

## Introduction

In high performance analog circuit, it is a very challenging task to design a high performance complementary metal oxide semi-conductor, which is used in either ADC or DAC. As we are dealing with high performance circuit, to meet these requirement both accuracy and fast settling of system is needed, OP-Amp with high DC gain frequency can satisfy both of these requirement. Although a Op-amp with high DC gain satisfy these requirement, but still in many aspects which leads to complementary demands, as the intrinsic gain of many devices are limited.

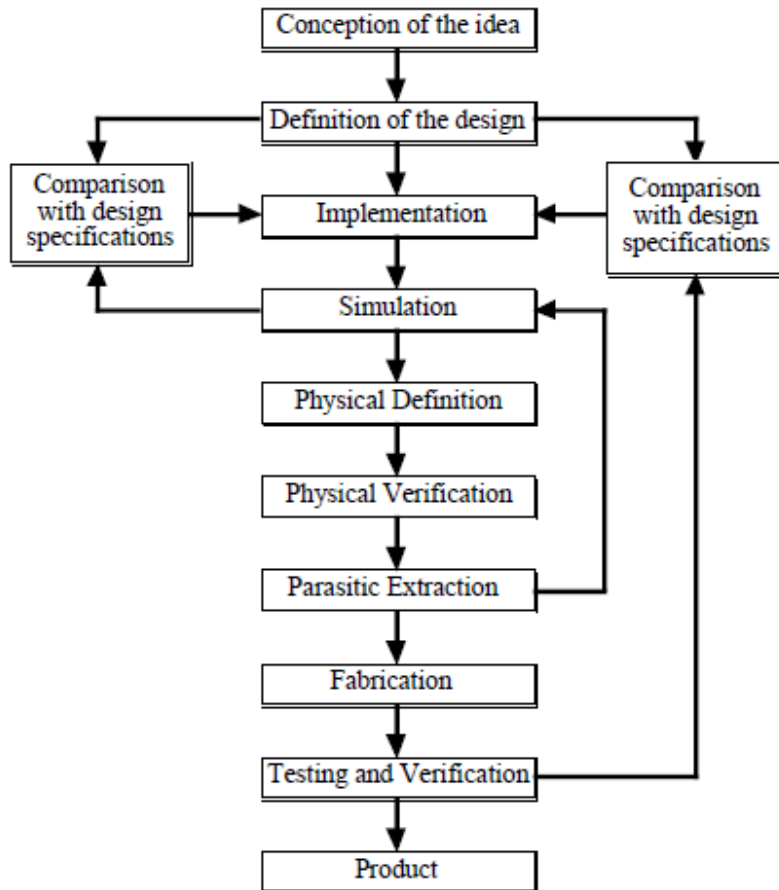
OTA is an Op-amp without an output driver. It is capable of driving small capacitive load. These makes OTA a well suitable for pipeline application. The whole procedure is focused on the development of ultra low power amplifier requiring low silicon area but been able to drive high capacitive load.

### BIPOLAR VS. MOS TRANSISTORS

CATEGORY	BIPOLAR	CMOS
Turn-on Voltage	0.5-0.6 V	0.8-1 V
Saturation Voltage	0.2-0.3 V	0.2-0.8 V
$g_m$ at 100 $\mu$ A	4 mS	0.4 mS (W=10L)
Analog Switch Implementation	Offsets, asymmetric	Good
Power Dissipation	Moderate to high	Low but can be large
Speed	Faster	Fast
Compatible Capacitors	Voltage dependent	Good
AC Performance Dependence	DC variables only	DC variables and geometry
Number of Terminals	3	4
Noise (1/f)	Good	Poor
Noise Thermal	OK	OK
Offset Voltage	< 1 mV	5-10 mV

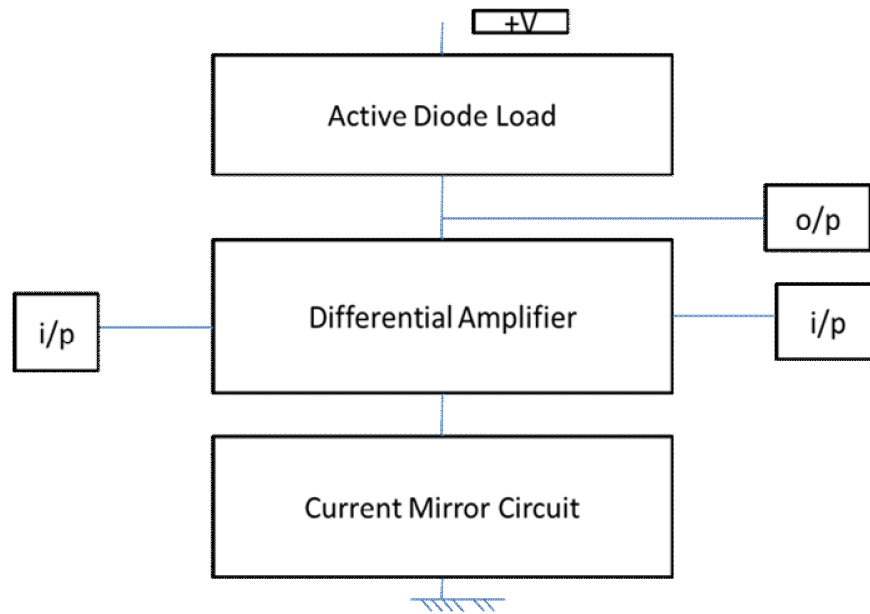
The basic comparison between BJT and CMOS is shown in above table.

## THE ANALOG IC DESIGN PROCESS



The operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) is an amplifier whose differential input voltage produces an output current. Thus, it is a voltage controlled current source (VCCS). There is usually an additional input for a current to control the amplifier's transconductance. The OTA is similar to a standard operational amplifier in that it has a high impedance differential input stage and that it may be used with negative feedback.

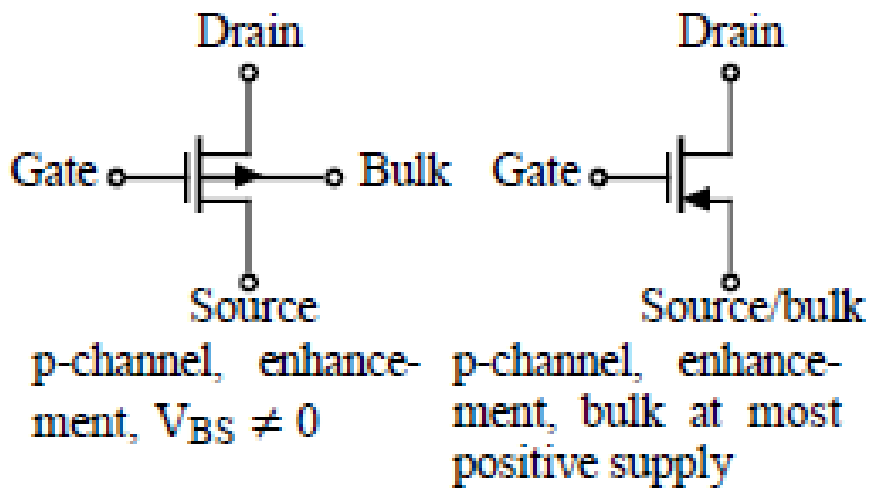
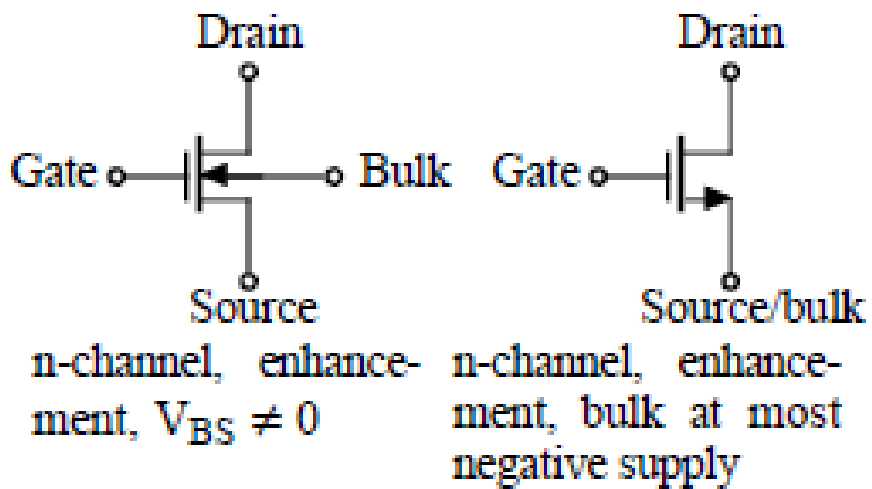
The basic block diagram of operational transconductance amplifier can be given as:-



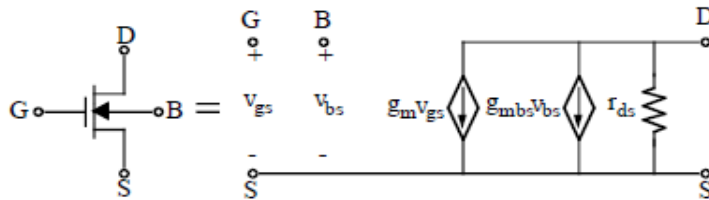
From the above diagram we can see that it is basically made up of 3 major blocks, viz. load block , diff-amp and current mirror circuit. Now we will see each block in detail.

**Related Theory:**

**Symbol representation of transistor**



## SMALL SIGNAL MODEL FOR THE MOSFET



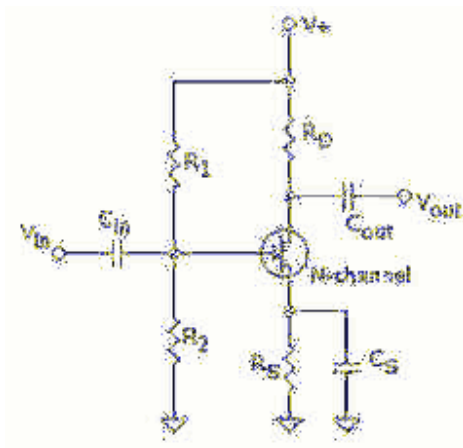
$$g_m = \sqrt{\frac{2K'WI_D}{L}}$$

$$g_{mbs} = \frac{g_m \gamma}{2\sqrt{2\phi_F + |V_{BS}|}}$$

$$r_{ds} \approx \frac{1}{g_{ds}} = \frac{1}{\lambda I_D}$$

There are three basic configuration of IC MOSFET amplifiers.

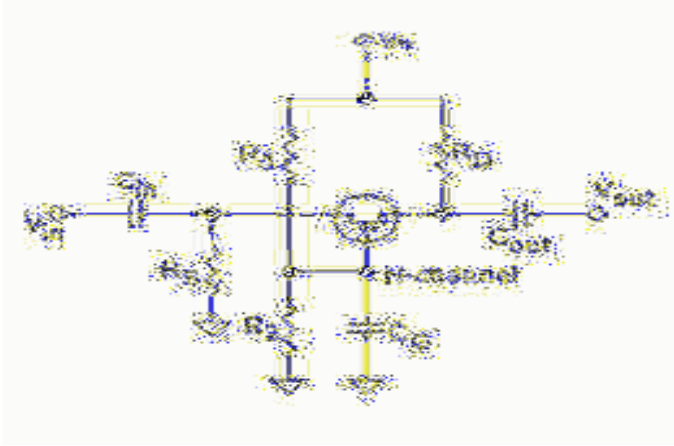
(i) COMMON SOURCE:-



Benefits of using CMOS CS Amplifier

1. Large input impedance
2. Low output impedance
3. Large small signal voltage gain.

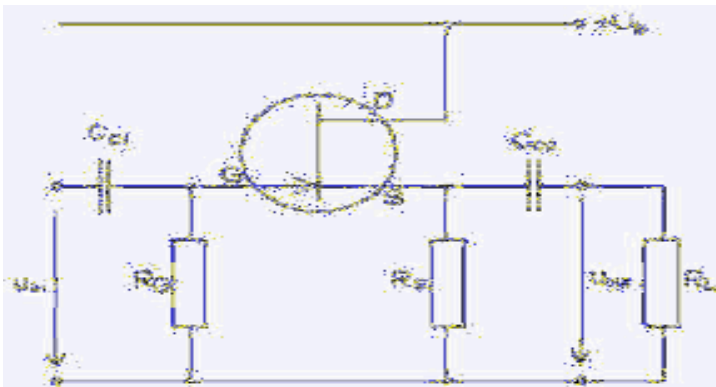
(ii) **COMMON GATE**



Benefits of using CMOS CG Amplifier

1. Input resistance is low
2. Output resistance is high
3. Current gain is unity.

(iii) **COMMON DRAIN**



Benefits of using CMOS CG Amplifier

1. Unity voltage gain
2. Low output resistance
3. It is also use as voltage buffer

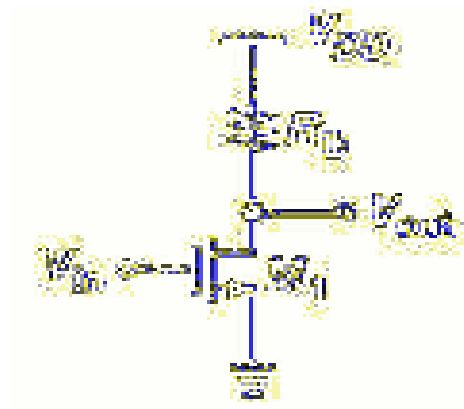
From the above three configuration the configuration which meet our requirement is common source amplifier. Hence, in our project we are going to use common source CMOS configuration in each and every circuit.

Now we will discuss each and every block of OTA in detail.

### 1. Active load block:-

In this there are basically two types of loads, viz. resistive load and diode load.

#### (i) Resistive load



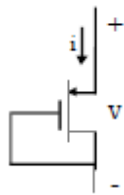
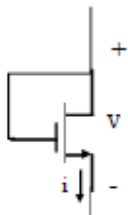
The voltage gain of the above circuit can be given as  $A_v = (-g_m \times R_D)$

When a circuit makes use of a resistance as a load this is called passive load. The resistance which consumes power proportional to  $R$  the value of load which we are using, this is a passive load.

(ii) Active load

**MOS ACTIVE RESISTORS**

Realizations



When the drain is connected to the gate, the transistor is always saturated.

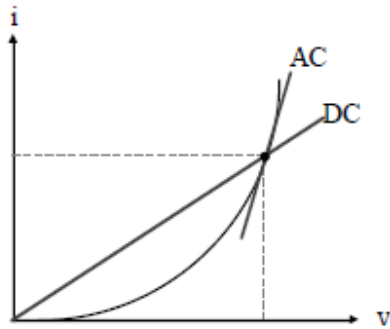
$$v_{DS} \geq v_{GS} - V_T$$

$$v_D - v_S \geq v_G - v_S - V_T$$

$$\therefore v_{DG} \geq -V_T \text{ where } V_T > 0$$

Large Signal

I-V Characteristics -



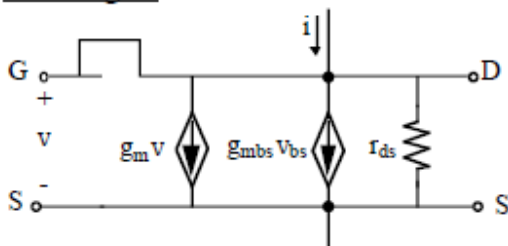
$$i = i_D = \left( \frac{K'W}{2L} \right) [v_{GS} - V_T]^2$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{2} (v_{GS} - V_T)^2, \text{ ignore } \lambda$$

or

$$v = v_{DS} = v_{GS} = V_T + \sqrt{\frac{2i_D}{\beta}}$$

Small signal



If  $V_{BS} = 0$ , then  $R_{OUT} = \frac{v}{i} = \frac{1}{g_M + g_{DS}} \approx \frac{1}{g_M}$

The voltage gain can be given as  $A_v = -(g_{m1} / g_{m2})$

In this we are ignoring bulk transconductance.

Active load:- when resistor is replaced by an active device which acts as a resistor then this is called active load.

Besides power saving there is additional advantage, because today very large number of circuits are actually in integrated circuit form, in integrated circuits remember one thing that creating one for example, in a unit one mosfet and one resistance is more expensive and it will take more



steps for fabrication than two resistors. That means, if we can replace this resistance by a mosfet then the circuit will take two mosfets, but making of two mosfets are in fact, just multiplying in some component is much more economical and convenient in a integrated circuit rather than creating a different element all together resistance and mosfet two are very different elements and two mosfets they are belong to the same category and hence their construction is very simple and more economical.

## 2. Diff-amp block:-

A differential amplifier is a type of electronic amplifier that amplifies the difference between two input voltages but suppresses any voltage common to the two inputs. It is an analog circuit with two inputs  $V_{in}^-$  and  $V_{in}^+$  and one output  $V_{out}$  in which the output is ideally proportional to the difference between the two voltages

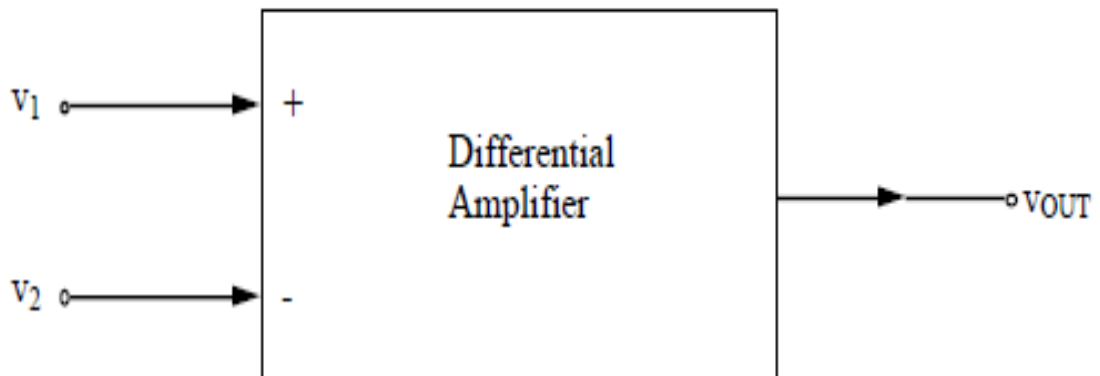
$$V_{out} = A(V_{in}^+ - V_{in}^-)$$

where  $A$  is the gain of the amplifier.

The differential pair (differential amplifier) configuration

- Widely used building block in analog integrated circuit design
  - Performance depends critically on the matching of the devices
  - Utilizes more components than single-ended circuits
  - Well suited for IC fabrication
- Advantages of using differential pair
  - Less sensitive to noise and interference than single-ended circuits
  - Bias is provided without the need for bypass and coupling capacitors

## Definition of a Differential Amplifier



$$v_{OUT} = A_{VD}(v_1 - v_2) \pm A_{VC}\left(\frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}\right)$$

Differential voltage gain =  $A_{VD}$  (100)

Common mode voltage gain =  $A_{VC}$  (1)

Common mode rejection ratio =  $\frac{A_{VD}}{A_{VC}}$  (1000)

Input offset voltage =  $V_{OS(in)} = \frac{V_{OS(out)}}{A_{VD}}$  (2-10mV)

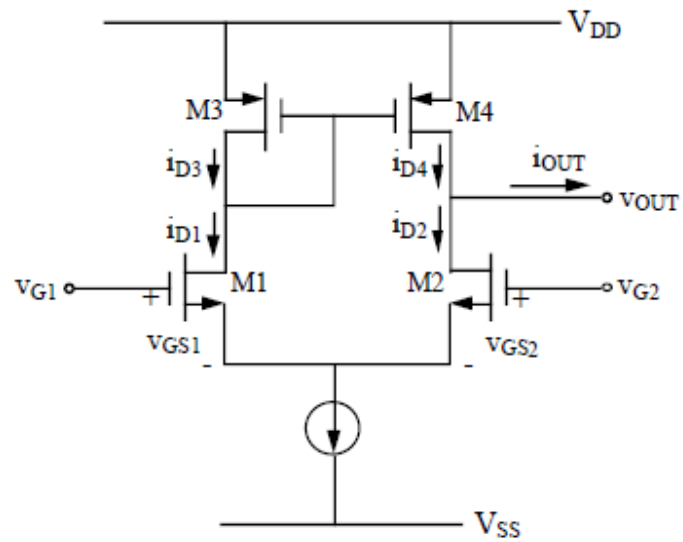
Common mode input range =  $V_{ICMR}$  ( $V_{SS}+2V < V_{ICMR} < V_{DD}-2V$ )

Power supply rejection ratio (PSRR)

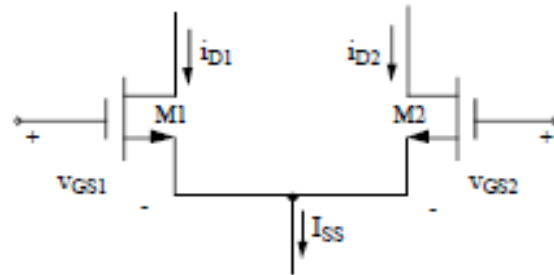
Noise

## VL2-1 - CMOS DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIERS

### N-Channel Input Pair Differential Amplifier



Large Signal Analysis of CMOS Differential Amplifiers



$$(1). v_{ID} = v_{GS1} - v_{GS2} = \sqrt{\frac{2i_{D1}}{\beta}} - \sqrt{\frac{2i_{D2}}{\beta}}$$

$$(2). I_{SS} = i_{D1} + i_{D2}$$

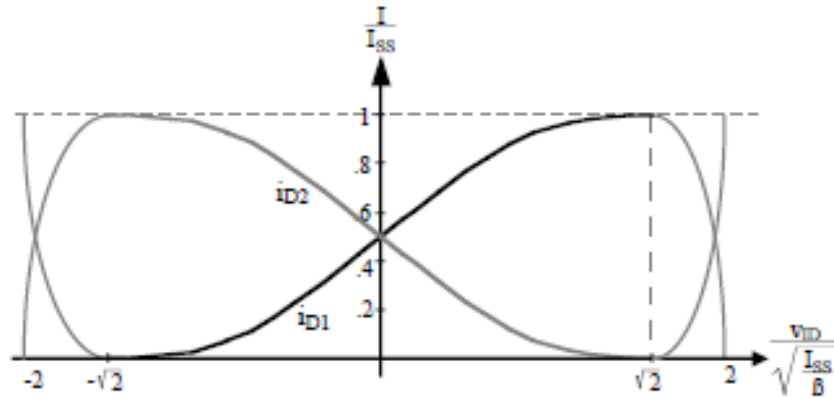
Solving for  $i_{D1}$  and  $i_{D2}$  gives,

$$(3). i_{D1} = \left(\frac{I_{SS}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{I_{SS}}{2}\right)v_{ID} \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{I_{SS}} - \frac{\beta^2 v_{ID}^2}{4I_{SS}^2}}$$

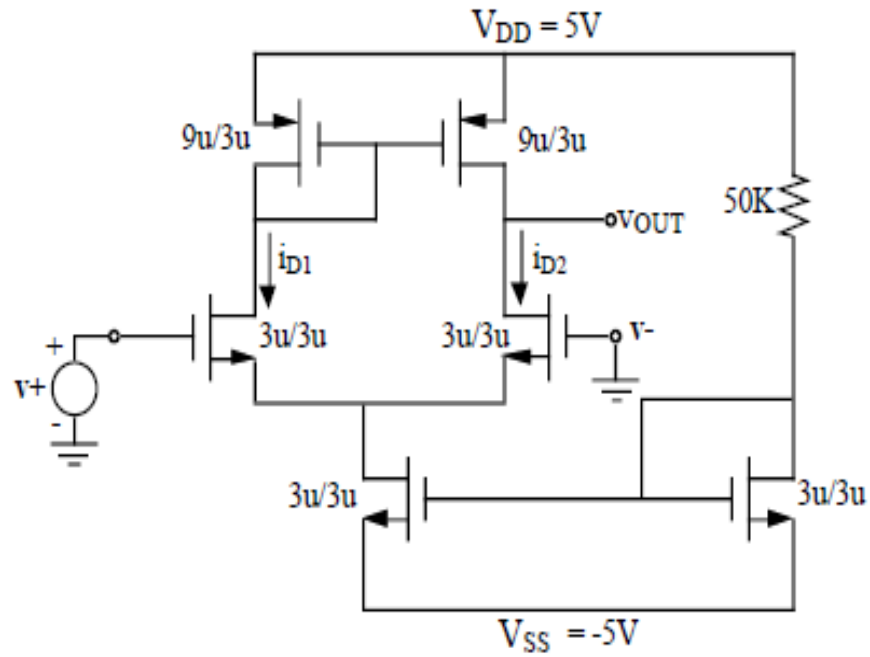
And

$$(4). i_{D2} = \left(\frac{I_{SS}}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{I_{SS}}{2}\right)v_{ID} \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{I_{SS}} - \frac{\beta^2 v_{ID}^2}{4I_{SS}^2}}$$

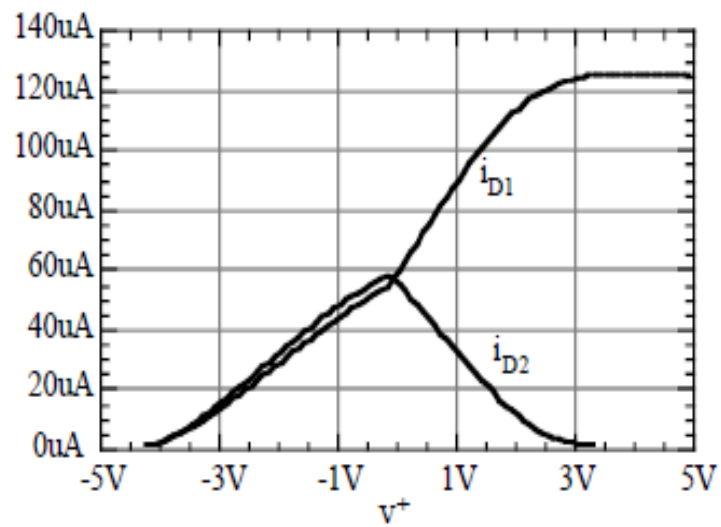
Where  $v_{ID} < 2\sqrt{\frac{I_{SS}}{\beta}}$        $\xi_m = \frac{\partial i_{D1}}{\partial v_{ID}} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta I_{SS}}{4}}$



## Transconductance Characteristics of the Differential Amplifier Circuit



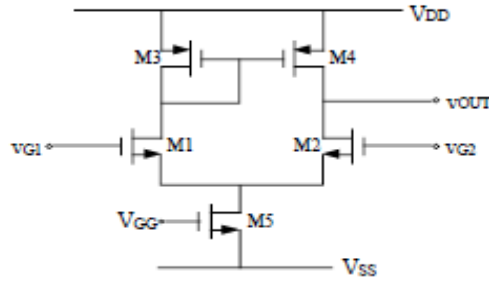
### Simulation Results



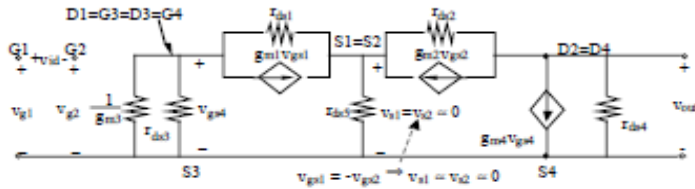
CMOS DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER

Small Signal Differential Mode Gain

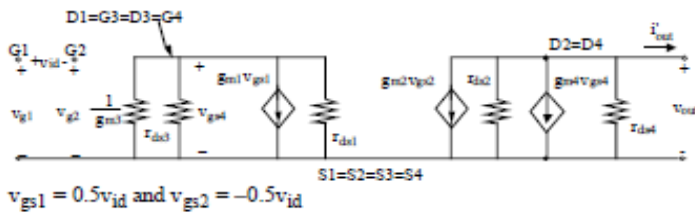
N-Channel input differential amplifier -



Exact small signal model -



Simplified small signal model using symmetry -



CMOS DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFIER

Unloaded Differential Transconductance Gain

( $R_L = 0$ )

$$i_{out}' = -g_{m4}v_{gs4} - g_{m2}v_{gs2} = \frac{g_{m1}g_{m4}(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3})}{1 + g_{m3}(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3})} v_{gs1} - g_{m2}v_{gs2}$$

If  $g_{m3}(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3}) \gg 1$ ,  $g_{m3} = g_{m4}$ , and  $g_{m1} = g_{m2} = g_{md}$ , then

$$i_{out}' = g_{m1}v_{gs1} - g_{m2}v_{gs2} = g_{md}(v_{gs1} - v_{gs2}) = g_{md}v_{id}$$

or

$$i_{out}' = g_{md}v_{id} = \sqrt{\frac{K_N'W}{L} I_{SS}} v_{id}$$

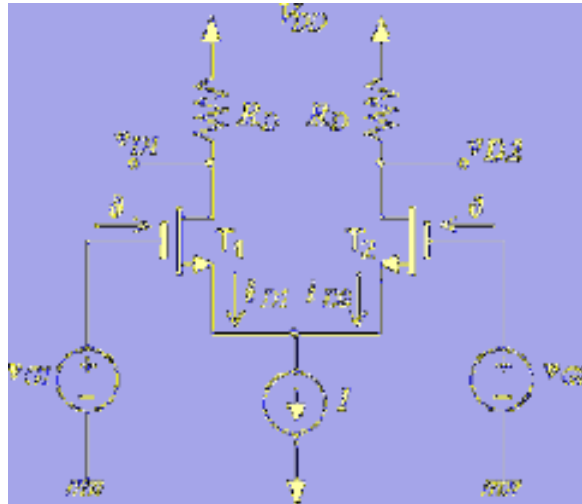
Unloaded Differential Voltage Gain

( $R_L = \infty$ )

$$v_{out} = \frac{g_{md}}{g_{ds2} + g_{ds4}} v_{id} = \frac{2}{(\lambda_N + \lambda_P)} \sqrt{\frac{K_N'W}{I_{SS}L}} v_{id}$$

Differential amplifier can be made using resistive and active load.

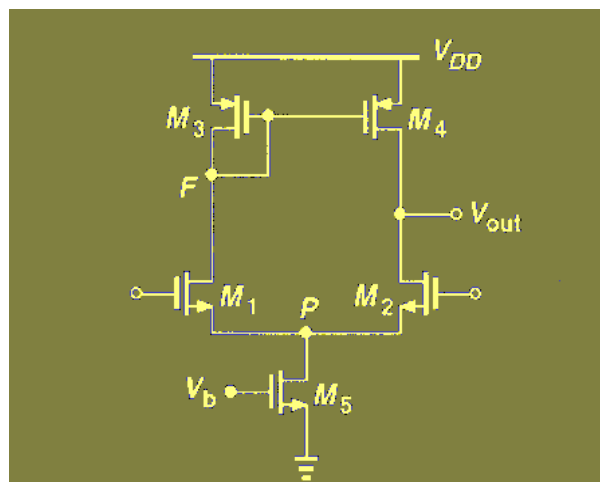
**(i) Differential amplifier using resistive load:-**



The voltage gain can be given as  $A_v = (g_m \times R_D / 2)$

The problem with resistive load has been discuss in previous topic. To overcome this we will use active load instead of resistive load.

**(ii) Differential amplifier using active load:-**

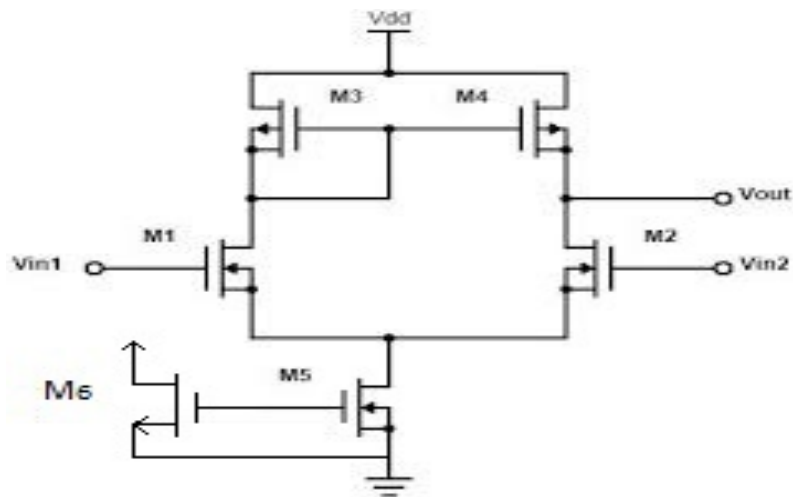


The voltage gain is given by  $A_v = g_m / (g_{o2} + g_{o4})$ .

### 3. Differential amplifier with current mirror:-

The current mirror load provides double-ended to single-ended conversion without suffering the loss of a factor of two in differential-mode gain (the common-mode gain is twice as large also, but still very small) . It comes in a variety of versions (pnp, npn, nMOS, p-MOS); the examples below use p-channel MOSFETs in the mirror loading an nchannel common-source differential gain stage.

The active nature of the load doubles the current delivered to the load with differential-mode inputs, and while not sending any current to the load with common-mode inputs.



$$A_v = g_{m1} (r_{ds2} \parallel r_{ds4})$$

One of the important use of diff-amp with current mirror is that it is very useful in removing noise from the circuit. Due to its ability to reject common mode signal it is use as noise remover in a circuit.

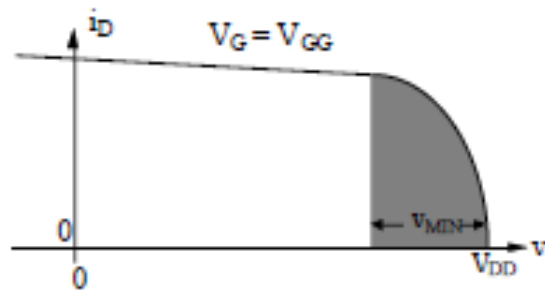
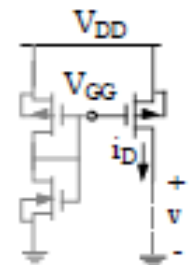
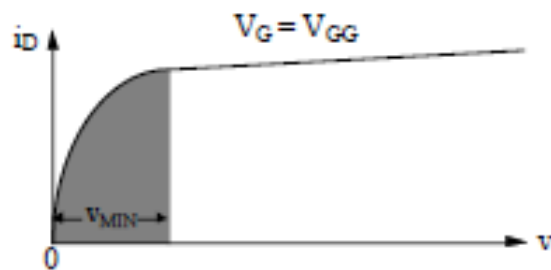
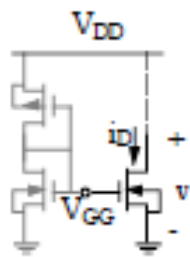


#### 4. Source and sink

##### CHARACTERIZATION OF SOURCES & SINKS

- 1). Minimum voltage ( $v_{MIN}$ ) across sink or source for which the current is no longer constant.
- 2). Output resistance which is a measure of the "flatness" of the current sink or source.

##### CMOS Current Sinks & Sources



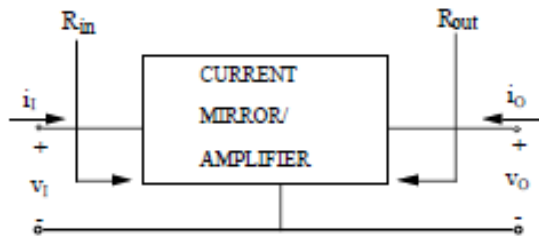
$$r_{OUT} = \frac{1}{\lambda I_D}$$

$$v_{MIN} = v_{DS(SAT.)} = v_{ON} \quad \text{where } v_{ON} = v_{GS} - V_T$$

## 5. Current mirror

### V.4 - CURRENT MIRRORS/AMPLIFIERS

What Is A Current Mirror/Amplifier ?

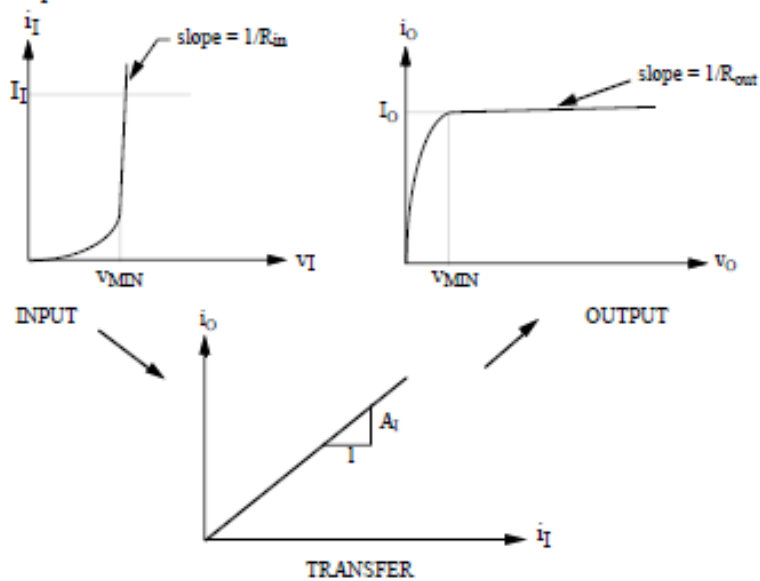


Ideally,

$$i_o = A_i i_i$$

$$R_{in} = 0 \quad R_{out} = \infty$$

Graphical Characterization



## **FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array)**

### ***Overview and Design Considerations***

Xilinx® Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) are highly flexible, reprogrammable logic devices that leverage advanced CMOS manufacturing technologies, similar to other industry-leading processors and processor peripherals. Like processors and peripherals, Xilinx FPGAs are fully user programmable. For FPGAs, the program is called a *configuration bitstream*, which defines the FPGA's functionality. The bitstream loads into the FPGA at system power-up or upon demand by the system.

The process whereby the defining data is loaded or programmed into the FPGA is called *configuration*. Configuration is designed to be flexible to accommodate different application needs and, wherever possible, to leverage existing system resources to minimize system costs. Similar to microprocessors, Xilinx FPGAs optionally load or boot themselves automatically from an external nonvolatile memory device. Alternatively, similar to microprocessor peripherals, Spartan-3 generation FPGAs can be downloaded or programmed by an external “smart agent”, such as a microprocessor, DSP processor, microcontroller, PC, or board tester. In either case, the configuration data path is either serial to minimize pin requirements or byte-wide for maximum performance or for easier interfaces to processors or to byte-wide Flash memory.

Similar to both processors and processor peripherals, Xilinx FPGAs can be reprogrammed, in system, on demand, an unlimited number of times. After configuration, the FPGA configuration bitstream is stored in highly robust CMOS configuration latches (CCLs).

Although CCLs are reprogrammable like SRAM memory, CCLs are designed primarily for data integrity, not for performance. The data stored in CCLs is written only during configuration and remains static unless changed by another configuration event.

This user guide provides both an introduction to the configuration options available to the user, and a detailed description of the configuration logic. This user guide includes the Extended Spartan-3A family, which includes the Spartan-3A, Spartan-3AN, and Spartan-3A DSP platforms. The user guide also includes the earlier Spartan-3 and Spartan-3E families. Together, these families are sometimes referred to as the Spartan-3 generation.

Most basic configuration features are similar between the families, and differences are noted where necessary.

## Design Considerations

Before starting a new FPGA design, spend a few minutes to consider which FPGA configuration mode best matches your system requirements. Each configuration mode dedicates certain FPGA pins and may borrow others. Similarly, the configuration mode may place voltage restrictions on some FPGA I/O banks.

If you have already selected an FPGA configuration mode, feel free to jump to the relevant section in the user guide. Otherwise, please evaluate the following design considerations to understand the options available.

Will the FPGA load configuration data itself from external or internal memory or will an external processor/microcontroller download configuration data?

Spartan-3 generation FPGAs are designed for maximum flexibility. The FPGA either automatically loads itself with configuration data, like a processor, or alternatively, another external intelligent device like a processor or microcontroller can download the configuration data. It is your choice and [Table 1-2](#) summarizes the available options.

The self-loading FPGA configuration modes, generically called **Master** modes, are available with either a serial or byte-wide data path as shown in [Figure 1-1](#). The Master modes leverage various types of non-volatile memories to store the FPGA's configuration information, as shown in [Table 1-1](#). In Master mode, the FPGA's configuration bit stream typically resides in non-volatile memory on the same board, generally external to the FPGA. The FPGA internally generates a configuration clock signal called CCLK and the FPGA controls the configuration process.

Spartan-3AN FPGAs optionally configure from internal In-System Flash (ISF) memory, as shown in [Figure 1-1c](#). In this mode, the configuration memory and the control and data signals are inside the package. Spartan-3AN FPGAs also optionally support all the other Spartan-3A FPGA configuration modes, as well.



## Literature Survey

Author	Publish in year	Title	Outcome
<a href="#"><u>Yongjian Tang</u></a>	2004	A 10-bit 20-Msample/s 49mW CMOS pipelined A/D converter	Designed a 10 bit ADC made in 0.6μm double-poly double-metal CMOS process having 5V supply voltage and <b>49 mW</b> of power consumption
<a href="#"><u>Hati, M.K.</u></a>	2011	Design of a low power, high speed complementary input folded regulator cascode OTA for a parallel pipeline ADC	Designed 10-bit ADC using OTA with 180 nm technology with 1.8V and power consumption is only <b>3.24 mW</b> .
<a href="#"><u>S.Hassan Mirhossien, AhmadAvahtolahi</u></a>	2012	Design a 10 bit 100 MHz pipelined ADC using RB-OTA in 90 nm CMOS technology	Designed a 10 bit ADC using OTA in 90 nm <u>technolgy</u> with 1V of bias <u>volatage</u> and power consumption of <b>14.4 mW</b>
A J Sowjanya.K1 , D.S.Shylu2 , <a href="#"><u>Dr.D.Jackuline</u></a> Moni3 , Neetha C John4 , Anita Antony5	2012	A Low Power Gain Boosted Fully Differential OTA for a 10bit pipelined ADC	Designed a 10 bit pipelined ADC using OTA with 1.8V power supply and <b>70 mW</b> of power consumption.

## **Problem Statement**

The reduction of power consumption is a crucial task for battery-operated applications. There are OTA based ADC's which has been made with power consumption of approximately in some mW.

In high performance analog circuit, it is a challenging task to design a high performance CMOS OTA for use in Analog to Digital convertor.

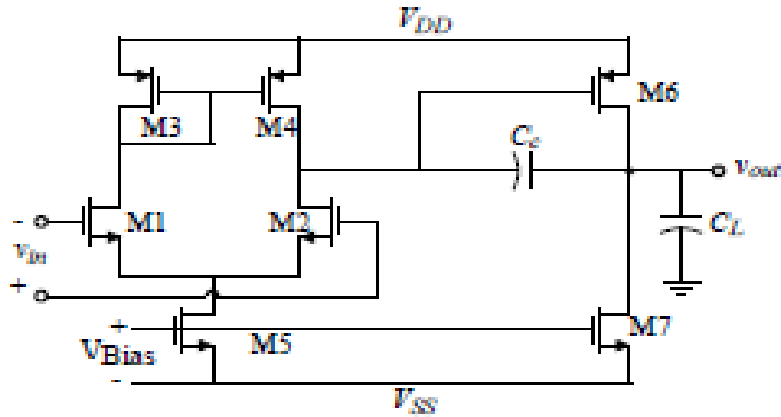
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## Design and Analysis

### Two-Stage Operational Amplifier Design



Important relationships:

$$g_{m1} = g_{m2} = g_{m1}, \quad g_{m6} = g_{m7}, \quad g_{ds2} + g_{ds4} = G_p \quad \text{and} \quad g_{ds6} + g_{ds7} = G_{Df}$$

$$\text{Slew rate } SR = \frac{I_5}{C_c} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{First-stage gain } A_{v1} = \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{ds2} + g_{ds4}} = \frac{2g_{m1}}{I_5(\lambda_2 + \lambda_4)} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Second-stage gain } A_{v2} = \frac{g_{m6}}{g_{ds6} + g_{ds7}} = \frac{g_{m6}}{I_6(\lambda_6 + \lambda_7)} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Gain-bandwidth } GB = \frac{g_{m1}}{C_c} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Output pole } p_2 = \frac{-g_{m6}}{C_L} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{RHP zero } z_1 = \frac{g_{m6}}{C_c} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Positive CMR } V_{in(max)} = V_{DD} - \sqrt{\frac{I_5}{\beta_3}} - |V_{T03}(max) + V_{T1}(min)| \quad (7)$$



$$\text{Negative CMR } V_{in(\min)} = V_{SS} + \sqrt{\frac{I_5}{\beta_1}} + V_{T1(\max)} + V_{DS5(\text{sat})} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Saturation voltage } V_{DS(\text{sat})} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_{DS}}{\beta}} \quad (9)$$

All transistors are in saturation for the above relationships.

The following design procedure assumes that specifications for the following parameters are given:

1. Gain at dc,  $A_v(0)$
2. Gain-bandwidth,  $GB$
3. Input common-mode range, ICMR
4. Load Capacitance,  $CL$
5. Slew-rate,  $SR$
6. Output voltage swing
7. Power dissipation.

Choose a device length to establish of the channel-length modulation parameter

Design the compensation capacitor  $C_c$ . It was shown that placing the loading pole  $p_2$  2.2 times higher than the  $GB$  permitted a  $60^\circ$  phase margin (assuming that the RHP zero  $z_1$  is placed at or beyond ten times  $GB$ ). This results in the following requirement for the minimum value for  $C_c$ .

$$C_c > 0.22 C_L$$

Next, determine the minimum value for the tail current  $I_5$ , based upon slew-rate requirements.

Using Eq. (1), the value for  $I_5$  is determined to be

$$I_5 = SR \cdot C_c$$

$$I_5 \cong 10 \left( \frac{V_{DD} + |V_{SS}|}{2 \cdot T_s} \right)$$

If the slew-rate specification is not given, then one can choose a value based upon settling time requirements. Determine a value that is roughly ten times faster than the settling-time specification, assuming that the output slews approximately one-half of the supply rail.

The value of  $I_5$  resulting from this calculation can be changed later if need be. The aspect ratio of M3 can now be determined by using the requirement for positive input common-mode range. The following design equation for  $(W/L)_3$  was derived from Eq. (7).

$$S_3 = \frac{I_5}{K_3^2 [V_{DD} - V_{in(max)} - |V_{T03}|(max) + V_{T1}(min)]^2} \geq 1$$

If the value determined for  $(W/L)_3$  is less than one, then it should be increased to a value that minimizes the product of  $W$  and  $L$ . This minimizes the area of the gate region, which in turn reduces the gate capacitance. This gate capacitance will affect a pole-zero pair which causes a small degradation in phase margin. Requirements for the transconductance of the input transistors can be determined from knowledge of  $C_c$  and  $GB$ . The transconductance  $gm_2$  can be calculated using the following equation

$$\frac{gm_3}{2C_{gs3}} > 10GB.$$

The aspect ratio  $(W/L)_1$  is directly obtainable from  $gm_1$  as shown below

$$gm_1 = GB \cdot C_c \Rightarrow S_2 = \frac{gm_2^2}{K_2 I_5}$$

Enough information is now available to calculate the saturation voltage of transistor M5. Using the negative ICMR equation, calculate  $V_{DS5}$  using the following relationship derived from Eq. (8).

$$V_{DS5(sat)} = V_{in(min)} - V_{SS} - \sqrt{\frac{I_5}{\beta_1}} - V_{T1(max)} \geq 100 \text{ mV}$$

If the value for  $V_{DS5}$  is less than about 100 mV then the possibility of a rather large  $(W/L)_5$  may result. This may not be acceptable. If the value for  $V_{DS5}$  is less than zero, then the ICMR specification may be too stringent. To solve this problem,  $I_5$  can be reduced or  $(W/L)_1$  increased.

The effects of these changes must be accounted for in previous design steps. One must iterate until the desired result is achieved. With  $V_{DS5}$  determined,  $(W/L)_5$  can be extracted using Eq. (9) in the following way

$$S_5 = \frac{2I_5}{K'_5[V_{DS5}(\text{sat})]^2}$$

For a phase margin of  $60^\circ$ , the location of the loading pole was assumed to be placed at 2.2 times  $GB$ . Based upon this assumption and the relationship for  $|p_2|$  in Eq. (5), the transconductance  $g_{m6}$  can be determined using the following relationship

$$g_{m6} = 2.2g_{m2}(C_L/C_C)$$

Since  $S_3$  is known as well as  $g_{m6}$  and  $g_{m3}$ , assuming balanced conditions,

$$S_6 = S_3 \left( \frac{g_{m6}}{g_{m3}} \right)$$

can be calculated from the consideration of the “proper mirroring” of first-stage the current mirror load of Fig. 6.3-1. For accurate current mirroring, we want  $V_{SD3}$  to be equal to  $V_{SD4}$ . This will occur if  $V_{SG4}$  is equal to  $V_{SG6}$ .  $V_{SG4}$  will be equal to  $V_{SG6}$  if

$$I_6 = (S_6/S_4)I_4 = (S_6/S_4)(I_5/2)$$

Choose the larger of these two values for  $I_6$  (Eq. 19 or Eq. 20). If the larger value is found in Eq (19), then  $(W/L)_6$  must be increased to satisfy Eq. (20). If the larger value is found in Eq. (20), then no other adjustments must be made. One also should check the power dissipation requirements since  $I_6$  will most likely determine the majority of the power dissipation. The device size of M7 can be determined from the balance equation given below

$$S_7 = (I_6/I_5)S_5$$

The first-cut design of all  $W/L$  ratios are now complete. Fig. 6.3-2 illustrates the above design procedure showing the various design relationships and where they apply in the two-stage CMOS op amp.

$$A_v = \frac{2g_{m2}g_{m6}}{I_5(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)I_6(\lambda_6 + \lambda_7)}$$

If the gain is too low, a number of things can be adjusted. The best way to do this is to use the table below, which shows the effects of various device sizes and currents on the different parameters generally specified. Each adjustment may require another pass through this design procedure in order to insure that all specifications have been met. Below table summarizes the above design procedure.

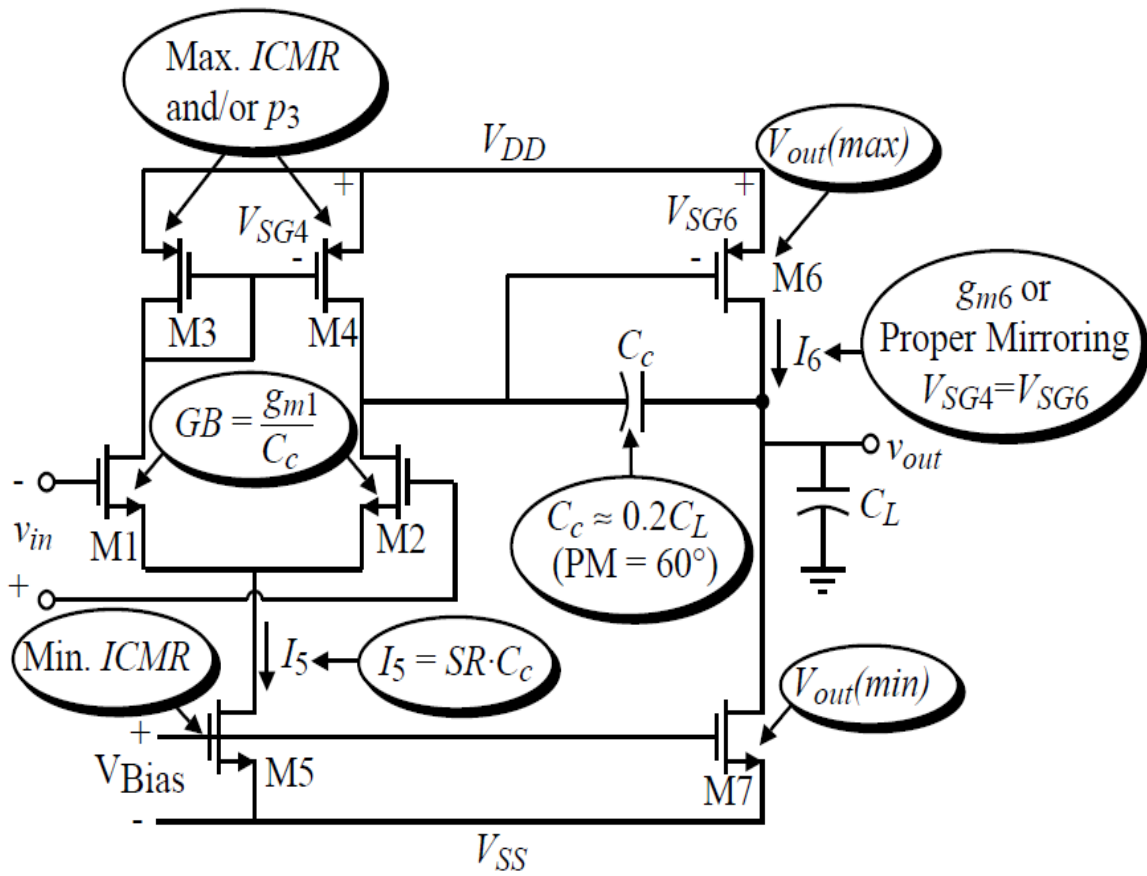


Fig: Illustration of the design relationships and the circuit for a two-stage CMOS op amp. At this point in the design procedure, the total amplifier gain must be checked against the Specifications

## Dependencies of device performance on various parameters

		Drain Current		M1 and M2		M3 and M4		Inverter Load		Comp. Cap..
		$I_5$	$I_7$	W/L	L	W	L	$W_6/L_6$	$W_7$ $L_7$	$C_c$
Increase Gain	DC	$(\downarrow)^{1/2}$	$(\downarrow)^{1/2}$	$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$	$\uparrow$		$\uparrow$	$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$	$\uparrow$	
Increase GB		$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$		$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$						$\downarrow$
Increase Zero	RHP		$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$					$(\uparrow)^{1/2}$		$\downarrow$
Increase Rate	Slew	$\uparrow$								$\downarrow$
Increase $C_L$										$\downarrow$

## Design Technology

- The 180 nanometer (180 nm) process refers to the level of semiconductor process technology that was reached in the 1999-2000 timeframe by most leading semiconductor companies, like Intel, Texas Instruments, IBM, and TSMC.
- The origin of the 180 nm value is historical, as it reflects a trend of 70% scaling every 2–3 years. The naming is formally determined by the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors (ITRS).
- Some of the CPU's manufactured with this process include Intel Coppermine family of Pentium III processors. This was the first technology using a gate length shorter than that of light used for lithography (which has a minimum of 193nm).
- Some more recent microprocessors and microcontrollers (e.g. PIC) are using this technology because it is typically low cost and does not require upgrading of existing equipment.

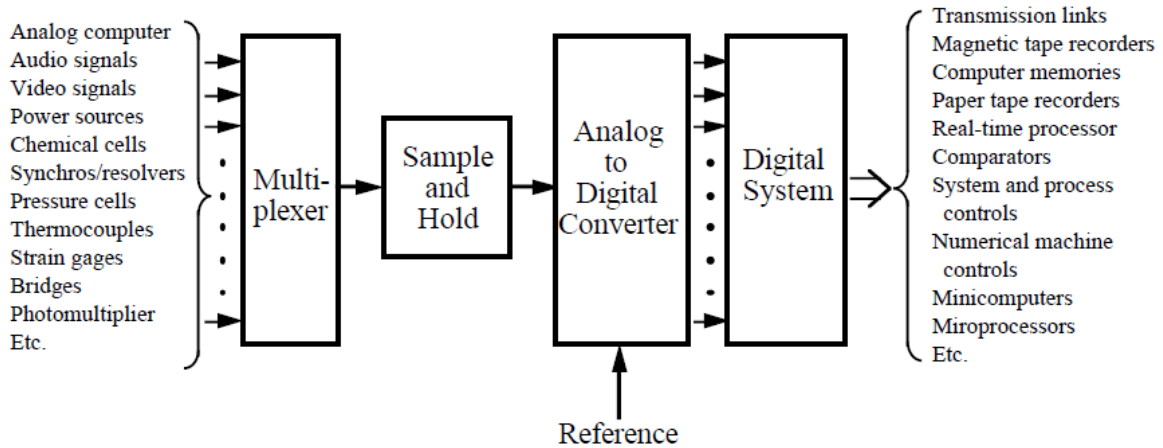
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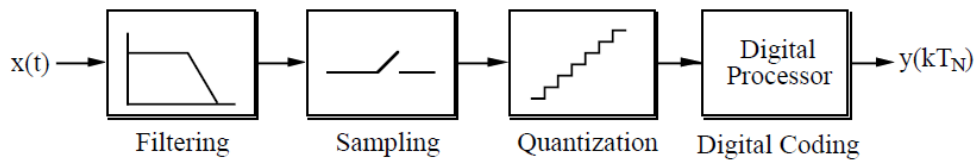
## Application

### A/D and D/A Converters in Data Systems



### CHARACTERIZATION OF ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTERS

#### General A/D Converter Block Diagram

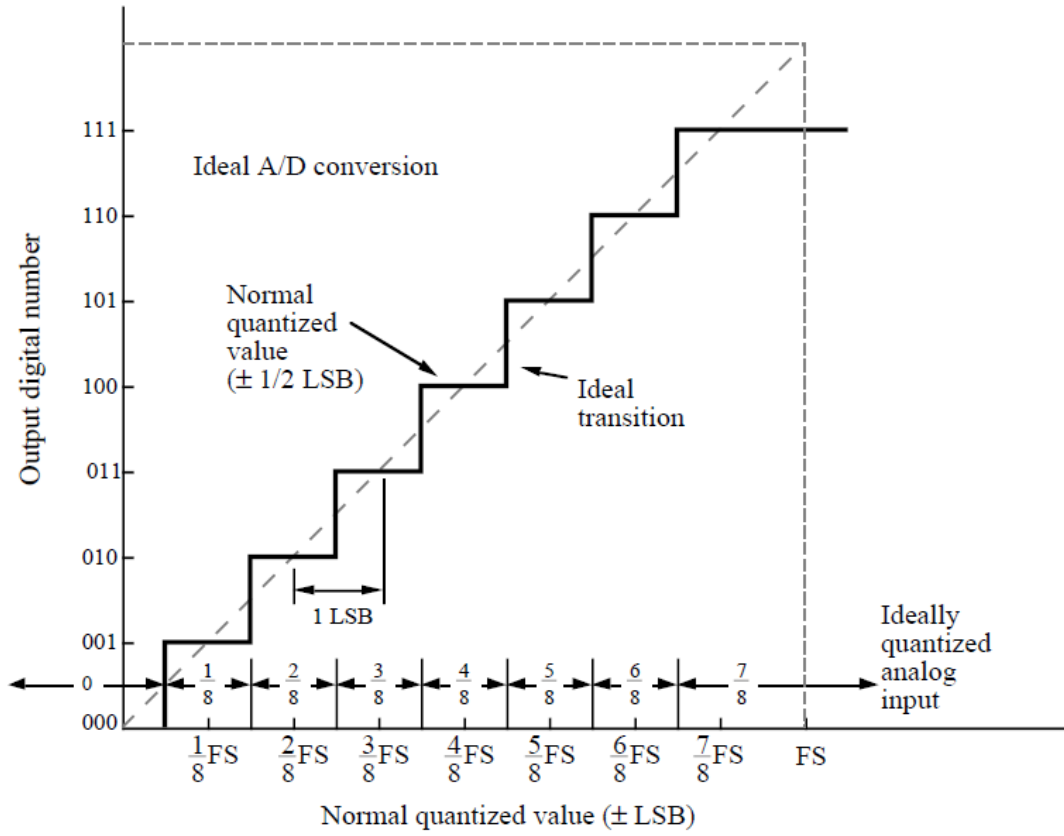


#### A/D Converter Types

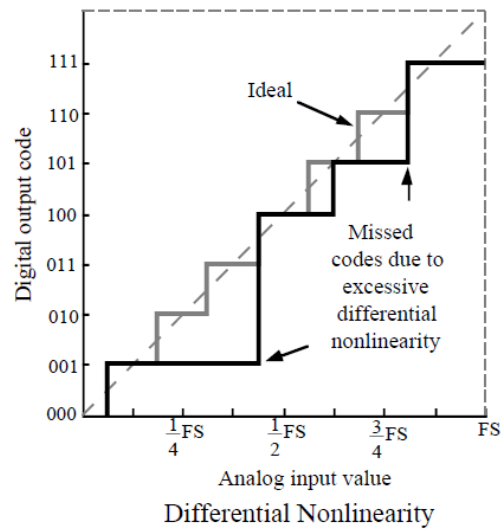
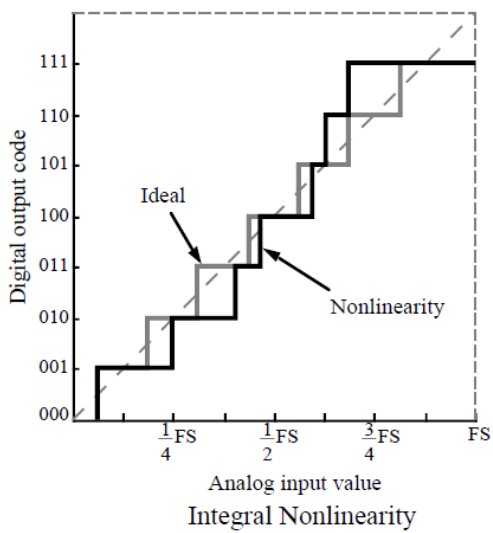
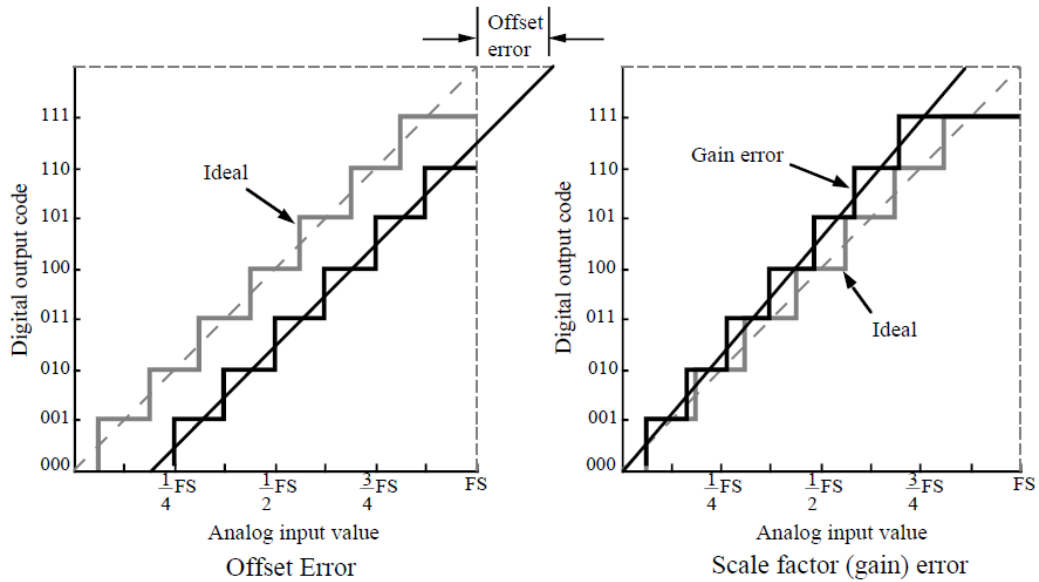
- 1.) Serial.
- 2.) Medium speed.
- 3.) High speed and high performance.
- 4.) New converters and techniques.

#### Characterization of A/D Converters

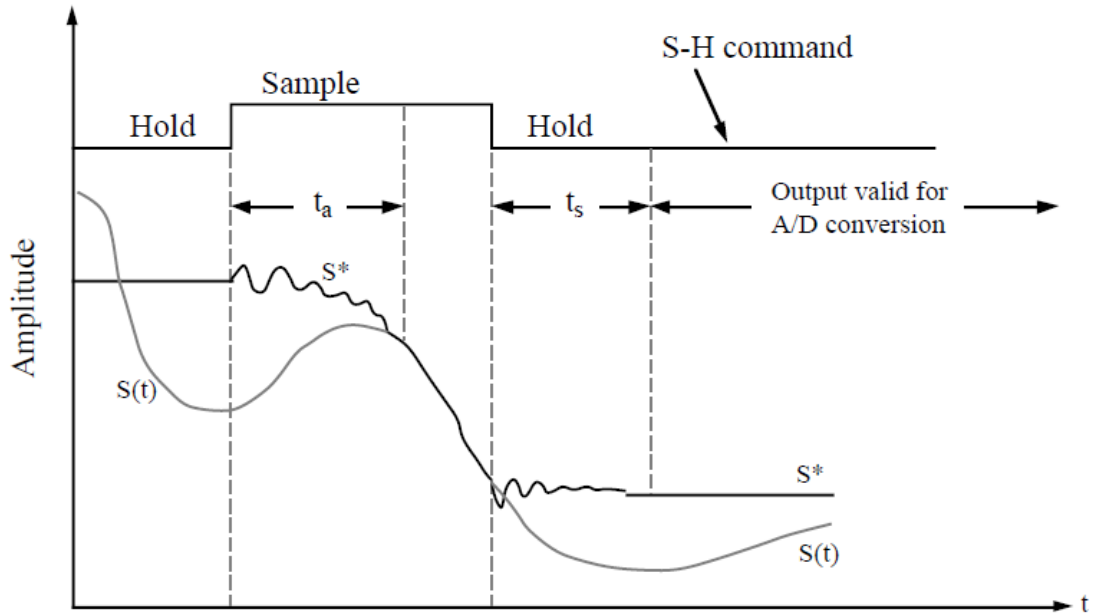
### Ideal Input-Output Characteristics for a 3-bit ADC



## Non-ideal Characteristics of A/D Converters



### Sampled Data Aspect of ADC's



$$T_{\text{sample}} = t_s + t_a$$

$t_a$  = acquisition time

$t_s$  = settling time

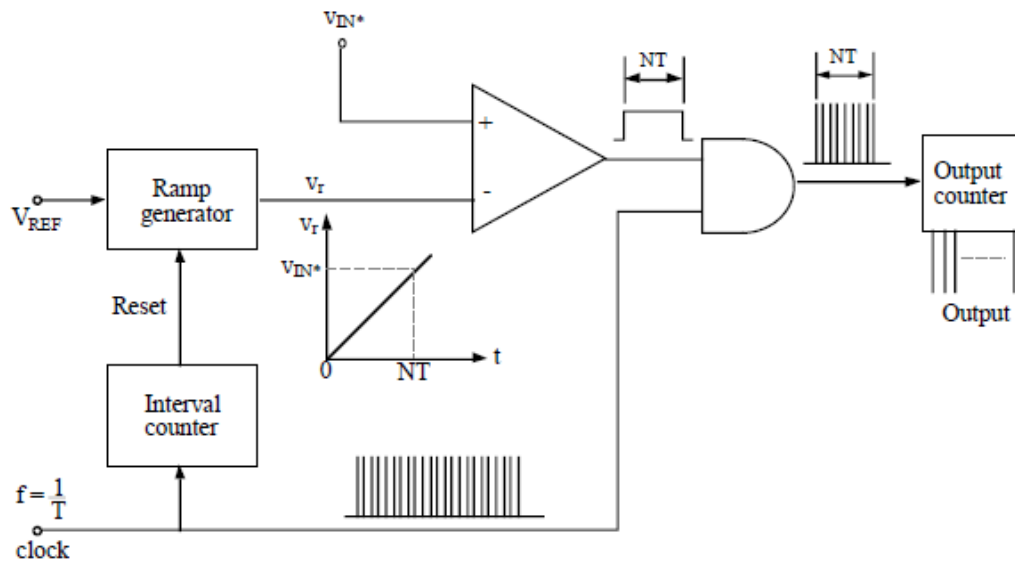
$t_{\text{ADC}}$  = time for ADC to convert analog input to digital word.

Conversion time =  $t_s + t_a + t_{\text{ADC}}$ .

$$\text{Noise} = (kT/C) V^2 \text{ (rms)}$$

## X.7 - SERIAL A/D CONVERTERS

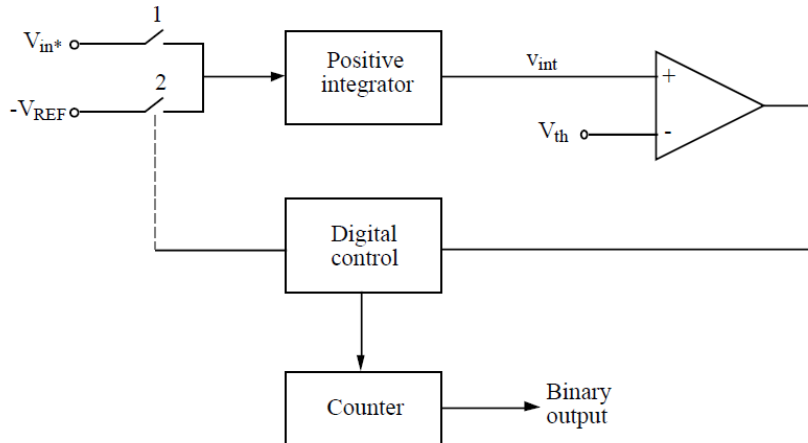
### Single-Slope A/D Converter



- Simplicity of operation
- Subject to error in the ramp generator
- Long conversion times

## Dual Slope, A/D Converter

Block Diagram:



Operation :

- 1.) Initially  $v_{int} = 0$  and  $v_{in}$  is sampled and held ( $V_{in}^* > 0$ ).
- 2.) Reset by integrating until  $v_{int}(0) = V_{th}$ .
- 3.) Integrate  $V_{in}^*$  for  $N_{ref}$  clock cycles to get,

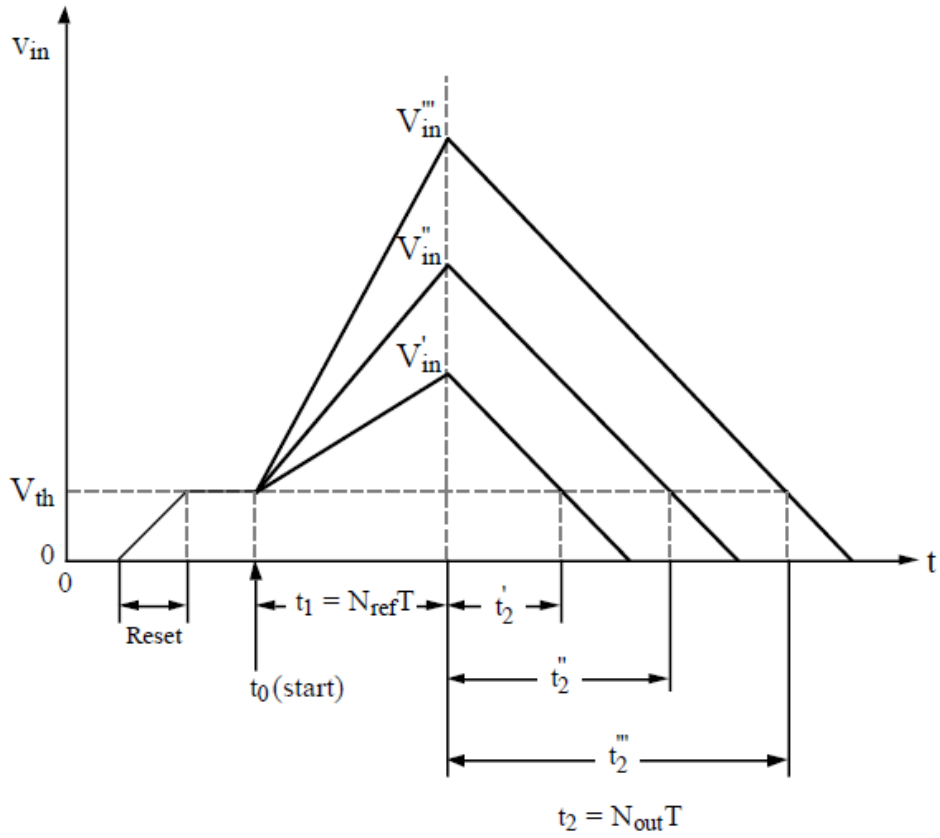
$$v_{int}(t_1) = v_{int}(N_{ref}T) = k \int_0^{N_{ref}T} V_{in}^* dt + v_{int}(0) = kN_{ref}TV_{in}^* + V_{th}$$

- 4.) The Carry Output on the counter is used to switch the integrator from  $V_{in}^*$  to  $-V_{REF}$ . Integrate until  $v_{int}$  is equal to  $V_{th}$  resulting in

$$v_{int}(t_1 + t_2) = v_{int}(t_1) + k \int_{t_1}^{N_{out}T + t_1} -V_{REF} dt = V_{th}$$

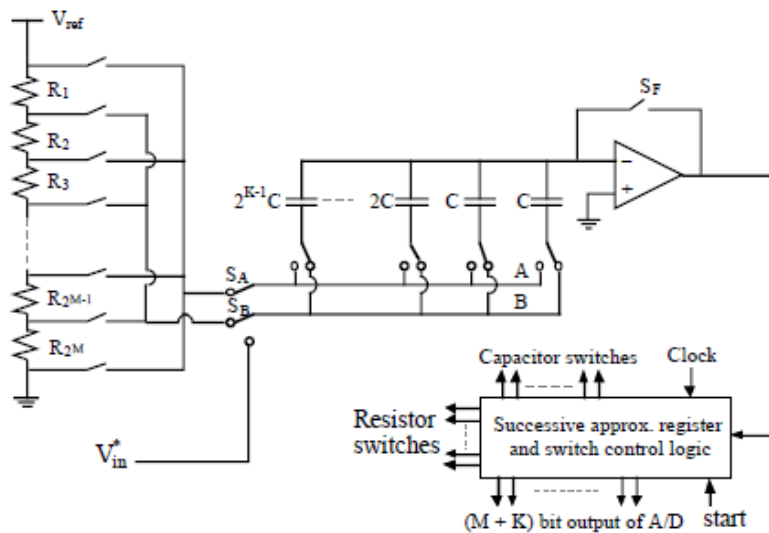
$$\therefore kN_{ref}TV_{in}^* + V_{th} - kV_{REF}N_{out}T = V_{th} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_{REF} \frac{N_{out}}{N_{ref}} = V_{in}^*}$$

**Waveform of the Dual -Slope A/D Converter**



- 1) Very accurate method of A/D conversion.
- 2) Requires a long time  $-2(2N) T$

### A Voltage-Charge Scaling Successive Approximation ADC



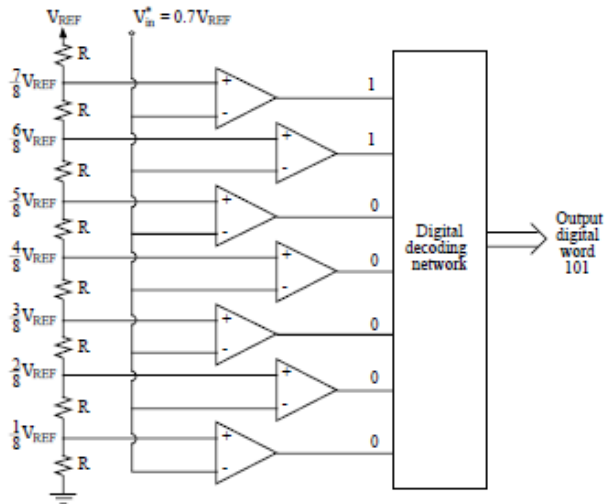
Operation:

- 1.) With  $S_F$  closed, the bottom plates of all capacitors are connected through switch  $S_B$  to  $V_{in}^*$ . (Automatically accounts for voltage offsets).
- 2.) After  $S_F$  is opened, a successive approximation search among the resistor string taps to find the resistor segment in which the stored sample lies.
- 3.) Buses A and B are then connected across this segment and the capacitor bottom plates are switched in a successive approximation sequence until the comparator input voltage converges back to the threshold voltage.

Capable of 12-bit monotonic conversion with a DL of  $\pm 0.5\text{LSB}$  within  $50\mu\text{s}$ .



### FLASH A/D CONVERTER



- Fast conversion time, one clock cycle
- Requires  $2^N-1$  comparators
- Maximum practical bits is 6 or less
- 6 bits at 10 MHz is practical

### SOURCES OF ERRORS IN SA A/D CONVERTERS

1. Quantization in time and amplitude  
Jitter and hysteresis
2. Linear Errors  
Gain and delay
3. Nonlinear Errors  
Harmonic distortion  
Thermal noise

### **Music recording:**

Analog-to-digital converters are integral to current music reproduction technology.

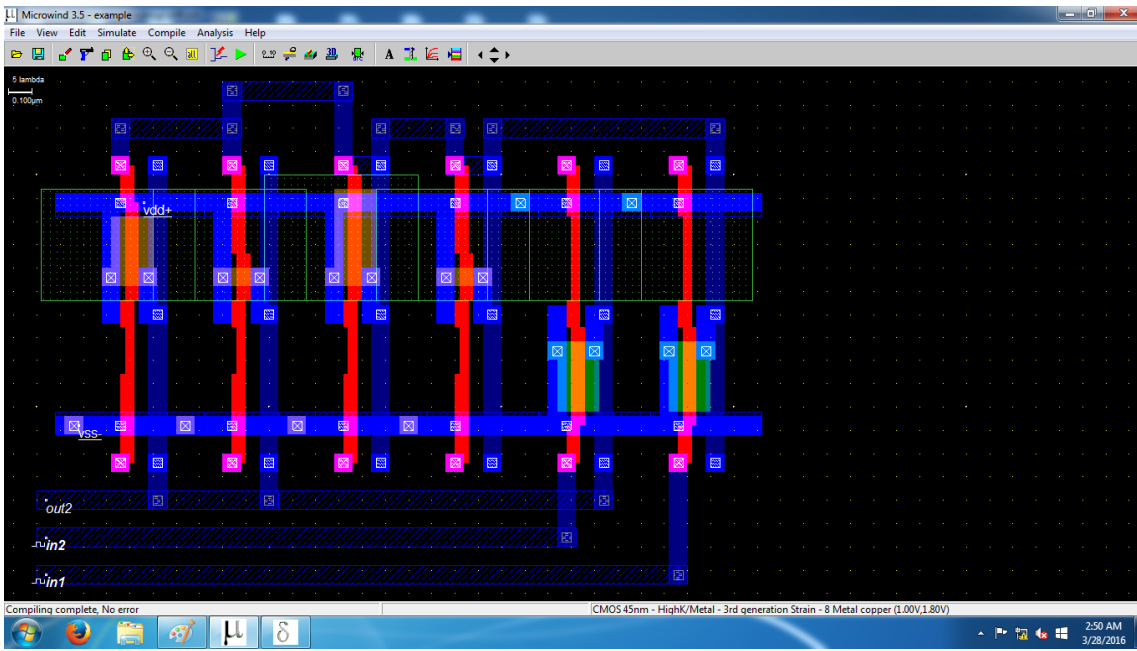
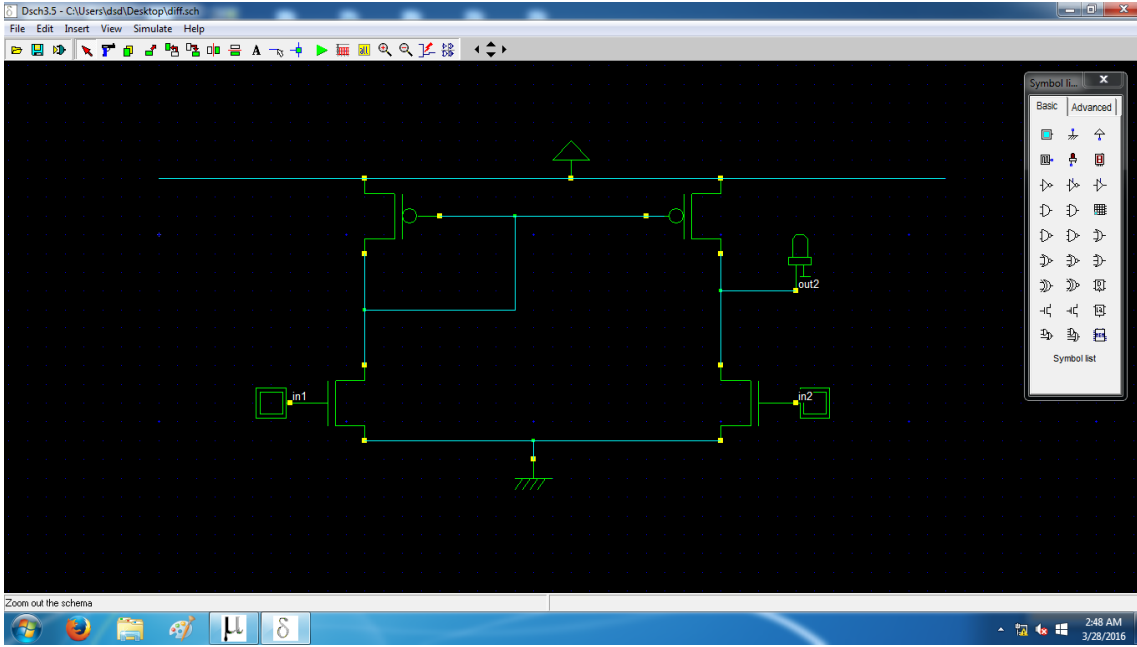
### **Digital signal processing:**

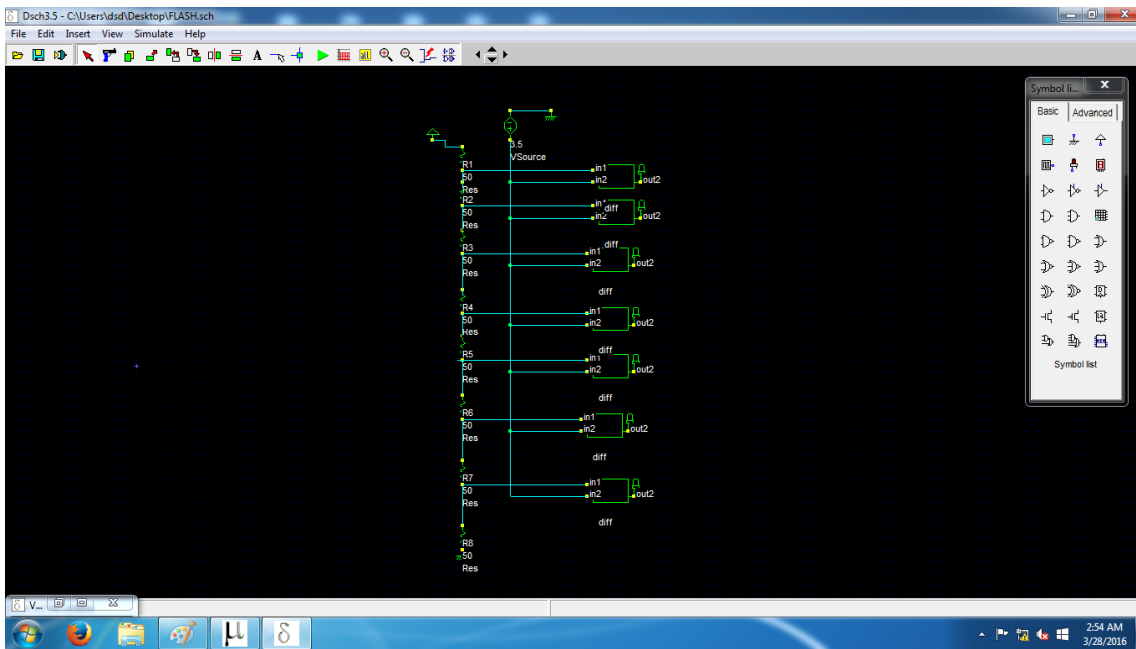
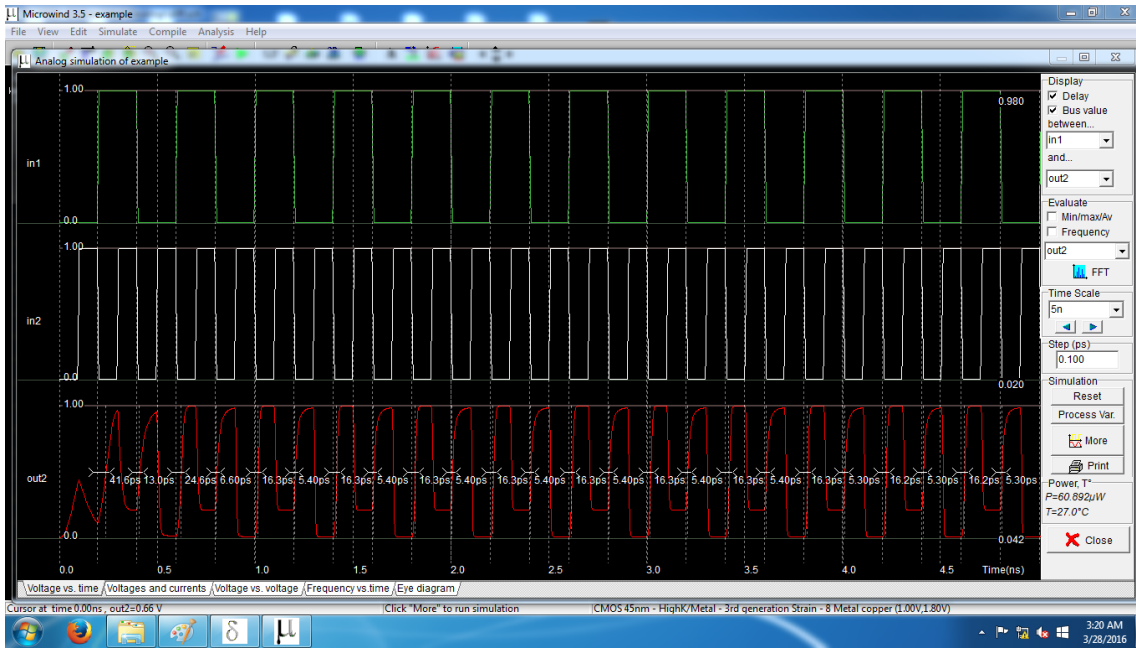
People must use ADCs to process, store, or transport virtually any analog signal in digital form.

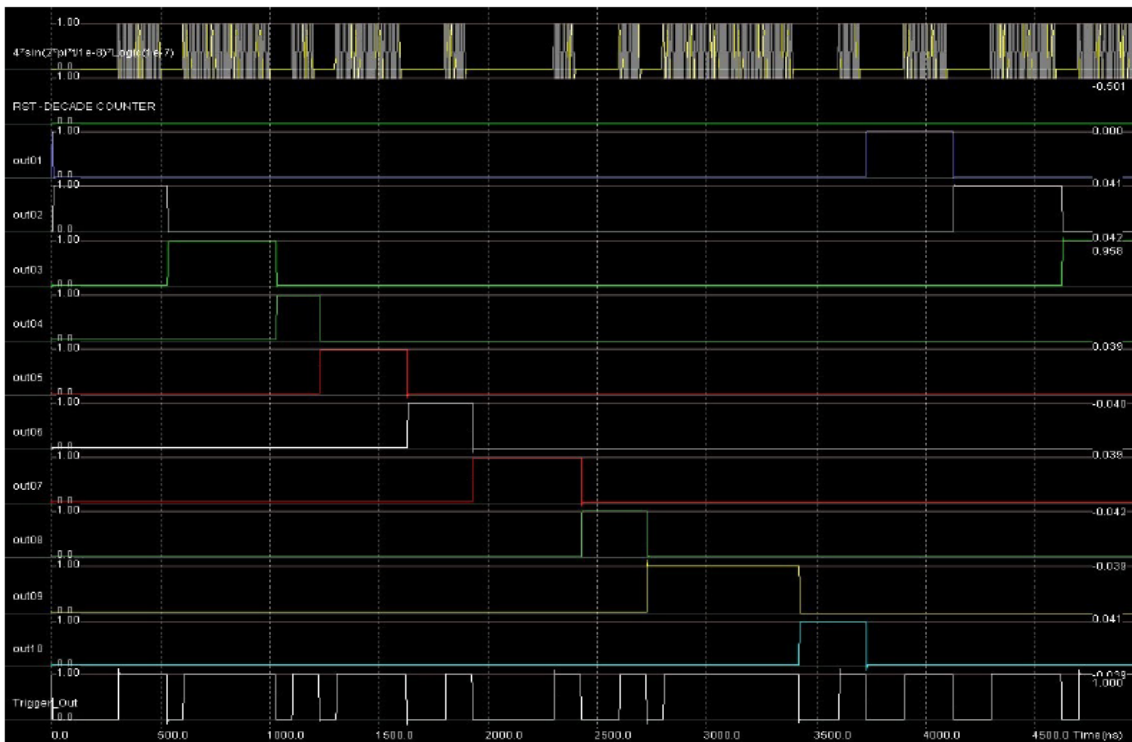
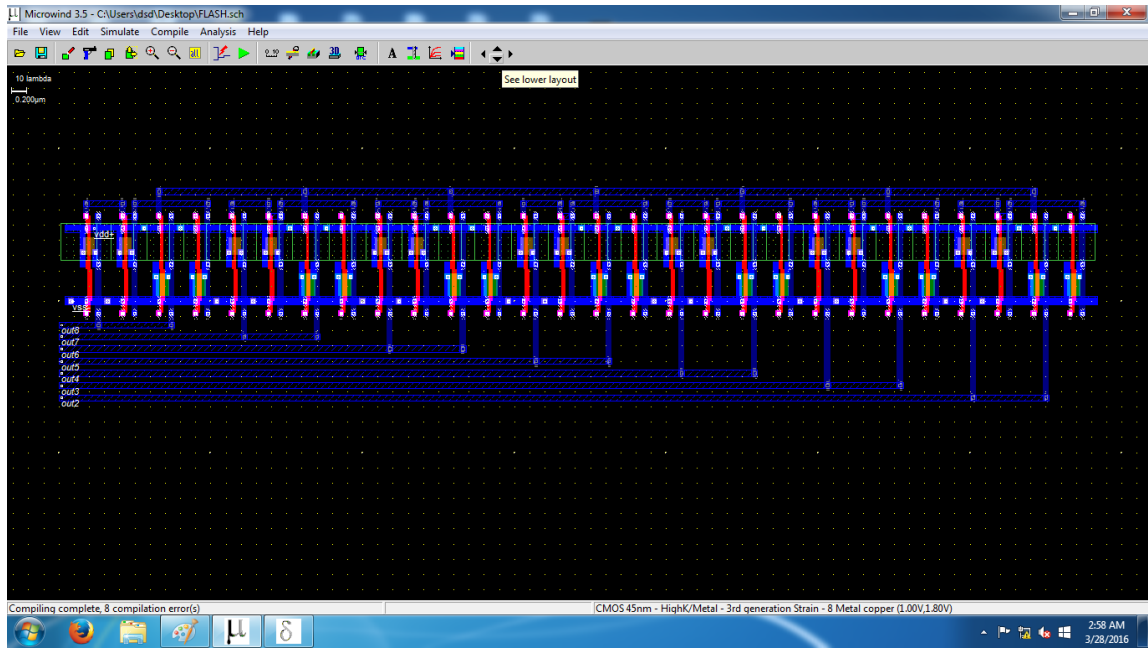
### **Scientific instruments:**

Digital imaging systems commonly use analog-to-digital converters in digitizing pixels.

# Results







## Verilog code

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// DSCH 3.5

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// C:\Users\dsd\Desktop\diff.sch

module diff( in2,in1,out2);

input in2,in1;

output out2;

wire w5;

pmos #(1) pmos_1(out2,vdd,w5); // 0.5u 0.05u

pmos #(2) pmos_2(w5,vdd,w5); // 0.5u 0.05u

nmos #(1) nmos_3(out2,vss,in2); // 0.3u 0.05u

nmos #(2) nmos_4(w5,vss,in1); // 0.3u 0.05u

endmodule

// Simulation parameters in Verilog Format

always

#200 in2=~in2;

#400 in1=~in1;

// Simulation parameters

// in2 CLK 1 1

// in1 CLK 2 2
```

## **Conclusion**

Designing a low power ADC using OP-AMP in Microwind using 180nm technology. It will have supply voltage of 1.8V and power consumption of around 35  $\mu$ W. It will have variance of approximately around 10mW. The OTA adds controllability to the various integrated circuit commonly implemented with conventional OP-AMP. The above OTA has high input impedance and low output impedance, and its size is considerably reduced because there is no need of another circuit for impedance matching. The power consumption of the OTA is also reduced considerably.

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### DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF MUTI-STAGE OTA & ITS APPLICATION USING 180 nm TECHNOLOGY

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**Abstract**—The operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) is an amplifier whose differential input voltage produces an output current. Thus, it is a voltage controlled current source (VCCS). There is usually an additional input for a current to control the amplifier's trans conductance. The OTA is similar to a standard operational amplifier in that it has a high impedance differential input stage and that it may be used with negative feedback. Operational Transconductance Amplifier (OTA) is a Op-amp without an output driver. It is capable of driving small capacitive load. This makes the OTA well suited for pipeline application .The design is based on a fully differential, 1.8V OTA to be used in a pipeline ADC which will have power consumption of about 100mW and will be made in 180nm technology.

#### Software Tools Used

Xylinx, Microwind & DSCH 3.5.

**Keywords**—OTA, VLSI, DIFF AMP, FPGA.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In high performance analog circuit, it is a very challenging task to design a high performance complementary metal oxide semi-conductor, which is used in either ADC or DAC [1]-[2]. As we are dealing with high performance circuit, to meet these requirement both accuracy and fast settling of system is needed, OP-Amp with high DC gain frequency can satisfy both of these requirement [3]. Although a Op-amp with high DC gain satisfy these requirement, but still in many aspects which leads to complementary demands, as the intrinsic gain of many devices are limited.

OTA is an Op-amp without an output driver. It is capable of driving small capacitive load. These makes  $OTA$  a well suitable for pipeline application. The whole procedure is focused on the development of ultra-low power amplifier requiring low silicon area but been able to drive high capacitive load.

Our project consist of three major parts:

- Design of Diff Amp.
- Analysis of Diff Amp.
- Application of Diff Amp and testing result on simulation software's like xylinx, microwind, DSCH 3.5 and executing on FPGA board. (Spartans 3A).

## II. DESIGN DESCRIPTION

The Block diagram of the project is mentioned below in fig-1.

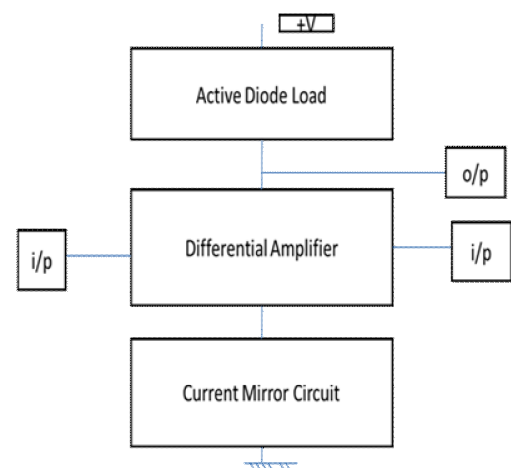


Fig. 1: Block Diagram of Basic OTA.

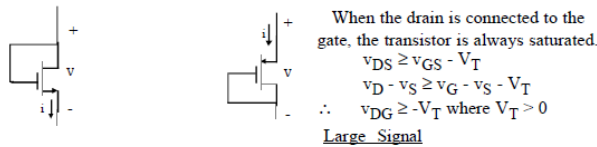
As from the Block diagram above, it is pretty much evident that the project is distributed into the following major sections,

1.Active load:- when resistor is replaced by an active device which acts as a resistor then this is called active load.

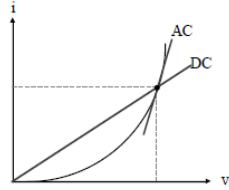
Besides power saving there is additional advantage, because today very large number of circuits are actually in integrated circuit form, in integrated circuits remember one thing that creating one for example, in a unit one mosfet and one resistance is more expensive and it will take more steps for fabrication than two resistors. That means, if we can replace this resistance by a mosfet then the circuit will take two mosfets, but making of two mosfets are in fact, just multiplying in some component is much more economical and convenient in a integrated circuit rather than creating a different element all together resistance and mosfet two are very different elements and two mosfets they are belong to the same category and hence their construction is very simple and more economical.

**MOS ACTIVE RESISTORS**

Realizations



**I-V Characteristics -**



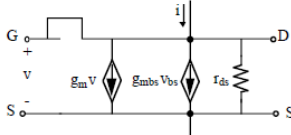
$$i = i_D = \left(\frac{K'W}{2L}\right) [v_{GS} - V_T]^2$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{2} (v_{GS} - V_T)^2, \text{ ignore } \lambda$$

or

$$v = v_{DS} = v_{GS} = V_T + \sqrt{\frac{2i_D}{\beta}}$$

Small signal



If  $V_{BS} = 0$ , then  $R_{OUT} = \frac{v}{i} = \frac{1}{g_M + g_{DS}} = \frac{1}{g_M}$

Fig. 2: Characteristics of Active Load

**2. Differential Amplifier**

A differential amplifier is a type of electronic amplifier that amplifies the difference between two input voltages but suppresses any voltage common to the two inputs. It is an analog circuit with two inputs  $V_{in}^-$  and  $V_{in}^+$  and one output  $V_{out}$  in which the output is ideally proportional to the difference between the two voltages

$$V_{out} = A(V_{in}^+ - V_{in}^-)$$

where  $A$  is the gain of the amplifier.

The differential pair (differential amplifier) configuration

Widely used building block in analog integrated circuit design

- Performance depends critically on the matching of the devices
- Utilizes more components than single-ended circuits
- Well suited for IC fabrication

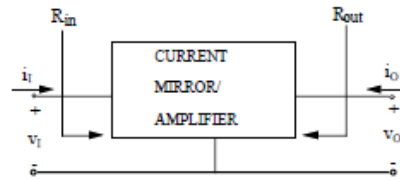
Advantages of using differential pair

- Less sensitive to noise and interference than single-ended circuits
- Bias is provided without the need for bypass and coupling capacitors.

**3. Current mirror.**

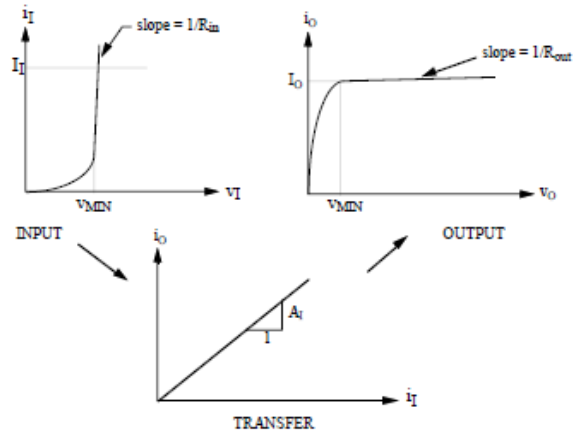
**V.4 - CURRENT MIRRORS/AMPLIFIERS**

What Is A Current Mirror/Amplifier ?



Ideally,  
 $i_O = A_I i_I$   
 $R_{in} = 0$     $R_{out} = \infty$

**Graphical Characterization**



**III. FPGA (FIELD PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY)**

Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) are highly flexible, reprogrammable logic devices that leverage advanced CMOS manufacturing technologies, similar to



other industry-leading processors and processor peripherals. Like processors and peripherals, Xilinx FPGAs are fully user programmable. For FPGAs, the program is called a *configuration bit stream*, which defines the FPGA's functionality. The bit stream loads into the FPGA at system power-up or upon demand by the system. The process whereby the defining data is loaded or programmed into the FPGA is called *configuration*. Configuration is designed to be flexible to accommodate different application needs and, wherever possible, to leverage existing system resources to minimize system costs. Similar to microprocessors, Xilinx FPGAs optionally load or boot themselves automatically from an external non-volatile memory device. Alternatively, similar to microprocessor peripherals, Spartan-3 generation FPGAs can be downloaded or Programmed by an external "smart agent", such as a microprocessor, DSP processor, microcontroller, PC, or board tester. In either case, the configuration data path is either serial to minimize pin requirements or byte-wide for maximum performance or for easier interfaces to processors or to byte-wide Flash memory. Similar to both processors and processor peripherals, Xilinx FPGAs can be reprogrammed, in system, on demand, an unlimited number of times. After configuration, the FPGA configuration bitstream is stored in highly robust CMOS configuration latches (CCLs). Although CCLs are reprogrammable like SRAM memory, CCLs are designed primarily for data integrity, not for performance. The data stored in CCLs is written only during configuration and remains static unless changed by another configuration event.

This user guide provides both an introduction to the configuration options available to the user, and a detailed description of the configuration logic. This user guide includes the Extended Spartan-3A family, which includes the Spartan-3A, Spartan-3AN, and Spartan- 3A DSP platforms. The user guide also includes the earlier Spartan-3 and Spartan-3E families. Together, these families are sometimes referred to as the Spartan-3 generation. Most basic configuration features are

similar between the families, and differences are noted where necessary.

## IV. SOFTWARE

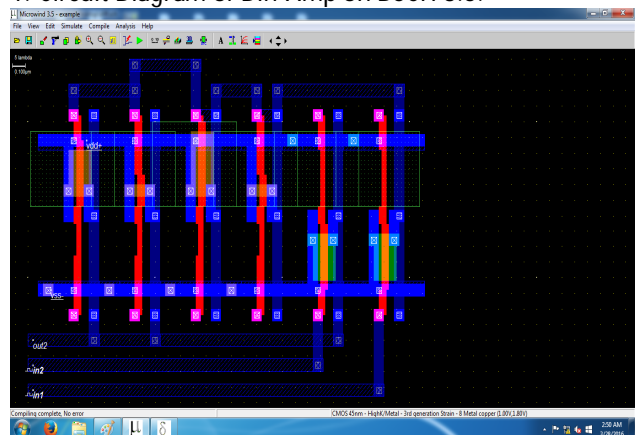
Mircowind is truly integrated software encompassing IC designs from concept to completion, enabling chip designer to design beyond their imagination. Mircowind integrates traditionally separated frontend and backend chip design into an integrated flow, accelerating the design cycle and reducing the design complexities.

This software allows the designer to simulate and design an integrated circuit at physical description level. Mircowind unifies schematic entry, pattern based simulator, SPICE extraction of schematic Verilog extractor, layout compilation, on layout mix-signal circuit simulation, cross sectional and 3D viewer, netlist extraction, to deliver unmatched design performance & productivity.

## V. RESULTS

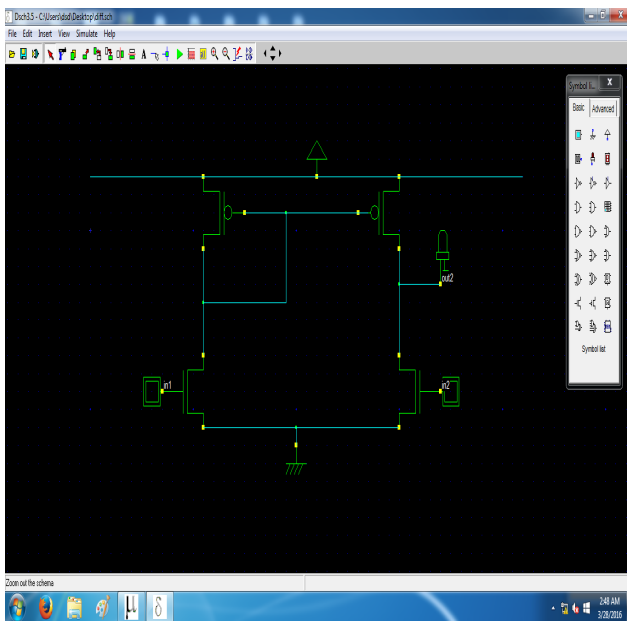
Simulation which were done on softwares like DSCH and microwind, the results of the Diff Amp are shown below:

### 1. Circuit Diagram of Diff Amp on DSCH 3.5.



## 2. Layout of Diff Amp on microwind.

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## 3. Output Graph of OTA on Microwind.



## VI. CONCLUSIONS

Design a low power ADC using OTA in Microwind using 180nm technology. It will have a supply voltage of 1.8V and a power consumption of around 100µW. It will have a variance of approximately around 10mW.

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## **ABSTRACT**

The operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) is an amplifier whose differential input voltage produces an output current. Thus, it is a voltage controlled current source (VCCS). There is usually an additional input for a current to control the amplifier's transconductance. The OTA is similar to a standard operational amplifier in that it has a high impedance differential input stage and that it may be used with negative feedback. Operational Transconductance Amplifier (OTA) is a Op-amp without an output driver. It is capable of driving small capacitive load. This makes the OTA well suited for pipeline application. We are designing a fully differential, 1.8V OTA to be used in a pipeline ADC which will have power consumption of about 100mW and will be made in 180nm technology.

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