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IC Design HW2 Tutorial

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Outline

- Connect to workstations
- Flow chart
- Transistor-level Simulation: HSPICE
- Debug tool: nWave



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Connect to Workstations

MobaXterm



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Preparatory Works

- Download MobaXterm

- <http://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/download-home-edition.html>
- MobaXterm Home Edition v9.4 Portable edition

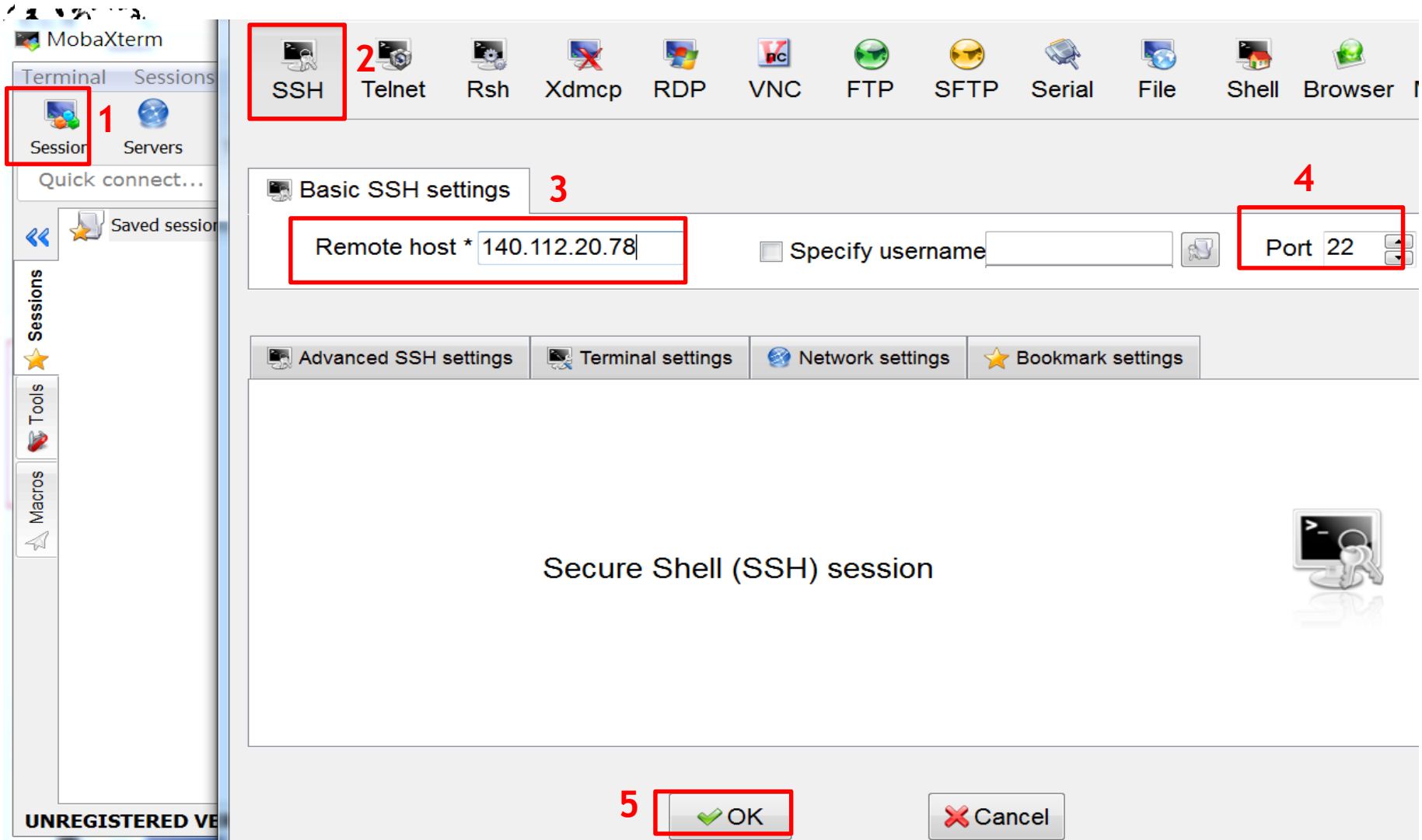
- Choose an Workstation IP

- <http://cad.ee.ntu.edu.tw/wordpress/?p=33>
- Use 140.112.20.72/74/83/84
- You can try it and find appropriate IP



Connect Workstation

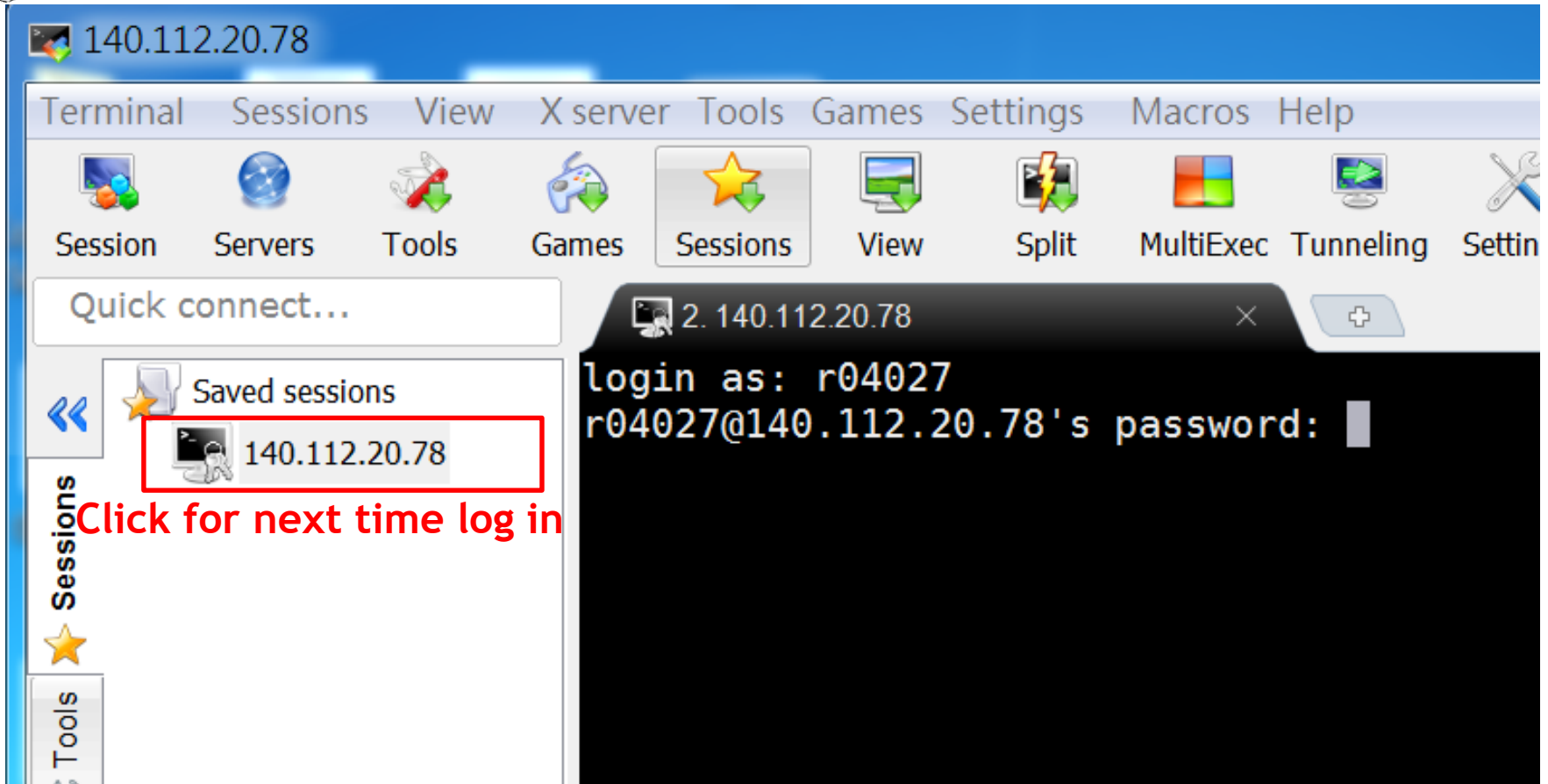
- MobaXterm → Session → SSH → Remote host: IP Port: 22





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Log-In (1/2)





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Log-In (2/2)

- User Name

- Ex: For NTUEE(901) and GIEE(943) student, remove 901/943

r04943027 -> r04027

b01901123 -> b01123

- Ex: For other NTU student, remove number right after first English character

b96502040 -> b6502040

- Password

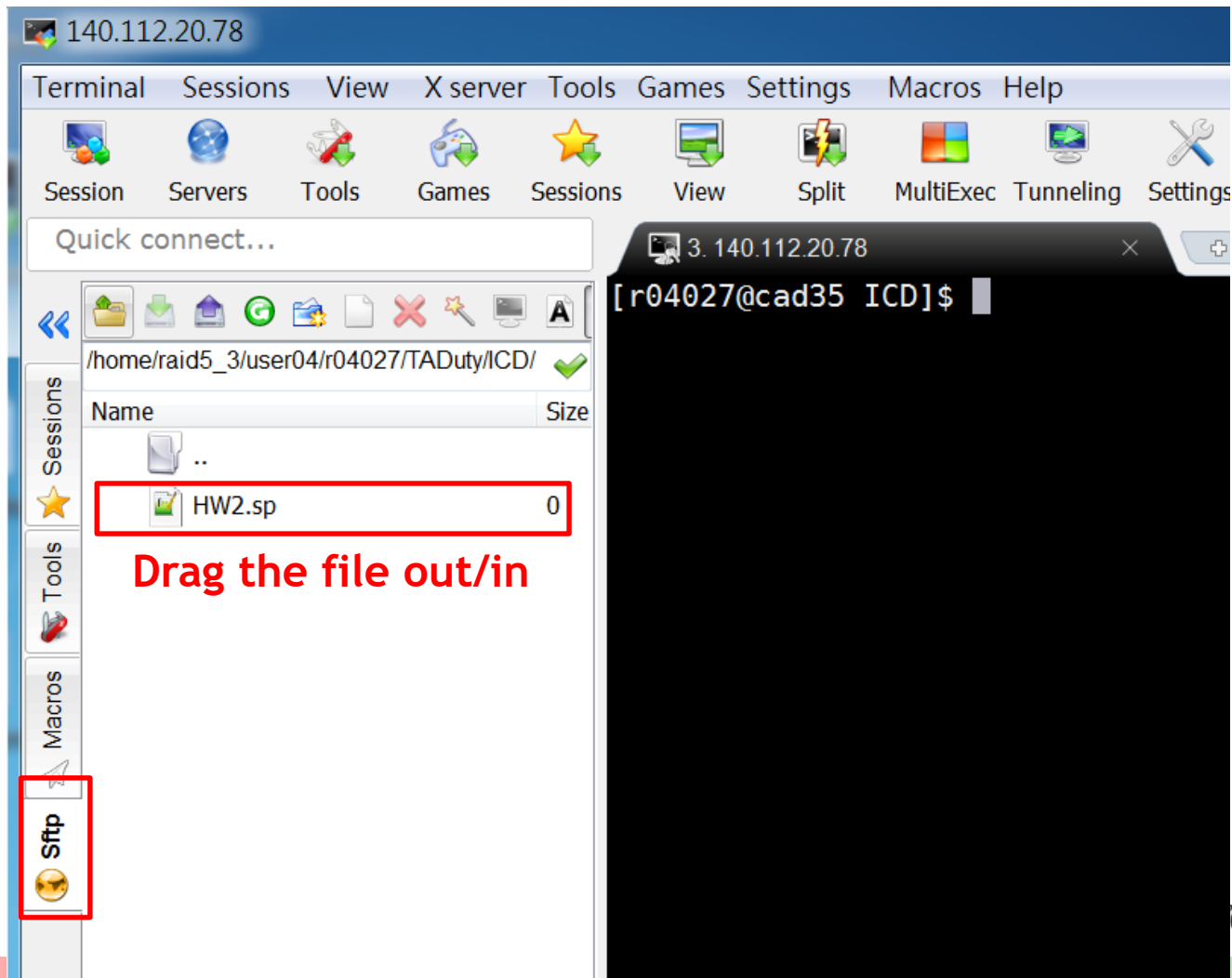
- What you fill in application form



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Down/Upload File From Workstation

- Just drag the file in/out left hand side file list





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Simple Linux command

- Source the setting file
 - source
- Document management
 - cd [directory name/..] : Move to other directory
 - cd .. : Move to upper directory
 - ls [-a/-l] : List all files in current directory
 - mkdir [directory name] : Create new directory
 - cp [source] [destination] : Copy file
 - rm [file/directory] : Remove file
 - mv [source] [destination] : Rename file
- Text Editor
 - vim
- More in “鳥哥的Linux 私房菜” <http://linux.vbird.org/>



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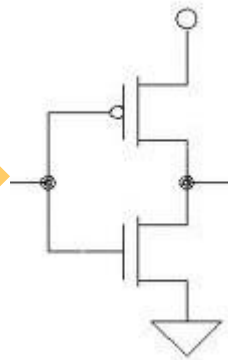
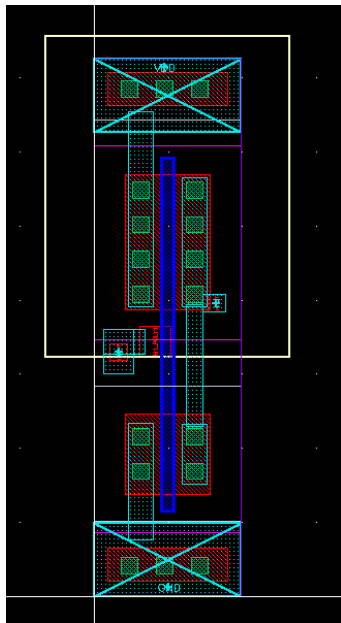
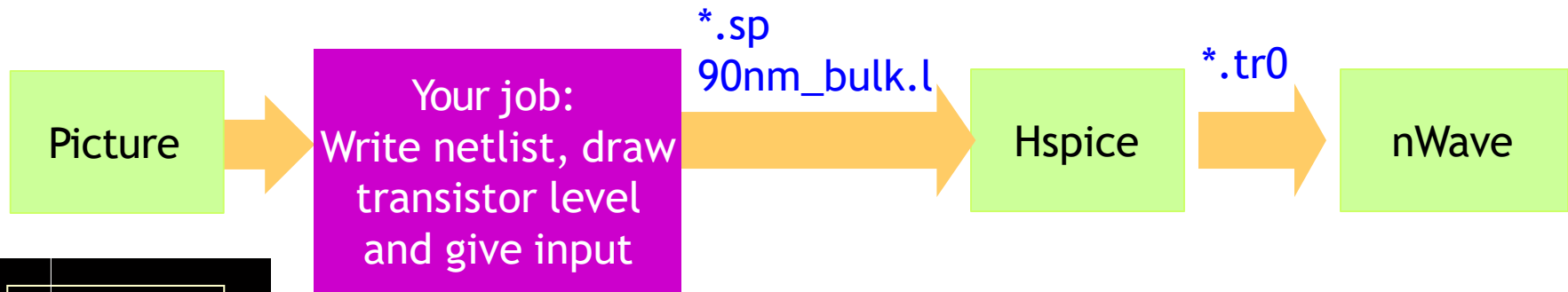
Source the needed files

- Need to do it every time when you log in
- Cadence tool
 - `source /usr/cadence/cshrc`
- HSPICE
 - `source /usr/cad/synopsys/CIC/hspice.cshrc`
- nWave
 - `source /usr/spring_soft/CIC/verdi.cshrc`

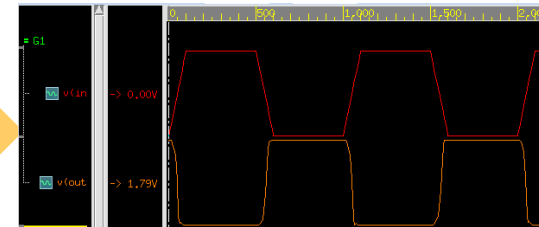


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Flow Chart



```
.SUBCKT Inv DVDD GND In Out
MM1 Out In GND GND NMOS l=0.1u w=0.25u m=1
MM2 Out In DVDD DVDD PMOS l=0.1u w=0.5u m=1
.ENDS
```

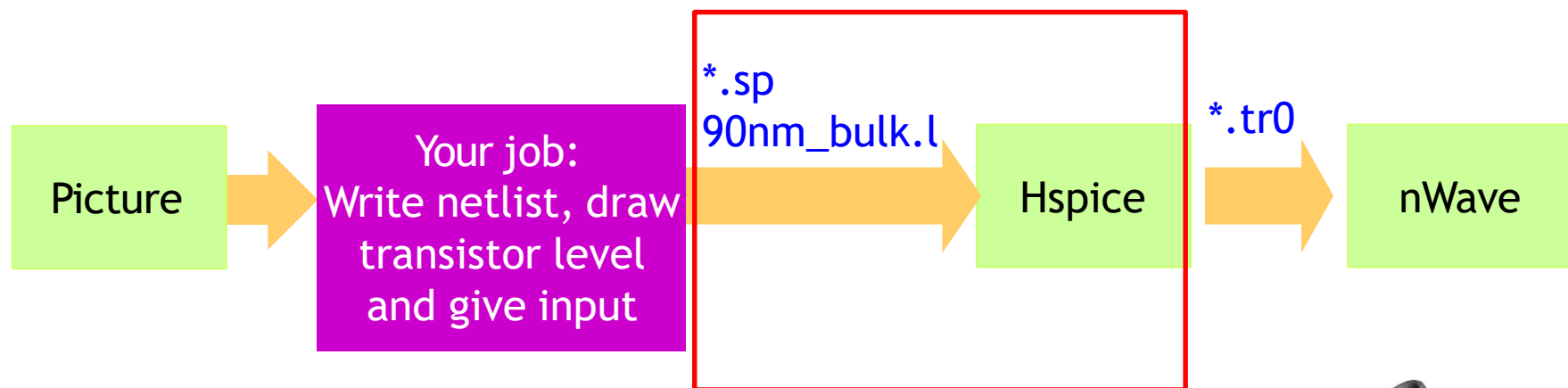




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HSPICE

Transistor-level Simulation





Hspice Syntax(1/7)

- Create an Hspice file “*.sp”
- Edit with text editors such as WordPad or Notepad++
- First line must be a comment line or be left blank.
- Comment start with *
- Remember to .inc '90nm_bulk.l'
- Case sensitive
- “0” means ground
- Transistor name must start with “M”
- Sub-circuit name must start with “x”



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Hspice Syntax (2/7)

- Hspice codes compose of three parts:
(1)include lib file (2)define sub-circuit (3)input signal

```
*****
.inc '90nm_bulk.l'
.SUBCKT Inv DVDD GND In Out
*.PININFO DVDD:I GND:I In:I Out:O
MM1 Out In GND GND NOMS l=0.1u w=0.25u m=1
MM0 Out In DVDD DVDD PMOS l=0.1u w=0.5u m=1
.ENDS D G S B Type L W

*****

Vdd DVDD 0 1.8
Vss GND 0 0

Vin In 0 pulse(0 1.8 0 100n 100n 0.4u 1u)
x1 DVDD GND In Out Inv
.tran 10n 1.1u
.op
.option post
.end
```

Annotations:

- (1)source library (points to `.inc '90nm_bulk.l'`)
- (2)transistors (points to the MOSFET model definitions)
- (3)Include a sub-circuit (points to `x1`)
- (3)Input a square wave (points to the `pulse` function)
- (3)scan transient (points to `.tran`)



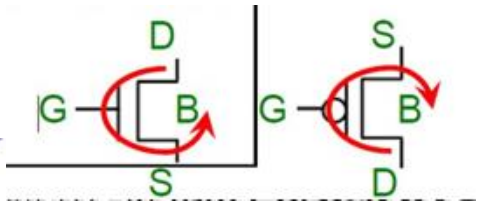
Hspice Syntax (3/7)

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- Define sub-circuit (Transistor name must start with “M”)
- Start with .SUBCKT, end with .ENDS

Sub-circuit name Port name(Input first, Output last)

```
.SUBCKT  Inv  DVDD  GND  In  Out
*.PININFO DVDD:I  GND:I  In:I  Out:O
MM1  Out  In  GND  GND  NOMS  l=0.1u  w=0.25u  m=1
MM0  Out  In  DVDD DVDD PMOS  l=0.1u  w=0.5u  m=1
.ENDS  D    G    S    B    Type  L    W
```



Transistor name

- Set VDD GND (DVDD and GND are nodes' name)

Node name ground

Vdd	DVDD	0	1.8
Vss	GND	0	0

Voltage

- Call sub-circuit (Sub-circuit name must start with “x”)

sub-circuit port(Same order as defined)

```
x1  DVDD  GND  In  Out  Inv
```

sub-circuit name sub-circuit type



Hspice Syntax(4/7)

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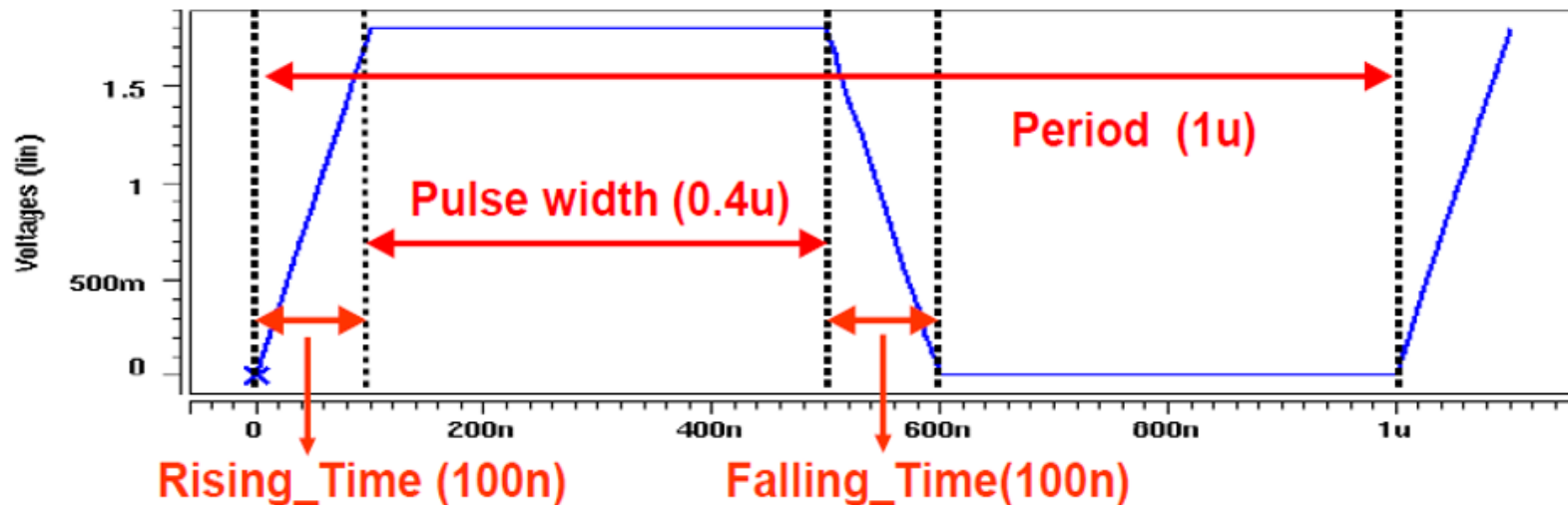
- Model input AC signal: pulse

```
Vin In 0 pulse(0 1.8 0 100n 100n 0.4u 1u)
```

voltage_name node1 node2 pulse(GND VDD delay_time
rising_time falling_time pulse_width period)

Example : Vin In 0 pulse(0 1.8 0 100n 100n 0.4u 1u)

Node name





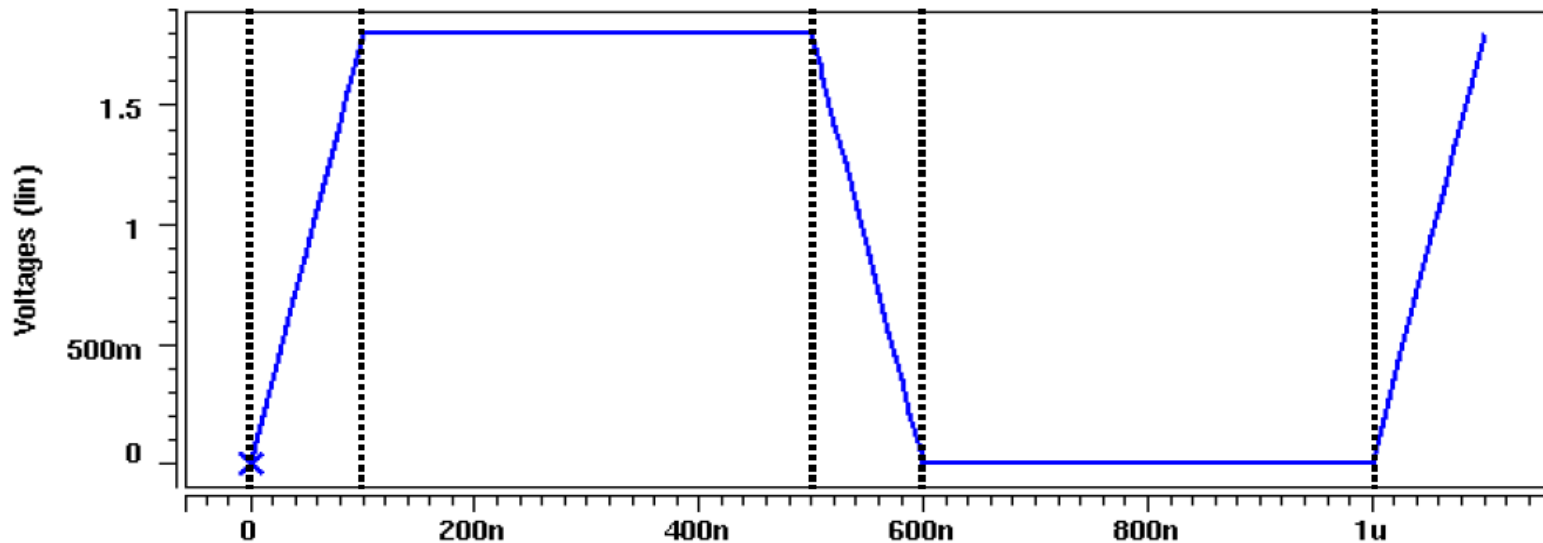
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Hspice Syntax (5/7)

- Another signal waveform: pwl (recommended)

PWL({time1} {v1} {time2} {v2} ... {time3} {v3})

Example : Vin In 0 pwl(0n 0v 100n 1.8v 500n 1.8v 600n 0v ...)





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Hspice Syntax(6/7)

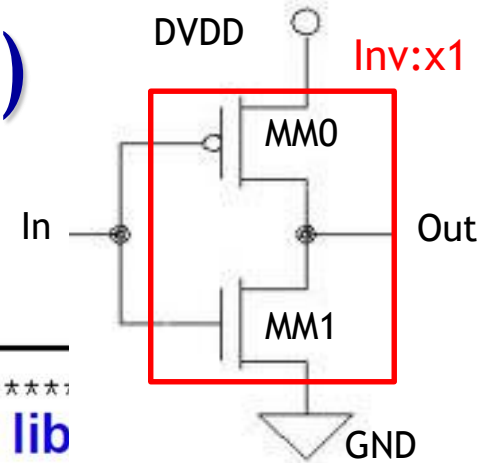
- Define DC voltage source: Vvdd(name) vdd(vddport) gnd 1.8V
- .tran 多久取樣一次 總共模擬多久，可改動，Ex .tran 10n 1u
- .op (計算操作點電壓 operation point ，基本上都要加)
- .option post (轉出檔案(ex: .tr0 file...)給scope用 ，基本上都要加)
- .end



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Hspice Syntax(7/7)

- It an inverter circuit



*****;

.inc '90nm_bulk.l'

← (1)source lib

.SUBCKT Inv DVDD GND In Out

*.PININFO DVDD:I GND:I In:I Out:O

MM1 Out In GND GND NOMS l=0.1u w=0.25u m=1

MM0 Out In DVDD DVDD PMOS l=0.1u w=0.5u m=1

← (2)transist

.ENDS **D G S B Type L W**

Vdd DVDD 0 1.8

Vss GND 0 0

Vin In 0 pulse(0 1.8 0 100n 100n 0.4u 1u)

← (3)Input a square wave

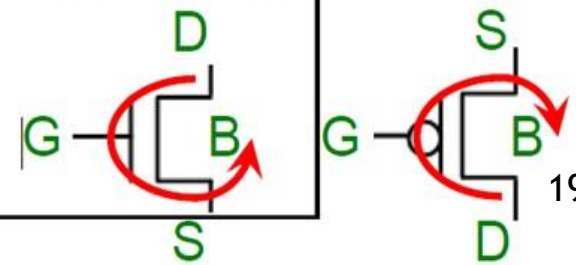
x1 DVDD GND In Out Inv ← (2)Include a sub-circuit

.tran 10n 1.1u ← (3)scan transient

.op

.option post

.end





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Hspice Simulation (1/2)

- SPICE is generally a circuit analysis tool for simulation of electrical circuits in steady-state, transient, and frequency domains
- Source your environment setting file
 - `source /usr/cad/synopsys/CIC/hspice.cshrc`
- Upload .sp file and 90nm_bulk.l to workstation by dragging into MobaXterm



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Hspice Simulation (2/2)

- Save Hspice file and run simulation
 - hspice [hspice file] , Ex. hspice hw2.sp

- Error

```
>info: ***** job aborted
***** hspice job aborted
lic: Release hspice token(s)
```

- Successful

```
>info: ***** hspice job concluded
lic: Release hspice token(s)
real 0.56
```

- Output wave file(.tr0)

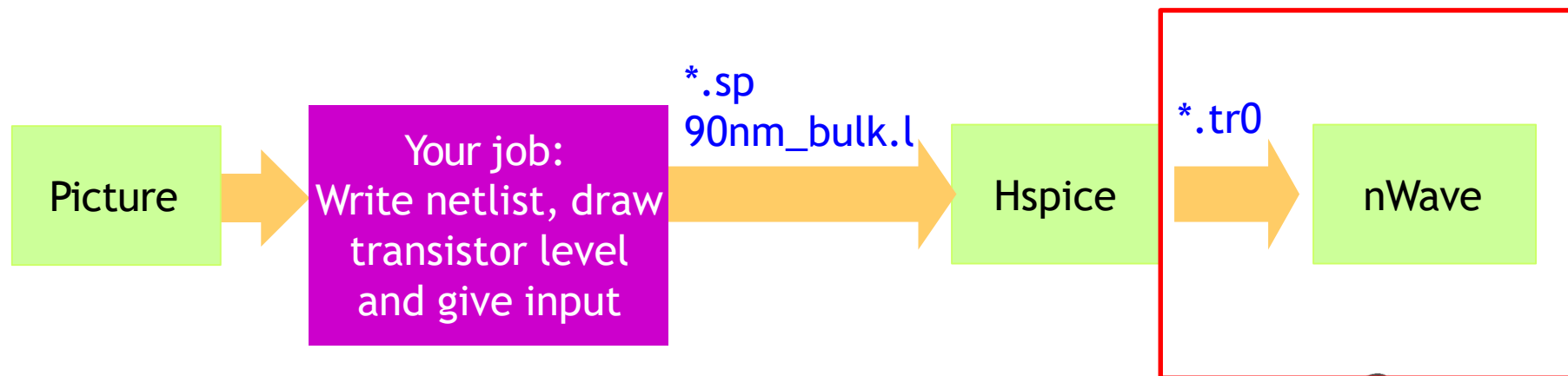
inv_hspice.ic0	1
inv_hspice.pa0	0
inv_hspice.sp	0
inv_hspice.st0	2
inv_hspice.tr0	40



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Debug tool

nWave

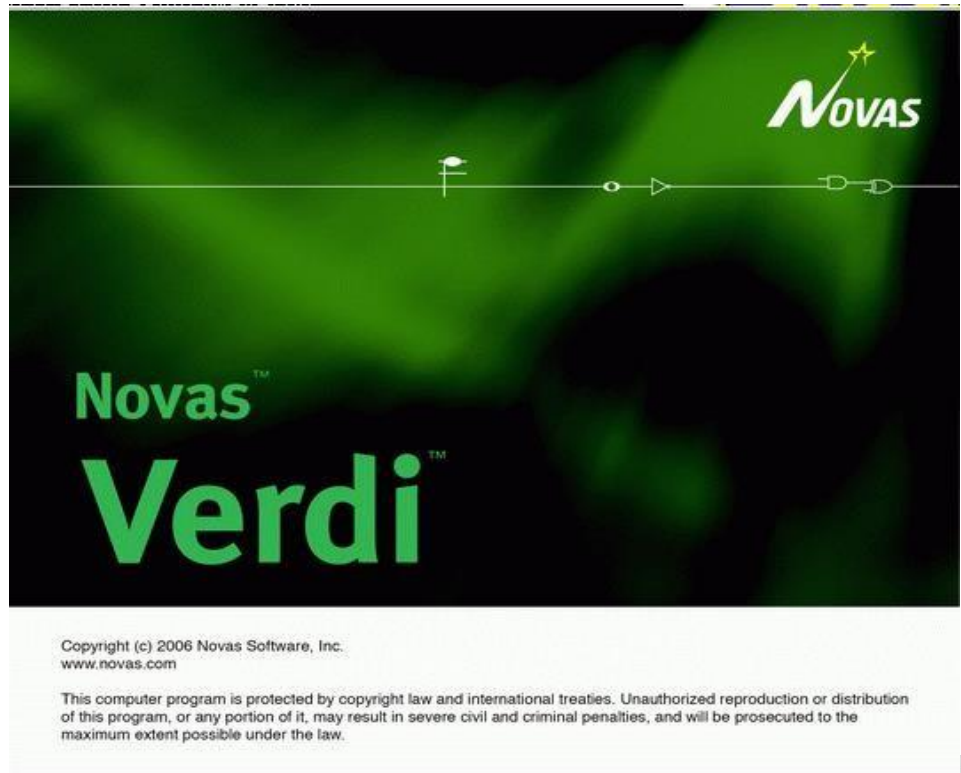




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nWave: Source File and Execute

- Source
 - source /usr/spring_soft/CIC/verdi.cshrc
- Execute nWave
 - nWave &

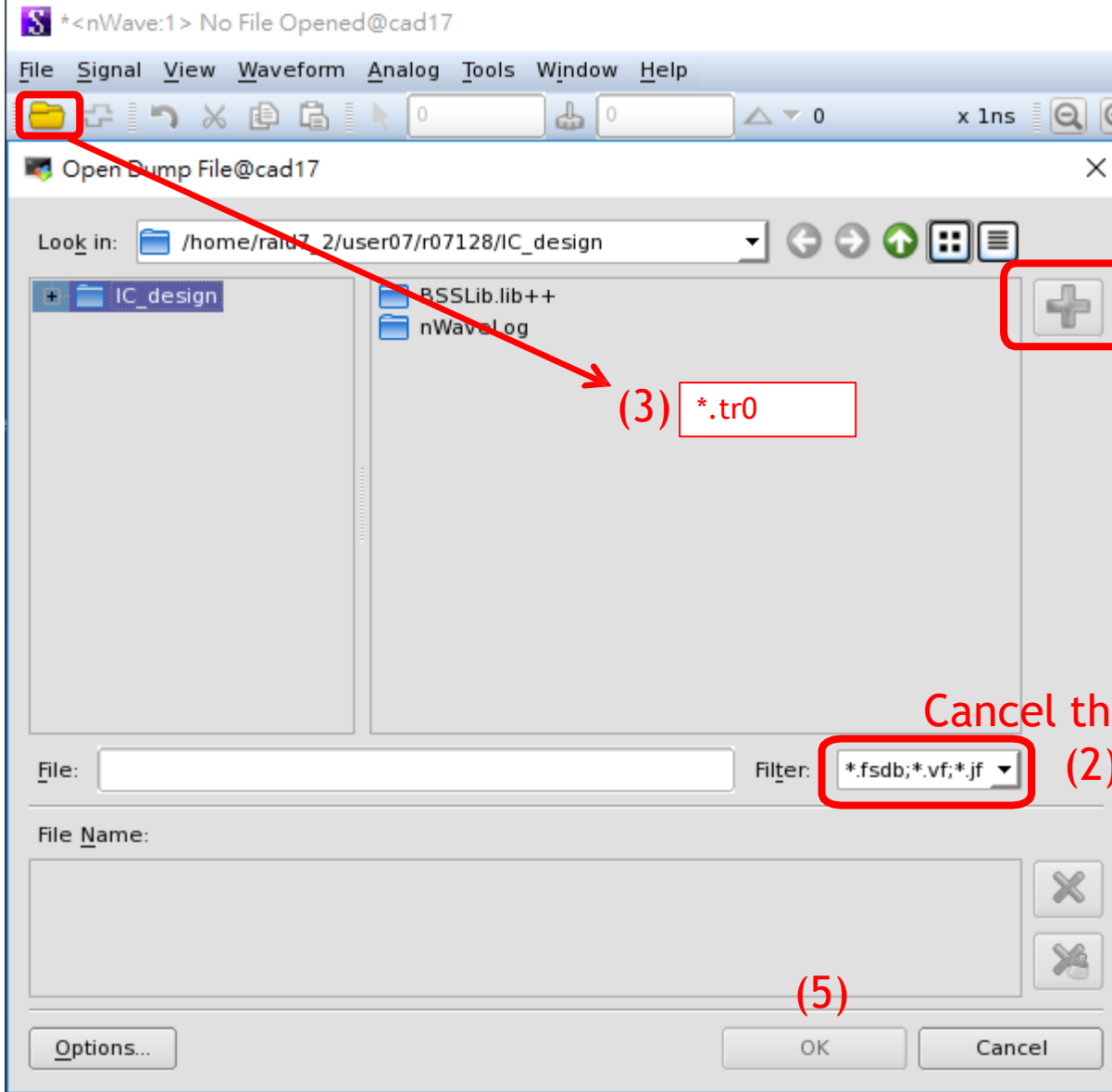




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Select Output File Generated by Hspice

(1)



(4)

(3)

*.tr0

Cancel the filter

(2)

(5)

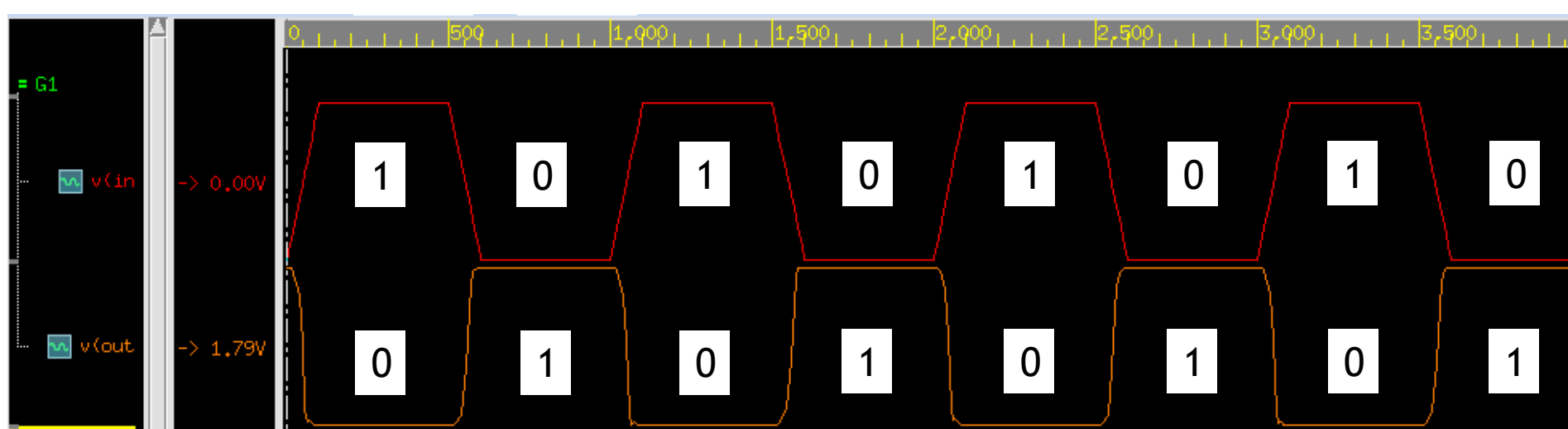




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Check Waveform

- Remember to check all possible input
- Record the waveform into your report
- Ex: Inverter





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Reminder

- Be patient and careful about each step!
- References
 - [1] “SPICE,” CIC handout, 2001
 - [2] “鳥哥的Linux 私房菜” <http://linux.vbird.org/>
- If there’s any workstation account/password problem, please directly contact workstation administrator
 - 邱茂菱，d01943010@ntu.edu.tw
- If you have any questions, please contact TA
 - 王鈺凱，EE2-329，r06943124@ntu.edu.tw



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Thanks for your attention!

Q & A