VLSI Design

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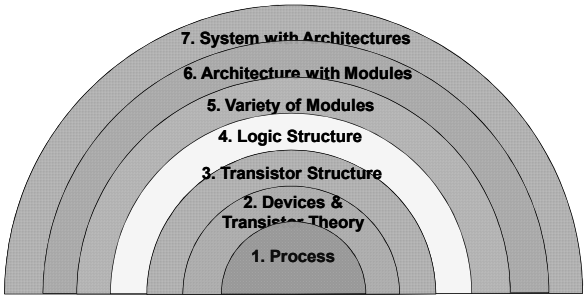
Syllabus Structure

Bottom-up Hierarchy



Notes

Before Class

- Question and Answer in English
  - ✓ Ask a question in English about last lesson.
- 10-minute Quiz
  - ✓ Answer a 10-minute quiz
  - ✓ Evaluate and correct by each other
  - ✓ Try to answer in English

Transistor Power/Timing Models

Summary

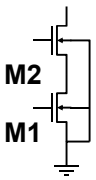
- Switch Models
  - ✓ Ideal Switch: Functional simulation without timing
  - ✓ Resistive Switch: Static power evaluation
  - ✓ Capacitive Switch: Dynamic power evaluation
  - ✓ RC Switch: Basic power and timing evaluation
- Transistor Structure Model
  - ✓ El More Model: loop RC additive.
  - ✓ Rabaey Model: Logical and branch efforts
- IDS Models
  - ✓ Shockley First-Order Equation: accurate manual derivation
  - ✓ Sub-threshold Models
- SPICE Models
  - ✓ Complicate Simulation

Transistor Network

Relay Logics

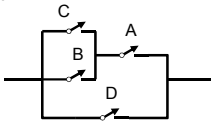
- **Stack Effect**
  - ✓ Parallel Switch: $S_{on} = A_{on} + B_{on}$, $R_s = R_A // R_B$
  - ✓ Serial Switch: $S_{on} = A_{on} \cdot B_{on}$, $R_s = R_A + R_B$
  - ✓ Parallel Capacitors: $C = C_A + C_B$
- **Body Effect**
  - ✓ is the threshold voltage changing of source-bulk voltage due to transistor connection in series.

$$V_{t2} \approx V_{t2} + 0.6\sqrt{V_{D1}}$$

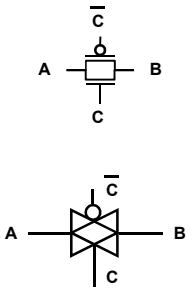


Logic Completeness and Switch

1. **{And, Or, Not} is a complete logic set.**
2. **A logic set is complete if and only if it can combine to all functions of another complete logic set, such as {NAND} and {NOR}**
3. **A basic relay (switch) logic can represent either AND or OR function only.**
4. **Example: F=A(B+C)+D**



Transmission Gate



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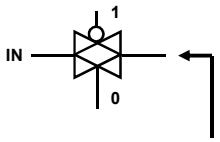
Tri-State



High Impediance
Floating (connection)
Hi-Z
'z'

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Tri-State Logic

AND	0	Z	1
0	0	0	0
Z	0	Z	Z
1	0	Z	1

OR	0	Z	1
0	0	Z	1
Z	Z	Z	1
1	1	1	1

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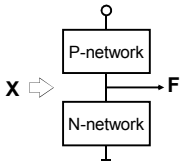
CMOS Logic



1. **N network is a relay logic of $\overline{F}(X)$**
2. **P network is a relay logic of $F(\overline{X})$**

} AND⟷OR

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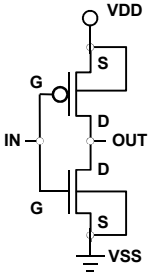
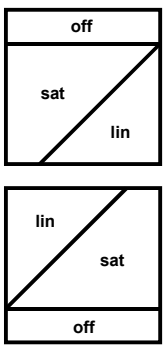
Transfer Function of CMOS Inverters





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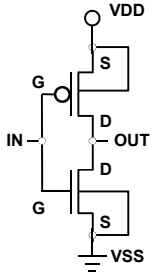

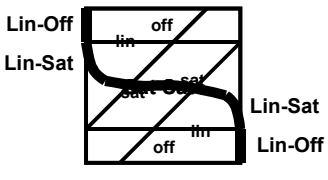

Lin-Sat Curve is a little complicate (skipped), but Sat-Sat seems simple!

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Transfer Function of CMOS Inverters

$$\sqrt{I_{DD} = \frac{\beta_n}{2}(V_{in} - V_{tn})^2 = \frac{\beta_p}{2}(V_{DD} - V_{in} - V_{tp})^2}$$

Inverter Size = S = $\frac{\beta_n}{\beta_p} = \frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p}\frac{W_n}{L_n}\frac{L_p}{W_p} \approx 2.6\frac{W_n}{L_n}\frac{L_p}{W_p}$

Inversion Voltage: = $V_{inv} = \frac{V_{DD} + V_{tp} + V_{tn}\sqrt{S}}{1 + \sqrt{S}}$

Unit-size & Equal-inversion: $V_{inv} = \frac{V_{DD}}{2}$

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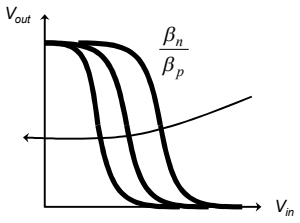
Beta-Ratio Effects



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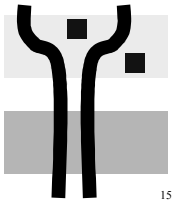
Unary-Sized Inverter

Inverter Size = S = $\frac{\beta_n}{\beta_p} \approx 2.6\frac{W_n}{L_n}\frac{L_p}{W_p}$

When *Lp=Ln=L*, $W_p : W_n \approx 2.6 : 1 \approx 2$

PS. Usual Layout Skill:



Min.-Size: *L=Lmin, W=Wmin*

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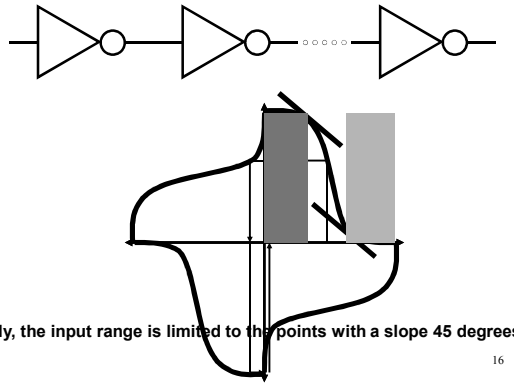
Identical Inverter Cascade



Usually, the input range is limited to the points with a slope 45 degrees.

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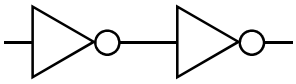
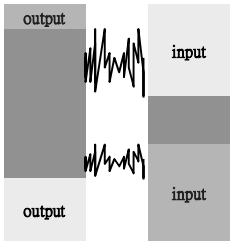
Noise Margin





$NM_H = V_{OHmin} - V_{IHmin}$

$NM_L = V_{ILmax} - V_{OLmax}$

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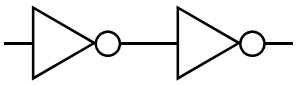
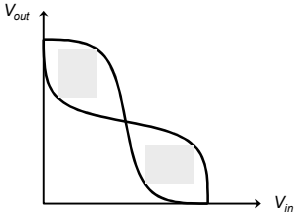
Butterfly Chart

Representing Static Noise Margins





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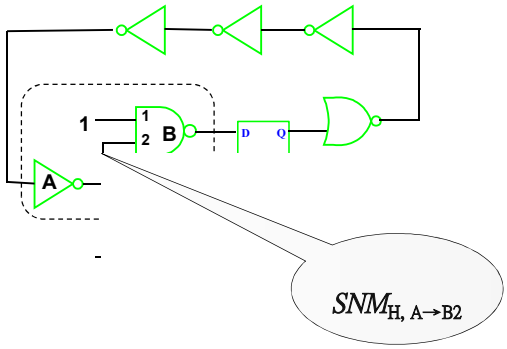
SNMs Everywhere !



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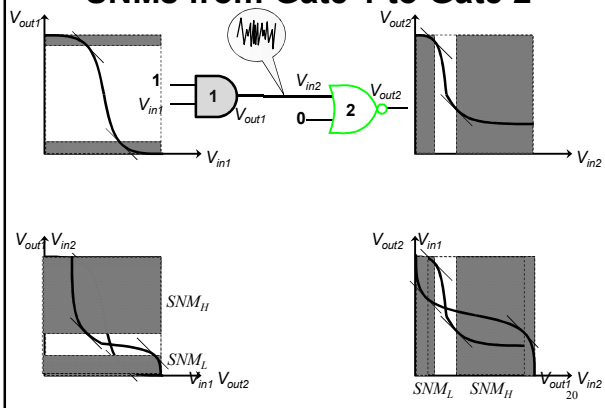
SNMs from Gate 1 to Gate 2



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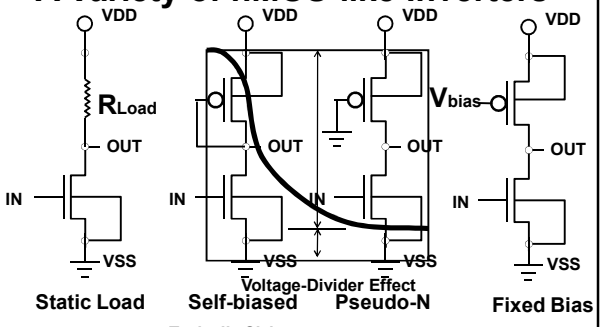
A Variety of nMOS-like Inverters

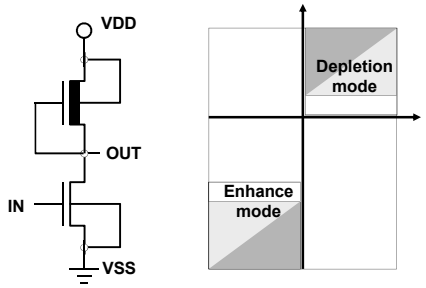


Typically Sizing: $R_{on} << R_{Load} << R_{off}$

Equal-Ratio Sizing: $R_{on} : R_{Load} = R_{load} : R_{off}$

Speed-Compromised Sizing: $R_{Load} = kR_{on}$, k~4 for large R_{off}

NMOS Inverters



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Transistor Sizing for Equal-Inversion

- Assume $V_{tn} = |V_{tp}| = V_{DD}/5$, and $V_{tn} = -3V_{DD}/5$ in NMOS enhancement mode:

Inverter	Inverter Size
CMOS	1:2.5
NMOS	4:1
Pseudo-N	2.5:1

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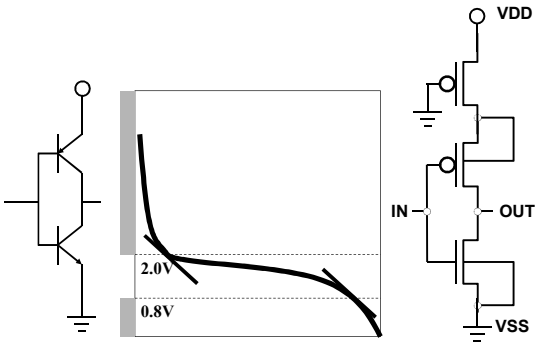
TTL-Interface Inverter



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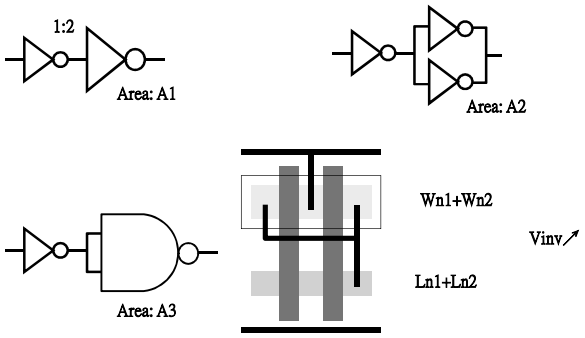
Stacking along Diffusion Lines

Example: considering a buffer with a stage ratio of 2



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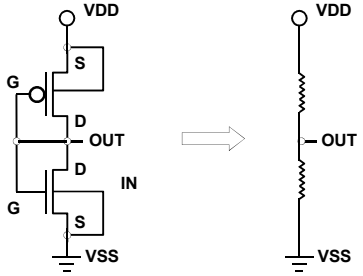
Myth: 180°Oscillator?

In fact,



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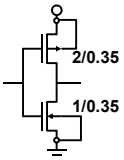
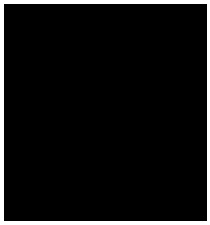
Stick Diagram

1. **Representations of Layout**
   - **Grid-base graph**
   - **EDIF: hierarchical language with coordinates.**
   - **Stick diagram: for sketch or plan**
2. **Example：**





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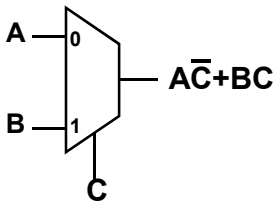
2-to-1 Multiplexer



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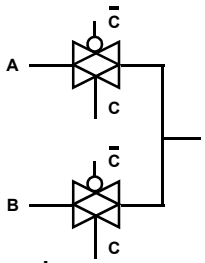
TG-based Multiplexer



Bidirectional

No tri-state in ideal timing

Bus Contention possibly !

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Home #2

- Calculate static noise margins between any two gates:
- Draw the stick diagram of OAI23 gate according to the Euler-path based single diffusion-line layout style.
- Due 2011/10/17

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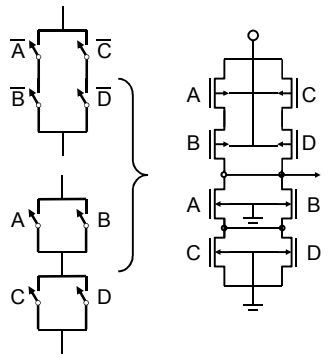
Example：$F=\overline{(A+B)(C+D)}$

$F=\overline{A}\,\overline{B}+\overline{C}\,\overline{D}$

P network：

$\overline{F}=(A+B)(C+D)$

N network：



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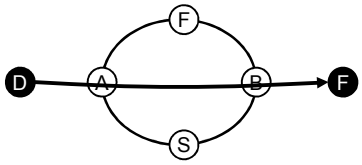
Euler Path

1. Topology in 18th Century Applied in CMOS
2. N path: Relay logic of N network
3. P path: Relay logic of P network
4. N path crosses p path at input X and $\overline{X}$.



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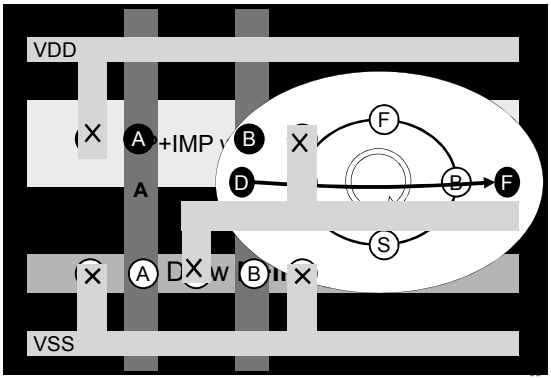
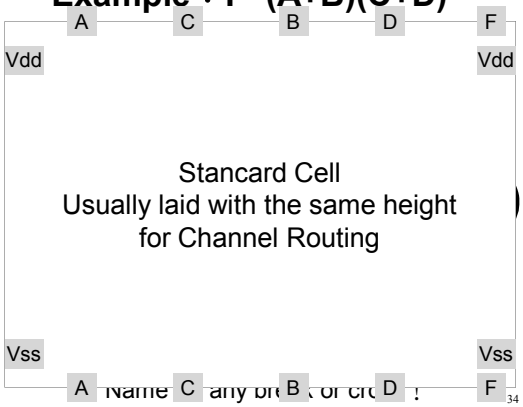
Euler Path Guided Layout



Example：$F=\overline{(A+B)(C+D)}$



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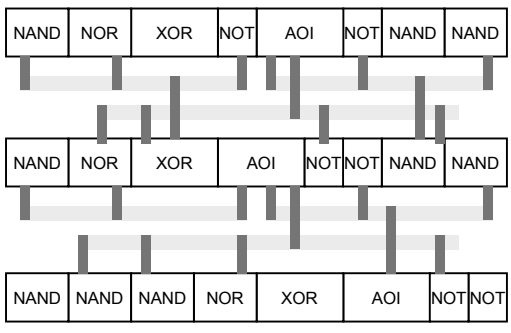
Cell-Based Channel Routing



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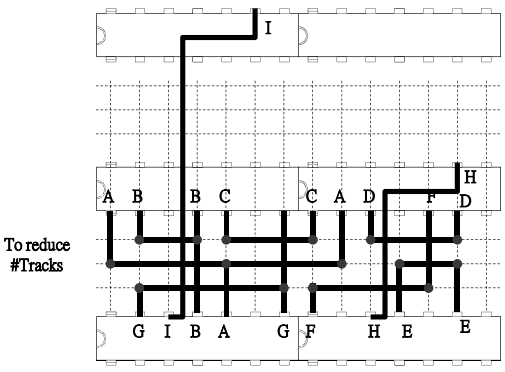
Channel Routing



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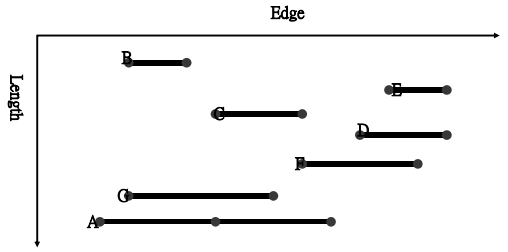
LEA: Left-Edge Algorithm

1. Sort by length
2. Select from Left Edge



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Primitive Gates

1. Primitive: A-tomic (Cannot be cut off)
2. Properties of a CMOS Primitives:
   - Either pulled up or pulled down;
   - Current from or to the single output
   - IDDQ=0 for Ideal CMOS
3. Usual Symbols:
   - directly assembled without wire.
   - {AND, OR} Combo ended with an Inverter

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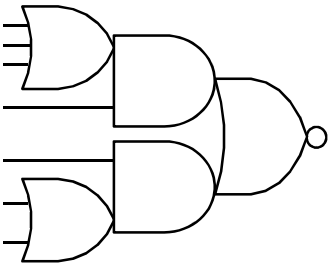
Complex Primitive Trivial Example



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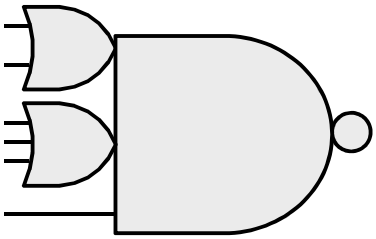
Usual Example and Naming



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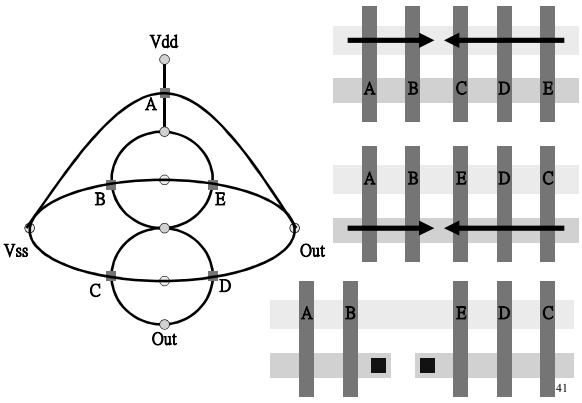
Interlaces of Diffusion Lines



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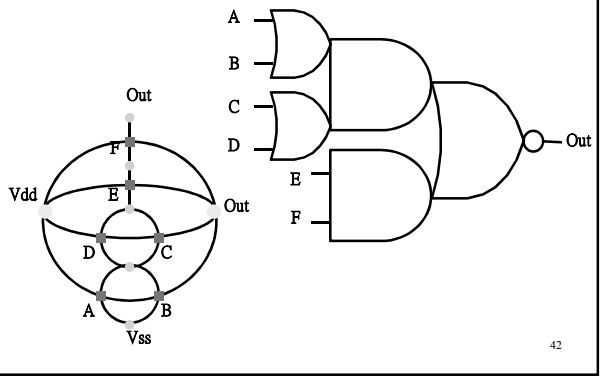
Minimum Interlace Algorithm

Example: $Out = \overline{(A+B)(C+D)+EF}$



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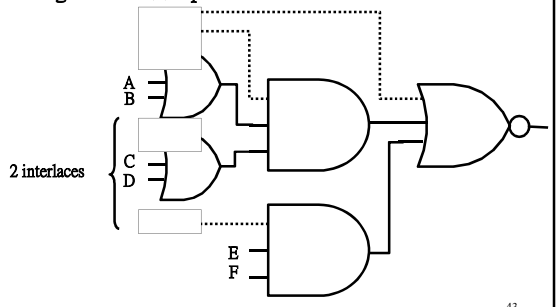
Minimum Interlace Algorithm

- Adding a pseudo input to each sub-gate such that each sub-gate has odd inputs.



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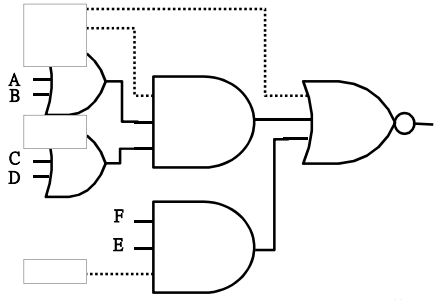
Minimum Interlace Algorithm

- Rotate each axis to reduce the inner interlaces



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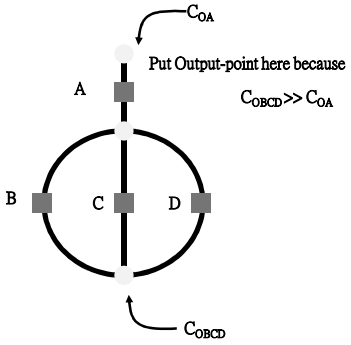
Output Capacitance Minimization



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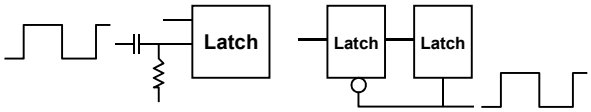
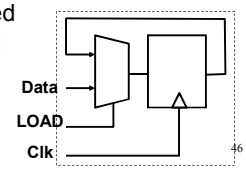
Memory – Latches and Registers

- Prior to '90s, they're used to be confused.
  - Latch: Level Sensitive
  - 50's Flipflop (Very slow frequency):



  - Later Flipflop: Edge Triggled
  - Register: Loadable or Hold



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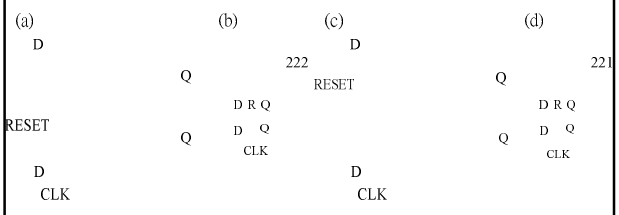
Static Gate Based Latch

Example: Resettable D Latch



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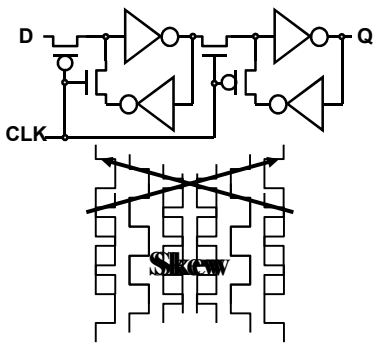
Switch-Based Static Latch and Flipflop



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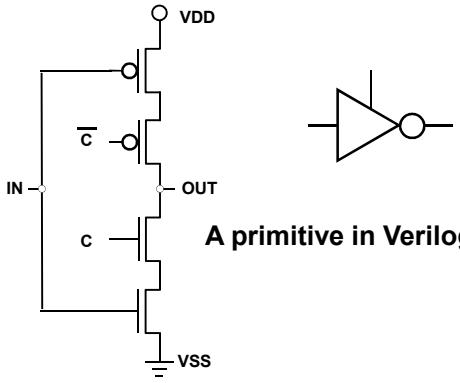
Tri-state Inverter



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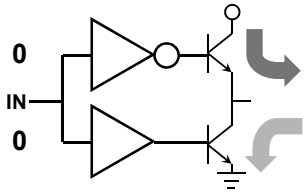
Basic Concept on BiCMOS Inverters

- Compared with Bipolar Logics:
  - CMOS Logics: Low power (IDDQ→0)
  - Poor drive capability
- Basic idea of BiCMOS Inverter:



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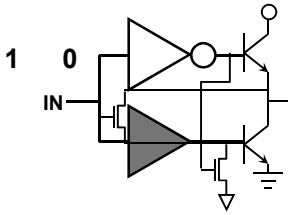
BiCMOS Inverter



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Transistor Sizing & Reordering

- Minimizing Area
- Maximizing/Equalizing Noise Margin
- Minimizing/Equalizing Rising & Falling Time
- Minimizing Propagation Time
- Minimizing Power Dissipation
- Reducing Glich
- Minimizing Charge Sharing Effect
- Increasing Regularity for EDA

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Roughly Area Estimation

- In several synthesis tools (2000):
  An N-input CMOS Primitive Cell:
  (0.5+0.5N) units (compared to a unit inverter)
- Dependent on Layout Style

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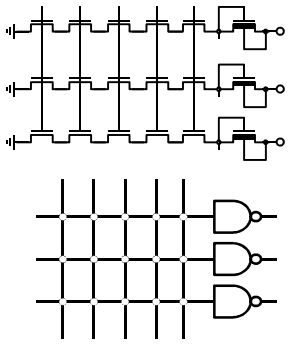
NMOS Logic Array



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