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**Hspice (for Labs)**

# SPICE

- **Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis**
- **General purpose analog circuit simulator**
- **Used in IC and board-level design for check of integrity of circuit designs and prediction of circuit behavior**
- **Developed at Electronics Research Laboratory of UC Berkeley**
- **SPICE simulation is industry-standard for verification of circuit operation at transistor level before manufacturing**
- **Description of circuit elements (transistors, resistors, capacitors, etc.) and connections by netlists**
- **Netlists translated into nonlinear differential algebraic equations**
- **Solving by implicit integration methods, Newton's method and sparse matrix techniques**

# HSPICE

- The most popular commercial versions of SPICE include HSPICE (originally commercialized by Ashawna and Kim Hailey of Meta Software, but now owned by Synopsys), PSpice (now owned by Cadence Design Systems) and Magma's FineSim [now in Synopsys]
  - Superior convergence
  - Accurate modeling, including many foundry models
  - Hierarchical node naming and reference
  - Circuit optimization for models and cells, with incremental or simultaneous Multiparameter optimizations in AC, DC, and transient simulations
  - Monte Carlo and worst-case design support
  - Input, output, and behavioral algebraics for cells with parameters
  - Cell characterization tools to characterize standard cell libraries
  - Geometric lossy-coupled transmission lines for PCB, multi-chip, package, and IC technologies

# Basic Netlist Structure

Simple inverter circuit

\* \*\*\*\* Parameters \*\*\*\*

.param Wn=2u L=0.6u

.param Wp='2\*Wn'

\* \*\*\*\*\* Define power supplies and sources \*\*\*\*\*

V1 VDD 0 5

VPULSE VIN 0 PULSE 0 5 2N 2N 2N 98N 200N

\* \*\*\*\*\* Actual circuit topology \*\*\*\*\*

M1 VOUT VIN VDD VDD pch Wp L M=1

M2 VOUT VIN GND GND nch Wn L

\* \*\*\*\*\* Analysis statement \*\*\*\*\*

.TRAN 1n 300n

\* \*\*\*\*\* Output control statements \*\*\*\*\*

.OPTION POST

.PRINT V(VIN) V(VOUT)

\* \*\*\*\* Library \*\*\*\*

.LIB 'AMS.lib' nominal

.END

## Reference Slides

# HSPICE Input/Output Files & Suffixes

- **HSPICE Input**

- input netlist            .sp
- design configuration    .cfg
- initialization            hspice.ini

- **HSPICE Output**

- run status    .st0
- output listing    .lis ←
- initial condition    .ic
- measure output    .m\*# (e.g. .mt0,mt1,..)
- Analysis data, transient    .tr# (e.g. .tr0,tr1,..)
- Analysis data, dc    .sw# (e.g. .sw0,sw1,..)
- Analysis data, ac    .ac# (e.g. .ac0,ac1,..)
- Plot file    .gr# (e.g. .gr0, gr1,..)

.lis file contains results of:

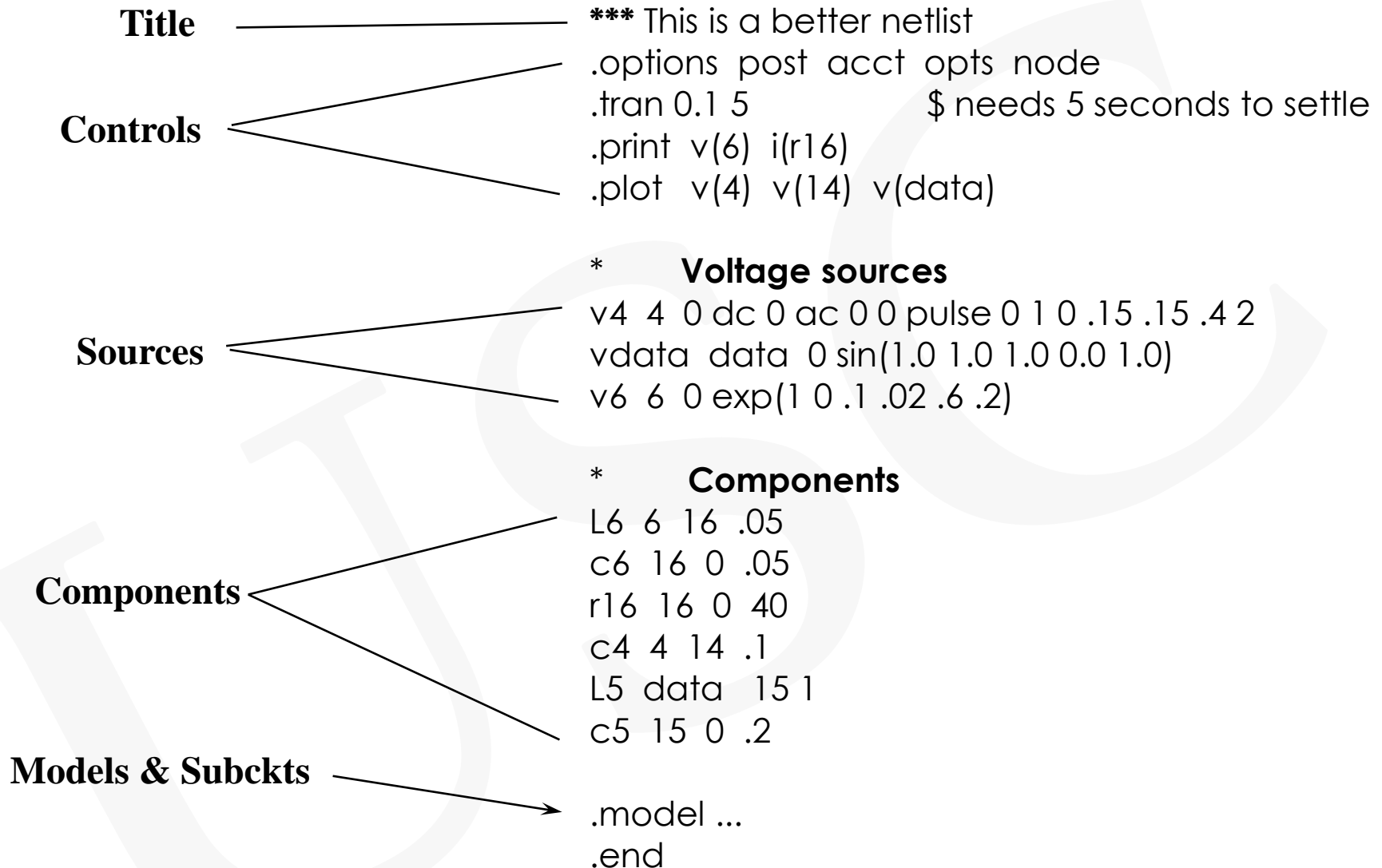
.print & .plot

.op (operating point)

.options (results)

Depends on .Option Post

# Netlist Structure : Recommended Format



# Input Control

**.option**

**.param**

**.alter**

**.model**

**.Lib**



# **.OPTION**

- **.OPTION LIST**

- Prints a list of netlist elements, node connections, and values. Calculates effective sizes of elements and key values.
  - Useful in diagnosing topology related problems.

- **.OPTION NODE**

- Prints a node connection table. The nodal cross-reference table lists each node and all the elements connected to it.
  - Useful in diagnosing topology related non-convergence problems.

- **.OPTION ACCT**

- Reports job accounting and run-time statistics at the end of the output listing.
  - Useful in observing simulation efficiency. Maximum performance is when Total Iteration Count : Convergent Iteration Count is 2:1.

- **.OPTION NOMOD**

- Suppresses the print-out of MODEL parameters

# **.OPTION**

- **.OPTION POST PROBE**
  - Graph nodal voltages, element currents, circuit response, algebraic expressions from transient analysis, DC sweeps, AC analysis
  - Requesting Graph Data Format
    - **.OPTION POST (binary)**
    - **.OPTION POST=2 (ASCII, platform independent)**
- **.PROBE**
  - Write directly to the Graph Data File (without writing to the .LIS file)
  - Limit data in Graph Data file to that specified in **.PRINT, .PLOT, .PROBE, .GRAPH**

# .OPTION

- .OPTION SCALE**

- profound effect on element parameter values.
- Geometric ELEMENT parameters (L, W, area, etc)
- Global works for MOSFETs, DIODEs, and JFETs

- .OPTION SCALE=<value>

.OPTION SCALE defaults to 1meter

- .OPTION SCALE=1e-6

- Local works for Passive Values

- Passive Devices are NOT affected by .OPTION SCALE

- Cshunt 5 0 1u SCALE=10 (Result=10u)

- Labc 10 0 1u SCALE=10 (Result=10u)

.OPTION SCALE=1e-6

M1 Vdd 10 20 0 mymodel L=1u W=1u

Results in L=1e-12 and W=1e-12!!!

# .PARAM

- **.PARAM parnam1=val1 <parnam2=val2...>**
  - Sets global values
  - Parameterize input element, source, model data
  - Algebraically manipulate output print/plot variables
  - Central to circuit optimization and multiple simulation runs

**\*Example:**

```
.PARAM A=4 B='5 * sqrt(A)' C=10
```

```
R1 0 4 'C+5*A'
```

**\* Example:**

```
.PARAM wp=50u lp=.6u ln=.6u
```

```
+ abc=10
```

```
X1 1 2 inv wn=10u wp=20u ln=2u lp=.8u cba=5
```

```
.SUBCKT inv in out wn=8u wp=8u ln=1u lp=1u abc=5
```

```
m1 out in vdd vdd p w=wp l=lp m=abc
```

```
m2 out in 0 0 n w=wn l=ln m=cba
```

```
.ENDS
```

**Actual Value**

```
m1 l=.6u w=50u m=10
```

```
m2 l=.6u w=10u m=5
```

# .PARAM

- Defining your own functions
  - .param <function name>(arg1, <arg2>) = 'parameter expr'**

```
.param gain(out,in) = 'v(out) / v(in)'
.print par('gain(2,1)') 'mygain'=par('gain(3,1)')
```
  - Nesting: Does NOT work past 3 levels!!!**

```
.param X=2
.param squarit(a)='pow(a,2)'
+   fourth(b)='squarit(b) * squarit(b)'
+   sixteenth(c)='fourth(c) * fourth(c)'
.print '2nd'=par('squarit(X)') '4th'=par('fourth(X)') par('sixteenth(X)')
```

<b>Output:</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>param sixteenth(x)</b>
	4.0000	16.0000	256.0000

# .ALTER

- **.ALTER**

- **Rerun a simulation several times with different**

- **Circuit Topology**
    - **Models**
    - **Library Components**

<b>.ALTER</b>	Sequence for Worst Case Corner Analysis
<b>.DELETE LIB</b>	Removes previous library selection
<b>.LIB</b>	Add new library case

- **Elements**
    - **Parameter Values**
    - **Options**
    - **Source stimulus**
    - **Analysis Variables**
    - **Print/Plot commands (must be parameterized)**
  - **1st Run - HSPICE reads input netlist file up to the first .ALTER**
  - **Subsequent - Reads input netlist to next .ALTER, etc**

# **.ALTER**

- **Limitations:**
  - **CAN include**
    - **Element Statements (except source)**
    - **.DATA, .LIB, .DEL LIB, .INCLUDE, .MODEL statements**
    - **.IC, .NODESET statements**
    - **.OP, .OPTIONS, .PARAM, .TEMP, .TF, .TRAN, .DC, .AC**
  - **CANNOT include**
    - **.PRINT, .PLOT, .GRAPH, or any other I/O statements**
  - **AVOID adding analysis statements under each .ALTER block.**  
**(will cause huge penalty in simulation time and confusion in result outputting!)**

- **Example**
  - **Parameterize Source Statements**

```
.PARAM A=4ns B=5ns
```

```
V1 VA GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 46.5ns 100ns)
```

```
V2 VB GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 96ns 200ns)
```

```
V3 VC GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 196.5ns 400ns)
```

```
.ALTER
```

```
.PARAM A=5ns B=6ns
```

```
.ALTER
```

```
.PARAM A=6ns B=7ns
```

```
.END
```



# .Model

- **.model Statement**

- **.MODEL mname type <pname1=pval1 pname2=pval2 . . >**

- **mname**     **Model name reference**
- **pname\_l**   **Parameter name**
- **pval\_l**     **Specifies the parameter value**
- **type**       **Selects the model type, which must be one of the following:**

OPT   optimization model

PJF   p-channel JFET model

PLOT   plot model for the .GRAPH statement

PMOS   p-channel MOFET model

PNP   npn BJT model

R       resistor model

U       lossy transmission line model (lumped)

W       lossy transmission line model

SP     S-Parameter

AMP   operational amplifier model

C       capacitor model

CORE   magnetic core model

PMOS   p-channel MOFET model

D       diode model

L       magnetic core mutual inductor model

NJF   n-channel JFET model

NMOS   n-channel MOFET model

NPN   npn BJT model

- **Example**

```
.model g nmos level=49
```

```
***** Version Parameters
```

```
+ hspver = 98.40     version = 3.20
```

```
***** Geometry Range Parameters
```

```
+ wmin   = 0.64u     wmax   = 900.000u
```

```
+ lmin   = 0.28u     lmax   = 900.000u
```

- **.LIB Library Call Statement**

- **.LIB '<filepath>filename' entryname**

- **entryname**    Entry name for the section of the library file to include
    - **filename**      Name of a file to include in the data file
    - **filepath**       Path to a file

- **.LIB Library File Definition Statement**

.LIB entryname1

<\$ ANY VALID SET OF HSPICE STATEMENTS>

.ENDL entryname1

.LIB entryname2

<\$ ANY VALID SET OF HSPICE STATEMENTS>

.ENDL entryname2

- **.DEL LIB Statement**

- **.DEL LIB '<filepath>filename' entryname**

- **entryname**    Entry name used in the library call statement to be deleted
    - **filename**      Name of a file for deletion from the data file
    - **filepath**       Path name of a file, if the operating system supports tree-structured directories

# .Lib

**\*Netlist**

**R1 1 0 10k**

**.lib 'MyProcess.lib' TT**

**M1 1 1 2 0 nchan**

**.end**

**\* MyProcess.lib file**

**.lib TT \$ typical process**

**.param TOX\_8=230 ...**

**.include '/usr/lib/cmos1.dat'**

**.endl TT**

**.lib FF \$ fast process**

**.param TOX\_8=200 ...**

**.include '/usr/lib/cmos1.dat'**

**.endl FF**

**\* file: /usr/lib/cmos1.dat**

**.model nchan**

**+ level=13 ...**

**+ tox=tox\_8**

# Comments

*\* \*\*\*\* Parameters \*\*\*\*\**

- **Comments:**
  - First letter of line is **asterisk (\*)** → **whole line** is comment
  - **Dollar sign (\$)** anywhere on the line → **text after** is comment
- **Example:**
  - *\* <comment\_on\_a\_line\_by\_itself>*
  - or-
  - *<HSPICE\_statement> \$ <comment\_following\_HSPICE\_input>*
- **Comment statements can be placed anywhere** in circuit description

# Output Control

**.print**

**.measure**

# .PRINT

- **syntax**
  - **.PRINT antype ov1 <ov2...ov32>**
  - **Standard form: .print V(node) or I(element) or PAR('equation')**
    - **v(1) = voltage at node 1**
    - **v(1,2) = voltage between node 1 and node 2 (differential)**
    - **i(Rin) = current through Rin**
    - **PAR('v(out)/v(in)') = value of v(out)/v(in)**

# .PRINT

```
*** ID-Vds curve temp=0 nmos w=50 l=0.4 dbp011 ***  
.option nomod nopage acct wl scale=0.87u co=132  
.temp 25  
.inc '/home/users2/kyusun/model/model_typ'  
.param pa_vgs=4.0v  
  
.dc vds 0v 4.5v 0.5v  
  
vds vds gnd  
vgs vg gnd pa_vgs  
vbb vbb gnd -1.0v  
  
mnmos vds vg gnd vbb g w=0.36 l=0.27  
r1 vds vs_im 10k  
r2 vs_im gnd 10k  
  
.print i(mnmos)  
  
.end
```

Print value of current  
through element 'mnmos'

Input file

# .PRINT

\*\*\* id-vds curve temp=0 nmos w=50 l=0.4 dbp011 \*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* dc transfer curves                      tnom= 25.000 temp= 25.000

\*\*\*\*\*

x

volt	current
	mnmos
0.	1.0000p
500.00000m	42.3973u
1.00000	80.8944u
1.50000	114.1583u
2.00000	132.4595u
2.50000	136.4053u
3.00000	138.5470u
3.50000	140.3573u
4.00000	142.0558u
4.50000	143.7045u

y

Output file  
(.lis)

\*\*\*\*\* job concluded

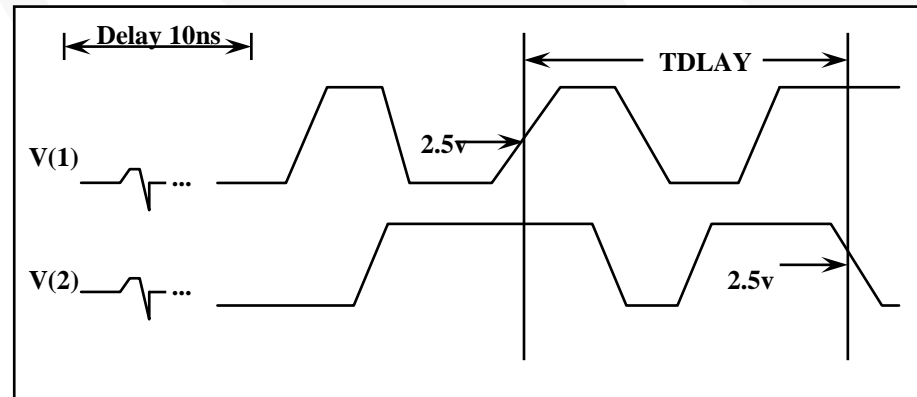


# **.MEASURE**

- **.MEASURE**
  - Print user-defined electrical specifications of a circuit.
  - .MEASURE is a post processor
  - Seven Fundamental Measurement modes:
    - Rise, Fall, Delay
    - Average, RMS, Min, Max, & Peak-to-Peak
    - Find-When
    - Equation Evaluation
    - Derivative Evaluation
    - Integral Evaluation
    - Relative Error

# .MEASURE

- **.MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result TRIG TARG <optimization options>**
  - **result** - name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output.
  - **TRIG** trig\_var VAL=trig\_val <TD=timedelay> <CROSS=#of> <RISE=#of> +<FALL=#of>
  - **TRIG** AT=value
  - **TARG** targ\_var VAL=targ\_val <TD=timedelay> <CROSS=#of | LAST> +<RISE=#of | LAST> <FALLS=#of | LAST>



```
.MEAS TRAN TDLAY TRIG V(1) VAL=2.5 TD=10ns RISE=2
+ TARG V(2) VAL=2.5 FALL=2
```

# **.MEASURE**

- **.MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result func out\_var <FROM=val> <TO=val> <optimization options>**
  - **func:** AVG, RMS, MIN, MAX, PP
  - **result:** name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output
  - **out\_var:** name of the output variable to be measured.
- **Examples**
  - **.MEAS TRAN avgval AVG V(10) From=10ns To=55ns**
    - Print out average nodal voltage of node 10 during tran time 10 to 55ns. Print as “avgval”
  - **.MEAS TRAN maxval MAX V(1,2) From=15ns To=100ns**
    - Find the maximum voltage difference between nodes 1 and 2 from time 15ns to 100ns. Print as “maxval”.

# .MEASURE

- **FIND-WHEN**
  - Allows any independent variables (time, freq, parameter), by using WHEN syntax, or any dependent variables (voltage, current, etc), by using FIND-WHEN syntax, to be measured when some specific event occurs.
- **.MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result WHEN out\_var=val <TD=val> +<RISE=#of> | LAST> <FALL=#of | LAST> <CROSS=#of | LAST> +<optimization options>**
  - result - name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output file.
- **Example - when**
  - **.MEAS TRAN fifth WHEN V(osc\_out)=2.5v RISE=5**
    - measure the time of the 5th rise of node “osc\_out” at 2.5v. Report as “fifth” in listing.
- **Example - find - when**
  - **.MEAS TRAN result FIND v(out) WHEN v(in)=40m**
    - measure v(out) when v(in)=40m - store in variable result

# .MEASURE

- **Equation Evaluation**
  - Use this statement to evaluate an equation that can be a function of the results of previous .Measure statements.
  - The equation **MUST NOT** be a function of node voltages or branch currents.
- **.MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result  
PARAM='equation' +<optimization options>**
  - result - name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output file.
- **Example**
  - **.MEAS TRAN Tmid PARAM='(T\_from+T\_to)/2'**

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# Power Sources

**Independent Sources**

# Independent Sources: DC, AC

- **Syntax**
  - `Vxxx n+ n- <<DC=> dcval> <tranfun> <AC=acmag, acphase>`  
or
  - `Iyyy n+ n- <<DC=> dcval> <tranfun> <AC=acmag, acphase> <M=val>`
- **DC Sources**
  - `V1 1 0 DC=5V (def. = 0v)`
  - `V1 1 0 5V`
  - `I1 1 0 DC=5ma`
  - DC sweep range is specified in the .DC analysis statment.
- **AC Sources**
  - impulse functions used for an AC analysis
  - AC (freq. Domain analysis provides the impulse response of the circuit
  - `V1 1 0 AC=10v,90 (def. ACMAG=1v, ACPHASE=0 degree)`
  - AC frequency sweep range is specified in the .AC analysis statement.

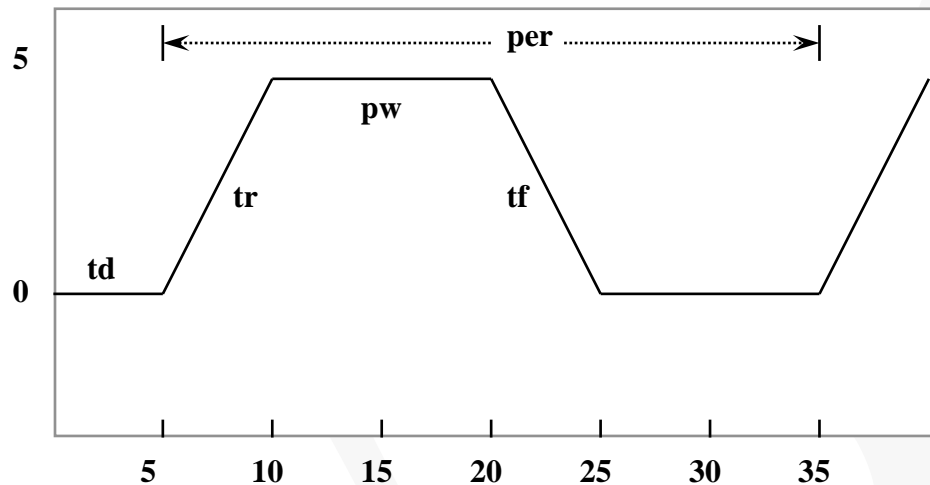
# Transient Analysis: Source Functions

- **Types:**
  - **Trapezoidal pulse (PULSE)**
  - **Sinusoidal (SIN)**
  - **Exponential (EXP)**
  - **Piecewise linear (PWL)**
  - **Single-frequency frequency-modeled (SFFM)**
  - **Single-frequency amplitude-modeled (AM)**
  - **Pattern (PAT)**
  - **Pseudo Random-Bit Generator Source (PRBS)**



# Independent Sources: Transient

- Time Varying (Transient)
  - PULSE v1 v2 <td <tr <tf <pw <per>>>>**



**V1,v2 must be defined**

**td** delay from beginning of tran interval to 1st rise ramp. Def: 0.

**tr** rise time (default: TSTEP)

**tf** fall time (default: TSTEP)

**pw** pulse width (def: TSTEP)

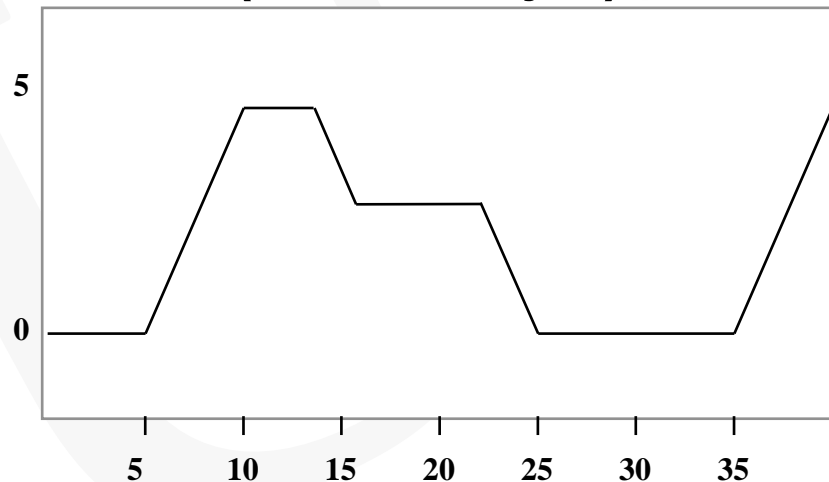
**per** pulse period (def: TSTEP)

**V1 1 0 pulse 0 5v 5ns 5ns 5ns 10ns 30ns**

- PULSE (v1 v2 <options> )**
  - Eg) **VIN 3 0 PULSE (-1 1 2ns 2ns 2ns 50ns 100ns)**

# Independent Sources: PWL

- Piece-Wise Linear
  - PWL t1 v1 <t2 v2 t3 v3...> <R <=repeat>> <TD=delay>
  - PWL (t1 v1 <options>)
  - PWL t1 I1 <t2 I2...> <options>
    - Value of source at intermediate values is determined by linear interpolation.
    - PL (ASPEC style) reverses order to voltage-time



```
VIN VGate 0 PWL (0 0v 5n 0v +10n
5v 13n 5v 15n 2.5v 22n 2.5v +25n 0
30n 0 R)
```

# Independent Transient Sources: SIN, Mixed

- **SIN**
  - `SIN vo va <freq <td <damping <phasedelay>>>>`
  - `SIN (vo va <options> )`
  - **Examples:**
    - `VIN 3 0 SIN ( 0 1 100MEG 1ns 1e10)`
      - Damped sinusoidal source connected between nodes 3 and 0. 0v offset, Peak of 1v, freq of 100 MHz, time delay of 1ns. Damping factor of 1e10. Phase delay (defaulted to 0) of 0 degrees.
- **Composite (Mixed)**
  - Specify source values for more than 1 type of analysis.
  - **Examples**
    - `VH 3 6 DC=2 AC=1,90`
    - `VCC 10 0 VCC PWL 0 0 10n VCC 15n VCC 20n 0`
    - `VIN 13 2 0.001 AC 1 SIN (0 1 1Meg)`

# **Analysis**

**DC analysis**

**AC analysis**

**Transient analysis**

**Temperature analysis**

# Analysis types

- **Types and Order of Execution**
  - **DC Operating (Bias) Point**
    - First and most important job is to determine the DC steady state response (called the DC operating point)
  - **DC Bias Point & DC Sweep Analysis**
    - .DC, .OP, .TF, .SENS
  - **AC Bias Point & AC Frequency Sweep Analysis**
    - .AC, .NET, .Noise, .Distortion
  - **Transient Bias Point & Transient Sweep Analysis**
    - .Trans, .Fourier, .OP <time>
  - **Temperature Analysis**
    - .Temp
- **Advanced Modifiers: Monte Carlo, Optimization**

# DC Analysis

- **Getting DC Operating Point (Quiescent Point) is crucial before performing DC or AC analysis**
- **DC Operating point analysis have to be done before transient analysis and/or AC analysis.**
  - **Caps are OPEN, Inductors SHORT**
  - **Initialized by .IC, .NODESET, and Voltage Sources (time zero values)**
- **5 DC Analysis & Operating Point Analysis Statements**
  - **.DC**      Sweeps for power supply, temp, param, transfer curves
  - **.OP**      Operating point is to be calculated at a specific time
  - **.PZ**      Pole/Zero Analysis
  - **.SENS**    DC small-signal sensitivities.
  - **.TF**      DC small-signal transfer function

- **.DC Statement - DC Sweep**
  - **.DC var1 start1 stop1 incr1 <var2 start2 stop2 incr2>**
  - **.DC var1 start1 stop1 incr1 <SWEEP var2 type np start2 stop2>**
  - **.DC var1 type np start1 stop1 <SWEEP DATA=datanm>**
  - **.DC DATA=datanm <SWEEP var2 start2 stop2 incr2>**
  - **.DC DATA=datanm**
    - **var1 ...** Name of an independent voltage or current source, any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP.
    - **start1 ...** Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
    - **stop1 ...** Final voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
    - **incr1 ...** Voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature increment values.
    - **SWEEP** Indicates a second sweep has different type of variation (DEC, OCT, LIN, POI, DATA statement)
    - **type** Can be any of the following keywords: DEC, OCT, LIN, POI.
    - **np** Number of points per decade (or depending on the preceding keyword).
    - **DATA=datanm**  
Datanm is the reference name of a .DC statement

# .DC

- **Examples**

- **.DC VIN 0.25 5.0 0.25**

**Sweep VIN from .25 to 5v by .25v increments**

- **.DC VDS 0 10 .5 VGS 0 5 1**

**Sweep VDS from 0 to 10v by .5 incr at VGS values of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5v.**

- **.DC TEMP -55 125 10**

**Sweep TEMP from -55C to 125C in 10 degree C increments**

- **.DC xval 1k 10k .5k SWEEP TEMP LIN 5 25 125**

**DC analysis performed at each temperature value. Linear TEMP sweep from 25 to 125 (5 points) while sweeping a resistor value called 'xval' from 1K to 10K in .5K.**



# **.OP & .TF**

- **.OP <format> <time> <format> <time> (transient only)**
  - Calculating the operating point of MOSFETs at the specific time
  - Reports:
    - Node voltages, Source Currents
    - Power Dissipation at the Operating Point
    - Semiconductor device currents, conductance, capacitances
- **.TF Outvar INSRC**
  - Calculating Small-signal DC gain, input resistance, output resistance
  - Examples
    - **.TF V(4) V(1)**
      - DC Gain :  $V(4) / V(1)$
      - Input resistance : resistance value b/w node 1 and node 0
      - Output resistance : resistance value b/w node 4 and node 0

# AC Analysis

- **Analyze Frequency Response**
  - After doing .OP analysis, HSPICE conducting AC analysis of the nonlinear device, such as MOSFET, at the DC operating point.
  - Includes white Noise Calculation considering resistors, semiconductor device
  - Flicker noise estimation
- **AC Analysis Statements**
  - **.AC**      Compute output variables as a function of frequency
  - **.NOISE**    Noise Analysis
  - **.DISTO**    Distortion Analysis
  - **.NET**      Network analysis
  - **.SAMPLE**   Sampling Noise
- **.AC Sweep Statements:**
  - Frequency, Element Value, Temperature, Model parameter Value
  - Random Sweep (Monte Carlo), Optimization and AC Design Analysis

# .AC

- **AC Sweep**
  - **.AC type np fstart fstop**
  - **.AC type np fstart fstop <SWEEP var start stop incr>**
- **.AC type np fstart fstop <SWEEP DATA=datanm>**
  - **.AC DATA=datanm**
    - **fstart**      **Starting frequency**
    - **fstop**      **Final frequency**
    - **var**      **Name of an independent voltage or current source, any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP**
    - **start**      **Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values**
    - **stop**      **Final voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values**
    - **incr**      **Voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature increment values**
    - **SWEEP**      **Indicates a second sweep is specified in the .AC statement**

- **Examples**
  - **.AC DEC 10 1K 100MEG**
    - Freq sweep 10 points per decade for 1KHz to 100MHz
      - Total AC analysis points: 51
      - Because Freq range is 1k~100M,  $\log(100M/1K) = 5$  decades, and 10 points per decade
  - **.AC LIN 100 1 100hz**
    - Linear Sweep 100 points from 1hz to 100Hz
    - Use LIN when the Freq range is narrow
  - **Mixed Command**
    - **.AC DEC 10 1 10K SWEEP cload LIN 20 1pf 10pf**
      - AC analysis for each value of cload, with a linear sweep of cload between 1pf and 10pf (20 points). Sweeping frequency 10 points per decade from 1Hz to 10KHz. (41point freq.)

# AC Analysis Example

**\*\*\* HSPICE Netlist file for DIFF AMP Frequency Analysis**

**\*\*\* Created by ikim**

**.option post**

**.option ACC=1 BRIEF=1**

**.param VDD=5.0v**

**.global vdd! Gnd**

**.temp 25**

**.dc**

**.pz v(out) vinn**

**.ac dec 10 1k 10giga**

**\*\*\* Source \*\*\***

**VVDD! VDD! 0 VDD**

**VINn INn 0 dc 2.5v ac 1, 180**

**VINp INp 0 dc 2.5v ac 1**

**Vb Vb 0 1.15v**

**Cout out 1fF**

**\*\*\* Components \*\*\***

**.inc './diff\_amp.net'**

**.model '/home/users2/kyusun/tool/model/libcmos050t22a.sp' CMOS1**

**.end**

# Transient Analysis

- **Transient Analysis Statements**

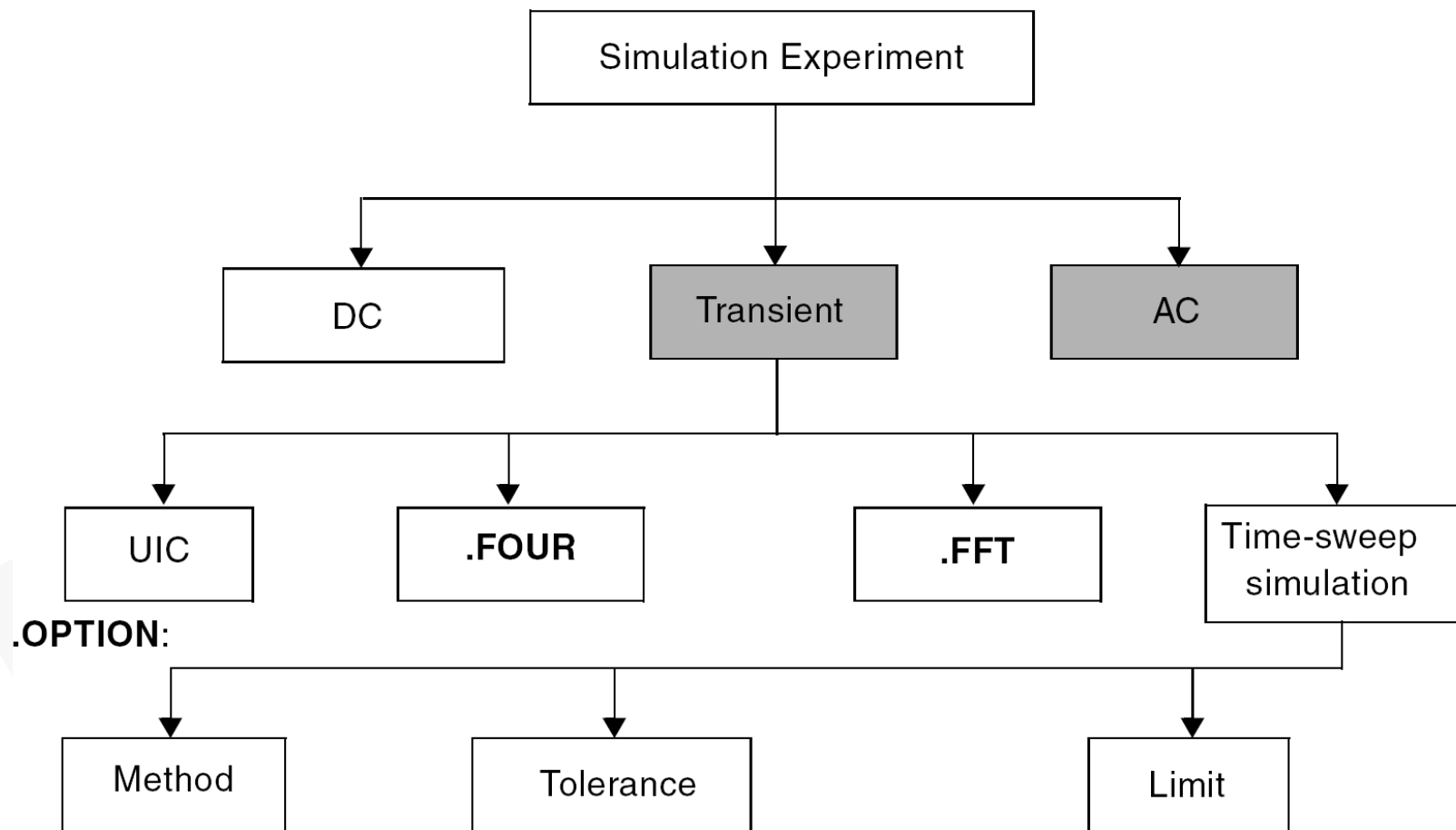
**Compute circuit solution as a function of time over a time range**

- **.TRAN Statement Can be Used for:**

- **Transient Operating Point (eg. .OP 20n)**
- **Transient Temperature Sweep**
- **Transient Monte Carlo Analysis (random sweep)**
- **Transient Parameter Sweep**
- **Transient Optimization**

- **Taking .OP results as a initial value for Transient Analysis**

# Transient Analysis



Source: Synopsys, 2007

# .TRAN

- **.TRAN Statement**  
**.TRAN tincr1 tstop1 <tincr2 tstop2...> <START=val> <UIC>**  
**+ <SWEEP..>**
  - **.TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1**
  - **.TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1**  
**+ <SWEEP var2 type np start2 stop2>**
  - **.TRAN tincr1 tstop1 <tincr2 tstop2<tincr3 tstop3>....> <START=val>**
  - **.TRAN tincr1 tstop1 <tincr2 tstop2<tincr3 tstop3>....> <START=val>**  
**+ <SWEEP var2 pstart pstop pincr>**
  - **.TRAN DATA=datanm**
  - **.TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1**  
**+ <SWEEP DATA=datanm>**
  - **.TRAN DATA=datanm <SWEEP var2 pstart pstop pincr>**
    - **UIC**           **Calculates the initial transient conditions, rather than solving for the quiescent operating point**



- **tincr1**      **Printing/plotting increment for printer output, and the suggested computing increment for the postprocessor**
- **tstop1**      **Time at which the transient analysis stops incrementing by tincr1**
- **var**          **Name of an independent voltage or current source, any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP.**
- **pstart**      **Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.**
- **pstop**      **Final voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.**
- **pincr**      **Voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature increment values.**
- **START**      **Time at which printing/plotting begins**
- **SWEEP**      **Indicates a second sweep is specified on the .TRAN statement**
- **np**          **Number of points per decade (or depending on the preceding keyword).**
- **DATA=datanm**      **Datanm is the reference name of a .TRAN statement**
- **type**      **Can be any of the following keywords: DEC, OCT, LIN, POI.**

# **.TRAN**

- **Examples**

- **.TRAN 1ns 100ns**
  - Transient analysis is made and printed every 1ns for 100ns.
- **.TRAN .1ns 25ns 1ns 40ns START=10ns**
  - Calculation is made every .1ns for the first 25ns, and then every 1ns until 40ns. The printing and plotting begin at 10ns.
- **.TRAN 10ns 1us SWEEP cload POI 3 1pf 5pf 10pf**
  - Calculation is made every 10ns for 1us at three cload. (POI - Points of Interests)

# Transient Analysis Example

```
*** HSPICE Netlist file for DIFF AMP Transient Analysis
*** Created by ikim

.option post
.option ACC=1 BRIEF=1

.param VDD=5.0v
.global VDD!
.temp 25

.op
.tans 0.1ns 100ns
.print i(M5)
.meas avgpow avg power from t1 to t2
.meas maxpow max power from t1 to t2
.param t1=10n
.param t2=90n

*** Source ****
VVDD! VDD! 0 VDD
VINn INn 0 pu 2.3v 2.7v 0n 0.1n 0.1ns 4.9ns 10ns
VINp INp 0 dc 2.5v
Vb Vb 0 1.15v
Cout out 1fF

*** Components ***
.inc './diff_amp.net'
.model '/home/users2/kyusun/tool/model/libcmos050t22a.sp' CMOS1

.end
```