

## TOWARDS OPTIMIZED MULTI-CHANNEL MODULO-ADCS: MODULI SELECTION STRATEGIES AND BIT DEPTH ANALYSIS

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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents a theoretical analysis of multi-channel modulo analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) for high-dynamic range sampling under bounded noise. In particular, we derive the maximum error tolerance in terms of ADC dynamic range, signal dynamic range, and channel number. Additionally, we present closed-form expressions for ADC thresholds, ensuring near-optimal error resilience, and analyzing the minimal bit-depth needed for stable recovery. Compared to single-channel modulo ADCs, our approach achieves superior error tolerance with reduced sampling rates. Moreover, it demands a minor bit rate increase compared to conventional ADCs but operates with a significantly smaller ADC dynamic range.

**Index Terms**— Analog-to-digital converters(ADC), modulo samplers, Chinese remainder theorem(CRT)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

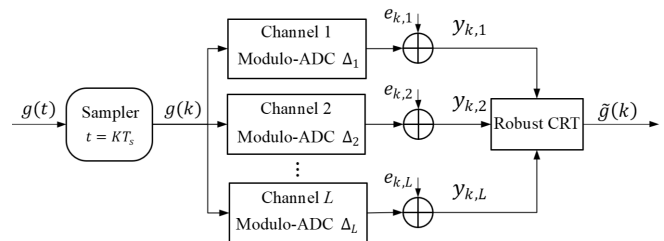
Saturation or clipping issues pose challenges in various applications. For example, in high dynamic range photography, sunlit scenes often result in overexposure [1]. Similarly, in scientific imaging systems like ultrasound and radar, intense reflections risk overwhelming the sensors [2–6]. Additionally, in audio, clipping generates artifacts diminishing sound quality [7–9]. These complications stem from ADC’s range limitations. Specifically, when input amplitudes surpass the ADC’s threshold, described by  $|f_{in}| > \frac{\Delta}{2}$  where  $\Delta$  denotes the ADC’s peak-to-peak range, the result is aliasing due to clipping. Consequently, output values are confined to  $[-\frac{\Delta}{2}, +\frac{\Delta}{2}]$ . To address this challenge, modulo ADCs have been developed [10, 11]. For an input  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and a threshold  $\Delta > 0$ , the modulo ADC wraps the input amplitude as:

$$\langle x \rangle_{\Delta} = x \bmod \Delta = x - \Delta \left\lceil \frac{x}{\Delta} \right\rceil \in \left[ -\frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{\Delta}{2} \right), \quad (1)$$

with  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$  denoting the rounding function. Single-channel modulo-ADC has been applied in areas like radar, imaging, and communications to increase dynamic range [12–14]. However, single-channel modulo-ADC system requires high sampling rates and computational costs.

Drawing on the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT), multi-channel modulo-ADC systems are introduced in [15, 16]. These systems promise reliable, high-dynamic range sampling even at low sampling rates. Illustrated in Fig. 1, an  $L$ -channel modulo-ADC system employs a sequence of distinct ADC thresholds  $\Delta_1 < \Delta_2 < \dots < \Delta_L = \Delta_{\max}$  defined as:

$$\Delta_l = \epsilon \tau_l, \quad 1 \leq l \leq L \quad (2)$$



**Fig. 1.** Multi-channel modulo-ADC sampling architecture.

where  $\epsilon$  is a positive floating-point number, and  $\tau_l$  is pair-wise coprime integer. Each channel samples at the Nyquist rate and the maximum signal amplitude  $P$ , is given by

$$P = \frac{\epsilon \tau_1 \tau_2 \cdots \tau_L}{2} \quad (3)$$

The robust CRT algorithms [17, 18] facilitate point-by-point, fast, and reliable signal reconstruction when the modulo ADC errors stay below  $|e| < \epsilon/4$ .

While multi-channel modulo-ADCs offer substantial promise, open questions remain about optimizing their performance. This paper analyzes and optimizes multi-channel modulo ADC systems to enable robust, high-dynamic range signal acquisition while keeping the bitrate overhead minimal. Our main contributions are:

- Deriving relationships between error tolerance, sampling rates, ADC dynamic range, and signal dynamic range to offer insights into multi-channel modulo system robustness and parameter selection;
- Providing closed-form expressions for the ADC thresholds for  $L = 2, 3, 4$  that offer (near-) optimal resilience to errors, given the signal’s peak magnitude  $g_{\max}$  and the maximum ADC dynamic range  $\Delta_{\max}$ ;
- The multi-channel modulo ADC architecture achieves high dynamic range signal acquisition with comparable hardware costs to conventional ADCs in terms of bits/sample.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews existing results on modulo ADC systems with bounded noises. Section 3 analyzes moduli selection and bitrates. Section 4 presents simulations of sampling bitrate, dynamic range, and channel number tradeoffs and concludes in Section 5.

**Notations:** Rational integers and natural numbers are represented by  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$ , respectively. The ceiling and rounding operations for a real number  $x$  are given by  $\lceil x \rceil$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ . The greatest common divisor of two integers,  $p$  and  $q$ , is  $\gcd(p, q)$ . An integer  $p$  has a modular multiplicative inverse,  $q$ , if  $pq \bmod m = 1$ .

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Consider an  $L$ -channel modulo ADC system characterized by ADC dynamic ranges  $\Delta_1 < \Delta_2 < \dots < \Delta_L = \Delta_{\max}$ . Given a bandlimited input signal  $g(t)$ , the  $k$ -th sample (where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) is defined as  $g_k = g(k/f_s)$ . Here,  $f_s$  represents the uniform sampling frequency across all channels. We set  $g_{\max} = \|g(t)\|_{\infty}$  and express the noisy output for the  $k$ -th sample in the  $l$ -th channel as  $y_{k,l} = \langle g_k \rangle_{\Delta_l} + e_{k,l}$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq L$ . Let  $\|e\|_{\infty} = \max_{k,l} |e_{k,l}|$  indicate the peak magnitude of ADC sample noise. In our context, the noise is bounded such that  $\|e\|_{\infty} < b_0$ . If the reconstruction of the  $k$ -th sample is  $\hat{g}_k$ , then a **stable reconstruction** is defined by the relation:

$$\lceil \hat{g}_k / \Delta_l \rceil = \lceil g_k / \Delta_l \rceil \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 \leq l \leq L, \quad (4)$$

which further suggests that  $|g_k - \hat{g}_k| \leq \|e\|_{\infty}$ . In what follows, we summarize existing works of modulo-ADCs under bounded noises.

Single-channel modulo-ADCs ( $L = 1$ ), commonly referred to as the unlimited sampling framework (USF), facilitate the perfect reconstruction of a bandlimited signal  $g(t)$  from its oversampled modulo samples, as detailed in [11, 19]. Under noiseless conditions, a signal can be accurately recovered using the USF approach if the sampling rate meets the threshold of  $f_T \geq 2\pi e f_{NYQ}$ , where  $f_{NYQ}$  represents the Nyquist sampling rate [11]. Furthermore, Theorem 3 from [20] indicates that a bandlimited signal can be stably reconstructed from noisy modulo samples provided specific conditions are met. Specifically, with a sampling rate of  $f_T > 2^{\alpha} \pi e f_{NYQ}$ , stable recovery can be achieved given that the modulo ADC's noise is bounded by

$$\|e\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{8} (2\rho)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}. \quad (5)$$

Here,  $\alpha$  is a natural number,  $\rho = 2g_{\max}/\Delta_{\max}$  is the amplitude scaling factor (also referred to as normalized dynamic range in [20]). The aforementioned bound demands a considerably high oversampling factor relative to the Nyquist rate. While empirical studies [11, 21–23] suggest that imposing extra constraints on  $g(t)$  may allow for reduced sampling rates, to the best of our understanding, (5) represents the most robust theoretical bound for a generic bandlimited signal in a single-channel system.

Multi-channel modulo-ADC systems with  $L > 1$  were first introduced in [15], leveraging a robust CRT recovery algorithm presented in [18, 24–27], as outlined in Algorithm 1. Within this framework, each channel samples at the Nyquist rate  $f_s = f_{NYQ}$ , resulting in a total sampling rate of  $f_T = L f_{NYQ}$ . Adopting  $\Delta_l$  as specified in (2), stable reconstruction is attainable when  $\|e\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4}$ . A central challenge lies in optimizing  $\tau_l$  to amplify  $\epsilon$  given a specified  $\Delta_{\max}$  and  $\rho$ . Additionally, there is a lack of study on the necessary bit rates. This paper aims to address these concerns.

It's worth noting that a dual-channel system ( $L = 2$ ) was introduced in a recent study [28]. Unlike our CRT-based approach, their system requires that the ratio  $\Delta_1/\Delta_2$  is an irrational number. However, implementing such a system in hardware poses challenges due to the inherent precision limitations of components. Moreover, the study did not address the noise robustness of their system [28].

## 3. MODULI SELECTION AND BITRATE ANALYSIS OF MULTI-CHANNEL ARCHITECTURE

### 3.1. Performance analysis for bounded noise

Theorem 1 presents the upper bound for noise tolerance in the context of a predetermined maximum threshold  $\Delta_{\max}$  and amplitude scaling factor  $\rho = 2g_{\max}/\Delta_{\max}$

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### Algorithm 1 Robust CRT reconstruction algorithm [18]

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**Input:** ADC threshold parameters  $\tau_l$  and  $\epsilon$ , ADC modulo samples

$$y_{k,l} = \langle g_k \rangle_{\Delta_l} + e_{k,l}$$

**Output:** Recovered estimate  $\tilde{g}_k$

- 1: Compute  $\gamma_1 = \prod_{l=2}^L \tau_l$
  - 2: Compute  $\hat{q}_{k,l,1} = \left\lceil \frac{y_{k,l} - y_{k,1}}{\epsilon} \right\rceil$ ,  $2 \leq l \leq L$
  - 3: Compute  $\hat{\xi}_{k,l,1} = \hat{q}_{k,l,1} \bar{\tau}_{l,1} \pmod{\tau_l}$ , where  $\bar{\tau}_{l,1}$  is the multiplicative modulo inverse of  $\tau_1 \pmod{\tau_l}$
  - 4: Compute  $\hat{n}_{k,1} = \sum_{l=2}^L \hat{\xi}_{k,l,1} b_{l,1} \frac{\gamma_1}{\tau_l} \pmod{\gamma_1}$ , where  $b_{l,1}$  is the modulo inverse of  $\langle \frac{\gamma_1}{\tau_l} \rangle_{\tau_l}$
  - 5: Compute  $\hat{n}_{k,l} = \frac{\hat{n}_{k,1} \tau_1 - \hat{q}_{k,l,1}}{\tau_l}$
  - 6: Compute  $\tilde{g}_k = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L (\hat{n}_{k,l} \Delta_l + y_{k,l})$ .
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**Theorem 1** (Multi-channel Modulo ADC Systems with Bounded Noise). *Consider an  $L$ -channel modulo-ADC system (Fig. 1), with thresholds  $\Delta_l = \tau_l \epsilon$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq L$ . Here,  $\epsilon > 0$  and each  $\tau_l$  are pairwise coprime integers. When each channel is sampled at its Nyquist rate, resulting in a total rate  $f_T = L f_{NYQ}$ , and let the  $k$ -th modulo sample in the  $l$ -th channel as  $y_{k,l} = \langle g_k \rangle_{\Delta_l} + e_{k,l}$ , with noise  $e_{k,l}$ . Stable reconstruction is achievable if the maximum error amplitude  $\|e\|_{\infty} = \max_{k,l} |e_{k,l}|$  satisfies:*

$$\|e\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{C \Delta_{\max}}{4} \rho^{-\frac{1}{L-1}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\rho = 2g_{\max}/\Delta_{\max}$  is the amplitude scaling factor in (5) and  $C < 1$  is a parameter determined by  $\rho$  and  $\tau_l$  ( $1 \leq l \leq L$ ). For large values of  $\rho$ ,  $C \approx 1$ .

*Proof.* Due to space constraints, we outline the main steps. First, the maximum recoverable value  $P$  in (3) must exceed  $g_{\max}$ , i.e.,  $\frac{\tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_L \epsilon}{2} \geq g_{\max}$ . Given the ADC's threshold restrictions, we also have:  $\tau_L \epsilon \leq \Delta_{\max}$ . These lead to  $\tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_{L-1} \geq \rho$  as well as  $\epsilon \leq \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_L}$ . Recall from Algorithm 1, the modulo ADC's error needs to be bounded by  $\|e\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4}$  for stable reconstruction. As  $\epsilon$  is a positive real number, we can select  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_L}$ . For optimal error tolerance,  $\tau_L$  is minimized under the constraints  $\tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_{L-1} \geq \rho$ , the order  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2 \dots \leq \tau_{L-1} \leq \tau_L$ , and their pairwise co-primality. Therefore, each  $\tau_l$  should be on the order of  $\rho^{\frac{1}{L-1}}$ . This makes  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_L} = C \Delta_{\max} \rho^{-\frac{1}{L-1}}$  for some  $C \approx 1$ , validating (6). ■

Table 1 presents a comparative evaluation between the theoretical bounds of the single-channel system [11] and the proposed multi-channel modulo-ADC systems in terms of error tolerance and sampling rate. Notably,  $\alpha$  in the single-channel system corresponds to  $L - 1$  in its multi-channel counterpart. Both systems exhibit error tolerance orders of  $\mathcal{O}\left(\rho^{-\frac{1}{L-1}}\right)$  and  $\mathcal{O}\left(\rho^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right)$ , respectively. However, our multi-channel approach linearly increases the sampling rate with  $L$ , whereas the single-channel has an exponential dependence on  $\alpha$ . This significant difference highlights that multi-channel modulo ADCs can achieve comparable error resilience to single-channel systems but with substantially lower sampling overhead. Therefore, the analysis substantiates the benefits of multi-channel architectures in attaining high dynamic range acquisition at low sampling frequencies.

**Table 1.** Performance comparison of modulo-ADC systems under bounded noise, where  $f_T$  and  $\|e\|_\infty$  denote the total sampling rate and maximum error. Here,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $L \geq 2$  and  $C < 1$ .

System Type	$f_T$	$\ e\ _\infty$
[11]	$\geq 2^\alpha \pi e f_{NYQ}$	$\leq \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{8} (2\rho)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$
This work	$L f_{NYQ}$	$\leq \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{4} \rho^{-\frac{1}{L-1}} \cdot C$

### 3.2. Moduli Selection

This subsection studies the (near-)optimal selection of  $\tau_l$  and  $\epsilon$  to enhance the system's error resilience. To address the interest in low oversampling factors, we provide closed-form solutions for  $L = 2, 3$ , and 4 in the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** Consider an  $L$ -channel modulo-ADC sampling system given in Theorem 1 with amplitude scaling factor of  $\rho$  and maximum ADC dynamic range of  $\Delta_{\max}$ . For  $L = 2, 3$  and 4,  $\tau_l$  ( $1 \leq l \leq L$ ) given below are pair-wise coprime and satisfy  $\tau_l = \mathcal{O}(\rho^{\frac{1}{L}})$

- $L = 2$ :  $\tau_1 = \lceil \rho \rceil$ ,  $\tau_2 = \tau_1 + 1$  and  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_2}$
- $L = 3$ :  $\tau_1 = 2a - 1$ ,  $\tau_2 = 2a$ ,  $\tau_3 = 2a + 1$  and  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_3}$ , in which  $a = \lceil (\sqrt{1 + 4\rho} + 1)/4 \rceil$  ( $a > 1$ )
- $L = 4$ :  $\epsilon = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{\tau_4}$  and there are two sets of solutions of  $\tau_l$  ( $1 \leq l \leq 4$ )
  - $\tau_1 = 2a - 1$ ,  $\tau_2 = 2a$ ,  $\tau_3 = 2a + 1$ ,  $\tau_4 = 2a + 3$  in which  $a = \lceil 0.5 \sqrt[3]{\rho} \rceil$ ,  $a \bmod 3 \neq 0$  and  $a > 1$
  - $\tau_1 = 2a - 1$ ,  $\tau_2 = 2a + 1$ ,  $\tau_3 = 2a + 2$ ,  $\tau_4 = 2a + 3$ , in which  $a = \lceil \sqrt[3]{5 + 0.125\rho} - 0.5 \rceil$ ,  $a \bmod 3 = 0$  and  $a > 1$ .

*Proof.* For each value of  $L$ , we observe  $\tau_L - \tau_1 \leq L$ . This suggests that the  $\tau_l$  values are closely grouped and have similar magnitudes. Given that  $\prod_{l=1}^{L-1} \tau_l$  is roughly equivalent or slightly greater than  $\rho$ , it's clear that each  $\tau_l$  is of the order  $\mathcal{O}(\rho^{\frac{1}{L-1}})$ .

To establish the pairwise coprime nature, it suffices to show that  $\gcd(\tau_l, \tau_j) = 1$  for  $1 \leq l < j \leq L$ . Remember, for two integers  $p$  and  $q$ , their difference  $p - q$  can be divided by  $\gcd(p, q)$ .

For  $L = 2$ ,  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are consecutive integers, ensuring they are coprime. For  $L = 3$ , one can show that  $\gcd(\tau_1, \tau_2) = 1$  and  $\gcd(\tau_2, \tau_3) = 1$  in a similar manner. Additionally, since both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_3$  are odd and their difference is 2, this confirms that they are relatively prime.

For  $L = 4$ , we build upon the conclusions derived from the  $L = 3$  case. In the first set of solutions for  $\tau_l$  where  $1 \leq l \leq 4$ : First, by applying the logic from the  $L = 3$  discussion, we deduce that  $\tau_1, \tau_2$ , and  $\tau_3$  are pairwise co-prime. Then, for  $\tau_3$  and  $\tau_4$ , their difference is 2. Since both are odd integers, they are not divisible by 2, implying  $\gcd(\tau_3, \tau_4) = 1$ . Next, the difference between  $\tau_4$  and  $\tau_1$  is 4. Both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_4$  being odd integers ensures they are not divisible by 2 or 4. This establishes that  $\gcd(\tau_1, \tau_4) = 1$ . Finally, analyzing  $\tau_4$  and  $\tau_2$ , we see that their difference,  $\tau_4 - \tau_2 = 3$ . Given the condition  $a \bmod 3 \neq 0$ , neither  $\tau_2 = 2a$  nor  $\tau_4 = 2a + 3$  are divisible by 3. This confirms  $\gcd(\tau_2, \tau_4) = 1$ .

For the second set of solutions for  $L = 4$ , the pairwise coprime property can be proved using a similar approach. ■

In Table 2, we compare the single-channel modulo ADC system from [11] against our multi-channel system for  $\Delta_{\max} = 40$  and varying  $\rho$ . At  $\rho = 10$ , the single-channel requires up to  $34.3f_{NYQ}$

**Table 2.** Comparison of modulo-ADC systems under bounded noise, where  $\Delta_{\max} = 40$ ,  $f_T$  and  $\|e\|_\infty$  denote the sampling rate ADC error tolerance, respectively

$\rho$	Systems	$L$	$\tau_l$	$\alpha$	$\ e\ _\infty$	$f_T$
10	[11]	1	-	1	0.25	$17.1f_{NYQ}$
		1	-	2	1.11	$34.3f_{NYQ}$
	Ours	2	10, 11	-	0.91	$2f_{NYQ}$
		3	3, 4, 5	-	2	$3f_{NYQ}$
100	[11]	1	-	1	0.025	$17.1f_{NYQ}$
		1	-	2	0.35	$34.3f_{NYQ}$
	Ours	2	100, 101	-	0.099	$2f_{NYQ}$
		3	11, 12, 13	-	0.77	$3f_{NYQ}$

for an error tolerance of 1.11, whereas our system, with three channels, uses only  $3f_{NYQ}$  to achieve an error of 2. For  $\rho = 100$ , our two-channel setup attains a 0.099 error at just  $2f_{NYQ}$ , contrasting with the single-channel's 0.025 error at  $17.1f_{NYQ}$ . Overall, our CRT-based multi-channel system consistently achieves a larger error tolerance with significantly reduced sampling rates compared to the single-channel modulo ADC.

### 3.3. Bit depth analysis

In this subsection, we analyze the bit rate for the multi-channel system, focusing on the minimum bits needed for stable recovery.

**Corollary 2.** For an  $L$ -channel modulo-ADC system as specified in Theorem 1, with amplitude scaling factor  $\rho$  and ADC dynamic ranges  $\Delta_l = \tau_l \epsilon$  ( $1 \leq l \leq L$ ). Assuming that a mid-rise uniform quantizer is used with  $b$  bits per modulo-ADC sample (totaling  $B = Lb$  bits per signal sample), stable reconstruction requires

$$b \geq \log_2 \tau_L + 1. \quad (7)$$

If  $B_c$  represents bits per signal sample in a conventional ADC without saturation (with the same quantization step) and let  $\eta = B/B_c$  denote the bit-rate oversampling factor, then

$$B_c = b + \log_2 \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \frac{Lb}{b + \log_2 \rho} \quad (8)$$

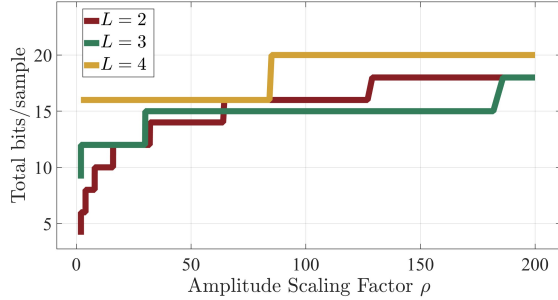
*Proof.* Given the maximum dynamic range of the ADC system as  $\Delta_{\max}$ , the quantization step is defined by  $q = \frac{\Delta_{\max}}{2^b}$ . With the maximum quantization error capped at  $\frac{q}{2}$ , a stable reconstruction requires that  $\epsilon/4 \geq \Delta_{\max}/2^{b+1}$ . Substituting  $\epsilon = \Delta_{\max}/\tau_L$  yields (7). For a conventional ADC with the same quantization step, the relation  $2g_{\max}/2^{B_c} = \Delta_{\max}/2^b$  leads to (8). ■

The Corollary specifies the minimum bit requirement for stable signal reconstruction and compares it to a conventional ADC without clipping. Specifically:

**Bit-depth requirement** Eq. (7) suggests the minimum bit requirement is  $b_{\min} = \log_2 \tau_L + 1$ . Let  $\tau_L = c_L \rho^{\frac{1}{L-1}}$  ( $c_L > 1$ ), one can derive that for every signal sample, the minimum number of required bits  $B_{\min} = Lb_{\min}$  is

$$B_{\min} = \frac{L}{L-1} \log_2 \rho + L(1 + \log_2 c_L), \quad (9)$$

Building on the parameters given in Corollary 1, we plot the relationship between  $\rho$  and  $B_{\min}$  for  $L = 2, 3$  and 4 in Fig. 2. One can observe that for when  $\rho < 60$ , a 2-channel system requires the least



**Fig. 2.** The evolution of minimum precision  $B$  in different multi-channel system recovery as  $\rho$  varied from 2 to 200.

total bits. But as  $\rho$  increases, a 3-channel configuration emerges as the optimal choice. This observation furnishes crucial insights for the selection of modulo-ADC parameters in practical applications.

**Comparison with Conventional ADCs:** In an  $L$ -channel modulo ADC system, despite the frequency oversampling factor being  $L$ , the bit rate factor  $\eta$  is always less than  $L$ , i.e.,  $\eta < L$ , as shown in Eq. (8). For a given  $b$  and  $L$ , a larger  $\rho$  reduces  $\eta$ , highlighting efficiency at high  $\rho$ . Given  $L$  and  $\rho$ ,  $\eta$  grows with the increase of  $b$ . Thus, high-resolution quantizers lead to higher  $\eta$ , while low-resolution ones reduce overhead. The lowest  $\eta$  occurs at  $b = b_{\min}$ , and the conventional ADC's bit requirement is:

$$B_{c,\min} = B_{\min} - (L - 1)(1 + \log_2 c_L) \quad (10)$$

Considering  $c_L > 1$ ,  $B_{c,\min}$  is less than  $B_{\min}$ , implying  $\eta > 1$  and denoting a higher bit demand in modulo-ADCs compared to conventional ones. For an optimal system with  $c_L \approx 1$ ,  $B_{\min}$  is close to  $B_{c,\min} + L$ , indicating a minor addition of  $L$  bits per sample. Especially for small  $L$  values (2 to 4), this slight increase in bit rate is offset by a notable rise in dynamic range, suggesting significant potential in practical applications.

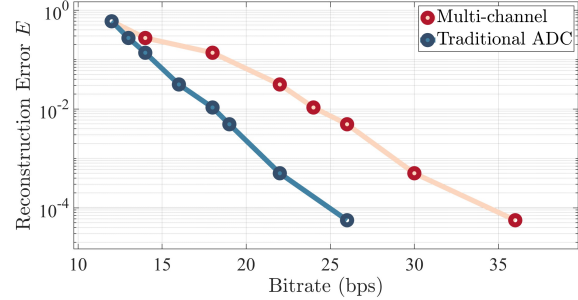
#### 4. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section, we compare the performance of different ADC systems under quantization noises, including: *i*) Our 2-channel modulo ADC system; *ii*) Single-channel modulo ADC system; and *iii*) conventional ADC system without saturation. The input band-limited signal takes the following form:

$$g(t) = \sum_{i=-30}^{30} A \cdot a_i \cdot \text{sinc}(t - i), \quad (11)$$

The coefficients  $a_i$  follow a uniform distribution within the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , and  $A$  is a normalization factor such that  $g_{\max} = 2000$ . For modulo ADC systems, we set  $\Delta_{\max} = 150$ , resulting in an amplitude scaling factor of  $\rho = 2g_{\max}/\Delta_{\max} \approx 26.7$ . Utilizing Corollary 1, we choose  $\tau_1 = 27$ ,  $\tau_2 = 28$ , and  $\epsilon = 150/28 \approx 5.36$  in our system. Each channel is sampled at the Nyquist rate  $f_s = 1$  Hz, resulting in a total sampling rate of  $f_T = 2$  Hz. For the single-channel modulo ADC system and conventional ADC system, the sampling frequencies are  $f_T = 18.2$  Hz and  $f_T = 1$  Hz, respectively. We quantify the performance based on the maximum distortion of the reconstructed signal.

$$E = \max_k |\tilde{g}(k) - g(k)| \quad (12)$$



**Fig. 3.** Comparison of total bitrate vs. distortion: our 2-channel modulo-ADCs ( $\Delta_{\max} = 150$ ) vs. conventional ADC ( $\Delta_{\max} = 4000$ ) at peak amplitude  $g_{\max} = 2000$ .

**Table 3.** Bitrate Analysis

System Type	$\Delta_{\max}$	$L$	$E$	Bitrate	$f_T$
[11]	150	1	$10^{-3}$	309 bps	18.2 Hz
			$10^{-1}$	163 bps	
Conventional ADCs	4,000	1	$10^{-3}$	22 bps	1 Hz
Ours	150	2	$10^{-3}$	30 bps	2 Hz
			$10^{-1}$	18 bps	

In Fig.3, we compare the total bit rates of our 2-channel modulo ADC system with those of a conventional ADC. Despite doubling the sampling rate, our modulo ADC system requires only a slight increase in bit rate. This is particularly noteworthy because our system operates with a significantly reduced ADC dynamic range compared to conventional ADCs. Table3 provides a more detailed comparison of bit-rate requirements among various ADC frameworks. For the same distortion levels, our system's bit rate is slightly higher than that of traditional ADCs but significantly lower than that of the single-channel modulo ADC, highlighting its practical potential.

#### 5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we provide a comprehensive theoretical analysis of multi-channel modulo-ADC systems under bounded noise, leveraging a robust CRT reconstruction algorithm [18]. We derive the maximum error tolerance of the ADC in terms of its dynamic range, maximum signal amplitude, and number of channels. Additionally, we present the closed-form expressions of ADC thresholds required to achieve (near-) optimal error resilience, followed by an analysis of bit depth. In comparison to single-channel ADC systems [20], our system offers a larger error tolerance at a much lower sampling frequency. While it requires a marginal increase in bit rate compared to conventional ADC systems, it operates with a significantly reduced ADC dynamic range at comparable distortion levels.

In the future, we aim to conduct error analysis using advanced reconstruction techniques like lattice-based methods [15]. We also plan to explore practical hardware integrations and radar applications.

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