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How much noise does the optical receiver produce

AI Overview

The noise in an optical receiver mainly comes from shot noise, thermal noise, dark current, avalanche multiplication noise (for APDs), and amplifier-induced noise.Key Noise Sources1. Shot Noise: Shot noise arises due to the discrete nature of electric charge and the random arrival of photons at the photodiode. Even when the optical signal is constant, the photocurrent fluctuates because electrons are generated at random times. This noise is proportional to the average photocurrent and is particularly significant in high optical input levels or in avalanche photodiodes (APDs), where multiplication introduces additional statistical fluctuations . 2. Thermal Noise: Thermal noise, also known as Johnson-Nyquist noise, is caused by the random motion of electrons in resistive components of the receiver, such as the load resistor and amplifier circuits. It is independent of the optical signal and becomes dominant in low signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) conditions, especially for PIN photodiodes . 3. Dark Current Noise: Dark current is the small current that flows through a photodiode even in the absence of light. The fluctuations in this current contribute to noise, though it is generally much smaller than shot or thermal noise and can be minimized through careful component selection . 4. Avalanche Multiplication Noise (APDs): In APDs, the internal gain mechanism amplifies the photocurrent, but the stochastic nature of the avalanche process introduces additional noise. The noise level increases with higher avalanche gain, and the excess noise factor quantifies this effect . 5. Amplifier Noise: Electrical amplifiers in the receiver add noise to the signal during amplification. This includes both the inherent noise of the amplifier electronics and the enhancement of thermal noise. The design of low-noise front-end amplifiers is critical to maximize receiver sensitivity .SummaryIn practice, the total noise in an optical receiver is a c...

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5.1 INTRODUCTION This chapter attempts to provide a simplified interpretation of the meaning of “noise,” present its underlying theories, and enumerate various noise sources that contaminate the

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Further, high-performance optical receiver structures and their noise properties are outlined, both for the fiber channel and for the free-space channel. Basic receiver design rules as

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The design of an optical receiver depends on the modulation format used by the transmitter. The chapter deals with various noise sources that limit the signal-to-noise ratio in optical receivers, and also

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Noise equivalent power (NEP): the minimum optical power required to produce a signal-to-noise ratio of 1 A detector with high responsivity, low dark current, and low NEP is essential for

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This document discusses noise sources in optical receivers, including shot noise, thermal noise, dark current noise, and 1/f noise. It examines these noise sources in PIN photodiodes and avalanche

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The objective of this tutorial is to review the noise mechanisms and then discuss the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) in optical receivers. The p-i-n and APD receivers are considered in separate subsections, as

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Optical receivers convert incident optical power Pin into electric current through a photodiode. The relation Ip = RPin assumes that such a conversion is noise free. However, this is not the case even

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As the accumulation of random noise and intersymbol interference (ISI) in both amplitude and timing increases, the receiver optical sensitivity depresses. The performance optical receiver can

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RL NEP is often used to quantify thermal noise. p Typical values of NEP are in the range of 1 to 10 pW/ Hz. Optical power needed to realize a speci c value of SNR obtained p from Pin = (NEP D f)SNR.

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Noise considerations are thus important in the design of optical receivers, because the noise sources operating in the receiver generally set the lowest limit for the signals that can be

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The physics of noise in optical communication links is of great interest in the design of fiber optic communication systems. In this report the role of noise in optical communications, and how it can

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ABSTRACT: The performance of an optical receiver in a digital optical communication link is studied. In the design of an optical receiver, it is vital that the module is capable of converting and shaping the

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An optical receiver usually consists of a photodetector and an electrical circuit for transimpedance amplification and signal manipulation. Important parameters of an optical receiver include

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Electrical Shot Noise The shot noise generated in the photodetection process is physically due to the “quantum granularity” of the received (and photo converted) optical signal

Optical Noise

Optical systems can be subject to shot noise and optical noise, in addition to the standard thermal noise. These require somewhat different models and performance expressions. Receiver

Optical Receiver

An ''Optical Receiver'' is a device that detects and converts the light received from a transmitter into an electrical signal. It consists of a photodetector and an amplifier, which work together to minimize

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