

Technical University of Munich
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Chair of Electronic Design Automation

acst - Analog Circuit Synthesis Tool

Documentation

Inga Abel, inga.abel@tum.de

Contents

1. Overview	4
1.1. Structure Recognition	4
1.2. Rule Generation	4
1.3. Partitioning	4
1.4. Automatic Sizing	5
1.5. Synthesis	5
1.6. Topology Library Generation	5
2. Compiling and Installing acst	5
3. Commands	7
3.1. General Commands	8
3.2. Functionality Specific Commands	8
3.2.1. Structure Recognition	8
3.2.2. Rule Generation	9
3.2.3. Partitioning	10
3.2.4. Automatic Sizing	11
3.2.5. Synthesis	13
3.2.6. Topology Library Generation	15
4. Tests	16
5. Examples	16
A. Example Input Files	17
A.1. Circuit Netlist	17
A.2. HSpice Mapping File	18
A.3. Supply Net File	20
A.4. Device Type File	20
A.5. Technology File	22
A.6. Circuit Parameters and Specifications	23
A.7. Library File	24
A.8. Circuit Specifications	24
B. Output File Examples	25
B.1. Structure Recognition	25
B.2. Rule Generation	30
B.3. Partitioning	31
B.4. Automatic Sizing	36

Contents

B.5. Synthesis	39
B.6. Topology Library Generation	41
C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps	42
C.1. Symmetrical Op-Amps	43
C.2. Single-Output Op-Amps	46
C.3. Fully-differential Op-Amps	51
Bibliography	53

1. Overview

The analog circuit synthesis tool (**acst**) supports following functionalities:

- Recognition of basic structures in analog circuits (*Structure Recognition*) [1]
- Developing rules set for new structures to automatically recognize them in circuits (*Rule Generation*) [2]
- Partitioning of op-amps into their functional blocks (*Partitioning*) [3]
- Sizing of basic op-amps (*Automatic Sizing*) [4]
- Synthesis of basic op-amps (*Synthesis*) [5,6]
- Automatic generation of a topology library currently featuring around 4000 op-amps (*Topology Library Generation*)

1.1. Structure Recognition

The structure recognition methods is able to recognize basic structures as current mirrors and differential pairs in op-amps. It is detailed described in [1,7].

1.2. Rule Generation

The rule generation allows it to automatically develop recognition rules for new structures in analog circuits that repeatedly occur like level shifters. The structures are stored in a defined recognition library which can be used to analyze circuits for this structures. The method is described in [2].

1.3. Partitioning

The partitioning method automatically recognizes functional blocks in op-amps. These functional blocks are amplification stages, their subblocks: load, transconductor and bias, the

op-amp bias circuits, as well as basic compensation structures. A list of supported example circuits is given in Appendix C. The method is described in detail in [3].

1.4. Automatic Sizing

The automatic sizing method generates initial device sizes for provided analog op-amps. A list of supported example circuits is given Appendix C. The method is described in detail in [4].

1.5. Synthesis

The synthesis method generates a set of op-amp topologies fulfilling a given set of specifications. Three different op-amp types are supported: fully-differential, complementary and single output. The method is in detail described in [6, 8].

1.6. Topology Library Generation

The topology library generation method generates all topology structures currently supported by acst. This are currently 3912 topologies including single-output op-amps, symmetrical op-amps, fully-differential op-amps.

2. Compiling and Installing acst

To be able to compile acst, following additional libraries must be provided:

- Boost (<https://www.boost.org/>)
- Rapid xml (<http://rapidxml.sourceforge.net/>)
- Gecode (<https://www.gecode.org/>)

If not already available on your computer system. Please download the respective libraries from the provided websites.

To compile acst, please follow the steps below.

2. Compiling and Installing acst

1. Download *acst* from git and save it into a proper directory "*{filepath}*".
2. Open *{filepath}/acst/CMakeLists.txt* and adjust the file path for the inclusion of the rapid xml library and boost library:

```
...  
  
###  
# Find RapidXml  
###  
list(APPEND CMAKE_INCLUDE_PATH  
        {file path to rapidxml directory}  
)  
find_package(RapidXml REQUIRED)  
include_directories(SYSTEM ${RAPIDXML_INCLUDE_DIR})  
  
###  
# Find Boost library  
###  
set(BOOST_ROOT {file path to boost directory})  
  
...
```

An example of an adequate CMakeLists.txt file is given below:

```
...  
  
###  
# Find RapidXml  
###  
list(APPEND CMAKE_INCLUDE_PATH  
        /usr/local/public/include/rapidxml/  
)  
find_package(RapidXml REQUIRED)  
include_directories(SYSTEM ${RAPIDXML_INCLUDE_DIR})  
  
###  
# Find Boost library  
###  
set(BOOST_ROOT /usr/include/boost_1_48_0)  
  
...
```

3. Open *{filepath}/acst/cmake/modules/FindGecode.cmake* and adjust the path to include the gecode library

```
if(NOT GECODE_FEATURES)  
    set(GECODE_FEATURES "driver" "flatzinc" "gist" "graph" "int" "iter"  
        "kernel" "minimodel" "scheduling" "search" "set" "support")  
endif()  
  
set(GECODE_INCLUDE {file path to the gecode directory})  
  
if(GECODE_INCLUDE STREQUAL "GECODE_INCLUDE-NOTFOUND")  
  
...
```

An example of an adequate FindGecode.cmake file is given below:

```
if(NOT GECODE_FEATURES)
    set(GECODE_FEATURES "driver" "flatzinc" "gist" "graph" "int" "iter"
        "kernel" "minimodel" "scheduling" "search" "set" "support")
endif()

set(GECODE_INCLUDE usr/local/public/include/gecode-release-6.2.0)

if(GECODE_INCLUDE STREQUAL "GECODE_INCLUDE-NOTFOUND")
...

```

4. Open `{filepath}/acst/Control/script/acst.sh` and adjust the file path for the gecode library:

```
#!/bin/bash

export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="{file path to the gecode directory}:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}"
export OA_UNSUPPORTED_PLAT=linux_rhel40
${CMAKE_RUNTIME_OUTPUT_DIRECTORY}/acst $@
```

An example of an adequate acst.sh file is given below:

```
#!/bin/bash

export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="usr/local/public/include/gecode-release-6.2.0:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}"
export OA_UNSUPPORTED_PLAT=linux_rhel40
${CMAKE_RUNTIME_OUTPUT_DIRECTORY}/acst $@
```

5. Use following linux commands to compile acst:

```
$ cd {file path}/acst      #enters the acst directory
$ mkdir build              #creates a new build folder within acst
$ cd build                  #enters the new build folder within acst
$ cmake ..                  #runs CMake to build generate a buildsystem
$ cd ..                     # returns to the acst folder
$ make -C build              # builds acst into the build-folder
```

3. Commands

acst can be best used using command-script. Examples of the command-scripts are given in `acst/InputFileExamples` ordered according the different functionalities. To make a ne script executable, use the command `chmod a+x {newScript.sh}`. Detailed explanations of the different commands are given below.

3. Commands

3.1. General Commands

General commands are not functionality specific. These are:

```
--log-level-console [DEBUG/TRACE/OFF]
```

`--log-level-console` specifies what is outputted on the console, debug messages [DEBUG], nothing [OFF], etc.

```
--analysis [structrec/rulegen/partitioning/automaticsizing/synthesis/toplibgen]
```

`--analysis` specifies what functionality is performed, structure recognition [structrec], rule generation [rulegen], partitioning [partitioning], sizing [automaticsizing], synthesis [synthesis] or topology library generation [toplibgen].

3.2. Functionality Specific Commands

Additionally to the general commands, also command specified for the different functionalities of the tool are needed.

3.2.1. Structure Recognition

Following additional commands are defined for structure recognition:

```
--circuit-netlist [relative file path to the circuit netlist to be analysis]
```

The circuit netlist contains the devices of the circuit and their interconnections. It must have the HSpice-File-Format. An example of a circuit netlist that can be analyzed is given in App. A.1.

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

The device types file contains information of the devices supported by acst. An example is shown in App. A.4.

```
--hspice-mapping-file [relative file path to the HSpice mapping file]
```

As the circuit netlist is written in HSpice-File-Format, the corresponding mapping must be provided in a HSpice mapping file. An example is shown in App. A.2.

3. Commands

```
--hspice-supplynet-file [relative file path to the supply net file]
```

The supply net file defines the supply nets in the circuit. They must be named as global nets in the circuit net list file. An example is shown in App. A.3.

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [abosolut file path to the library used for recognition]
```

The library file defines the basic structures recognizable by acst. This library is integrated in acst the file path is: {file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml. An example of the library file is shown in App. A.7.

```
--output-file [relative file path to the output file(file is created by program)]
```

The output file contains all basic structures recognized by acst in the circuit netlist. An example are given in App. B.1.

In the following an example of a command script is shown. The example is provided in acst/InputFileExamples/StructureRecognition/command.sh.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --circuit-netlist input.ckt  
--device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --hspice-mapping-file HSpiceMapping.xcat  
--hspice-supplynet-file supplyNets.xcat --analysis structrec --output-file output.xml  
--log-level-console DEBUG --xml-structrec-library-file  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of acst in the script.

3.2.2. Rule Generation

Following additional commands are defined for the rule generation functionality:

```
--circuit-netlist [relative file path to the circuit netlist containing the circuit for  
which recognition new rules are created]
```

The circuit netlist contains the devices of the circuit and their interconnections. It must have the HSpice-File-Format. An example of a circuit netlist for which new rules can be created is given in in App. A.1.

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

The device types file contains information of the devices supported by acst. An example is shown in App. A.4.

3. Commands

```
--hspice-mapping-file [relative file path to the HSpice mapping file]
```

As the circuit netlist is written in HSpice-File-Format, the corresponding mapping must be provided in a HSpice mapping file. An example is shown in App. A.2.

```
--hspice-supplynet-file [relative file path to the supply net file]
```

The supply net file defines the supply nets in the circuit. They must be named as global nets in the circuit net list file. An example is shown in App. A.3.

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [abosolut file path to the library used for recognition]
```

The library file defines the basic set of structures that is used for rule generation. It must at least contain the array library (acst/StructRec/xml/Array/ArrayLibrary.xml). Also other structures can be added to build the basis structures of the new established rules.

```
--structure-name [name of the structure for which new rules are created]
```

With the structure name a new library is created containing the old libraries for recognition as well as the new library created for the structure. Also a folder is created contain the rules for the structure as well as its substructures. Examples are provided in App.

In the following an example of a command script is shown. The example is provided in acst/InputFileExamples/RuleGeneration/command.sh.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG --analysis  
rulegen --circuit-netlist cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.hspice --xml-structrec-library-file  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/InputFileExamples/RuleGeneration/Library.xml  
--hspice-mapping-file HSpiceMapping.xcat --hspice-supplynet-file supplyNets.xcat  
--device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --structure-name SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of acst in the script.

3.2.3. Partitioning

Following additional commands are defined for the partitioning functionality:

```
--circuit-netlist [relative file path to the circuit netlist to be analysis]
```

The circuit netlist contains the devices of the circuit and their interconnections. It must have the HSpice-File-Format. An example of a circuit netlist that can be analyzed is given in App. A.1.

3. Commands

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

The device types file contains information of the devices supported by acst. An example is shown in App. A.4.

```
--hspice-mapping-file [relative file path to the HSpice mapping file]
```

As the circuit netlist is written in HSpice-File-Format, the corresponding mapping must be provided in a HSpice mapping file. An example is shown in App. A.2.

```
--hspice-supplynet-file [relative file path to the supply net file]
```

The supply net file defines the supply nets in the circuit. They must be named as global nets in the circuit net list file. An example is shown in App. A.3.

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [absolute file path to the library used for recognition]
```

The library file defines the basic structures recognizable by acst. This library is integrated in acst the file path is: {file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml. An example of the library file is shown in App. A.7.

```
--output-file [relative file path to the output file(file is created by program)]
```

The output file contains all functional blocks recognized by acst in the circuit netlist. This are, e.g., the amplification stages and their subblocks. An example is given in App. B.3.

In the following an example of a command script is shown. The example is provided in acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/command.sh.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG --output-file  
cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml --circuit-netlist cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.hspice  
--device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --hspice-mapping-file HSpiceMapping.xcat --analysis  
partitioning --hspice-supplynet-file supplyNets.xcat --xml-structrec-library-file  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of acst in the script.

3.2.4. Automatic Sizing

Following additional commands are defined for automatic sizing:

```
--circuit-netlist [relative file path to the circuit netlist to be analysis]
```

3. Commands

The circuit netlist contains the devices of the circuit to be sized and their interconnections. It must have the HSpice-File-Format. An example of a circuit netlist that can be analyzed is given in App. A.1.

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

The device types file contains information of the devices supported by acst. An example is shown in App. A.4.

```
--hspice-mapping-file [relative file path to the HSpice mapping file]
```

As the circuit netlist is written in HSpice-File-Format, the corresponding mapping must be provided in a HSpice mapping file. An example is shown in App. A.2.

```
--hspice-supplynet-file [relative file path to the supply net file]
```

The supply net file defines the supply nets in the circuit. They must be named as global nets in the circuit net list file. An example is shown in App. A.3.

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [absolute file path to the library used for recognition]
```

The library file defines the basic structures recognizable by acst. This library is integrated in acst the file path is: {file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml. An example of the library file is shown in App. A.7.

```
--xml-technologie-file [relative file path to the technology file]
```

The technology file contains all parameter of the manufacturing process needed in the sizing algorithm. An example how it must look like and which parameters are needed is given in App. A.5.

```
--xml-circuit-information-file [relative file path to the circuit information file]
```

The circuit information file contains all parameters and specifications about the circuit performance. An example how it must look like and which parameters and specifications are needed is given in App. A.6.

```
--transistor-model [SHM/EKV]
```

--transistor-model specifies which transistor model is used by the sizing algorithm, Shichmann-Hodge model [SHM], EKV-model (currently not supported) [EKV].

```
--scaling [0.1um/1um]
```

3. Commands

`--scaling` specifies with which discretization the device sizes are calculated, with an accuracy of 0.1 μm [0.1 μm], or with an accuracy of 1 μm [1 μm].

```
--runtime [secs]
```

`--runtime` names the time the solver has to find solutions for a circuit. Its is provided in secs.

```
--output-file [relative file path to the output file(file is created by program)]
```

The output file contains all device sizes calculated by the program, the estimated performance values and the voltage and current values for the circuit in the dc-operation point. An example is given in App. B.4.

In the following an example of a command script is shown. The example is provided in `acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/command.sh`.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG --analysis  
automaticsizing --circuit-netlist cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.hspice --output-file  
cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml --hspice-mapping-file HSpiceMapping.xcat --scaling 0.1 $\mu\text{m}$   
--transistor-model SHM --device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --xml-structrec-library-file  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml --hspice-supplynet-file  
supplyNets.xcat --xml-technologie-file TechnologieFile.xml --runtime 5  
--xml-circuit-information-file CircuitParameterAndSpecifications.xml
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of `acst` in the script.

3.2.5. Synthesis

Two types of circuit can be performed. A synthesis featuring a topology library with around 4000 topologies and a synthesis featuring a smaller topology library with 36 topology. While in the synthesis with 4000 topologies the topologies are dynamically generated, the synthesis with only 36 topologies has a fixed HSpice library.

Which library is used is defined by following command:

```
--use-hspice-library [true/false]
```

When `--use-hspice-library` is set to `true` the smaller HSpice-library is used otherwise the large library is used.

Other additional command are:

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

The device types file contains information of the devices supported by `acst`. An example is shown in App. A.4.

3. Commands

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [absolute file path to the library used for recognition]
```

The library file defines the basic structures recognizable by acst. This library is integrated in acst the file path is: {file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml. An example of the library file is shown in App. A.7.

```
--xml-technologie-file [relative file path to the technology file]
```

The technology file contains all parameter of the manufacturing process needed in the sizing algorithm. An example how it must look like and which parameters are needed is given in App. A.5.

```
--xml-circuit-information-file [relative file path to the circuit information file]
```

The circuit information file contains all parameters and specifications about the circuit performance. An example how it must look like and which parameters and specifications are needed is given in App. A.8.

```
--transistor-model [SHM/EKV]
```

--transistor-model specifies which transistor model is used by the sizing algorithm, Shichmann-Hodge model [SHM], EKV-model (currently not supported) [EKV].

```
--scaling [0.1mum/1mum]
```

--scaling specifies with which discretization the device sizes are calculated, with an accuracy of 0.1 mum [0.1mum], or with an accuracy of 1 mum [1mum].

```
--HSPICE-netlist-dir [path where the files of the circuits fulfilling the specification  
are written to]
```

For each circuit fulfilling the specifications a file is created containing the circuit netlist ready to be read in by cadence. Also the expected performance values are given. An example of such a file is provided in App. B.5.

When the hspice circuit library is used additional command are needed:

```
--xml-circuit-library-file [absolute file path to the HSpice circuit library]
```

The circuit library files defines the topologies used in the synthesis algorithm. This library is integrated in acst. The file path is: {file path to acst}/acst/Synthesis/hspice/Library.xml. An example of the library file is shown in App. A.7.

```
--hspice-mapping-file [relative file path to the HSpice mapping file]
```

As the circuit netlist is written in HSpice-File-Format, the corresponding mapping must be provided in a HSpice mapping file. An example is shown in App. A.2.

3. Commands

```
--hspice-supplynet-file [relative file path to the supply net file]
```

The supply net file defines the supply nets in the circuit. They must be named as global nets in the circuit net list file. An example is shown in App. A.3.

In the following an example of a command script is shown using the large circuit library. The example is provided in `acst/InputFileExamples/Synthesis/command.sh`.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG --analysis
synthesis --device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --xml-structrec-library-file
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml --scaling 1um
--transistor-model SHM --xml-circuit-information-file CircuitSpecifications.xml
--xml-technologie-file TechnologieFile.xml --HSPICE-netlist-dir
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/InputFileExamples/Synthesis/HspiceNetlist
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of `acst` in the script.

The following command script is an example for a script using the small HSpice circuit library. The example is provided in `acst/InputFileExamples/SynthesisSmallLibrary/command.sh`.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG --analysis
synthesis --use-hspice-library true --xml-technologie-file TechnologieFile.xml
--xml-circuit-information-file CircuitSpecifications.xml --xml-structrec-library-file
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml --transistor-model SHM
--xml-circuit-library-file {absolute file path to acst}/acst/Synthesis/hspice/Library.xml
--hspice-mapping-file HSpiceMapping.xcat --hspice-supplynet-file supplyNets.xcat
--device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --scaling 1um --HSPICE-netlist-dir
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/InputFileExamples/SynthesisSmallLibrary/Netlist
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of `acst` in the script.

3.2.6. Topology Library Generation

Following additional commands are defined for the topology library generation functionality:

```
--HSPICE-netlist-dir [path where the files of the library are written to]
```

For each circuit in the library a HSpice file is created containing the circuit netlist. An example of such a file is provided in App. B.6.

Adding the structure library to the command with

```
--xml-structrec-library-file [absolute file path to the library used for recognition]
```

and the device type file with

```
--device-types-file [relative file path to the device types file]
```

leads to a generation of circuit files with labeled transistors. To each transistor its function in the circuit is written (Fig. B.17)

In the following an example of a command script is shown. The example is provided in `acst/InputFileExamples/TopologyLibraryGeneration/command.sh`.

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG  
--analysis toplibgen --HSPICE-netlist-dir  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/InputFileExamples/TopologyLibraryGeneration/Netlists
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of `acst` in the script.

For generating circuit files with transistor labels following command script can be used:

```
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/build/bin/acst.sh --log-level-console DEBUG  
--analysis toplibgen --device-types-file deviceTypes.xcat --xml-structrec-library-file  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml --HSPICE-netlist-dir  
{absolute file path to acst}/acst/InputFileExamples/TopologyLibraryGeneration/Netlists
```

To run the script, adjust the absolute file path of `acst` in the script.

4. Tests

For Structure Recognition, Rule Generation and Partitioning automatic tests are provided. They can be started in `acst/build` with the command `ctest`. The results are found in `acst/build/Testing`.

5. Examples

Examples for each functionality are provided in `acst/InputFileExamples`.

A. Example Input Files

A.1. Circuit Netlist

The circuit netlist must always be written in HSPICE-Format. To obtain an error-free recognition of the functional blocks in op-amps, the supply nets of the circuit must be marked as global nets.

```
** Design library name: CascodeSymmetricalCMOSOTA
** Design cell name: cascodeSymmetricalCMOSOTA
** Design view name: schematic
.GLOBAL vdd! gnd!

.TEMP 25.0
.OPTION
+   ARTIST=2
+   INGOLD=2
+   PARHIER=LOCAL
+   PSF=2

** Library name: CascodeSymmetricalCMOSOTA
** Cell name: cascodeSymmetricalCMOSOTA
** View name: schematic
m17 net30 ibias gnd! gnd! nmos
m8 ibias ibias gnd! gnd! nmos
m7 net20 net20 gnd! gnd! nmos
m6 net26 net20 net48 net48 nmos
m5 net48 net26 gnd! gnd! nmos
m4 net40 inp net36 net36 nmos
m3 net29 inn net36 net36 nmos
m2 net42 net26 gnd! gnd! nmos
m1 out net20 net42 net42 nmos
m0 net36 ibias gnd! gnd! nmos
m16 net30 net30 vdd! vdd! pmos
m15 net20 net30 vdd! vdd! pmos
m14 net26 net30 net27 net27 pmos
m13 net40 net40 vdd! vdd! pmos
m12 net27 net29 vdd! vdd! pmos
m11 net29 net29 vdd! vdd! pmos
m10 net44 net40 vdd! vdd! pmos
m9 out net30 net44 net44 pmos
cl out gnd!
.END
```

Figure A.1.: Example of a circuit netlist file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/cas-codedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.hspice)

Rules of the interpretation of the HSPICE-File are set in the HSpiceMapping-File (Sec. A.2). The file defines the device naming convention, and the number of pins for specified devices.

A. Example Input Files

Also model types are defined. The supply nets defined as global net must be listed in the supply net file.

A.2. HSpice Mapping File

The HSpice mapping file defines the interpretation of the circuit netlist file. The file defines the device naming convention, and the number of pins for specified devices. Also model types are defined.

A. Example Input Files

```

<deviceLineMapper>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="q">
    <deviceTypeName>Bipolar</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Collector" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Base" position="2"/>
      <pin pinType="Emitter" position="3"/>
    </pins>
    <modelName position="5">
      <model name="pnp" techType="p"/>
      <model name="npn" techType="n"/>
    </modelName>
  </deviceLineMapping>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="m">
    <deviceTypeName>Mosfet</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Drain" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Gate" position="2"/>
      <pin pinType="Source" position="3"/>
      <pin pinType="Bulk" position="4"/>
    </pins>
    <modelName position="5">
      <model name="pmos" techType="p"/>
      <model name="pmos4" techType="p"/>
      <model name="pmos24" techType="p"/>
      <model name="nmos" techType="n"/>
      <model name="nmos4" techType="n"/>
      <model name="nmos24" techType="n"/>
    </modelName>
  </deviceLineMapping>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="c">
    <deviceTypeName>Capacitor</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Plus" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Minus" position="2"/>
    </pins>
    <techType>undefined</techType>
  </deviceLineMapping>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="r">
    <deviceTypeName>Resistor</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Plus" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Minus" position="2"/>
    </pins>
    <techType>undefined</techType>
  </deviceLineMapping>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="l">
    <deviceTypeName>Inductor</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Plus" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Minus" position="2"/>
    </pins>
    <techType>undefined</techType>
  </deviceLineMapping>
  <deviceLineMapping identifier ="d">
    <deviceTypeName>Diode</deviceTypeName>
    <deviceIdentifier position="0"/>
    <pins>
      <pin pinType="Anode" position="1"/>
      <pin pinType="Cathode" position="2"/>
    </pins>
    <techType>undefined</techType>
  </deviceLineMapping>
</deviceLineMapper>

```

Figure A.2.: Example of a HSpice mapping file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/H-SpiceMapping.xcat)

A. Example Input Files

A.3. Supply Net File

The supply net file list all supply nets supported as global net. To different voltage level can be specified.

```
GND_1 "gnd!"  
GND_1 "vss!"  
GND_1 "vssb!"  
GND_1 "vssp!"  
GND_1 "vssb"  
GND_1 "vssp"  
VDD_1 "vddLow!"  
VDD_2 "vdd!"  
VDD_2 "vddp!"  
VDD_2 "vdd"  
VDD_2 "vddp"  
VDD_1 "Vdd"
```

Figure A.3.: Example of a supply net file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/supplyNets.xcat)

A.4. Device Type File

The device types file defines the devices supported by acst and their parameters, as pin names and doping types.

A. Example Input Files

```
<deviceTypes>
  <deviceType name = "Mosfet">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>n</techType>
      <techType>p</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Drain</pinType>
      <pinType>Gate</pinType>
      <pinType>Source</pinType>
      <pinType optional = "true" autoConnection="Source">Bulk</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
  <deviceType name = "Bipolar">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>n</techType>
      <techType>p</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Emitter</pinType>
      <pinType>Base</pinType>
      <pinType>Collector</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
  <deviceType name = "Resistor">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>undefined</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Plus</pinType>
      <pinType>Minus</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
  <deviceType name = "Capacitor">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>undefined</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Plus</pinType>
      <pinType>Minus</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
  <deviceType name = "Inductor">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>undefined</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Plus</pinType>
      <pinType>Minus</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
  <deviceType name = "Diode">
    <techTypes>
      <techType>undefined</techType>
    </techTypes>
    <pinTypes>
      <pinType>Anode</pinType>
      <pinType>Cathode</pinType>
    </pinTypes>
  </deviceType>
</deviceTypes>
```

Figure A.4.: Example of a Device types file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/device-Types.xcat)

A. Example Input Files

A.5. Technology File

The technology file contains parameters of the process used for manufacturing the circuit. It is needed for the Automatic Sizing functionality and Synthesis functionality.

```
<general>
  <thermalVoltage Vt = "0.026"></thermalVoltage><!-- [V] -->
</general>
<pmos>
  <thresholdVoltage vth="-0.564"></thresholdVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <mobilityOxideCapacity muCox="0.00003574"></mobilityOxideCapacity><!-- [A/(V^2)] -->
  <earlyVoltage earlyVoltage="2.86"></earlyVoltage><!-- [V/mum] -->
  <overlapCapacity Cgdov = "0.000000000666" ></overlapCapacity><!-- [F/m] -->
  <gateOxideCapacity Cox = "0.006058"></gateOxideCapacity><!-- [F/m2] -->
  <zeroBiasBulkJunctionCapacitance Cj = "0.001894"></zeroBiasBulkJunctionCapacitance><!-- [F/m^2] -->
  <zeroBiasSidewallBulkJunctionCapacitance Cjsw = "0.0000000003626"></zeroBiasSidewallBulkJunctionCapacitance><!-- [F/m] -->
  <bulkJunctionContactPotential pb = "0.99"></bulkJunctionContactPotential><!-- [V] -->
  <lateralDiffusionLength Ldiff= "0.0000009968"></lateralDiffusionLength><!-- [mum] -->
  <slopeFactor n="1.31"></slopeFactor>
  <channelLengthCoefficientStrongInversion lamda="0.029"></channelLengthCoefficientStrongInversion>
  <channelLengthCoefficientWeakInversion lamda="0.074"></channelLengthCoefficientWeakInversion>
  <minArea Amin="10"></minArea><!-- [mum^2] -->
  <minLength Lmin="1"></minLength><!-- [mum] --><!-- Is used as integer in the program -->
  <minWidth Wmin="1"></minWidth><!-- [mum] --><!-- Is used as integer in the program -->
</pmos>
<nmos>
  <thresholdVoltage vth="0.405"></thresholdVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <mobilityOxideCapacity muCox="0.0001693"></mobilityOxideCapacity><!-- [A/(V^2)] -->
  <earlyVoltage earlyVoltage="4.4"></earlyVoltage><!-- [V/mum] -->
  <overlapCapacity Cgdov = "0.000000000620" ></overlapCapacity><!-- [F/m] -->
  <gateOxideCapacity Cox = "0.006058"></gateOxideCapacity><!-- [F/m2] -->
  <zeroBiasBulkJunctionCapacitance Cj = "0.001812"></zeroBiasBulkJunctionCapacitance><!-- [F/m^2] -->
  <zeroBiasSidewallBulkJunctionCapacitance Cjsw = "0.0000000005341"></zeroBiasSidewallBulkJunctionCapacitance><!-- [F/m] -->
  <bulkJunctionContactPotential pb = "0.5"></bulkJunctionContactPotential><!-- [V] -->
  <lateralDiffusionLength Ldiff= "0.00003162"></lateralDiffusionLength><!-- [mum] -->
  <slopeFactor n="1.75"></slopeFactor>
  <channelLengthCoefficientStrongInversion lamda="0.024"></channelLengthCoefficientStrongInversion>
  <channelLengthCoefficientWeakInversion lamda="0.07"></channelLengthCoefficientWeakInversion>
  <minArea Amin="10"></minArea><!-- [mum] -->
  <minLength Lmin="1"></minLength><!-- [mum] --><!-- Is used as integer in the program -->
  <minWidth Wmin="1"></minWidth><!-- [mum] --><!-- Is used as integer in the program -->
</nmos>
```

Figure A.5.: Example of a technology file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/TechnologyFile.xml)

A.6. Circuit Parameters and Specifications

The circuit parameters and specifications file contains all informations about the circuit needed for circuit sizing. It is needed for the Automatic Sizing functionality.

```
<CircuitParameter>
  <LoadCapacities>
    <LoadCapacity>
      <Value>20</Value><!-- [pF] -->
      <DeviceName>cl</DeviceName>
    </LoadCapacity>
  </LoadCapacities>
  <SupplyVoltagePin>
    <SupplyVoltage Vdd="5"></SupplyVoltage><!-- [V] -->
    <NetName>vdd!</NetName>
  </SupplyVoltagePin>
  <GroundPin>
    <GroundVoltage Gnd="0"></GroundVoltage><!-- [V] -->
    <NetName>gnd!</NetName>
  </GroundPin>
  <CurrentBiasPin>
    <BiasCurrent Ibias="10"></BiasCurrent><!-- [uA] -->
    <NetName>ibias</NetName>
  </CurrentBiasPin>
  <InputPinMinus>
    <InputVoltage Vin="2.5"></InputVoltage><!-- [V] -->
    <NetName>inn</NetName>
  </InputPinMinus>
  <InputPinPlus>
    <InputVoltage Vin= "2.5"></InputVoltage>
    <NetName>inp</NetName>
  </InputPinPlus>
  <OutputPin>
    <NetName>out</NetName>
  </OutputPin>
</CircuitParameter>
<Specifications>
  <minimumGain A="80"></minimumGain>
  <minimumTransientFrequency ft="2.75"></minimumTransientFrequency><!-- [MHz] -->
  <maximumSlewRate SR="3.5"></maximumSlewRate><!-- [V/(uS)] -->
  <minimumCMRR CMRR="70"></minimumCMRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <minimumPosPSRR posPSRR="80"></minimumPosPSRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <minimumNegPSRR negPSRR="80"></minimumNegPSRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <OutputVoltageSwing Voutmax="3" Voutmin="1"></OutputVoltageSwing><!-- [V] -->
  <CommonModeInputVoltage Vcmmin="-0.5" Vcmmax="0.5" ></CommonModeInputVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <GateOverDriveVoltage Vover="0.13"></GateOverDriveVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <maximumPowerConsumption P = "10"></maximumPowerConsumption><!-- [mW] -->
  <maximumArea Area = "15000"></maximumArea><!-- [um^2] -->
  <phaseMargin PM = "60"></phaseMargin><!-- [ns] -->
</Specifications>
```

Figure A.6.: Example of a circuit parameter and specifications file (acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/CircuitParameterAndSpecifications.xml)

A. Example Input Files

A.7. Library File

For many functionalities the integrated structure library within acst is used. It has following file path within acst: `acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml`. It names the file path to other libraries containing the specific structures for recognition.

```
<xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8">
<library>
  <arrayLibraries>
    <arrayLibraryFile>Array/ArrayLibrary.xml</arrayLibraryFile>
  </arrayLibraries>
  <pairLibraries>
    <pairLibraryFile>Analog/AnalogLibrary.xml</pairLibraryFile>
  </pairLibraries>
</library>
```

Figure A.7.: Integrated library file within acst (`acst/StructRec/xml/AnalogLibrary.xml`)

For the generation of new recognition rules for structures, it may be useful to use a specific library file for that structure. An example for such a file is given below:

```
<xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8">
<library>
  <arrayLibraries>
    <arrayLibraryFile>../../StructRec/xml/Array/ArrayLibrary.xml</arrayLibraryFile>
  </arrayLibraries>
  <pairLibraries>
    </pairLibraries>
  </pairLibraries>
</library>
```

Figure A.8.: New library file for the rule generation for a cascode symmetrical op-amp (`acst/InputFileExamples/RuleGeneration/Library.xml`)

For device arrays recognition (`arrayLibraries`) still the basic library within acst is used. A relative path points to that library. For pair structures as current mirrors or differential pairs now library is used. However, with a relative path, also the basic building block library within acst could be integrated.

A.8. Circuit Specifications

The circuit specifications file contains all needed specifications for a circuit synthesis. It is needed for the synthesis functionality.


```

<Specifications>
  <complementary>no</complementary><!-- [yes/no] -->
  <fullyDifferential>yes</fullyDifferential><!-- [yes/no] -->
  <BiasCurrent Ibias = "10"></BiasCurrent><!-- [muA] -->
  <LoadCapacity Cl = "20"></LoadCapacity><!-- [pF] -->
  <SupplyVoltage Vdd="5"></SupplyVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <GroundVoltage Gnd="0"></GroundVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <InputVoltage Vin="2.5"></InputVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <minimumGain A="80"></minimumGain>
  <minimumTransientFrequency ft="2.5"></minimumTransientFrequency><!-- [MHz] -->
  <maximumSlewRate SR="3.5"></maximumSlewRate><!-- [V/(uS)] -->
  <minimumCMRR CMRR="70"></minimumCMRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <minimumPosPSRR posPSRR="0"></minimumPosPSRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <minimumNegPSRR negPSRR="0"></minimumNegPSRR><!-- [dB] -->
  <OutputVoltageSwing Voutmax="3" Voutmin="2"></OutputVoltageSwing><!-- [V] -->
  <CommonModeInputVoltage Vcmin="-0.5" Vcmax="0.5" ></CommonModeInputVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <OffsetError Vmin="-4" Vmax="4"></OffsetError><!-- [mV] -->
  <GateOverDriveVoltage Vover="0.15"></GateOverDriveVoltage><!-- [V] -->
  <maximumPowerConsumption P = "15"></maximumPowerConsumption><!-- [mW] -->
  <maximumArea Area = "15000"></maximumArea><!-- [um^2] -->
  <settleTime ts = "450"></settleTime><!-- [ns] -->
  <phaseMargin PM = "60"></phaseMargin><!-- [ ] -->
</Specifications>

```

Figure A.9.: Example of a circuit specifications file (acst/InputFileExamples/Synthesis/CircuitSpecifications.xml)

If the small HSpice library (Sec. [TODO]) is used for synthesis, the attributes `<complementary>` and `<fullyDifferential>` are not allowed as only single-output op-amps are supported.

B. Output File Examples

For the different functionalities of acst, different output files are generated. In the following for each functionality examples for the output files are presented.

B.1. Structure Recognition

The output file of the structure recognition is a xml-file containing the recognition structures. They are ordered hierarchically. The top most structures are named at the beginning.

B. Output File Examples

```
<xcat_results>
  <date day="17" month="5" year="2021" hour="17" minute="58" second="22"/>
  <structure_recognition_results>
    <structure name="MosfetCascodeCurrentMirror[1]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Inner1" net="/n3"/>
        <pin name="Inner2" net="/n4"/>
        <pin name="Input" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Output" net="/out"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeStack[1]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Inner" net="/n3"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[6]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/n3"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mp7" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[4]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n3"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mp3" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetCascodePair[5]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
        <pin name="Gate1" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Gate2" net="/n3"/>
        <pin name="Inner" net="/n4"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[10]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/n4"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mp8" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[8]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n4"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/n3"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mp4" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </structure_recognition_results>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.1.: Example of an output file of structure recognition part 1(acst/InputFileExamples/StructureRecognition/output.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<structure name="MosfetCascodeCurrentMirror[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
  <pins>
    <pin name="Inner1" net="/n5"/>
    <pin name="Inner2" net="/n6"/>
    <pin name="Input" net="/n7"/>
    <pin name="Output" net="/out"/>
    <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
  </pins>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeStack[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n7"/>
      <pin name="Inner" net="/n5"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/n5"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mn7" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </devices>
      </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[3]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n5"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mn3" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </devices>
      </structure>
    </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetCascodePair[6]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
      <pin name="Gate1" net="/n7"/>
      <pin name="Gate2" net="/n5"/>
      <pin name="Inner" net="/n6"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[5]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/n7"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/n6"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mn8" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </devices>
      </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[3]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/n6"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/n5"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/mn4" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </devices>
      </structure>
    </structure>
  </structure>
</structure>
```

Figure B.2.: Example of an output file of structure recognition part 2(acst/InputFileExamples/StructureRecognition/output27.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<structure name="MosfetDifferentialPair[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
  <pins>
    <pin name="Input1" net="/ip"/>
    <pin name="Input2" net="/in"/>
    <pin name="Output1" net="/n3"/>
    <pin name="Output2" net="/n4"/>
    <pin name="Source" net="/n1"/>
  </pins>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n3"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/ip"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/n1"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mn5" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[4]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n4"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/in"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/n1"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mn6" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</structure>
<structure name="MosfetDifferentialPair[2]" techType="p" instance="/">
  <pins>
    <pin name="Input1" net="/in"/>
    <pin name="Input2" net="/ip"/>
    <pin name="Output1" net="/n6"/>
    <pin name="Output2" net="/n5"/>
    <pin name="Source" net="/n2"/>
  </pins>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[7]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n6"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/in"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/n2"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mp6" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[9]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n5"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/ip"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/n2"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mp5" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</structure>
```

Figure B.3.: Example of an output file of structure recognition part 3(acst/InputFileExamples/StructureRecognition/output.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<structure name="MosfetSimpleCurrentMirror[3]" techType="n" instance="/">
  <pins>
    <pin name="Input" net="/n8"/>
    <pin name="Output" net="/n1"/>
    <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
  </pins>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n8"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mn1" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/"/>
    </devices>
  </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n1"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/n8"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mn2" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/"/>
    </devices>
  </structure>
</structure>
<structure name="MosfetSimpleCurrentMirror[4]" techType="p" instance="/">
  <pins>
    <pin name="Input" net="/n9"/>
    <pin name="Output" net="/n2"/>
    <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
  </pins>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[5]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n9"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mp1" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/"/>
    </devices>
  </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[6]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/n2"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/n9"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/mp2" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/"/>
    </devices>
  </structure>
</structure>
</structure_recognition_results>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.4.: Example of an output file of structure recognition part 3(acst/InputFileExamples/StructureRecognition/output.xml)

B. Output File Examples

B.2. Rule Generation

The rule generation functionality generates a new structure recognition library containing the basic rules as well as the rules used to recognize the new structures. The library consists of a basic file containing the file paths to more detailed descriptions and a folder containing the files needed to recognize the new structures.

```
<library>
  <arrayLibraries>
    <arrayLibraryFile>../../StructRec/xml/Array/ArrayLibrary.xml</arrayLibraryFile>
  </arrayLibraries>
  <pairLibraries>
    <pairLibraryFile>../../StructRec/xml/Analog/AnalogLibrary.xml</pairLibraryFile>
    <pairLibraryFile>SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmpLibrary.xml</pairLibraryFile>
  </pairLibraries>
</library>
```

Figure B.5.: Example of a library file generated by rule generation (acst/InputFileExamples/RuleGeneration/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmpLibrary.xml)

In the folder `SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp` another library-file is written containing more information about the structure.

B. Output File Examples

```
<xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8">
<pairLibrary>
  <pairLibraryItemFiles>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp2.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp3.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp4.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp5.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp1.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp7.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp8.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp6.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp9.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
    <pairLibraryItemFile>Items/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp10.xml</pairLibraryItemFile>
  </pairLibraryItemFiles>
  <hierarchyLevels>
    <hierarchyLevel level="2">
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp2</pairLibraryItem>
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp3</pairLibraryItem>
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="2">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp4</pairLibraryItem>
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp5</pairLibraryItem>
    </hierarchyLevel>
    <hierarchyLevel level="3">
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp1</pairLibraryItem>
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="2">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp7</pairLibraryItem>
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="3">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp8</pairLibraryItem>
    </hierarchyLevel>
    <hierarchyLevel level="4">
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp6</pairLibraryItem>
    </hierarchyLevel>
    <hierarchyLevel level="5">
      <pairLibraryItem persistence="1">SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp9</pairLibraryItem>
    </hierarchyLevel>
    <hierarchyLevel level="6">
      <pairLibraryItem>SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp10</pairLibraryItem>
    </hierarchyLevel>
  </hierarchyLevels>
  <dominanceRelations/>
</pairLibrary>
```

Figure B.6.: Library file generated by rule generation containing information of the different substructures of the structure for which new recognition rules are generated (acst/InputFileExamples/RuleGeneration/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp/SymmetricalCascodeOpAmpLibrary.xml)

The items-folder contains files with the rules to recognize the structure in a bigger circuit. `SymmetricalCascodeOpAmp10` is the toplevel structure being the circuit itself. The substructures are only valid if this structure is recognized.

B.3. Partitioning

The output file of partitioning is a xml-file containing the recognition functionalblocks. They are ordered hierarchically. The top most structures are named at the beginning.

B. Output File Examples

```
<xcat_results>
  <date day="16" month="3" year="2021" hour="16" minute="36" second="46"/>
  <PartitioningResults>
    <TransconductanceParts>
      <gmPart type="firstStage">
        <structure name="MosfetDifferentialPair[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
          <pins>
            <pin name="Input1" net="/inn"/>
            <pin name="Input2" net="/inp"/>
            <pin name="Output1" net="/net29"/>
            <pin name="Output2" net="/net40"/>
            <pin name="Source" net="/net36"/>
          </pins>
          <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
            <pins>
              <pin name="Bulk" net="/net36"/>
              <pin name="Drain" net="/net29"/>
              <pin name="Gate" net="/inn"/>
              <pin name="Source" net="/net36"/>
            </pins>
            <devices>
              <device name="/m3" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/"/>
            </devices>
          </structure>
          <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[5]" techType="n" instance="/">
            <pins>
              <pin name="Bulk" net="/net36"/>
              <pin name="Drain" net="/net40"/>
              <pin name="Gate" net="/inp"/>
              <pin name="Source" net="/net36"/>
            </pins>
            <devices>
              <device name="/m4" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/"/>
            </devices>
          </structure>
        </gmPart>
        <gmPart type="primarySecondStage">
          <structure name="MosfetCascodePair[5]" techType="p" instance="/">
            <pins>
              <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
              <pin name="Gate1" net="/net30"/>
              <pin name="Gate2" net="/net40"/>
              <pin name="Inner" net="/net44"/>
              <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
            </pins>
            <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[13]" techType="p" instance="/">
              <pins>
                <pin name="Bulk" net="/net44"/>
                <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
                <pin name="Gate" net="/net30"/>
                <pin name="Source" net="/net44"/>
              </pins>
              <devices>
                <device name="/m9" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/"/>
              </devices>
            </structure>
            <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[12]" techType="p" instance="/">
              <pins>
                <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
                <pin name="Drain" net="/net44"/>
                <pin name="Gate" net="/net40"/>
                <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
              </pins>
              <devices>
                <device name="/m10" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/"/>
              </devices>
            </structure>
          </gmPart>
        </gmPart>
      </gmPart>
    </TransconductanceParts>
  </PartitioningResults>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.7.: Example of an output file of partitioning part 1(acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<gmPart type="secondarySecondStage">
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[11]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net27"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/net29"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m12" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[10]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/net27"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net26"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/net30"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/net27"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m14" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</gmPart>
</TransconductanceParts>
<BiasParts>
  <biasPart>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[4]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net36"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/ibias"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m0" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </biasPart>
  <biasPart>
    <structure name="MosfetCascodePair[4]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
        <pin name="Gate1" net="/net20"/>
        <pin name="Gate2" net="/net26"/>
        <pin name="Inner" net="/net42"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[8]" techType="n" instance="/">
        <pins>
          <pin name="Bulk" net="/net42"/>
          <pin name="Drain" net="/out"/>
          <pin name="Gate" net="/net20"/>
          <pin name="Source" net="/net42"/>
        </pins>
        <devices>
          <device name="/m1" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </devices>
      </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[6]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net42"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/net26"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m2" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </biasPart>
```

Figure B.8.: Example of an output file of partitioning part 2(acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetVoltageReference2[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net26"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/net20"/>
      <pin name="Inner" net="/net48"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/net48"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net26"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/net20"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/net48"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m6" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[7]" techType="n" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net48"/>
        <pin name="Gate" net="/net26"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m5" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[1]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/ibias"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m8" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
      </device>
    </devices>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[3]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net30"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/ibias"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m17" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
      </device>
    </devices>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
```

Figure B.9.: Example of an output file of partitioning part 3(acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[4]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net30"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m16" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetNormalArray[9]" techType="p" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net20"/>
      <pin name="Gate" net="/net30"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m15" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
<biasPart>
  <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[2]" techType="n" instance="/">
    <pins>
      <pin name="Bulk" net="/gnd!"/>
      <pin name="Drain" net="/net20"/>
      <pin name="Source" net="/gnd!"/>
    </pins>
    <devices>
      <device name="/m7" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="n" instance="/">
    </devices>
  </structure>
</biasPart>
</BiasParts>
<LoadParts>
  <loadPart>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[3]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net29"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m11" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
      </devices>
    </structure>
    <structure name="MosfetDiodeArray[5]" techType="p" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Bulk" net="/vdd!"/>
        <pin name="Drain" net="/net40"/>
        <pin name="Source" net="/vdd!"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/m13" deviceType="Mosfet" techType="p" instance="/">
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </loadPart>
</LoadParts>
```

Figure B.10.: Example of an output file of partitioning part 4(acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<CapacitanceParts>
  <capacitance type="load">
    <structure name="CapacitorArray[1]" techType="undefined" instance="/">
      <pins>
        <pin name="Minus" net="/gnd!"/>
        <pin name="Plus" net="/out"/>
      </pins>
      <devices>
        <device name="/c1" deviceType="Capacitor" techType="undefined">
        </device>
      </devices>
    </structure>
  </capacitance>
</CapacitanceParts>
</PartitioningResults>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.11.: Example of an output file of partitioning part 5(acst/InputFileExamples/Partitioning/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B.4. Automatic Sizing

The output file of partitioning is a xml-file containing the recognition functionalblocks. They are ordered hierarchically. The top most structures are named at the beginning.

B. Output File Examples

```
<xcat_results>
  <date day="14" month="6" year="2021" hour="18" minute="5" second="8"/>
  <automatic_sizing-results>
    <ExpectedPerformance>
      <Gain unit="dB">97</Gain>
      <Power unit="m_W">5.40901</Power>
      <Area unit="(mu_m)^2">8942</Area>
      <TransitFrequency unit="M_Hz">28.6421</TransitFrequency>
      <TransitFrequencyWithErrorFactor unit="M_Hz">28.6423</TransitFrequencyWithErrorFactor>
      <SlewRate unit="V/mum_s">24.1242</SlewRate>
      <PhaseMargin unit="degree">64.7443</PhaseMargin>
      <CMRR unit="dB">143</CMRR>
      <negPSRR unit="dB">62</negPSRR>
      <posPSRR unit="dB">61</posPSRR>
      <MaximumOutputVoltage unit="V">4.31001</MaximumOutputVoltage>
      <MinimumOutputVoltage unit="V">0.75</MinimumOutputVoltage>
      <maxCommonModeInputVoltage unit="V">4.38001</maxCommonModeInputVoltage>
      <minCommonModeInputVoltage unit="V">0.720001</minCommonModeInputVoltage>
    </ExpectedPerformance>
    <Voltages unit="V">
      <Net name="/gnd!">0</Net>
      <Net name="/ibias">0.592001</Net>
      <Net name="/inn">2.5</Net>
      <Net name="/inp">2.5</Net>
      <Net name="/net20">1.15501</Net>
      <Net name="/net26">0.778001</Net>
      <Net name="/net27">4.47001</Net>
      <Net name="/net29">3.97001</Net>
      <Net name="/net30">3.68601</Net>
      <Net name="/net36">1.96301</Net>
      <Net name="/net40">3.97001</Net>
      <Net name="/net42">0.373001</Net>
      <Net name="/net44">4.47001</Net>
      <Net name="/net48">0.373001</Net>
      <Net name="/out">2.5</Net>
      <Net name="/vdd!">5</Net>
    </Voltages>
    <Currents unit="mu_A">
      <Component name="/m0">390.582</Component>
      <Component name="/m1">242.104</Component>
      <Component name="/m10">-242.102</Component>
      <Component name="/m11">-195.29</Component>
      <Component name="/m12">-242.102</Component>
      <Component name="/m13">-195.29</Component>
      <Component name="/m14">-242.103</Component>
      <Component name="/m15">-98.5739</Component>
      <Component name="/m16">-98.5379</Component>
      <Component name="/m17">98.5371</Component>
      <Component name="/m2">242.103</Component>
      <Component name="/m3">195.291</Component>
      <Component name="/m4">195.291</Component>
      <Component name="/m5">242.103</Component>
      <Component name="/m6">242.104</Component>
      <Component name="/m7">98.5731</Component>
      <Component name="/m8">9.99901</Component>
      <Component name="/m9">-242.103</Component>
    </Currents>
  </automatic_sizing-results>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.12.: Example of an output file of automatic sizing part 1(acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<Dimensions>
<Transistors>
  <Transistor name="/m8">
    <Width unit="mu_m">15.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">4.5</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m7">
    <Width unit="mu_m">5.80001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">2.80001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m11">
    <Width unit="mu_m">86.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">1.70001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m16">
    <Width unit="mu_m">9.90001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">1</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m13">
    <Width unit="mu_m">86.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">1.70001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m6">
    <Width unit="mu_m">56</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">2.80001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m3">
    <Width unit="mu_m">490.901</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">3.70001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m17">
    <Width unit="mu_m">148.301</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">4.5</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m0">
    <Width unit="mu_m">599.701</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">4.5</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m4">
    <Width unit="mu_m">490.901</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">3.70001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m2">
    <Width unit="mu_m">57.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">2.80001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m5">
    <Width unit="mu_m">57.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">2.80001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m1">
    <Width unit="mu_m">56.1001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">2.80001</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m15">
    <Width unit="mu_m">9.90001</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">1</Length>
  </Transistor>
  <Transistor name="/m14">
    <Width unit="mu_m">278.201</Width>
    <Length unit="mu_m">1</Length>
  </Transistor>
```

Figure B.13.: Example of an output file of automatic sizing part 2(acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B. Output File Examples

```
<Transistor name="/m12">
  <Width unit="mu_m">105</Width>
  <Length unit="mu_m">1.70001</Length>
</Transistor>
<Transistor name="/m10">
  <Width unit="mu_m">105</Width>
  <Length unit="mu_m">1.70001</Length>
</Transistor>
<Transistor name="/m9">
  <Width unit="mu_m">278.201</Width>
  <Length unit="mu_m">1</Length>
</Transistor>
</Transistors>
<Capacitors>
  <Capacitor name="/c1">
    <Value unit="p_F">20</Value>
  </Capacitor>
</Capacitors>
</Dimensions>
</automatic_sizing-results>
</xcat_results>
```

Figure B.14.: Example of an output file of automatic sizing part 3(acst/InputFileExamples/AutomaticSizing/cascodedSymmetricalCMOSOTA.xml)

B.5. Synthesis

In the following an example file of a circuit is shown outputted by the synthesis

B. Output File Examples

```
** Name: two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_1

.MACRO two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_1 ibias in1 in2 out sourceNmos sourcePmos
m1 FirstStageYout1 FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos4 L=4e-6 W=53e-6
m2 ibias ibias sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos4 L=4e-6 W=4e-6
m3 out outFirstStage sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos4 L=2e-6 W=95e-6
m4 outFirstStage FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos4 L=4e-6 W=53e-6
m5 out ibias sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos4 L=4e-6 W=36e-6
m6 outFirstStage in2 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance
  pmos4 L=4e-6 W=12e-6
m7 FirstStageYout1 in1 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance
  pmos4 L=4e-6 W=12e-6
m8 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance ibias sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos4 L=4e-6 W=20e-6
Capacitor1 out sourceNmos 20e-12
Capacitor2 outFirstStage out 4.5e-12
.END two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_1

** Expected Performance Values:
** Gain: 83 dB
** Power consumption: 0.809001 mW
** Area: 950 (mu_m)^2
** Transit frequency: 2.59701 MHz
** Transit frequency with error factor: 2.58136 MHz
** Slew rate: 3.71006 V/mu_s
** Phase margin: 63.5984°
** CMRR: 88 dB
** negPSRR: 90 dB
** posPSRR: 196 dB
** VoutMax: 4.25 V
** VoutMin: 0.150001 V
** VcmMax: 3 V
** VcmMin: -0.00999999 V

** Expected Currents:
** DiodeTransistorNmos: 2.53831e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorNmos: 2.53831e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorPmos: -5.07669e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorPmos: -2.53839e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorPmos: -2.53839e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorNmos: 9.09981e+07 muA
** NormalTransistorPmos: -9.09989e+07 muA
** DiodeTransistorPmos: -9.99899e+06 muA

** Expected Voltages:
** ibias: 3.68601 V
** in1: 2.5 V
** in2: 2.5 V
** out: 2.5 V
** outFirstStage: 0.555001 V
** sourceNmos: 0 V
** sourcePmos: 5 V
** out1: 0.555001 V
** sourceTransconductance: 3.74901 V

.END
```

Figure B.15.: Example of a circuit file created by the synthesis library (acst/InputFileExamples/Synthesis/HspiceNetlist/two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_1.ckt)

B.6. Topology Library Generation

In the following an example file of a circuit is shown outputted by the topology library generation functionality

```
.suckt two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_12 ibias in1 in2 out sourceNmos sourcePmos
c1 outFirstStage out
m1 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m2 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m3 FirstStageYout1 FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m4 outFirstStage FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m5 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
m6 FirstStageYout1 in1 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance pmos
m7 outFirstStage in2 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance pmos
c2 out sourceNmos
m8 out ibias outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 nmos
m9 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m10 out outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 SecondStageYinnerTransconductance SecondStageYinnerTransconductance pmos
m11 SecondStageYinnerTransconductance outFirstStage sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
m12 ibias ibias VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner nmos
m13 VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m14 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
m15 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
.end two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_12
```

Figure B.16.: Example of a circuit file created by the topology library generation functionality (acst/InputFileExamples/TopologyLibraryGeneration/NetlistsWithout-Labels/SingleOutputOpAmps/two_stage_single_output_op_amp1_12.ckt)

If the structure library is provided in the commands as well as the device type file, following file is outputted:

```

.suckt two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_12 ibias in1 in2 out sourceNmos sourcePmos
c_SingleOutput_Compensation_Capacitor_1 outFirstStage out
m_SingleOutput_MainBias_1 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos sou
rceNmos nmos
m_SingleOutput_MainBias_2 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos s
ourceNmos nmos
m_SingleOutput_FirstStage_Load_3 FirstStageYout1 FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos n
mos
m_SingleOutput_FirstStage_Load_4 outFirstStage FirstStageYout1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmo
s
m_SingleOutput_FirstStage_StageBias_5 FirstStageYsourceTransconductance inputVoltageBias
XXpXX2 sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
m_SingleOutput_FirstStage_Transconductor_6 FirstStageYout1 in1 FirstStageYsourceTranscon
ductance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance pmos
m_SingleOutput_FirstStage_Transconductor_7 outFirstStage in2 FirstStageYsourceTranscondu
ctance FirstStageYsourceTransconductance pmos
c_SingleOutput_Load_Capacitor_2 out sourceNmos
m_SingleOutput_SecondStage1_StageBias_8 out ibias outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 outSourceVo
ltageBiasXXnXX1 nmos
m_SingleOutput_SecondStage1_StageBias_9 outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 outSourceVoltageBiasX
XnXX1 sourceNmos sourceNmos nmos
m_SingleOutput_SecondStage1_Transconductor_10 out outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 SecondStageYinner
Transconductance SecondStageYinnerTransconductance pmos
m_SingleOutput_SecondStage1_Transconductor_11 SecondStageYinnerTransconductance outFirst
Stage sourcePmos sourcePmos pmos
m_SingleOutput_MainBias_12 ibias ibias VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner n
mos
m_SingleOutput_MainBias_13 VoltageBiasXXnXX1Yinner outSourceVoltageBiasXXnXX1 sourceNmos
sourceNmos nmos
m_SingleOutput_SecondStage1_StageBias_14 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 outVoltageBiasXXpXX1 sourc
ePmos sourcePmos pmos
m_SingleOutput_MainBias_15 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 inputVoltageBiasXXpXX2 sourcePmos sour
cePmos pmos
.end two_stage_single_output_op_amp_1_12

```

Figure B.17.: Example of a circuit file created by the topology library generation functionality (acst/InputFileExamples/TopologyLibraryGeneration/NetlistsWith-Labels/SingleOutputOpAmps/two_stage_single_output_op_amp1_12.ckt)

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

In the following examples are shown of supported op-amp topologies.

C.1. Symmetrical Op-Amps

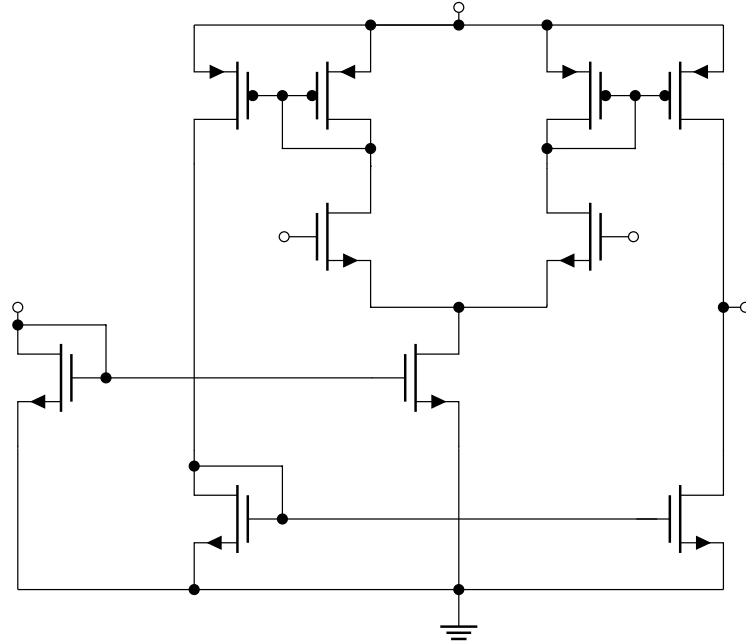


Figure C.1.: Symmetrical op-amp

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

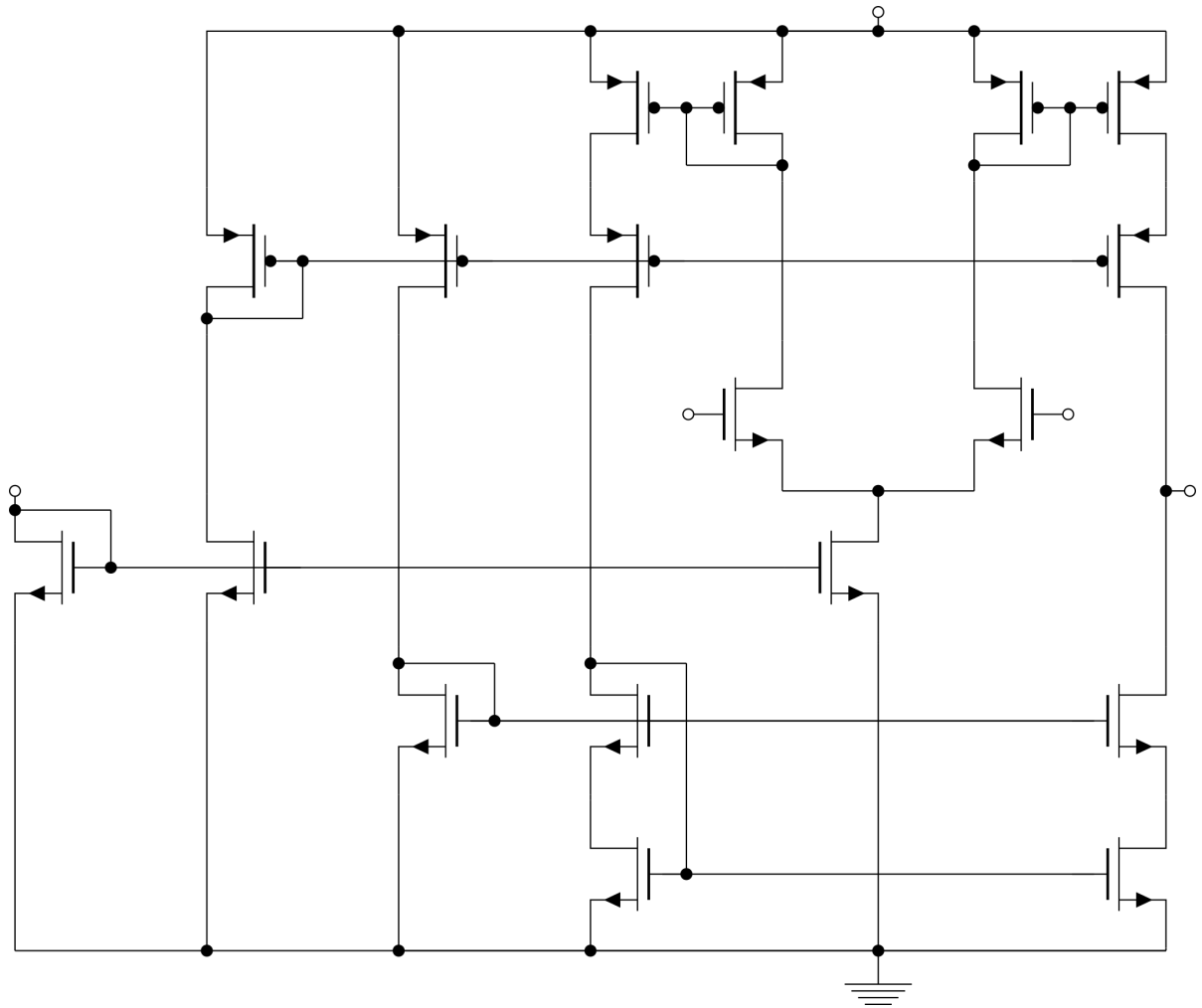


Figure C.2.: Cascode symmetrical op-amp

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

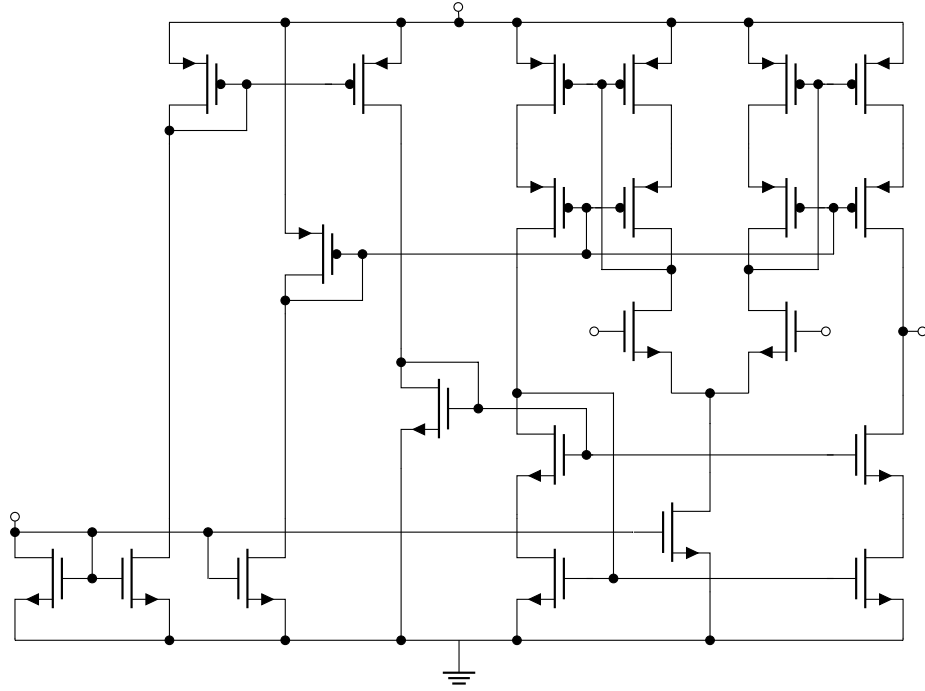


Figure C.3.: Cascode symmetrical op-amp with cascode first and second stage

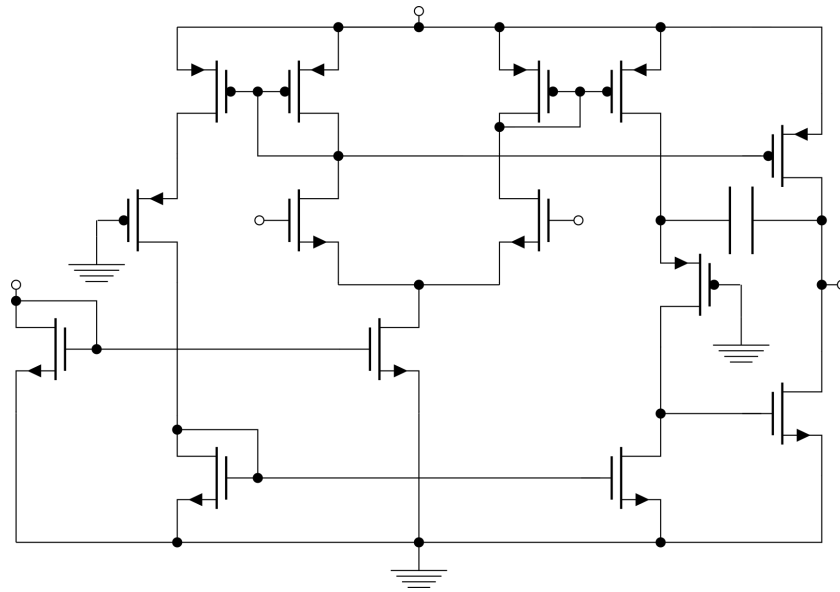


Figure C.4.: Symmetrical op-amp with high PSRR

C.2. Single-Output Op-Amps

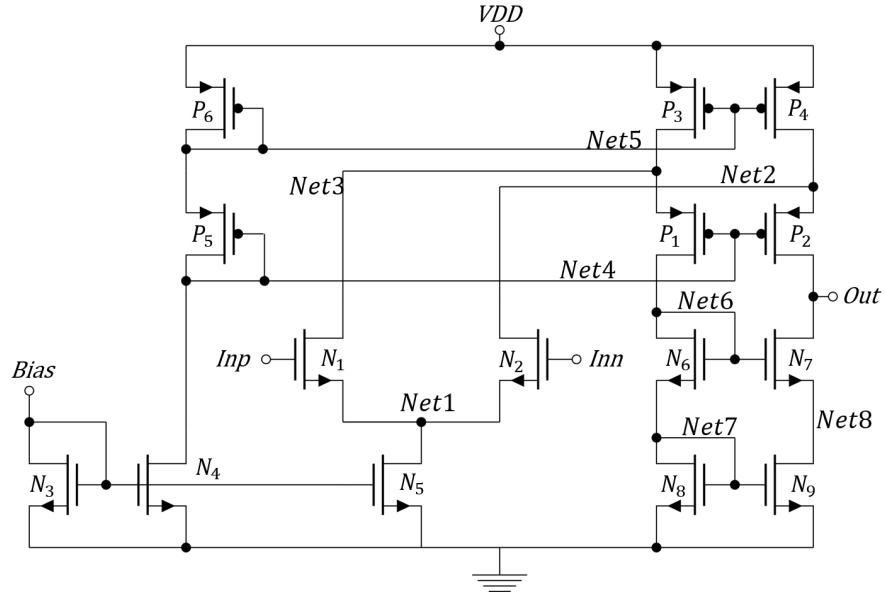


Figure C.5.: Folded-cascode op-amp with nmos differential stage

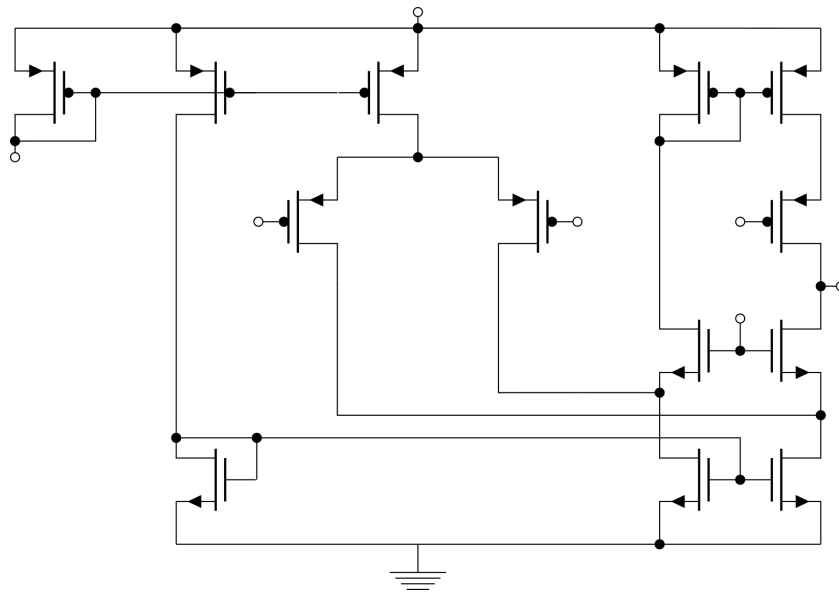


Figure C.6.: Folded-cascode op-amp with pmos differential stage

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

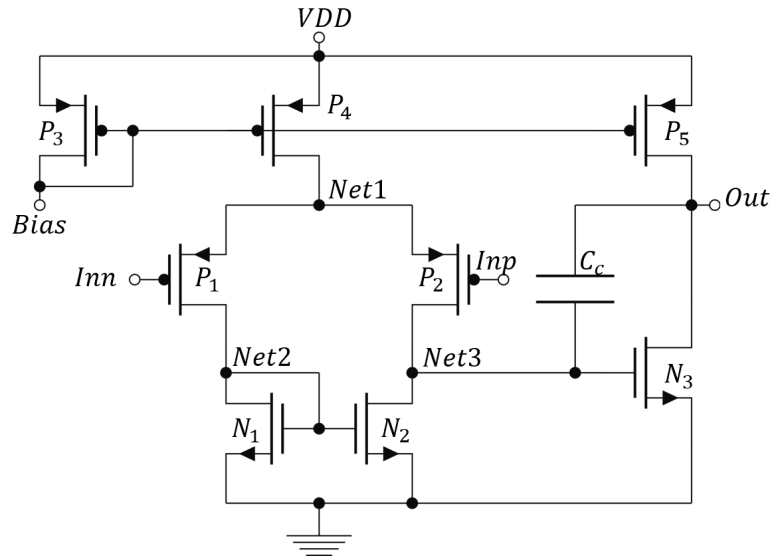


Figure C.7.: Miller op-amp

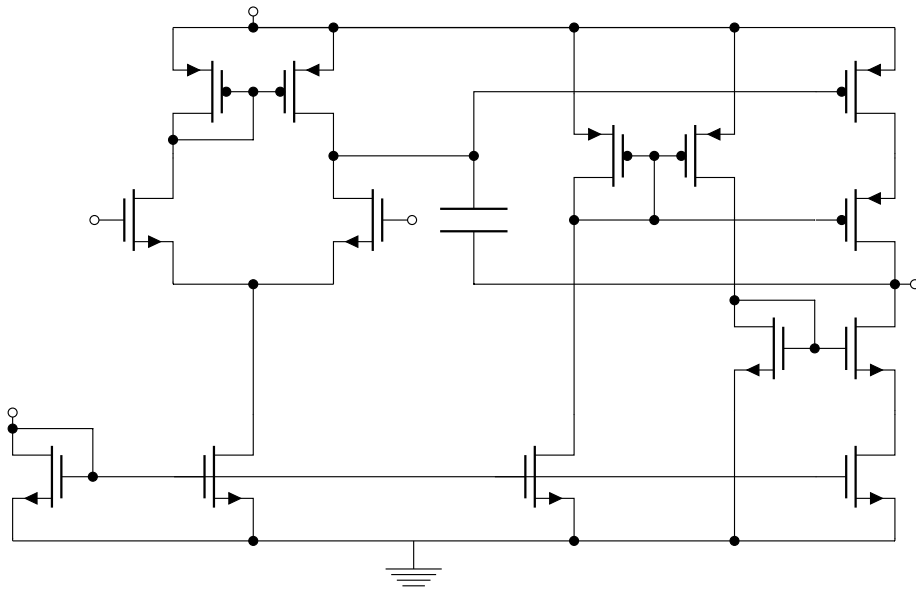


Figure C.8.: Two-stage op-amp with cascode second stage

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

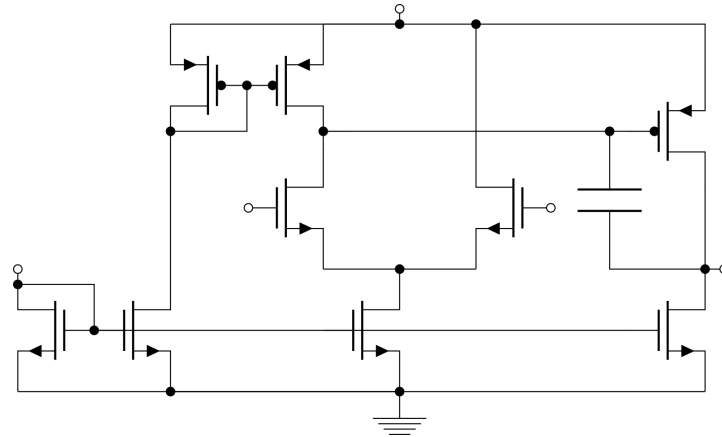


Figure C.9.: Two-stage op-amp with one load transistor

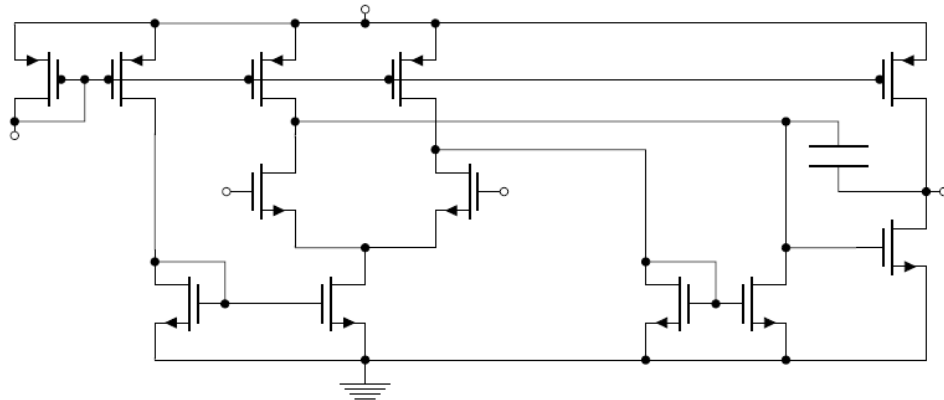


Figure C.10.: Low power op-amp

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

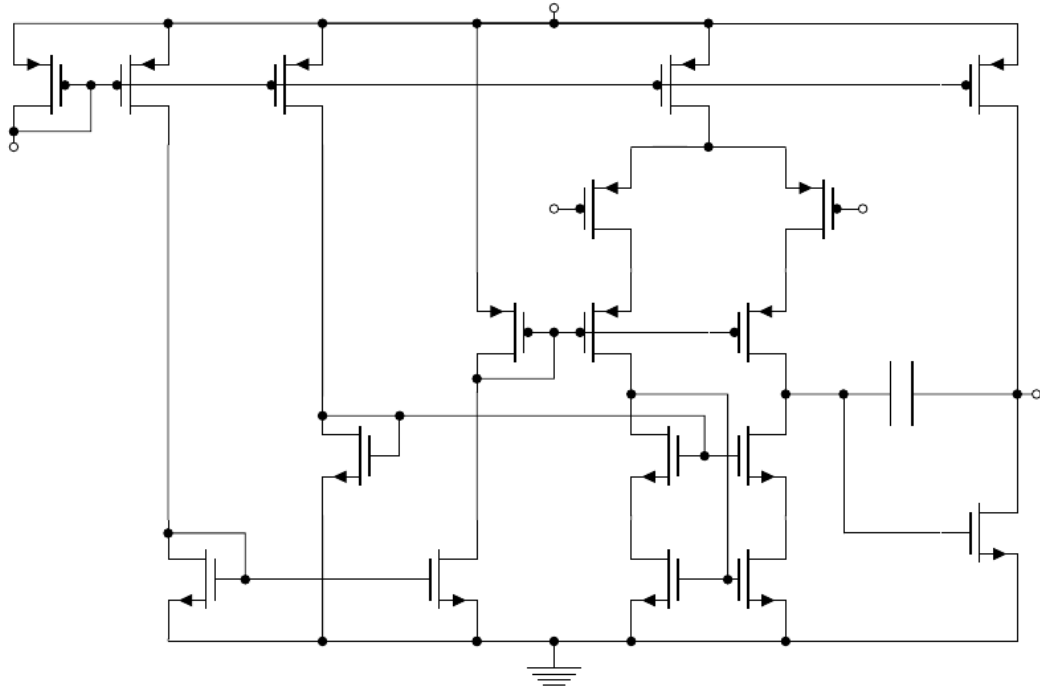


Figure C.11.: Telescopic op-amp

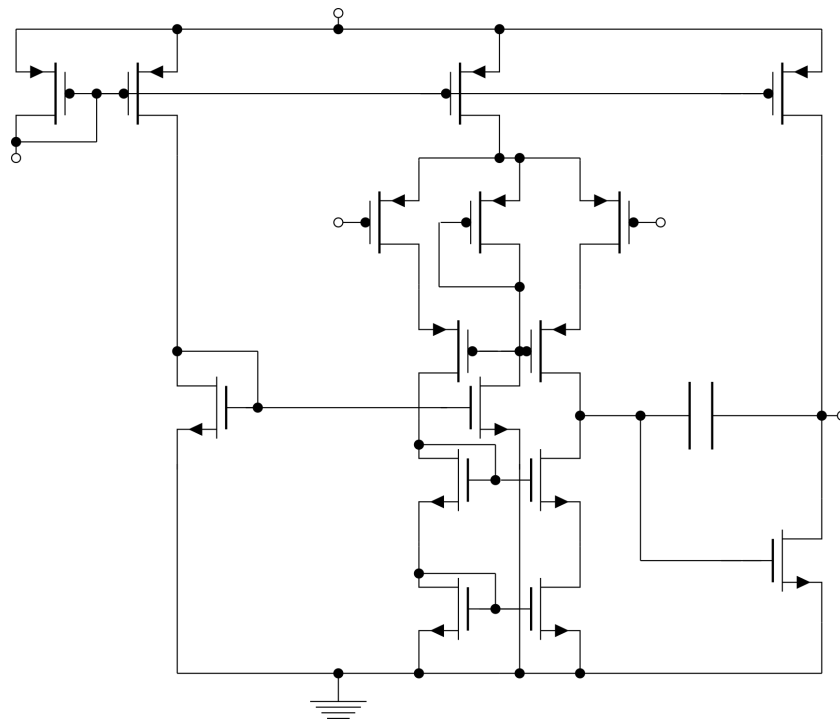


Figure C.12.: Telescopic op-amp with different bias circuit

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

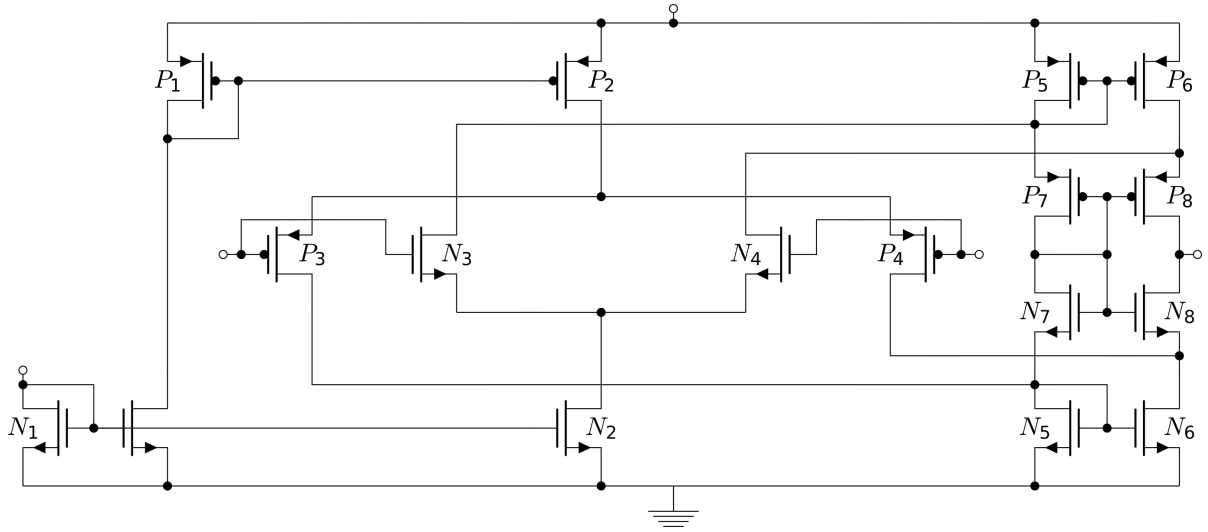


Figure C.13.: Complementary op-amp

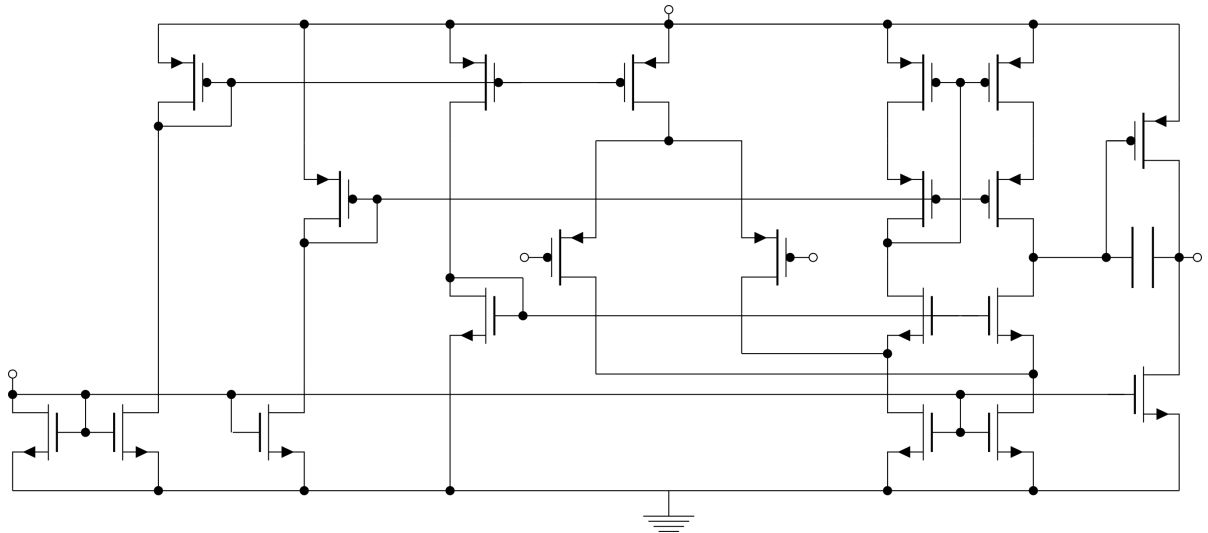


Figure C.14.: Two-stage folded-cascode op-amp

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

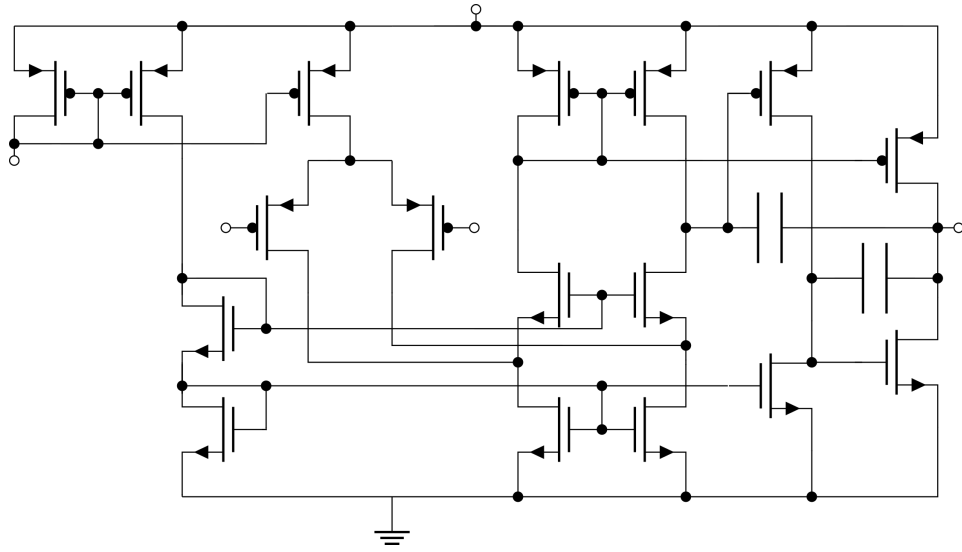


Figure C.15.: Three-stage op-amp

C.3. Fully-differential Op-Amps

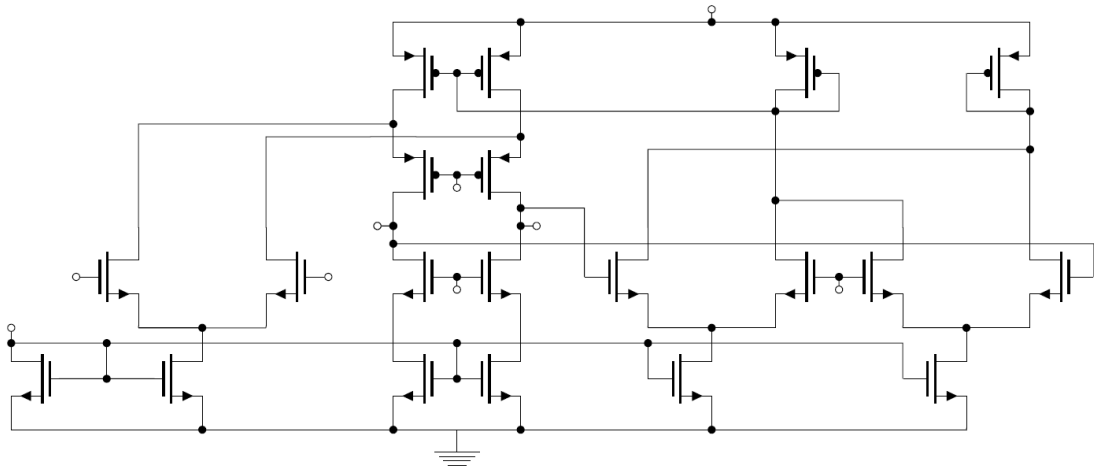


Figure C.16.: Folded-cascode op-amp with CMFB stage

C. Examples of Supported Op-Amps

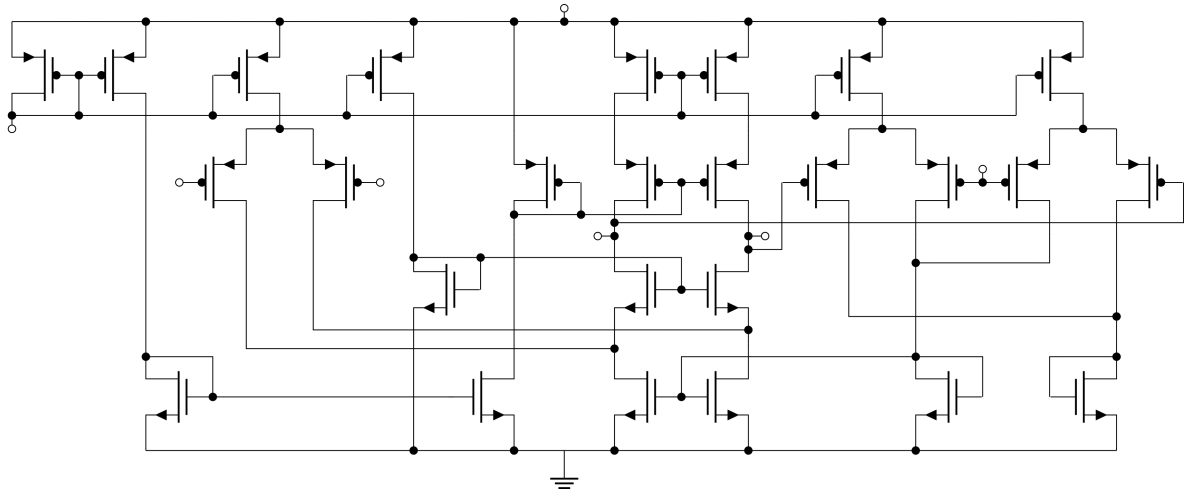


Figure C.17.: Folded-cascode op-amp with CMFB stage PMOS variant

Bibliography

- [1] T. Massier, H. Graeb, and U. Schlichtmann, “The Sizing Rules Method for CMOS and Bipolar Analog Integrated Circuit Synthesis,” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems*, 2008.
- [2] M. Neuner, I. Abel, and H. Graeb, “Library-free structure recognition for analog circuits,” in *Design, Automation Test in Europe Conference Exhibition (DATE)*, 2021.
- [3] I. Abel, M. Neuner, and H. Graeb, “A Functional Block Decomposition Method for Automatic Op-Amp Design,” (Dec, 2020). [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.09051>
- [4] —, “A hierarchical performance equation library for basic op-amp design,” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems*, pp. 1–1, 2021.
- [5] I. Abel and H. Graeb, “Structural Synthesis of Operational Amplifiers Based on Functional Block Modeling,” in *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)*, 2020.
- [6] I. Abel and H. Graeb, “FUBOCO: Structure Synthesis of Basic Op-Amps by FUnctional BLOck COmposition,” 2021, . [Online]. Available: <http://arxiv.org/abs/2101.07517>
- [7] T. Massier, “On the structural analysis of cmos and bipolar analog integrated circuits,” Ph.D. dissertation, Technische Universität München, 2010.
- [8] I. Abel, C. Kowalsky, and H. Graeb, “A fast Structural Synthesis Algorithm for Op-Amps based on Multi-Threading Strategies,” in *International Conference on Synthesis, Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Methods and Applications to Circuit Design (SMACD)*, 2021.