

# 3-Bit Flash Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) Using eSim

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## Abstract

Flash adc is also known as parallel adc. It is formed of a series of comparators, each one comparing the input signal to a unique reference voltage. the comparator outputs connect to inputs to priority encoder circuit built gates and diode which then produces binary output. Flash converters are extremely fast compared to many other types of ADCs.

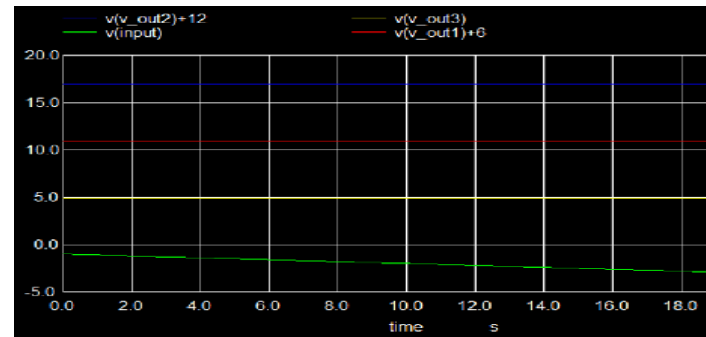
This paper explains simulation of flash type adc using eSim.

## INTRODUCTION

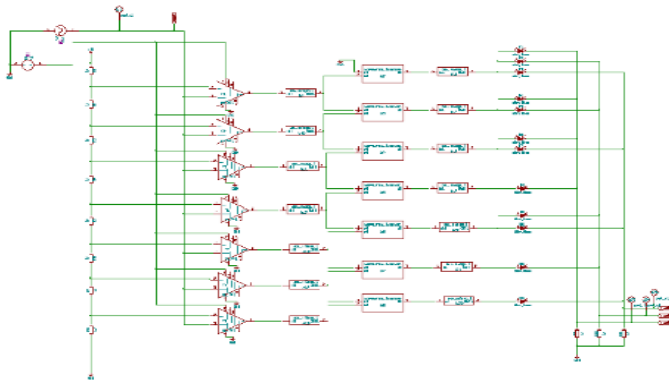
A flash ADC gives nonlinear response to the analog input signal.

The flash converter designed in this paper is the simplest and efficient, being limited only in comparator and gate propagation delays. The circuit is implemented using eSim, an integrated tool with Makerchip IDE, KiCad, Ngspice, GHDL and verilator.

## IMPLEMENTED WAVEFORMS



## IMPLEMENTED CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



## References

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This three-bit flash ADC requires seven comparators. It has seven op-amps and seven Ex-OR gates.  $V_{ref}$  is a stable reference voltage provided by precision voltage regulator as part of converter circuit and  $V_{in}$  is 5v. The  $V_{ref}$  used here is PWL wave and its connected to non inverting terminal of op-amp. Due to the nature of sequential comparator output states the same highest-order-input selection effect through set of Ex-OR gates, allowing use of simpler, non priority encoder. In Makerchip using verilog code for Ex-OR gate and other components are in-built in eSim which is used to simulate mixed signal.