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SYSTEM DESIGN ISSUES AND FAILURE ANALYSIS

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OBJECTIVES

this chapter enables the student to:

- Contrast and compare MOS and bipolar transistors.
- Evaluate logic families according to speed, power dissipation, noise immunity, input/output interface compatibility, and cost.
- Trace the evolution of Intel x86 microprocessors in terms of IC technology.
- Define IC fan-out and describe why connecting an output to too many inputs can cause false logic.

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this chapter enables the student to:

- Describe capacitance derating and its effect on system design and the use of buffers to decrease its effect.
- Discuss power in system design, including static and dynamic currents, power dissipation, and sleep mode for peripherals.
- Define ground bounce and VCC bounce and describe methods that designers use to avoid the false signal generation that they may cause.

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this chapter enables the student to:

- Define crosstalk and describe ways to avoid crosstalk in system design.
- Define transmission line ringing and discuss ways to reduce its effect.
- Define measures of system reliability: FIT and MTBF

25.1: OVERVIEW OF IC TECHNOLOGY

- Invention of the transistor & advent of integrated circuit (IC) technology is believed by many to be the start of the second industrial revolution.
 - The transistor was invented in 1947 by three scientists at Bell Laboratory.
 - In the 1950s, transistors replaced vacuum tubes in many electronics systems, including computers.
- Prior to invention of the integrated circuit, use of transistors, with other discrete components like capacitors & resistors, was common.
 - In 1959 the first integrated circuit was successfully fabricated & tested at Texas Instruments, by Jack Kilby

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- By the late 60s & early 70s, use of silicon-based ICs was widespread in mainframes and minicomputers.
 - Transistors and ICs were based on P-type materials.
 - By the mid-1970s, NPN and NMOS transistors had replaced the slower PNP and PMOS transistors.
 - Since the early 1980s, CMOS (complementary MOS) has become the dominant method of IC design.

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MOS vs.bipolar transistors

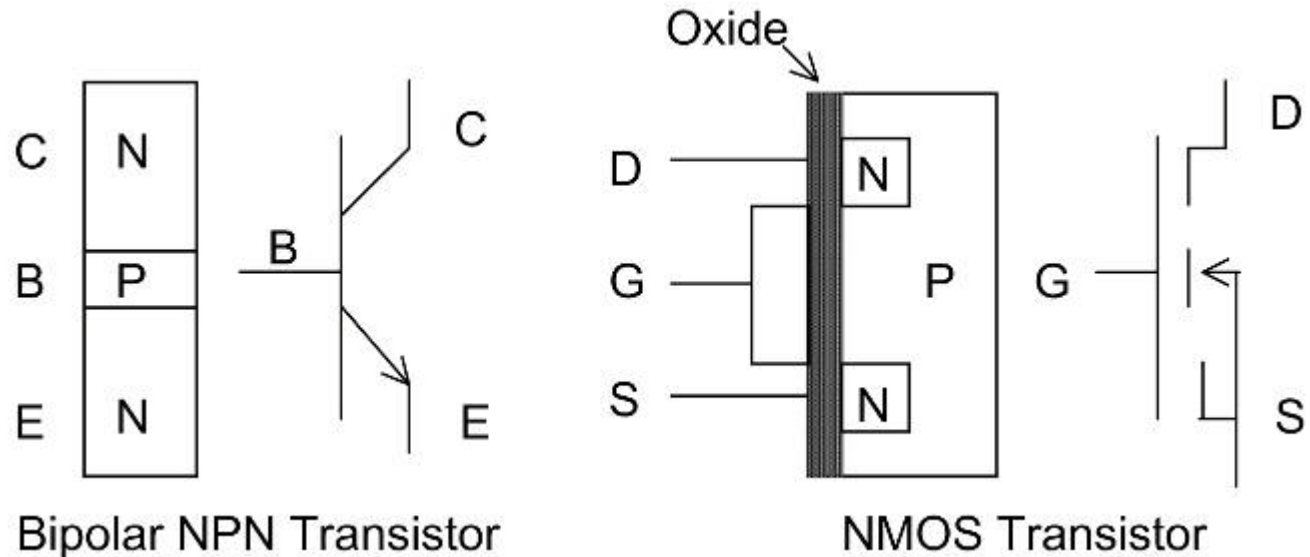
- There are two type of transistors: bipolar and MOS (metal-oxide semiconductor), both have three leads.
 - In bipolar transistors, the three leads are referred to as the *emitter, base, and collector*.
 - The carrier flows from the emitter to the collector, and the base is used as a flow controller.
 - In MOS transistors they are *source, gate, and drain*.
 - The carrier flows from the source to the drain, and the gate is used as a flow controller.

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MOS vs. bipolar transistors

- In NPN-type bipolar transistors, the electron carrier leaving the emitter must overcome two voltage barriers before it reaches the collector.
 - One is the N-P junction of the emitter-base.
 - The other is the P-N junction of the base-collector.

Fig. 25-1
Bipolar vs.
MOS Transistors



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MOS vs. bipolar transistors

- The voltage barrier of the reversed biased base-collector is the most difficult one for the electrons to overcome, and causes the most power dissipation.
 - This led to the unipolar type transistor called MOS.
 - Electrons reach the drain without any voltage barrier.
- Absence of voltage barrier is one reason why MOS dissipates much less power than bipolar transistors.
 - Allowing millions of transistors on a single IC chip.
 - Without the MOS transistor, the desktop personal computer would not have been possible, at least not so soon
 - MOS transistors are slower than bipolar transistors.
 - Due partly to the gate capacitance of the MOS transistor

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overview of logic families

- Logic families are judged according to...
 - Speed; Power dissipation; Noise immunity.
 - Input/output interface compatibility; Cost.
- Desirable qualities are high speed, low power dissipation, and high noise immunity
- In interfacing logic families, the more inputs that can be driven by a single output, the better.
 - High-driving-capability outputs are desired.
- Cost of a given logic family is high during the early years of its introduction.
 - Prices decline as production and use rise.

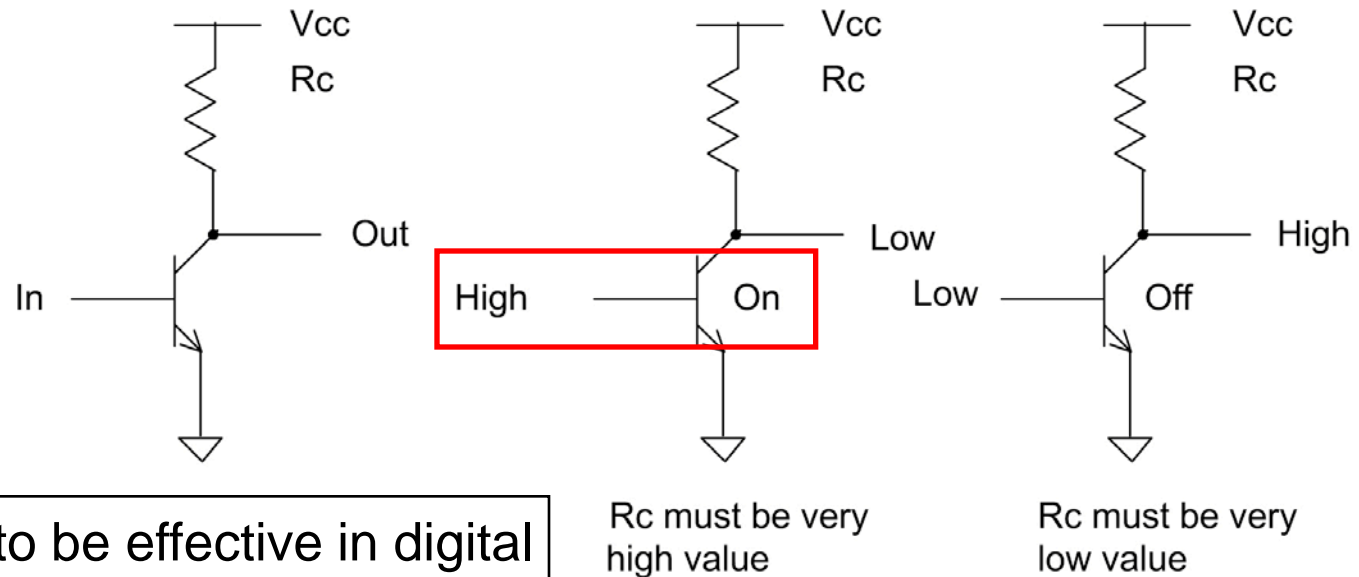
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the case of inverters

- In a one-transistor inverter, while the transistor plays the role of a switch, **R** is the pull-up resistor.

Fig. 25-2

One-Transistor Inverter with Pull-up Resistor



For this inverter to be effective in digital circuits, the **R** value must be *high* when the transistor is "on" to limit the current flow from V_{cc} to ground in order to have low power dissipation.

$$P = VI, \text{ where } V = 5 \text{ V}$$

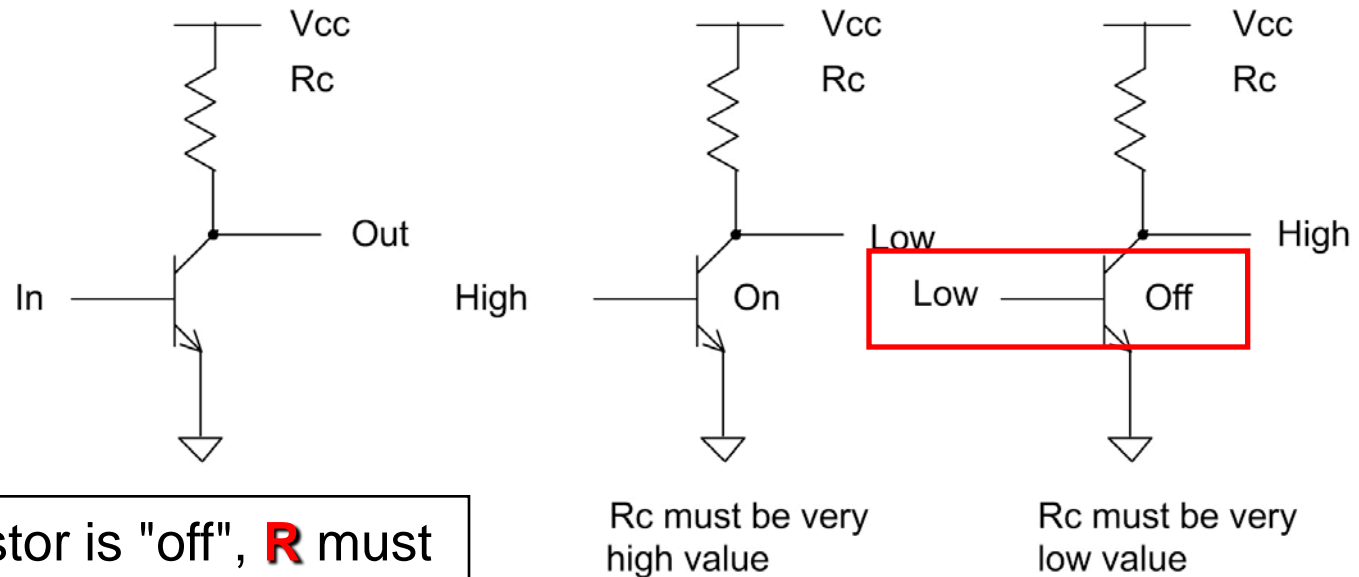
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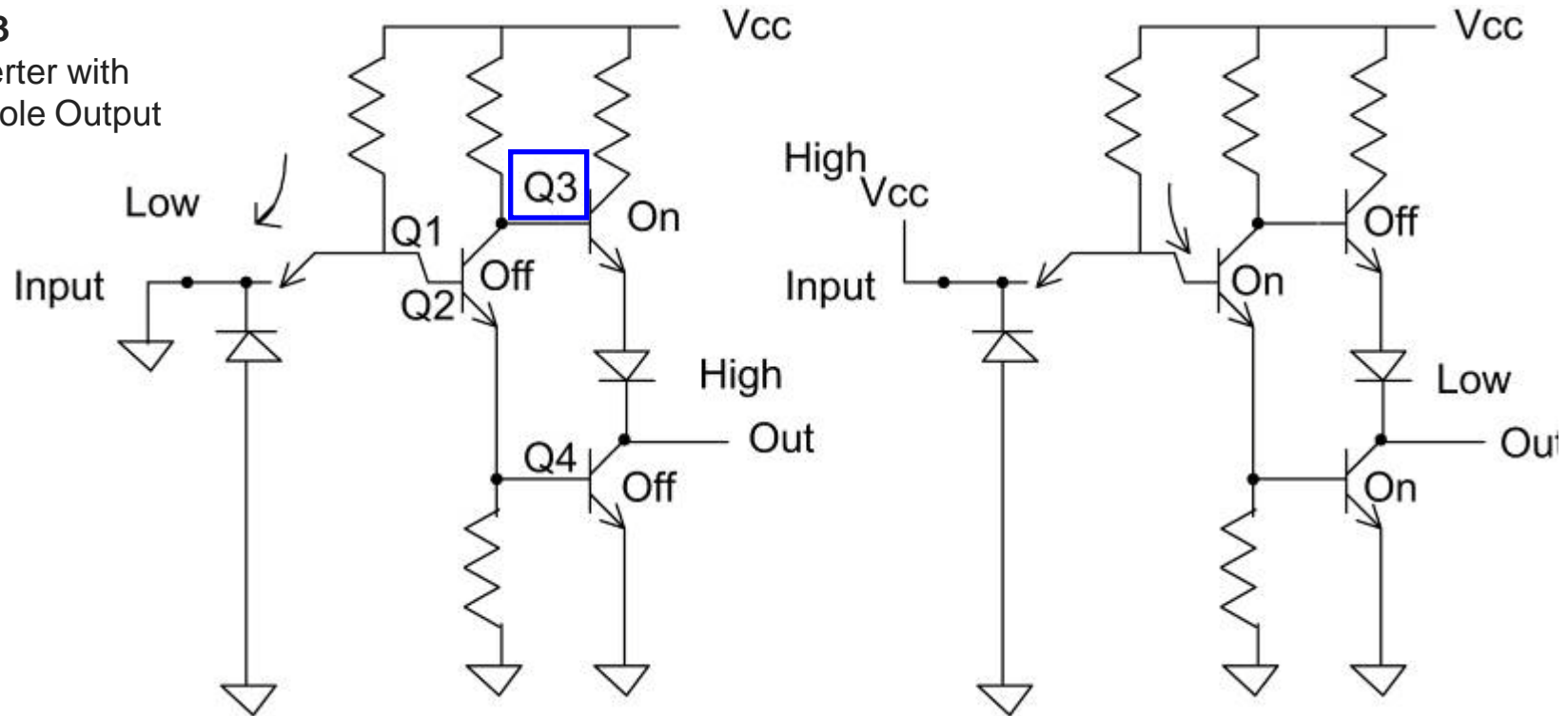
When the transistor is "off", **R** must be a small value to limit the voltage drop across **R**, making sure that V_{OUT} is close to V_{CC} . This is a contradictory demand on **R**.

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the case of inverters

Fig. 25-3

TTL Inverter with
Totem-Pole Output



Logic gate designers use active components (transistors) instead of passive components (resistors) to implement pull-up resistor **R**. A TTL inverter with totem pole output is shown. **Q3** plays the role of a pull-up resistor.

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CMOS inverter

- In CMOS-based logic gates, PMOS and NMOS are used to construct a CMOS (complementary MOS) inverter.

In CMOS inverters, when the PMOS transistor is *off*, it provides a very high impedance path, making leakage current almost zero (about 10 nA).

When PMOS is *on*, it provides a low resistance on the path of V_{DD} to load.

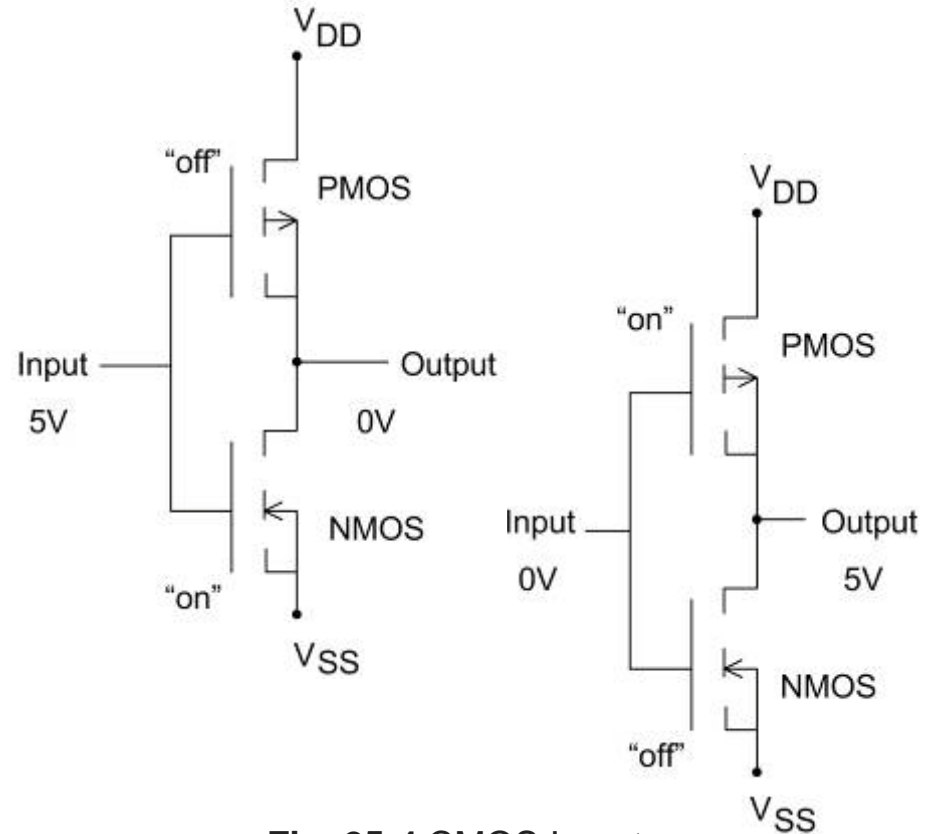


Fig. 25-4 CMOS Inverter

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i/o characteristics of logic families

- In 1968 the first logic family made of bipolar transistors was marketed, commonly referred to as the standard TTL (transistor-transistor logic) family.
- The first MOS-based logic family, the CD4000/74C series, was marketed in 1970.
- Addition of the Schottky diode to the base-collector of early 70s bipolar transistors led to the S family.
 - The Schottky diode shortens propagation delay of the TTL family by preventing the collector from going into what is called deep saturation.

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history of logic families

In the mid-1970s, 5V V_{CC} became standard.

Table 25-1: Characteristics of Some Logic Families

Characteristic	STD TTL	LSTTL	ALSTTL	HCMOS
V_{CC}	5 V	5 V	5 V	5 V
V_{IH}	2.0 V	2.0 V	2.0 V	3.15 V
V_{IL}	0.8 V	0.8 V	0.8 V	1.1 V
V_{OH}	2.4 V	2.7 V	2.7 V	3.7 V
V_{OL}	0.4 V	0.5 V	0.4 V	0.4 V
I_{IL}	-1.6 mA	-0.36 mA	-0.2 mA	-1 μ A
I_{IH}	40 μ A	20 μ A	20 μ A	1 μ A
I_{OL}	16 mA	8 mA	4 mA	4 mA
I_{OH}	-400 μ A	-400 μ A	-400 μ A	4 mA
Propagation delay	10 ns	9.5 ns	4 ns	9 ns
Static power dissipation ($f = 0$)	10 mW	2 mW	1 mW	0.0025 nW
Dynamic power dissipation at $f = 100$ kHz	10 mW	2 mW	1 mW	0.17 mW

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history of logic families

- In the late 1970s, advances allowed combining the speed & drive of the S family with the lower power of LS to form a new logic family called FAST
 - Fairchild Advanced Schottky TTL.
- In 1985, AC/ACT (Advanced CMOS Technology), a higher speed version of HCMOS, was introduced.
 - With the introduction of FCT (Fast CMOS Technology) in 1986, the speed gap between CMOS & TTL closed.
 - FCT is the CMOS version of FAST, has the low power consumption of CMOS but speed comparable with TTL.

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history of logic families

Table 25-2: Logic Family Overview

Product	Year Introduced	Speed (ns)	Static Supply Current (mA)	High/Low Family Drive (mA)
Std TTL	1968	40	30	-2/32
CD4K/74C	1970	70	0.3	-0.48/6.4
LS/S	1971	18	54	-15/24
HC/HCT	1977	25	0.08	-6/-6
FAST	1978	6.5	90	-15/64
AS	1980	6.2	90	-15/64
ALS	1980	10	27	-15/64
AC/ACT	1985	10	0.08	-24/24
FCT	1986	6.5	1.5	-15/64

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recent advances in logic families

- As speed of high-performance processors reached 25 MHz, it shortened CPU cycle time, leaving less time for the *path delay*.
 - Manufacturers have responded to this need by providing logic families with high speed, low noise, and high drive.

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recent advances in logic families

- ACQ/ACTQ are the second-generation advanced CMOS (ACMOS) with much lower noise.
 - ACQ has the CMOS input level.
 - ACQT is equipped with TTL-level input.
- FCTx and FCTx-T are second-generation FCT with much higher speed.
 - The x refers to various speed grades, such as A, B & C
 - Where A means low speed and C means high speed.
- FASTr is an ideal choice, as it is faster, has higher driving capability (IOL, IOH), and produces much lower noise than FAST.

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recent advances in logic families

- In recent years, a 3.3V V_{CC} with higher speed and lower power consumption has become standard.
- Combining high-speed bipolar TTL & low power consumption CMOS has led to BICMOS.
 - Although expensive due to extra steps required in fabrication, in some cases there is no other choice.

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recent advances in logic families

Table 25-3: Advanced Logic General Characteristics

Family	Year	Number Suppliers	Tech Base	I/O Level	Speed (ns)	Static Current	I_{OH}/I_{OL}
ACQ	1989	2	CMOS	CMOS/CMOS	6.0	80 μ A	-24/24 mA
ACTQ	1989	2	CMOS	TTL/CMOS	7.5	80 μ A	-24/24 mA
FCTx	1987	3	CMOS	TTL/CMOS	4.1–4.8	1.5 mA	-15/64 mA
FCTxT	1990	2	CMOS	TTL/TTL	4.1–4.8	1.5 mA	-15/64 mA
FASTr	1990	1	Bipolar	TTL/TTL	3.9	50 mA	-15/64 mA
BCT	1987	2	BICMOS	TTL/TTL	5.5	10 mA	-15/64 mA

Table 25-4: Importance of Speed

System Clock Speed (MHz)	Clock Period (ns)	Predominant Logic for Path
2–10	100–500	HC, LS
10–30	33–100	ALS, AS, FAST, FACT
30–66	15–33	FASTr, BCT, FCTA

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evolution of IC technology in Intel x86

- Early Intel processors (4004 & 8008) used PMOS.
 - 8080, 8085, 8088, 8086, & 80286 all used NMOS when first introduced.

Table 25-5: Intel Microprocessor Evolution

Microprocessor	Year	IC Tech	Line Thickness (μm)	Power Supply (V)	Number of Transistors
8086	1978	NMOS	3.0	5	29,000
80286	1982	NMOS	1.5	5	134,000
80386	1985	CMOS	1.5	5	275,000
80486	1989	CMOS	1.0	5	1.2 million
Pentium I	1993	BICMOS	0.8	5	3.1 million
Pentium II	1997	BICMOS	0.25	3.3	7.5 million
Pentium III	1999	BICMOS	0.18	3.3	9.5 million
Pentium IV	2000	BICMOS	0.18	3.3	42 million

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evolution of IC technology in Intel x86

- Currently, CMOS is the universal technology in the design of microprocessors.
 - Only BICMOS could allow designers to put over 3 million transistors on a single chip, make it work at 1 GHz, and consume around 10 watts of power.
- There has been a steady decline in the transistor's dimensions from the 1980s to the 2000s.
 - The thickness of the lines inside the IC, has come from a few microns to a fraction of a micron.

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evolution of IC technology in Intel x86

- Early microprocessors used power supplies with negative (–) and positive (+) voltages.
 - The +5 V power supply has become standard.
 - To reduce power consumption, 3.3V V_{CC} is being embraced.
- Lowering V_{CC} to 3.3 V has two major advantages:
 - (1) Lowers power consumption, resulting in prolonged battery life in laptops or hand-held PDA devices
 - (2) Allows a further reduction of line size (design rule) to submicron dimensions, resulting in more transistors in a given die size.

25.2: IC INTERFACING/SYSTEM DESIGN ISSUES

- There are several issues to be considered in designing a microprocessor-based system:
 - IC fan-out.
 - Capacitance derating.
 - Ground bounce.
 - VCC bounce.
 - Crosstalk.
 - Transmission lines.
 - Power dissipation.
 - Chip failure analysis.

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IC fan-out

- *How many inputs can an output signal drive?*
 - Must be addressed for both logic "0" & logic "1" outputs.
- Fan-out for low and fan-out for high are as follows:

$$\text{fan-out (of low)} = \frac{I_{OL}}{I_{IL}} \quad \text{fan-out (of high)} = \frac{I_{OH}}{I_{IH}}$$

Of the above two values the lower number is used to ensure the proper noise margin.

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IC fan-out

Sinking & sourcing of current when ICs are connected.

As the number of inputs connected to output increases, I_{oL} rises, which causes V_{oL} to rise.

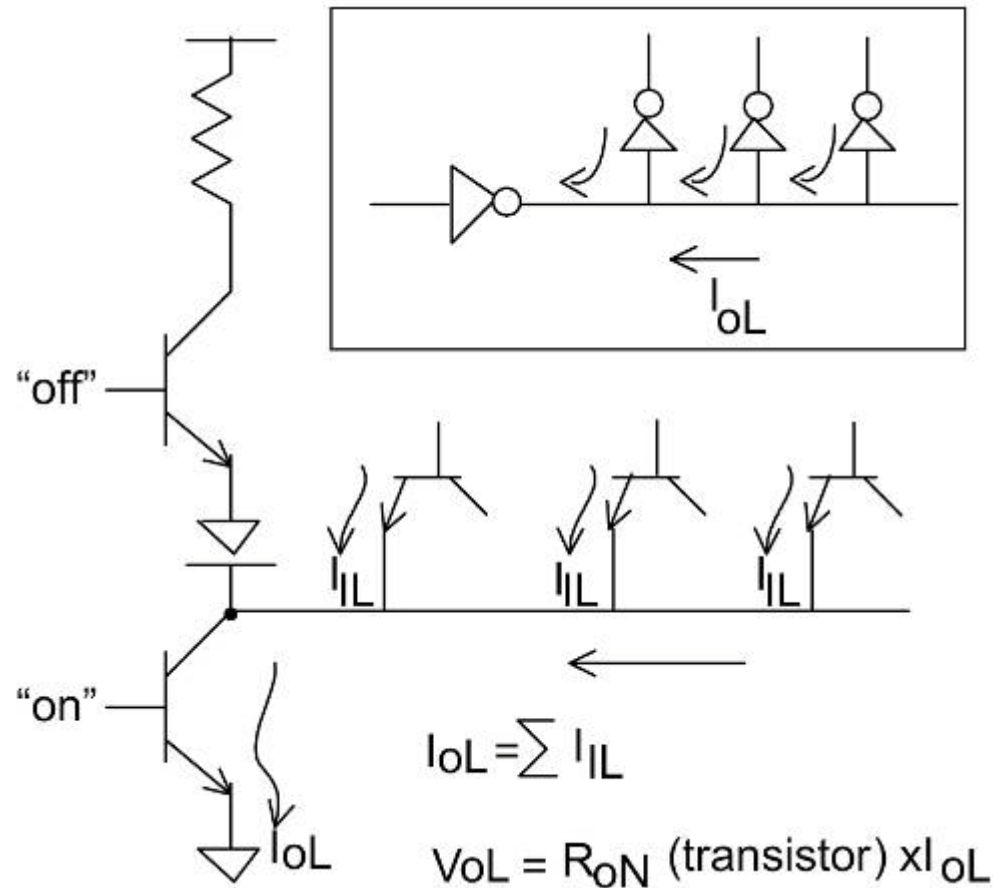


Fig. 25-5a Current Seeking and Sourcing in TTL

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IC fan-out

Sinking & sourcing of current when ICs are connected.

If this continues, the rise of V_{OL} makes the noise margin smaller, and this results in the occurrence of false logic due to the slightest noise.

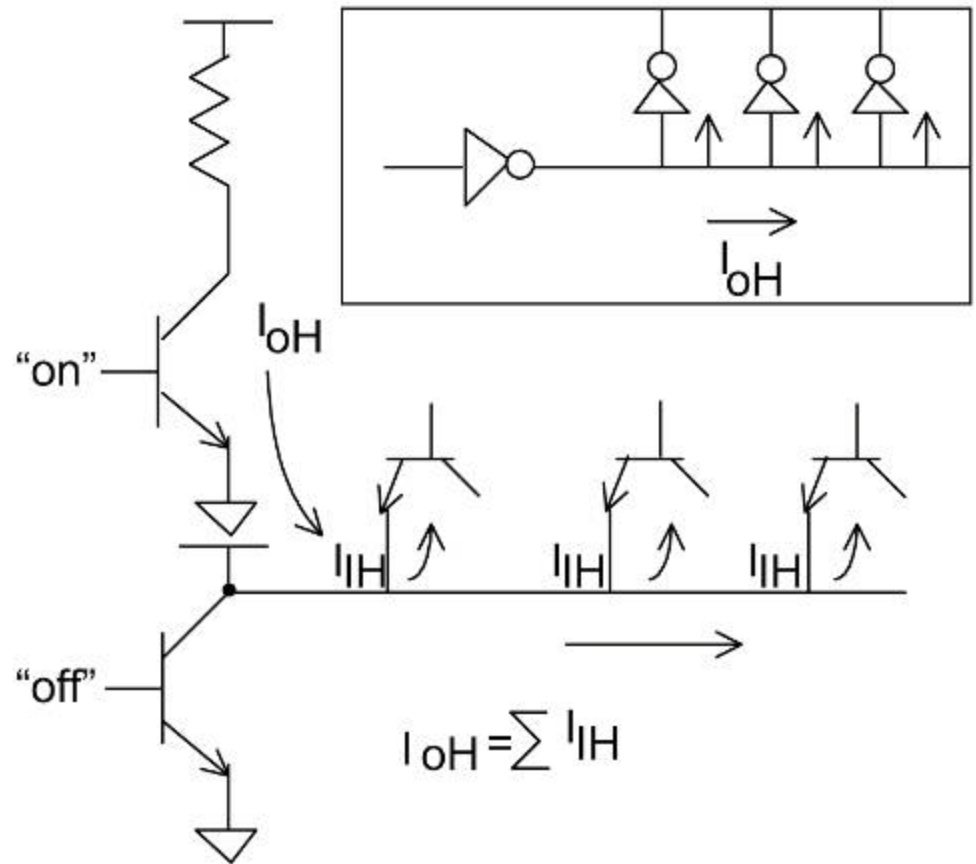


Fig. 25-5b Current Seeking and Sourcing in TTL

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IC fan-out

In designing the system, very often an output is connected to various kinds of inputs.

Example 25-1

Find how many unit loads (UL) can be driven by the output of the LS logic family.

Solution:

The unit load is defined as $I_{IL} = 1.6 \text{ mA}$ and $I_{IH} = 40 \text{ A}$. Table 25-1 shows $I_{OH} = 400 \text{ A}$ and $I_{OL} = 8 \text{ mA}$ for the LS family. Therefore, we have

$$\text{fan-out (low)} = I_{OL}/I_{IL} = 8 \text{ mA} / 1.6 \text{ mA} = 5$$

$$\text{fan-out (high)} = I_{OH}/I_{IH} = 400 \text{ } \mu\text{A} / 40 \text{ } \mu\text{A} = 10$$

This means that the fan-out is 5. In other words, the LS output must not be connected to more than 5 inputs with unit load characteristics.

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IC fan-out

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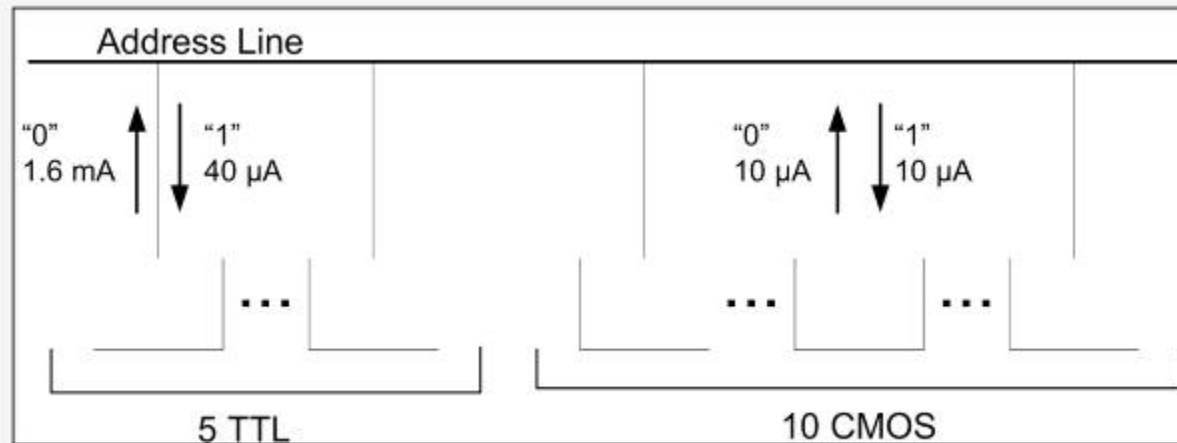
Example 25-2 An address pin needs to drive 5 standard TTL loads in addition to 10 CMOS inputs of DRAM chips. Calculate the minimum current to drive these inputs for both logic "0" and "1".

Solution:

The standard load for TTL is $I_{IH} = 40 \text{ A}$ and $I_{IL} = 1.6 \text{ mA}$, and for CMOS, $I_{IL} = I_{IH} = 10 \text{ A}$.

minimum current for "0" = total of all $I_{IL} = 5 \times 1.6 \text{ mA} + 10 \times 10 \text{ A} = 8.1 \text{ mA}$

minimum current for "1" = total of all $I_{IH} = 5 \times 40 \text{ A} + 10 \times 10 \text{ A} = 300 \text{ A}$



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IC fan-out

Total I_{IL} & I_{IH} requirement of all the loads on a given output must be less than the driver's maximum I_{OL} & I_{OH}

Example 25-3

Assume that the microprocessor address pin in Example 25-2 has specifications $I_{OH} = 400 \text{ A}$ and $I_{OL} = 2 \text{ mA}$. Do the input and output current needs match?

Solution:

For a high output state, there is no problem since $I_{OH} > I_{IH}$. However, the number of inputs exceeds the limit for I_{OL} since an I_{IL} of 8.1 mA is much larger than maximum I_{OL} allowed by the processor.

When receiver current requirements exceed driver capability, a buffer must be used.

Table 25-6: Electrical Specifications for Buffers

Note: $V_{OL} = 0.4 \text{ V}$ and $V_{OH} = 2.4 \text{ V}$ are assumed.

Buffer	$I_{OH} \text{ (mA)}$	$I_{OL} \text{ (mA)}$	$I_{IH} \text{ (}\mu\text{A)}$	$I_{IL} \text{ (mA)}$
74LS244	3	12	20	0.2
74LS254	3	12	20	0.2

74xx245 is used for bidirectional and 74xx244 for unidirectional signals.

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capacitance derating

- A pin of an IC has an input capacitance of 5 to 7 pF.
 - A single output driving many inputs sees a large capacitance load, since the inputs are in parallel.
 - And therefore added together.

Consider these equations:

$$Q = CV$$

$$\frac{Q}{T} = \frac{CV}{T}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$I = CVF$$

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capacitance derating

$$I = CVF$$

I is the driving capability of the output pin.
 C is C_{IN} , as seen by the output.
 V is the voltage.

- As the number of C_{IN} loads goes up, there must be a corresponding increase in IO , the driving capability of the output.
 - Outputs with high values of I_{OL} & I_{OH} are desirable.
- If $I = \text{constant}$, as C goes up, F must come down, resulting in lower speed.
 - The most widely accepted solution is the use of a large number of drivers to reduce the load capacitance seen by a given output.

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capacitance derating

- Assume a single address bus line driving 16 banks of 32-bit-wide memory.
 - Each bank has 4 chips of 64K x 8 organization, which results in $16 \times 4 = 64$ memory chips, or $16 \times 64K \times 32 = 32M$ bytes of SRAM.
 - Depending on how many 244s are used to drive the memory addresses, the delay due to the address path varies substantially.

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two 244 drivers

- This option uses two 244 drivers, one for A0–A7 and one for A8–A15.
 - An output of the 244 drives 16 banks of memory, each with 4 inputs.
 - Assuming each memory input has 5 pF capacitance:
 - A total of $4 \times 16 \times 5 = 320$ pF capacitance load seen by the 244.
- Since the 244 output can handle no more than 50 pF, the delay due to extra capacitance must be added to the address path delay.
 - For each 50 to 100 pF of capacitance, an extra 3 ns delay is added to the address path delay.

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two 244 drivers

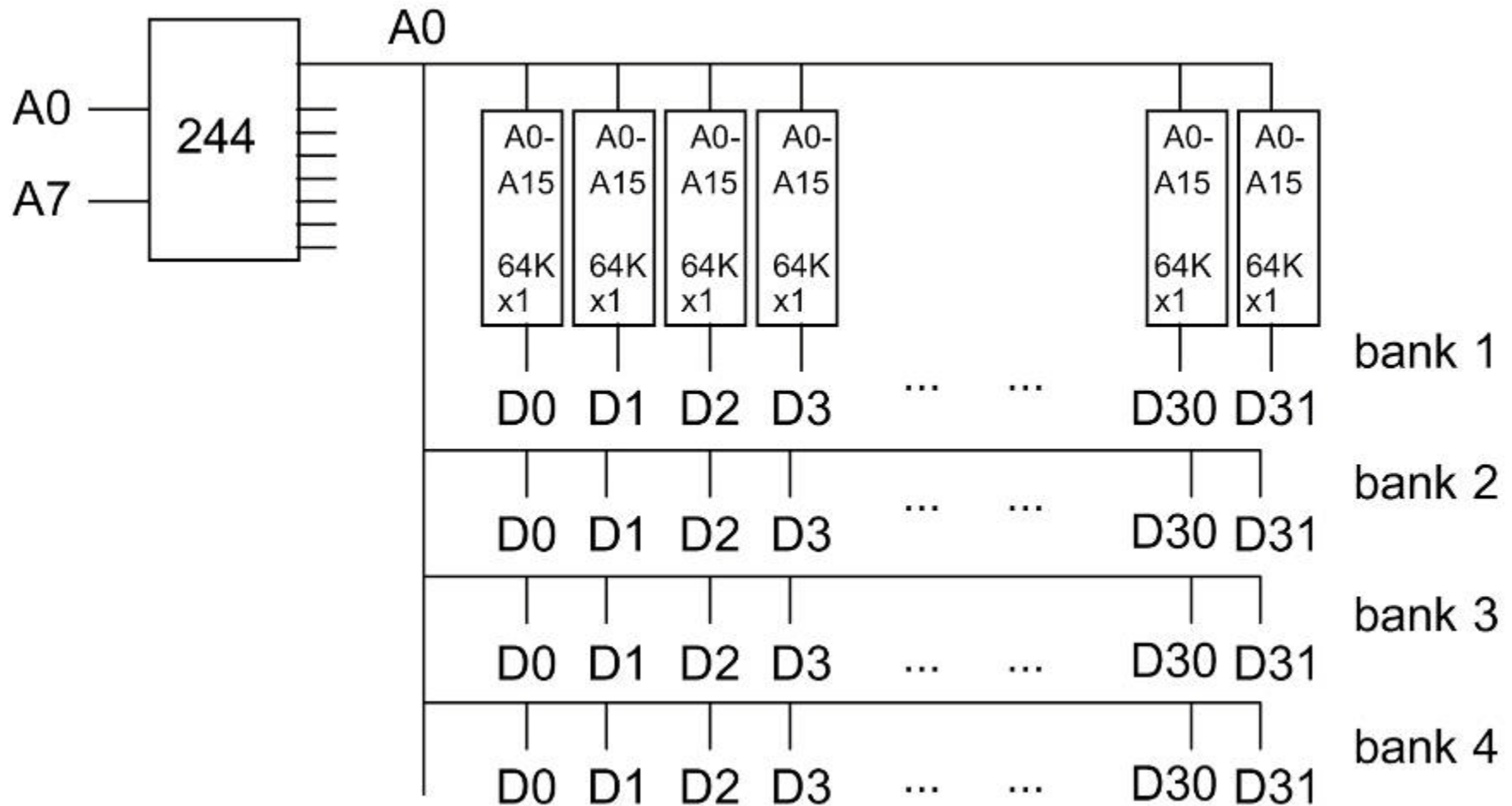


Fig. 25-6 Case 1: Two 244 Address Drivers (the second 244 for A8 –A15 is not shown)

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two 244 drivers

Example 25-4

Calculate the following for Figure 25-6, assuming a memory access time of 25 ns and a propagation delay of 10 ns for the 244.

(a) delay due to capacitance derating on the address path

(b) the total address path delay for case 1

Solution:

(a) Of the 320 pF capacitance seen by the 244, only 50 pF is taken care of; the rest, which is 270 ($320 - 50 = 270$), causes a delay. Since there are 3 ns for each extra 100 pF, we have the following delay due to capacitance derating, $(270/100) \times 3 \text{ ns} = 8.1 \text{ ns}$.

(b) Address path delay = 244 buffer propagation delay + capacitance derating delay + memory access time = $10 \text{ ns} + 8.1 \text{ ns} + 25 \text{ ns} = 43.1 \text{ ns}$.

25.2: IC INTERFACING/SYSTEM DESIGN ISSUES doubling the number of 244 buffers

- Doubling the number of 244 buffers will reduce the address path delay.
 - A single 244 drives only 8 banks, or a total of 32 inputs, since there are 4 inputs in each bank.
 - A 244 output will see a capacitance load of $32 \times 5 = 160 \text{ pF}$.

Example 25-5

Calculate (a) delay due to capacitance derating on the address path, and (b) total address path delay for case 2. Assume a memory access time of 25 ns and a propagation delay of 10 ns for the 244.

Solution:

(a) Of the 160 pF capacitance seen by the 244, only 50 pF is taken care of; the rest, which is 110 pF, causes a delay. Since there are 3 ns for each extra 100 pF, we have $(110/100) \times 3 \text{ ns} = 3.1 \text{ ns}$ delay due to capacitance derating.

(b) The address path delay = 244 buffer propagation delay + capacitance derating delay + memory access time = $10 \text{ ns} + 3.1 \text{ ns} + 25 \text{ ns} = 28.1 \text{ ns}$.

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doubling again

- Doubling the number of 244 buffers *again*, so a 244 output drives four banks, each with 4 inputs.
 - Resulting in a total capacitance load of $4 \times 4 \times 5 = 80$ pF.
 - The 244 handles only 50 pF, leaving 30 pF, causing a delay.

For high-speed system design a higher cost due to extra parts & higher power consumption must be accepted.

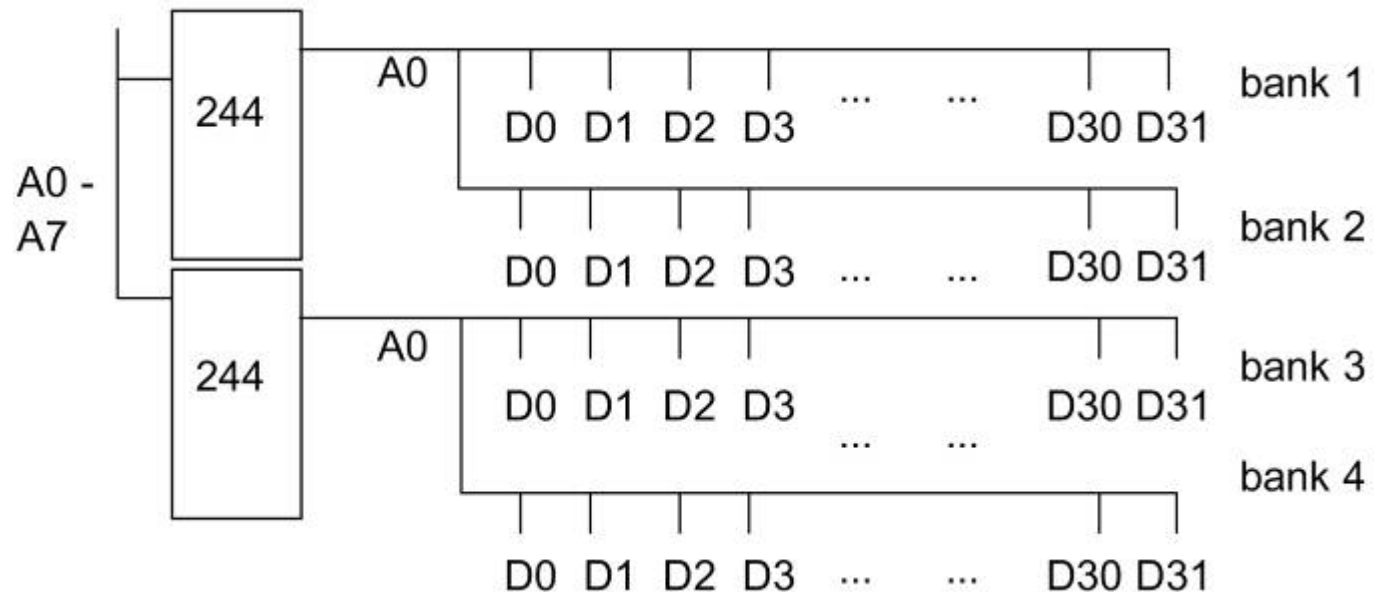


Fig. 25-7

Case 2: Four 244 Address Drivers (the two 244s for A8 – A15 are not shown)

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power dissipation considerations

- Although power dissipation is a function of the total current consumption of all components of a system, impact of V_{CC} is much more pronounced.
- Equation (26-4) showed that $I = CFV$.
 - Substituting this in equation $P = VI$ yields the following:

$$P = VI = CFV^2$$

While power dissipation goes up *linearly* with frequency, impact of power supply voltage is *squared*.

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- Although power dissipation is a function of the total current consumption of all components of a system, impact of V_{CC} is much more pronounced.

Example 25-6

Prove that a 3.3 V system consumes 56% less power than a system with a 5 V power supply.

Solution:

Since $P = VI$, by substituting $I = V/R$, we have $P = V^2/R$. Assuming that $R = 1$, we have $P (3.3)^2 = 10.89$ W and $P = (5)^2 = 25$ W. This results in using 14.11 W less ($25 - 10.89 = 14.11$), which means a 56% power saving ($14.11 \text{ W} / 25 \text{ W} \times 100 = 56\%$).

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dynamic and static currents

- There are two major types of currents flowing through an IC: dynamic and static.
 - A dynamic current is a function of the frequency under which the component is working, seen in Equation (25-4).
 - As frequency goes up, dynamic current & power dissipation go up.
 - Static current, also called **dc**, is the current consumption of the component when it is inactive (not selected).

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power-down option

- Today processors have what is called system management mode (SMM), which reduces energy consumption by turning off peripherals or the entire system when not in use.
 - Effects on the 3.3 V power supply translate into a power savings of up to 56% over systems with a 5 V power supply.

25.2: IC INTERFACING/SYSTEM DESIGN ISSUES

ground bounce

- There is a certain capacitance, resistance, and inductance associated with each pin of the IC.
 - The size of these elements varies depending on many factors such as length, area, etc.

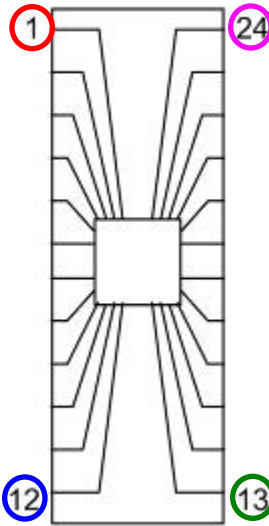
Pin	Self-inductance	Capacitance		Pin	Self-inductance	Capacitance
1	15.10 nH	1.86 pF		13	14.50 nH	1.86 pF
2	12.20 nH	1.70 pF		14	11.70 nH	1.70 pF
3	9.54 nH	1.29 pF		15	8.96 nH	1.29 pF
4	7.44 nH	0.95 pF		16	6.95 nH	0.95 pF
5	5.31 nH	0.61 pF		17	4.66 nH	0.61 pF
6	3.73 nH	0.43 pF		18	3.41 nH	0.43 pF
7	3.41 nH	0.43 pF		19	3.73 nH	0.43 pF
8	4.66 nH	0.61 pF		20	5.31 nH	0.61 pF
9	6.95 nH	0.95 pF		21	7.44 nH	0.95 pF
10	8.96 nH	1.29 pF		22	9.54 nH	1.29 pF
11	11.70 nH	1.70 pF		23	12.20 nH	1.70 pF
12	14.50 nH	1.86 pF		24	15.10 nH	1.86 pF

Fig. 25-9 Inductance and Capacitance of 24-pin DIP

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ground bounce

- Capacitance has three components:
 - Resistance; Inductance; Self-inductance
- The inductance of the IC pins, commonly referred to as *self-inductance*, causes the most problems in high-frequency system design.
 - It can result in *ground bounce*, when a massive amount of current flows through the ground pin when multiple outputs change from *high* to *low* all at the same time.

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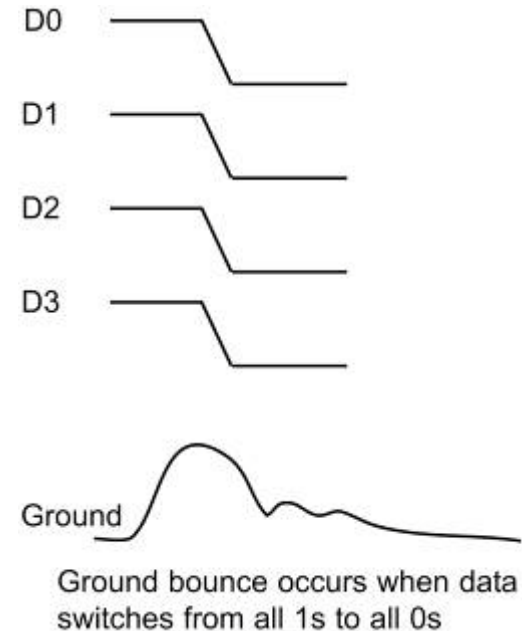
ground bounce

The voltage relation to the induction of the ground lead is as follows:

As system frequency increases, rate of dynamic current, **di/dt**, is also increased, with an increase in the inductance voltage **L (di/dt)** of the ground pin.

The *low state* (ground) has a small noise margin, so any extra voltage due to inductance voltage can cause a false signal.

$$V = L \frac{di}{dt}$$



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filtering the transient currents using decoupling

- To reduce ground bounce:
 - Locate the V_{CC} & ground pins in the middle of the chip
 - Use logics with a minimum number of outputs.
 - Use as many pins as possible for the V_{CC} & ground.

Self-inductance of a wire with length l
and a cross section of $B \times C$ is:

$$L = 0.002 \ln \left(\frac{2l}{B + C} + \frac{l}{2} \right)$$

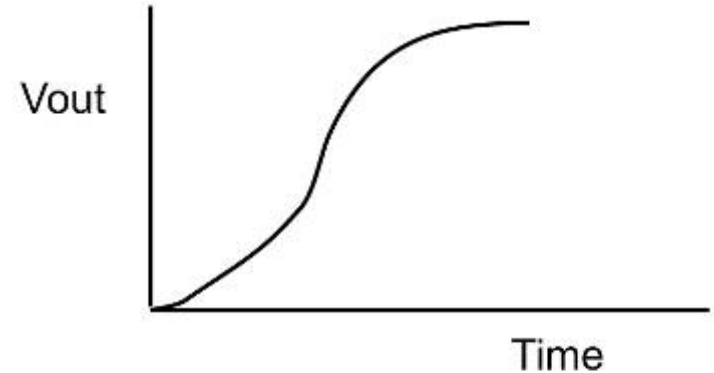
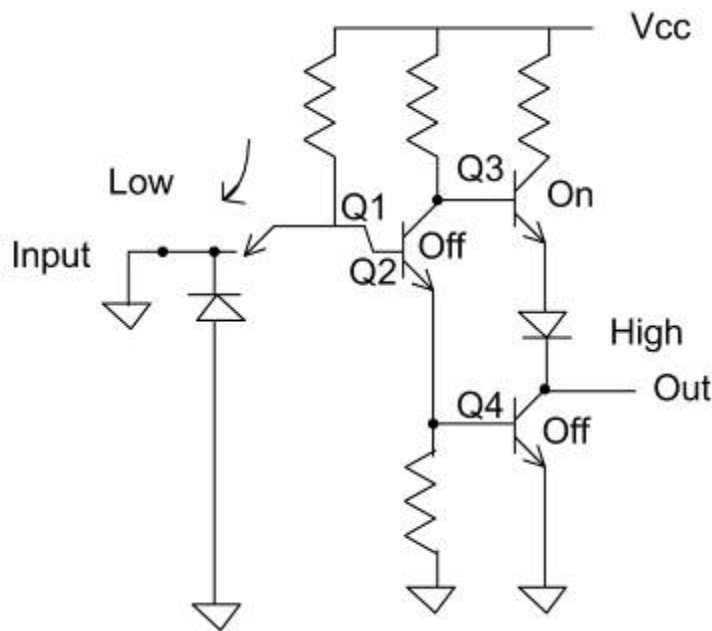
Wire length, l , contributes more to self-inductance than does the cross section.

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filtering the transient currents using decoupling

- In the TTL family, the change of the output from *low* to *high* can cause what is called *transient current*.

In totem-pole output, when output is *low*, **Q4** is on & saturated, **Q3** is off.



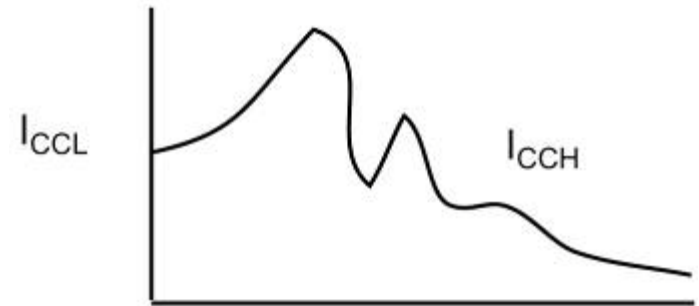
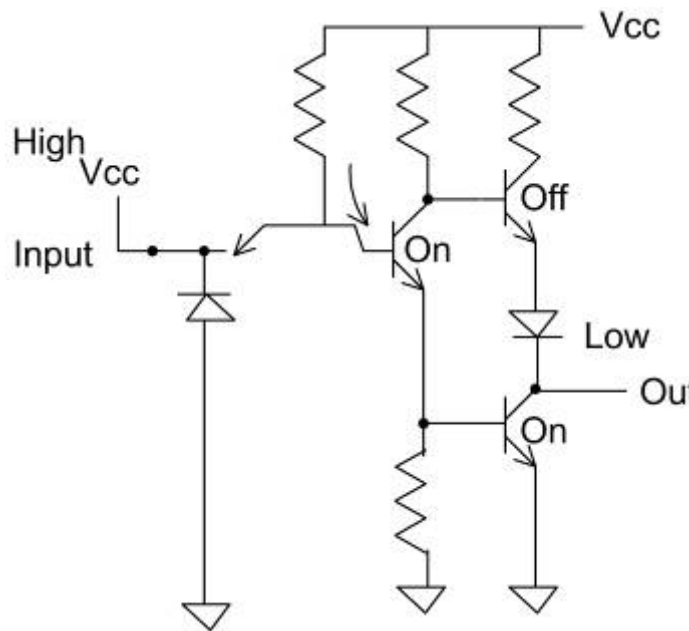
There is a time that both transistors are on & drawing currents from the V_{cc} . The amount depends on the R_{ON} values of the transistors.

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filtering the transient currents using decoupling

- In the TTL family, the change of the output from *low* to *high* can cause what is called *transient current*.

In changing output from low to high state, **Q3** becomes *on*, and **Q4** off.



The net effect is a large spike in the output current. A 0.01 F or 0.1 F ceramic disk capacitor placed between V_{CC} & ground for each TTL IC will filter the transient current.

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bulk decoupling capacitor

- As many IC chips change state at the same time, combined currents drawn from the board's V_{CC} power supply can be massive.
 - Causing fluctuation of V_{CC} on the board where all the ICs are mounted.
 - A relatively large tantalum capacitor is placed between the V_{CC} and ground lines will eliminate this.

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crosstalk

Crosstalk is due to *mutual inductance*, caused by two electric lines running parallel to each other.

(electromagnetic interference or EMI)

$$M = 0.002 \, l \ln \frac{2l}{d} - \ln \left(\frac{2l}{B + C} + \frac{l}{2} \right)$$

The effect of crosstalk can be reduced by increasing the distance between parallel or adjacent lines. (or circuit boards traces).

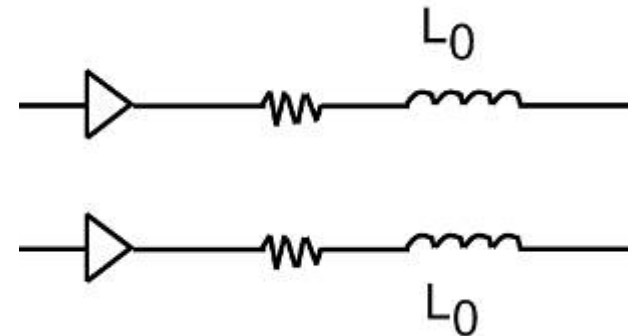


Fig. 25-11 Crosstalk (EMI)

...where l is the length of two conductors running in parallel, & d is the distance between them.

The medium material placed in between affects K .

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transmission line ringing



Ringing

The square wave in digital circuits is made of a single fundamental pulse & many harmonics of various amplitudes

When the signal travels on the line, not all harmonics respond the same way to the capacitance, inductance & resistance of the line.

This causes *ringing*, and depends on the thickness and the length of the line driver, among other factors.

In high-frequency systems, wire traces on the printed circuit board (PCB) behave like transmission lines, causing ringing.

The severity of this ringing depends on the speed and the logic family used.

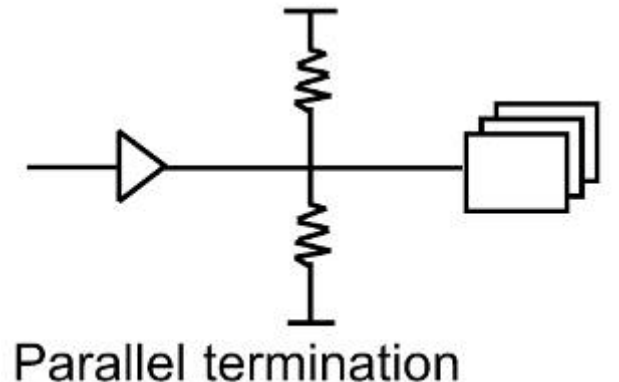
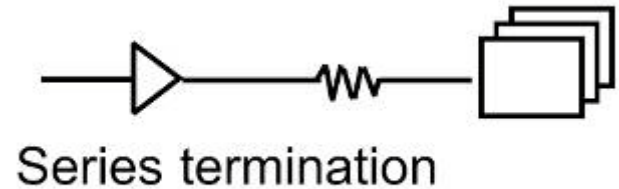
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transmission line ringing

- Three major methods of line driver termination:
 - Parallel; Serial; Thevenin.
 - Parallel and Thevenin methods when there is a need to match impedance of the line with load impedance.

Table 25-8: Line Length Beyond Which Traces Behave Like Transmission Lines

Logic Family	Line Length (in.)
LS	25
S, AS	11
F, ACT	8
AS, ECL	6
FCT, FCTA	5



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FIT and failure analysis

- Chip manufacturers provide a parameter called FIT (*failure in time*) to measure reliability of a single chip.
 - The FIT of a single chip is the number of expected failures in a billion (10^9) hours of operation.
- Manufacturers use burn-in to eliminate early failures before the product is shipped to the customer.
 - Commonly referred to as infant mortality, since the failure rate starts high and eventually levels off to a constant level.

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FIT and failure analysis

- Although early failures can be eliminated using burn-in, failure rate can never be reduced to zero.
 - Due to wearout and other factors such as soft error.

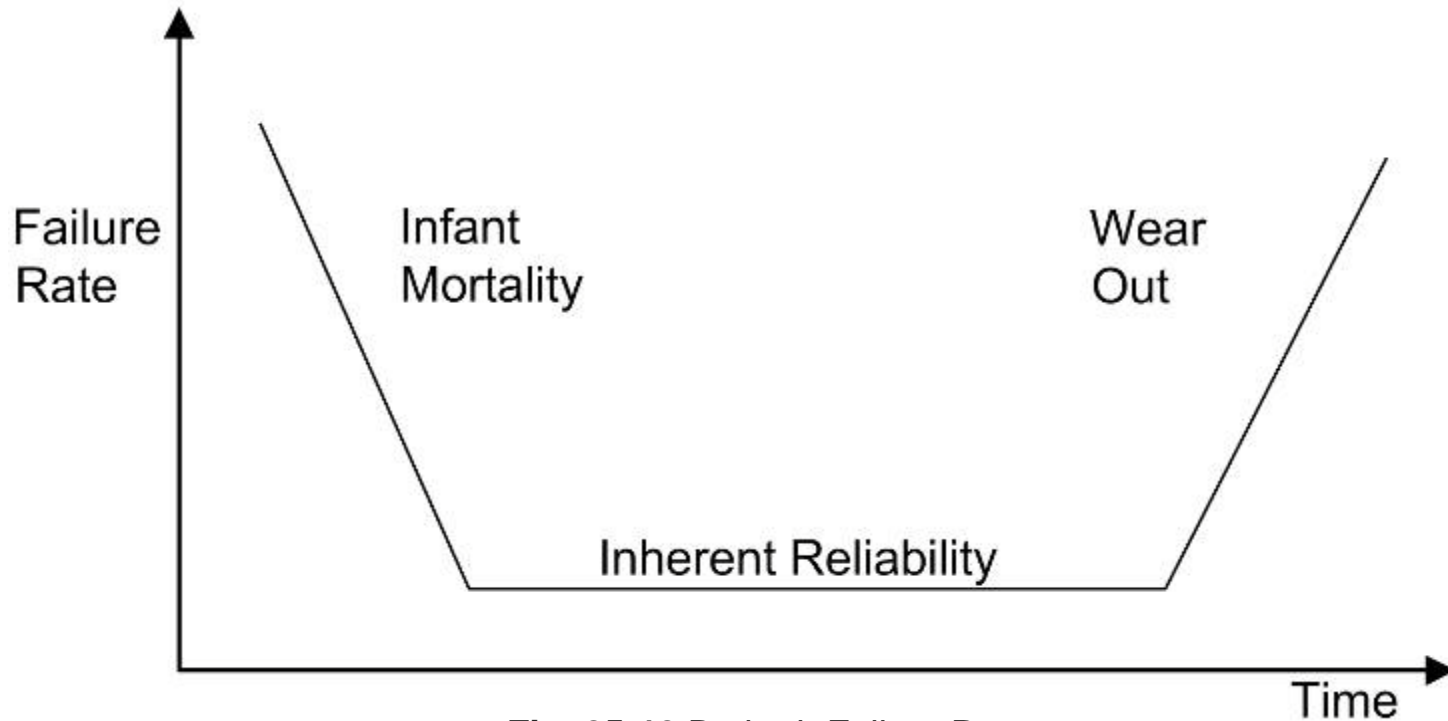


Fig. 25-13 Bathtub Failure Rate

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soft error and hard error

- In memory there are two kinds of errors that can cause a bit to change: soft error and hard error.
- If the cell bit gets stuck permanently in a "*high*" or "*low*" state, this is referred to as a *hard error*.
 - Due to cell deterioration caused by wear-out.
 - There no remedy except to replace the defective chip.
- A *soft error* alters the cell bit from 1 to 0 or from 0 to 1, even though the cell is perfectly fine.
 - Caused by alpha particle radiation and power surges.
 - As density of RAM chips increases & RAM cell size goes down, probability of a soft error for a given cell goes up.

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mean time between failures (MTBF) for system

- System reliability of system depends on two factors, used to calculate the *mean time between failures*, or MTBF:
 - The FIT (failures in time) value of a single part.
 - The number of parts in the system.
- A prediction of average time before the first failure occurs, MTBF for a single chip is calculated, using the FIT, as follows:

$$\text{MTBF} = \frac{1,000,000,000 \text{ hours}}{\text{FIT}}$$

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mean time between failures (MTBF) for system

- For the MTBF rate for the system, divide the single-chip MTBF by the number of chips in the system.

$$\text{MTBF of system} = \frac{\text{MTBF of one chip}}{\text{number of chips in system}}$$

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mean time between failures (MTBF) for system

Example 25-7

Assuming that the FIT for a single chip is 252, calculate the MTBF for:

- (a) a single chip
- (b) a system with 512 chips

Solution:

(a) The MTBF for a single chip is as follows: $\text{MTBF for 1 chip} = 1,000,000,000 \text{ hr} / 252 = 3,968,254 \text{ hr} = 453 \text{ years}$

(b) The MTBF for 512 chips is $= 453 \text{ years} / 512 \text{ chips} = 0.884 \text{ year} = 323 \text{ days}$

“Testing RAM for Embedded Systems”

by Jack Ganssle, is available from:

<http://www.ganssle.com/testingram.pdf>

Example 25-8

Calculate the system MTBF for the system in Example 25-7 if FIT = 745.

Solution:

$\text{MTBF for a single chip} = 10^9 / 745 \text{ hrs.} = 153 \text{ years. For the system it is } 153 \text{ years} / 512 = 109 \text{ days.}$

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ECL and gallium arsenide (GaAs) chips

- Use of secondary cache & EDC in systems 66 MHz higher is adding to the data and address path delay.
 - This forces designers to resort to ECL & GaAs chips.
- GaAs chips are used in high-speed x86 and RISC-based computers, especially GaAs EDC and cache controller chips.
- The mass of electrons in GaAs is lighter than in silicon, due to its quantum mechanics structure.
 - The electrons have a much higher speed, meaning GaAs chips achieve much higher speed than silicon.
 - Power dissipation is comparable to the silicon-based MOS transistor.

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ECL and gallium arsenide (GaAs) chips

- GaAs has the following disadvantages:
 - Unlike silicon, of which there is a plentiful supply, GaAs is a rare commodity, and therefore more expensive.
 - GaAs is a compound of two elements, Ga and As, and therefore unstable at high temperatures.
 - It is very brittle, making large wafers impossible.
 - At this time no more than 100,000 transistors on a single chip.
 - GaAs yields are much lower than for silicon, making the cost per chip much more expensive than for silicon chips.
- The CRAY III supercomputer was based on GaAs, with buses at speeds of multiple GHz.
 - Eventually abandoned due to these issues.

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