CircuiTikZ

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1 Introduction

After two years of little exposure only on my personal website¹, I did a major rehauling of the code of CircuiTikZ, fixing several problems and converting everything to TikZ version 2.0.

I'm not too sure about the result, because my (La)TEX skills are much to be improved, but it seems it's time for more user feedback. So, here it is...

¹Now the package is moved to its own git repository: https://github.com/mredaelli/circuitikz. Contributions are welcome.

I know the documentation is somewhat scant. Hope to have time to improve it a bit.

1.1 About

This package provides a set of macros for naturally typesetting electrical and (somewhat less naturally, perhaps) electronical networks.

It was born mainly for writing my own exercise book and exams sheets for the Elettrotecnica courses at Politecnico di Milano, Italy. I wanted a tool that was easy to use, with a lean syntax, native to LATEX, and supporting directly PDF output format.

So I based everything with the very impressive (if somewhat verbose at times) ${
m Ti}k{
m Z}$ package.

1.2 Loading the package

IATEX	ConT _E Xt ²
\usepackage{circuitikz}	\usemodule[circuitikz]

TikZ will be automatically loaded.

CircuiTikZ commands are just TikZ commands, so a minimum usage example would be:

$$R_1$$
 \tag{tikz \draw (0,0) to [R=\$R_1\$] (2,0);

1.3 License

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1.4 Feedback

1.5 Requirements

- tikz, version ≥ 2 ;
- xstring, not older than 2009/03/13;
- siunitx, if using siunitx option.

 $^{^2\}mathrm{ConT}_{\overline{\mathbb{R}}}\!\mathrm{Xt}$ suppurt was added mostly thanks to Mojca Miklavec and Aditya Mahajan.

1.6 Incompatible packages

TikZ's own circuit library, which is based on CircuiTikZ, (re?)defines several styles used by this library. In order to have them work together I added the compatibility package option, which basically prefixes the names of all CircuiTikZ to[] styles with an asterisk.

So, if loaded with said option, one must write (0,0) to [*R] (2,0) and, for transistors on a path, (0,0) to [*Tnmos] (2,0), and so on (but (0,0) node [nmos] {}). See example at page 57.

1.7 Introduction to version 0.3.0

Probably nobody is hoping or caring for a new version of the package at this point, seeing how long it took me for this next release. But here it is, fixing a big problem (voltage labels in the wrong place, in some cases) and adding several components.

Thanks for bug reporting and suggesting improvements.

1.8 Introduction to version 0.2.3

Having waited a long time before updating the package, many feature requests piled on my desk. They should all be implemented now.

There are a number of backward incompatibilities—I'm sorry, but I had to make a choice in order not to have a schizophrenic interface. They are mostly, in my opinion, minor problems that can be dealt with with appropriate package options:

- potentiometer is now the standard resistor-with-arrow-in-the-middle; the old potentiometer is now known as variable resistor (or vR), similarly to variable inductor and variable capacitor;
- american inductor was not really the standard american inductor. The old american inductor has been renamed cute inductor;
- transformer, transformer core and variable inductor are now linked with the chosen type of inductor;
- styles for selecting shape variants (like [american resistors]) are now in the plural to avoid conflict with paths (like to [american resistor]).

2 Package options

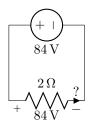
Circuit people are very opinionated about their symbols. The package, left to its own devices, loads with drawing conventions that I like, so for instance you get this:

```
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & \\
```

But if you really, really want your circuit ugly, you can load the package with:

IATEX	ConTEXt
\usepackage[american]{circuitikz}	\usemodule[circuitikz][american]

and you get (don't blame me)



Here is the list of all the options:

- europeanvoltages: uses arrows to define voltages, and uses european-style voltage sources;
- \bullet americanvoltages: uses and + to define voltages, and uses americanstyle voltage sources;
- europeancurrents: uses european-style current sources;
- americancurrents: uses american-style current sources;
- europeanresistors: uses rectangular empty shape for resistors, as per european standards;
- americanresistors: uses zig-zag shape for resistors, as per american standards;
- europeaninductors: uses rectangular filled shape for inductors, as per european standards;
- americaninductors: uses "4-bumps" shape for inductors, as per american standards;
- cuteinductors: uses my personal favorite, "pig-tailed" shape for inductors;

- americanports: uses triangular logic ports, as per american standards;
- europeanports: uses rectangular logic ports, as per european standards;
- americangfsurgearrester: uses round gas filled surge arresters, as per american standards;
- europeangfsurgearrester: uses rectangular gas filled surge arresters, as per european standards:
- european: equivalent to europeancurrents, europeanvoltages, europeanresistors, europeaninductors, europeanports, europeangfsurgearrester;
- american: equivalent to americancurrents, americanvoltages, americanresistors, americaninductors, americanports, americangfsurgearrester;
- siunitx: integrates with SIunitx package. If labels, currents or voltages are of the form #1<#2> then what is shown is actually \SI{#1}{#2};
- nosiunitx: labels are not interpreted as above;
- fulldiodes: the various diodes are drawn and filled by default, i.e. when using styles such as diode, D, sD, ... Un-filled diode can always be forced with Do, sDo, ...
- emptydiodes: the various diodes are drawn but not filled by default, i.e. when using styles such as diode, D, sD, ... Filled diode can always be forced with D*, sD*, ...
- arrowmos: pmos and nmos have arrows analogous to those of pnp and npn transistors:
- noarrowmos: pmos and nmos do not have arrows analogous to those of pnp and npn transistors;
- straightlabels: labels on bipoles are always printed straight up, i.e. with horizontal baseline;
- rotatelabels: labels on bipoles are always printed aligned along the bipole;
- smartlabels: labels on bipoles are rotated along the bipoles, unless the rotation is very close to multiples of 90°;
- \bullet compatibility: makes it possibile to load CircuiTikZ and TikZ circuit library together.
- oldvoltagedirection: Use old(erronous) way of voltage direction having a difference between european and american direction
- $\bullet\,$ fetsolder dot: Draw solder dot at bulk-source junction of some transistors
- nofetsolderdot: Do not draw solderdot at bulk-source junction of some transistors

The old options in the singular (like american voltage) are still available for compatibility, but are discouraged.

Loading the package with no options is equivalent to my own personal liking, that is to the following options:

that is to the following options:
[nofetsolderdot,nooldvoltagedirection,europeancurrents,europeanvoltages,americanports,amer

In ConTEXt the options are similarly specified: current=european|american, voltage=european|american, resistor=american|european, inductor=cute|american|european, logic=american|european, siunitx=true|false, arrowmos=false|true.

3 The components

Here follows the list of all the shapes defined by CircuiTikZ. These are all pgf nodes, so they are usable in both pgf and TikZ.

Each bipole (plus triac and thyristors) are shown using the following command, where #1 is the name of the component³:

```
\begin{center}\begin{circuitikz} \draw
  (0,0) to[ #1 ] (2,0)
; \end{circuitikz} \end{center}
```

The other shapes are shown with:

```
\begin{center}\begin{circuitikz} \draw
  (0,0) node[ #1 ] {}
; \end{circuitikz} \end{center}
```

Please notice that for user convenience transistors can also be inputted using the syntax for bipoles. See section 5.6.

If using the \tikzexternalize feature, as of Tikz 2.1 all pictures must end with \tikzexternalize . Thus you cannot use the circuitikz environment.

Which is ok: just use tikzpicture: everything will work there just fine.

3.1 Monopoles

• Ground (node[ground])



• Reference ground (node[rground])



• Signal ground (node[sground])

³If #1 is the name of the bipole/the style, then the actual name of the shape is #1shape.



 $\bullet \ \, {\rm Thicker \ ground \ (node[tground])}$

• Noiseless ground (node[nground])



• Protective ground (node[pground])



• Chassis ground⁴ (node[cground])



• Antenna (node[antenna])



• Receiving antenna (node[rxantenna])



• Transmitting antenna (node[txantenna])



⁴These last three were contributed by Luigi «Liverpool»)

• Transmission line stub (node[tlines	
	-
• VCC (node[vcc])	
	\uparrow
• VCC (node[vee])	
	\downarrow
• match (node[match])	
3.2 Bipoles	
3.2.1 Instruments	
• Ammeter (ammeter)	
	— <u>A</u> —
• Voltmeter (voltmeter)	
	<u></u>
• Ohmmeter (ohmmeter)	
	<u></u>
3.2.2 Basic resistive bipolesShort circuit (short)	
• Open circuit (open)	

• Lamp (lamp)



• Generic (symmetric) bipole (generic)



• Tunable generic bipole (tgeneric)



• Generic asymmetric bipole (ageneric)



• Generic asymmetric bipole (full) (fullgeneric)



• Tunable generic bipole (full) (tfullgeneric)



• Memristor (memristor, or Mr)



3.2.3 Resistors and the like

If (default behaviour) americanresistors option is active (or the style [american resistors] is used), the resistor is displayed as follows:

• Resistor (R, or american resistor)



• Variable resistor (vR, or variable american resistor)



• Potentiometer (pR, or american potentiometer)



If instead europeanresistors option is active (or the style [european resistors] is used), the resistors, variable resistors and potentiometers are displayed as follows:

• Resistor (R, or european resistor)



• Variable resistor (vR, or european variable resistor)



• Potentiometer (pR, or european potentiometer)



Other miscellaneous resistor-like devices:

• Varistor (varistor)



• Photoresistor (phR, or photoresistor)



• Thermocouple (thermocouple)



• Thermistor (thR, or thermistor)



• PTC thermistor (thRp, or thermistor ptc)



• NTC thermistor (thRn, or thermistor ntc)



• Fuse (fuse)



• Asymmetric fuse (afuse, or asymmetric fuse)



3.2.4 Stationary sources

• Battery (battery)



• Single battery cell (battery1)



• Voltage source (european style) (european voltage source)



• Voltage source (american style) (american voltage source)



• Current source (european style) (european current source)



• Current source (american style) (american current source)



If (default behaviour) europeancurrents option is active (or the style [european currents] is used), the shorthands current source, isource, and I are equivalent to european current source. Otherwise, if americancurrents option is active (or the style [american currents] is used) they are equivalent to american current source.

Similarly, if (default behaviour) europeanvoltages option is active (or the style [european voltages] is used), the shorthands voltage source, vsource, and V are equivalent to european voltage source. Otherwise, if americanvoltages option is active (or the style [american voltages] is used) they are equivalent to american voltage source.

3.2.5 Diodes and such

• Empty diode (empty diode, or Do)



• Empty Schottky diode (empty Schottky diode, or sDo)



• Empty Zener diode (empty Zener diode, or zDo)



• Empty tunnel diode (empty tunnel diode, or tDo)



• Empty photodiode (empty photodiode, or pDo)



• Empty led (empty led, or leDo)



• Empty varcap (empty varcap, or VCo)



• Full diode (full diode, or D*)



• Full Schottky diode (full Schottky diode, or sD*)



• Full Zener diode (full Zener diode, or zD*)



• Full tunnel diode (full tunnel diode, or tD*)



• Full photodiode (full photodiode, or pD*)



• Full led (full led, or leD*)



• Full varcap (full varcap, or VC*)



The options fulldiodes and emptydiodes (and the styles [full diodes] and [empty diodes]) define which shape will be used by abbreviated commands such that D, \mathtt{sD} , \mathtt{zD} , \mathtt{tD} , \mathtt{pD} , \mathtt{leD} , and \mathtt{VC} .

• Squid (squid)



• Barrier (barrier)



• European gas filled surge arrester (european gas filled surge arrester)



• American gas filled surge arrester (american gas filled surge arrester)



If (default behaviour) europeangfsurgearrester option is active (or the style [european gas filled surge arrester] is used), the shorthands gas filled surge arrester and gf surge arrester are equivalent to the european version of the component.

If otherwise americangfsurgearrester option is active (or the style [american gas filled surge arrester] is used), the shorthands the shorthands gas filled surge arrester and gf surge arrester are equivalent to the american version of the component.

3.2.6 Basic dynamical bipoles

• Capacitor (capacitor, or C)



• Polar capacitor (polar capacitor, or pC)



• Electrolytic capacitor (ecapacitor, or eC,elko)



 $\bullet \ \ {\rm Variable \ capacitor} \ \ ({\tt variable \ capacitor}, \ {\tt or} \ {\tt vC})$



• Piezoelectric Element (piezoelectric, or PZ)



If (default behaviour) cuteinductors option is active (or the style [cute inductors] is used), the inductors are displayed as follows:

• Inductor (L, or cute inductor)

___m___

• Variable inductor (vL, or variable cute inductor)



If american inductors option is active (or the style [american inductors] is used), the inductors are displayed as follows:

• Inductor (L, or american inductor)

• Variable inductor (vL, or variable american inductor)



Finally, if europeaninductors option is active (or the style [european inductors] is used), the inductors are displayed as follows:

• Inductor (L, or european inductor)



• Variable inductor (vL, or variable european inductor)



There is also a transmission line:

• Transmission line (TL, or transmission line, tline)



3.2.7 Sinusoidal sources

Here because I was asked for them. But how do you distinguish one from the other?

 \bullet Sinusoidal voltage source (sinusoidal voltage source, or vsourcesin, $\mathtt{sV})$



• Sinusoidal current source (sinusoidal current source, or isourcesin, sI)



3.2.8 Special sources

 \bullet Square voltage source (square voltage source, or vsourcesquare, sqV)



• Triangle voltage source (vsourcetri, or tV)



• Empty voltage source (esource)



• Photovoltaic-voltage source (pvsource)



3.2.9 DC sources

• DC voltage source (dcvsource)



• DC current source (dcisource)



3.2.10 Switch

• Switch (switch, or spst)



• Closing switch (closing switch, or cspst)



• Opening switch (opening switch, or ospst)



• Push button (push button)



Block diagram components 3.2.11

Contributed by Stefan Erhardt.

• generic two port⁵ (twoport)



 \bullet vco (vco)



• bandpass (bandpass)



• highpass (highpass)



• lowpass (lowpass)

 $^{^5}$ To specify text to be put in the component: twoport[t=text]):



• A/D converter (adc)



 \bullet D/A converter (dac)



• DSP (dsp)



• FFT (fft)



• amplifier (amp)



ullet VGA (vamp)



• π attenuator (piattenuator)



• var. π attenuator (vpiattenuator)



• T attenuator (tattenuator)



• var. T attenuator (vtattenuator)



• phase shifter (phaseshifter)



• var. phase shifter (vphaseshifter)



• detector (detector)



3.3 Tripoles

3.3.1 Controlled sources

Admittedly, graphically they are bipoles. But I couldn't...

 \bullet Controlled voltage source (european style) (european controlled voltage source)



• Controlled voltage source (american style) (american controlled voltage source)



• Controlled current source (european style) (european controlled current source)

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• Controlled current source (american style) (american controlled current source)



If (default behaviour) europeancurrents option is active (or the style [european currents] is used), the shorthands controlled current source, cisource, and cI are equivalent to european controlled current source. Otherwise, if americancurrents option is active (or the style [american currents] is used) they are equivalent to american controlled current source.

Similarly, if (default behaviour) europeanvoltages option is active (or the style [european voltages] is used), the shorthands controlled voltage source, cvsource, and cV are equivalent to european controlled voltage source. Otherwise, if americanvoltages option is active (or the style [american voltages] is used) they are equivalent to american controlled voltage source.

• Controlled sinusoidal voltage source (controlled sinusoidal voltage source, or controlled vsourcesin, cvsourcesin, csV)



• Controlled sinusoidal current source (controlled sinusoidal current source, or controlled isourcesin, cisourcesin, csI)



3.3.2 Transistors

• NMOS (node[nmos])



• PMOS (node[pmos])



• NPN (node[npn])



• PNP (node[pnp])



• NPN (node[npn,photo])



• PNP (node[pnp,photo])



• NPIGBT (node[nigbt])



• PIGBT (node[pigbt])



The Base/Gate connection of all transistors can be disable by using the options nogate or nobase, respectively. The Base/Gate anchors are floating, but there an additional anchor "nogate"/"nobase", which can be used to point to the unconnected base:

```
C | 1 \begin{circuitikz} | 2 | \draw (2,0) node[npn,nobase](npn){}; | 3 | \draw (npn.E) node[below]{E}; | 4 | \draw (npn.C) node[above]{C}; | 5 | \draw (npn.B) node[circ]{} node[left]{B}; | 6 | \draw[dashed,red,-latex] (1,0.5)--(npn.nobase); | 7 \end{circuitikz}
```

If the option arrowmos is used (or after the command \ctikzset{tripoles/mos style/arrows} is given), this is the output:

• NMOS (node[nmos])



• PMOS (node[pmos])



NFETs and PFETs have been incorporated based on code provided by Clemens Helfmeier and Theodor Borsche. Use the package options fetsolderdot/nofetsolderdot to enable/disable solderdot at some fet-transistors. Additionally, the solderdot option can be enabled/disabled for single transistors with the option "solderdot" and "nosolderdot", respectively.

• NFET (node[nfet])



• NIGFETE (node[nigfete])



• NIGFETE (node[nigfete, solderdot])



• NIGFETEBULK (node[nigfetebulk])



• NIGFETD (node[nigfetd])



• PFET (node[pfet])



• PIGFETE (node[pigfete])



 $\bullet \ \mathtt{PIGFETEBULK} \ (\mathtt{node[pigfetebulk]}) \\$



• PIGFETD (node[pigfetd])



 NJFET and PJFET have been incorporated based on code provided by Danilo Piazzalunga:

• NJFET (node[njfet])



• PJFET (node[pjfet])



ISFET

• ISFET (node[isfet])



3.3.3 Block diagram

These come from Stefan Erhardt's contribution of block diagram components. Add a box around them with the option box.

• MIXER (node[mixer])



 \bullet ADDER (node[adder])



• OSCILLATOR (node[oscillator])



• CIRCULATOR (node[circulator])



 $\bullet \ \, \text{WILKINSON DIVIDER} \, \, \big(\text{node}[\texttt{wilkinson}] \big) \\$



3.3.4 Switch

• SPDT (node[spdt])



• Toggle switch (toggle switch)



3.3.5 Other bipole-like tripoles

The following tripoles are entered with the usual command of the form

• triac (triac, or Tr)



• thyristor (thyristor, or Ty)



3.4 Double bipoles

Transformers automatically use the inductor shape currently selected. These are the three possibilities:

• Transformer (cute inductor) (node[transformer])



• Transformer (american inductor) (node[transformer])



• Transformer (european inductor) (node[transformer])



Transformers with core are also available:

• Transformer core (cute inductor) (node[transformer core])



 $\bullet \ \operatorname{Transformer} \ \operatorname{core} \ (\operatorname{american} \ \operatorname{inductor}) \ (\operatorname{node}[\mathtt{transformer} \ \mathtt{core}])$



• Transformer core (european inductor) (node[transformer core])



• Gyrator (node[gyrator])



• Coupler (node[coupler])



• Coupler, 2 (node[coupler2])



3.5 Logic gates

• American AND port (node[american and port])



• American OR port (node[american or port])



• American NOT port (node[american not port])



• American NAND port (node[american nand port])



 $\bullet \ \operatorname{American} \ \operatorname{NOR} \ \operatorname{port} \ (\operatorname{node}[\mathtt{american} \ \mathtt{nor} \ \mathtt{port}])$



• American XOR port (node[american xor port])



 $\bullet \ \operatorname{American} \ \operatorname{XNOR} \ \operatorname{port} \ (\operatorname{node}[\mathtt{american} \ \mathtt{xnor} \ \mathtt{port}])$



• European AND port (node[european and port])



• European OR port (node[european or port])



• European NOT port (node[european not port])



• European NAND port (node[european nand port])



• European NOR port (node[european nor port])



• European XOR port (node[european xor port])

• European XNOR port (node[european xnor port])



If (default behaviour) americanports option is active (or the style [american ports] is used), the shorthands and port, or port, not port, nand port, not port, xor port, and xnor port are equivalent to the american version of the respective logic port.

If otherwise europeanports option is active (or the style [european ports] is used), the shorthands and port, or port, not port, nand port, not port, xor port, and xnor port are equivalent to the european version of the respective logic port.

3.6 Amplifiers

• Operational amplifier (node[op amp])



• Fully differential operational amplifier 6 (node[fd op amp])



• transconductance amplifier (node[gm amp])



• Plain amplifier (node[plain amp])



• Buffer (node[buffer])



3.7 Support shapes

• Arrows (current and voltage) (node[currarrow])

▶

• Arrow to draw at its tip, useful for block diagrams. (node[inputarrow])

⁶Contributed by Kristofer M. Monisit.

- Connected terminal (node[circ])
- Unconnected terminal (node[ocirc])

4 Usage

```
1 \begin{circuitikz}
R_1
                     \det (0,0) \ to[R, 1=\$R \ 1\$] (2,0);
                 3 \end{circuitikz}
                 1 \begin{circuitikz}
R_1
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R=\$R \ 1\$] (2,0);
                 _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
                 _{1} \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{ circuitikz \}
                 draw (0,0) to [R, i=$i_1$] (2,0);
                 з \end{circuitikz}
                 _1 \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v=\$v \ 1\$] (2,0);
                 _3 \setminus \mathbf{end}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
                 1 \begin{circuitikz}
R_1
                       \label{eq:condition} $$ \det (0,0) \ to[R=\$R_1\$, i=\$i_1\$, v=\$v_1\$] \ (2,0);
                 3 \end{circuitikz}
                 _{1} \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{\mathrm{circuitikz}\}
R_1
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R=\$R \ 1\$, i=\$i \ 1\$, v=\$v \ 1\$] (2,0);
                 з \end{circuitikz}
```

Long names/styles for the bipoles can be used:

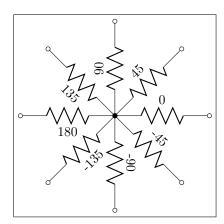
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}\hline 1 & & & \\ \hline &$$

4.1 Labels

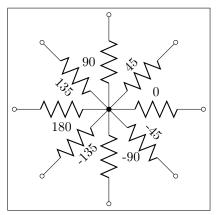
```
 \begin{array}{c|c} \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ R_1 \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\
```

The default orientation of labels is controlled by the options smartlabels, rotatelabels and straightlabels (or the corresponding label/align keys). Here are examples to see the differences:

```
 \begin{circuitikz} $ _2 \land ctikzset \{label/align = straight\} $ _3 \land ef \land DIR \{0,45,90,135,180,-90,-45,-135\} $ _4 \land (0,0) to [R= \index] $ _5 \land (0,0) to [R= \index] $ (\index] $ _6 \} $ _7 \land end \{circuitikz\} $
```



```
 \begin{circuitikz} \\ {}_{2} \ctikzset {label/align} = rotate \} \\ {}_{3} \def \DIR \{0,45,90,135,180,-90,-45,-135\} \\ {}_{4} \colon \cline{Circuitikz} \} \\ {}_{5} \cdot \cdot
```



```
 \begin{circuitikz} & \circuitikz \ & \circu
```

4.2 Currents

The counting direction of currents and voltages have changed with version 0.5, for compability reasons there is a option to use the olddirections (see options). For the new scheme, the following rules apply:

- **Normal bipoles:** currents and voltages are counted positiv in drawing direction.
- Current Sources: current is counted positiv in drawing direction, voltage in opposite direction
- Voltage Sources: voltage is counted positiv in drawing direction, current in opposite direction

With this convention, the power at loads is positive and negative at sources.

```
1 \begin{circuitikz}
                        \det (0,0) \ to[R, i^>=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                        \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i >=\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i^<=\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i <=\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  з \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i>^=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i> =\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i<^=\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i < =\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \end{circuitikz}
Also
                  1 \begin{circuitikz}
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i <=\$i \ 1\$] (2,0);
                  3 \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
```

```
1 \begin{circuitikz}
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i>=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
                з \end{circuitikz}
                1 \begin{circuitikz}
                   \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i^=$i_1$] (2,0);
                3 \end{circuitikz}
                1 \begin{circuitikz}
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
               3 \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
10V
               1 \begin{circuitikz}
                     \det (0,0) \ \text{to}[V=10V, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
               _{3} \ \mathbf{end}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
10V
               1 \begin{circuitikz}
                    \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [V \le 10V, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
               3 \end{circuitikz}
10V
               1 \begin{circuitikz}[american]
                     \forall \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [V=10V, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
               3 \end{circuitikz}
10V
               1 \begin{circuitikz}[american]
                     \draw (0,0) to
[V<=10V, i_=$i_1$] (2,0);
1 +
               _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
```

4.3 Voltages

See introduction note at Currents (chapter 4.2, page 33)!

4.3.1 European style

The default, with arrows. Use option europeanvoltage or style [european voltages].

```
1 \begin{circuitikz}[european voltages]
                       \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v_<=$v_1$] (2,0);
                 _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
10V
                 1 \begin{circuitikz}
                    \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [V=10V, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
                 3 \end{circuitikz}
10V
                 _{1} \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{\mathrm{circuitikz}\}
                       \det (0,0) \ \text{to}[V \le 10V, i_=\$i_1\$] (2,0);
                 _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
1A
                 1 \begin{circuitikz}
                      \det (0,0) \ to[I=1A, v_=$u_1$] (2,0);
                 _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
1A
                 _1 \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
                    \det (0,0) \ \text{to}[I \le 1A, v_=\$i_1\$] \ (2,0);
                 3 \end{circuitikz}
```

4.3.2 American style

For those who like it (not me). Use option americanvoltage or set [american voltages].

```
1 \begin{circuitikz}[american voltages]
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v^>=\$v_1\$] (2,0);
               3 \end{circuitikz}
               _{1} \begin{circuitikz}[american voltages]
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v^<=$v_1$] (2,0);
               _{3} \ \mathbf{end}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
               _{1} \begin{circuitikz}[american voltages]
                   \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v_>=\$v_1\$] (2,0);
               3 \end{circuitikz}
               _{1} \begin{circuitikz}[american voltages]
                     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, v_{<} = v_1] (2,0);
               _{3} \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
1A
               1 \begin{circuitikz}[american]
                   \frac{1}{1} \operatorname{draw}(0,0) \text{ to}[1=1A, v_=\$u_1\$] (2,0);
               _3 \ \mathbf{end}\{ circuitikz \}
```

```
 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & 1A & & & \\ \hline & + & & \\ \hline & & - & \\ \hline & & i_1 & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & \\ & & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ \hline & & \\
```

4.4 Nodes

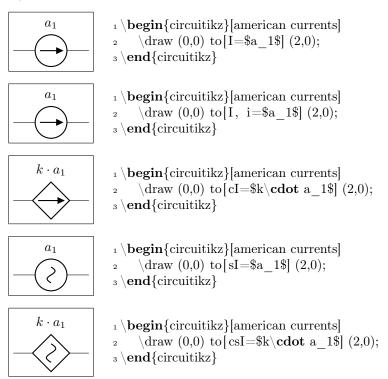
```
1 \begin{circuitikz}
      \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, o-o] (2,0);
3 \end{circuitikz}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, -o] (2,0);
3 \end{circuitikz}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
   \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, o-] (2,0);
3 \end{circuitikz}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
    \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, *-*] (2,0);
3 \mathbf{end}\{circuitikz\}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, -*] (2,0);
_3 \setminus \mathbf{end}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
_1 \setminus \mathbf{begin}\{\mathbf{circuitikz}\}
     \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [R, *-] (2,0);
3 \end{circuitikz}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
      \det (0,0) \ \text{to}[R, o-*] \ (2,0);
3 \end{circuitikz}
1 \begin{circuitikz}
    \det (0,0) \ \text{to} [R, *-o] \ (2,0);
_{3} \ \mathbf{end} \{ circuitikz \}
```

4.5 Special components

For some components label, current and voltage behave as one would expect:

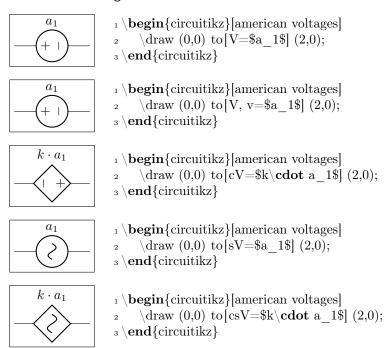
```
k \cdot a_1 \qquad \qquad ^{1} \begin\{circuitikz\} \\ \qquad \qquad ^{2} \draw\ (0,0)\ to [cI=\$k\cdot\ a\_1\$]\ (2,0); \\ \qquad \qquad ^{3} \end\{circuitikz\} 
= \qquad \qquad ^{1} \begin\{circuitikz\} \\ \qquad \qquad ^{2} \draw\ (0,0)\ to [sI=\$a\_1\$]\ (2,0); \\ \qquad \qquad ^{3} \end\{circuitikz\} 
= \qquad \qquad ^{1} \begin\{circuitikz\} \\ \qquad \qquad ^{4} \draw\ (0,0)\ to [csI=\$k\cdot\ a\_1\$]\ (2,0); \\ \qquad \qquad ^{4} \draw\ (0,0)\ to [csI=\$k\cdot\ a\_1\$]\ (2,0); \\ \qquad \qquad ^{4} \end\{circuitikz\}
```

The following results from using the option americancurrent or using the style [american currents].



The same holds for voltage sources:

The following results from using the option americanvoltage or the style [american voltages].

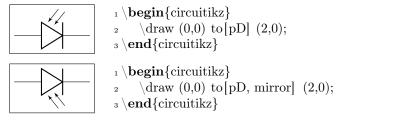


4.6 Integration with siunitx

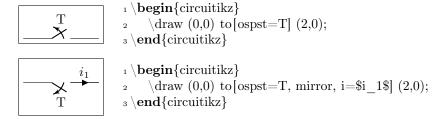
If the option $\mathtt{siunitx}$ is active (and not in $\mathtt{ConTEXt}$), then the following are equivalent:

```
| \begin{circuitikz} | \draw (0,0) to [R, i=1<\milli\ampere>] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, i=1<\milli\ampere>] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, i=$\SI\{1\}{\milli\ampere}\$] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, i=$\SI\{1\}{\milli\ampere}\$] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=1<\volt>] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=1<\volt>] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=1<\volt>] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=$\SI\{1\}{\volt}\$] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=$\si\SI\{1\}{\volt}\$] (2,0); | \draw (0,0) to [R, v=$\si\SI\{1\}{\volt}\$]
```

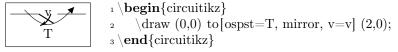
4.7 Mirroring



At the moment, placing labels and currents on mirrored bipoles works:

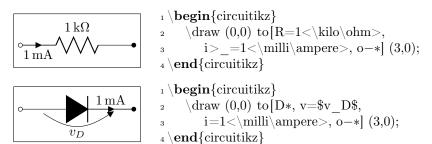


But voltages don't:



Sorry about that.

4.8 Putting them together



5 Not only bipoles

Since only bipoles (but see section 5.6) can be placed "along a line", components with more than two terminals are placed as nodes:

```
+5 V

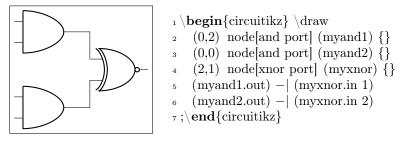
| 1 \begin{circuitikz}
| 2 \draw (0,0) node[npn](npn) at (0,0) {};
| 3 \draw (npn.C) --++(0,0.5) node[vcc]{+5\,\textnormal{V}};
| 4 \draw (npn.E) --++(0,-0.5) node[vee]{-5\,\textnormal{V}};
| 5 \end{circuitikz}
```

5.1 Anchors

In order to allow connections with other components, all components define anchors.

5.1.1 Logical ports

All logical ports, except NOT, have two inputs and one output. They are called respectively in 1, in 2, out:



In the case of NOT, there are only in and out (although for compatibility reasons in 1 is still defined and equal to in):

```
1 \begin{circuitikz} \draw
2 (1,0) node[not port] (not1) {}
3 (3,0) node[not port] (not2) {}
4 (0,0) -- (not1.in)
5 (not2.in) -- (not1.out)
6 ++(0,-1) node[ground] {} to[C] (not1.out)
7 (not2.out) -| (4,1) -| (0,0)
8 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

5.1.2 Transistors

For NMOS, PMOS, NFET, NIGFETE, NIGFETD, PFET, PIGFETE, and PIGFETD transistors one has base, gate, source and drain anchors (which can be abbreviated with B, G, S and D):

```
D
| Comparison of the content of the
```

Similarly NJFET and PJFET have gate, source and drain anchors (which can be abbreviated with G, S and D):

For NPN, PNP, NIGBT, and PIGBT transistors the anchors are base, emitter and collector anchors (which can be abbreviated with B, E and C):

```
\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline C & {}^{1} \backslash \mathbf{begin}\{\mathrm{circuitikz}\} \backslash \mathrm{draw} \\ {}^{2} & (0,0) \ \mathrm{node}[\mathrm{npn}] \ (\mathrm{npn}) \ \{\} \\ {}^{3} & (\mathrm{npn.base}) \ \mathrm{node}[\mathrm{anchor}{=}\mathrm{east}] \ \{B\} \\ {}^{4} & (\mathrm{npn.collector}) \ \mathrm{node}[\mathrm{anchor}{=}\mathrm{south}] \ \{C\} \\ {}^{5} & (\mathrm{npn.emitter}) \ \mathrm{node}[\mathrm{anchor}{=}\mathrm{north}] \ \{E\} \\ {}^{6} & ; \backslash \mathbf{end}\{\mathrm{circuitikz}\} \end{array}
```

```
B | Line | Line
```

Here is one composite example (please notice that the xscale=-1 style would also reflect the label of the transistors, so here a new node is added and its text is used, instead of that of pnp1):

```
1 \begin{circuitikz} \draw
2 (0,0) node[pnp] (pnp2) {2}
3 (pnp2.B) node[pnp, xscale=-1, anchor=B] (pnp1) {}
4 (pnp1) node {1}
5 (pnp1.C) node[npn, anchor=C] (npn1) {}
6 (pnp2.C) node[npn, xscale=-1, anchor=C] (npn2) {}
7 (pnp1.E) -- (pnp2.E) (npn1.E) -- (npn2.E)
8 (pnp1.B) node[circ] {} |- (pnp2.C) node[circ] {}
9 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

Similarly, transistors and other components can be reflected vertically:

5.1.3 Other tripoles

When inserting a thrystor, a triac or a potentiometer, one needs to refer to the third node-gate (gate or G) for the former two; wiper (wiper or W) for the latter one. This is done by giving a name to the bipole:

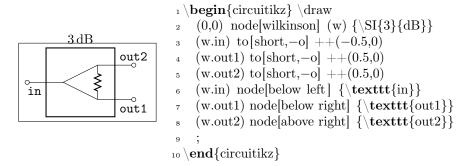
```
1 \begin{circuitikz} \draw
2 (0,0) to[Tr, n=TRI] (2,0)
3 to[pR, n=POT] (4,0);
4 \draw[dashed] (TRI.G) -| (POT.wiper)
5 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

As for the switches:

```
| \begin{circuitikz} \draw | 2 (0,0) node[spdt] (Sw) {} |
| 3 (Sw.in) node[left] {in} |
| 4 (Sw.out 1) node[right] {out 1} |
| 5 (Sw.out 2) node[right] {out 2} |
| 6 ;\end{circuitikz} \draw |
| 2 (0,0) to[C] (1,0) to[toggle switch , n=Sw] (2.5,0) |
| 3 (Sw.out 2) -| (2.5, -1) to[R] (0,-1) -| (0,0) |
| 4 (Sw.out 2) -| (2.5, 1) to[R] (0,1) -- (0,0) |
| 5 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

The ports of the mixer and adder can be addressed with numbers or west/south/east/north:

The Wilkinson divider has:

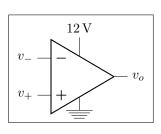


5.1.4 Operational amplifier

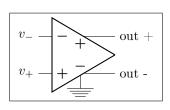
The op amp defines the inverting input (-), the non-inverting input (+) and the output (out) anchors:

```
\begin{array}{c|c}
5 \text{ V} \\
v_{-} & & \\
\hline
v_{+} & & \\
\hline
-5 \text{ V}
\end{array}
```

There are also two more anchors defined, up and down, for the power supplies:



The fully differential op amp defines two outputs:

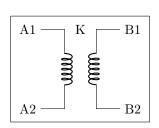


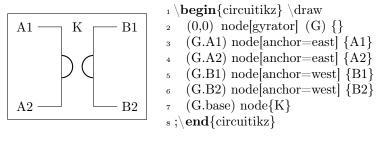
```
\begin{circuitikz} \draw
(0,0) node[fd op amp] (opamp) {}
(opamp.+) node[left] {$v_+$}
(opamp.-) node[left] {$v_-$}
(opamp.out +) node[right] {out +}
(opamp.out -) node[right] {out -}
(opamp.down) node[ground] {}

s;\end{circuitikz}
```

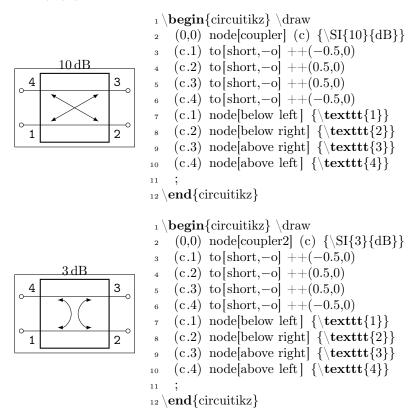
5.1.5 Double bipoles

All the (few, actually) double bipoles/quadrupoles have the four anchors, two for each port. The first port, to the left, is port A, having the anchors A1 (up) and A2 (down); same for port B. They also expose the base anchor, for labelling:





However:



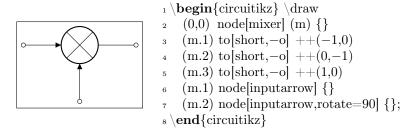
5.2 Input arrows

Two ports

With the option > you can draw an arrow to the input of the block diagram symbols.

Multi ports

Since inputs and outputs can vary, input arrows can be placed as nodes. Note that you have to rotate the arrow on your own:



5.3 Labels and custom twoport boxes

Some two ports have the option to place a normal label (1=) and a inner label (t=).

```
LNA | 1 \begin{circuitikz} | 2 \ctikzset {bipoles/amp/width=0.9} | 3 \draw (0,0) to [amp,t=LNA,l_=$F{=}0.9\,$dB,o-o] ++(3,0); | 4 \end{circuitikz}
```

5.4 Box option

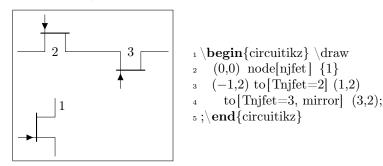
Some devices have the possibility to add a box around them. The inner symbol scales down to fit inside the box.

5.5 Dash optional parts

To show that a device is optional, you can dash it. The inner symbol will be kept with solid lines.

5.6 Transistor paths

For syntactical convenience transistors can be placed using the normal path notation used for bipoles. The transitor type can be specified by simply adding a "T" (for transistor) in front of the node name of the transistor. It will be placed with the base/gate orthogonal to the direction of the path:



Access to the gate and/or base nodes can be gained by naming the transistors with the n or name path style:

The name property is available also for bipoles, although this is useful mostly for triac, potentiometer and thyristor (see 3.3.5).

6 Customization

6.1 Parameters

Pretty much all CircuiTikZ relies heavily on pgfkeys for value handling and configuration. Indeed, at the beginning of circuitikz.sty a series of key definitions can be found that modify all the graphical characteristics of the package.

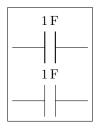
All can be varied using the \ctikzset command, anywhere in the code.

Shape of the components (on a per-component-class basis)

```
1\tikz\dr
2\ctikzset
3\ctikzset
4\tikz\dr
```

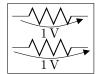
- $_1 \setminus \text{tikz } \setminus \text{draw } (0,0) \text{ node}[\text{nand port}] \{\}; \setminus \mathbf{par} \}$
- 2 \ ctikzset { tripoles / american nand port/input height=.2}
- 3 \ ctikzset { tripoles / american nand port/port width=.2}
- $_4 \text{ tikz } \text{ draw } (0,0) \text{ node}[\text{nand port}] \{\};$

Thickness of the lines (globally)



- 1 \tikz \draw (0,0) to [C=1<\farad>] (2,0); \par
- 2 \ ctikzset { bipoles / thickness=1}
- $_3 \times (0,0)$ to $C=1<\times (2,0);$

Global properties Of voltage and current

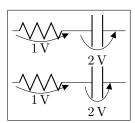


- $_{1}$ \tikz \draw (0,0) to[R, v=1<\volt>] (2,0); \par
- 2 \ ctikzset {voltage/distance from node=.1}
- 3 tikz draw (0,0) to [R, v=1<volt>] (2,0);

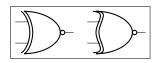


- $_1 \times (0,0)$ to [C, i= ∞] (2,0); \par
- ²\ctikzset {current/distance = .2}
- $_3 \text{ tikz } \text{ draw } (0,0) \text{ to } [C, i=\$ \mathbf{1}] (2,0);$

However, you can override the properties voltage/distance from node⁷, voltage/bump b⁸ and voltage/european label distance⁹ on a per-component basis, in order to fine-tune the voltages:



Admittedly, not all graphical properties have understandable names, but for the time it will have to do:



- 1 \tikz \draw (0,0) node[xnor port] {}; 2 \ctikzset { tripoles /american xnor port/aaa=.2}
- 3 \ctikzset { tripoles /american xnor port/bbb=.6}
- $_4 \text{ tikz } \text{ draw } (0,0) \text{ node}[\text{xnor port}] \{\};$

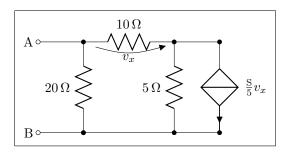
 $^{^{7}}$ That is, how distant from the initial and final points of the path the arrow starts and ends.

⁸Controlling how high the bump of the arrow is — how curved it is.

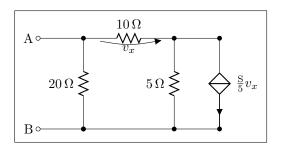
⁹Controlling how distant from the bipole the voltage label will be.

6.2 Components size

Perhaps the most important parameter is \circuitikzbasekey/bipoles/length, which can be interpreted as the length of a resistor (including reasonable connections): all other lengths are relative to this value. For instance:



```
 \begin{circuitikz} [scale=1.4cm] \\ 2 \begin{circuitikz} [scale=1.2] \draw \\ 3 & (0,0) & node[anchor=east] \{B\} \\ 4 & to[short, o-*] (1,0) \\ 5 & to[R=20<\ohn>, *-*] (1,2) \\ 6 & to[R=10<\ohn>, v=\$v_x\$] (3,2) -- (4,2) \\ 7 & to[cI=\$\frac{\si{\siemens}}\{5\} v_x\$, *-*] (4,0) -- (3,0) \\ 8 & to[R=5<\ohn>, *-*] (3,2) \\ 9 & (3,0) & -- (1,0) \\ 10 & (1,2) & to[short, -o] (0,2) & node[anchor=east]\{A\} \\ 11 & ; \end{circuitikz}
```

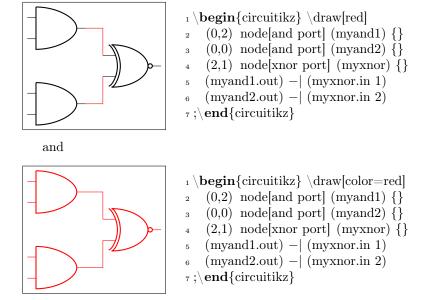


```
 \begin{circuitikz} length=.8cm \\ 2 \begin{circuitikz} [scale=1.2] \draw \\ 3 & (0,0) & node[anchor=east] \{B\} \\ 4 & to[short, o-*] (1,0) \\ 5 & to[R=20<\ohn>, *-*] (1,2) \\ 6 & to[R=10<\ohn>, v=\$v_x\$] (3,2) -- (4,2) \\ 7 & to[cI=\$\frac{\siemens}{5} v_x\$, *-*] (4,0) -- (3,0) \\ 8 & to[R=5<\ohn>, *-*] (3,2) \\ 9 & (3,0) & -- (1,0) \\ 10 & (1,2) & to[short, -o] (0,2) & node[anchor=east]{A} \\ 11; \end{circuitikz}
```

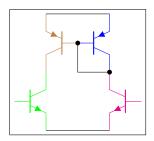
6.3 Colors

The color of the components is stored in the key $\circuitikzbasekey/color$. CircuiTikZ tries to follow the color set in TikZ, although sometimes it fails. If you change color in the picture, please do not use just the color name as a style, like [red], but rather assign the style [color=red].

Compare for instance

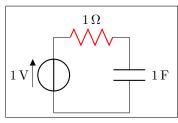


One can of course change the color in medias res:

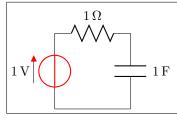


```
1 \begin{circuitikz} \draw
2 (0,0) node[pnp, color=blue] (pnp2) {}
3 (pnp2.B) node[pnp, xscale=-1, anchor=B, color=brown] (pnp1) {}
4 (pnp1.C) node[npn, anchor=C, color=green] (npn1) {}
5 (pnp2.C) node[npn, xscale=-1, anchor=C, color=magenta] (npn2) {}
6 (pnp1.E) -- (pnp2.E) (npn1.E) -- (npn2.E)
7 (pnp1.B) node[circ] {} |- (pnp2.C) node[circ] {}
8 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

The all-in-one stream of bipoles poses some challanges, as only the actual body of the bipole, and not the connecting lines, will be rendered in the specified color. Also, please notice the curly braces around the to:

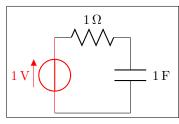


Which, for some bipoles, can be frustrating:



```
 \begin{array}{lll} \label{eq:circuitikz} & \operatorname{draw} \\ {}_{2} & (0,0) \{ to[V=1<\volt>, \, \operatorname{color=red}] \,\, (0,2) \,\, \} \\ {}_{3} & to[R=1<\olimits] \,\, (2,2) \\ {}_{4} & to[C=1<\farad>] \,\, (2,0) \,\, -- \,\, (0,0) \\ {}_{5} & ; \\ \\ \end{array}
```

The only way out is to specify different paths:



And yes: this is a bug and *not* a feature...

7 FAQ

- Q: When using \tikzexternalize I get the following error:
 - ! Emergency stop.
- A: The TikZ manual states:

Furthermore, the library assumes that all LATEX pictures are ended with \end{tikzpicture}.

Just substitute every occurrence of the environment circuitikz with tikzpicture. They are actually pretty much the same.

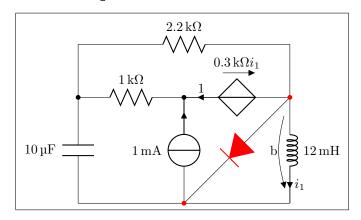
- Q: How do I draw the voltage between two nodes?
- A: Between any two nodes there is an open circuit!

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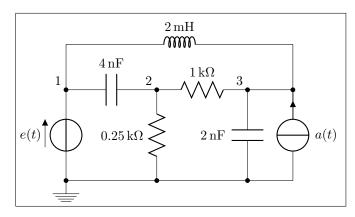
```
1 \begin{circuitikz} \draw
2 node[ocirc] (A) at (0,0) {}
3 node[ocirc] (B) at (2,1) {}
4 (A) to[open, v=$v$] (B)
5 ;\end{circuitikz}
```

Q: I cannot write $to[R = R_1=12V]$ nor to[ospst = open, 3s]: I get errors. A: It is a limitation of the TikZ parser. Use $to[R = R_1=12V]$ and to[ospst = open, 3s] instead.

8 Examples

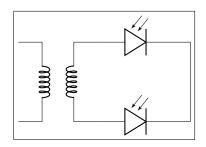


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 \begin{circuitikz}[scale=1.4] \draw \\ (0,0) to[C, l=10<\micro\farad>] (0,2) -- (0,3) \\ to[R, l=2.2<\kilo\ohm>] (4,3) -- (4,2) \\ to[L, l=12<\milli\henry>, i=\$i_1\$,v=b] (4,0) -- (0,0) \\ (4,2) \{ to[D*, *-*, color=red] (2,0) \} \\ (0,2) to[R, l=1<\kilo\ohm>, *-] (2,2) \\ to[cV, i=1,v=\$\SI\{.3\}\{\kilo\ohm\} i_1\$] (4,2) \\ (2,0) to[I, i=1<\milli\ampere>, -*] (2,2) \\ (2,0) to[I, i=1
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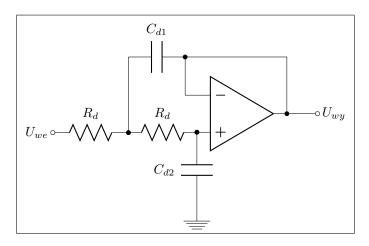


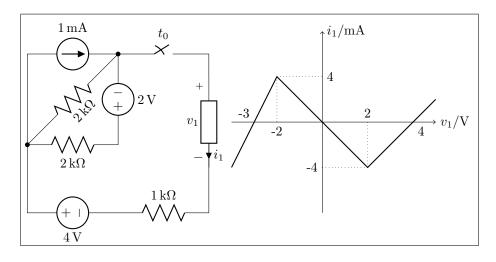
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\begin{array}{c|c}
 & 10 \Omega \\
 & 20 \Omega \\
 & 5 \Omega \\
 & 5 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{lll} {}_1 \backslash \mathbf{begin}\{ \mathrm{circuitikz} \} [\mathrm{scale} = 1.2] \backslash \mathrm{draw} \\ {}_2 & (0,0) \ \mathrm{node} [\mathrm{anchor} = \mathrm{east}] \ \{ B \} \\ {}_3 & \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{short}, \ o - *] \ (1,0) \\ {}_4 & \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{R} = 20 < \backslash \mathrm{ohm} >, \ * - *] \ (1,2) \\ {}_5 & \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{R} = 10 < \backslash \mathrm{ohm} >, \ v = \$ v \_ x\$] \ (3,2) \ - - \ (4,2) \\ {}_6 & \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{cI} = \$ \backslash \mathrm{frac} \{ \backslash \mathrm{siemens} \} \{ 5 \} \ v \_ x\$, \ * - *] \ (4,0) \ - - \ (3,0) \\ {}_7 & \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{R} = 5 < \backslash \mathrm{ohm} >, \ * - *] \ (3,2) \\ {}_8 & (3,0) \ - - \ (1,0) \\ {}_9 & (1,2) \ \mathrm{to} [\mathrm{short}, \ - \mathrm{o}] \ (0,2) \ \mathrm{node} [\mathrm{anchor} = \mathrm{east}] \{ A \} \\ {}_{10} \ ; \backslash \mathbf{end} \{ \mathrm{circuitikz} \} \\ \end{array}
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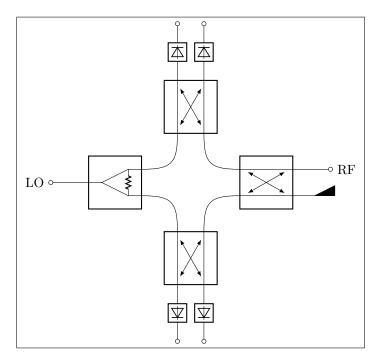


```
 \begin{circuitikz}[scale=1] \draw \\ (0,0) \ node[transformer] \ (T) \ \{\} \\ (T.B2) \ to[pD] \ (\$(T.B2)+(2,0)\$) \ -| \ (3.5, \ -1) \\ (T.B1) \ to[pD] \ (\$(T.B1)+(2,0)\$) \ -| \ (3.5, \ -1) \\ (\$(T.B1)+(2,0)\$) \ -| \ (3.5, \
```





```
1 \begin{circuitikz}[scale=1.2, american]\draw
                 (0,2) to [I=1<\milli\ampere>] (2,2)
                                          to[R, l_=2<\kilo\ohm>, *-*] (0,0)
                                          to[R, l_=2<\kilo\ohm>] (2.0)
                                          to[V,\,v\_{=}2{<}\backslash volt{>}]\ (2{,}2)
                                          to [cspst, l=\$t \ 0\$] \ (4,2) \ -- \ (4,1.5)
                                          to [generic, i=i 1i, v=i 1i] (4,-.5) -- (4,-1.5)
                 (0,2) -- (0,-1.5) \text{ to[V, v } =4 < \text{volt>] } (2,-1.5)
                                         to [R, l=1<\langle kilo\rangle ohm > ] (4,-1.5);
10
                      \begin{scope}[xshift=6.5cm, yshift=.5cm]
11
                           \frac{-}{1} (-2,0) -- (2.5,0) node[anchor=west] {v_1/\text{volt}};
12
                          \label{lem:condition} $$ \operatorname{[->]}(0,-2) -- (0,2) \operatorname{node[anchor=west]} {\simeq_1/\S\{}_{\min}\operatorname{[ampere}\) ; $$ i_1/\S\{\}_{\min}\operatorname{[ampere]}\) ; $$ i_2/\S\{\}_{\min}\operatorname{[ampere]}\) ; $$ i_3/\S\{\}_{\min}\operatorname{[ampere]}\) ; $$ i_3/\S[]\) 
13
                          \label{eq:continuous} $$ \det(-1,0) \ node[anchor=north] \{-2\} \ (1,0) \ node[anchor=south] \{2\} $$
14
                                                    (0,1) node[anchor=west] \{4\} (0,-1) node[anchor=east] \{-4\}
15
                                                   (2,0) node[anchor=north west] \{4\}
16
                                                   (-1.5,0) node[anchor=south east] \{-3\};
17
                         \draw [thick] (-2,-1) -- (-1,1) -- (1,-1) -- (2,0) -- (2.5,.5);
18
                          \draw [dotted] (-1,1) -- (-1,0) (1,-1) -- (1,0)
19
                                                   (-1,1) -- (0,1) (1,-1) -- (0,-1);
20
                      \backslash \mathbf{end} \{ scope \}
22 \end{circuitikz}
```



```
\begin{circuitikz}[scale=1]
                    ctikzset {bipoles/detector/width=.35}
                   \ctikzset{quadpoles/coupler/width=1}
                   \ctikzset{quadpoles/coupler/height=1}
                   \ctikzset { tripoles /wilkinson/width=1}
                   \ctikzset { tripoles /wilkinson/height=1}
                   % \draw[help\ lines, red, thin, dotted] (0,-5)\ grid (5,5);
                   \draw
                   (-2,0) node[wilkinson](w1){}
                   (2,0) node[coupler] (c1) {}
10
                   (0,2) node[coupler,rotate=90] (c2) {}
                   (0,-2) node[coupler,rotate=90] (c3) {}
                   (w1.out1) .. controls ++(0.8,0) and ++(0,0.8) .. (c3.3)
13
                   (w1.out2) .. controls ++(0.8,0) and ++(0,-0.8) .. (c2.4)
                   (c1.1) .. controls ++(-0.8,0) and ++(0,0.8) .. (c3.2)
                   (c1.4) ... controls ++(-0.8,0) and ++(0,-0.8) ... (c2.1)
16
                   (w1.in) to [short, -0] ++(-1,0)
17
                   (w1.in) node[left=30] \{LO\}
                   (c1.2) node[match,yscale=1] {}
                   (c1.3) to [short, -o] ++(1,0)
20
                   (c1.3) node[right=30] {RF}
21
                   (c2.3) to [detector, -o] ++(0,1.5)
                   (c2.2) to [\text{detector}, -\text{o}] ++(0,1.5)
23
                   (c3.1) to [detector, -o] ++(0, -1.5)
24
                   (c3.4) to [detector, -o] ++(0, -1.5)
25
          \end{circuitikz}
```

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R_1
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```
_{1} \setminus \mathbf{documentclass} \{ \mathrm{standalone} \}
```

```
3 \usepackage{tikz}
4 \usetikzlibrary { circuits .ee .IEC}
5 \usetikzlibrary { positioning}
6
7 \usepackage[compatibility]{circuitikz}
8 \ctikzset { bipoles/length=.9cm}
9
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9 Revision history

version 0.4 (in progress)

- 1. minor improvements to documentation
- 2. comply with TDS
- 3. merge high frequency symbols by Stefan Erhardt
- 4. added switch (not opening nor closing)
- 5. added added solder dot in some transistors
- 6. improved ConTeXt compatibility

version 0.3.1 1. typo in documentation

- 2. fixed an error in the angle computation in voltage and current routines
- 3. fixed problem with label size when scaling a tikz picture
- 4. added gas filled surge arrester
- 5. added compatibility option to work with Tikz's own circuit library

$version \ 0.3.0 \ (20121229)$

- 1. fixed gate node for a few transistors
- 2. added mixer
- 3. added fully differential op amp (by Kristofer M. Monisit)

- 4. now general settings for the drawing of voltage can be overridden for specific components
- 5. made arrows more homogeneous (either the current/voltage one, or latex' by pgf)
- 6. added the single battery cell
- 7. added fuse and asymmetric fuse
- 8. added toggle switch
- 9. added varistor, photoresistor, thermocouple, push button
- 10. added thermistor, thermistor ptc, thermistor ptc
- 11. fixed misalignment of voltage label in vertical bipoles with names
- 12. added isfet
- 13. added noiseless, protective, chassis, signal and reference grounds (Luigi Luigi «Liverpool»)

version 0.2.4 (20110911).

- 1. added square voltage source (contributed by Alistair Kwan)
- 2. added buffer and plain amplifier (contributed by Danilo Piazzalunga)
- 3. added squid and barrier (contributed by Cor Molenaar)
- 4. added antenna and transmission line symbols contributed by Leonardo Azzinnari
- 5. added the changeover switch spdt (suggestion of Fabio Maria Antoniali)
- 6. rename of context.tex and context.pdf (thanks to Karl Berry)
- 7. updated the email address
- 8. in documentation, fixed wrong (non-standard) labelling of the axis in an example (thanks to prof. Claudio Beccaria)
- 9. fixed scaling inconsistencies in quadrupoles
- 10. fixed division by zero error on certain vertical paths
- 11. introduced options straighlabels, rotatelabels, smartlabels

version 0.2.3 (20091118).

- 1. fixed compatibility problem with label option from tikz
- 2. Fixed resizing problem for shape ground
- 3. Variable capacitor
- 4. polarized capacitor
- 5. ConT_EXt support (read the manual!)
- 6. nfet, nigfete, nigfetd, pfet, pigfete, pigfetd (contribution of Clemens Helfmeier and Theodor Borsche)
- 7. njfet, pjfet (contribution of Danilo Piazzalunga)
- 8. pigbt, nigbt

- 9. $backward\ incompatibility$ potentiometer is now the standard resistor-with-arrow-in-the-middle; the old potentiometer is now known as variable resistor (or vR), similarly to variable inductor and variable capacitor
- 10. triac, thyristor, memristor
- 11. new property "name" for bipoles
- 12. fixed voltage problem for batteries in american voltage mode
- 13. european logic gates
- 14. backward incompatibility new american standard inductor. Old american inductor now called "cute inductor"
- 15. backward incompatibility transformer now linked with the chosen type of inductor, and version with core, too. Similarly for variable inductor
- 16. backward incompatibility styles for selecting shape variants now end are in the plural to avoid conflict with paths
- 17. new placing option for some tripoles (mostly transistors)
- 18. mirror path style

version 0.2.2 (20090520).

- 1. Added the shape for lamps.
- Added options europeanresistor, europeaninductor, americanresistor and americaninductor, with corresponding styles.
- Fixed: error in transistor arrow positioning and direction under negative xscale and yscale.

version 0.2.1 (20090503).

- 1. Op-amps added.
- 2. Added options arrowmos and noarrowmos.

version 0.2 First public release on CTAN (20090417).

- 1. **Backward incompatibility**: labels ending with : angle are not parsed for positioning anymore.
- 2. Full use of TikZ keyval features.
- 3. White background is not filled anymore: now the network can be drawn on a background picture as well.
- 4. Several new components added (logical ports, transistors, double bipoles, ...).
- 5. Color support.
- 6. Integration with siunitx.
- 7. Voltage, american style.
- 8. Better code, perhaps. General cleanup at the very least.

version 0.1 First public release (2007).

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