

## ① Shot Noise:

$$i_n = \sqrt{2q I_D \Delta f}$$

This noise occurs due to quantum nature of Electron flow through a Potential Barrier.

Carriers exhibit average rate (DC value) of crossing, but individual carriers cross barrier as random events

In above equation  $I_D$  is the forward current in the device, and  $\Delta f$  is measurement bandwidth.

Clearly Shot noise  $\propto \sqrt{I_D}$ , but it is  $\neq f(\text{Temp})$

In MOSFET, Subthreshold currents exhibits Shot Noise.

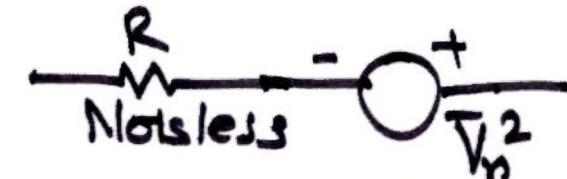


## (b) Johnson Noise (Thermal Noise):

Random carrier motion (Drift, Diffusion)  
gives rms Noise power as

$$S_n(f) = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} kT df = kT \Delta f$$

$\therefore S_n(f) \propto T \Rightarrow$  Thermal Noise

A resistor can be modeled as  Noise Source

spectral density

$$S_v(f) = kT \Delta f = \frac{\bar{V}_n^2}{R}$$

$$\text{or } \bar{V}_n^2 = kTR \Delta f$$

If  $V_n$  is expressed in rms value &  $\Delta f = 1\text{Hz}$

$$\text{then } \bar{V}_n^2 = 4kTR$$



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$$\text{As } \bar{i_n}^2 = \frac{\bar{v_n}^2}{R^2} \quad \text{current noise source}$$

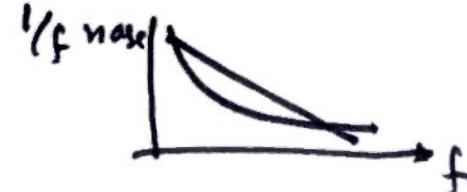
$$\therefore \bar{i_n}^2 = \frac{4kT}{R} = 4kT \cdot G \quad (G = \frac{1}{R})$$



### (c) $1/f$ Noise (Flicker Noise)

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Due to number fluctuations occurring due to Defects, Contaminants and Interface States, one observe  $1/f$  noise. Johnson invented it in 1923 in Vacuum Tubes. Exact nature is not very much known, but at low frequencies, the noise shows inverse proportion to frequency ( $1/f$  behavior), and hence called  $1/f$  Noise





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(d) G-R Noise :

Generation - Recombination of carriers in Semiconductors (Devices) results in statistical variation of number density. This leads to Noise, also known as Random Telegraph Noise (RTN)

(e) Popcorn noise : Also known as Burst Noise, shows  $1/f^2$  dependence

A typical origin of such noise is seen in channel current of a MOSFET.

Discrete modulation of Channel Current by capture and Emission of carriers in the Channel leads to Popcorn Noise

Two Types of Noise can be

[A] "Man Made Noise"

- Signal coupling
- Substrate coupling
- Finite Power Supply Rejection

Possible methods of Eliminations

- (i) Fully Differential Circuits
- (ii) Proper Layout of the Circuit

[B] "Electronic Noise due to Devices"



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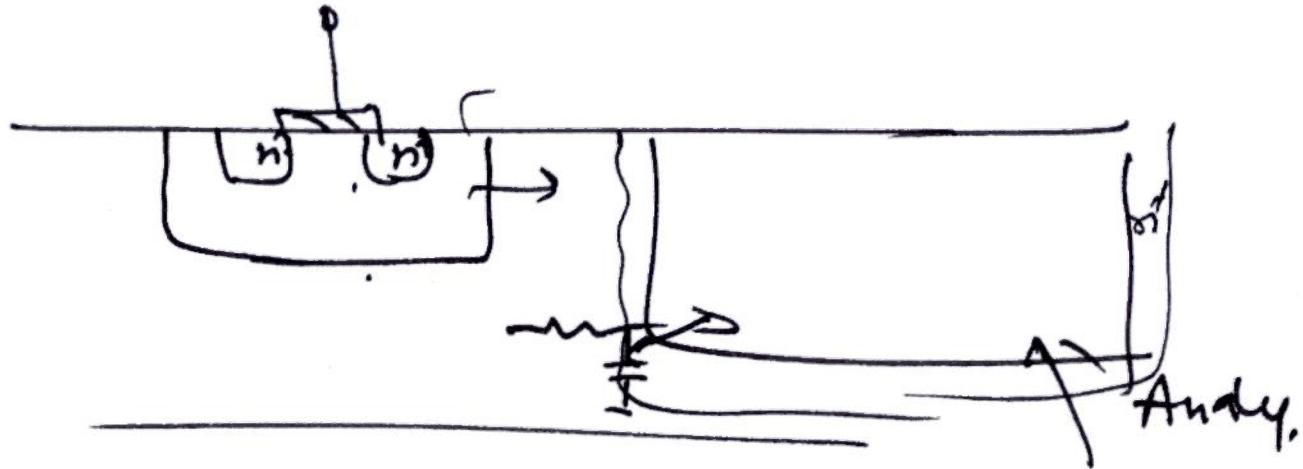
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# Noise due to Components



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$$\theta = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta P}$$

# Effects of Electronic Noise on Circuits



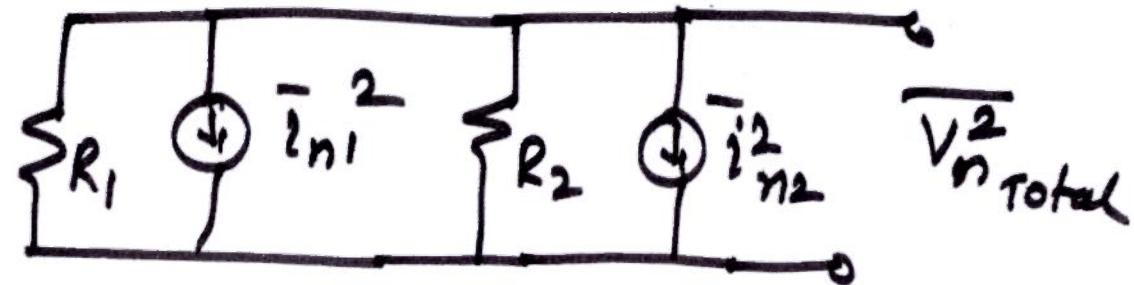
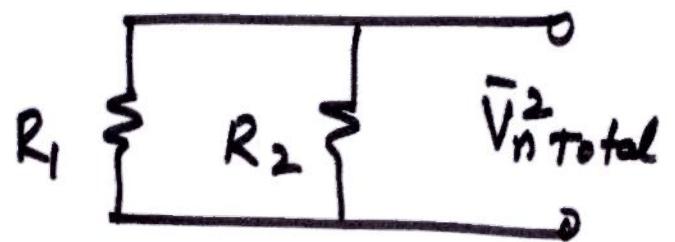
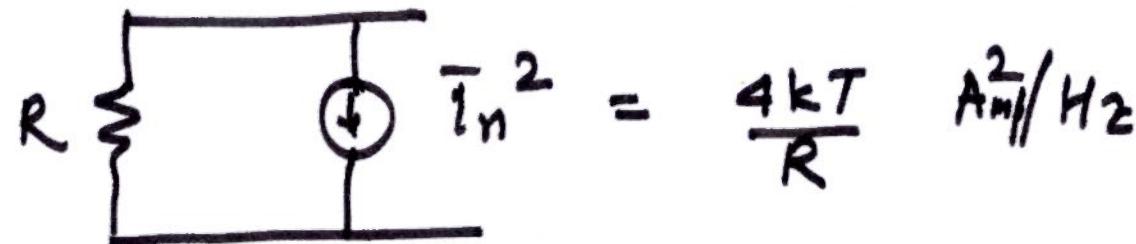
- Ⓐ Minimum Detectable / Processed Signal is limited
- Ⓑ Noise Directly shows Trade-off with Power Dissipation and Speed
  - Low Noise requirement dictates the use of Large Capacitors and or large  $g_m \Rightarrow$  Both leads to High Power Dissipation
- Ⓒ With Scale down technology, Power Supply voltage also decreases, thus Reducing SNR.  
Hence Design of Low Power (Low Voltage), precision circuit has strong dependence on Electronic Noise

# Thermal Noise due to Resistor



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$$\bar{i}_{n \text{ Total}}^2 = \bar{i}_{n1}^2 + \bar{i}_{n2}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{V}_{n \text{ Total}}^2 &= \bar{i}_{n \text{ Total}}^2 \cdot (R_1 || R_2)^2 = \bar{i}_{n \text{ Total}}^2 \left( \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)^2 \\ &= 4kT \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = 4kT (R_1 + R_2) / R_1 R_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \overline{V_{n\text{Total}}^2} = \frac{4kT(R_1+R_2)}{R_1 R_2} \cdot \frac{(R_1 R_2)^2}{(R_1+R_2)^2}$$

$$\overline{V_{n\text{Total}}^2} = 4kT (R_1 \parallel R_2)$$

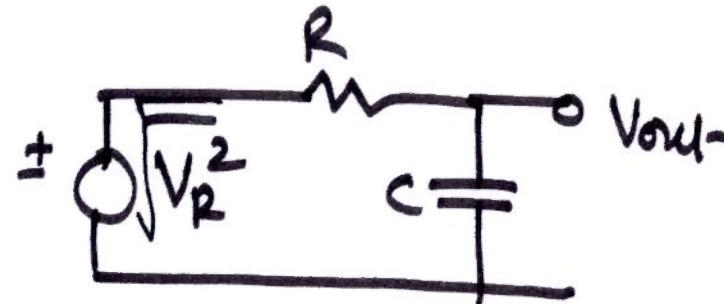
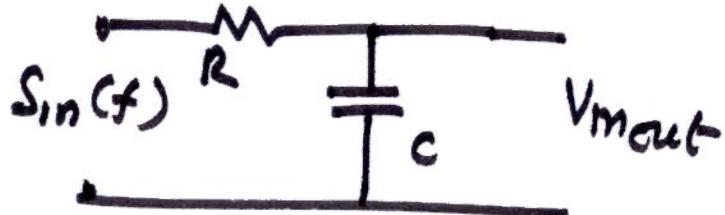


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## Properties of Thermal Noise

- i Every Conductor is source of Thermal Noise
- ii This Noise is not dependent on DC current.
- iii Instantaneous value is Indeterministic
- IV Thermal Noise has Average Power.



$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_R} = \frac{1}{1 + R C s} = \text{Transfer F'n}$$

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$$\text{or } S_{out}(f) = S_R(f) \left| \frac{V_{out}}{V_R} (j\omega) \right|^2$$

$$= 4\pi f R \frac{1}{4\pi^2 R^2 C^2 f^2 + 1}$$

$$\therefore P_n(\text{out}) = \int_0^\infty S_{out}(f) df$$



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$$\therefore P_{\text{out}} = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{4kTR}{1 + 4\pi^2 R^2 C^2 f^2} df$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{4kTR df}{1 + (2\pi RC f)^2}$$

$$x = 2\pi RC f$$

$$\text{or } dx = 2\pi RC df \quad \text{or } df = \frac{dx}{2\pi RC}$$

$$\therefore 4kTR df = \frac{4kTR dx}{2\pi RC}$$

$$= \frac{2kT}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} dx$$

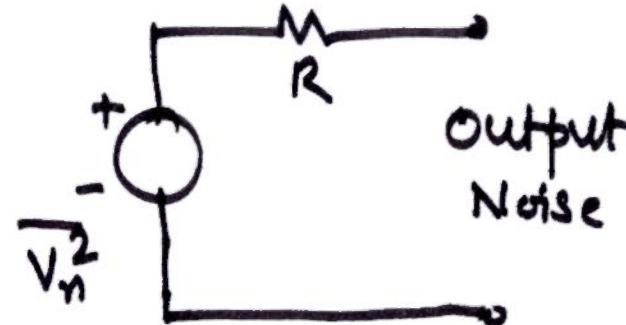
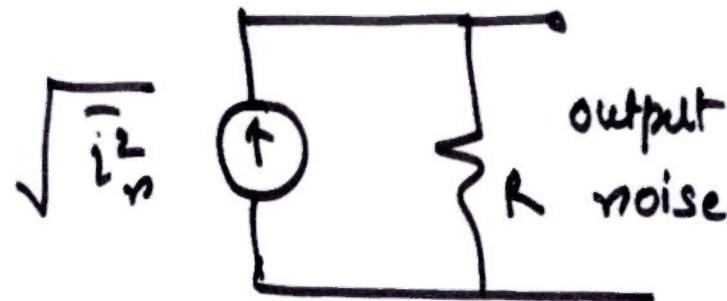
$$\therefore P_{\text{out}} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2kT}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \frac{2kT}{C} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2\pi} = \frac{kT}{C} (V^2)$$



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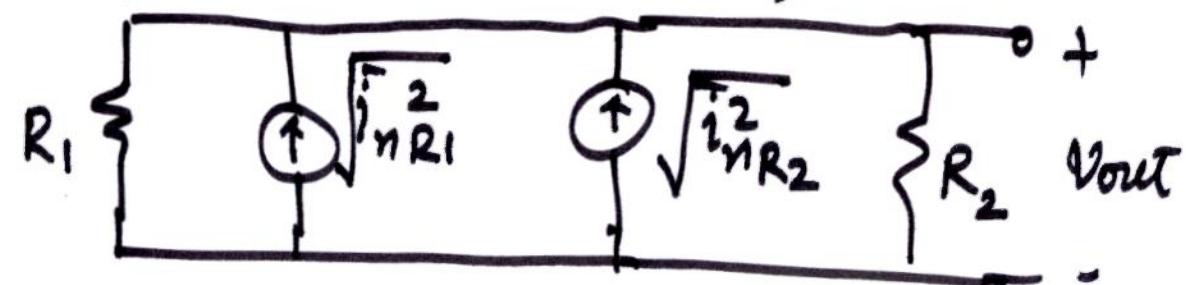
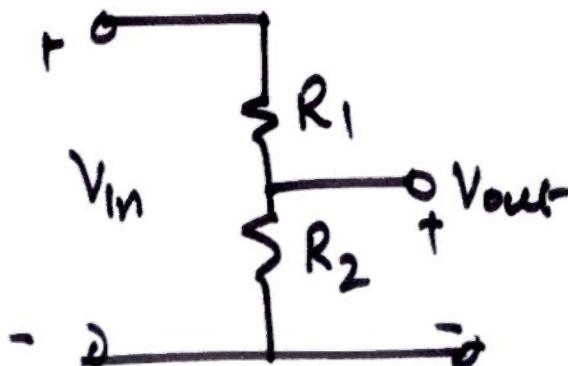
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$$\bar{V_n^2} = 4kT \cdot R = \bar{i_n^2} \cdot R^2$$



## Noise Voltage of Potential Divider

Noise Eq. Ckt will be  
as shown (for the output node)



Evaluate noise RMS voltage at  
output from Bandwidth of DC to 1 kHz



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We have:

$$\sqrt{i_{nR_1}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{R_1}} \quad A/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\sqrt{i_{nR_2}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{R_2}} \quad A/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\sqrt{V_{nR_1}^2} = \sqrt{i_{nR_1}^2} \cdot \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad V/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\sqrt{V_{nR_2}^2} = \sqrt{i_{nR_2}^2} \cdot \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad V/\sqrt{Hz}$$

Total RMS squared Output noise voltage over a Bandwidth  $f_o$  is given by



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$$\overline{V_{on}^2} = \int_{f_L}^{f_H} (\overline{V_{nR_1}^2} + \overline{V_{nR_2}^2}) df$$

then  $\sqrt{\overline{V_{on}^2}} \Rightarrow$  Voltage /  $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

Here  $f_L = 0$      $f_H = f_0$

We may at times want to know effective Input noise for the divider. We have

$$\sqrt{\overline{V_{in}^2}} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \sqrt{\overline{V_{outn}^2}}$$

Problem  $R_1 = 5\text{K}$      $R_2 = 0.5\text{K}$



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$$\sqrt{\frac{i_2^2}{nR_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{R_1}} = \frac{1.28 \times 10^{-10}}{\sqrt{R_1}} = \frac{1.28 \times 10^{-10}}{2.236}$$

$$= \frac{5.72}{31.422} nA/\sqrt{Hz} = 0.18 \times 10^{-9} A/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{i_2^2}{nR_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{R_2}} = \frac{1.28 \times 10^{-10}}{22.36} = 0.057 nA/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^6}{5.5 \times 10^3} = 455$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{V^2}{nR_1}} = 0.18 \times 10^{-9} \times 455 = 206.8 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{V^2}{nR_2}} = 0.057 \times 10^{-9} \times 455 = 25.33 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$\overline{V_{on}^2} = \int_0^{10^3} (4.748) \times 10^{-14} df$$

$$= 47.48 \times 10^{-12} \text{ V}^2/\text{Hz}$$

$$\overline{V_{on}} = 6.9 \times 10 \text{ } \mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$



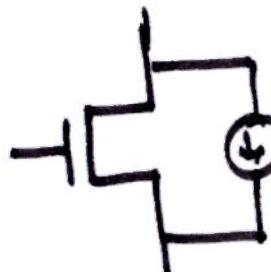
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## MOSFET Noise Model

MOSFET behaves as voltage dependent Resistors and hence show Thermal Noise as noise source.



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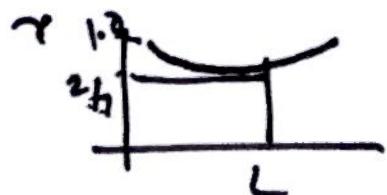


$$\overline{I_n^2} = 4kT\gamma g_m \Delta f$$

$$g_m = g_{m \text{ in Sat. Mode}}$$

$$\Delta f = 1 \text{ Hz} \text{ normally}$$

$\gamma$  = Noise Coefficient



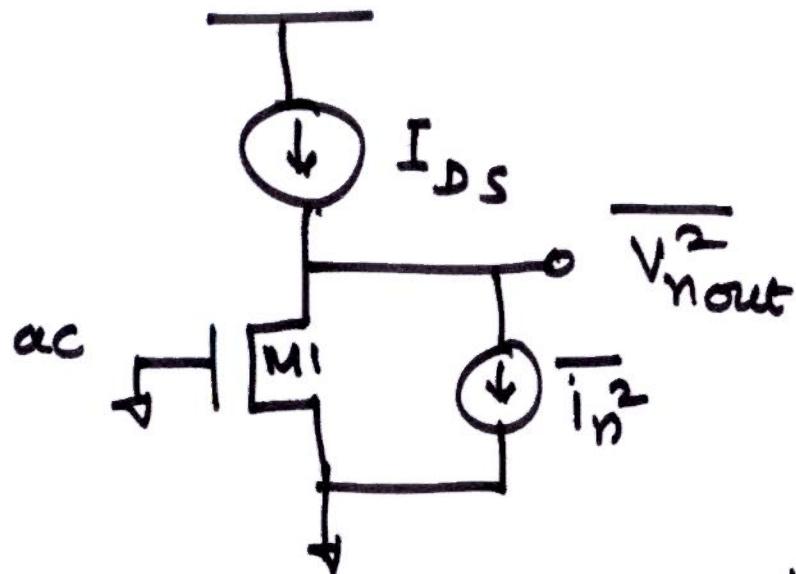
For long channel device  $\gamma = 2/3$

For longer channel  $\gamma \rightarrow$  Enhances

In short channel case, hot carrier effects dominates

and we see  $\gamma$  increasing towards 2  $\rightarrow$  5 or so  
In reality  $\gamma = 1$  for sch. case

A simple CS Amplifier noise can be now evaluated.



If  $R_{out}$  is output resistance of M1 ( $r_{01}$ )

& Current Source has  $R_{out} \rightarrow \infty$   
then Noise current  $\sqrt{i_n^2}$  flows  
through  $r_{01}$  output resistance

$$\therefore \overline{V_{n_{out}}^2} = \overline{i_n^2} \cdot r_{01}^2$$

$$= 4kT \left( \frac{2}{3} g_m \right) r_{01}^2$$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{\overline{V_{n_{out}}^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3} kT g_m \cdot r_{01}} \text{ V}/\sqrt{R_b}$$

$\therefore$  Low Noise  $\Rightarrow$  low  $g_m$ , (Lower Gains)



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## Design Specifications :

1. DC Gain
- 2a. Bandwidth
- 2b. Gain Bandwidth Product GBW
3. Input Common - Mode Range ICMR
4. Slew Rate
5. Output load Capacitance
6. Output Voltage Swing ( $V_{out\max} - V_{out\min}$ )
7. Power Dissipation  $P_D$
8. Common Mode Rejection Ratio CMRR



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