# Documentation of the Matlab functions for circuit design

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# 1 Matlab files related to the circuit level

# 1.1 cirAllowedPrintFields

```
returns a list names of the fields of a circuit
   element of type ELTYPE, that can be dumped into/modified in a circuit
   simulation file.

See also cirInit

EXAMPLE:
   cirAllowedPrintFields(circuit, 'nmos')

This returns the list {'w', 'lg', 'ad', 'as', 'pd', 'ps', ...
   'nFingers', 'lsos', 'lsod', 'lsogs', 'lsogd', 'mult'}
```

## 1.2 cirChangePrintNames

CIRCHANGEPRINTNAMES adapts the list of fields that will be written into a circuit simulation file.

cirChangePrintNames(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE, NAMELIST, PRINTNAMELIST) modifies two
cell arrays:

1. the one that contains the parameters of a circuit element of a given type ELTYPE (must be a string) is set equal to the argument NAMELIST;
2. the one that contains for each of these parameters the string that is written into the simulation file, is set equal to the argument PRINTNAMELIST. paramFields and the paramPrintNames, which are strings that are the fieldnames of a circuit element of type ELTYPE when this circuit element is defined with cirElementDef.

This function changes the fields circuit.defaults.(eltype).fieldValues{5} and circuit.defaults.(eltype).fieldValues{6}. If this function is called, it must be done before any circuit element is defined.

See also cirInit, cirElementDef, cirDefaultValues.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

```
cir = cirChangePrintNames(cir, 'nmos', {'w', 'lg', 'nFingers'}, ...
{'Wnom', 'Lnom', 'FOLD'})
```

With this example, we determine for circuit "cir" that in the circuit simulation will be written or modified, the width (w), the length (lg) and the number of fingers of an n-MOS will be written/modified. For example, in a circuit netlist (Spectre format) that contains n-MOS transistor Mn1, for which we have computed in Matlab w=10e-6, lg=0.2e-6 and nFingers=5, the above example would yield a line in the circuit simulation file of the form

Mn1 (drain gate source bulk) modelname Wnom=10e-6 Lnom=0.2e-6 FOLD=5

# 1.3 cirCheckEltype

CIRCHECKELTYPE check whether the specified string is a valid element type.

cirCheckEltype(STRING) returns nothing if the string corresponds to a valid element type. Otherwise, an error is signaled. Valid element types are 'nmos', 'pmos', 'res' (for resistor), 'cap' (for capacitor), 'v' (for voltage source), 'i' (for current source) and subcircuit ('subckt'). These names are case sensitive.

#### EXAMPLE :

```
checkEltype('nmos')
   returns nothing, since the element type exists.
checkEltype('NMOS')
   returns an error.
```

See also cirInit

# 1.4 cirDefaultNames

CIRDEFAULTNAMES lists the fields names that are initialized when a circuit element is defined.

LIST = cirDefaultNames(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE) returns a cell array of strings that are the fieldnames of a circuit element of type ELTYPE when this circuit element is defined with cirElementDef.

See also cirInit, cirElementDef, cirDefaultValues.

# 1.5 cirDefaultValues

CIRDEFAULTVALUES lists the default values of the fields that are initialized when a circuit element is defined.

LIST = cirDefaultValues(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE) returns a cell array with the default values to which the fields of a circuit element of type ELTYPE are initialized when this circuit element is defined with cirElementDef.

See also cirInit, cirElementDef, cirDefaultNames.

# 1.6 cirElementCopy

CIRELEMENTCOPY copies a circuit element to another one.

DESTINATION = cirElementCopy(SOURCE, DESTINATION) copies a circuit element SOURCE to another circuit element DESTINATION. By this copy operation, all fields except for the name field are copied from the SOURCE element to the DESTINATION element. It is required that the element types of SOURCE and DESTINATION correspond.

## **EXAMPLES:**

mlb = cirElementCopy(mla, mlb);

## 1.7 cirElementDef

CIRELEMENTDEF definition of a circuit element.

CIRCUIT = cirElementDef(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE, ELEMENTNAME) adds a circuit element to the datastructure of the given CIRCUIT. This function changes the datastructure of the given circuit, which is returned. The circuit element needs to be specified by a name ELEMENTNAME, which should be a string and by its element type ELTYPE, which should also be a string. The circuit element is added as a field to the circuit, such as CIRCUIT.ELEMENTNAME. This is in turn a structure, which will have different fields depending on the element type. Two fields are already defined in this function, namely CIRCUIT.ELEMENTNAME.eltype and CIRCUIT.ELEMENTNAME.name, which are filled with the strings ELTYPE and ELEMENTNAME, respectively.

Further, the field nElements of the given CIRCUIT is increased with one, the field CIRCUIT.(ELTYPELIST) is augmented with the ELEMENTNAME, and the field CIRCUIT.n(ELTYPE) is augmented with one. For example, for an n-MOS transistor Mn1, eltype is 'nmos', and the field CIRCUIT.nmosList is extended with the name 'Mn1', and the field CIRCUIT.nnmos is augmented with one.

For the circuit element itself, the field "parent" is defined and it is equal to the name of the circuit.

In addition to the fields eltype and name, some other fields, that are specific for each element type (see cirDefaultNames(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE)), are already defined and initialized with default values.

These default values can be overridden during initialization by specifying extra arguments to cirElementDef in addition to the three

arguments CIRCUIT, ELTYPE and ELEMENTNAME. If no extra arguments are specified, then default values are used to initialize the fields of cirDefaultNames(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE). Else, when default values need to be overridden, the syntax is as follows:

CIRCUIT = cirElementDef(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE, ELEMENTNAME, 'fieldname', value,
 'fieldname', value, ...)

This means that the fieldname (string) has to be specified as an argument, immediately followed by its value as the next argument.

See also cirInit, cirDefaultNames, cirDefaultValues.

## **EXAMPLES:**

```
cir = cirElementDef(cir, 'nmos', 'm1')
```

This example defines n-MOS transistor m1 and takes default values for the fields  $\lg$ , w, table, paramFields, paramPrintNames, lsos, lsod, mult, lsogs, lsogd, mult.

```
cir = cirElementDef(cir, 'nmos', 'm1', 'lg', 2e-6)
```

This example defines n-MOS transistor m2. The channel length lg is initialized to 2 micrometer, while the other fields w, table, paramFields, paramPrintNames, lsos, lsod, mult, lsogs, lsogd, mult

are initialized to their default value.

cir = cirElementDef(cir, 'nmos', 'm3', 'paramFields', {nFingers})

This example defines n-MOS transistor m3. The field "paramField" is initialized with  $\{nFingers\}$ . This means that only the value field "nFingers" will be printed to the circuit simulation file. The other fields are initialized with their default value.

cir = cirElementDef(cir, 'nmos', m4, 'paramFields', {gm, lg, w})
 This will give an error, since "gm" is not a parameter that can be
 specified as one that will be printed to the circuit simulation file.

# 1.8 cirElementOfType

CIRELEMENTOFTYPE returns a list of elements of a given type.

ELEMENTLIST = cirElementOfType(CIRCUIT, ELTYPE) returns a cell array of circuit elements of a given type ELTYPE (specified as a string), that have been defined in the given CIRCUIT.

See also cirInit, cirDefaultNames, cirDefaultValues.

## **EXAMPLES:**

nmosList = cirElementOfType(cir, 'nmos')

## 1.9 cirInit

CIRINIT initialization of a circuit

circuit=cirInit(NAME, TITLE, PRINTPARAMTUPLE (optional), SIMULFILE
(optional), NMOSTABLE (optional), PMOSTABLE (optional), PARAMSIMULSKELFILE
(optional))

initializes a datastructure for a circuit that is returned. This datastructure is a structure with the following fields:

- 1. name: a string, which is specified as the argument NAME of this initialization function.
- 2. title: a title string, which is specified as the argument TITLE of this initialization function.
- 3. simulfile: a string that represents the name of the file to which the values will be written for the different circuit parameters that are determined with Matlab. This string is specified as the argument SIMULFILE to this initialization function.
- 4. simulSkeletonFile: a string representing the name of the file that contains the part of a circuit simulation file that does not contain any parameters that are determined in Matlab. This field is only used for circuit simulations in SmartSpice. Therefore, it is an optional argument SIMULSKELFILE, that does not need to be specified when other simulators are used.
- 5. defaults: a structure that contains default values for the different circuit elements that are supported. These default values are used when a circuit element is initialized. For a nMOS and pMOS transistor, default values are used for
  - channel length (field "lg")
  - channel width (field "w")
  - table of intrinsic operating point parameters (field "table")
  - length of drain/source diffusion areas not between two
    poly stripes (fields "lsod" and "lsos", respectively)
  - length of drain/source diffusion areas between two poly stripes (fields "lsogd" and "lsogs", respectively)
  - the amount of fingers (field "nFingers")
  - the multiplicity (field "mult")
  - the parameters that will be written to a circuit simulation file (field "paramFields"). This is a cell array of strings, each of them being a field of a MOS transistor structure (e.g. "lg"). The value of these fields will be determined in the Matlab design plan.
  - the printnames that will be used for the parameters in the field paramFields of the transistor (field "paramPrintNames"). This is also a cell array of strings. This cell array has the same length as the cell array "paramFields". The printnames are used for the names of the parameters that are written into the circuit simulation file. E.g. the printname of the length of a MOS transistor could be '1'. In that case, a parameter would be made of the form '<mos><glue string>l', e.g. ml\_l

For a voltage source, current source, capacitor, inductor and resistor, default values are used for

- value (field "val")
- field "paramFields" (similar meaning as for a MOS transistor)
- field "paramPrintNames" (similar meaning as for a MOS transistor)
- 6. allowedPrintFields: an array of strings (cell array) that contains the names of the fields that can be passed to/changed in a circuit simulation file. For example, for a MOS transistor this list is {'w', 'lg', 'ad', 'as', 'pd', 'ps', 'nFingers', 'lsos', 'lsod', ... 'lsogs', 'lsogd', 'mult'}.

  For a resistor capacitor inductor voltage source and current source

For a resistor, capacitor, inductor, voltage source and current source, this list contains one element, namely 'val'.

- 7. nElements: number of circuit elements that already have been defined.
- 8. fields that each represent a circuit element that belongs to the circuit. At initialization there is no such field. During the Matlab program these fields are filled. E.g., when an n-MOS transistor ml is defined (see function cirElementDef) then there will be a field "ml" in the circuit.

  The following types of elements are supported: nmos, pmos, resistor, capacitor, voltage source, current source (see function cirCheckEltype). Note that not every circuit element that appears in the netlist of the circuit, needs to be defined in Matlab. Only those elements need to be defined for which some parameters are computed in Matlab. For example, if the power supply voltage is fixed, then the corresponding voltage source does not need to be added to the datastructure.
- 9. fields that represent for each circuit element type a list of the elements of that type and the length of that list:
  - nmosList and nnmos
  - pmosList and npmos
  - resList and nres, capList and ncap, indList and nind, vList and nv, iList and ni, subcktList and nsubckt

The argument PRINTPARAMTUPLE to cirInit is a cell array that is constructed as follows. It consists of groups of three elements. The first element of each group is a string that corresponds to a circuit element type. The second element contains a list of strings that correspond to the parameters that can be printed to or modified in a circuit simulation file. The third element is a list of the same length as the second element. Every element in this list is a string that is used in the simulation file for the value of the corresponding parameter of the first element. For example, for a resistor, the first element is 'res'. If now the second element is {'val'} and the third element is {'r'}, then the field "val" of a resistor is represented by "r" (this corresponds to the Spectre syntax). The possible strings in the second elements of each trio of this list should belong to the fields circuit.allowedPrintFields.res, circuit.allowedPrintFields.cap, ...

# 1.10 cirSimulFile

CIRSIMULFILE retrieves the circuit simulation file

FILENAME = cirSimulFile(CIRCUIT) returns a string that contains for the given CIRCUIT the name of the file that will be used to verify the design with Matlab of this CIRCUIT.

# 1.11 cirSimulSkelFile

CIRSIMULSKELFILE retrieves the circuit simulation file

FILENAME = cirSimulSkelFile(CIRCUIT) returns a string that contains for the given CIRCUIT the name of the file that contains the part of the circuit simulation input file that is fixed (i.e. contains no elements that are determined with Matlab).

## 1.12 cirSubcktInit

CIRSUBCKTINIT initialization of a subcircuit of a given parent circuit. This parent circuit is returned.

PARENT = cirSubcktInit(CIRCUITNAME, TITLE, PARENT)
initializes a datastructure for a circuit that is returned. This
datastructure is a structure with the following fields:

- 1. name: a string (argument CIRCUITNAME)
- 2. title: a title string (argument TITLE), which can be a short description of the circuit
- 3. simulFile: a string that represents the name of the file to which the values will be written for the different circuit parameters that are determined with Matlab. This is inherited from the parent circuit.
- 4. simulSkeletonFile: also inherited from the parent circuit.

# 1.13 cirSubcktReadin

CIRSUBCKTREADIN construct a subcircuit from an existing circuit datastructure and attach it to the datastructure of a given parent circuit.

# 1.14 cirWriteParam

 ${\tt CIRWRITEPARAM} \ {\tt write} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt parameter} \ {\tt statement} \ {\tt for} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt given} \ {\tt simulator}$ 

cirWriteParam(FID, SIMULATOR, PARAM, VALUE) writes a parameter statement with the appropriate syntax for the given SIMULATOR for the given PARAMETER (should be a string). The VALUE of that parameter should also be given as an argument. The parameter statement is written to the given file identifier FID

See also fopen, cirWriteParams

## 1.15 cirWriteParams

CIRWRITEPARAMS writes parameters that have been determined in Matlab to a circuit simulation file for a given SIMULATOR.

Supported simulators are smartspice, hspice, spectre

For smartspice we put everything into one file in order to avoid .include statements, which seem to be buggy in smartspice. Therefore, we dump the parameters in a temporary file, and in the end we combine this file and the skeleton file into the simulation file.

For HSPICE, the simulation file is just a set of lines with .param statements. The skeleton file is not used here.

For spectre, we replace in a circuit netlist the values of the circuit elements in the top circuit and in the subcircuits. The skeleton file is not used neither here.

See also cirWriteParamsSpice and cirWriteParamsSpectre

# 1.16 cirWriteParamsSpectre

CIRWRITEPARAMS writes parameters that have been determined in Matlab to a circuit simulation file for spectre. We replace

in a circuit netlist the values of the circuit elements in the top circuit and in the subcircuits.

# 1.17 cirWriteParamsSpice

CIRWRITEPARAMSSPICE writes parameters that have been determined in Matlab to a circuit simulation file for Spice. Supported Spice versions are smartspice and hspice.

For smartspice we put everything into one file in order to avoid .include statements, which seem to be buggy in smartspice. Therefore, we dump the parameters in a temporary file, and in the end we combine this file and the skeleton file into the simulation file.

For HSPICE, the simulation file is just a set of lines with .param statements. The skeleton file is not used here.

# 2 Matlab files related to the MOS transistor

## 2.1 mosAcmPerimeter

MOSACMPERIMETER computation of the perimeter of a source or drain region

mosAcmPerimeter(ACM, LSWS, LSWG) returns the perimeter of a diffusion region (= source or drain region). This perimeter is computed according to the area calculation method ACM with the given perimeter of the diffsuion region under the gate (argument LSWG) and not under the gate (argument LSWS).

## 2.2 mosAreaPerimeter

 ${\tt MOSAREAPERIMETER}$  computation of areas and perimeters of source and drain regions of a  ${\tt MOS}$  transistor.

[AD, LSD, LGD, AS, LSS, LGS] = mosAreaPerimeter(Wnom, LSOs, LSOd, ...
LSOgs, LSOgd, FOLD, MULT) returns the area of source and drain regions
(AD and AS), the length of the sidewall of the source or drain area which
is not under the gate (LSD and LSS), length of the sidewall of the source
or drain area which is under the gate (LGD and LGS).
These quantities are computed as a function of the nominal transistor
width WNOM, the length of drain/source diffusion areas not between two
poly stripes (LSOd and LSOs, respectively), the length of drain/source
diffusion areas between two poly stripes (LSOgd and LSOgs, respectively),
the amount of fingers FOLD and the multiplicity MULT.

## EXAMPLES :

```
[AD, LSD, LGD, AS, LSS, LGS] = mosAreaPerimeter(Wnom, LSOs, LSOd, ... LSOgs, LSOgd, 1, 1)
```

```
[AD, LSD, LGD, AS, LSS, LGS] = mosAreaPerimeter(20, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) returns
```

```
AD = 20, LSD = 22, LGD = 20, AS = 20, LSS = 22, LGS = 20
```

[AD, LSD, LGD, AS, LSS, LGS] = mosAreaPerimeter(20, 1, 1, 1, 1, 4, 1) returns

```
AD = 10, LSD = 4, LGD = 20, AS = 15, LSS = 16, LGS = 20
```

# 2.3 mosCheckSaturation

 $\label{thm:check whether a transistor operates in the saturation \\ region.$ 

checkMosSaturation(MOS) gives a warning when transistor MOS is not saturated. This function compares MOS.vds to MOS.vdsat if they exist. When one of these fields does not exist, an error is signaled.

# 2.4 mosCheckWidth

MOSCHECKWIDTH comparison of a transistor width to the critical width

result = mosCheckWidth(WIDTH, TABLE) returns 0 and gives a warning when
the specified WIDTH is below the critical width of the given TABLE.
This critical width can be obtained with tableWcrit(TABLE)

See also tableWcrit

# 2.5 mosExtValue

 ${\tt MOSEXTVALUE}$  computation of parameters related to the extrinsic part of a MOS transistor.

value = mosExtValue(NAME, MOS) returns the value of a parameter related
to the extrinsic part of a MOS transistor. The NAME of the parameter
should be specified as a string. Possible names are
cdbE, csbE, as, ad, ps, pd, lsd, lgd, lss, lgs

## EXAMPLE :

m1.cdbE = mosExtValue('cdbE', m1);

## 2.6 mosIntValue

 ${\tt MOSINTVALUE} \ {\tt gets} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt value} \ {\tt of} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt intrinsic} \ {\tt MOS} \ {\tt parameter}$ 

PARAMVALUE = mosIntValue(ELECPARAM, MOS) returns the value of a MOS operating point parameter ELECPARAM (specified as a string) for transistor MOS. The value is computed in S.I. units.

ELECPARAM must be included in the table of operating point parameter values of a transistor. Possible names for ELECPARAM can be found by running tableDisplay(mosTable(mos)).

See also tableDisplay, tableValueWref, mosWidth, tableWref, tableWcrit

## EXAMPLE :

ids = mosIntValue('ids', m1)

## 2.7 mosIntValueWref

MOSINTVALUEWREF retrieving value of an intrinsic MOS parameter for a given MOS transistor, assuming its width equals the reference width.

RESULT = mosIntValueWref(PARAM, MOS) returns the value of the MOS operating point parameter PARAM (specified as a string) for a given MOS transistor.

PARAM must be included in the TABLE of intrinisc values of a transistor of the same type of the given transistor. Possible names for PARAM can be found by running tableDisplay(TABLE).

## EXAMPLE :

```
id = mosIntValueWref('ids', m1)
```

See also tableDisplay, mosIntValue, mosWidth, tableWref, tableValueWref

## 2.8 mosJuncap

 ${\tt MOSJUNCAP}$  computation of junction capacitance of a source or drain region of a  ${\tt MOS}$  transistor.

cJunction = mosJuncap(TABLE, VDIFFBULK, AREA, LSWS, LSWG) returns the value of the junction capacitance of a source or drain region for a given type of a MOS transistor, specified by the given TABLE. For the junction one must specify the AREA, the length of the sidewall under the gate (LSWG) and not under the gate (LSWS) and the voltage over the junction VDIFFBULK. The latter is the voltage difference between the source or drain region and the bulk (should be positive for an n-MOS and negative for a p-MOS)

## EXAMPLE :

for a MOS transistor with one finger, a width of 2 micrometer, a length of 1 micrometer for the diffusion areas, and 1 Volt over the junction between the diffusion area of the bulk and a table name N, the function call is  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

cdb = mosJuncap(N, 1, 2e-12, 4e-6, 2e-6);

# 2.9 mosName

 ${\tt MOSNAME}$  returns the name of a given  ${\tt MOS}$  transistor as a string

 ${\tt NAME} = {\tt mosName}({\tt MOS})$  returns a string that contains the name of the given MOS transistor.

```
EXAMPLE :
  nameM1 = mosName(m1);
```

# 2.10 mosOpValues

 ${\tt MOSOPVALUES}$  computation of all operating parameters of a  ${\tt MOS}$  transistor

MOS = mosOpValues(MOS) computes the value of intrinsic and extrinsic operating point parameters (in S.I. units) of a given transistor MOS. The datastructure of the transistor which is specified as an argument is also returned. However, after this function has returned, all fields of the transistor related to intrinsic and extrinsic operating point parameters have been added to the datastructure of the transistor. Also, the values of vgb, vgd and vdb are computed (or updated) from vgs, vds and vsb.

## EXAMPLE :

m1 = mosOpValues(m1)

# 2.11 mosPrintSizesAndOpInfo

 ${\tt MOSPRINTSIZESANDOPINFO~print~sizes~and~operating~point~information~of~MOS~transistors~in~a~circuit~and~its~subcircuits.}$ 

mosPrintSizesAndOpInfo(FID, CIRCUIT) prints the sizes and operating point information of the transistors in the given CIRCUIT and its subcircuits to the given file identifier FID. Two file identifiers are automatically available and need not be opened. They are FID=1 (standard output) and FID=2 (standard error).

See also fopen.

# 2.12 mosTable

 ${\tt MOSTABLE}$  returns the table of operating point parameters from which the intrinsic operating point of a MOS transistor are derived.

TABLE = mosTable(MOS) returns the table (this is a structure) from which the intrinsic operating point parameters of the given MOS transistor are derived.

# 2.13 mosVsbBody

 ${\tt MOSVSBBODY}$  computation of the source voltage of a  ${\tt MOS}$  transistor with body effect

VSB = mosVsbBody(MOS, VGB, VDB, VOV, ESTIMATE) determines the source-bulk voltage VSB of a MOS transistor by using the given TABLE. A specified value for the overdrive voltage VOV is given as an argument, as well as a value for the gate-bulk voltage VGB and drain-bulk voltage VDB.

The voltage VSB is determined by fixed-point iteration. A start value  ${\tt ESTIMATE}$  needs to be given for this iteration.

## EXAMPLE:

ml.vsb = mosVsbBody(m1, vdd/2, vdd, 0.2, vdd/2 - 0.2);

## 2.14 mosWidth

MOSWIDTH returns MOS transistor width for a given operating point parameter

W = mosWidth(ELECPARAM, VALUE, MOS) returns the width W of a MOS transistor. This returned width W is such that a wanted value VALUE for the MOS operating point parameter ELECPARAM (specified as a string) is realized. ELECPARAM must be included in the TABLE of a transistor of the same type. Possible names for PARAM can be found by running tableDisplay on mosTable(mos). If the returned width is below the critical width a warning is given. If the computed width is below the minimum width for the given technology, then an error is given.

See also mosTable, tableDisplay, tableWcrit, tableWmin, tableWref

## EXAMPLE :

```
M1.w = mosWidth('ids', 0.001, M1);
```

In this example, the width of M1 is computed as M1.w, based on a specification of 1mA for the drain current of M1. It is assumed that the terminal voltages and the length of M1 are already determined.

# 2.15 mosWriteParams

 ${\tt MOSWRITEPARAMS}$  writes parameters that have been determined in Matlab to a the fields of a structure parStruct

# 3 Matlab files related to technology characterization

# 3.1 techCapDigital

TECHCAPS plots intrinsic parasitic (trans)capacitance for |vgs| = VDD.

techCapDigital(TABLE, CAPPARAM, LG, VSB, FIGNUMBER) plots the intrinsic parasitic capacitance CAPPARAM as a function of VDS.

The plot is generated for a MOS transistor characterized by the given TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters.

The length of the channel and vsb need to be specified as an argument (LG and VSB, respectively). These values should belong to the arrays tableInArray('lg', TABLE) and tableInArray('vsb', TABLE), respectively.

See also tableInArray.

### 3.2 techCaps

TECHCAPS plots intrinsic parasitic (trans)capacitances.

techCaps(TABLE, CAPPARAM, LG, VSB, NVDSVALUES, FIGNUMBER) plots the intrinsic parasitic capacitance CAPPARAM as a function of |VGS| with |VDS| as a parameter. The plot is generated for a MOS transistor characterized by the given TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters. To limit the number of parameters, the number of vds values can be specified (argument NVDSVALUES).

The length of the channel and vsb need to be specified as an argument (LG and VSB, respectively). These values should belong to the arrays tableInArray('lg', TABLE) and tableInArray('vsb', TABLE), respectively.

See also tableInArray.

# 3.3 techGmId

TECHGMID plots gm/Ids and gm/Ids\*Vov as a function of Vov.

techGmId(TABLE, VSBARRAY, FIGNUMBER) plots gm/Ids and gm/Ids\*Vov for different values of vsb, which are specified in the array VSBARRAY. The number of plots that are generated is equal to two times the length of the array VSBARRAY. The first plot is generated in the figure with number FIGNUMBER.

### 3.4 techIds

TECHIDS plots IDS and its derivatives gm, gmbs, gds, and the ratios gm/gds and gm/gmbs as a function of VDS for different values of VGS.

techIds(TABLE, LG, VSBINDEX, NVGSVALUES, FIGNUMBER) will generate five plots in the figures with number FIGNUMBER, ..., FIGNUMBER + 4. The following parameters are plotted: |ids|, gm, gds, gmbs, gm/gds and gm/gmbs. The x-axis of these plots is |VDS|. The above parameters are generated with VGS as a parameter. To limit the number of parameters, the number of vgs values can be specified (argument NVGSVALUES). The length of the channel and vsb also need to be specified as an argument (LG and VSB, respectively). These values should belong to the arrays tableInArray('lg', TABLE) and tableInArray('vsb',

See also tableInArray

TABLE), respectively.

# 3.5 techPlots

TECHPLOTS generates many plots to characterize an n-MOS or p-MOS in a CMOS technology, specified by a given TABLE.

EXAMPLE:

techplots(P)

### 3.6 techVdsat

TECHVDSAT plots |VDSAT| as a function of |VGS| - |VT| for different channel lengths

techVdsat(TABLE, VSBINDEX, FIGNUMBER) generates a plot of |VDSAT| in the figure with number FIGNUMBER. |VDSAT| is plotted as a function of |VGS| - |VT| with the channel length as a parameter for the given table TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters of a MOS transistor. Further, vsb needs to be specified. The value of this should occur in tableInArray('vsb', TABLE).

See also tableInArray

#### EXAMPLE :

techVdsat(N, 0, 1)

This will generate a plot of VDSAT for an n-MOS transistor characterized by the table with the name N and with vsb = 0V. The plot is generated in figure number 1.

### 3.7 techVth

TECHVTH plots  $|{\rm VT}|$  as a function of  $|{\rm VDS}|$  for different channel lengths

techVth(TABLE, VSB, FIGNUMBER) generates a plot of |VT| in the figure with number FIGNUMBER. |VT| is plotted as a function of |VDS| with the channel length as a parameter for the given table TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters of a MOS transistor. Further, vsb should be specified with a value that occurs in tableInArray('vsb', TABLE).

#### EXAMPLE :

techVth(N, 0, 1)

This will generate a plot of VT for an n-MOS transistor characterized by the table with the name N and with vsb = 0V. The plot is generated in figure number 1.

# 4 Matlab files related to tables of a MOS transistor

# 4.1 tableDisplay

TABLEDISPLAY view the parameters that are present in a table for a MOS transistor

tableDisplay(TABLE) displays information contained in the table that has been constructed for a given transistor type. The following information is displayed:

- 1) DIMENSIONS: minimum gate length and width, width for which the table has been constructed (so-called reference width), width below which narrow-channel effects become visible (so-called critical width).
- 2) A list of the input variables and their ranges
- 3) A list of operating point parameters that are stored in the table (gm, ids, cgs, vdsat), .... Some parameters scale proportionally to the transistor width (at least above the critical width), other ones (e.g. vdsat, vth) do not.

#### EXAMPLE :

tableDisplay(N)

# 4.2 tableInArray

TABLEINARRAY getting the array of values of an input variable of a MOS table.

VALUE = tableInArray(INPUTVAR, TABLE) returns the array of values of the input variable INPUTVAR for a given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

### EXAMPLE :

```
vgsArray = tableInArray('vgs', N);
```

See also tableInFinal, tableInInit, tableInValue, tableInStep, tableInLength.

# 4.3 tableInCheckRange

TABLEINCHECKRANGE check whether an input parameter is inside the validity range

tableInCheckRange(INPUTVAR, VALUE, TABLE) tests whether the VALUE of a given input parameter INPUTVAR (specified as a string) is inside the range of validity, i.e. the range that is used to construct the given TABLE for a MOS transistor.

The function signals an error if the VALUE is not inside the range of validity.

# 4.4 tableInFinal

TABLEINFINAL getting the final value of an input variable of a MOS table.

VALUE = tableInFinal(INPUTVAR, TABLE) returns the last element of the array of values of the input variable INPUTVAR for a given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

### EXAMPLE :

```
vgsFinal = tableInFinal('vgs', N);
```

See also tableInInit, tableInArray, tableInValue, tableInStep, tableInLength.

# 4.5 tableInInit

TABLEININIT getting the initial value of an input variable of a MOS table.

VALUE = tableInInit(INPUTVAR, TABLE) returns the first element of the array of values of the input variable INPUTVAR for a given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

### EXAMPLE :

```
vgsInit = tableInInit('vgs', N);
```

See also tableInFinal, tableInArray, tableInValue, tableInStep, tableInLength.

# 4.6 tableInLength

TABLEINLENGTH getting the number of values of an input variable of a MOS table.

N = tableInLength(INPUTVAR, TABLE) returns the number of values of the input variable INPUTVAR for a given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

### EXAMPLE :

```
nVgs = tableInLength('vgs', N);
```

See also tableInInit, tableInFinal, tableInArray, tableInValue, tableInStep, tableInLength.

### 4.7 tableInNames

TABLEINNAMES input variables for the table of a MOS transistor

 $\begin{array}{lll} {\tt CELLARRAY = tableInNames(TABLE) \ returns \ an \ array \ of \ strings \ that} \\ {\tt are \ the \ names \ of \ the \ input \ variables \ of \ a \ given \ TABLE \ of \ intrinsic \ operating \ point \ parameters \ of \ a \ MOS } \\ \hline \\ {\tt MOS} \\ \end{array}$ 

transistor. The order of these strings also corresponds to the order of the indices in the table values. E.g. when 'vgs' is the second element in the resulting CELLARRAY, then this also means that the second index of the table corresponds to vgs.

### EXAMPLE:

stringArray = tableInNames(N);

# 4.8 tableInStep

TABLEINSTEP step between two adjacent values of an input variable of a MOS table.

VALUE = tableInStep(INPUTVAR, TABLE) returns the value of the step of the input variable INPUTVAR for a given TABLE of a MOS transistor. This step can be positive or negative. When the step is not constant, then the function returns NaN.

#### EXAMPLES :

```
vgsStep = tableInStep('vgs', N);
lgStep = tableInStep('lg', N);
```

This second example will return NaN.

See also tableInInit, tableInFinal, tableInArray, tableInValue, tableInStep, tableInLength.

# 4.9 tableInterpol

TABLEVALUEWREF retrieving the value of an intrinsic MOS parameter for the reference width, directly from a given table.

RESULT = mosIntValueWref(PARAM, TABLE, LENGTH, VGS, VDS, VSB) returns the value of the MOS operating point parameter PARAM (specified as a string) for a given TABLE.

PARAM must be exist as a field of the given TABLE.

Possible names for PARAM can be found by running tableDisplay(TABLE).

#### EXAMPLE :

id = tableValueWref('ids', N, 0.18e-6, 0.7, vdd/2, 0)

See also tableDisplay, mosIntValue, mosWidth, tableWref

# 4.10 tableInValue

TABLEINVALUE gets a particular value from the array of values of an input variable of a MOS table of intrinsic operating point parameters.

VALUE = tableInValue(INPUTVAR, INDEX, TABLE) returns the element with index INDEX in the array of values of the input variable INPUTVAR in a given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

#### EXAMPLE :

```
vgsInter = tableInValue('vgs', 5, N);
```

See also tableInFinal, tableInInit, tableInArray, tableInStep, tableInLength.

# 4.11 tableLmin

TABLELMIN minimum channel length of a MOS transistor

LMIN = tableLmin(TABLE) returns the value of the minimum channel length that is allowed for the transistor type that is specified by the given TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters of a MOS transistor.

```
EXAMPLE :
   lmin = tableLmin(N);
See also tableWmin, tableWcrit
```

# 4.12 tableMaxVdd

TABLEMAXVDD retrieving the maximally allowed VDD for a MOS transistor  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOS}}$ 

VALUE = tableMaxVdd(TABLE) returns the value of the maximally allowed VDD for a MOS transistor that is specified by a given TABLE of intrinsic operating point parameters of a MOS transistor.

```
EXAMPLE :
  vdd = tableMaxVdd(N);
```

# 4.13 tableModelName

TABLEMODELNAME model name of MOS transistor with which the table values are computed.

STRING = tableModelName(TABLE) returns the name of the MOS model with which the values in the given TABLE have been computed.

### EXAMPLE :

modelname = tableModelName(N);

# 4.14 tableModelParam

TABLEMODELPARAM getting the value of a model parameter from a MOS table

VALUE = tableModelParam(PARAMETER, TABLE) retrieves from the data of a given MOS table TABLE the numerical value of a model parameter that is specified with the string PARAMETER. No unit conversion is performed, which means that modelparameters that are not specified in S.I. units are returned in non-S.I. units.

#### EXAMPLE :

```
M1.cjsw = tableModelParam('cjsw', N);
```

See also tableModelParamNames, tableModelName

# 4.15 tableModelParamNames

TABLEMODELPARAMNAMES list of all names of model parameters

RESULT = tableModelParamNames(TABLE) returns a cell array of strings. This cell array contains the names of all model parameters that have been defined in the given TABLE of a MOS transistor.

### EXAMPLE :

modelParamNames = tableModelParamNames(N);

See also tableModelParam, tableModelName

# 4.16 tablePre

preprocessing of the tables REG018N and REG018P of UMC 0.18um  ${\tt CMOS}$ 

# 4.17 tablePreprocess

modification of MosTable. Table:

# 4.18 tableType

TABLETYPE returns the type of a transistor (n or p)  $\,$ 

string = tableType(TABLE) returns a string 'n' or 'p' depending on whether the TABLE under consideration refers to an n-MOS or p-MOS transistor.

### 4.19 tableValueWref

TABLEVALUEWREF retrieving the value of an intrinsic MOS parameter for the reference width, directly from a given table.

RESULT = tableValueWref(PARAM, TABLE, LENGTH, VGS, VDS, VSB) returns the value of the MOS operating point parameter PARAM (specified as a string) for a given TABLE.

PARAM must be exist as a field of the given TABLE.

Possible names for PARAM can be found by running tableDisplay(TABLE).

#### EXAMPLE :

id = tableValueWref('ids', N, 0.18e-6, 0.7, vdd/2, 0)

See also tableDisplay, mosIntValue, mosWidth, tableWref

### 4.20 tableValueWrefNew

TABLEVALUEWREF retrieving the value of an intrinsic MOS parameter for the reference width, directly from a given table.

RESULT = mosIntValueWref(PARAM, TABLE, LENGTH, VGS, VDS, VSB) returns the value of the MOS operating point parameter PARAM (specified as a string) for a given TABLE.

PARAM must be exist as a field of the given TABLE.

Possible names for PARAM can be found by running tableDisplay(TABLE).

#### EXAMPLE :

id = tableValueWref('ids', N, 0.18e-6, 0.7, vdd/2, 0)

See also tableDisplay, mosIntValue, mosWidth, tableWref

# 4.21 tableWcrit

GETWCRIT width of a MOS transistor below which narrow-channel effects play a role

WCRIT = tableWcrit(TABLE) returns the value of the minimum channel width that is allowed for the transistor type that is specified by the given TABLE. This value is usually smaller than the reference width.

```
EXAMPLE :
```

wCrit = tableWcrit(N);

See also tableLmin, tableWref

# 4.22 tableWIndepParamNames

TABLEWINDEPPARAMNAMES returns operating point parameters of a MOS that are assumed to be width independent.

stringArray = tableWIndepParamNames(TABLE) returns a cell array of strings with the names of operating point parameters stored in the given TABLE, and that are independent of transistor width above a critical width.

### EXAMPLE :

stringArray = tableWIndepParamNames(N);

See also tableWcrit

# 4.23 tableWmin

TABLEWMIN minimum channel width of a MOS transistor

WMIN = tableWmin(TABLE) returns the value of the minimum channel width that is allowed for the transistor type that is specified by the given TABLE. This value is usually smaller than the reference width.

```
EXAMPLE :
Wmin = tableWmin(N);
```

See also tableLmin, tableWcrit

# 4.24 tableWref

TABLEWREF gets the MOS transistor width with which the table of that MOS is computed.

W = tableWref(TABLE) returns the width in micrometer of the transistors with which the values in the given TABLE have been computed.

```
EXAMPLE :
    width = tableWref(N);
```