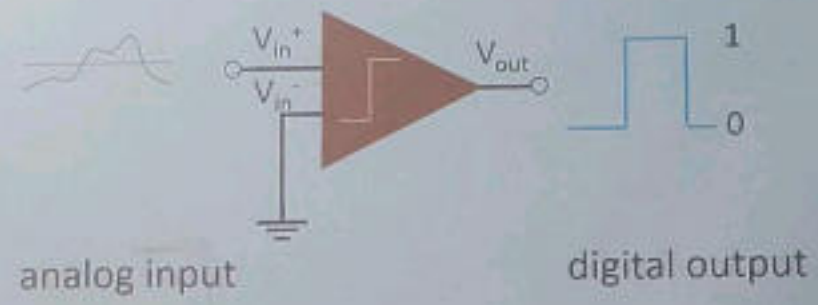


Comparators 比较器

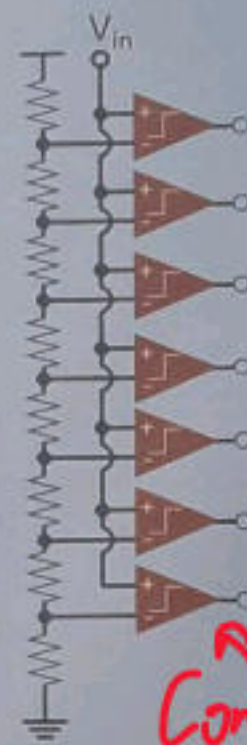
Comparator



performs comparison between both analog input terminals

Application

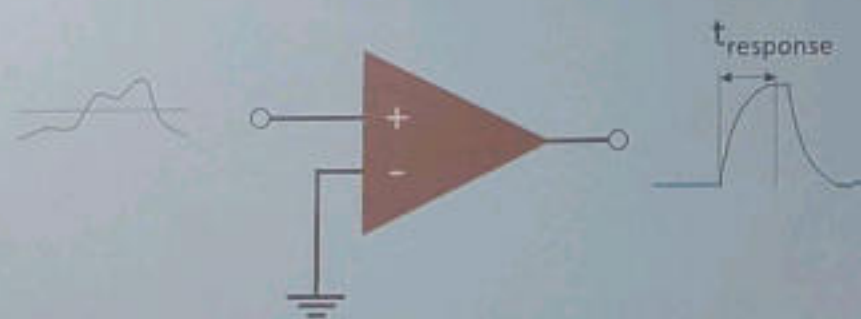
ADC



Main building block in Flash ADCs

Comparators

Implementation



We can use an open loop opamp but it has poor response time

较长响应时间

Speed of Opamp Comparator

Assume: $V_{id} = 0.5 \text{ mV}$, $V_{DD} = 5 \text{ V} \rightarrow A > 10000$

How fast is the response time for $\text{GBW} = 10 \text{ MHz}$?

$$V_{out} = AV_0 (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

99.97% $\sim 6\tau \sim 7\tau$

$$99.97\% = 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\tau = RC \sim 16 \mu\text{s}$$

$$6\tau \sim 1 \text{ ms}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi RC} \Rightarrow \frac{10 \times 10^6}{10^4}$$

$$= 10^3$$

$$RC = \frac{1}{2 \times 10^3 \pi}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{6\tau} = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

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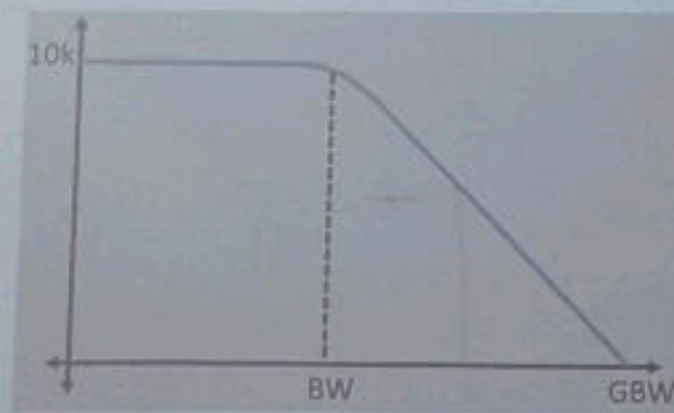
故一般 99.97%

建立时间最快为 6τ

Speed of Opamp Comparator

Assume: $V_{id} = 0.5 \text{ mV}$, $V_{DD} = 5 \text{ V} \Rightarrow A > 10000$

How fast is the response time for $\text{GBW} = 10 \text{ MHz}$?



$$\text{BW} = \text{GBW}/10000 = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\tau = 1/(2\pi \cdot \text{BW}) = 160 \text{ us}$$

allow 6τ to settle

$$\Rightarrow t_{\text{response}} = 1000 \text{ us}$$

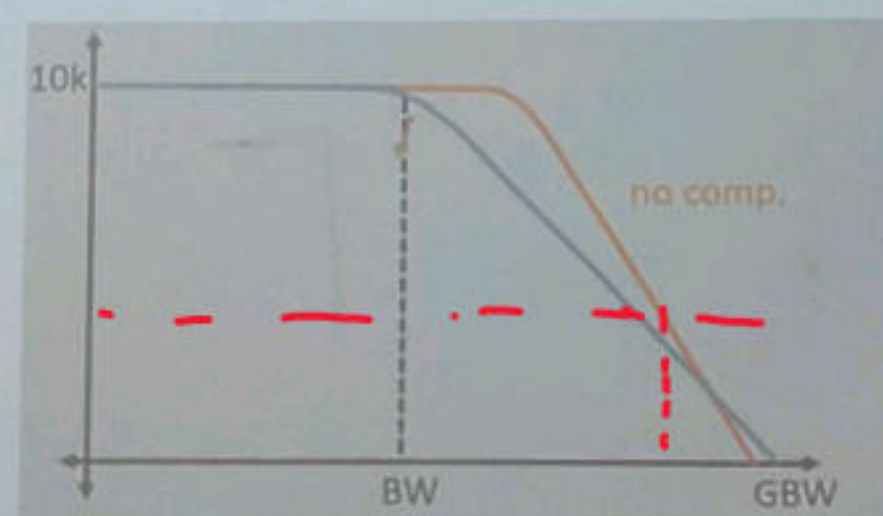
$$\Rightarrow f_{\text{max}} = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

GBW trade-off limits speed

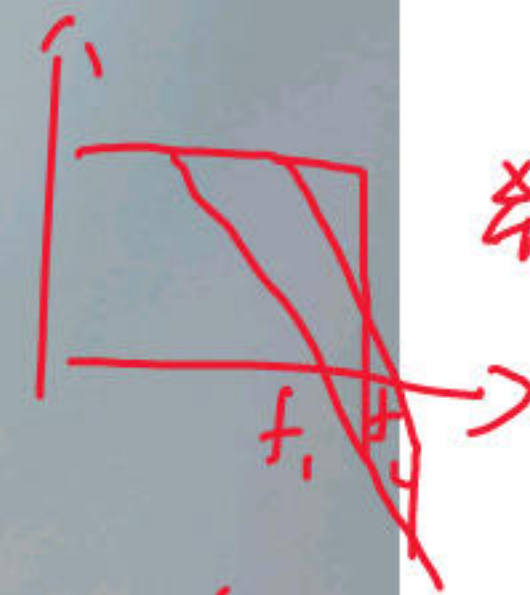
Speed of Opamp Comparator

GBW tradeoff is due to 1st order compensation for feedback stability

\Rightarrow remove compensation to improve speed



$f \uparrow \tau \downarrow$



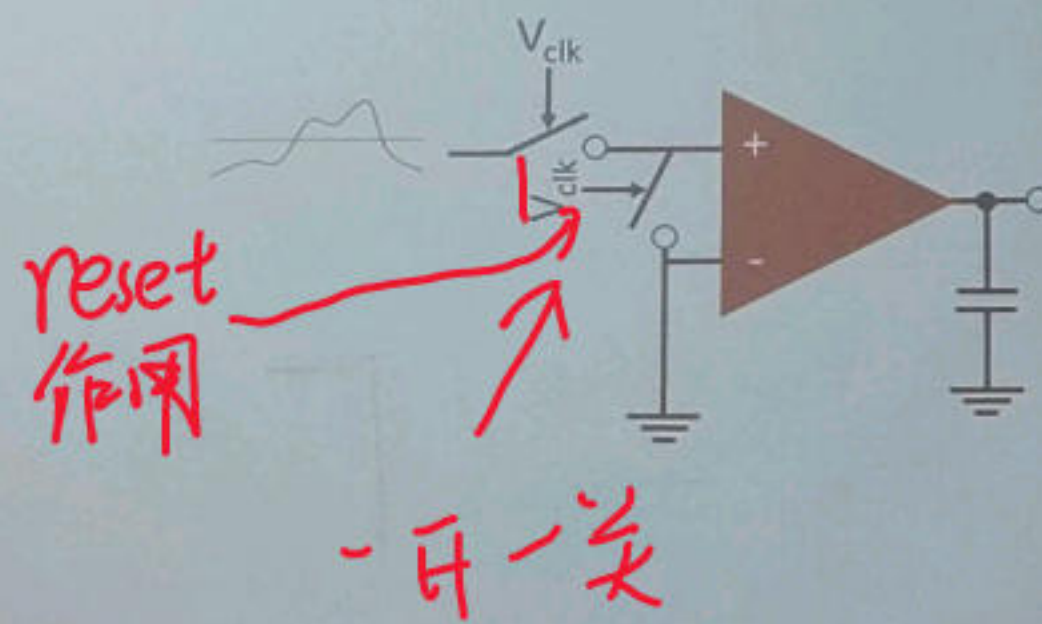
pole点,
希望它一些,
f大, τ 小
加速

$f_1 < f_2$

$\tau_1 > \tau_2$

慢了

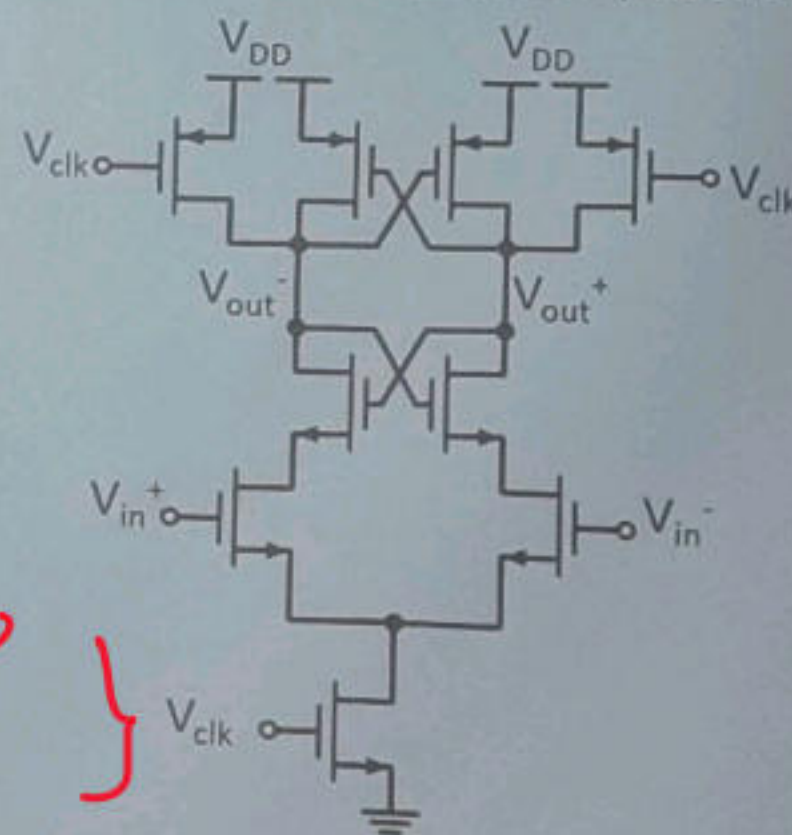
Clocked Comparator



one way to improve this.

Strong ARM Latch - Latched Comparator

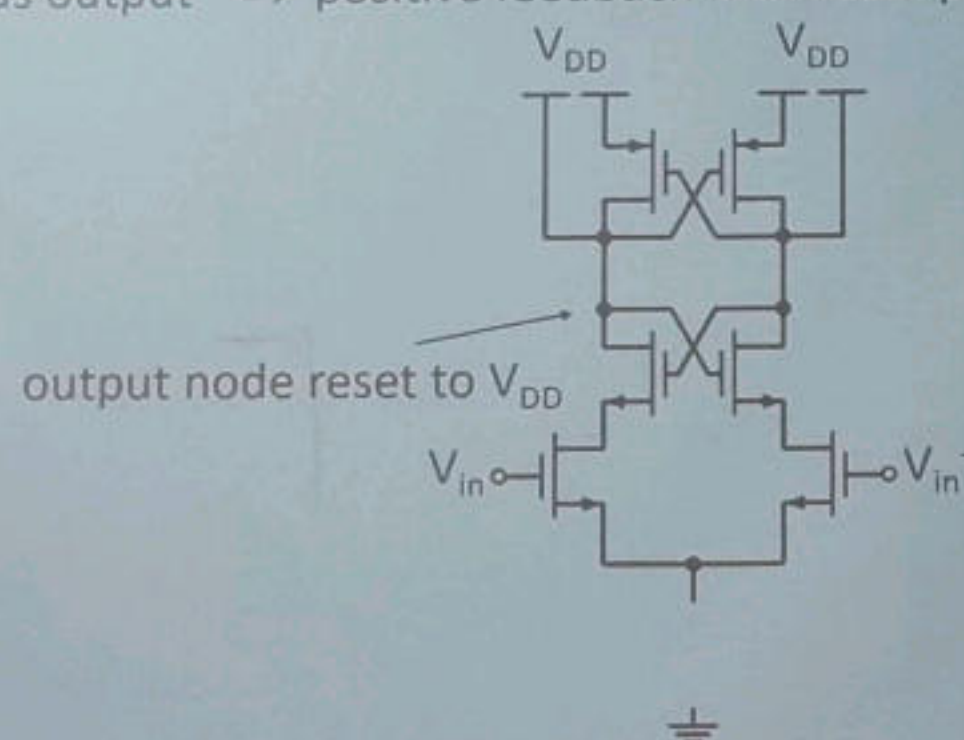
no continuous output \rightarrow positive feedback with reset possible



positive feedback ensures rail clipping

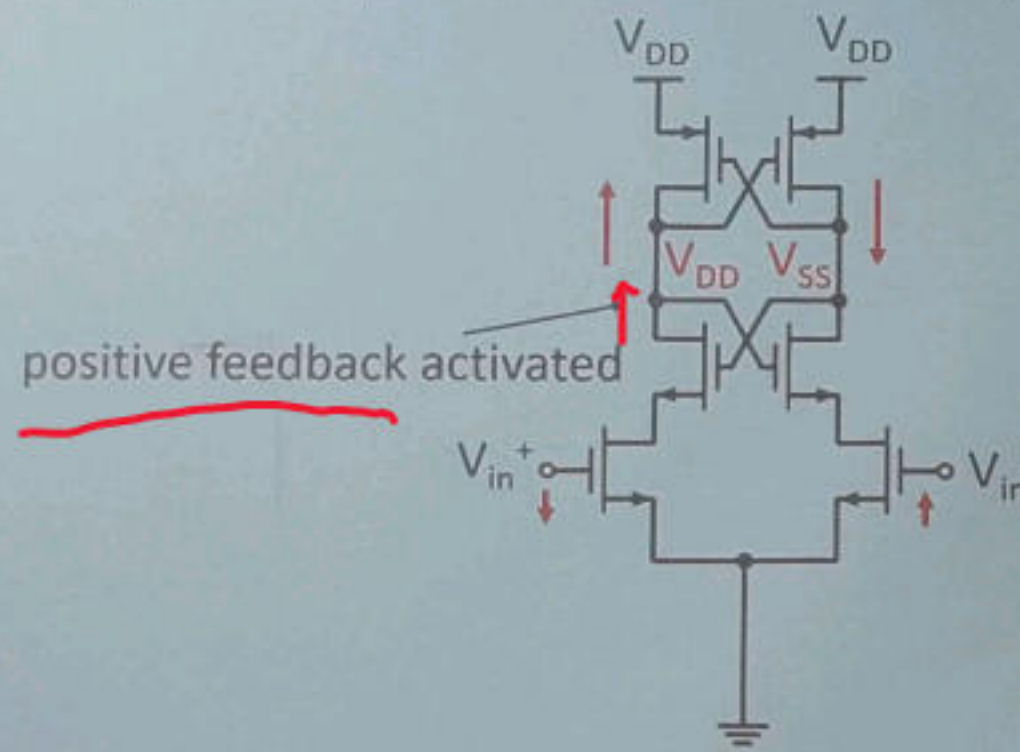
Strong ARM Latch - Reset Phase

no continuous output \rightarrow positive feedback with reset possible



Strong ARM Latch – Latch Phase

no continuous output \Rightarrow positive feedback with reset possible



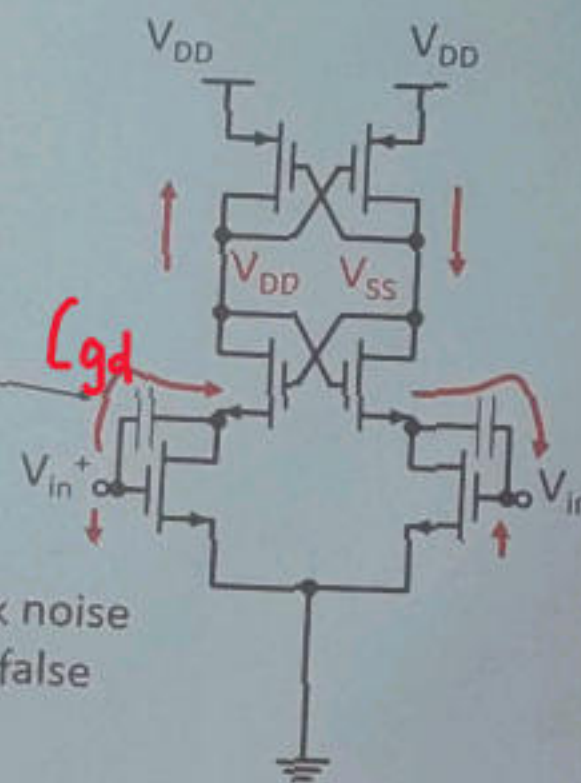
Kickback Noise

回路噪声

Coupling through par. cap.
(kickback noise)
reduce kickback noise
 $V_{out} \approx 1mV$

If input impedance is high kickback noise
can deteriorate settling and cause false
decisions for low input levels.

\Rightarrow buffer latch input with preamp

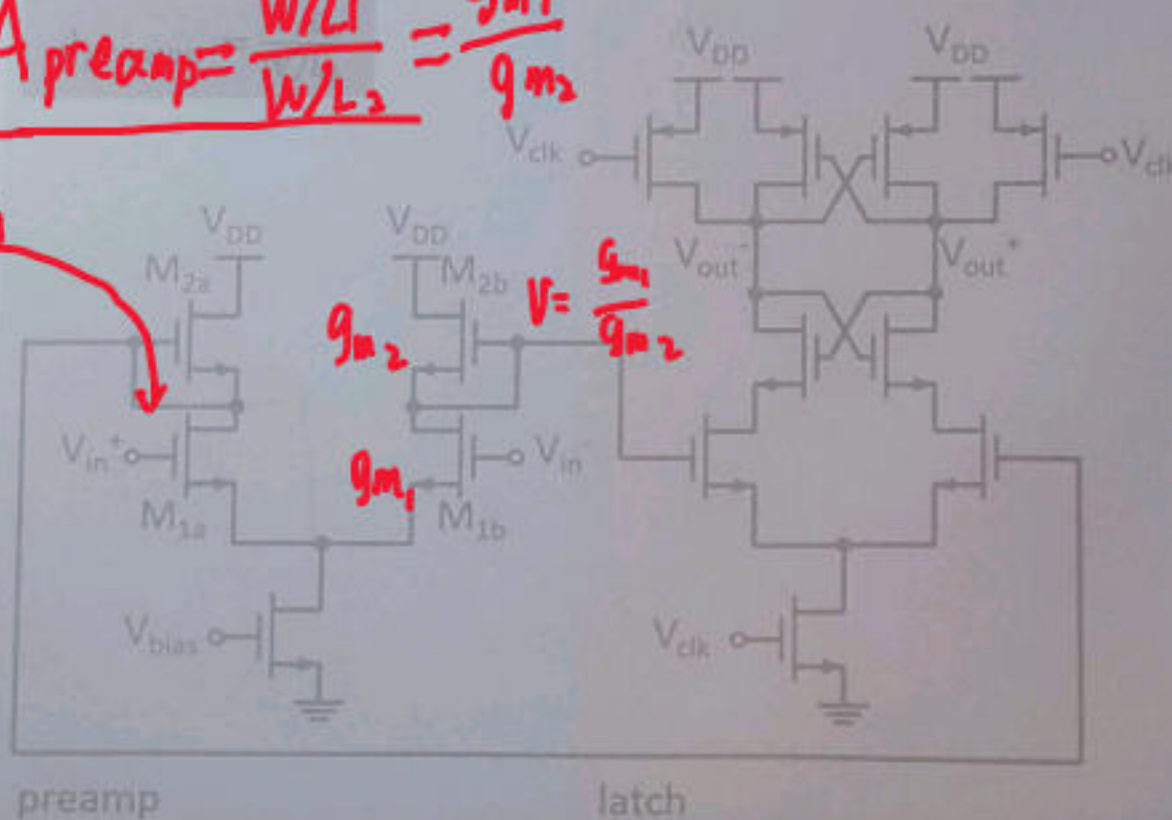
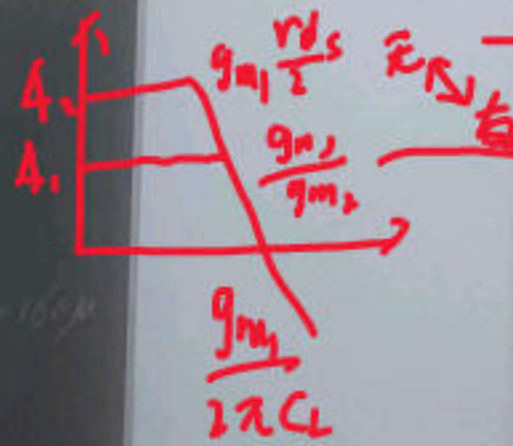


Preamp

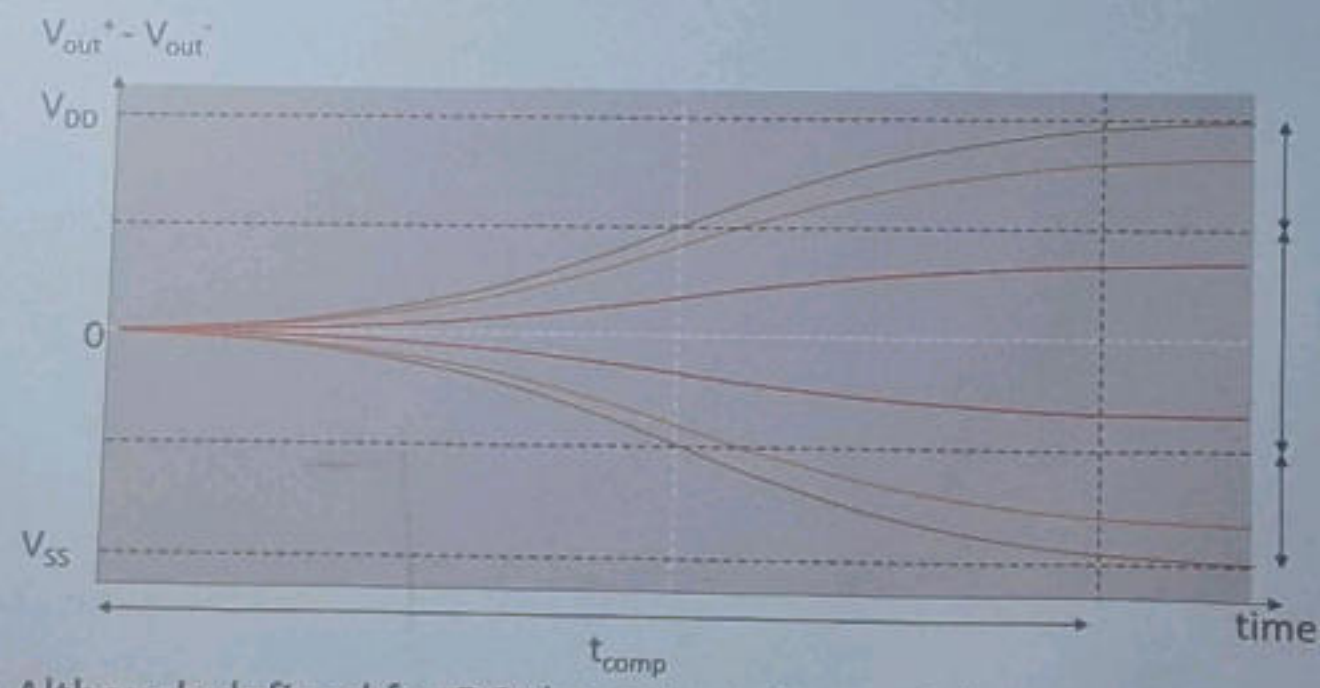
typically be low to maintain speed

前置放大器

$$A_{preamp} = \frac{W/L_1}{W/L_2} = \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2}}$$



Metastability



Although defined for DC the output does not have enough time to converge for small inputs.

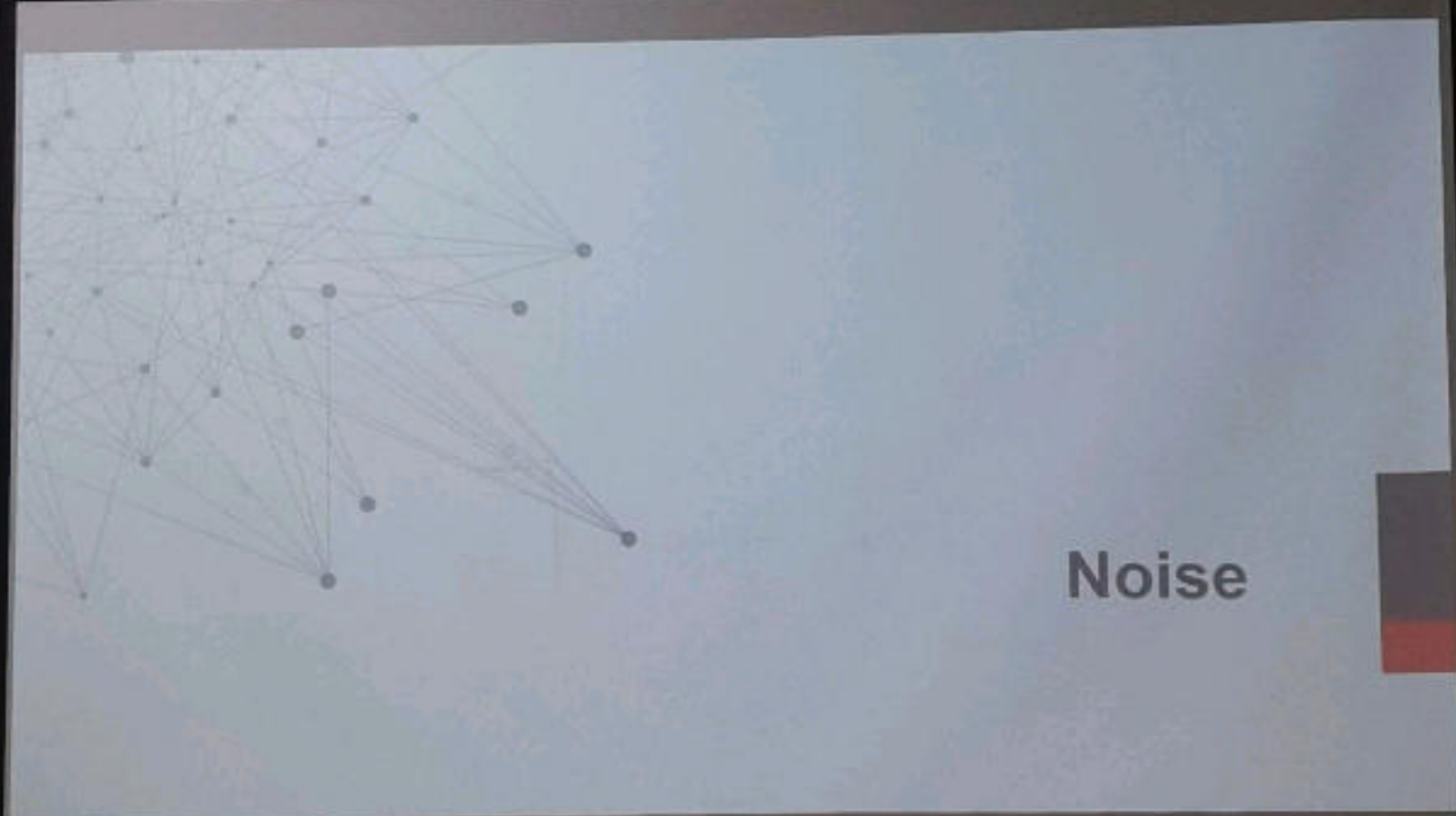
→ similar to metastability in thermodynamics

Recall

Comparators work in open loop.

Positive feedback is used for latched comparators.

Small input levels result in metastable condition.



Noise

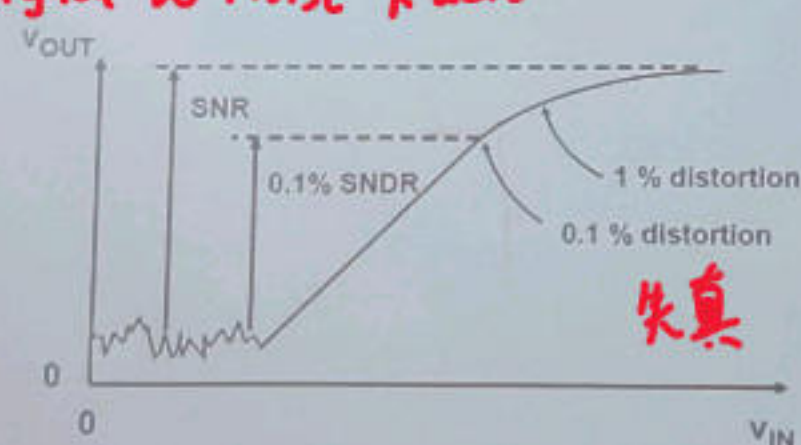
physical

物理层

失真比 StorEdge Network Data Replicator

信噪比

SNR and SNDR
Signal to Noise Ratio

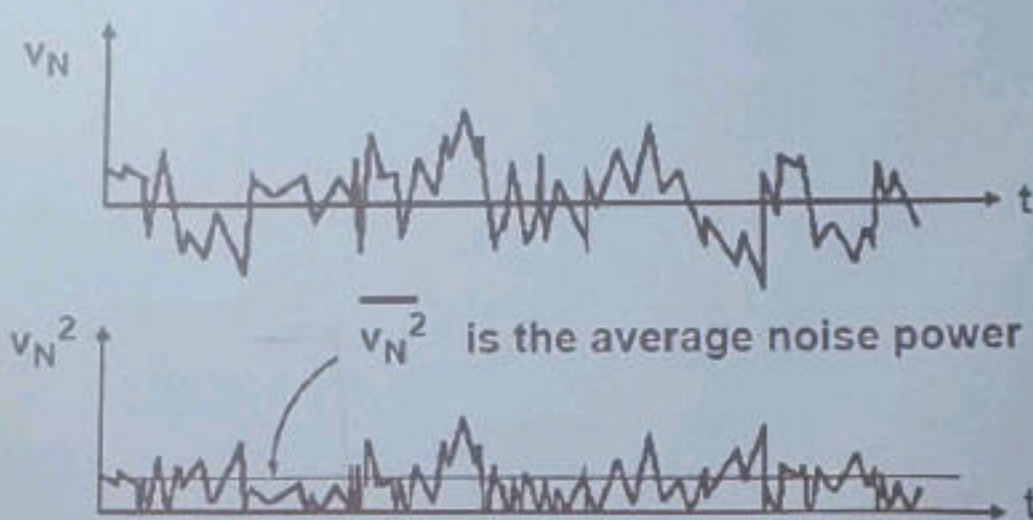


Transistor inherent characteristics
-Affecting the circuit accuracy: errors

晶体管固有特性

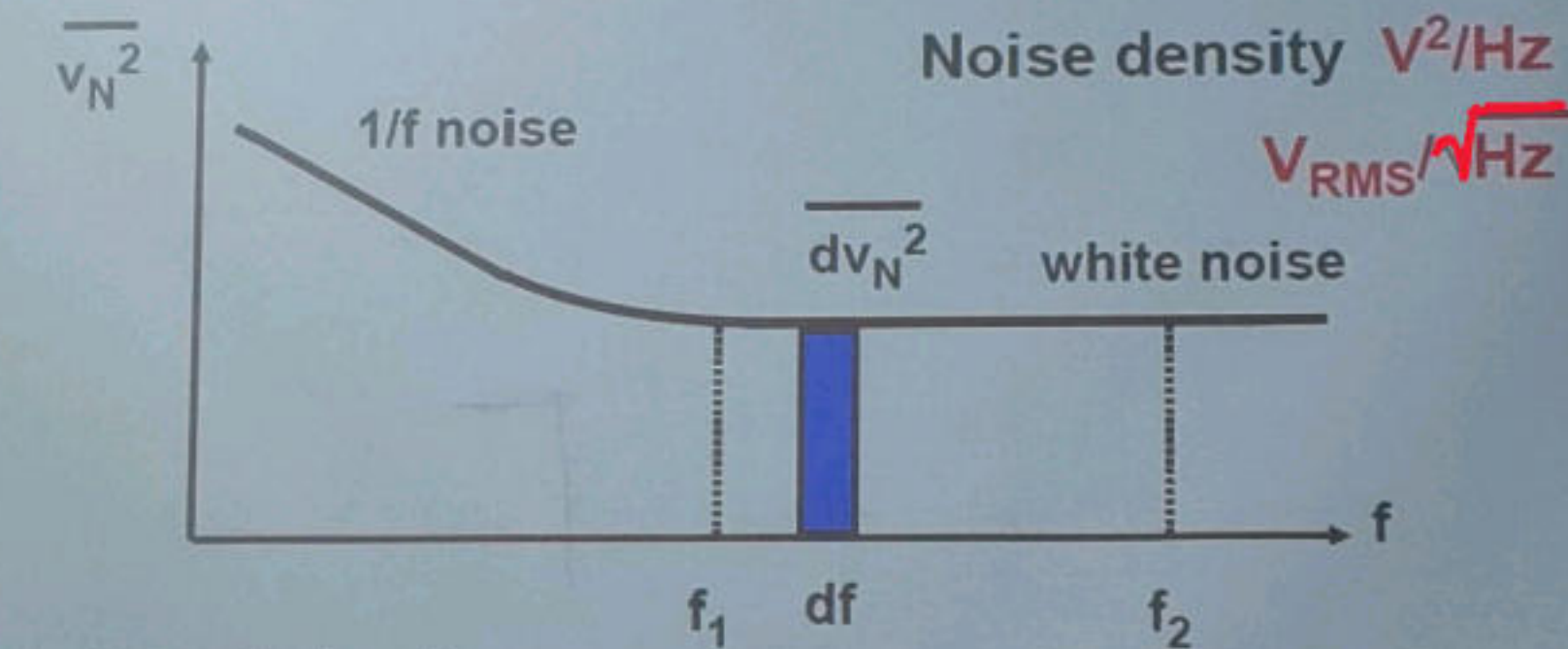
失真
影响电路精度

Noise definition 噪声定义



Ref. Van der Ziel (Prentice Hall 1954, Wiley 1986), Ott (Wiley 1988)

Noise versus frequency



Integrated noise

V_{RMS}

$$V_{12} = \sqrt{v_N^2} = \sqrt{\int_{f_1}^{f_2} dv_N^2 df} = \sqrt{(f_2 - f_1) dv_N^2}$$

Noise of a resistor is thermal noise



$$dv_R^2 = 4kT R df \quad \text{is white}$$

depends on T, not on I_R

$$\text{for } R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \sqrt{dv_R^2} = 4 \text{ nV}_{RMS} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

at T = 300 K or 27°C

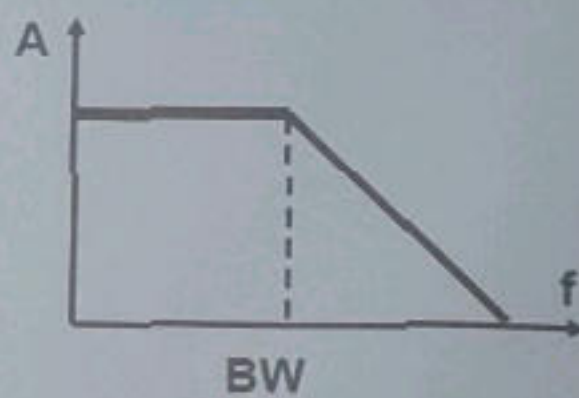
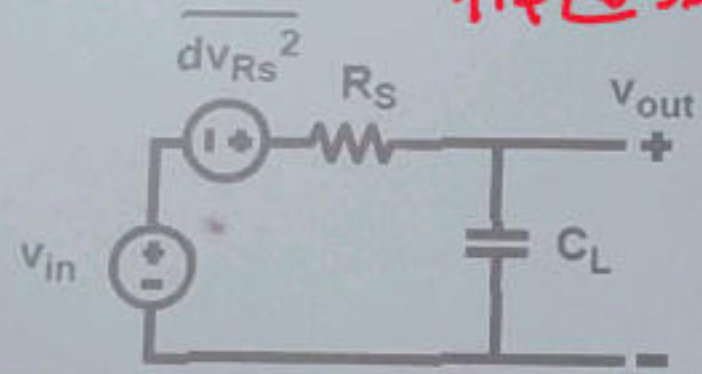
$$di_R^2 = \frac{dv_R^2}{R^2} = \frac{4kT}{R} df \quad \text{is white}$$

热噪声
4n V/sqrt(Hz)
4纳伏/sqrt(Hz)

记住
☆

Integrated Noise of Resistor -1

低通滤波



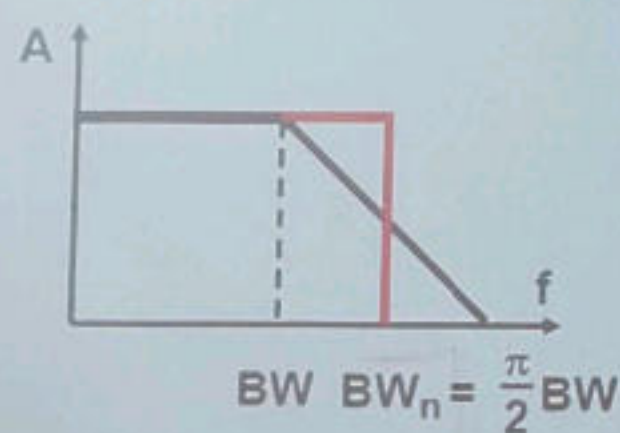
$$dv_{Rs}^2 = 4kT R_s df$$

$$v_{Rs}^2 = \int_0^\infty \frac{dv_{Rs}^2}{1 + (f/BW)^2}$$

$$BW = \frac{1}{2\pi R_s C_L}$$

0 -> v

Integrated Noise of Resistor -2



$$\overline{v_{R_s}^2} = \int_0^\infty \frac{dv_{R_s}^2}{1 + (f/BW)^2}$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\overline{v_{R_s}^2} = 4kT R_s BW \frac{\pi}{2} df$$

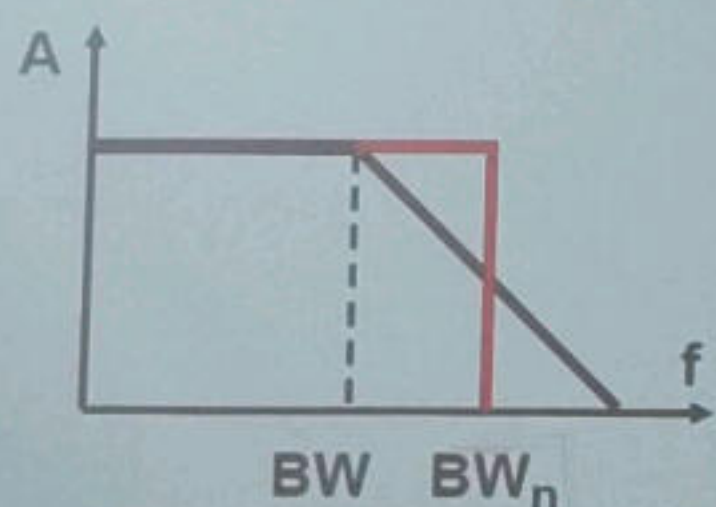
$$\overline{v_{R_s}^2} = \frac{kT}{C_L}$$

$$BW = \frac{1}{2\pi R_s C_L}$$

$$C_L = 1 \text{ pF} \quad v_{R_s} = 65 \mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$$

$C_L \uparrow \rightarrow \text{square} \rightarrow \text{speed} \downarrow$

Noise density vs integrated noise



$$dv_{R_s}^2 = 4kT R_s df$$

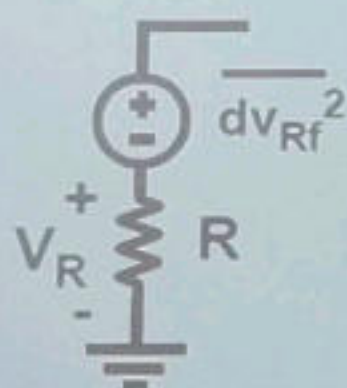
$$\overline{v_{R_s}^2} = \int_0^\infty \frac{dv_{R_s}^2}{1 + (f/BW)^2} = \frac{kT}{C_L}$$

Noise density (V^2/Hz) $\sim R_s$ (or $1/g_m$)

Integrated noise (V_{RMS}) $\sim 1/C_L$

A resistor also has 1/f noise

$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}}$



$$dv_{Rf}^2 = V_R^2 \frac{K F_R R}{A_R} \frac{df}{f} \quad \text{is } 1/f$$

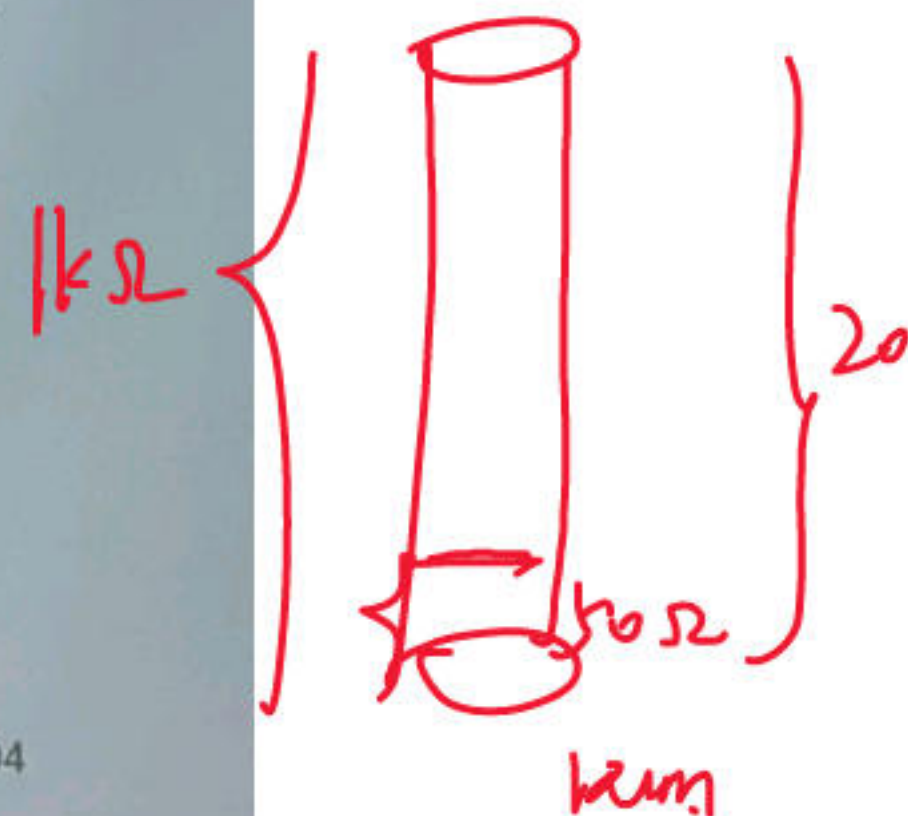
$$K F_{R\text{Si}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-21} \text{ Scm}^2$$

$$K F_{R\text{poly}} \approx 10 K F_{R\text{Si}}$$

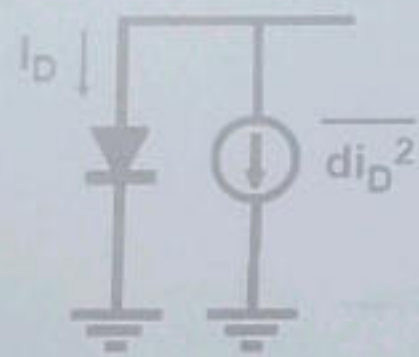
for $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ with 20 μm 's of $50 \Omega/\mu\text{m}$ and $1 \mu\text{m}$ wide and $V_R = 0.1 \text{ V}$

$$\sqrt{dv_{Rf}^2} = 16 \text{ nV}_{\text{RMS}}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \text{ at } 1 \text{ Hz}$$

Ref. Vandamme, ESSDERC '04



Noise of a diode is shot noise



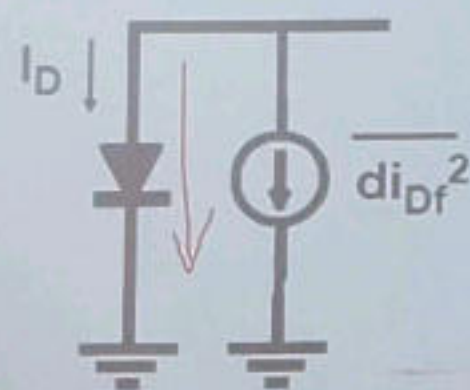
$$\overline{di_D^2} = 2q I_D df \quad \text{is white}$$

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

depends on I_D , not on T

$$\text{for } I_D = 50 \mu\text{A} \quad \sqrt{\overline{di_D^2}} = 4 \text{ pA}_{\text{RMS}} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

A diode also has 1/f noise



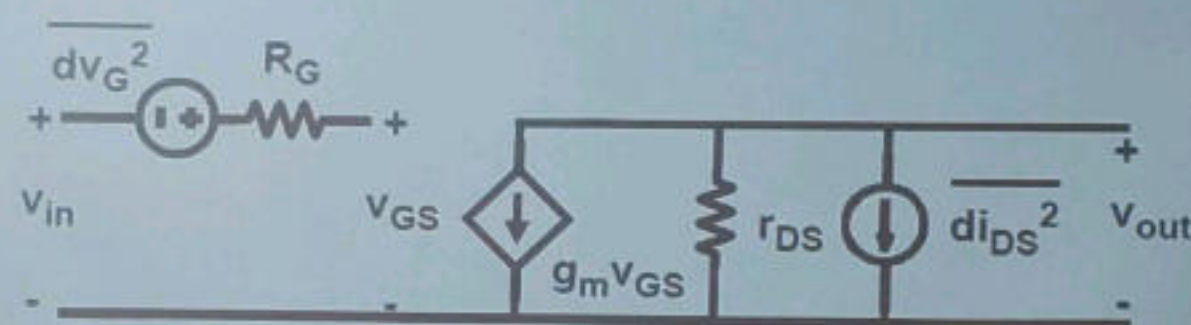
$$\overline{di_{Df}^2} = I_D \frac{KF_D}{A_D} \frac{df}{f} \quad \text{is } 1/f$$

$$KF_D \approx 10^{-21} \text{ Acm}^2$$

For a diode of $A_D = 5 \times 2 \mu\text{m} = 10 \mu\text{m}^2$ and $I_D = 0.1 \text{ mA}$

$$\sqrt{\overline{di_{Df}^2}} = 1 \text{ nA}_{\text{RMS}} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \text{ at } 1 \text{ Hz}$$

Noise of a MOST

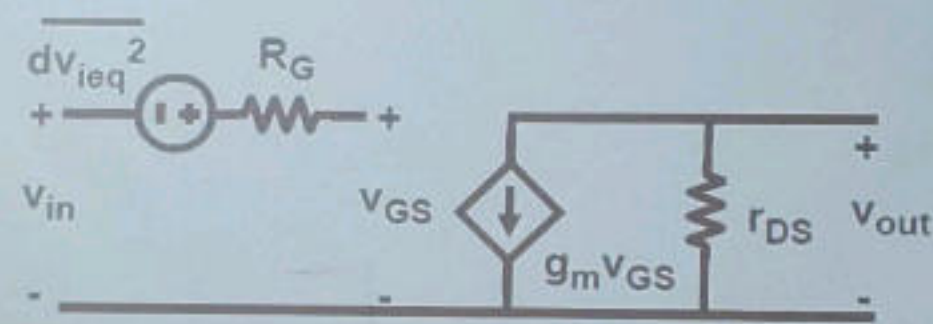


$$\overline{dv_G^2} = 4kT R_G df$$

$$\overline{di_{DS}^2} = \frac{4kT}{R_{CH}} df = 4kT \frac{2}{3} g_m df$$

Ref. Van der Ziel, Prentice Hall 1954, Wiley 1986.

MOST: equivalent input noise: white



$$\overline{dv_{ieq}^2} = 4kT(R_{eff})df \quad R_{eff} = \frac{2/3}{g_m} + R_G$$

Hi Freq.: $\overline{dv_{ieq}^2} = (C_{GS}\omega)^2 \overline{dv_{ieq}^2}$ is correlated

Poly Gate resistance r_G in a MOST

