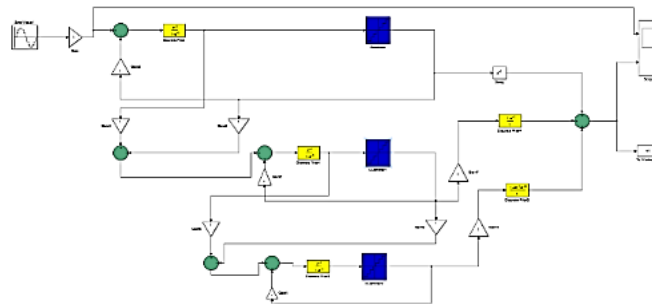


Fig. 14. The System level model MASH 1-1-1 (Three stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC

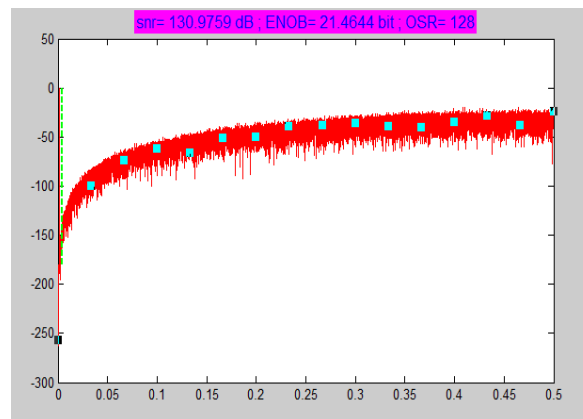


Fig. 15. The FFT spectrum while all of the three quantizer bits are considered the single with considering OSR=128

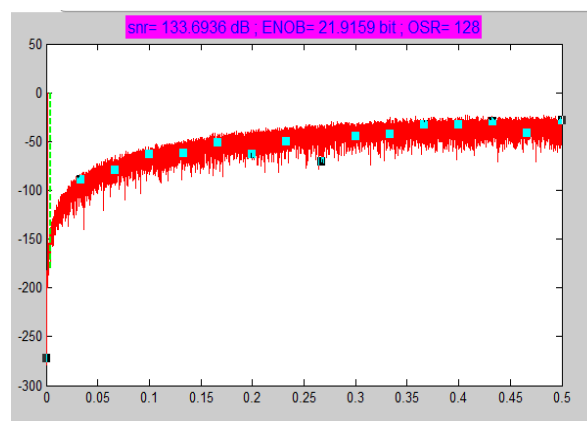


Fig. 16. The FFT spectrum while the first and second quantizer bits are single and the third quantizer bit is multi with considering OSR=128

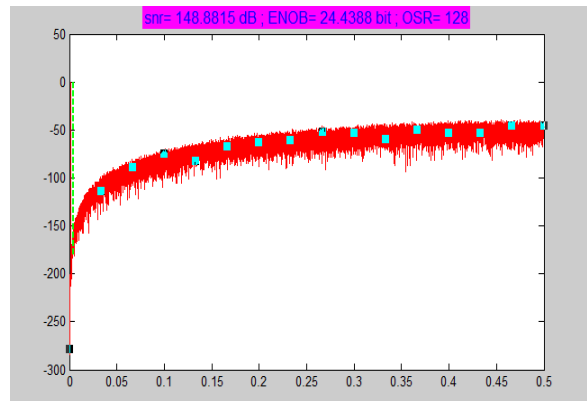


Fig. 17. The FFT spectrum while the first quantizer bit is single and the second and third quantizer bits are multi with considering OSR=128

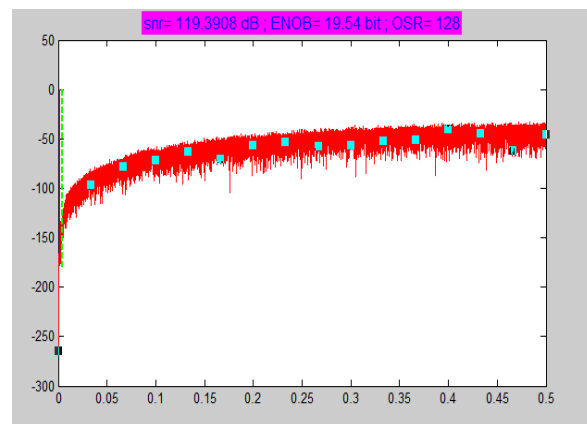


Fig. 18. The FFT spectrum when the first quantizer bit is multi and the second and third quantizer bits are single with considering OSR=128

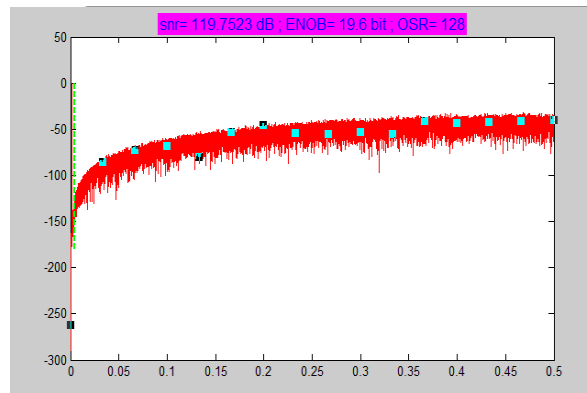


Fig. 19. The FFT spectrum while the first and third quantizer bits are single and the second quantizer bit is multi with considering OSR=128

The system level model MASH 2-1 (Two Stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC is indicated in Fig. 20. The output FFT spectrum of the modulator is shown in Fig. 21 while both of the quantizer bits are

considered the single one, and in Fig. 22 the first quantizer bit is supposed to be single and the second quantizer bit is chosen multi. Also, in Fig. 23 the first quantizer bit is considered to multi and the second quantizer bit is selected to be single. In the meantime, in both of the cases the $OSR=128$, consistently. As simulation results prove that, when first quantizer bit is considered to be single, and the second quantizer bit is designated multi, in this case the SNR and the ENOB are maximum value, also, when the first quantizer bit is supposed to multi and the second quantizer bit is nominated single, in this case, the SNR and the ENOB are minimum value, conspicuously.

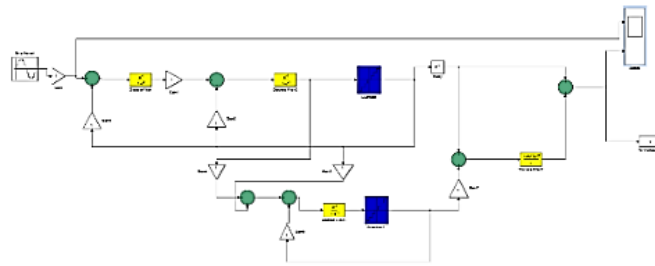


Fig. 20. The system level model MASH 2-1 (Two Stage) structure of the Sigma Delta ADC

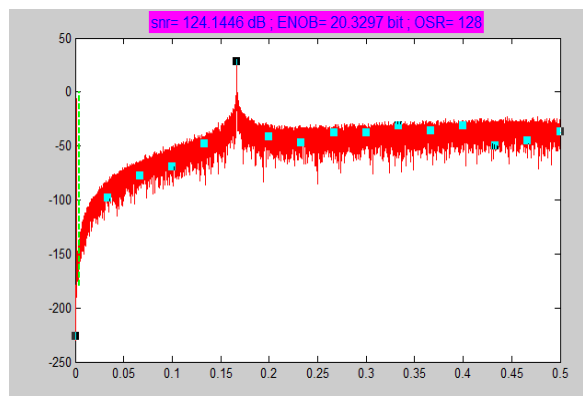


Fig. 21. The FFT spectrum while both of the quantizer bits are the single with considering $OSR=128$

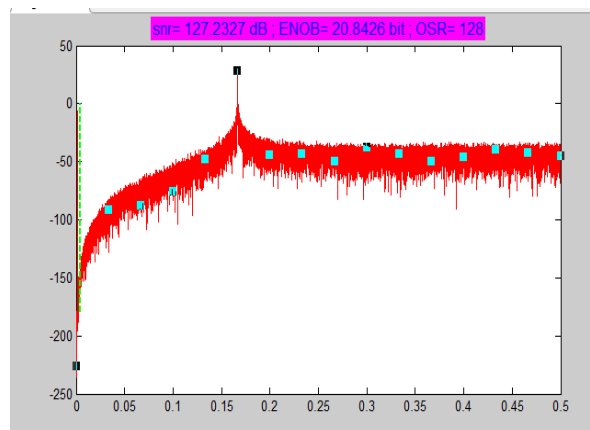


Fig. 22. The FFT spectrum while the first quantizer bit is single and the second quantizer bit is multi with considering $OSR=128$

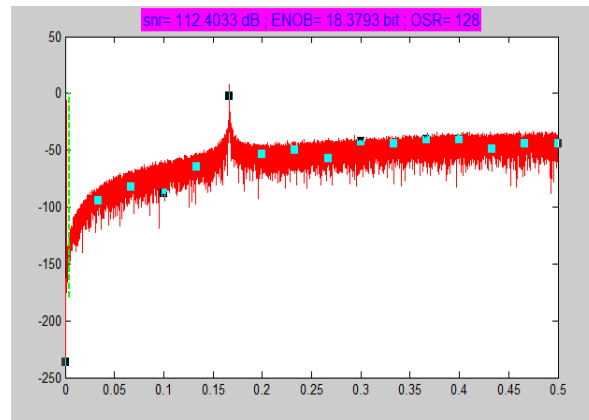


Fig. 23. The FFT spectrum while the first quantizer bit is multi and the second quantizer bit is single with considering OSR=128

V. Simulation Results

In this section, the comparison table of the different types of the sigma-delta modulator are presented. Tabel I and II are the comparison tables for the CIFF structure with considering OSR=128 and OSR=256 respectively. Also, the simulation results of the MASH 1-1, MASH 2-1 and MASH 1-1-1 structures are presented in different cases in Tables III, IV and V, respectively. As simulation results prove that, the first order CIFB structure has minimum SNR and MASH 1-1-1 structure with good optimization has the maximum SNR, respectively. The simulation results of the paper are performed using the MATLAB software.

TABLE I. OSR 128

SIMULATION	CIFF					
ORDER	1	1	2	2	3	3
OSR	128	128	128	128	128	128
Q*(bit)	1	4	1	4	1	4
SNR(dB)	48.97	70.96	71.9	100.73	91.49	120.5
ENOB (bit)	7.8	11.49	11.65	16.44	14.9	17.2

* Quantizer bit

TABLE II. OSR 256

SIMULATION	CIFF					
ORDER	1	1	2	2	3	3
OSR	256	256	256	256	256	256
Q(bit)	1	4	1	4	1	4
SNR(dB)	62.79	83.62	93.76	119.59	123	148.49
ENOB (bit)	10.13	13.52	15.28	19.57	20.13	24.37

TABLE III. MASH 1-1

SIMULATION	OSR	Q1 (bit)	Q2 (bit)	SNR (dB)	ENOB (bit)
MASH 1-1	64	1	1	85.47	13.9
MASH 1-1	64	1	4	103.9	16.97
MASH 1-1	64	4	1	71.9	11.65
MASH 1-1	128	1	1	100.26	16.6
MASH 1-1	128	1	4	118	19.3
MASH 1-1	128	4	1	85.67	13.94

TABLE IV. MASH 2-1

SIMULATION	OSR	Q1 (bit)	Q2 (bit)	SNR (dB)	ENOB (bit)
MASH 2-1	64	1	1	104.3	17
MASH 2-1	64	1	4	106.97	17.45
MASH 2-1	64	4	1	94.14	15.51
MASH 2-1	128	1	1	124.14	20.3
MASH 2-1	128	1	4	127.2	20.84
MASH 2-1	128	4	1	112.4	18.37

TABLE V. MASH 1-1-1

SIMULATION	OSR	Q1 (bit)	Q2 (bit)	Q3 (bit)	SNR (dB)	ENOB (bit)
MASH 1-1-1	64	1	1	1	110	18
MASH 1-1-1	64	1	1	4	113.9	18.5
MASH 1-1-1	64	1	4	4	128.1	21
MASH 1-1-1	64	4	1	1	99.8	16.29
MASH 1-1-1	64	1	4	1	100.9	16.49
MASH 1-1-1	128	1	1	1	130.97	21.46
MASH 1-1-1	128	1	1	4	133.69	21.9
MASH 1-1-1	128	1	4	4	148.8	24.43
MASH 1-1-1	128	4	1	1	119.3	19.54
MASH 1-1-1	128	1	4	1	119.7	19.6
MASH 1-1-1	256	1	1	1	154.1	24.98
MASH 1-1-1	256	1	1	4	154.2	25.2

Conclusion

In this paper, the Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) parameter of the different types of the Sigma Delta ADC Modulators are studied and discussed, comprehensively. The CIBF structure of first, second and third orders with considering the different OSR are presented. Meanwhile, the MASH 1-1, MASH 2-1, and MASH 1-1-1 structures are analyzed and simulated, carefully, too. It is noteworthy that, as simulation results prove, the SNR and ENOB of each modulator is dependent on the value of the Order, OSR, and Quantizer bit parameters, extremely. For this case, in the design of the sigma-delta modulator, the designers must be considered and selected the suitable value for the mentioned parameters, carefully. Also, among of the presented modulators in this paper, the first order CIBF structure has minimum SNR and MASH 1-1-1 structure with good optimization has the maximum SNR, respectively. Finally, also, the simulation results of the MASH 1-1, MASH 2-1 and MASH 1-1-1 structures are presented in different cases in Tables III, IV and V, respectively. Simulation results of the proposed paper are simulated using the MATLAB software.

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