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Low-power, High-performance $\Delta\Sigma$ Modulators

Features

- ❑ Fourth-order $\Delta\Sigma$ Architecture
- ❑ Clock-jitter-tolerant Architecture
- ❑ Input Voltage: 5 V_{pp} Fully Differential
- ❑ Input Signal Bandwidth: DC to 2 kHz
- ❑ High Dynamic Range
 - 127 dB SNR @ 215 Hz BW (2 ms sampling)
 - 124 dB SNR @ 430 Hz BW (1 ms sampling)
- ❑ Low Total Harmonic Distortion
 - -118 dB THD typical (0.000126%)
- ❑ Low Power Consumption
 - Normal operation: 25 mW per channel
 - Power down: 10 μ W per channel
- ❑ Small Footprint, 24-pin SSOP package
- ❑ Multi-channel System Support
 - 1-channel System: CS5371A
 - 2-channel System: CS5372A
 - 3-channel System: CS5371A + CS5372A
 - 4-channel System: CS5372A + CS5372A
- ❑ Bipolar Power Supply Configuration
 - VA+ = +2.5 V; VA- = -2.5 V; VD = +3.3 V

Description

The CS5371A and CS5372A are one- and two-channel, high-dynamic-range, fourth-order $\Delta\Sigma$ modulators intended for geophysical and sonar applications. When combined with CS3301A / CS3302A differential amplifiers, the CS4373A test DAC and CS5376A digital filter, a small, low-power, self-testing, high-accuracy, multi-channel measurement system results.

The modulators have high dynamic range and low total harmonic distortion with very low power consumption. They convert differential analog input signals from the CS3301A / CS3302A amplifiers to an oversampled serial bit stream at 512 kbits per second. This oversampled bit stream is then decimated by the CS5376A digital filter to a 24-bit output at the selected output word rate.

In normal operation, power consumption is 5 mA per channel. Each modulator can be independently powered down to 500 μ A per channel, and by halting the input clock they will enter a micro-power state using only 2 μ A per channel.

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators are available in small 24-pin SSOP packages, providing exceptional performance in a very small footprint.

ORDERING INFORMATION

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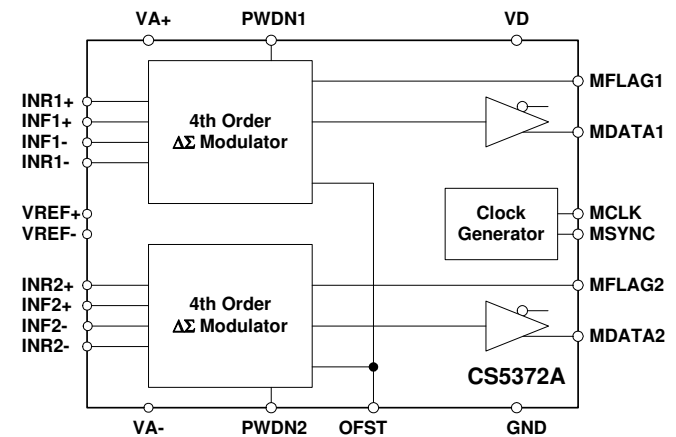
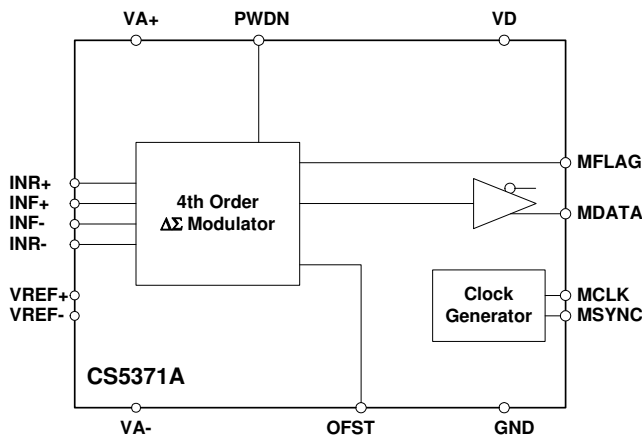


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1. CHARACTERISTICS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Min / Max characteristics and specifications are guaranteed over the [Specified Operating Conditions](#).
- Typical performance characteristics and specifications are measured at nominal supply voltages and $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$.
- GND = 0 V. Single-ended voltages with respect to GND, differential voltages with respect to opposite half.
- Device is connected as shown in [Figure 9 on page 13](#) unless otherwise noted.

SPECIFIED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Nom	Max	Unit
Bipolar Power Supplies					
Positive Analog $\pm 2\%$	VA+	2.45	2.50	2.55	V
Negative Analog (Note 1) $\pm 2\%$	VA-	-2.45	-2.50	-2.55	V
Positive Digital $\pm 3\%$	VD	3.20	3.30	3.40	V
Voltage Reference					
[VREF+] - [VREF-] (Note 2, 3)	VREF	-	2.500	-	V
VREF- (Note 4)	VREF-	-	VA -	-	V
Thermal					
Ambient Operating Temperature Industrial (-ISZ)	T_A	-40	25	85	$^\circ\text{C}$

- Notes:
1. VA- must always be the most-negative input voltage to avoid potential SCR latch-up conditions.
 2. By design, a 2.500 V voltage reference input results in the best signal-to-noise performance.
 3. Channel-to-channel gain accuracy is directly proportional to the voltage reference absolute accuracy.
 4. VREF inputs must satisfy: $VA- \leq VREF- < VREF+ \leq VA+$.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Parameter	
DC Power Supplies	Positive Analog	VA+	-0.5	6.8	V
	Negative Analog	VA-	-6.8	0.5	V
	Digital	VD	-0.5	6.8	V
Analog Supply Differential (VA+) - (VA-)	VA_{DIFF}	-	6.8	V	
Digital Supply Differential (VD) - (VA-)	VD_{DIFF}	-	6.8	V	
Input Current, Power Supplies (Note 5)	I_{PWR}	-	± 50	mA	
Input Current, Any Pin Except Supplies (Note 5, 6)	I_{IN}	-	± 10	mA	
Output Current (Note 5)	I_{OUT}	-	± 25	mA	
Power Dissipation	PDN	-	500	mW	
Analog Input Voltages	V_{INA}	(VA-) - 0.5	(VA+) + 0.5	V	
Digital Input Voltages	V_{IND}	-0.5	(VD) + 0.5	V	
Storage Temperature Range	T_{STG}	-65	150	$^\circ\text{C}$	

WARNING: Operation at or beyond these limits may result in permanent damage to the device.
Normal operation is not guaranteed at these extremes.

- Notes:
5. Transient currents up to ± 100 mA will not cause SCR latch-up.
 6. Includes continuous over-voltage conditions at the modulator analog input pins.

TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Ambient Operating Temperature	T_A	-40	-	85	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	T_{STR}	-65	-	150	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Allowable Junction Temperature	T_{JCT}	-	-	125	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Junction to Ambient Thermal Impedance (4-layer PCB)	θ_{JA}	-	65	-	$^{\circ}\text{C} / \text{W}$

ANALOG INPUT CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	
VREF Input						
[VREF+] - [VREF-] (Note 2, 3)	VREF	-	2.500	-	V	
VREF- (Note 4)	VREF-	-	VA -	-	V	
VREF Input Current	$VREF_{\text{IMOD}}$	-	120	-	μA	
VREF Input Noise (Note 7)	$VREF_{\text{IN}}$	-	-	1	μV_{rms}	
Modulator INR±, INF± Inputs						
External Anti-alias Filter (Note 8)	Series Resistance	R_{AA}	-	680	-	Ω
	Differential Capacitance	C_{DIFF}	-	20	-	nF
Differential Input Impedance	INR±	$ZDIF_{\text{INR}}$	-	20	-	k Ω
	INF±	$ZDIF_{\text{INF}}$	-	1	-	M Ω
Single-ended Input Impedance	INR±	ZSE_{INR}	-	40	-	k Ω
	INF±	ZSE_{INF}	-	2	-	M Ω

- Notes: 7. Maximum integrated noise over the measurement bandwidth for the voltage reference device attached to the VREF± inputs.
8. Anti-alias capacitors are discrete external components and must be of good quality (C0G, NPO, poly). Poor quality capacitors will degrade total harmonic distortion (THD) performance. See [Figure 1 on page 5](#)

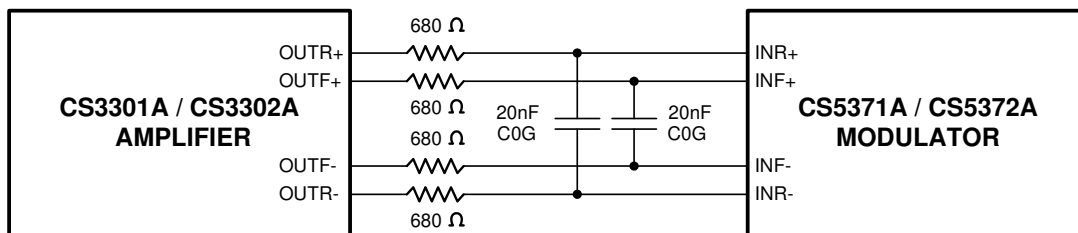


Figure 1. Anti-alias Filter Components

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	
Signal Characteristics						
Input Signal Frequencies (Note 9, 10)	V_{BW}	DC	-	2000	Hz	
Full-scale Differential AC Input (Note 9)	V_{AC}	-	-	5	V_{pp}	
Full-scale Differential DC Input (Note 9)	V_{DC}	-2.5	-	2.5	V	
Input Common Mode Voltage (Note 11)	V_{CM}	-	(VA-)+2.5	-	V	
Input Voltage Range ($V_{cm} \pm$ Signal) (Note 9)	V_{RNG}	(VA-)+0.7	-	(VA+)-1.25	V	
Dynamic Performance						
Dynamic Range (Note 10, 12)	(1/4 ms) DC to 1720 Hz	SNR	-	109	-	dB
	(1/2 ms) DC to 860 Hz		-	121	-	dB
	(1 ms) DC to 430 Hz		121	124	-	dB
	(2 ms) DC to 215 Hz		-	127	-	dB
	(4 ms) DC to 108 Hz		-	130	-	dB
	(8 ms) DC to 54 Hz		-	133	-	dB
	(16 ms) DC to 27 Hz		-	136	-	dB
Signal-dependent Noise (Note 13, 14)	(1 ms) DC to 430 Hz	SDN	100	110	-	dB
Total Harmonic Distortion (Note 14)	THD	-	-118	-112	dB	
Linearity (Note 14)	LIN	-	0.000126	0.000251	%	
Total Harmonic Distortion (Note 15)	THD	-	-110	-	dB	
Linearity (Note 15)	LIN	-	0.000316	-	%	
Common Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	-	110	-	dB	
Channel Crosstalk (CS5372A only)	CXT	-	-150	-	dB	

Notes: 9. Guaranteed by design and/or characterization.

10. The upper bandwidth limit is determined by the digital filter cut-off frequency.

11. Common mode voltage is defined as the mid-point of the differential signal.

12. Dynamic Range defined as $20 \log [(\text{RMS full scale}) / (\text{RMS idle noise})]$ where idle noise is measured from a CS3301A / CS3302A amplifier terminated input at 1x gain.

13. Signal-dependent Noise defined as $20 \log [(\text{RMS full scale}) / (\text{RMS signal noise})]$ where signal noise is measured by subtracting out the signal power at the fundamental and harmonic frequencies.

14. Tested with a 31.25 Hz sine wave at -1 dB amplitude and $V_{cm} = (VA-) + 2.50V$.

15. Characterized with a 31.25 Hz sine wave at -1 dB amplitude and $V_{cm} = (VA-) + 2.35V$. This corresponds to the output V_{cm} of the CS4373A test DAC.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (CONT.)

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gain Accuracy					
Channel to Channel Gain Accuracy (Note 3)	GA	-	±1	±2	%
Channel Gain Drift (Note 16)	GA _{TC}	-	22	-	ppm/°C
Offset					
Offset Voltage, Differential (OFST = 0)	OFST	-	±1	-	mV
Offset Voltage, CS5371A (OFST = 1)	OFST	-	-60	-	mV
Offset Voltage, CS5372A channel 1 (OFST = 1)	OFST	-	-60	-	mV
Offset Voltage, CS5372A channel 2 (OFST = 1)	OFST	-	-35	-	mV
Offset after Calibration (Note 17)	OFST _{CAL}	-	±1	-	μV
Offset Calibration Range (Note 18)	OFST _{RNG}	-	100	-	%FS
Offset Voltage Drift (Note 16)	OFST _{TC}	-	300	-	nV/°C

- Notes: 16. Specification is for the parameter over the specified temperature range and is for the device only. It does not include the effects of external components.
17. Specification applies to the effective offset voltage calculated from the output codes of the digital filter following offset calibration and correction.
18. Offset calibration is performed in the digital filter and includes the full-scale signal range.

PERFORMANCE PLOTS

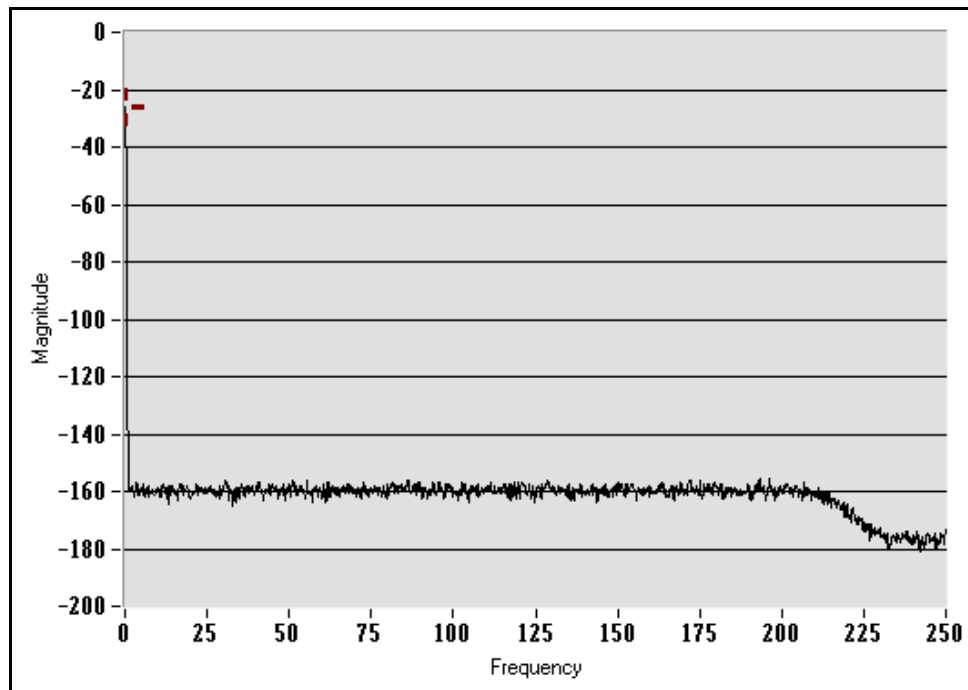


Figure 2. Modulator Noise Performance

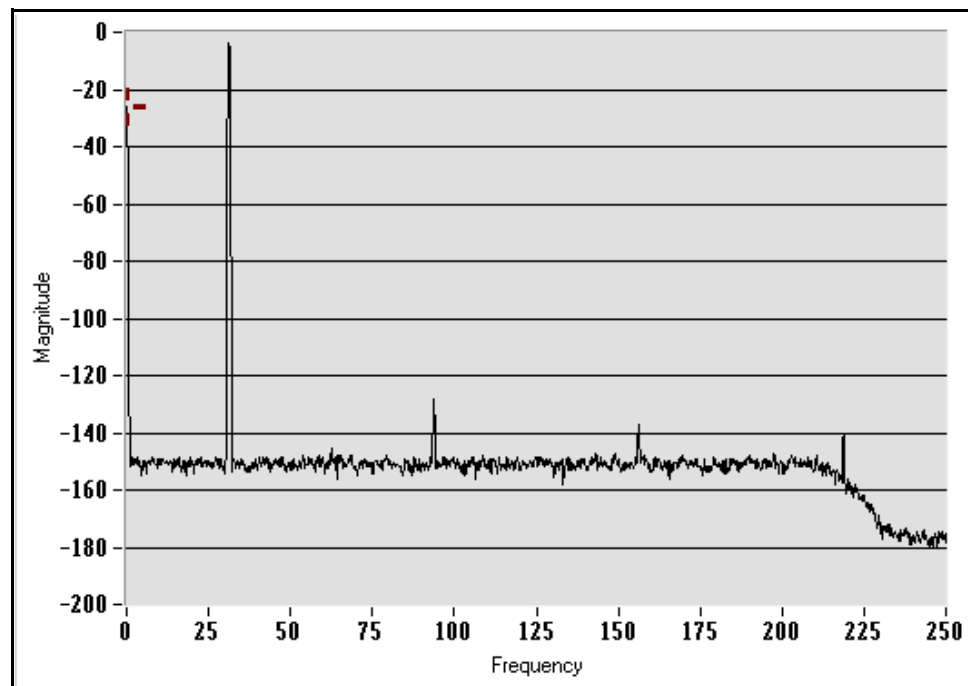


Figure 3. Modulator + CS4373A Test DAC Dynamic Performance

DIGITAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Digital Inputs					
High-level Input Voltage (Note 9, 19)	V_{IH}	$0.6 \cdot V_D$	-	V_D	V
Low-level Input Voltage (Note 9, 19)	V_{IL}	0.0	-	0.8	V
Input Leakage Current	I_{IN}	-	± 1	± 10	μA
Digital Input Capacitance (Note 9)	C_{IN}	-	9	-	pF
Input Rise Times Except MCLK (Note 9)	t_{RISE}	-	-	100	ns
Input Fall Times Except MCLK (Note 9)	t_{FALL}	-	-	100	ns
Digital Outputs					
High-level Output Voltage, $I_{out} = -40 \mu A$ (Note 9)	V_{OH}	$V_D - 0.3$	-	-	V
Low-level Output Voltage, $I_{out} = 40 \mu A$ (Note 9)	V_{OL}	-	-	0.3	V
High-Z Leakage Current	I_{OZ}	-	-	± 10	μA
Digital Output Capacitance (Note 9)	C_{OUT}	-	9	-	pF
Output Rise Times (Note 9)	t_{RISE}	-	-	100	ns
Output Fall Times (Note 9)	t_{FALL}	-	-	100	ns

Notes: 19. Device is intended to be driven with CMOS logic levels.

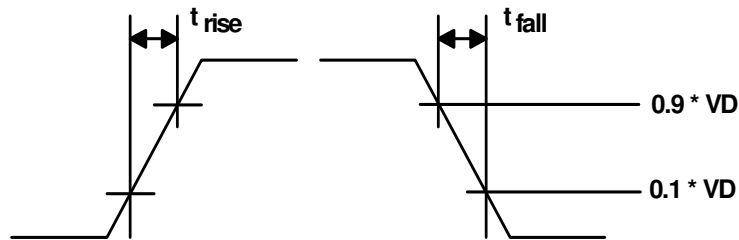


Figure 4. Digital Input Rise and Fall Times

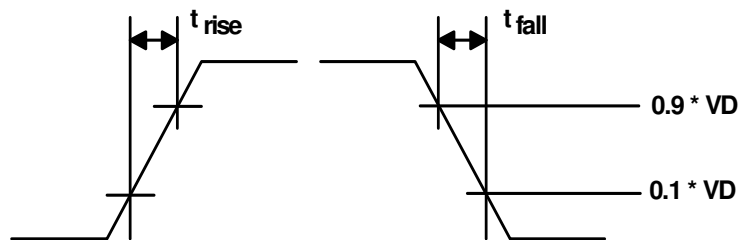
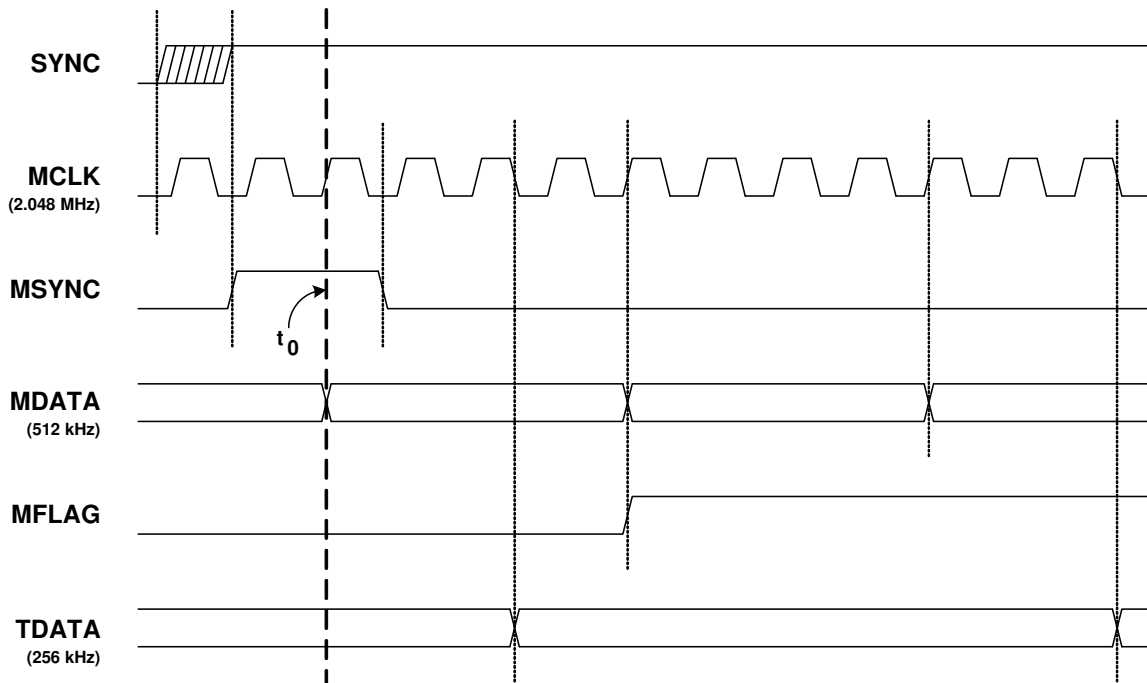
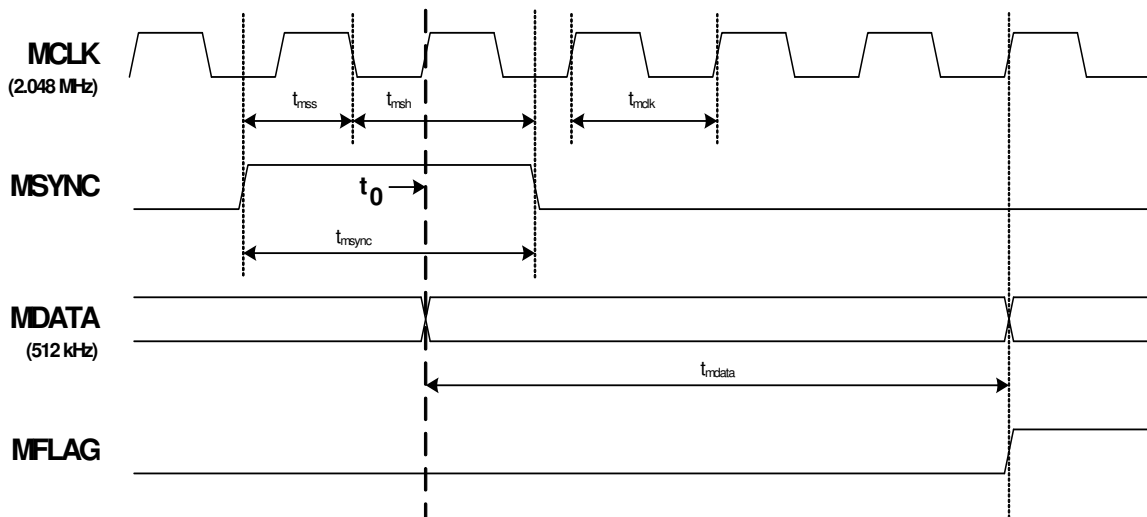


Figure 5. Digital Output Rise and Fall Times

DIGITAL CHARACTERISTICS (CONT.)

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Master Clock Input					
MCLK Frequency (Note 20)	f_{CLK}	-	2.048	-	MHz
MCLK Period (Note 20)	t_{mclk}	-	488	-	ns
MCLK Duty Cycle (Note 9)	MCLK_{DC}	40	-	60	%
MCLK Rise Time (Note 9)	t_{RISE}	-	-	50	ns
MCLK Fall Time (Note 9)	t_{FALL}	-	-	50	ns
MCLK Jitter (in-band or aliased in-band) (Note 9)	MCLK_{IBJ}	-	-	300	ps
MCLK Jitter (out-of-band) (Note 9)	MCLK_{OBJ}	-	-	1	ns
Master Sync Input					
MSYNC Setup Time to MCLK Falling (Note 9, 21)	t_{mss}	20	122	-	ns
MSYNC Period (Note 9, 21)	t_{msync}	40	976	-	ns
MSYNC Hold Time after MCLK Falling (Note 9, 21)	t_{msh}	20	122	-	ns
MDATA Output					
MDATA Output Bit Rate	f_{mdata}	-	512	-	kbits/s
MDATA Output Bit Period	t_{mdata}	-	1953	-	ns
MDATA Output One's Density Range (Note 9)	MDAT_{OD}	14	-	86	%
Full-scale Output Code (Note 22)	MDAT_{FS}	0xA2EBE0	-	0x5D1420	

- Notes: 20. MCLK is generated by the digital filter. If MCLK is disabled, the device automatically enters a power-down state.
21. MSYNC is generated by the digital filter and is latched on MCLK falling edge, synchronization instant (t_0) is on the next MCLK rising edge.
22. Decimated, filtered, and offset-corrected 24-bit output word from the digital filter.

DIGITAL CHARACTERISTICS (CONT.)

Figure 6. System Timing Diagram

Figure 7. MCLK / MSYNC Timing Detail

POWER SUPPLY CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Power Supply Current, CS5371A					
Analog Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_A	-	5	6	mA
Digital Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_D	-	75	125	μ A
Power Supply Current, CS5372A ch1 + ch2					
Analog Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_A	-	9	11	mA
Digital Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_D	-	75	125	μ A
Power Supply Current, CS5372A ch1 or ch2 only					
Analog Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_A	-	5	6	mA
Digital Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_D	-	75	125	μ A
Power Down Current, MCLK enabled					
Analog Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_A	-	0.5	-	mA
Digital Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_D	-	75	-	μ A
Power Down Current, MCLK disabled					
Analog Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_A	-	1	-	μ A
Digital Power Supply Current (Note 23)	I_D	-	1	-	μ A
Power Down Timing (after MCLK disabled) (Note 9)	PD_{TC}	-	40	-	μ S
Power Supply Rejection					
Power Supply Rejection Ratio (Note 24)	PSRR	-	100	-	dB

Notes: 23. All outputs unloaded. Digital inputs forced to VD or GND respectively.

24. Power supply rejection is characterized by applying a 100 mVp-p 50 Hz sine wave to each supply.

2. SYSTEM DIAGRAM

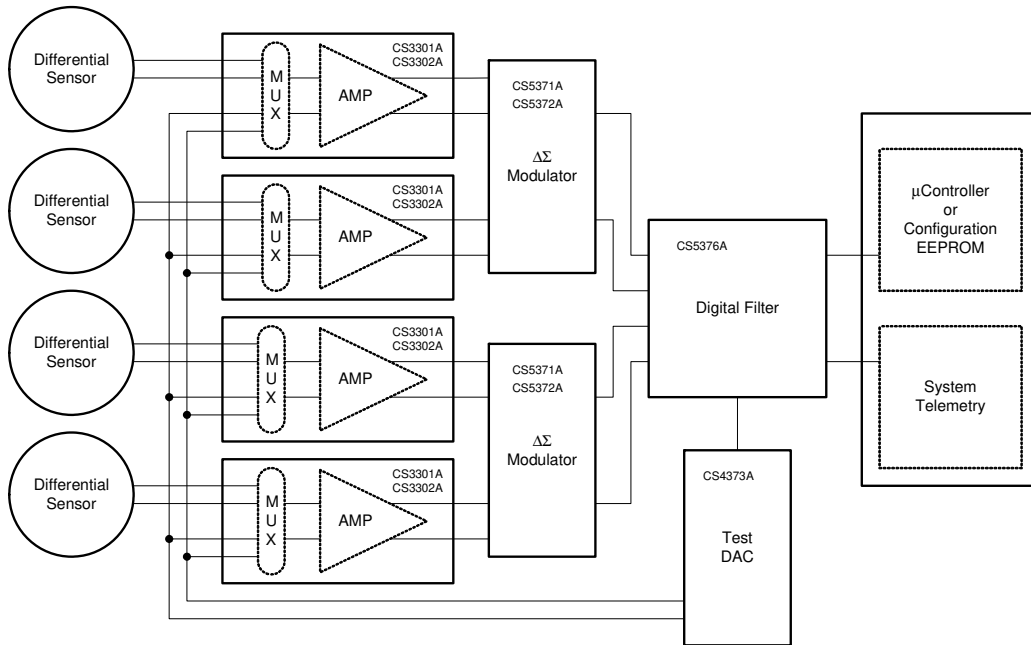


Figure 8. System Block Diagram

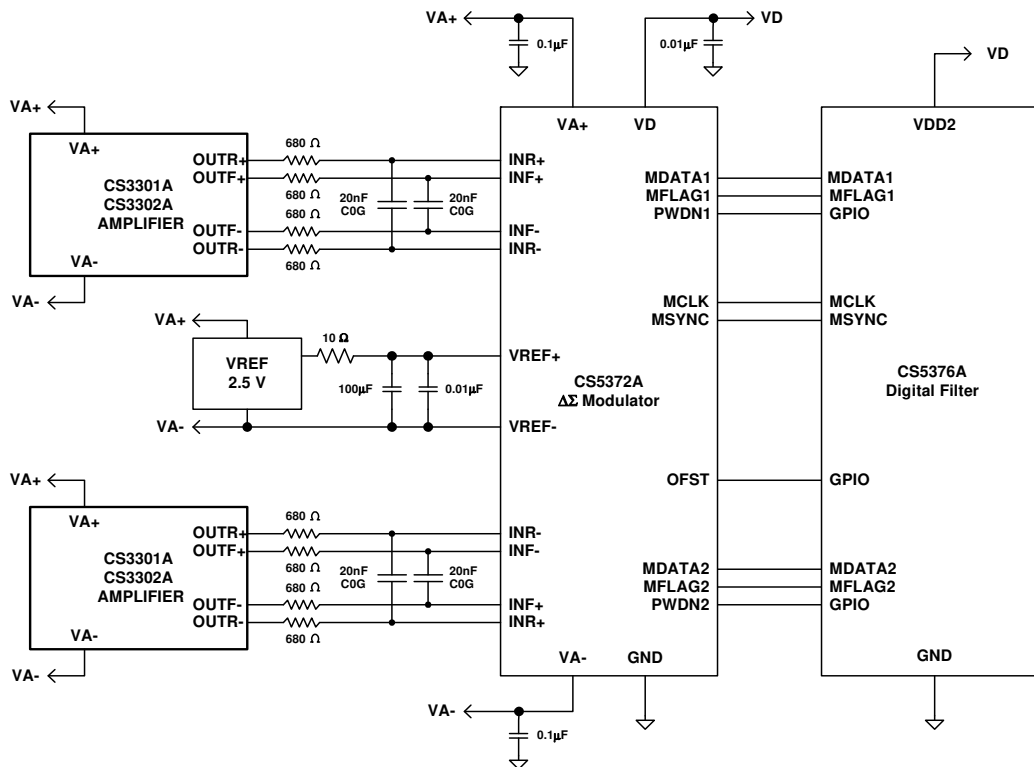


Figure 9. Connection Diagram

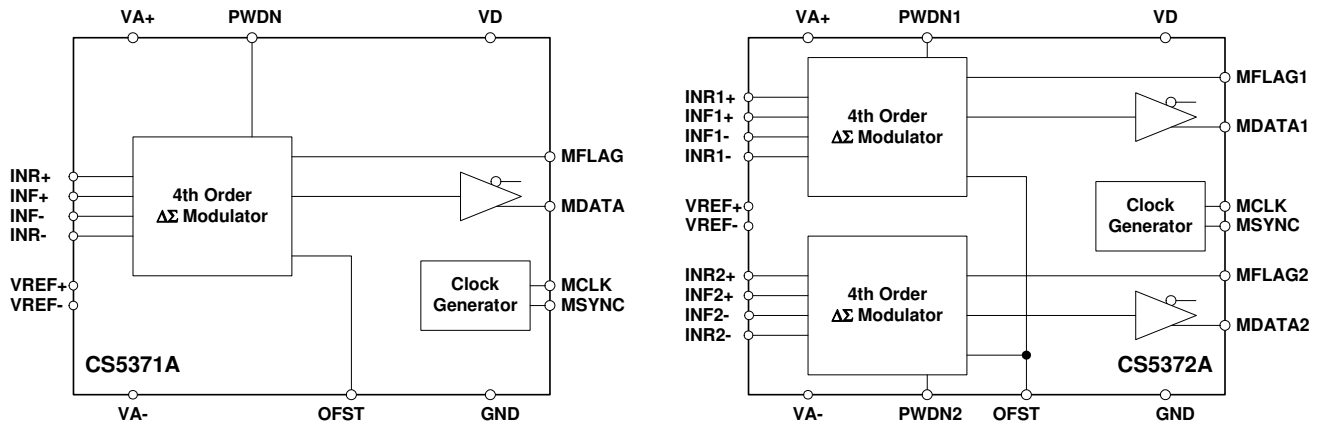


Figure 10. CS5371A and CS5372A Block Diagrams

3. MODULATOR OPERATION

The CS5371A and CS5372A are one- and two-channel, fourth-order $\Delta\Sigma$ modulators optimized for extremely high-resolution measurement of signals between DC and 2000 Hz. When combined with CS3301A / CS3302A differential amplifiers, the CS4373A test DAC and CS5376A digital filter, a small, low-power, self-testing, high-accuracy, multi-channel measurement system results.

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators have high dynamic range and low total harmonic distortion with very low power consumption and are optimized for extremely high-resolution measurement of 5 V_{p-p} or smaller differential signals. They convert analog input signals from the CS3301A / CS3302A differential amplifiers to an oversampled serial bit stream at 512 kbits per second which is then passed to the digital filter.

The companion CS5376A digital filter generates the clock and synchronization inputs for

the CS5371A / CS5372A modulators while receiving the one-bit data and over-range flag outputs. The digital filter decimates the modulator's oversampled output bit stream to a high-resolution, 24-bit output at the selected output word rate.

3.1 One's Density

In normal operation a differential analog input signal is converted to an oversampled $\Delta\Sigma$ serial bit stream on the MDATA output, with a one's density proportional to the differential amplitude of the analog input signal.

One's density of the MDATA output is defined as the ratio of '1' bits to total bits in the serial bit stream output, i.e. an 86% one's density has, on average, a '1' value in 86 of every 100 output data bits. The MDATA output has a nominal 50% one's density for a mid-scale differential input, approximately 86% one's density for a positive full-scale input signal, and approximately 14% one's density for a negative full-scale input signal.

Modulator Differential Analog Input Signal	CS5376A Digital Filter 24-Bit Output Code		
	Offset Corrected	-60 mV Offset	-35 mV Offset
> + (VREF+5%)	Error Flag Possible		
+ VREF	5D1420	5AD840	5BC688
0 V	000000	FDC420	FEB268
- VREF	A2EBE0	A527C0	A43978
> - (VREF+5%)	Error Flag Possible		

Table 1. 24-Bit Output Coding for the CS5371A and CS5372A Modulator and CS5376A Digital Filter Combination

3.2 Decimated 24-bit Output

When the CS5371A and CS5372A modulator operates with the CS5376A digital filter, the final decimated, 24-bit, full-scale output code range depends if digital offset correction is enabled. With digital offset correction enabled within the digital filter, amplifier offset and the modulator internal offset are removed from the final conversion result.

3.3 Synchronization

The modulator is designed to operate synchronously with other modulators in a distributed measurement network, so a rising edge on the MSYNC input resets the internal conversion state machine to synchronize analog sample timing. MSYNC is automatically generated by the CS5376A digital filter after receiving a synchronization signal from the external system, and is chip-to-chip accurate within ± 1 MCLK period.

3.4 Idle Tones

The CS5371A and CS5372A are delta-sigma-type modulators and so can produce “idle tones” in the measurement bandwidth when the differential input signal is a steady-state DC signal near mid-scale. Idle tones result from low-frequency patterns in the output data stream and appear in the measurement spectrum as small tones about -135 dB down from full scale.

If the OFST pin is pulled high, idle tones are eliminated within the modulator by adding -60 mV (channel 1 of CS5371A and CS5372A) or -35 mV (channel 2 of CS5372A) of internal differential offset during conversion to push idle tones out of the measurement bandwidth. Care should be taken to ensure external offset voltages do not negate the internally added differential offset, or idle tones will re-appear.

3.5 Stability

The CS5371A and CS5372A $\Delta\Sigma$ modulators have a fourth-order architecture which is conditionally stable and may go into an oscillatory condition if the analog inputs are over-ranged more than 5% past either positive or negative full scale.

If an unstable condition is detected, the modulator collapses to a first-order system and transitions the MFLAG output low-to-high to signal an error condition to the CS5376A digital filter. The analog input signal must be reduced to within the full-scale range for at least 32 MCLK cycles for the modulator to recover from an oscillatory condition. If the analog input remains over-ranged for an extended period, the modulator will cycle between fourth-order and first-order operation and the MFLAG output will be seen to pulse.

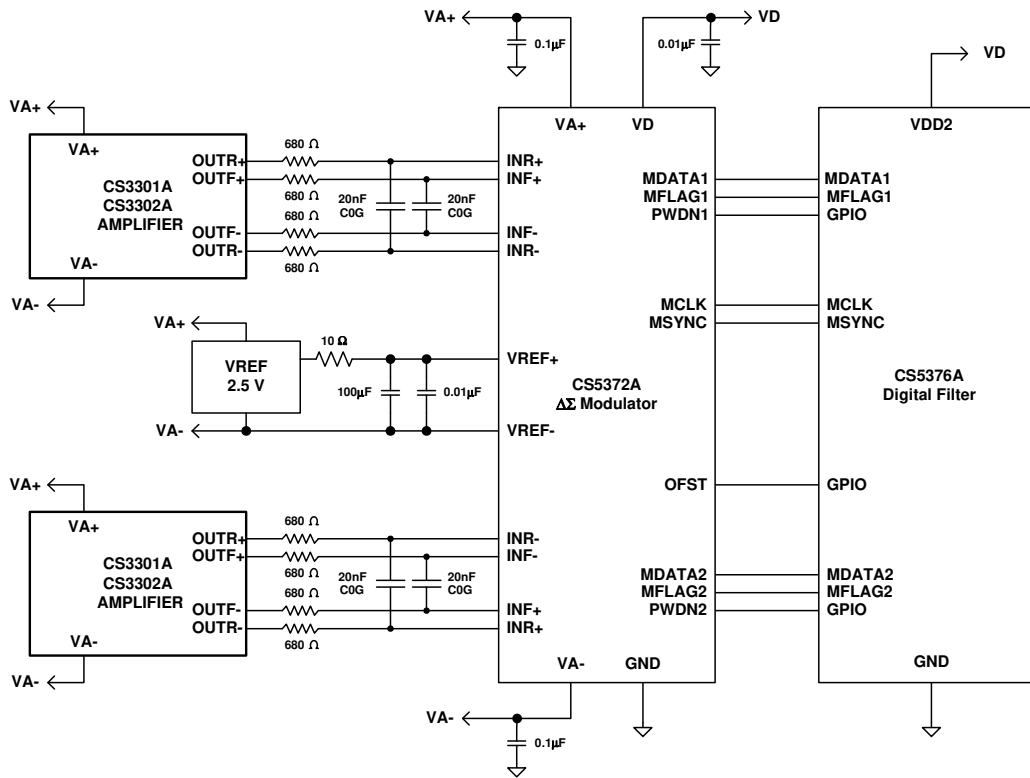


Figure 11. Analog Signals

4. ANALOG SIGNALS

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators have differential analog inputs which are separated into rough and fine charge differential pairs (INR_{\pm} , INF_{\pm}) to maximize sampling accuracy. Both sets of modulator inputs require a simple differential anti-alias RC filter to ensure high-frequency signals do not alias into the measurement bandwidth.

4.1 INR_{\pm} , INF_{\pm} Modulator Inputs

The modulator analog inputs are separated into differential rough and fine signals (INR_{\pm} , INF_{\pm}). The positive half of the differential input signal is connected to INR_{+} and INF_{+} , while the negative half is attached to INF_{-} and INR_{-} . The INR_{\pm} pins are switched-capacitor ‘rough charge’ inputs that pre-charge the internal analog sampling capacitor before it is connected to the INF_{\pm} fine input pins.

4.2 Input Impedance

The modulator inputs have a dynamic switched-capacitor architecture and so have a rough charge input impedance that is inversely proportional to the input master clock frequency and the input capacitor size, $[1 / (f \times C)]$.

- $MCLK = 2.048 \text{ MHz}$
- INR_{\pm} Internal Input Capacitor = 20 pF
- Impedance = $[1 / (2.048 \text{ MHz} \times 20 \text{ pF})] = 24 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Internal to the modulator, the rough inputs (INR_{\pm}) pre-charge the sampling capacitor used by the fine inputs (INF_{\pm}), therefore the input current to the fine inputs is typically very low and the effective input impedance is orders of magnitude above the impedance of the rough inputs.

4.3 Anti-alias Filter

The modulator inputs are required to be bandwidth limited to ensure modulator loop stability and prevent high-frequency signals from aliasing into the measurement bandwidth. The use of simple, single-pole, differential, low-pass RC filters across the INR_{\pm} and INF_{\pm} inputs ensures high-frequency signals are rejected before they can alias into the measurement bandwidth.

The CS3301A / CS3302A differential amplifiers are designed with separate rough and fine analog outputs ($OUTR_{\pm}$, $OUTF_{\pm}$) that match the modulator rough and fine inputs (INR_{\pm} , INF_{\pm}). External anti-alias series resistors and external differential capacitors are required to create the anti-alias RC filters.

The approximate -3 dB corner of the input anti-alias filter is nominally set to the internal analog sampling rate divided by 64, which itself is a division by 4 of the MCLK rate.

- MCLK Frequency = 2.048 MHz
- Sampling Frequency = MCLK / 4 = 512 kHz
- -3 dB Filter Corner = Sampling Freq / 64 = 8 kHz
- RC filter = $1 / [2\pi \times (2 \times R_{series}) \times C_{diff}] \sim 8$ kHz

Figure 9 on page 13 illustrates the CS5371A and CS5372A modulator analog connections with input anti-alias filter components. Filter components on the rough and fine pins should be identical values for optimum performance, with the capacitor values a minimum of 0.02 μ F. The rough input can use either X7R- or C0G-type capacitors, while the fine input requires C0G-type capacitors for optimal linearity. Us-

ing X7R-type capacitors on the fine analog inputs will significantly degrade total harmonic distortion performance.

4.4 Analog Differential Signals

Differential analog signals into the CS5371A and CS5372A consist of two halves with equal but opposite magnitude varying about a common mode voltage. A full-scale, 5 V_{p-p} , differential signal centered on a -0.15 V common mode voltage will have:

$$SIG+ = -0.15 \text{ V} + 1.25 \text{ V} = +1.1 \text{ V}$$

$$SIG- = -0.15 \text{ V} - 1.25 \text{ V} = -1.4 \text{ V}$$

SIG+ is +2.5 V relative to SIG-

For the opposite case:

$$SIG+ = -0.15 \text{ V} - 1.25 \text{ V} = -1.4 \text{ V}$$

$$SIG- = -0.15 \text{ V} + 1.25 \text{ V} = +1.1 \text{ V}$$

SIG+ is -2.5 V relative to SIG-

So the total swing for SIG+ relative to SIG- is $(+2.5 \text{ V}) - (-2.5 \text{ V}) = 5 V_{p-p}$ differential. A similar calculation can be done for SIG- relative to SIG+.

It's important to note that a 5 V_{p-p} differential signal centered on a -0.15 V common mode voltage never exceeds +1.1 V with respect to ground and never drops below -1.4 V with respect to ground on either half. By definition, differential voltages are measured with respect to the opposite half, not relative to ground. A voltmeter differentially measuring between SIG+ and SIG- in the above example would correctly read 1.767 V_{rms} , or 5 V_{p-p} .

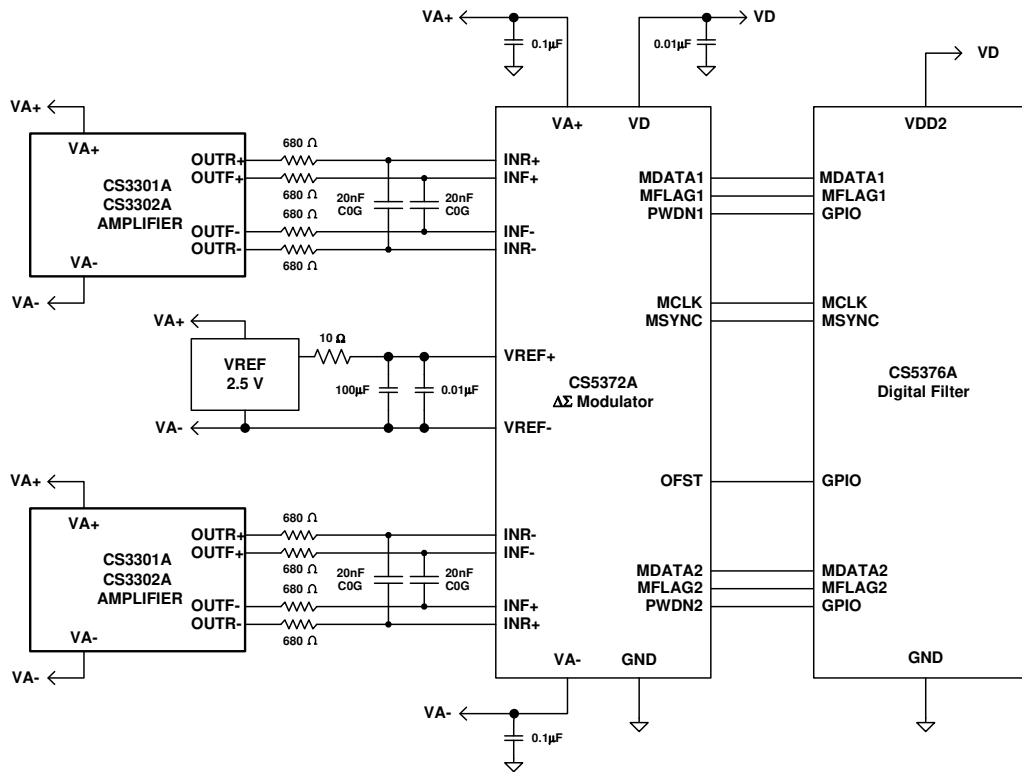


Figure 12. Digital Signals

5. DIGITAL SIGNALS

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators are designed to operate with the CS5376A digital filter. The digital filter generates the modulator clock and synchronization signals (MCLK and MSYNC) while receiving back the modulator one-bit $\Delta\Sigma$ conversion data and over-range flag (MDATA and MFLAG).

5.1 MCLK Connection

The CS5376A digital filter generates the master clock for CS5371A and CS5372A, typically 2.048 MHz, from a synchronous clock input from the external system. If MCLK is disabled during operation, the modulators will enter a power down state after approximately 40 μ S. By default, MCLK is disabled at reset and is enabled by writing the digital filter CONFIG register.

MCLK must have low jitter to guarantee full analog performance, requiring a crystal- or VCXO-based system clock input to the digital

filter. Clock jitter on the digital filter CLK input directly translates to jitter on MCLK.

5.2 MSYNC Connection

The CS5376A digital filter also provides a synchronization signal to the CS5371A and CS5372A modulators. The MSYNC signal is automatically generated following a rising edge received on the digital filter SYNC input. By default, MSYNC generation is disabled at reset and is enabled by writing the digital filter CONFIG register.

The input SYNC signal to the CS5376A digital filter sets a common reference time t_0 for measurement events, thereby synchronizing analog sampling across a measurement network. The timing accuracy of the received SYNC signal from measurement node to measurement node must be ± 1 MCLK to maximize the MSYNC analog sample synchronization accuracy.

The CS5371A and CS5372A MSYNC input is rising-edge triggered and resets the internal MCLK counter/divider to guarantee synchronous operation with other system devices. While the MSYNC signal synchronizes the internal operation of the modulators, by default, it does not synchronize the phase of the sine wave from the CS4373A test DAC unless enabled in the digital filter TBSCFG register.

5.3 MDATA Connection

During normal operation the CS5371A and CS5372A modulators output a $\Delta\Sigma$ serial bit stream to the MDATA pin, with a one's density proportional to the differential amplitude of the analog input signal. The output bit rate from the MDATA output is a divide-by-four of the input MCLK, and so is nominally 512 kHz.

The MDATA output has a 50% one's density for a mid-scale analog input, approximately 86% one's density for a positive full-scale analog input, and approximately 14% one's density for a negative full-scale analog input. One's density of the MDATA output is defined as the ratio of '1' bits to total bits in the serial bit stream output; i.e. an 86% one's density has, on average, a '1' value in 86 of every 100 output data bits.

5.4 MFLAG Connection

The CS5371A and CS5372A $\Delta\Sigma$ modulators have a fourth-order architecture which is conditionally stable and may go into an oscillatory condition if the analog inputs are over-ranged more than 5% past either positive or negative

full-scale.

When an unstable condition is detected, the modulator automatically collapses to a first-order system to regain stability and then transitions the MFLAG output low-to-high to signal an error condition to the CS5376A digital filter. The MFLAG output connects to a dedicated input on the digital filter, causing an error flag to be set in the status byte of the next output data word.

For the modulator to recover from an unstable condition, the analog input signal must be reduced to within the full-scale input range for at least 32 MCLK cycles. If the analog input remains over-ranged for an extended period, the modulator will cycle between fourth-order and first-order operation and the MFLAG output will be seen to pulse.

5.5 OFST Connection

The CS5376A controls 12 general-purpose input output (GPIO) pins through the digital filter GPCFG register. These GPIO pins can be assigned to operate the CS5371A and CS5372A OFST and PWDN pins.

If the OFST pin is pulled high, idle tones are eliminated within the modulator by adding -60 mV (channel 1 of CS5371A and CS5372A) or -35 mV (channel 2 of CS5372A) of internal differential offset during conversion to push idle tones out of the measurement bandwidth. Care should be taken to ensure external offset voltages do not negate the internally added differential offset, or idle tones will re-appear.

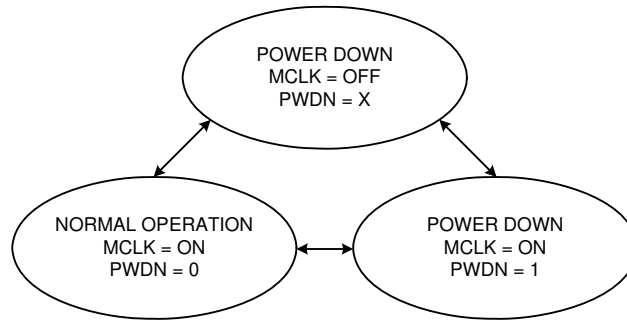


Figure 13. Power Mode Diagram

6. POWER MODES

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators have three power modes. Normal operation, power down with MCLK enabled, and power down with MCLK disabled.

6.1 Normal Operation

With MCLK active and the PWDN pin driven low, the CS5371A and CS5372A modulators perform normal data acquisition. A differential analog input signal is converted to an oversampled 1-bit $\Delta\Sigma$ bit stream at 512 kHz. This $\Delta\Sigma$ bit stream is then digitally filtered and decimated by the CS5376A device to a high-precision 24-bit output.

6.2 Power Down, MCLK Enabled

With MCLK active and the PWDN pin driven high, the CS5371A and CS5372A modulators are placed into a power-down state. During

this power-down state the modulators are disabled and all outputs are high impedance.

6.3 Power Down, MCLK Disabled

If MCLK is stopped, an internal loss-of-clock detection circuit automatically places the CS5371A and CS5372A into a power-down state. This power-down state is independent of the PWDN pin setting and is automatically invoked after approximately 40 μs without receiving an incoming MCLK edge.

During this power-down state, the modulators are disabled and all outputs are high impedance. When used with the CS5376A digital filter, the CS5371A and CS5372A are in this power-down state immediately after reset since MCLK is disabled by default.

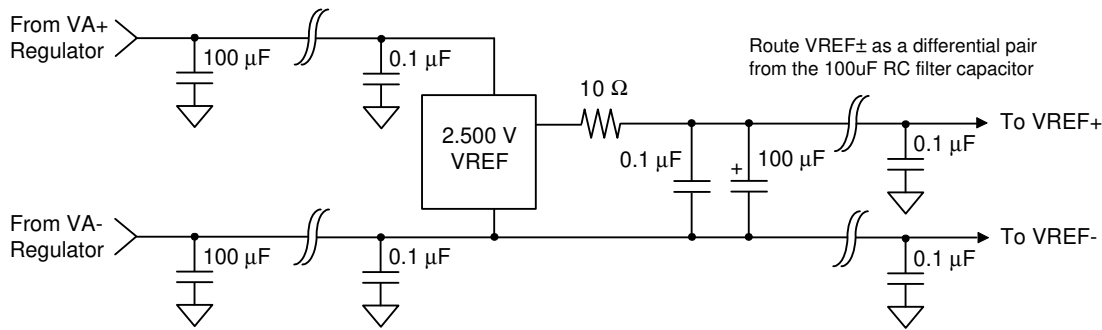


Figure 14. Voltage Reference Circuit

7. VOLTAGE REFERENCE

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators require a 2.500 V precision voltage reference to be supplied to the VREF± pins.

7.1 VREF Power Supply

To guarantee proper regulation headroom for the voltage reference device, the voltage reference GND pin should be connected to VA- instead of system ground, as shown in [Figure 14](#). This connection results in a VREF- voltage equal to VA- and a VREF+ voltage very near ground [(VA-) + 2.500 VREF].

Power supply inputs to the voltage reference device should be bypassed to system ground with 0.1 μF capacitors placed as close as possible to the power and ground pins. In addition to 0.1 μF local bypass capacitors, at least 100 μF of bulk capacitance to system ground should be placed on each power supply near the voltage regulator outputs. Bypass capacitors should be X7R, COG, tantalum, or other high-quality dielectric type.

7.2 VREF RC Filter

A primary concern in selecting a precision voltage reference device is noise performance in the measurement bandwidth. The [Linear Technology LT1019AIS8-2.5](#) voltage reference yields acceptable noise levels if the output is filtered with a low-pass RC filter.

A separate RC filter is required for each system device connected to a given voltage refer-

ence output. By sharing a common RC filter, signal-dependent sampling of the voltage reference by one system device could cause unwanted tones to appear in the measurement bandwidth of another system device via common impedance coupling.

7.3 VREF PCB Routing

To minimize the possibility of outside noise coupling into the CS5371A and CS5372A voltage reference input, the VREF± traces should be routed as a differential pair from the large capacitor of the voltage reference RC filter. Careful control of the voltage reference source and return currents by routing VREF± as a differential pair will significantly improve immunity from external noise.

To further improve noise rejection of the VREF± differential route, include 0.1 μF bypass capacitors to system ground as close as possible to the VREF+ and VREF- pins of the CS5371A and CS5372A.

7.4 VREF Input Impedance

The switched-capacitor input architecture of the VREF± inputs results in an input impedance that depends on the internal capacitor size and the MCLK frequency. With a 15 pF internal capacitor and a 2.048 MHz MCLK, the VREF input impedance is approximately $1 / [(2.048 \text{ MHz}) \times (15 \text{ pF})] = 32 \text{ k}\Omega$. While the size of the internal capacitor is fixed, the volt-

age reference input impedance will vary with MCLK.

The voltage reference external RC filter series resistor creates a voltage divider with the VREF input impedance to reduce the effective applied input voltage. To minimize gain error resulting from this voltage divider effect, the RC filter series resistor should be the minimum size recommended in the voltage reference device data sheet.

7.5 VREF Accuracy

The nominal voltage reference input is specified as 2.500 V across the $VREF_{\pm}$ pins, and all CS5371A and CS5372A gain accuracy speci-

fications are measured using a nominal voltage reference input. Any variation from a nominal VREF input will proportionally vary the analog full-scale gain accuracy.

Since temperature drift of the voltage reference results in gain drift of the analog full-scale amplitude, care should be taken to minimize temperature drift effects through careful selection of passive components and the voltage reference device itself. Gain drift specifications of the CS5371A and CS5372A do not include the temperature drift effects of external passive components or of the voltage reference device itself.

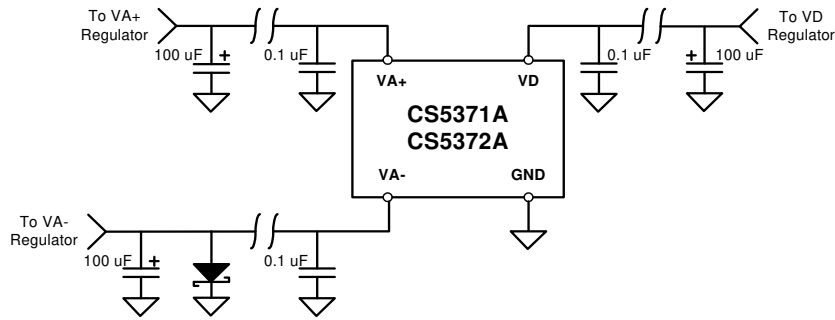


Figure 15. Power Supply Diagram

8. POWER SUPPLIES

The CS5371A and CS5372A modulators have a positive analog power supply pin (VA+), a negative analog power supply pin (VA-), a digital power supply pin (VD), and a ground pin (GND).

For proper operation, power must be supplied to all power supply pins, and the ground pin must be connected to system ground. The CS5371A and CS5372A digital power supply (VD) and the CS5376A digital power supply (VDD) must share a common voltage.

8.1 Power Supply Bypassing

The VA+, VA-, and VD power supplies should be bypassed to system ground with 0.1 μF capacitors placed as close as possible to the power pins of the device. In addition to the 0.1 μF local bypass capacitors, at least 100 μF bulk capacitance to system ground should be placed on each power supply near the voltage regulator output, with additional power supply bulk capacitance placed among the analog component route if space permits. Bypass capacitors should be X7R, C0G, tantalum, or other high-quality dielectric type.

8.2 PCB Layers and Routing

The CS5371A and CS5372A are high-performance devices, and special care must be taken to ensure power and ground routing is correct. Power can be supplied either through dedicated power planes or routed traces.

When routing power traces, it is recommended to use a “star” routing scheme with the star point either at the voltage regulator output or at a local power supply bulk capacitor.

It is also recommended to dedicate a full PCB layer to a solid ground plane, without splits or routing. All bypass capacitors should connect between the power supply circuit and the solid ground plane as near as possible to the device power supply pins.

The CS5371A and CS5372A analog signals are differentially routed and do not normally require connection to a separate analog ground. However, if a separate analog ground is required, it should be routed using a “star” routing scheme on a separate layer from the solid ground plane and connected to the ground plane only at a single point. Be sure all active devices and passive components connected to the separate analog ground are included in the “star” route to ensure sensitive analog currents do not return through the ground plane.

8.3 Power Supply Rejection

Power supply rejection of the CS5371A and CS5372A is frequency dependent. The CS5376A digital filter fully rejects power supply noise for frequencies above the selected digital filter corner frequency. Power supply noise frequencies between DC and the digital filter corner frequency are rejected as specified in the [Power Supply Characteristics](#) table.

8.4 SCR Latch-up Considerations

It is recommended to connect the VA- power supply to system ground (GND) with a reverse-biased Schottky diode. At power up, if the VA+ power supply ramps up before the VA- supply is established, the VA- pin voltage could be pulled above ground potential through the CS5371A and CS5372A device. If the VA- supply is pulled 0.7 V or more above GND, SCR latch-up can occur. A reverse-biased Schottky diode will clamp the VA- voltage a maximum of 0.3 V above ground to ensure SCR latch-up does not occur at power up.

8.5 DC-DC Converters

Many low-frequency measurement systems are battery powered and utilize DC-DC converters to efficiently generate power supply voltages. To minimize interference effects, operate the DC-DC converter at a frequency

which is rejected by the digital filter, or operate it synchronous to the MCLK rate.

A synchronous DC-DC converter whose operating frequency is derived from MCLK will theoretically minimize the potential for “beat frequencies” to appear in the measurement bandwidth. However this requires the source clock to remain jitter free within the DC-DC converter circuitry. If clock jitter can occur within the DC-DC converter (as in a PLL-based architecture), it’s better to use a non-synchronous DC-DC converter whose switching frequency is rejected by the digital filter.

During PCB layout, do not place high-current DC-DC converters near sensitive analog components. Carefully routing a separate DC-DC “star” ground will help isolate noisy switching currents away from the sensitive analog components.

9. PIN DESCRIPTION - CS5371A

Rough Non-Inverting Input	INR+	1 •	24	PWDN	Power-down Enable
Fine Non-Inverting Input	INF+	2	23	GND	Digital Ground
Fine Inverting Input	INF-	3	22	MFLAG	Modulator Flag Output
Rough Inverting Input	INR-	4	21	MDATA	Modulator Data Output
Positive Voltage Reference Input	VREF+	5	20	MSYNC	Modulator Sync Input
Negative Voltage Reference Input	VREF-	6	19	MCLK	Modulator Clock Input
Negative Analog Power Supply	VA-	7	18	VD	Positive Digital Power Supply
Positive Analog Power Supply	VA+	8	17	GND	Digital Ground
No Internal Connection	NC	9	16	NC	No Internal Connection
No Internal Connection	NC	10	15	NC	No Internal Connection
No Internal Connection	NC	11	14	OFST	Offset Mode Select
No Internal Connection	NC	12	13	VD	Positive Digital Power Supply

Power Supplies

VA+ – Positive Analog Power Supply, pin 8

VA- – Negative Analog Power Supply, pin 7

VD – Positive Digital Power Supply, pin 13, 18

GND – Ground, pin 17, 23

Analog Inputs

INR+ – Rough Non-Inverting Input, pin 1

Rough non-inverting analog input. The rough input settles non-linear currents to improve linearity on the fine input and reduce harmonic distortion.

INF+ – Fine Non-Inverting Input, pin 2

Fine non-inverting analog input.

INF- – Fine Inverting Input, pin 3

Fine inverting analog input.

INR- – Rough Inverting Input, pin 4

Rough inverting analog input. The rough input settles non-linear currents to improve linearity on the fine input and reduce harmonic distortion.