

ELE523E Computational Nanoelectronics

FINAL PROJECT

Deadline: Monday, 24/01/2022, 13:30

Grading: 60%, 30%, 10% (Students select which question having which grade)

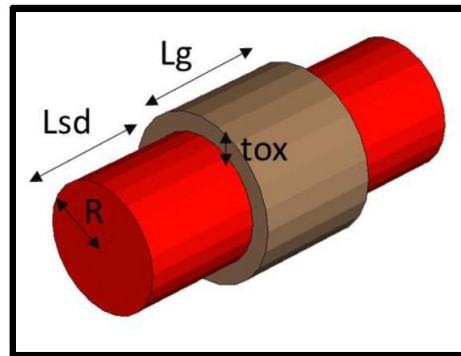
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Collaboration is not permitted

Late submissions will be downgraded

1. REALIZING A GAA TRANSISTOR

In this project, the below n-type gate all around (GAA) transistor is implemented using a device physics program, preferably Sentaurus TCAD.



The device has the following properties:

- Channel (under gate (G)) doping is between 10^{15} and 10^{17} cm^{-3} .
- Source/Drain (S/D) doping is between 10^{19} and 10^{21} cm^{-3}
- Dielectric thickness (t_{ox}) is between 1 and 4 nm
- Dielectric material is SiO₂ or HfO₂
- Radius (R) is between 4 and 7 nm
- Channel length (L) is between 10 and 14 nm
- Supply voltage (VD) is 0.8V

a) Design the device by determining all of the above parameters to satisfy the following specs:

- Threshold voltage (VT) is at most 0.2V
- ION is at least 20uA
- ION/IOFF is at least 50000

b) Report ID-VG (VD=0.1 and VD=0.8) and ID-VD (VG=0.8) curves. Determine the Spice Level 1 parameters shown below. Also estimate CGS and CGD linear capacitors by averaging the TCAD data.

Cut-off: $v_{GS} < V_{tn}$,

$$i_D = 0$$

Triode: $v_{GS} > V_{tn}, v_{DS} \leq v_{GS} - V_{tn}$

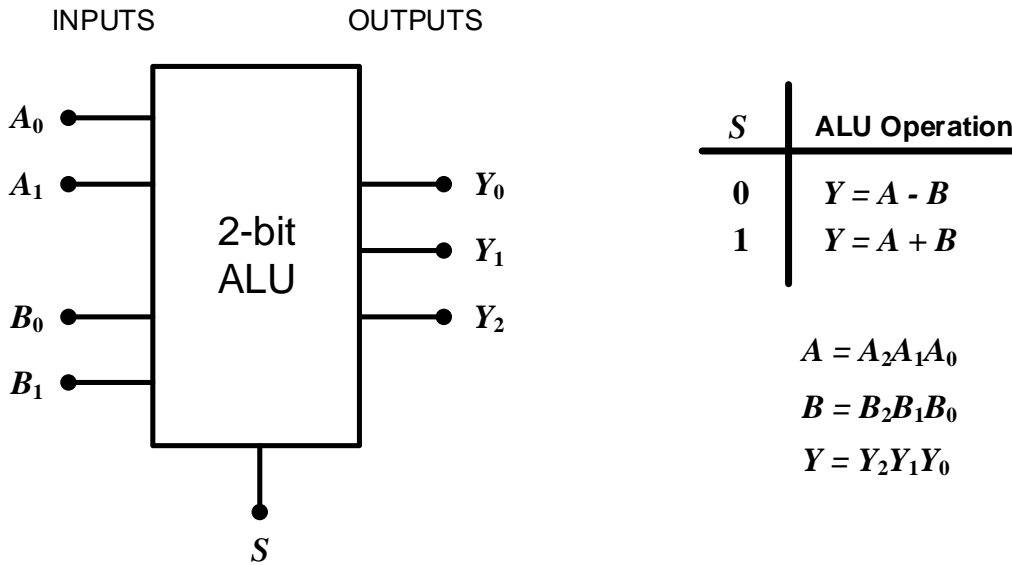
$$i_D = \frac{1}{2} k'_n \frac{W}{L} [2v_{DS}(v_{GS} - V_{tn}) - v_{DS}^2]$$

Saturation: $v_{GS} > V_{tn}, v_{DS} \geq v_{GS} - V_{tn}$

$$i_D = \frac{1}{2} k'_n \frac{W}{L} (v_{GS} - V_{tn})^2 (1 + \lambda v_{DS})$$

2. DESIGNING A 2-BIT DETERMINISTIC ALU

Consider a 2-bit arithmetic logic unit (ALU) shown below. The ALU works as a 2-bit binary subtractor and adder if $S=0$ and $S=1$, respectively. For subtractor operation $B \geq A$ is a restricted case that should result in $Y_2=1$; otherwise $Y_2=0$. As an example, $S=0$, $A=11$ and $B=01$ results in $Y=010$. For adder operation Y_2 is the **carry-out** output. As an example, $S=1$, $A=11$ and $B=01$ results in $Y=100$.



2-bit arithmetic logic unit (ALU)

In this project, the above ALU is implemented with nano arrays. The ALU **circuit area cost function** is defined as follows: **cost function** = $25 \times (\text{number of separate nano arrays} - 1) + (\text{number of total crosspoints})$. For example, if you use 2 separate 8×5 nanoarrays, each having 40 crosspoints, then the value of the cost function is $25 + 80 = 105$.

- a) Implement the ALU with **reconfigurable two-terminal FET based** nano arrays with **minimizing** the cost function value. You are allowed to directly use variables (x) and their negations (\bar{x}) as inputs. **Test your circuit implementation** for input assignments ($S=1$, $A=11$, $B=10$) and ($S=0$, $A=11$, $B=10$); show explicitly that your circuit gives the correct result.
 - Note that pull-up and pull-down networks should be implemented by separate nano arrays. Wires or lines connecting these networks/arrays should be neglected for the cost calculation.

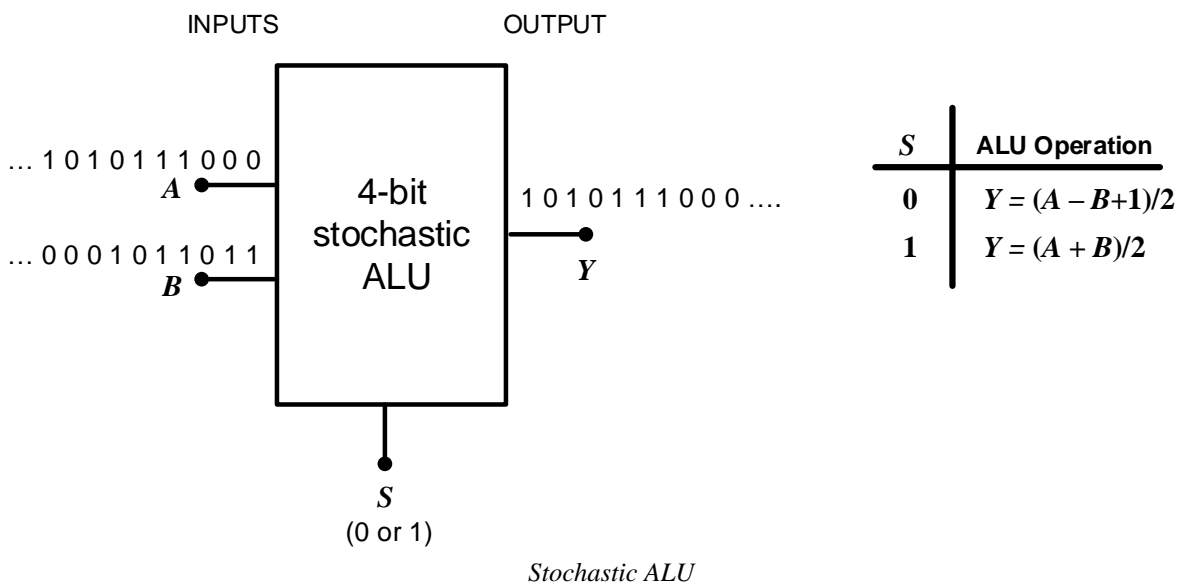
Suppose that each probable FET in each crosspoint, both in pull-up and pull-down networks) has **stuck-at ON fault** with an independent **fault probability of $\epsilon=0.2$** . Note that a faulty FET has **shorted** source and drain terminals. Suppose that wires or lines connecting the pull-up and pull-down networks are fault-free.

- b) Without increasing the area, develop a reconfiguration-based technique/algorithm to tolerate faults. Try to **maximize the success rate**. Find the accuracy or success rate of your algorithm by generating a fault map and running your algorithm at least 100 times. Also **minimize the runtime**; it should be under 5 minutes.
- c) Use **triple modular redundancy (TMR)** in order to improve your success rate calculated in b). You basically use 3 replicas of the circuit designed in a), and a voter circuit to be designed with a FET based nano array followed by running the algorithm designed in b). Is the improvement satisfactorily and as expected? Justify your answer.

3. DESIGNING A 4-BIT STOCHASTIC ALU

Implement a stochastic 4-bit arithmetic logic unit (ALU). The ALU should have two input bit streams A and B representing two binary fractions from $(0.0000)_2 = 0/16$, $(0.0001)_2 = 1/16$, $(0.0010)_2 = 2/16$, ..., $(0.1110)_2 = 14/16$, $(0.1111)_2 = 15/16$ such that $A > B$. The ALU should have a select input S that is 0 or 1, and a output bit stream Y representing a binary fraction from $(0.00000)_2 = 0/32$, $(0.00001)_2 = 1/32$, ..., $(0.11101)_2 = 29/32$, $(0.11110)_2 = 30/32$. ALU's output evaluates **the inputs' average** sum or difference. As an example, $S=0$, $A=0.1010$ and $B=0.1001$ results in $Y=0.1001 = (0.1010 - 0.1001 + 1)/2$ for the output. For each of the input assignments, error at the output is defined as follows: **Error** = $\frac{\text{round}(|32 \times (z - z_{\text{exp}})|)}{32 \times z_{\text{exp}}}$ where z and z_{exp} represent real and ideal (expected) output probabilities, respectively – “round” operation rounds a decimal number to the nearest integer. For example, if you apply inputs $0.1011=11/16$, $0.0011=3/16$, and $S=1$ to your circuit then it gives you the output probability $0.45=14.4/32$. For this case $z=14.4/32$ and $z_{\text{exp}}=14/32$, so **Error** = $\frac{\text{round}(0.4)}{14} = 0$.

For the ALU, **the computing time cost function** is defined as follows: cost function = (number of bits in input bit streams) \times (number of logic gates). For example, if you use 6 gates and bit streams having 32 bits then the value of the cost function is 192.



- a) Implement the above stochastic ALU with using only **NAND-2**, **NOR-2**, and **NOT** logic gates. You are also **allowed** to use a stochastic input with $p=1/2$. For the input assignment $S=0$, $A=0.1110$, and $B=0.0110$, **minimize the cost function** and find its value while meeting the average error value of **1%** (or less). Note that bit streams are generated using **random shuffling**, so the desired input stream values are always met.

Evaluate your ALU in an image processing application of Sobel edge detector. A renowned image “LENA” is used for evaluations; [click here](#) to download. The image has a size of 350×275 and its each pixel has a value between 0 and 255 (binary 1111111₂).

- b) Apply a **conventional Sobel filter** to the image by directly using the technique [given here](#). Round the final pixel values to the nearest integers. Show the image with edges.
- c) Apply a **stochastic Sobel filter** to the image by using the ALU designed in a) for all adding and subtracting operations. For all (+) and (-) operations in the implementation

of the filter, you are supposed to the ALU. Suppose that bit streams have $n=510$ bits. Each pixel has an independent Binomial distribution with a mean as the pixel's value over 255. Note that n is the number of trials in binomial distribution. For example, $n=510$ and a pixel value of 124 correspond to a bit stream such that each of its 510 bits is 1 with a probability p of 124/255. Note that bit streams are generated using **random assigning**, so the desired input stream values can not be met. Obtain the image and calculate peak signal-to-noise ratio (**PSNR**) in comparison with the image obtained in **b**). Justify your answer.