

## Lecture 26m: Noise &amp; MDS

### Minimum Detectable Signal (MDS)

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- Minimum Detectable Signal (MDS): Input signal level when the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is equal to unity

The sensor scale factor is governed by the sensor type  
The effect of noise is best determined via analysis of the equivalent circuit for the system

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### Move Noise Sources to a Common Point

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- Move noise sources so that all sum at the input to the amplifier circuit (i.e., at the output of the sense element)
- Then, can compare the output of the sensed signal directly to the noise at this node to get the MDS

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### Example: TransR Amplifier Noise

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Input-referred current noise:  
Open inputs; equate output voltage noise.  
Case I:  $N_{0I} = i_{ia}^2 R_f$   
 $N_{0II} = v_{eq}^2 R_f$   
 $N_{0III} = N_{ia}$   
More  $N_{ia}$  through  $R_{in}$  to  
This is unity gain!  
 $\therefore N_{0I}^2 = i_{ia}^2 R_f^2 + i_f^2 R_f^2 + N_{ia}^2$   
 $\therefore N_{0II}^2 = v_{eq}^2 R_f^2$   
 $i_{eq}^2 = i_{ia}^2 + i_f^2 + \frac{N_{ia}^2}{R_f^2}$

Case II:

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### Example: TransR Amplifier Noise (cont)

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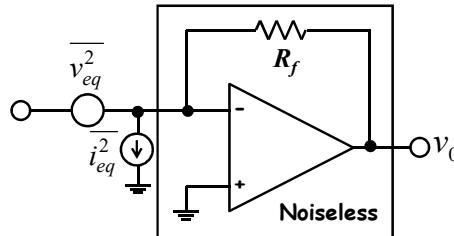
Input-referred voltage noise:  
Short inputs; equate output voltage noise  
Case I:  $N_{0I}^2 = N_{ia}^2 a^2$   
(Both  $i_{ia}^2 + i_f^2$  are shorted out.)  
Case II:  $N_{0II}^2 = N_{eq}^2 a^2$   
 $\therefore N_{eq}^2 = N_{ia}^2$

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- To summarize, for a transresistance amplifier, the equivalent input-referred current and voltage noise generators are given by:



$$\overline{i_{eq}^2} = \overline{i_{ia}^2} + \overline{i_f^2} + \frac{\overline{v_{ia}^2}}{R_f^2}$$

$$\overline{v_{eq}^2} = \overline{v_{ia}^2}$$

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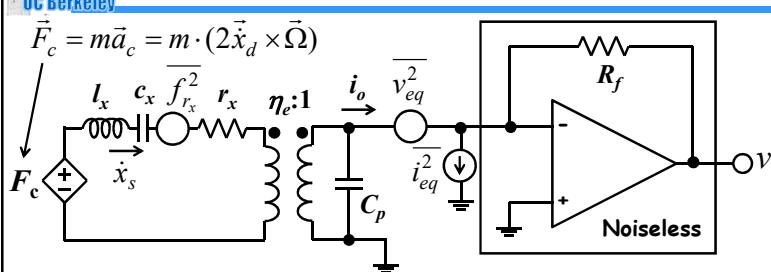
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Example: Gyro MDS Calculation

- The gyro sense presents a large effective source impedance
  - Currents are the important variable; voltages are "opened" out
  - Must compare  $i_o$  with the total current noise  $i_{eqTOT}$  going into the amplifier circuit

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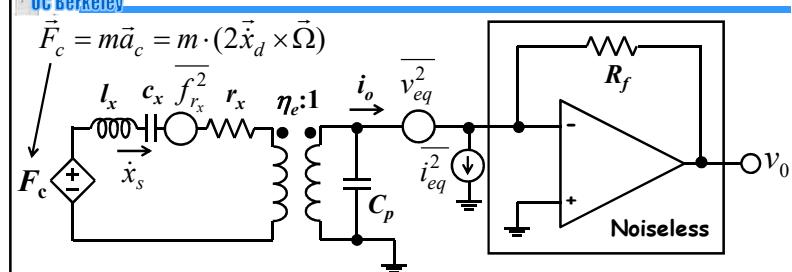
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Example: Gyro MDS Calculation (cont)

- First, find the rotation to  $i_o$  transfer function:

$$\dot{x}_s = \frac{\omega_d Q}{k_s} \Theta_s(j\omega_d) F_s = \frac{\omega_d Q}{k_s} \cdot 2\omega_d r_x \Sigma m \cdot \Theta(j\omega_d)$$

$\boxed{F_s = F_c = 2\omega_d r_x \Sigma m}$

$$\dot{x}_s = 2 \frac{\omega_d}{\omega_s} Q \chi_d \Theta(j\omega_d) \cdot \Sigma L$$

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**Example: Gyro MDS Calculation (cont)**

$i_o = \eta_e \dot{x}_s = 2 \frac{w_d}{w_s} Q \chi_d \eta_e \Theta(j\omega_d) \cdot \Omega \rightarrow i_o = A \Omega$   
Where  $A = 2 \frac{w_d}{w_s} Q \chi_d \eta_e \Theta(j\omega_d)$

$\text{A} \triangleq \text{scale factor}$

When  $\Omega = \Omega_{\min} \triangleq \text{MDS}$ ,  $i_o = i_{eqTOT}$  input-referred noise current entering the sense amplifier  $\rightarrow$  in  $\mu\text{A}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

$\therefore i_{eqTOT} = A \Omega_{\min} \rightarrow \Omega_{\min} = \frac{i_{eqTOT}}{A} \left( \frac{3600\pi}{\text{hr}} \right) \left( \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \right) \left[ (\%)/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \right]$

Angle Random Walk: ARW =  $\frac{1}{60} \Omega_{\min} [\%/\text{hr}]$

Earlier to determine directional error as a function of elapsed time.

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**Example: Gyro MDS Calculation (cont)**

$\vec{F}_c = m \vec{a}_c = m \cdot (2 \dot{x}_d \times \vec{\Omega})$

$F_c \rightarrow$   $i_x \quad c_x \quad f_{rx}^2 \quad r_x \quad \eta_e:1$

$i_o \rightarrow v_{eq}^2 \quad i_{eq}^2 \quad R_s$

$C_p$   $\rightarrow$  Noiseless

$R_s: \text{large} \therefore \overline{v_{eq}^2} \text{"opened" out}$

Now, find the  $i_{eqTOT}$  entering the amplifier input:

$i_{eqTOT} = i_s + i_{eq} \rightarrow i_{eqTOT} = \overline{i_s^2} + \overline{i_{eq}^2} + \overline{i_{ia}^2} + \frac{\overline{N_{ia}^2}}{R_f^2} \quad \overline{f_{rx}^2} = 4kT r_x$

Brownian motion noise of the sense element  $\rightarrow$  determined entirely by the noise in  $r_x \rightarrow \overline{f_{rx}^2}$

easiest to convert to an all electrical equiv. ckt.

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**Example: Gyro MDS Calculation (cont)**

$L_x \quad C_x \quad R_x \quad \rightarrow \text{To Amplifier Input}$

$\frac{1}{N_{Rx}^2} = 4kT R_x$

where  $L_x = \frac{R_x}{\eta_e}$ ,  $C_x = \eta_e^2 C_x$ ,  $R_x = \frac{r_x}{\eta_e^2}$

$\therefore i_s = N_{Rx} \left( \frac{1}{R_x} \right) \Theta(j\omega_d) \rightarrow \frac{i_s^2}{\Delta f} = 4kT R_x \left( \frac{1}{R_x^2} \right) |\Theta(j\omega_d)|^2$

$\Rightarrow \frac{i_s^2}{\Delta f} = \frac{4kT}{R_x^2} |\Theta(j\omega_d)|^2$

Thus:

$\frac{i_{eqTOT}^2}{\Delta f} = \frac{4kT}{R_x^2} |\Theta(j\omega_d)|^2 + \frac{4kT}{R_f^2} + \frac{i_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} + \frac{N_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} \left( \frac{1}{R_f^2} \right)$

Learn to get these from EE240.  
or just get them from a data sheet...

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**LF356 Op Amp Data Sheet**

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**LF155/LF156/LF256/LF257/LF355/LF356/LF357**

**JFET Input Operational Amplifiers**

**General Description**

These are the first monolithic JFET input operational amplifiers to incorporate well matched, high voltage JFETs on the same chip with standard bipolar transistors (Bi-FET™ Technology). These amplifiers feature low input bias and offset currents/low offset voltage and offset voltage drift, coupled with offset adjust which does not degrade drift or common-mode rejection. The devices are also designed for high slew rate, wide bandwidth, extremely fast settling time, low voltage and current noise and a low 1/f noise corner.

**Features**

**Advantages**

- Replace expensive hybrid and module FET op amps
- Rugged J-FETs allow blow-out free handling compared with MOSFET input devices
- Excellent for low noise applications using either high or low source impedance—very low 1/f corner
- Offset adjust does not degrade drift or common-mode rejection as in most monolithic amplifiers
- New output stage allows use of large capacitive loads (5,000 pF) without stability problems
- Internal compensation and large differential input voltage capability

**Uncommon Features**

	LF155/ LF156/	LF257/	Units
	LF355	LF256/ LF357	( $A_v=5$ )
	LF356		$\mu\text{s}$
Extremely fast settling time to	4	1.5	$\mu\text{s}$
0.01%			
Fast slew rate	5	12	$\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$
Wide gain bandwidth	2.5	5	$\text{MHz}$
Low input noise voltage	20	12	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

$\frac{i_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} = 0.01 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

$\frac{N_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} = 12 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

**Applications**

- Precision high speed integrators
- Fast D/A and A/D converters
- High impedance buffers
- Wideband, low noise, low drift amplifiers

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**Example ARW Calculation**

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- Example Design:**
  - Sensor Element:**
 $m = (100\mu\text{m})(100\mu\text{m})(20\mu\text{m})(2300\text{kg/m}^3) = 4.6 \times 10^{-10}\text{kg}$ 
 $\omega_s = 2\pi(15\text{kHz})$ 
 $\omega_d = 2\pi(10\text{kHz})$ 
 $k_s = \omega_s^2 m = 4.09 \text{ N/m}$ 
 $x_d = 20 \mu\text{m}$ 
 $Q_s = 50,000$ 
 $V_p = 5\text{V}$ 
 $h = 20 \mu\text{m}$ 
 $d = 1 \mu\text{m}$
  - Sensing Circuitry:**
 $R_f = 100\text{k}\Omega$ 
 $i_{ia} = 0.01 \text{ pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 
 $v_{ia} = 12 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

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**Example ARW Calculation (cont)**

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Get rotation rate to output current scale factor:

$$A = 2 \frac{\omega_d}{\omega_s} Q_s X_d \eta_e |\Theta(j\omega_d)| = 2 \left( \frac{10\text{K}}{15\text{K}} \right) (50\mu\text{m}) (5) (2000\epsilon_0) (0.00024) = 2.83 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}$$

$$\Theta(j\omega_d) = \frac{(j\omega_d)(\omega_s/\omega_d)}{-\omega_d^2 + j\omega_d\omega_s + \omega_s^2} = \frac{j(10\text{K})(15\text{K})/(50\text{K})}{(15\text{K})^2 - (10\text{K})^2 + j(10\text{K})(15\text{K})/50\text{K}} = \frac{j(3\text{K})}{1.25 \times 10^8 + j(3\text{K})}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Theta(j\omega_d)| = \frac{3\text{K}}{\sqrt{(1.25 \times 10^8)^2 + (3\text{K})^2}} = 0.000024 \quad 8.854 \times 10^{-8} \text{ F/m}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = \frac{C_0}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 h V_p}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_0 (20\mu\text{m})(100\mu\text{m})}{(1\mu\text{m})^2} = 2000\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \eta_e = V_p \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = 5(2000\epsilon_0) \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{Assume electrode covers} \\ \text{the whole sidewall.} \end{matrix} \quad 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \right]$$

Then, get noise:

$$\frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f} = \frac{4kT}{R_f} |\Theta(j\omega_d)|^2 + \frac{4kT}{R_f} + \frac{i_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} + \frac{V_{ia}^2}{\Delta f} \left( \frac{1}{R_f^2} \right)$$

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**Example ARW Calculation (cont)**

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$$R_X = \frac{\omega_s m}{Q_s \eta_e^2} = \frac{2\pi(15\text{K})(4.6 \times 10^{-10})}{(50\text{K})(8.854 \times 10^{-8})^2} = 110.6 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f} = \frac{(1.66 \times 10^{-29})}{(110.6\text{K})} (0.000024)^2 + \frac{(1.66 \times 10^{-29})}{1\text{M}} + (0.01\text{p})^2 + \frac{(12\text{n})^2}{(1\text{M})^2}$$

$$\nearrow 8.64 \times 10^{-25} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1 \times 10^{-28} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1.44 \times 10^{-28} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz}$$

sensor element noise  
insignificant

Noise from  $R_f$  dominates!

$$\therefore \frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f} = 1.68 \times 10^{-26} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \rightarrow i_{eq,TOT} = \sqrt{\frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f}} = 1.30 \times 10^{-13} \text{ A}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{min} = \frac{i_{eq,TOT}}{A} \left( \frac{3600\pi}{\text{hr}} \right) \left( \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \right) = \frac{1.30 \times 10^{-13}}{2.83 \times 10^{-12}} (3600) \left( \frac{180}{\pi} \right) = 9448 (\%/\text{hr})/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

And finally:

$$ARW = \frac{1}{60} \sigma_{min} = \frac{1}{60} (9448) = 157 \%/\text{hr} = ARW \quad \Rightarrow \text{Almost turned around in 1 hour!}$$

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**What if  $\omega_d = \omega_s$ ?**

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If  $\omega_d = \omega_s = 15\text{kHz}$ , then  $|\Theta(j\omega_d)| = 1$  and

$$A = 2 \frac{\omega_d}{\omega_s} Q_s X_d \eta_e = 2 Q_s X_d \eta_e = 2 (50\mu\text{m}) (20\mu\text{m}) (5) (2000\epsilon_0) = 1.77 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C}$$

$$\frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f} = \frac{(1.66 \times 10^{-29})}{(110.6\text{K})} (1)^2 + \frac{(1.66 \times 10^{-29})}{1\text{M}} + (0.01\text{p})^2 + \frac{(12\text{n})^2}{(1\text{M})^2}$$

$$\nearrow 1.51 \times 10^{-25} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1 \times 10^{-28} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \quad \downarrow \quad 1.44 \times 10^{-28} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz}$$

Now, the sensor element dominates!

$$\therefore \frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f} = 1.67 \times 10^{-25} \text{ A}^2/\text{Hz} \rightarrow i_{eq,TOT} = \sqrt{\frac{i_{eq,TOT}^2}{\Delta f}} = 4.08 \times 10^{-13} \text{ A}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{min} = \frac{i_{eq,TOT}}{A} \left( \frac{3600\pi}{\text{hr}} \right) \left( \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \right) = \frac{4.08 \times 10^{-13}}{1.77 \times 10^{-7}} (3600) \left( \frac{180}{\pi} \right) = 0.476 (\%/\text{hr})/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

And finally:

$$ARW = \frac{1}{60} \sigma_{min} = \frac{1}{60} (0.476) = 0.0079 \%/\text{hr} = ARW \quad \Rightarrow \text{Navigation grade!}$$

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