

Macromodels

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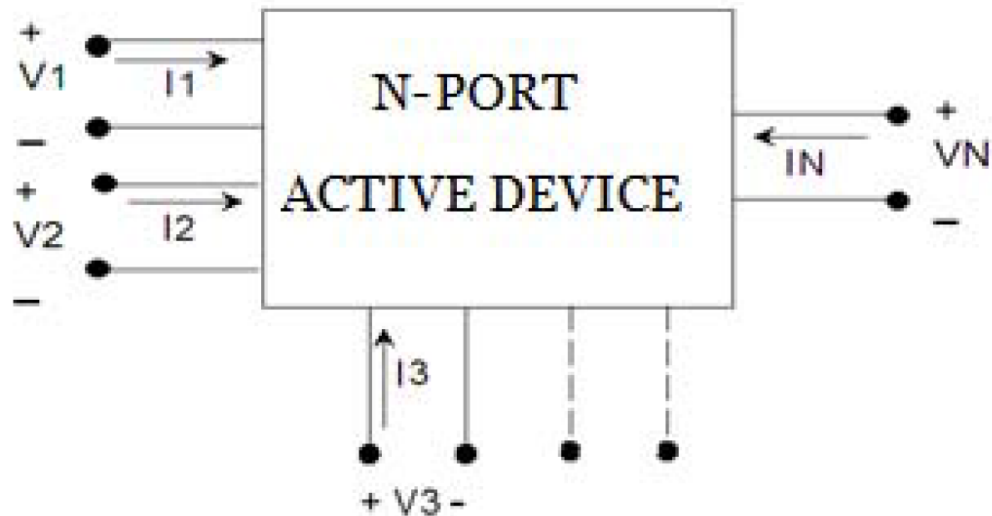
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- Macromodels for other type active elements
 - Operational Transconductance Amplifiers
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 - Macromodels for FTFN

Macromodels, Concept

- Nonlinear equivalent circuits of a device consisting of reduced number of diodes and transistors, linear circuit elements such as dependent and independent current and voltage sources, resistors, capacitors and inductors.
- The aim of macromodeling is to obtain a circuit model of an IC or a portion of an IC with reduced complexity providing less costly simulation time, or to permit the simulation of larger IC'S or IC systems without convergence problem.

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Nonlinear N-port Active Device

- The current-voltage relations of the active device is given as

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \cdot \\ I_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N) \\ f_2(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N) \\ \cdot \\ f_N(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

The general model of a nonlinear device must represent with sufficient accuracy the variations of the device characteristics with the terminal currents and voltages for every operating region.

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- Because of the large number of active devices in large-scale IC systems, the analysis can surpass simulator circuit-size capability, or cause numerical problems.
- Even if an adequate simulator and computer are available, the required simulation time makes the analysis impractical.
- Convergence problem.

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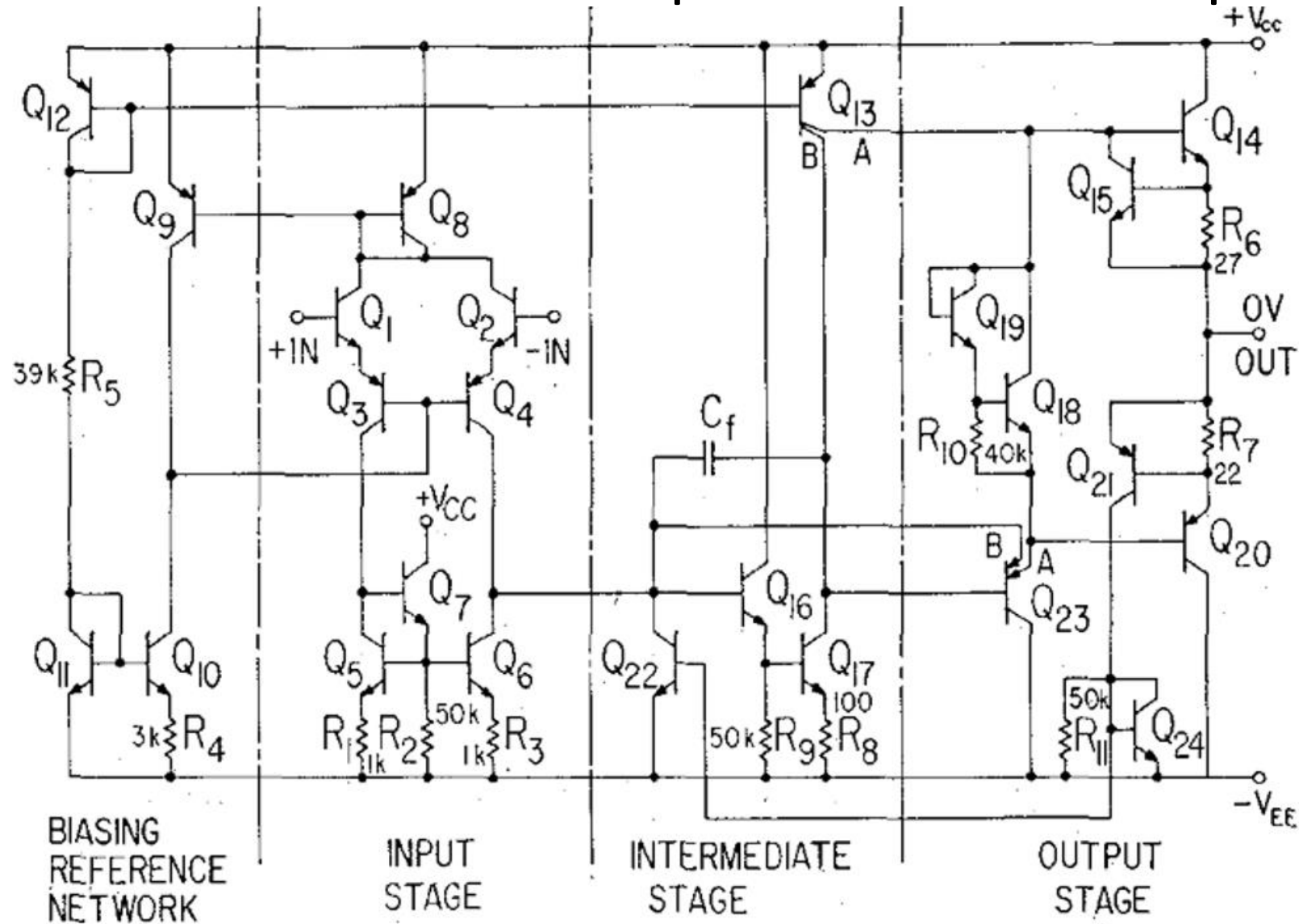
- One solution to this problem:
- macromodels
- A good macromodel fulfills two contradictory requirements:
- As simple as possible
- Simulate circuits with maximum possible accuracy

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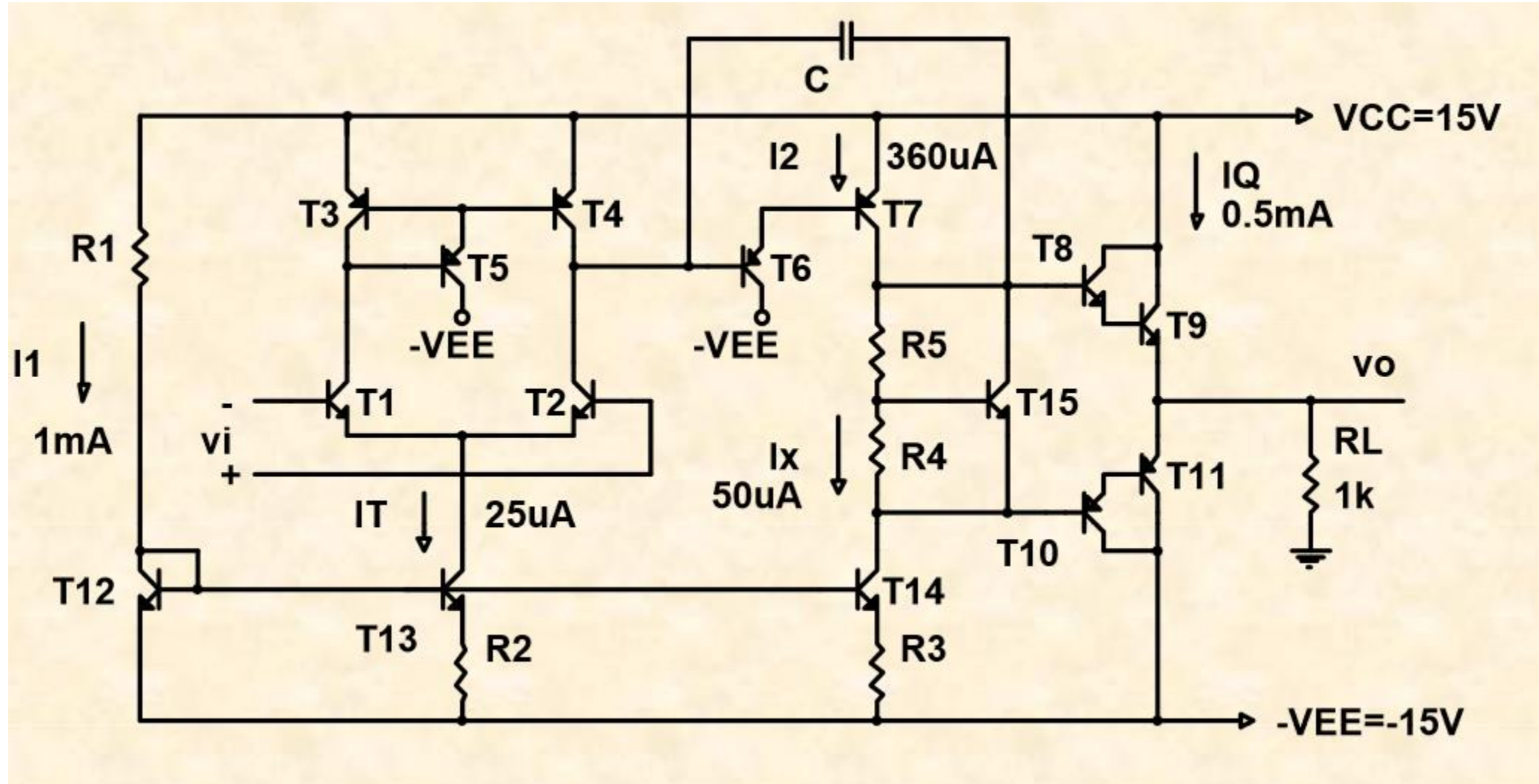
- Resorting to macromodels instead of device level models is a widely used strategy
- Reducing high computation time required when simulating complex systems with device models.

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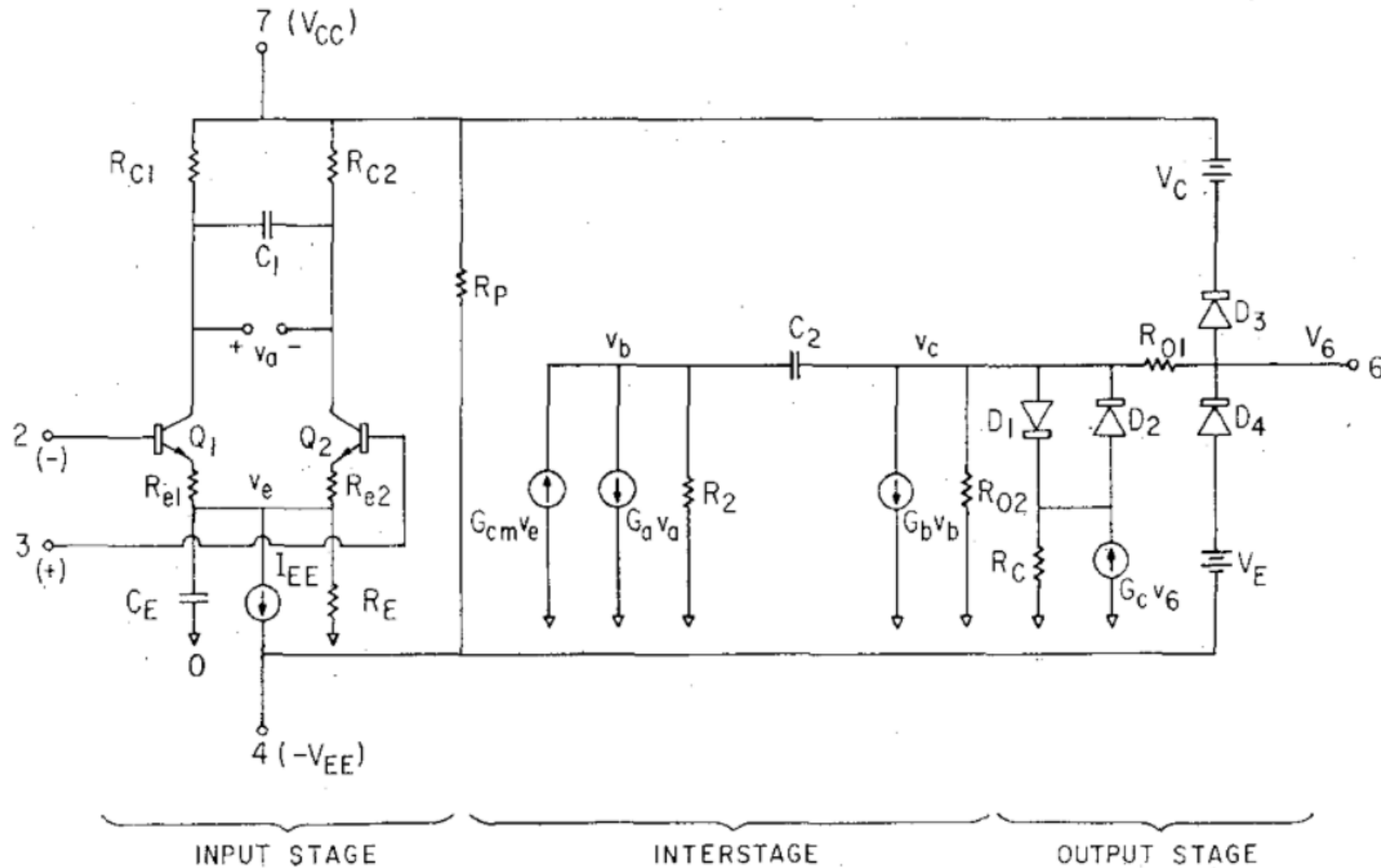
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The circuit of Fig. 1 is subdivided into three stages.

The input stage consists of ideal transistors Q1 and Q2 and the associated sources and passive elements,

This stage produces the necessary linear and nonlinear differential-mode (DM) and common-mode (CM) input characteristics.

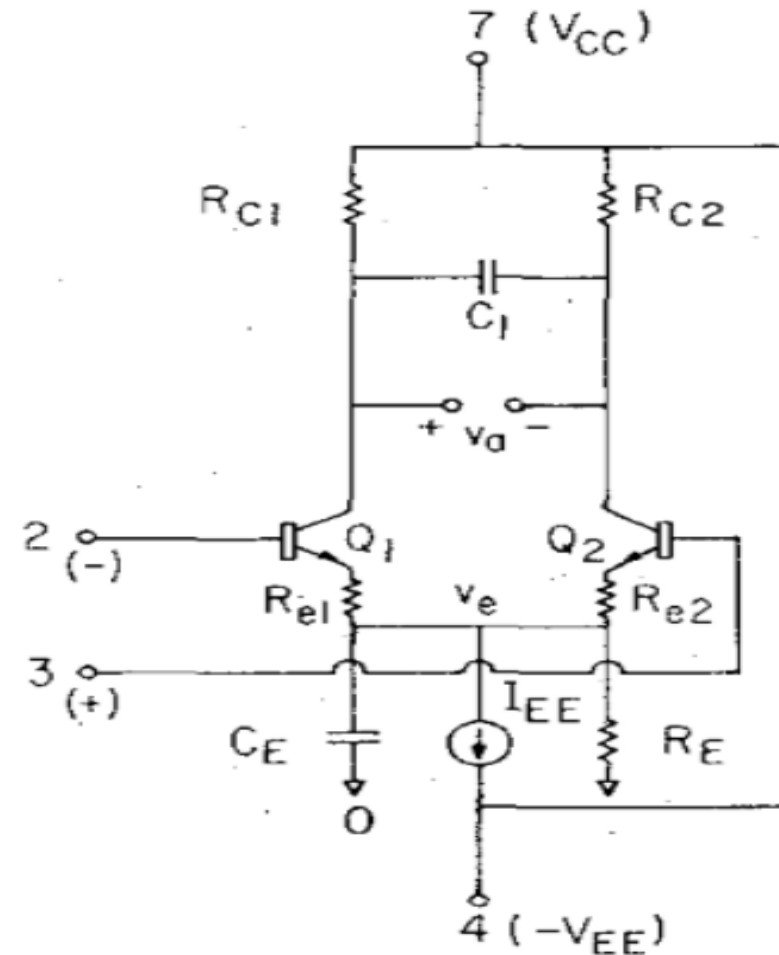
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For convenience, the stage is designed for unity voltage gain.

The stage can be designed to provide desired voltage and current offsets.

the capacitor C_E is used to introduce a second-order effect for the slew rate [4],

the capacitor C_1 introduces a second-order effect to the phase response.



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- The DM and CM voltage gains of the op amp are provided by the linear interstage and output stage elements consisting of G_m , G_a , R_2 , G_b , and R_{o2} .
- The dominant time constant of the op amp is produced with the internal feedback capacitor C_2

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- The output stage provides the proper dc and ac output resistance of the op amp.
- The elements D1, D2, R_c, and GC produce the desired maximum short-circuit current.
- The elements D3, V_c and D4 V_E are voltage-clamp circuits to produce the desired maximum voltage swing.

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- The circuit model has been developed using two basic macromodeling techniques:
 - simplification and build-up.
- In the simplification technique, representative portions of op amp circuitry are successively simplified by using simple ideal elements to replace numerous real elements.

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- In the build-up technique, a circuit configuration composed of ideal elements is proposed to meet certain external circuit specifications without necessarily resembling a portion of an actual op amp circuit configuration.
- The build-up technique is employed in the development of the output stage.

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Design Equations for the Op AMP Maromodel

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q} = 25.85 \text{ mV for } 300 \text{ K}$$

$$I_{S1} = I_{SD3} = I_{SD4} = 8 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}$$

$$R_2 = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I_{C1} = I_{C2} = \frac{C_2}{2} S_R^+$$

$$C_E = \frac{2I_{C1}}{S_R^-} - C_2$$

$$I_{B1} = I_B + \frac{I_{Bos}}{2}$$

$$I_{B2} = I_B - \frac{I_{Bos}}{2}$$

$$\beta_1 = I_{C1}/I_{B1}$$

$$\beta_2 = I_{C2}/I_{B2}$$

$$I_{EE} = \left(\frac{\beta_1 + 1}{\beta_1} + \frac{\beta_2 + 1}{\beta_2} \right) I_{C1}$$

$$R_E = 200/I_{EE}$$

$$R_{e1} = \left(\frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{\beta_1 + \beta_2 + 2} \right) \left(R_{C1} - \frac{1}{g_{m1}} \right)$$

$$C_1 = \frac{C_2}{2} \tan \Delta\phi$$

$$R_p = (V_{CC} + V_{EE})^2 / (P_d - V_{CC}(2I_{C1}) - V_{EE}I_{EE})$$

$$G_a = 1/R_{e1}$$

$$G_{cm} = \frac{1}{R_{e1} (\text{CMRR})}$$

$$R_{01} = R_{0-ao}$$

$$R_{02} = R_{out} - R_{01}$$

$$G_b = \frac{a_{VD}R_{c1}}{R_2R_{02}}$$

$$I_X = (2I_{C1})G_bR_2 - I_{SC}$$

$$I_{SD1} = I_{SD2} = I_X \exp - \frac{R_{01}I_{SC}}{V_T}$$

$$R_C = \frac{V_T}{100I_X} \ln \frac{I_X}{I_{SD1}}$$

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$$I_{S2} = I_{S1} \left(1 + \frac{V_{os}}{V_T} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{g_{m1}} = V_T / I_{C1}$$

$$R_{c1} = 1 / 2\pi f_{0\text{ dB}} C_2$$

$$G_C = 1 / R_C$$

$$V_C = V_{CC} - V_{\text{out}^+} + V_T \ln \frac{I_{SC}^+}{I_{SD3}}$$

$$V_E = V_{CC} + V_{\text{out}^-} + V_T \ln \frac{I_{SC}^-}{I_{SD4}}$$

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The Input Stage: I_{C1} and C_E

The value of the necessary collector current of the first stage is established by the slew rate of the op amp. If the op amp is connected as a voltage follower, the positive going slew rate S_{R+} is

$$S_{R+} = \frac{2I_{C1}}{C_2} \quad I_{C1} = \frac{1}{2}C_2 S_{R+} \quad I_{C2} = I_{C1}$$

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The negative going slew rate S_R^- is smaller

$$S_R^- = \frac{2I_{C1}}{C_2 + C_E} \quad C_E = \frac{2I_{C1}}{S_R^-} - C_2$$

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The Transistor Parameters, offset voltage and current

$$I_{B1} = I_B + \frac{I_{Bos}}{2}, \quad I_{B2} = I_B - \frac{I_{Bos}}{2}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{I_{C1}}{I_{B1}}, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{I_{C2}}{I_{B2}}$$

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The Transistor Parameters, offset voltage and current

$$V_{os} = V_{BE1} - V_{BE2}$$

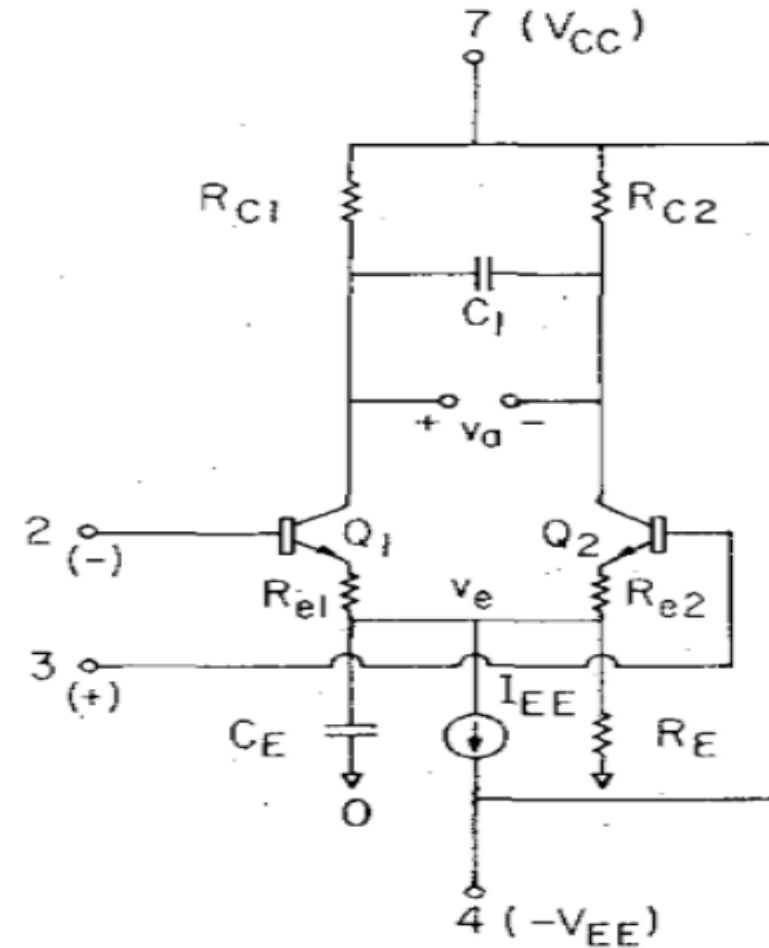
$$= V_T \ln \frac{I_{S1}}{I_{S2}}$$

$$I_{S2} = I_{S1} \exp \frac{V_{os}}{V_T} \cong I_{S1} \left[1 + \frac{V_{os}}{V_T} \right]$$

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The Input Stage: R_{c1} and R_{e1}
The corner frequency can be estimated using a Miller effect approximation in the interior stage.

$$f_{3 \text{ dB}} \approx \frac{1}{2\pi R_2 C_2 (1 + G_b R_{02})}$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{2\pi R_2 C_2 G_b R_{02}}$$



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The DM voltage gain at very low frequencies

$$a_{VD} = (G_a R_2)(G_b R_{02})$$

G_a is chosen to be equal to $1/R_{c1}$

$$f_{0 \text{ dB}} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{c1} C_2}$$

$$R_{c1} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{0 \text{ dB}} C_2}$$

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R_{e1} is found from the DM voltage gain of the first stage,

$$\frac{v_a}{v_{in}} = \frac{\beta_1 R_{c1} + \beta_2 R_{c2}}{\frac{\beta_1}{g_{m1}} + (\beta_1 + 1)R_{e1} + \frac{\beta_2}{g_{m2}} + (\beta_2 + 1)R_{e2}} = 1.$$

If $I_{C1} = I_{C2}$, then $g_{m1} = g_{m2}$. If also $R_{c1} = R_{c2}$ and $R_{e1} = R_{e2}$,

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R_{e1} is found from the DM voltage gain of the first stage,

$$R_{e1} = \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{\beta_1 + \beta_2 + 2} \left[R_{c1} - \frac{1}{g_{m1}} \right]$$

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The resistor R_E is added to provide a finite CM input resistance.

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To introduce excess phase effects in the DM amplifier response, another capacitor C_1 is added in the input stage. The second pole of the DM gain function is located at

$$p_2 = -1/2R_{c1}C_1$$

$$\phi_m = 90^\circ - \Delta\phi \quad C_1 = \frac{C_2}{2} \tan \Delta\phi$$

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To model the actual dc power dissipation of an op amp, a resistor R_p is introduced into the macromodel.

$$P_d = V_{CC}2I_{C1} + V_{EE}I_{EE} + \frac{(V_{CC} + V_{EE})^2}{R_p}$$

$$R_p = \frac{(V_{CC} + V_{EE})}{P_d - V_{CC}2I_{C1} - V_{EE}I_{EE}}$$

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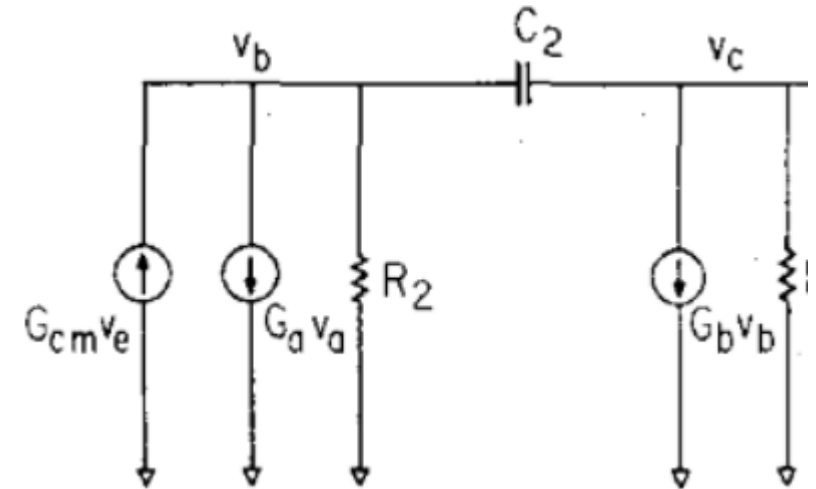
The Interstage: G_a , R_2 , and G_{cm}

CM voltage gain from the input to V_b is

$$\frac{v_{bCM}}{v_{inCM}} \cong G_{cm}R_2$$

DM voltage gain from the input to V_b is

$$\frac{v_{bDM}}{v_{inDM}} = G_a R_2 = \frac{1}{R_{c1}} R_2$$



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$$\text{CMRR} = \frac{a_{VD}}{a_{VC}} = \frac{1}{R_{c1}G_{cm}}$$

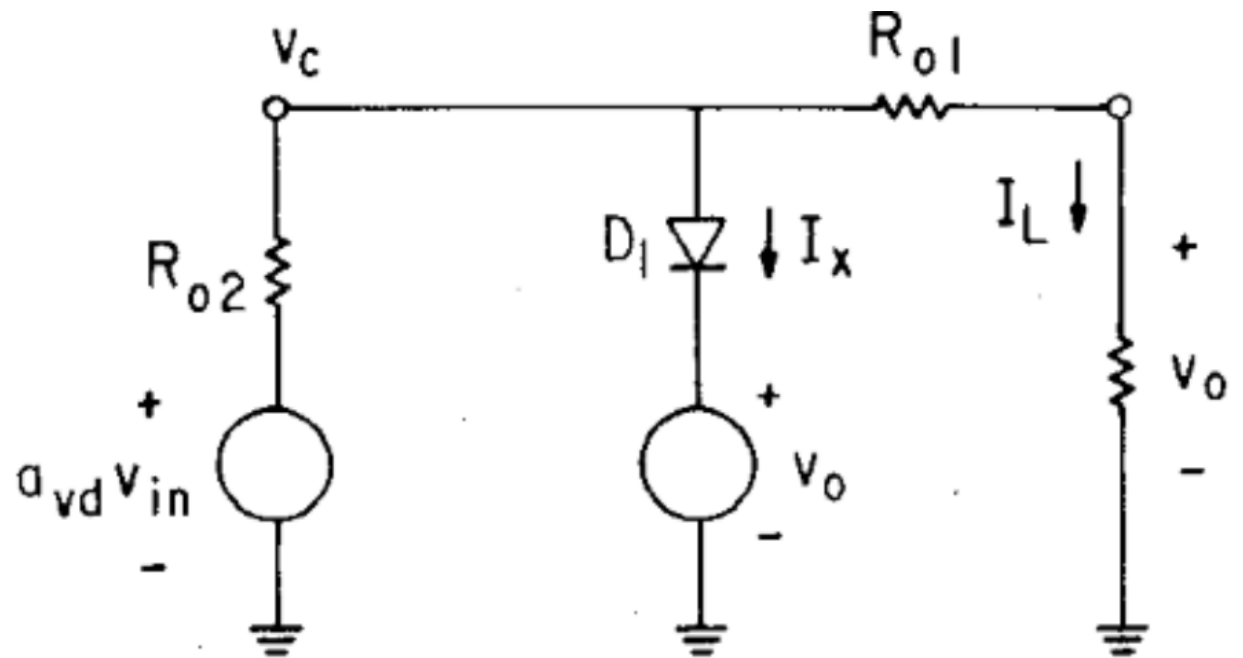
$$G_{cm} = \frac{1}{(\text{CMRR})R_{c1}}$$

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The Output Stage: R_{o1} , R_{o2} and G_b

$$R_{out} = R_{o1} + R_{o2}$$

$$R_{o1} = R_{o-ac}$$



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The Output Stage: R_{o1} , R_{o2} and G_b

$$R_{o2} = R_{out} - R_{o1}$$

$$G_b = \frac{a_{VD}R_{c1}}{R_2R_{o2}}$$

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The Output Stage: Current Limiting ISC

$$I_{sc} \simeq \frac{V_D}{R_{o1}}$$

I_x Maximum current through D1 or D2
 I_s , Saturation current of diodes D1, D2

Since R_{o1} is known, I_{SD1} can be established once I_x is determined

$$V_D = V_T \ln \frac{I_x}{I_{SD1}}$$

$$I_x = I_{SD1} \exp \frac{I_{sc} R_{o1}}{V_T}$$

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The Output Stage: Voltage Limiting

The output voltage excursion is limited by the voltage source-diode clamp combinations V_C , D_3 and V_E , D_4 . With a large, positive output voltage such as to forward bias D_3

$$\begin{aligned}V_{\text{out}}^+ &= V_{CC} - V_C + V_{D3} \\ &= V_{CC} - V_C + V_T \ln \frac{I_{SC}^+}{I_{SD3}}\end{aligned}$$

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The Output Stage: Voltage Limiting

$$V_C = V_{CC} - V_{\text{out}}^+ + V_T \ln \frac{I_{SC}^+}{I_{SD3}}$$

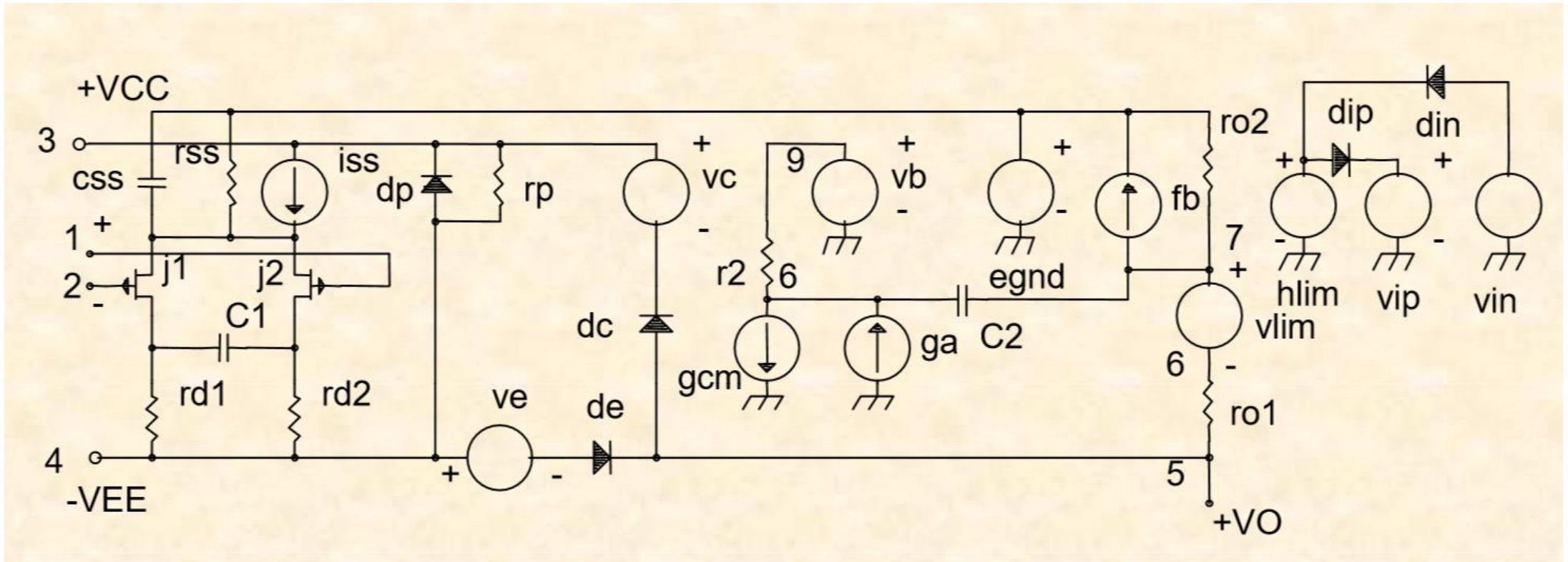
Similarly for negative voltage region

$$V_E = V_{EE} + V_{\text{out}}^- + V_T \ln \frac{I_{SC}^-}{I_{SD4}}$$

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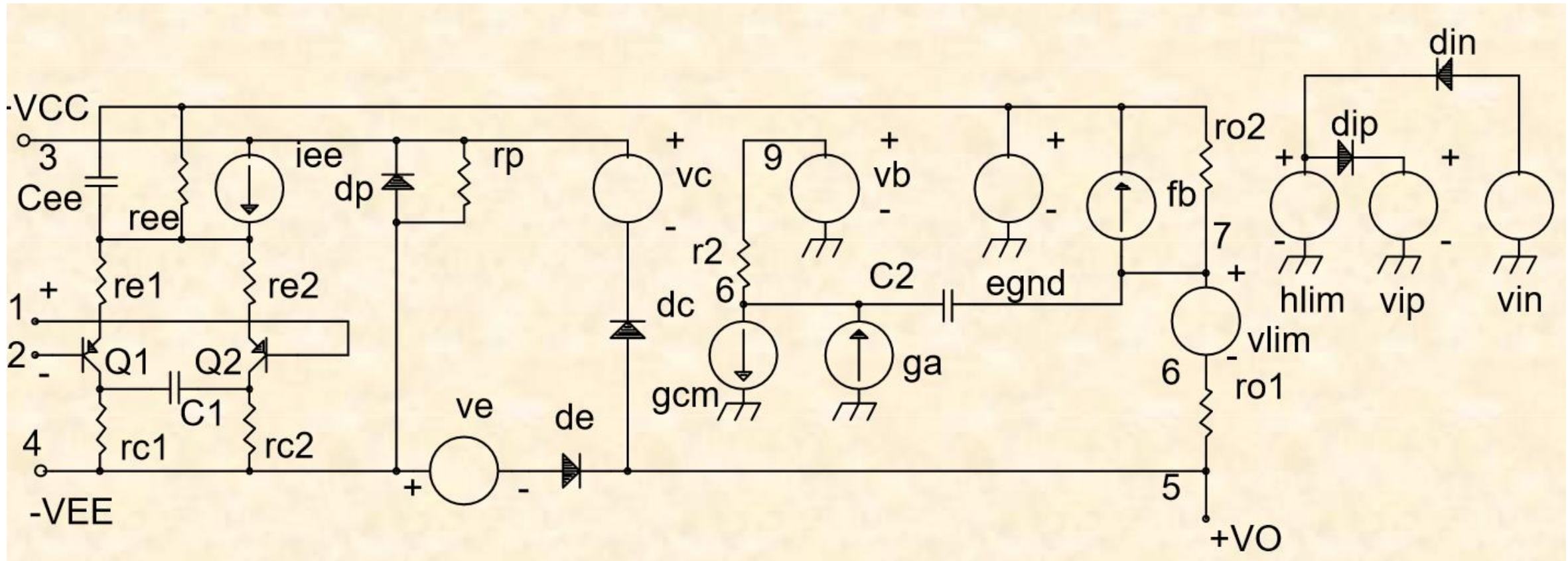
JFET input, SPICE library



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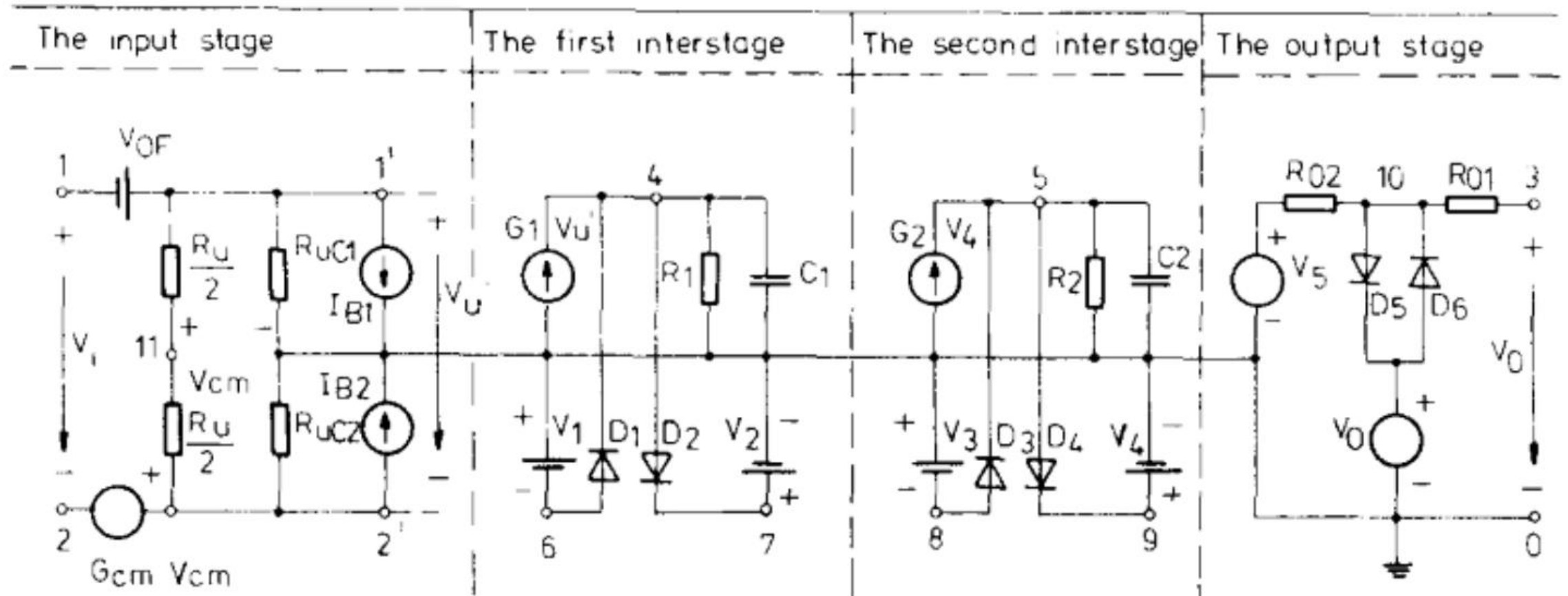
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pnp input, SPICE library



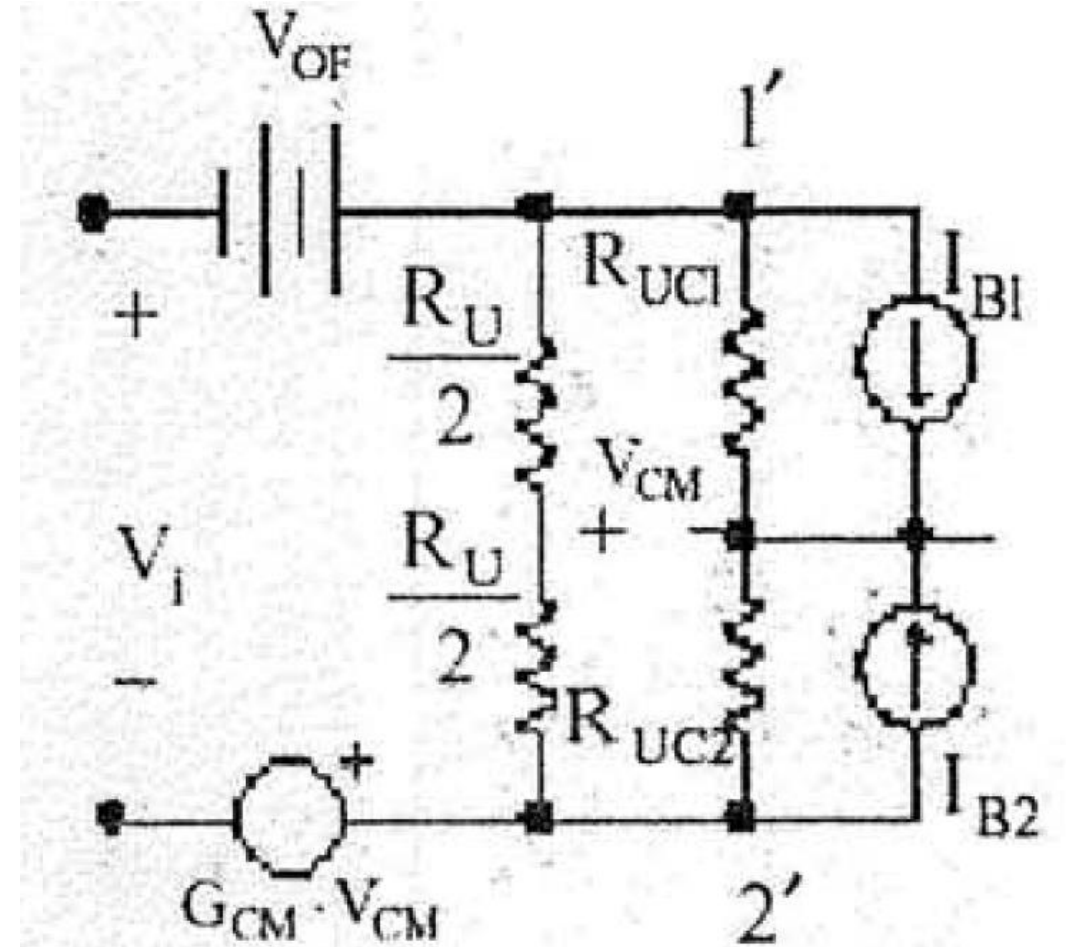
PEIC Macromodel

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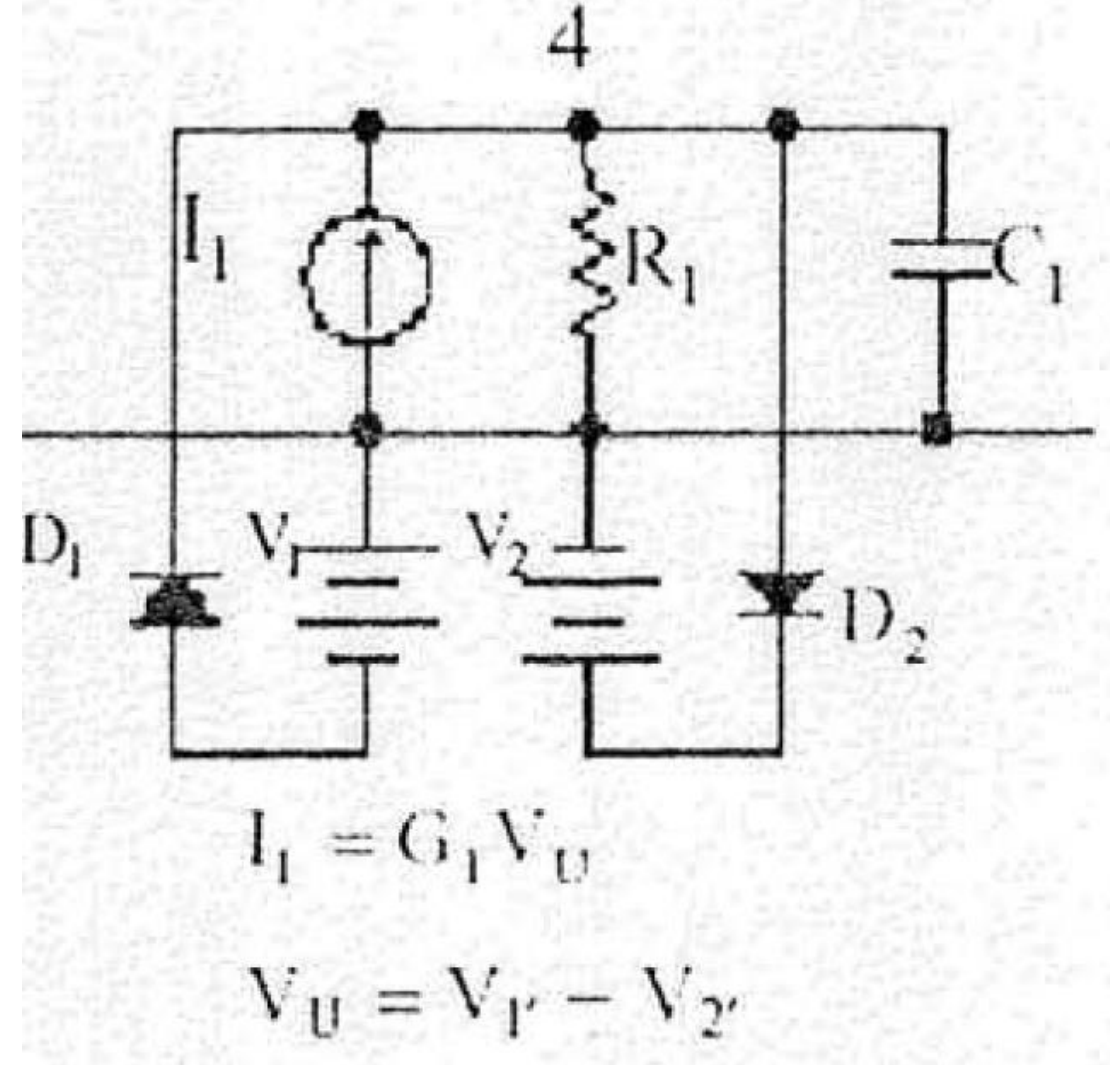
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The input stage can simulate the bias current I_{B1} , the difference-mode and the common-mode input resistances R_i , R_{iCM1} , R_{iCM2} , the offset voltage V_{OF} and current I_{OF} , and finally the common-mode voltage gain.



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The first interstage simulates two slew rates using two diodes limiters $V1-D1$, and $V2-D2$, that define the maximum and minimum voltages at node 4



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the two extreme quantities of voltage-dependent current sources $G_2 \cdot V_4$, that generate rising and falling voltages on the capacitor C_2 , or generate two slew rates $+SR$ and $-SR$.

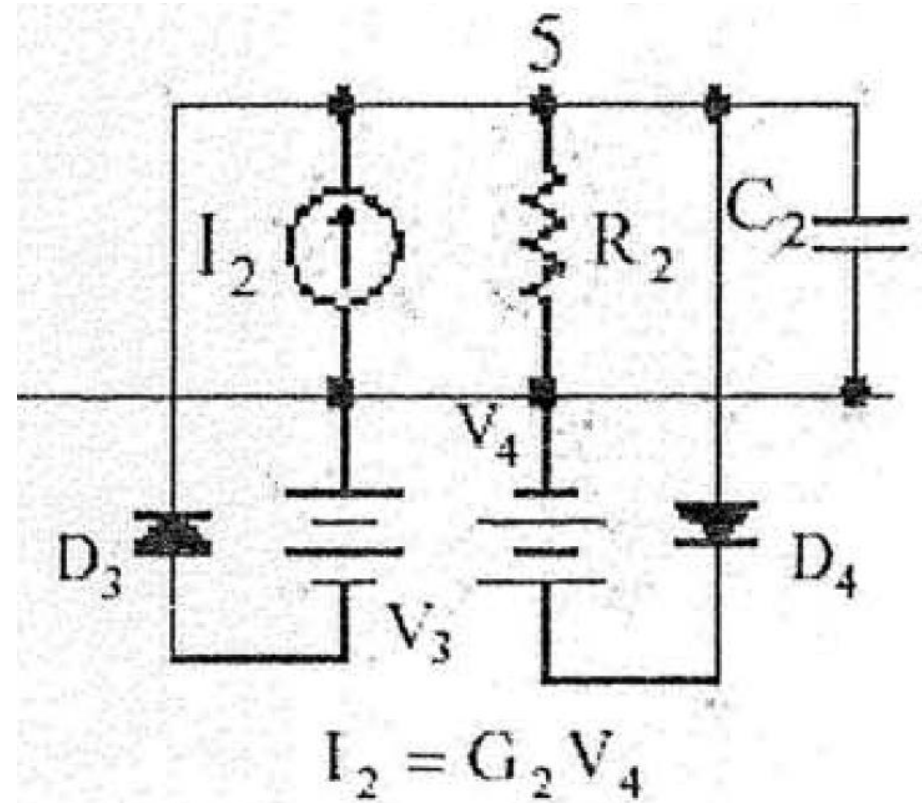
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the first interstage produces the second pole f_2 using the capacitor C , in parallel with R_1 .

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The second interstage includes the capacitor C_2 , which in parallel with R_2 forms the dominant pole f_1 ,

Together with the first interstage defines the open-loop voltage gain H_{vo} .



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Two diode limiters D3-V3 and D4-V4 define the maximum and minimum voltages at node 5.

Output swing.

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$$C_2 = 1/2\pi \cdot R \cdot f_1$$

$$C_1 = 1/2\pi \cdot R \cdot f_2$$

$$G_1 = G_2 = \sqrt{H_{V0}} / R$$

$$V_2 = \frac{C_2 \cdot SR^+}{G_2} = \frac{SR^+}{2\pi \cdot f_1 \cdot \sqrt{H_{V0}}}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{C_2 \cdot SR^-}{G_2} = \frac{SR^-}{2\pi \cdot f_1 \cdot \sqrt{H_{V0}}}$$

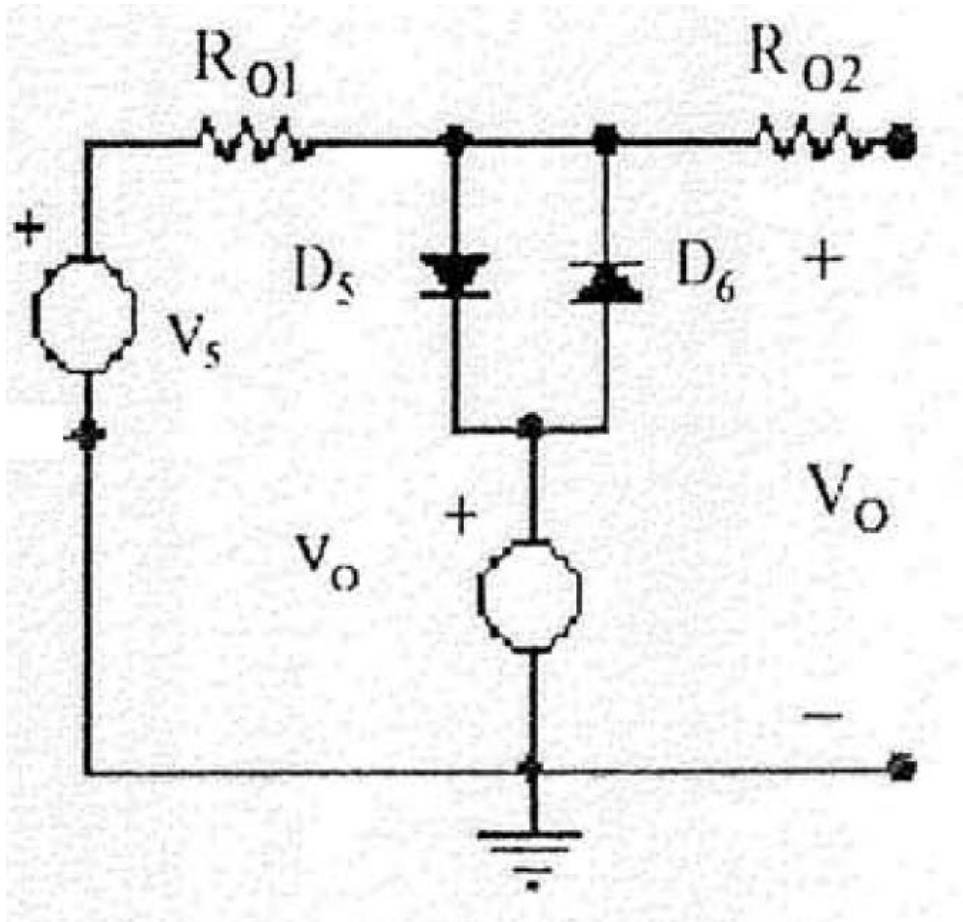
$$V_3 = V_{O \min}$$

$$V_4 = V_{O \max}$$

$$G_{\text{CM}} = \frac{V_{1'} - V_{2'}}{(V_{1'} + V_{2'})/2} = \frac{1}{\text{CMRR}}$$

$$I_{B2} = I_{B1} + I_{OF}$$

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Current limits are specified by the diodes D_5 and D_6

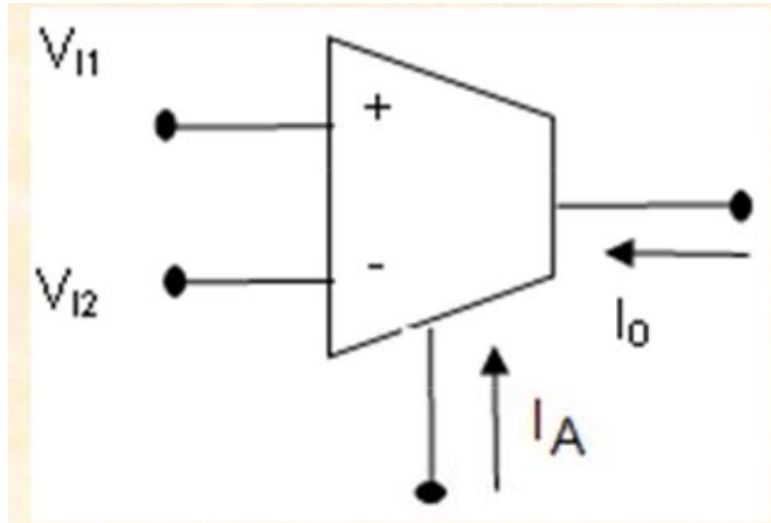
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Simple and accurate nonlinear OTA macromodel for simulation of CMOS OTA-C active filters

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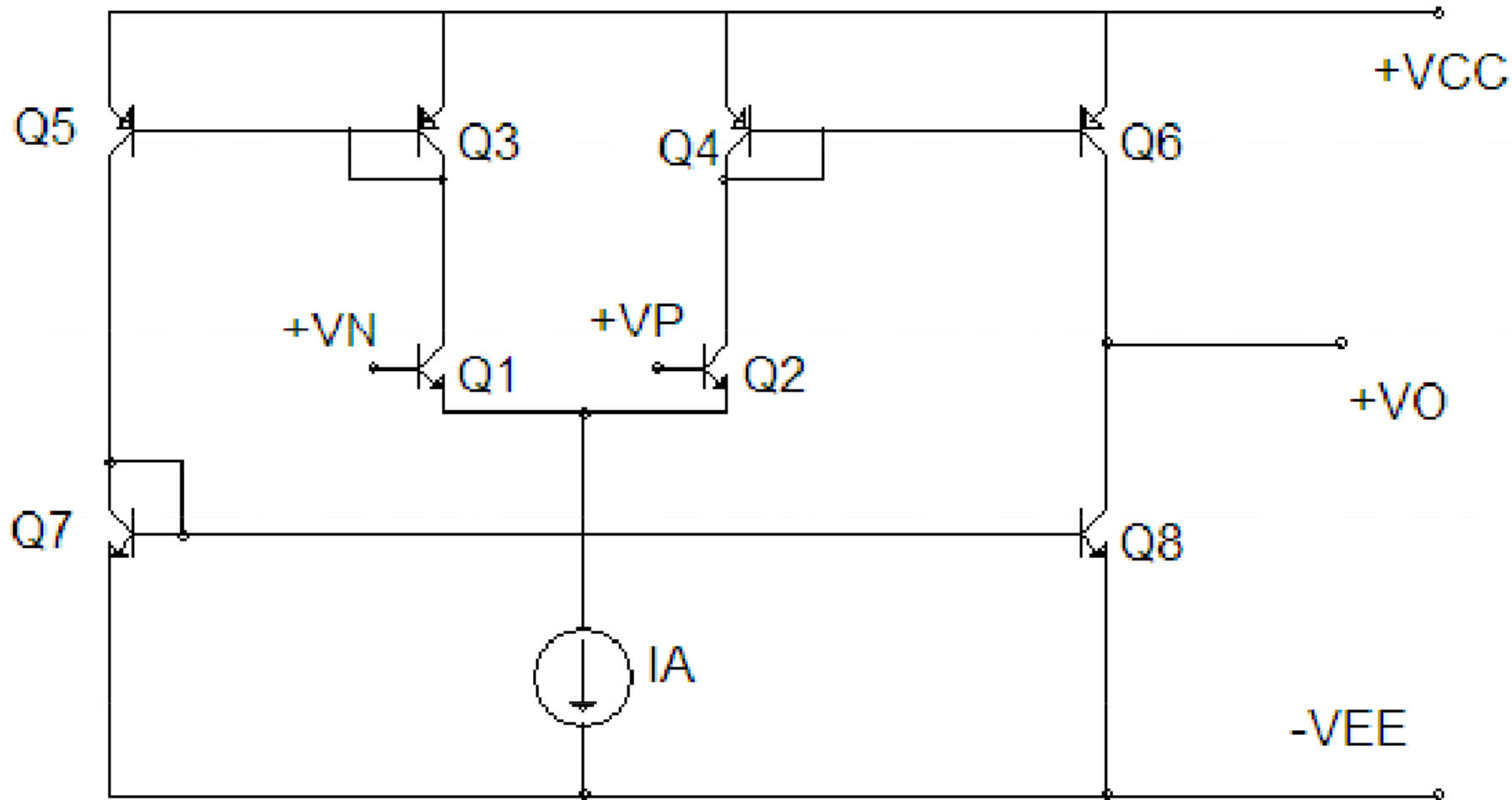
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Voltage Controlled Current Source

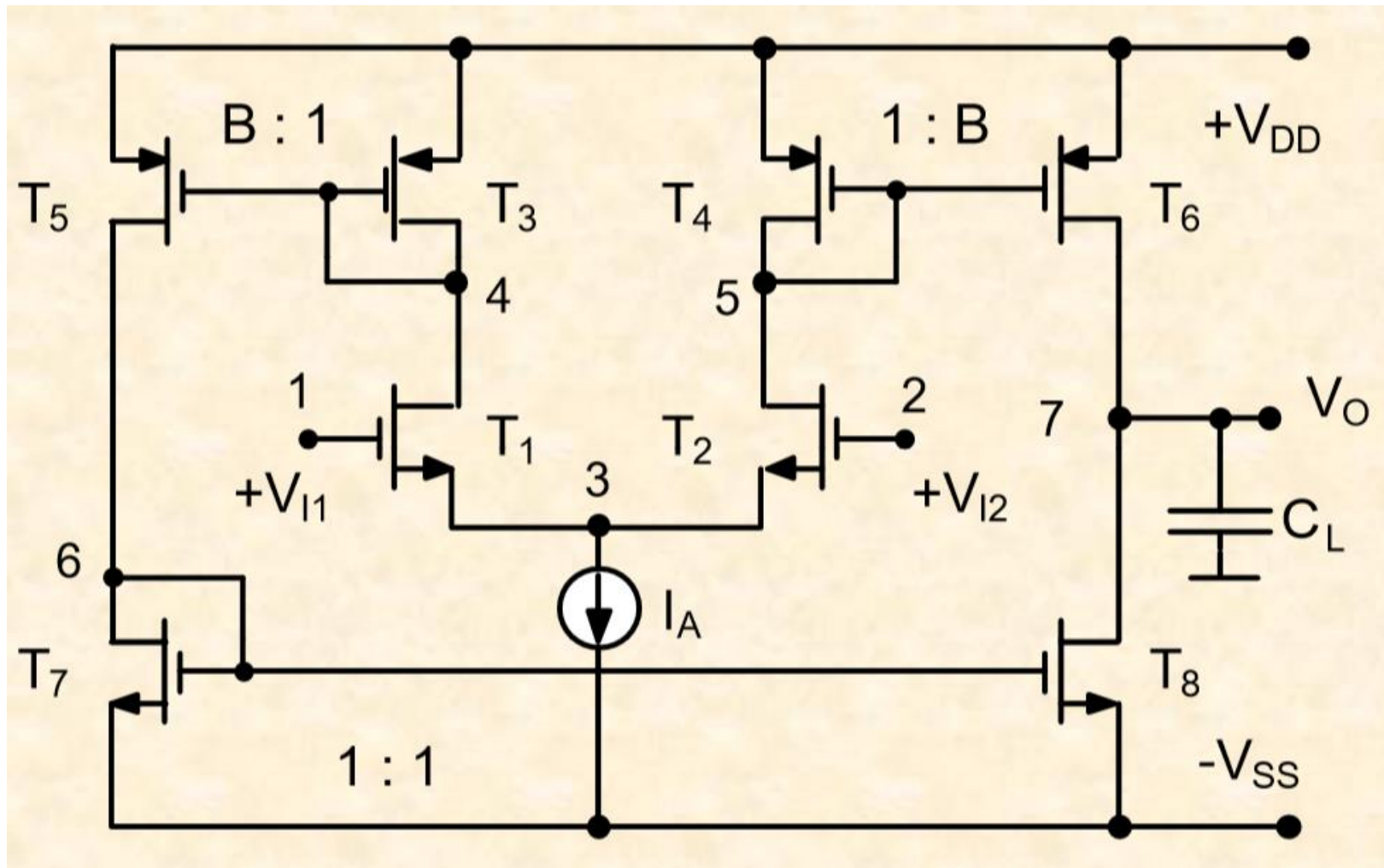
$$G_m = \frac{I_O}{V_{I1} - V_{I2}}, \quad G_m = f(I_A)$$

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BJT OTA

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$$G_m = B \cdot \sqrt{K_n \cdot I_A \cdot (W/L)_1}$$

$$I_{Omax} = -I_{Omin} = -B \cdot I_A$$

$$K_V = G_m \cdot R_O$$

$$f_d = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_O \cdot (C_{n7} + C_L)}$$

CMOS OTA
Equations

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$$f_{nd1} = \frac{g_{m4}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot C_{n5}}$$

$$f_{nd2} = \frac{g_{m7}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot C_{n6}} \quad f_z = 2 \cdot f_{nd2}$$

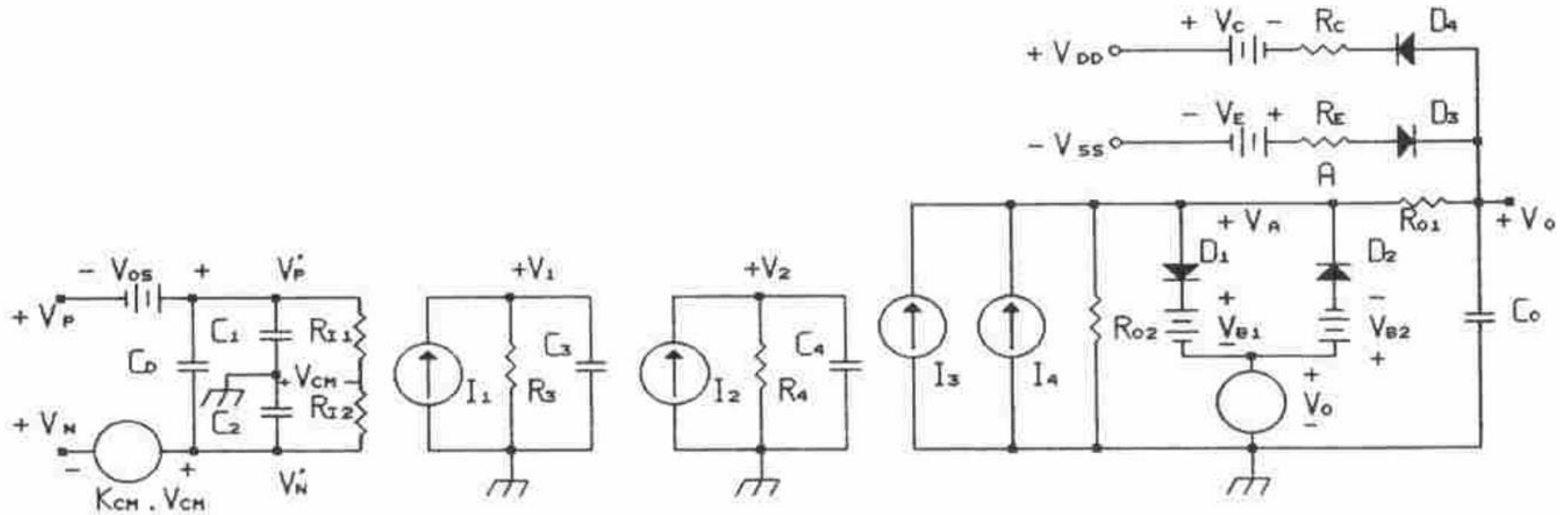
$$GBW = K_V \cdot f_d$$

$$YE = \frac{B \cdot I_A}{C_L + C_{n7}}$$

$$B = \frac{(W/L)_6}{(W/L)_4} = \frac{(W/L)_5}{(W/L)_3}$$

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Equations

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$$I_1 = g_{m1} \cdot V_{ID}$$

$$V_{ID} = V_P' - V_N'$$

$$R_4 = 1 / g_{m7}$$

$$I_2 = g_{m5} \cdot V_1$$

$$I_4 = G \cdot (V_A - V_O)$$

$$C_3 = C_{n5}$$

$$I_3 = g_{m7} \cdot V_2$$

$$R_3 = 1 / g_{m4}$$

$$C_4 = C_{n6} / 2$$

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The input stage produces the necessary linear and nonlinear differential and common-mode input characteristics

capacitors C_1 , C_2 , C_D , resistors R_{11} , R_{12} ,

independent voltage source V_{OS}

controlled voltage source $K_{CM} \cdot V_{CM}$

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The first interstage represents the behaviour of the differential input pair,

the first non-dominant pole f_{nd1} , caused by the total resistance and capacitance at node 5.

$R_3 = 1/g_{m4}$, $C_3 = C_{n5}$ the total capacitance at node 5

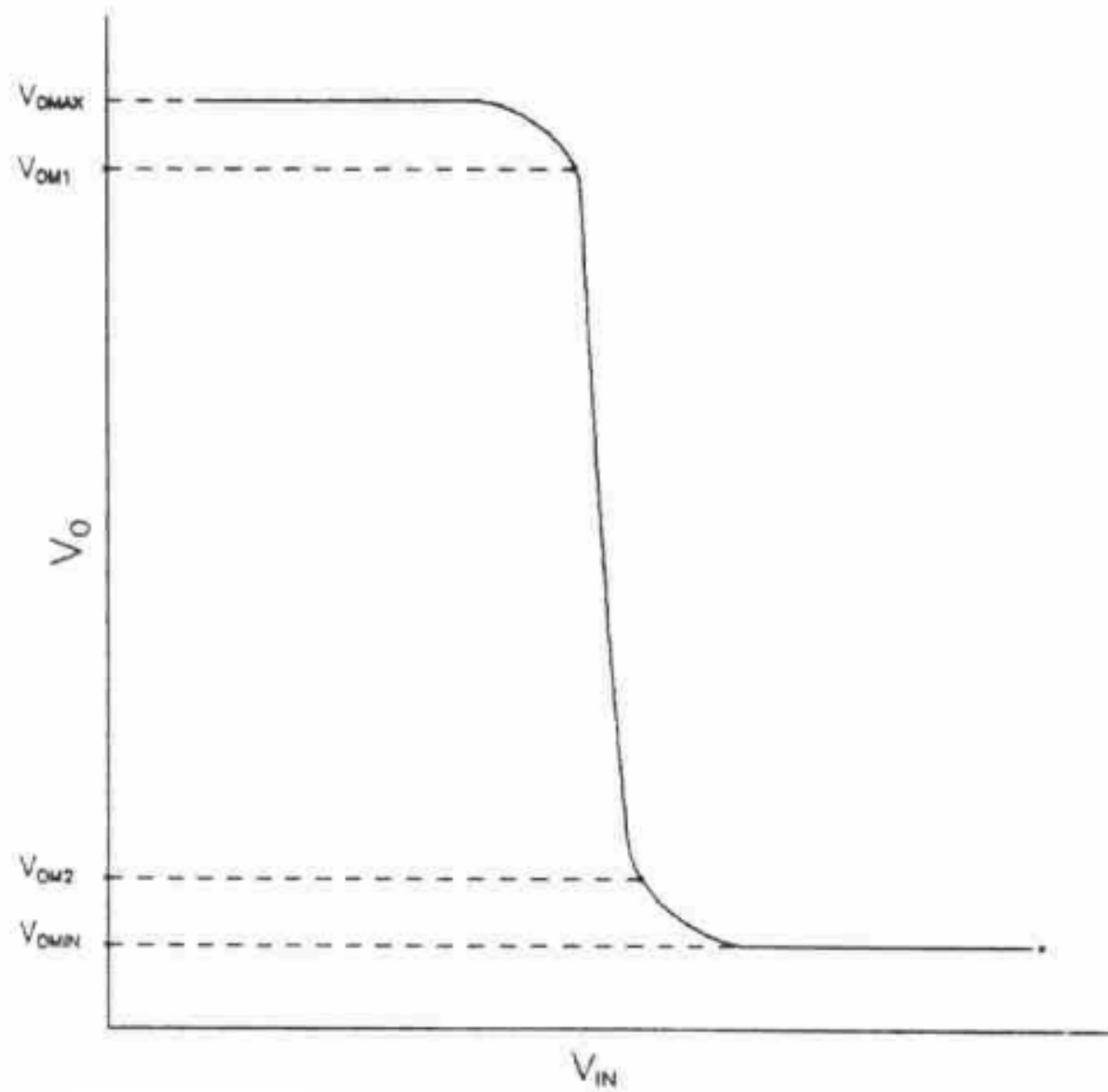
$A_{v1} = g_{m1}/g_{m4}$ gain of differential pair

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The second interstage models the behaviour of the current mirrors T4-T6, T3-T5 and T7-T8.

The resistor $R_4=1/g_{m7}$ and the capacitor C_4 produce the second non-dominant pole.

$I_2=g_{m5}\cdot V_1$ represents the multiplication by the factor B



Boundaries of linear operating region.

$$V_{B1} = -I_{Omax} R_{01} - V_D$$

$$I_{S1} = -I_{Omax} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$V_{B2} = I_{Omin} R_{01} - V_D$$

$$I_{S2} = I_{Omin} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$R_C = \frac{V_{Omax} - V_{OM1}}{-I_{Omax}}$$

$$V_C = V_{DD} - V_{OM1} - V_\gamma$$

$$R_E = \frac{|V_{Omin}| - |V_{OM2}|}{I_{Omin}}$$

$$V_E = V_{EE} - |V_{OM2}| + V_\gamma$$

$$R_{02} = \frac{A_V}{G_m}$$

$$R_{01} = R_0 - R_{02}$$

$$G = \frac{-G_m(V_P - V_N)_{amax} + |I_{Omax}|}{|I_{Omax}| R_{01}}$$

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	$W(\mu\text{m})$	$L[\mu\text{m})$
T1	100	5
T2	100	5
T3	25	5
T4	25	5
T5	75	5
T6	75	5
T7	20	5
T8	20	5

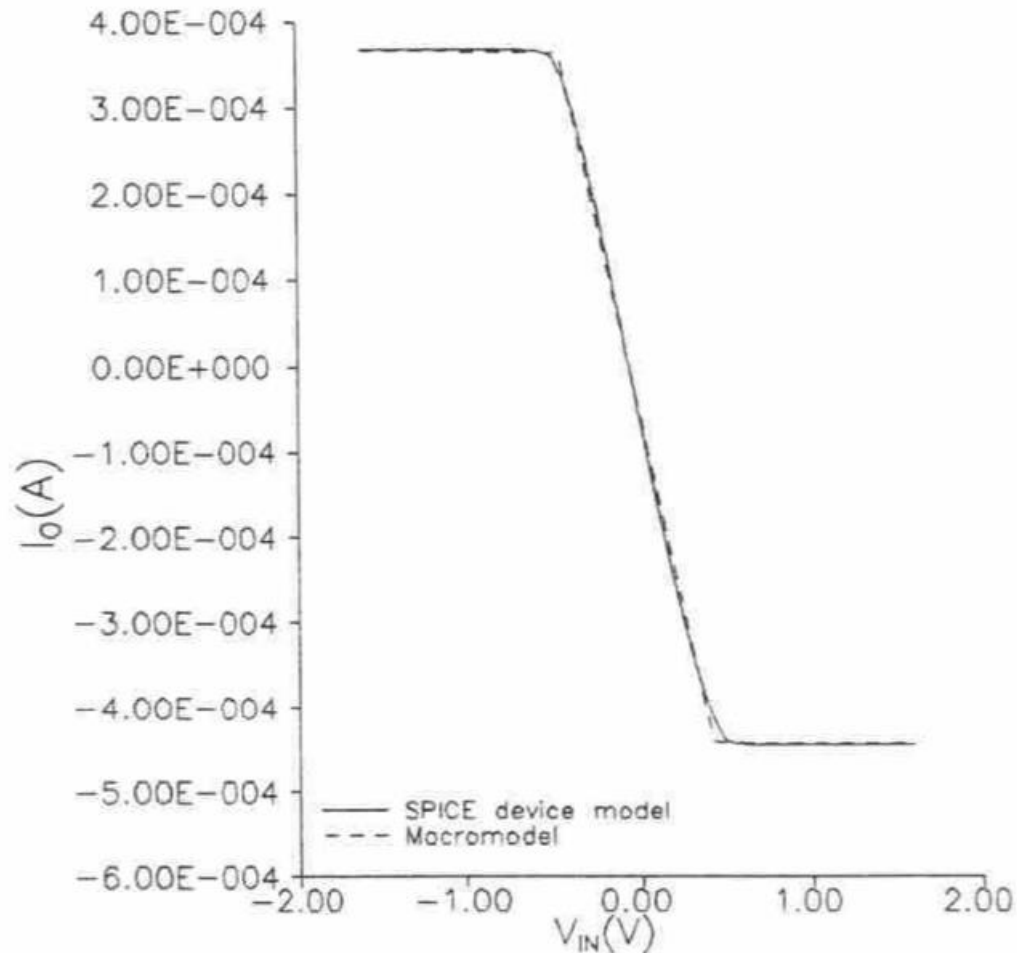
Dimensions of MOS transistors in CMOS OTA structure.

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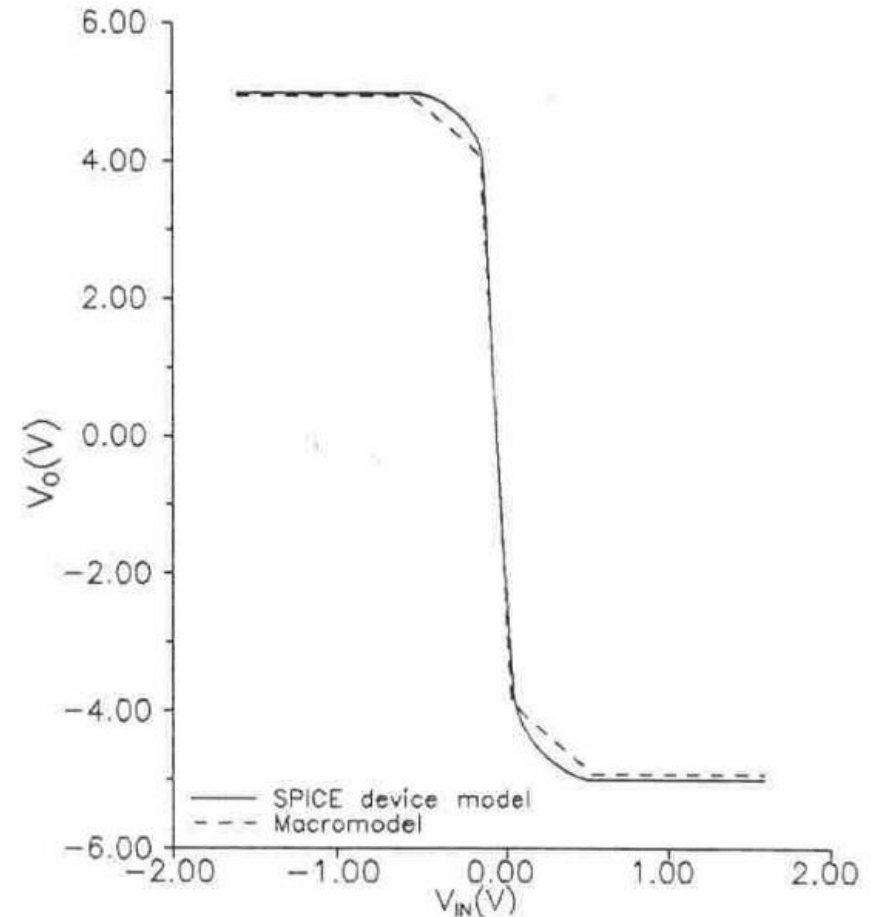
V_{OS}	59E-3	V	R_4	4.132	k Ω
V_{B1}	10.7	V	C_4	0.06018	pF
V_{B2}	13.11	V	R_5	42	k Ω
V_C	1.46	V	R_6	31	k Ω
V_E	1.673	V	C_0	0.15	pF
R_1	12.0E+12	Ω	R_C	2.2	k Ω
R_2	12.0E+12	Ω	R_E	2.2	k Ω
C_1	0.028	pF	g_{m1}	2.72E-4	AV ⁻¹
C_2	0.028	pF	g_{m5}	3.04E-4	AV ⁻¹
C_D	0.153P	pF	g_{m7}	2.42E-4	AV ⁻¹
R_3	12.626	k Ω	G	2.25E-5	AV ⁻¹
C_3	0.338	pF	K_{CM}	1E-3	—

Model parameters of derived OTA macromodel for $I_A = 100 \mu\text{A}$.

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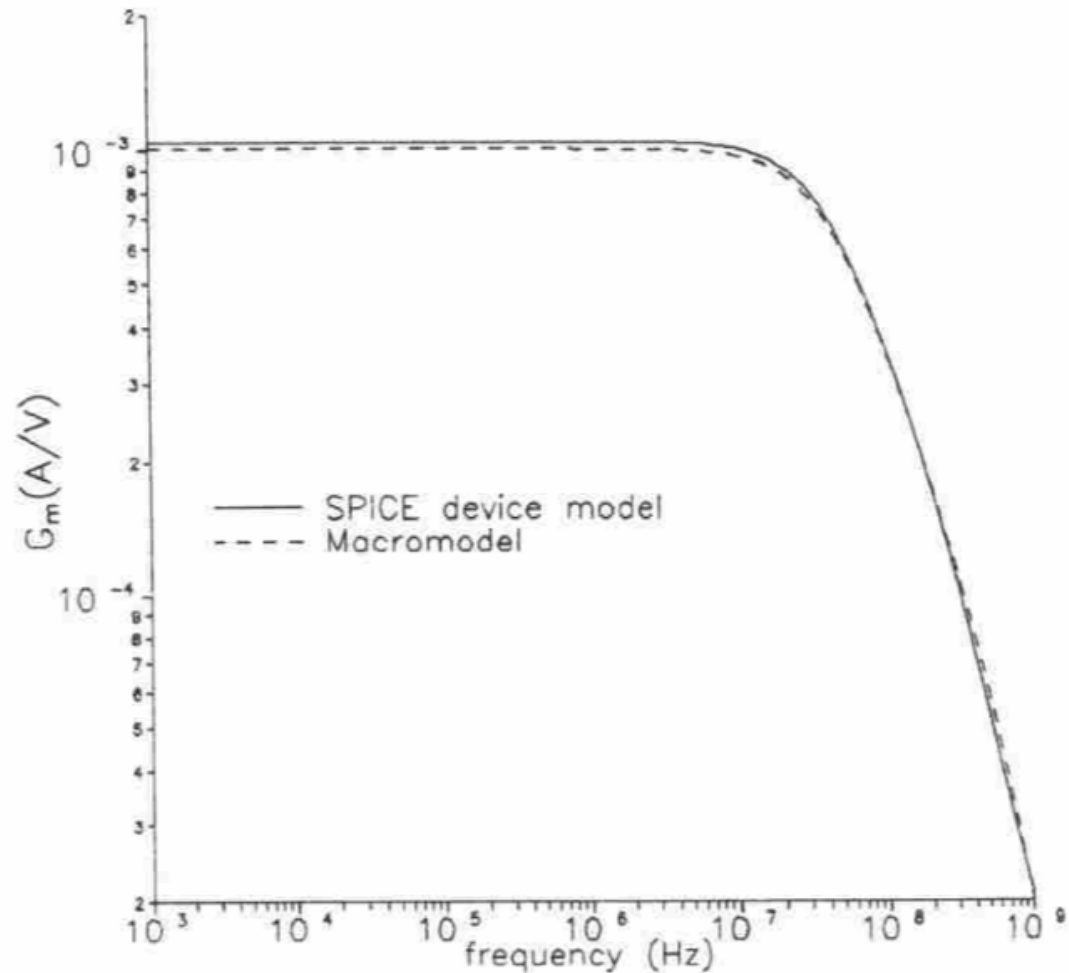


Simulated plots of I_O against $(V_P - V_N)$ for grounded non-inverting input.

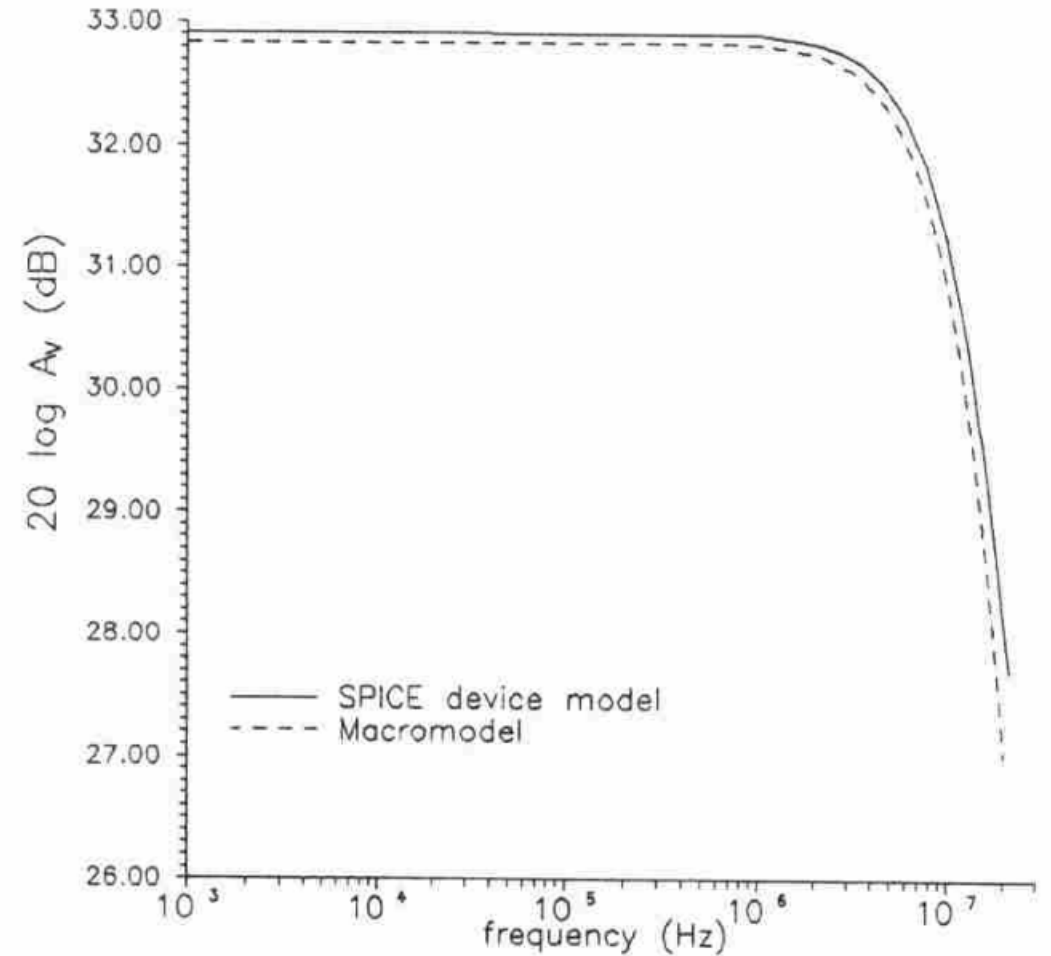


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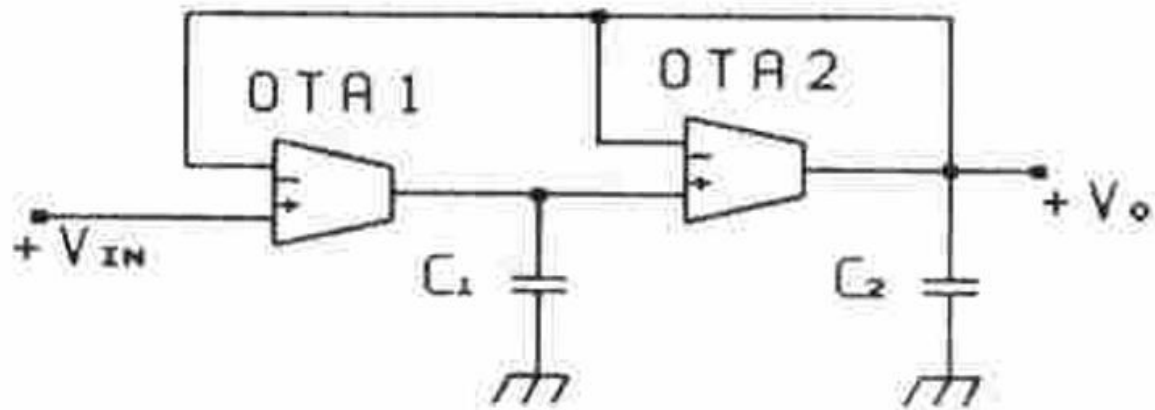


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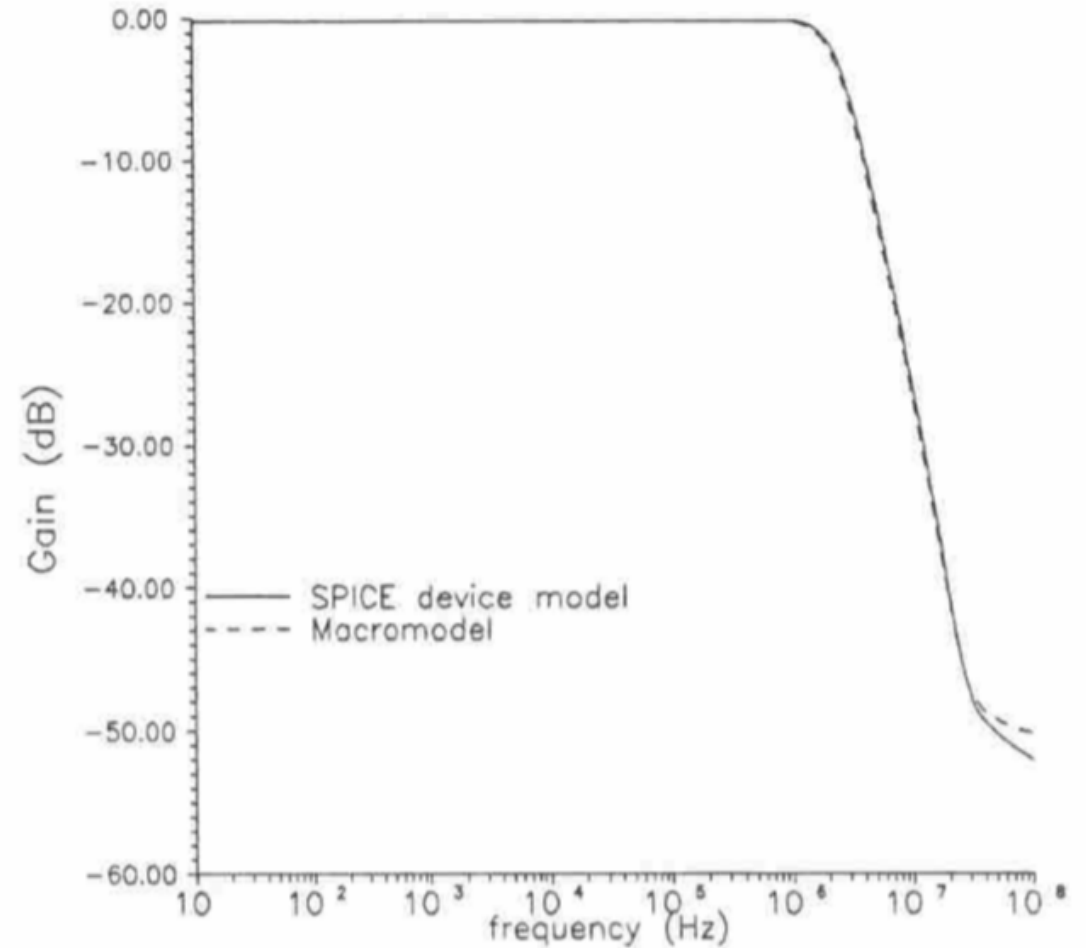


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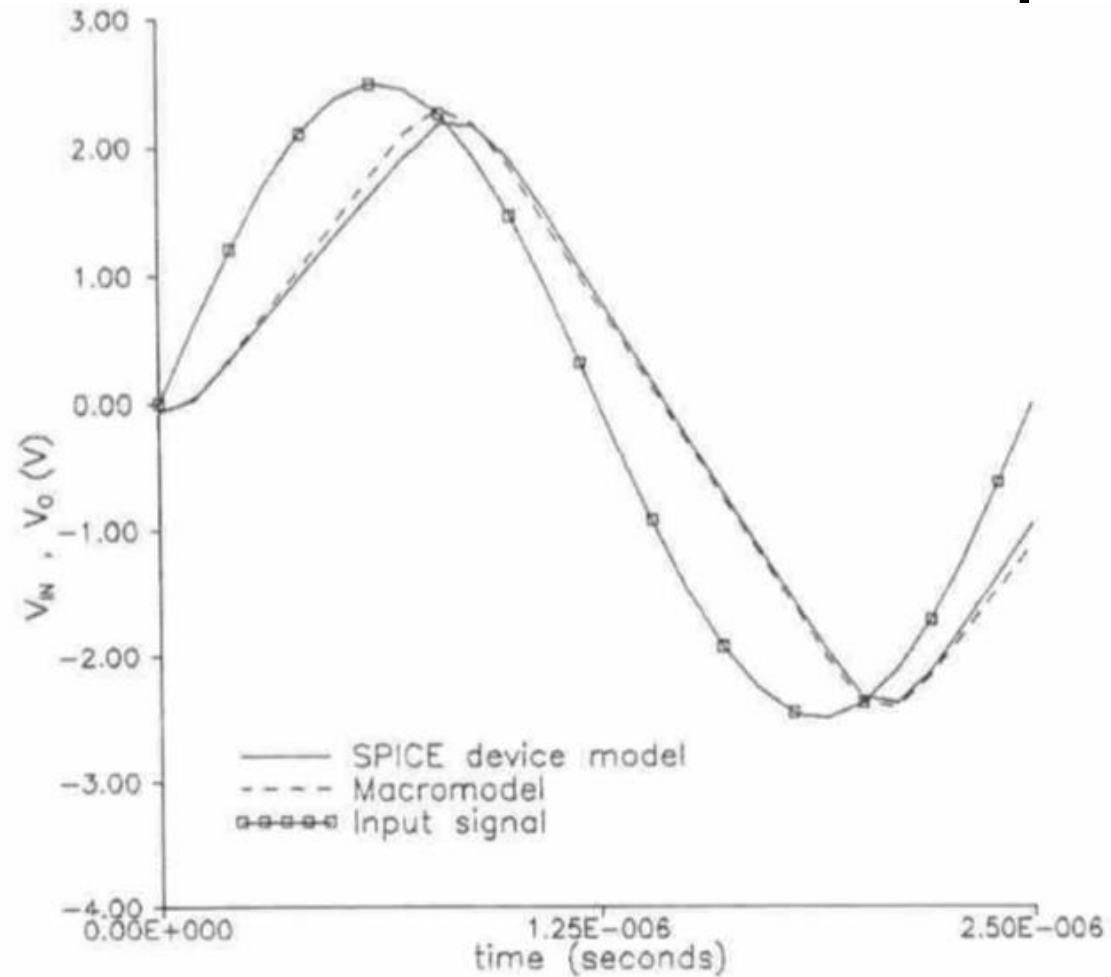


Second-order OTA-C filter.



Frequency response of OTA-C filter.

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Transient analysis results of OTA-C filter shown in Fig. 8 for a 400 kHz sinusoidal voltage with an amplitude of $V_{OP} = 2.5$ V.

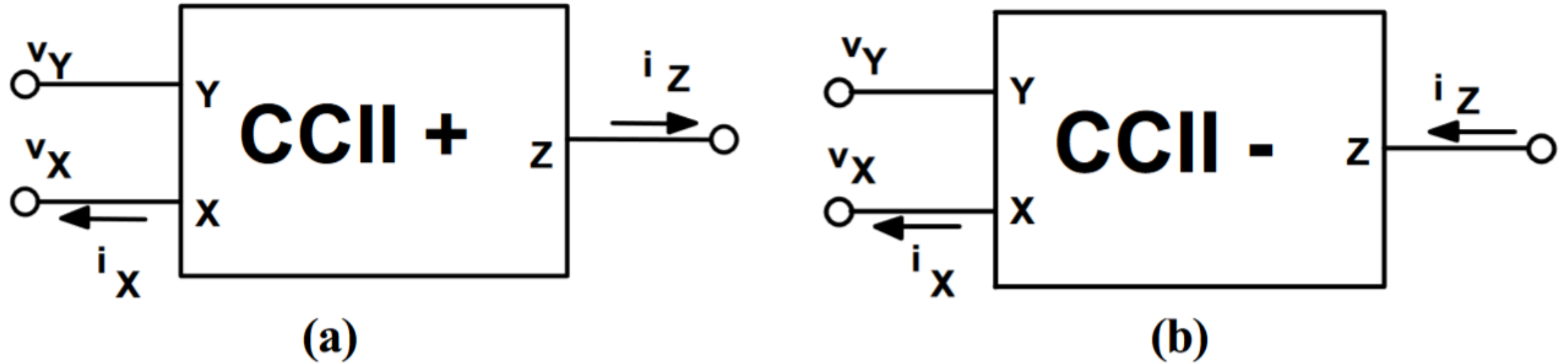
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SIMPLE AND ACCURATE NON-LINEAR CURRENT
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Circuit symbol of the second generation current conveyor CCII

a) non-inverting (positive) CCII+ b) inverting (negative) CCII-

CCII is a three port active device where the current is transferred between ports with different impedance levels.

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The behaviour of the ideal current conveyor is characterized by

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_Y \\ V_X \\ I_Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_Y \\ I_X \\ V_Z \end{pmatrix}$$

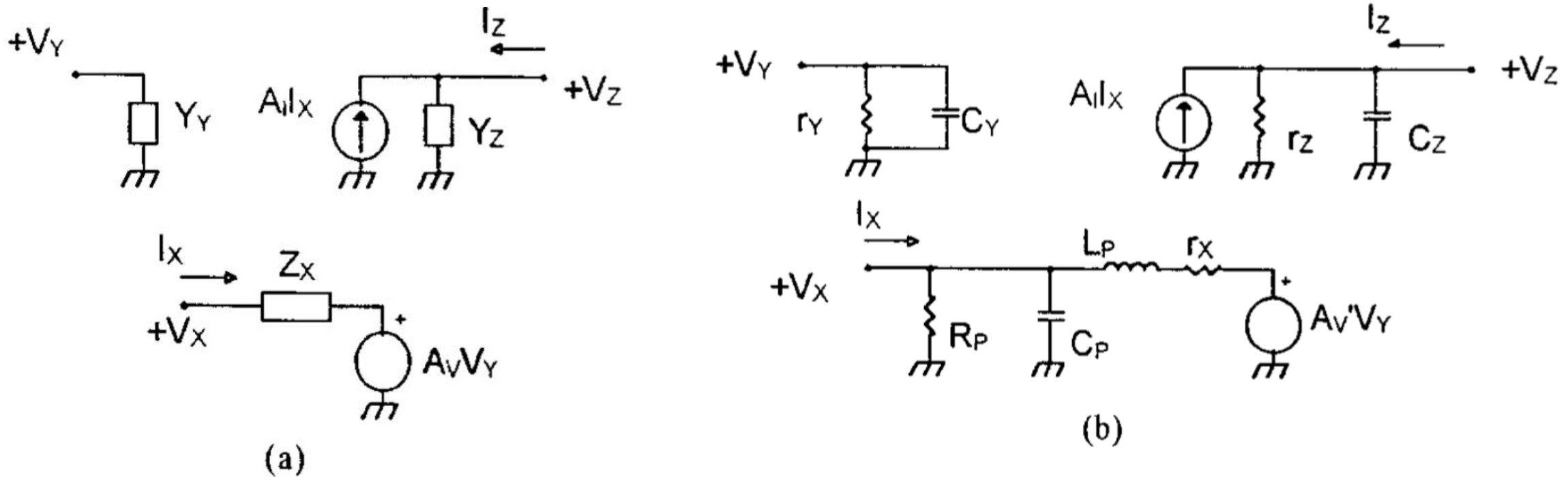
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The behaviour of an actual current conveyor differs from the ideal current conveyor

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_Y \\ V_X \\ I_Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_Y(s) & 0 & 0 \\ A_V(s) & Z_X(s) & 0 \\ 0 & \pm A_I(s) & Y_Z(s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_Y \\ I_X \\ V_Z \end{pmatrix}$$

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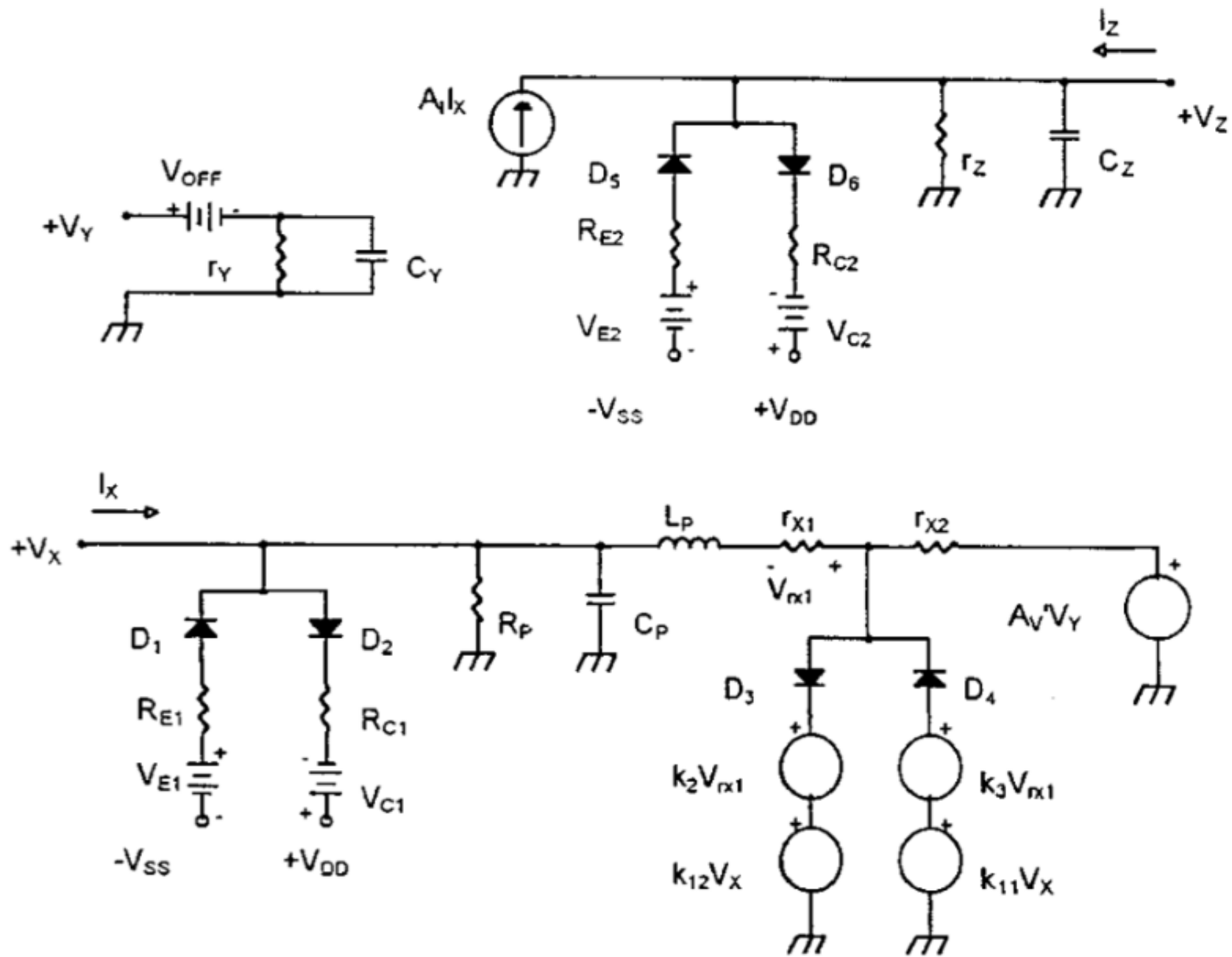
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The limits of the characteristics

$$I_{X \min} < i_X(t) < I_{Xmaks}$$

$$V_{X \min} < v_X(t) < V_{Xmaks}$$

$$V_{Z \min} < v_Z(t) < V_{Zmaks}$$



(c)

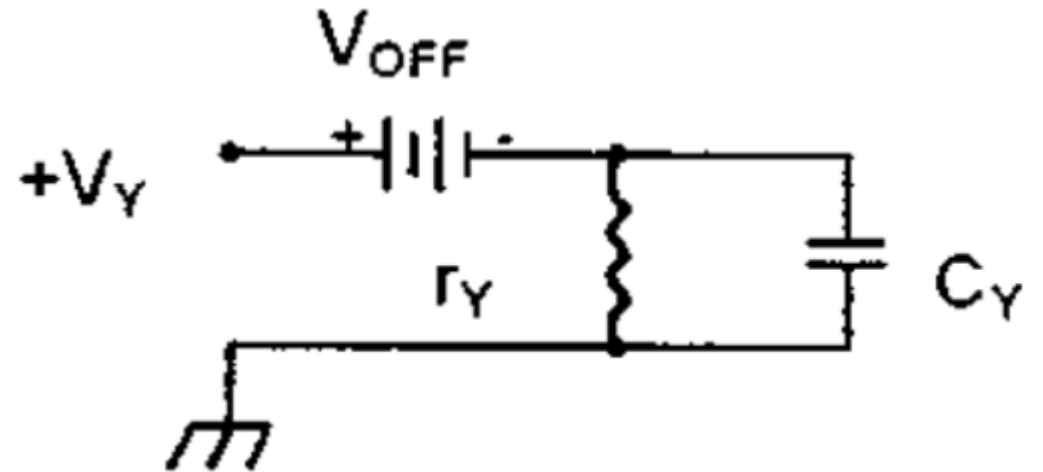
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The derived macromodel is subdivided into three sections,

- the input stage (terminal Y),
- the intermediate stage (terminal X)
- the output stage (terminal Z).

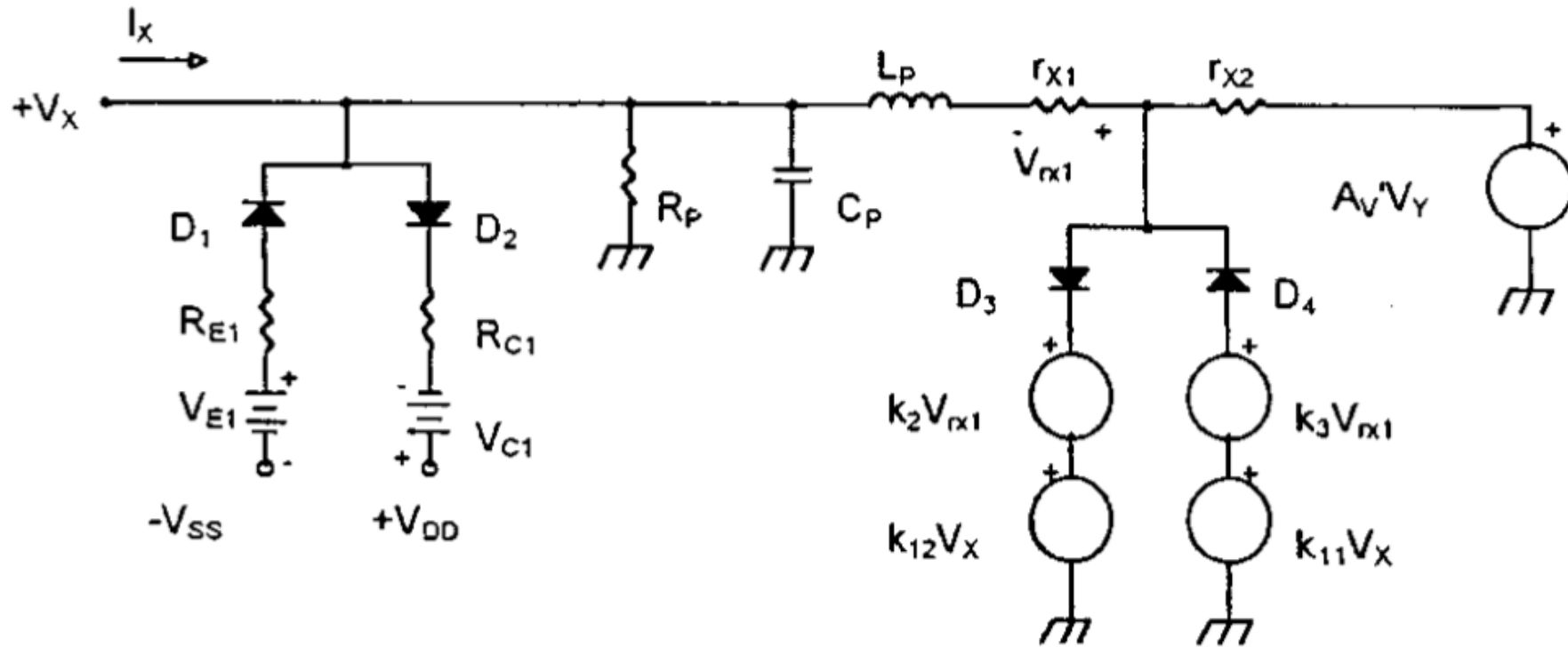
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- The input impedance at Y is represented by the resistor r_Y , the capacitor C_Y .
- The independent voltage source V_{OFF} is for modelling of the offset voltage.



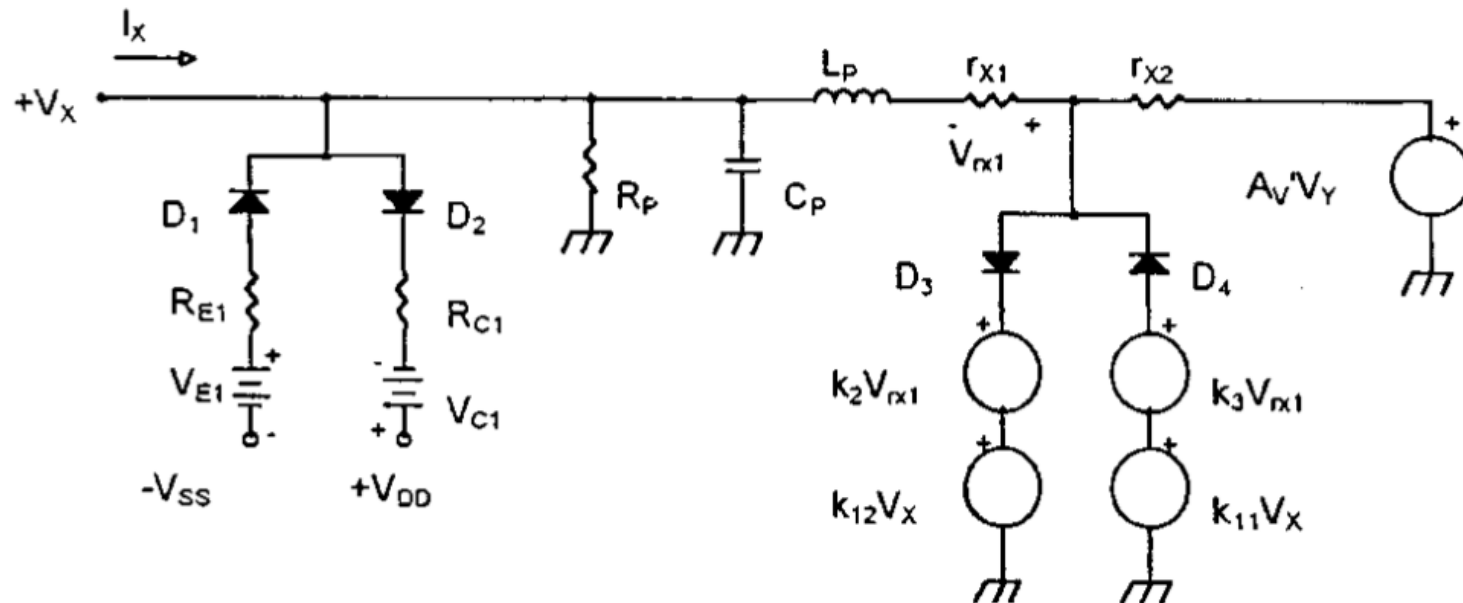
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- The input impedance at X is represented by the resistors
- r_{X1} , r_{X2} , R_P , the inductor L_P and the capacitor C_P



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- The behaviour of an actual current conveyor shows a
- second-order character.
- An accurate representation of this second-order character is very important, it is the primary factor which determines the frequency response of the current conveyor.



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$$Z_X(s) = \frac{1}{C_P} \frac{s + \frac{r_X}{L_P}}{s^2 + s \left(\frac{C_P R_P r_X}{C_P L_P R_P} + \frac{L_P}{C_P L_P R_P} \right) + \frac{r_X + R_P}{C_P L_P R_P}}$$

$$Z_X(s) = \frac{1}{C_P} \frac{s + \omega_Z}{s^2 + s \frac{\omega_P}{Q_P} + \omega_P^2}$$

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The transfer function $H(s) = V_X/V_Y$ is given by

$$H(s) = H(0) \frac{\frac{R_E + r_x}{C_P L_P R_E}}{s^2 + s \left(\frac{C_P R_E r_x}{C_P L_P R_E} + \frac{L_P}{C_P L_P R_E} \right) + \frac{R_E + r_x}{C_P L_P R_E}}$$

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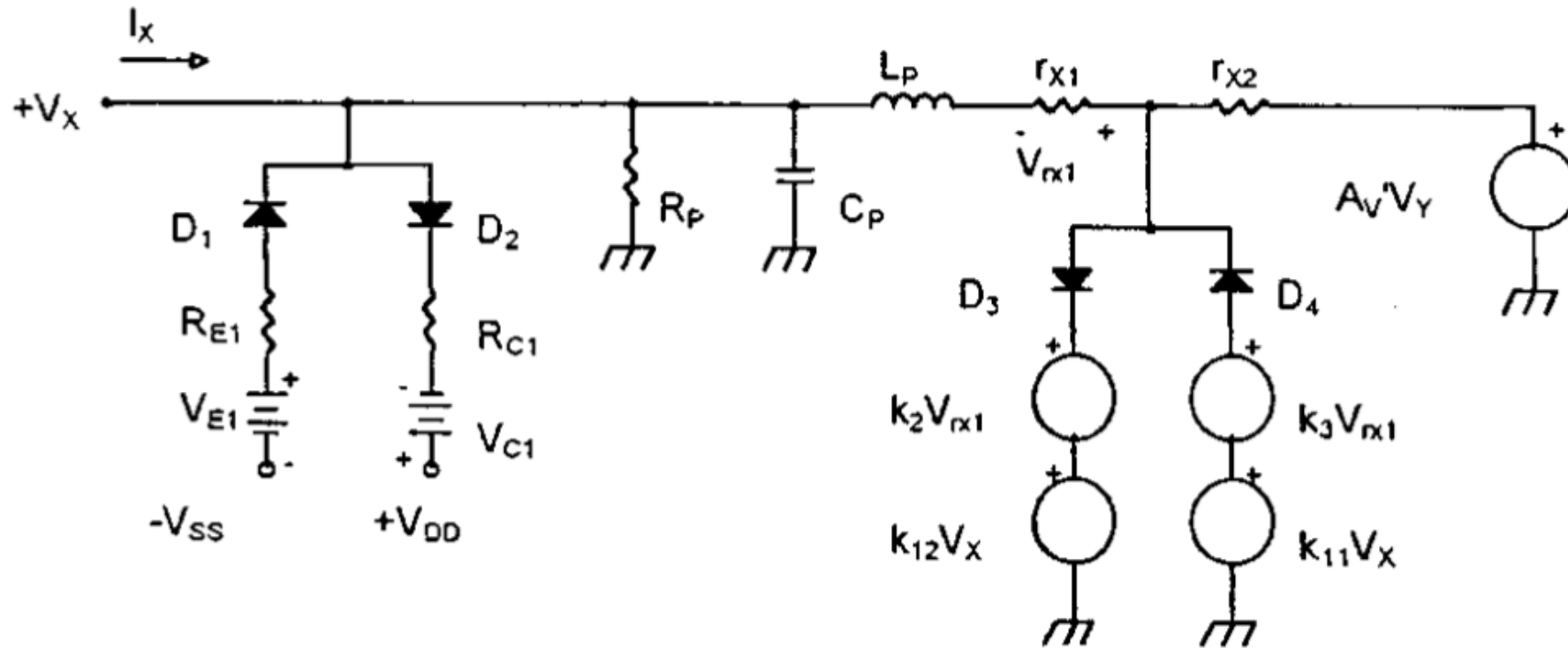
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The voltage swing is limited by the voltage source-resistor-diode combinations V_{C1} , D_2 , R_{C1} , and V_{E1} , D_1 , R_{E1} .

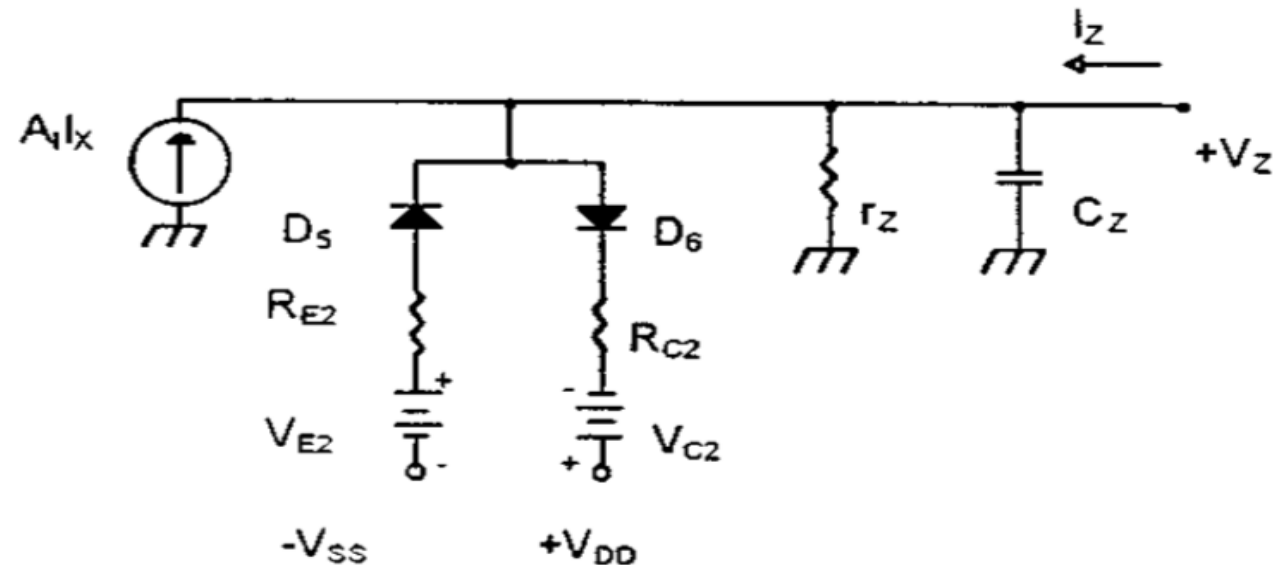


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The output impedance at Z is modelled by the resistor r_Z and the capacitor C_Z .

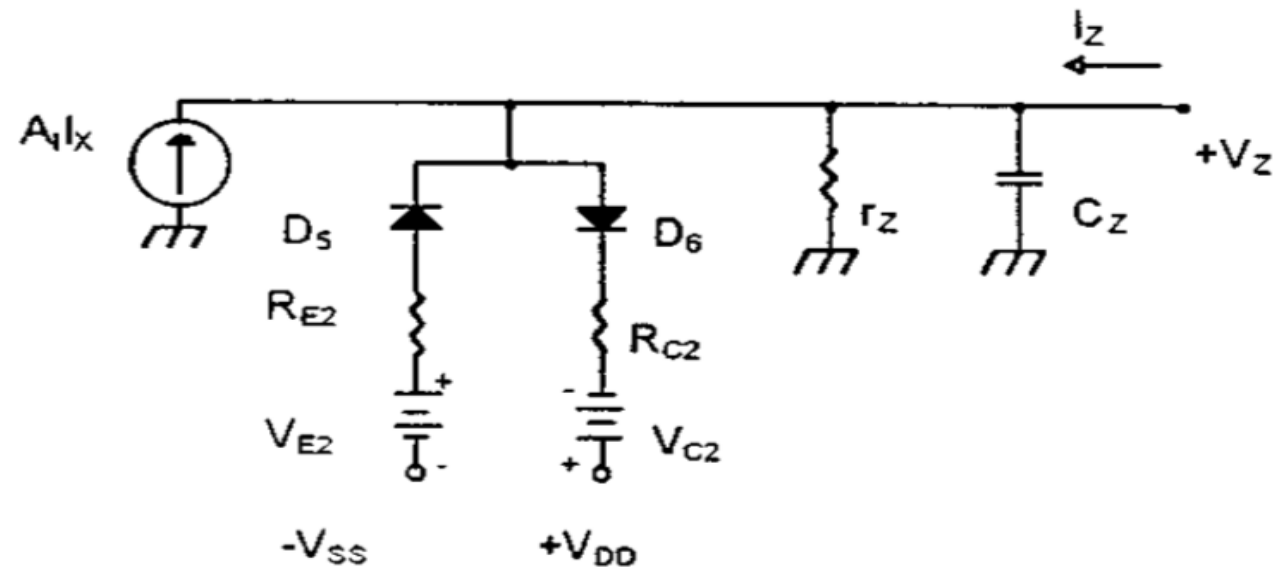
The current controlled current source $I_1 = A_I(s) \cdot I_X$ produces a current output at Z proportional to the current I_X .

The output voltage excursion is limited by the voltage source-resistor-diode combinations V_{C2}, D_6, R_{C2} and V_{E2}, D_5, R_{E2} .



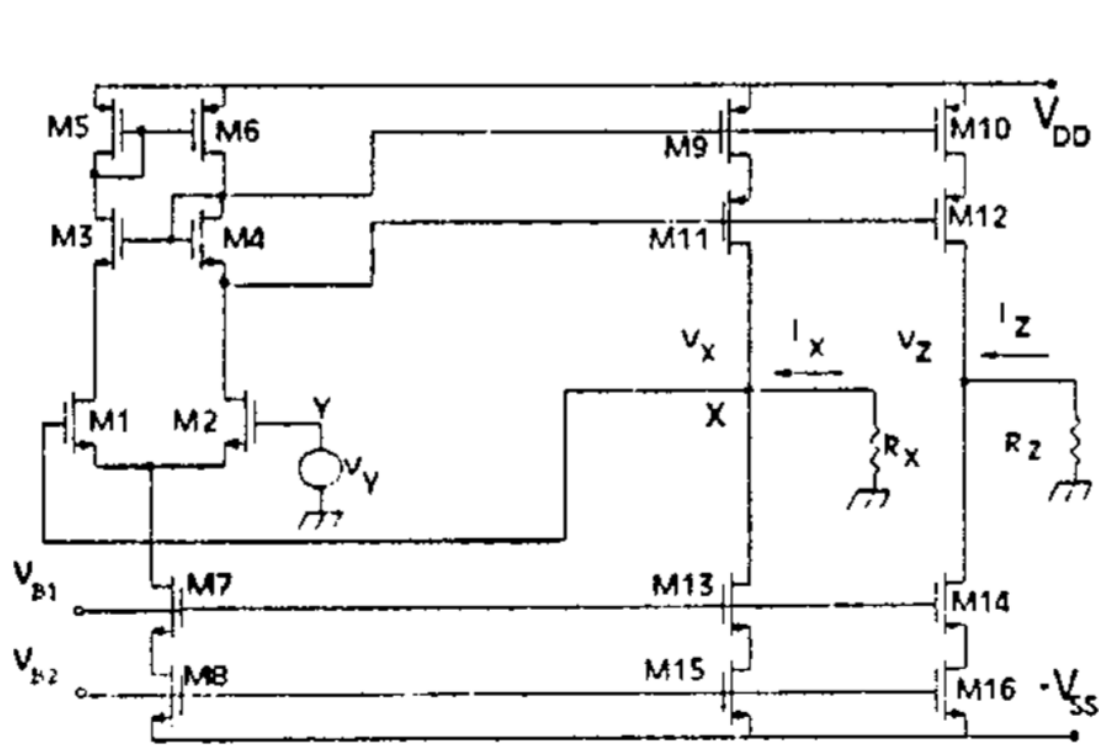
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The resistors R_{C1} , R_{E1} , R_{C2} and R_{E2} are newly introduced resistive elements to the circuit model which adjust the slope of the DC voltage transfer by using a piecewise linear approximation which are not represented in the conventional macromodels for operational amplifiers.

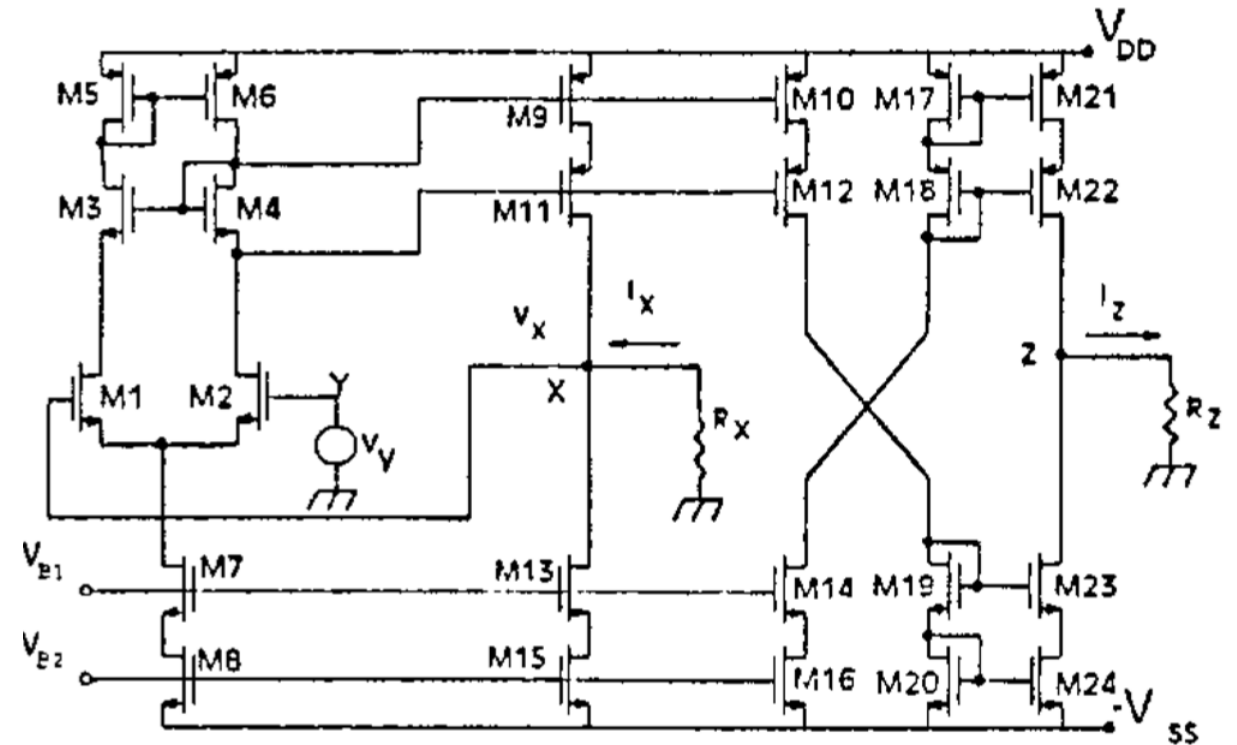


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The accuracy of the current conveyor macromodel is demonstrated by comparing the simulated current conveyor characteristics with simulation results obtained from semiconductor device model.



CCII+



CCII-

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Table I. Dimensions of the MOS transistors

Device	CCII $W(\mu)/L(\mu)$	CCII $W(\mu)/L(\mu)$	Device	CCII+ $W(\mu)/L(\mu)$	CCII- $W(\mu)/L(\mu)$
M1	17/10	17/10	M13	23/5	23/5
M2	17/10	17/10	M14	23/5	23/5
M3	17/10	17/10	M15	23/5	23/5
M4	17/10	17/10	M16	23/5	23/5
M5	24/5	24/5	M17	—	24/5
M6	24/5	24/5	M18	—	24/5
M7	23/5	23/5	M19	—	23/5
M8	23/5	23/5	M20	—	23/5
M9	24/5	24/4	M21	—	24/5
M10	24/5	24/5	M22	—	24/5
M11	24/5	24/5	M23	—	23/5
M12	24/5	24/5	M24	—	23/5

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Parameter	NMOS	PMOS	Parameter	NMOS	PMOS
LD	0.414747U	0.580687U	TOX	505.0E-10	432.0E-10
VTO	0.864893	-0.944048	KP	44.9E-6	18.5E-6
GAMMA	0.981	0.435	PHI	0.6	0.6
UO	656	271	UEXP	0.211012	0.242315
UCRIT	106703	20581.4	DELTA	3.53172	4.3209E-5
VMAX	100000	33274.4	XJ	0.4U	0.4U
LAMBDA	0.0107351	0.0620118	NFS	1E11	1E11
NEFF	1.001	1.001	NSS	1E12	1E12
TPG	1	-1	RSH	9.925	10.25
CGDO	2.835E-10	4.831E-10	CGSO	2.835E-10	4.831-10
CGBO	7.968E-10	1.293E-9	CJ	0.0003924	0.0001307
MJ	0.456300	0.4247	CJSW	5.284E-10	4.613E-10
MJSW	0.3199	0.2185	PB	0.7	0.75
XQC	1	1	NSUB	1.3563E16	1E16

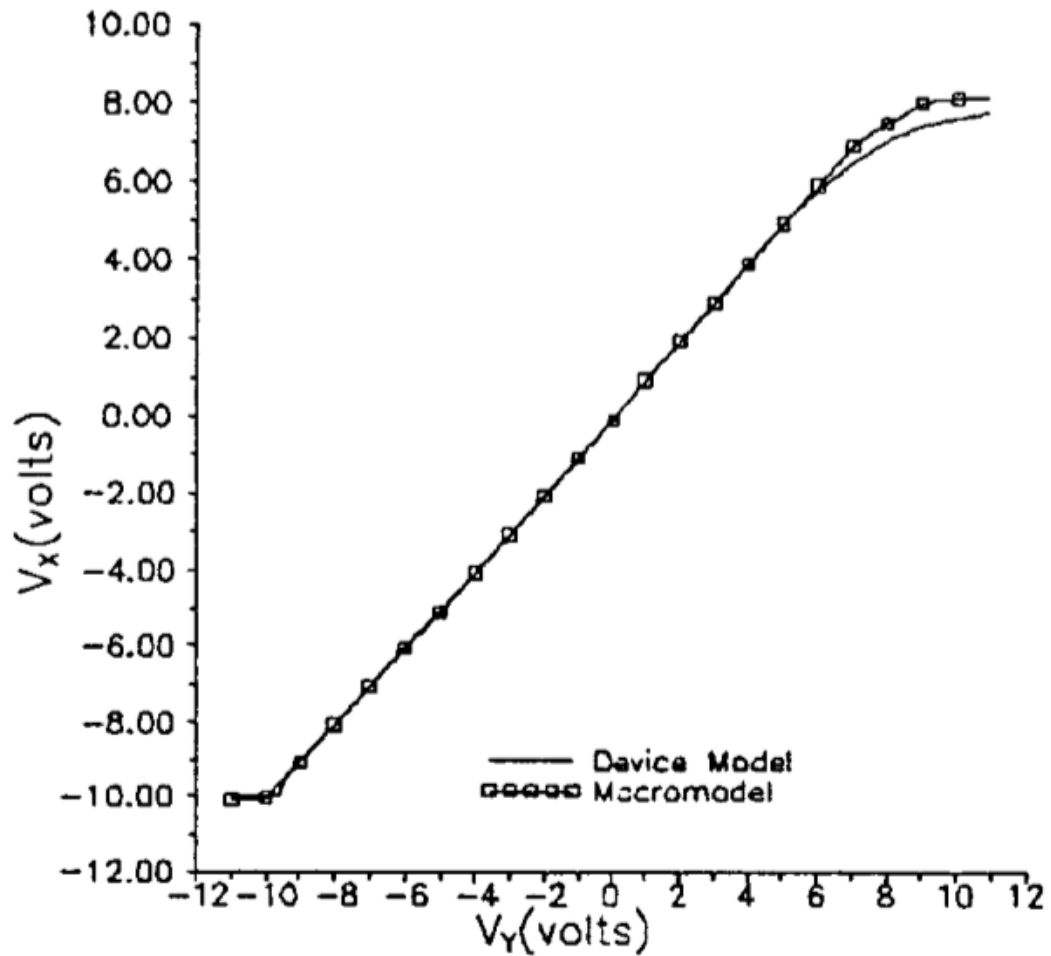
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Table III. Macromodel parameters

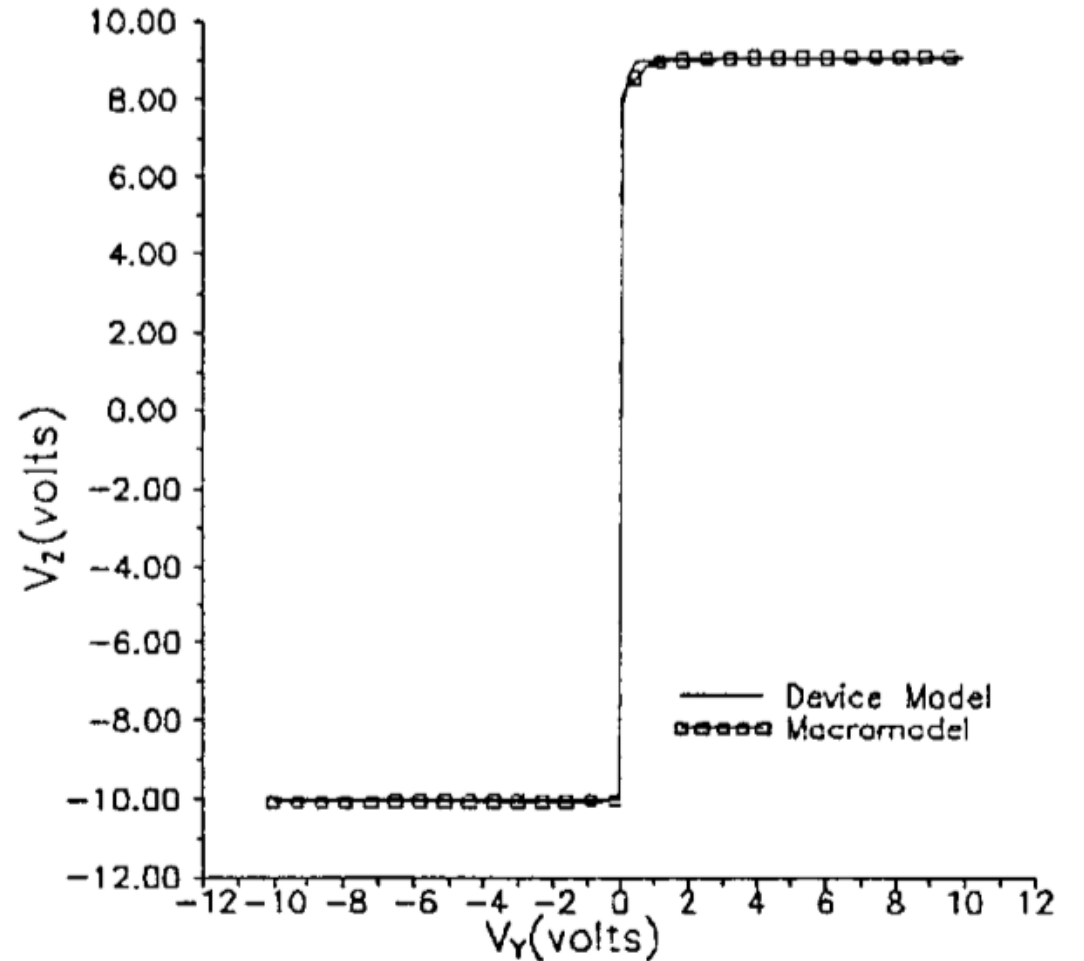
Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
r_Y	1E12 Ω	k_2	-9
C_Y	0.0489 pF	k_3	-0.45
r_{X1}	327 Ω	I_{S1}	2E-14 A
r_{X2}	400 Ω	I_{S2}	10E-14 A
C_P	0.1 pF	I_{S3}	2E-14 A
L_P	31.2 μ H	I_{S4}	10E-14 A
R_P	26 k Ω	I_{S5}	2E-14 A
A_V	1	I_{S6}	2E-14 A
k_{11}	1	A_I	1*
k_{12}	1	V_{OFF}	-63 mV
r_Z	805 k Ω	C_Z	0.16 pF
R_{C1}	833 Ω	V_{C2}	2.45 V
V_{C1}	3.5 V	R_{E2}	1750 Ω
R_{E1}	1 Ω	V_{E2}	0.9 V
V_{E1}	0.5 V	—	—
R_{C2}	640 Ω	—	—

* For inverting current conveyor $A_I = -1$.

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(a)



(b)

Voltage transfer characteristics obtained from SPICE simulations: (a) plots of V_X against V_Y for $R_X = \infty$ and (b) plots of V_Z against V_Y for $R_Z = \infty$

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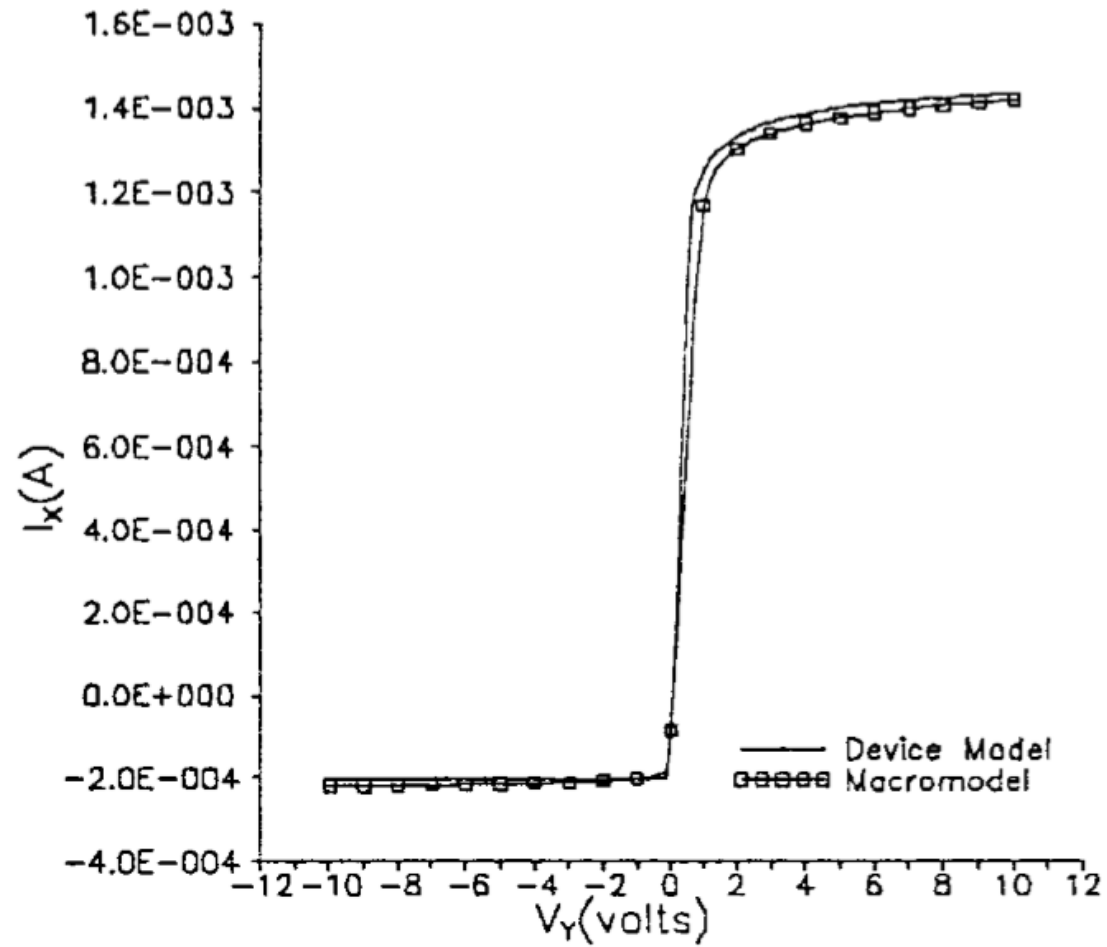
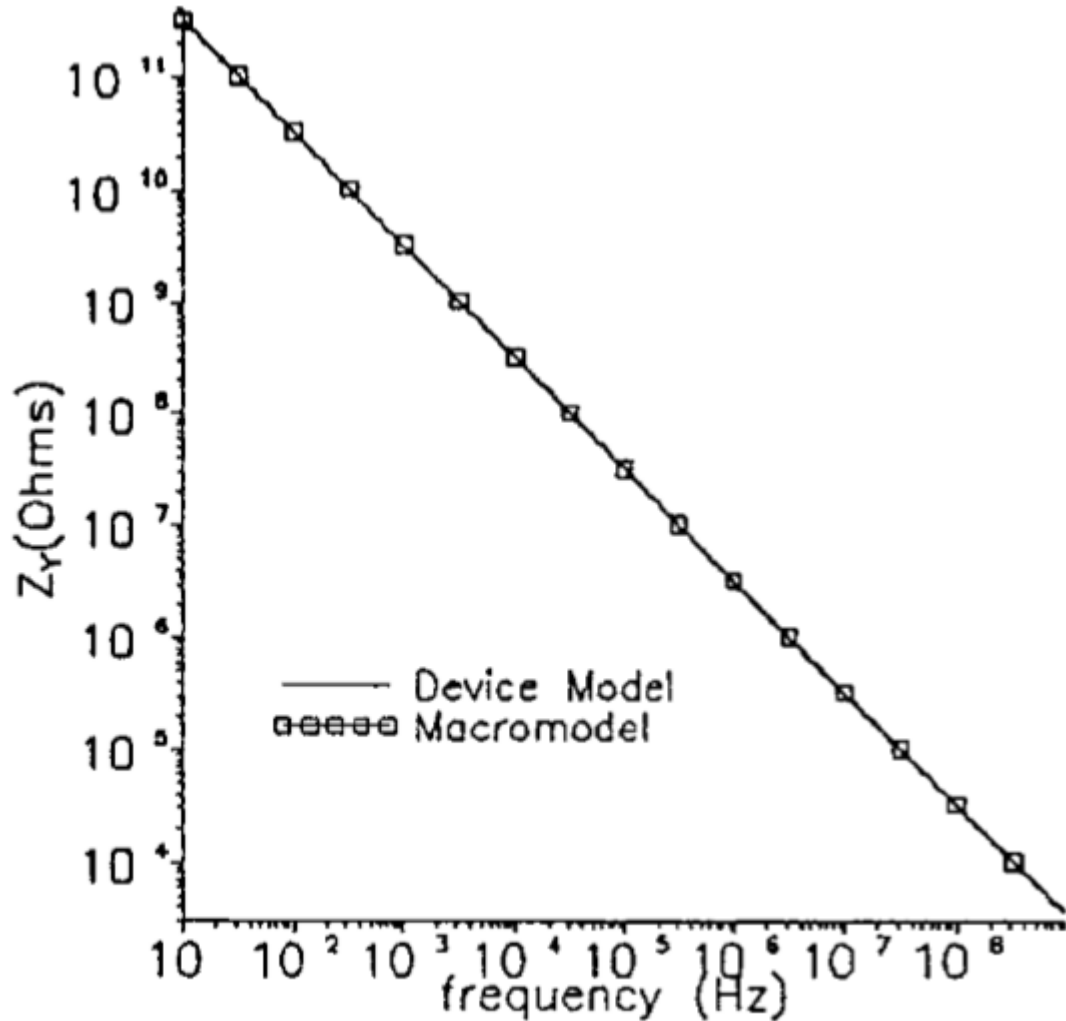
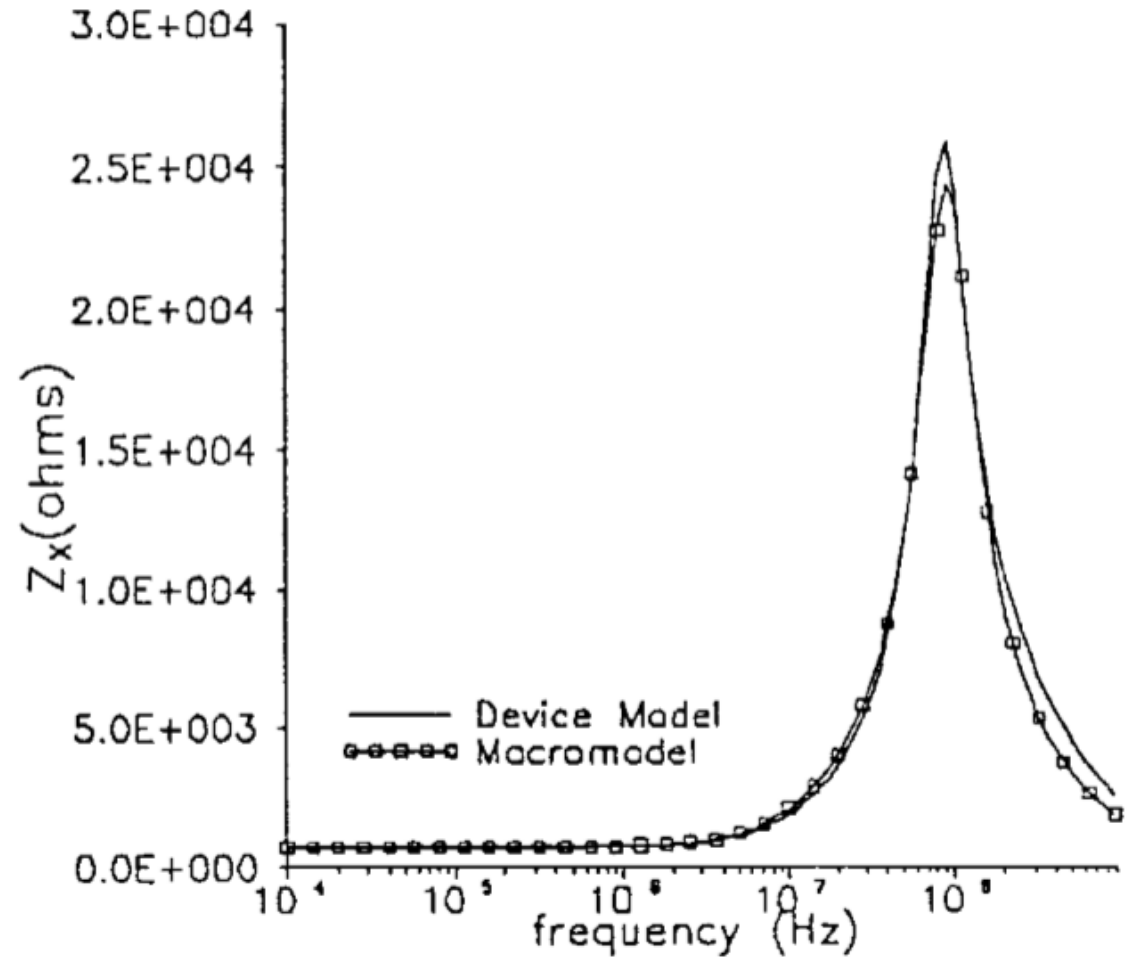


Figure 4. Simulated plots of I_X against V_Y

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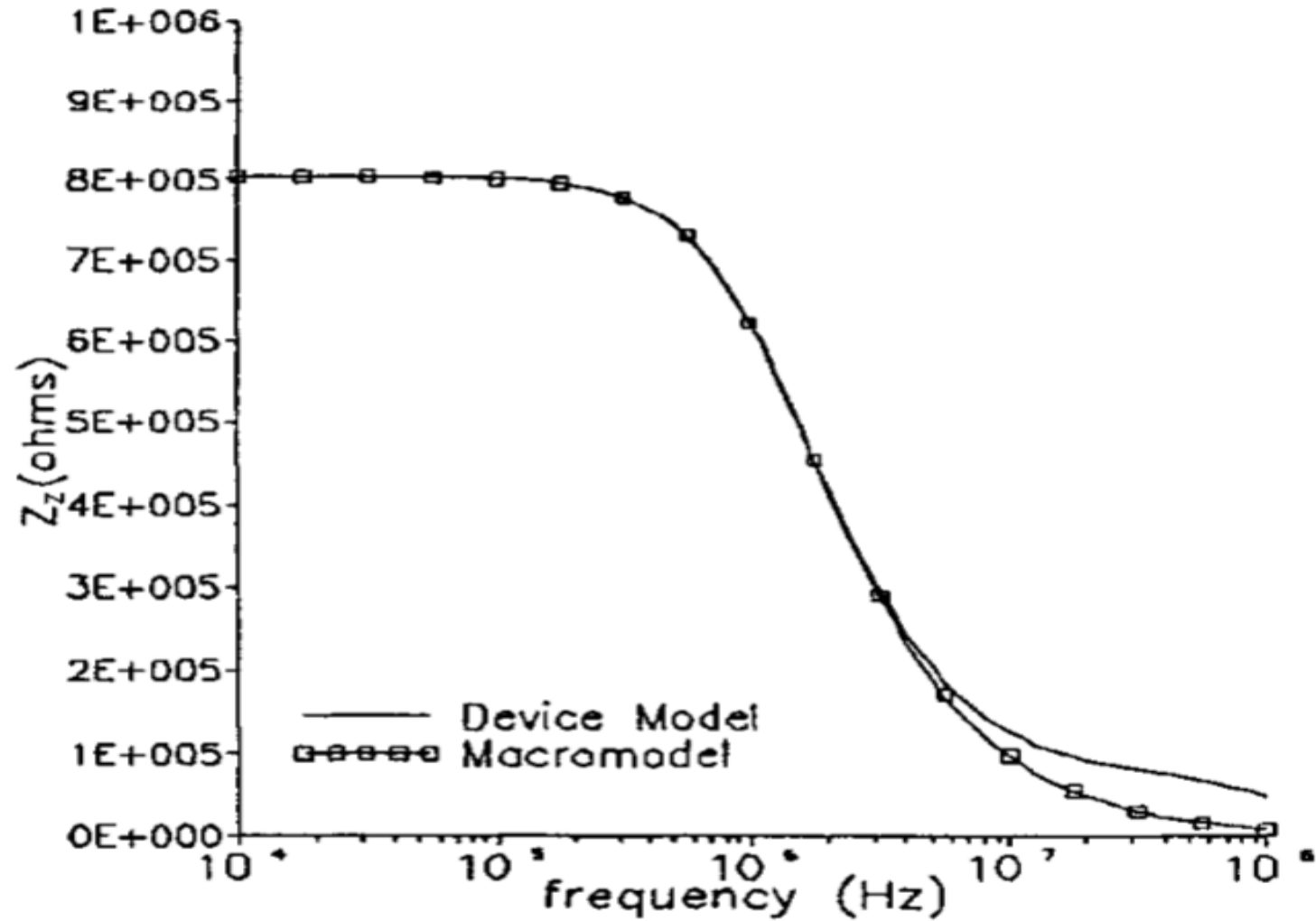


Frequency response of Z_Y



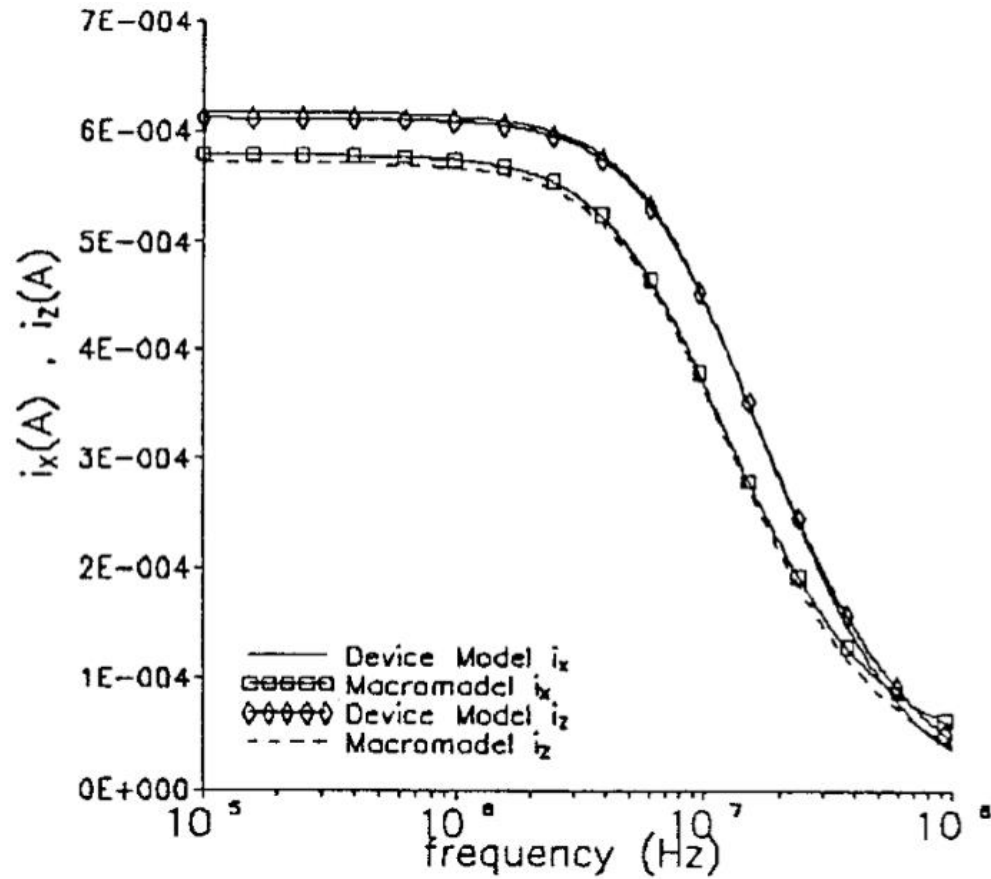
Frequency response of Z_X

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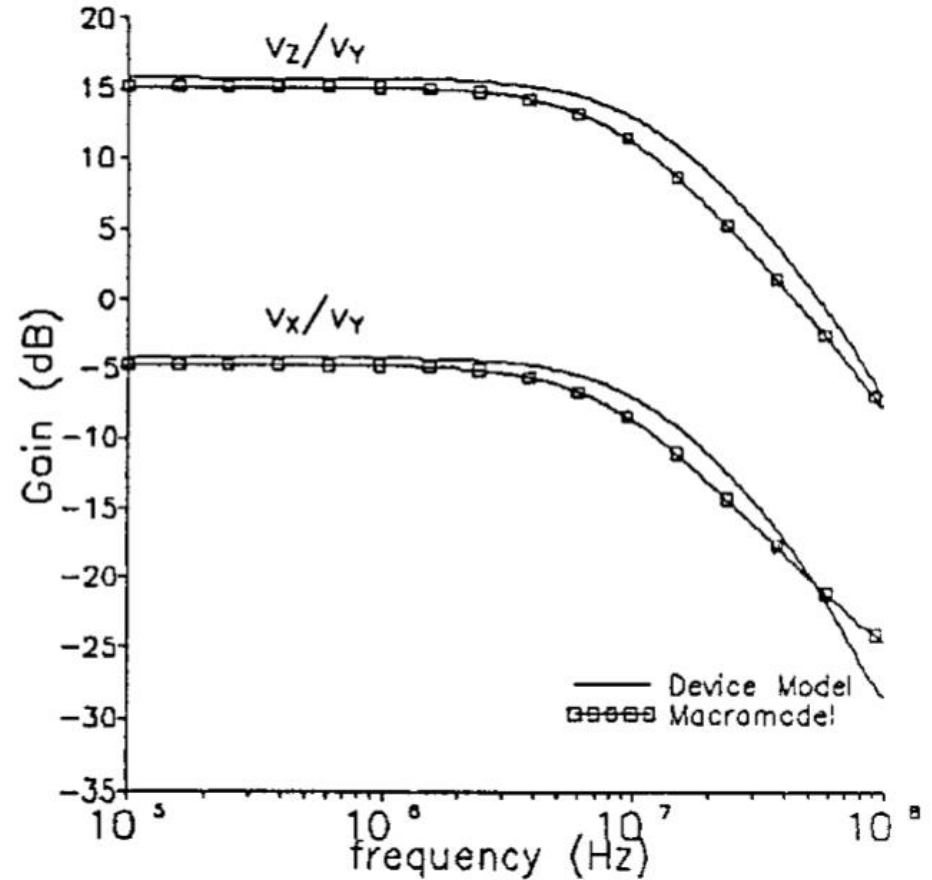


Frequency response of Z_z

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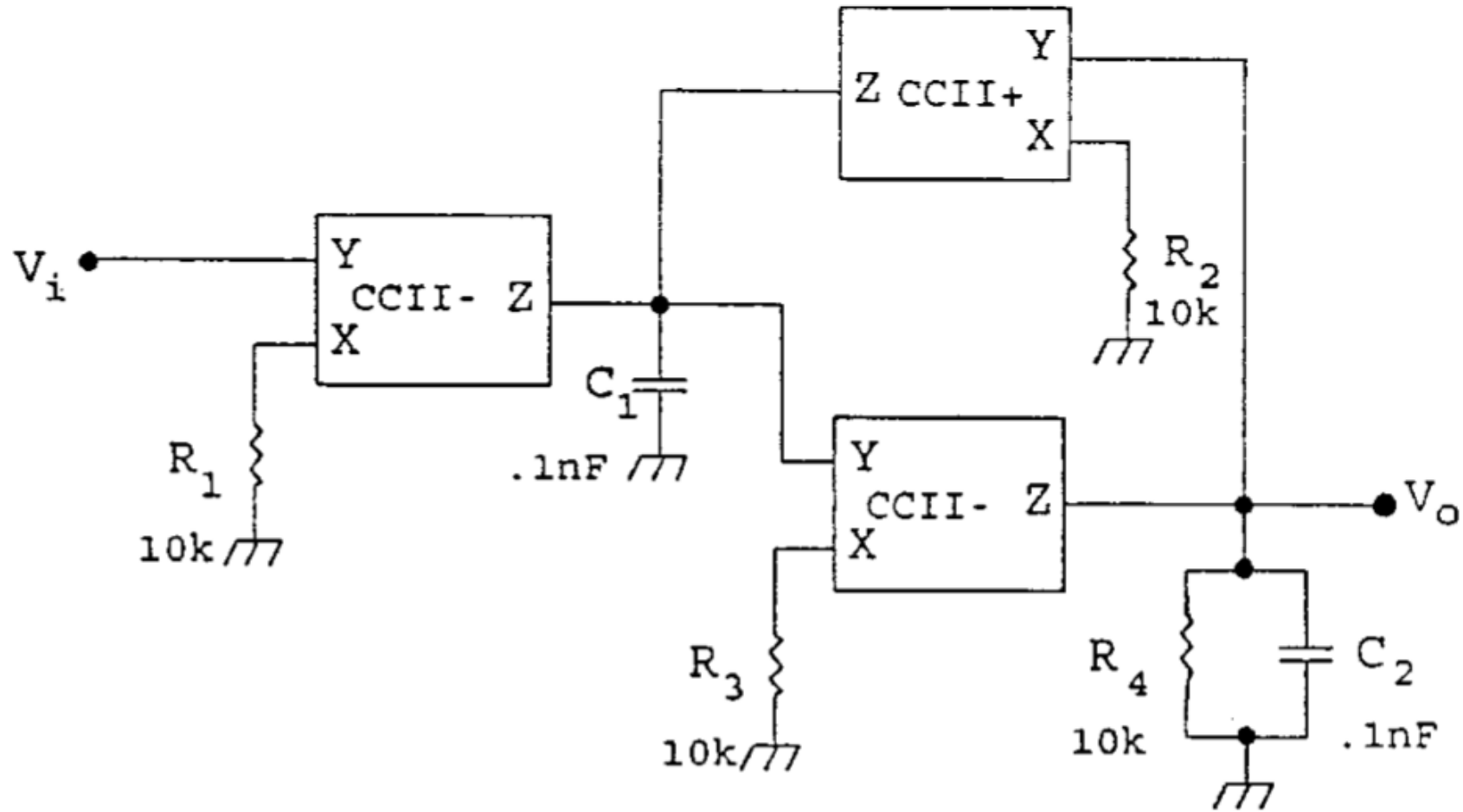
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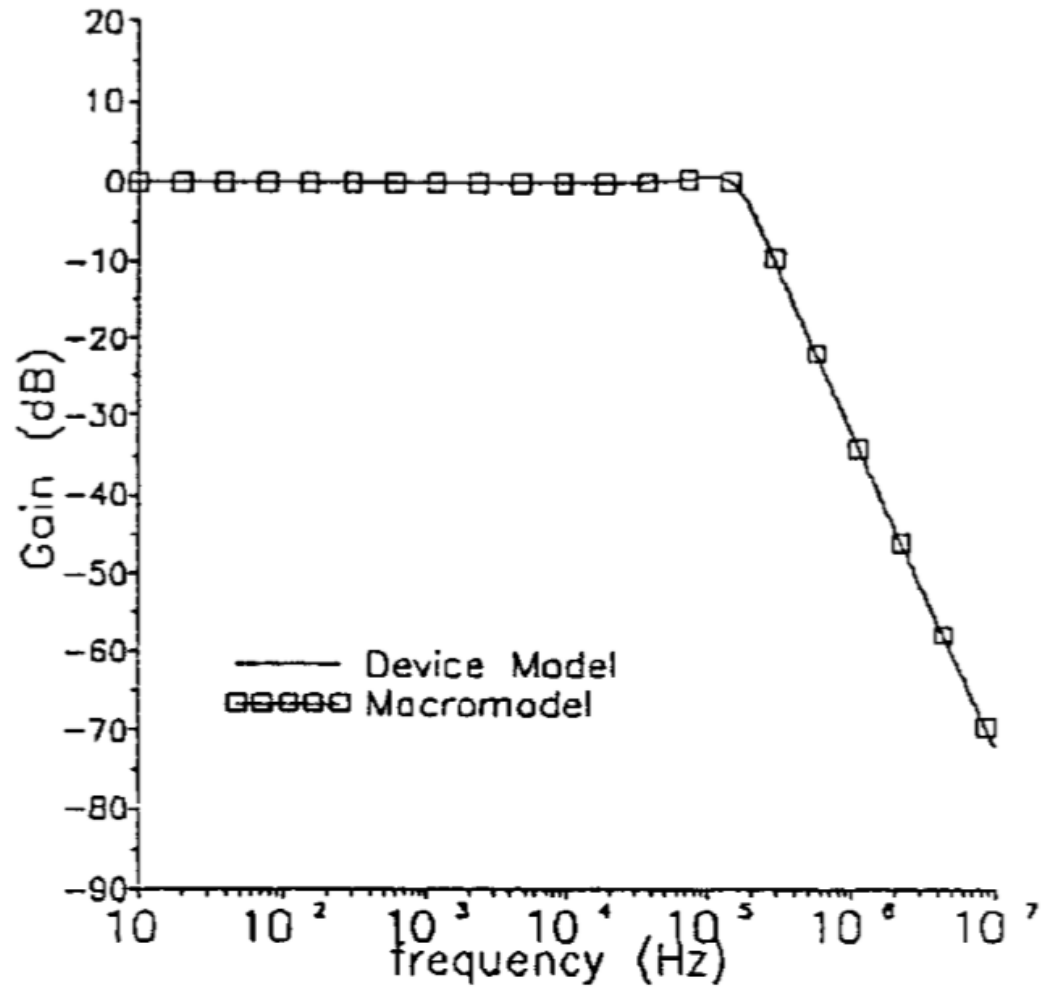
Frequency response of current and voltage gains

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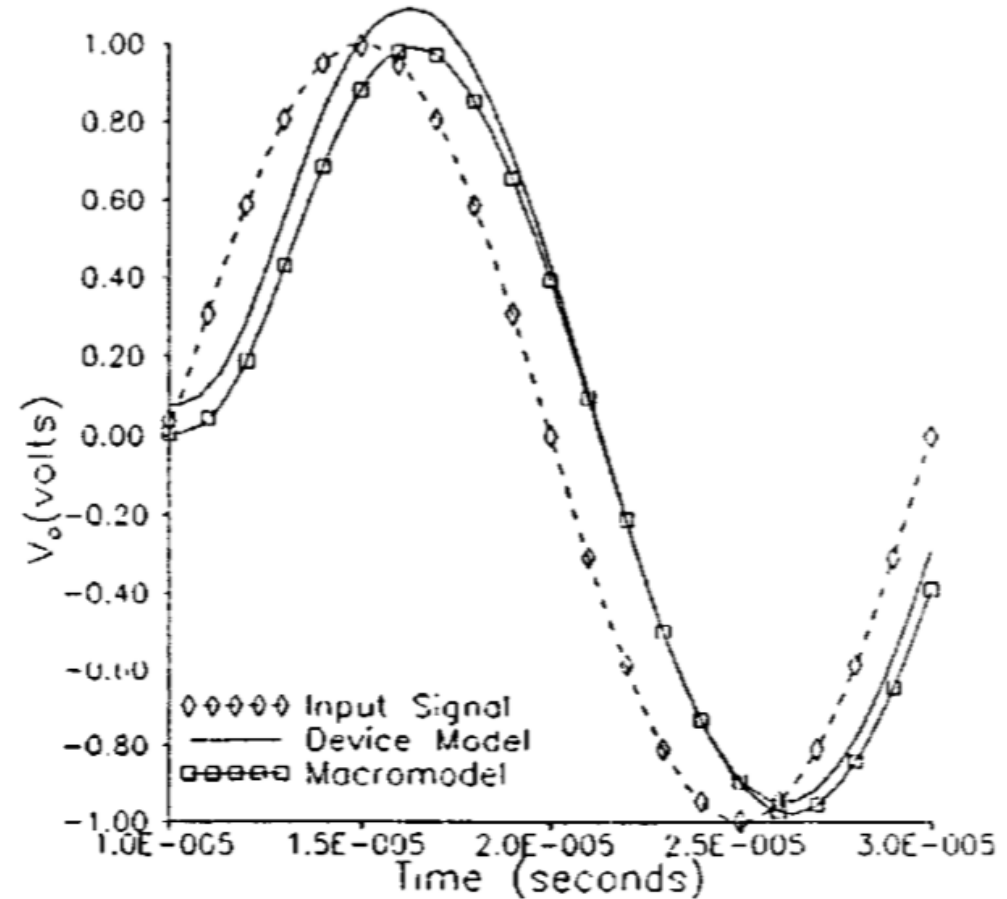


An example of a second-order low-pass active filter

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(a)



(b)

(a) Simulated frequency response of the filter and (b) transient analysis results of the filter

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Table IV. Computer times in seconds needed for SPICE simulations

Type of analysis	AC	TRANSIENT
Current Conveyor-1 (Device Model)	20.70	34.99
Current Conveyor-1 (Macromodel)	1.92	6.59
Current Conveyor-2 (Device Model)	60.25	72.18
Current Conveyor-2 (Macromodel)	2.03	6.32

Table V. Equations to calculate the macromodel parameters

$$R_{C1} = \frac{V_{X\max} - V_{XM1}}{|I_{X\max}|}$$

$$V_{C1} = V_{DD} - V_{XM1} + V_\gamma$$

$$I_{S1} = -I_{X\max} \exp(-V_D/V_T)$$

$$R_{E1} = \frac{|V_{X\min}| - |V_{XM2}|}{I_{X\min}}$$

$$V_{E1} = V_{SS} - |V_{ZM2}| + V_\gamma$$

$$I_{S2} = I_{X\min} \exp(-V_D/V_T)$$

$$R_{C2} = \frac{V_{Z\max} - V_{ZM1}}{|I_{Z\max}|}$$

$$V_{C2} = V_{DD} - V_{ZM1} + V_\gamma$$

$$R_{E2} = \frac{|V_{Z\max}| - |V_{ZM2}|}{|I_{Z\min}|}$$

$$V_{E2} = V_{SS} - |V_{ZM2}| + V_\gamma$$

$$k_2 = 1 - \frac{V_D}{r_{X1}|I_{X\max}|}$$

$$k_3 = 1 - \frac{V_D}{r_{X1}I_{X\max}}$$

$$C_Z = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{Z3dB}r_Z}$$

$$L_P = \frac{R_P}{2\pi f_P Q_P}$$

$$Q_P = \frac{f_P}{B}$$

$$C_P = \frac{Q_P}{2\pi f_P R_P}$$

$$C_Y = \frac{1}{2\pi f_{Z3dB}r_Y}$$

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Basic static model parameters representing the non-linear current conveyor behaviour can be easily determined from dc transfer characteristics $V_X = V_X(V_Y)$, $V_Z = V_Z(V_Y)$, $I_X = I_X(V_Y)$

The model parameters I_{S1} , I_{S2} , k_{11} , k_{12} , k_2 , k_3 represent the current limiting behaviour at the X terminal of the current conveyor and can be determined from the measured or simulated $I_X = I_X(V_Y)$ characteristic. The maximum and minimum values of the current I_X are specified as I_{Xmax} and I_{Xmin} . The forward-biasing voltage of the diodes is fixed at a value of $V_D = 0.62$ V; the diode currents are assumed to be equal to I_{Xmax} and I_{Xmin} , respectively.

Model parameters V_{C1} , R_{C1} , V_{E1} and R_{E1} are introduced to represent the boundaries of the voltage swing region at the terminal X and can be obtained from the $V_X = V_X(V_Y)$ characteristic. The two boundaries of linear operation are denoted as V_{XM1} and V_{XM2} , while the maximum and minimum values of the voltage V_X are specified as V_{Xmax} and V_{Xmin} .

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Similarly, model parameters V_{C2} , R_{C2} , V_{E2} and R_{E2} are introduced to represent the boundaries of the voltage swing region at the terminal Z and can be obtained from the $V_Z = V_Z(V_Y)$ characteristic. The boundaries of linear operating region are denoted as V_{ZM1} and V_{ZM2} , while the maximum and minimum values are specified as V_{Zmax} and V_{Zmin} .

The model parameters r_Y , C_Y , r_Z and C_Z represent the input and output impedances of the current conveyor and can be specified from measured or simulated plots of input and output impedances against frequency (Figures 5 and 7). f_{Y3dB} and f_{Z3dB} are cut-off frequencies.

The model parameters r_{X1} , r_{X2} , R_P , L_P and the capacitor C_P can be extracted from measured and simulated plots of the input impedance at the X terminal against frequency. The resonant frequency is denoted by f_P and B represents the 3 dB bandwidth of the frequency response. As shown in Figure 6, at low frequencies the impedance is resistive and has a value of $R_P//r_X$ where $r_X = r_{X1} + r_{X2}$. At resonant frequency the impedance becomes $Z_X = r_X + R_P = \omega_P Q_P L_P$. The fraction ratio of r_{X1}/r_{X2} has no physical meaning and can be taken as $r_{X1}/r_{X2} = 1$ for simplicity, though it is a well known technique in the modelling of current limiting.¹⁻³

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

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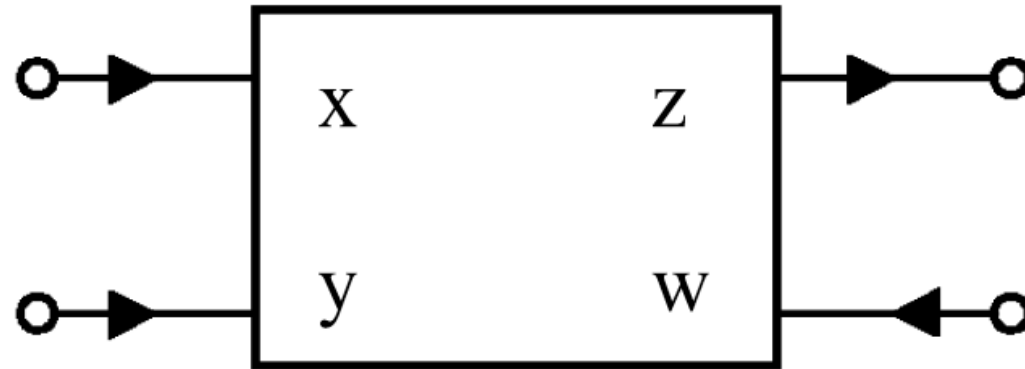
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Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

- The four-terminal floating nullor (FTFN) has also been receiving considerable attention recently
- A very flexible and versatile building block in active network synthesis.
- The FTFN contains both a floating voltage follower and a current follower without having any common node,
- makes it easy to synthesize current and voltage-mode analogue signal processing circuits

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)



Circuit symbol of the FTFN.

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ideal FTFN is characterized by the following port relations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_x &= V_y \\ I_x &= I_y = 0 \\ I_z &= I_w \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Taking into consideration the FTFN non-idealities, the port relations in equation (1) can be expressed as follows

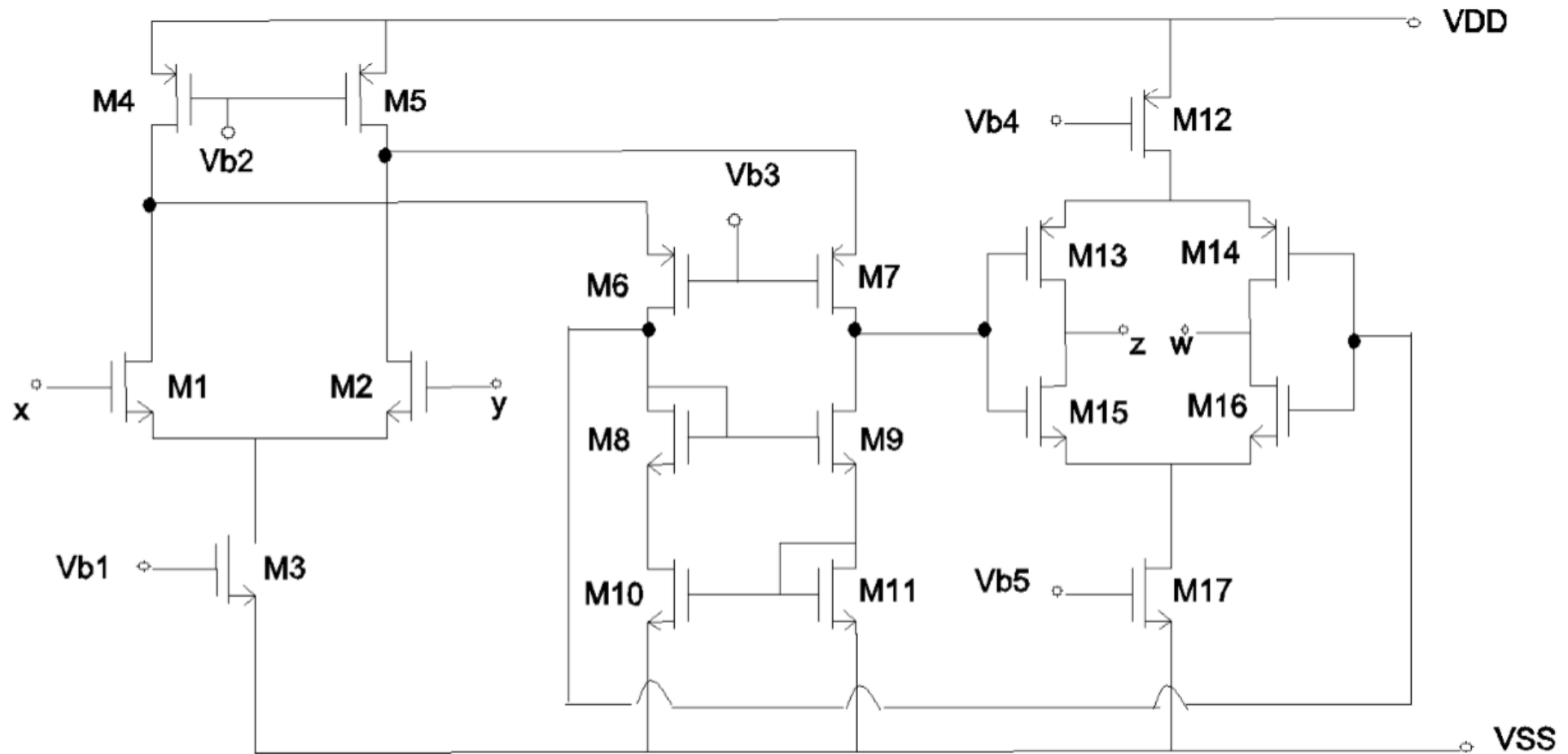
$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_x &= \beta V_y \\ I_z &= \alpha I_w \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

where $\beta = 1 - \varepsilon_v$, where ε_v denotes voltage tracking error, and $\alpha = 1 - \varepsilon_i$, where ε_i denotes current tracking error of the FTFN.

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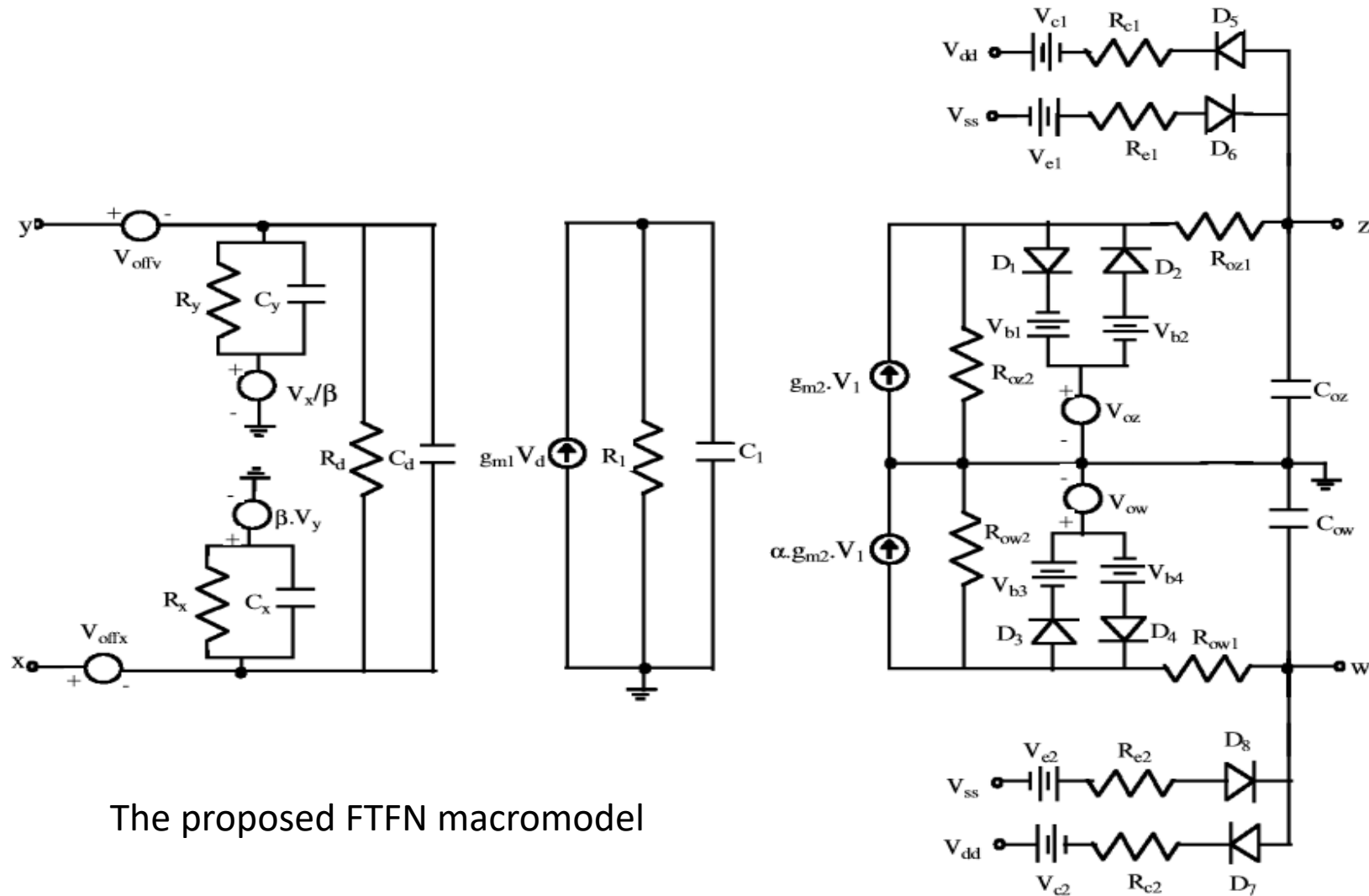
The FTFN is ideally a transconductance amplifier featuring infinite gain and two output currents. The basic equation describing its operation $I_w = I_z = G_m (V_x - V_y)$. For a finite open-loop transconductance gain G_m , the difference between two differential voltages increases as G_m decreases. Therefore the open-loop transconductance gain should be as large as possible to achieve high performance operation.

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Circuit schematic diagram of the CMOS FTFN.

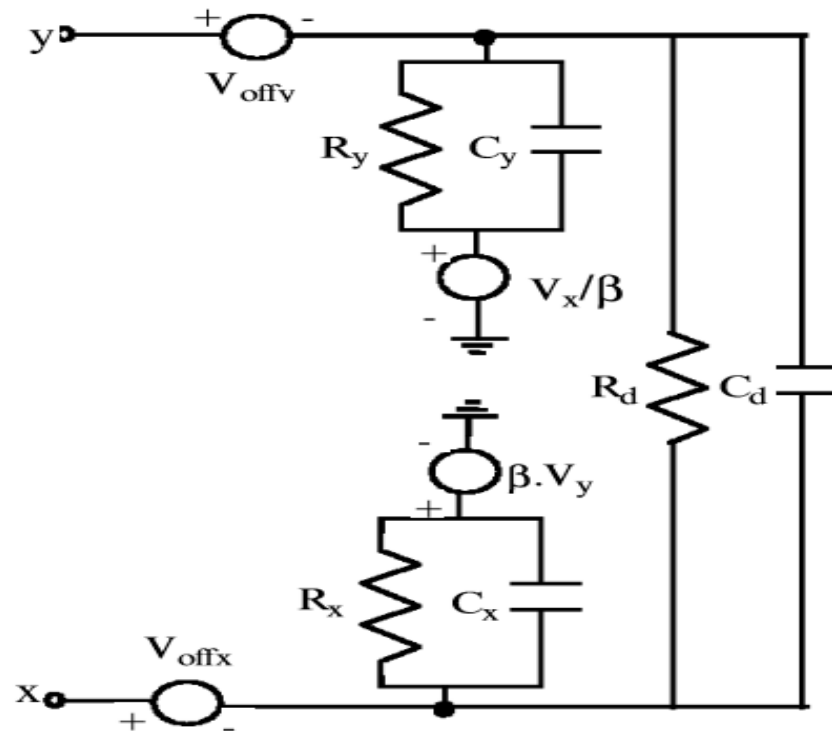
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The proposed FTFN macromodel

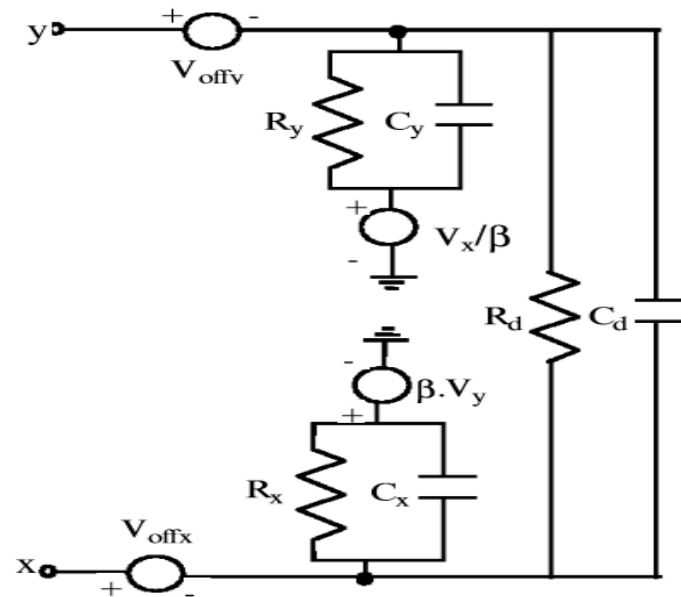
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The input stage produces the necessary linear and nonlinear differential mode input characteristics and consists of capacitors C_x , C_y , C_d , resistors R_x , R_y , R_d , independent voltage source V_{os} and voltage-controlled voltage sources V_x , V_y .



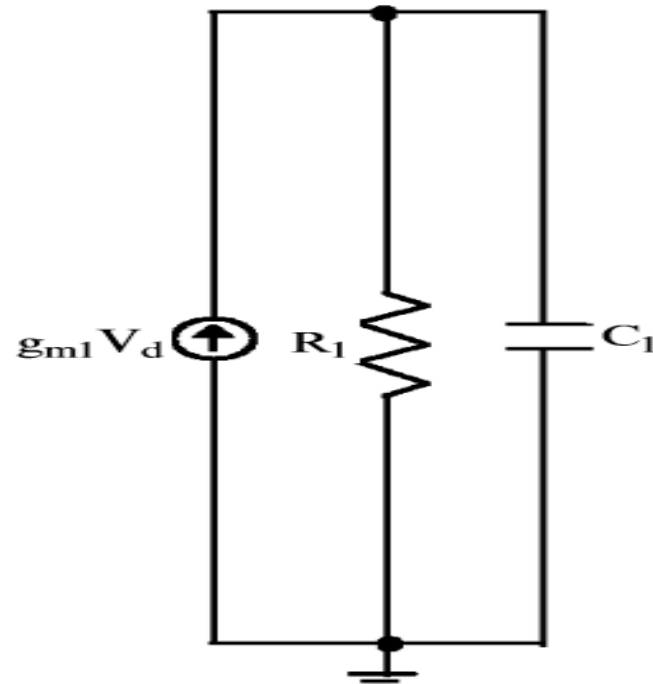
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voltage source V_{os} is introduced to model the input voltage offset voltage. V_x and V_y are dependent voltage sources which represent voltage tracking error of the FTFN. C_x , C_y , C_d and R_x , R_y , R_d represent input capacitances and resistances of the FTFN respectively. Since the input resistance of the FTFN can be assumed practically infinite, R_x , R_y and R_d are fixed at $10^{12} \Omega$ to prevent numerical problems



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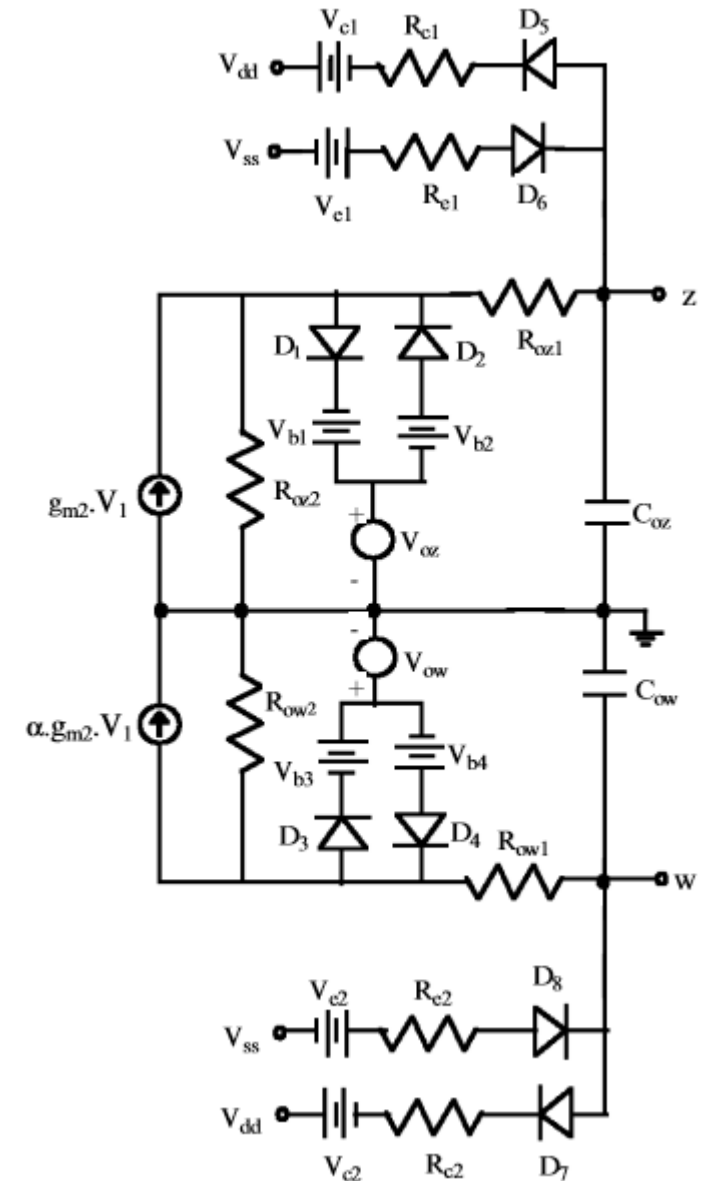
The inter-stage contains a unity gain connection and is introduced to provide a high-frequency dominant pole. To introduce this pole into the frequency response the resistance R_1 is chosen as $1/g_{m1}$.



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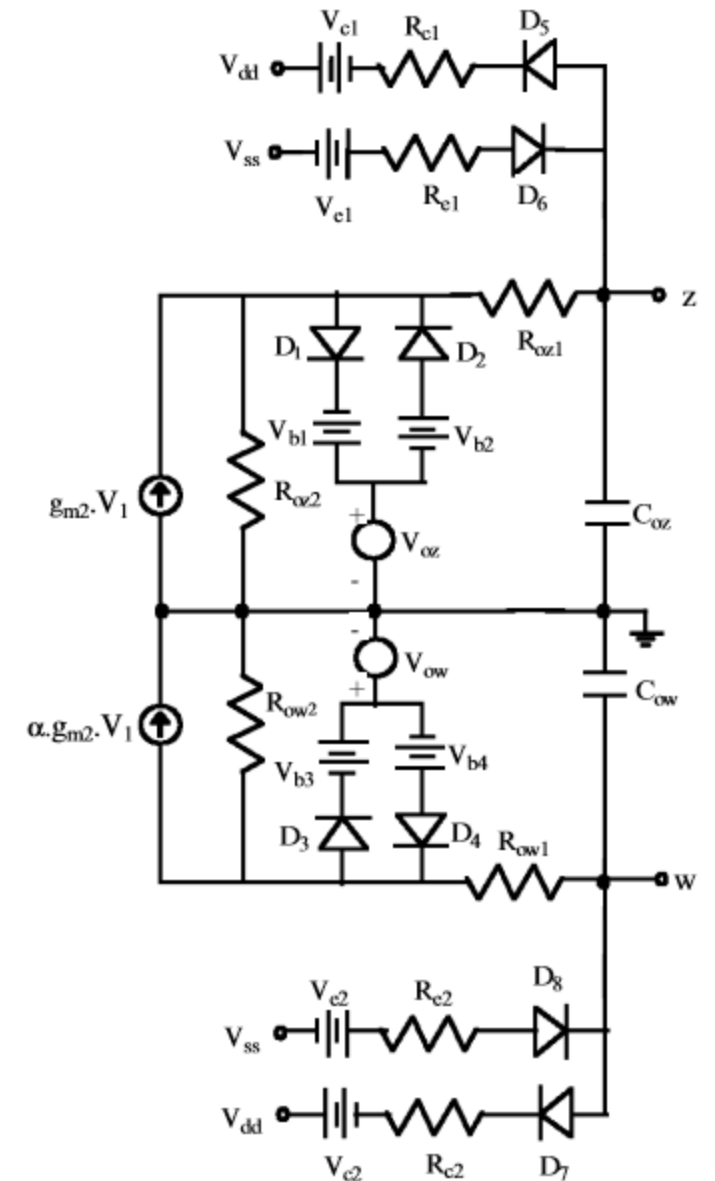
The output stage consists of two current controlled current sources, output capacitances and output resistances.

The transconductance ratio of the current-controlled current source represents the current tracking error of the FTFN.



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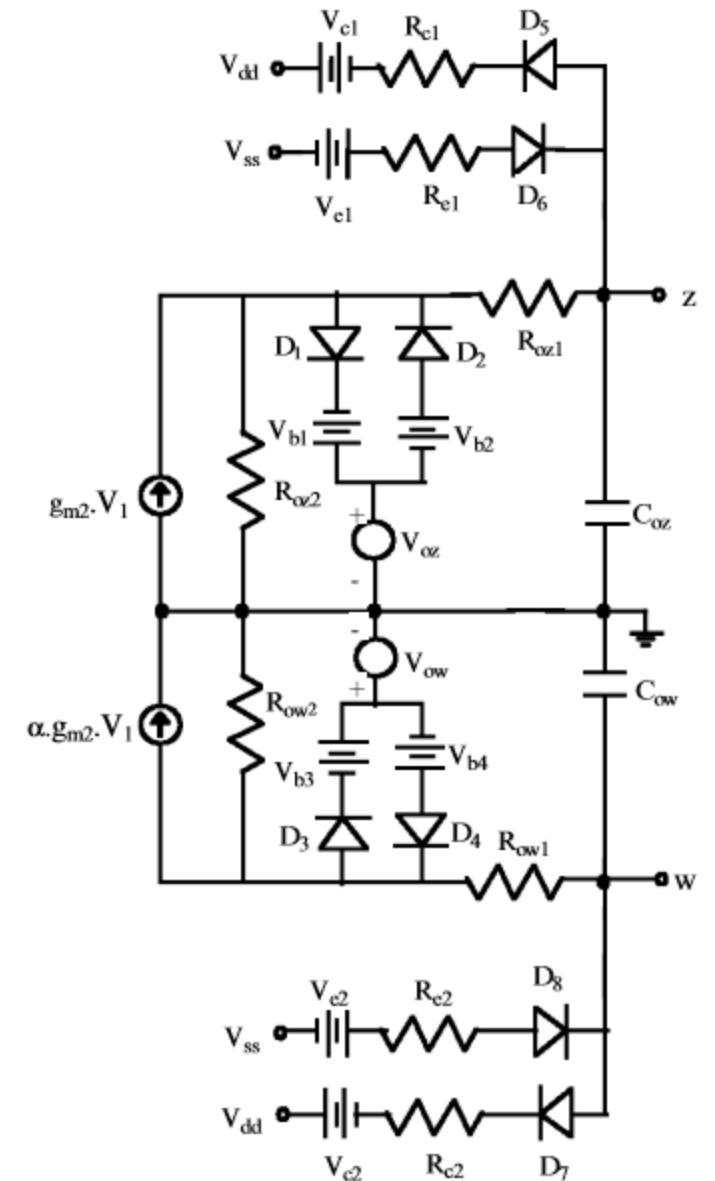
The nonlinearity of the FTFN caused by voltage and current limiting at the z and w terminals modelled a well-known modelling technique, namely piecewise linear approximation, by introducing additional elements.



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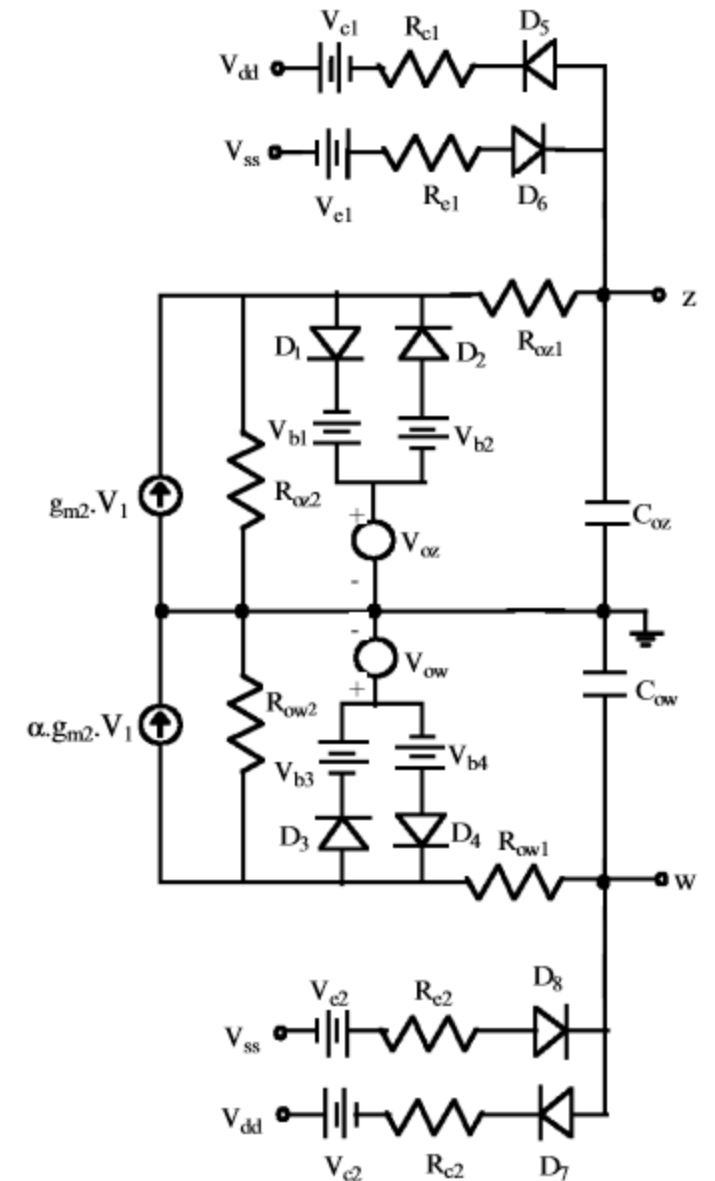
The voltage swings at the z and w terminals are limited by voltage source-resistor-diode combinations V_{c1} , D_5 , R_{c1} , V_{e1} , D_6 , R_{e1} and V_{c2} , D_7 , R_{c2} , V_{e2} , D_8 , R_{e2} .

To represent current-limiting voltage-dependent voltage source combinations V_z , V_{b1} , V_{b2} , D_1 , D_2 and V_w , V_{b3} , V_{b4} , D_3 , D_4 are incorporated into the circuit.



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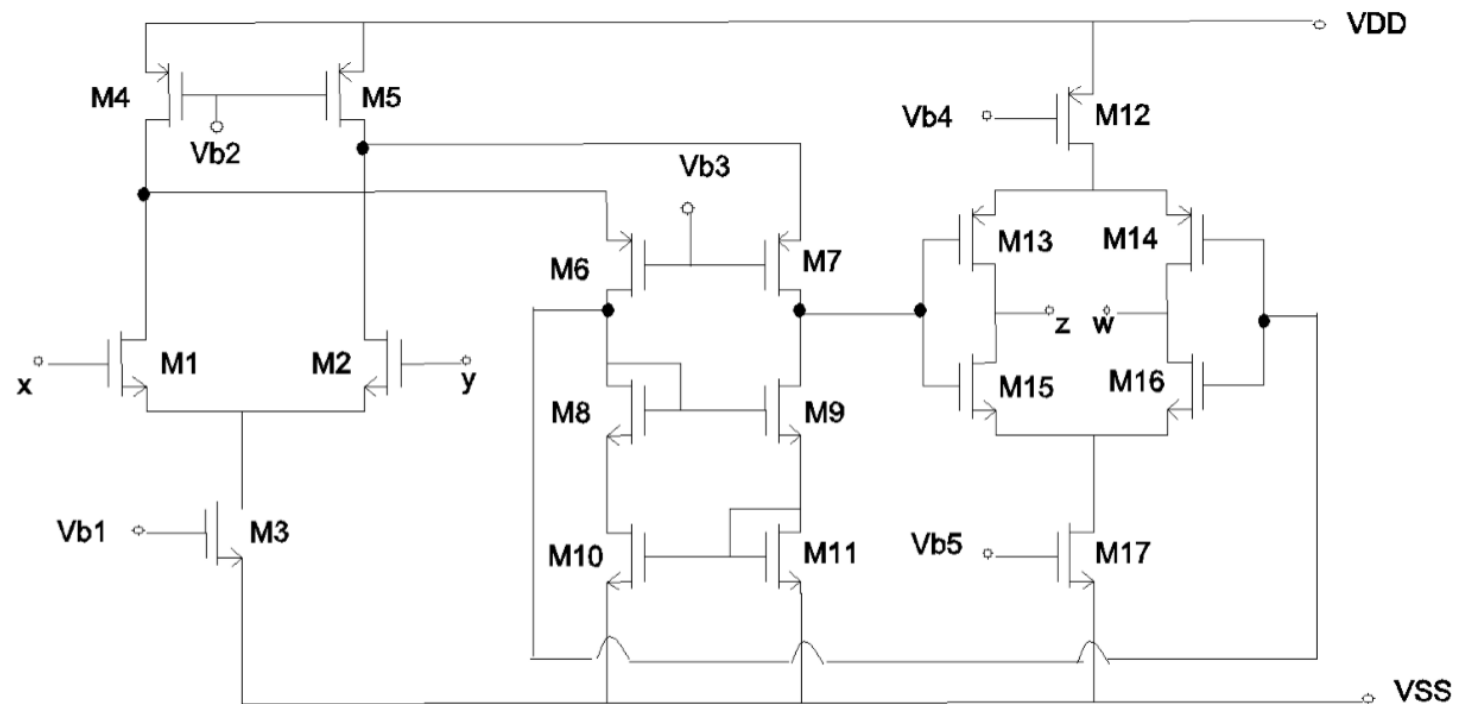
The resistors R_{c1} , R_{e1} , R_{c2} and R_{e2} are resistive elements introduced into the circuit model which adjust the slope of the dc voltage transfer characteristic at the boundaries of the linear operation region.



Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

Comparison with semiconductor device models

Transistor	W (μm)	L (μm)
M1	24	3
M2	24	3
M3	100	3
M4	100	3
M5	100	3
M6	100	3
M7	100	3
M8	100	3
M9	100	3
M10	100	3
M11	100	3
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M14	100	3
M15	100	3
M16	100	3
M17	300	3



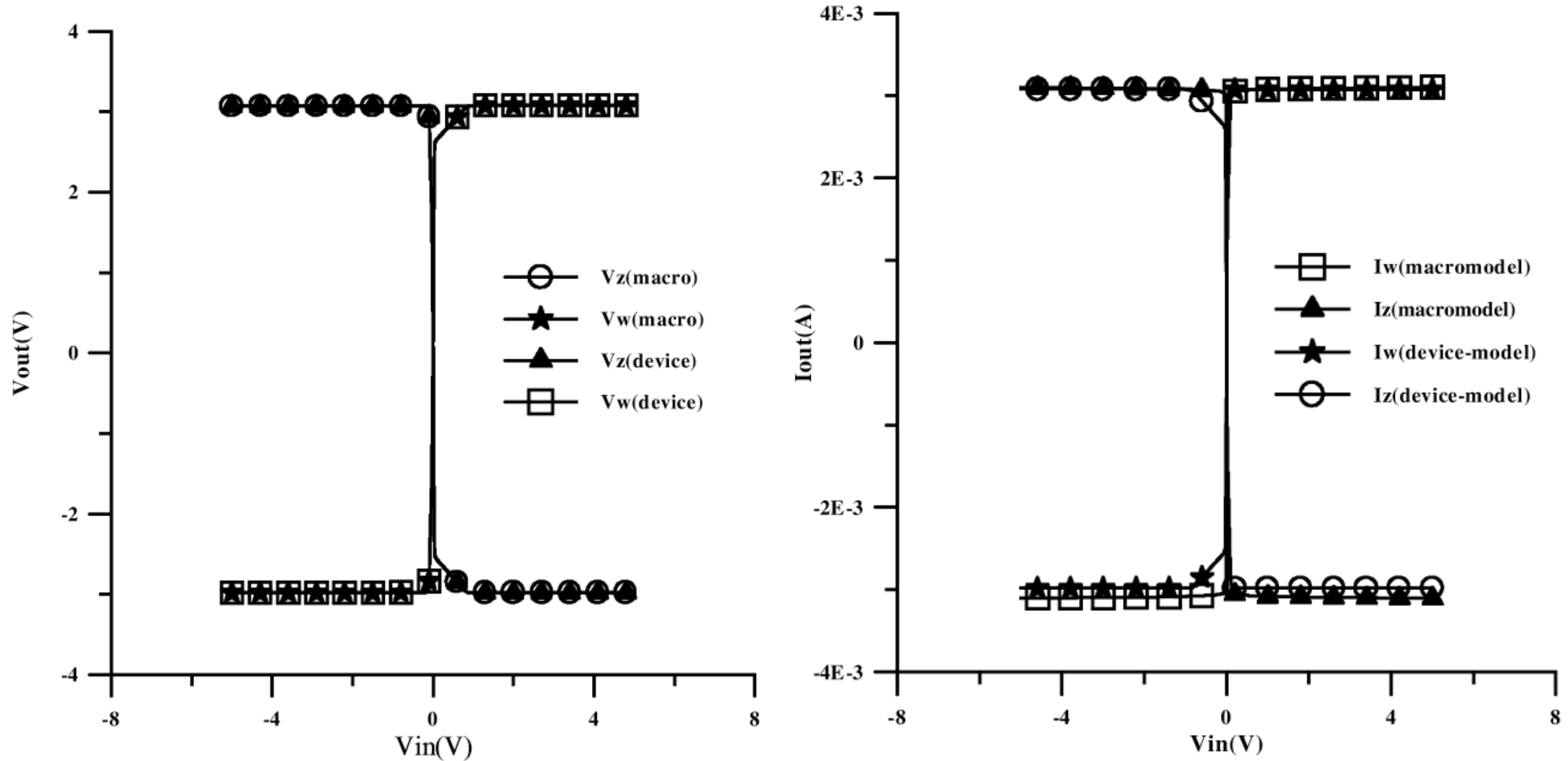
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Comparison with semiconductor device models

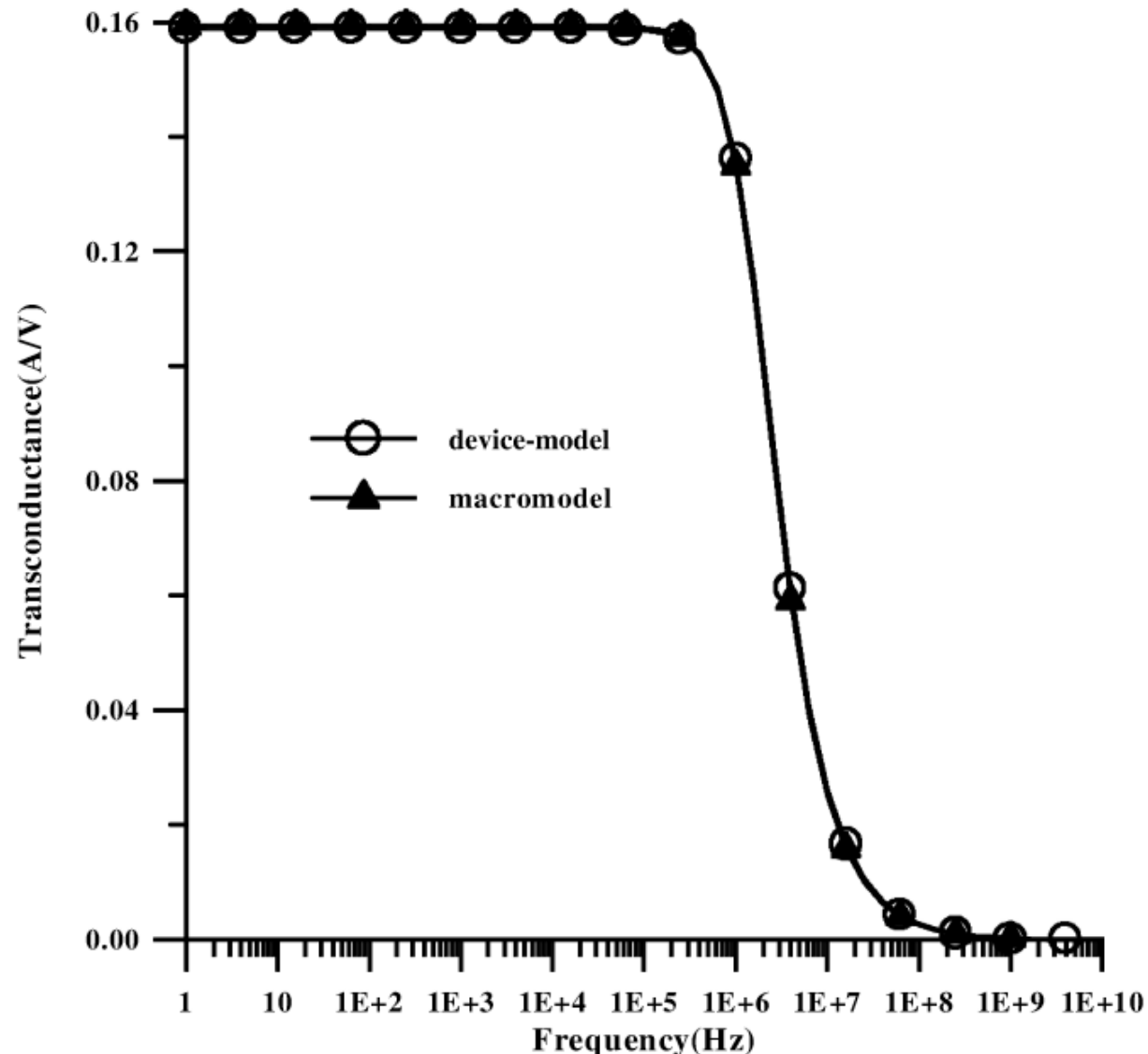
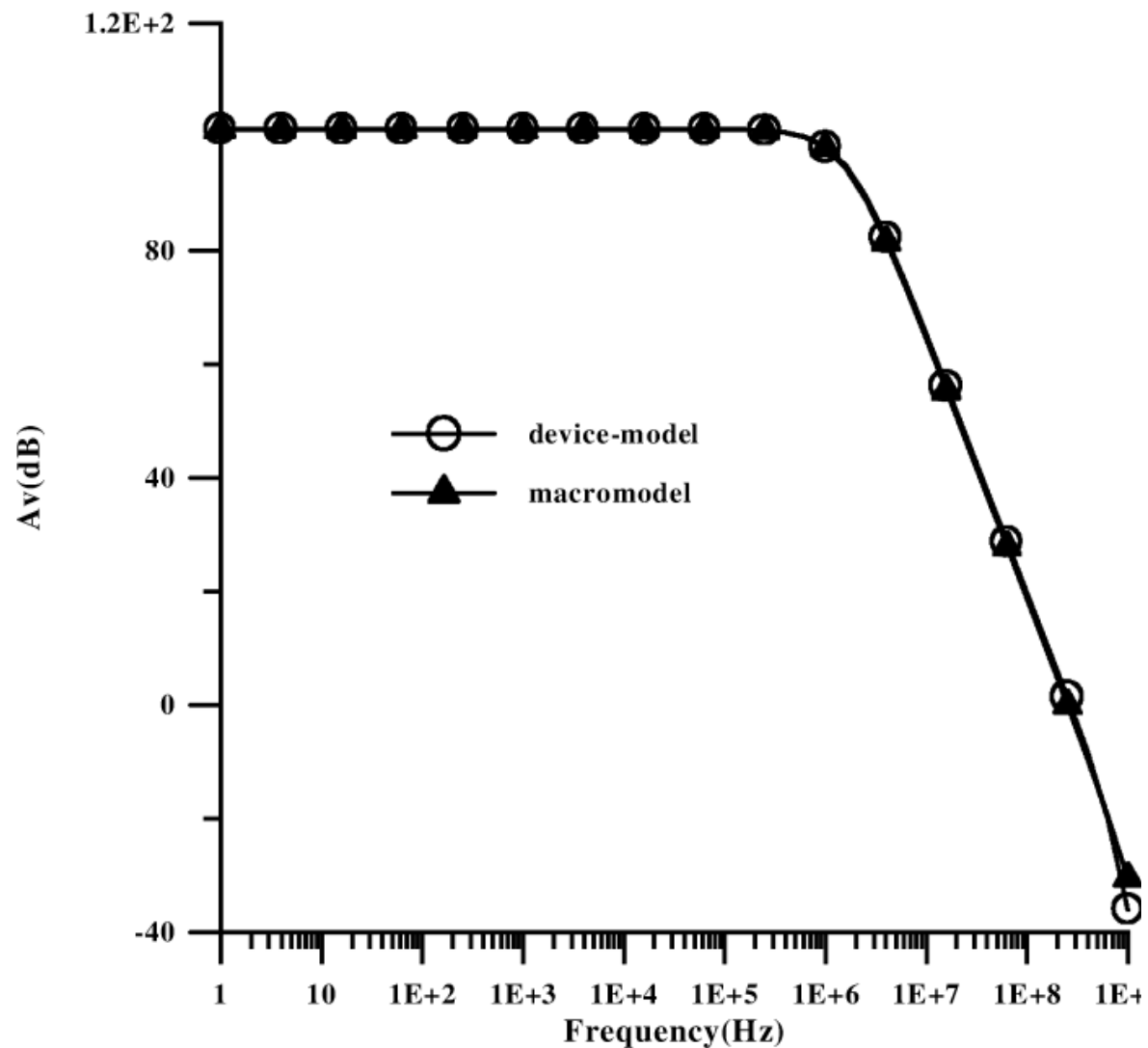
Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
V_{offx}	1 mV	β	1	R_{c1}	1 k Ω
V_{offy}	1 mV	R_1	1 Ω	R_{c2}	1 k Ω
V_{b1}	5.6 V	C_1	100 pF	R_{e1}	1 k Ω
V_{b2}	5.6 V	R_{d}	10 ¹² Ω	R_{e2}	1 k Ω
V_{b3}	5.6 V	C_{d}	1 pF	g_{m1}	1 A V ⁻¹
V_{b4}	5.6 V	R_{x}	10 ¹² Ω	g_{m2}	180 mA V ⁻¹
V_{c1}	1.2 V	C_{x}	1 pF	R_{oz1}	18 k Ω
V_{c2}	1.2 V	R_{y}	10 ¹² Ω	R_{oz2}	2 k Ω
V_{e1}	1.6 V	C_{y}	1 pF	R_{ow1}	18 k Ω
V_{e2}	1.6 V	C_{oz}	0.1 pF	R_{ow2}	2 k Ω
α	1	C_{ow}	0.1 pF		

Model parameters of the derived FTFN macromodel.

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Comparison with semiconductor device models

	Relative error ($\% \varepsilon$)
dc current curves	2.2
dc voltage curves	2.4
Gain–frequency curve	1.01
Transconductance–frequency curve	0.5
Filter ac response	1.4

Relative errors between device model and macro-model for SPICE simulations.

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Parameter Extraction

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

$$V_{b1} = -I_{oz\max} R_{Oz1} - V_D \quad I_{s4} = I_{ow\min} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$V_{b2} = -I_{oz\min} R_{oz1} - V_D$$

$$R_{c1} = \frac{V_{oz\max} - V_{om1}}{I_{oz\max}}$$

$$V_{c2} = V_{dd} - V_{om3} - V_\gamma$$

$$V_{b3} = -I_{ow\max} R_{ow1} - V_D$$

$$V_{e2} = V_{ss} - |V_{om4}| + V_\gamma$$

$$V_{b4} = -I_{ow\min} R_{ow1} - V_D$$

$$R_{e1} = \frac{V_{oz\min} - |V_{om2}|}{I_{oz\min}}$$

Equations to calculate
the model parameters.

$$I_{s1} = I_{oz\max} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$R_{c2} = \frac{V_{ow\max} - V_{om3}}{I_{ow\max}}$$

$$I_{s2} = I_{oz\min} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$R_{e2} = \frac{V_{ow\min} - |V_{om1}|}{I_{ow\min}}$$

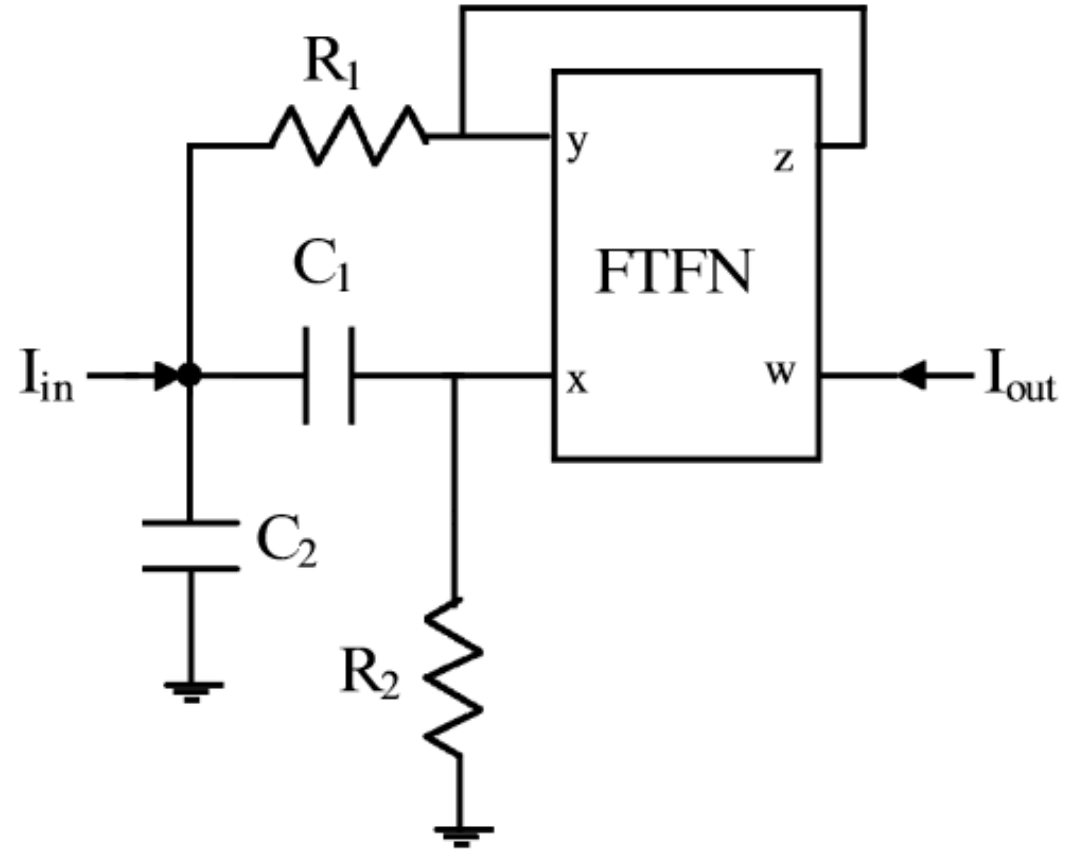
$$I_{s3} = I_{ow\max} \exp\left[-\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right]$$

$$V_{c1} = V_{dd} - V_{om1} - V_\gamma$$

$$V_{e1} = V_{ss} - |V_{om2}| + V_\gamma$$

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

Application Example:
Second-order current-mode low-pass filter prototype for constructing a sixth-order current-mode low-pass filter.



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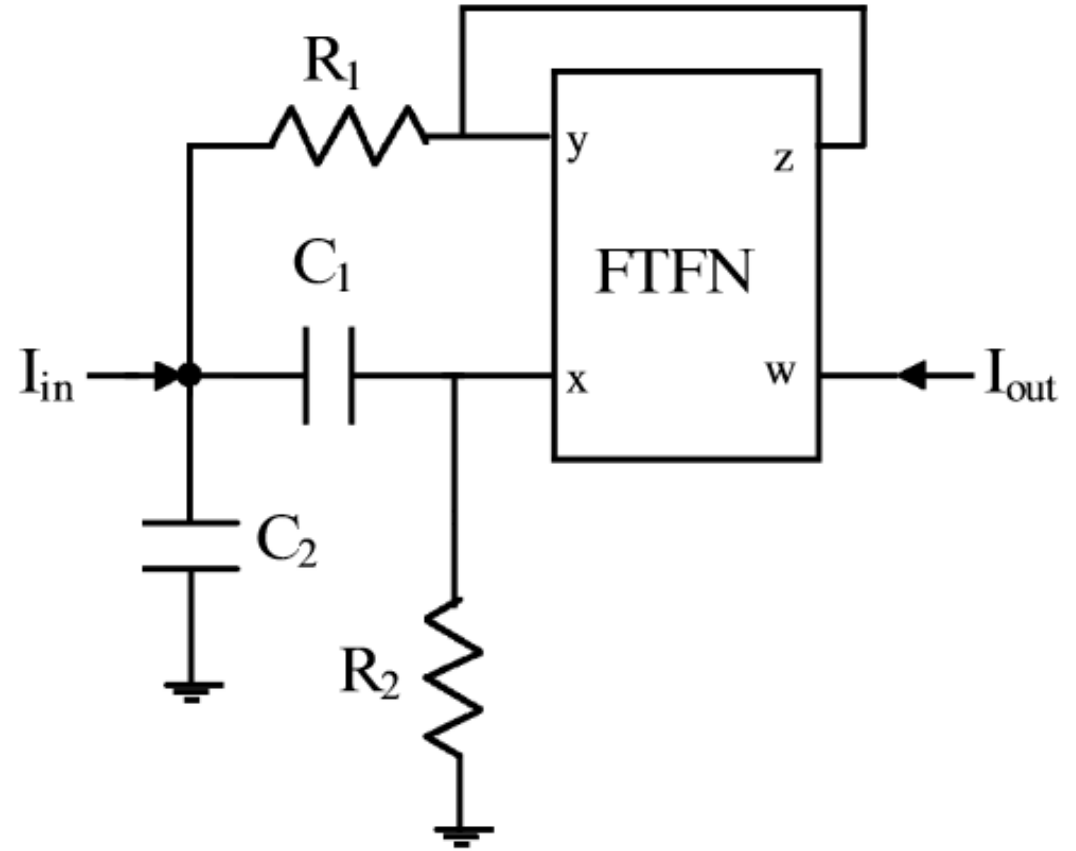
The filter topology was constructed by cascading three second-order current-mode lowpass filters

The normalized transfer function of the Butterworth filter is given as

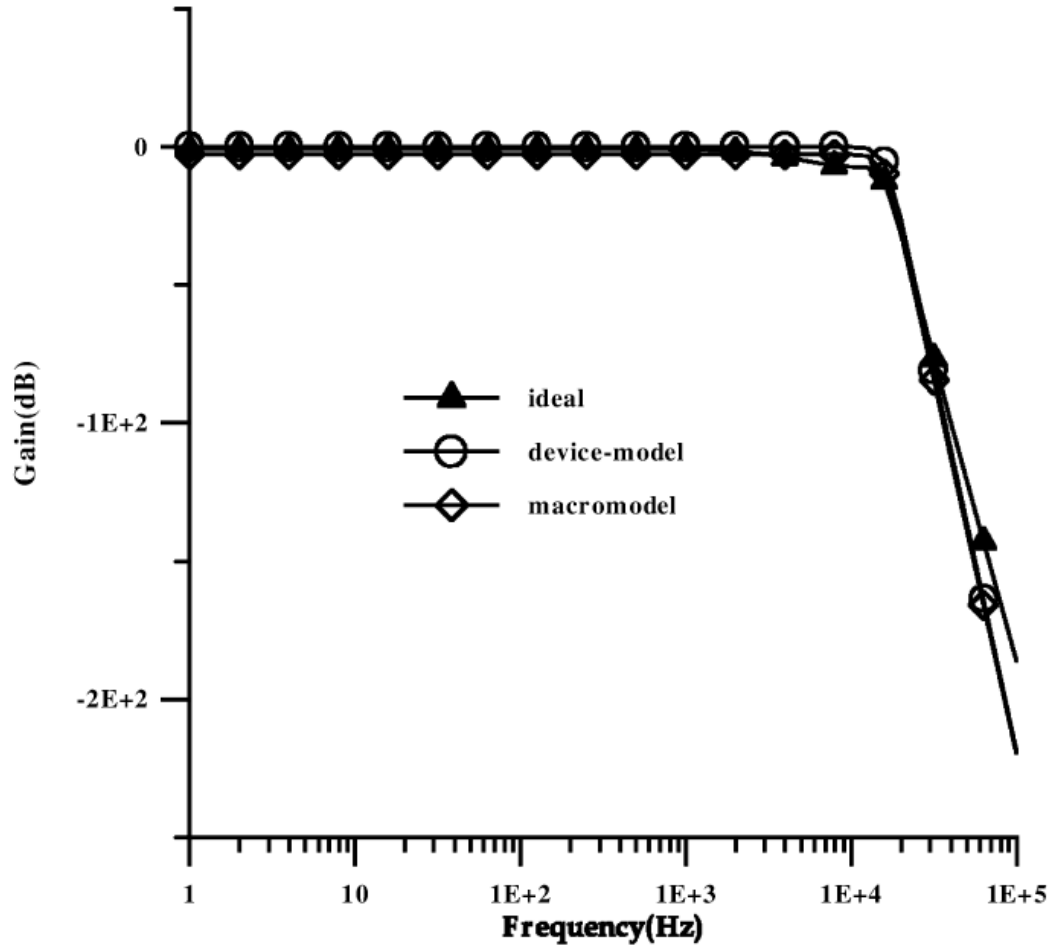
$$\frac{I_{\text{out}}}{I_{\text{in}}} = \frac{1}{(s^2 + 0.518s + 1)} \frac{1}{(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)} \frac{1}{(s^2 + 1.932s + 1)}$$

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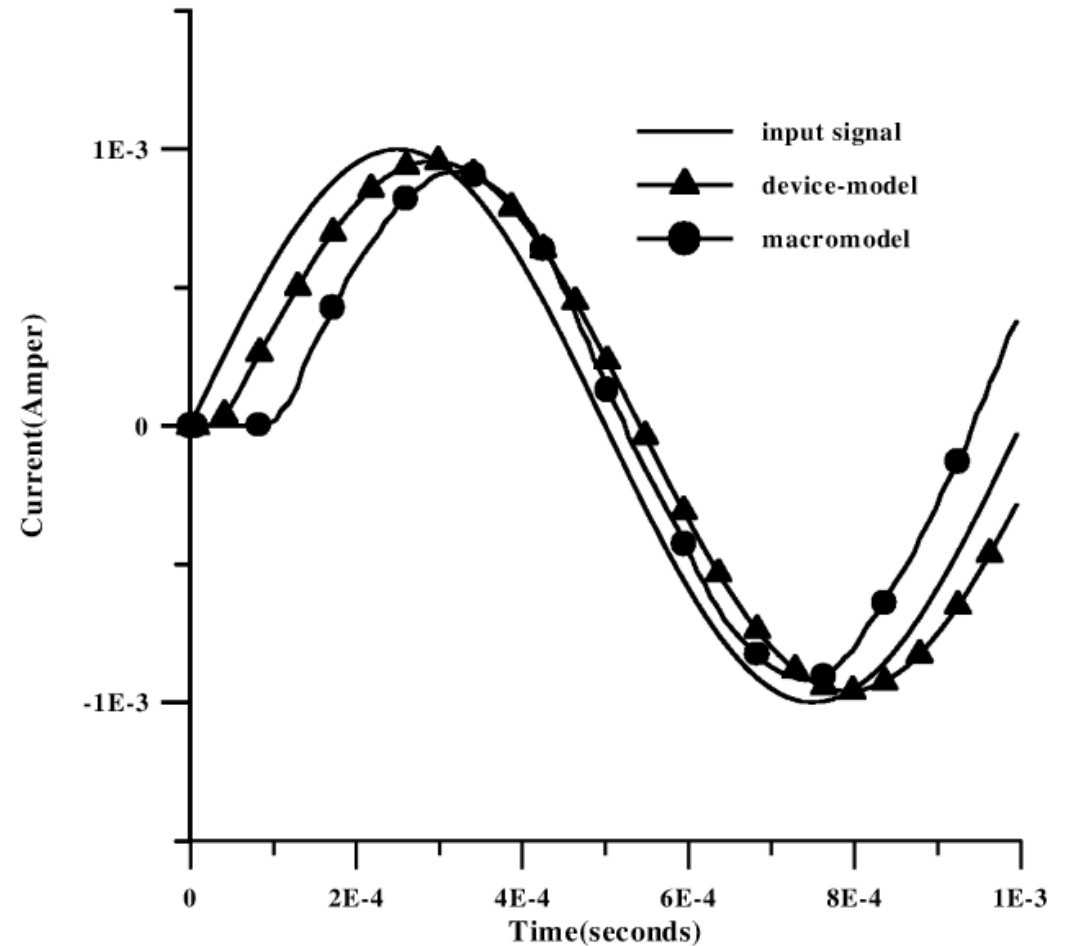
Passive components were chosen as $C_1 = C_2 = 10\text{nF}$, $R_1 = 0,259\text{k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 3,861\text{k}\Omega$ for the [®] first stage, $C_1 = C_2 = 10\text{nF}$, $R_1 = 0,709\text{k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 1:41\ \Omega$ for the second stage and $C_1 = C_2 = 10\text{nF}$, $R_1 = 0:966\text{k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 1:037\text{k}\Omega$ for the third stage, which result in 15.9kHz cut-off frequency.



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Frequency response of the sixth-order low-pass Butterworth filter.



Transient analysis result of the filter with 1kHz sine-wave input voltage.

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

Analysis type	ac (s)	Transient (s)
Macromodel	2.69	2.75
Device model	10.32	16.42

Computer times needed for
SPICE simulations.

Macromodel for four-terminal floating nullors (FTFNs)

- The most important result obtained in the context of this work is the combination of accurate modelling with reduced computer time,
- providing the IC designer with the possibility of speeding up the simulation of large electronic systems in VLSI systems that contain circuits such as active filters and oscillators constructed with FTFNs.

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