

Homework I – due date: 03/27 (Friday) 10AM (No late homework!!!)

- Please submit your report with the correct file name (HW1_105061703.pdf or HW1_105061703.doc) to our course website (iLMS system) by the deadline. **No hardcopy will be accepted this time.**
- Please replace 105061703 with your own student ID.
- Use cic018.1 for simulations. Do not change any of the model parameters.

1) Consider a common-source amplifier with resistor load (R_L) of $600\ \Omega$, $V_{DD} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $V_{in,DC} = 0.9\text{ V}$, $\text{temp} = 27^\circ$.

a) Consider only the thermal noise of R_L .

- Calculate the output noise power (in terms of V^2/Hz).
- Calculate the total rms output noise voltage over the frequency range from DC to 1 GHz.
- With load capacitor (C_L) of 100 fF, calculate the total rms output noise voltage over the entire frequency range.

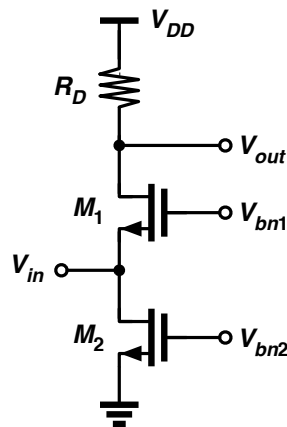
b) Use **HSpice** to design the common-source amplifier with the following specifications.

$R_L = 600\ \Omega$, $C_L = 100\text{ fF}$, $V_{DD} = 1.8\text{ V}$, $V_{in,DC} = 0.9\text{ V}$, $\text{temp} = 27^\circ$,
 $V_{out,DC} \geq V_{in,DC}$, voltage gain of at least 2 V/V , 3-dB bandwidth of at least 2 GHz , and as little power as possible.

- With **dc** analysis, report the following of your final design.
 - Size (W/L) of the transistor.
 - Power consumption.
 - Output DC voltage ($V_{out,DC}$).
- With **ac** analysis from 1 kHz to 100 GHz, plot the frequency response from V_{in} to V_{out} over 1 kHz to 100 GHz.
 - Use log scale for x-axis.
 - Use dB20 scale for y-axis.
 - Mark (x, y) at frequency = 1 kHz.
 - Mark (x, y) at 3-dB bandwidth.
- With **noise** analysis from 1 kHz to 100 GHz, report the following.
 - Plot output noise power spectral density (PSD) in terms of V^2/Hz over 1 kHz to 100 GHz.
 - Use log scale for x-axis.
 - Use absolute magnitude for y-axis.
 - Integrate the above waveform (output noise PSD) over 1 kHz to 100 GHz.

- Compare the result with your hand calculations from question set of 1-a-iii). Explain the difference.
- From the question above, calculate the total rms output noise voltage contributed by the transistor for the frequency ranges from 1 kHz to 100 GHz.
- Assume a constant voltage gain over this frequency range, calculate the total rms input-referred noise voltage of your design.

2) Assume $\lambda = \gamma = 0$. Consider the following circuit.



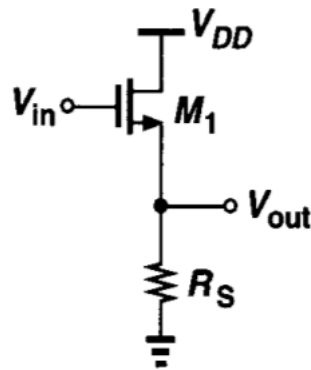
- Calculate the dc voltage gain.
 - Calculate the output swing.
 - Calculate the input-referred thermal noise voltage (in terms of $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$) and input-referred thermal noise current (in terms of $A/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$).
 - Use $\mu_n C_{ox} = 303 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ and $\mu_p C_{ox} = 91 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ for the calculation. Set $V_{DD} = 1.8 \text{ V}$. $I_{D,M1} = I_{D,M2} = I_{RD} = 1 \text{ mA}$ and $(W/L)_1 = 6 \mu\text{m}/0.18 \mu\text{m}$. Design R_D and $(W/L)_2$ so that the dc voltage gain is at least 3 V/V, output swing is at least 1.2 V, and the input referred thermal noise voltage and current are minimized. Describe how the circuit is designed.
- e) From the results above, use **HSpice** to simulate the design.
- Keep the device sizes unchanged. Adjust the bias voltages ($V_{in,DC}$, V_{bn1} , and V_{bn2}) so that no DC current flows through V_{in} and the bias current is less than 1 mA while maintaining all transistors in saturation.
 - With **dc** analysis, report the following.

Hint: You may just open the input port when designing the bias condition of the circuit, so that there is no DC current flowing through the input port.

 - Bias voltages $V_{in,DC}$, V_{bn1} , and V_{bn2} .
 - Power consumption.
 - Output DC voltage ($V_{out,DC}$).

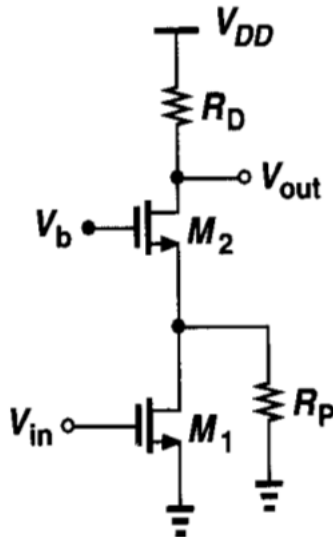
- iii. With **ac** analysis from 1 kHz to 100 GHz, plot the frequency response from V_{in} to V_{out} over 1 kHz to 100 GHz.
- Use log scale for x-axis.
 - Use dB20 scale for y-axis.
 - Mark (x, y) at frequency = 1 kHz.
- iv. With **noise** analysis from 1 kHz to 100 GHz, report the following.
- Plot output noise power spectral density (PSD) in terms of V^2/Hz over 1 kHz to 100 GHz.
 - Use log scale for x-axis.
 - Use absolute magnitude for y-axis.
 - Mark (x, y) at frequency = 1 GHz and 10 GHz on the figure.
 - Calculate the input-referred thermal noise voltage at these two frequencies and compare the results with that from question set of 2-d).

- 3) Calculate the input-referred thermal noise voltage (in terms of $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$) of the following circuit. Assume $\lambda = \gamma = 0$.



- 4) For the following circuit, assume $\lambda = \gamma = 0$. Calculate the input-referred thermal noise voltage (in terms of $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$) with and without R_p .

Hint: You can model the noise from M_2 as a voltage source in series with its gate.



- 5) Consider the following circuit. Assume $\lambda = \gamma = 0$.
- Calculate the input-referred thermal noise voltage in terms of $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$.
 - If the thermal noise contributed by R_S is the same as that contributed from M_1 , how is the dc voltage drop across R_S compared to the overdrive voltage of M_1 ?

