### TFE4152 - Lecture 10

SPICE

Source

Week	Book	Monday	Book	Friday	
34		Introduction, what are we going to do WH 1, WH 15 in this course. Why do you need it?		Manufacturing of integrated circuits	
35	CJM 1.1	pn Junctions	CJM 1.2 WH 1.3, 2.1-2.4	Mosfet transistors	
36	CJM 1.2 WH 1.3, 2.1-2.4	Mosfet transistors	CJM 1.3 - 1.6	Modeling and passive devices	
37		Guest Lecture - Sony	CJM 3.1, 3.5, 3.6	Current mirrors	
38	CJM 3.2, 3.3,3.4 3.7	Amplifiers	CJM, CJM 2 WH 1.5	SPICE simulation	
39		Verilog		Verilog	
40	WH 1.4 WH 2.5	CMOS Logic	WH 3	Speed	
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46		Guest lecture - Nordic Semiconductor			
47	CJM	Recap of CJM	WH	Recap of WH	

## Goal for today

Introduction to SPICE

**Current Mirror Demo** 

Differential Pair Demo

(If time: Sesame Demo)

## Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis (SPICE)

Created in 1973 by Nagel and Pederson

SPICE (Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis)

https://www2.eecs.berkeley.edu/Pubs/ TechRpts/1973/ERL-m-382.pdf Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Midwest Symposium on Circuit Theory, Waterloo, Ontario, April 12, 1973.

Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis (SPICE)

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#### Abstract

A new circuit simulation program, SPICE, is described. The simulation capabilities of nonlinear dc analysis, small signal analysis, and nonlinear transient analysis are combined in a nodal analysis program to yield a reasonably general purpose electronic circuit simulation program. Particular emphasis is placed upon the circuit models for the BJT and the FET which are implemented in SPICE.

## Today

#### Commercial

Cadence Spectre
Siemens Eldo
Synopsys HSPICE

#### Free

Aimspice
Analog Devices LTspice

**Open Source** 

ngspice

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#### But

Pretty much the same usage model as 48 years ago

<spice program> testbench.cir

for example

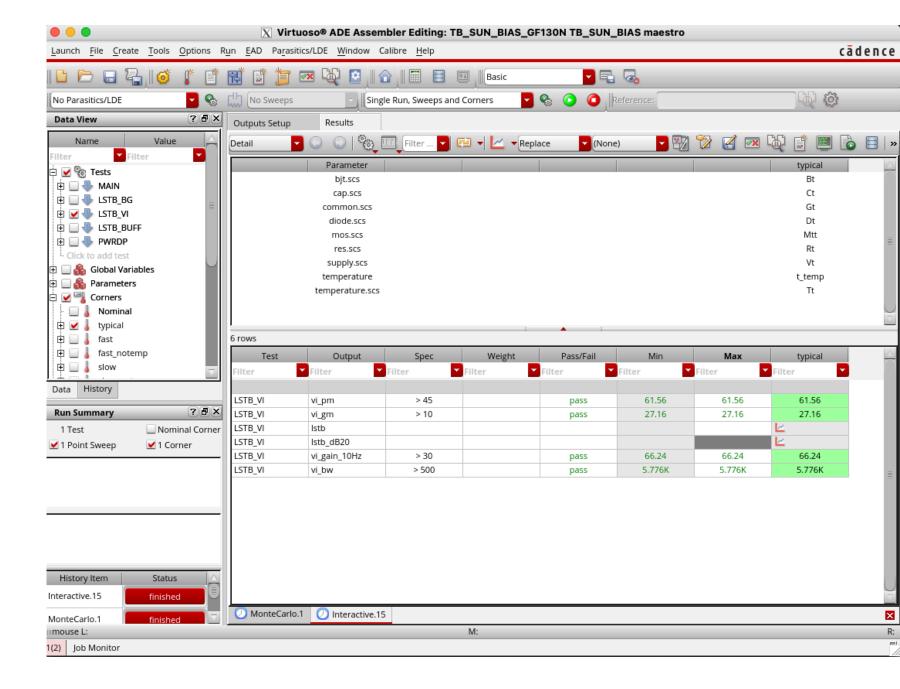
aimspice testbench.cir

Or in the most expensive analog tool (Cadence Spectre)

```
spectre input.scs +escchars +log ../psf/spectre.out
-format psfxl -raw ../psf +aps +lqtimeout 900 -maxw 5 -maxn 5 -env ade -ahdllibdir
/tmp/wulff/virtuoso/TB_SUN_BIAS_GF130N/TB_SUN_BIAS/maestro/results/maestro/Interactive.15/sharedData/CDS/ahdl/input.ahdlSimDB +logstatus
```

The expensive tools have built graphical user interface around the SPICE simulator to make it easier to run many time. Simplifies running multiple PVT corners (maybe 320 simulations).

Corner	Typical	Fast	Slow	All
Mosfet	Mtt	Mff	Mss	Mff,Mfs,Msf, Mss
Resistor	Rt	RI	Rh	RI,Rh
Capacitors	Ct	Cl	Ch	CI,Ch
Diode	Dt	Df	Ds	Df,Ds
Bipolar	Bt	Bf	Bs	Bf,Bs
Temperature	e Tt	Th,Tl	Th,Tl	Th,Tl
Voltage	Vt	Vh,Vl	Vh,Vl	Vh,Vl



# SPICE

#### Sources

## Independent current sources (I)

```
I<name> <from> <to> dc <number> ac <number>
```

```
I1 0 VDN dc In
I2 VDP 0 dc Ip
```

## Independent voltage source (V)

```
V<name> <+> <-> dc <number> ac <number>
```

```
V2 VSS 0 dc 0
V1 VDD 0 dc 1.5
```

#### Passives

#### Resistors

#### Capacitors

R<name> <node 1> <node 2> <value> C<name> <node 1> <node 2> <value>

R1 N1 N2 10k

R2 N2 N3 1Meg

R3 N3 N4 1G

R4 N4 N5 1T

C1 N1 N2 1a

C2 N1 N2 1f

C4 N1 N2 1p

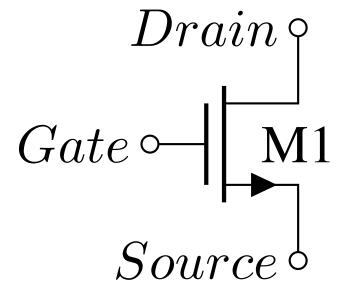
C3 N1 N2 1n

C5 N1 N2 1u

### **Transistors**

Needs a model file

http://bsim.berkeley.edu/models/bsim4/



#### 284 parameters in BSIM 4.5

```
.MODEL N1 NMOS LEVEL=14 VERSION=4.5.0 BINUNIT=1 PARAMCHK=1 MOBMOD=0
CAPMOD=2 IGCMOD=1 IGBMOD=1 GEOMOD=1 DIOMOD=1 RDSMOD=0 RBODYMOD=0 RGATEMOD=3
PERMOD=1 ACNQSMOD=0 TRNQSMOD=0 TEMPMOD=0 TNOM=27 TOXE=1.8E-009
TOXP=10E-010 TOXM=1.8E-009 DTOX=8E-10 EPSROX=3.9 WINT=5E-009 LINT=1E-009
LL=0 WL=0 LLN=1 WLN=1 LW=0 WW=0 LWN=1 WWN=1 LWL=0 WWL=0 XPART=0
TOXREF=1.4E-009 SAREF=5E-6 SBREF=5E-6 WLOD=2E-6 KU0=-4E-6 KVSAT=0.2
KVTH0=-2E-8 TKU0=0.0 LLODKU0=1.1 WLODKU0=1.1 LLODVTH=1.0 WLODVTH=1.0
LKU0=1E-6 WKU0=1E-6 PKU0=0.0 LKVTH0=1.1E-6 WKVTH0=1.1E-6 PKVTH0=0.0
STK2=0.0 LODK2=1.0 STETA0=0.0 LODETA0=1.0 LAMBDA=4E-10 VSAT=1.1E 005
VTL=2.0E5 XN=6.0 LC=5E-9 RNOIA=0.577 RNOIB=0.37
LINTNOI=1E-009 WPEMOD=0 WEB=0.0 WEC=0.0 KVTH0WE=1.0 K2WE=1.0 KU0WE=1.0
SCREF=5.0E-6 TV0FF=0.0 TVFBSD0FF=0.0 VTH0=0.25 K1=0.35 K2=0.05
K3=0 K3B=0 W0=2.5E-006 DVT0=1.8 DVT1=0.52 DVT2=-0.032 DVT0W=0 DVT1W=0
DVT2W=0 DSUB=2 MINV=0.05 VOFFL=0 DVTP0=1E-007 DVTP1=0.05 LPE0=5.75E-008
LPEB=2.3E-010 XJ=2E-008 NGATE=5E 020 NDEP=2.8E 018 NSD=1E 020 PHIN=0
CDSC=0.0002 CDSCB=0 CDSCD=0 CIT=0 VOFF=-0.15 NFACTOR=1.2 ETA0=0.05
ETAB=0 UC=-3E-011 VFB=-0.55 U0=0.032 UA=5.0E-011 UB=3.5E-018 A0=2
AGS=1E-020 A1=0 A2=1 B0=-1E-020 B1=0 KETA=0.04 DWG=0 DWB=0 PCLM=0.08
PDIBLC1=0.028 PDIBLC2=0.022 PDIBLCB=-0.005 DROUT=0.45 PVAG=1E-020
DELTA=0.01 PSCBE1=8.14E 008 PSCBE2=5E-008 RSH=0 RDSW=0 RSW=0 RDW=0
FPROUT=0.2 PDITS=0.2 PDITSD=0.23 PDITSL=2.3E 006 RSH=0 RDSW=50 RSW=150
RDW=150 RDSWMIN=0 RDWMIN=0 RSWMIN=0 PRWG=0 PRWB=6.8E-011 WR=1
ALPHA0=0.074 ALPHA1=0.005 BETA0=30 AGIDL=0.0002 BGIDL=2.1E 009 CGIDL=0.0002
EGIDL=0.8 AIGBACC=0.012 BIGBACC=0.0028 CIGBACC=0.002 NIGBACC=1
AIGBINV=0.014 BIGBINV=0.004 CIGBINV=0.004 EIGBINV=1.1 NIGBINV=3 AIGC=0.012
BIGC=0.0028 CIGC=0.002 AIGSD=0.012 BIGSD=0.0028 CIGSD=0.002 NIGC=1
POXEDGE=1 PIGCD=1 NTOX=1 VFBSDOFF=0.0 XRCRG1=12 XRCRG2=5 CGSO=6.238E-010
CGD0=6.238E-010 CGB0=2.56E-011 CGDL=2.495E-10 CGSL=2.495E-10
CKAPPAS=0.03 CKAPPAD=0.03 ACDE=1 MOIN=15 NOFF=0.9 VOFFCV=0.02 KT1=-0.37
KT1L=0.0 KT2=-0.042 UTE=-1.5 UA1=1E-009 UB1=-3.5E-019 UC1=0 PRT=0
AT=53000 FNOIMOD=1 TNOIMOD=0 JSS=0.0001 JSWS=1E-011 JSWGS=1E-010 NJS=1
IJTHSFWD=0.01 IJTHSREV=0.001 BVS=10 XJBVS=1 JSD=0.0001 JSWD=1E-011
JSWGD=1E-010 NJD=1 IJTHDFWD=0.01 IJTHDREV=0.001 BVD=10 XJBVD=1 PBS=1 CJS=0.0005
MJS=0.5 PBSWS=1 CJSWS=5E-010 MJSWS=0.33 PBSWGS=1 CJSWGS=3E-010 MJSWGS=0.33
PBD=1 CJD=0.0005 MJD=0.5 PBSWD=1 CJSWD=5E-010 MJSWD=0.33 PBSWGD=1
CJSWGD=5E-010MJSWGD=0.33 TPB=0.005 TCJ=0.001 TPBSW=0.005 TCJSW=0.001 TPBSWG=0.005
TCJSWG=0.001 XTIS=3 XTID=3 DMCG=0E-006 DMCI=0E-006 DMDG=0E-006 DMCGT=0E-007 DWJ=0.0E-008 XGW=0E-007
XGL=0E-008 RSHG=0.4 GBMIN=1E-010 RBPB=5 RBPD=15 RBPS=15 RBDB=15 RBSB=15 NGCON=1
JTSS=1E-4 JTSD=1E-4 JTSSWS=1E-10 JTSSWD=1E-10 JTSSWGS=1E-7 JTSSWGD=1E-7 NJTS=20.0
NJTSSW=20 NJTSSWG=6 VTSS=10 VTSD=10 VTSSWS=10 VTSSWD=10 VTSSWGS=2 VTSSWGD=2
XTSS=0.02 XTSD=0.02 XTSSWS=0.02 XTSSWD=0.02 XTSSWGS=0.02 XTSSWGD=0.02
```

#### **Transistors**

```
M<name> <drain> <gate> <source> <bulk> <modelname> [parameters]
```

```
.include ../../models/ptm_130.spi
M1 VDN VDN VSS VSS nmos W=0.6u L=0.15u
M2 VDP VDP VDD VDD pmos W=0.6u L=0.15u
```

## Predictive technology models (PTM 0.13 um)

Design of Integrated Circuits use Predictive Technology Models.

"Fictional" models, but that may be close to reality if the right foundry is chosen

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February 22, 2006

A new generation of PTM for bulk CMOS is released, for 130nm to 32nm nodes. It captures the latest technology advances and achieves better scalability and continuity across technology nodes.

- 32nm BSIM4 model card for bulk CMOS: V1.0
- 45nm BSIM4 model card for bulk CMOS: V1.0
- 65nm BSIM4 model card for bulk CMOS: V1.0
- 90nm BSIM4 model card for bulk CMOS: V1.0
- 130nm BSIM4 model card for bulk CMOS: V1.0

### Analog Design

- 1. Define the problem, what are you trying to solve?
- 2. Find a circuit that can solve the problem (papers, books)
- 3. Find right transistor sizes. What transistors should be weak inversion, strong inversion, or don't care?
- 4. Check operating region of transistors (.op)
- 5. Check key parameters (.dc, .ac, .tran)
- 6. Check function. Exercise all inputs. Check all control signals
- 7. Check key parameters in all corners. Check mismatch (Monte-Carlo simulation)
- 8. Do layout, and check it's error free. Run design rule checks (DRC). Check layout versus schematic (LVS)
- 9. Extract parasitics from layout. Resistance, capacitance, and inductance if necessary.
- 10. On extracted parasitic netlist, check key parameters in all corners and mismatch (if possible).
- 11. If everything works, then your done.

On failure, go back

### Find right transistor sizes

Assume active ( $V_{ds} > V_{eff}$  in strong inversion, or  $V_{ds} > 3V_T$  in weak inversion). For a diode connected transistor, that is always true.

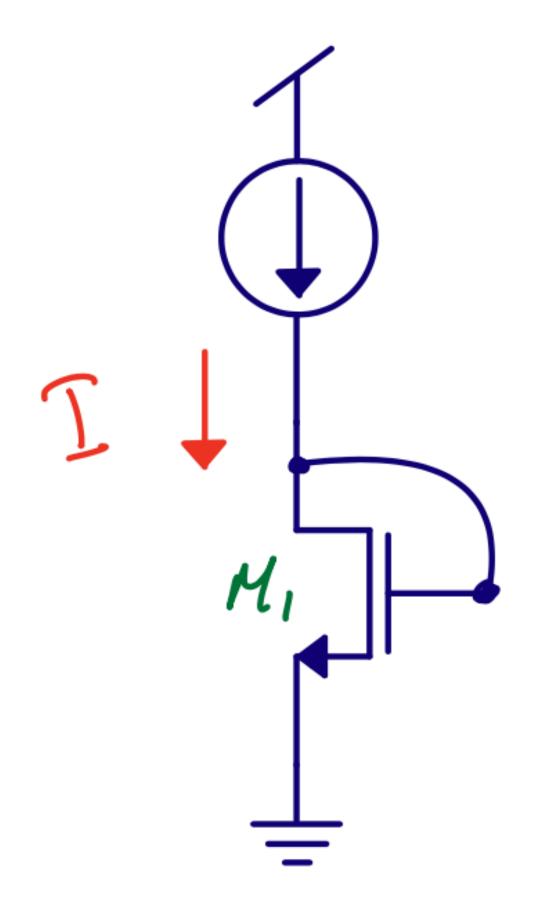
Weak inversion:

$$I_D = I_{D0} rac{W}{L} e^{V_e f f / n V_T}$$
 ,  $V_{eff} \propto \ln I_D$ 

Strong inversion:

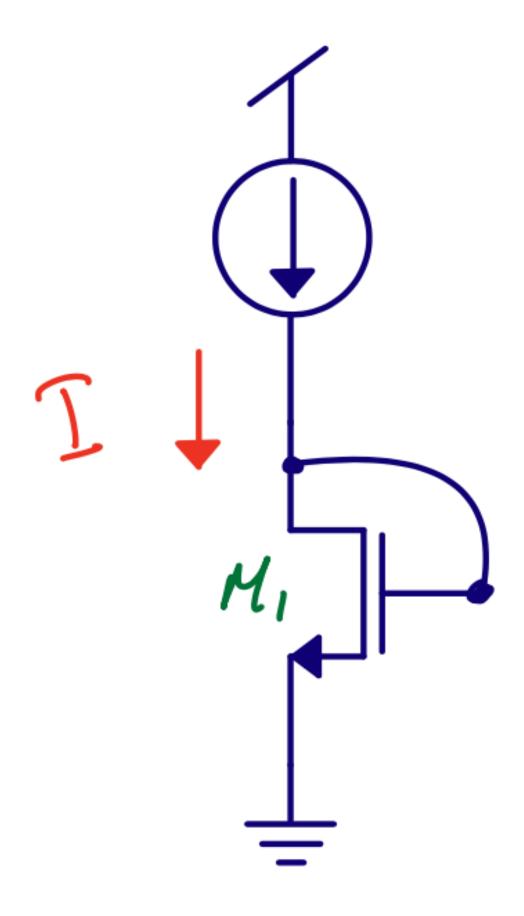
$$I_D = rac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} rac{W}{L} V_{eff}^2, \, V_{eff} \propto \sqrt{I_D}$$

Operating region for a diode connected transistor only depends on the current



#### dicex/lectures/l10/op.cir

- Force a current through a diode connect transistor
- Check the  $V_{eff}$
- aimspice: Vgt or inversion coefficient (IC)



## A useful unit, $\mu A/\Box$

$$\square = W/L$$

$$\mu A = rac{\mu A}{\Box} imes W/L$$

Assume a transistor with W=10L and  $L=0.15\mu m$  has a current of  $100\mu A$ 

Then the

$$\mu A/\Box \Rightarrow rac{100 \mu A}{W/L} = rac{100 \mu A}{10} = 10 \mu A/\Box$$

Assume you need  $1000 \mu A$ , then you need  $\Box = W/L = 100$ 

## Use unit size transistors for analog design

 $W/Lpprox \in [4,6,10]$ , but should have space for two contacts

Use parallell transistors for larger W/L

Amplifiers  $\Rightarrow L pprox 1.2 imes L_{min}$ 

Current mirrors  $\Rightarrow L pprox 4 imes L_{min}$ 

Choose sizes that have been used by foundry for measurement to match SPICE model

#### $L=0.13~\mathrm{um} imes 1.2 pprox 0.15~\mathrm{um}$

aimspice op.cir aimspice op.cir && cat op.log|grep -e Device -e IC -e "Vgs " -e Id -e Vgt

## $L=0.15~\mathrm{um}$

NMOS PMOS

Inversion	uA/sq	Vgs	Inversion	uA/sq	Vgs
Weak	0.2	0.25	Weak	0.03	-0.22
Moderate	1.5	0.34	Moderate	0.25	-0.3
Strong	8	0.46	Strong	1.3	-0.4

### $L=0.13~\mathrm{um} imes 4 pprox 0.5~\mathrm{um}$

aimspice op\_long.cir && cat op\_long.log|grep -e Device -e IC -e "Vgs " -e Id -e Vgt

## $L=0.5~\mathrm{um}$

PMOS

Inversion	uA/sq	Vgs	Inversion	uA/sq	Vgs
Weak	0.1	0.25	Weak	0.016	-0.23
Moderate	1.2	0.38	Moderate	0.2	-0.34
Strong	6	0.48	Strong	1	-0.45

# For same $|V_{eff}|$ there is a factor 6 between NMOS and PMOS in PTM 0.13 um

## What about gm/ld?

Weak 
$$rac{g_m}{I_d} = rac{1}{nV_T}$$

Strong 
$$rac{g_m}{I_d} = rac{2}{V_{eff}}$$

aimspice -o csv gm.cir &&python3 ../../py/plot.py gm.csv "i1" "v(gmid\_weak),v(gmid\_strong),v(gmid)" "same" aimspice -o csv gm\_cs\_long.cir &&python3 ../../py/plot.py gm\_cs\_long.csv "vgsteff(m1)" "v(gmid\_weak),v(gmid\_strong),v(gmid)" "same"

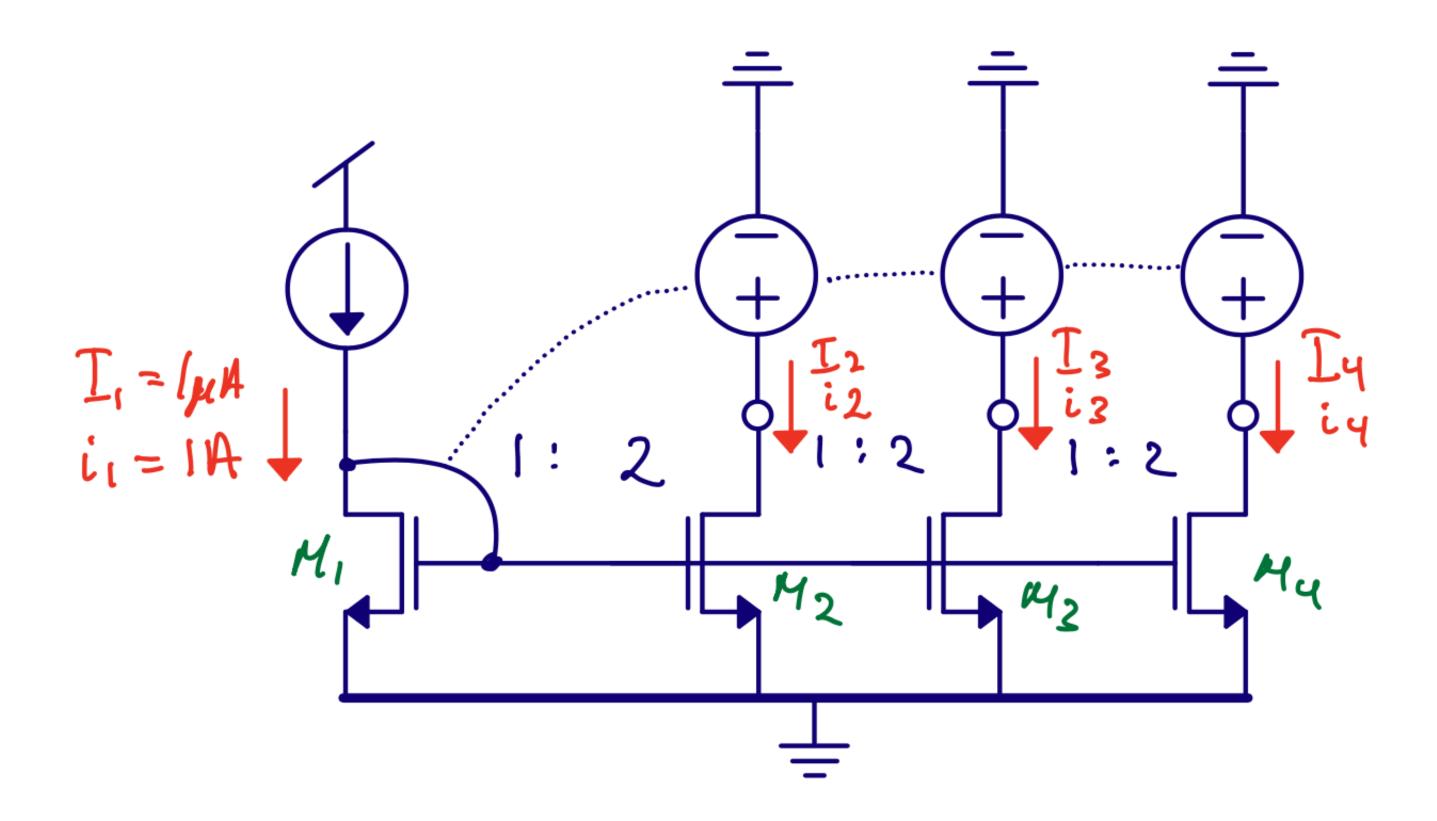
## What about gm/ld?

Weak inversion, pretty close gm.cir

Strong inversion, about a factor 2 off, but close enough.

## Current mirror

# Problem statement: I need bias currents of $[2,4,8]\mu A$ from a $1\mu A$ current.



Current mirror, NMOS transistors: L=0.5um

Strong inversion:  $6\mu A/\Box$ 

Input current:  $1 \mu A$ 

Squares: W/L = 1/6

Width:  $W=1/6 imes 0.5 pprox 0.083 um \Rightarrow$  Illegal size

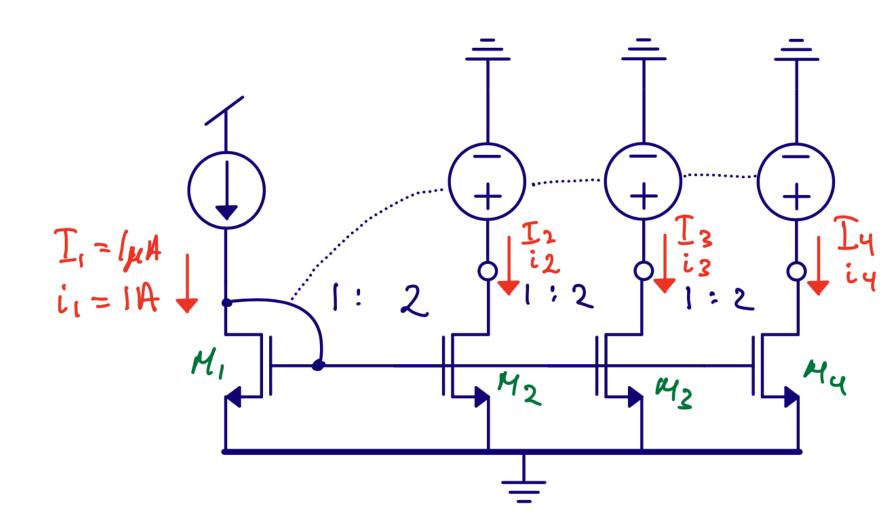
#### Option 1:

Make L longer (but then we don't have unit transistors)

#### Option 2:

Connect transistors in series (Not exactly the same, but OK)

Assume W=0.5um, then 6 transistors stacked should give us strong inversion for 1 uA

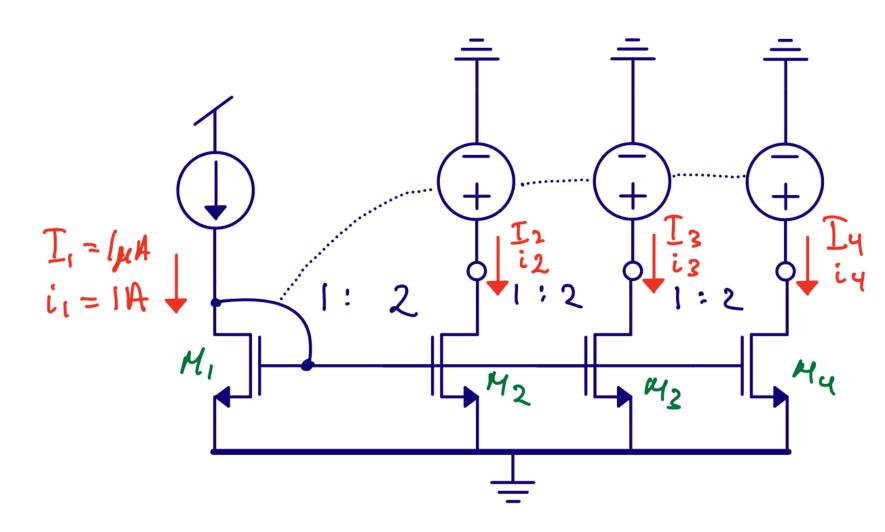


#### Stacked transistors

```
op_stack.cir
aimspice op_stack.cir&& cat op_stack.log |grep -e Device -e Vgt -e Is
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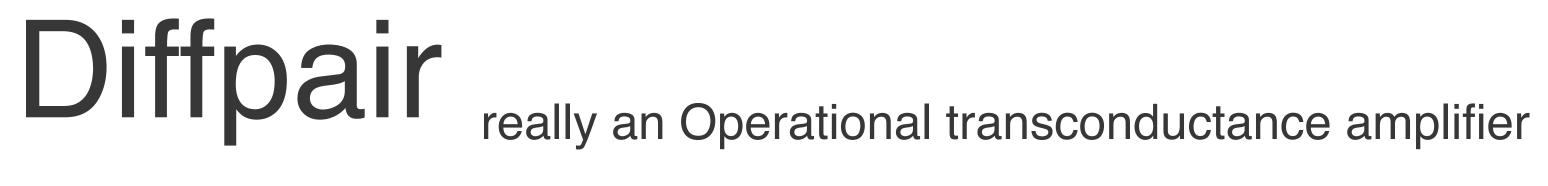
#### Current mirror

```
.subckt NCHCM D G S B w=0.5u l=0.5u
M1 D G N1 B nmos W=w L=l
M2 N1 G N2 B nmos W=w L=l
M3 N2 G N3 B nmos W=w L=l
      G N4 B nmos W=w L=l
M5 N4 G N5 B nmos W=w L=l
M6 N5 G S B nmos W=w L=l
.ends
.subckt CMIRR VDN IDN1 IDN2 IDN3 VSS
XMO VDN VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM1a IDN1 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM1b IDN1 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM2a IDN2 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM2b IDN2 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM2c IDN2 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM2d IDN2 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3a IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3b IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3c IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3d IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3e IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3f IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3g IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
XM3h IDN3 VDN VSS VSS NCHCM
.ends
```



#### Current mirror - Demo

```
cm.cir
cm_op_tb.cir
cm_ac_ro_tb.cir
cm_ac_gain_tb.cir
aimspice cm_op_tb.cir
aimspice -o csv cm_ac_ro_tb.cir
python3 ../../py/plot.py "Frequency" "ir(vo1),ir(vo2),ir(vo3)" "logx"
python3 ../../py/plot.py cm_ac_gain_tb.csv "Frequency" "im(e1),im(e2),im(e3)" "same"
```



#### Bias current $I=1~\mu A$ , $I_p=I_n=0.5~\mu A$

#### Diffpair, NMOS L=0.15um

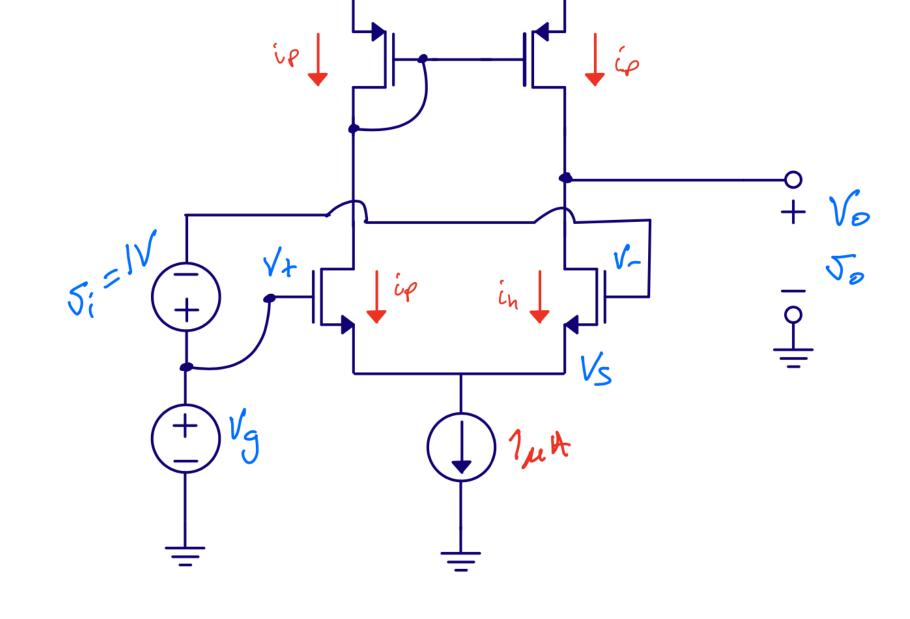
Weak inversion:  $0.2\mu A/\Box$ 

$$W/L = rac{0.5 \mu A}{0.2 \mu A/\square} = 2.5 \square$$
  $W pprox 0.5 \mu m$ 

#### Current Mirror, NMOS $L=0.5 \mu m$

Strong inversion  $1\mu A/\Box$  Reuse our NCHCM

Current mirror, PMOS  $L=0.5\mu um$  1/6'th the  $\Box$  of NMOS.



 $W=0.5\mu m$ 

```
ota.cir
ota_op_tb.cir
aimspice ota_op_tb.cir
cat ota_op_tb.log |grep -e Device -e Vgt -e IC
cat ota_op_tb.log |grep -e Device -e Gm -e Rds
ota_ac_tb.cir
aimspice -o csv ota_ac_tb.cir
python3 ../../py/plot.py ota_ac_tb.csv "Frequency" "vdb(vo),vp(vo)" "logx"
ota_cl_tb.cir
python3 ../../py/plot.py ota_cl_tb.csv "Frequency" "vdb(vo),vp(vo)" "logx"
```

#### More information

Aimspice Manual Ngspice Manual

Chapter 7 in Weste

# Sesame

Sesame is a Python3 package for solving the drift diffusion Poisson equations for multi-dimensional systems using finite differences.

#### Install instructions

Semiconductor current-flow equations (diffusion and degeneracy), R.Stratton,

IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices

https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/1477063

## Semiconductor Current-Flow Equations (Diffusion and Degeneracy)

ROBERT STRATTON

The correct form for the current-flow equation in semiconductors in the presence of density and temperature gradients, as well as electric fields, is derived from a perturbation solution of Boltzmann's equation. The conditions under which the various widely used approximate forms of the current-flow equation are valid are clearly discussed. A new term that occurs if the relaxation time depends on position is derived, and is shown to be comparable in magnitude to the other terms in the current-flow equation.

Manuscript received March 15, 1972; revised July 20, 1972. The author is with Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas, Tex. 75222.

#### I. Introduction

HE ANALYSIS of the electrical characteristics of semiconductor devices invariably involves the electron current-flow equation, i.e.,

$$j = j_F + j_D \tag{1}$$

where  $j_F$  is the conduction current due to the electric field F and  $j_D$  is the diffusion current, as one of a set of simultaneous equations that must be solved for a given



#### Grid

Each axis of the grid is a concatenation of sets of evenly spaced nodes. Edit the form with (x1, x2, number of nodes), (x2, x3 number of nodes),...

Grid x-axis ,100),(3e-4,4e-4,10( cm

Grid y-axis (0,1e-5,5) cm



#### **Manual Generation rate**

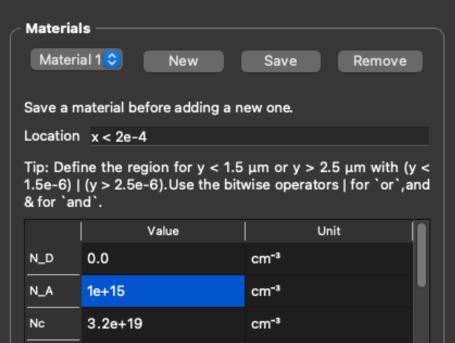
Use manual generation

Provide a number for uniform illumation, or a space-dependent function, or simply nothing for dark conditions.

A single variable parameter is allowed and will be looped over during the simulation.

Expression [cm<sup>-3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>] 0

Paramater name



cm<sup>-3</sup>

еV

NA

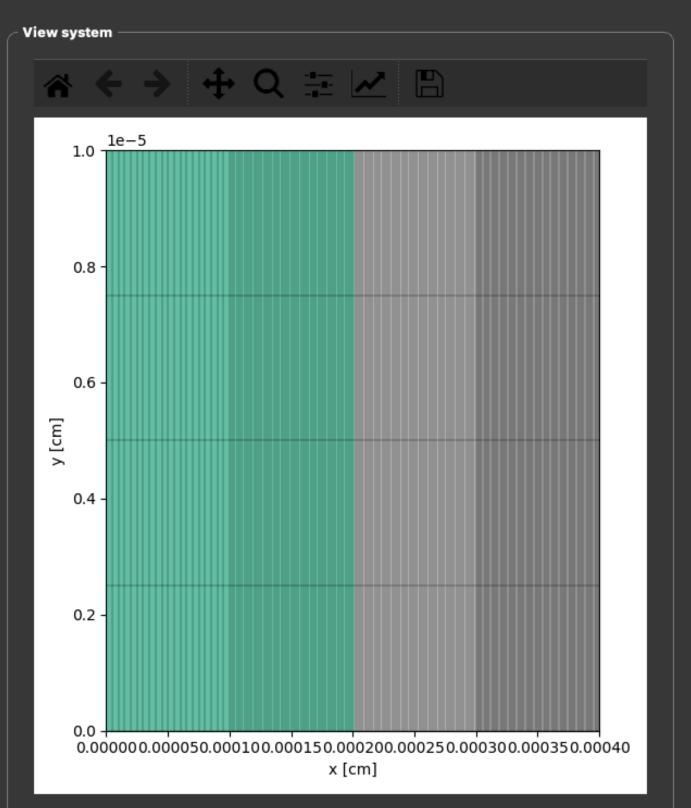
## Planar Defects New Save Remove Save a defect before adding a new one. Location

1.8e+19

1.1

epsilon 11.8

Eg



System Simulation Analysis

Loop over Voltages Generation rates

Loop values [0.3|0.0,-1]

Working directory same/wulff/pndiode/ Browse...

Output file name pndiode .gzip ©

Contact boundary conditions at x=0 Ohmic Schottky Neutral

Electron recombination velocity in x=0 [cm/s] 1e5

Hole recombination velocity in x=0 [cm/s] 1e5

Metal work function [eV] 4.7

Contact boundary conditions at x=L Ohmic Schottky Neutral

Electron recombination velocity in x=L [cm/s] 1e5

Hole recombination velocity in x=L [cm/s] 1e5

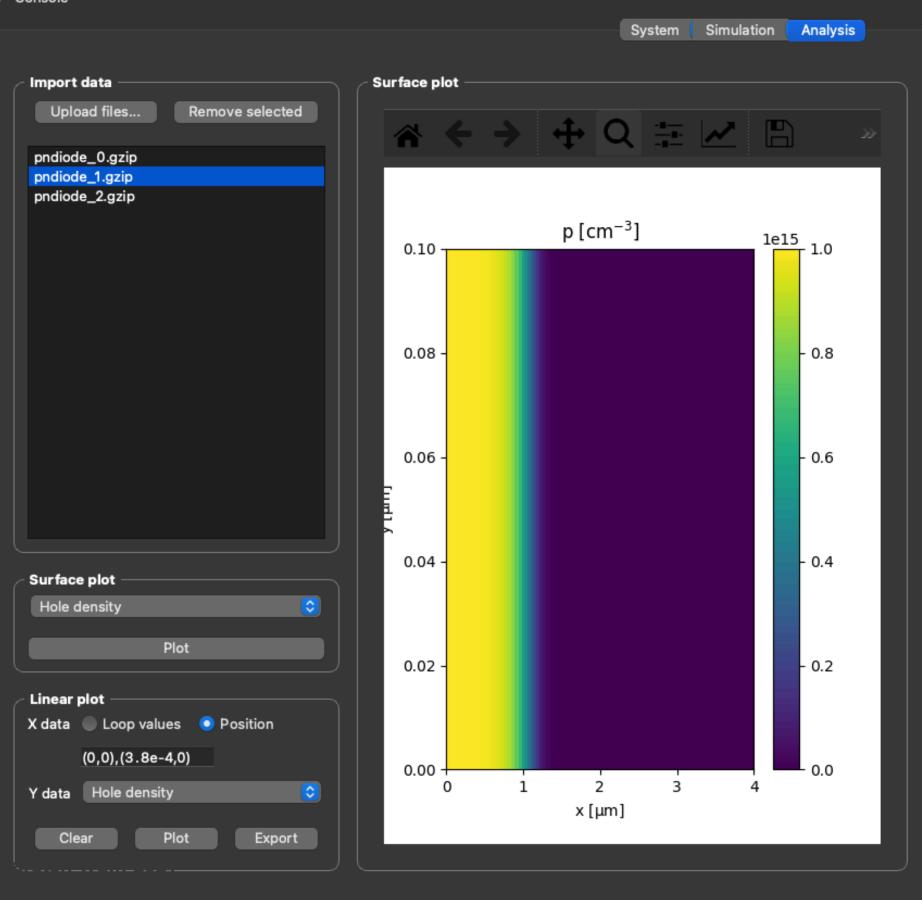
Metal work function [eV] 4.7

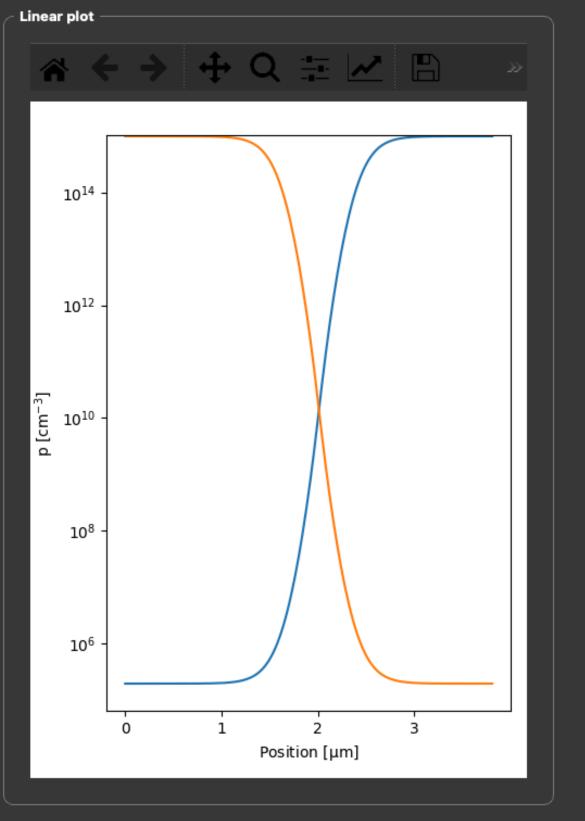
Transverse boundary conditions Periodic Hardwall

Simulation log Stop simulation Run simulation INFO: step 25,error = 0.9999995808573537 INFO: step 26,error = 0.9999988596577988 INFO: step 27,error = 0.999996898179034 INFO: step 28, error = 0.9999915642702679 INFO: step 29, error = 0.999977061282639 INFO: step 30,error = 0.9999376312764978 INFO: step 31,error = 0.9998304427570286 INFO: step 32,error = 0.9995391106703418 INFO: step 33,error = 0.9987476260090542 INFO: step 34,error = 0.9965997108182367 INFO: step 35, error = 0.9907879485052914 INFO: step 36, error = 0.9751877095968543 INFO: step 37,error = 0.9342041943279747 INFO: step 38,error = 0.8325334222710672 INFO: step 39,error = 0.614963842698804 INFO: step 40,error = 0.28784490108657 INFO: step 41,error = 0.05031109907804321 INFO: step 42, error = 0.001309360091800371

INFO: step 43,error = 8.591859291703617e-07

INFO: \*\* Calculations completed successfully \*\*





# Thanks!