

# Reliability and Modeling of 32nm SOI Transistors at Cryogenic Temperatures

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## Abstract

With conventional transistor scaling rules and performance trends coming to an end, new methods are being explored to continue the advancements of electronic devices. One such method is to operate the devices in cryogenic environments. A few concerns for cryogenic electronics are the device reliability and lack of cryogenic models. Integrated circuits fabricated using a 32 nm SOI technology containing MOSFET transistors are stressed and measured at room temperature and in liquid helium to determine how the characteristics of the transistors change as a function of temperature. Various high voltage bias are applied to the gate and drain of an nFET transistor to induce hot carrier effects in the gate oxide of the transistor. Different gate widths are being tested to understand the geometrical impacts on reliability. Using the transistor characteristics gathered from the different widths, scalable cryogenic SPICE models are developed.

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## List of Abbreviations

|        |  |
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| DRC    | Design Rule Check  |
| GDS    | Graphic Data System                                      |
| HCE    | Hot Carrier Effect                                       |
| HVT    | High Voltage Threshold                                   |
| IC     | Integrated Circuit                                       |
| IC-CAP | Integrated Circuit Characterization and Analysis Program |
| KITE   | Keithley interactive test environment                    |
| LHe    | Liquid Helium  |
| LM     | Levenberg-Marquardt                                      |
| LVS    | Layout Versus Schematic                                  |
| MTTF   | Mean Time to Failure                                     |
| PDK    | Process Design Kit                                       |
| RT     | Room Temperature   |
| RVT    | Regular Voltage Threshold                                |
| SMU    | Source Measurement Unit                                  |
| SOI    | Silicon on Insulator                                     |
| SVT    | Super-high Voltage Threshold                             |

## Chapter 1

### Introduction

“If the auto industry advanced as rapidly as the semiconductor industry, a Rolls Royce would get a half a million miles to the gallon and it would be cheaper to throw it away than to park it.” Gordon Moore [1]

Gordon Moore, co-founder of Intel, developed a theory in 1965 stating that the number of transistors that would fit on a square inch of an integrated circuit would double every year and the price would halve [1]. This theory would prove to hold true over several decades that followed the statement. However, after approximately 50 years of being the industry standard for transistor scaling trends, Moores Law has approached the physical limit for improvement. Moores Law coming to an end is requiring scientists and engineers to explore new ways to continue the advancement of transistors. One such way that this is being accomplished is by using the transistors in cryogenic environments.

Cryogenic electronics are designed to operate at temperatures as low as a few millikelvin. Electric systems that operate at these temperatures are commonly called *cryoelectronics*. The use of cryoelectronics has many benefits in terms of circuit performance. A general improvement of cryoelectronics are that conductors, such as niobium and lead, transition into superconductors at sub-10K temperatures [2]. Superconductors have essentially no resistance when at cryogenic temperatures allowing current to flow with approximately zero loss in the conductor. Transistors, when used at cryogenic temperatures, exhibit reduced noise, superior speed, and increased efficiency when compared to RT results. These transistor improvements, when combined with superconducting connections, are enabling cryoelectronic systems to be developed with superior performance and efficiency compared to the same system at RT.



One system that requires the use of cryoelectronics is the quantum computer. Quantum computers use qubits instead of traditional bits that are found in today's computer, allowing the quantum computer to achieve processing speeds hundreds or thousands of times faster than a traditional computer. One downside of the quantum computer is that currently they do not work at RT. Most qubits must be kept at temperatures that are lower than 1K to be able to operate. Because the qubits must be at cryogenic temperatures to operate, cryoelectronic circuits must be used to interface between the qubits and the external inputs and outputs. Two issues with developing these cryoelectronic circuits are the reliability of the transistors at cryogenic temperatures and the lack of having cryogenic models of the transistors.

The following chapters will be comprised of: an overview of the IC design process, a reliability comparison of HCE on a MOSFET at RT and in LHe, and the process of developing a cryogenic model for a MOSFET transistor.

## Chapter 2

### IC Fabrication Design

This chapter will give an overview of the IC design process using Cadence Virtuoso. Cadence Virtuoso is a custom IC design tool that encompasses the schematic diagram, simulation, and layout all into one software package. The main steps of designing a transistor test chip will be highlighted, and the completed designs used for all of the modeling and reliability test performed in this study will be discussed. Refer to Appendix A for a more detailed tutorial on using Cadence Virtuoso for transistor simulations.

#### 2.1 Design Steps

The entire IC design process can be grouped into four sequential steps:

1. Schematic Design
2. Simulation
3. Layout
4. Checking and Submission

##### 2.1.1 Schematic Design

First, a schematic of the design must be made using component symbols (Figure 2.1). All of the models that are available can be found in the Model Reference Guide of the PDK.

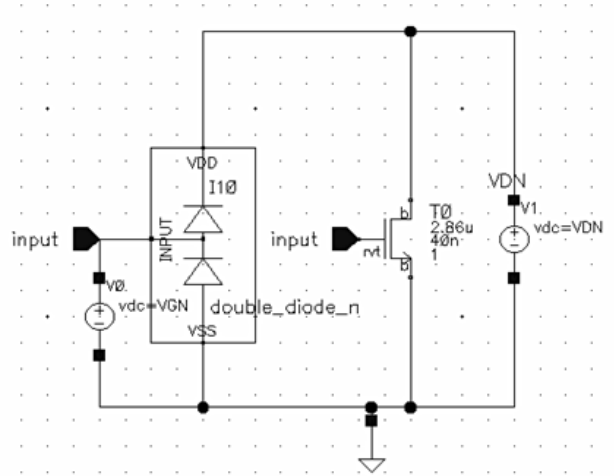


Figure 2.1: Schematic diagram of a single transistor with ESD diodes used to run simulations and layout the design.

### 2.1.2 Simulation

When the schematic design is complete, simulations are performed on the design to ensure that the circuit is functional and gives a desired result (Figure 2.2). During the simulations, corner simulations are useful to help account for imperfections in the materials and variation of the manufacturing process. FFF and SSF are the best and worst case design manual value limits of the model. FF and SS account for increased and decreased mobility due to chip fabrication imperfections and chip-to-chip connections. By looking at the log scale plot, it is easily seen that results are not compatible for the cryogenic measurements. The models associated with the component symbols in the PDK were developed from RT devices. This issue will be covered in more detail in Chapter 5.

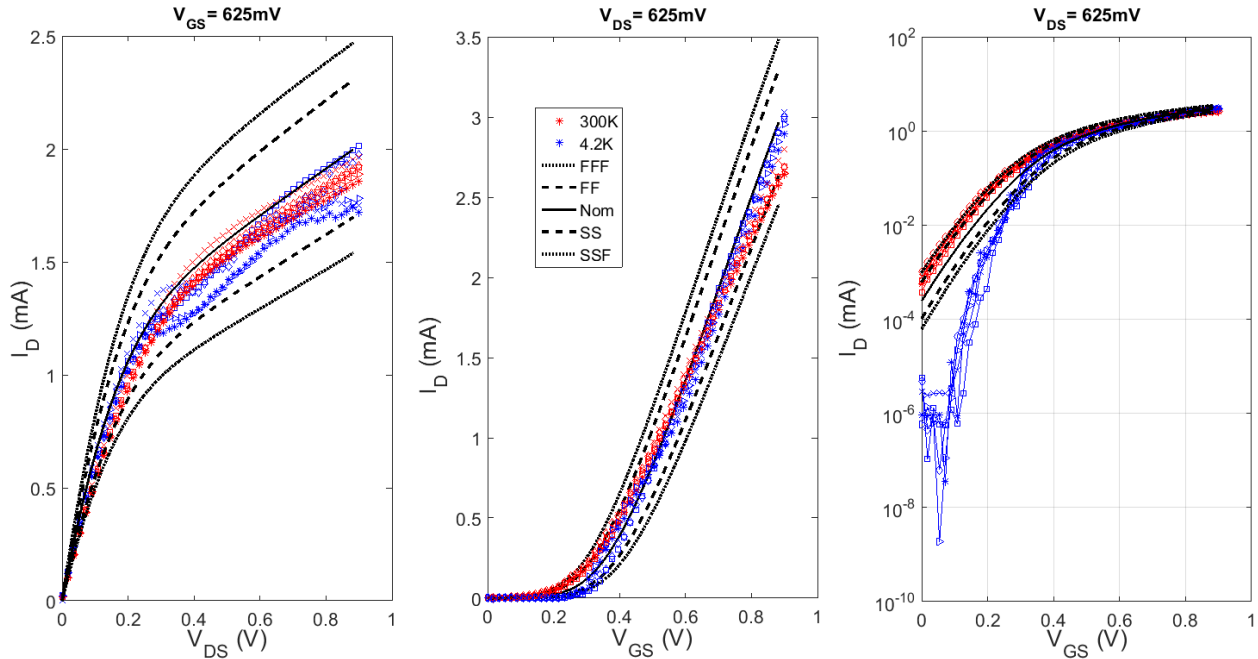


Figure 2.2: Corner simulation results from the 2860nm transistor compared to the measured results at 300K and 4.2K.

### 2.1.3 Layout

Once the simulations are producing desired results, the chip layout development can begin. Each PDK comes with a design manual for the process. This manual has detailed information about most aspects of the layout design including: metal stack, standard cells, rules, and various other topics. All of the transistors used in all of these designs were included in these standard cells of the PDK. For the test chips, all of routing was done on wide, thick, metal layers to help reduce the resistance of the chip.

### 2.1.4 Checking and Submission

After the layout has been completed, two checks must be performed before the design can be submitted for fabrication. The first check the design must pass is DRC. DRC is an automated checking feature that compares the physical layout to a series of parameters established by the design manual of the fabrication process. The DRCs main purpose is to make certain that the design will be able to be fabricated. LVS is the final check that must

be executed on the design. LVS takes the schematic that was created in the initial step of the design process and compares the electrical connections to the layout. This ensures that there are not any wires crossing, causing shorts, and all of the interconnections formed match the previously simulated schematic. Finally, after both of the design checks are clean, the layout GDS File can be streamed out and submitted to the foundry.

## 2.2 Test Chips

There were two different chips layouts used to perform all of the measurements included in this study, a 2x2mm and two 1x1mm. Both of these chips were fabricated using a 32nm SOI process. Figure 2.3 and Figure 2.4 show an overview of the 2x2 and 1x1 chips, respectively. By taking a closer look, Figure 2.5 gives a more detailed view of how an individual transistor looks in the layout of the schematic shown in Figure 2.1. While the ESD diodes were primarily added because they are required by the design rule manual, they do provide ESD protection. As seen in Figure 2.1, the diodes allow a resistive path for charge to bleed-off of the gate oxide when the transistor is not in use. Without these diodes, once enough charge builds up, the gate oxide would break down, causing the transistor to fail prematurely. All of the sources of the transistors are tied together and tied to the substrate through the BITIE. Connecting the transistors in this manner ensures that all of the transistors are at the same electrical potential. Table 2.1 gives a list of all the transistors that can be found on the three chips.

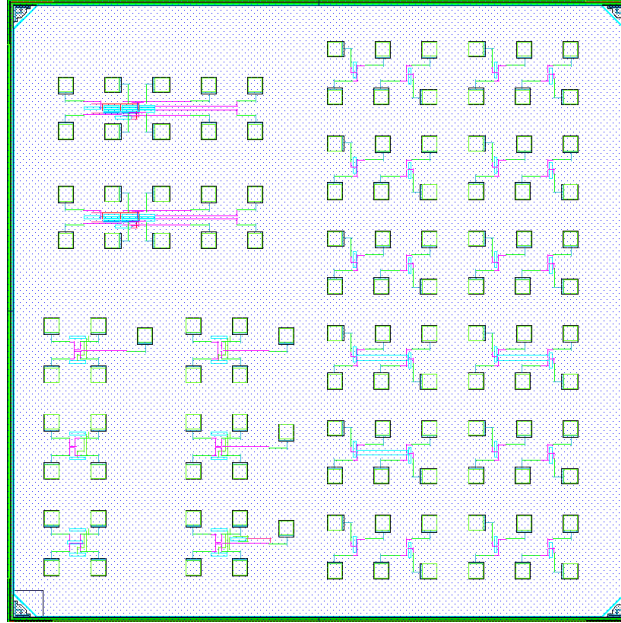


Figure 2.3: Top level view of the 2x2mm pad frame. All of the transistors measured are on the right side of the chip in between the 6x12 pad array.

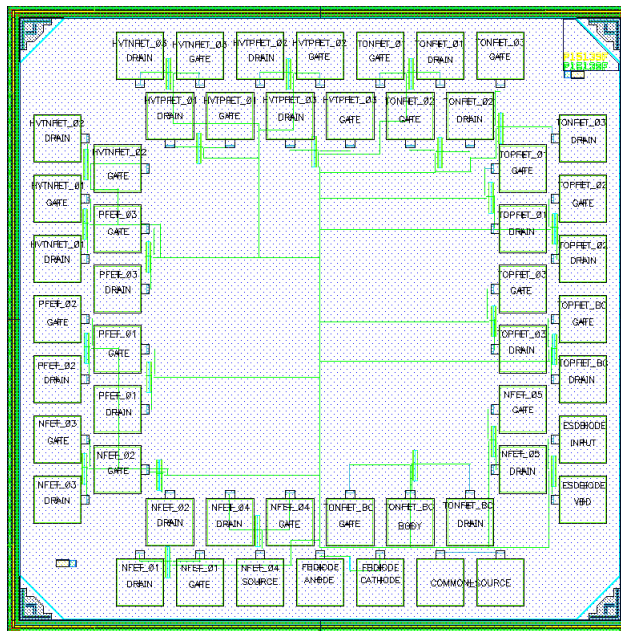


Figure 2.4: Top level view of the 1x1mm pad frame. All of the pads are located around the edge of the chip to make wire bonding easier.

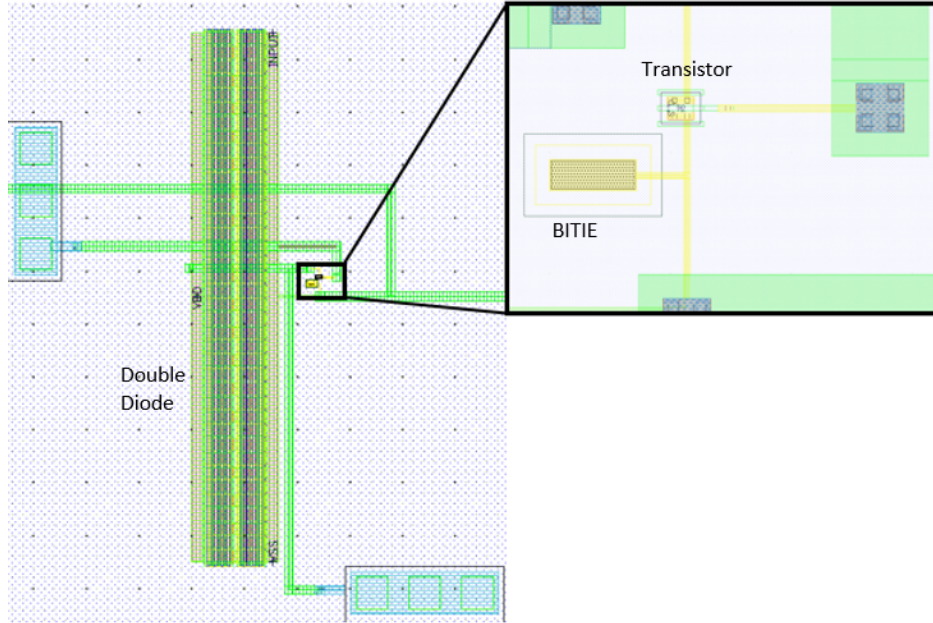


Figure 2.5: Closer look at a transistor on the 1x1mm chip.

### 2.3 Test Devices

Transistors fabricated in the SOI process are superior to those fabricated in the conventional bulk process. SOI transistors have up to 20 percent greater performance, 30 percent less power consumption, and a 15 percent reduction in size [3]. The SOI process is implemented by adding a silicon dioxide insulating layer in between the silicon substrate and the transistor wells as diagrammed in Figure 2.6 [4].

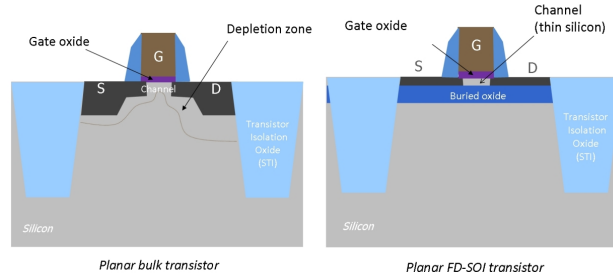


Figure 2.6: Cross section of a transistor fabricated using an SOI process vs a bulk process.

Table 2.1: Complete list of the transistors that were fabricated on the three chips used in this study

| Device   | w<br>(nm) | L<br>(nm) | $T_{ox}$ <sup>a</sup><br>(nm) | Nom. Oper.<br>Voltage (V) | Device          | w<br>(nm) | L<br>(nm) | $T_{ox}$<br>(nm) | Nom. Oper.<br>Voltage (V) |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|
| RVT nFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | UVT pFET        | 2860      | 40        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT nFET | 208       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | SVT nFET        | 104       | 40        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT nFET | 520       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | SVT nFET        | 2860      | 40        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT nFET | 1040      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | SVT pFET        | 104       | 40        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT nFET | 2860      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | SVT pFET        | 2860      | 40        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT pFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVT nFET        | 624       | 56        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT pFET | 208       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVT PFET        | 624       | 56        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| RVT pFET | 520       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOnFET          | 312       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| RVT pFET | 1040      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOnFET          | 624       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| RVT pFET | 2860      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOnFET          | 1560      | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| HVT nFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOpFET          | 312       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| HVT nFET | 208       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOpFET          | 624       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| HVT nFET | 520       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOpFET          | 1560      | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| HVT nFET | 2860      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVT nFET<br>BC  | 624       | 56        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| HVT pFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVT pFET<br>BC  | 624       | 56        | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| HVT pFET | 208       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVTL<br>nFET BC | 624       | 490       | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| HVT pFET | 520       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVTL<br>pFET BC | 624       | 490       | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| HVT pFET | 2860      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVTD<br>nFET BC | 624       | 100       | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| UVT nFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | AVTD<br>pFET BC | 624       | 100       | 1.5              | 0.9                       |
| UVT nFET | 2860      | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOnFET<br>BC    | 624       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |
| UVT pFET | 104       | 40        | 1.5                           | 0.9                       | TOpFET<br>BC    | 624       | 100       | 2.5              | 1.5                       |

<sup>a</sup>Approximated values. See design manual for actual values



From the capacitance charge equation,

$$Q = Cv \tag{2.1}$$

where  $Q$  is the charge of the capacitor in coulombs,  $C$  is the capacitance in farads, and  $v$  is the voltage in volts [5, 93]. As the capacitance increases, the amount of voltage needed to produce a given amount of charge will decrease. For a transistor the capacitive structure is the gate oxide. The gate oxide capacitance resembles a parallel plate capacitor and is calculated by,

$$C_{ox} = \frac{K_o \epsilon_o A_G}{t_{ox}} \tag{2.2}$$

where  $C_{ox}$  is the gate oxide capacitance,  $K_o$  is an oxide dielectric constant,  $\epsilon_o$  is the permittivity of free space constant,  $A_G$  is the gate area, and  $t_{ox}$  is the gate oxide thickness[6, 49]. Shown in Table 2.1, for the same size HVT and RVT transistor  $t_{ox}$  and  $A_G$  are identical. The only term from Eq. 2.2 that affects the capacitance of the two devices is  $K_o$ .  $K_o$  is modified during the IC fabrication process through ion implantation [6, 120]. By implanting boron or phosphorus ions near the oxide-semiconductor boundary,  $K_o$  of the transistor is modified. For example, if boron ions are implanted,  $K_o$  will decrease causing  $C_{ox}$  to decrease, which will cause the voltage required to reach an adequate charge to turn on the transistor to increase. Implanting boron ions are how the threshold voltage is adjusted to make HVT devices.

Out of all of the devices listed in Table 2.1, the 104nm and 2860nm RVT MOSFETs were chosen as the devices on which to perform the reliability study. The RVT devices were chosen instead of the HVT devices because in low power electronics, transistors with lower threshold voltages are more commonly used in industry. In addition, the lower the threshold voltage for the device, the more susceptible the devices is to high voltage stress effects. The 104 nm device is the minimum width that can be fabricated using the 32SOI process and, at 27.5 times bigger, the 2860nm device is the largest size that is allowed. Choosing these two devices allows a best and worst case scenario to be developed for the RVT MOSFET.

Furthermore, during the cryogenic model development, having a model that covers the entire range of the process will be beneficial when making future circuit designs.

## Chapter 3

### Test Procedures

This chapter is an overview of the process used to test transistor reliability at RT and in LHe. The stress method used to determine the transistor reliability, testing equipment, and data processing will be discussed. A complete overview of testing equipment and procedure can be found in Appendix B.

### 3.1 Stress Introduction

HCE, also called hot carrier injection, is becoming an increasing issue with MOSFETs as the size of the transistors decrease. HCE occurs in MOSFETs when channel carriers gain abundant kinetic energy while traveling through the depletion region and collide with the gate oxide with sufficient force to cause the carrier to become embedded into the oxide [6, 136]. When high voltage biases are applied to the gate ( $V_{GS}$ ) and drain ( $V_{DS}$ ) of transistors, these hot carriers are introduced into the devices. Multiple parameters of the MOSFETs are effected by HCE, but arguably the most important parameter is threshold voltage ( $V_T$ ). With the increase in number of hot carriers embedded into the oxide,  $V_T$  of the devices also increases. This causes a higher bias on  $V_{GS}$  of the device to achieve the desired drain current ( $I_D$ ) defined by:

$$I_D = \frac{w\mu C_{ox}}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T - \frac{V_{DS}^2}{2}) V_{DS} \quad (3.1)$$

in the linear regime, and by:

$$I_D = \frac{w\mu C_{ox}}{2L} (V_{GS} - V_T)^2 \quad (3.2)$$

in the saturation region, where  $w$  is the gate width,  $\mu$  is the mobility, and  $L$  is the gate length [7]. From these equations it can be easily seen that, with all other parameters constant, as

$V_T$  increases,  $I_D$  will decrease. Due to HCE continuing to accumulate over time, the life of the MOSFETs is impacted and becomes a critical factor in the reliability of the device. Holes have been proven to cause approximately 100 times more breakdown in the oxide than electrons when traveling with enough energy [8]. The gate current (IG) in pMOS devices is made up of strictly electrons. In nMOS devices IG is a combination of electrons and holes. Due to this fact, pMOS devices have been known tolerate about 1000 times more HCE stress than nMOS devices [8]. For this reason, nMOS devices will be the focus of the reliability so that the worst case scenario can be observed.

### 3.2 Testing Equipment

In order to simulate this stress, a test set-up has been designed that allows each transistor to be connected to a Keithley 4200 Semiconductor Characterization System. The entire set-up consists of 4 parts: the Keithley 4200, an Agilent B2201A Switch Mainframe with B2211A cards, a custom cryogenic probe, and a Cryofab dewar.

The Keithley 4200 is used for all of the measurements of the devices. The transistor is connected using 3 SMUs. The drain and source contacts both have force and sense connections with the gate contact only using the force connection SMU. 4 point measurements and stresses are performed on the transistor using KITE.

The Agilent B2201A is used to automate the test set-up, allowing multiple transistors to be tested autonomously. All of the inputs and outputs of the B2201A and B2211A cards are triax ports that provide sufficient shielding for the signals to and from the transistors.

The cryogenic probe is used to interface the individual transistors to the switch matrix. The probe is constructed of a hollow stainless steel pipe to allow signal lines to be fed through connecting the PCB board mounted on the bottom to the breakout box on the top. A 40 pin gold plated DIP is used to wire bond the transistor out to a manageable package. In order to eliminate ESD issues, a wedge bonder was used to make the bonds. A wedge wire bonder uses ultrasonic energy to attach gold wires to the exposed chip pads without having

the electric arc used to create the ball on a ball bonder. A complete tutorial of how to use the wedge bonder to bond these chips can be found in Appendix C. After the chips are wire bonded to a DIP, they are placed in the DIP socket on the PCB board on the end of the probe. This probe allows testing to be performed at room temperature or cryogenic temperatures when submerged into a dewar.

The Cryofab dewar is a stainless steel vacuum sealed tank that can hold up to 100L of LHe allowing transistors to be measured in temperatures as low as 4.2K when the PCB on the end of the probe is submerged.

### 3.3 Measurements

A set of measurements is performed on each transistor to conduct the reliability study. The set of measurements includes 3 different measurements:

1. Standard
2. Stress
3. Post

#### 3.3.1 Standard

Standard measurements are where the transistors characteristic curves,  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  and  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$ , are established. During the standard measurement, one of the voltage biases  $V_{DS}$  or  $V_{GS}$  is swept from 0 to the nominal operating voltage over 51 data points, while the other bias is stepped from 0 to nominal operating voltage over 5 data points. For the 32nm SOI process used to fabricate these transistors, the nominal operating voltage specified in the design manual is 0.9 V. The standard measurements ensure device functionality and allows the standard parameters of the transistors to be determined before stressing.

### 3.3.2 Stress

During the stress measurements the reliability of the transistor is determined. Stress measurements induce HCE and by applying a high voltage bias to  $V_{DS}$  and  $V_{GS}$  of the transistors and periodically taking measurements to determine how much stress has occurred. After various test to determine what stress biases would be used, the voltage range of 1.6 V and 2.1 V was selected for  $V_{DS}$ . The lower bound, 1.6 V, was set because by decreasing the voltage anymore required too much time to achieve significant levels of HCE stress. Contrarily, the upper bound of 2.1 V was set because any higher bias caused too much stress over just 1 second of stress and kill the device. If  $V_{GS}$  is too large the gate oxide is will break down causing the device to fail before the HCE stress can affect the device. Because of this, the bias on  $V_{GS}$  is always set equal to half of  $V_{DS}$ . The periodic measurement performed during the stress is  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  with  $V_{GS}$  sweeping from 0 to 0.8 V while  $V_{DS}$  is set equal to 50 mV. Setting  $V_{DS}$  equal to 50 mV ensures that the transistors will be in the linear regime allowing the extrapolation in the linear regime method to be used when extrapolating the device threshold voltage. By only sweeping to 0.8V instead of the nominal operating range, prevents the measurement from adding any additional stress to the devices.

### 3.3.3 Post

The post measurement is identical to the standard measurement, except the characteristic curves show the effects that the HCE have on the device.

Table 3.1 contains a list of the measurement parameters. After performing this set of measurements on the transistor, the data can then be imported into MATLAB to analyze the data.

Table 3.1: Measurement Performed on the 32nm RVT nFETs

| Measurement     | Type             | $V_{GS}$ | Steps | $V_{DS}$ | Steps |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Standard/Post   | $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$ | 0-0.9 V  | 51    | 0-0.9 V  | 5     |
|                 | $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$ | 0-0.9 V  | 5     | 0-0.9 V  | 51    |
| Periodic Stress | $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$ | 0-0.8 V  | 51    | 50 mV    | 0     |

### 3.4 Parameter Extraction

In order to determine how the HCE affects the transistor's parameters, the parameters must be extracted from measured data.  $V_T$  is primarily the most important parameter of the transistor in terms of characterization. There are over a dozen ways to extract  $V_T$  from MOSFETs. To determine  $V_T$  for all of the discussion to follow, the extrapolation in the linear regime method will be used [9]. This method requires that the maximum derivative be calculated from the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve of the transistor, which corresponds to the maximum transconductance given by:

$$g_m = \frac{dI_D}{dV_{GS}} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $g_m$  is the transconductance [10, 500]. When extracting the maximum derivative, a 3-point derivative is performed on the curve. Using

$$f'(x_{i-1}) = \frac{-y_{i+1} + 4y_i - 3y_{i-1}}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}} \quad (3.4)$$

a plot can be made of  $g_m$ - $V_{GS}$  to determine at what voltage of  $V_{GS}$  the maximum gm occurs (Figure 3.1).

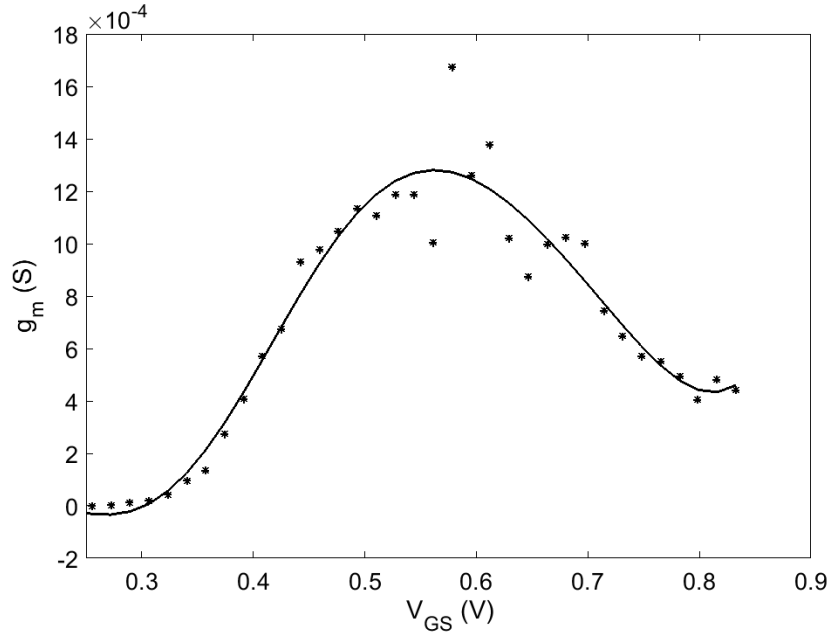


Figure 3.1: First derivative of the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve using the 3-point derivative and a fit line used to extract where max gm occurs.

After the voltage level of  $V_{GS}$  is determined, the slope at that point is extrapolated from the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve. Once this slope is found, a linear line is plotted on the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve that has the extrapolated slope and travels through the  $V_{GS}$  that was determined from the maximum  $g_m$ . Using this linear line, the voltage of  $V_{GS}$  can be found to achieve any  $I_D$  specified (Figure 3.2). The voltage level of  $V_{GS}$  at  $I_D$  equal to 0A is the  $V_T$  of the transistor.



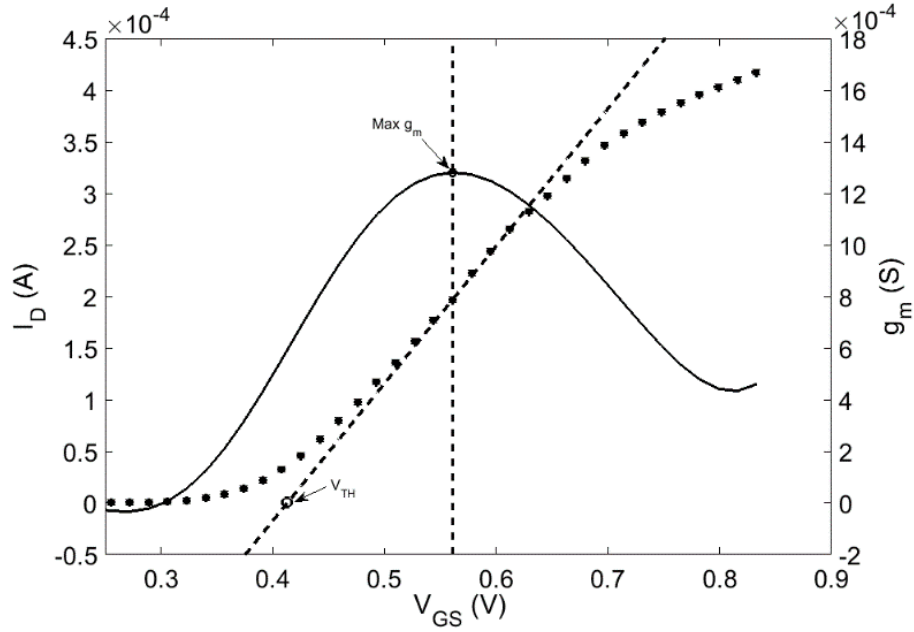


Figure 3.2: Extraction processes used to extrapolate the threshold voltage from an  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve.

As the stress time increases, the number of carriers embedded in the transistors increases causing  $V_T$  to increase. Increasing  $V_T$  causes the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve to shift to the left (Figure 3.3). When extrapolating the new  $V_T$  after the shift, the slope of the linear line is held constant. Only the  $V_{GS}$  level at which the maximum  $g_m$  occurs is allowed to change. Keeping the slope constant assumes that the  $g_m$  is constant as the amount of HCE exposure in the transistor increases. This assumption is made because the mobility of the channel remains constant because the embedded electrons only affect the gate oxide. When plotted together on the same  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve as a function of HCE stress, all of the linear lines are parallel to one another.

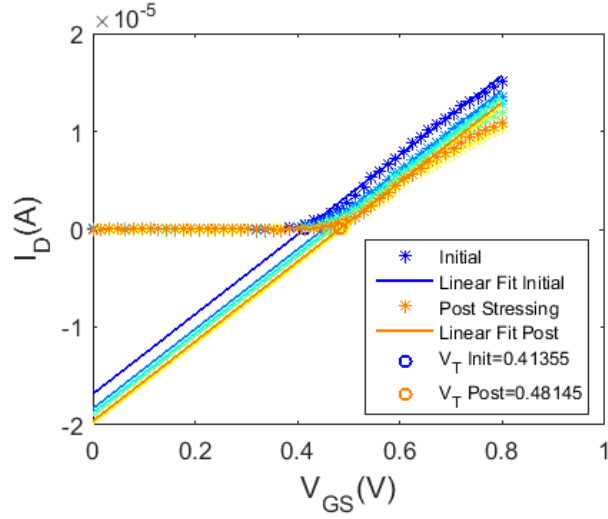


Figure 3.3: Threshold voltage shift during HCE stressing.

Taking multiple  $V_T$  measurements as the amount of HCE stress applied to the transistor is increased, plots of change in  $V_T$  versus time can be developed. This plot is the basis for the MTTF extractions. The MTTF of a transistor is the time that it takes for the transistor to fail when operating at a given voltage. By determining the time to failure at various high voltage biases when performing the stress measurements, the time to failure at any other voltage bias can be extracted. This allows for the nominal voltage reliability of the device to be estimated without having to perform exceptionally long duration stresses on the transistor. Refer to Appendix D for all of the MATLAB code used for the parameter and MTTF extractions.

## Chapter 4

### Measurement Results

The following sections will be used to display the measurement results of the study. Differences in the standard measurements at RT and in LHe will be shown explaining the effect cryogenic temperatures have on transistor parameters. The MTTF will be determined for the 104nm and 2860nm RVT nFET and the results from the determination will be examined.

#### **4.1 RT vs. LHe Standard**

The standard measurements can be used to show many of the advantages of using MOSFETs at cryogenic temperatures. By observing standard measurement results in Figure 4.1 there is a visible difference in the RT and LHe results.

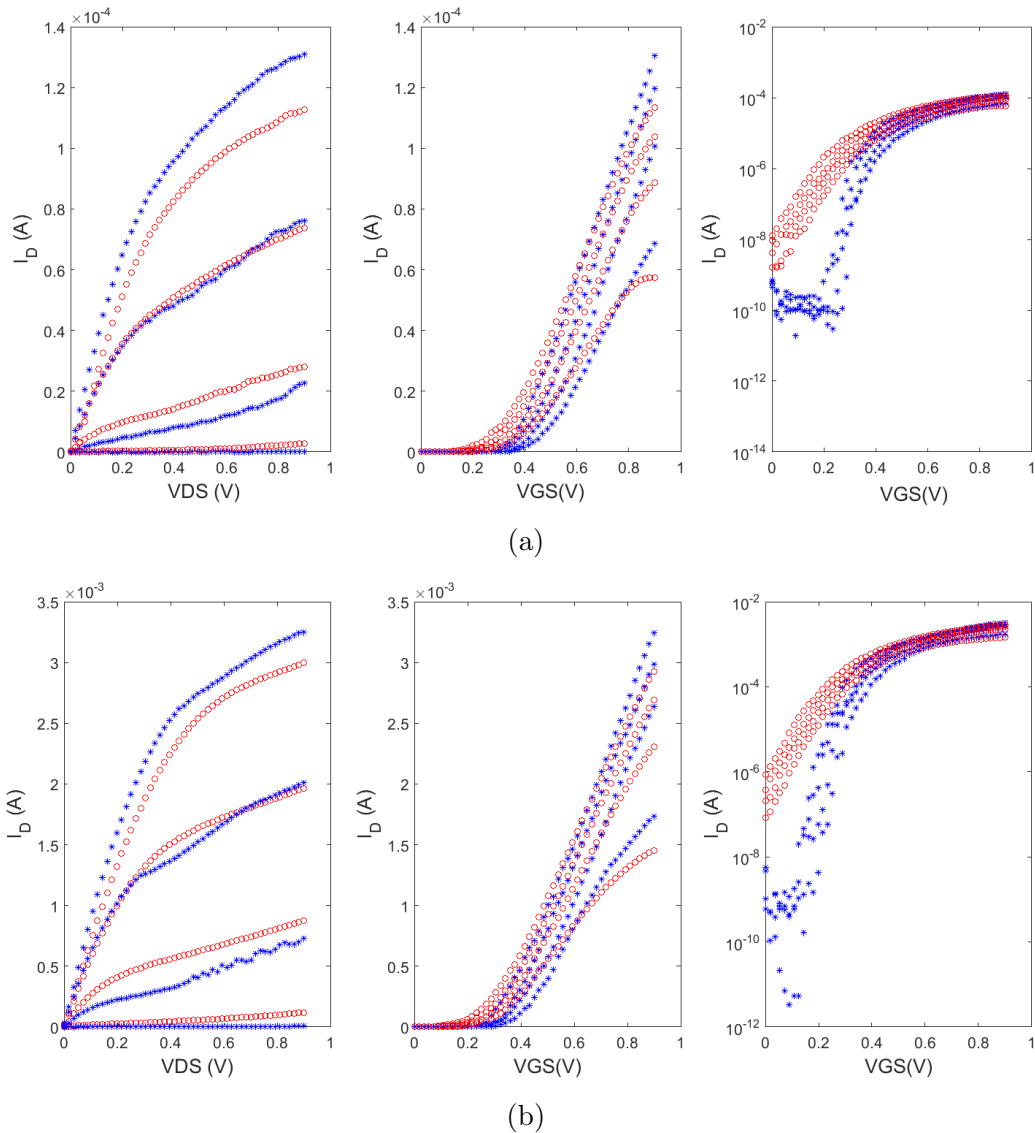


Figure 4.1: Comparison between RT and LHe standard measurements from (a) 104nm and (b) 2860nm single transistor.

The two linear scale plots show an increase in current for the high voltage bias on the LHe measurements. This is due to both a decrease in resistance and an increase in transconductance [7]. In metals, as the temperature decreases the thermal vibrations of the lattice atoms decrease allowing free electrons to flow more freely. Increasing the flow of electrons, increases the conductivity of the metal [11, 954]. On the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  RT linear curves the roll off at the end of the curves is due to the resistance of all the metal interconnects in the chip and on the probe. From Ohms Law, with a constant voltage applied as the

resistance decreases the current,  $I_D$  in this case, must increase. This effect is displayed by the LHe  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curves continuing on a linear trend of increasing  $I_D$ .

The transconductance is directly related to the mobility of the transistor defined by,

$$g_m = \mu C_{ox} \frac{w}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T) \quad (4.1)$$

where,  $\mu$  is the mobility[7]. Analogous to metals, the mobility of semiconductors increases as the temperature decreases due to a decrease in lattice vibrations (Figure 4.2). From Eq. 4.1 the increase in transconductance is directly related to the rate at which  $I_D$  increases. This is why the transconductance, when combined with the temperature dependent resistive effects cause the increase in  $I_D$  for the LHe standard measurements.

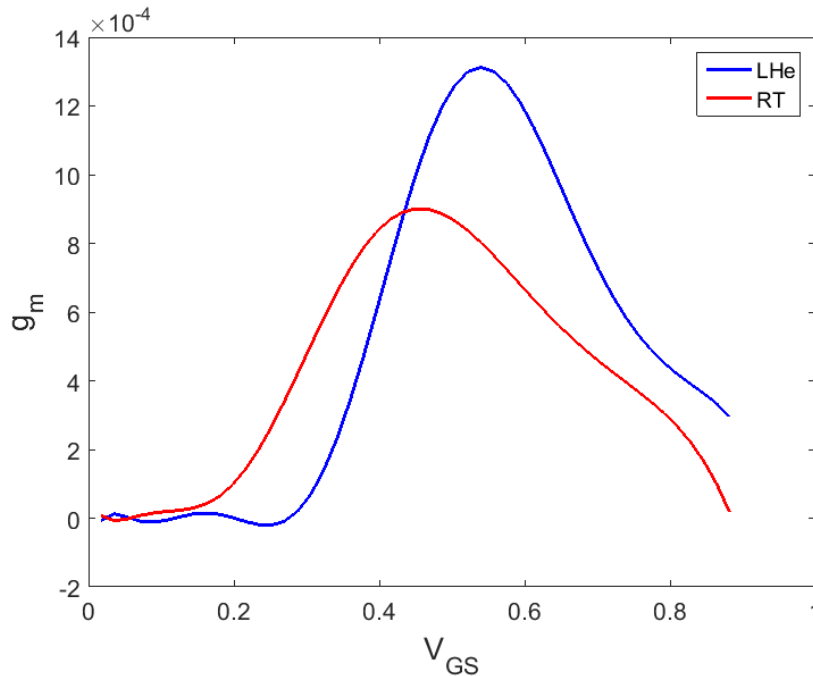


Figure 4.2: Transconductance difference between RT and LHe for a 2860nm transistor.

Similarly, the log scale plot exhibits an increase in the transistor performance for the LHe measurements in two key characteristics, subthreshold leakage current and subthreshold slope. The subthreshold leakage current is defined as the magnitude of  $I_D$  when the transistor is in the off state,  $V_{GS} \ll V_T$  [12]. From looking at the RT and LHe log plots of  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$ ,

the magnitude of  $I_D$  while  $V_{GS} \ll V_T$  is multiple orders of magnitude lower for the LHe measurements. The rate at which the transistor transitions from the off state to the on state or vice-versa is called the subthreshold slope [13]. The subthreshold slope is inversely related to temperature for transistors. As the temperature decreases, the subthreshold slope becomes steeper. Comparing the slope of the RT to the LHe measurements, the LHe has a subthreshold slope that is over 50% steeper than the device measure at RT (Figure 4.3). Increasing the subthreshold slope allows the transistor to be turned on and off at a faster rate, which increases the speed at which the transistor can operate. The subthreshold leakage and subthreshold slope advantages at cryogenic temperatures are both related to the decrease in lattice vibration causing increased isolation and increased mobility.

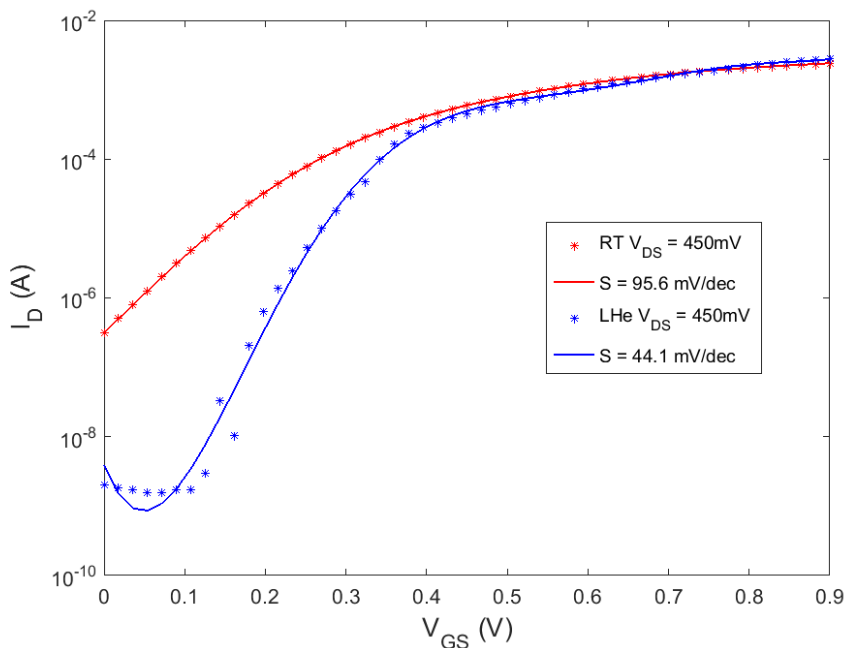


Figure 4.3: Subthreshold slope extraction from a 2860nm transistor.

One disadvantage related to the characteristics of the transistors at cryogenic temperatures is the increase in  $V_T$ . From the linear  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  plot it can be observed on average that the RT measurements turn on around 0.3V for the RT and 0.4V for the LHe. This effect on the  $V_T$  is due to the Fermi potential and thermal voltage levels of the semiconductor. This

relationship can be defined by:

$$V_T = \phi_{MS} + 2\phi_F - \frac{Q_{ox}}{C_{ox}} - \frac{Q_{depl}}{C_{ox}} \quad (4.2)$$

where,  $Q_{ox}$  is the charge density in the gate oxide,  $Q_{depl}$  is the depletion charge controlled by the gate, and  $\phi_{MS}$  is the metal semiconductor work function difference defined by:

$$\phi_{MS} = -\frac{E_g}{2} - \phi_F \quad (4.3)$$

where  $E_g$  is the silicon band gap and  $\phi_F$  is the Fermi potential defined by,

$$\phi_F = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{N_a}{n_i} \quad (4.4)$$

with  $k$  being Boltzmanns constant,  $T$  is the temperature in Kelvin,  $q$  is electron charge, and  $N_a$  and  $n_i$  are the substrate and intrinsic carrier concentrations, respectively. Assuming all of the charge and concentration quantities are held constant with respect to temperature, Eq. 4.2 can be condensed to

$$\frac{dV_T}{dT} = \frac{d\phi_F}{dT} \quad (4.5)$$

From Eq. 4.4 it is shown that increasing the temperature increases the Fermi potential. Increasing the Fermi potential decreases the amount of external potential that is needed to get an electron in the conduction band in the channel. For MOSFETs, this external potential is  $V_T$ [6, 31].

## 4.2 Reliability Results

The transistor characteristics associated cryogenic temperatures show advantageous results, but because these devices will be used in costly, complex systems the reliability at cryogenic temperatures is currently a large area of interest. Using the stress measurements

detailed in Chapter 3, the MTTF for the devices can be determined. Figure 4.4 is a compilation of all of the RT standard measurements used in the reliability study.

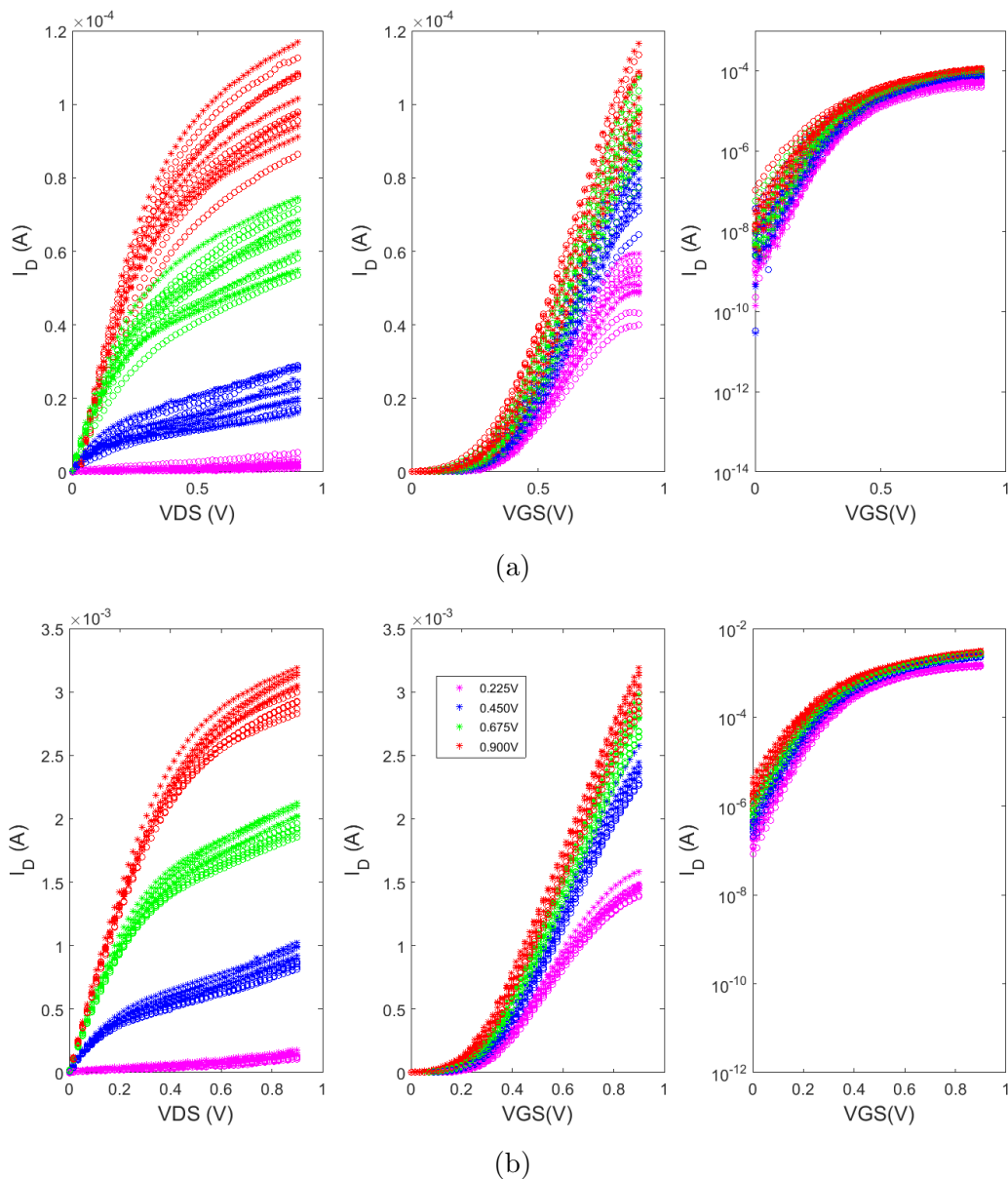


Figure 4.4: Complete set of the RT standard measurements used to complete the reliability study from (a) 104nm and (b) 2860nm RVT nFETs.

Curves depicted as circle data points were the devices used to complete the LHe stresses. Comparing all of the devices at RT before they are stressed ensures that initially the devices



were similar to allow a logical comparison to be made from the stress results. Figure 4.5 is a compilation of all the LHe standard measurements that were used in the LHe stresses.

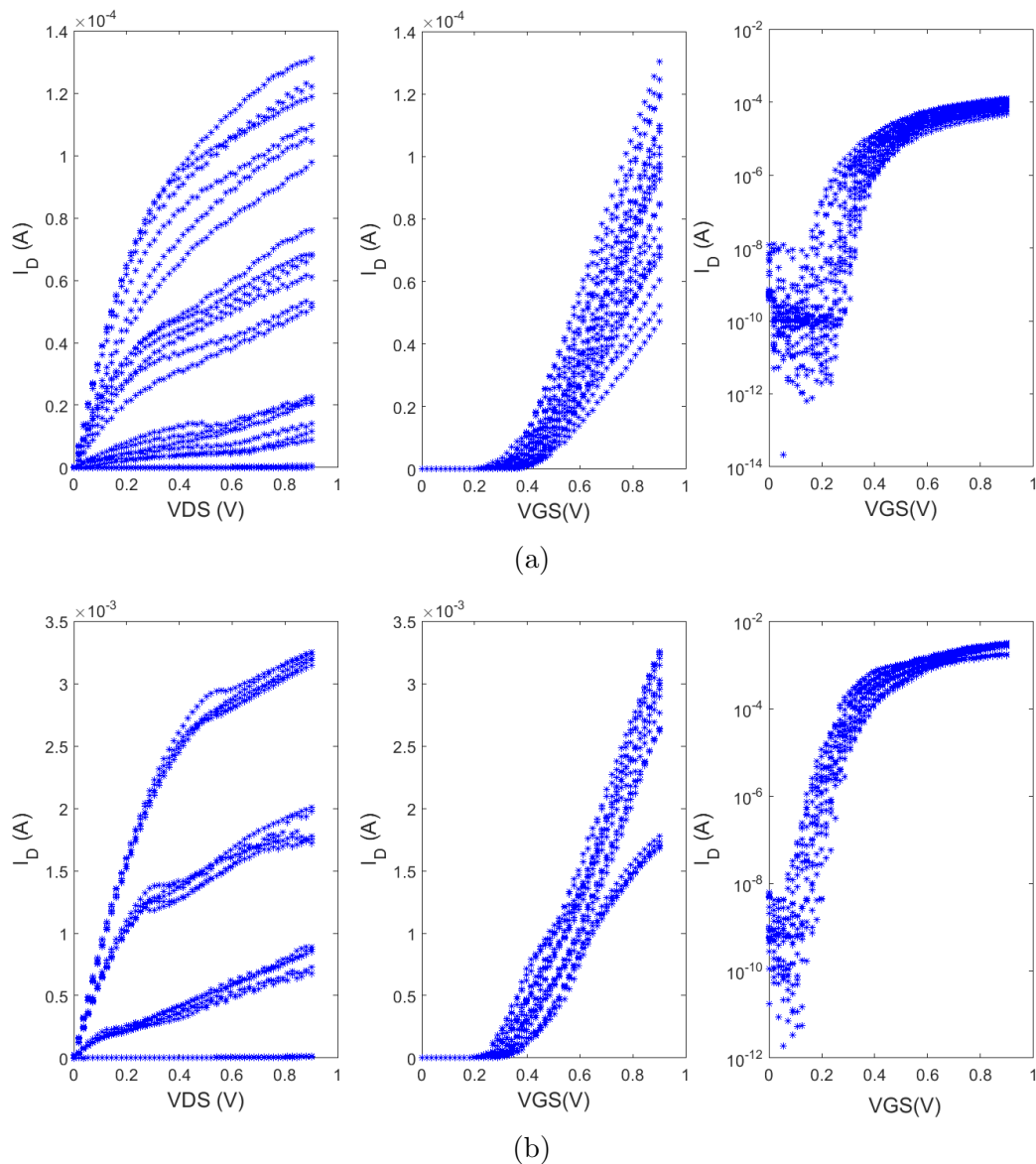
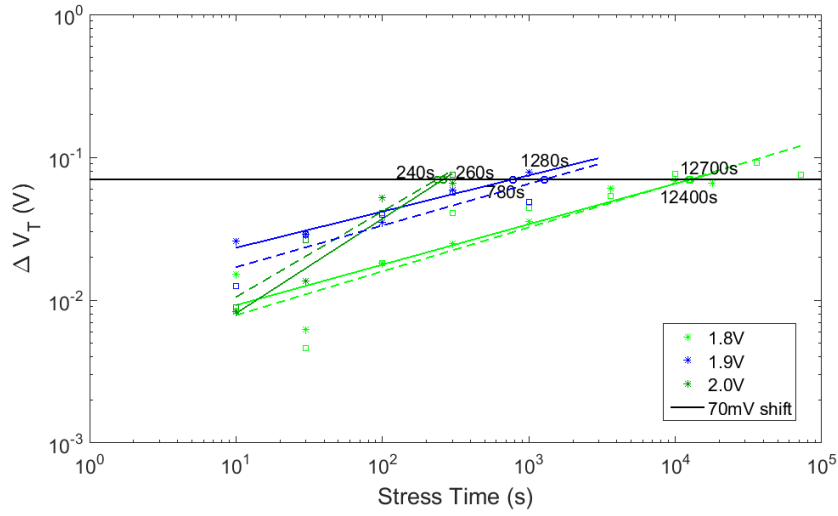


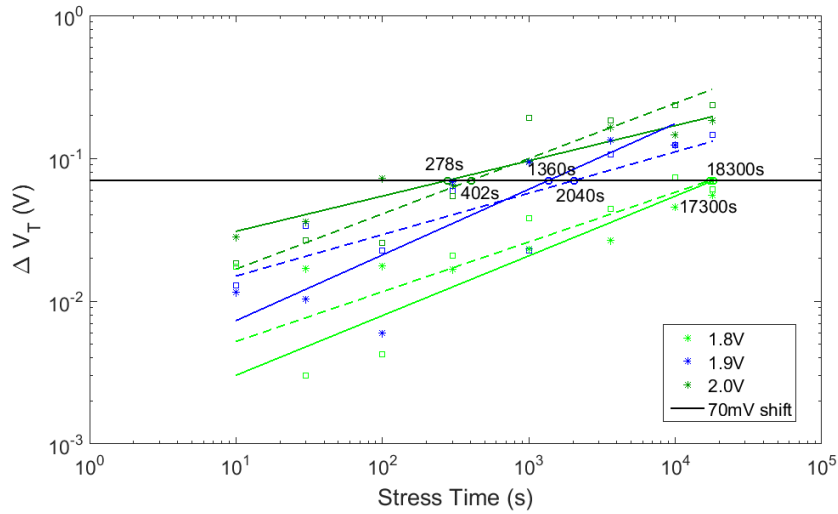
Figure 4.5: Complete set of LHe standard measurements used to perform the LHe temperature stresses from (a) 104nm and (b) 2860nm RVT nFETs.

Due to the variation seen in the 104nm devices, the stress magnitudes were limited to 1.8 V, 1.9 V, and 2.0 V with a pair devices stressed at each level. Averaging the failure times at each level before the MTTF is calculated increases the statistical significance of the results. The threshold voltage shifts from all of the stresses can be found in Figure 4.6. The

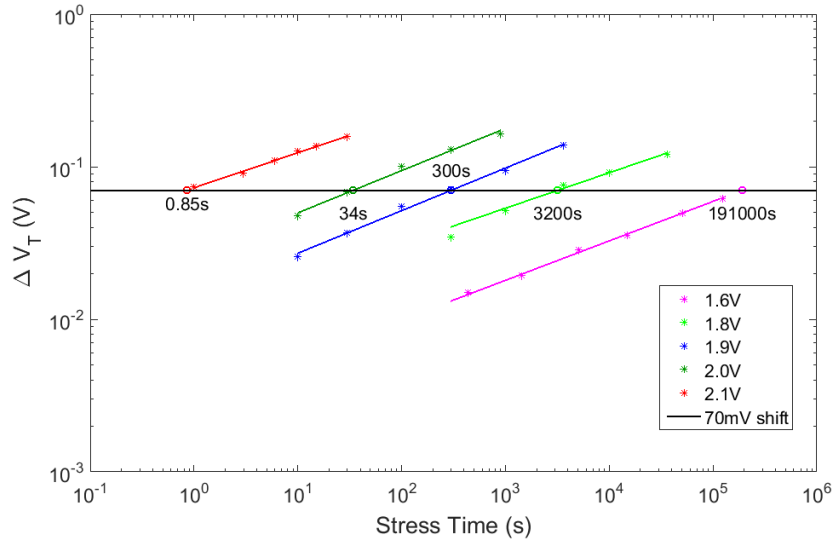
square data points in the 104nm plots correspond to the dashed fit lines. Taking the stress times for each device to reach a 70mV shift the MTTF for the devices can be plotted (Figure 4.7).



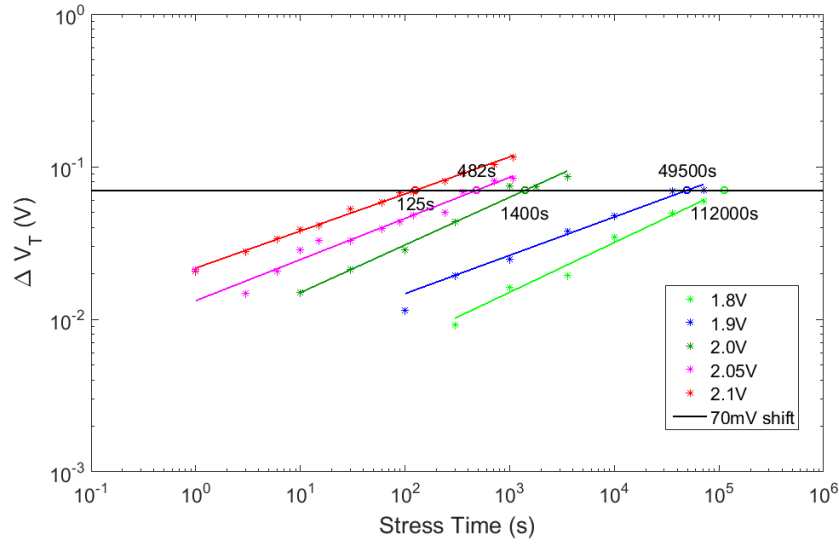
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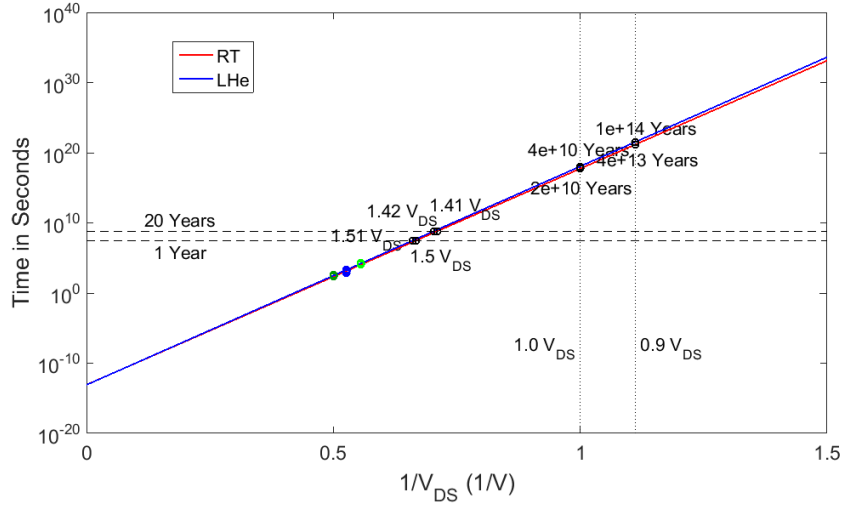


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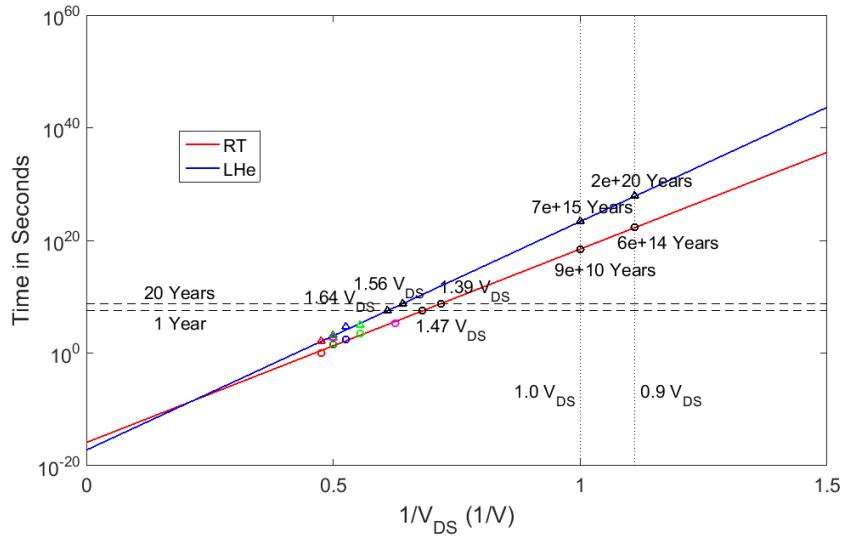


(d)

Figure 4.6: Threshold voltage shift from the 104nm devices at (a) RT and (b) in LHe and from the 2860nm devices at (c) RT and (d) in LHe.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4.7: MTTF extraction plots for the (a) 104nm and (b) 2860 nm devices.

By looking at the two MTTF extractions in Figure 4.7, the LHe extraction curve on the top indicates that the reliability of the devices measured in LHe is greater. For the 104nm results in Figure 4.7a the LHe only show a slight advantage over the RT. However, the 2860nm results in Figure 4.7b shows a 170mV increase in the voltage limit for failure in 1 and 20 years for the LHe devices. This data shows that devices operating in LHe can withstand about a 10% increase in drain voltage. Being that it is clearly seen in Figure 4.7

that the LHe devices show superior reliability, the LHe measures of the 104nm and 2860nm were compared to determine how the width of the transistor affects the reliability (Figure 4.8). The results from Figure 4.8 reveal that the 2860nm devices have a higher reliability. This size-dependence increase in reliability is due to the time-dependence HCE. If the same amount of electrons become embedded in the 104nm and 2860nm over a given amount of time, the effects seen by that amount of electrons on the 104nm devices will be greater.

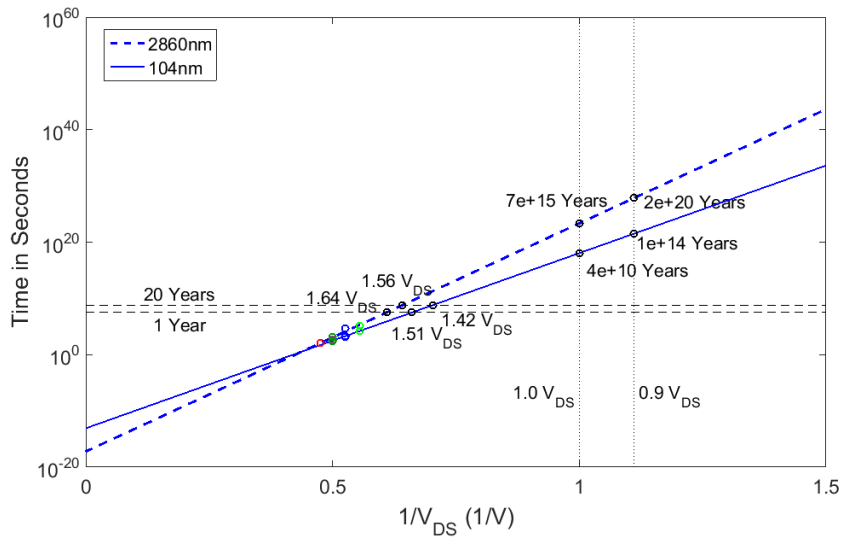
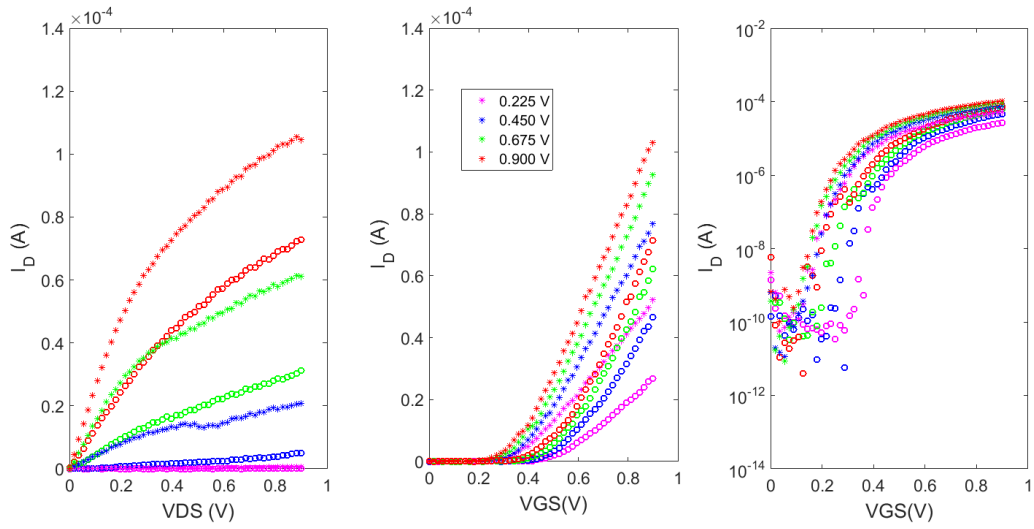
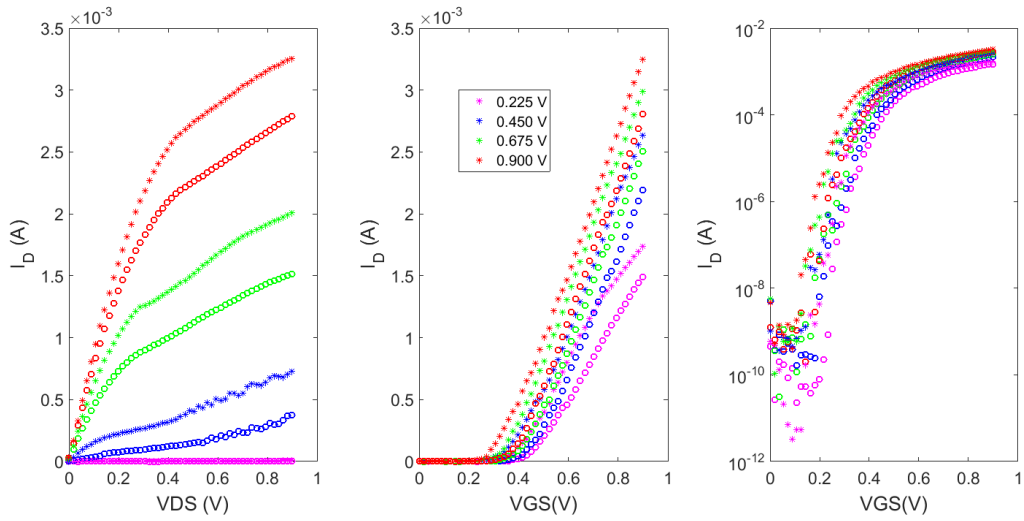


Figure 4.8: MTTF comparison between the 104nm and 2860nm devices in LHe.

Looking at an example of standard vs. post measurement shown in Figure 4.9. The HCE on the characteristic curves of the transistor show sizable degradation. Similarly to the results in Figure 4.8, the 104nm post measurement show greater degradation than the 2860nm devices. The maximum current from the  $I_D-V_{DS}$  decreased by 30% and 14% for the 104nm and 2860nm device, respectively.



(a)



(b)

Figure 4.9: Comparison between standard and post (circle) measurements for (a) 104nm and (b) 2860nm stressed LHe at 2V.

## Chapter 5

### Modeling and Simulations

With an increasing complexity of electric circuits, the ability to be able to simulate the circuits during the design is becoming a necessity. The same goes for cryoelectronics. This section will cover the process of developing a mathematical model, such as a SPICE model, for a 32nm RVT nFET. All of the results will be shown in comparison with devices measured in LHe.

#### 5.1 Modeling

Keysight's IC-CAP is used to produce the SPICE models of these devices. IC-CAP's device modeling process can be broken down into 3 steps:

1. Model set-up
2. Parameter Optimization
3. Model Extraction

A complete step by step tutorial of transistor modeling using IC-CAP can be found in Appendix E.

##### 5.1.1 Initial Setup

The first step when setting up the model is selecting which model will be used. There are various CMOS transistor models, such as BSIMv3.3, PSP, HISIMv2, and BSIMSOIv4.4. For modeling these transistors, designed with a 32nm SOI process, the BSIMSOIv4.4 model was selected. The BSIMSOIv4.4 is a MOSFET model that can be used to model SOI devices

of both n-type and p-type. This model was developed by UC Berkeley in 2010 and is an industry standard for SOI MOSFET modeling [14]. Once the model is selected, the circuit must be added for the model. The circuit contains all of the model parameters of the BSIMSOI model in a format that is compatible with the simulator being used. Because Cadence Virtuoso will be used for the simulations when designing IC chips, Spectre was chosen as the simulator so that the cryogenic SPICE model will match the other RT models already in the PDK.

### 5.1.2 Optimization

Once, the model has been set-up, the model parameters must be adjusted until the simulated data is fit to the measured data. This is done by using IC-CAPs optimization function. The LM algorithm was chosen to optimize the parameters of the BSIMSOI MOSFET model. The LM algorithm uses a combination of gradient and Taylor series methods to fit a set of nonlinear data to another set of predetermined nonlinear data [15]. LM is an industry standard for nonlinear data fitting optimization and an essential tool that is built into IC-CAP. The parameters that were optimized using LM can be found in Table 5.1. By optimizing both the 104nm and 2860nm transistors at the same time, a single, scalable model can be created that only requires the width parameter to be adjusted when performing simulations. Due to all of the variation seen during the measurements, the measured data that was used to fit the model was an average of multiple devices that are shown in Figure 5.1. Figure 5.2 shows the final result after all of the parameters in Table 5.1 were optimized to the cryogenic data. A 10% margin was used when fitting the data due to the variations shown in Figure 5.1.



Table 5.1: List of Parameters used in Device Optimization

| Parameter | Description   |
|-----------|---|
| Vth0      | Threshold Voltage   |
| Dvt0      | First coefficient of short-channel effect on Vth                  |
| Dvt1      | Second coefficient of short-channel effect on Vth                 |
| Vsat      | Saturation Velocity   |
| Voff      | Offset voltage in the subthreshold region                         |
| U0        | Mobility  |
| Nfactor   | Subthreshold swing factor   |
| Kt1       | Temperature coefficient for threshold voltage                     |
| Eta0      | Drain-induced barrier lowering coefficient in subthreshold region |
| Ute       | Mobility temperature exponent                                     |
| At        | Temperature coefficient for saturation velocity                   |
| A2        | Second non-saturation effect parameter                            |

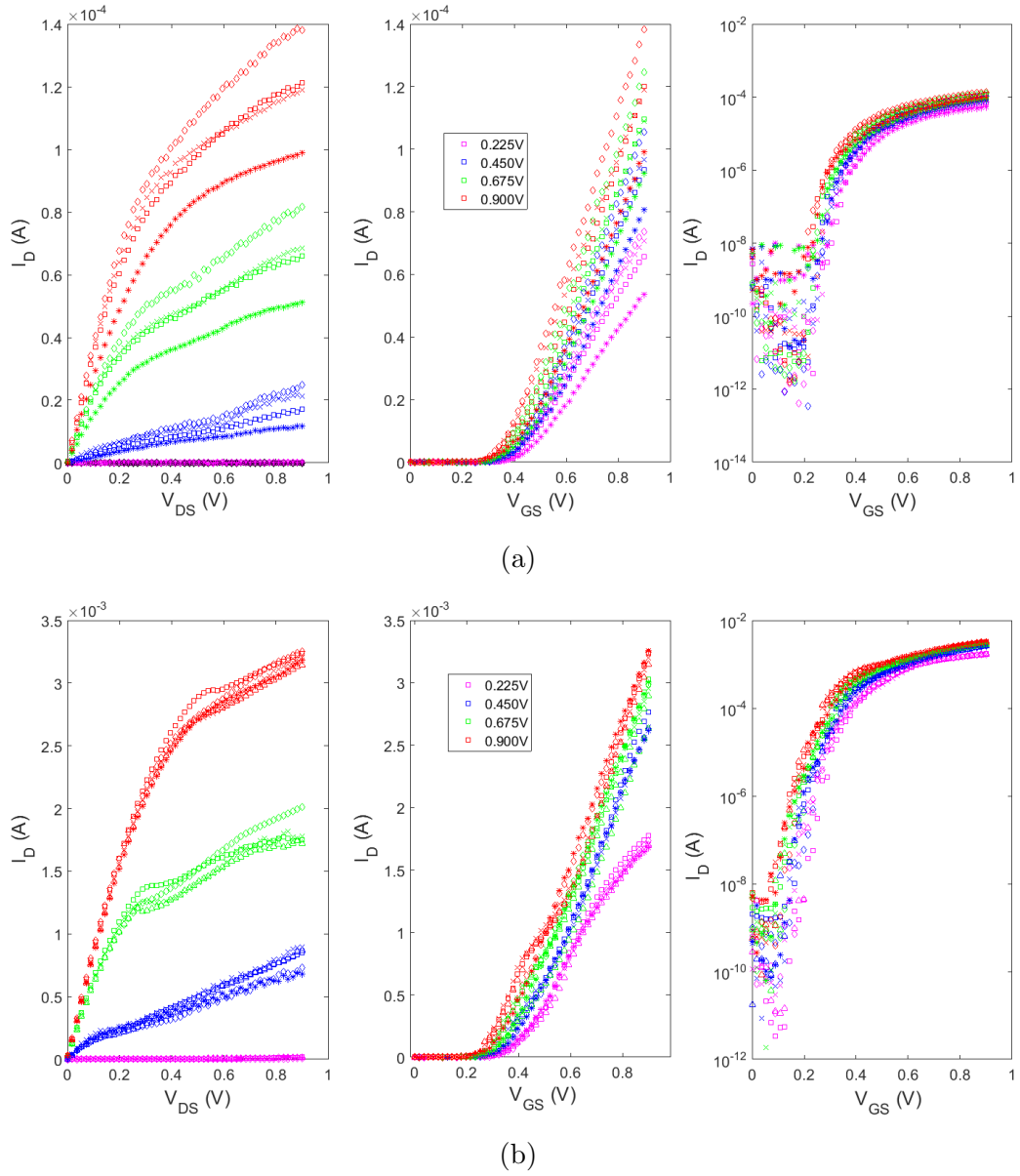


Figure 5.1: Cryogenic measurements from (a) 104nm RVT nFET and (b) 2860nm RVT nFET that were averaged together and used to fit the BSIMSOI model.

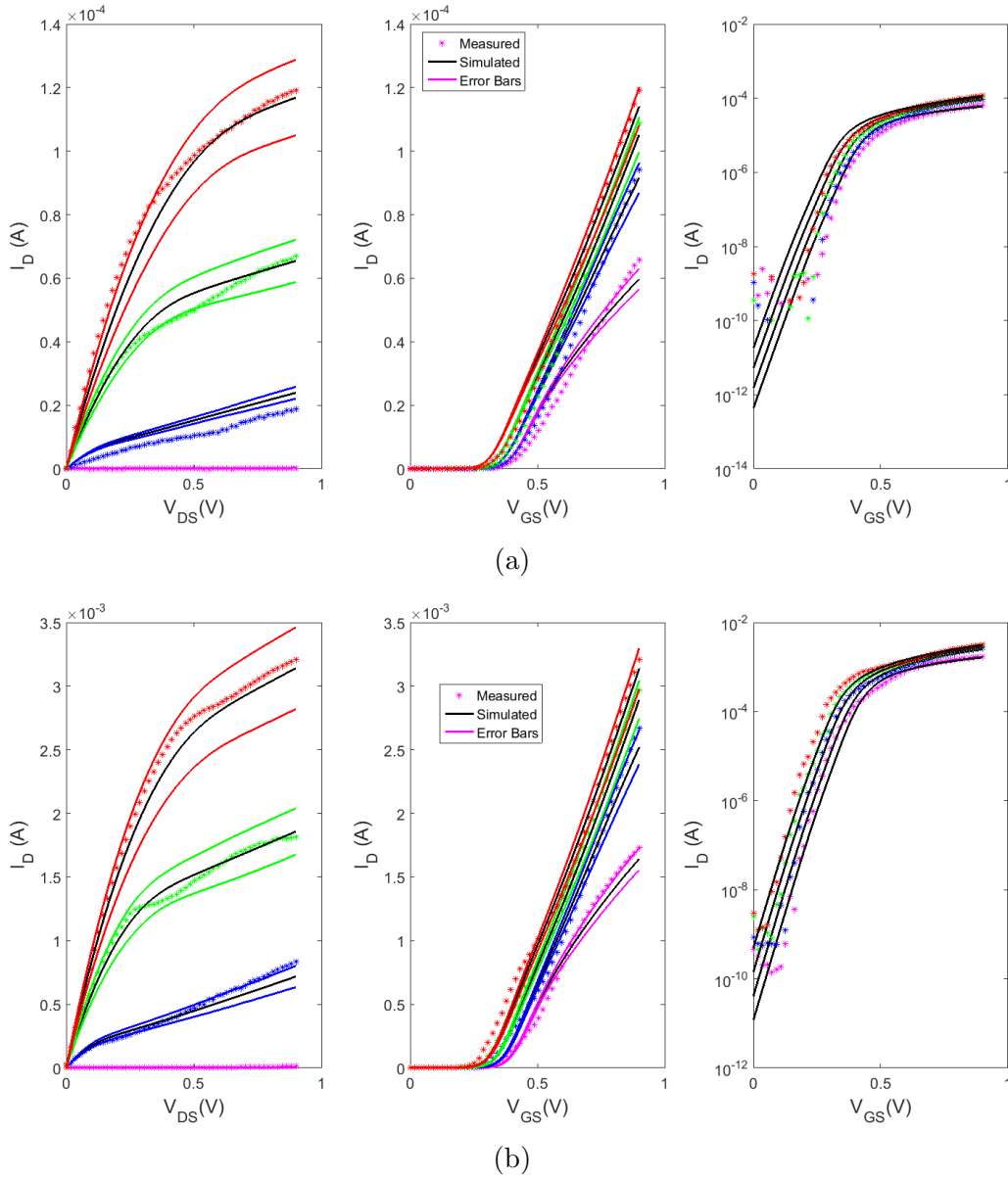


Figure 5.2: BSIMSOI model vs. the averaged measured data from Figure 5.1 (a) 104nm RVT nFET and (b) 2860nm RVT with 10 percent error bars plotted along the simulated data.

### 5.1.3 Extraction

Finally, after the model is optimized, the SPICE model must be extracted so it can be used in Cadence to simulate circuit diagrams. The model data is exported from IC-CAP using the Extracted Deck function. This function extracts all of the SPICE parameters

from the model into a text file. In order to use these parameters with Cadence, they must be converted to a Model Card. The Model Card contains all of the SPICE parameters of the model. Then, after changing the reference location of the transistor symbol to the new cryogenic Model Card, the simulation can be performed using Cadence as detailed in Appendix A.

## 5.2 Simulations

Adding in the ESD diodes as shown in Figure 2.1, the complete circuit that was used on the test chips can be simulated (Figure 5.3). Furthermore, due to the fact that the model is scalable, the width can be swept over a range of 104nm to 2860nm to generate simulated results for any RVT nFET transistor within the PDK width range (Figure 5.4).

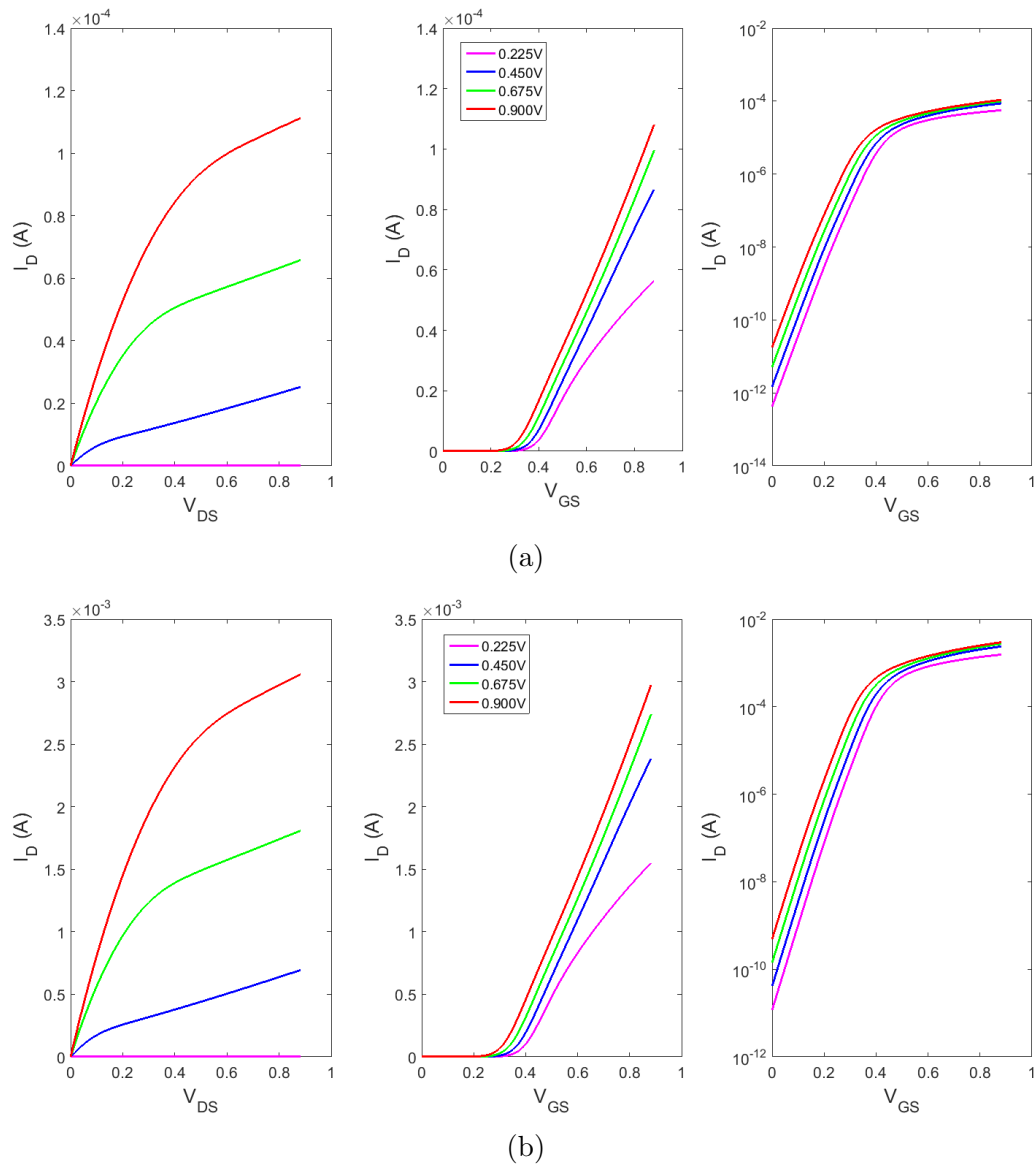


Figure 5.3: Cadence simulation the cryogenic model at (a) 104nm and (b) 2860nm with the ESD diodes connected as shown in Figure 2.1.

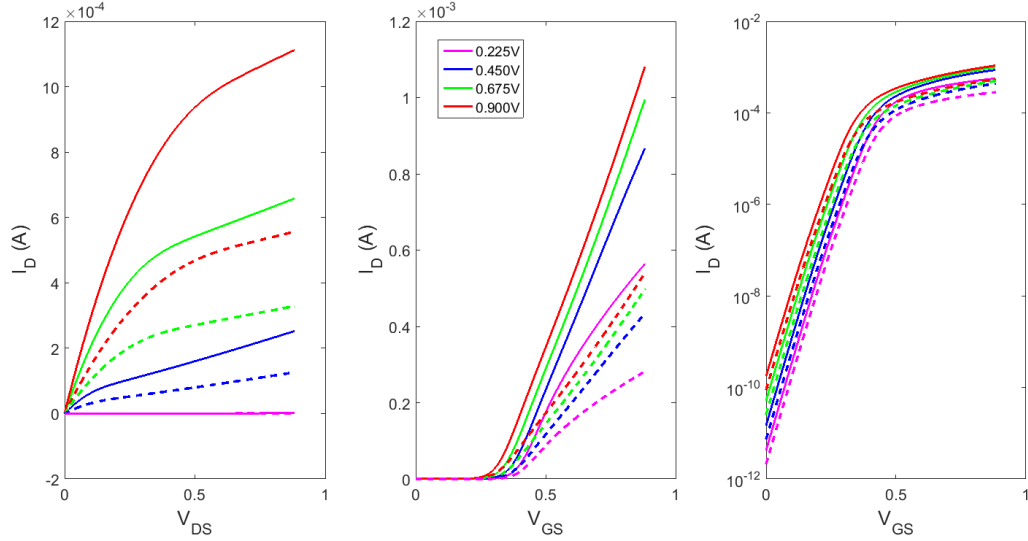


Figure 5.4: Cadence simulation results from changing the width to 520nm (dashed) and 1040nm (solid) in the cryogenic model.

By sweeping the step voltage, the functionality of the model can be tested over the entirety of the transistors rated voltage range (Figure 5.5). Taking the lowest voltage step, 50mV, on the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curve, and comparing it to the initial measurement performed on the stress measurements shows that the model is valid for all voltage ranges when tested against measured data (Figure 5.6).

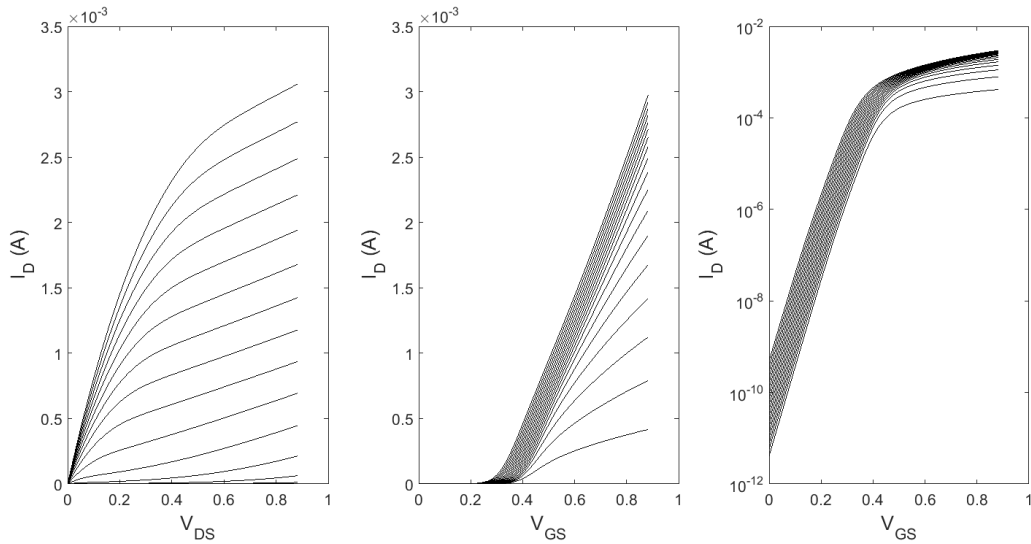


Figure 5.5: Cryogenic model with voltage step swept from 50mV to 900mV in 50mV increments.

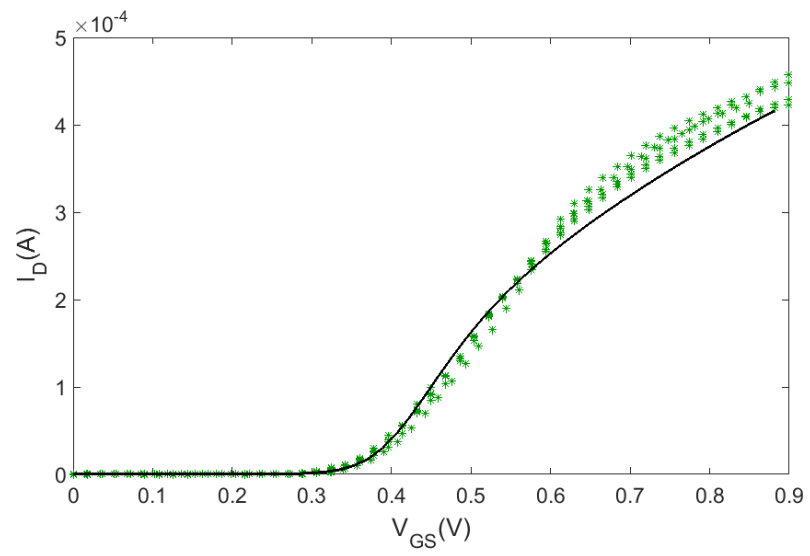


Figure 5.6: Comparison between the cryogenic model and the initial measurements taken during the stress measurements with  $V_{DS}$  equal to 50mV.

## Chapter 6

### Conclusion and Future Work

This chapter will cover the conclusions of the study along with succeeding reliability studies objectives to enhance the understanding of advanced node cryogenic transistors.

#### 6.1 Conclusion

The use of cryogenic electronics open new doors for future electronic systems. Using cryogenic transistors in conjunction with superconducting material and q-bits, the supercomputers that can be developed will bring about tremendous performance improvements. However, with the continual push to decrease the fabrication node and decrease the operating temperature, reliability and modeling is becoming a greater concern. The study that was presented can be used as a step-by-step guide for testing and modeling advanced node RT and cryogenic transistors.

Inducing HCE by applying high voltage biases on the transistor accelerated the degradation from electrons being embedded into the gate oxide. By extrapolating the MTTF curves, the nominal failure times were calculated for transistors at RT and in LHe. The results presented in this study display an increase in reliability for the same size transistors stressed at cryogenic temperatures. Combining the increased performance with higher reliability shows promising results for the future of cryoelectronics. The development of cryogenic models enables future, more complex, circuits to be designed. The results illustrate the ability to produce circuit simulations that better emulate the circuit operation at cryogenic temperatures.



## 6.2 Future Work

All of the results, and models presented in this study are the forefront of a detailed cryogenic transistor database. Continuation of the 32nm RVT nFET testing will allow probability density functions to be developed, increasing the statistical significance of the results presented. Various stresses including: thermal cycling, bias temperature instability, and AC pulse stressing can be performed allowing the degradation effects to be compared to HCE degradation. Ion implantation effects can be observed by testing other  $V_T$  levels, such as HVT and SVT. Gate length and  $t_{ox}$  affects on gate leakage can be determined by testing thick-oxide transistors that have lengths of 100nm and  $t_{ox}$  of 2.5nm. Completing all of these test for the 32nm SOI nFETs will allow greater understanding of the devices while developing cryogenic models for each device. By testing pFETs fabricated from 32nm SOI, all of the transistors for the process can be evaluated based on reliability. Using the pFET data, cryogenic pFET models can be generated to allow complete cryogenic digital circuits to be simulated. Using this same measurement and modeling process, various fabrication processes such as: 12SO, 10RF, and 14LPP can be evaluated. This will allow for reliability comparisons to be made across a wide range of advanced node technologies. Determining the MTTF and developing models across all of the technologies and transistor types enables a complete cryogenic transistor database to be developed that can be referenced for reliability considerations and modeling of future cryogenic circuits.

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## Appendices

The following appendices include tutorials, equipment descriptions, and code used to complete this study. These appendices are intended to be supplemental documents for all of the procedures summarized.

## Appendix A Cadence Simulation Tutorial

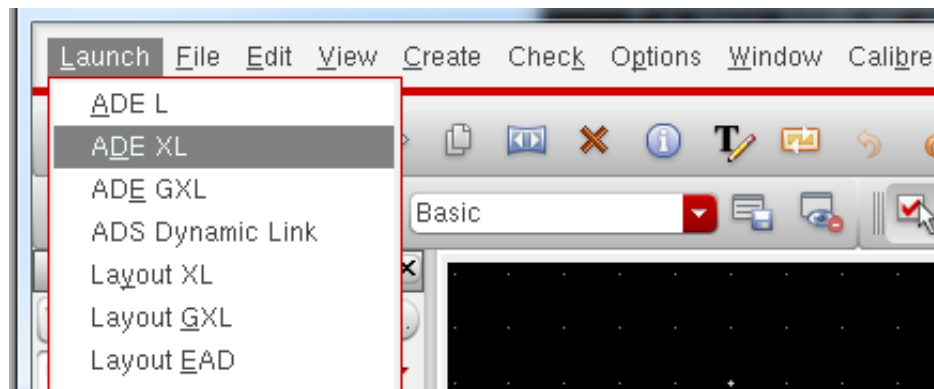
The following appendix will cover the procedure for performing a DC analysis on a single transistor using Cadence Virtuoso.

### A.1 Simulation Steps

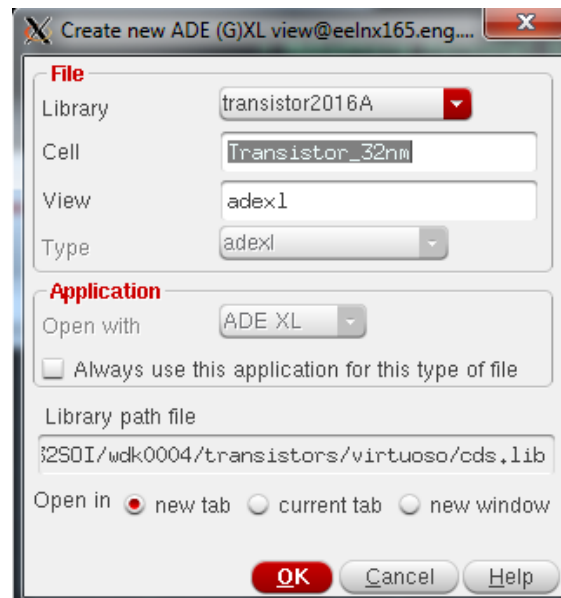
1. Launch ADE XL
2. Create new tests
3. Set Global Variables and Corners
4. Run simulation and view data

#### A.1.1 Launching ADE XL

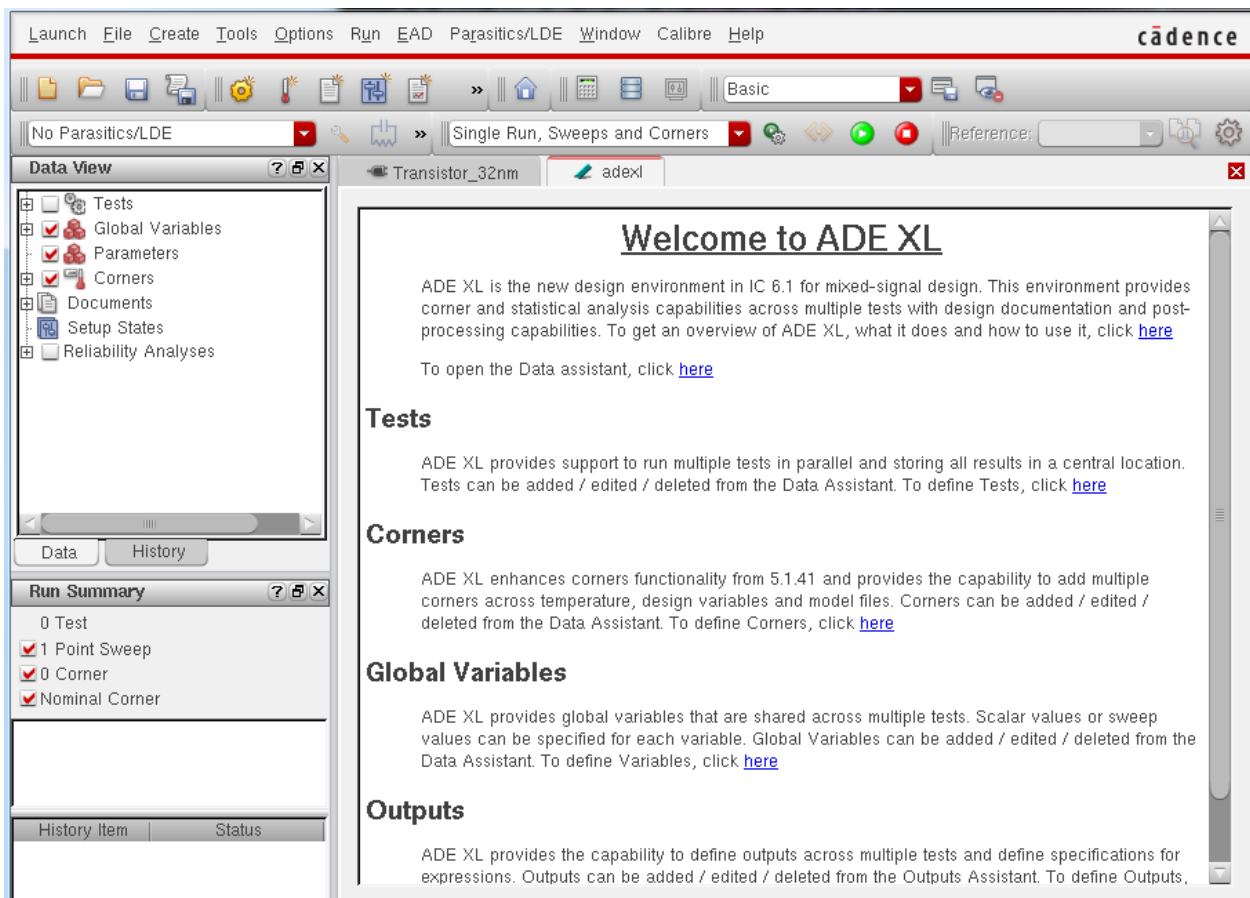
1. ADE XL is launched from the schematic window of the design.



2. Create a new view for the current schematic



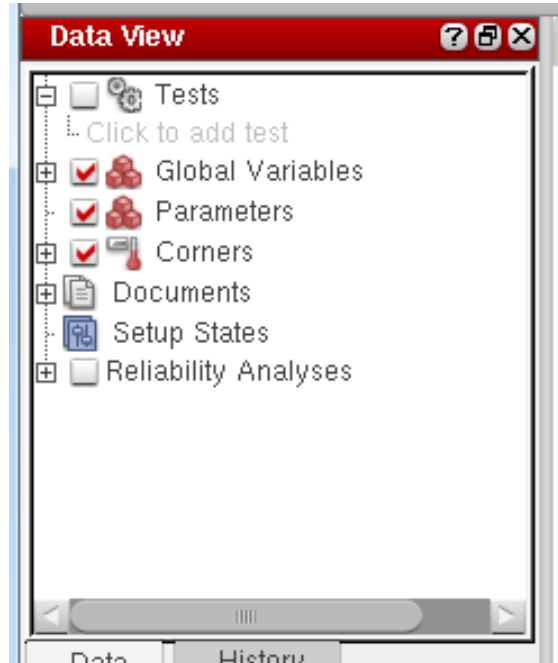
3. ADE XL start screen



## A.1.2 Creating a new test

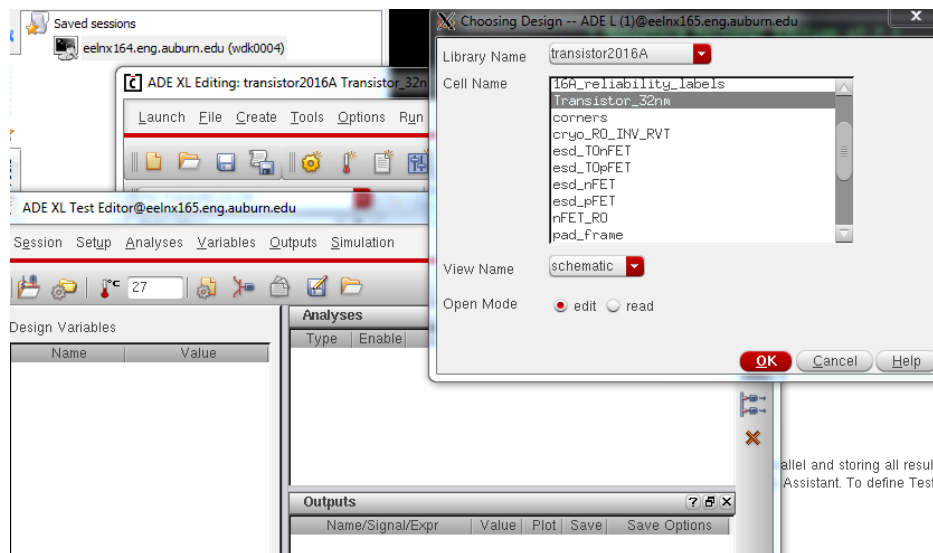
### 1. Adding a new test

Add a new test by clicking under "Tests" on the left side.



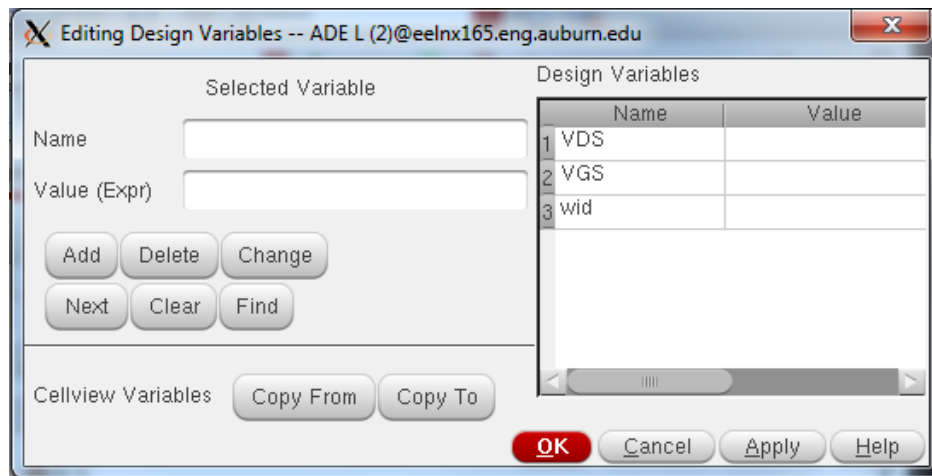
### 2. Selecting the reference design

Select the schematic that is used as a reference.



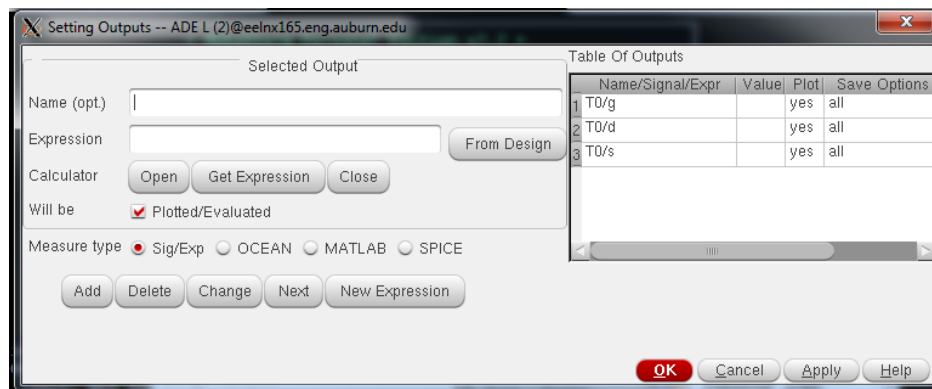
### 3. Adding variables

Add variables by clicking "Copy From" under the "Variables" tab of the test window.



### 4. Adding outputs

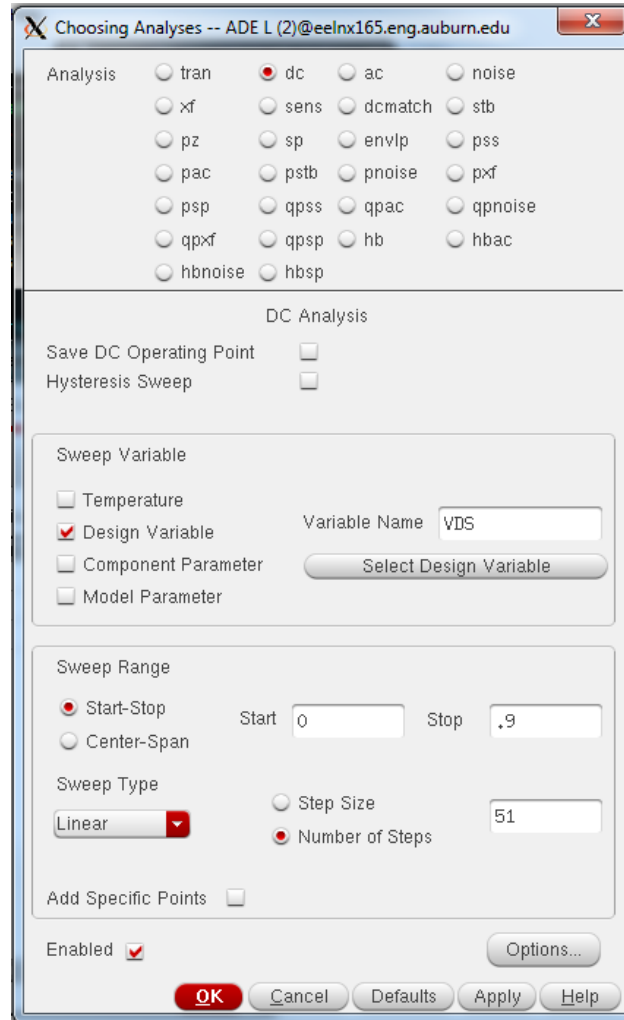
Add output by clicking "From Design" under the "Output" tab of the test window and selecting the components of interest





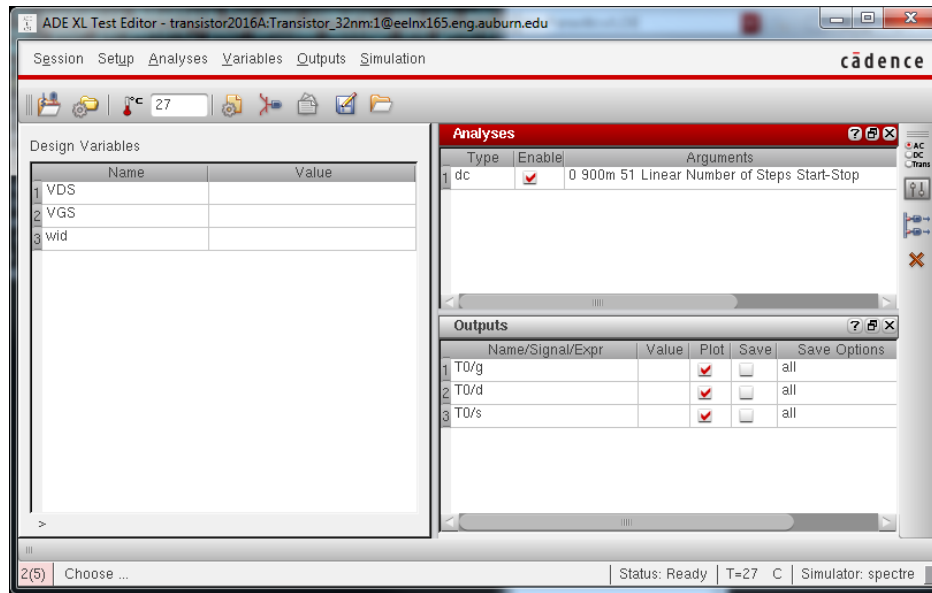
## 5. Selecting analysis

Select the analysis under the "Analysis" tab of the test window. For the transistor simulations the analysis used is dc.



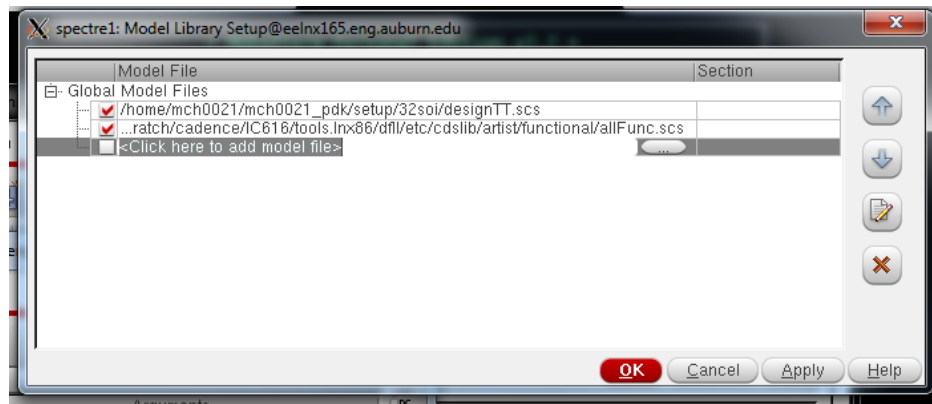
## 6. Selecting output plots

Select output plots checking the box in the "Output" section of the test window.



## 7. Changing Model Libraries (Optional)

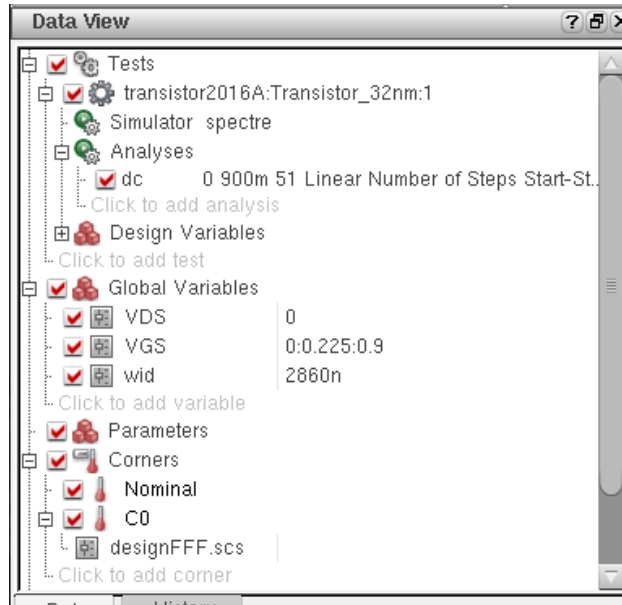
Change the model library under the "Setup" tab of the test window. (The default model library only needs to be changed when using cryogenic models.)



### A.1.3 Setting Global Variable and Corners

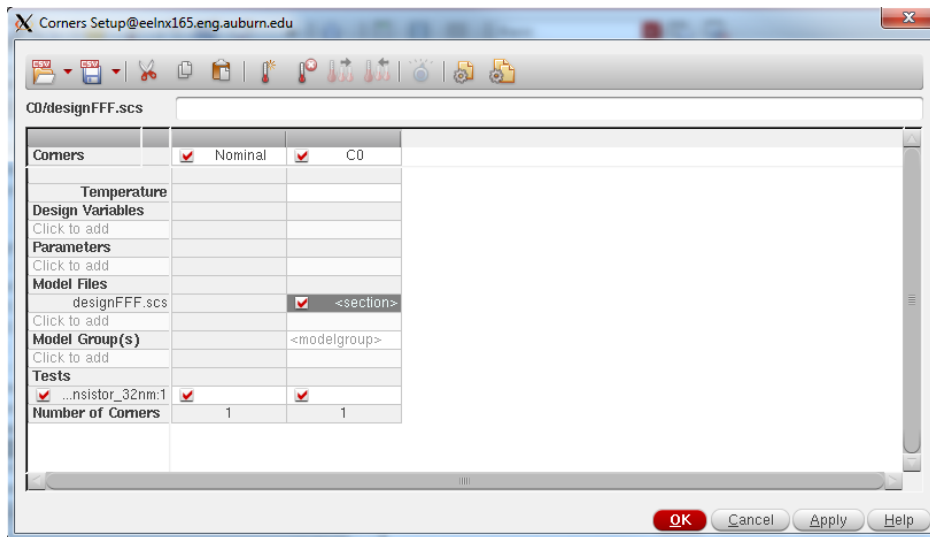
#### 1. Setting global variables

Set global variables on the left side of the page. 0:0.225:0.9 steps the variable from 0 to 0.9 over 0.225 intervals.



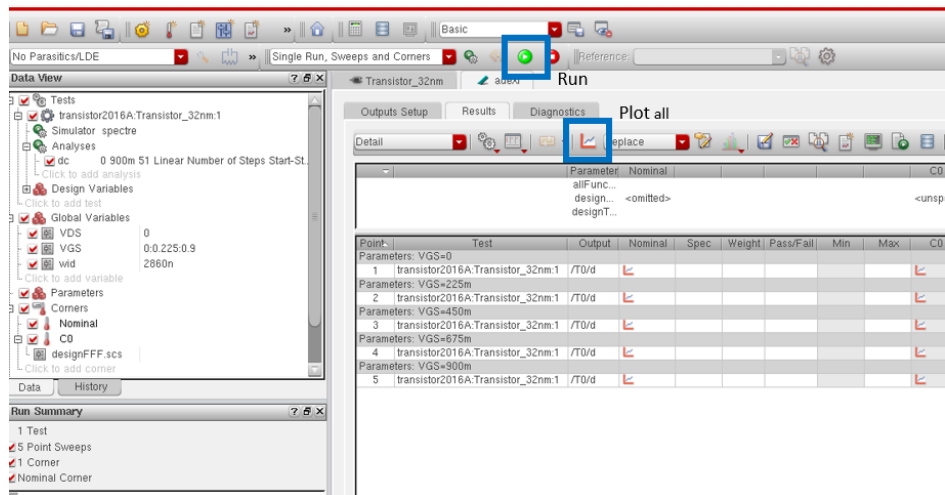
#### 2. Adding multiple corners

Add a new corner by clicking under "Corners" on the left side of the page. By clicking the thermometer with the asterisk at the top of the page a new column is added to the corner window. Then add the corner model file need. Corner model files for 32nm can be found under mch0021\_group>lowtemp\_group>32SOI>Corners.

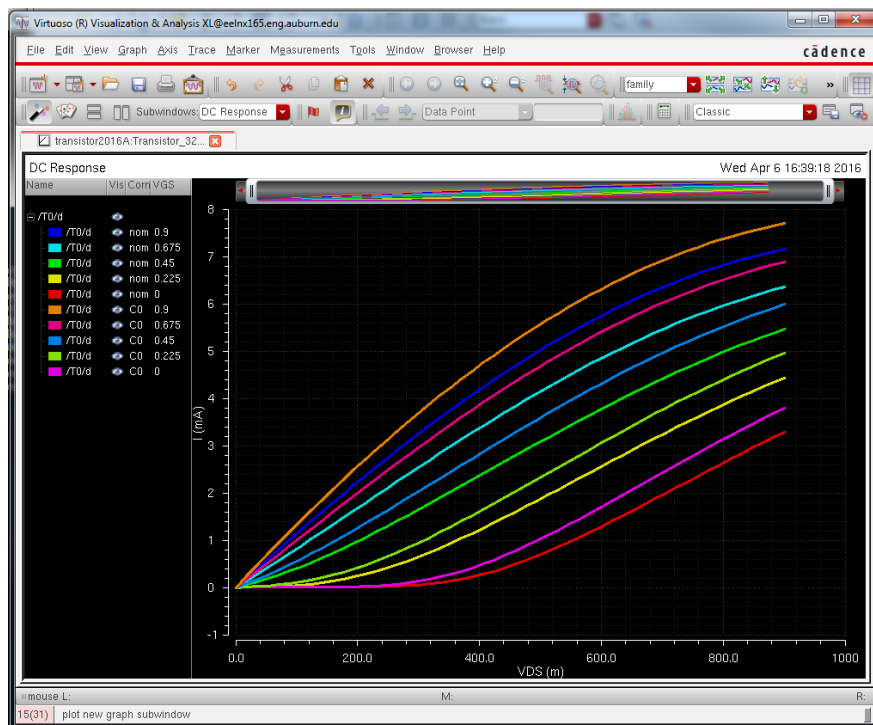


## A.1.4 Running Simulation and Viewing Data

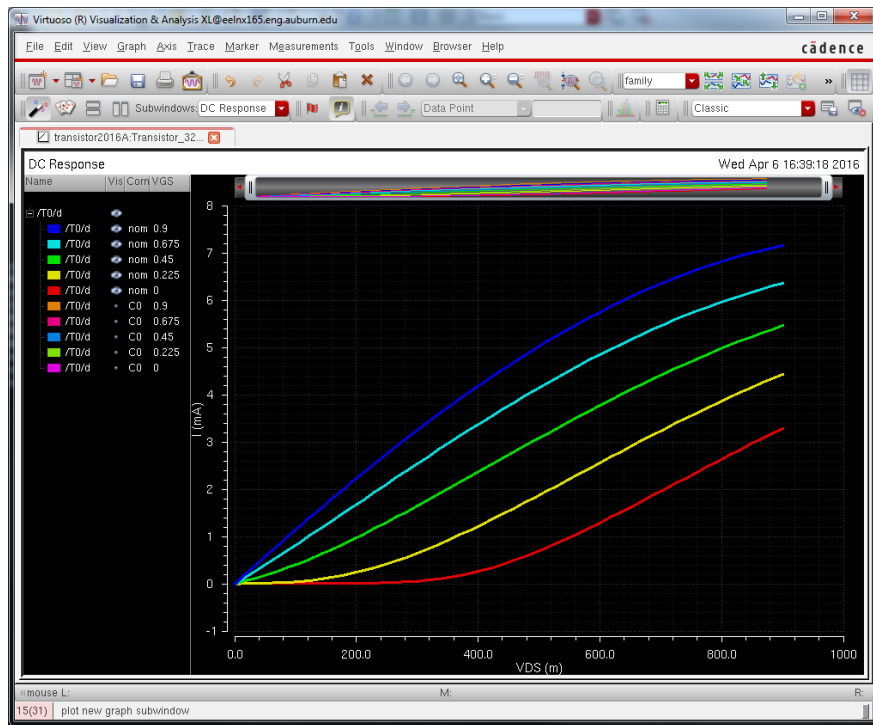
1. Run simulation by clicking the green arrow at the top of the screen.



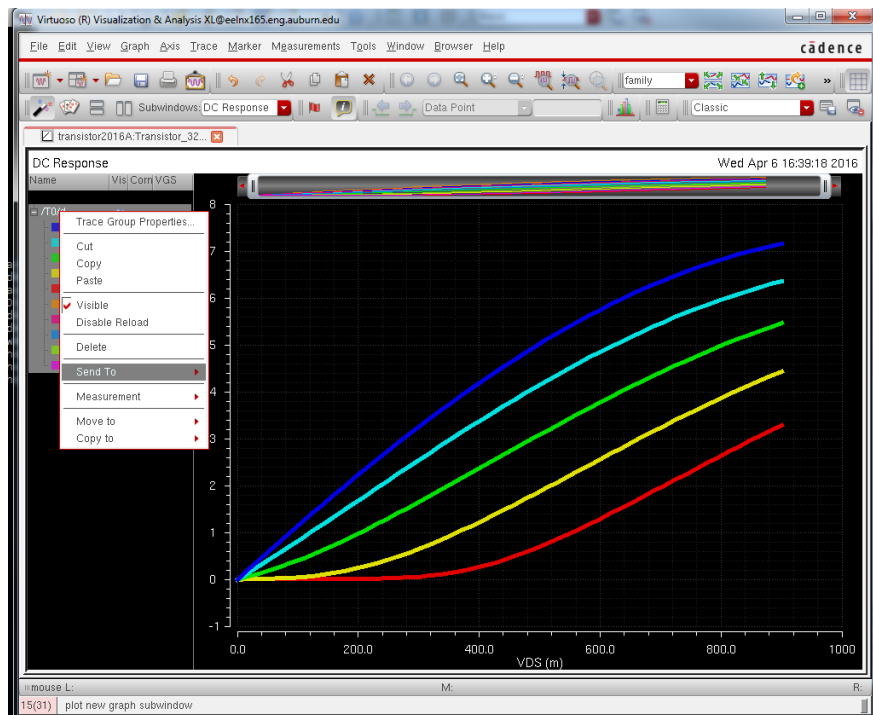
2. View all outputs plot by clicking "Plot all" as shown above



### 3. Toggle output views

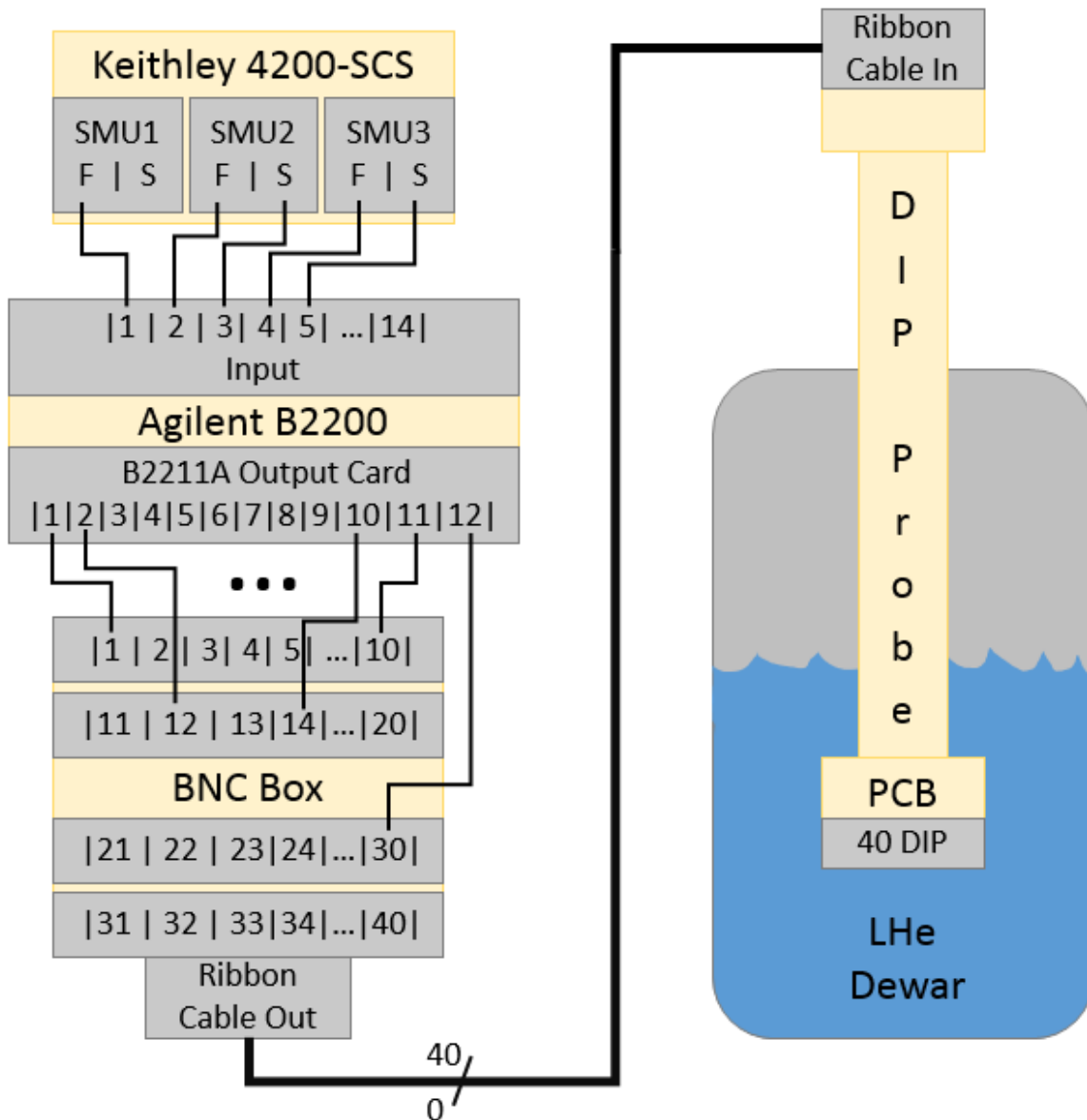


### 4. By right clicking on the data, the data points plotted can be sent to a table that is saved as CSV file.



## Appendix B Testing Equipment and Procedures

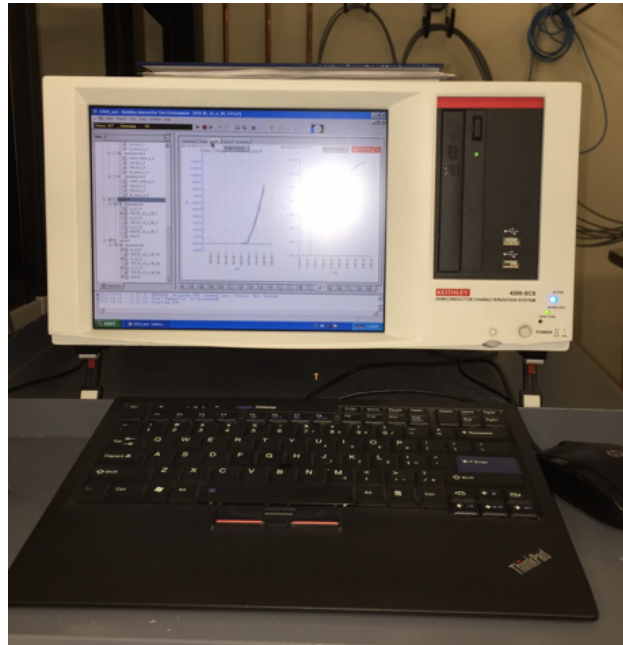
All of the equipment, settings, and code used to perform all measurements will be displayed. A diagram detailing the interconnections between the equipment is shown below. When performing RT measurements, the connection are the same, but the probe was left in the holding rack on the lab table.



## B.1 Testing Equipment

### 1. Keithley 4200-SCS Parameter Analyzer

3 SMUs are used to perform the 4 point measurements on the transistors. SMU 1 and 2 both have preamps connected that extend the measurement resolution down to 0.1fA. These two SMUs are connected to the gate and drain so that the current measured has higher precision.



### 2. Agilent B2200 Low Leakage Switch Matrix

The SMUs from the 4200 connect to the first 5 inputs on the front of the B2200. The cables coming from the BNC box connect to the B2211A cards connected to the output of the B2200.



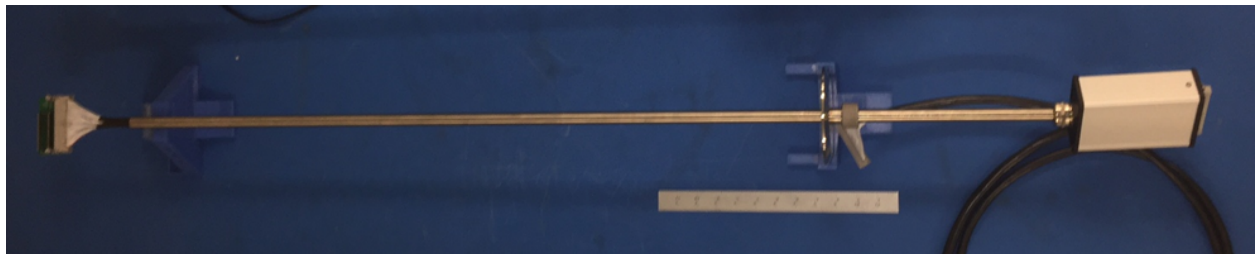
### 3. BNC Box

The BNC box is used to connect the ribbon cable from the probe to the triax cables that connect to the output of the B2200.



### 4. Cryogenic probe

Cryogenic probe with 40 pin DIP socket attached the a PCB board on the bottom.





5. 100L Cryofab dewar

Dewars are filled with LHe allowing the probe to be submerged enabling cryogenic testing to be performed.



## B.2 Measurement Process Steps

There are 5 steps taken to perform a stress measurement in LHe:

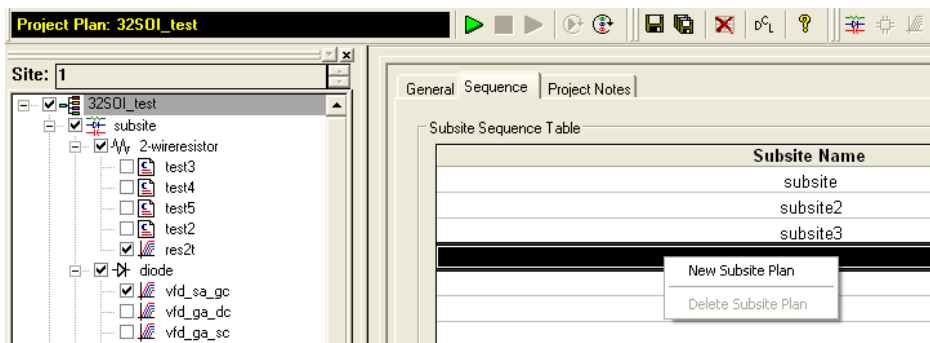
1. Standard at RT
2. Pre-cool/Standard in liquid nitrogen
3. Standard in LHe
4. Stress in LHe
5. Post in LHe

To perform a RT stress measurements, omit steps 2 and 3, and perform steps 4 and 5 at RT. Using reliability chips, multiple devices can be stressed in parallel. In order to stress devices in parallel, steps 1, 2, and 3 on devices independently, then using the B2200 and the code in Section B.4 step 4 is performed automatically on all the devices. After, the stress is finished step 5 is performed on each device independently.

## B.3 Kite Settings

1. Creating Subsites

On the 4200 test plans are called Subsites. Subsites are added to the project sequence by right clicking on a new cell under the "Sequence" tab.



For performing the reliability measure two subsites are needed. The first subsite includes the standard/post  $I_D-V_{DS}$  and  $I_D-V_{GS}$  measurements. The second subsite is used to perform the stress and make the periodic  $I_D-V_{GS}$  measurement. New test for transistor testing are added by copying the 3 terminal-FET test over from the MOSFET device sections built into KITE to the selected subsite.



## SMU 1

**Forcing Functions / Measure Options - (Device Terminal: Gate Instrument ID: SMU1)**

Instrument Information  
Instrument ID: SMU1      Instrument Model: KI4200 MPSMU with PreAmp      Mode: Sweeping

Forcing Function  
Voltage Sweep       Master

Voltage Sweep Function Parameters

Sweep Type  
 Linear     Log     Dual Sweep

Power On Delay: 0 s

Start: 0 V  
Stop: 0.9 V  
Step: 0.18 V  
Data Points: 6

Src Range: Best Fixed

Compliance: 0.007 A

Select fixed source and measure ranges to enable Pulse Mode selection

Pulse Mode  
On Time: 0.1 s  
Off Time: 0.1 s  
Base Voltage: 0 V

Measuring Options

Current      Name: IG      Range: Limited Auto      1nA

Voltage      Name: VG       Status  
 Programmed     Measured

OK      Cancel

## SMU 2

**Forcing Functions / Measure Options - (Device Terminal: Instrument ID: SMU2)**

Instrument Information  
Instrument ID: SMU2      Instrument Model: KI4200 MPSMU with PreAmp      Mode: Sweeping

Forcing Function  
Voltage Step       Master

Voltage Step Function Parameters

Start: 0 V  
Stop: 0.9 V  
Step: 0.225 V  
Data Points: 5

Compliance: 0.1 A      Src Range: Best Fixed

Power On Delay: 0 s

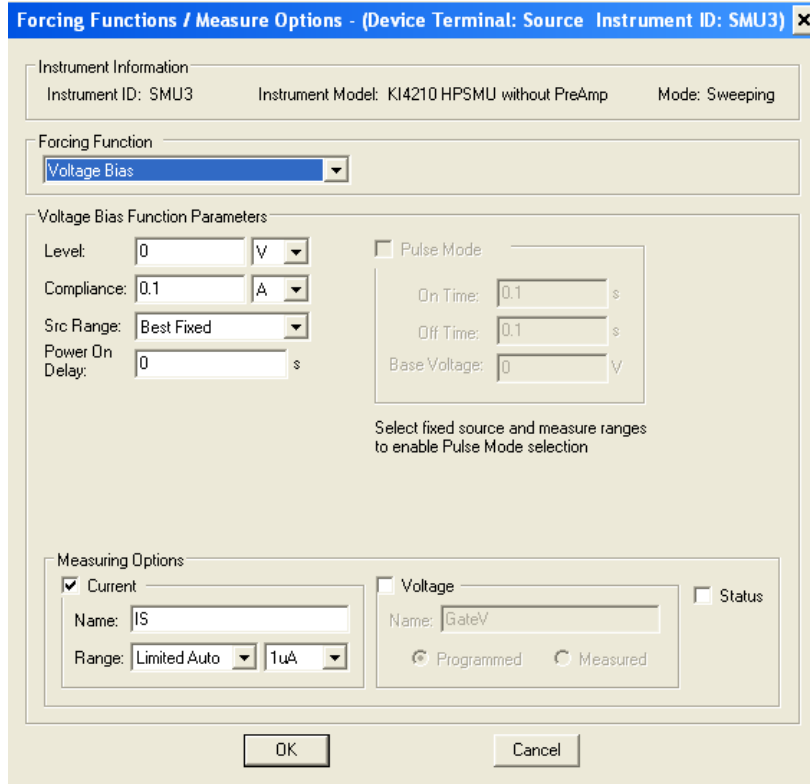
Measuring Options

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Voltage      Name: VD       Status  
 Programmed     Measured

OK      Cancel

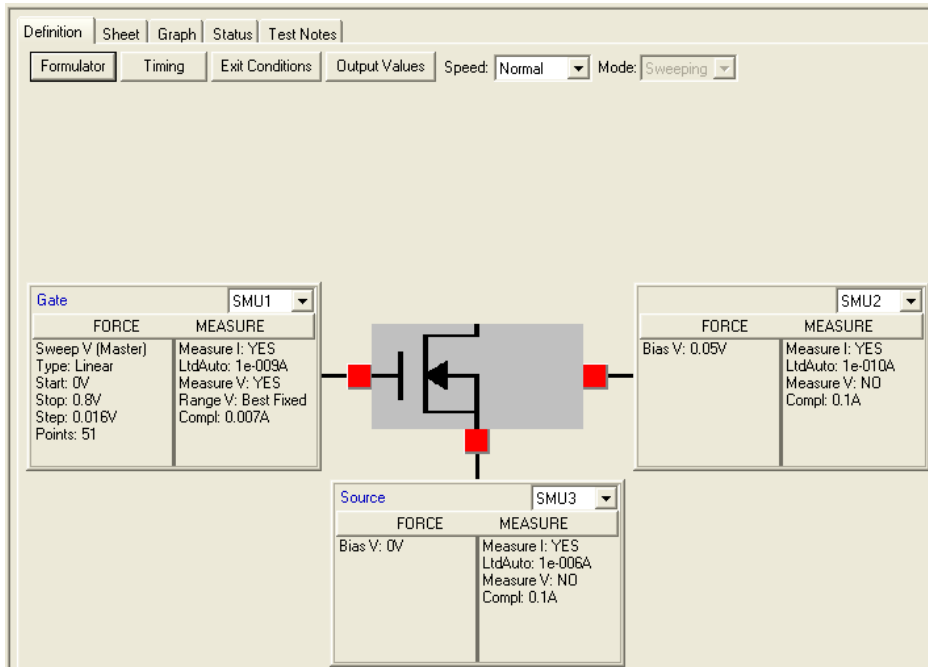
### SMU 3



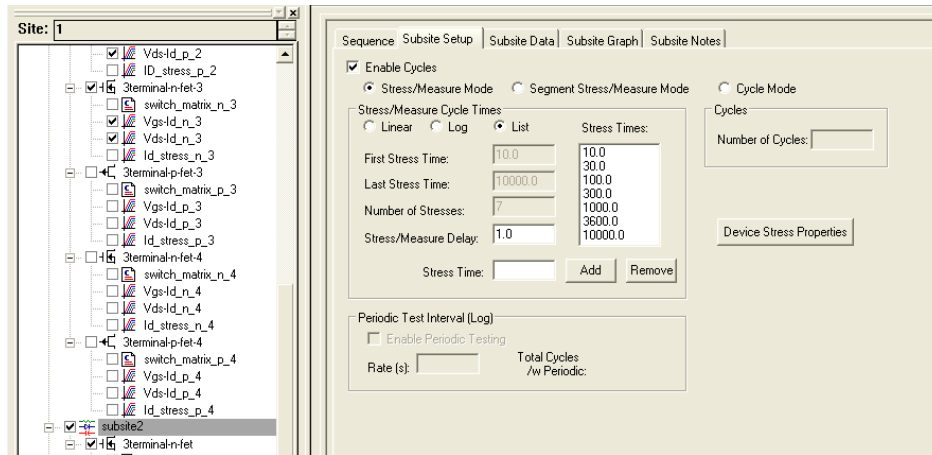
The settings of SMU 1 and 2 are swapped when performing  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  measurements.

(b) Subsite 2

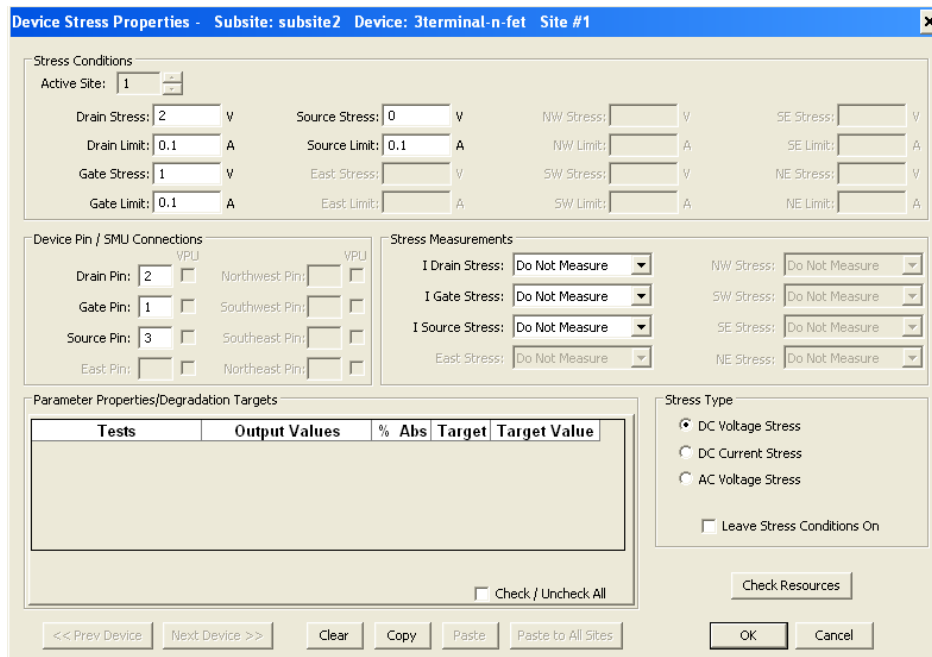
$I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  linear regime settings



Under the "Subsite Setup" tab, cycling can be enabled the periodic measurement times are added.

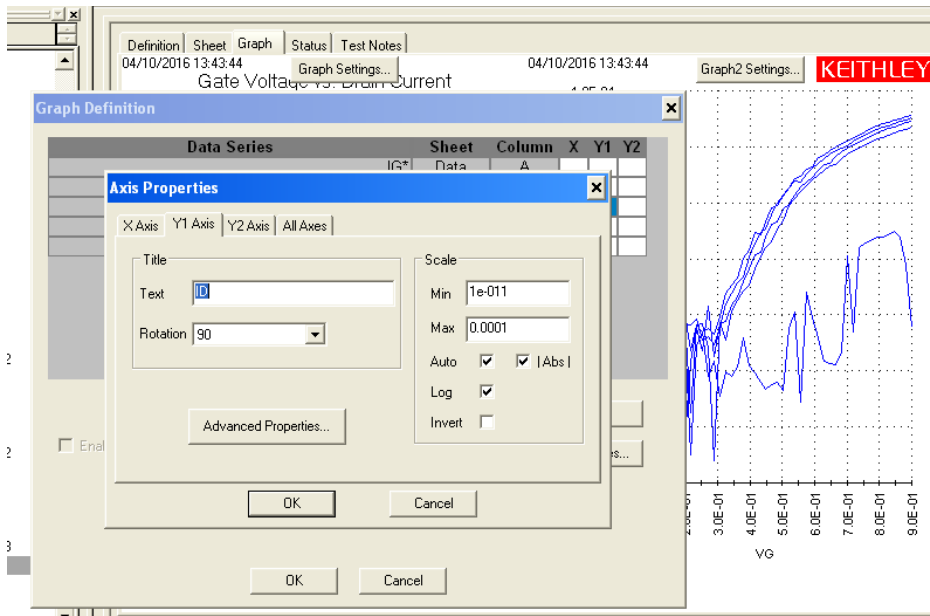
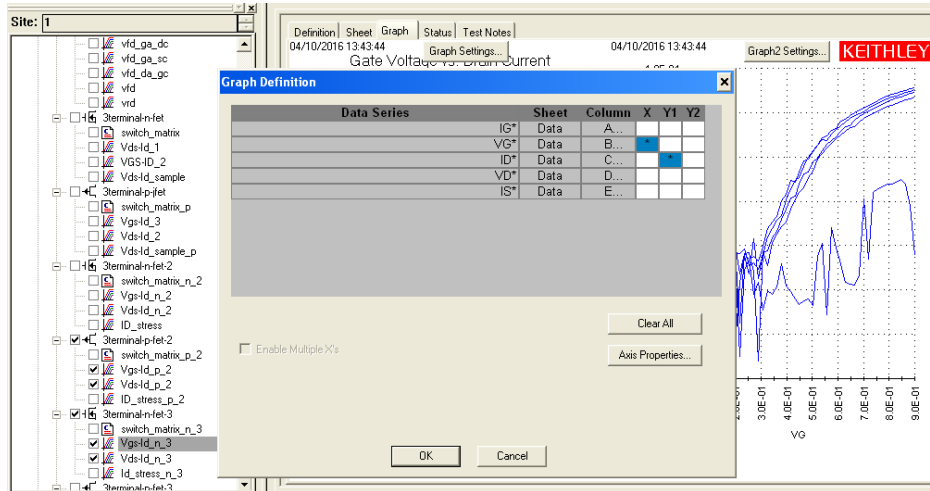


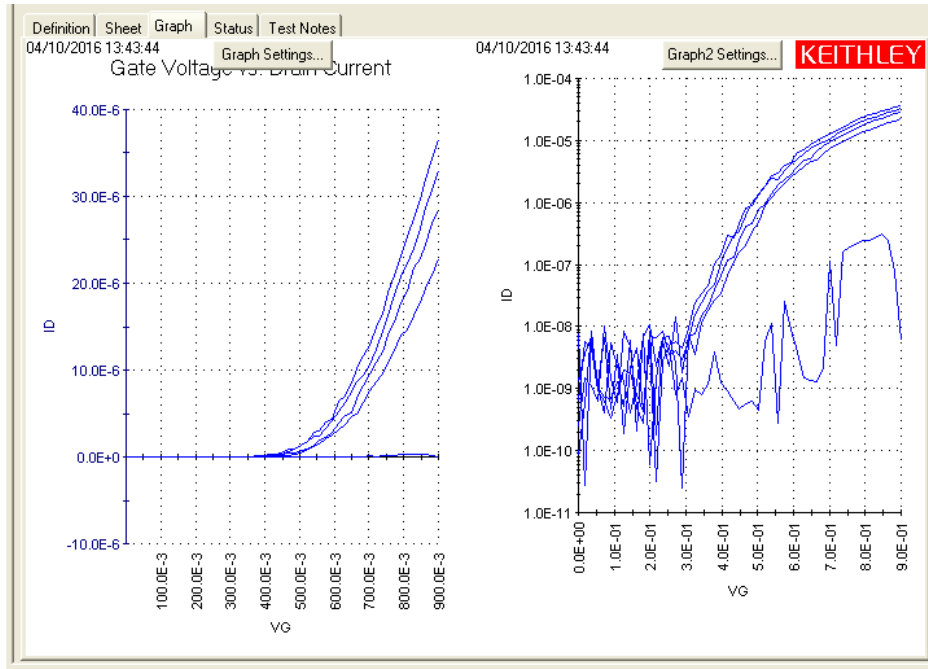
By clicking "Device Stress Properties", the voltages of the drain and gate stresses can be set and the Pin/SMU connections are listed.



## 2. Setting up plots

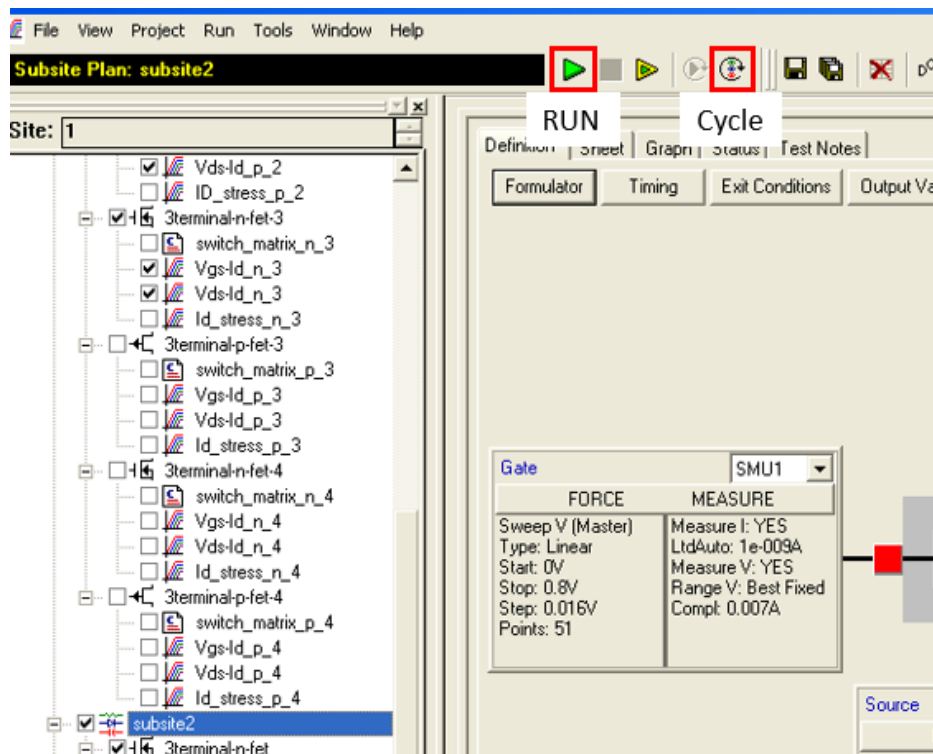
By right clicking on the plot under the graph tab of the test module dual plots can be added. After setting the definitions for each axis by clicking the "Graph Settings" button at the stop of the plot, the y-axis on one of the plots can be modified so that the log scale output is shown. This is used for all of the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curves.





### 3. Running Subsite

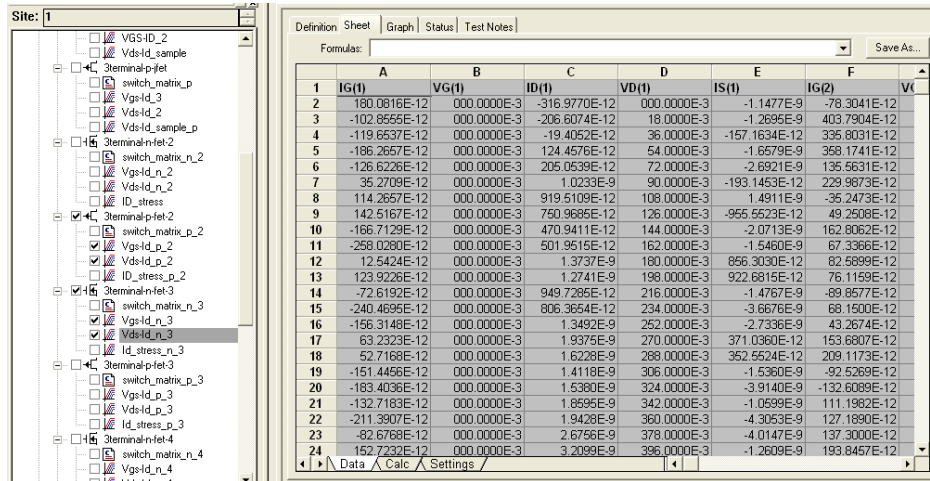
By clicking the green arrow at the top of the selected test module will run one time. In order to perform a cycle measurement, click the with the subsite selected icon labeled cycle below and the subsite will cycle for the defined times.





#### 4. Saving Results

Under the "Sheet" tab of the test module is where all of the data points are saved. By clicking "Save As" on the right side the data is saved in an .CSV format. This data can be transferred to another computer using a thumb drive so the data can be processed.



|    | A             | B           | C             | D           | E             | F             | V |
|----|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---|
| 1  | IG(t)         | VG(t)       | ID(t)         | VD(t)       | IS(t)         | IG(2)         | V |
| 2  | 180.0815E-12  | 000.0000E-3 | -316.9770E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | -1.1477E-9    | -78.3041E-12  |   |
| 3  | -102.8555E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | -206.6074E-12 | 18.0000E-3  | -1.2695E-9    | 403.7904E-12  |   |
| 4  | -119.6537E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | -19.4052E-12  | 36.0000E-3  | -157.1634E-12 | 335.8031E-12  |   |
| 5  | -186.2657E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 124.4576E-12  | 54.0000E-3  | -1.6579E-9    | 358.1741E-12  |   |
| 6  | -126.6226E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 205.0539E-12  | 72.0000E-3  | -2.6921E-9    | 135.5631E-12  |   |
| 7  | 35.2709E-12   | 000.0000E-3 | 1.0233E-9     | 90.0000E-3  | -193.1453E-12 | 229.9873E-12  |   |
| 8  | 114.2657E-12  | 000.0000E-3 | 919.5109E-12  | 108.0000E-3 | 1.4911E-9     | -35.2473E-12  |   |
| 9  | 142.5167E-12  | 000.0000E-3 | 750.9685E-12  | 126.0000E-3 | -955.5523E-12 | 49.2508E-12   |   |
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| 12 | 12.5424E-12   | 000.0000E-3 | 1.3737E-9     | 180.0000E-3 | 856.3030E-12  | 82.5899E-12   |   |
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| 15 | -240.4695E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 806.3654E-12  | 234.0000E-3 | -3.6676E-9    | 68.1500E-12   |   |
| 16 | -156.3148E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 1.3492E-9     | 252.0000E-3 | -2.7336E-9    | 43.2674E-12   |   |
| 17 | 63.2323E-12   | 000.0000E-3 | 1.9375E-9     | 270.0000E-3 | 371.0360E-12  | 153.6807E-12  |   |
| 18 | 52.7188E-12   | 000.0000E-3 | 1.6228E-9     | 288.0000E-3 | 352.5524E-12  | 209.1173E-12  |   |
| 19 | -151.4456E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 1.4118E-9     | 306.0000E-3 | -1.5360E-9    | -92.5269E-12  |   |
| 20 | -183.4036E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 1.5380E-9     | 324.0000E-3 | -3.9140E-9    | -132.6089E-12 |   |
| 21 | -132.7183E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 1.8595E-9     | 342.0000E-3 | -1.0599E-9    | 111.1962E-12  |   |
| 22 | -211.3907E-12 | 000.0000E-3 | 1.9428E-9     | 360.0000E-3 | -4.3053E-9    | 127.1890E-12  |   |
| 23 | -82.6768E-12  | 000.0000E-3 | 2.6756E-9     | 378.0000E-3 | -4.0147E-9    | 137.3000E-12  |   |
| 24 | 152.7232E-12  | 000.0000E-3 | 3.2099E-9     | 396.0000E-3 | -1.2609E-9    | 193.8457E-12  |   |

#### B.4 External Instrument Code

The script below is used to control the B2200 for connecting and disconnecting the devices to the 4200. The syntax for specifying the connection is *XYZZ*. Where *X* is the card number, *YY* is the input port, and *ZZ* is the output port. By simply adding sequential connections allows multiple connections to be made at once.

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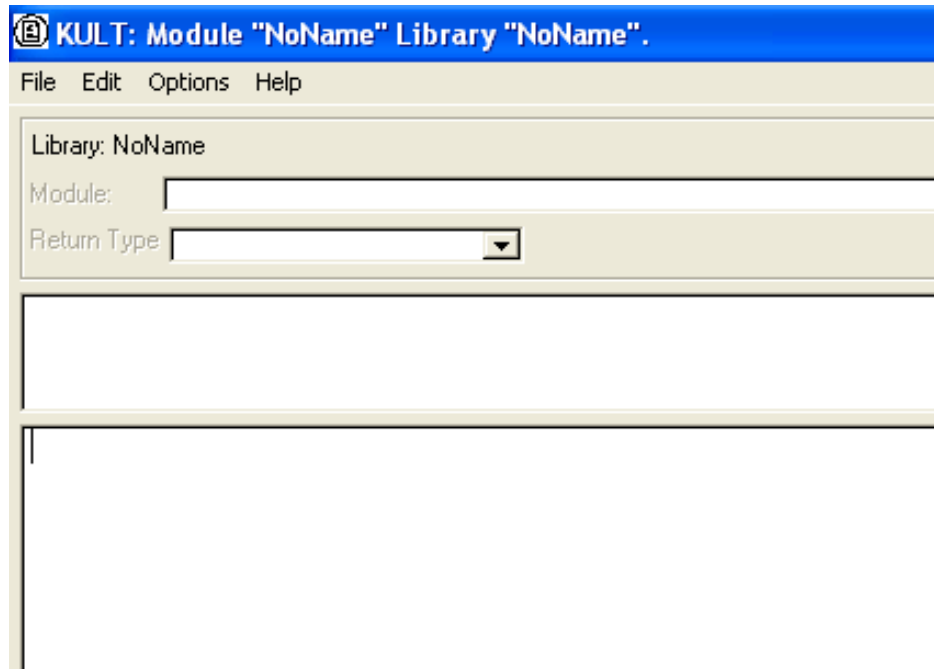
char command_string0[100];
char command_string1[100];
char command_string2[100];
char command_string3[100];
char command_string4[100];
char command_string5[100];
char command_string6[100];
char command_string7[100];
char command_string8[100];
char command_string9[100];
char command_string10[100];
/* Open all*/
printf(command_string0, " :ROUT:OPEN:CARD_ALL" );
/* B2200 Setup8?
printf(command_string1, "*RST");
printf(command_string2, " :ROUT:FUNC NCON");
printf(command_string3, " :ROUT:CONN:RULE ALL,FREE");
printf(command_string4, " :ROUT:CONN:SEQ ALL,NSEQ");
printf(command_string5, " :SYST:DISP:STR 'MEASURING 1... '");
/* Close the following Connections*/
printf(command_string6, " :ROUT:CLOS_(@10101)" );
printf(command_string7, " :ROUT:CLOS_(@10202)" );
printf(command_string8, " :ROUT:CLOS_(@10303)" );
printf(command_string9, " :ROUT:CLOS_(@10404)" );
printf(command_string10, " :ROUT:CLOS_(@10505)" );

kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string0), command_string0);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string1), command_string1);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string2), command_string2);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string3), command_string3);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string4), command_string4);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string5), command_string5);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string6), command_string6);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string7), command_string7);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string8), command_string8);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string9), command_string9);
kibsnd(22, -1, GPIBTIMO, strlen(command_string10), command_string10);
delay(3000);

```

This scripted is added to the tests using the following steps:

1. Create new library and module under the "File" tab



## 2. Add Script

KULT: Module "Measure1\_1\_5.c" Library "B2201A".

File Edit Options Help

Library: B2201A

Module: Measure1\_1\_5

Return Type: void

Library Visible Apply

```
void Measure1_1_5( int GPIB_address )
{
char command_string0[100];
char command_string1[100];
char command_string2[100];
char command_string3[100];
char command_string4[100];
char command_string5[100];
char command_string6[100];
char command_string7[100];
char command_string8[100];
char command_string9[100];
char command_string10[100];

sprintf(command_string0, ":ROUT:OPEN:CARD ALL");
sprintf(command_string1, "*RST");
sprintf(command_string2, ":ROUT:FUNC NCON");
sprintf(command_string3, ":ROUT:CONN:RULE ALL,FREE");
sprintf(command_string4, ":ROUT:CONN:SEQ ALL,NSEQ");
sprintf(command_string5, ":SYST:DISP:STR 'MEASURING 1...'");
sprintf(command_string6, ":ROUT:CLOS (@10101)");
sprintf(command_string7, ":ROUT:CLOS (@10202)");
}
/* End Measure1_1_5.c */
```

| Parameter Name | Data Type | I/O   | Default | Min | Max |
|----------------|-----------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| GPIB_address   | int       | Input | 22      |     |     |

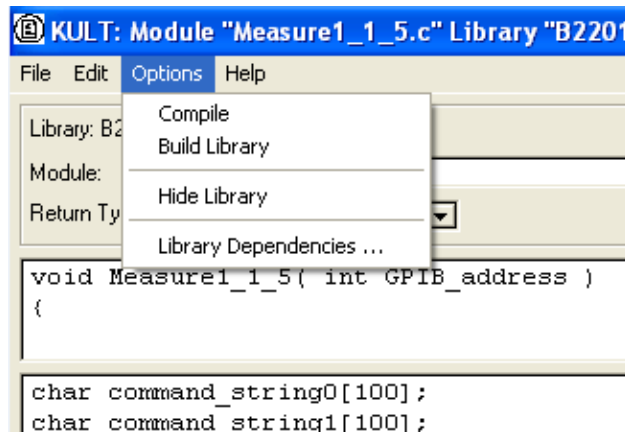
Add Delete Apply

## 3. Adding I/O

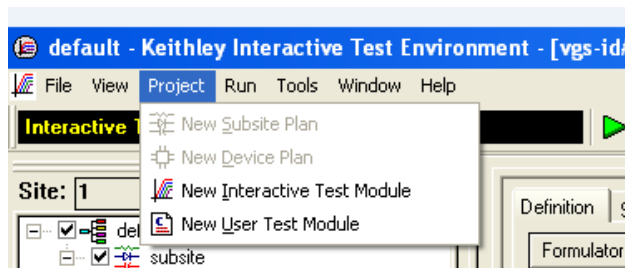
| Parameter Name | Data Type | I/O   | Default | Min | Max |
|----------------|-----------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| GPIB_address   | int       | Input | 22      |     |     |

Add Delete Apply

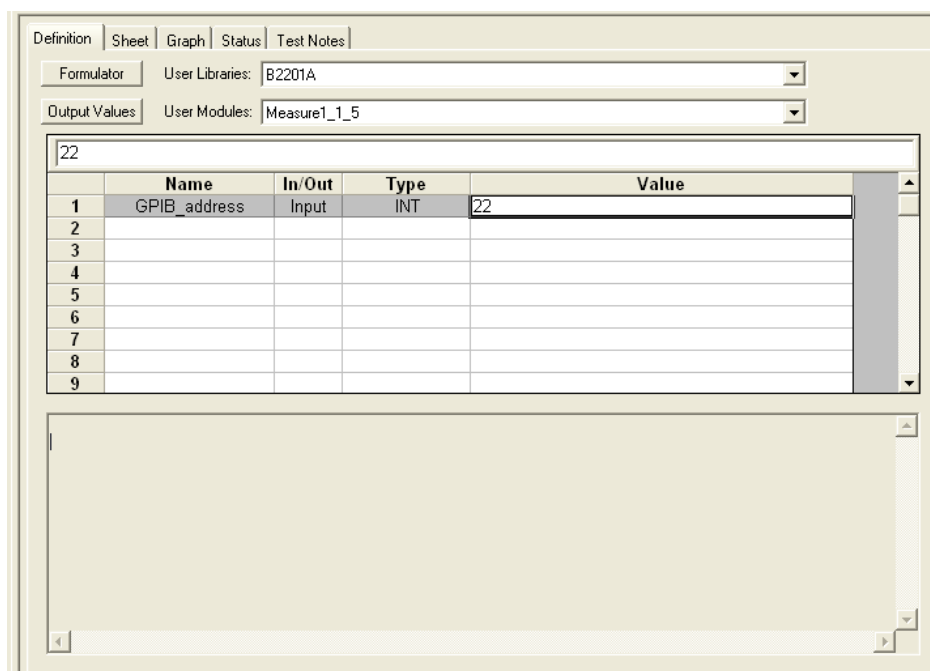
4. Compile and build library



5. Add a New User Test Module to Subsite



6. Select Library, Modules, and Inputs

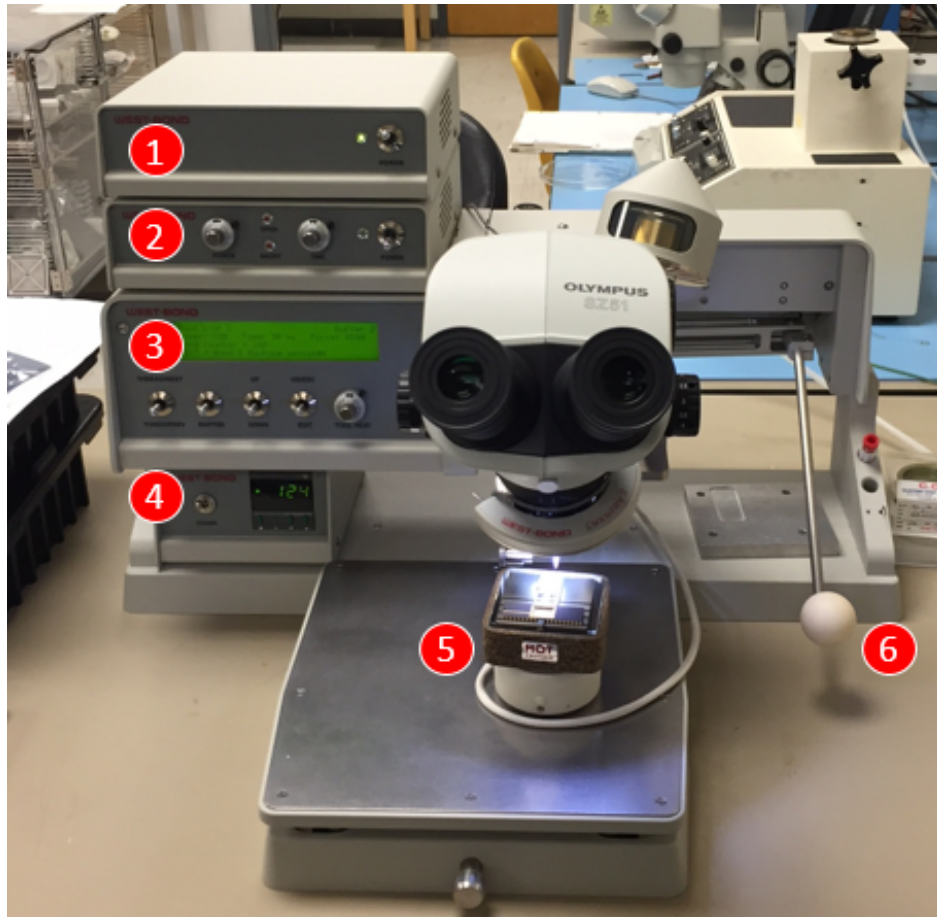


## Appendix C Wedge Wire Bonding

The wire bonder used is a West Bond Model 7KE. This model is capable of doing wedge and ball bonds. All of the bonds made for this study were 45 degree wedge bonds.

### C.1 Components

1. Power supply
2. Force settings (For ball bonding option)
3. Control panel
4. Heated workholder temperature controller
5. Workholder
6. Manual operation arm

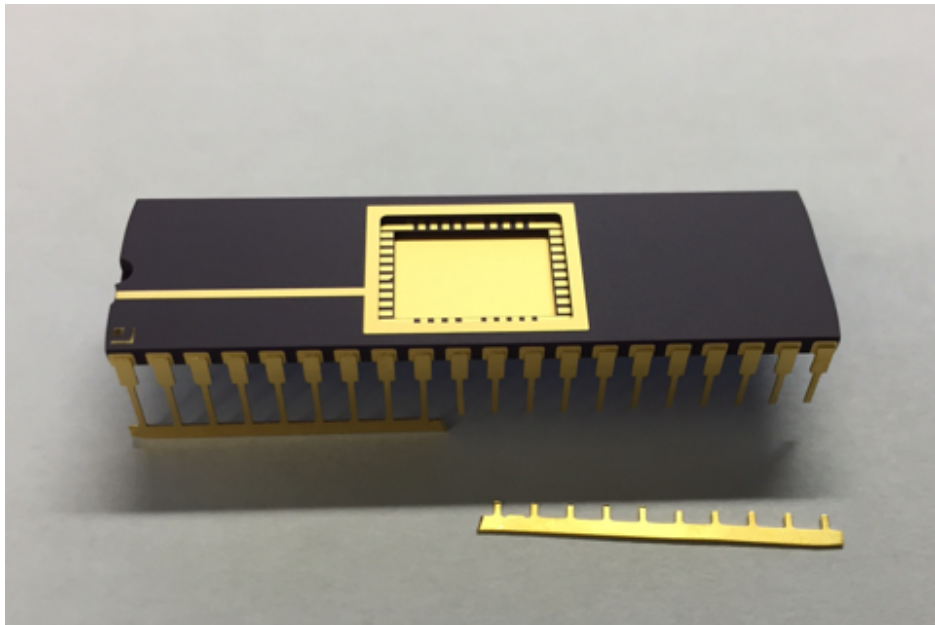


## C.2 Steps

1. Sheer DIP package leads
2. Mount a chip to the package
3. Bond

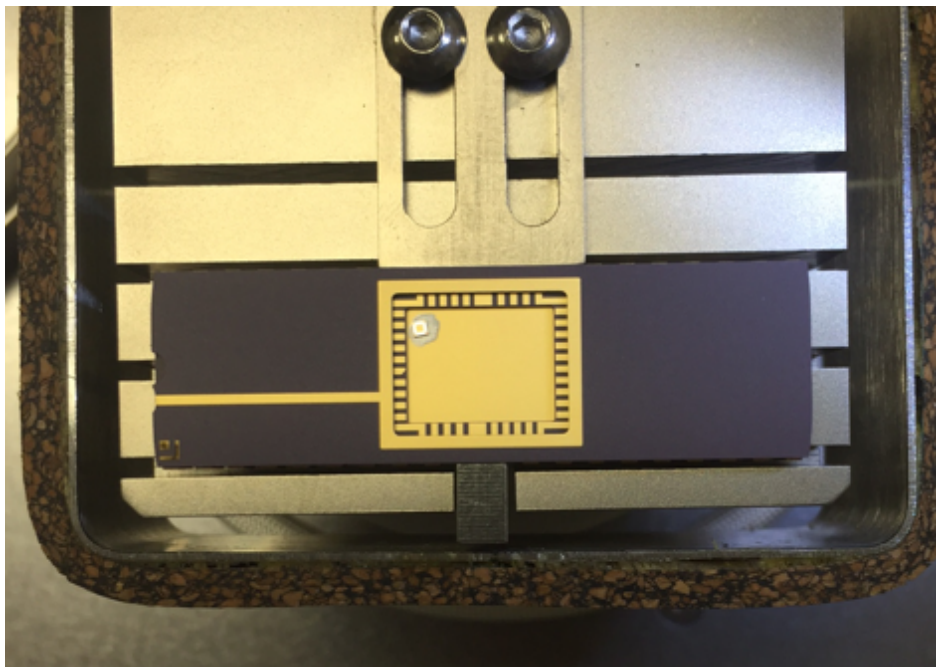
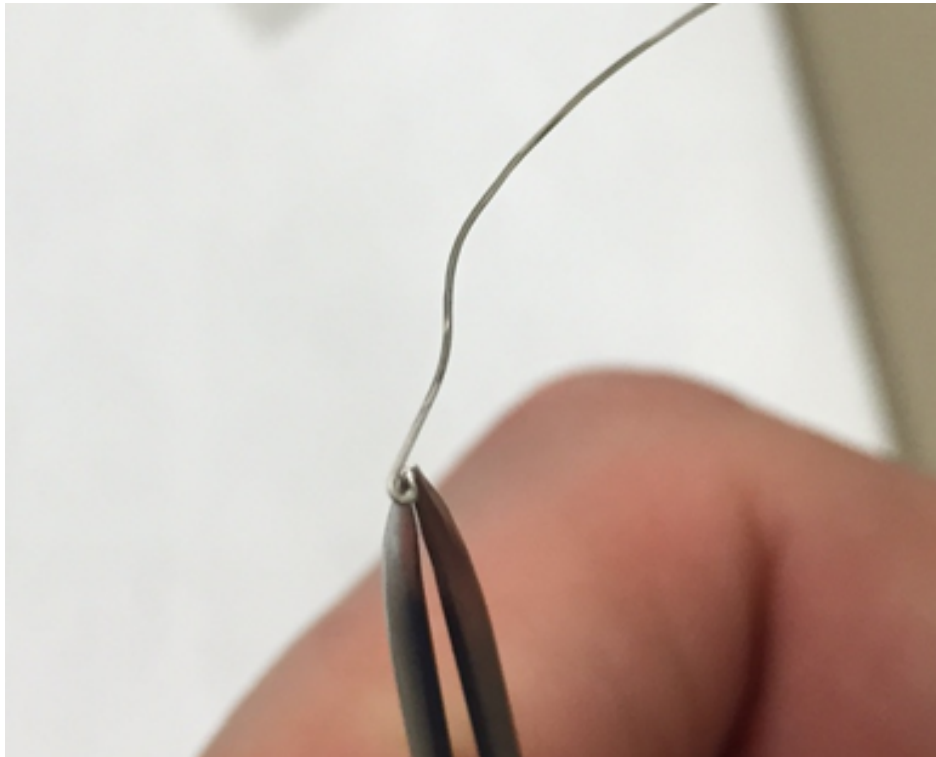
### C.2.1 Sheering DIP package leads

Using an angle cutter, cut off the bottom on the package leads that tie all of the lead together. Make sure all of the leads are approximately the same length.



### C.2.2 Mounting a chip to the package

Place the DIP in the workholder with the heat off. Using a small gauge wire, create a small loop using tweezers to dip into the silver paste. Apply small amount of silver paste to desired location on DIP package. Using tweezers, place chip on silver paste and allow to dry for 5-10 minutes.





### C.2.3 Bonding

#### 1. Start up

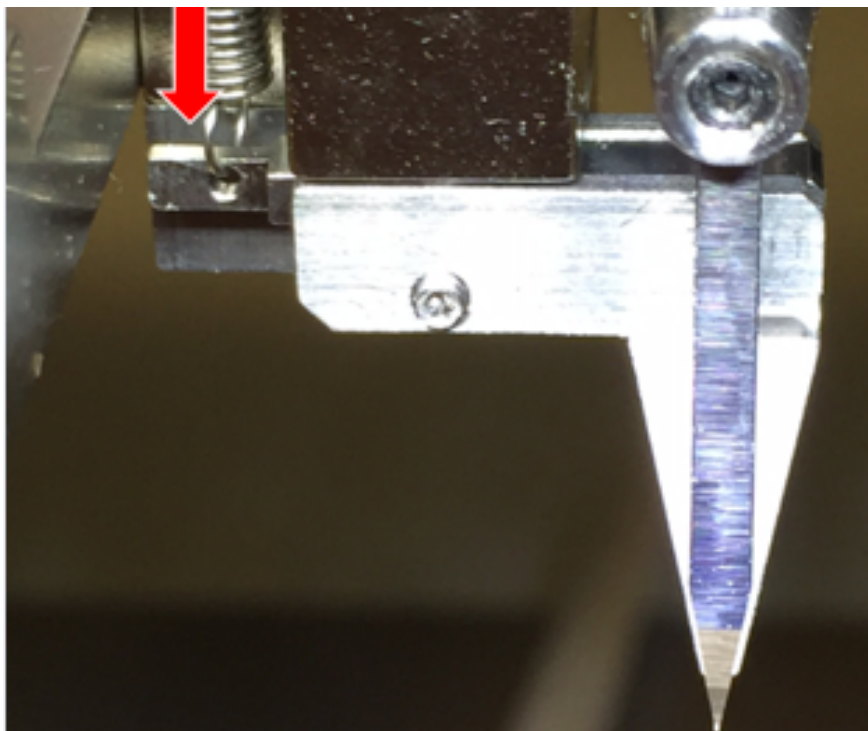
Turn on the power supply switch, the air supply, and the heated workholder temperature controller. The temperature of the work holder should be set to 125° C. The compressed air value is on the wall located to the right of the bonder as shown below.



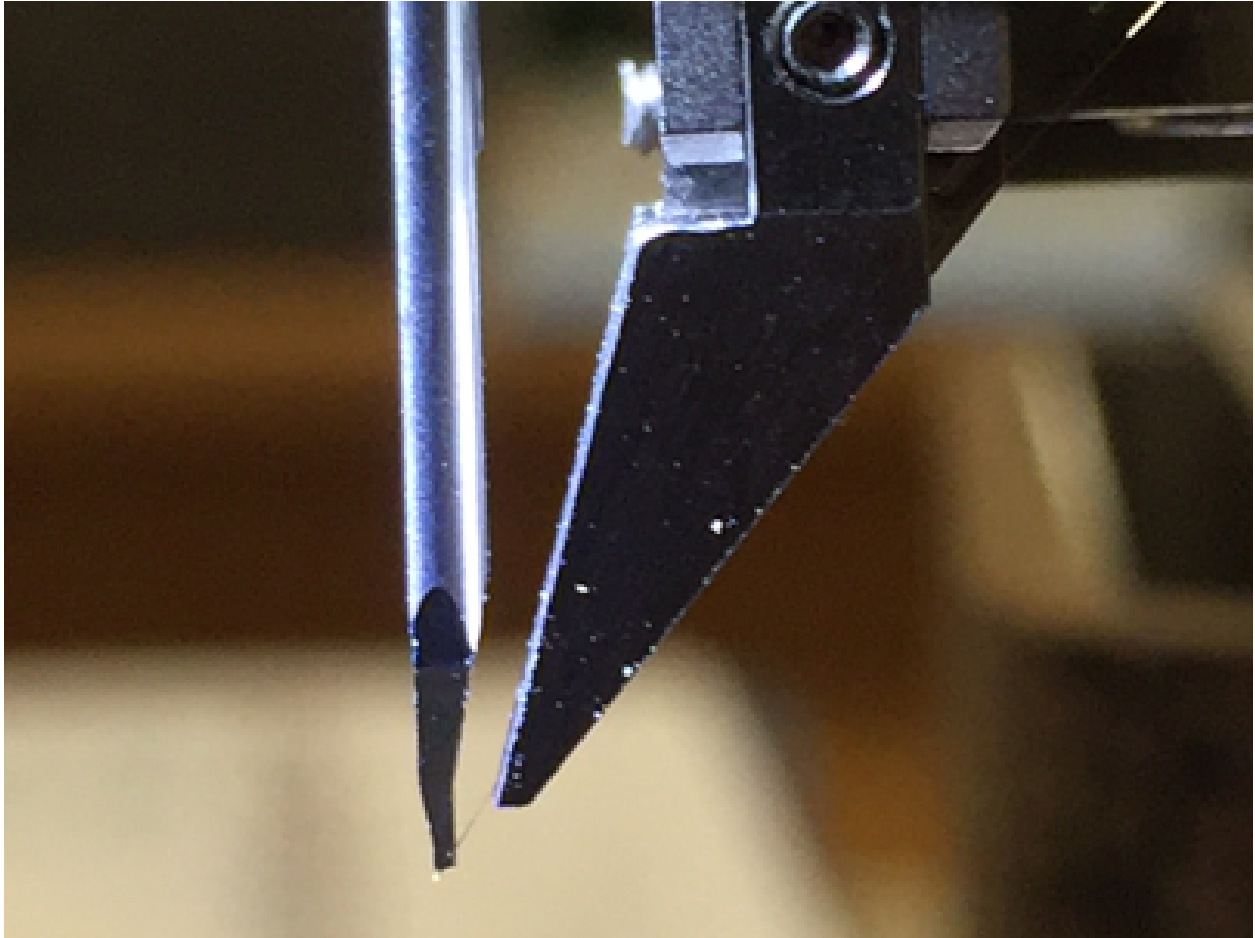
#### 2. Completing Bonds

Make all of the bonds from the bonding diagram. Always start with the first bond on the DIP package to ensure that any excess wire will not be on the smaller chip pad. If the wire come out of the tool head, the head is re-threaded using the following steps:

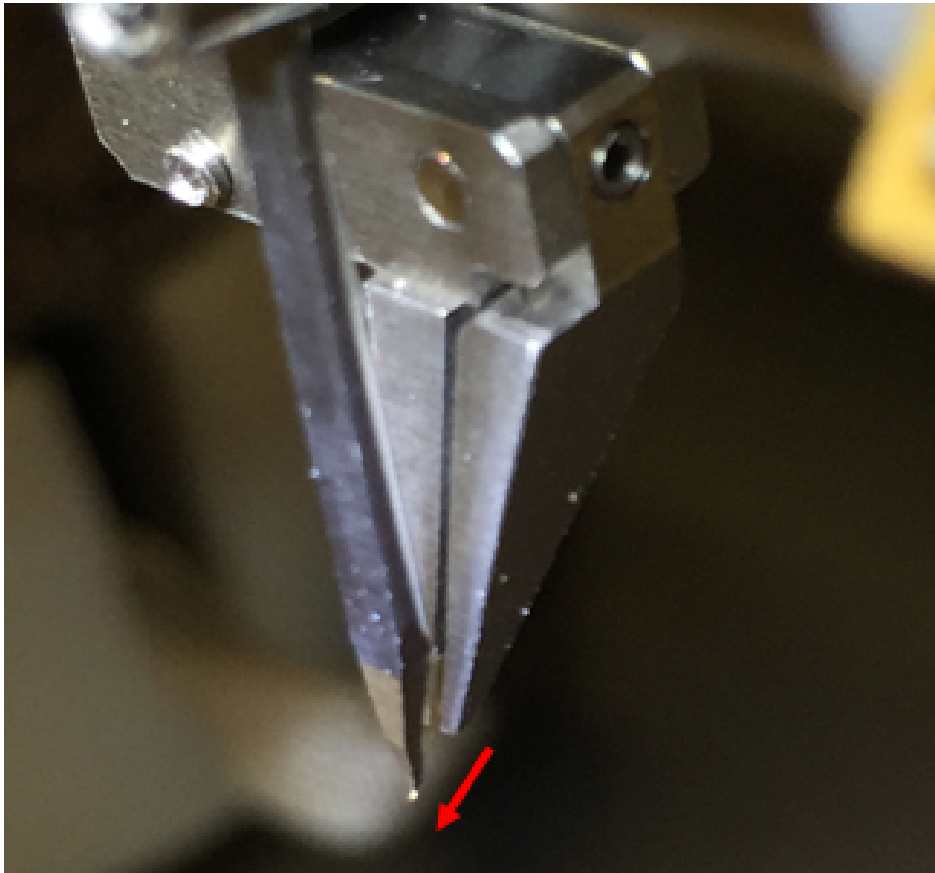
- (a) Open clamps by using tweezers to extend the spring releasing the wire



- (b) Pull off the end to make sure the end is straight
- (c) Re-thread wire at approximately a 45° angle through the end of the tool head using tweezers.



- (d) Open clamps while pulling wire through tool head so that the wire is in between the clamps.



### 3. Shut down

Remove the DIP package from the workholder and place it on the base of the bonder to cool. Turn off the power supply switch, air supply, and heated workholder temperature controller

### C.3 Example bonding diagrams

This is an example of a wire bonding diagram made for the 32nm 1x1mm reliability chip.

The following is the wire bonding documentation for the 32SOI 15A P15139G chips onto gold plated 40-pin dip packages. Figure 1 shows the pad number diagram for the 15A chips. Tables 1 shows the details for the connections between the DIP package and chips shown in Figure 2.

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### 32SOI\_15A Layout

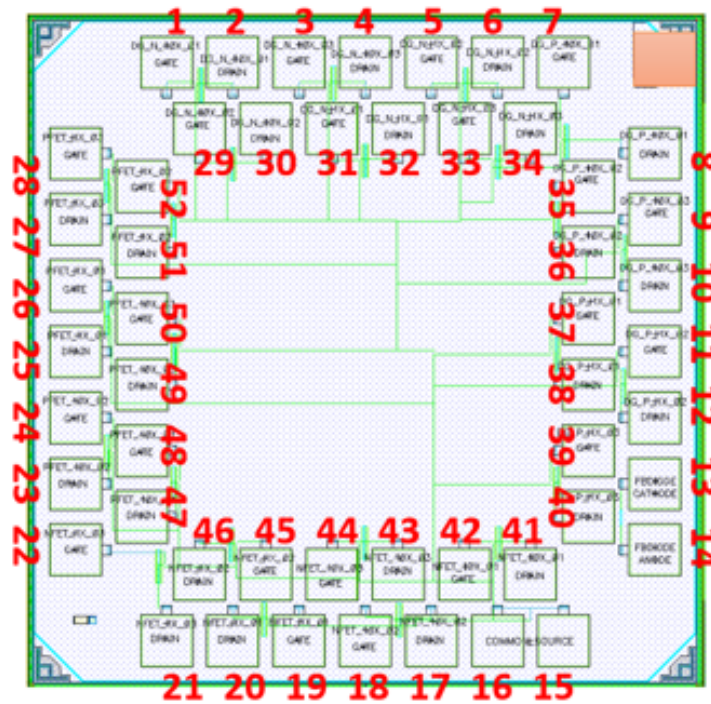


Figure 1. 32SOI 15A chip

Table 1: Description of the chip to DIP bonds for 104 nm

| Chip A    |            |               |                   |        | Chip B    |            |               |                   |        |
|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| DIP pad # | Chip Pad # | Description   | Device            | Number | DIP pad # | Chip Pad # | Description   | Device            | Number |
| 38,39     | 15         | Common Source | -                 | -      | 18,19     | 15         | Common Source | -                 | -      |
| 38,39     | 16         | Common Source | -                 | -      | 18,19     | 16         | Common Source | -                 | -      |
| 28        | 5          | Gate          | <del>TOnFET</del> | 2      | 8         | 5          | Gate          | <del>TOnFET</del> | 2      |
| 27,26     | 6          | Drain         | <del>TOnFET</del> | 2      | 7,6       | 6          | Drain         | <del>TOnFET</del> | 2      |
| 37        | 19         | Gate          | NFET              | 1      | 17        | 19         | Gate          | NFET              | 1      |
| 36,35     | 20         | Drain         | NFET              | 1      | 16,15     | 20         | Drain         | NFET              | 1      |
| 34,33     | 21         | Drain         | NFET              | 3      | 14,13     | 21         | Drain         | NFET              | 3      |
| 32        | 22         | Gate          | NFET              | 3      | 12        | 22         | Gate          | NFET              | 3      |
| 29        | 45         | Gate          | NFET              | 2      | 9         | 45         | Gate          | NFET              | 2      |
| 31,30     | 46         | Drain         | NFET              | 2      | 11,10     | 46         | Drain         | NFET              | 2      |

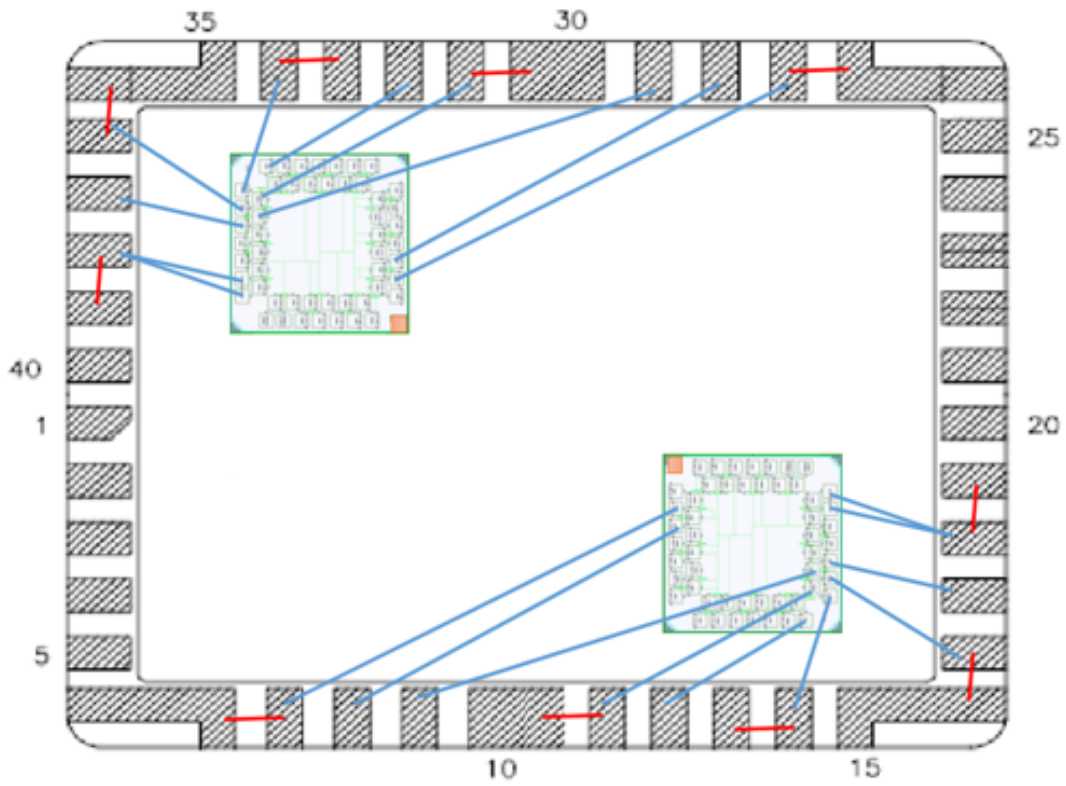


Figure 2. Wire Bonding Diagram

## Appendix D MATLAB Code

### D.1 Batch Read Scripts

#### D.1.1 Standard/Post

```
close all
global fig
%File directory where the Excel files are
foldersInit = {'Insert_File_Location'};
DATA = cell(numel(foldersInit),1);
k = 1;
%Save file names
for fo = 1:numel(foldersInit)
    files = dir(foldersInit{fo}); % get array of all files the folder
    files([files(:).isdir]) = [];
    DATA{fo} = cell(numel(files),1);
    for fi = 1:numel(files)
        filename = fullfile(foldersInit{fo},files(fi).name);
        file(k) = cellstr(filename);
        g = num2str(k);
        display(['[',g,']', files(fi).name])
        k = k+1;
        [status,sheets] = xlsfinfo(filename);
        if ~isempty(status)

            lastsheetsheet = sheets{end};
            [num,txt,row] = xlsread(filename,lastsheet);
            DATA{fo}{fi} = num; % # or txt, or raw

        end
    end
end
end
%Display number of files to check the read-in process
number_files = fi
x = 'A':'Z';
yy = ['2', '80'];
y = num2str(yy);
for z = 1:number_files
    fig(z).title = strrep(files(z).name,'_','-');
    n = 2;
    V = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(n),y(1)],...
    ':', [x(n),[y(2),y(3)]]]);
    %Determine whether the file is ID-VGS or ID-VDS and set variable
    %columns
    if V(2) == V(3)
m = 3; %start with column C for Id
```

```

n = 4; %start with column D for Vds
h= 1; %start with column C for Ig
g= 5; %start with column C for Is
    fig(z).xx = 'VDS_(V)';
else
    m= 3; %start with column C for Id
    n= 2; %start with column B for Vgs
    h= 1; %start with column C for Ig
    g= 5; %start with column C for Is
    fig(z).xx = 'VGS(V)';
end
%Cycle through all of the data saving in a structured array "fig"
for k = 1:5
I = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(m),y(1)], ...
': ', [x(m), [y(2), y(3)]]]);
IG = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(h),y(1)], ...
': ', [x(h), [y(2), y(3)]]]);
IS = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(g),y(1)], ...
': ', [x(g), [y(2), y(3)]]]);
V = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(n),y(1)], ...
': ', [x(n), [y(2), y(3)]]]);
    m = m+5;
    n = n+5;
    h = h+5;
    g = g+5;
% z is the device and k is the step in the measurement
fig(z).data(k).v = V;
fig(z).data(k).i = I;
fig(z).data(k).ig = IG;
fig(z).data(k).is = IS;
end
end

```



## D.1.2 Stress

```
%close all
global stress
%File directory where the excel files are
folderStress = { 'Input_File_Location' };
DATA = cell(numel(folderStress),1);
k = 1;
%Save file names
for fo = 1:numel(folderStress)
    files = dir(folderStress{fo}); %get array of all files the folder
    files([files(:).isdir]) = [];
    DATA{fo} = cell(numel(files),1);
    for fi = 1:numel(files)
        filename = fullfile(folderStress{fo},files(fi).name);
        file(k) = cellstr(filename);
        g = num2str(k);
        display(['[',g,']', files(fi).name])
        k = k+1;
        [status,sheets] = xlsfinfo(filename);
        finalsheets(k-1) = length(sheets);
        if ~isempty(status)
            lastsheets = sheets{end};
            [num,txt,row] = xlsread(filename,lastsheets);
            DATA{fo}{fi} = num; % # or txt, or row
        end
    end
end
%Display number of files to check read-in process
number_files = fi
x = 'A':'Z';
yy = ['2', '80'];
y = num2str(yy);
%Cycle through files
for z = 1:number_files
    stress(z).title = strep(files(z).name,'_','-');
    V = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(2),y(1)], ...
        ':', [x(2), [y(2),y(3)]]]);
    I = xlsread(char(file(z)), 'Data', [[x(3),y(1)], ...
        ':', [x(3), [y(2),y(3)]]]);
    stress(z).cycle(1).v = V;
    stress(z).cycle(1).i = I;
    name = 'Cycle';
    %Read all of the sheets in the stress Excel file
    for k = 2:(finalsheets(z)-2)
        N = num2str(k);
        input = [name,N];
        I = xlsread(char(file(z)),input, [[x(3),y(1)], ...
            ':', [x(3), [y(2),y(3)]]]);
        %z is the device and k is the stress cycle
        stress(z).cycle(k).v = V;
        stress(z).cycle(k).i = I;
    end
end
end
```

### D.1.3 Simulations

```
%File directory where the .csv files are
foldersInit = {'H:\Simulations\cryo_model_results\voltagesweep'};
DATA = cell(numel(foldersInit),1);
k = 1;
%Read all file names
for fo = 1:numel(foldersInit)
    files = dir(foldersInit{fo}); % get array files in the folder
    files([files(:).isdir]) = [];
    DATA{fo} = cell(numel(files),1);
    for fi = 1:numel(files)
        filename = fullfile(foldersInit{fo},files(fi).name);
        file(k) = cellstr(filename);
        g = num2str(k);
        display(['[',g,']', files(fi).name])
        k = k+1;
        [status,sheets] = xlsfinfo(filename);
        if ~isempty(status)
            lastsheets = sheets{end};
            [num,txt,row] = xlsread(filename,lastsheet);
            DATA{fo}{fi} = num; %# or txt, or row
        end
    end
end
%Display number of files to check the read-in process
number_files = fi
x = 'A':'Z';
yy = ['2', '80'];
y = num2str(yy);
%Read in all of the data in the csv file
for z = 1:number_files
    [num,txt,row] = xlsread(char(file(z)));
%number of steps
    for k = 1:5;
        for g = 1:length(num)-1
            if strcmp((files(z).name(2)), 'd')
                sim(z).vds(k).v(g) = num(g,1);
                sim(z).vds(k).i(g) = num(g,1+k);
            elseif strcmp((files(z).name(2)), 'g')
                sim(z).vgs(k).v(g) = num(g,1);
                sim(z).vgs(k).i(g) = num(g,1+k);
            end
        end
    end
end
end
```

## D.2 Standard/Post Plots

```

global fig
font = 20;
color = {'k','m','b','g','r'};
figure(1)
for x = 1:length(fig)
    if strcmp(fig(x).xx, 'VDS_(V)')
        for k = 2:5
            subplot(1,3,1)
            ax1 = plot(fig(x).data(k).v, fig(x).data(k).i, ...
                '*','color',color{k});
            hold all
            %formatting
            xlabel(fig(x).xx, 'FontSize',(font))
            ylabel('I_D_(A)', 'FontSize',(font))
            a = get(gca, 'XTickLabel');
            set(gca, 'XTickLabel', a, 'fontsize',(font-3), ...
                'XTickLabelMode','auto')
            box on
        end
    else
        %Plot ID-VGS
        for k = 2:5
            %Linear
            subplot(1,3,2)
            plot((fig(x).data(k).v),(fig(x).data(k).i), ...
                '*','color',color{k});
            hold all
            %formatting
            ylabel('I_D_(A)', 'FontSize',(font))
            a = get(gca, 'XTickLabel');
            set(gca, 'XTickLabel', a, 'fontsize',(font-3), ...
                'XTickLabelMode','auto')
            box on
            xlabel(fig(x).xx, 'FontSize',(font))
            %Log Scale
            subplot(1,3,3)
            semilogy((fig(x).data(k).v),abs(fig(x).data(k).i), ...
                '*','color',color{k});
            hold all
            %formatting
            box on
            ylabel('I_D_(A)', 'FontSize',(font))
            a = get(gca, 'XTickLabel');
            set(gca, 'XTickLabel', a, 'fontsize',(font-3), ...
                'XTickLabelMode','auto')
            xlabel(fig(x).xx, 'FontSize',(font))
        end
    end
end
end
end

```

### D.3 MTF Plots

```

global stress
close all
g = 1;
font = 20;
%Calculate VT for all devices
for z = 1:length(stress)
    fig =figure(z);
    fig.Units = 'inches';
    fig.Position = [.5*z, .5, 5.5, 4.75];
    N = length(stress(z).cycle) ;
    for n = 1:N;
        %calculate gm
        N = length(stress(z).cycle) ;
        %3 point derivative calc
        for k = 2:length(stress(1).cycle(1).i)-1
            f(n).run(k-1) =
                (-stress(z).cycle(n).i(k+1)+4*stress(z).cycle(n).i(k)...
                -3*stress(z).cycle(n).i(k-1))/...
                (stress(z).cycle(n).v(k+1)-stress(z).cycle(n).v(k-1));
        end
        %Fit line of gm to calculate gm max
        p = polyfit(stress(z).cycle(n).v(2:end-1),transpose(f(n).run),10);
        fit(n).gm = polyval(p, stress(z).cycle(n).v(2:end-1));
        V = stress(z).cycle(n).v;
        %find where max gm occurs and get vg
        xIndex(n) = find(fit(n).gm == max(fit(n).gm), 1, 'first')+1;
        maxVg(n) = V(xIndex(n));
        %fit line slope at Vgs of gm max
        front =
            (stress(z).cycle(n).i(xIndex(n)+1)-stress(z).cycle(n).i(xIndex(n)))
            /...
            (stress(z).cycle(n).v(xIndex(n)+1)-stress(z).cycle(n).v(xIndex(n))
            ));
        back =
            (stress(z).cycle(n).i(xIndex(n))-stress(z).cycle(n).i(xIndex(n)-1))
            /...
            (stress(z).cycle(n).v(xIndex(n)+1)-stress(z).cycle(n).v(xIndex(n))
            ));
        slope(n) = (front+back)/2;
        %constant mobility calculation of threshold
        yth(n).vt = slope(1).*(stress(z).cycle(n).v-maxVg(n))...
        +stress(z).cycle(n).i(xIndex(n));
        %find where line hits mag
        mag = 0;
        Vt(z).cycle(n) = interp1(yth(n).vt,V,mag);
    end
    %plot results
    plot(V, stress(z).cycle(1).i, '*','color',[0 .6 0])
    box on
    hold all
    plot(V,yth(1).vt, 'Linewidth',1.25,'color',[0 .6 0])

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```

hold all
plot(V, stress(z). cycle(N). i, '*', 'color', 'b')
plot(V, yth(N). vt, 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', 'b')
plot(Vt(z). cycle(1), mag, 'o', 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', [0 .6 0])
plot(Vt(z). cycle(N), mag, 'o', 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', 'b')
%format plots
a = get(gca, 'XTickLabel');
set(gca, 'XTickLabel', a, 'fontsize', (font-3), 'XTickLabelMode', 'auto')
box on
xlabel('V_{GS}(V)', 'FontSize', font)
ylabel('LD(A)', 'FontSize', font)
title([['Voltage_Threshold_at_LD='], num2str(mag)], 'A', 'FontSize', font-4)
h = legend('Initial', 'Linear_Fit_Initial', 'Post_Stressing', ...
    'Linear_Fit_Post', ['V_{T}_Init=', num2str(Vt(z). cycle(1))], ...
    ['V_{T}_Post=', num2str(Vt(z). cycle(N))], 'Location', 'Best');
set(h, 'FontSize', (font-6));
tightfig();
set(gcf, 'color', 'w');
%input times of stresses
timeL = [0,10,30,100,300,1000,3600,10000,36000,72000];
timeS = [0,1,3,6,10,15,30,60,90,120,240,360,720,1080];
timeXL = [0,10,40,140,440,1440,5040,15040,51040,123040];
timeM = [0,10,30,100,300,1000,1800,3600];
%normalized vth vs time calc
for n = 1: length(Vt(z). cycle)
    vt_change(z). shift(n) =abs(Vt(z). cycle(n)-Vt(z). cycle(1));
end
end
%change in vth plot vs time
fig =figure(z+1);
fig.Units = 'inches';
fig.Position = [.5*6, .5, 6, 5];
vt_goal= 0.07;
g = 1;
q = 1;
%set color
matchcolor = { 'b'; 'g'; 'g'; 'b'; [0 .6 0]; [0 .6 0]};
for z= 1: length(vt_change)
    %Use to omit outliers at the beginning and end
    start = [1 1 1 1 1 1];
    stop =
    [length(vt_change(1). shift) length(vt_change(2). shift)...
    length(vt_change(3). shift) length(vt_change(4). shift)...
    length(vt_change(5). shift) length(vt_change(6). shift)-2];
    %determine stress voltage
    str = stress(z). title(24:26);
    numbers(z) = stread(lower(str), '%f', 'whitespace', ['a': 'z' '\t']);
    switch numbers(z)
        case 20
            %set correct time
            time = timeM;
            %plot data points
            p20(1). vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), ...

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vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z)), '*', 'color', matchcolor{z});
hold all
%fit data points
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), ...
log(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), 1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(time((start(z):stop(z))))+pvt(2));
p20(2).vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), fit(z).vt, 'color', ...
matchcolor{z}, 'Linewidth', 1.25);
%interpolate failure time
fail(z).vt =
interp1(abs(fit(z).vt), time((start(z):stop(z))), vt_goal, 'spline');
p20(3).vt =
plot(fail(z).vt, vt_goal, 'o', 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', matchcolor{z
});
%display failure time
str1 = ['', num2str(round(fail(z).vt, 2)), 's'];
text(fail(z).vt, vt_goal - .01, str1, 'VerticalAlignment', 'top', ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'FontSize', (font - 4))
case 21
time = timeS;
p21(1).vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), ...
vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z)), '*', 'color', matchcolor{z});
hold all
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), ...
log(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), 1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(time((start(z):stop(z))))+pvt(2));
p21(2).vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), fit(z).vt, 'color', ...
matchcolor{z}, 'Linewidth', 1.25);
fail(z).vt =
interp1(fit(z).vt, time((start(z):stop(z))), vt_goal, 'spline');
p21(3).vt =
plot(fail(z).vt, vt_goal, 'o', 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', matchcolor{z
});
str1 = ['', num2str(round(fail(z).vt, 2)), 's'];
text(fail(z).vt, vt_goal - .001, str1, 'VerticalAlignment', 'top', ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'FontSize', (font - 4))
q=q+1;
case 205
time = timeS;
p205(1).vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), ...
vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z)), '*', 'color', matchcolor{z});
hold all
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), ...
log(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))), 1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(time((start(z):stop(z))))+pvt(2));
p205(2).vt = loglog(time((start(z):stop(z))), fit(z).vt, 'color'
, ...
matchcolor{z}, 'Linewidth', 1.25);
fail(z).vt =
interp1(fit(z).vt, time((start(z):stop(z))), vt_goal, 'spline');
p205(3).vt =
plot(fail(z).vt, vt_goal, 'o', 'Linewidth', 1.25, 'color', matchcolor{z
});
str1 = ['', num2str(round(fail(z).vt, 2)), 's'];

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    text(fail(z).vt,vt_goal+.01,str1,'VerticalAlignment','bottom',...
        'HorizontalAlignment','center','FontSize',(font-4))
case 19
time = timeL;
%used to extend fit line if needed
timeper = linspace(10,3000,10^4);
p19(1).vt = loglog(time(start(z):stop(z)),...
abs(vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z))),'*', 'color',matchcolor{z
    });
hold all
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z)))) ,...
log(abs(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))),1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(timeper)+pvt(2));
p19(2).vt =
loglog(timeper,fit(z).vt,'color',matchcolor{z},'Linewidth',1.25);
fail(z).vt = interp1(fit(z).vt,timeper,vt_goal,'spline');
p19(3).vt =
plot(fail(z).vt,vt_goal,'o','Linewidth',1.25,'color',matchcolor{z
    });
str1 = ['',num2str(round(fail(z).vt,2)),'s'];
text(fail(z).vt,vt_goal+.01,str1,'VerticalAlignment','bottom',...
'HorizontalAlignment','center','FontSize',(font-4))
case 18
time = timeL;
timeper = time(start(z):stop(z));
p18(1).vt = loglog(time(start(z):stop(z)),...
vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z)),'*', 'color',matchcolor{z});
hold all
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z)))) ,...
log(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))),1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(timeper)+pvt(2));
p18(2).vt =
loglog(timeper,fit(z).vt,'color',matchcolor{z},'Linewidth',1.25);
fail(z).vt = interp1(fit(z).vt,timeper,vt_goal,'spline');
p18(3).vt =
plot(fail(z).vt,vt_goal,'o','Linewidth',1.25,'color',matchcolor{z
    });
str1 = ['',num2str(round(fail(z).vt,2)),'s'];
text(fail(z).vt,vt_goal-.01,str1,'VerticalAlignment','top',...
'HorizontalAlignment','center','FontSize',(font-4))
case 16
time = timeXL;
timeper = linspace(300,1.3*10^5,10^4);
p16(1).vt = loglog(time(start(z):stop(z)),...
vt_change(z).shift(start(z):stop(z)),'*', 'color',matchcolor{z});
hold all
pvt = polyfit(log(time((start(z)+1:stop(z)))) ,...
log(vt_change(z).shift((start(z)+1:stop(z))))),1);
fit(z).vt = exp(pvt(1)*log(timeper)+pvt(2));
p16(2).vt =
loglog(timeper,fit(z).vt,'color',matchcolor{z},'Linewidth',1.25);
fail(z).vt = interp1(fit(z).vt,timeper,vt_goal,'spline');
p16(3).vt =

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        plot(fail(z).vt,vt_goal,'o','Linewidth',1.25,'color',matchcolor{z
            });
        str1 = ['','num2str(round(fail(z).vt,2))','s'];
        text(fail(z).vt,vt_goal-.01,str1,'VerticalAlignment','top',...
            'HorizontalAlignment','center','FontSize',(font-4))
    otherwise
        end
        clear time
    end
    %plot goals and format plots
    goal_vt = plot(get(gca,'Xlim'),[vt_goal vt_goal],'k','Linewidth',1.25);
    h = legend([p18(1).vt p19(1).vt p20(1).vt goal_vt ],...
        '1.8V','1.9V','2.0V','70mVshift','Location','Best');
    set(h,'FontSize',(font-4));
    box on
    ylabel('\Delta_V_{T}(V)','FontSize',font)
    xlabel('Stress_Time(s)','FontSize',font)
    set(gcf,'color','w');
    a = get(gca,'XTickLabel');
    set(gca,'XTickLabel',a,'fontsize',(font-3),'XTickLabelMode','auto')
    goal_vt = plot(get(gca,'Xlim'),[vt_goal vt_goal],'k','Linewidth',1.25);
    tightfig();
    %mttf plot
    fig =figure(z+2);
    fig.Units = 'inches';
    fig.Position = [.5*8, .5, 6, 5];
    %determine 1/(stress voltage)
    for z = 1:length(fail)
        vds_stress(z) =
            1/(str2num(stress(z).title(24))+str2num(stress(z).title(25))/10);
        mttfV(z)=
            semilogy(vds_stress(z),fail(z).vt,'o','color',matchcolor{z},'Linewidth'
                ,1.25);
        fail_time(z) = fail(z).vt;
    hold all
end
%fit line through fail times
voltage_range = linspace(0,1.5,200);
p = polyfit(vds_stress,log(fail_time),1);
fit_time = exp(polyval(p,voltage_range));
plot(voltage_range,fit_time,'color','k')
hold all
year = 3.1536*10^7; %time of a year in seconds
%plot year and 20 year lines
plot(get(gca,'Xlim'),[year year],'—k');
plot(get(gca,'Xlim'),[20*year 20*year],'—k');
% find voltage at year and 20 years
yearVolt = interp1(fit_time,voltage_range,year,'pchip');
plot(yearVolt,year,'o','color','k','Linewidth',1.25)
str1 = ['','num2str(round(1/yearVolt,2))','_V_{DS}'];
text(yearVolt+.1,year-10000,str1,'VerticalAlignment',...
'top','HorizontalAlignment','center','FontSize',(font-4))
year = 20*year;
yearVolt = interp1(fit_time,voltage_range,year,'pchip');

```



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plot(yearVolt ,year , 'o' , 'color' , 'k' , 'Linewidth' , 1.25)
str1 = [ '' , num2str(round(1/(yearVolt) , 2)) , '_V_{DS}' ];
text(yearVolt+.1 , year+1000000000 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , ...
'bottom' , 'HorizontalAlignment' , 'center' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
% find time of failure at 0.9V
nomVolt = interp1(voltage_range , fit_time , 1.1111 , 'pchip')
plot(1.1111 , nomVolt , 'o' , 'color' , 'k' , 'Linewidth' , 1.25);
str1 = [ '' , num2str(round(nomVolt/(year/20)) , 1) , '_Years' ];
text(1.1111 , nomVolt+100000 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , ...
'bottom' , 'HorizontalAlignment' , 'center' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))

% find time of failure at 1V
%plot([1 1] , get(gca , 'Ylim') , ':k');
nomVolt = interp1(voltage_range , fit_time , 1 , 'pchip')
plot(1 , nomVolt , 'o' , 'color' , 'k' , 'Linewidth' , 1.25);
str1 = [ '' , num2str(round(nomVolt/(year/20)) , 1) , '_Years' ];
text(1 , nomVolt+10000 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , 'top' , ...
'HorizontalAlignment' , 'center' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
%formatting
ylabel('Time_in_Seconds' , 'FontSize' , font)
xlabel('1/V_{DS}_(1/V)' , 'FontSize' , font)
a = get(gca , 'XTickLabel');
set(gca , 'XTickLabel' , a , 'fontsize' , (font-3) , 'XTickLabelMode' , 'auto')
str1 = [ '1_Year' ];
text(0.2-.01 , year/20-10 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , 'top' , ...
'HorizontalAlignment' , 'center' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
str1 = [ '20_Years' ];
text(0.2-.01 , year+1000 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , 'bottom' , ...
'HorizontalAlignment' , 'center' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
str1 = [ '0.9_V_{DS}' ];
text(1.1111+.01 , 10^-10 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , 'bottom' , ...
'HorizontalAlignment' , 'left' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
str1 = [ '1.0_V_{DS}' ];
text(1-.01 , 10^-10 , str1 , 'VerticalAlignment' , 'bottom' , ...
'HorizontalAlignment' , 'right' , 'FontSize' , (font-4))
%plot voltage limits
plot([1.1111 1.1111] , get(gca , 'Ylim') , ':k');
plot([1 1] , get(gca , 'Ylim') , ':k');
h = legend([mttfV(2) mttfV(3) mttfV(1)] , ...
'1.8V' , '1.9V' , '2.0V' , 'Location' , 'Best');
set(h , 'FontSize' , (font-4));
tightfig();
set(gcf , 'color' , 'w');

```

## D.4 Subthreshold

```
color = {'k'; 'm'; 'b'; 'g'; 'r'};
font = 20;
%file number
x= 1;
%step number
for k = 3
    semilogy(abs(fig(x).data(k).v),abs(fig(x).data(k).i) ,...
        '*','color',color{k});
    hold all
    box on
    ylabel('I_D_(A)', 'FontSize',(font))
    xlabel('V_{GS}_(V)', 'FontSize',(font))
    hold all
end
%fit log curve
P = polyfit(abs(fig(x).data(k).v), log(abs(fig(x).data(k).i)),6);
fit.log = exp(polyval(P, abs(fig(x).data(k).v)));
plot(abs(fig(x).data(k).v), fit.log, '-')
%get tick values on plot
tick = (get(gca, 'ytick'))
%find value of Vgs at each tick
for n = 1:length(tick)
    Vx(n) = interp1(fit.log, fig(x).data(k).v, tick(n));
end
diffe = zeros(1,length(tick));
%calculate difference between ticks
for n = 2:length(tick)
    if isnan(Vx(n-1))
    else
        diffe(n) = Vx(n)-Vx(n-1);
    end
end
dd = abs(diffe);
%display highest subthreshold slope
maxV = min(dd>0)
```

## D.5 IC-CAP

```

vg_start =num2str(0); %Measurement settings
vg_stop =num2str(0.9);
vg_step =num2str(0.0225);
vg_points =num2str(51);
vd_start =num2str(0.225);
vd_stop =num2str(.9);
vd_step =num2str(0.225);
vd_points =num2str(4);
%inData This data format is found on the MATLAB GUI on the lab
% computer. Input numbers of the files that are being averaged
inDataNum = [1 2 3 4 5];
%open file with desired name
fileID = fopen('VD.mdm','w');
%Writing file
fprintf(fileID, '!_VERSION_=_6.00\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, 'BEGIN_HEADER\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_ICCAP_INPUTS\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, [[ '_vd_ V_D_GROUND_SMU1_0.1 LIN ...
1_ _',vg_start],[ '_ _',vg_stop],[ '_ _',vg_points] ,...
['_ _',vg_step]], '\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, [[ '_vg_ V_G_GROUND_SMU2_0.1 LIN ...
2_ _',vd_start],[ '_ _',vd_stop],[ '_ _',vd_points] ,...
['_ _',vd_step]], '\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_vs_ V_S_GROUND_SMU3_0.1 LIST ...
3_1_0\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, 'ICCAP_OUTPUTS\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_id_ I_D_GROUND_SMU1_B\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_ig_ I_G_GROUND_SMU2_B\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_is_ I_S_GROUND_SMU3_B\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, 'ICCAP_VALUES\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MASTER_SETUP_TYPE_~ soi_dc_idvg ~\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_LINV_T.VALUE_""\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_LISTVT.VALUE_""\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_TYPE_1"\r\n');
%Input Width and length
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.WL_2.86u"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.L_40n"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.AD_5.000p"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.AS_5.000p"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.PD_11.00u"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.PS_11.00u"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.NF_1.000"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.M_1"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.NRD_0"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.NRS_0"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.LDRIFT1_1E-06"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.LDRIFT2_1E-06"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.SA_3.000u"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.SB_3.000u"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.SD_0.000"\r\n');
fprintf(fileID, '_MAIN.SCA_0"\r\n');

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fprintf( fileID , 'MAIN.SCB_0"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'MAIN.SCC_0"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'MAIN.SC_0"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'MODULE"Mod_T1"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_D_1"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_G_2"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_S_31"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_B_32"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_E_33"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'PIN_6_""\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'XY_ID_""\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'FUNC_ "Large"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'STI_ "SA_ref"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'WPE_ "WPE_ref"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'COMMENT_""\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'DIS_MEAS_""\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'TypeTCL_11"\r\n' );
fprintf( fileID , 'END_HEADER\r\n\r\n' );

    %read data and average
    for k = 1: length( inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(1) }. Cycle.VD );
        fprintf( fileID , [ ' _' ,
num2str( mean ( [ ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(1) }. Cycle.VD(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(2) }. Cycle.VD(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(3) }. Cycle.VD(k,n) ; ...
; inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(4) }. Cycle.VD(k,n) ] ) ) , ' _' ,
num2str( mean ( [ ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(1) }. Cycle.ID(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(2) }. Cycle.ID(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(3) }. Cycle.ID(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(4) }. Cycle.ID(k,n) ] ) ) , ' _' , ...
num2str( mean ( [ ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(1) }. Cycle.IG(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(2) }. Cycle.IG(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(3) }. Cycle.IG(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(4) }. Cycle.IG(k,n) ] ) ) , ' _' , ...
num2str( mean ( [ ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(1) }. Cycle.IS(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(2) }. Cycle.IS(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(3) }. Cycle.IS(k,n) ; ...
inData.Data_Structure{ inDataNum(4) }. Cycle.IS(k,n) ] ) ) , '\r\n' ] );
    end
    fprintf( fileID , 'END_DB\r\n\r\n' );
end
fclose( fileID );

```

## Appendix E IC-CAP Modeling Fitting Tutorial

The following tutorial details the steps of creating a cryogenic SPICE model using IC-CAP. The model circuit used is the BSIMSOIv4.4 model.

### E.1 Process Overview

1. Create a new model
2. Add SPICE circuit and variables
3. Add DUT
4. Device setup
5. Optimization
6. Extraction

#### E.1.1 Creating a New Model

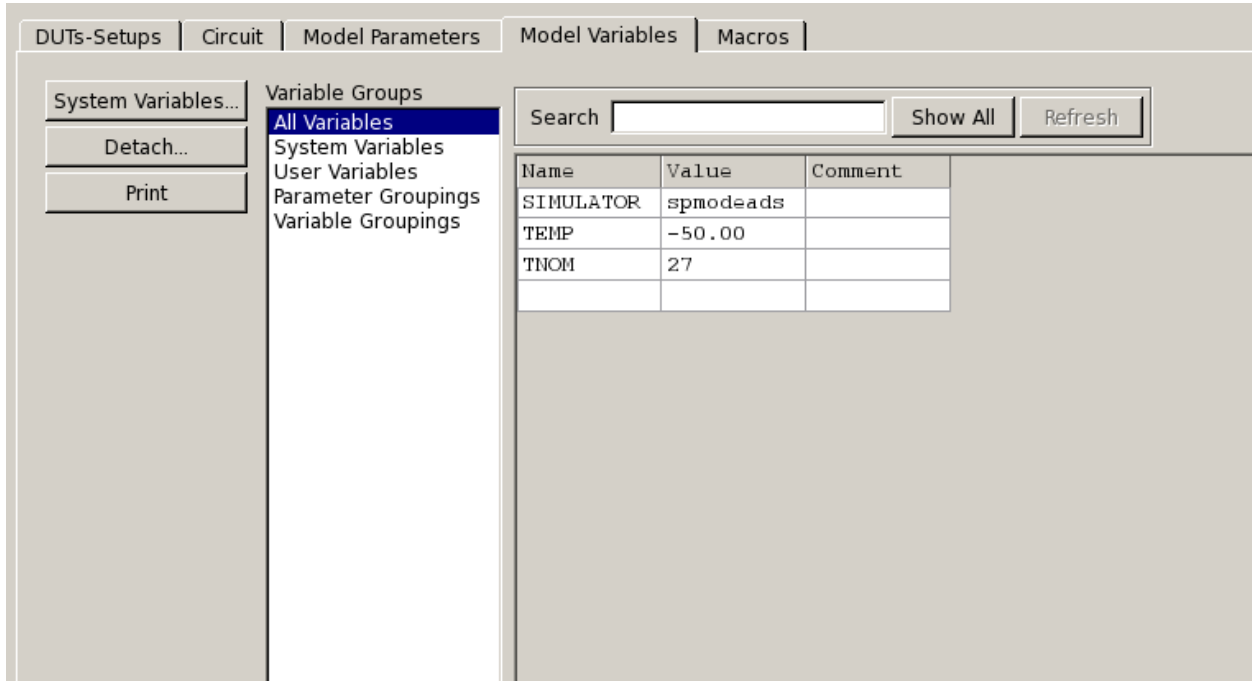
On the IC-CAP main screen click the white blank sheet of paper on the left side of the tool bar to create a new model.



## E.1.2 Adding SPICE Circuit and Variables

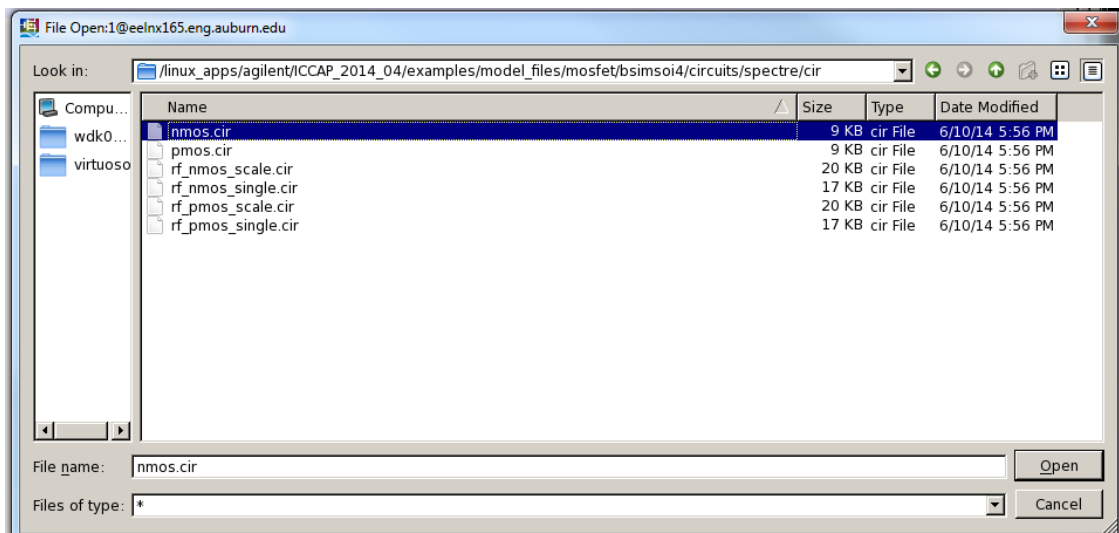
### 1. Setting model variables

SPMODEADS is a simulator template that allows IC-CAP to read Spectre files.



### 2. Adding the transistor circuits

By clicking on "Import Text" under the circuits tab model circuits can be added to the model. Model circuits for the BSIMSOIv4.4 model can be found under the ICCAP example files.



### 3. Example BSIMSOIv4.4 circuit

```

* -----
* Model Card for bsimsoi4 n-type devices
*
* Simulator: Spectre
* Model:      BSIMSOI4 Modeling Package
* Date:      31.03.2011
* Origin:    ICCAP_ROOT/.../bsimsoi4/circuits/spectre/cir/nmos.cir
* -----

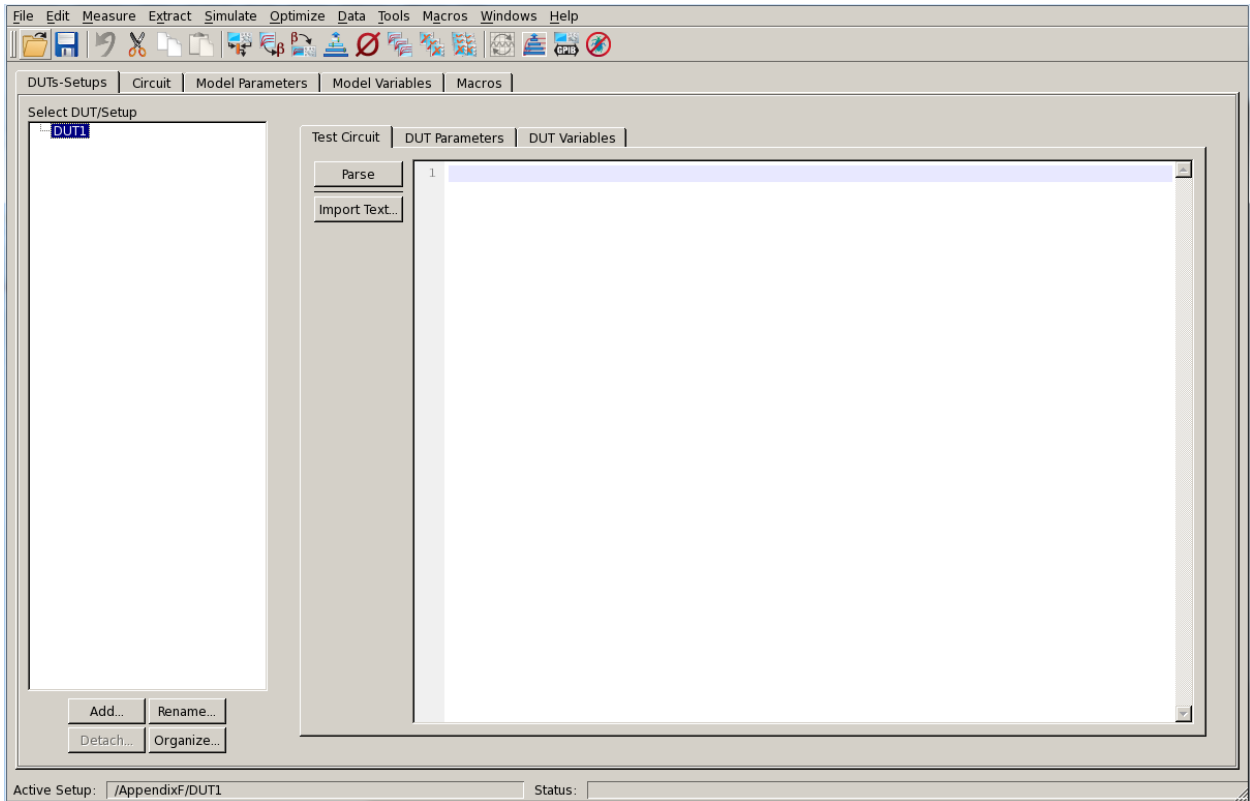
M1 (D G S B) MOSMOD l=2u w=50u nf=1 ad=100p as=100p pd=104u ps=104u sa=0 sb=0 sd=0
model MOSMOD bsimsoi      type = n
+ version = 4.4           paramchk = 0           binunit = 0           soimod = 0
+ mtrlmod = 0            mobmod = 1             fdmod = 0            gidlmod = 0
+ capmod = 2            vgstcvmod = 0          igmod = 0            igbmod = 0
+ igcmmod = 0           iiimod = 0            rbodymod = 0         rdsmod = 0
+ rgatemod = 0         shmod = 0            fnoimod = 1          tnoimod = 0
+ tsi = 1E-007         etsi = 1E-007         tbox = 3E-007        tox = 1E-008
+ toxm = 1E-008        toxp = 1E-008         nsub = 6E+016        nch = 1.7E+017
+ ngate = 0            nsd = 1E+020          xj = 1E-007          rdsw = 100
+ prwb = 0             prwg = 0              wr = 1               dwg = 0
+ dwb = 0             dwbc = 0              lint = 0             wint = 0
+ ll = 0              lln = 1               llc = 0              lwc = 0
+ lwlc = 0            lw = 0                lwn = 1              lw1 = 0
+ wl = 0              wlc = 0               wwc = 0              wwlc = 0
+ wln = 1             ww = 0                wwn = 1              ww1 = 0
+ eot = 1E-008         epsrox = 3.9          epsrsub = 11.7       ni0sub = 1.45E+010
+ bg0sub = 1.16        tbgasub = 0.000702   tbgbsub = 1108       phig = 4.05
+ easub = 4.05         leffeot = 1          weffeot = 10         vddeot = 1.5
+ tempeot = 300.15    ados = 1              bdos = 1              epsrgate = 11.7
+ vth0 = 0.7          k1 = 0.6              k1w1 = 0              k1w2 = 0
+ k2 = -0.0186        k3 = 0                 k3b = 0               w0 = 0
+ nlx = 1.74E-007     lpeb = 0              dvt0 = 2.2           dvt1 = 0.53
+ dvt2 = -0.032       dvt0w = 0             dvt1w = 5.3E+006    dvt2w = -0.032
+ vfb = -1            a0 = 1                 a1 = 0                a2 = 1
+ ags = 0             b0 = 0                 b1 = 0                keta = 0
+ ketas = 0           dvtp0 = 0              dvtp1 = 0             dvtp2 = 0
+ dvtp3 = 0           dvtp4 = 0              minv = 0              pdits = 1E-020
+ pditsl = 0          pditsd = 0             u0 = 670              lu0 = 0
+ vsat = 80000        ua = 2.25E-009        ub = 5.87E-019       uc = -0.0465
+ ud = 0              eu = 1.67              ucs = 1.67            cdsc = 0.00024
+ cdsch = 0           cdschd = 0            nfactor = 1           cit = 0
+ voff = -0.08        noff = 1              dsub = 0.56           eta0 = 0.08
+ etab = -0.07        drout = 0.56          fprout = 0           pclm = 1.3
+ pdiblc1 = 0.39      pdiblc2 = 0.0086     pdiblc3 = 0           pvag = 0
+ delta = 0.01        alpha0 = 0            fbjtii = 0            beta0 = 0
+ betal = 0           beta2 = 0.1           vdsatii0 = 0.9        vbci = 0
+ tii = 0             lii = 0               esatii = 1E+007       sii0 = 0.5
+ siil = 0.1          sii2 = 0              siid = 0              ebjtii = 0
+ cbjtii = 0          abjtii = 0            mbjtii = 0.4          egidl = 1.2
+ agidl = 0           bgidl = 2.3E+009      cgidl = 0.5           rgidl = 1
+ kgidl = 0           fgidl = 0             egisl = 1.2           agisl = 0
+ bgisl = 2.3E+009    cgisl = 0.5           rgisl = 1             kgisl = 0
+ fgisl = 0           ntun = 10             ntund = 10            ndiode = 1
+ ndioded = 1         nrecf0 = 2            nrecf0d = 2           nreocr0 = 10

```

### E.1.3 Adding DUT and Setups

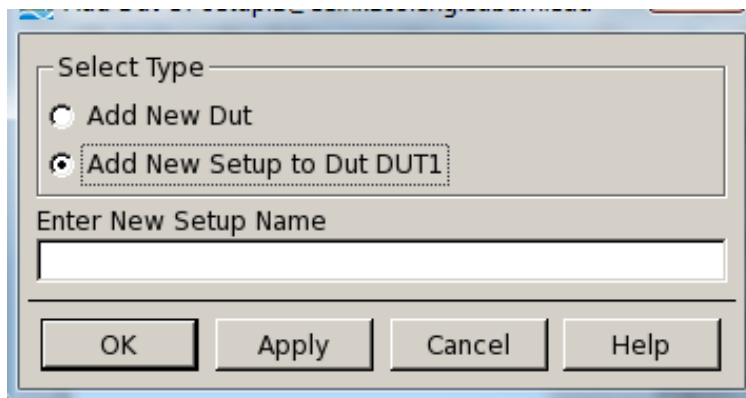
#### 1. Adding DUT

Clicking on the "DUTs-Setups" tab, a new DUT can be added by clicking "Add" in the lower left corner.



#### 2. Adding Setups

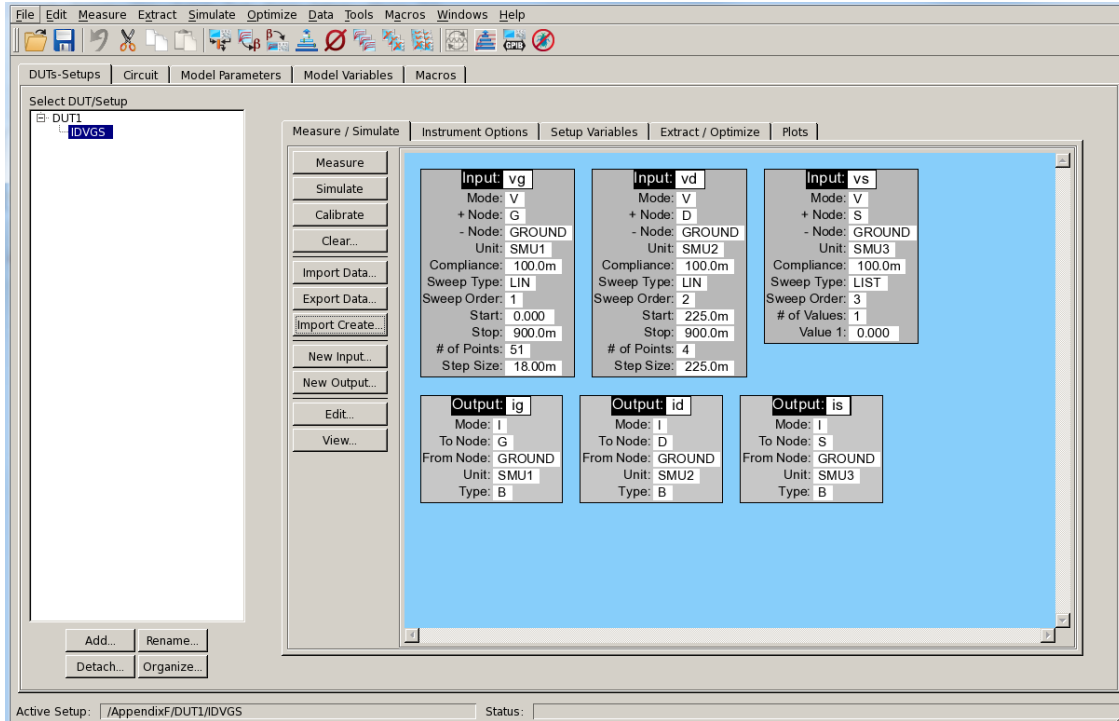
By clicking "Add" in the bottom left corner and selecting "Add New Setup to DUT" a new setup is added. A setup is a measurement that is performed, such as  $I_D - V_{GS}$  for transistors.





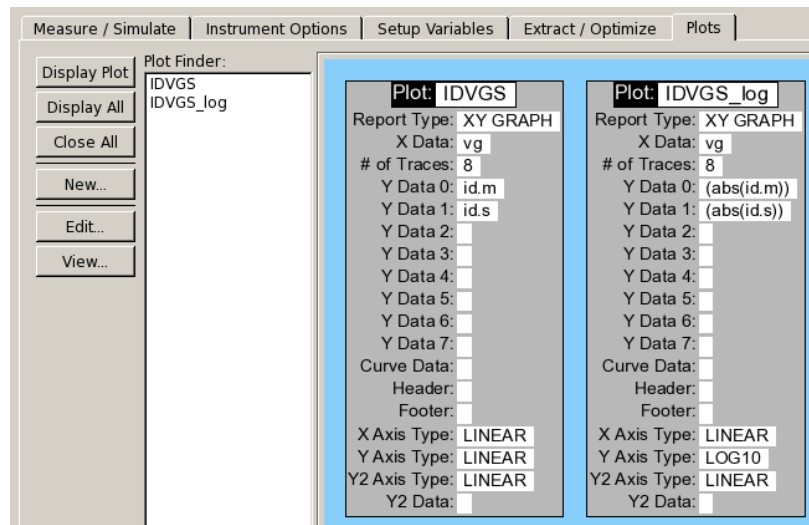
### 3. Import create

Using the MATLAB script in Appendix D.5 to generate the file, the measured data collected can be added to the setup by clicking "Import Create" in the "Measure/Simulate" tab.



### 4. Setting up plots

Under the plot tab of each Setup, plots are added to plot the results by clicking "New" on the left side. The notations  $id.m$  and  $id.s$  stand for  $I_D$  of the measured and simulated data.

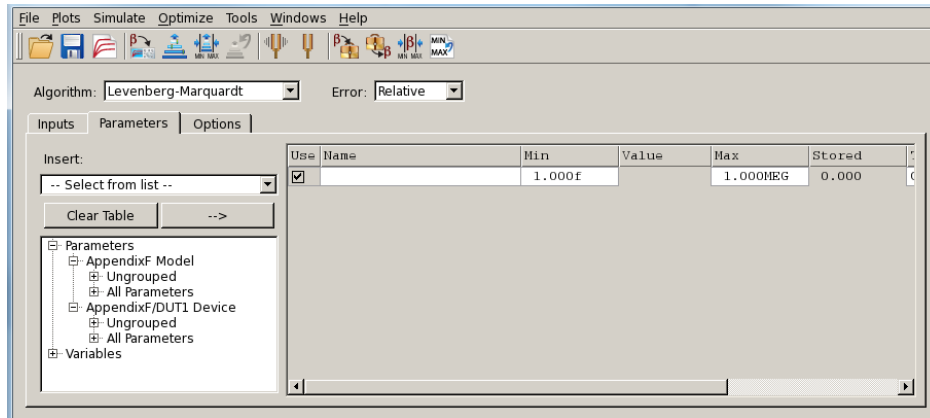




### E.1.4 Optimization

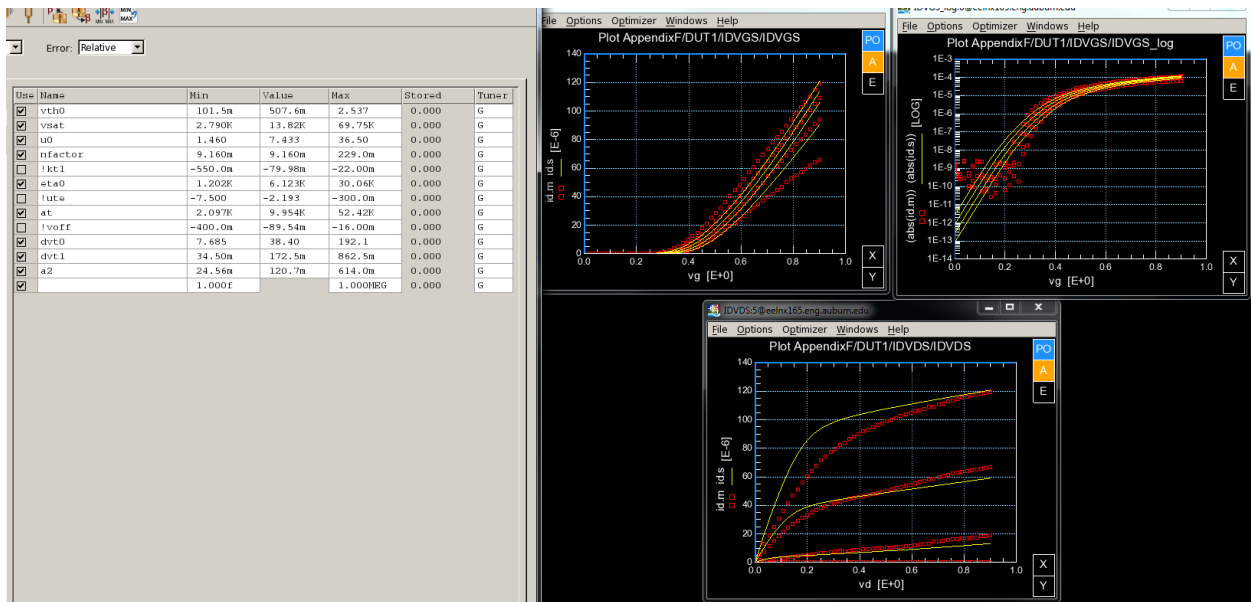
1. Enable plot optimization by clicking "PO" in the corner of all the plots.
2. Adding optimization function

To open a new optimization function click "Open Optimizer" under the optimizer tab on the plot window.



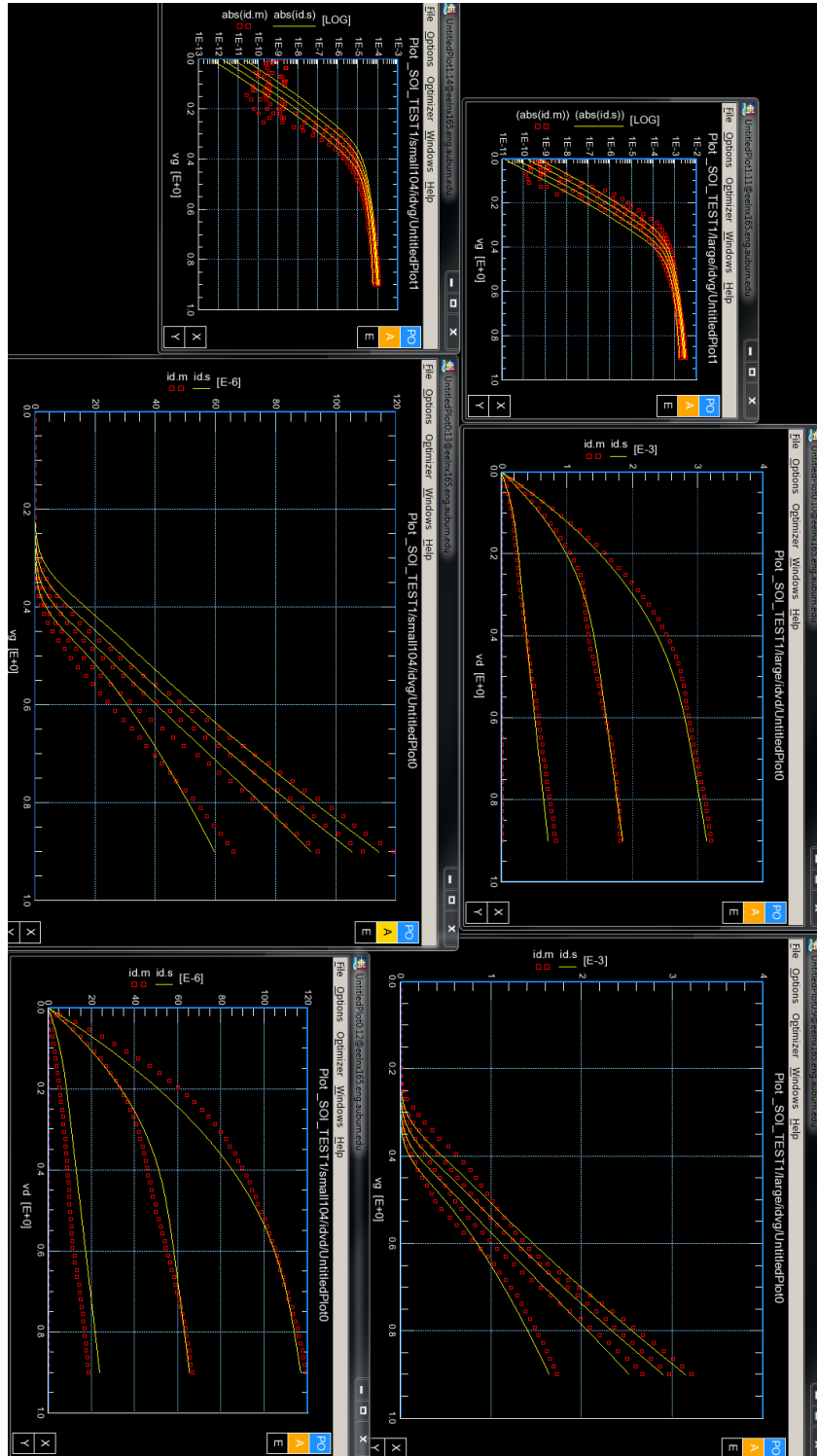
3. Adding parameters

All of the parameters from the model circuit are listed under the "Parameters" tab on the right side. Clicking on the parameter will enable the parameter to be optimized. By clicking "Autoset Min/Max and Optimized" in the tool bar all of the parameters enabled are optimized using the algorithm selected. After a few cycles of clicking "Autoset Min/Max and Optimized" the simulated data will begin to conform to the measured data.



#### 4. Multiple setup optimization

By completing E.1.3 for multiple DUTs the model can be optimized for multiple devices simultaneously.



## E.1.5 Extraction

On the model window, clicking "File">"Export Data">"Extracted Deck" the model card is extracted. By taking this model card and adding it to the model library of Cadence, simulation can be performed on the new cryogenic model.

```
1
2
3 * -----
4 * Model Card for bsimsoi4 n-type devices
5 *
6 * Simulator: Spectre
7 * Model:      BSIMSOI4 Modeling Package
8 * Date:      31.03.2011
9 * Origin:    ICCAP_ROOT/.../bsimsoi4/circuits/spectre/cir/nmos.cir
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12 model rvtncn bsimsoi type = n
13 + version = 4.4 paramchk = 0 binunit = 0 soimod = 3
14 + mtrlmod = 0 mobmod = 1 fdmod = 0 gidlmod = 0
15 + capmod = 2 vgstcvmod = 0 igmod = 0 igbmod = 0
16 + igcmod = 0 iiimod = 0 rbodysmod = 0 rdsmod = 0
17 + rgatemod = 0 shmod = 0 fnoimod = 1 tnoimod = 0
18 + tsi = 1E-07 etsi = 1E-07 tbox = 3E-07 tox = 1.4E-09
19 + toxm = 1.4E-09 toxp = 1E-08 nsub = 6E+16 nch = 1.7E+17
20 + ngate = 0 nsd = 1E+20 xj = 1E-07 rdsw = 100
21 + prwb = 0 prwg = 0 wr = 1 dwg = 0
22 + dwb = 0 dwbc = 0 lint = 0 wint = 0
23 + ll = 0 lln = 1 llc = 0 lwc = 0
24 + lwlc = 0 lw = 0 lwn = 1 lwl = 0
25 + wl = 0 wlc = 0 wwc = 0 wwlc = 0
26 + wln = 1 ww = 0 wwn = 1 wwl = 0
27 + eot = 1E-08 epsrox = 3.9 epsrsub = 11.7 ni0sub = 1.45E+10
28 + bg0sub = 1.16 tbgasub = 0.000702 tbgbsub = 1108 phig = 4.05
29 + easub = 4.05 leffeot = 1 weffeot = 10 vddeot = 1.5
30 + tempeot = 300.1 ados = 1 bdos = 1 epsrgate = 11.7
31 + vth0 = 0.997 k1 = 0.6 k1w1 = 0 k1w2 = 0
32 + k2 = -0.0186 k3 = 0 k3b = 0 w0 = 0
33 + nlx = 1.74E-07 lpeb = 0 dvt0 = 6.502 dvt1 = 0.2472
34 + dvt2 = -0.032 dvt0w = 0 dvt1w = 5.3E+06 dvt2w = -0.032
35 + vfb = -1 a0 = 1 a1 = 0 a2 = 2.434
36 + ags = 0 b0 = 0 b1 = 0 keta = 0
37 + ketas = 0 dvtp0 = 0 dvtp1 = 0 dvtp2 = 0
38 + dvtp3 = 0 dvtp4 = 0 minv = 0 pdits = 1E-20
39 + pdits1 = 0 pditsd = 0 u0 = 7.055 lu0 = 0
40 + vsat = 1.22E+05 ua = 2.25E-09 ub = 5.87E-19 uc = -0.0465
41 + ud = 0 eu = 1.67 ucs = 1.67 cdsc = 0.00024
42 + cdsch = 0 cdschd = 0 nfactor = 2.873 cit = 0
43 + voff = -0.01505 noff = 1 dsub = 0.56 eta0 = 0.1024
44 + etab = -0.07 drout = 0.56 fprout = 0 pclm = 1.3
45 + pdiblc1 = 0.39 pdiblc2 = 0.0086 pdiblc3 = 0 pvag = 0
46 + delta = 0.01 alpha0 = 0 fbjtii = 0 beta0 = 0
47 + beta1 = 0 beta2 = 0.1 vdsatii0 = 0.9 vbci = 0
48 + tii = 0 lii = 0 esatii = 1E+07 sii0 = 0.5
49 + sii1 = 0.1 sii2 = 0 siid = 0 ebjtii = 0
50 + sbjtii = 0 abjtii = 0 mbjtii = 0.4 egidl = 1.2
51 + agidl = 0 bgidl = 2.3E+09 cgidl = 0.5 rgidl = 1
52 + kgidl = 0 fgidl = 0 egisl = 1.2 agisl = 0
53 + bgisl = 2.3E+09 cgisl = 0.5 rgisl = 1 kgisl = 0
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