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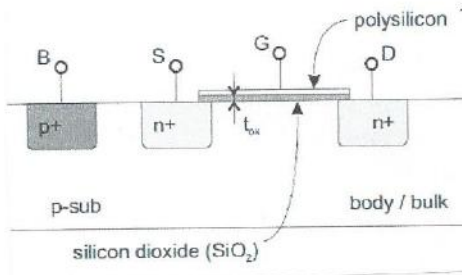
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A1 - MOS AND BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR

MOS AND BST STRUCTURES AND CHARACTERISTIC

N- AND P-MOS DEVICES → HAVE THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE

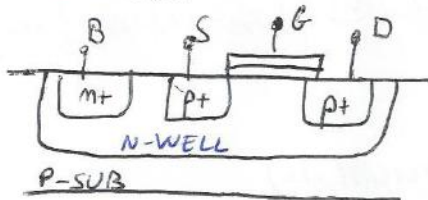
• N-MOS



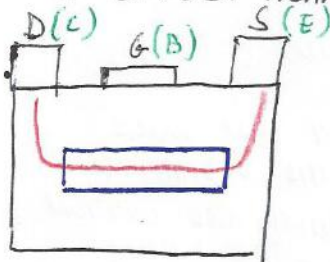
BEFORE THERE WAS METAL, NOW IT'S POLYSILICON

IT'S A SOURCE-GATE-DRAIN + BULK

• P-MOS



A FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTOR = IS A VARIABLE RESISTOR



THERE'S A CONDUCTIVE CHANNEL WHICH CARRIES CROSS

THERE'S AN INJECTION OF CURRENT IN THE BASE AND IT'S POSSIBLE TO MODULATE IT

THERE'S A CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE BST (EVEN THOUGH THE PHYSICAL PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT)

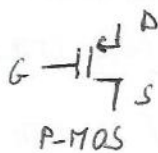
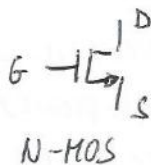
DRAIN → COLLECTOR

GATE → BASE

SOURCE → EMITTER

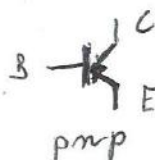
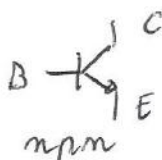
WE ADOPT THEM FOR OUR ELECTRONICS CIRCUITS WE'RE JUST INTERESTED IN ITS EXTERNAL BEHAVIOUR

MOS:

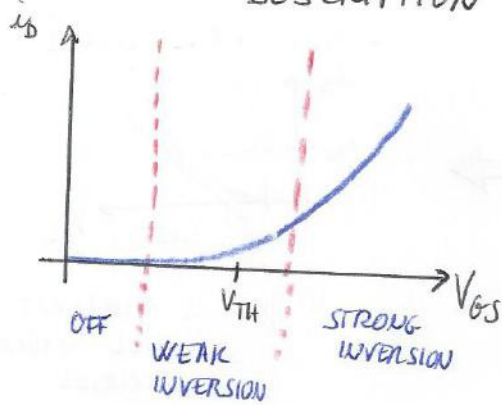


(→ CURRENT FLOWS IN THE ARROW DIRECTION)

BST:



CONCERNING A MOS → IT'S NECESSARY TO ADOPT A MORE SOPHISTICATED DESCRIPTION

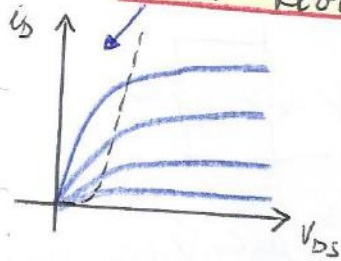


- WEAK INVERSION → CLOSE TO THE THRESHOLD
 ↓
 FOLLOWS A LOW EXPONENTIAL:

$$i_D = I_{D0} \frac{W}{L} e^{\frac{V_{GS}}{2V_T}}$$
- STRONG INVERSION
 ↓
 QUADRATIC BEHAVIOUR

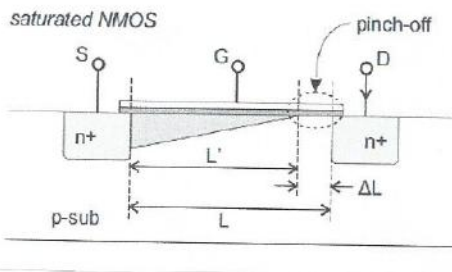
$$i_D = \mu_m \frac{C_{ox}}{2} \frac{W}{L'} (V_{GS})^2$$

MOS TRIODE REGION



→ WHERE V_{DS} IS VERY SMALL
 IT'S POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE SLOPE OF THE CHARACTERISTIC
 ↓
 INDEED IT'S A VARIABLE RESISTANCE, WHICH IS EMPLOYED FOR SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS (BUT IS NOT GOOD AS A VARIABLE RESISTOR BECAUSE IT HAS FIXED dV_{CE}/dI_C)

CHANNEL PINCH-OFF

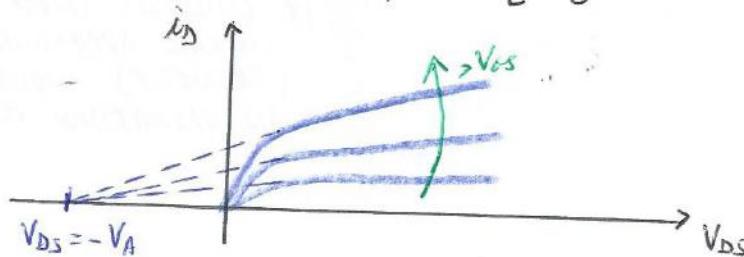


AFTER A GIVEN VOLTAGE ON DRAIN AND SOURCE

↓
 IT'S A REDUCTION ON THE CHANNEL LENGTH

→ CHANGING THE SLOPE OF THE CHARACTERISTIC
 WHOSE EFFECT CONSISTS IN

$$i_D = \mu_m C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \frac{1}{2} V_{GS}^2 \longrightarrow i_D = \mu_m C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \frac{1}{2} V_{GS}^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

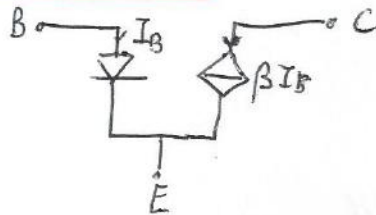


IT'S SIMILAR TO EARLY EFFECT IN BJT (WHERE AS V_{CE} INCREASES → THE BASE REGION WIDTH DECREASES)

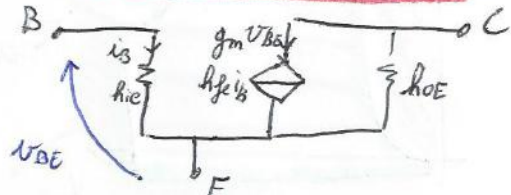
DIFFERENCE MOS/BJT

BJT SIMPLIFIED MODELS:

BIAS MODEL



SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS



$$g_m = \frac{I_c}{V_T}$$

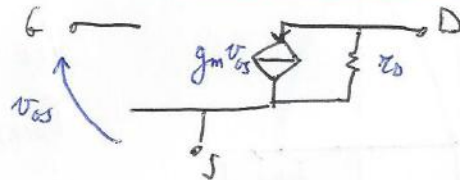
$$r_{ie} = V_T \cdot \frac{h_{fe}}{I_c}$$

MOS SIMPLIFIED MODELS

BIAS POINT

USE $I_d(V_{GS})$ EQUATION
(ORDER 2 OR BETTER MODEL)
↓
BECAUSE THERE ARE DIFFERENT REGIONS

SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS



$g_m \Rightarrow$ II ORDER EQUATION

$$r_{ds} = \frac{dV_{DS}}{dI_D}$$

WITH THE $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{BJT} \\ \text{MOS} \end{matrix} \right.$ MODEL \rightarrow WE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DIFFERENT PARAMETERS

LIKE PARASSITIC PHENOMENA DUE TO $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{CAPACITANCES} \\ \text{INDUCTANCES} \end{matrix} \right.$

IN HIGH FREQUENCY MODEL \rightarrow INDUCTANCES MODEL INTERCONNECTIONS
 $C_f \rightarrow$ STANDS FOR FEEDBACK CAPACITANCE

\Rightarrow AS A CONSEQUENCE, CONCERNING

SMALL SIGNAL \rightarrow MOS AND BJT HAVE THE SAME LINEAR MODEL

LARGE SIGNAL \rightarrow SAME METHODS BUT DIFFERENT MODELS

BJT
↓
EXPONENTIAL
LARGE SIGNAL
MODEL
(RATHER SIMPLE)

MOS
↓
LINEAR/QUADRATIC/EXP
LARGE SIGNAL
MODEL
(MORE COMPLEX)

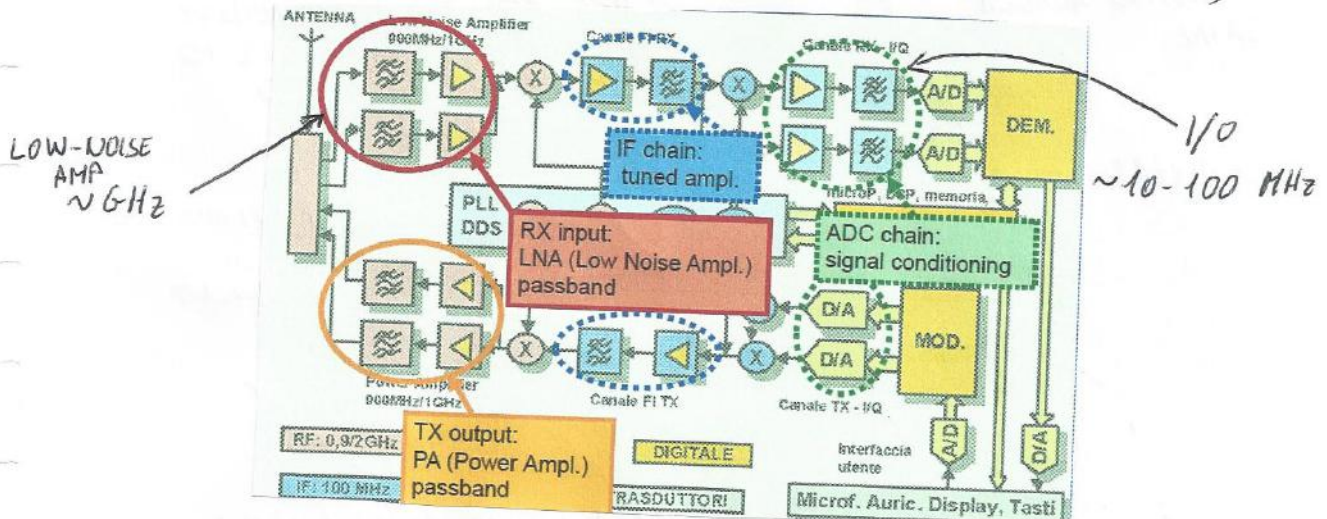
SIMILAR EFFECTS \rightarrow DISTORSION, HARMONICS, FEEDBACK ...

A2 - AMPLIFIERS

TYPES OF AMPLIFIERS

TRANSISTOR-BASED AMPLIFIERS → ARE LOCATED ALMOST AT ANY LEVEL :

- HF AMPLIFIERS
- FOCUS ON POWER AND HOW EFFICIENTLY IT'S GENERATED (POWER AMPLIFIERS)



THE MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS ARE

- GAIN (POWER)
- BAUDWIDTH
- LINEARITY → GOAL: AMPLIFY THE SIGNAL AND CREATE POWER. BUT LINEARITY NEEDS TO BE KEPT LARGE ENOUGH TO THE RECEIVER
- EFFICIENCY → MUST BE MAXIMIZED WITH LINEARITY ENSURED
- NOISE → WITH LOW NOISE AMPLIFIERS IT MUST BE KEPT AT THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE VALUE

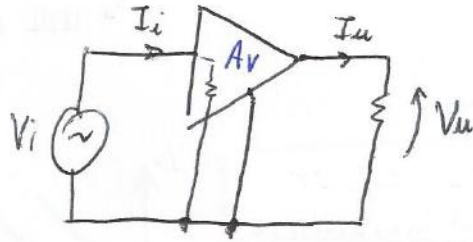
! ALL THE SYSTEMS ARE NON-LINEAR

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WE TRY TO WORK WITH THEM CONSIDERING THEM REAL. WHEN POSSIBLE WE TRY TO MAKE THEM AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE

POWER GAIN

$$G|_{dB} = 10 \log_{10}(K_p)$$

$$K_p = \frac{P_u}{P_i} \quad [dB]$$



THERE'S A RELATION POWER-VOLTAGE RESISTANCE

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$A_v = \left(\frac{V_u}{V_i}\right)^2 \frac{R_i}{R_u}$$

IF $R_i = R_u$

$$G_p = \frac{P_u}{P_i} |_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{V_u}{V_i}\right) \quad [dB]$$

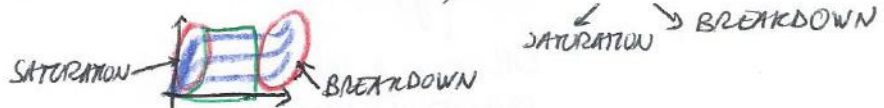
! POWER GAIN \neq VOLTAGE GAIN $\Rightarrow A_v = \sqrt{K_p}$ IN LINEAR BEHAVIOR

$\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \rightarrow$ STILL RULES \rightarrow IF VOLTAGES YOU NEED TO CONSIDER THE RATIO $\frac{R_u}{R_i}$

AMPLIFIER PARAMETERS

- LINEAR BEHAVIOR \rightarrow - DC $\begin{cases} \rightarrow$ GAIN (IF ANY)
 \rightarrow (POSSIBLE) OFFSET
- AC $\rightarrow f \neq 0$
 A DC SIGNAL IS ASSOCIATED TO A VARIATION OF A QUANTITY
 IT'S A SOURCE OF INFORMATION IF IT'S TIME VARIANT
- NOISE \rightarrow IS ALWAYS PRESENT
 \rightarrow NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GOOD DESIGN

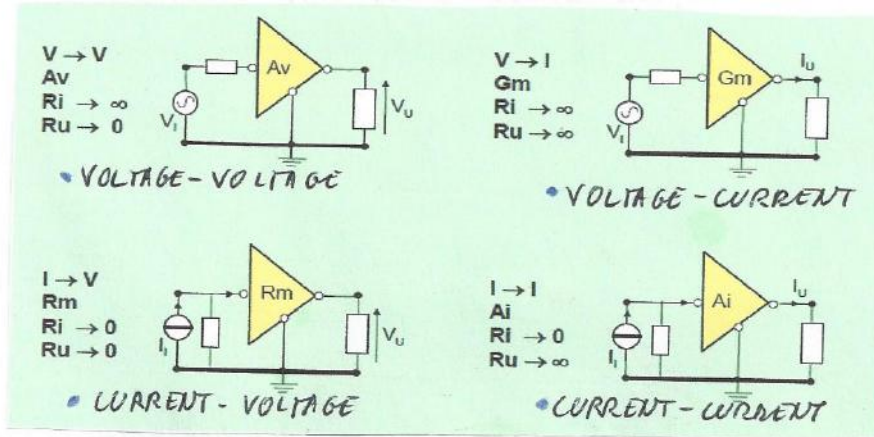
- NON-LINEAR BEHAVIOR \rightarrow - STATIC NON-LINEARITY \rightarrow CAN BE



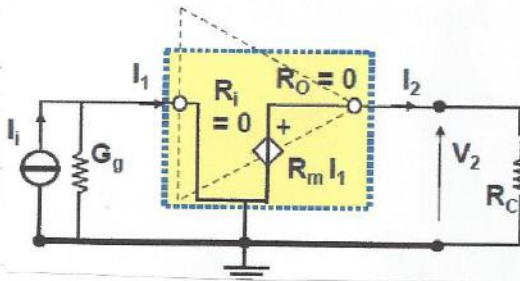
- DYNAMIC SATURATION \rightarrow WITH THE SLEW-RATE WE'RE MOVING TOO FAST AND AMPLIFICATION CAN'T FOLLOW THE SIGNAL

- OTHER \rightarrow EMC (ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY)

THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF AMPLIFIERS:

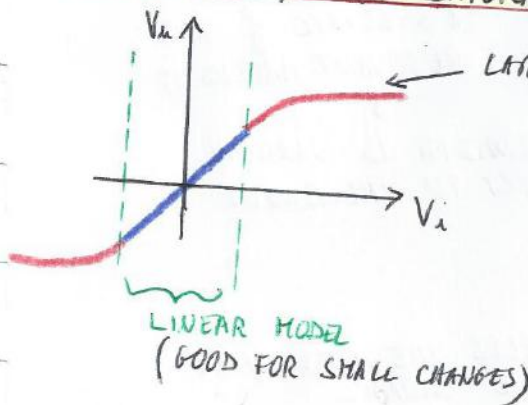


DEPENDING ON THE KIND OF THE AMPLIFIER → YOU CAN ADOPT A VOLTAGE OR CURRENT SOURCE



IN THIS CASE IT'S EASIER TO USE A CURRENT GENERATOR

NON LINEARITY AND SATURATION



LARGE CHANGES → CAUSE SATURATION
 ↓
 NON LINEARITY

DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES

K-ORDER POLYNOMIAL

FOURIER SERIES

$$V_u(V_{in}) = k + A V_i + B V_i^2 + C V_i^3 + \dots$$

"GAIN" FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT

DUE TO NON-LINEARITY (COMPONENTS DUE TO THE HARMONICS IF \neq FREQUENCY IS INCLUDED)

⇒ IN THIS CASE IT'S USEFUL TO EVALUATE THE DEGREE OF DISTORSION

$$THD = \frac{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} P_n}{P_1}$$

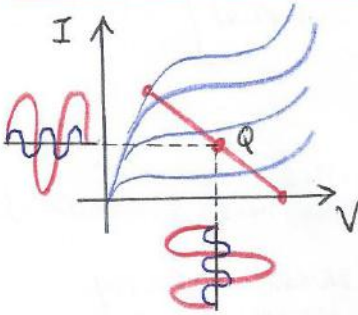
POWER OF ALL HARMONICS (points to the sum)

POWER OF FUNDAMENTAL (points to P1)

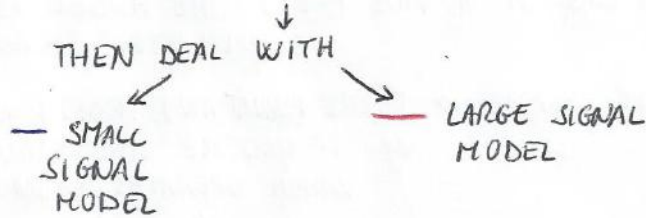
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A3 - BJT AMPLIFIERS

TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIERS



IF WE WORK WITH A SIGNAL, AROUND A BIAS POINT:
IDEA: SET THE WORKING POINT $Q(I_B, V_{CE})$
 $[Q(V_{GS}, V_{DS})$ IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MOS]



THE FOLLOWING STEPS HAVE TO BE PERFORMED:

- 1) SET THE BIAS POINT
- 2) HOW TO VERIFY IF IT WORKS WELL?
 EVALUATION OF SMALL SIGNAL PERFORMANCES (IN ORDER TO EVALUATE IF IT'S USEFUL TO ACHIEVE MY GOAL)
- 3) EVALUATION OF $\left\langle \begin{matrix} \text{THEORETICAL} \\ \text{PRACTICAL} \end{matrix} \right\rangle$ LIMITS

IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE TO $\left\langle \begin{matrix} \text{MODIFY} \\ \text{CHANGE} \end{matrix} \right\rangle$ THE STRUCTURES \rightarrow BUT FIRST IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS
 DEPENDING ON THE APPLICATION

LAB1: STARTING FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS \rightarrow DESIGN AN AMPLIFIER AND VERIFY IF IT WORKS AS EXPECTED

MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS OF AN AMPLIFIER :

- GAIN \rightarrow ALONE IT'S NOT SO USEFUL
 \rightarrow WILL BE ALWAYS FREQUENCY DEPENDENT! \Rightarrow GAIN (f)
- BANDWIDTH \rightarrow COVERS A SPECIFIC RANGE OF FREQUENCIES ($f_1 \div f_2$)
- LINEARITY \rightarrow IF LINEAR: $V_u = K V_i$ (WITH $K = \text{NUMBER}$)
 IN ORDER TO BETTER DEFINE IT WE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FREQUENCY:

$$V_u(f) = K(f_0) V_i + \sum_2^{\infty} K_i(f) \cdot V_i$$

FOUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY

SERIES OF SPURIOUS COMPONENTS DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE HARMONICS WHICH DISSIPATE POWER

[THERE ARE SPECIFIC COMPONENTS WITH A STRONG NON-LINEARITY (EG TRAIN OF PULSES). YOU NEED TO AMPLIFY THE FOUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT]

$$\eta = \frac{P(f_0)}{P_{DC}}$$

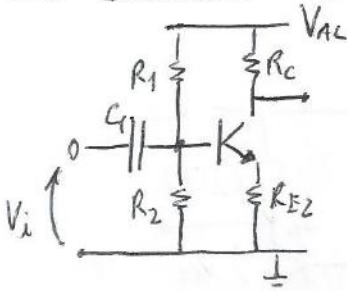
WANTED POWER
 POWER DISSIPATED IN DC

EFFICIENCY

$$PAE = \frac{P_{out}(f_0) - P_{in}(f_0)}{P_{DC}}$$

POWER ADDED EFFICIENCY
 USEFUL \rightarrow @ HIGH FREQUENCY [100 MHz - 1 GHz]
 \rightarrow ESPECIALLY WHEN GAIN IS LOW

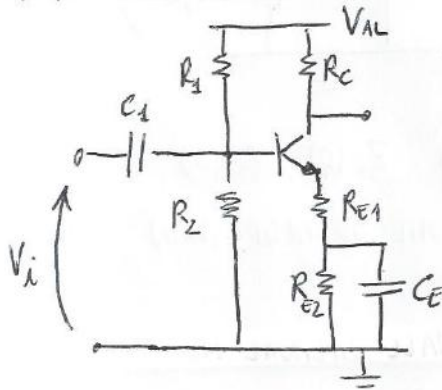
THE STANDARD SCHEME → ADDS AN OTHER RESISTOR R_2



FOR STANDARD VARIATIONS OF $\left\langle \begin{matrix} \text{PARAMETERS} \\ \text{TEMPERATURE} \end{matrix} \right.$

THE CIRCUIT IS ROBUST IN SETTING THE BIAS POINT
(IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO VERIFY IF YOUR ASSUMPTIONS ARE CORRECT!)

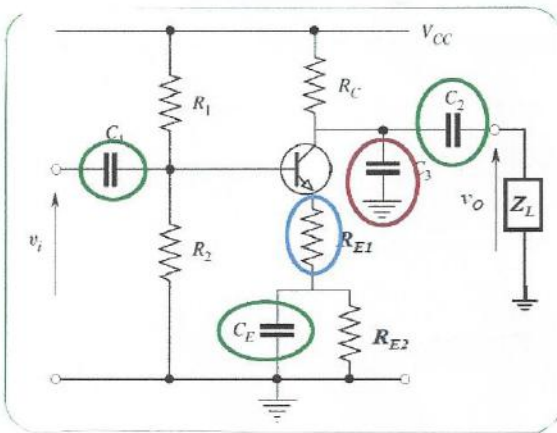
⇒ A FINAL POSSIBLE TRICK → WILL BE TO SPLIT R_{e1} AND R_{e2}



↳ IN PARALLEL WITH A CAPACITOR

IN SMALL SIGNAL ILL HAVE JUST THE CONTRIBUTION OF R_{e1} BECAUSE R_{e2} WILL BE SHORTCIRCUITED BY THE CAPACITOR

AFTER THE ANALYSIS OF THE BIAS POINT WE NEED TO ANALYZE THE SIGNAL PATH → WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS COMING FROM THE SMALL SIGNAL:



- DC GROUNDED $V_{cc} \perp$
 V_{cc} MUST BE A CONSTANT VALUE
- WE NEED TO CONSIDER COMPONENTS LIKE $\left\langle \begin{matrix} C \\ R \end{matrix} \right.$
IF THEIR VALUES ARE SIGNIFICANT IN THE BANDWIDTH WE'RE INTERESTED IN.

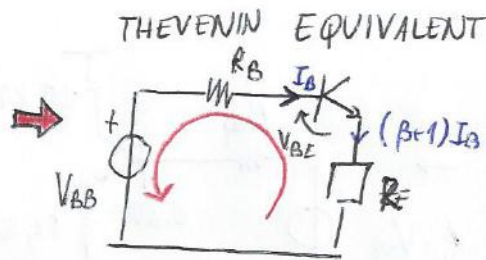
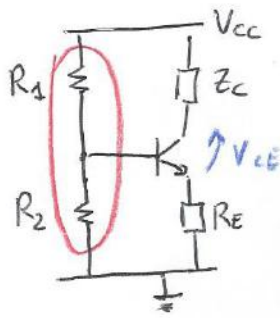
Ⓢ PARASSITIC COMPONENTS OF THE TRANSISTOR

IN HIGH FREQUENCY → BJT } WILL STOP WORKING BECAUSE THE
FET } OUTPUT WILL BE SHORTCIRCUITED

C_E → WILL BE SET ACCORDING TO THE BANDWIDTH

C_1 → WILL BE SET ACCORDING TO OUR SPECIFIC NEEDS

IN ORDER TO FIND I_C :



$$V_{BB} = V_{CC} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_B = R_1 // R_2$$

$$(\beta = \beta_{FE})$$

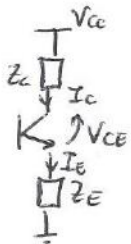
$$V_{BB} - V_{BE} = I_B R_B + (\beta + 1) I_B R_E$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B + (\beta + 1) R_E}$$

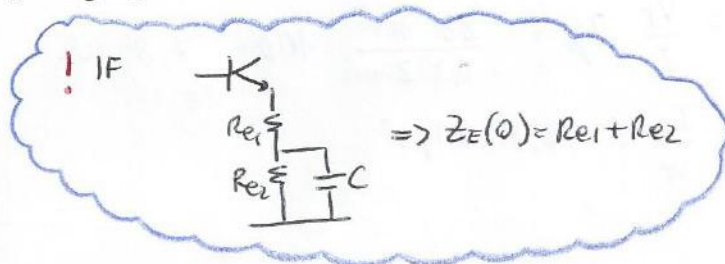
$$I_E = I_B (\beta + 1) = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_E + \frac{R_B}{\beta + 1}}$$

WE CAN ALSO REPLACE $(\beta + 1)$ BY β WITH THE ASSUMPTION $I_C \approx I_E$

THEN \rightarrow VERIFICATION \rightarrow EVALUATING V_{CE}



$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C - I_E R_E$$



THERE ARE SOME SIMPLIFICATIONS, BUT THE VERIFICATION WITH THE REAL VALUES IS FAST, TOO.

! BEFORE DOING THE CALCULATION, IT'S USEFUL TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE ORDER OF UNIT.

HOW TO CHOOSE R_1, R_2 ?

THE HIGHER $R_1, R_2 \Rightarrow$ THE LOWER I_B
(IF WE HAVE A SMALL $R_B \rightarrow$ HIGH POWER CONSUMPTION)

\rightarrow COST: WE'RE NOT WORKING WITH A ROBUST CIRCUIT
WE'RE REDUCING THE DYNAMIC RANGE

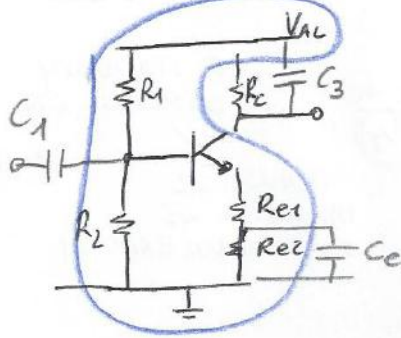
! THE PERFECT BIAS POINT ISN'T THE PERFECT SOLUTION IN CASE OF SMALL SIGNAL MODEL

TYPICAL VALUES OF $R_1, R_2 < 10 \div 400 \text{ M}\Omega$

$\sim 1 \text{ M}\Omega, 100 \text{ k}\Omega$
(NOT TOO LOW IN ORDER TO NOT LOOSE POWER)

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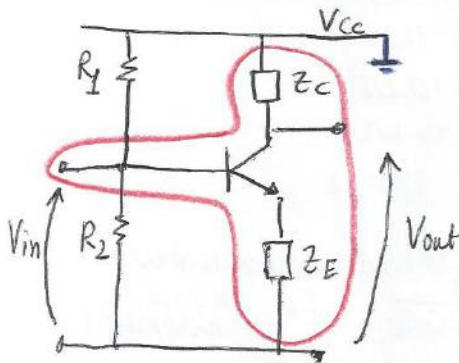
BIASING → GOAL: SET A PROPER I_C IN ORDER TO WORK IN A GOOD WAY



IT'S POSSIBLE TO ADOPT SIMPLER SOLUTIONS WHICH DEPENDS ON TRANSISTOR PARAMETERS

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO DESIGN SOME COMPONENTS THAT YOU KNOW VERY WELL IT'S A MORE ROBUST BUT ALSO A MORE COMPLEX SOLUTION.

SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS



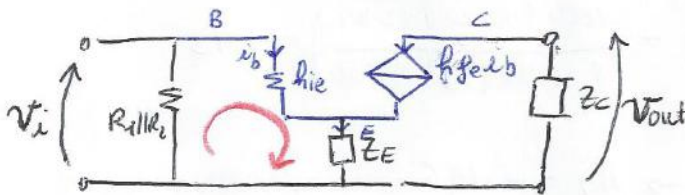
! YOU NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE CIRCUIT CONTAINS A CAPACITOR (C_1) IN ORDER TO DECOUPLE < DC SIGNAL

$V_{CC} =$ GROUNDED BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING FOR A VARIATION (IT MUST BE JUST A NUMBER ... WHY NOT GROUND?)

AS A CONSEQUENCE $R_1 // R_2$

1st OPERATION → REPLACE THE BJT WITH THE SMALL SIGNAL EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT.

WE CAN REARRANGE THE CIRCUIT IN THIS WAY



$$V_{out} = -Z_c i_c$$

$$i_c = h_{fe} i_b$$

🌀 SOLVE THE MESH IN ORDER TO HAVE THE FINAL RELATIONSHIP

$$V_i = i_b h_{ie} + i_b (h_{fe} + 1) Z_E \rightarrow i_b = \frac{V_i}{h_{ie} + (h_{fe} + 1) Z_E}$$

$$V_{out} = - \frac{Z_c h_{fe}}{h_{ie} + (1 + h_{fe}) Z_E} V_i$$

$$\rightarrow A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_i} = - \frac{Z_c h_{fe}}{h_{ie} + (1 + h_{fe}) Z_E}$$

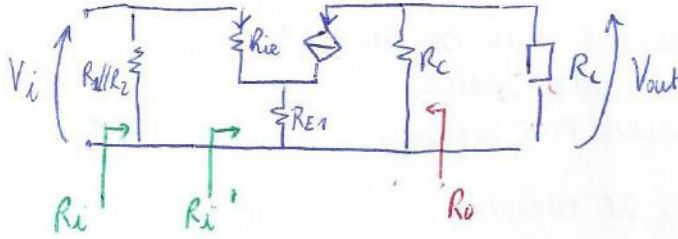
WITHOUT ANY SIMPLIFICATIONS

! IF $h_{fe} \gg 1 \Rightarrow A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_i} \approx - \frac{Z_c}{Z_E}$

IN THIS WAY THE AMPLIFICATION IS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT FROM THE VALUE OF THE CURRENT GAIN (THAT IS THE PARAMETER WE KNOW WITH LESS PRECISION)

THE RESULT WILL HAVE VERY SMALL VARIATIONS!

THEN EVALUATE R_{in} AND R_{out}



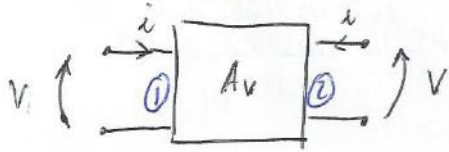
$$R_i = (R_1 \parallel R_2) \parallel R_i'$$

$$R_i = (R_1 \parallel R_2) \parallel [r_{ie} + R_{E1}(1 + \beta_e)]$$

$$R_o = R_c \parallel \infty \rightarrow R_o = R_c$$



AN IDEAL VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER NEEDS



$$\begin{matrix} R_i \rightarrow +\infty \\ R_o \rightarrow 0 \end{matrix}$$

THAT MEANS $\begin{cases} R_{out} \ll R_L \\ R_{in} \gg R_S \end{cases}$

FOR WHICH FREQUENCY BANDS CAN I USE THIS CONFIGURATION OF COMMON EMITTER?
THERE ARE SOME INTRINSIC LIMITS IN MY DESIGN

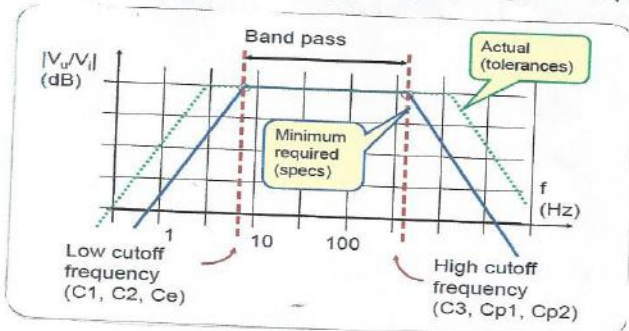
LOWER BAND LIMIT:

THE SERIES CAPACITANCE INSERTED BY THE DESIGNER IN ORDER TO DECOUPLE \leftarrow DC SIGNAL LIMITS THE LOWER FREQUENCY (THERE'S NO DC AMPLIFICATION REGARDLESS THE VALUE OF C)

HIGHER BAND LIMITS

- PARALLEL CAPACITORS TOWARDS GROUND
- INDUCTANCES DUE TO WIRES AND PACKAGE, ...

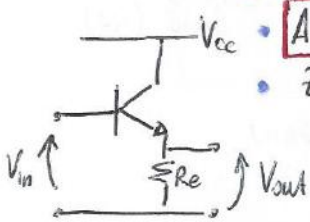
IT'S BETTER TO SET UP THESE LIMITS \rightarrow THE IDEA OF A PASS-BAND MUST BE FOLLOWED



HOW LARGE IS THE BAND PASS STRONGLY DEPENDS ON THE APPLICATION (eg: NARROW BANDS WITH RESPECT TO A CENTER FREQUENCY)

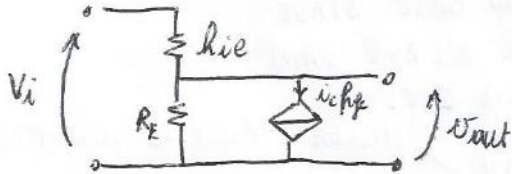
ANOTHER POSSIBLE CONFIGURATION IS THE **COMMON COLLECTOR**

- THE OUTPUT IS ON THE EMITTER
- IT SOLVES, AT LEAST IN PART, OUR PROBLEMS: NO MILLER EFFECT



- $A_v \approx 1$
- $Z_i \rightarrow \text{HIGH}$, $Z_{out} \rightarrow \text{LOW}$

LET'S EVALUATE A_v



$$V_{out} = i_E R_E = i_B (1 + h_{fe}) R_E$$

$$V_i = i_B h_{ie} + (1 + h_{fe}) R_E i_B$$

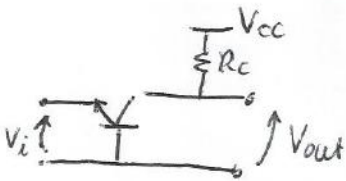
$$A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_i} = \frac{(1 + h_{fe}) R_E}{h_{ie} + (1 + h_{fe}) R_E} \approx 1$$

⇒ **COMMON COLLECTOR** ← WORKS WELL @ HF (NO MILLER EFFECT)
 NO VOLTAGE GAIN → IT CANNOT BE USED IN ORDER TO AMPLIFY

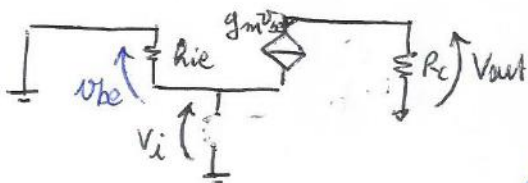
↓
 YOU CAN USE IT IN ORDER TO DECOUPLE A STAGE
 IT'S ALMOST AN IDEAL AMPLIFIER WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION

ALSO THE **COMMON BASE** → CAN SOLVE THE MILLER PROBLEM

WITH $A_v \approx g_m R_c$
 $A_i \approx 1$



LET'S FIND A_v



$$\begin{cases} V_{out} = -R_c g_m v_{be} \\ v_{be} = -V_i \end{cases}$$

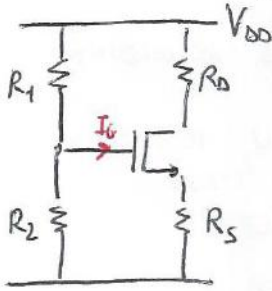
$$A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = + R_c g_m$$

BUT IT'S NOT A GOOD AMPLIFIER BECAUSE OF THE IMPEDANCES → LOW R_{in}
 HIGH R_o

A4 - MOS AMPLIFIER STAGES

WITH MOS → C, B, E ARE RESPECTIVELY REPLACED BY D, G, S

IT'S POSSIBLE TO ADOPT A CASCODE CONFIGURATION, TOO



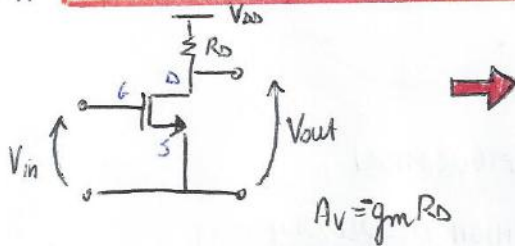
BIAS POINT → CONCERNING MOS, THE MAIN DIFFERENCE WITH BJT IS THAT WE NEED TO SET 2 VOLTAGES

MOS ARE MORE USED BECAUSE OF STATIC CONSUMPTION WHILE IN BJT YOU NEED A CURRENT WHICH CAUSES POWER LOSS, IN A MOS NO CURRENT FLOWS IN THE TRANSISTOR ($I_B \approx 0$)

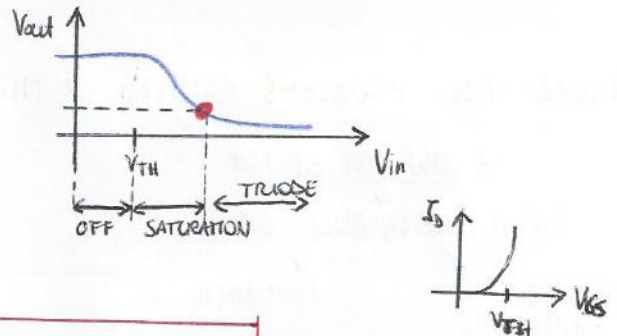
ONE POSSIBLE ISSUE IS THAT THERE ISN'T A MODEL THAT IS MORE SUITED IN ORDER TO BETTER DESCRIBE IT

THE BEHAVIOR CAN BE $\begin{cases} \text{LINEAR} \\ \text{QUADRATIC} \rightarrow \text{SATURATION} \end{cases}$

IN A COMMON-SOURCE CONFIGURATION



YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSCHARACTERISTIC



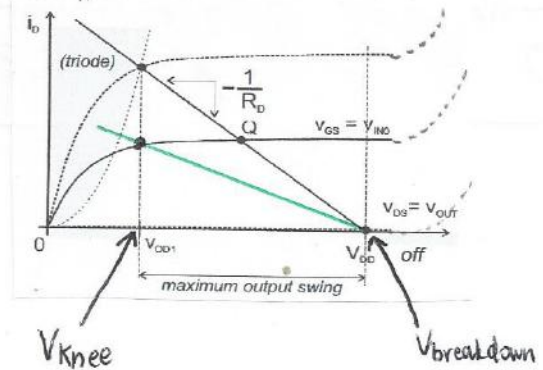
$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D I_D = V_{DD} - R_D \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(V_{in} - V_{TH} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$A_v = \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} = -R_D \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} V_{DD} \right) \Rightarrow A_v = -g_m R_D$$

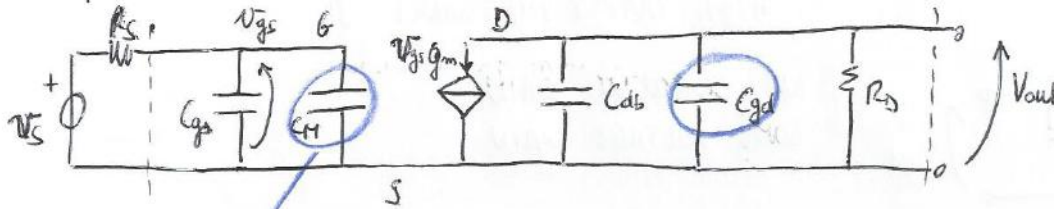
$g_m \rightarrow$ TRANSDUCTANCE

$V_{out} \rightarrow$ DEPENDS ON I_D WHICH IN SATURATION HAS A QUADRATIC DEPENDENCE ON V_{TH}

$A_v \rightarrow$ REDUCES TO $g_m R_D$ WHERE R_D CHARACTERIZE THE SLOPE OF THE LOADS LINE

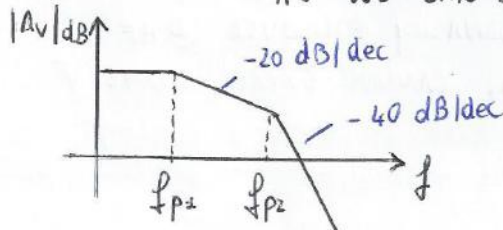


APPLYING MILLER



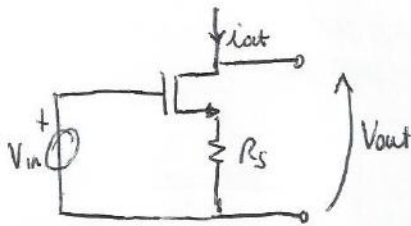
MULTIPLIED BY MILLER EFFECT

Z_{in} $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{WITHOUT MILLER} \rightarrow \text{JUST DEPENDS ON THE INPUT PORT} \\ \text{WITH MILLER} \rightarrow \text{DEPENDS ALSO ON MILLER CAPACITOR} \\ \text{WHICH MAKES FASTER THE DECAY} \\ \text{AS WE CAN SEE FROM THE BODE DIAGRAM} \end{array} \right.$



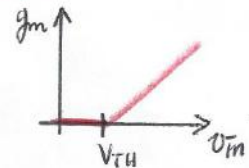
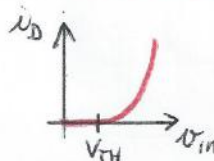
IF GAIN IS REASONABLY HIGH C_m IS HIGHER THAN C_{gs}
 \downarrow
 THE 1st POLE SHIFTS TO LOWER FREQUENCIES

A POSSIBILITY CONSISTS IN ADDING R_s \rightarrow LIMITS G_m AND ALLOWS TO CONTROL IT



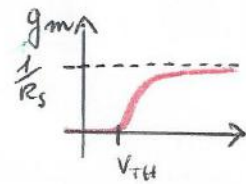
$$G_m \triangleq \frac{i_{id}}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{g_m R_s + 1}$$

$R_s = 0$



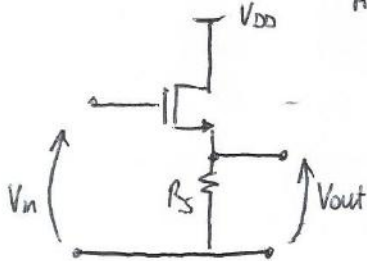
(SOURCE FEEDBACK)

$R_s \neq 0$



IT'S POSSIBLE TO EMPLOY:

- **COMMON DRAIN** \rightarrow EQUIVALENT TO COMMON COLLECTOR CONFIGURATION ADOPTED IN ORDER TO BUILD UP THE CASCODE CONFIGURATION



- $A_v \sim 1$ (SORT OF VOLTAGE FOLLOWER)
- NON INVERTING

- WITH GOOD CHARACTERISTICS IN TERMS OF INPUT AND OUTPUT IMPEDANCES

IT CAN BE USED AS A BUFFER AND NOT AS A VOLTAGE AMPLIFIER

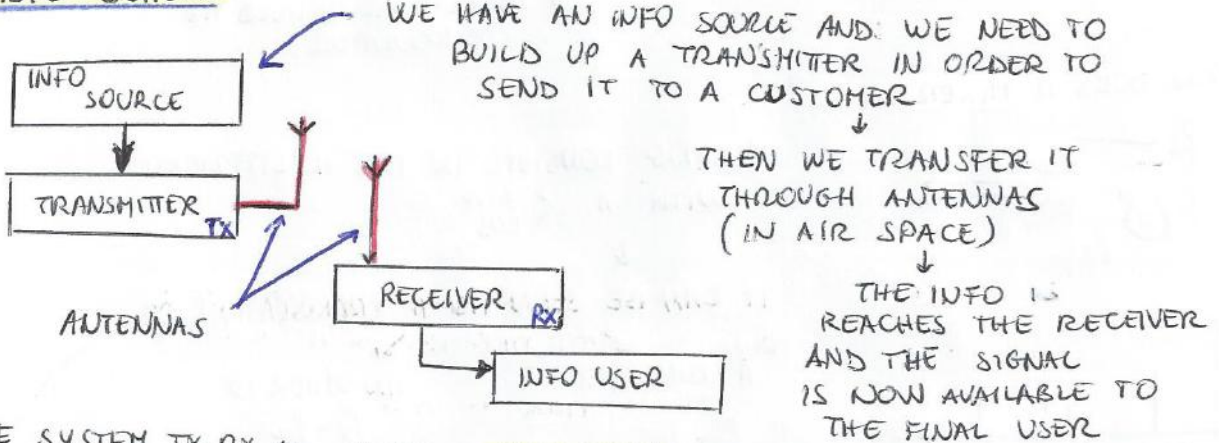
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BI - RADIO SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE

STARTING FROM A SIGNAL → WE NEED TO ^{MANIPULATE} TRANSMIT IT
 OUR FOCUS → IS ON TRANSMISSION THROUGH AIR (= OUR COMMUNICATION) CHANNEL

COMPONENTS OF RADIO FREQUENCY ARE MAINLY IN THE ANALOG DOMAIN
 BECAUSE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ARE ^{EITHER NO AVAILABLE} OR TOO EXPENSIVE

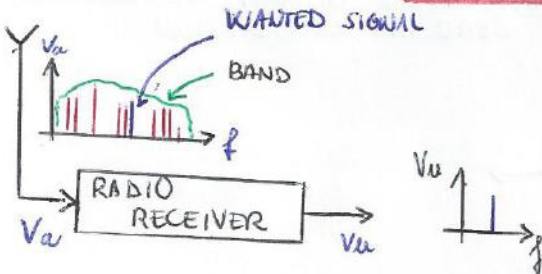
BASIC SCHEME



THE SYSTEM TX-RX IS CALLED TRANSCIVER

RX } SHARE MOST OF THE CONCEPTS
 TX } THERE ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENCES ON HOW THE SIGNAL IS HANDLED

LET'S FOCUS ON THE RECEIVER → HAS ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS IN MANIPULATING SIGNALS



IS USED TO DETECT A SIGNAL WHICH REACHES THE ANTENNA WITH MANY OTHERS INTERFERENCES

IT MUST BE ABLE TO CORRECTLY SELECT THE SIGNAL

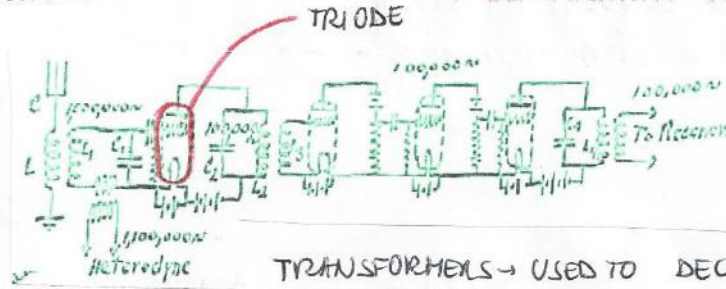
SHOULD BE A GOOD REPLICCA OF THE SIGNAL THAT STARTS TRAVELING IN THE AIR.

[GOOD SPECTRAL PURITY]
 [HIGH POWER]

IF IT CANNOT BE RECOVERED IT'S NOT USEFUL
 THE SIGNAL IS REDUCED IN AMPLITUDE AFTER IT HAS TRAVELLED THROUGH AIR (IT ARRIVES WITH AN AMPLITUDE OF $(-40 \div -30)$ dBm)

- RX OPERATIONS:
- DOWNCONVERSION
 - DETECTION (→ SIGNAL MUST BE SELECTED AMONG MANY OTHERS)
 - AMPLIFICATION (→ SIGNAL IS REDUCED IN AMPLITUDE)
 - DEMODULATION (→ SIGNAL ISN'T A PURE TONE, IT'S AM/FM MODULATED [QAM, PSK...])
 - DOWNCONVERSION (→ MEANS TO MIX THE SIGNAL WITH AN OTHER WITH A CERTAIN FREQUENCY IN ORDER TO MOVE THE CARRIER TO LOWER f)

ARMSTRONG SCHEME → FROM 1 MHz TO 100 kHz



TRANSFORMERS → USED TO DECOUPLE IMPEDANCE OF THE ANTENNA AND IMPEDANCE OF THE SIGNAL

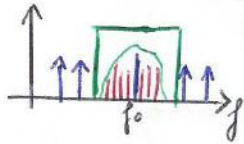
THIS SCHEME IS FAR FROM THE DC

(DIRECT CONVERSION TO DC → HAS SOME POSSIBLE COUNTEREFFECTS WHICH CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS)

THE IDEA IS GOOD → THE SYSTEM WORKS WELL FOR A SINGLE CHANNEL.

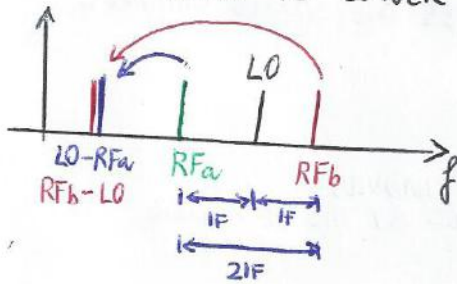
WHAT HAPPENS IF MANY OTHER USERS ARE SHARING THE SAME BAND?

YOU NEED TO PROPERLY SELECT THE WANTED SIGNAL THE IDEA OF SELECTION IS NOT SO TRIVIAL



→ YOUR TASK IS TO SELECT THE BAND BECAUSE SELECTING JUST THE CARRIER IS STILL ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE

AFTER HAVING SELECTED IT YOU HAVE TO MOVE THE BAND TO LOWER FREQUENCIES



Rf_a IS YOUR WANTED SIGNAL @ THE SAME FREQUENCY OF THE DOWNCONVERSION YOU'LL ALSO FIND Rf_b × LO (= IMAGE SIGNAL)

IT'S A PROBLEM! HOW CAN IT BE SOLVED? :

FILTER THE SIGNAL BEFORE MIXING

IMAGE REJECTION MIXER

ZERO-IF

WHAT ARE THE CONSTRAINTS ON FILTERS WHICH SELECTS Rf_a?

THANKS TO THE MIXER → MIXING THE DISTANCE MEANS HAVING LESS RESTRICTIONS ON THE BAND BUT AS A COUNTER-EFFECT THIS BRINGS THE Rf_a TO LOW FREQUENCIES AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DESIGN A FILTER LIKE

THIS μ Rf_a ESPECIALLY @ LF [IT NEEDS AN HIGH Q FOR THE IF FILTER]

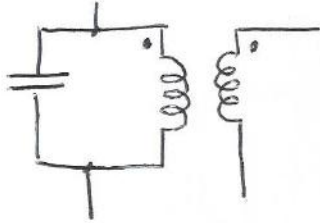
! INCREASING/DECREASING THE FREQUENCY OF THE LOCAL OSCILLATOR MEANS TO RELAX THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE FILTER FOR THE SELECTION

(OR USING A MIXER WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FREQUENCY FROM WHICH THE SIGNAL IS COMING)

THE PROBLEM IS PRESENT BOTH IN THE HETERODYNE AND IN THE DIRECT CONVERSION

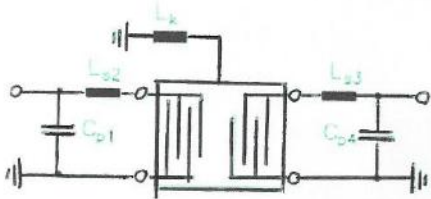
IF FILTERS :

- LC TUNED CIRCUIT → USED @ VERY HIGH FREQUENCY (NUMERICAL METHODS FAIL @ HF)



BASED ON LUMPED ELEMENTS
 REQUIRES TUNING (→ VERY EXPENSIVE)
 $L \rightarrow$ VERY DIFFICULT TO INTEGRATE (BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY LARGE INSIDE)
 NOT PRECISE

- SAW (= SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVES) → REPLACES LC
 HIGH Q AND LOW COST



- QUARTZ → EMPLOYED AS A GOOD REFERENCE FOR TEMPERATURE TIME
 → HIGH Q MECHANIC RESONATOR

- ACTIVE FILTERS, DIGITAL FILTERS → FOR LOW IF CHANNELS

COMPLEX MIXERS → WORK WITH SIN AND COS COMPONENTS

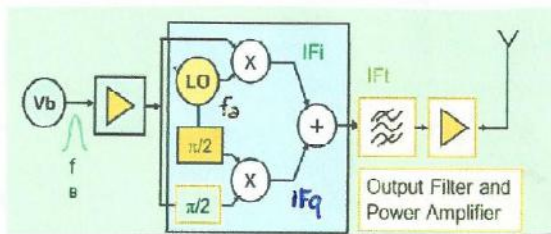
SMART SOLUTION FOR FLEXIBILITY, GIVING THE POSSIBILITY TO SOLVE THE IMAGE FREQUENCY PROBLEM
 → OPERATE USING { IN-PHASE (I) QUADRATURE (Q) } COMPONENTS

HOW DO THEY WORK? THERE ARE 2 MIXERS WHICH ARE AS SIMILAR AS POSSIBLE
 → GIVE 2 REPLICA OF THE SIGNAL WITH THE SAME COHERENCE A PART FROM A 90° PHASE SHIFT

THESE 2 REPLICA ARE THE I AND Q COMPONENTS

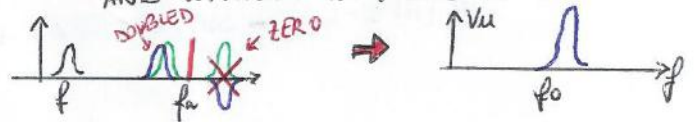
2 TYPES OF THESE MIXERS: (NOW LET'S FOCUS ON THE TX)

- SINGLE SIDE BAND (SSB) MIXER

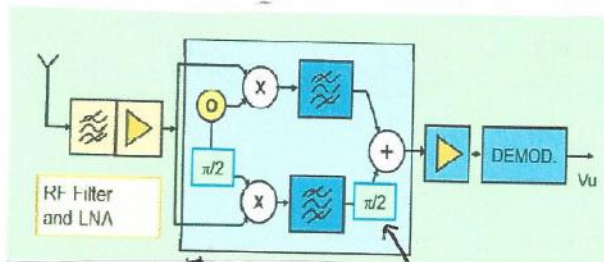


WITH THE IQ FREQUENCY TRANSLATION

CANCELATION OF ONE SIDEBAND WITH A CLEAR GAIN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SPECTRAL EFFICIENCY AND WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF INFORMATION



- IMAGE REJECTION MIXER

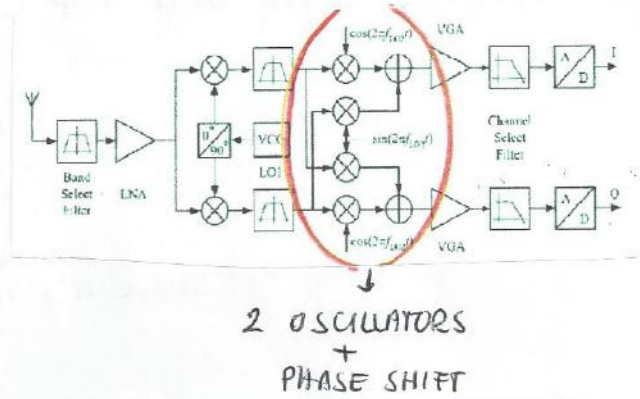
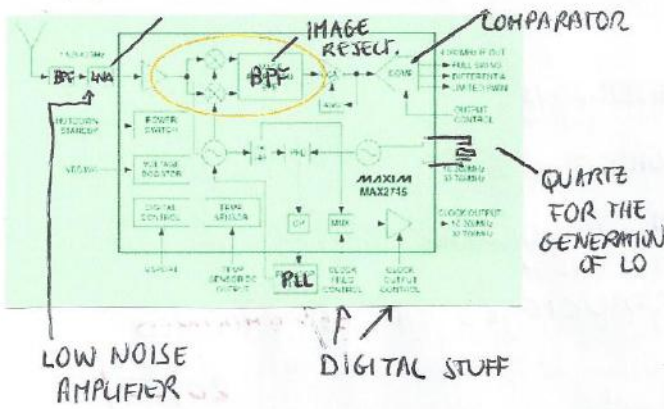


LO PHASE SHIFT WITH DIGITAL TECHNIQUE

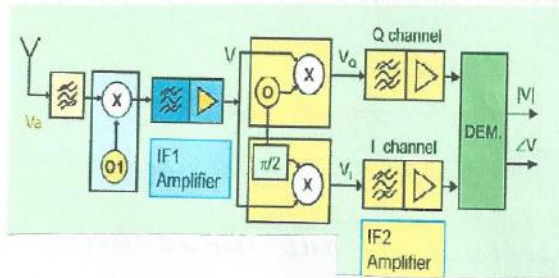
NARROWBAND

SPLITTING THE SIGNAL
 IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET RID OF THE IMAGE FREQUENCY MATHEMATICALLY

HERE 2 OLD SCHEMES:



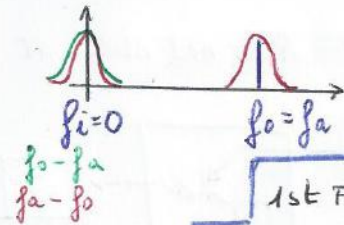
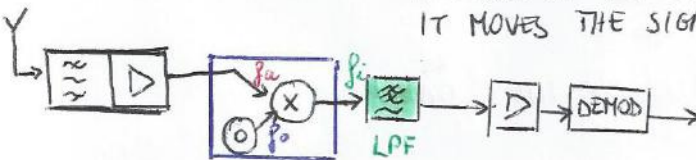
HOW ARE I AND Q COMPONENTS GENERATED? **I-Q CHANNELS:**



IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SPLIT THE IN-PHASE QUADRATURE COMPONENTS, YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT \angle AMPLITUDE $|V|$ AND \angle PHASE $\angle V$

TECHNIQUE WHICH IS USED FOR COMPLEX PHASE/AMPLITUDE MODULATIONS

ZERO-IF RECEIVER \rightarrow \neq FROM HETERODYNE BUT SAME PRINCIPLE: INSTEAD OF MOVING RF TO IF, LOWER THAN RF, IT MOVES THE SIGNAL SPECTRUM TO THE DC



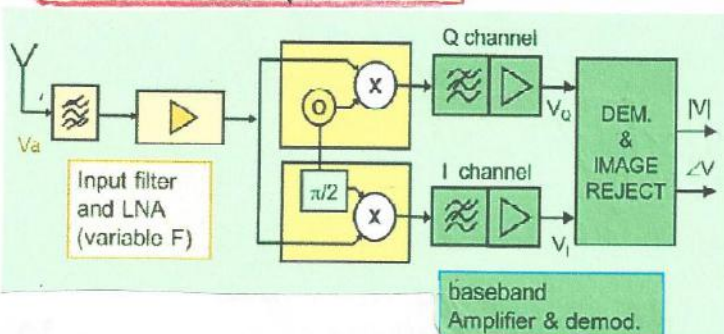
ADVANTAGES:

- ✓ JUST ONE MIXER, BETTER
 - ✓ LPF \rightarrow INSTEAD OF BPF
- SIMPLER, MORE ROBUST WITH VERY GOOD PERFORMANCES

DISADVANTAGES

- ✗ IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET RID OF THE IMAGE
- ✗ OFFSET AND A SPURIOUS EFFECT (NOISE) ARE PRESENT

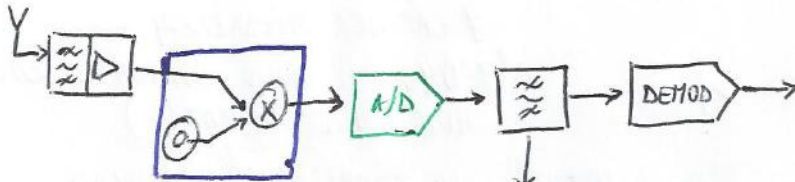
ZIF WITH I-Q CHANNELS



ALL THE PART AFTER THE MIXER IS IN BASE-BAND AND IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN DIGITAL DOMAIN (IF THE 1st PART IS DONE PROPERLY, WITH A VERY SELECTIVE FILTER) BUT IT NEEDS AN ADC WHICH REQUIRES A CERTAIN ACCURACY

1st FILTER \rightarrow TO SELECT THE BAND
MIXER \rightarrow TAKES A SIGNAL AND MOVES IT TO LOWER FREQUENCIES
LOW-PASS FILTER \rightarrow TO REMOVE THE REPLICA

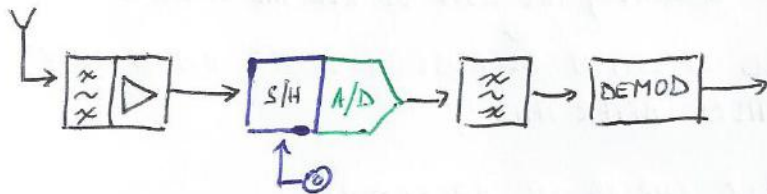
- 3rd STEP → ADC BEFORE IF FILTER



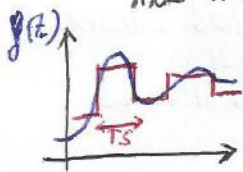
IF DIGITAL FILTER → MORE EASY TO BUILD/MODIFY THAN ANALOG FILTER

YOU ONLY PAY WITH AN HIGHER REQUIREMENT OF POWER
(BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF CPU)

- LET'S REPLACE THE MIXER WITH A SAMPLE & HOLD + ADC



S/H → IS A CIRCUIT WHICH TAKES THE VALUE OF YOUR REAL SIGNAL AND KEEPS IT



SAMPLING → CONSISTS IN MULTIPLYING A SIGNAL BY THE SPECTRUM OF A TRAIN OF δ

$$x[m] = f(t) \delta(t + mT_s)$$

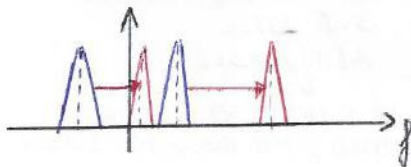
$$x(t) = f(t) \cdot \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t + kT_s)$$

↕ IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN MULTIPLY MEANS CONVOLUTION

$$X(\omega) = F(\omega) * \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(\omega + \frac{k}{T_s})$$

INSTEAD OF HAVING MY ORIGINAL SIGNAL I HAVE A REPETITION OF MANY REPLICAS OF MY SIGNAL. THE COPIES ARE SEPARATED BY $\frac{1}{T_s}$ DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF HOLD,

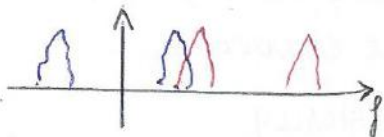
GIVEN ALL THESE REPLICAS → I JUST NEED TO TAKE THE ONE NEAR TO 0 SO I NEED A FILTER TO REMOVE ALL THE UNWANTED COPIES



— ORIGINAL SIGNAL
— SIGNAL OBTAINED BY MULTIPLYING THE ORIGINAL ONE WITH $\delta(t + kT_s)$ [OR CONVOLUTION IF f DOMAIN]

IF k IS LARGE ENOUGH I CAN MOVE THE SIGNAL IN THE PART OF POSITIVE f

(THE NEGATIVE PART IS THE MIRROR OF THE POSITIVE ONE THAT'S WHY SOME COPIES ARE FLIPPED)



THE OVERLAP OF THE SIGNAL WITH ITS REPLICAS IS UNWANTED I NEED TO BE SURE THAT THE SHIFT IS LARGE ENOUGH TO AVOID OVERLAPPING.

! EACH TIME I CONVERT AN ANALOG SIGNAL INTO DIGITAL WORLD

I HAVE THE PROBLEM OF JITTER → IF IT IS NOT PRECISE WITH JITTER I'VE AN ERROR WITH THE SIGNAL

BECAUSE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE CLOCK

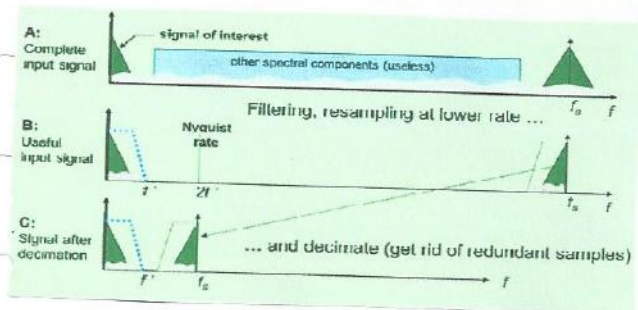
IT RESULTS INTO AN AMPLITUDE ERROR THROUGH THE SIGNAL SLEW RATE

IT DEPENDS ON $\left\langle \begin{matrix} \text{CARRIER} \\ \text{SAMPLING FREQUENCY} \end{matrix} \right.$

$$\text{Amplitude error} = t_j \cdot SR, \quad SR = \text{SLEW-RATE} = \frac{dV(t)}{dt} \rightarrow \text{PEAK AMPLITUDE MULTIPLIED BY } \omega$$

↳ DUE TO NOT EXACT TIME IN SAMPLING OF THE SIGNAL BECAUSE OF JITTER

OVERSAMPLING → LET'S CONSIDER A GROUP OF 5 CHANNELS I JUST WANT THE 1ST CHANNEL



OVERSAMPLING ALLOWS TO USE WIDE BW ANTI-ALIAS FILTERS BUT IT INCREASES THE DIGITAL PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

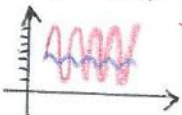
DECIMATION OF THE SIGNAL → IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT MY WANTED SIGNAL HAS A LOWER FREQUENCY (DIGITAL FILTER)

NOT TOO MUCH BECAUSE OF PROBLEM OF ALIASING
✓ REDUCED COMPLEXITY OF THE ANALOG PART

GSM RECEIVER

THRESHOLD DETECTOR
↓
IT'S NOT VERY EASY TO DECODE IF N_b IS HIGH

IF I HAVE A CONVERSION RANGE ~ μV I JUST WANT SOME BITS

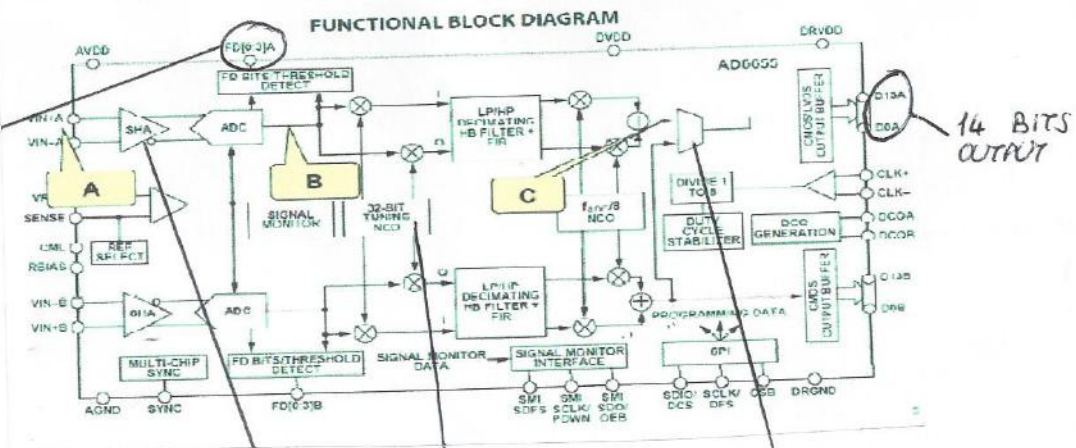


GOOD NOT SATURATING AND NOT TOO SMALL

AMPLIFIER
↓
ADAPT DYNAMICS TO ONE OF THE MAX

FREQUENCY OF LO
↓
INTERNALLY GENERATED

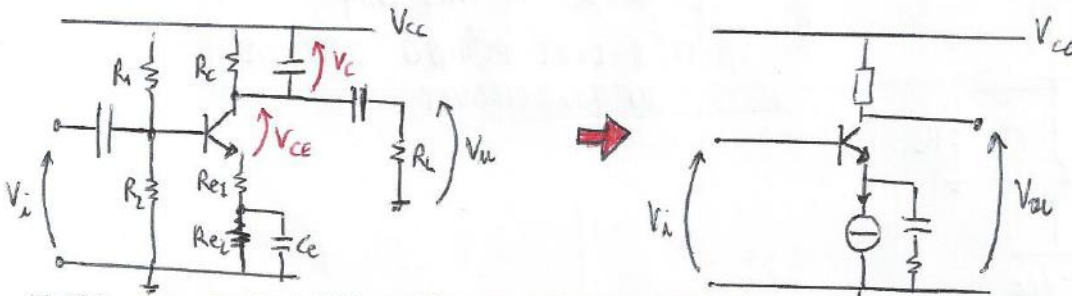
MUX → ALLOWS TO INTERLEAVE THE 2 CHANNELS



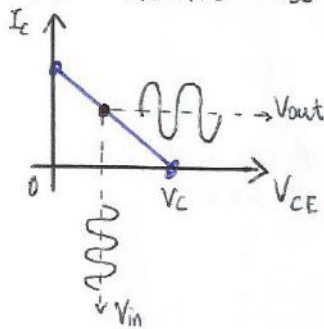
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B2 - AMPLIFIERS NON LINEARITY

GIVEN THE COMMON EMITTER REFERENCE CIRCUIT



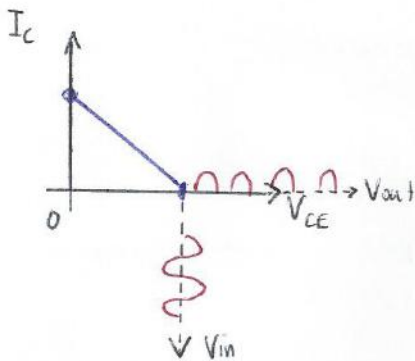
THERE ARE DIFFERENT WORKING CLASSES DEPENDING ON THE BIAS POINT
I CAN RELATE V_{CE} WITH R_C ($V_{CE} > 0.2 V$ IN ORDER TO AVOID SATURATION)



LET'S PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS STRAIGHT LINE

IT'S AN AMPLIFIER OF **CLASS A** [GOOD FOR SOUND
HIGH POWER DISSIPATION]

THE SIGNAL IS AMPLIFIED WITH A LIMITED DYNAMIC → THERE'S A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF THE SIGNAL

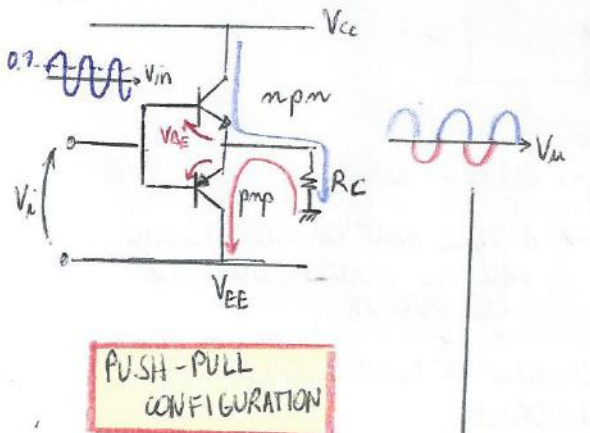


CLASS B AMPLIFIER

V_{out} is ONLY THE POSITIVE PART OF MY SIGNAL

LOWER DISSIPATION BUT DISTORTED SIGNAL

THERE ARE ALSO CLASS B AMPLIFIERS WHICH ARE ABLE TO AMPLIFY BOTH THE NEGATIVE AND THE POSITIVE PART.



IF NO INPUT → NO CURRENT FLOWS TO THE LOAD
IF I INCREASE V_{in} TO A POSITIVE VALUE → WITH V_{in} LARGE ENOUGH ($V_{in} > 0.7 V$),

ACTIVE REGION → CURRENT FLOWS FROM V_{CC} TO THE LOAD

IF V_{in} LOW ENOUGH → CURRENT FLOWS IN pmp AND PROVIDES A NEGATIVE SIGNAL

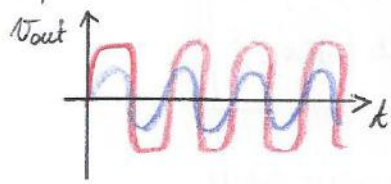


IN REALITY THE OUTPUT SIGNAL IS DISTORTED

[POWER DISSIPATION]

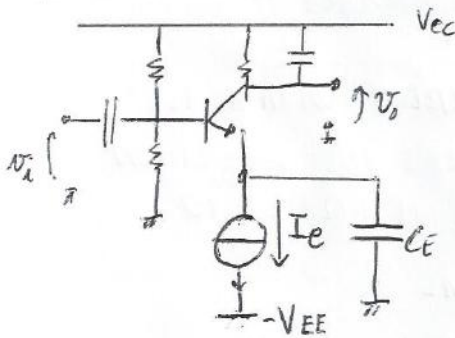
NON LINEAR MODEL

BY AMPLIFYING THE INPUT SIGNAL → IT SATURATES THE DYNAMIC RANGE

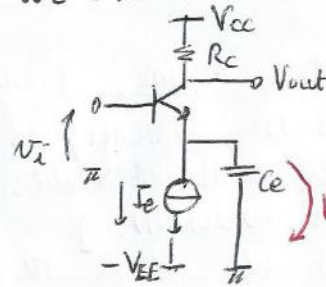


WHAT CAUSES SATURATION AND NON LINEAR BEHAVIOR?
THE SIGNAL ISN'T A SINE ANY MORE
BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER COMPONENTS
(HARMONIC COMPONENTS)

LET'S REDUCE THE CIRCUIT



WE CAN ALSO SIMPLIFY MORE



WE CAN DEFINE A POSITIVE V_E BY REVERSING THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW

WITH A PROPER SELECTION OF $\langle \frac{V_i}{I_e} \rangle$ I HAVE THE ORIGINAL CIRCUIT

WE'RE ASSUMING THAT THERE'S NO RESISTANCE IN THE EMITTER, SO WE'RE CONSIDERING R_e SHORTCIRCUITED.

$$v_i = V_i \cos(\omega t) = V_{BE} - V_E$$

IN THE PREVIOUS CIRCUIT WE'RE FIXING I THANKS TO THE EMITTER. IN THIS CASE IF I CHANGE THE VOLTAGE THERE'S NOTHING FIXING I_E AND THE ONLY THING I CAN WRITE IS:

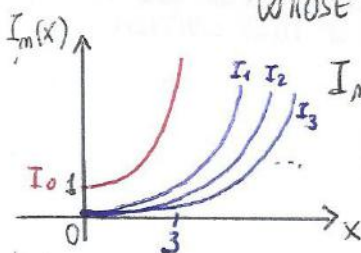
$$I = I_E = I_C = I_S e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{V_T}}$$

$$i_c = I_S e^{\frac{V_E + v_i}{V_T}} = I_S e^{\frac{V_E}{V_T}} e^{\frac{v_i \cos(\omega t)}{V_T}}$$

LET'S COMPUTE THE FOURIER SERIES:

$$e^{x \cos(\omega t)} = I_0(x) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n(x) \cos(n \omega t), \quad x = \frac{V_i}{V_T}$$

$I_n(x) \Rightarrow$ ARE THE BESSEL MODIFIED 1st ORDER FUNCTIONS WHOSE MATHEMATIC DEFINITION:

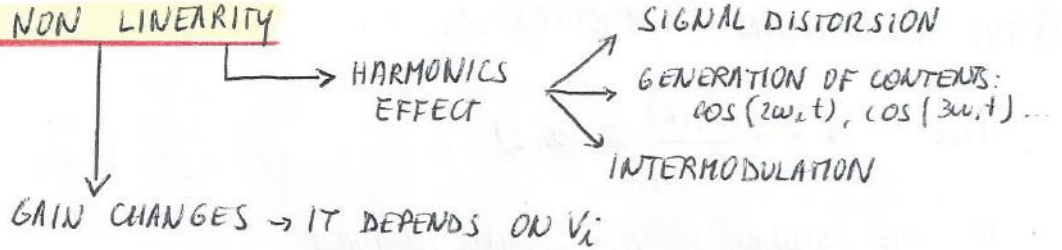


$$I_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint e^{z^2} e^{\frac{t+1}{t}} e^{-nt} dz$$

[Matlab command $Bessel_i(n, x)$]

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} I_n(x) = \frac{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n}{n!}$$

EFFECTS OF NON LINEARITY



A SINUSOIDAL SIGNAL WITH AMPLITUDE 13 [AFTER 52] mV IS APPLIED IN INPUT

LET'S DRAW THE SPECTRUM OF V_{out} ASSUMING $V_o(\omega_i) = 0$ dB
 ASSUME Z_c REAL ($Z_c = R_c$)

$$V_o = -R_c I - R_c I \frac{I_1(x)}{I_0(x)} \cos(\omega_i t) - R_c I \frac{I_2(x)}{I_0(x)} \cos(2\omega_i t)$$

① $X = \frac{13 \text{ mV}}{26 \text{ mV}} = 0.5$ 1st CASE

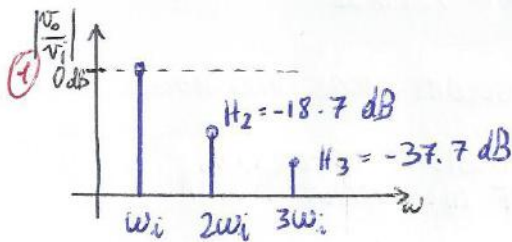
② $X = \frac{52 \text{ mV}}{26 \text{ mV}} = 2$ 2nd CASE

NOW LOOK AT TABLES (OR COMPUTE THOSE VALUES WITH THE FUNCTION) Besseli in Matlab

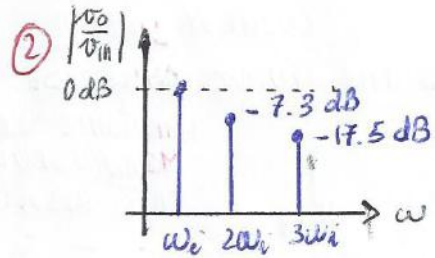
X	$2I_1(x)/I_0(x)$	$2I_2(x)/I_0(x)$	$2I_3(x)/I_0(x)$
0.0	0	0	0
0.1	0.0999	0.0024	0.0000
0.5	0.4850	0.0600	0.005
...
2	1.3955	0.6045	0.1866
10	1.8872	1.6206	1.2490

] SMALL SIGNAL

] SATURATION



$$H_2 = \frac{2I_2/I_0}{2I_1/I_0} \text{ dB}$$



SIGNAL IS MORE DISTORTED BECAUSE OF AN HIGHLY CONTRIBUTE OF THE HARMONICS

INTERMODULATION

↓
IS AN EFFECT DUE TO THE APPLICATION OF 2 INPUT SIGNALS
(FOR A SIGNAL WITH 2 TONES WHICH ARE VERY CLOSE)

DUAL-TONE INPUT: $V_i = V_a + V_b$

$V_i^2 = (V_a + V_b)^2 = V_a^2 + 2V_aV_b + V_b^2$ 2nd ORDER COMPONENTS

LOCATED AT $2F_a$ $F_a - F_b$ $F_a + F_b$ $2F_b$

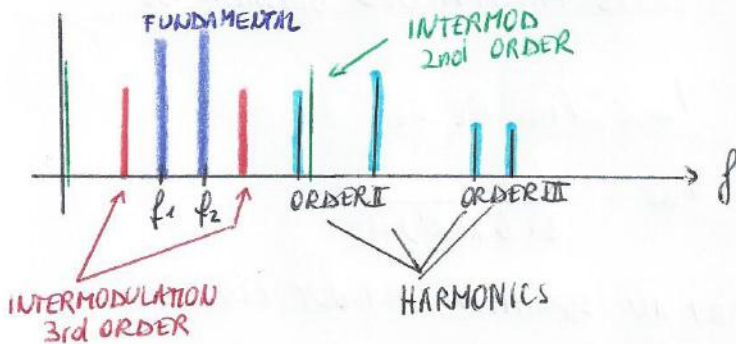
↓
THESE COMPONENTS ARE CLOSE TO THE DC OR FAR FROM THE FUNDAMENTALS, SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM, BECAUSE THEY CAN BE EASILY FILTERED OUT (OUTBAND)

CONSIDERING 3rd ORDER COMPONENTS

$V_i^3 = (V_a + V_b)^3 = V_a^3 + 3V_a^2V_b + 3V_aV_b^2 + V_b^3$

$3F_a$ $2F_a - F_b$ $2F_a$ $2F_b - F_a$ $2F_b$ $3F_b$

! THESE COMPONENTS ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE FUNDAMENTALS AND CANNOT BE FILTERED OUT (IN BAND COMPONENTS)



THESE SPURIOUS SIGNALS ALTERATE THE INFORMATION!

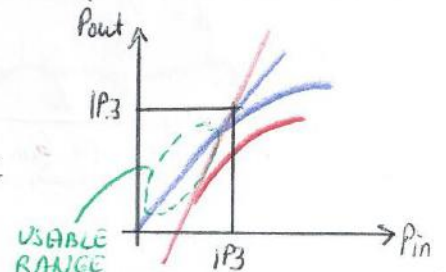
IN ORDER TO QUANTIFY AND TO EVALUATE THIS EFFECT (OF 3rd ORDER TERMS)

INTERCEPT POINT = POINT WHERE

LINEAR CHARACTERISTIC OF LINEAR MODEL

LINE CHARACTERISTIC OF AN HARMONIC

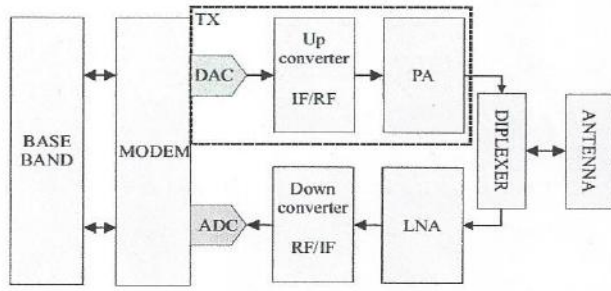
INTERCEPT THEMSELVES



(YOU CAN PUSH YOUR AMPLIFIER UP TO THIS POINT BEFORE RISING TO) TRANSFORM IT INTO A MIXER WITH HIGH DISTORSION

IP → IS ALWAYS A PROJECTION
BEYOND THIS POINT WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW AMPLIFIER WORKS

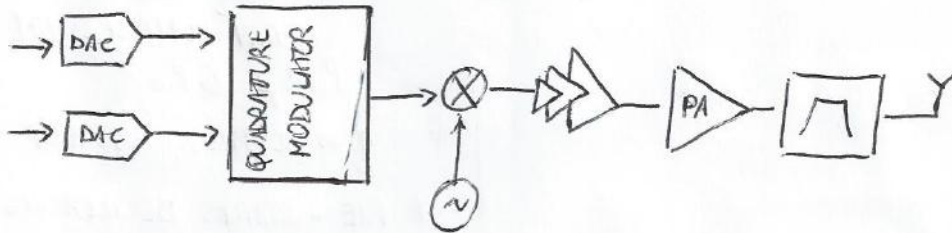
NOTES ON TRANSCIVER



IN A TRANSMITTER THE DIGITAL BASEBAND SIGNAL IS

↓
 CONVERTED TO ANALOG (DAC)
 ↓
 MODULATED INTO $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN-PHASE (I)} \\ \text{QUADRATURE COMPONENT} \end{array} \right.$
 ↓
 UP-CONVERTED TO THE RF CARRIER FREQUENCY
 ↓
 AMPLIFIED

TX:



PA = POWER AMPLIFIER → GOAL: BOOST THE ENERGY OF A SIGNAL WITHOUT MODIFYING THE INFORMATION IT IS CARRYING

MOST IMPORTANT FIGURES OF MERIT ARE

LINEARITY
 ↓
 DISTORTION DUE TO NON LINEARITY, CAN BE OBSERVED IN

- FREQUENCY DOMAIN
 ↓
 FREQUENCY COMPONENTS NOT PRESENT IN THE INPUT SIGNAL
- TIME DOMAIN
 ↓
 THE WAVEFORM SHOWS CHANGES IN SHAPE

EFFICIENCY

• GAIN $G_p = \frac{P_{out}(f_0)}{P_{in}(f_0)}$

$P_{out}(f_0) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \{ V_{out}(f_0) \cdot I_{out}^*(f_0) \}$
 G_p IS OPERATIVE GAIN

LINKED TO EFFICIENCY

$\eta = \frac{P_{out}(f)}{P_{DC}}$

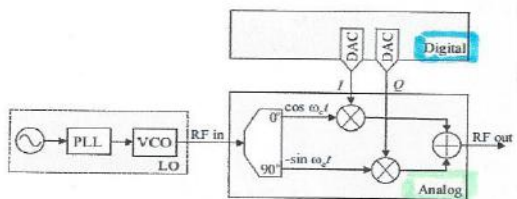
OUTPUT POWER OF THE FUNDAMENTAL

POWER DISSIPATED IN DC

• PAE = POWER ADDED EFFICIENCY

$PAE = \frac{P_{out}(f_0) - P_{in}(f_0)}{P_{DC}} = \eta \left(1 - \frac{1}{G_p} \right)$

UPCONVERSION (TX)



THERE ARE I/Q $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PHASE} \\ \text{AMPLITUDE} \end{array} \right.$ ERRORS

DC OFFSET \rightarrow IS SUPERIMPOSED TO THE PART OF THE CONVERSION

THERE'S NOT AN IDEAL MIXER \rightarrow SOME PROBLEMS OCCUR:

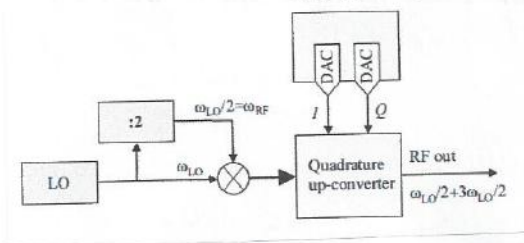
OSCILLATOR PULLING \rightarrow PHENOMENON OF DIRECT-UP CONVERSION

IT COMES FROM THE FACT THAT $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LO} \\ \text{RF} \end{array} \right.$ HAVE THE SAME FREQUENCY

\downarrow
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT, AFTER THE OUTPUT SIGNAL HAS BEEN MODULATED BY THE SIGNAL COMING FROM THE DAC, AN UNWANTED SIGNAL IS SUPERIMPOSED

\downarrow
A PERIODICAL MODULATION OF THE LO OUTPUT PHASE OCCURS
THIS PROBLEM CAN BE AVOIDED IF $\omega_{LO} \neq \omega_{RF}$ (MORE THAN 20%)

\downarrow
AS A SOLUTION IN THE FOLLOWING SCHEME

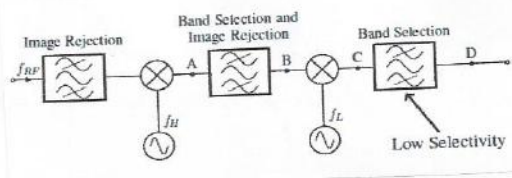


AN OSCILLATOR WHICH HAS A FREQUENCY $2\omega_{RF}$ IS ADOPTED

\downarrow
THEN ITS FREQUENCY IS DIVIDED BY 2 SO THAT THE OSCILLATOR PULLING IS STRONGLY REDUCED

IN RX THIS PROBLEM IS LESS PRONOUNCED

DOWN CONVERSION (RX)



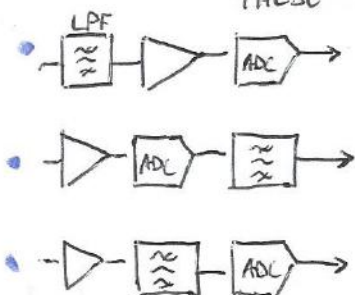
INTERMEDIATE SOLUTION BETWEEN SUPER-HETERODYNE \rightarrow DIRECT CONVERSION IS LOW IF APPROACH

BASICALLY AN HETERODYNE CIRCUIT, BUT WITH THE LAST INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY CHOSEN TO BE AS LOW AS ONE OR 2 CHANNEL BANDWIDTHS.

IN DOWN-CONVERSION THE CHAIN IS MADE OF 3 COMPONENTS

\leftarrow AMPLIFIER \rightarrow NEEDS TO BE IN ANALOG DOMAIN APPLIES THE SIGNAL

\downarrow
DIFFERENT ADVANTAGES/PROBLEMS DEPENDING ON THE WAY YOU PUT THESE 3 BLOCKS



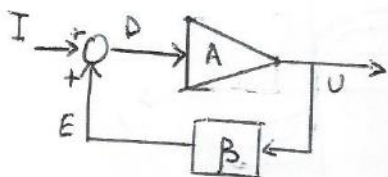
LPF ALLOWS TO ATTENUATE $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NOISE} \\ \text{OUTBAND INTERFERERS} \end{array} \right.$
 \rightarrow MOST CRITICAL COMPONENT

THERE'S A WIDE BAND SIGNAL $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MAKES THE WORK EASIER FOR THE LPF} \\ \text{LINEARITY OF AMPLIFIER IS IMPORTANT} \end{array} \right.$

A LESS PRECISE ADC CAN BE ADOPTED

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO REALIZE AN OSCILLATOR?

THANKS TO POSITIVE FEEDBACK → BECAUSE WE HAVE TO SATISFY THE BARKHAUSEN CRITERION



2 CONDITIONS MUST BE RESPECTED:

$$\begin{cases} |A\beta| = 1 \\ \angle A\beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

LET'S COMPUTE THE GAIN

$$U = A \cdot D$$

$$D = E + I = I + U\beta \rightarrow U = A(I + U\beta) \rightarrow U = \frac{A}{1 - \beta A} I$$

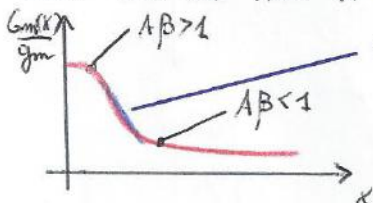
$$\frac{U}{I} = \frac{A}{1 - \beta A}$$

THE BARKHAUSEN CONDITIONS COULD BE CONTROLLED → IF I'M ABLE TO START IN A CONDITION WHERE $A\beta > 1$ KEEPING THIS PHASE RELATION ($\angle A\beta = 0$) MY AMPLITUDE WILL RISE UP TO THE PHYSICAL LIMITS

NON LINEAR AMPLIFIER: INCREASING AMPLITUDE ⇒ GAIN REDUCES

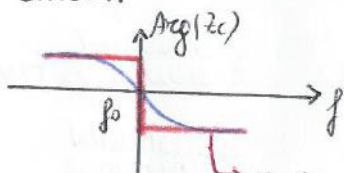
A = OPEN LOOP GAIN OF THE AMPLIFIER → IN ORDER TO SATISFY $|A\beta| = 1$
 β → TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FREQUENCY DISPERSIVE
 THANKS TO β WE ARE ABLE TO SET THE FREQUENCY ($\angle A\beta = 0$) TO SELECT f_0

HOW CAN WE KEEP A GAIN THAT CAN BE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED



YOU TURN ON THE SIGNAL WITH NOISE THE SYSTEM STARTS CREATING OSCILLATIONS UNTIL IT REACHES AN EQUILIBRIUM POINT WHERE $A\beta = 1$

CONCERNING FREQUENCY → WE NEED TO KEEP THE PHASE ROTATION OF OUR RESONANT CIRCUIT



β → IF IT NEEDS TO BE FREQUENCY SELECTIVE

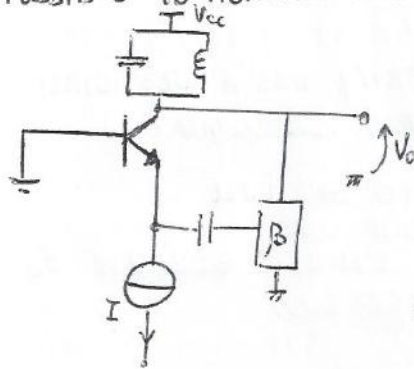
LC CIRCUIT IS NECESSARY

Q AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO HAVE A SHARP PHASE ROTATION

IDEAL GOAL → NOT POSSIBLE IT MEANS $Q \rightarrow \infty$

WE NEED TO REACH THIS CONDITION AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE

IT'S POSSIBLE TO REALIZE THE OSCILLATOR → THANKS TO A TRANSISTOR, IN COMMON BASE CONFIGURATION



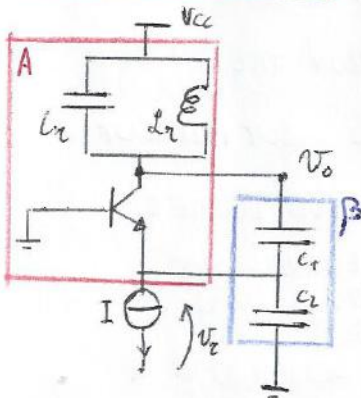
COMMON BASE → BECAUSE GAIN IS POSITIVE, THE TASK IS TO HAVE A β WHICH FULLFILLS THE REQUIREMENT OF PHASE SHIFT = 0°

OSCILLATOR IS: TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIER + LC CIRCUIT

LC CIRCUIT IS THE LOAD
GAIN IS CONTROLLED THROUGH THE NON LINEARITY

KINDS OF OSCILLATORS:

COLLPIPITS OSCILLATOR

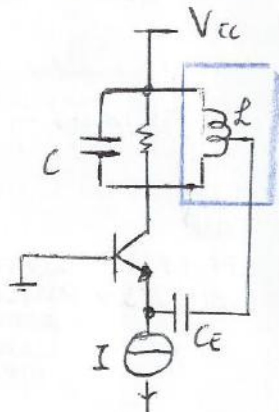


$$v_2 = v_o \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}$$

CAPACITIVE VOLTAGE DIVIDER

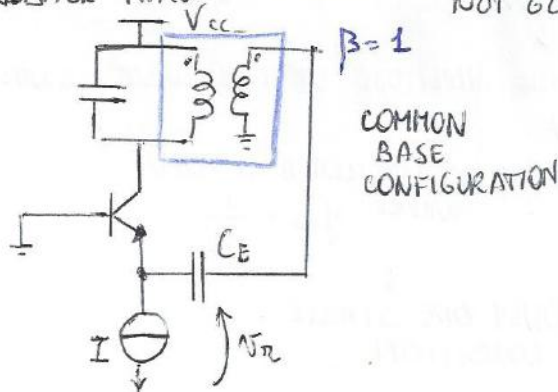
ADDING CAPACITORS → WE'RE MOVING FREQUENCY BUT WE'RE NOT INFLUENCING THE Q FACTOR (FROM THE EMITTER WE CAN SEE f_{gm})

HARTLEY OSCILLATOR

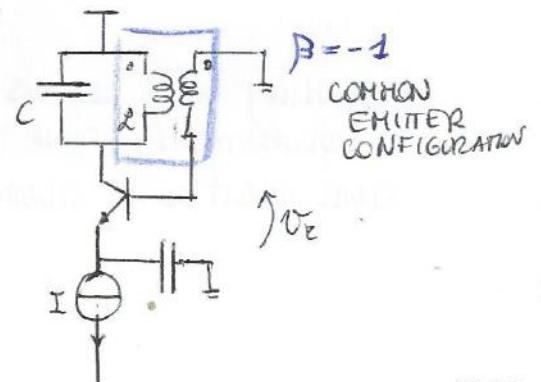


WE CAN REPLACE L TO C
INDUCTIVE VOLTAGE DIVIDER, WITH A FEEDBACK LOOP

FEEDBACK THROUGH TRANSFORMER (→ MEISNER OSCILLATOR)
NOT GOOD @ HF

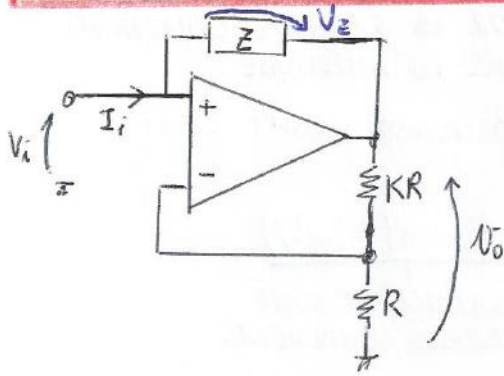


$\beta = 1$
COMMON BASE CONFIGURATION



$\beta = -1$
COMMON EMITTER CONFIGURATION

NIC = NEGATIVE IMPEDANCE CONVERTER



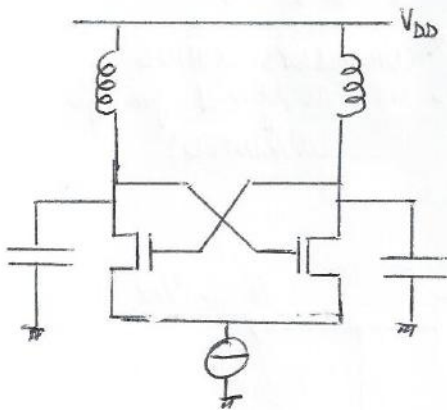
$$V_u = (1 + K)V_i$$

$$-\frac{V_u - V_i}{Z} = I_i$$

$$Z_i = \frac{V_i}{I_i} = -\frac{Z}{K}$$

GOOD ACCURACY → INCREASING INPUT AMPLITUDE THERE'S GAIN SATURATION
 ↓
 |Z_i| DECREASES AS THE SIGNAL INCREASES

A MORE COMPLEX CONFIGURATION → FOLLOWS THE SAME IDEA BUT IT'S BASED ON FET (MOS) DIFFERENTIAL STRUCTURE WITH 2 COMMON SOURCE CONFIGURATIONS



$$R_{eq} = -\frac{Z}{g_m} \quad \text{SMALL SIGNAL}$$

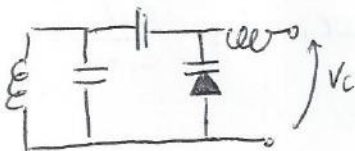
$$R_{eq} = -\frac{Z}{G_m(x)} \quad \text{LARGE SIGNAL } (V_m > \Rightarrow < G_m(x))$$

DIFFERENTIAL STRUCTURES → HIGH ROBUSTNESS
 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMPONENTS (NEGLIGIBLE WITH SILICON)
 DECREASE LOSSES

HOW TO MODIFY THE FREQUENCY OF OSCILLATION: IT'S NECESSARY TO ADD SOME PROPER COMPONENTS

↓
 SOMETHING THAT CHANGES ω AND π

↓
 LET'S USE AS VARICAP A DIODE



Q → HOW CAN WE INCREASE IT? REDUCING LOSSES!

Q DEPENDS ON < ^{SERIES} PARALLEL LOSSES

IF WE'RE ABLE TO → INCREASE PARALLEL RESISTANCES

→ ADD SEPARATION BUFFER BETWEEN < ^{LOAD} FEEDBACK
 (IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THE EMITTER IMPEDANCE)

→ USE DIELECTRIC RESONATORS (MECHANICAL)

use ↓ LEVEL OSCILLATORS → FOR A STABLE FREQUENCY REFERENCE

→ USE QUARTZ OSCILLATOR

↓
 PIEZOELECTRIC MATERIAL THAT HAS A PROPER OSCILLATION FREQUENCY

ADOPTED BECAUSE < ^{QUITE CHEAP} VERY HIGH Q FACTOR
 STABLE AND PRECISE

→ OTHER RESONATORS (CERAMIC FILTERS, SAW)

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B5 - MULTIPLIERS / MIXER CIRCUITS

MIXER = MODULE WITH WHICH IT'S POSSIBLE TO MOVE A SIGNAL FROM A FREQUENCY TO AN OTHER (UP OR DOWN)

THIS TASK CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITH JUST A LINEAR DEVICE BUT FOR EXAMPLE WITH A RESISTANCE + NON LINEAR DEVICE THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF MIXERS IN A TRANSCIEIVER

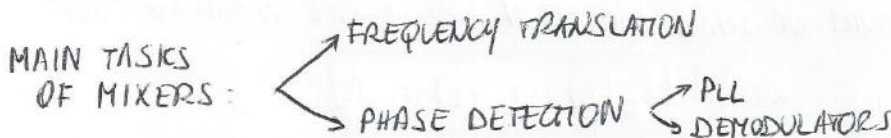
BASED ON WERNER'S RELATIONS

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$$

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A-B) - \sin(A+B)]$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)]$$

THE MULTIPLICATION RESULTS INTO SOMETHING WHICH IS SHIFTED IN FREQUENCY
 FROM A, B → TO $\begin{cases} \text{SUM } A+B \\ \text{DIFFERENCE } A-B \end{cases}$

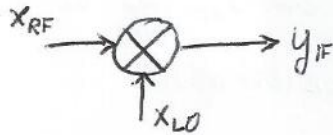


WORKING AT MEDIUM FREQUENCIES → IT'S NOT EASY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSLATION AND DEMODULATION

THERE ARE → IMAGE REJECTION MIXERS

→ MIXER II → MULTIPLIER OF DIFFERENT SIGNALS

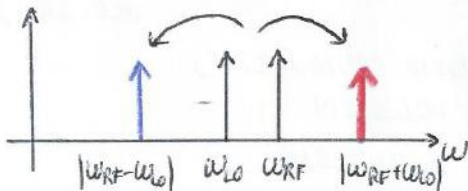
IDEAL MIXER OPERATION = 3 PORT DEVICE WITH 2 INPUT 1 OUTPUT
 MULTIPLICATION OF 2 SIGNALS $\begin{cases} \text{RF SIGNAL} \\ \text{SIGNAL COMING FROM LO} \end{cases}$



$$X_{RF} = A_{RF} \cos(\omega_{RF} t + \phi_{RF})$$

$$X_{LO} = A_{LO} \cos(\omega_{LO} t + \phi_{LO})$$

$$Y_{IF} = \frac{A_{RF} A_{LO}}{2} \left\{ \underbrace{\cos[(\omega_{RF} - \omega_{LO})t + \phi_{RF} - \phi_{LO}]}_{\text{DOWNCONVERSION}} + \underbrace{\cos[(\omega_{RF} + \omega_{LO})t + \phi_{RF} + \phi_{LO}]}_{\text{UPCONVERSION}} \right\}$$



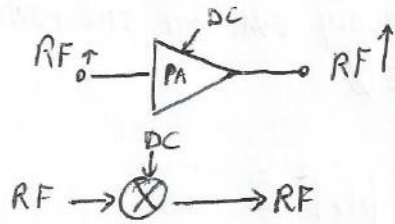
IT'S LIKE A FREQUENCY TRANSLATION WHERE YOU CAN FILTER OUT THE UNWANTED COMPONENT OF THE TWO

MIXING → MEANS TO GET A NON-LINEAR BEHAVIOR → HAVE A NON-LINEAR DEVICE

PRODUCT, BEING A NON LINEAR EFFECT, WILL BE LOSSY IN TERMS OF ENERGY

WITH PASSIVE MIXER → OUTPUT LOWER THAN THE INPUT IN TERMS OF MAGNITUDE

• POWER AMPLIFIER → IT INCREASES AMPLITUDE



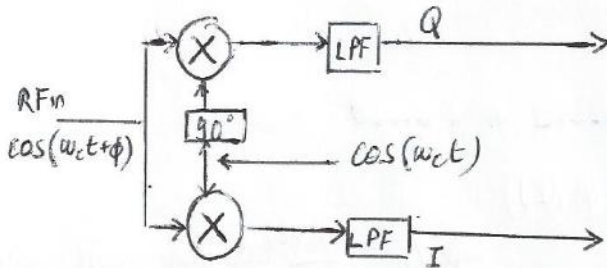
THINKING ABOUT IT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE IT'S A MIXER, TOO

AS FOR PA → THERE ARE SOME LIMITS
IT'S POSSIBLE TO DEFINE FOR LARGE SIGNAL

IP (= INTERSECT POINT)
SATURATION (→ OCCURS WITH TOO HIGH POWER)
6 dB

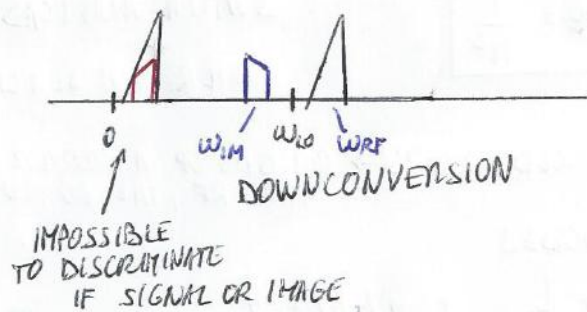
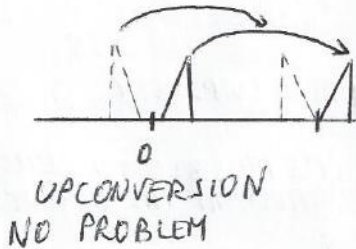
UNWANTED NON LINEARITIES ARISE

• HETERODYNE MIXER

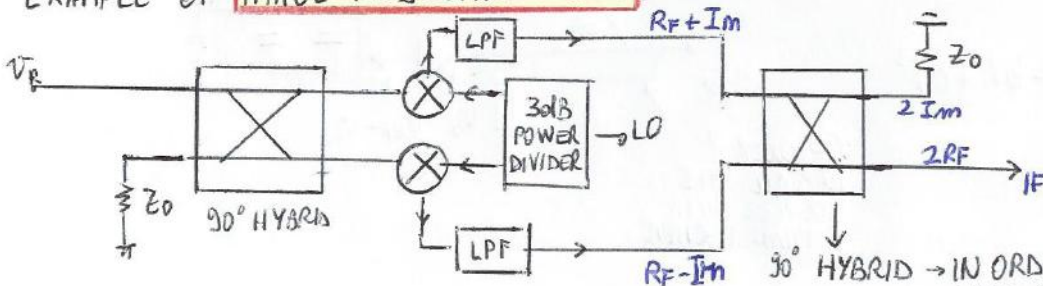


THANKS TO 2 MIXERS
WE CAN OBTAIN
THE DOWNCONVERSION
OF THE IN-PHASE
QUADRATURE COMPONENTS

! DURING DOWN CONVERSION → IMAGE REJECTION MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT



EXAMPLE OF **IMAGE REJECTION MIXER**

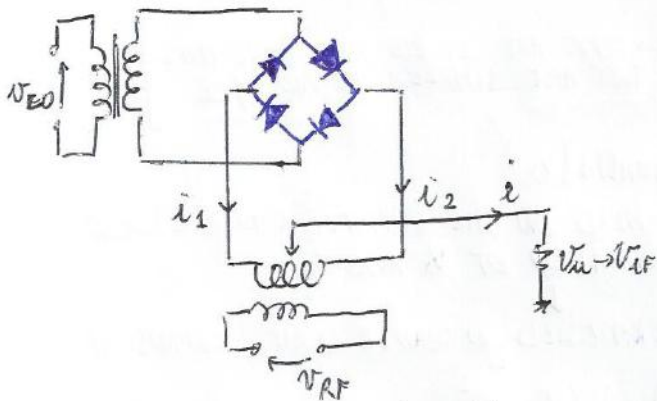


90° HYBRID → IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE IMAGE BY TRANSLATING IT TO THE OTHER BRANCH

WE { SPLIT / MERGE } SIGNALS → REMOVING THE IMAGE AUTOMATICALLY

IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE V_{RF} COMPONENT, TOO

LET'S INCREASE A LITTLE BIT THE COMPLEXITY
DOUBLE BALANCED MIXER → ACHIEVES AT THE SAME TIME MIXING WHAT WE WANT IN A ALMOST IDEAL WAY



WITH LO/RF REJECTION

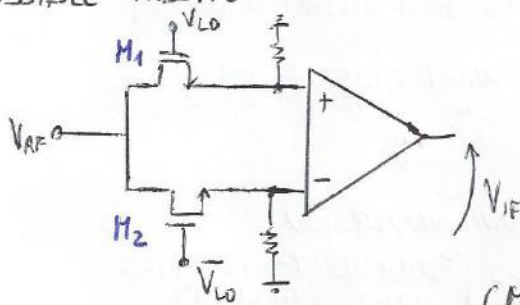
$$i = i_1 + i_2 = 8bV_{LO}V_{RF}$$

IT REMOVES PART OF NON LINEARITY, TOO (ODD-ORDER NON LINEAR TERMS) WITH EQUAL DIODES PROCESSES ARE TRULY THE SAME VS TEMPERATURE VARIATIONS, ETC...

TRANSFORMERS → FOR LOW/MEDIUM FREQUENCIES

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POSSIBLE PASSIVE IMPLEMENTATION → CMOS PASSIVE SINGLE BALANCED MIXER



PASSIVE MIXER EVEN IF IT'S EMPLOYING ACTIVE ELEMENTS

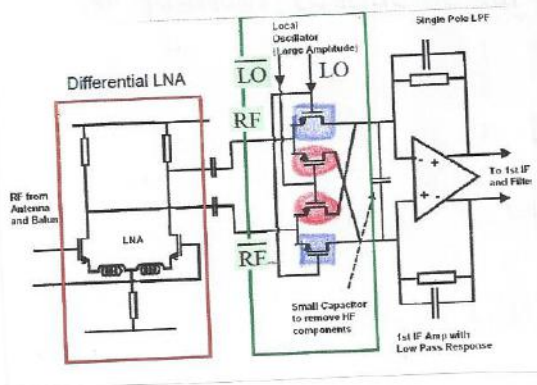
SAME WORKING PRINCIPLE AS SINGLE-ENDED

CMOS, ACTING LIKE A SWITCH, MAKES IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE V_{RF} TO REACH V_{LO}

$$G_E = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

→ PA4 6 dB (IDEALLY 4 dB)

RF → IS MULTIPLIED WITH A PERIOD THAT COMES FROM THE LOCAL OSCILLATOR'S FREQUENCY



A DOUBLE BALANCE CONFIGURATION CAN BE MADE REPLACING DIODES WITH MOS

■ CONDUCTIVE → IN 1st HALF T

● CONDUCTIVE → IN 2nd HALF T

MULTIPLICATION BY A SQUARE WAVE

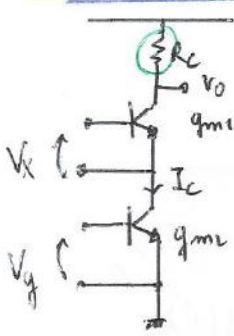
↓ FEASIBLE SOLUTION EMPLOYED FOR LOW COST MIXERS

PASSIVE MIXERS → ARE A SOLUTION FOR MANY APPLICATIONS WHEN YOU NEED TO KEEP NOISE VERY LOW

IN OTHER CASES YOU DO CONVERSION KEEPING THE AMPLITUDE OF YOUR SIGNAL

↓ ACTIVE MIXERS → USE TRANSCONDUCTANCE OF ACTIVE ELEMENTS

TRANSCONDUCTANCE MULTIPLIER → 1 QUADRANT → DC COMPONENTS: HIGH FEEDTHROUGH

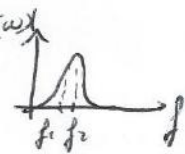


$V_x, V_y \geq 0$
 $V_0 = V_x g_{m1} R_c$
 $I_c \approx g_{m2} V_y$
 $V_0 \approx V_x V_y \frac{g_{m1} g_{m2} R_c}{V_T} \Rightarrow V_0 = k V_x V_y$

$V_{cc} \gg V_T, g_{m1} = \frac{I_c}{V_T}$

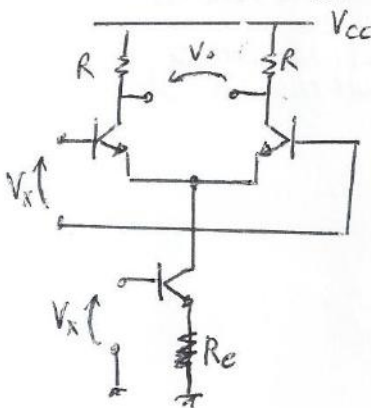
ACTING ON R_c → WE REPLACE A RESISTOR WITH A TUNED FILTER $Z_c(\omega)$
 ↓
 TUNES THE BEHAVIOR OF OUR SIGNAL

SHAPING PROPERLY THE FILTER MEANS TO CLEAN FROM THE OUTPUT THE UNWANTED COMPONENTS
 ↓
 THIS REDUCES THE PHASE NOISE



THIS CONFIGURATION → WORKS ON 1 QUADRANT

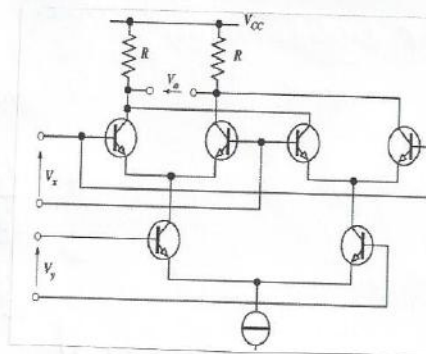
IT CAN BE EXTENDED TO MORE QUADRANTS (2/4) BY MAKING IT DIFFERENTIAL



THIS REMOVES THE COMMON MODE (ROBUST CIRCUIT TO DC DISTURBANCES, ETC...)
 WE'VE REDUCED (IN THEORY NULLED) THE FEEDTHROUGH FROM V_y
 THERE IS STILL FEEDTHROUGH FROM V_x

DOUBLE BALANCED MIXER

↓
 TO GET RID OF DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF f_x, f_y
 IT'S A ROBUST SOLUTION

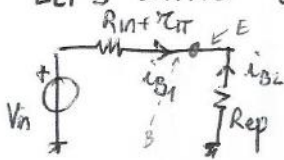


IN ORDER TO REMOVE FEEDTHROUGH FROM $\langle V_x, V_y \rangle$

WE CAN EMPLOY MOS INSTEAD OF BJT (→ MOS GILBERT CELL)

! WE'RE KEEPING ALL CONSIDERATIONS UNDER THE ASSIGNMENT → SMALL SIGNAL

LET'S WRITE V_{in} AS A FUNCTION OF $i_B \rightarrow$ SOLVING THE MESH:



$$V_{in} = i_{B1} (R_{in} + r_{\pi}) + i_{B2} \frac{(R_{in} + r_{\pi})}{(\beta + 1)}$$

R_{eq}

$$V_{in} = 2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi}) i_{B1}$$

$$i_{B1} = \frac{V_{in}}{2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi})}$$

$$V_{out1} = -R_C \beta i_{B1} = -R_C \beta \frac{V_{in}}{2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi})} = -\frac{R_C g_m r_{\pi}}{2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi})} V_{in}$$

$$V_{out2} = -V_{out1}$$

$i_{B2} = -i_{B1}$

USING (1)

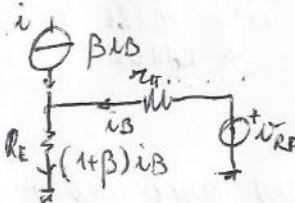
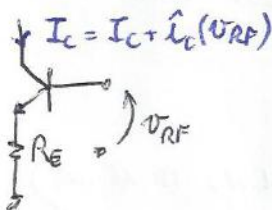
$$\begin{cases} V_{out1}(t) = V_{CC} - \frac{R_C I_0}{2} - \frac{R_C g_m r_{\pi}}{2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi})} v_{LO}(t) \approx V_{CC} - \frac{R_C I_0}{2} - \frac{R_C I_0}{4V_T} v_{LO}(t) \\ V_{out2}(t) = V_{CC} - \frac{R_C I_0}{2} + \frac{R_C g_m r_{\pi}}{2 (R_{in} + r_{\pi})} v_{LO}(t) \approx V_{CC} - \frac{R_C I_0}{2} + \frac{R_C I_0}{4V_T} v_{LO}(t) \end{cases}$$

$\hat{i}(V_{RF})$

NOW LET'S REPLACE I_0 WITH $I_0 + \hat{i}$
WITH $\hat{i} =$ CURRENT WHICH DEPENDS ON SMALL SIGNAL FROM A GIVEN VOLTAGE

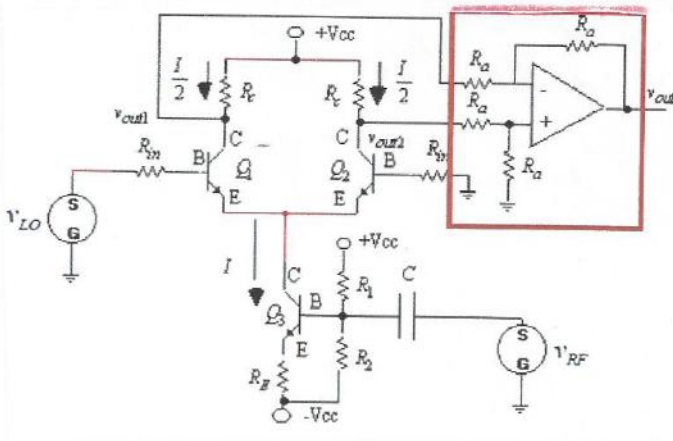
$$\hat{i}(V_{RF})$$

IN THIS WAY IT DEPENDS ON V_{RF} \Rightarrow ADDING THE STANDARD COMMON EMITTER



$$i_B = \frac{V_{RF}}{r_{\pi} + (1 + \beta) R_E}$$

$$i = \hat{i}_C = i_B \beta = \frac{\beta V_{RF}}{r_{\pi} + (1 + \beta) R_E} \approx \frac{V_{RF}}{R_E} \quad \beta \rightarrow \infty$$

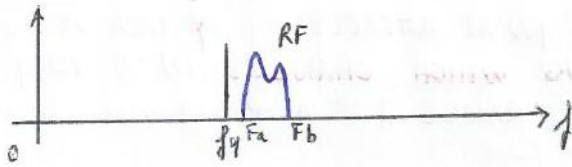


AT LAST \rightarrow LET'S PUT A UNIT-GAIN AMPLIFIER

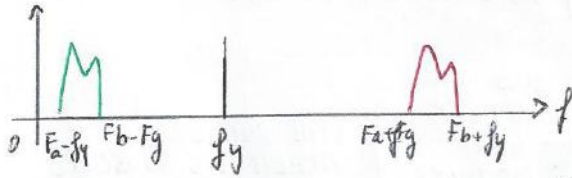
$$V_{out} = V_{out2}(t) - V_{out1}(t) = \frac{R_C I_0}{2V_T} v_{LO}(t) + \frac{R_C}{2V_T R_E} v_{RF}(t) v_{LO}(t)$$

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SINGLE-BALANCED MIXER CONTAINS A COMPONENT COMING FROM THE LO

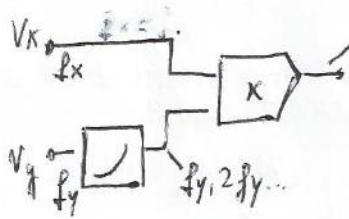
LET'S CONSIDER SOMETHING CLOSER TO REALITY



SIGNAL IS DEFINED IN A BAND
 ↓
 YOU TRANSFER A RANGE OF FREQUENCIES



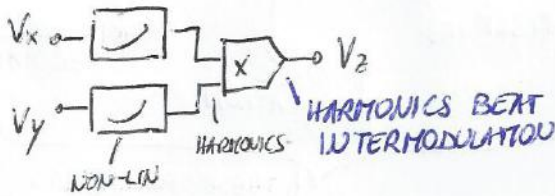
WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE SIGNAL IS NON LINEAR? IT CONTAINS SPURIOUS ELEMENTS



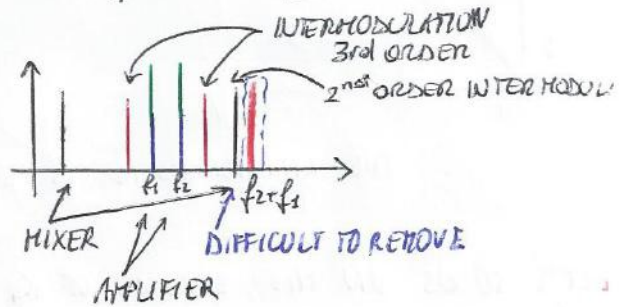
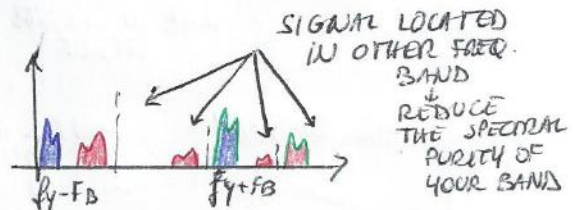
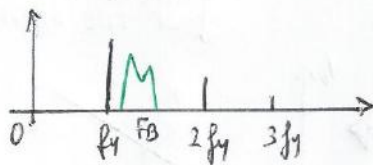
PROBLEMS IF $f_x = f_y$ ⇒ INTERMODULATION TERMS APPEAR (MAY)

IF BOTH INPUTS ARE NON LINEAR

⇒ THE OUTPUT WILL ALWAYS HAVE INTERMODULATION COMPONENTS



example:



REDUCING NOISE → IT'S POSSIBLE TO HAVE

SSB
 ↓
 NOISELESS FILTER HAS A +3dB NOISE FIGURE

DSB
 ↓
 NOISELESS FILTER HAS A 0 dB NOISE FIGURE

NOISE SOURCES IN GILBERT MIXERS
 ← DUE TO LOADS
 ← LO SWITCHES
 ← THERMAL NOISES

HOW TO REALIZE A LOGARITHMIC AMPLIFIER → WITH A PN JUNCTION (DIODE)



IF WE DRIVE A PROPER CURRENT I_E

WE CAN GET V_D AS A LOGARITHMIC FUNCTION OF I_E APART FROM

$$V_D = \eta V_T \ln \frac{I_E}{I_S}$$

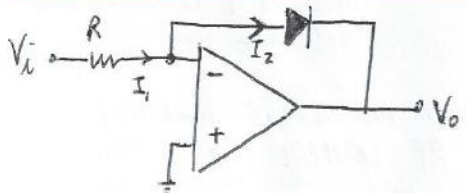
SET CURRENT → READ VOLTAGE

$\eta \approx 1-2$
 V_T DEPENDENT ON TEMPERATURE

WE NEED TO GET RID OF THESE 2 PARAMETERS

ADOPTING A PROPER CONFIGURATION

LOGARITHMIC AMPLIFIER - 1st SCHEME



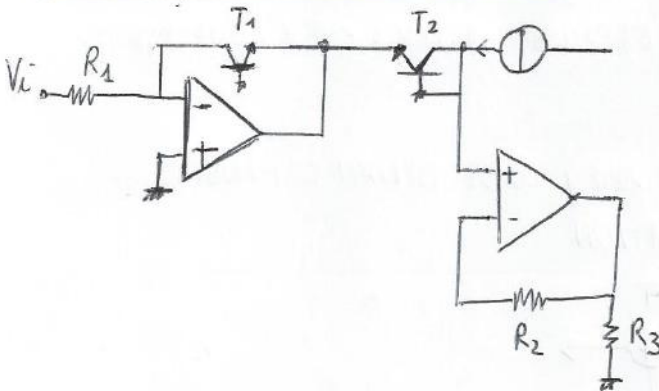
$$\begin{cases} V_0 = -V_D \\ I_1 = I_2 = \frac{V_i}{R} \rightarrow I_2 = I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{in} = -\eta V_T \ln \left(\frac{V_i}{I_S R} \right)$$

RESULTS AFFECTED BY PROBLEMS RELATED TO TERMS WHICH CHANGE THE SOLUTION

IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM → 2 STANDARD CONFIGURATIONS:

(INVERTING) LOGARITHMIC AMPLIFIER

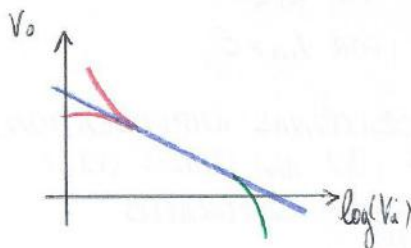
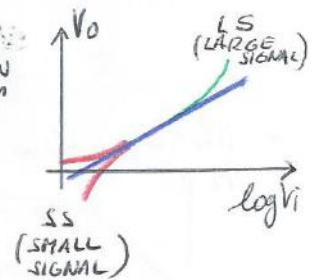


$$V_{in} = -V_T \ln \left(\frac{R_3 + R_2}{R_3} \right) \ln \left(\frac{V_i}{R_1 I} \right)$$

T_1 = LOGARITHMIC JUNCTION → TO GET RID OF V_T
 T_2 = REFERENCE JUNCTION
 IN SOME WAY COUNTERACTS THE VARIATIONS DUE TO T EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL SUBJECTED TO V_T

THERE ARE STILL ERRORS DUE TO

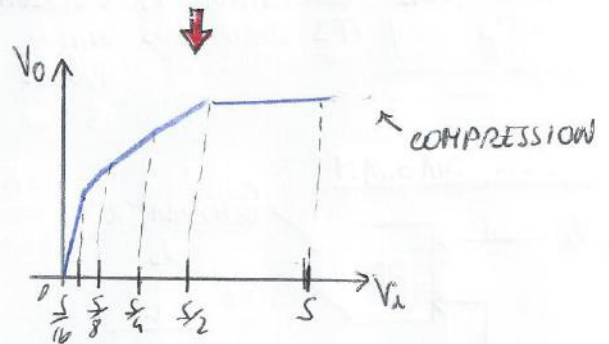
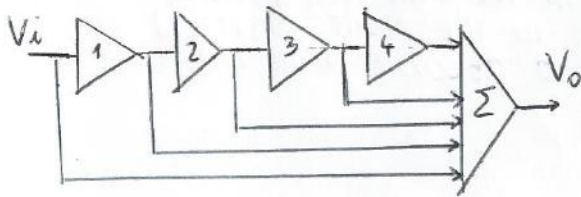
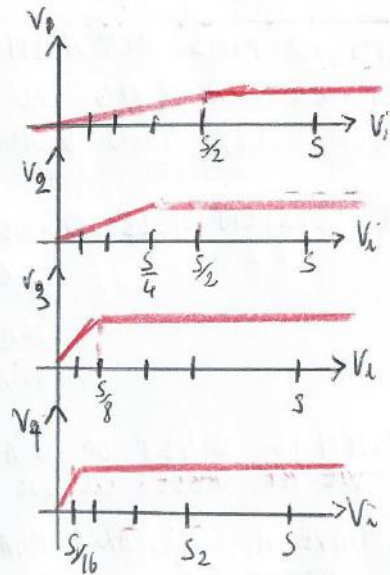
- LOW V ACROSS R_1 → OFFSET OF OP-AMP
- LOW I IN LOG JUNCT → I_{off} AND I_{bias}
- ADDITIONAL VOLTAGE DROP ON THE SMALL RESISTANCE r_{BB} OF BJT



SAME CONDITIONS FOR THE INVERTING FUNCTION

SATURATING CHAIN (S = V₀ AT SATURATION)

- STAGE 1 → G = A FOR $V_i < \frac{S}{2}$
SATURATED FOR $V_0 = 2V_i$
- STAGE 2 → GAIN = A FOR $V_i < \frac{S}{4}$
SATURATED FOR $V_0 = 4V_i$
- STAGE 3 → GAIN = A FOR $V_i < \frac{S}{8}$
SATURATED FOR $V_0 = 8V_i$
- STAGE 4 → GAIN A FOR $V_i < \frac{S}{16}$
SATURATED FOR $V_0 = 16V_i$



LOGARITHMIC AMPLIFIERS → CHARACTERISTICS

WIDE DYNAMIC RANGE
GOOD FOR AC

FOR RF POWER MEASUREMENTS

RSSI (= RECEIVED SIGNAL STRENGTH INDICATOR)
MEASURES THE POWER AT THE OUTPUT OF AN ANTENNA

LINEARITY → CONSIDERING LINEAR THE DIFFERENT BLOCKS
 ↓
 IS NOT TRIVIAL WORK

PD → SOME OF THEM ARE NON-LINEAR
 FILTER → COULD BE $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PASSIVE} \\ \text{ACTIVE} \end{array} \right.$
 VCO → MOST OF THEM → NON-LINEAR $\omega(V_c)$

PLL TRANSFER FUNCTION

IDEA → CLEAR RELATIONSHIP $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{INSTANTANEOUS PHASE} \\ \text{TIME} \end{array} \right.$

$$V_i = V_i \sin(\omega_i t + \theta_i)$$

$$V_o = V_o \cos(\omega_o t + \theta_o)$$

$$V_d = K_d (\theta_i - \theta_o)$$

$V_c(s) = V_d(s) \cdot F(s)$ → WE NEED A FILTER BECAUSE WE AREN'T INTERESTED IN ALL POSSIBLE VARIATIONS BUT JUST A PART OF THE SIGNAL IS SIGNIFICANT LPF IS USUALLY IMPLEMENTED

$$\Delta\omega_o = K_o V_c$$

$$\Delta\omega_o(t) = \frac{d\theta_o}{dt} \rightarrow \Delta\omega_o(s) = s \theta_o(s) \rightarrow \text{THAT'S WHAT ARRIVES AT THE VCO}$$

WE STARTED FROM 2 DIFFERENT SIGNALS

↓
 WE EVALUATED THE PHASE DIFFERENCE

↓
 WE FILTERED OUT THE UNWANTED (HIGH ORDER) COMPONENTS

↓
 WE REALIZE A FREQUENCY VARIATION ON OUR LOCAL OSCILLATOR (INJECTION ON VCO) TILL 2 ω ARE EQUAL

⇒ THE OVERALL TRANSFER FUNCTION:

$$s \theta_o(s) = K_o V_d(s) F(s) = K_o K_d F(s) (\theta_i - \theta_o)$$

PLL TRANSFER FUNCTION:

$$\frac{\theta_o(s)}{\theta_i(s)} = \frac{K_o K_d F(s)}{s + K_o K_d F(s)}$$

RELATED TO GAINS THEN SELECTED BY THE FILTER

PLL → SENSES AND HANDLES PHASE → FOR GIVING US A REFERENCE \int
LOCK CONDITION → MEANS $\omega_o = \omega_i$ ⇒ PHASE DIFFERENCE DOESN'T CHANGE, IT'S KEPT CONSTANT ($\theta_e = \text{const}$)

AS ω_i CHANGES

LOCK KEEPING MECHANISM $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_e = \text{ERROR IN TERMS OF DIFFERENCE} \rightarrow \text{CHANGES.} \\ \text{THE CORRESPONDING } V_d \text{ IS MODIFIED AND FILTERED BY } F(s) \\ \text{IT PULSES THE VCO TO MODIFY } \int \text{ UNTIL } \omega \neq \omega_o \end{array} \right.$

THERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE CASES → WHERE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH THE LOCK CONDITION

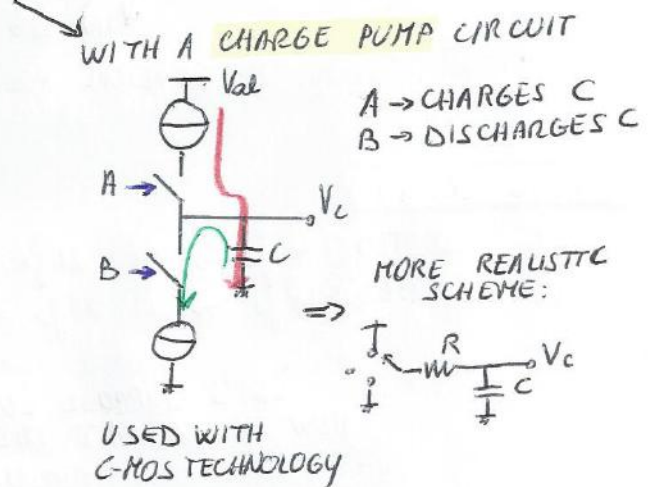
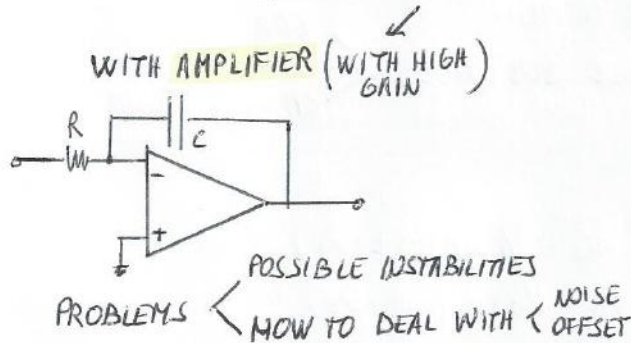
⇒ PLL-ORDER → $H(s)$ ORDER = $F(s)$ ORDER + 1

PLL ORDER $\begin{cases} 1 \rightarrow \text{PARAMETER } \omega_0 \\ 2 \rightarrow \text{PARAMETERS } \omega_0, \xi \end{cases}$ } DC GAIN ($F(0)$)

GAIN OF THE LOOP → FUNDAMENTAL EFFECT

IN ORDER TO CHANGE ω_0 , IT'S NECESSARY TO MODIFY V_c THAT IS A RESULTS OF MODIFICATION ON θ_e
 IF $F(0) \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow$ YOU NEED TO HANDLE THAT EVEN FOR A NULL PHASE $\theta_e = 0 \rightarrow$ YOU CAN HAVE $V_c \neq 0$

WITH AN INFINITE GAIN (VERY HIGH IN REALITY) → IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET $\theta_e = 0$
 2 WAYS TO GET IT:



STEADY STATE ERROR → LIMITS IN TERMS OF PHASE ERROR

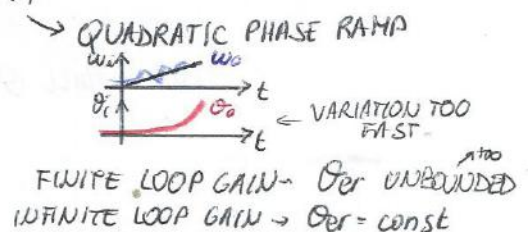
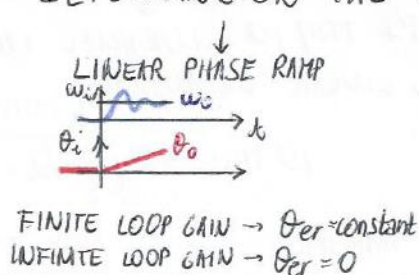
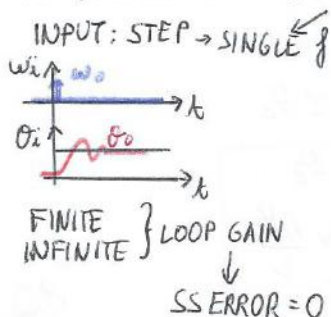
$\theta_{er} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta_e(t)$ IN TIME DOMAIN \rightarrow $\theta_{er} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \theta_e(s)$ IN LAPLACE DOMAIN

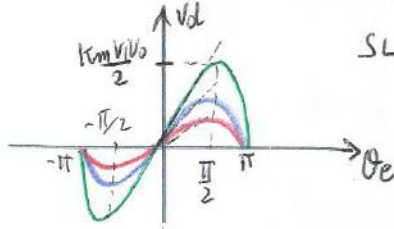
DEPENDS ON $\begin{cases} \text{INPUT SIGNAL } \theta_i \\ \text{DC LOOP GAIN } K_d K_o F(0) \end{cases}$

$\frac{\theta_e}{\theta_i} = \frac{s}{s + K_d K_o F(s)}$

$\theta_{er}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2}{s + K_d K_o F(s)}$

3 POSSIBLE CASES DEPENDING ON THE INPUT





SLOPE: $Km \frac{V_i V_o}{2}$

LET'S LIMIT THE POSSIBLE VARIATION OF V_i → WE'RE JUST INTERESTED IN THE PHASE DIFFERENCE AND PRESERVING THE INFORMATION ON IT, NOT ON DYNAMIC / SHAPE.

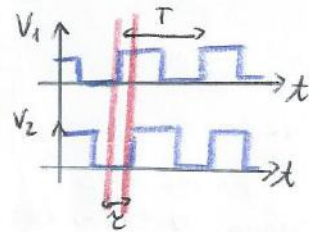
A DYNAMIC RANGE COMPRESSION CAN HELP
 COMPRESSOR ← V_o : CONSTANT } FIXED
 Km
 V_i : VARIABLE AMPITUDE

ANY DEVICE THAT IS ABLE TO GENERATE NON-LINEARITY IS A GOOD CANDIDATE TO REALIZE A PHASE DETECTOR

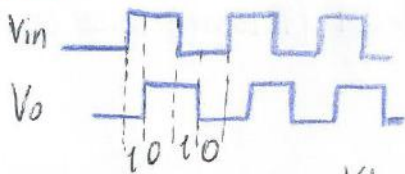
A FIGURE OF MERIT COULD BE: PHASE NOISE.

POSSIBLE **DIGITAL IMPLEMENTATIONS**

PHASE ERROR/DIFFERENCE → IN DIGITAL DOMAIN GIVEN A PERIOD $T=2\pi$
 γ = DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EDGES

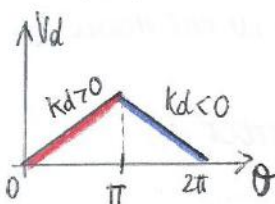
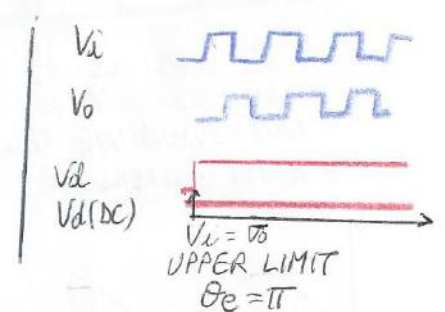
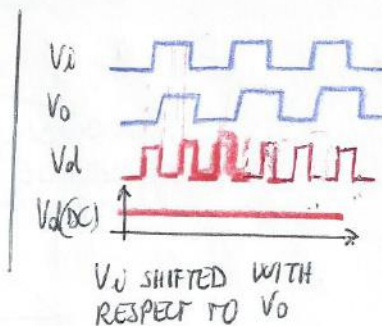
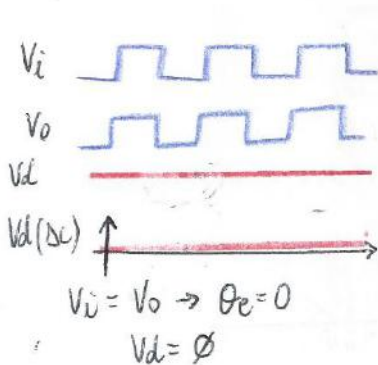


• **XOR** → CAN IMPLEMENT THIS DIFFERENCE IF DC = 50%.



A	B	A ⊕ B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

OUTPUT → $V_d = 0$ → IF 2 SIGNALS ARE SYNCHRONOUS
 AVERAGE OVER THE PERIOD → IF 2 SIGNALS AREN'T SYNCHRONOUS
 V_d → RELATED TO THE RATIO 1/0 OVER THE PERIOD



$K_d = \frac{dV_d}{d\theta_e}$ → TWO BRANCHES $\left\{ \begin{matrix} K_d > 0 \\ K_d < 0 \end{matrix} \right.$

LOOP STABILITY ANALYSIS → SELF-SELECTED DURING THE OPERATION, THROUGH NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

⇒ XOR AND SR-FF HAVE LIMITS ON THE DUTY CYCLE

IF DC IS GENERIC → POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

CONDITIONATE THE SIGNAL

GET SQUARE WAVE (DIVIDING BY 2)

USE A FF WORKING ON PULSES AND SENSIBLE TO EDGES

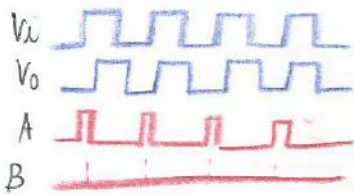
INDEPENDENT ON DUTY CYCLE

AD-HOC ASYNCHRONOUS CIRCUITS

EDGE SENSITIVE

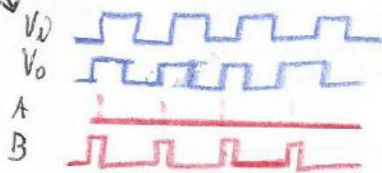
PHASE FREQUENCY DETECTORS

PFD = PHASE FREQUENCY DETECTOR → BASED ON CHARGE-PUMP

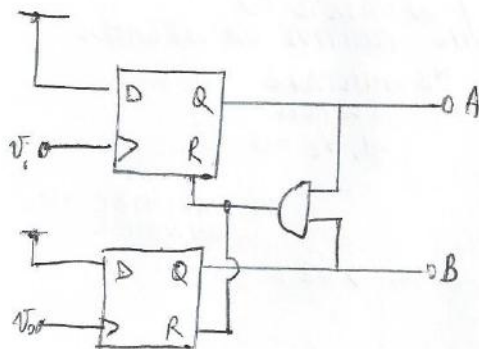


V_i LEADS V_o . PULSES ON A → OF SAME DURATION AS THE LEAD

SYNCHRONIZED EDGES
NO PULSE ON A, B



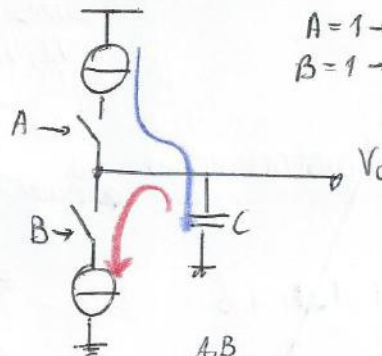
V_i LAGS V_o . PULSES ON B → OF SAME DURATION AS LAG



FROM SIGNAL A, B WE CAN RECOVER A SHIFT

PFD IS MERGED TO THE FILTER

A=1 → C CHARGES
B=1 → C DISCHARGES



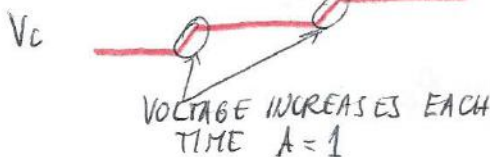
MORE REALISTIC IMPLEMENTATION

LPF EMBEDDED THANKS TO A RESISTOR

A=1 → R TO VCC
B=1 → R TO GND
A=B=0 → V_c CONSTANT

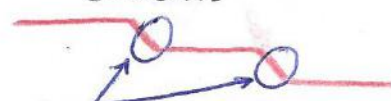
RC INTEGRATOR

CHARGE PUMP → INFINITE DC GAIN
A ACTIVE



B ACTIVE

VOLTAGE DECREASES EACH TIME B=1



ANY LOAD/LEG CLOSES A/B SWITCHES → V_c CHANGES THE VCO FREQUENCY
ONLY STABLE STATE → $\theta_c = 0$ → EQUIVALENT TO A DC INFINITE GAIN

YOU'RE ABLE TO FOLLOW LINEAR VARIATION OF INPUT 83

C3 - PHASE-FREQUENCY BEHAVIOR

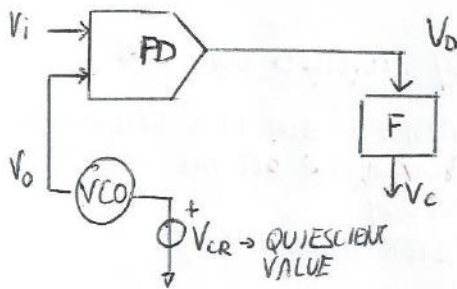
PHASE DIFFERENCE → IS EVALUATED IN ORDER TO CREATE A REPLICA OF V_{in}

WE'LL ANALYZE WHEN AND HOW THE PLL CAN TRACK THE INPUT f AND KEEP THE INPUT SIGNAL

IN THE BUTTERFLY DIAGRAM → THERE ARE 2 POSSIBLE RANGES OF FREQUENCY

- CAPTURE REGION → PLL GETS THE LOCK (LOCKS f_{in})
- LOCK IN REGION → PLL FOLLOWS THE INPUT FREQUENCY VARIATIONS WITHOUT LOSING THE LOCKING

OPEN-LOOP BEHAVIOR



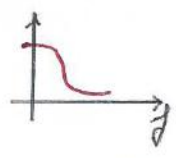
PD → COMPARISON BETWEEN V_i AND V_o → SIGNAL WHICH IS COMPLETELY SCORRELATED, COMING FROM THE V_{CO} , GIVEN BY A CONSTANT VOLTAGE

V_{CO} → IS DRIVEN BY A FREE-RIDE FREQUENCY
LET'S SUPPOSE $V_{CR} : \omega_0 = \omega_{or}$

AFTER PD → $\theta_e = \theta_i - \theta_o \rightarrow \omega_d = \omega_i - \omega_{or}$

WE OBTAIN V_d AND WE FILTER OUT THE UNWANTED COMPONENTS FROM IT

DIFFERENCE V_d → IS A SIGNAL PLACED @ LOW FREQUENCY
IF IT'S IN THE BAND OF THE LPF WE OBTAIN V_c
STRONGLY DEPENDS ON THE FILTER



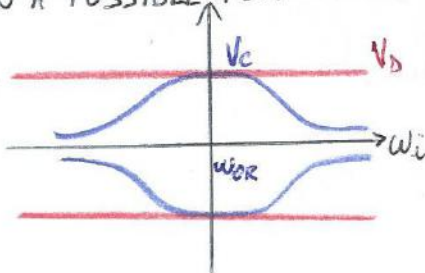
IF $\omega_i \neq \omega_{or} \rightarrow \omega_d \rightarrow$ HAS 2 BEATS $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 @ HF \\ 1 @ LF \end{matrix} \right\}$ BUT SURELY NOT IN DC

THE FILTER REMOVES ALMOST EVERYTHING FROM THE V_c
INCREASING THE AMPLITUDE OF V_c

V_c HIGH WITH LOW DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FREQUENCIES ($\omega_i \approx \omega_{or}$)
 V_c LOW WITH HIGH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FREQUENCIES

IT'S DUE TO $|F(s)|$

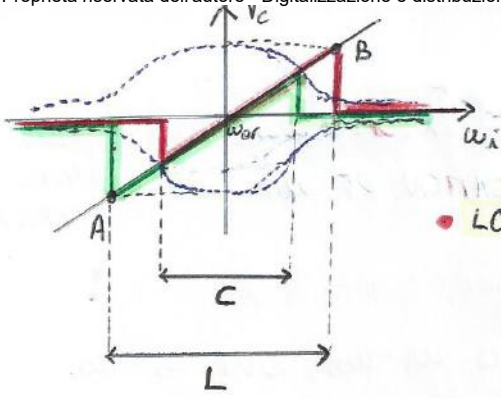
IN A POSSIBLE PLOT



— V_d → BEFORE THE FILTER
— V_c → AFTER THE FILTER

ω_{or} IS FIXED
WE SWEEP ω_i INCREASING ITS FREQUENCY

V_c → STRONGLY ATTENUATED → IF $\omega_i \gg \omega_{or}$
EQUAL TO V_d → IF $\omega_i \approx \omega_{or}$ (OR CLOSE TO ω_{or})



— INCREASING ω_i
 — DECREASING ω_i

THERE ARE 2 POSSIBLE REGIONS:

- LOCK REGION (L) → THE PLL HAS LOCKED; ϕ_{in} IF ω_i CHANGES WITHIN THIS RANGE THE LOCK IS MAINTAINED

BEING SET BETWEEN (A, B), IT CLEARLY DEPENDS ON V_c WHICH DEPENDS ON DC LOOP GAIN: $K_d K_o F(0)$

CONCERNING THE PHASE DETECTOR

ANALOG → INFLUENCED BY V_o/V_i AMPLITUDE

DIGITAL → V_c, V_o HAVE A FIXED AMPLITUDE
 $(\phi - V_{dd}) \rightarrow K_d$ IS FIXED

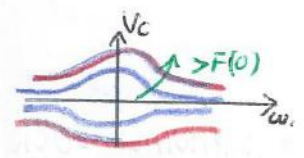
IT'S POSSIBLE TO REALIZE A $F(0) \rightarrow \infty$ (INFINITE GAIN)
 S.T. THE LOCK RANGE IS LIMITED BY VCO NON LINEARITY

- CAPTURE REGION (C) → HOW THE VCO IS ABLE TO FOLLOW THE VARIATIONS DEPENDS ON THE FILTER CHARACTERISTIC

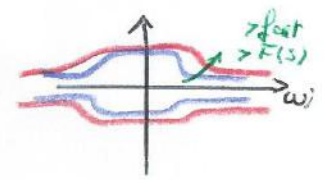
THE BAND OF THE LPF CHANGES THE WIDTH OF THE CAPTURE REGION WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE SHAPES OF THE FILTER $F(s)$ WITH THE CHARGE-PUMP → THE CAPTURE RANGE CORRESPONDS TO THE LOCK RANGE

EFFECT OF CHANGE OF PARAMETERS :

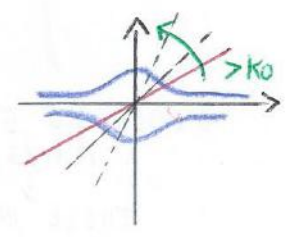
- VERTICAL CALIBRATION → DEPENDS ON DC GAIN OF THE FILTER $> F(0) \Rightarrow >$ PEAK VALUE OF V_c



- HORIZONTAL CALIBRATION → THE CAPTURE RANGE IS MODIFIED CHANGING THE CUT-OFF FREQUENCY (SO WITH A PROPER CHOICE OF THE SHAPE OF YOUR FILTER $F(s)$)



- SLOPE → OF THE -VCO IS MODIFIED CHANGING K_o (SO LOCK CAPTURE } RANGES ARE MODIFIED)



C4- PLL AND NOISE

THE PLL CAN BE SEEN HAS A BAND PASS FILTER
 THAT'S BECAUSE ACTUALLY YOU'RE GETTING AN INPUT SIGNAL WHICH HAS ← NOISE
UNWANTED
MODULATIONS

AND THROUGH THE PLL YOU REMOVE THE UNWANTED COMPONENTS

WHY DON'T WE USE DIRECTLY A BPF? BECAUSE IN THE PLL YOU HAVE TO DESIGN AN LPF WHICH IS SIMPLER TO DESIGN THAN A BPF

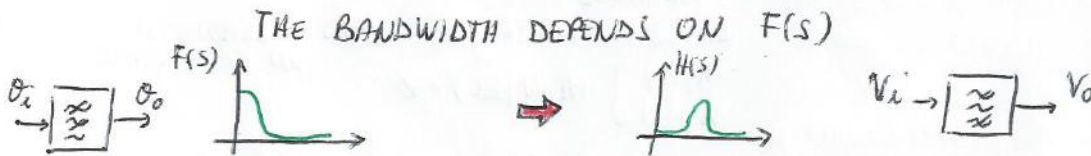
WHAT IS THE BEHAVIOR OF A SIGNAL DEFINED IN A GIVEN BAND?

GIVEN AN INPUT SIGNAL WITH ADDITIVE NOISE

LET'S TRY TO EVALUATE THE EQUIVALENT INPUT PHASE NOISE:

PLL AS A FILTER

PLL HAS A ↗ NOISY INPUT
↘ CLEAN OUTPUT, IT HAS CENTER FREQUENCY WHICH FOLLOWS THE SIGNAL
 SO IT ACTS AS A TUNABLE FILTER



HOW TO EVALUATE ITS PERFORMANCES? LET'S CHARACTERIZE ITS BANDWIDTH

- APPLY WIDE-BAND NOISE AT INPUT (SELECT f_1, f_2 COMPUTE THEM)
- MEASURE NOISE POWER AT ω_{OUT}
- EVALUATE THE POWER RATIO

EVALUATE THE SPECTRUM OF A GIVEN BANDWIDTH

LET'S SUPPOSE ← ANALOG PD
SINUSOIDAL VCO

↓ FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- 1) INPUT SIGNAL IS ϕ : WE'RE JUST EVALUATING NOISE AND COMPUTING ITS POWER
- 2) INPUT SIGNAL : PURE SINE + SOME UNWANTED MODULATION (PHASE NOISE: eg jitter)
LET'S COMPUTE ITS POWER
- 3) COMPUTE THE SPECTRAL DENSITY OF EQUIVALENT PHASE NOISE
- 4) EVALUATE THE BANDWIDTH
- 5) EVALUATE THE SNR

THE SYSTEM HAS THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS

INPUT: SINE $V_i + \text{NOISE}$ $v_i = V_i \sin(\omega t + \phi_i) + m(t)$
 LOCK CONDITION: $F_o = F_i$

NOISE: $n(t) = m_c(t) \cos(\omega t) + m_s(t) \sin(\omega t)$

N_i : SPECTRAL POWER DENSITY

B_i : BANDWIDTH



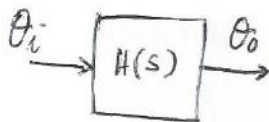
CONSIDERING $N_i = \frac{\overline{n(t)^2}}{B_i}$

THE **PHASE NOISE** IS DEFINED AS $\phi = \frac{\overline{\theta_{in}(t)^2}}{B_i/2}$ REPLACING $\overline{\theta_{in}^2}$

$\phi = \frac{\overline{n(t)^2}}{V_i^2} \cdot \frac{2}{B_i} \rightarrow \boxed{\phi = \frac{2N_i}{V_i^2}}$ PHASE NOISE SPECTRAL POWER DENSITY

NOISE POWER AT THE OUTPUT

THE OUTPUT NOISE CAN BE EVALUATED FROM THE TRANSFER FUNCTION $H(s)$ SOMETHING PRESENT AT THE INPUT + EFFECT OF ADDITIONAL NOISE DUE TO THE FILTER



$\theta_o(s) = H(s) \theta_i(s)$

OUTPUT NOISE POWER

$\overline{\theta_{on}(t)^2} = \int_0^{B_i/2} \phi |H(j\omega)|^2 df = \phi \int_0^{B_i/2} |H(j\omega)|^2 df$ INPUT SPECTRAL DENSITY

B_L : EQUIVALENT BANDWIDTH

$B_L = \frac{\overline{\theta_{on}(t)^2}}{\phi} \rightarrow \boxed{B_L = \int_0^{B_i/2} |H(j\omega)|^2 df}$ $B_L \rightarrow$ DEPENDS ON B_i

LET'S SUPPOSE $|H(j\omega)|$ NEGLIGIBLE AROUND $B_i/2$

$B_L = \int_0^\infty |H(j\omega)|^2 df \rightarrow$ IT JUST DEPENDS ON $|H(j\omega)|$ FUNCTION OF $F(s)$

! B_L DEPENDS ON THE FILTER

LOW $H(s)$ f_{cutoff}
NARROW B_L (HIGH FILTERING)
LOW NOISE
SLOW RESPONSE

HIGH $H(s)$ f_{cutoff}
WIDE B_L
MORE NOISE
FAST RESPONSE

SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO

$SNR = \frac{P_{signal}}{P_{noise}} = \frac{V_i^2/2}{2V_i^2/B_i^2}$

$SNR_i = \frac{1}{2\theta_{in}^2}$
 $SNR_o = \frac{1}{2\theta_{on}^2}$

$\rightarrow \boxed{SNR_o = SNR_i \frac{B_i}{2B_L}}$

WITH \rightarrow NARROW B_L $SNR_o \uparrow$ WIDE B_i $SNR_o \uparrow$

\Rightarrow AS A CONCLUSION: PLL ACTS AS A PASSBAND FILTER FROM V_i TO V_o WITH A BANDWIDTH B_L ANY EFFECT ON NOISE AMPLITUDE
IT FILTERS THE PHASE NOISE THANKS TO THE LOOP CONFIGURATION WITHOUT

• AM DEMODULATION → IDEA → DIVIDED IN 2 STEPS → DURING:

① MODULATION → CARRIER IS MULTIPLIED BY $M(t)$ (MODULATING SIGNAL)

$$S = F_p \times M(t)$$

IN TIME DOMAIN:
M IS THE ENVELOPE OF $S(t)$

IN FREQUENCY DOMAIN:
M IS THE SPECTRUM $M(f)$ TRANSLATED TO $M(f_p)$

② DEMODULATION → THERE ARE ENVELOPE-DETECTORS $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HALF-WAVE} \\ \text{FULL-WAVE} \end{array} \right\}$ RECTIFIERS + LPF (DIODES) (C+R)
OR S IS MOVED BACK TO BASEBAND THROUGH A PLL ⇒ COHERENT DEMODULATION

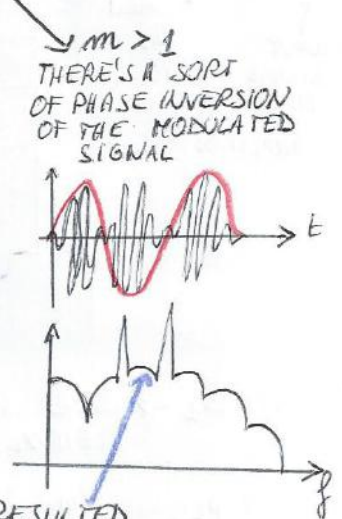
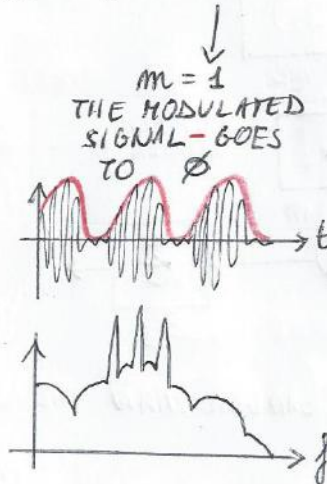
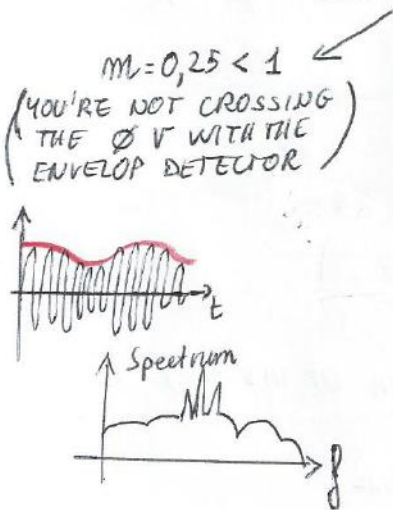
① ANALOG MODULATION

eg: GIVEN A MODULATING SIGNAL: $A \sin(\omega t) + B$ (VARYING VS TIME)
LET'S DEFINE THE MODULATION INDEX:

$$m = \frac{\text{Amp}_{\text{max}} - \text{Amp}_{\text{min}}}{\text{Amp}_{\text{max}} + \text{Amp}_{\text{min}}}$$

IN THIS CASE: $\begin{array}{l} \text{max: } A+B \\ \text{min: } B-A \end{array}$
$$m = \frac{A+B - B+A}{A+B + B-A} = \frac{A}{B}$$

INCREASING THE MODULATION INDEX m YOU CAN HAVE A SIGNAL WHICH IS VARYING WITH ENVELOPE WHICH IS ALWAYS POSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE CARRIER



THIS RESULTED INTO A SUPPRESSION OF THE CARRIER f
↓
ALWAYS EMPLOYED BECAUSE THIS SOLUTION ALLOWS A LOWER POWER CONSUMPTION

THE MAIN PROBLEM → f_c COMING OUT FROM THE VCO
 WHICH IS IN THEORY CONSTANT
 BUT IN PRACTICE AFFECTED BY PHASE NOISE

THERE'S NOT ANY CONTROL ON V_{in}
 f_c HAS SOME FREQUENCY MODULATION
 EVEN IF VCO IS PERFECT → ω_{c0} IS COMPARED TO ω_c

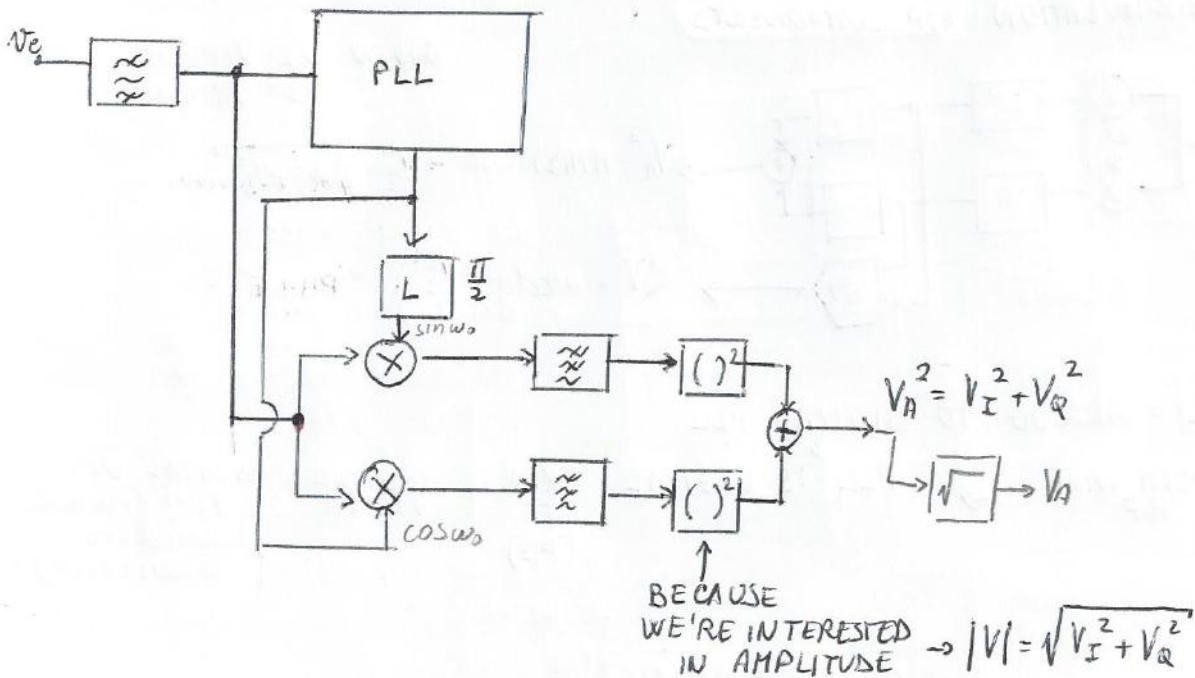
ω_{c0} IS MOVED
 PHASE ERROR $\neq 0$

AN UNWANTED PHASE MODULATION MEANS TO HAVE AN UNWANTED AMPLITUDE MODULATION (CROSS-DEMULATION)
 IN ORDER TO HAVE A LOWER PHASE ERROR

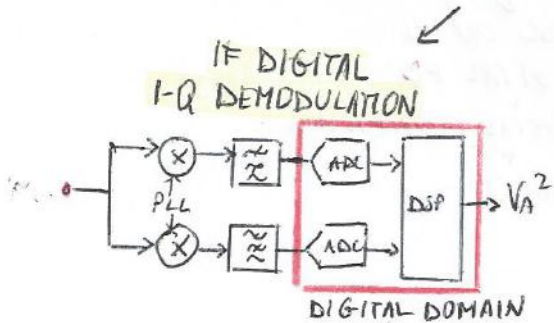
INCREASE THE LOOP GAIN
 ENLARGE THE FILTER F(S)
 S.T. YOU REDUCE θ_e
 BUT YOU'RE DECREASING SNR

→ I/Q DEMODULATOR

ANALOG I-Q DEMODULATOR → ALLOWS TO SEPARATE PHASE QUADRATURE COMPONENTS



WE CAN ALSO REALIZE DIGITAL I-Q DEMODULATORS



IT'S EASIER TO REALIZE THIS OPERATION
 WE'RE NO MORE DEALING WITH THE CARRIER FREQUENCY → NYQUIST THEOREM IS RELATED TO THE BAND OF THE SIGNAL, NOT TO f_c

