



# What does precision mean for an op amp?

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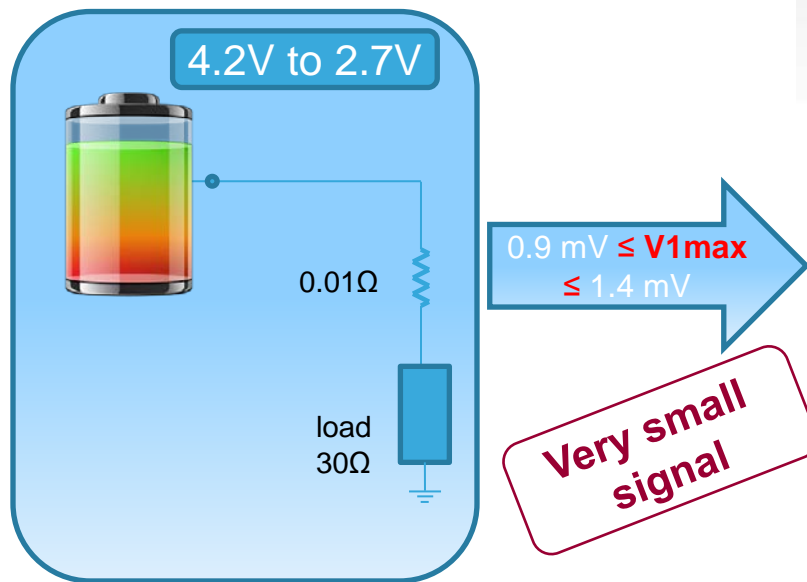
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# Why op amps and why precision

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## Battery fuel gauging



STM32 power supply:  
1.65V to 3.6V

ADC  
12bits



LSB of the ADC  
 $= 3.6\text{V} / 2^{12}$   
 $= 0.88 \text{ mV} !$

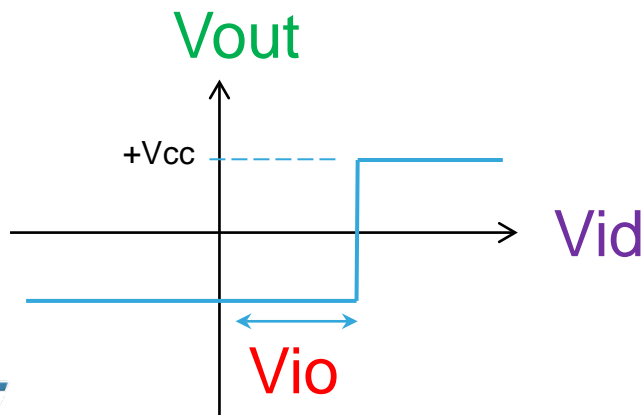
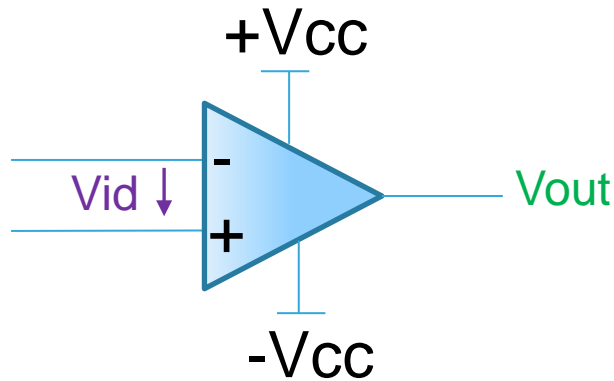


# Input offset voltage

## What is this?

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- $V_{io}$  offset



### LM324

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_{io}$	Input offset voltage <sup>(1)</sup> $T_{amb} = +25^{\circ}C$ LM124-LM224 LM324		2	5 7	mV
	$T_{min} \leq T_{amb} \leq T_{max}$ LM124-LM224 LM324			7 9	

### TS507

$V_{io}$	Input offset voltage <sup>(2)</sup>	$V_{icm} = 0$ to $3.8V$ , $T = 25^{\circ}C$ TS507C full temperature range TS507I full temperature range		25	100 250 400	$\mu V$
		$V_{icm} = 0V$ to $5V$ , $T = 25^{\circ}C$ TS507C full temperature range TS507I full temperature range			450 550 750	

### TSZ121 (Very high accuracy)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
DC performance						
$V_{io}$	Input offset voltage	$T = 25^{\circ}C$		1	5	$\mu V$
		$-40^{\circ}C < T < 125^{\circ}C$			8	
$\Delta V_{io}/\Delta T$	Input offset voltage drift <sup>(1)</sup>	$-40^{\circ}C < T < 125^{\circ}C$		10	30	nV/ $^{\circ}C$

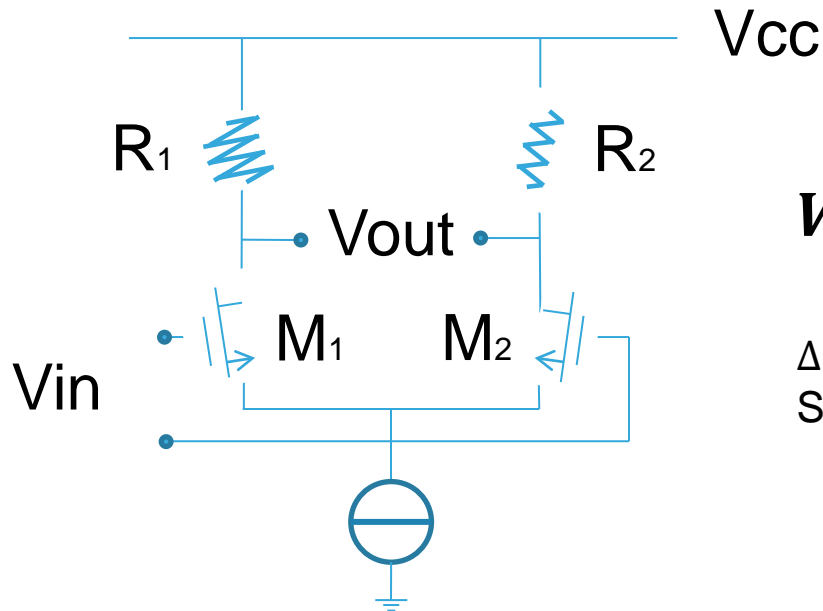


# Input offset voltage

## Where does it comes from?

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- Differential input



For CMOS technology

$$V_{os} = \Delta V_{th} + \frac{V_{GS} - V_T}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta R}{R} + \frac{\Delta k'}{k'} + \frac{\Delta W/L}{W/L} \right)$$

$\Delta V_{th}$  linked to the substrate doping  
Second term linked to the size of MOS

Component mismatch  
 $R1 \neq R2, M1 \neq M2 \Rightarrow$  **offset**

Mismatch is mainly due to:

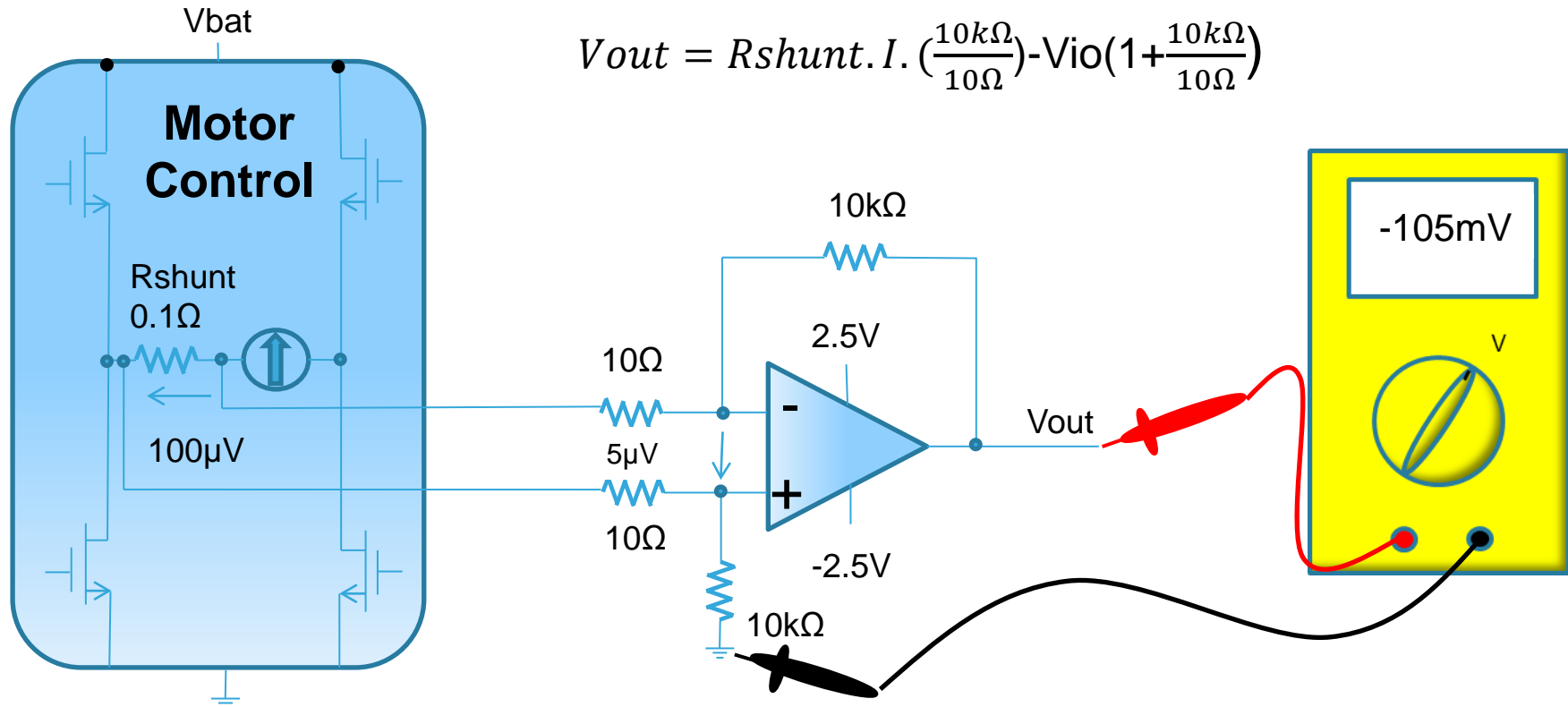
- Doping variations
- Lithographic errors
- Packaging & local stress



# Impact of $V_{IO}$ on a real application

## current sensing for Motor control

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$I = 1\text{mA}$

TSZ121  
 $V_{io} = 5\mu\text{V}$

5% error on speed information  
rotation information is correct



# Summary of $V_{IO}$ impact on motor control applications

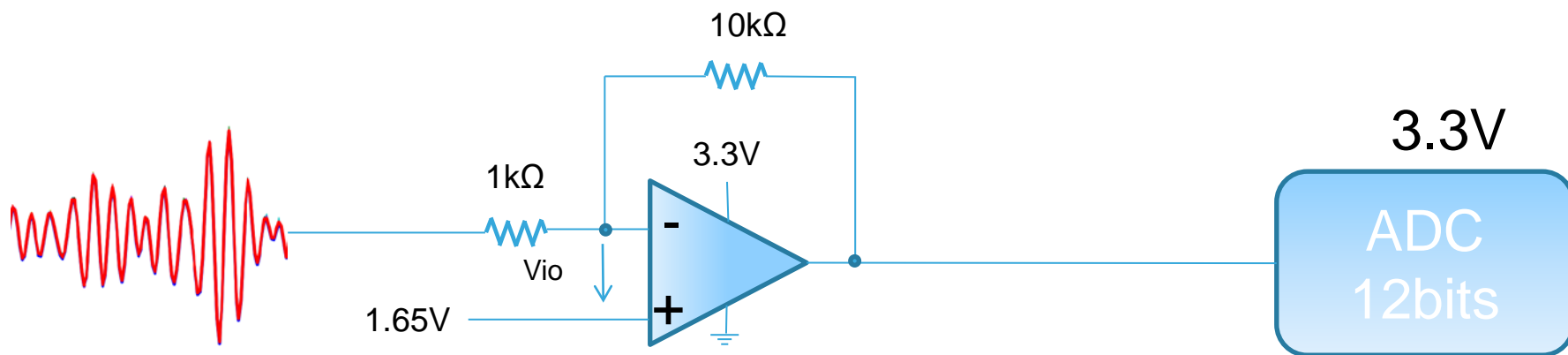
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Opamp	Offset @ 25°C	$V_{OUT}$ for a current $I = 1 \text{ mA}$	Comment
Ideal	0 $\mu\text{V}$	100 mV	Theoretical measurement in a perfect world!
<u>TS507</u>	+100 $\mu\text{V}$	-100 $\mu\text{V}$	Speed of the motor is incorrect. Information about the motor rotation is incorrect
	-100 $\mu\text{V}$	200 mV	100% error on motor speed Information about the motor rotation is correct
<u>TSZ121</u>	+5 $\mu\text{V}$	95 mV	5% error on the motor speed Information about the motor rotation is correct
	-5 $\mu\text{V}$	-105 mV	5% error on the motor speed Information about motor rotation is correct



# The real cost of $V_{IO}$ !

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The LSB of the ADC is  $3.3 \text{ V}/2^{12} = 805 \mu\text{V}$

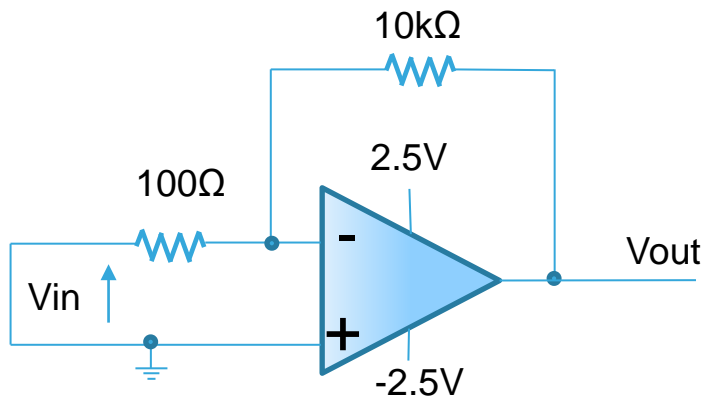
The input signal is amplified by -10, and the  $V_{IO}$  by 11

	Maximum $V_{IO}$	Maximum offset at ADC	Equivalent effective ADC
<a href="#"><u>TSZ121</u></a>	5 $\mu\text{V}$	55 $\mu\text{V}$	~12 bits
<a href="#"><u>TS507</u></a>	100 $\mu\text{V}$	1.1 mV	~11 bits
<a href="#"><u>TS512A</u></a>	500 $\mu\text{V}$	5.5 mV	~9 bits
<a href="#"><u>TS512</u></a>	2.5 mV	27.5 mV	~7 bits



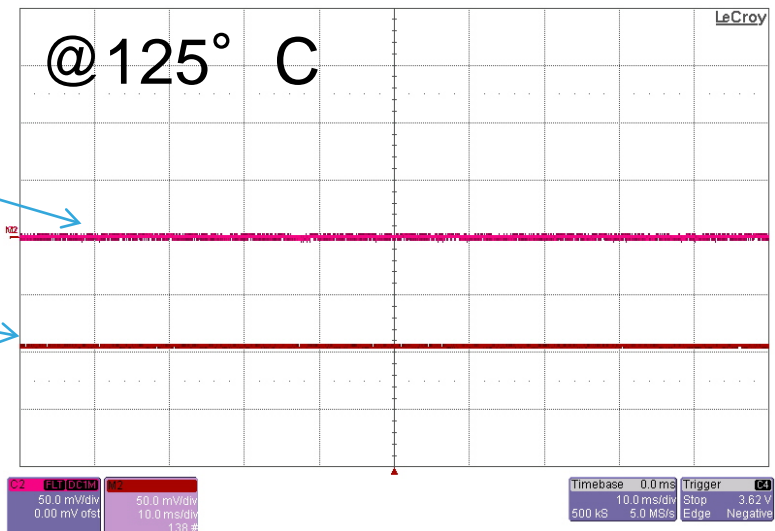
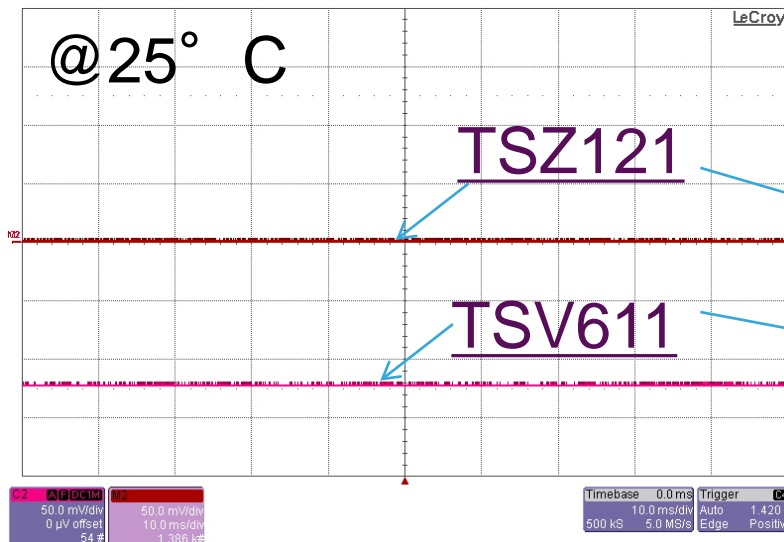
# $\Delta V_{io}/\Delta T$ and Calibration

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$$V_{out} = V_{in} \left( \frac{-10k\Omega}{100\Omega} \right) \pm V_{io} \left( 1 + \frac{10k\Omega}{100\Omega} \right) \quad (1)$$

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	Vio @25°C max	$\Delta v_{io}/\Delta t$ max
<a href="#">TSZ121</a>	5μV	30nV/°C
<a href="#">TSV611</a>	4μV	10μV/°C

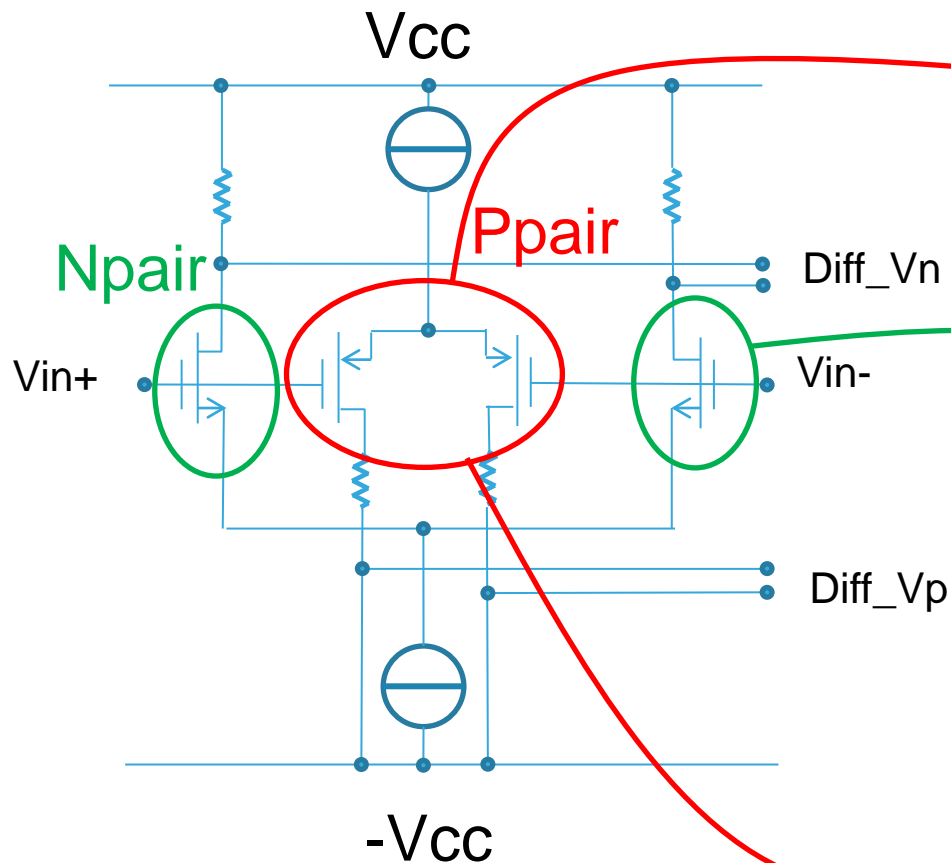




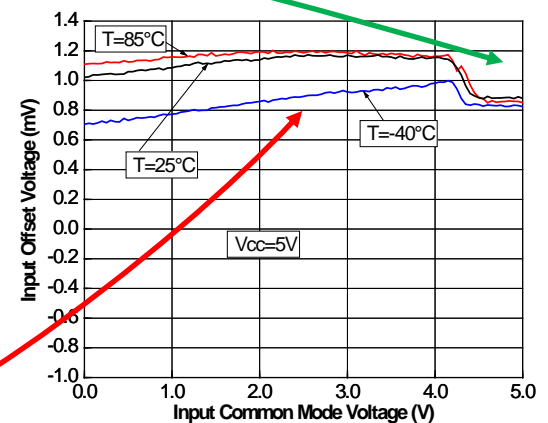
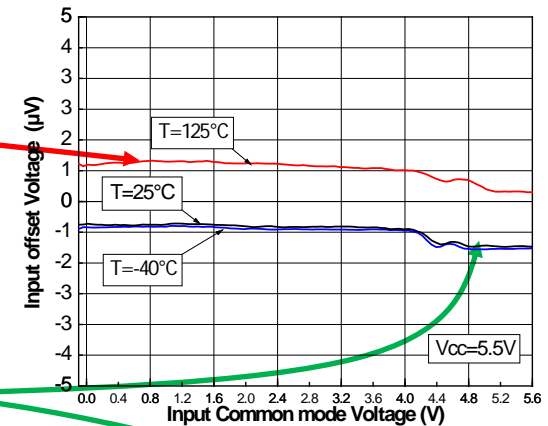
# Common mode rejection ratio

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Input stage of a CMOS op amp



TSZ121



TSV611

# Impact of CMRR on a battery monitoring High-side current sensing

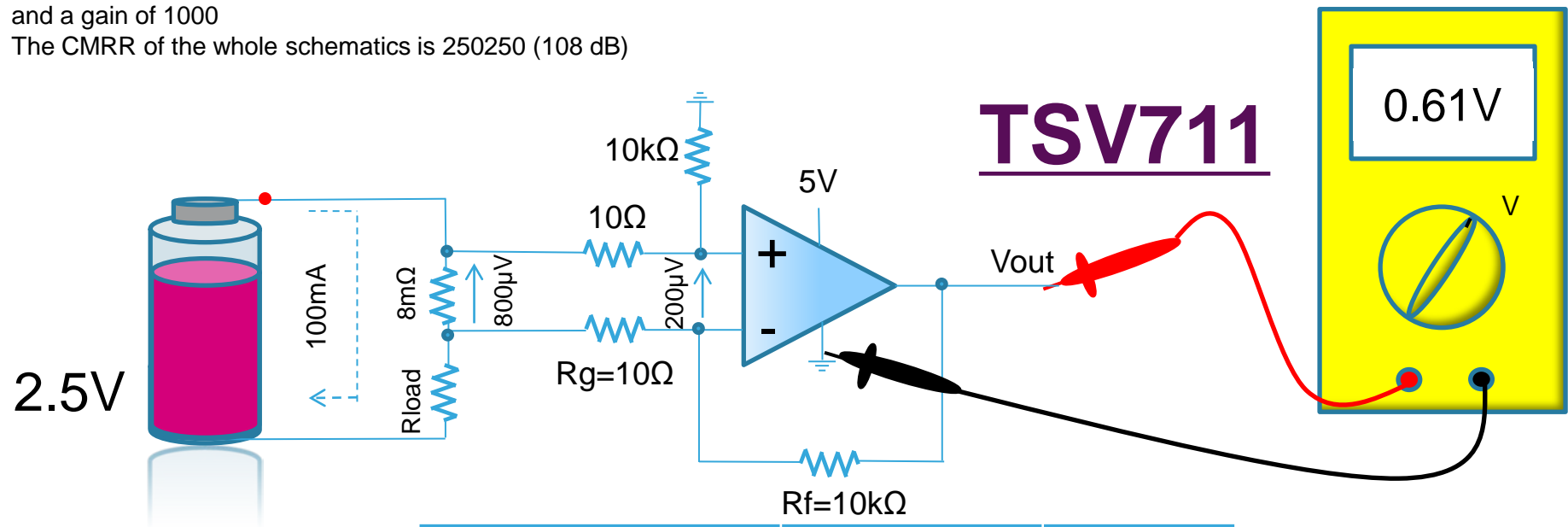
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$$CMRR_{res} = \frac{1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g}}{4\varepsilon}$$

$$V_{out} = 0.8 - \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g}\right) \cdot V_{io} \pm \frac{v_{bat}}{CMRR_{res}} \left(\frac{R_f}{R_g}\right) \pm \frac{v_{icm} - v_{cc}/2}{CMRR_{op}} \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g}\right)$$

With  $\varepsilon=0.1\%$  precision resistance  
and a gain of 1000

The CMRR of the whole schematics is 250250 (108 dB)



TSV711	Impact on Vout	Error %
Vio	0.2V	25%
CMRRres @4.2V (108dB)	16.8mV	2.1%
CMRRop @4.2V (74dB)	340mV	42.5%
CMRRres @2.5V (108dB)	10mV	1.2%
CMRRop @2.5V (74dB)	0mV	0%



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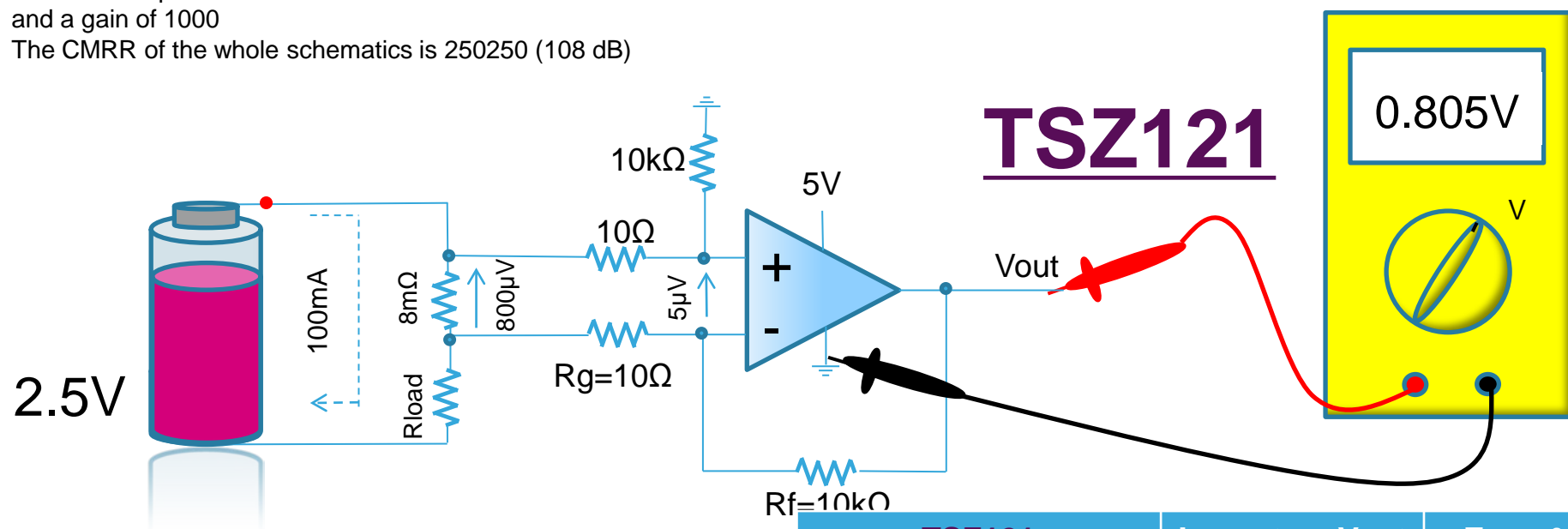
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<u>TSZ121</u>	Impact on Vout	Error %
Vio	0.005V	0.5%
CMRRres @4.2V (108dB)	16.8mV	2.1%
CMRRop @4.2V (115dB)	3mV	0.4%
CMRRres @2.5V (108dB)	10mV	1.2%
CMRRop @2.5V (115dB)	0mV	0%



# $V_{IO}$ , CMRR, PSRR and $A_{VD}$

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Diagram illustrating the input offset voltage equation with annotations:

$$V_{id} = V_{io} + \frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{out}} \Delta V_{out} + \frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{icm}} \Delta V_{icm} + \frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{cc}} \Delta V_{cc} + \frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial T} \Delta T(1)$$

Annotations and their corresponding terms in the equation:

- Input Offset** points to  $V_{io}$ .
- AVD** (Analog Voltage Drift) points to  $\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{out}} \Delta V_{out}$ .
- CMRR** (Common Mode Rejection Ratio) points to  $\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{icm}} \Delta V_{icm}$ .
- PSRR** (Power Supply Rejection Ratio) points to  $\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{cc}} \Delta V_{cc}$ .
- Input Offset drift** points to  $\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial T} \Delta T(1)$ .

We define :  $Avd = -20\log\left(\left|\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{out}}\right|\right)$ ,  $CMRR = -20\log\left(\left|\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{icm}}\right|\right)$ ,  $SVR = -20\log\left(\left|\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial V_{cc}}\right|\right)$  and  $DV_{io} = \left|\frac{\partial V_{id}}{\partial T}\right|$

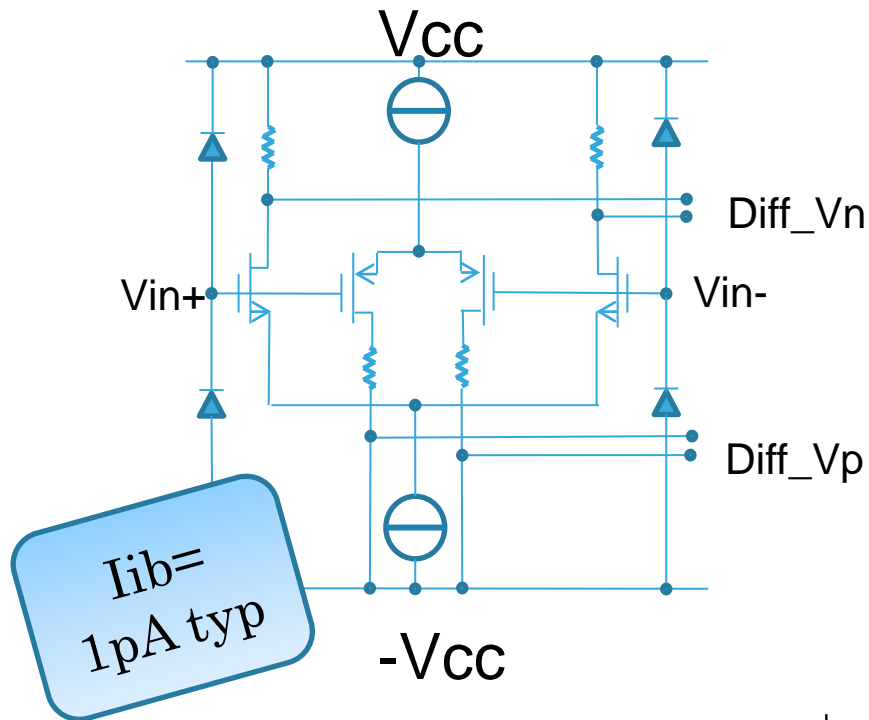


# Input bias current

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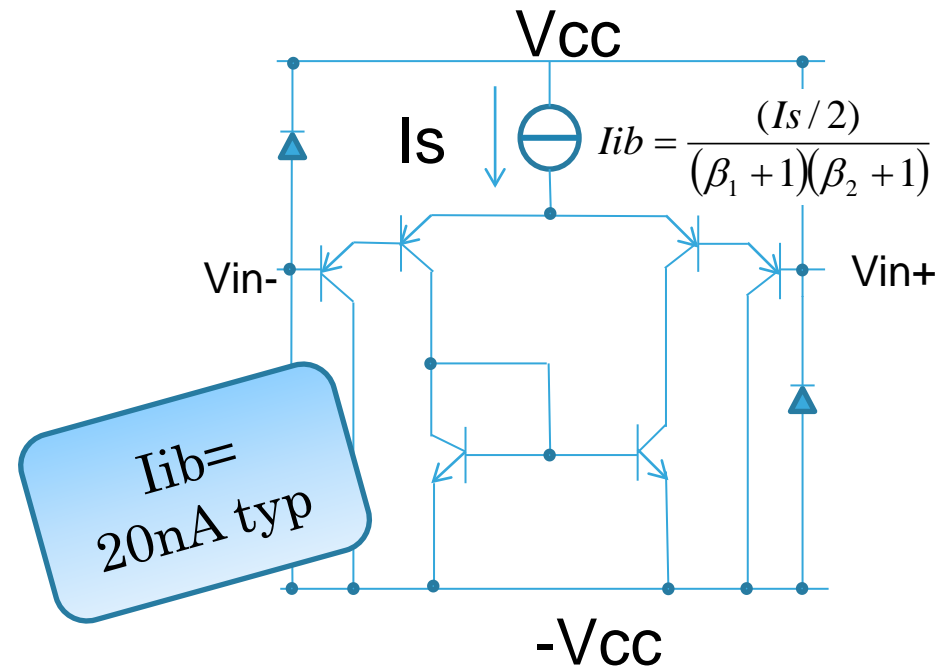
## CMOS

- No gate current only diode leakage



## BIPOLAR

- Current in/out (NPN/PNP) in the base



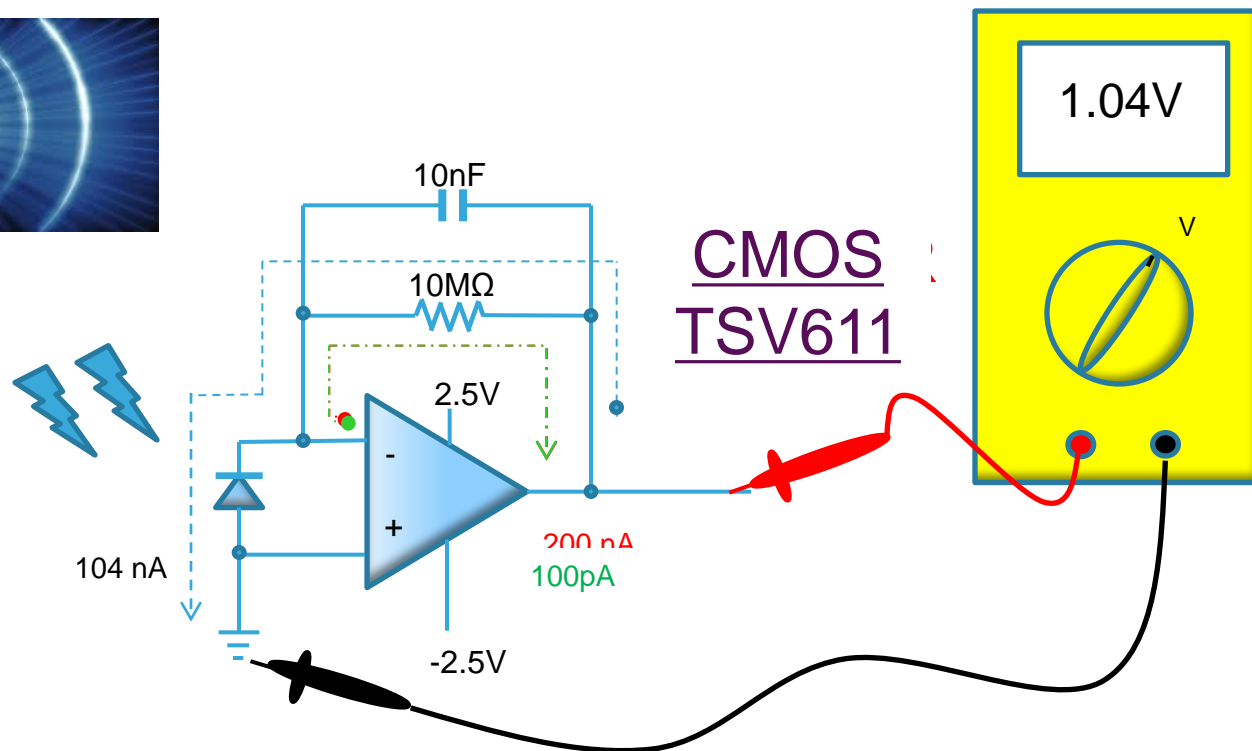
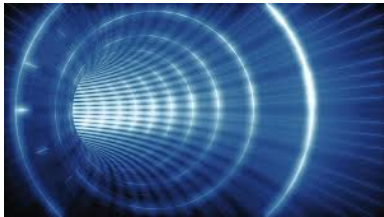
$$I_{ib} = \left| \frac{I_{ibn} + I_{ibp}}{2} \right|$$



# UV sensor application

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## UV source Index 4

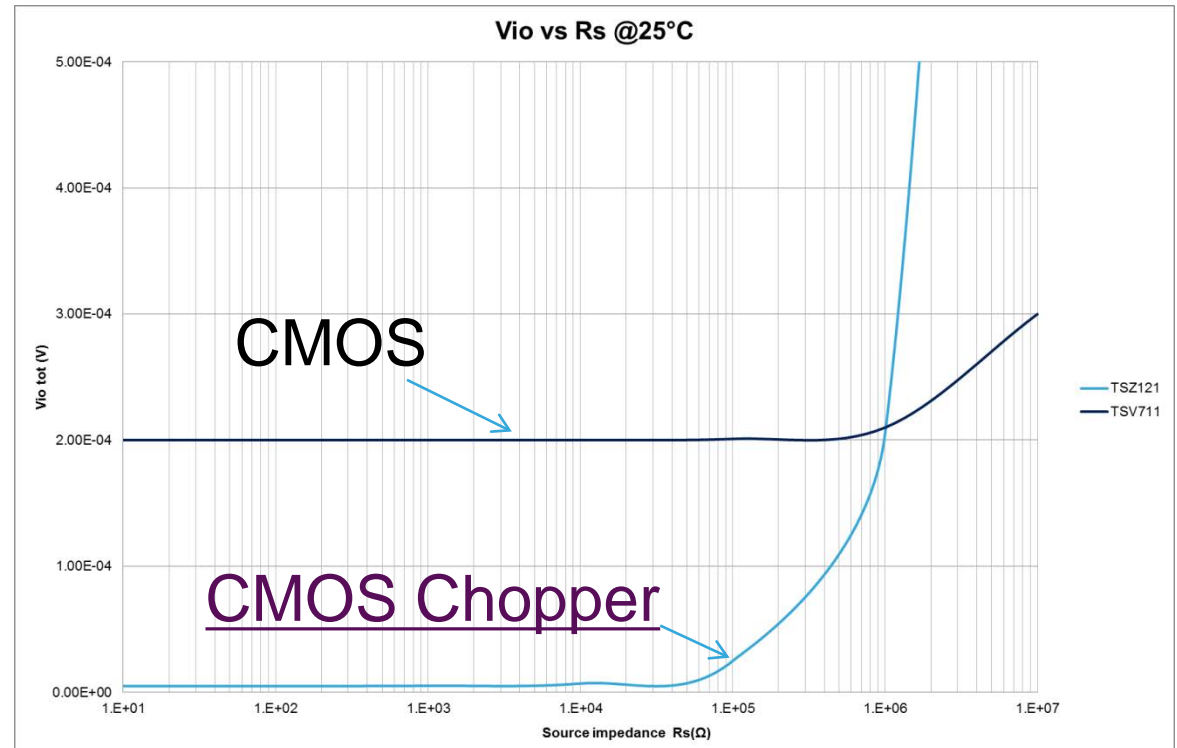
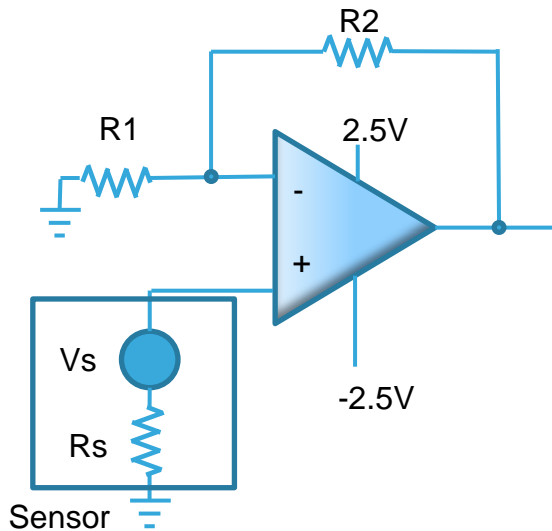


UV table translation for the UV sensor and Gain of 10M						
UV1	UV2	UV3	UV4	UV5	UV6	UV7
0.26 V	0.52 V	0.78 V	1.04 V	1.3 V	1.56 V	1.82 V



# Is the TSZ121 chopper always a good choice?

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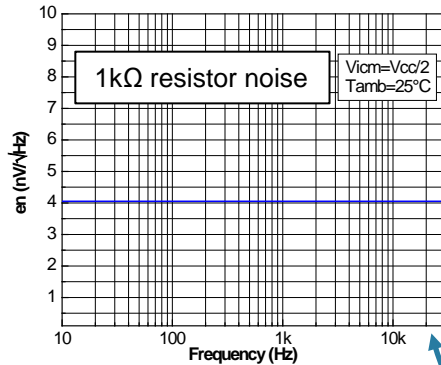
$$V_{io\ tot} = V_{io} + R_s \cdot I_{n+} \quad (1)$$

$$R_s > \frac{V_{io}}{I_{n+}} \quad (2)$$



# Noise sources of an op amp

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Resistors generate a white noise with a spectral density of:

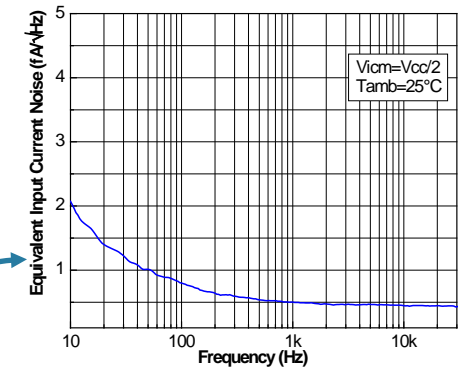
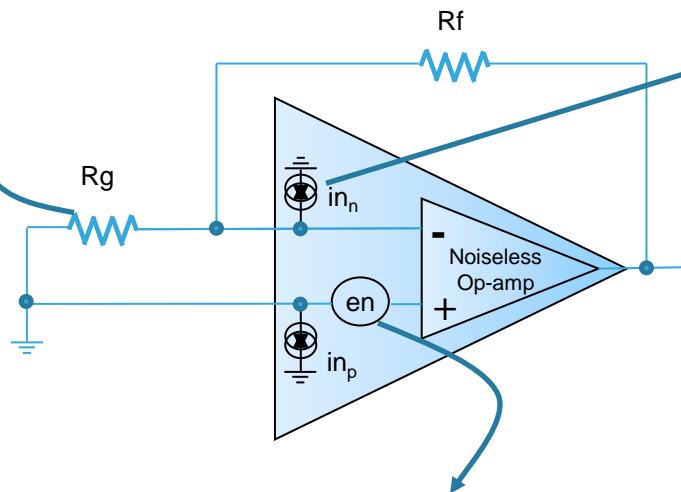
$$e_n = \sqrt{4kTR} \quad \text{V}\sqrt{\text{Hz}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Where

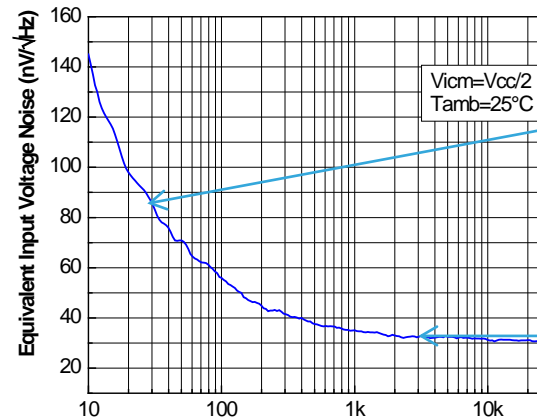
$k = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$   
(Boltzmann's constant)

$T = T(^{\circ}\text{C}) + 273.15$   
(Temperature in Kelvin)

There are 5 sources of noise



For CMOS input op amps  
Input noise current is  
extremely low  
(0.5fA/√Hz) and generally  
does not affect design



$\frac{1}{f}$  noise (flicker noise)

$$e_{nf}(f) = \sqrt{\frac{enf(1\text{Hz})}{f}} \text{ V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

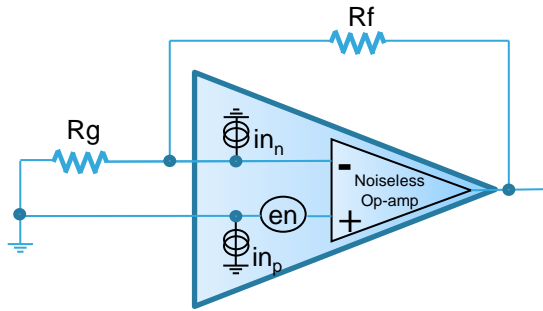
White noise

$e_n \text{ V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$



# Contribution of each source of noise

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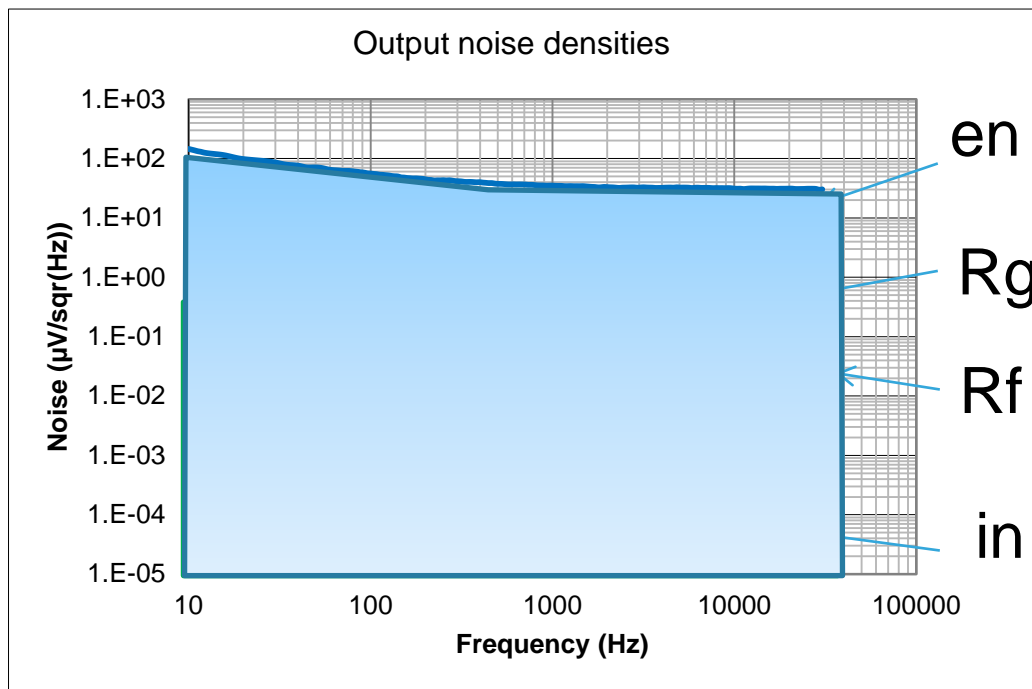
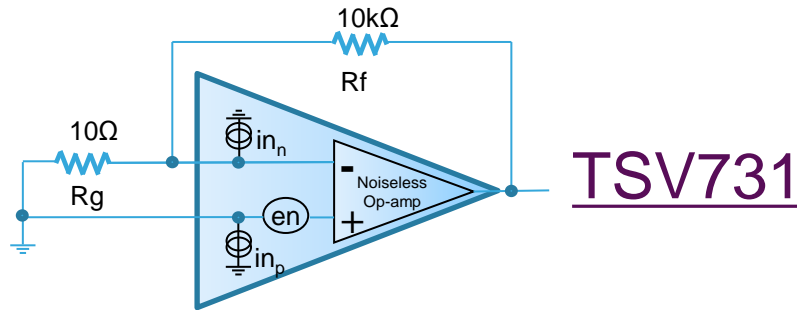


$$V_{out_{rms}} = \sqrt{\int_{f_L}^{f_H} \left[ e_n^2 \left( 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g} \right)^2 + R_f^2 I_{nn}^2 + 4kTR_g \left( \frac{R_f}{R_g} \right)^2 + 4kTR_f \right] df}$$

Noise source	Spectral density noise referred to the output	RMS noise value over a given bandwidth referred to the output
$e_n$	$e_n \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g} \right)$	$\left( 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g} \right) \cdot \sqrt{e_n^2 (FH - FL)}$ if white noise $\left( 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g} \right) \cdot \sqrt{e_n^2 (1\text{Hz}) \cdot \ln\left(\frac{FH}{FL}\right)}$ if 1/f noise
$I_{nn}$	$I_{nn} \cdot R_f$	$R_f \cdot \sqrt{I_{nn}^2 (FH - FL)}$ if white noise
$R_g$	$\frac{R_f}{R_g} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot k \cdot T \cdot R_g}$	$\frac{R_f}{R_g} \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot k \cdot T \cdot R_g \cdot (FH - FL)}$
$R_f$	$\sqrt{4 \cdot k \cdot T \cdot R_f}$	$\sqrt{4 \cdot k \cdot T \cdot R_f \cdot (FH - FL)}$

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## Noise voltage contribution to the output BW=30kHz

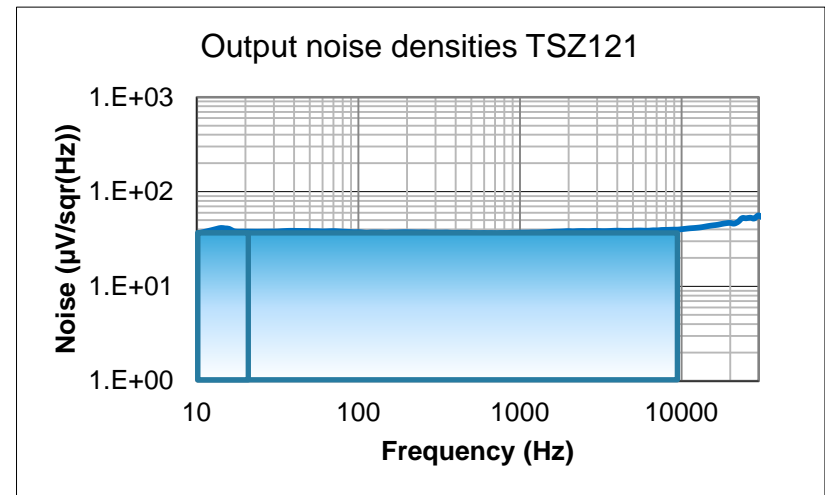
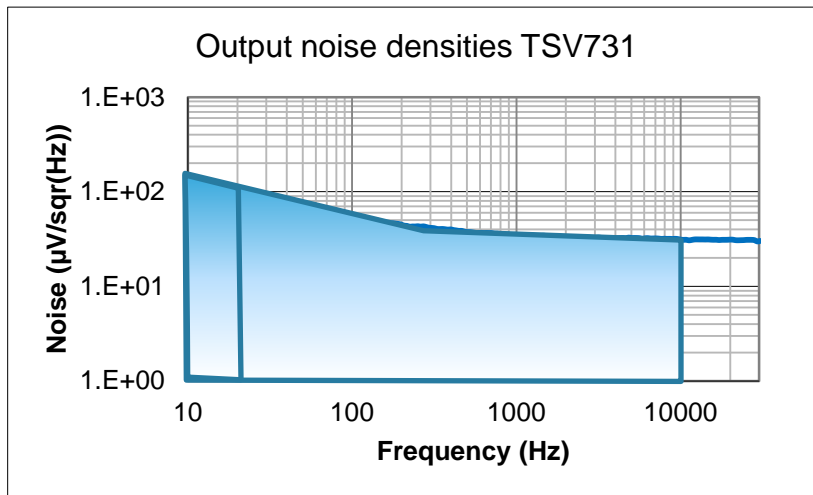
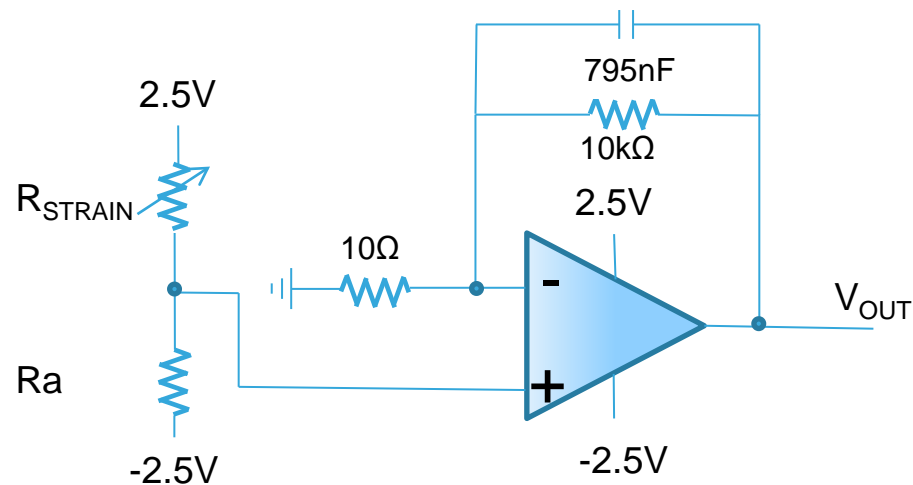
Noise Source		en Vrms
OPAMP	en	$5.37 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	In	$8.66 \cdot 10^{-9}$
THERMAL	Rf	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
	Rg	$70.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$

$$V_{outRms} = \sqrt{en^2 + In^2 + Rf^2 + Rg^2}$$



# Impact of noise in a application

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Bandwidth 20Hz



# Summary of the errors impacting precision

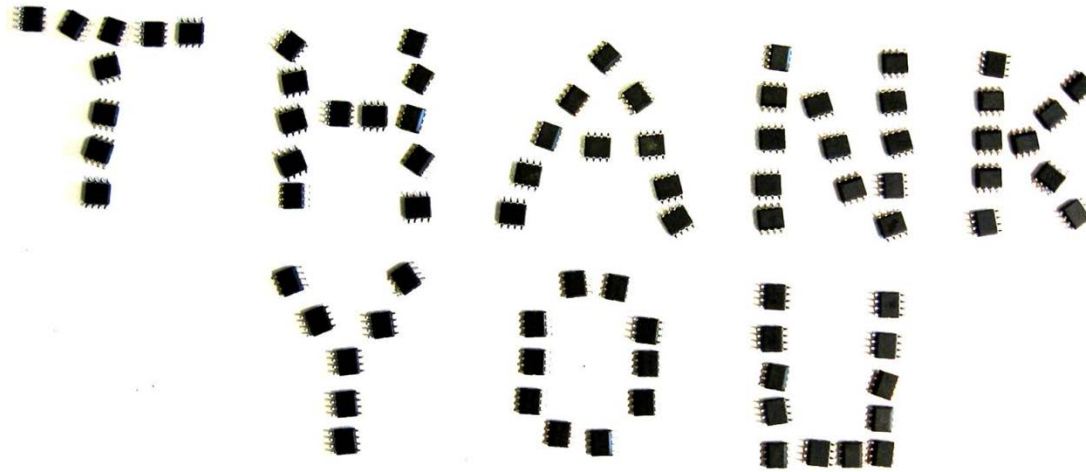
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## Input Referred Error:

The various non-ideal components of an operational amplifier all contribute to its total input referred error.

	Parameter value	Condition	Real Value
<b>Offset</b>	100 $\mu$ V	-	100 $\mu$ V
<b>Offset drift</b>	10 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C	70 $^{\circ}$ C	700 $\mu$ V
<b>CMRR</b>	80dB	0-3V	300 $\mu$ V
<b>PSRR</b>	80dB	5V +/- 10%	50 $\mu$ V
<b>Noise</b>	10 $\mu$ Vpp	0.1-10Hz	10 $\mu$ Vpp

All the errors are summed and must be compared to the input signal.



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