





**Experiment title:** Study of MOSFET Common Source (CS) Small Signal Amplifier.

**Objective of this experiment:**

The objective of this experiment are,

- to become familiar and study the characteristics of MOSFET common source (CS) amplifier.
- to determine the voltage gain, input and output voltages by using DC and AC analysis.
- to investigate the input and output waveforms of CS amplifier circuit.

## Theory:

The MOSFET structure has become the most important device structure in the electronics industry. It dominates the integrated circuit technology in Very Large Scale Integrated (VLSI) digital circuits based on n-channel MOSFETs and Complementary n-channel and p-channel MOSFETs (CMOS). The technical importance of the MOSFET results from its low power consumption, simple geometry, and small size, resulting in very high packing densities and compatibility with VLSI manufacturing technology.

Two of the most popular configurations of small-signal MOSFET amplifiers are the common source and common drain configurations. The common source circuit is shown in Figure 1. The common sources, like all MOSFET amplifiers, have the characteristic of high input impedance. High input impedance is desirable to keep the amplifier from loading the signal source. This high input impedance is controlled by the bias resistor  $R_G$  (or bias resistors  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$ ). Normally the value of the bias resistor(s) is chosen as high as possible. However too big a value can cause a significant voltage drop due to the gate leakage current. A large voltage drop is undesirable because it can disturb the bias point. For amplifier operation the MOSFET should be biased in the saturated region of the characteristics.

The common source (CS) and common drain (CD) MOSFET amplifiers can be compared to the common emitter (CE) and common collector (CC) BJT amplifiers respectively. Like the CE amplifier, the CS amplifier has a negative voltage gain and an output impedance approximately equal to the drain resistor (collector resistor for the CE amplifier). The CD amplifier is comparable to the CC amplifier with the characteristics of high input impedance, low output impedance, and less than unity voltage gain.

## Apparatus:

1. Resistors: 5.6 k $\Omega$ , 10 k $\Omega$ , 100 k $\Omega$ , 1M $\Omega$ .
2. MOSFET: n-channel MOSFET (IRF540 or similar).
3. Capacitor: 22  $\mu$ F (2).



4. Connecting wires.
5. Trainer Board.
6. Multimeter.
7. DC power supply.
8. Power cables and probes.
9. Oscilloscope.
10. Function generator.

### Simulation circuits and Results:

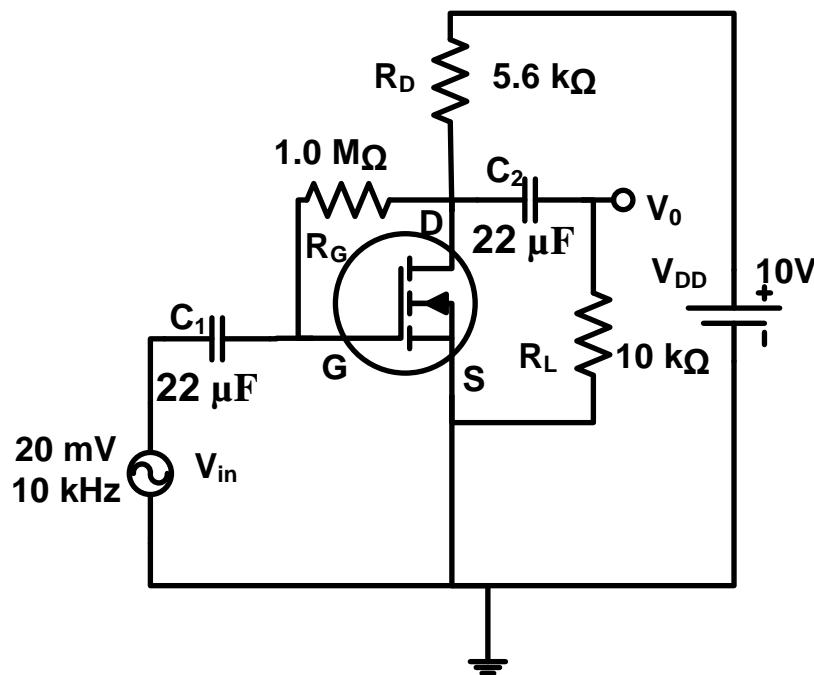


Figure 1: MOSFET Common Source Amplifier

### Experimental Procedure:

1. Construct the circuit as shown in Figure 1.
2. DC Analysis: Connect the MOSFET CS amplifier circuit shown in Figure 1. Use a Multimeter to measure the transistor voltages ( $V_D$ ,  $V_G$ ,  $V_S$ ) and drain current ( $I_D$ ). Compare all DC results to your prelab calculations.



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3. AC Analysis: Apply a sine wave (20mV, 10 kHz). Display both input and output signals on the oscilloscope and observe the phase shift. Measure the output voltage and compute the voltage gain.
4. Finally, increase the input amplitude until you observe clipping in the output. Plot and label the clipped output. What is the maximum input that can be amplified without distortion (clipping)?

**Data Tables:**

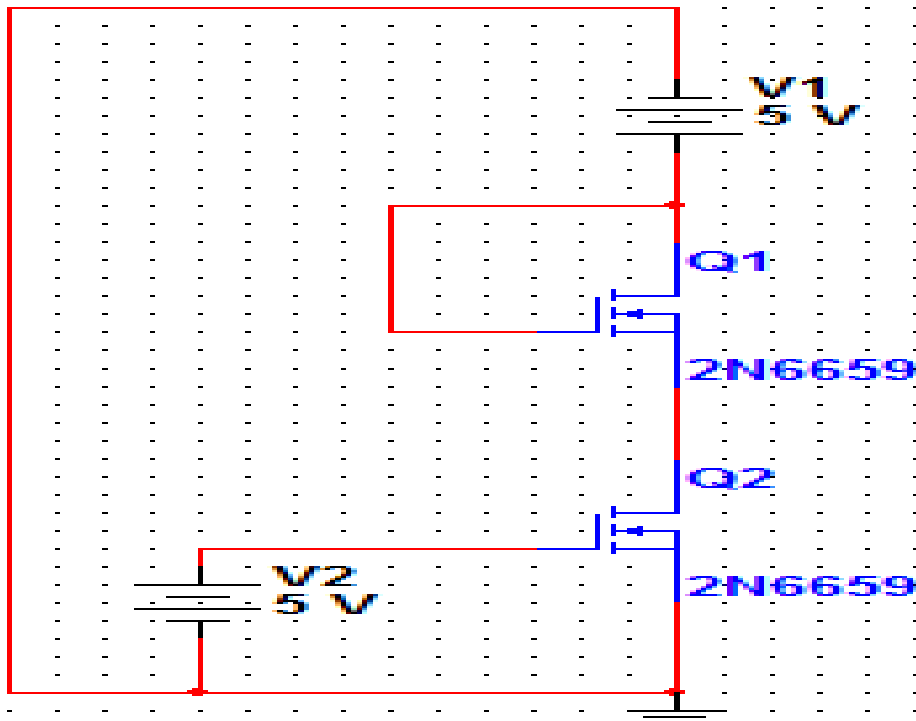
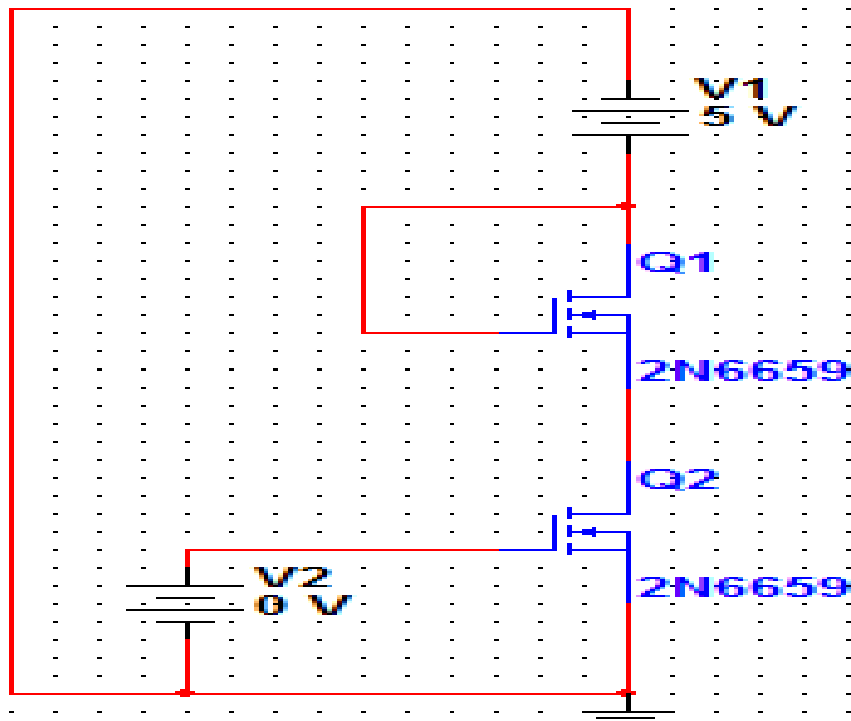
**Table -1 (DC Analysis)**

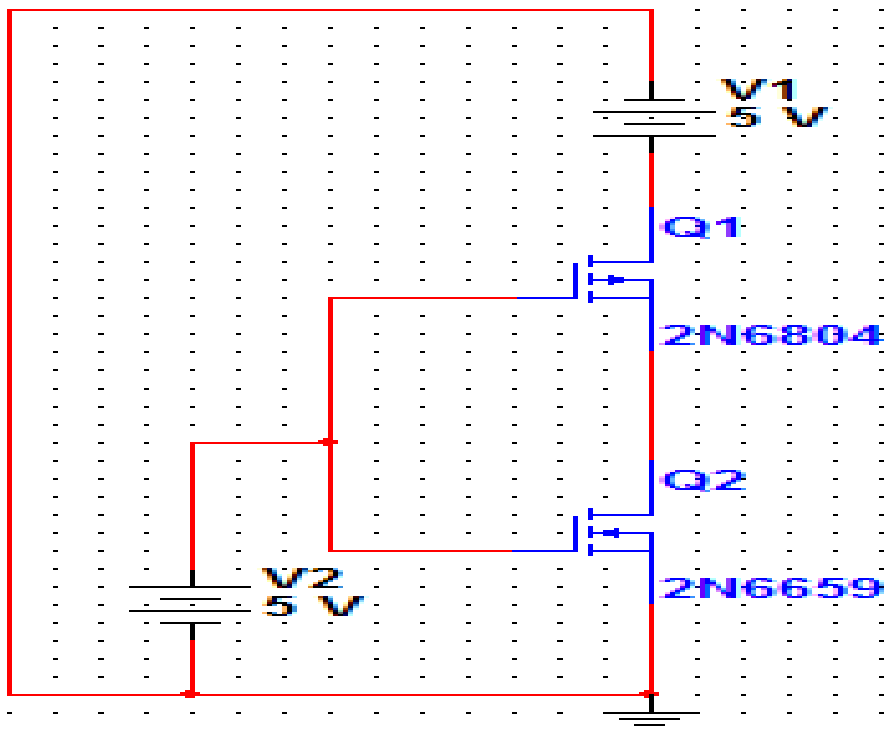
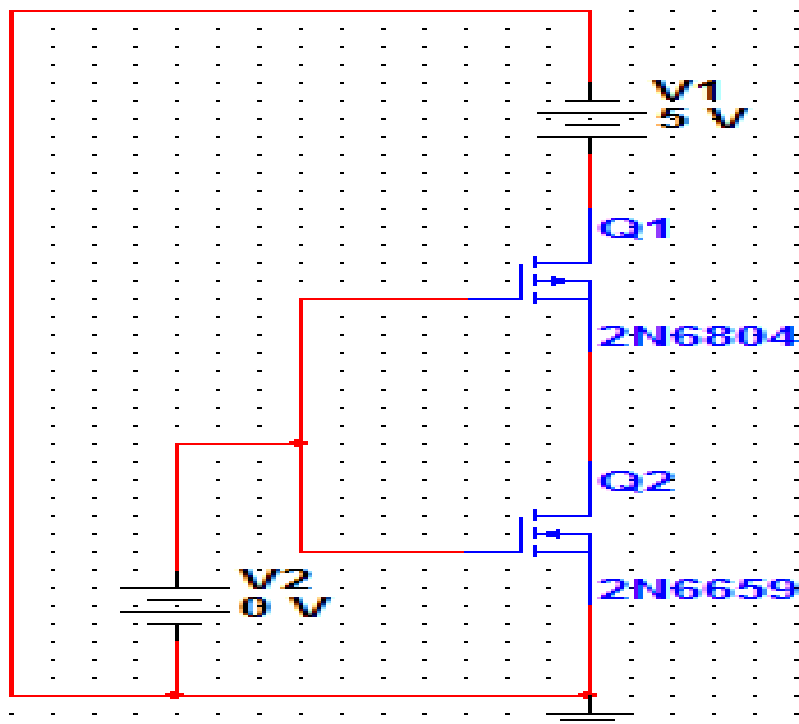
$V_{CC}$	$V_D$	$V_S$	$V_G$	$I_D$
10 V	3.1 V	0.1 V	3.11 V	1.2 mA

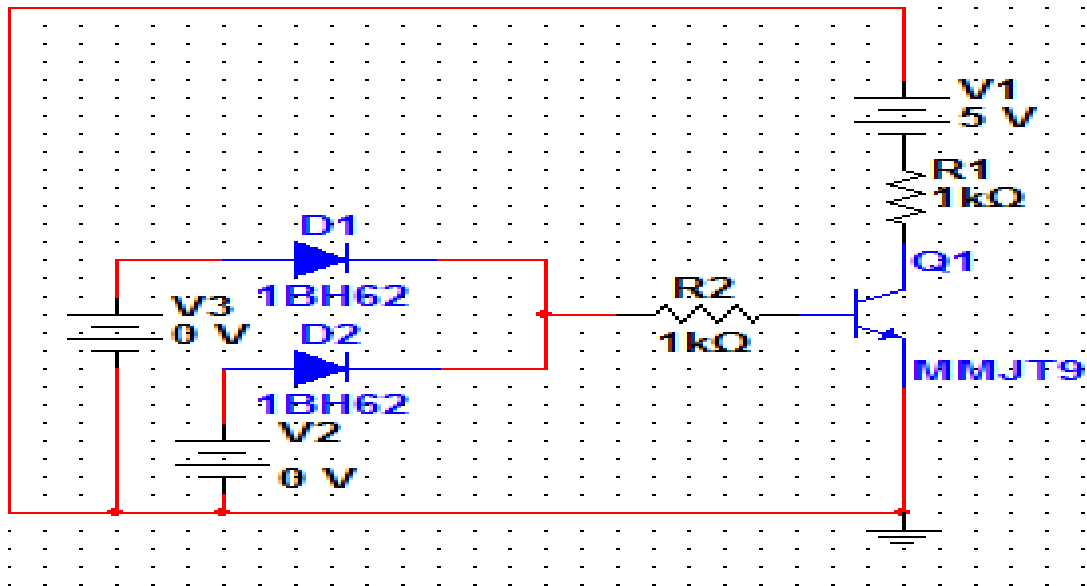
**Table -2 (AC Analysis)**

Frequency	$V_{in}$	Max. $V_{in}$	$V_0$	$A_v$	Phase Difference
10 KHz	200 mV	100 mV	6.4 V	32 mV	0

**Simulation and Measurement:**







### Discussion:

All the apparatus were checked before the start of the experiment. The oscilloscope was calibrated before the start of the experiment. Care should be taken to avoid short connections. Short connections can produce heat (due to high current flow) which can be harmful for the components and damage the component. This experiment was performed to study about the switching characteristics and switching loss of MOSFET. The data and the plotted curves obtained from the experiment proved that MOSFET does not activate until a certain gate voltage is provided and the power loss increases after crossing the gate voltage.

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