

- **Saturated Enhancement Load:**

- **Both bodies tied to ground**

- **For  $M_1$ :  $V_{SB1} = 0$**

- **For  $M_2$ :  $V_{SB2} = V_o$**

- **$M_2$  is enhancement mode**

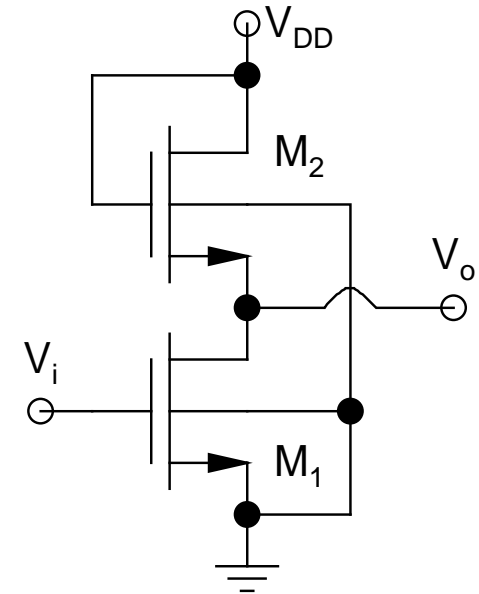
- **$V_{TN02}$  positive**

- **$M_2$  is also diode-connected**

- **Always operates in saturation**

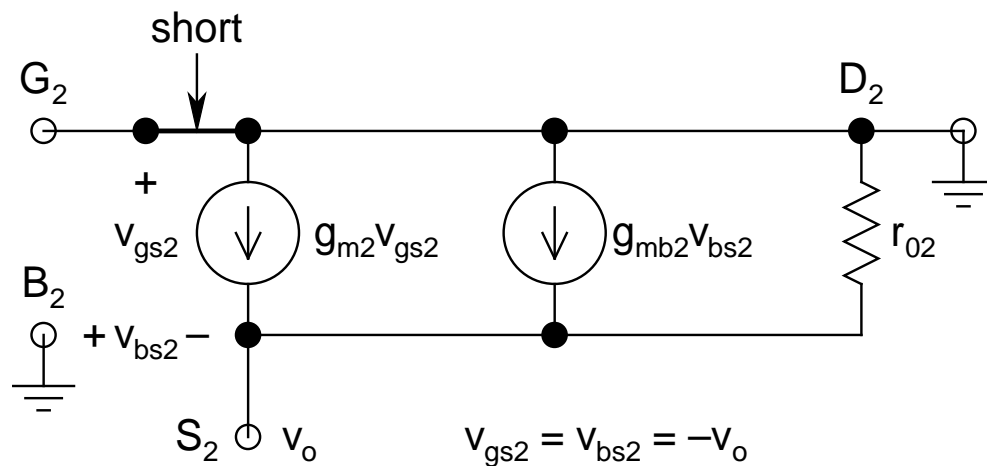
- **$M_2$  has a floating body effect**

**problem:**  $V_o$  is a variable and  $V_{TN2}$  will continuously change with a change in  $V_o$

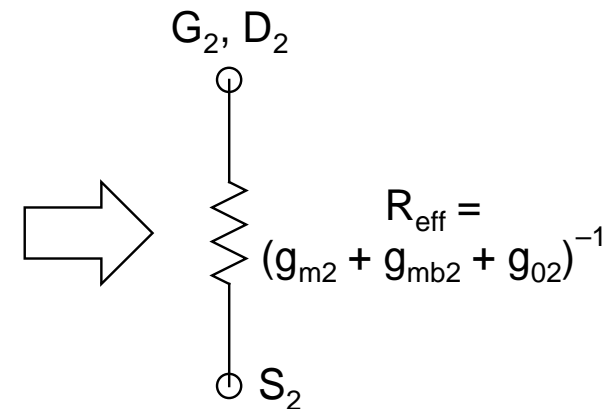


**Circuit Schematic**

- *Solution of this equation would give  $V_{o,max}$*
- *Once  $V_{o,max}$  is obtained, the best bias point would be at  $V_o = V_{o,max}/2$*
- Before doing *ac analysis*, *let's investigate  $M_2$* :



**ac Midband Equivalent of  $M_2$**



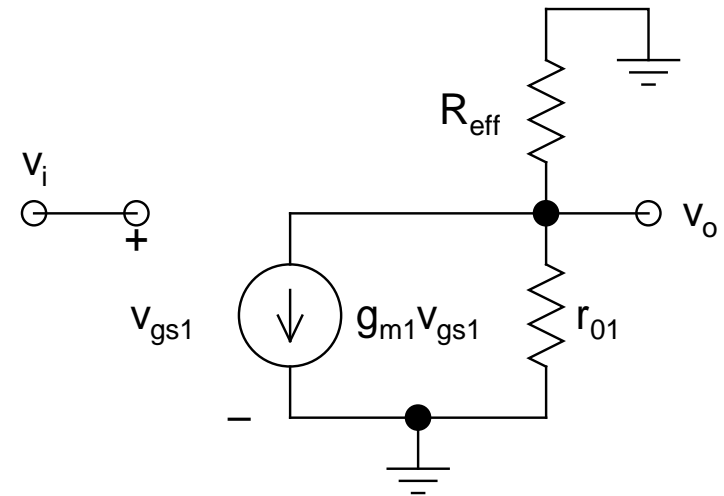
**Simplified Equivalent**

➤ Thus, the *complete equivalent*:

➤ *By inspection*:

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel R_{eff})$$

$$= - \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2} + g_{o1} + g_{o2}}$$



**Complete Equivalent**

➤ Now, in general,

$$(g_{m2} + g_{mb2}) \gg (g_{o1} + g_{o2})$$

$$\Rightarrow A_v \approx - \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} = - \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2} (1 + \chi_2)}$$

$$\chi_2 = \frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{2\phi_F + V_{0Q}}}$$

$V_{0Q} =$  *Quiescent DC output voltage*

- Now, if  $M_2$  can be put in its *separate island*, then  $S_2$  and  $B_2$  can be *connected together*

$$\Rightarrow v_{sb2} = 0 \Rightarrow g_{mb2}v_{sb2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_v \approx -\frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{(W/L)_1}{(W/L)_2}}$$

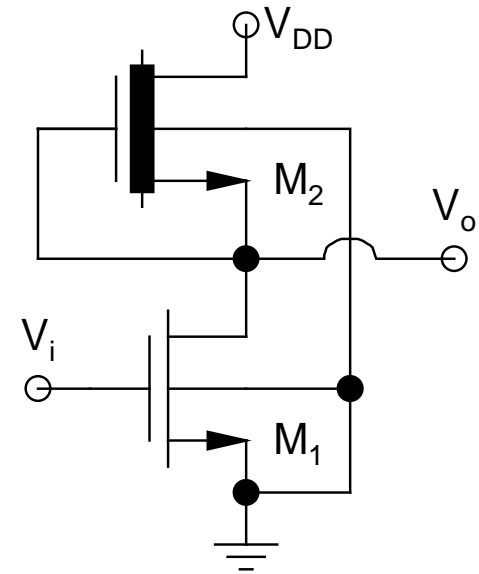
- $R_0 = (g_{m2} + g_{mb2} + g_{01} + g_{02})^{-1}$

➤ *Insights:*

- *$V_o$  doesn't go all the way to  $V_{DD}$*   
⇒ *Full rail-to-rail swing can't be achieved*
- *When  $V_o$  falls below  $\Delta V$  of  $M_1$ , it leaves the saturation region, and enters non-saturation region*  
⇒ *Distortion will set in at the output*
- *Even for a moderate voltage gain of 10, the ratio of the aspect ratios of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  has to be 100!*
- *All these problems coupled together make this circuit highly unattractive for practical use*

- **Depletion Load:**

- $M_2$  is *depletion mode*, having *negative*  $V_{TN0}$  (*denoted by*  $V_{TD0}$ )
- *Back bias of*  $M_2$ :  
 $V_{SB2} = V_o$
- *With*  $V_o$ ,  $V_{TD2}$  *changes*
- *Maximum*  $V_o$  *desired*  $= V_{DD}$
- *This is also the maximum back bias of*  $M_2$



**Circuit Schematic**

- *$M_2$  has GS short  $\Rightarrow V_{GS2} = 0$*
- *Even with  $V_o = V_{SB2}(max) = V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{TD2}$  should remain negative with a cushion of at least 100 mV*
  - $\Rightarrow V_{TD2}$  with  $V_{SB2} = V_{DD}$  should be  $-100$  mV
  - $\Rightarrow V_{TD0}$  should be chosen based on this
- Now,  $V_{DS2}(min) = V_{DD} - V_o(max) = 0$
- Under this condition,  $V_{GS2} - V_{TD2} = \Delta V_2 = 100$  mV
  - $\Rightarrow M_2$  is in the linear region (*since  $V_{DS2} < \Delta V_2$* )