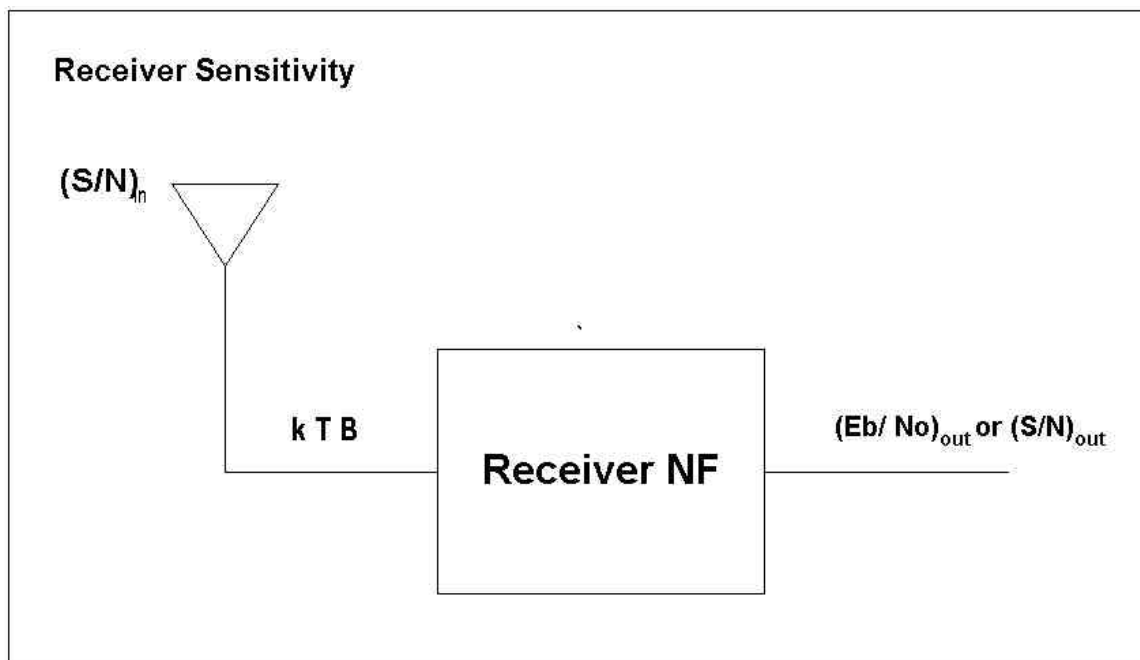


Receiver Sensitivity



$$\begin{aligned} (S/N)_{in} &= (S/N)_{out} + NF \\ S_{in} - N_{in} &= (S/N)_{out} + NF \\ S_{in} &= N_{in} + (S/N)_{out} + NF \\ \text{where } N_{in} &= 10 * \log (k * T * B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{thus, } S_{in} = 10 * \log (k * T * B) + NF + (S/N)_{out}$$

where S_{in} is the receiver sensitivity

N_{in} is the antenna noise that is transferred to the receiver

k is the Boltzmann constant ($1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/}^\circ\text{K}$)

T is the system operating temperature in $^\circ\text{K}$, typically 290°K

B is the system noise bandwidth in Hz

NF is the noise figure

$(S/N)_{out}$ is the usable sensitivity of the analog receiver. In digital systems, the receiver performance is stated as E_b/N_o , the Modulation Bit Energy (E_b) divided by noise Spectral Density (N_o)

Total Noise input in dBm is given by

$$\text{Absolute Sensitivity (dBm)} = 10 * \log (k * T * B) + NF$$

$$\text{Absolute Sensitivity (dBm)} = 10 \log (k * T) + \log B + NF$$

$$\text{Absolute Sensitivity (dBm)} = -174 + \log B + N$$