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RADIO FREQUENCY INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

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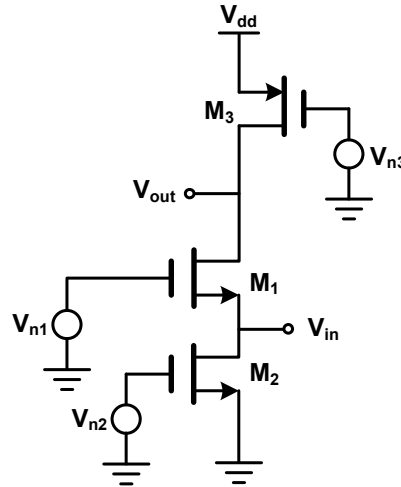
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1)

There are three flicker noise sources as shown below.



To determine the output noise we short the input to ground (M_2 has no effect). Then:

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2} = \left(\overline{V_{n1}^2} g_{m1}^2 + \overline{V_{n3}^2} g_{m3}^2 \right) \cdot (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})^2$$

Since $g_m \gg 1/r_o$ and $\gamma = 0$, the gain of this circuit is:

$$A = g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})$$

Then we can determine the input referred noise as:

$$\overline{V_{n,in}^2} = \frac{\overline{V_{n1}^2} g_{m1}^2 + \overline{V_{n3}^2} g_{m3}^2}{g_{m1}^2}$$

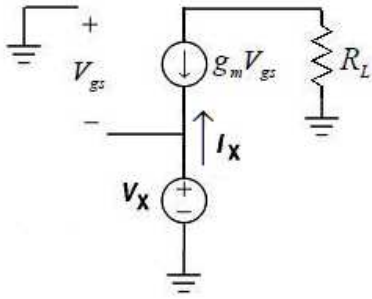
Replacing the values of $\overline{V_{n1}^2}$ and $\overline{V_{n3}^2}$ gives:

$$\overline{V_{n,in}^2} = \frac{1}{f C_{ox}} \left[\frac{K_n}{(WL)_2} + \frac{g_{m3}^2 K_p}{(WL)_3} \right]$$

2)

(a)

Input Impedance:



$$I_x + g_m V_{gs} = 0$$

$$V_x = V_s$$

$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_s = -V_s = -V_x$$

$$I_x - g_m V_x = 0$$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V_x}{I_x} = \frac{1}{g_m}$$

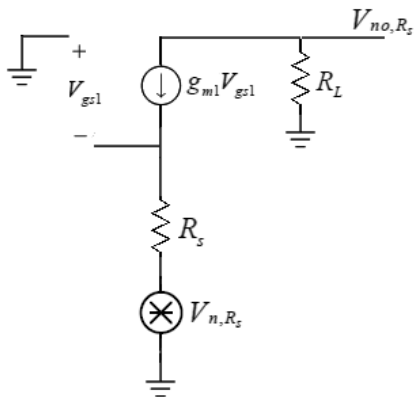
(b)

Noise Factor:

There are totally three noisy components to be considered which are the source resistance R_s and NMOS transistors M1 and M2. So the noise factor of the LNA is:

$$\text{Noise Factor} = \frac{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2} + \overline{V_{no,M_1}^2} + \overline{V_{no,M_2}^2}}{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2}}$$

Calculation of $\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2}$:



$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_s = -V_s$$

$$\frac{V_{n,R_s} - V_s}{R_s} = -g_m V_{gs} = g_m V_s$$

$$V_s = V_{n,R_s} \left(\frac{1}{g_m R_s + 1} \right) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$g_m V_{gs} = -g_m V_s = \frac{-V_{no,R_s}}{R_L} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

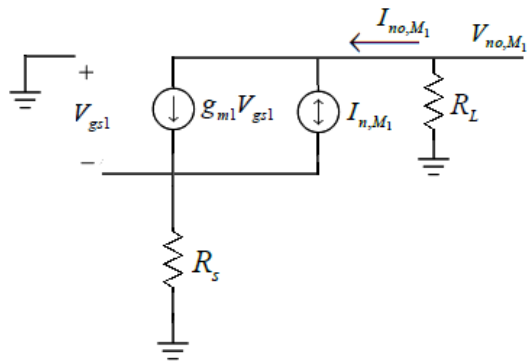
Apply (1) into (2) gives:

$$V_{no,R_s} = \frac{g_m R_L}{1 + g_m R_s} V_{n,R_s}$$

$$\overline{V_{n,R_s}^2} = 4KTR_s$$

$$\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2} = \left(\frac{g_m R_L}{1 + g_m R_s} \right)^2 \times \overline{V_{n,R_s}^2} = \left(\frac{g_m R_L}{1 + g_m R_s} \right)^2 4KTR_s$$

Calculation of $\overline{V_{no,M_1}^2}$:



$$g_{d0} \approx g_m$$

$$\overline{I_{n,M_1}^2} = 4KT\gamma g_{m_1}$$

$$V_{no,M_1} = -I_{out} R_L \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$I_{no,M_1} = g_m V_{gs} + I_{n,M_1} = -g_m V_s + I_{n,M_1} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{V_s}{R_s} = \frac{-V_{no,M_1}}{R_L} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Applying (3) into (2) gives:

$$I_{no,M_1} = -g_m \frac{-R_s}{R_L} V_{no,M_1} + I_{n,M_1} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

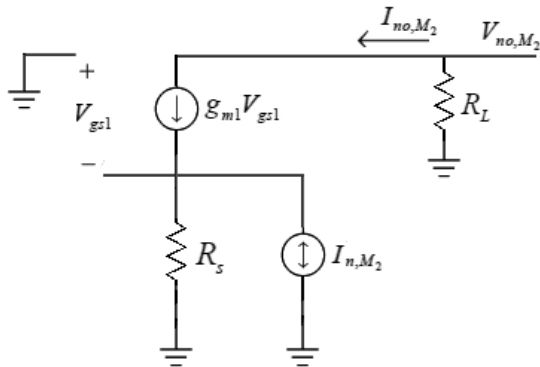
Applying (4) into (1) gives:

$$V_{no,M_1} = \left(g_{m_1} \frac{R_s}{R_L} V_{no,M_1} + I_{n,M_1} \right) R_L$$

$$V_{no,M_1} = \left(\frac{-R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right) I_{n,M_1}$$

$$\overline{V_{no,M_1}^2} = \left(\frac{-R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 \overline{I_{n,M_1}^2} = \left(\frac{-R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 4KT\gamma g_{m_1}$$

Calculation of $\overline{V_{no,M_2}^2}$:



$$g_{d0} \approx g_m$$

$$\overline{I_{n,M_2}^2} = 4KT\gamma g_{m_2}$$

$$V_{no,M_2} = -I_{no,M_2} R_L \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$I_{no,M_2} = \frac{V_s}{R_s} + I_{n,M_2} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$\frac{-V_{no,M_2}}{R_L} = g_{m_1} V_{gs} = -g_{m_1} V_s$$

$$V_s = V_{no,M_2} \frac{1}{g_{m_1} R_L} \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

Applying (7) into (6) gives:

$$I_{no,M_2} = V_{no,M_2} \frac{1}{g_{m_1} R_L R_s} + I_{n,M_2} \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

Applying (8) into (5) gives:

$$V_{n,M_2} = -R_L \left(V_{n,M_2} \frac{1}{g_{m_1} R_L R_s} + I_{n,M_2} \right)$$

$$V_{n,M_2} = \left(\frac{-g_{m_1} R_L R_s}{g_{m_1} R_s + 1} \right) I_{n,M_2}$$

$$\overline{V_{n,M_2}^2} = \left(\frac{-g_{m_1} R_L R_s}{g_{m_1} R_s + 1} \right)^2 \overline{I_{n,M_2}^2} = \left(\frac{-g_{m_1} R_L R_s}{g_{m_1} R_s + 1} \right)^2 4KT \gamma g_{m_2}$$

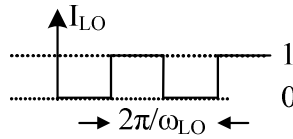
Total Noise Factor of the LNA:

$$F = \frac{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2} + \overline{V_{no,M_1}^2} + \overline{V_{no,M_2}^2}}{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2}} = 1 + \frac{\overline{V_{no,M_1}^2}}{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2}} + \frac{\overline{V_{no,M_2}^2}}{\overline{V_{no,R_s}^2}} =$$

$$1 + \frac{\left(\frac{-R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 4KT \gamma g_{m_1}}{\left(\frac{g_{m_1} R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 4KTR_s} + \frac{\left(\frac{-g_{m_1} R_L R_s}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 4KT \gamma g_{m_2}}{\left(\frac{g_{m_1} R_L}{1 + g_{m_1} R_s} \right)^2 4KTR_s} = 1 + \frac{\gamma}{g_{m_1} R_s} + \gamma g_{m_2} R_s$$

3)

a)



$$i_{LO}(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \cos \omega_{LO}(t) - \frac{2}{3\pi} \cos 3\omega_{LO}(t) + \frac{2}{5\pi} \cos 5\omega_{LO}(t) - \dots$$

$$i_{RF}(t) = I_{bias} + I_{RF} \cos \omega_{RF}(t)$$

$$i_{IF}(t) = i_{LO}(t) \times i_{RF}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi} \cos \omega_{LO}(t) - \dots \right) \times (I_{bias} + I_{RF} \cos \omega_{RF}(t))$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{I_{bias}}{2}}_{DC} + \underbrace{\frac{2I_{bias}}{\pi} \cos \omega_{LO}(t)}_{LO \text{ feedthrough}} + \underbrace{\frac{I_{RF}}{2} \cos \omega_{RF}(t)}_{RF \text{ feedthrough}} + \underbrace{\frac{I_{RF}}{\pi} [\cos(\omega_{RF} - \omega_{LO})(t) + \cos(\omega_{RF} + \omega_{LO})(t)]}_{IF} + \underbrace{\dots}_{HF \text{ (to be filtered)}}$$

b)

$$v_{IF}(t) = R_D \cdot \frac{I_{RF}}{\pi} \cos(\omega_{RF} - \omega_{LO})t$$

$$v_{RF}(t) = \frac{i_{RF}(t)}{g_{m2}} = \frac{I_{RF} \cos \omega_{RF} t}{1 + g_{m2} R_{on1}} \Rightarrow$$

$$G_c = \left| \frac{v_{IF}(t)}{v_{RF}(t)} \right| = \left| \frac{R_D \cdot \frac{I_{RF}}{\pi} \cos(\omega_{RF} - \omega_{LO})t}{\frac{I_{RF} \cos \omega_{RF} t}{\frac{g_{m2}}{1 + g_{m2} R_{on1}}}} \right| = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{g_{m2}}{1 + g_{m2} R_{on1}} R_D$$

c)

M_1 is an ideal switch with on resistance equal to zero \Rightarrow no noise contribution

Noise sources are M_2 , R_S , and R_D :

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{M_2} = R_D^2 \times \overline{i_{n,out}^2}_{M_2} = 4KT \gamma g_{m2} R_D^2$$

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{R_D} = 4KTR_D$$

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{R_S} = 4KTR_S (g_{m2} R_D)^2$$

Since a perfect switch driven by an ideal square wave generates odd harmonics, the gain for noise and signal is different.

$$Y(\omega) = \sum_k \frac{2}{k\pi} X(\omega + k\omega_0).$$

$$\text{Gain for noise added by switching: } Y(\omega) = \sum_k |a_k|^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Gain for signal added by switching (only fundamental): } |a_1|^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

To calculate the noise figure:

$$F = \frac{SNR_{in}}{SNR_{out}} = \frac{S_{in}/N_{in}}{S_{out}/N_{out}} = \frac{S_{in}}{S_{out}} \cdot \frac{N_{out}}{N_{in}} = \frac{1}{G_c} \cdot \frac{N_{out}}{N_{in}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \frac{1}{G_c^2} \cdot \frac{\overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{R_S} + \overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{M2} + \overline{V_{n,out}^2}_{R_D}}{\overline{V_{n,R_S}^2}} \\
 &= \frac{\pi^2}{(g_{m2}R_D)^2} \cdot \frac{4KTR_S(g_{m2}R_D)^2 + 4KTR_D + 4KT\gamma g_{m2}R_D^2}{4KTR_S} \\
 &= \pi^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{(g_{m2})^2 R_D R_S} + \frac{\gamma}{g_{m2}R_S} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

4)

$$(a) \quad R_S = \frac{\omega_0 L_S}{Q} = \frac{2\pi(2.4 \times 10^9)(5 \times 10^{-9})}{10} = 7.54 \, \Omega$$

$$R_p = (1 + Q^2)2R_S = 1.523 \, \text{k}\Omega$$

$$R_{neg} = -\frac{2}{g_m}$$

For oscillation $R_p = |R_{neg}|$

$$1.523 \times 10^3 = \frac{2}{g_m} \quad \text{and,} \quad g_m = 1.313 \, \text{mA/V}$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} I_D} \quad \text{and,} \quad I_D = \frac{I_{bias}}{2}, \quad \text{therefore}$$

$$\frac{W}{L} = \frac{g_m^2}{\mu_n C_{ox} I_{bias}} = 7.84$$

(b)

The parallel inductance is calculated as $L_p = 2L_S \left(1 + \frac{1}{Q^2} \right)$. However, since the Q is relatively large in this example, L_p can be approximated by $L_p \approx 2L_S$. Therefore,

$$f_0 \approx \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{2L_S C}}$$

$$\text{For oscillation frequency of 2.4 GHz, } C = \frac{1}{4\pi^2(2L_S)f_0^2} = 0.440 \, \text{pF}$$

$$\text{while for oscillation frequency of 2.5 GHz, } C = \frac{1}{4\pi^2(2L_S)f_0^2} = 0.405 \, \text{pF}$$

(c)

$$L_{eq} = \frac{2L_{add}L_S}{L_{add} + 2L_S} = \frac{(5 \times 10^{-9})(10 \times 10^{-9})}{5 \times 10^{-9} + 10 \times 10^{-9}} = 3.33 \text{ nH}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{eq}C}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{(3.33 \times 10^{-9})(0.44 \times 10^{-12})}} = 4.16 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\% \text{ change} = \frac{4.16 - 2.4}{2.4} \times 100 = 73.3 \% \text{ increase}$$

5)

(a) Type I:

$$H(s) = \frac{\phi_{out}(s)}{\phi_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_{PD}K_{VCO}}{R_1C_1s^2 + s + K_{PD}K_{VCO}}$$

(b) For slow variations ($s \approx 0$) and $H(s) = 1$. Then output phase tracks the input.