

Unit - III

Satellite Link Design

Satellite Link gives the estimate power that a satellite will receive from the Transmitter E.S and power received by the Receiving E.S from the satellite repeater.

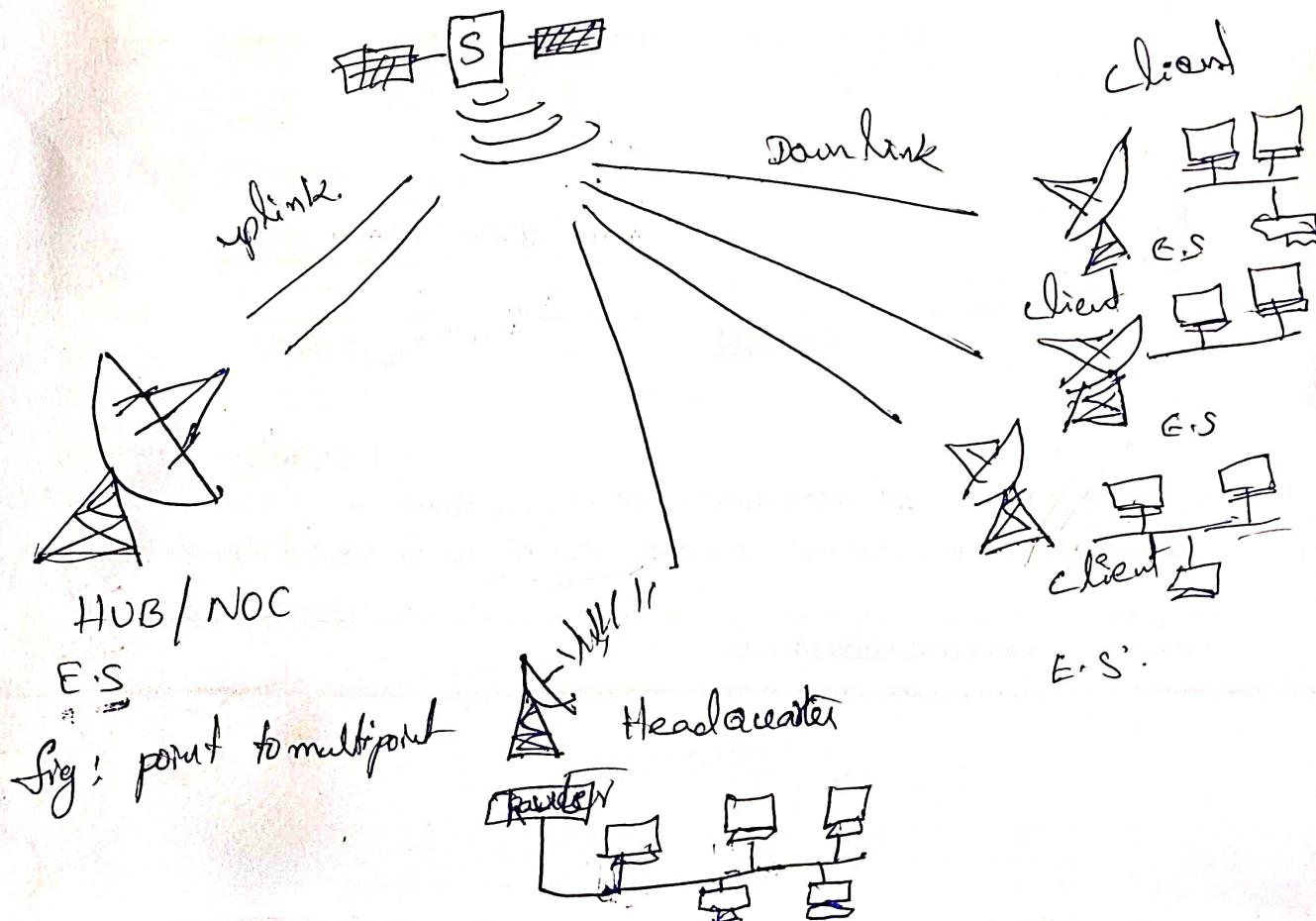
The factors affecting the link design are discussed earlier.

The major factor in the link design is the frequency of uplink and downlink (6/4 GHz)

The Satellite link may be

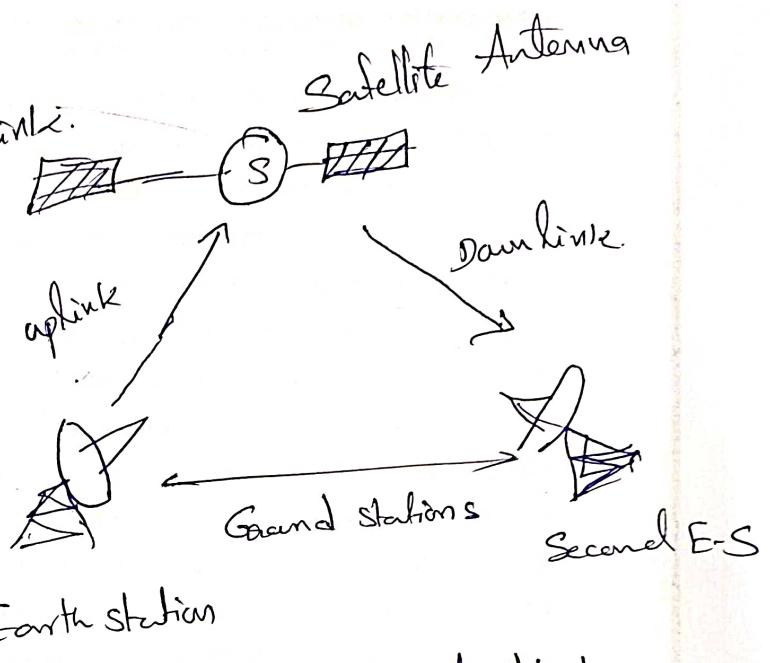
- ① point to point
- ② point to Many Multipoint

(Network operation Center (noc))



(range of temperatures. Besides there a backup or redundant unit will be provided to avoid the failure of different components).

fig(b) point to point link.



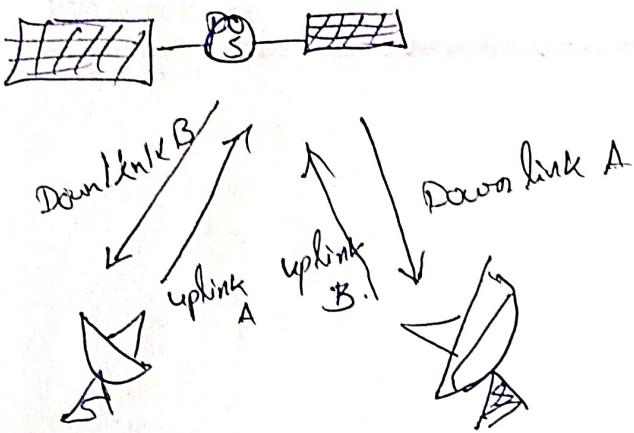
HUB :- Another name of HUB is Ethernet Hub

- ② Repeater Hub
- ③ Active Hub
- ④ Network Hub

It is similar to switch but are not as 'small'

"HUB" is a computer network used for connecting multiple computers or segments of a LAN. It is used for peer to peer small home networks.

Two Way Communication:



Basic Transmission Theory:

The calculation of power received by an GS from a Satellite Txer is very important in Satellite Communication

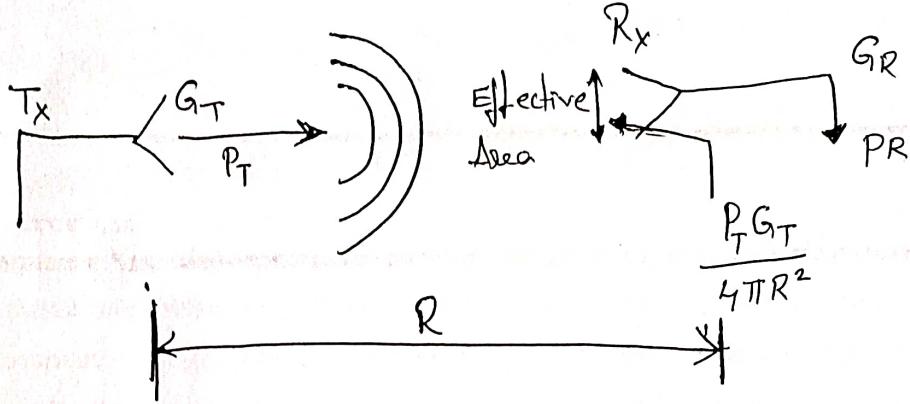
link design.

Consider ~~be~~ a transmitting source to be located in free space and supposed to radiate a power P_T watt uniformly in all directions. Such a source is called isotropic and ideally it is not possible because it could

not create transverse polarized E.M waves.

Normally we use directive antenna to limit our

Tx'ed power to be radiated primarily in one direction and its directivity is represented by a finite beam of width θ .



fig(a) Link budget calculation.

The Distance between a Tx'er and Rx'er is $\frac{R}{\text{metre}}$.

For a Transmitter with P_T watt driving a lossless Antenna with Gain G_T , the flux density in the direction of Antenna

at distance R metre is

$$F = \frac{P_T G_T}{4\pi R^2} \text{ W/m}^2$$

— (1)

The product $P_T G_T$ is called Effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP).

It gives a measure of power flux. Receiving antenna is $A_R \text{ m}^2$. If the aperture area of ideal

as shown in given fig (b), we would correct Received power

P_R w given by

$$P_R = F \cdot A_R$$

— (2)

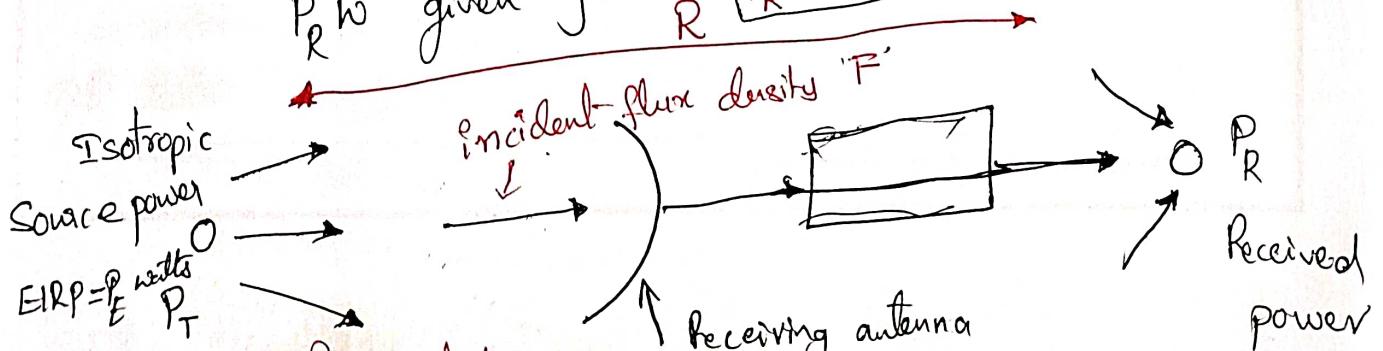


fig.(b) power Received by antenna with Area A_R .

Gain (G_R) Antenna Area (A_R)

In practical Antenna with effective Area $A_R \text{ m}^2$, Some of the energy incident on the aperture is reflected away from the antenna, and some is absorbed by lossy components. This reduced efficiency is described by an effective aperture A_e , where

$$A_e = \eta \cdot A_R \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

where η = Aperture efficiency of the Antenna and it is because of all the losses between the incident wave front and antenna output port.

For paraboloidal Reflector Antenna η is typically 50 to 75% in range and for Horn Antennas it approaches 90%. So the power received by an real antenna with physical receiving area A_R and effective aperture area $A_e \text{ m}^2$ is

$$P_R = \frac{P_T G_T A_e}{4 \pi R^2} \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

The Receiving Antenna Gain 'G_R' is related to its

Effective Area A_R by the Relationship

$$G_R = \frac{4\pi A_e}{\lambda^2} \quad \text{--- } 5$$

Substituting eq 5 in to eq 4 we get

$$P_R = \frac{P_T G_T G_R}{\left[\frac{4\pi R}{\lambda} \right]^2} \text{ watts}$$

$$P_R = P_T G_T G_R \left[\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right]^2 \quad \text{--- } 6$$

This expression is known as the Friis transmission equation, and it is very important in calculation of power received in any radio link.

The term $\left[\frac{4\pi R}{\lambda} \right]^2$ is known as path loss or Free space loss (L_{FS}).

Collecting the Various Factors we can write

$$\boxed{\text{power Received} = \frac{\text{EIRP} \times \text{Receiving Antenna Gain}}{\text{path loss}}} \quad (7)$$

In terms of decibel, we have

$$P_R = (\text{EIRP} + G_R - L_{FS}) \text{ dBW} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{where, EIRP} = 10 \log_{10} (P_T G_T) \text{ dBW}$$

$$G_R = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{4\pi A_e}{\lambda^2} \right) \text{ dB}$$

$$L_{FS} = \text{path Loss} = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{4\pi R}{\lambda} \right) \text{ dB}$$

equation (8) represents an ideal case, in which there are no additional losses in the link. In real sense there

would be a variety of losses so,

$$\boxed{L = L_{FS} * L_A} \quad (9)$$

where, L_A = Additional losses

the additional losses is written as

$$\boxed{L_A = L_{tx} * L_{ra} * A_{AG} * \text{Agin} * L_{point} * L_{pol}} \quad (10)$$

where, L_{ta} = Losses Associated with Tx'ing Antenna

L_{ra} = Losses Associated with Rx'ing Antenna

A_{AG} = Attenuation by the Atmosphere and Ionosphere

A_{rain} = Attenuation due to precipitations and clouds.

L_{POL} = Losses caused by polarisation mismatch between the Transmitting and Rx'ing Antenna

L_{point} = Losses caused by Antenna depointing

So the equation 10 can be written as

$$P_R = EIRP + G_R - L_{FS} - L_{ta} - L_{ra} - A_{AG} - A_{rain} - L_{POL} - L_{point}$$

dBW

The power received P_R from eq ④ and ⑥ is known

as carrier power ⑦ because most satellite links
(AM) use either frequency modulation (F.M) for analog transmission

⑦ phase modulations (PM) for digital systems.

In both modulation systems when data are modulated on to carrier, the amplitude of the carrier is not changed, so carrier power 'c' is always equal to received power P_R .

System Noise Temperature and G/T Ratio :-

Noise Temperature :-

It is very important parameter since it provides a way of determining thermal noise generated by the devices in the receiver system.

The most important source of noise in the receiver is the thermal noise in its pre-amplifier.

The Noise power P_N is the receiver is given by

$$P_N = K \cdot T_n \cdot B \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where, K = Boltzmann Constant (1.38×10^{-23})

T_n = Receiver Temperature

B = Band width.

P_N is the Available Noise power and will be delivered only to a device that its impedance

matched to the source.

Term, $K \cdot T_n$ = Noise Spectral density (watts per hertz)

The performance of the receiver system is determined by

System noise temperature T_s .

T_s is also called effective input noise temperature of the receiver and is defined as the noise temperature of a noise source located at the IP of a noise less receiver.

In the Receiver before De-modulator a RF amp and IF amplifier exists. So if the Overall Gain of the receiver is G_i and band width is B , the

noise power at the De-modulator I_{Ip} is

$$P_n = K \cdot T_s \cdot B \cdot G$$

If P_R is the Signal power at the I_{Ip} to the receiver then the sig power at the demodulator I_{Ip} will be $P_R G$. Hence the Carrier to noise ratio at the demodulated

I_{Ip} is given by.

Several sources of noise in the receiver is replaced by single

noise temperature

(T_s)

$$\frac{C}{N} = \frac{P_R G}{K \cdot T_s \cdot B \cdot G} = \frac{P_R}{K \cdot T_s \cdot B}$$

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Calculation of System Noise Temperature

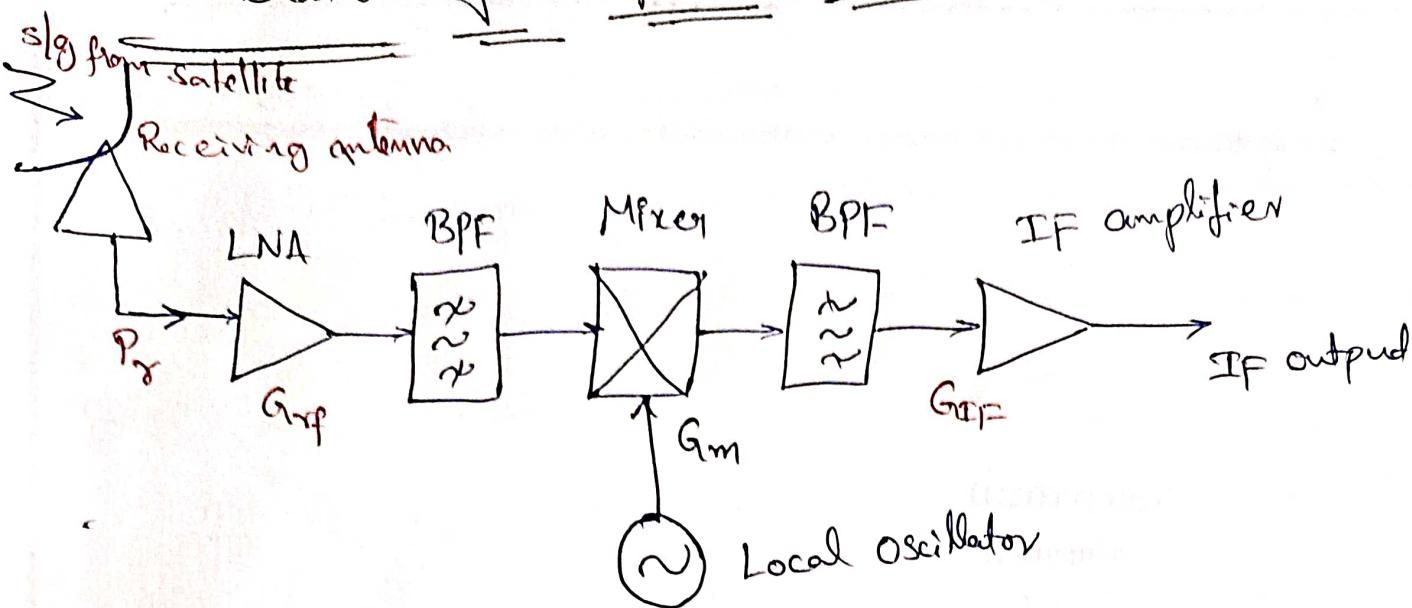


fig: Simplified E.s received, BPF, B

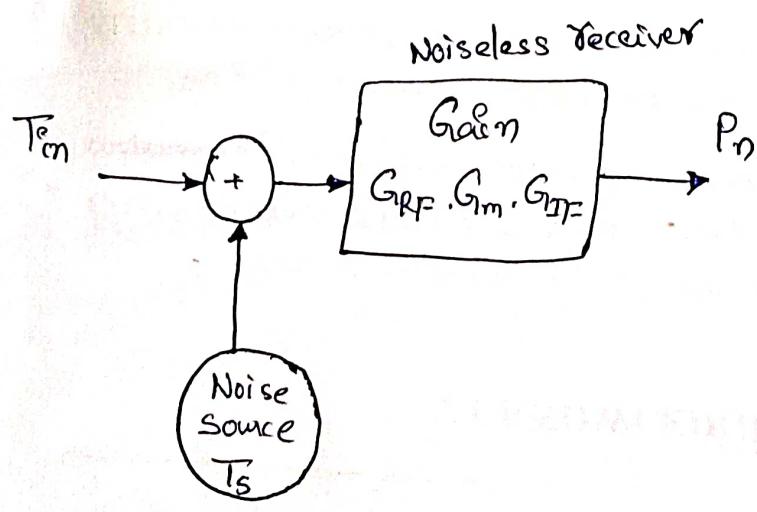
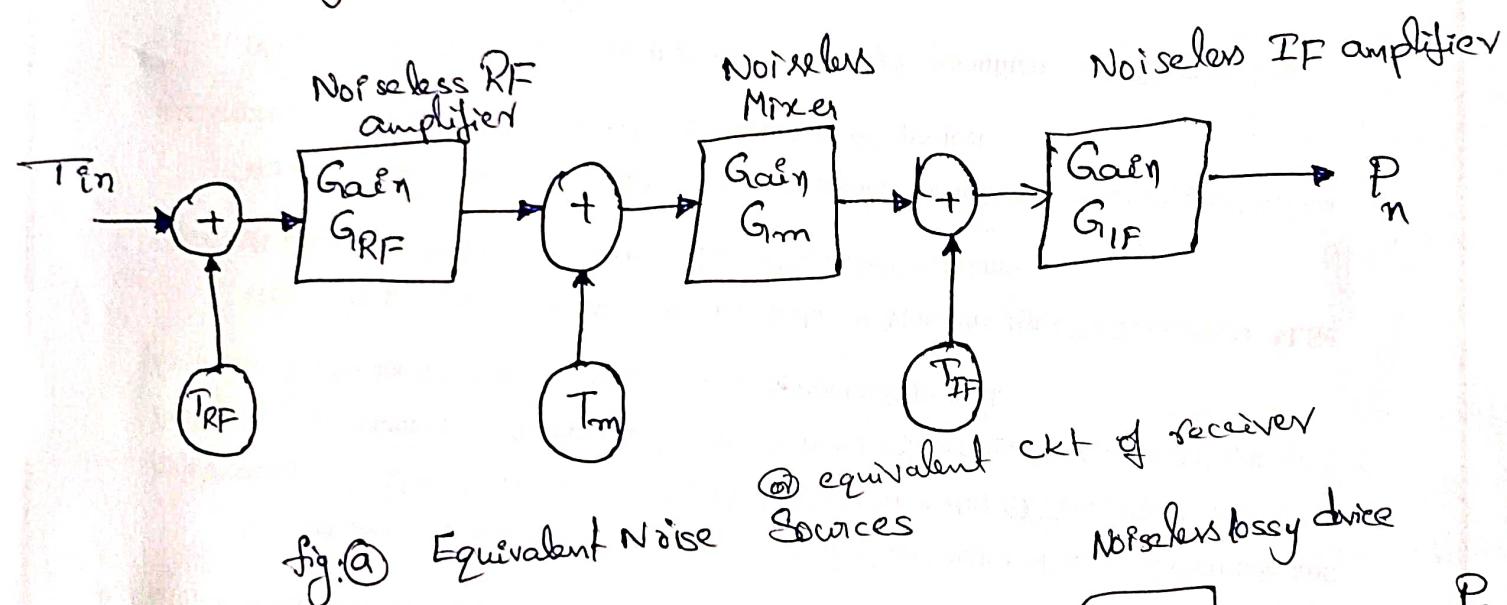


fig:(b) Noise model of receiver

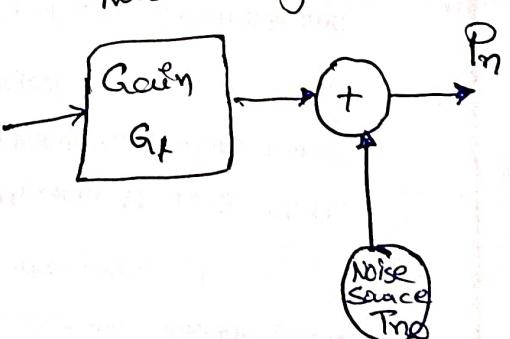


fig:(c) Noise model for a lossy device.

The equivalent circuit used to represent this receiver is shown in fig ① in which each device is replaced by single noise source with Temperature, T_s .

Let the gain of RF amplifier, down converter and IF amplifiers are G_{RF} , G_m , G_{IF} and their respective equivalent noise temperature are T_{RF} , T_m and T_{IF} .

If T_{in} is the IIP noise temperature then the "total noise power at the output of the IF amplifier" is given by

$$P_n = G_{IF} K \cdot T_{IF} B + G_{IF} G_m K T_m B + G_{IF} G_m G_{RF} K_B (T_{RF} + T_{in}) \quad (1)$$

$$= G_{IF} G_m G_{RF} \left[\frac{K T_{IF} B}{G_m G_{IF}} + \frac{K \cdot T_m B}{G_{RF}} + K_B (T_{RF} + T_{in}) \right]$$

$$P_n = G_{IF} G_m G_{RF} K_B \left[T_{RF} + T_{in} + \frac{T_m}{G_{RF}} + \frac{T_{IF}}{G_m G_{RF}} \right] \quad (2)$$

With the system noise temperature T_s , the noise power, P_n at the output of IF amplifier is given by

$$P_n = G_{IF} \cdot G_m \cdot G_{RF} K T_s B \quad (3)$$

From equation (2) and equation (3) we get,

$$K T_s B = K B \left[T_{RF} + T_{in} + \frac{T_m}{G_{RF}} + \frac{T_{IF}}{G_m G_{RF}} \right]$$

(OR)

$$T_S = \left[T_{RF} + T_{in} + \frac{T_m}{G_{RF}} + \frac{T_{IF}}{G_m G_{RF}} \right]$$

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Since the gain of each stage is added in the receiver
So the succeeding stages contribute less and less noise.

Noise figure and Noise Temperature:

Noise figure is used to specify the noise generated within a device. The operational noise figure is defined as the ratio of $I_{p\text{ sig}}$ to noise power to the ratio of $I_{p\text{ sig}}$ to noise power.

It is given by

$$\text{Noise figure (NF)} = \frac{(S/N)_{in}}{(S/N)_{out}}$$

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The relationship between a noise temperature and noise figure is given by

$$T_d = T_0(NF - 1)$$

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where T_0 = reference temperature ~~and~~ used to calculate the standard N.F

Usually noise figure (N.F) is given in decibels.

G/T Ratio for Earth station

The link equation can be rewritten in terms of (C/N) at Earth station.

$$\frac{C}{N} = \frac{P_T G_T G_R}{k T_S R} \left[\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right]^2$$

$$\frac{C}{N} = \left[\frac{P_T G_T}{k_B} \right] \left[\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right]^2 \left[\frac{G_R}{T_S} \right] \quad \rightarrow ①$$

Thus $\left(\frac{C}{N} \right) \propto \left(\frac{G_R}{T_S} \right)$ and for a given satellite λ and R will be constant.

$\frac{G_R}{T_S}$ ratio is widely used to specify the quality of an E.S and is known as G/I ratio or the figure of merit.