Hierarchical Exact Symbolic Analysis of Large Analog Integrated Circuits By Symbolic Stamps

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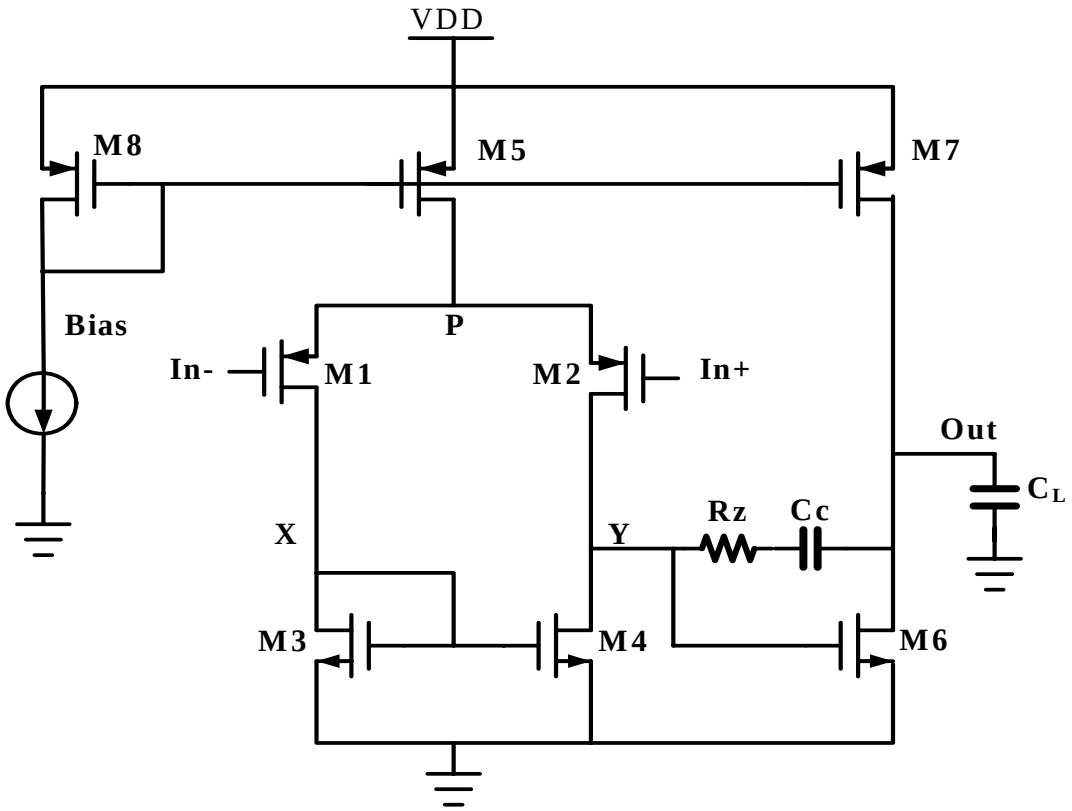
Motivation

Small Case

- Can be handled by existing **exact** symbolic analysis method



Large Case

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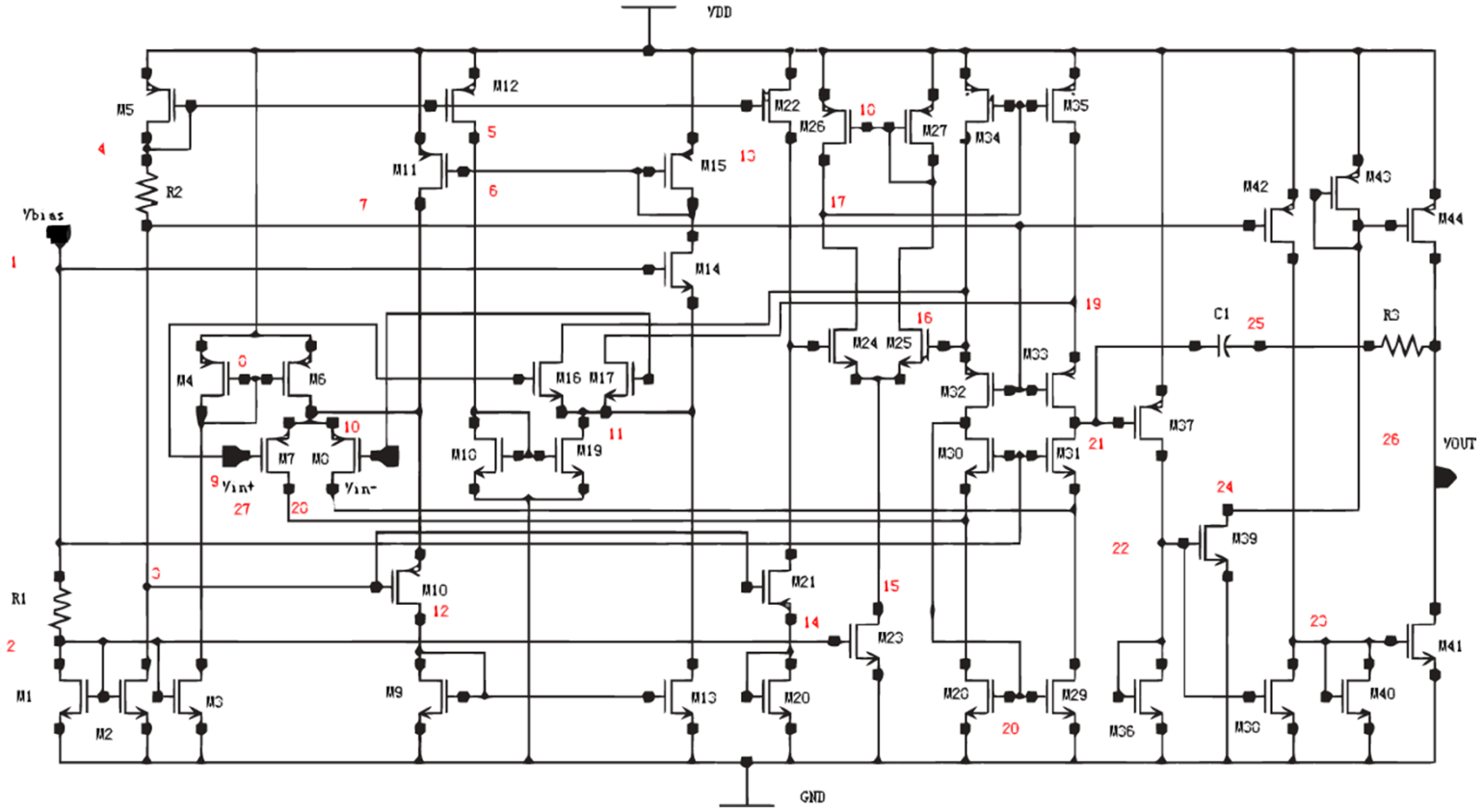
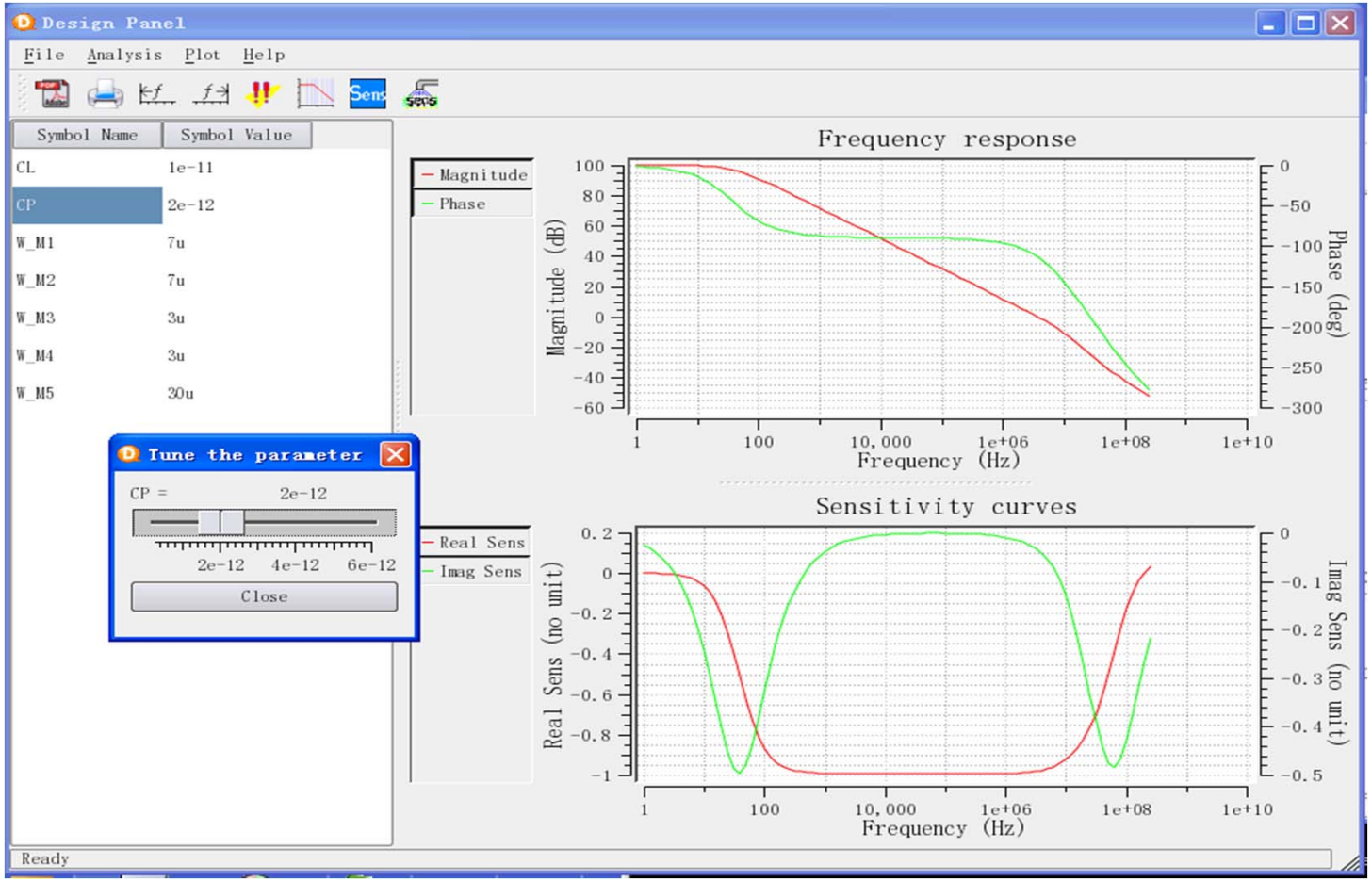


Possible Application

- Graphical Sensitivity Analysis[16]



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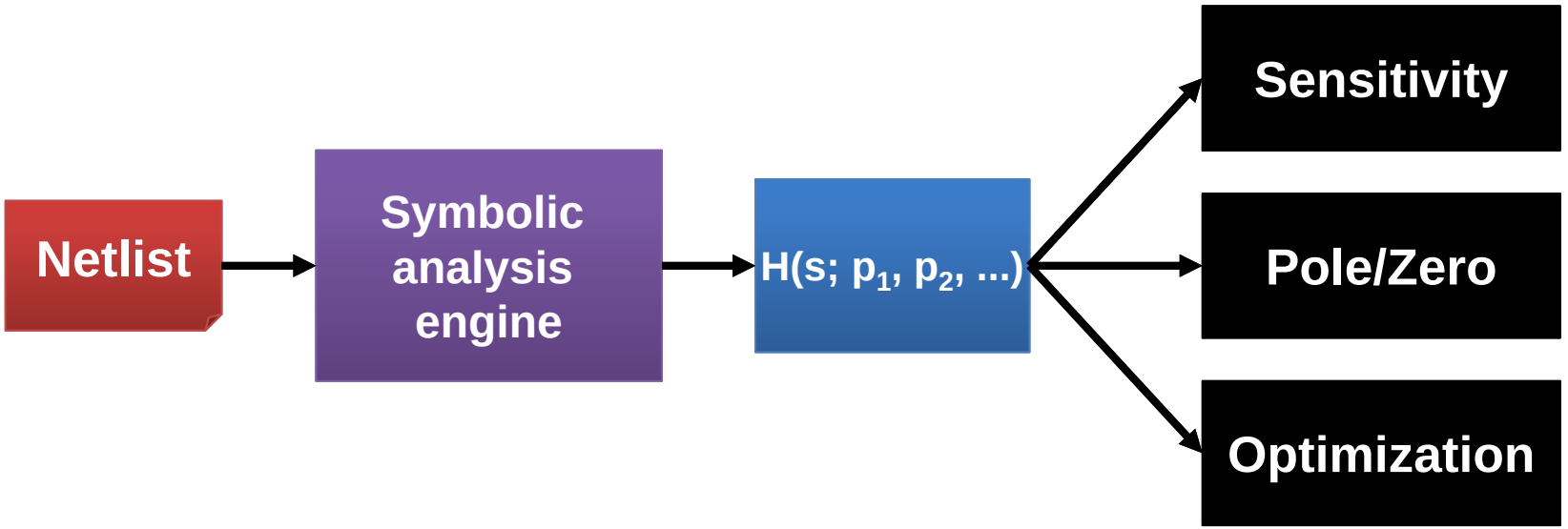
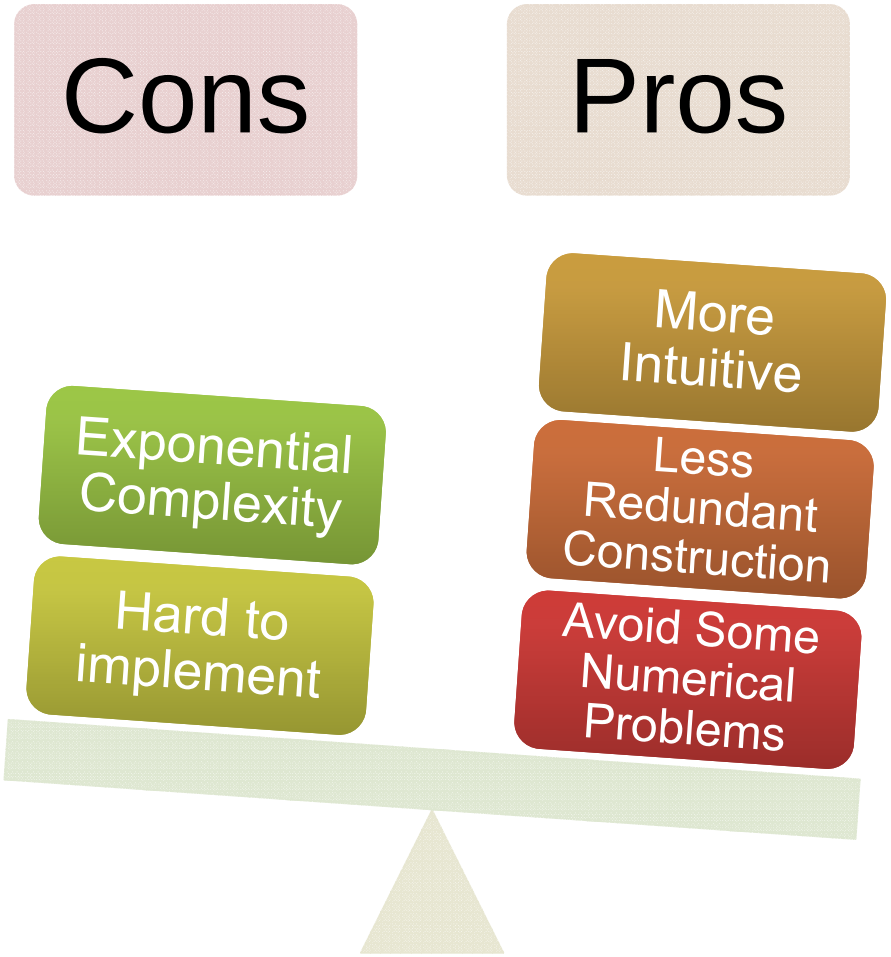
Motivation: Exact Analysis

- Many circuit characteristics (sensitivity, poles, zeros) require an "exact" symbolic expression of H(s).
- Exact symbolic analysis of large analog circuits (20 ~50 MOSFETs) is not easy.

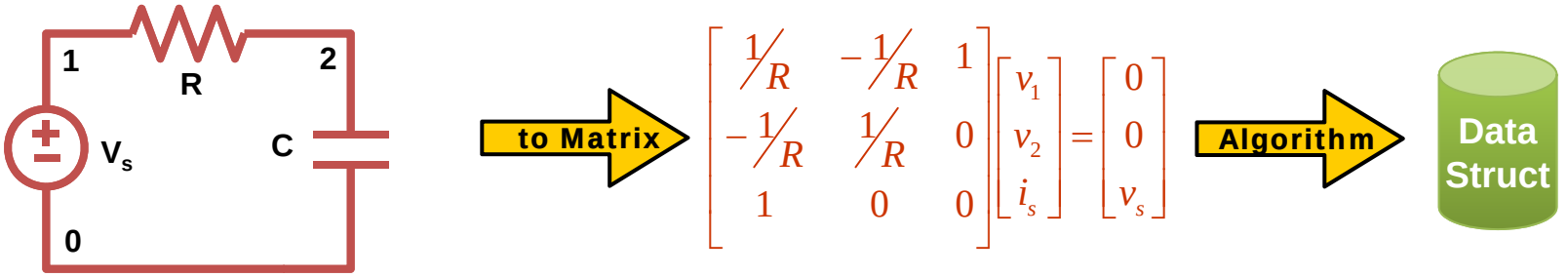


Symbolic Analysis

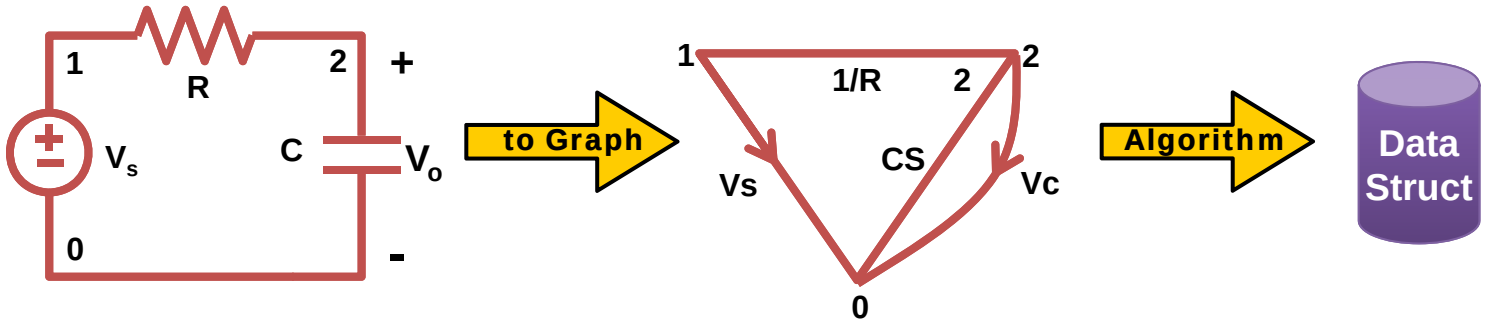


Representative Methods

- Algebraic Methods – Determinant Decision Diagram[15]



- Graph-based Methods – Graph Pair Decision Diagram[16]



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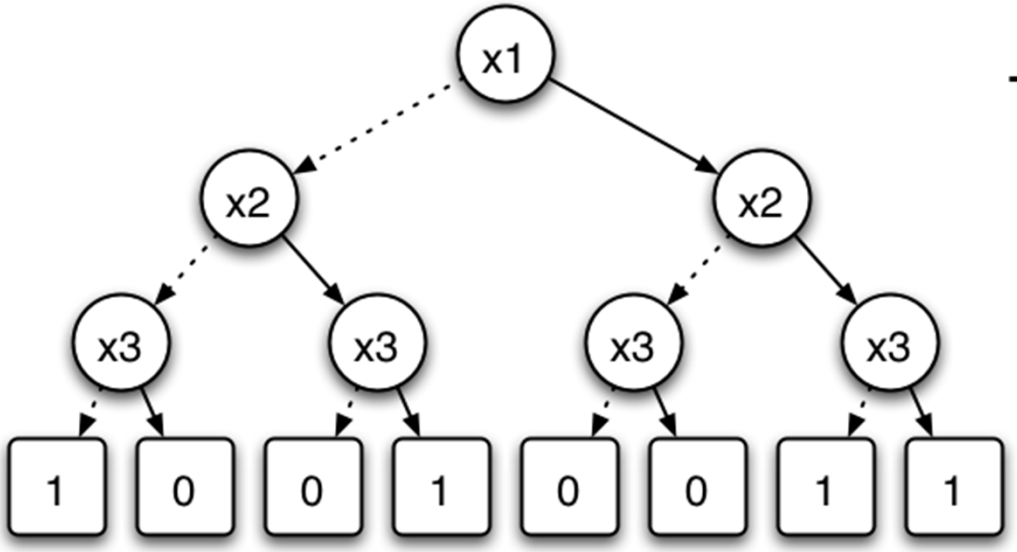
From Binary Tree to BDD

- Binary Tree



x1	x2	x3	f
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \overline{x}_1\overline{x}_2\overline{x}_3 + \overline{x}_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 \overline{x}_3$$

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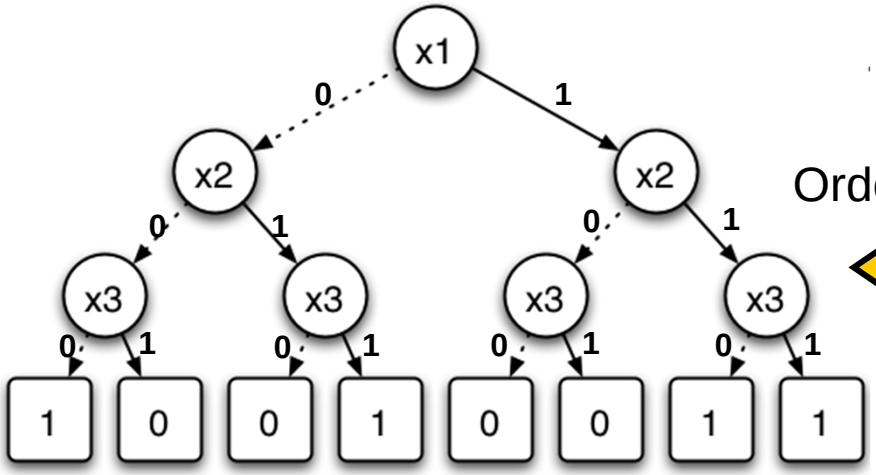
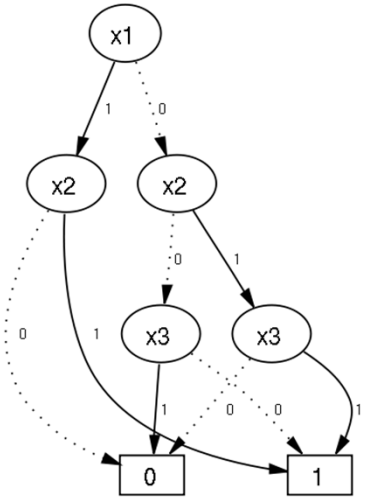
Reduced Ordered BDD

Canonical and Compact!



Order: x1 > x2 > x3



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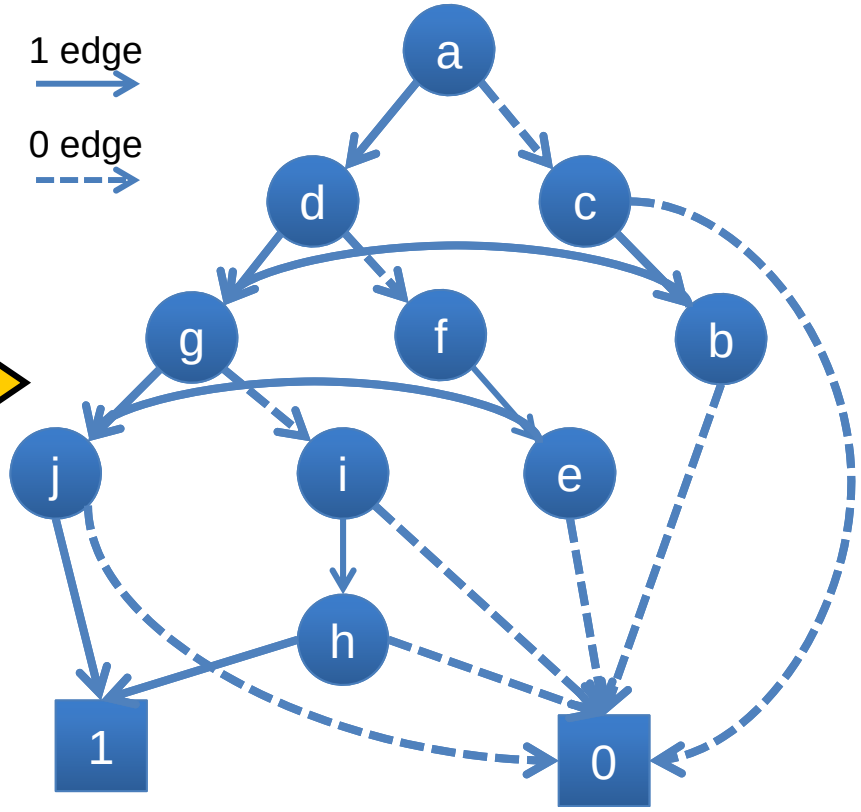
Determinant Decision Diagram

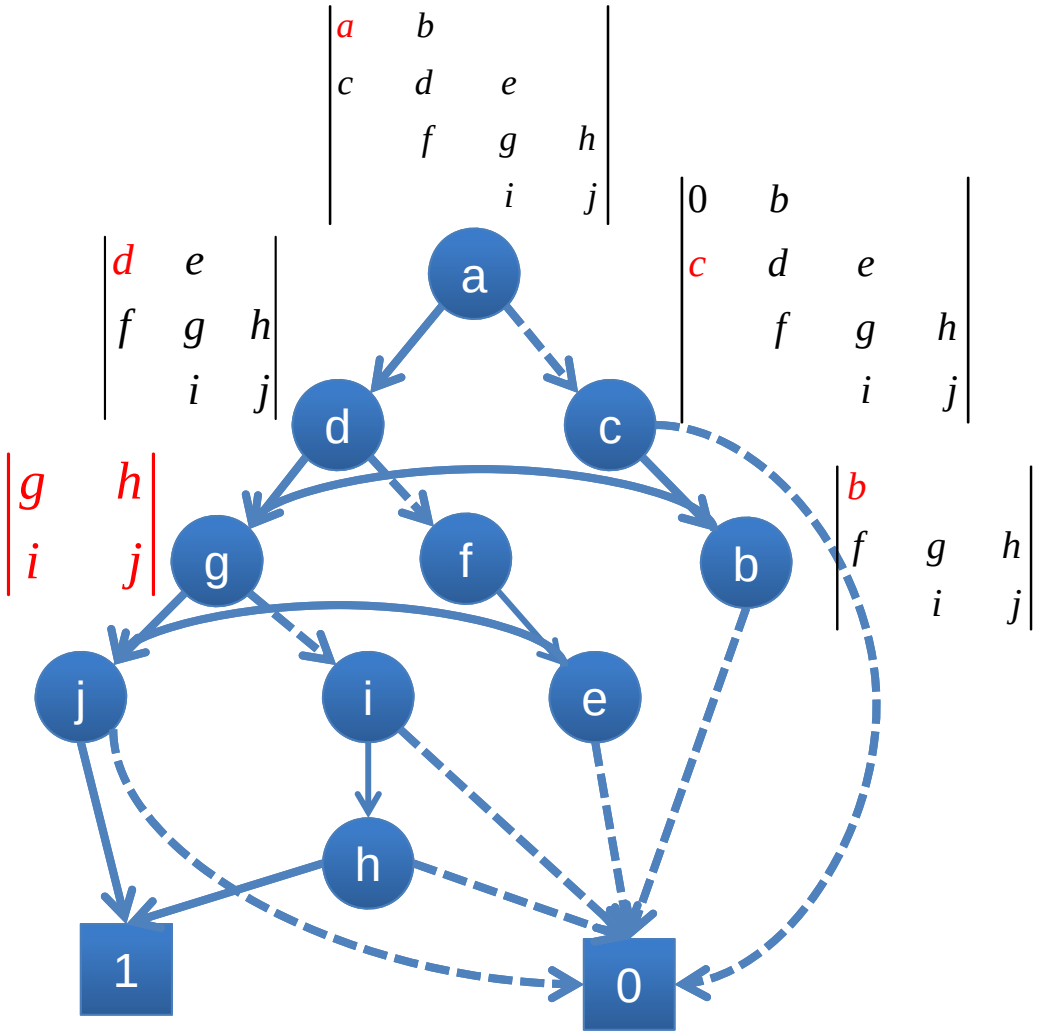
- Represent a determinant by BDD
- Treat *Laplace Expansion* as binary decisions

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & & \\ c & d & e & \\ & f & g & h \\ & & i & j \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= adgj - adhi - aefj - bcgj + cbih$$



Minor Sharing[25]



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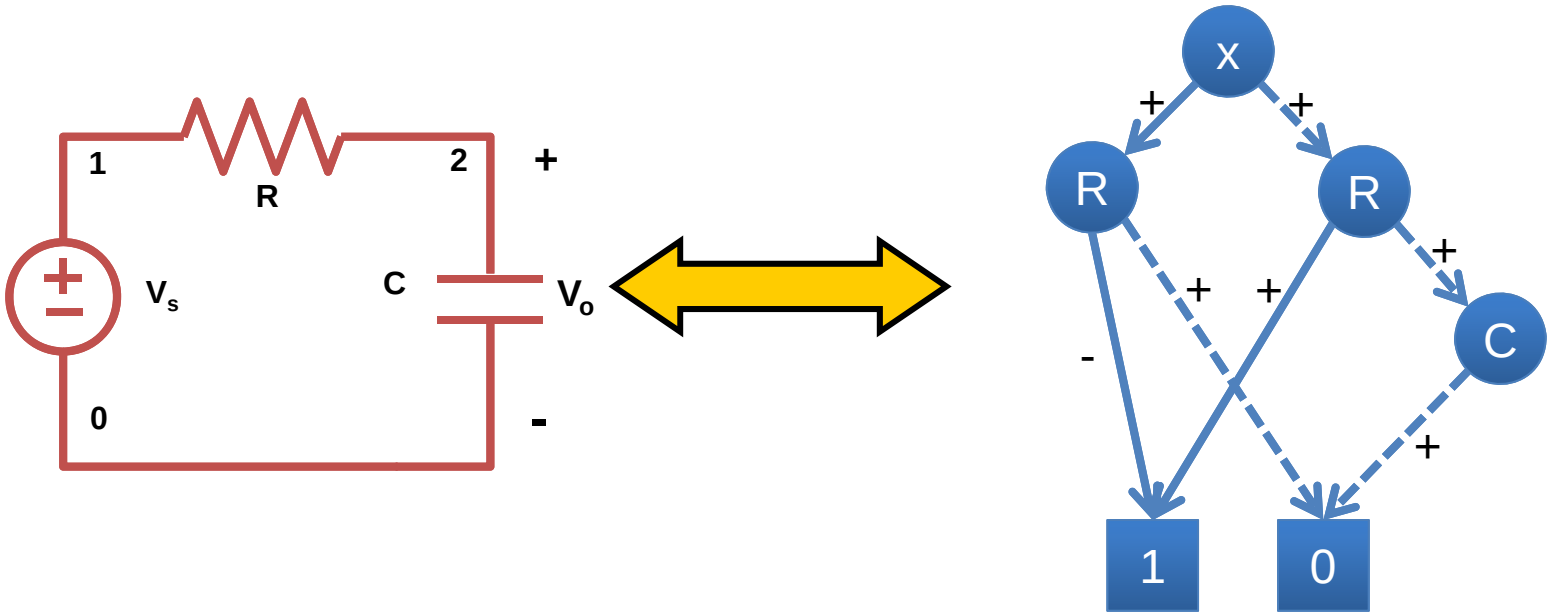
Graph Pair Reduction Diagram

- Represent the transfer function by BDD
- Treat *Spanning-Tree Enumeration* as binary decisions



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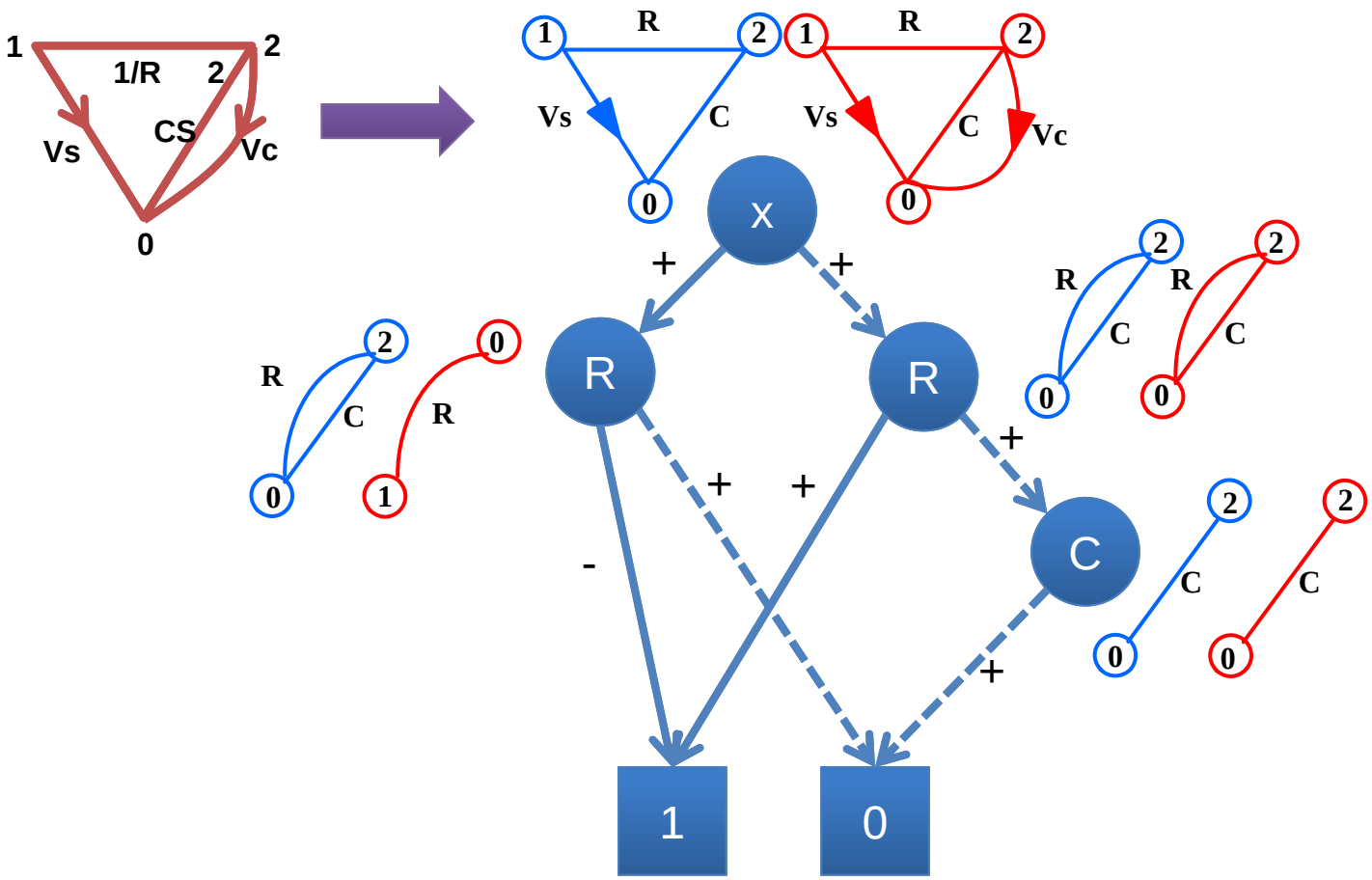

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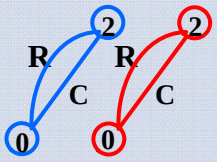
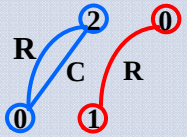
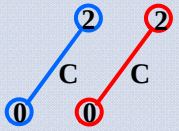
Hash Mechanisms

- DDD – By Hashing Minors

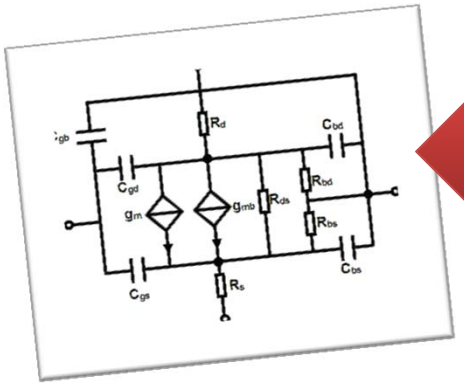
Minor 1	Minor 2	Minor 3
$\begin{vmatrix} d & e & \\ f & g & h \\ & i & j \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} b & & \\ f & g & h \\ & i & j \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} g & h \\ i & j \end{vmatrix}$

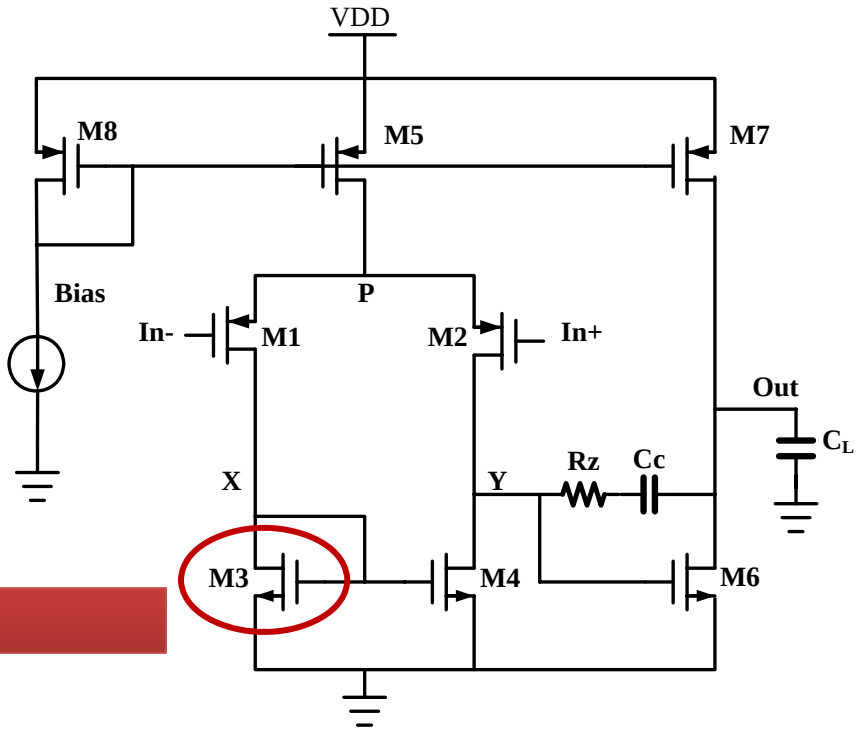
- GPDD – By Hashing subgraphs

Graph Pair 1	Graph Pair 2	Graph Pair 3
		

Idea of “Symbolic Stamp”

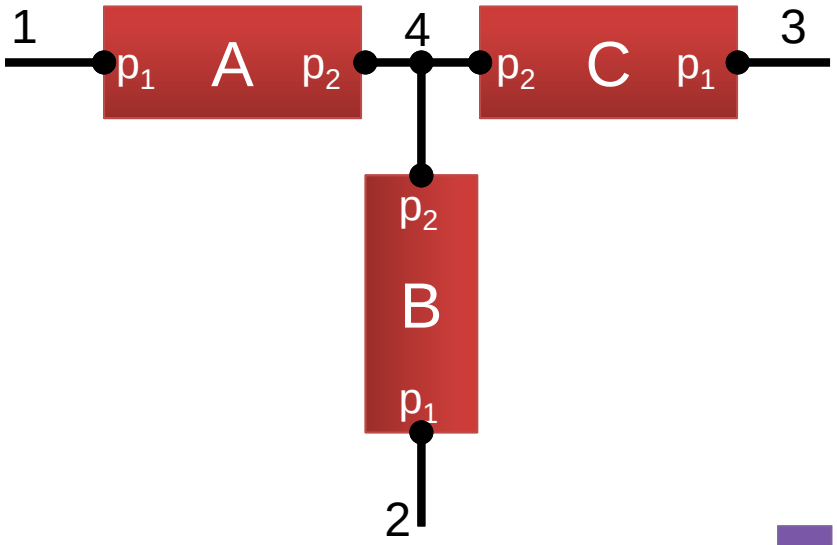
Symbolic Stamp





- **All MOSFETs use the same small-signal model!**
- **Circuits are naturally hierarchical!**

Assembling Symbolic Stamps



$$
\begin{array}{c} \\ n1 \\ n2 \\ n3 \\ n4 \end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{cccc} n1 & n2 & n3 & n4 \end{array} \\
\begin{bmatrix}
y_{11}^{A} & & & y_{12}^{A} \\
 & y_{11}^{B} & & y_{12}^{B} \\
 & & y_{11}^{C} & y_{12}^{C} \\
y_{21}^{A} & y_{21}^{B} & y_{21}^{C} & y_{22}^{A}+y_{22}^{B}+y_{22}^{C}
\end{bmatrix}
\end{array}
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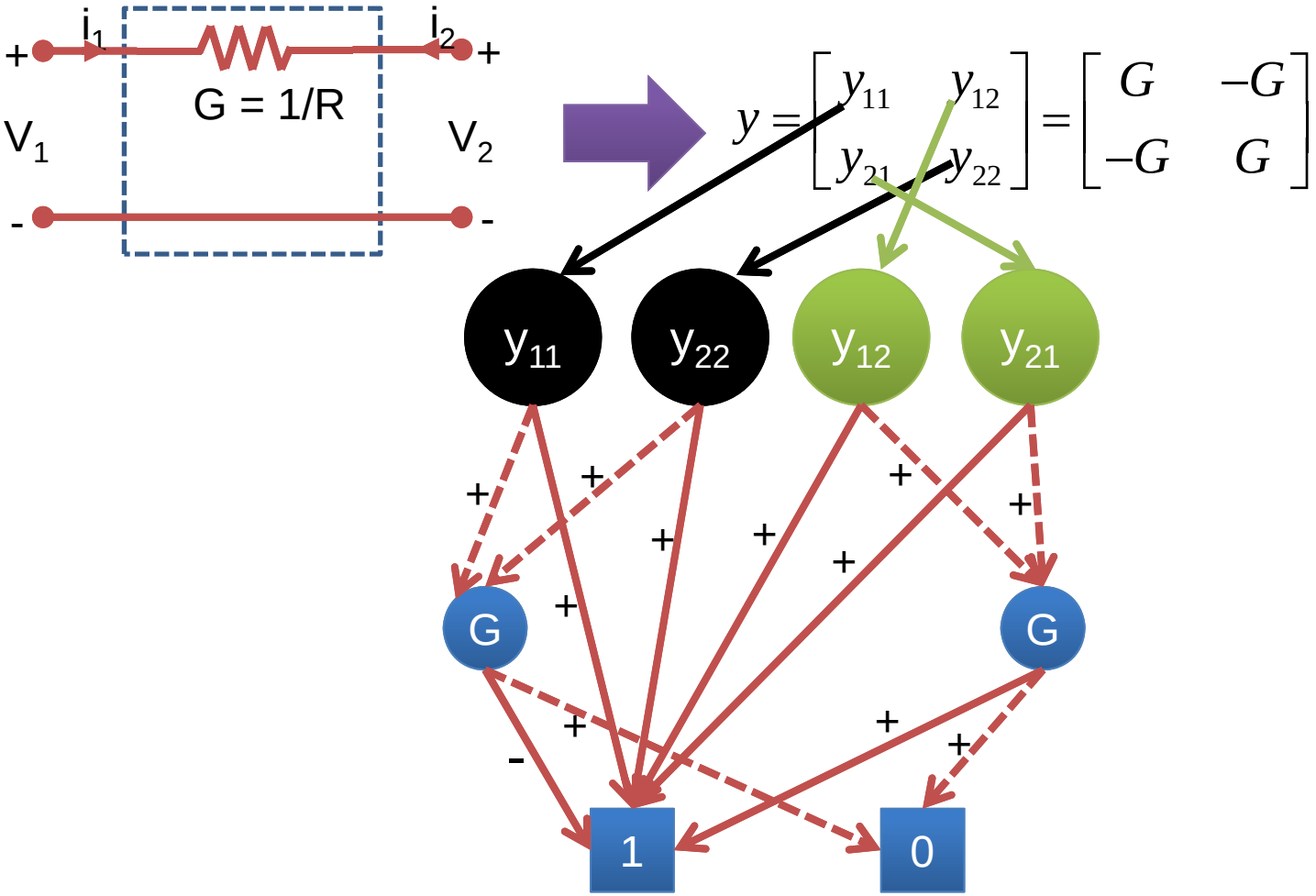
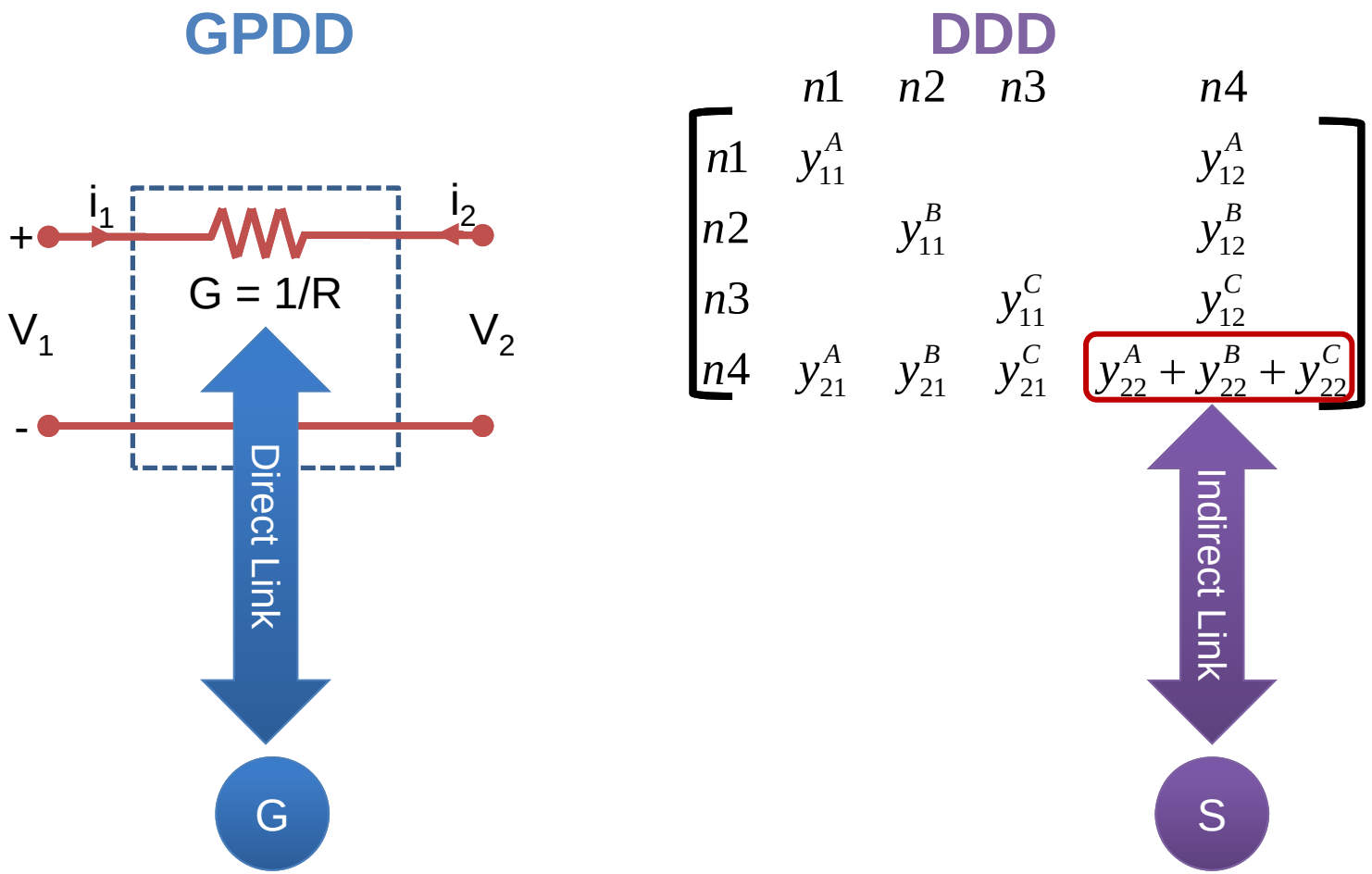
DDD Routine

Symbolic Stamp Computation

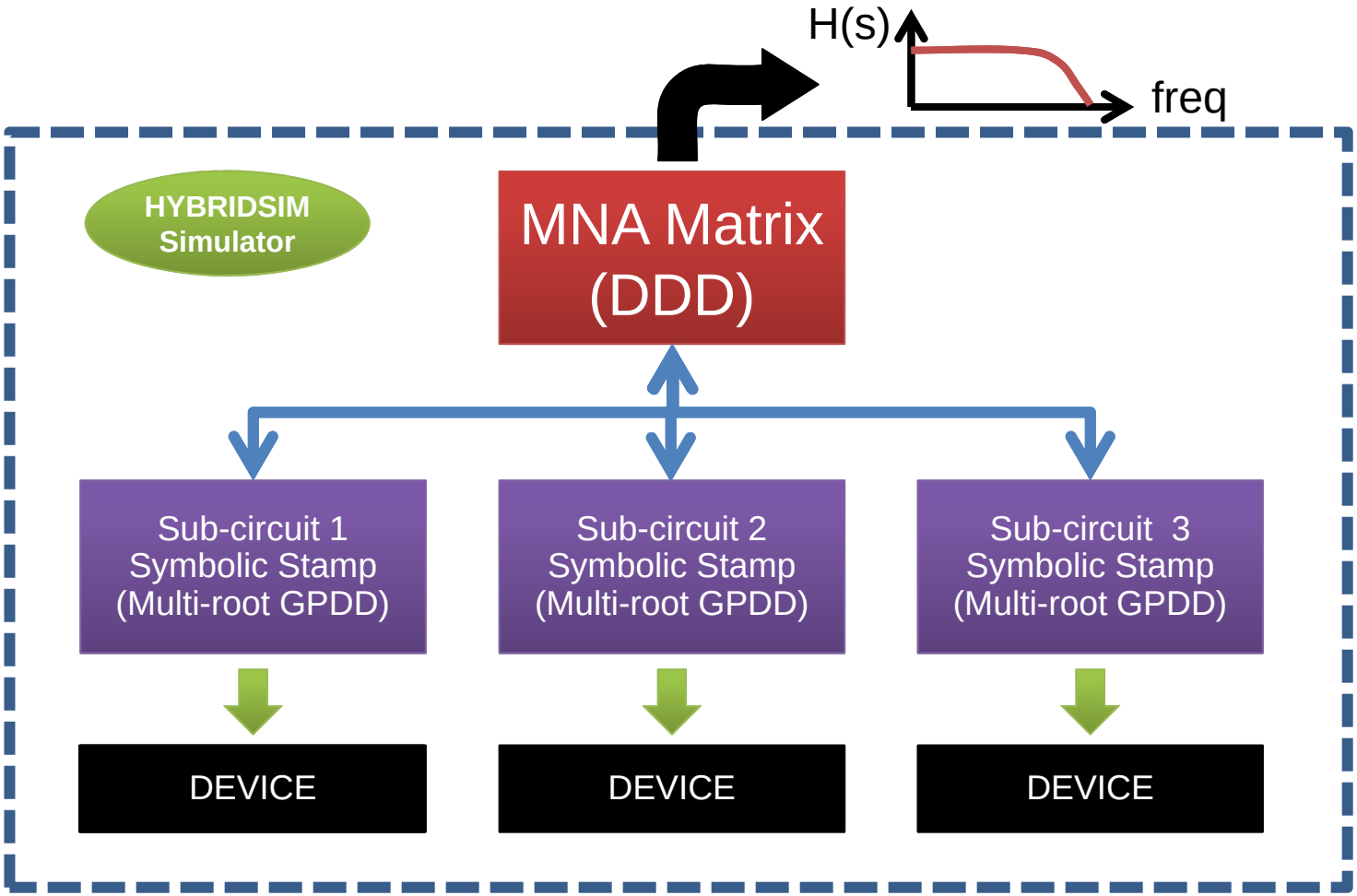


Four-root GPDD for R symbolic stamp

Why GPDD for symbolic stamp

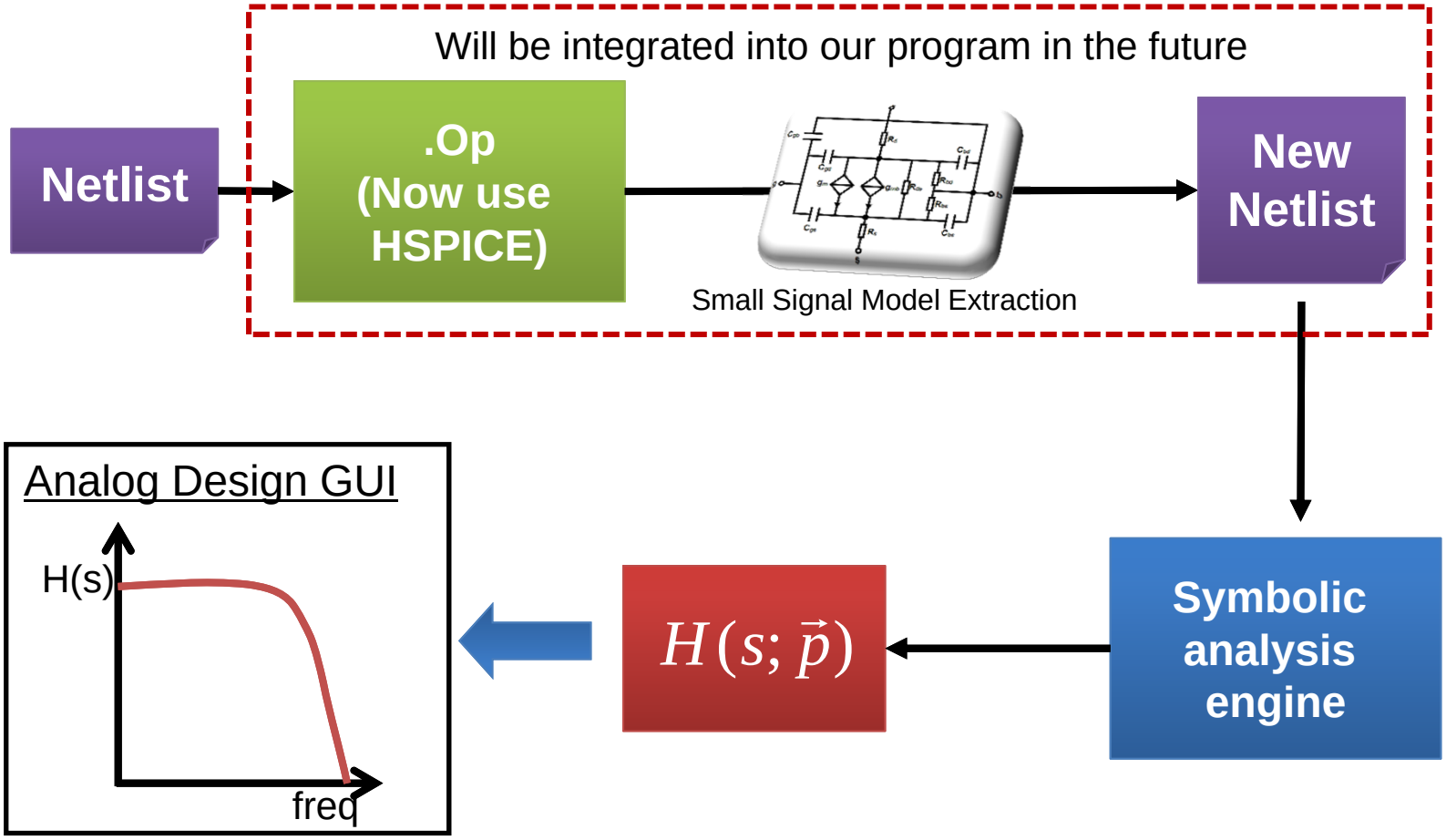


Hierarchical Structure



Experimental Results

Implementation Flow

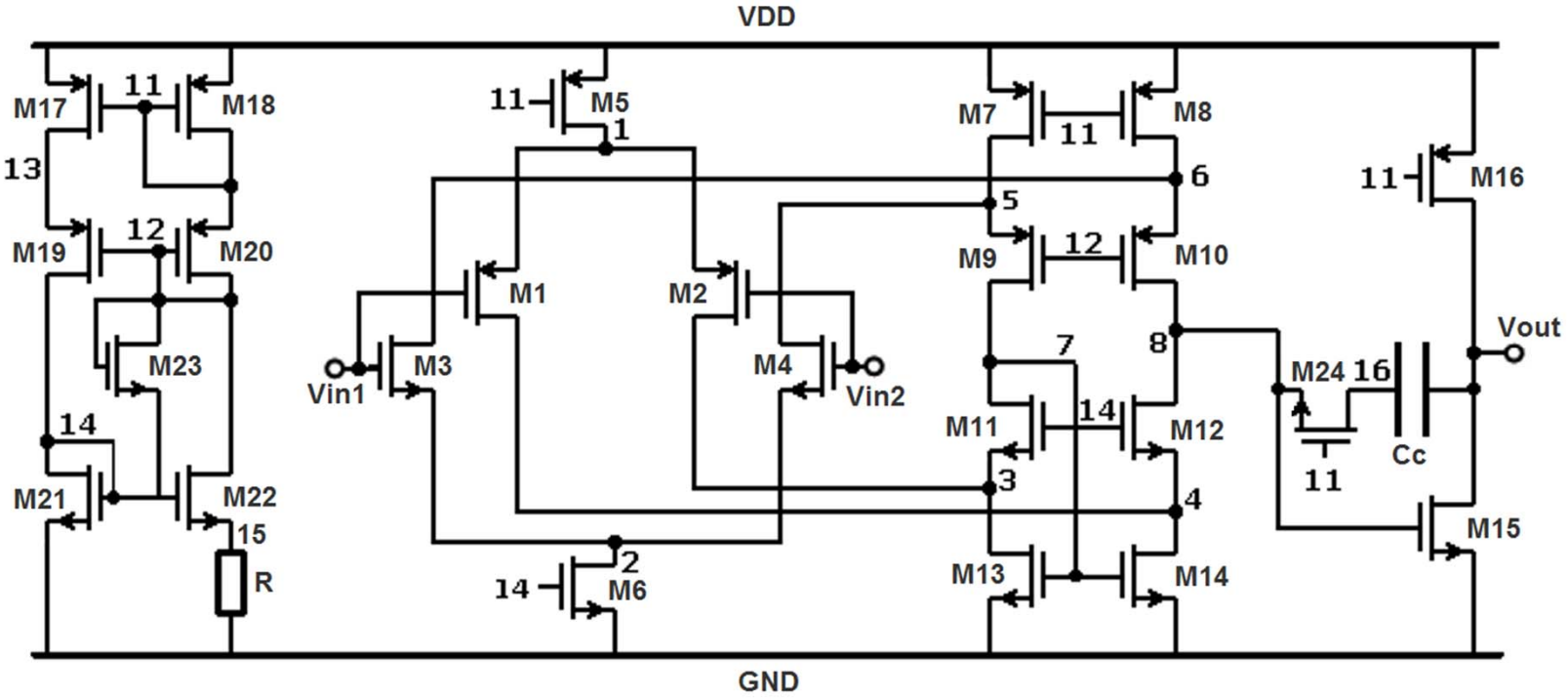


Platform Environment

- Programming Language and tools:
  - C++
- Test cases are running on an AMD Athlon64 2.20GHz processor with 2GB memory
- HSPICE 2007 is used for DC operating point analysis

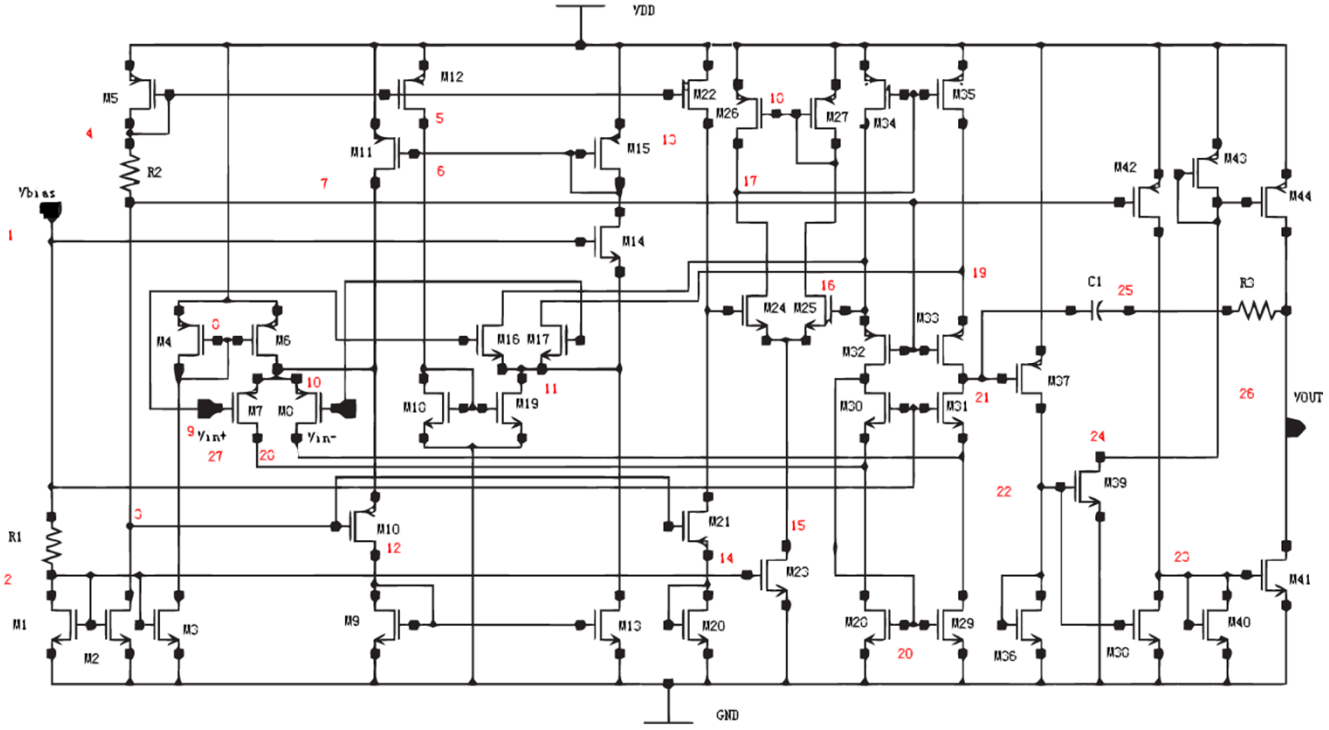
Benchmark 1

- A rail-to-rail Miller MOSFET amplifier containing 24 transistors



Benchmark 2

- A MOSFET operational amplifier containing 44 transistors[26]



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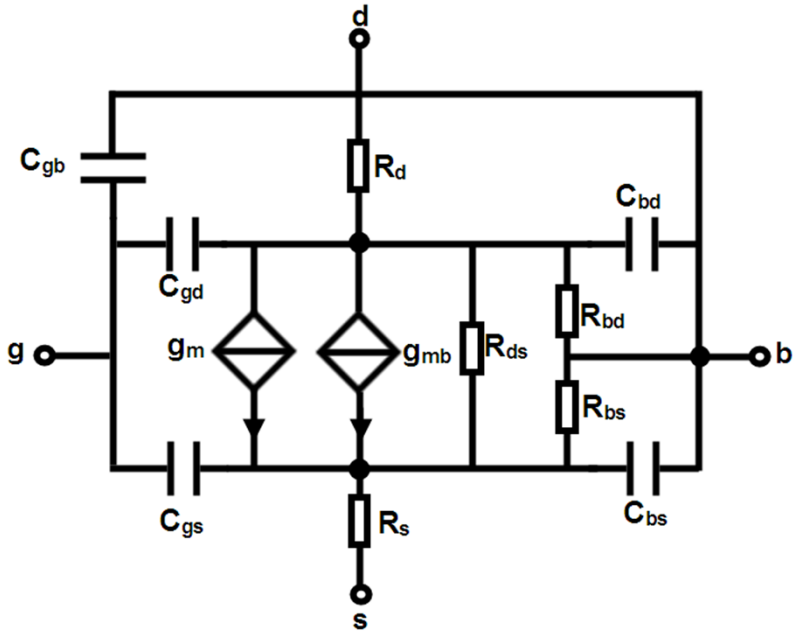
Test Settings

- Partition Strategy
  - MOSFET as a sub-circuit
  - Maximize the sharing
- Small-signal Model
  - SPICE LEVEL 3[23]



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Performance Summary

Op-amp Circuit	#Device (T)	#Symb for GPDD	#Symb for DDD	MNA Matrix Size	|GPDD| (vertices)	|DDD| (vertices)	Time (sec.)	Memory (MB)
Case 1	24	12	104	18x18	481	70,129	1.81	70
Case 2	44	12	140	28x28	481	45,716	1.50	91

- Remarks
  - Both DDD-based (newly implemented[25]) and GPDD-based non-hierarchical simulator[16] cannot handle these two circuits.

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Conclusion

- Proposed a “symbolic stamp” approach to hierarchical analysis
- Investigated an efficient implementation
- Improved the capacity for “exact” analysis
- More applications for design optimization in the future

Thanks

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