

# Spice Model for TMOS Power MOSFETs

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## INTRODUCTION

The "Microcomputer Boom" allows designers to run performance programs with rather low investments in personal computers such as IBM PC, PS, Macintosh and other stations with graphic terminals. SPICE was one of the simulation programs which was formerly available only on main computers but now can be used on personal computers.

In power electronics, being able to simulate the power dissipation is key for a designer. Up to now, very few solutions by simulations have been possible, primarily because both component and programming experience was required. A university in Toulouse, France (LAAS-CNRS) and a component manufacturer (Motorola) put their efforts together to build a power MOSFET (TMOS) library to solve this problem. A library has been conceived that is as universal as possible and can be implemented in different programs.

### What is SPICE?

SPICE is a general purpose circuit simulation program for non-linear DC, non-linear transient and linear AC analyses resolving nodes matrix. Circuits may contain resistors, capacitors, inductors, mutual inductors, independent voltage and current sources, four types of semiconductor devices: diodes, BJTs, JFETs and MOSFETs. This program was first developed by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences of Berkley, University California. The use of a very basic language already made it user friendly, but the availability of additional programs around SPICE for schematic capture or post-processing now simplifies the designer's work and gives him, for example, the familiar oscilloscope and drawing board similar to the ones he is accustomed to using in his lab. Since the SPICE source program is now available on the market, software companies have developed new versions with their own models. It could take too long to quote all them, but some like SPICE2G6, P-SPICE, H-SPICE, etc. are already well known.

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### What can SPICE and the TMOS Library do for you in Power Applications?

It saves time and produces accurate circuit simulations. For example, on short notice, you're asked to determine the performance of a schematic (Figure 1) with different voltage, current and timing conditions. Like most engineers, you are very busy and dislike doing such testing in a hurry, because, by experience, you know it's not possible to set up and take thorough measurements required in the timeframe.

### What can you do?

- tell your superior that it's not possible to get a thorough evaluation in the timeframe allowed,
- tell him he has to change your priorities because you are already overloaded,

OR

use SPICE and the TMOS Library and in half an hour the job is done. The following morning, you have the oscillograms similar to the one shown in Figure 19. Now selections can be made from a limited number of voltage, current and timing conditions for bench testing.

Because of their wide diffusion, simulation programs have become very popular and most of the students coming from electronic universities and engineering schools

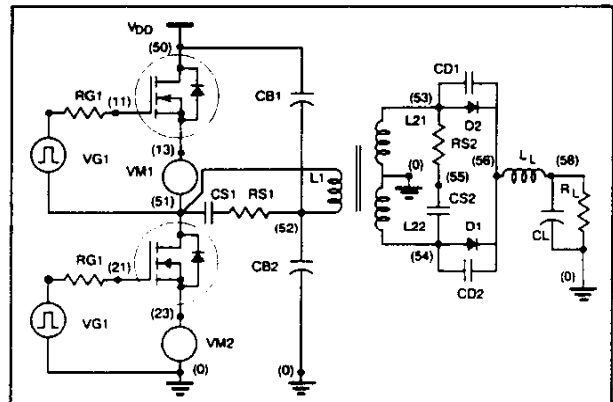


Figure 1. Typical Application for SPICE Using Power Elements

This application note is intended for those familiar with simulation programs such as SPICE, SPICE2G6, P-SPICE, H-SPICE or similar simulation programs. The information in this note has been carefully checked and believed to be accurate, however, no responsibility is assumed for inaccuracies.



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are familiar with them. Simulation programs like SPICE allow them to verify the functionality of their circuit before going to the bench. Time saving is one advantage. Another is to minimize the hazards of bench failure. SPICE simulations do not go up in smoke or explode if a mistake or miscalculation is made, whereas mistakes during bench testing can result in smoke or explosions with power products.

Most students today are oriented toward small signal, digital or analog designs, therefore they are not accustomed to dealing with high currents and high voltages. A tool like SPICE can make power electronics more friendly to them. It is especially true when a circuit designer for logic has to check the interaction of his circuit with the power switches to be driven. For instance, it is known that signal perturbations caused by the Miller capacitance of power MOSFETs can make logic circuits driving power MOSFETs malfunction. Being able to simulate such phenomena prior to bench testing reduces the design cycle time and results in more reliable systems.

The major drawback of SPICE for power electronic engineers is that it is dedicated to small signal analysis. In any of the SPICE versions, there is no simple model for a power transistor, whether it is bipolar transistor or a power MOSFET. Some software firms provide some data, but you have to purchase the program where the new model has been compiled. A few firms provide the option of writing the model yourself in Fortran or C language.

Because our goal was to have the model work on any SPICE version (compatible with SPICE2G6), the only way to achieve it was to use the existing components available on all versions and build a subcircuit library which could be called from the main circuit program.

#### What was the goal of this study and its limits?

The study made with LAAS/CNRS lab in Toulouse consists of modeling around twenty power MOSFETs.

The study proposed was to be pragmatic, that is to say a step by step approach. Our primary goal was to have a model fully working at 25°C under static and dynamic conditions. The twenty transistors studied, two of which were P-channel devices have been tested in inductive and resistive switching tests as well as DC analysis. Parameter extraction has been performed with one or two products of each type which can be assumed to be typical of today's line. Data sheets are not as accurate as measurements and are just used for verification.

The thermal aspects will be taken into account in a future study. This will require some new techniques because SPICE only allows the whole circuit temperature study and does not take into account the temperature rise of the power product alone. Parameters like thermal resistances and thermal capacitances will have to be introduced in another manner or will have to be added in the models. This will require a whole revision of the source program to take into account these aspects and work at the equation level.

#### This document contains:

##### I. A User Manual

For those who want to get started first and are not concerned about the device physics. It explains how to use the content of the floppy disk.

##### II. The Physics of the Power MOSFET

A description of the physical model and the simplifications performed.

##### III. Implementation of the Model for SPICE Program

Taking into account differences between low and high voltage TMOS power MOSFETs.

##### IV. The Parameters Extraction Method

An overview on how the parameters have been extracted and how the user could extract them.

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## I. USER MANUAL

This chapter contains material for people who are already accustomed to SPICE programming and would like to know the contents of the floppy disk and how to use it.

For use with this Application Note, floppy disks are available that are format compatible with IBM PC or Macintosh micro computers. Simply indicate which disk you need by completing the attached card and returning it to Motorola.

Order DK103/D for the 5¼" disk for 360Kb IBM PC compatible\*

Order DK202/D for the 3½" disk for 800Kb Macintosh (double side)\*

Order DK301/D for the 3½" disk for 720Kb IBM PC compatible (double side)\*

All of this material has been developed with PSPICE of MicroSim Corp., but since all the data contained in this disk are ASCII files, they can be read by any word processor and modified for the context of the user. As you'll notice, the **.PROBE** command helps us to see the displays on the screen. If you do not have this feature, you can use **.PRINT** or **.PLOT** for other output formats.

The floppy disk contains different files. The first three are dedicated to the Motorola power MOSFET library itself. They can be used directly with any SPICE2G6 compatible version without any change. The other programs may require some changes if you do not use PSPICE. But in any case, you can list them with any editor program and change the syntax to have it compatible with your own SPICE version: you may have to replace **.PROBE** by **.PLOT** and maybe the syntax of some calls (e.g. **I(X1.RS)**).

### A. The TMOS library

#### 1. What Is On the Disk

##### TMOS.LIB

This file is the most useful one, using a model with switched capacitors and requiring no initialization (Figure 2). Starting with this disk is advised, even though it might

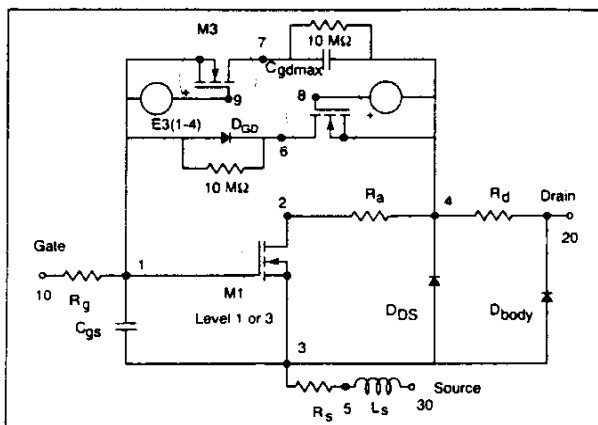


Figure 2. Block Diagram of the N-Channel TMOS Model Used in TMOS.LIB

\*These disks are formatted and require the software Microsoft Word version 3.02 or newer

be a little slow. The schematic for the P-channel model is given in the Appendix.

##### TMOSINIT.LIB

This is, from the static point of view, exactly the same as the previous file, but is much faster since it does not use the capacitor switches (Figure 3). The drawback is that it requires an initialization step for the node (6) between  $C_{GDmax}$  and  $D_{GD}$  (only for the transient analysis).

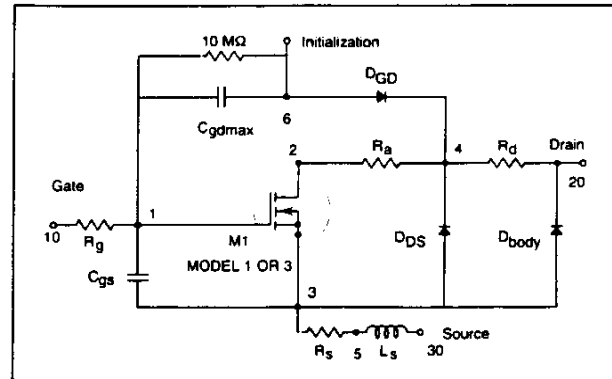


Figure 3. Block Diagram of the N-Channel TMOS Model Used in TMOSINIT.LIB

The voltage of this node depends on the  $V_{DS}$  and  $V_{GS}$  voltages at the start of the simulation. Therefore a utility file called **INIT.CIR** is provided with this TMOSINIT library.

##### INIT.CIR

This SPICE compatible file helps you to compute the initial condition  $V(8)$  to set on node (6) for the given starting  $V_{DS}$  (Figure 4).

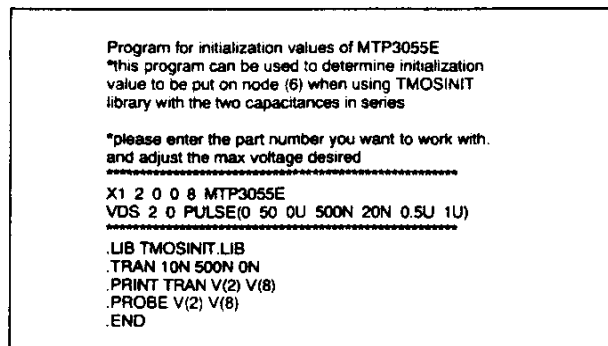


Figure 4. Description of the Initialization Routine Called INIT.CIR to be Used With TMOSINIT.LIB

#### 2. How to Call a Device In the Library

a. For the **TMOS.LIB** library you'll need to write in your source program:

**.LIB TMOS.LIB** to call the library with switched capacities

X1 MTP25N06 2 1 3 to call the product to be used

```
!      ! ! !
!      ! Source
!      ! Gate
!      ! Drain
```

Device Part Number available in the library

b. If you use **TMOSINIT.LIB** you'll need:

**.LIB TMOSINIT.LIB** to call the faster but more complex library

X1 MTP25N06 2 1 3 8 to call the product to be used

```
!      ! ! ! !
!      ! ! ! Initialization pin (node 6 between
!      !      CGDMAX and DGD)
!      ! ! Source
!      ! Gate
!      ! Drain
```

!Device Part Number available in the library

**.IC V(8)=2.5** The voltage value of the extrinsic node 8 will be given by the **INIT.CIR** program according to the  $V_{DS}$  voltage at the initialization phase. If you do not enter the proper value, it may give you incorrect switching times.

### 3. Additional Information on the Library

Both **TMOS.LIB** and **TMOSINIT.LIB** have been created so you do not need to modify them. They work for both DC and transient analysis. The latter one needs to be initialized.

One of your concerns at this point of the reading, may be to know what is given: either the typical values or the maximum ratings. Typical values of today's products measured at 25°C are given.

The library has been done from the measurements on one or two products of every part number, and they can be considered typical of the product line. These have been checked and are within the data sheet limits. The simulation is accurate in the range of 80 to 90%.

The comparison with the data sheet curves can be done too, but with some care. The user may not have the updated document and the products may have been improved, therefore some differences may be found between the SPICE simulation and the data sheet curves.

In the chapter called Parameters Extraction Method (Section IV), we will see how the library was built and also, how to modify it if the user wants the simulation with min/max parameter values rather than the typical ones.

### B. Validation Programs or Testbox

This file contains some tools to evaluate the library. You are welcome to use them and modify them to your own needs. They are component manufacturer oriented, which means they tend more to simulate the data sheet curves rather than the application, but you'll find some typical applications circuits also. Please refer to the Appendix for the description of the schematic of the following files.

### 1. ONCHARAC.CIR

One of the first curves you find in the data sheets is On-Region characteristics. It gives the drain current ( $I_D$ ) versus the drain-source voltage ( $V_{DS}$ ) for different gate-source voltages ( $V_{GS}$ ). Only a DC analysis is required for such a test and it requires a very small amount of program lines. (see Appendix). For other devices, you just need to change the device part number using the Find/Replace option of your editing program.

For example:

Find: MTP25N06

Replace by: MTP3055E      REPLACE ALL

### 2. ID-VGS.CIR

It gives you the transfer characteristic curve: drain current ( $I_D$ ) versus gate-source voltage ( $V_{GS}$ ) for a given drain-source voltage ( $V_{DS}$  generally equal to 10 volts). This is one more DC test.

### 3. RDSON.CIR

It gives the ON state resistance for different drain current values. The ratio  $V_D/I_D$  must be put on the y-axis to get the data sheet curve.

### 4. CAPACITY.CIR

This is the first program out of several using the transient analysis option of SPICE to check the dynamic response of the TMOS model. **CAPACITY.CIR** gives you the capacitance variation curve of the power MOSFET. This curve is difficult to measure and requires a rather sophisticated bench setup (like BOONTON or HP). Therefore you'll have to rely on the data sheet curves.

The principle of this test in SPICE is based on the capacitor equation:

$$i(t) = C(t) \frac{dv}{dt}$$

If a voltage increase, with a constant  $dv/dt$  is applied on a linear or non-linear capacitance, the current flowing in it will be proportional to the capacitance value. It is usually set at 1 V/ $\mu$ sec. which gives 1 milliampere for 1 nano Farad.

Generally the drain-gate voltage is put on the x-axis and the different branch currents on y-axis.

For example:

— in **TMOSINIT.LIB**, **I(X1.CGDMAX)** or **I(X1.DGD)** represents  $C_{RSS}$  (do not forget to give the right initial voltage value)

— in **TMOS.LIB**,  $C_{RSS}$  is represented by **I(X1.CGDMAX)+I(X1.DGD)**

— and in both libraries:

**I(X1.DDS)** is the Drain-Source Capacitance

**I(X1.CGS)** is the Gate-Source Capacitance

**I(X1.RG)** is the  $C_{ISS}$  curve

### 5. GATECHRG.CIR

This gives you the gate charge versus gate-source voltage curve. This is another way to visualize your power

MOSFET capacitances: you charge the gate of the transistor with a constant current of 1 mA. For the load, a constant current source is used on the drain.

For a capacitance, the charge equations are:  $Q = CV$  and  $Q = it$

If  $i = \text{Constant} = 1 \text{ mA}$ , 1 microsecond on the x-axis will be equivalent to 1 nanoCoulomb. Taking into account this unit change, the equivalent data sheet curve can be obtained.

## 6. SWITCHING.CIR

This is to check different switching characteristics, either inductive or resistive, clamped or not clamped (see Appendix).

**IMPORTANT:** users must be warned that the equivalent circuit of the inductive load has to be studied precisely before making any comparison between simulation and reality. Since power MOSFETs are very fast devices, sometimes the switching limitation can come from the inductance rather than the transistor itself. Poor quality inductances may have rather low resonance frequency which appears to be more capacitive than inductive at high frequency and high switching speed. Therefore, if poor correlation results please do not blame the TMOS library first, but check whether your equivalent inductance circuit is good by doing its Bode diagram.

## 7. DGCLAMP.CIR

This is a typical application for inductive switching. Instead of using an external power zener to do the clamp, a small signal zener is put between drain and gate. The TMOS power FET now dissipates the stored energy during the turn off rather than the power zener. It is very interesting to see the instantaneous power dissipated ( $I_D V_{DS}$ ) into the TMOS device in this application. The peak power occurs during turn off. We noticed that the "ON" dissipation is negligible.

## II. THE PHYSICS OF THE POWER MOSFET

Several suggestions for equivalent circuits have been recently published by International Rectifier, Motorola, RCA, University of Washington and other organizations. These models use two active components from the SPICE library which are the MOS and the JFET; the use of this JFET for the "quasi-saturation" phenomenon that was necessary to model the early high voltage devices in the market, is not necessary. Actual structures are optimized such that this phenomenon now appears only for drain currents well above the nominal current rating of the device.

This note describes a basic, but accurate, model for switching circuits with resistive and inductive loads. This model is compatible with the well known "SPICE" software. It works as well for low voltage structures (one hundred volts) of both standard and Logic Level ( $L^2$ FET with a nominal gate source voltage of 5 volts) types, with medium voltage (100–500 volts) and high voltage devices (>500 volts). Its configuration is based on a more complete but also more cumbersome to handle model whose

parameters are all related to the physical properties and topology of the VDMOS transistor. Their values can be obtained from data sheets and some "classical" measurements. It must be pointed out that this model takes into account the high degree of non-linearity of the gate-drain and drain-source capacitors and also the short channel effects (variable mobility, saturation velocity, etc.) which mainly prevail in the low and medium voltage structures.

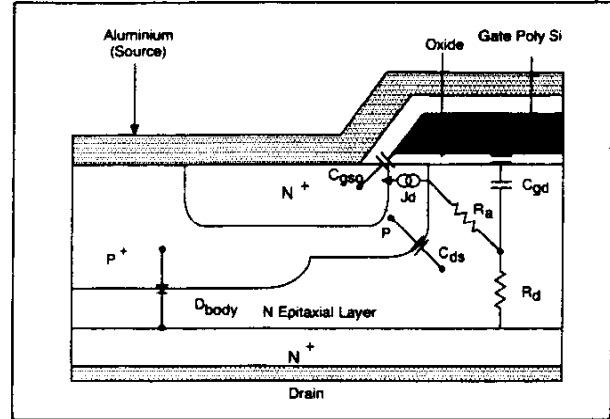


Figure 5. Cross Section of the VDMOS Transistor. Localization of the Simplified Model Elements.

The model structure is directly related to the power VDMOS geometrical topology (see Figure 5). We can notice on the schematic:

1. the intrinsic transistor (conduction channel) represented by the current generator  $J_d$ .
2. the n-type layer between the p wells with the access resistance  $R_a$  to the channel and the highly non-linear gate to drain capacitor  $C_{DG}$ , i.e. the depletion capacitor  $C_d$  in series with the thin gate oxide capacitor  $C_{GDmax}$ ,
3. the low doped n-type epitaxial bulk accounted for by the drift resistance  $R_d$  and the pn junction capacitor  $C_{DS}$  with the p well.

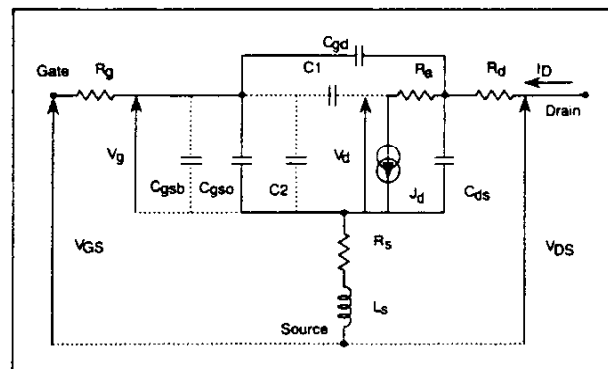


Figure 6. Simplified Model of the VDMOS Power Transistor in Conduction (in blocked mode,  $C_{gsb}$  is paralleled to  $C_{gso}$ )



In the dynamic mode the most important parameters are the MOS capacitances. Some are constant, some are non-linear. Figure 8 shows the capacitance variation curves given in the data sheets for a typical power MOSFET. The plateau can be simulated by a constant capacitor, and the non-linear part by the non-linear capacitance available in the SPICE diode model (called  $C_T$  in § II-2).

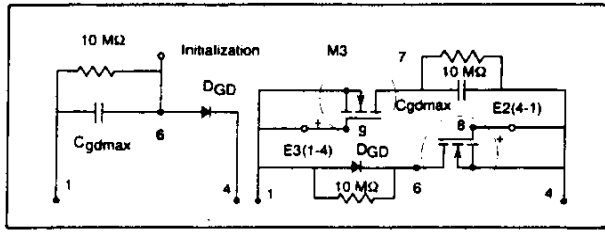


Figure 9. Models of the Capacitance  $C_{gd}$

$C_{GD}$  is the key of the model. Two solutions are described Figure 9. The diode ( $D_{GD}$ ) uses the  $C_T$  capacitance. Added to the  $C_{GD}$  max capacitance, it gives the  $C_{RSS}$  curve wished. In Figure 9a, these two components are in series. This requires an initialization step when doing a transient analysis to be sure to set up the proper voltage on node 6 at the beginning of the simulation. The model Figure 9b shows a heavier solution with more components, but which does not require this initialization step. One way to verify the capacitance modeling will be shown in Section V, with the well known gate charge curve.

$C_{DS}$  is a pure transition capacitance. Therefore it will also be simulated by a diode (called  $D_{DS}$ ).

$C_{GS}$  is assumed to be constant in a first order approximation.

#### A. The SPICE MOSFET Model

SPICE 2G6 allows three different levels of equations for the MOSFETs. They are summarized in the following table:

Level	Drain Current in Ohmic Region	Relation
1	$J_d = \mu_0 \frac{W}{L} C_{ox} [(V_G - V_T) V_D - \frac{V_D^2}{2}]$	(4)
2	$J_d = \mu_s \frac{W}{L} C_{ox} [(V_G - V_{bin} - \frac{h V_D}{2}) - \frac{2}{3} g S \{(2jF + V_D)^{3/2} - (2jF)^{3/2}\}]$	(5)
3	$J_d = \mu_{eff} \frac{W}{L} C_{ox} [(V_G - V_T) V_D - (1 + F_B) \frac{V_D^2}{2}]$	(6)

Level 1 corresponds to a classical model for long channel MOSFETs. It is the simplest one and can be used for high voltage TMOS devices which have a long channel behavior.

Level 2 takes into account the short channel effect of the MOSFETs. The mobility  $\mu_s$  is given as follows:

$$\mu_s = \mu_0 \left[ \frac{U_{CRIT} \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{si}}{C_{ox} [V_G - V_T - U_{TRA} \cdot V_d]} \right] U_{exp} \quad (7)$$

It has not been retained for our library mainly because of its complexity which was in contradiction with our objectives.

Level 3 is a somewhat similar to level 1, but takes into account the mobility modulation. We have:

$$\mu_{eff} = \frac{\mu_s}{1 + \left[ \frac{\mu_s V_D}{V_{max} L} \right]} \quad (8)$$

In this equation,  $V_{max}$  represents the maximum drift velocity of channel carriers ( $V_{max}$  is equivalent to  $\mu_0 E_0$  in equation (1)).  $\mu_s$  is the surface mobility in the channel inverted layer. It is dependant of the transverse electric field, following the equation:

$$\mu_s = \frac{\mu_0}{1 + \Theta (V_G - V_T)} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu_0$  is the mobility at low level field,  $\Theta$  a parameter which takes into account the influence of the transverse field over the carrier mobility ( $\Theta = 1/\psi$ , the psi of the equation (1)).

Level 3 is, the best model available in SPICE to simulate the current source  $J_d$  for low and medium voltage TMOS devices which tend to have a short channel behavior. It is also very effective for logic level power MOSFETs with thin gate oxide which depend more on the transverse field.

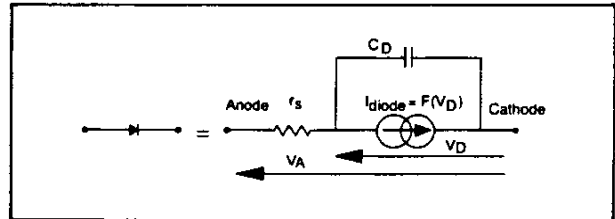


Figure 10. Diode Model Used in SPICE2G6

#### B. The SPICE Diode Model

The equivalent schematic is described Figure 10. The static equation is given as follow:

$$I_{diode} = I_s \left[ \exp \left[ \frac{V_D}{n U_T} \right] - 1 \right] \quad (10)$$

$I_s$  represents the saturation current.

$V_D$  the voltage across the junction.

$n$  the ideality factor, also called emission coefficient.

$U_T = KT/q$  the thermodynamic voltage.

The dynamic behavior is what we need for our capacitance modelization:

$$C_D = \frac{\tau_{auls}}{n U_T} \cdot \exp \left( \frac{V_D}{n U_T} \right) + \frac{C_{jo}}{\left[ 1 - \frac{V_D}{F_{DB}} \right]^m} \quad (11)$$

The first part is directly proportional to the transit time tau (TT in SPICE) of the minority carriers. It is the storage capacitance ( $C_S$ ).

The second part represents the transition capacitor ( $C_T$ ).

"m" is the grading coefficient of the PN junction. Its value is within 0.3 and 0.5 for a real junction.

"FDB" (called  $V_J$  in SPICE) is the junction diffusion potential.

### C. The Body Diode

In order to differentiate the capacitance effect  $C_{DS}$  from the internal drain-source diode, an extra component called  $DBODY$  is added to simulate the behaviour. Fortunately the SPICE diode model is sufficient and no extra components like the TMOS devices are needed. The related equations are 10 and 11 as described above. The  $C_S$  part is used to simulate the storage time. The capacitance,  $C_T$  is not used.

## IV. PARAMETER EXTRACTION METHOD

We shall split the study in three parts:

1. The parameters needed for the static characteristics
2. The parameters needed in the dynamic mode for the transient analysis
3. The parameters needed for the body diode.

### A. Parameters for the Static Characteristics

As explained in the previous chapter, the low and medium voltage devices require level 3 of the SPICE MOSFET model to fully simulate the power MOSFET. On the other hand, the high voltage power MOSFETs can accommodate model level 1 as well as level 3.

#### 1. Basic Considerations

As precise data on the technological process of the products are not available to the end users, some assumptions are made:

- a) For convenience, the channel parameters  $W, L$ , are given the value  $1 \mu\text{m}$ . Then  $K_p$  represents the effective transconductance:  $K_p = (\mu_0 C_{ox}) \cdot W_{\text{effective}}/L_{\text{effective}}$
- b) The source resistance  $R_s$  is primarily due to the bonding wire and the metalization/diffusion layers of the chip. In actual products,  $R_s$  is negligible when compared to the others resistances, one milli Ohm is attributed to this parameter in all the products.
- c) Looking at  $R_a, R_d$ , the split is done with a rule of thumb as follow:

For (50 V-100 V) power MOSFET:  $R_a = R_{dson}/3$   
 For (100 V-500 V) power MOSFET:  $R_a = R_{dson}/5$   
 For (500 V-1000 V) power MOSFET:  $R_a = R_{dson}/10$

#### 2. MOSFETS Using Model Level 1 (High voltage products only)

The parameters to be extracted are  $K_p, V_T, R_a$  and  $R_d$ .  
 $K_p, V_T$ : the method involves the classical transfer characteristic of the data sheet at a given drain bias i.e.  $V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$ . As the device is working in the saturation region, the current is given by:

$$I_{dsat} = \frac{K_p}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T)^2 \text{ for } V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_T \quad (12)$$

and the parameters are obtained from  $I_{dsat}^{0.5}$  versus  $V_{GS}$  characteristic as shown in Figure 11.

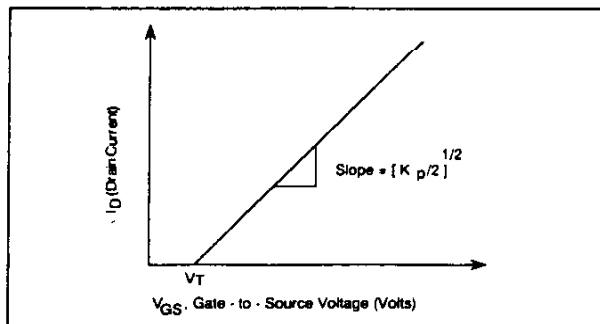


Figure 11. Determination of the Conductance  $K_p$  and Threshold Voltage  $V_T$  for the Level 1 Model

$R_a, R_d$ : they are related to the static drain-source on-resistance as defined in the data sheet accordingly to equation 4 and the following relationship:

$$R_{DS(on)} = R_a + R_d + V_D/I_D \quad (13)$$

The static model using level 1 is now complete. It is written in SPICE language as follows:

```
M1 2 1 3 3 DMOS L=1U W=1U
.MODEL DMOS NMOS (VTO=xxx KP=xxx LEVEL=1)
RA 2 4 xxx
RD 4 20 xxx
```

In order to verify it, the ONCHARAC.CIR and TRANSCAR.CIR files will help you to generate the two important curves for the static characteristics:

- ON-Region characteristics curve
- Transfer characteristic curve

Some adjustments of  $K_p$  and  $V_T$  may be needed for an exact fit between simulation and the reference curves.

#### 3. MOSFETS Using Model Level 3 (medium and low voltage products)

The related equations are (6)-(9) and the parameters to be extracted:  $K_p, V_T, F_b, V_{max}, \Theta_{th}, R_a$ , and  $R_d$ .

$F_b$  is related to the channel length  $L$  modulation due to the extension of the junction space charge in the channel substrate. Since power MOSFETs, due to the low doped drain, present a perfect current saturation,  $F_b$  must be taken as zero (default value).

$\Theta_{th}$  is proportional to the reciprocal of gate oxide thickness:

For a 1000 Angströms device (standard)  
 $\Theta_{th} = 0.04$

For a 500 Angströms device ( $L^2$ FET)  
 $\Theta_{th} = 0.08$

$K_p, V_T, R_a$  and  $R_d$ : the method involves the current-voltage relationship in the ohmic mode, at low level drain bias, e.g.  $V_{DS} \leq 10 \text{ mV}$ . Then, along with the relationship



between intrinsic and extrinsic drain bias, i.e.  $V_d = V_{DS} - (R_a + R_d)I_d$ , equations 6-9 will give:

$$R_{DS(on)}(V_{GS} - V_T) = 1/K_p + (V_{GS} - V_T) * \left\{ \frac{\theta}{K_p} + R_a + R_d \right\} \text{ for } V_{DS} \rightarrow 0 \quad (14)$$

Further, at gate bias near the threshold voltage, equation 6 will reduce to:

$$I_d = K_p(V_{GS} - V_T)V_{DS} \text{ for } V_{DS}, (V_{GS} - V_T) \rightarrow 0 \quad (15)$$

The determination of  $K_p$  and  $V_T$ , in accordance with the above equation, is obvious as shown in Figure 12.

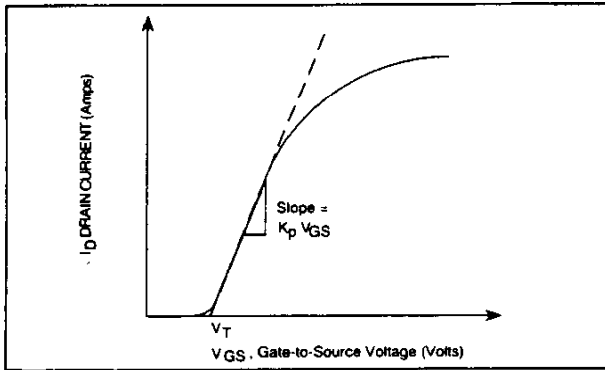


Figure 12. Determination of the Conductance  $K_p$  and the Threshold Voltage  $V_T$  for the MOSFET Level 3

Finally, the resistances are obtained from the slope of the curve 13 according to relation 14.

$V_{max}$ : the maximum drift velocity is used to adjust the saturation level of the drain current versus the gate bias. Its value is within xxx and xxx.

The model using level 3 is now completed. It is written in SPICE as follows:

```
M1 2 1 3 3 DMOS L=1U W=1U
.MODEL DMOS NMOS (VTO=xxx KP=xxx
  THETA=xxx VMAX=xxx LEVEL=3)
RA 2 4 xxx
RD 4 20 xxx
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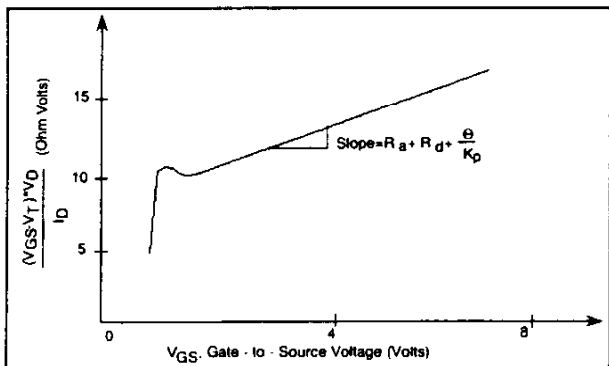


Figure 13. Determination of the Series Resistances  $R_a + R_d$  for the MOSFET Level 3 Model

Verification can be done with ONCHARAC.CIR and TRAN-SCAR.CIR files too.

## B. Parameters for The Dynamic Characteristics

The related parameters are:  $C_{GS}$  (gate-source capacitor),  $C_{DD_S}$  (drain-source capacitor simulated by a diode),  $C_{GDmax}$  and  $C_{DGD}$  (drain-gate Capacitors),  $L_S$  and  $R_G$ .

### 1. $L_S$

This parameter takes into account the parasitic inductance inside the package, primarily the bonding wire. At very fast switching it may be very important, and must be taken into account. The value attributed to it depends on the package as follow:

- TO-204 (TO-3) (metal): 10 nano Henry
- TO-220 (plastic): 5 nano Henry
- TO-218 (plastic): 8 nano Henry (for one wire on source pad)
- 4 nano Henry (for two wires)

### 2. The Capacitances

When it is available, the document of reference for these parameters is the data sheet curve called "Capacitance Variation", but of course, another way is to measure these values on the component itself by using a bench setup if available (for example HP or BOONTON 72-B). It is important to have both positive and also negative bias curve in order to have an accurate dynamic model.

We faced some difficulties when simulating these capacitances. SPICE2G6 allows polynomial equations. This could have been acceptable for the low voltage products, which have a rather symmetrical capacitance variation curve and could fit with a power eight polynomial, but not good at all for the high voltage ones. Therefore, for a question of homogeneity, the non-linear capacitor of the diode model available in SPICE, is used.

In the diode model (Figure 9 and relation 11), the capacitance is given as:

$$C_D = C_S + C_T$$

!            !  
!            Transition capacitor  
!            Storage capacitor

The storage capacitor is not critical for us to simulate the TMOS device capacitances. On the other hand, the transition capacitor is exactly the one needed: a non-linear capacitance.

The capacitances which can be measured (or given by the datasheets, see Figure 8) are:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{iss} &= C_{GS} + C_{GD} \\ C_{oss} &= C_{GD} + C_{DS} \\ C_{rss} &= C_{GD} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Let us get the value of  $C_{DS}$ ,  $C_{GD}$  and  $C_{GS}$ :

#### a. $C_{DS}$ :

From the above equations:  $C_{DS} = C_{oss} - C_{rss}$ . It is considered as a pure transition capacitance. According

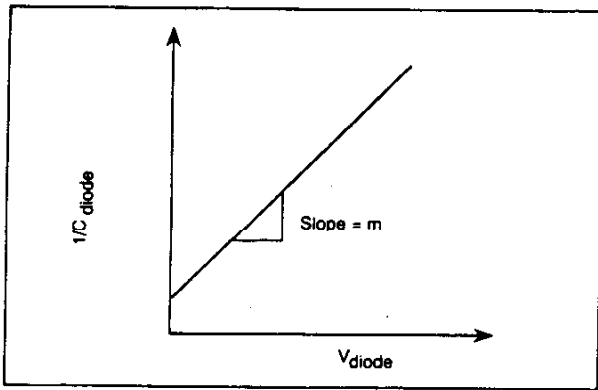


Figure 14. Typical Variation of  $1/C_{diode}$  Function of  $V_{diode}$  (Log-Log Diagram). Determination of the Grading Coefficient  $m$ .

to expression 17 of relation 11, the parameters  $m$  and  $C_{j0}$  can be extracted from the  $1/C_{DS}$  versus drain-source voltage curve on a Log/Log diagram as shown on Figure 14:

$$m \log(1 - V_{DS}/V_j) = \log(C_{j0}/C_{DS}) \quad (17)$$

$m$  represents the slope of this linear curve.  $C_{j0}$  is the capacitance at  $V_{DS} = 0$ .

$V_j$  is obtained for an arbitrary voltage value of  $V_{DS}$  with the equation:

$$V_j = V_{DS} / ((C_{j0}/C_{DS})^{1/m} - 1) \quad (18)$$

#### b. $C_{GD}$ :

The  $C_{GD}$  capacitance is a mix of a constant capacitor ( $C_{GDmax}$ ) and a non linear capacitor built with the transition capacitor of a diode ( $D_{GD}$ ) in reverse bias.

The upper plateau of  $C_{rSS}$  in the Capacitance Variation Curve of the data sheet (see Figure 8) directly gives  $C_{GDmax}$ . This will build the plateau of the negative bias side of the capacitance model.

About the parameters of  $D_{GD}$ , we shall distinguish two cases:

#### a) $C_{GD}$ in **TMOS.LIB**

The two elements are in parallel and are alternately switched on with the help of the switches named M2 and M3. The parameters for  $D_{GD}$  are obtained as for the determination of  $C_{DS}$ . With the assumption  $C_{j0} = C_{GDmax}$ , the parameter  $m$  is extracted graphically from the ( $V_{GS} = 0$ ) part of  $C_{rSS}$  versus  $V_{DS}$  according to the following relation:

$$m \log(1 - V_{DS}/V_j) = \log(C_{j0}/C_{rSS}) \quad (19)$$

$V_j$  is obtained for an arbitrary voltage value of  $V_{DS}$  with the equation:

$$V_j = V_{DS} / ((C_{j0}/C_{rSS})^{1/m} - 1) \quad (20)$$

#### b. $C_{GD}$ in **TMOSINIT.LIB**

It is slightly different since, as shown on Figure 15, the two "capacitors" are now in series:

$$1/C_{rSS} = 1/C_{GDmax} + 1/C_{(DGD)} \quad (21)$$

The part of the potential drop across  $C_{(DGD)}$  is given by:

$$V_1 = V_{DS} \{1 - 2C_{(DGD)}/C_{GDmax}\} \quad (22)$$

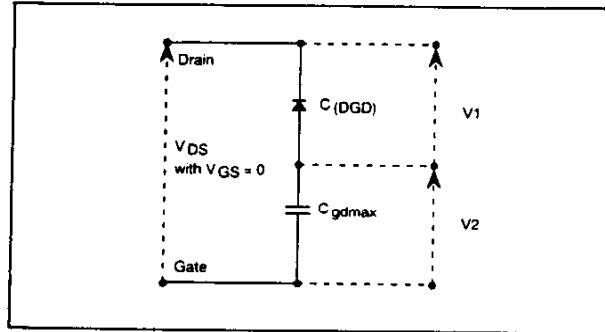


Figure 15. Drain-Gate Capacitance Representation

According to the above relations, a table of the values of  $C_{(DGD)}$  with the associated potential  $V_1$  must be calculated from the  $C_{rSS}$  versus  $V_{DS}$  characteristic. Then the parameters  $m$ ,  $C_{j0}$  and  $V_j$  for  $C_{(DGD)}$  are determined as for the  $C_{DS}$  case.

#### c. $C_{GS}$

$$C_{GS} = C_{iss} - C_{rSS} \quad (23)$$

An average value of  $C_{GS}$  can be extracted from the capacitance variation curves (Figure 8).

Another way is to take the first slope of the gate charge curve. Its slope is  $D(V_{GS})/D(Q)$ , equivalent to  $C_{iss}$ , that is to say,  $C_{GS}$  in parallel with  $C_{GD}$ .

All these capacitance curves can be checked afterwards with the **CAPACITY.CIR** program detailed on page 4.

#### 3. $R_G$ :

This is the last parameter of the group. Gate access resistance should be very low, but sometimes it is not that low. As seen mainly through the resistive switching, putting zero to this parameter will affect the delay times, especially when the transistor is driven by a very low impedance circuit. Since this gate access resistance is spread all over the chip, it is hard to be calculated. The way to solve that problem is to do a resistive switching on your bench and compare with the value given with **RESISTSW.CIR** program and fit  $R_G$  to the proper value in order to get a good match on the delay times.

#### C. Parameters for the Body Diode

The power MOSFET has an intrinsic diode which needs to be modeled for some applications such as H-bridge circuits.

The full SPICE diode model is described in § II-2. As the transition capacitance is already accounted for by  $C_{DS}$ , the only dynamic parameter to be considered is the transit time  $\tau$ . Thus, the parameters to be extracted are  $n$ ,  $I_S$ ,  $r_s$ ,  $\tau$

$n$ ,  $I_S$ : according to equation 10, the current as a function of the direct bias, is given by:

$$\text{Log}\left(\frac{I_{\text{diode}}}{I_S}\right) = \frac{1}{nUT} \cdot (V_D - r_s I_{\text{diode}}) \quad (24)$$

At low current level, i.e. some tenths of ampere, the parasitic drop  $r_s \cdot I_{\text{diode}}$  can be neglected. Then the parameters  $n$  (the slope-1) and  $I_S$  (the extrapolated value at  $V_D = 0$ ) can be extracted from the linearized variation of  $\text{Log}(I_{\text{diode}})$  versus the drain-source bias.

$r_s$ : at a second step, at high current level in the range of the rated drain value, equation 24 will give the value of the series resistance.

$\tau$ : a realistic value of the transit time is obtained from the injected charge  $Q_{rr}$  during the reverse recovery test:

$$Q_{rr} = I_{RM} \cdot \tau \quad (25)$$

BV: The reverse breakdown voltage value must be the one guaranteed in the data sheet. For a 60 volts product, it should be 60 volts, even if the measured value is higher.

$I_{BV}$ : The reverse breakdown current is related to BV as follows:

$$I_{\text{breakdown}} = I_{BV} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{BV - V_D}{UT}\right) \quad (26)$$

Specific measurements must be carried out prior to the determination of  $I_{BV}$ .

The resulting general form is:

```
DBODY 3 20 DBODY
.MODEL DBODY D ( IS = 1.1E - 11 N = 1.03 RS = 0.050
TT = 200N BV = 60 IBV = xxx)
```

## V. THE RESULTS: SIMULATION versus MEASUREMENTS

The best proof that our model works well is to try it on your own application. In order to demonstrate how accurate it is, some typical results are given here.

### A. The ON Characteristics

It is a pure static test which gives the current for a given drain-source and gate-source voltage. Figure 16 describes both simulation (fine trace) and the measurement (thick grey trace) of one production part, the MTP3055E, which is typical of the production line.

A good fit can be noticed. For products not centered on the normal curve, a 10 to 20% difference has been seen. The curve at  $V_{GS} = 10$  V is very dependent on the  $R_{ds(on)}$  of the product. Because of the steep slope, a difference can be seen in the figure.

### B. The Gate Charge Curves

It is available in the data sheets but again has to be used with care as well. This test gives the gate-source

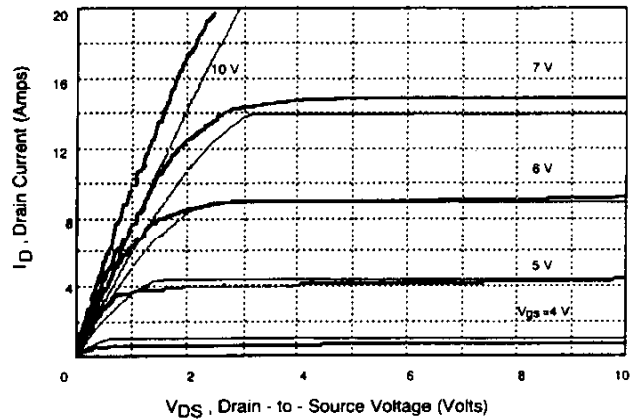


Figure 16. ON Region Characteristics for MTP3055E  
Measurement: Thick trace  
Simulation: Fine trace

voltage curve when the gate is driven with a constant current of 1 mA.

The first part of the curve corresponds to the charge of the  $C_{iss}$  capacitance. When the threshold is reached (for a given  $I_D$ ) we get a plateau where length is related to the  $C_{rSS}$  Miller value. After charging this Miller capacitance, we again have the voltage rise of  $C_{iss}$ . Figure 17 gives both simulation and bench measurement curves for MTH40N06. The slopes have 10% difference for the products the furthest away from the mean value.

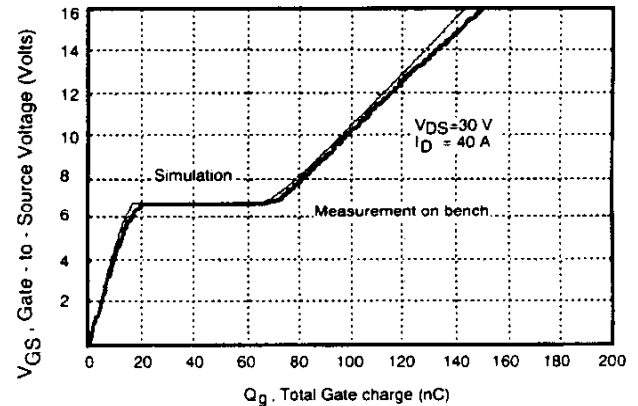


Figure 17. Gate Charge Characteristics for MTH40N06  
Simulation: Fine trace  
Measurement: Thick trace

### C. The Inductive Switching Tests

In order to verify the model in dynamic mode, one of the best solutions is to use it in an inductive switching configuration. SPICE allows transient analysis and the two kind of tests which are described here:

1. A clamped inductive test where the active clamp stands between drain and gate
2. An unclamped inductive switching (U.I.S.) test to test the dynamic resonance of the circuit.

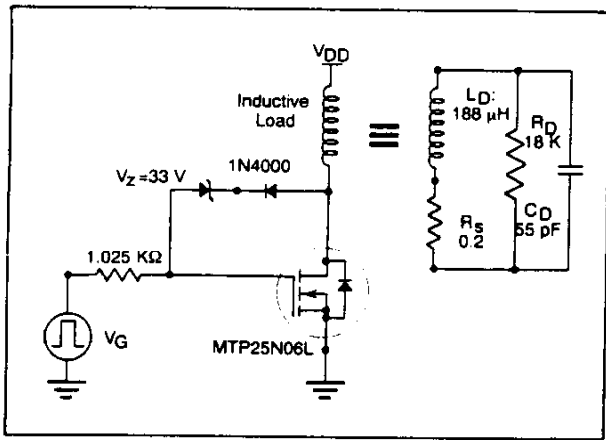


Figure 18. Inductive Switching with Drain-Gate Active Clamp

a power zener. The principle is very basic: As soon as the clamping voltage is reached during turn off, the transistor is turned on again until all the energy has been dissipated into the switch. The typical schematic is given in Figure 18.

One of the key points when working with simulation programs is to know the characteristics of all the components. This is already true for the power MOSFET library which retained all our attention, but the users have to introduce the equivalent schematic of the inductive load. Therefore an equivalent schematic of the coil studied has been built. It is described on the right part of Figure 18.

It is easy to notice that at very high switching speed, the coil will behave much more like a capacitance rather than as an inductance. This means a different stress for the component.

Figure 19 shows the simulation waveform and should be compared with the oscillogram of the real measurement.

The drain current, the drain-source and gate-source voltage and also the instantaneous power dissipation are given. It can be noticed easily that most of the power dissipated by the transistor occurs during turn off. The

1. The Drain Gate Clamped Inductive Switching Test:  
Instead of using a drain-to-source power zener to do the clamping at turn off, we use the power transistor as

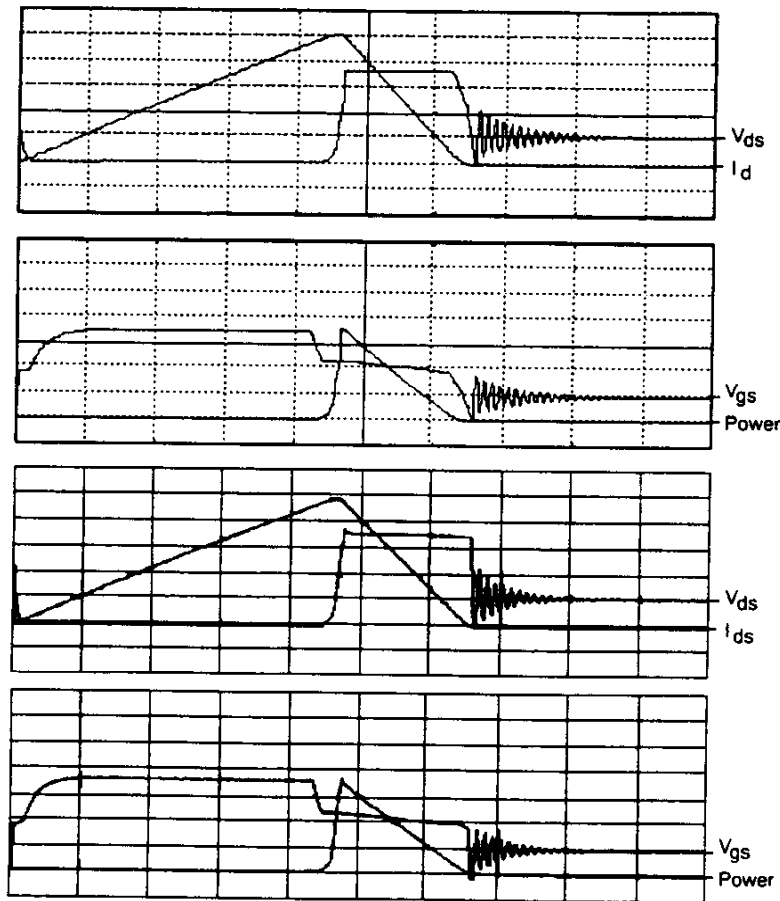


Figure 19. Drain-Gate Clamped Inductive Switching with MTP25N06L:  
 $V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V/div}$ ,  $I_D = 5 \text{ A/div}$ ,  $V_{GS} = 2 \text{ V/div}$ , Power = 50 W/div, Time = 20  $\mu\text{s/div}$   
 Simulation (top) — Measurement on Bench (Bottom)

precision of the simulation is in the range of 10% at 25°C. With a closer look at the gate source voltage, we also notice that the power device works in linear all along the turn off time, until the energy is dissipated. The  $V_{GS}$  plateau is in the range of 2 V which is the threshold voltage of the logic level TMOS MTP25N06L.

The gate voltage waveform allows observing the type of stress on the logic. Here, of course, the application is safe and no damaging over-voltage was seen on the logic. Some simulations performed on other applications show phenomenon which were difficult to see with an oscilloscope.

## 2. The Unclamped Inductive Switching (U.I.S.) Test

This test becomes very significant since power MOSFETs of the E-series (Energy) can now withstand

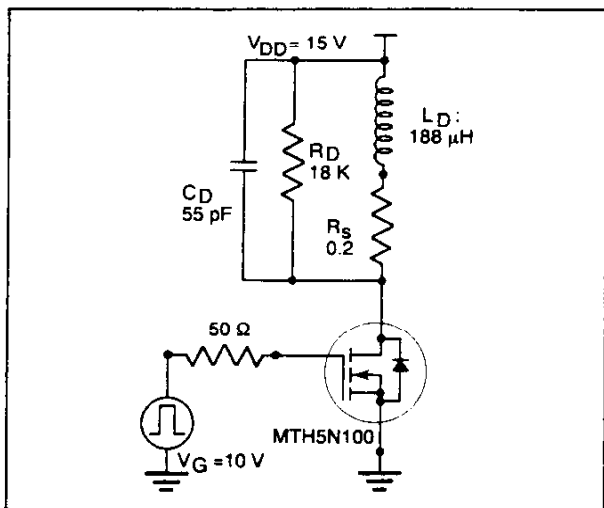


Figure 20. Unclamped Inductive Switching with MTH5N100:

the avalanche. Our goal was not to avalanche the MTH5N100 in the test configuration shown in Figure 21, but to check the over-voltage value at turn off when the circuit is supplied with a low voltage ( $V_D = 15$  V).

This over-voltage described in Figure 22 depends very much on the impedance of the whole circuit. Good knowledge of the load characteristics and of the circuit parasitic inductances would make the simulation more accurate, however, it can be seen here that even with our simple inductance model, adequate simulation waveform is achieved.

## CONCLUSION

In conjunction with the knowledge of the solid state physics of power MOSFETs and the electric modelization, a rather basic model has been developed which works in both static and dynamic mode. We are now able to simulate the power MOSFET and determine its instantaneous power consumption, whether the losses are in the ON state or during switching.

One interesting point for future consideration will be to establish the effect of the increase in die temperature

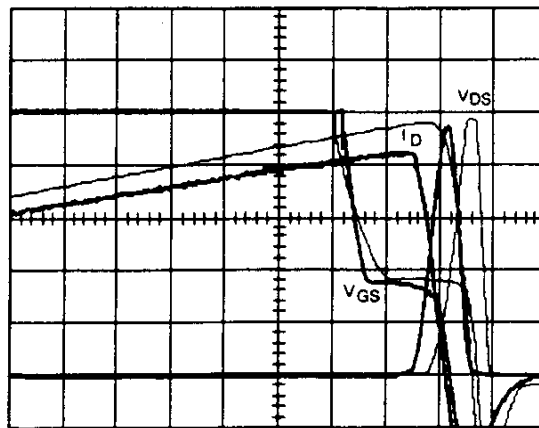


Figure 21. Unclamped Inductive Switching with MTH5N100:  
 $V_{DS} = 100$  V/div,  $I_D = 200$  mA/div,  $V_{GS} = 10$  V/div,  
 Time = 500 ns/div  
 Simulation: Fine trace  
 Measurement: Thick trace

of the power MOSFET and re-inject this data into the transistor model. This is a more complicated study which will require additional time. Another interesting idea is to do the same type of work on bipolar power transistors. The Gummel-Poon model already exists in the SPICE2G6 program but does not fully simulate the non-linearity of this type of power product. An approach similar to that used for TMOS power MOSFETs may be needed.

As noticed here, there were many elements yet to be done for power transistors, and since technology is advancing toward combining more logic with the power control elements in the same package (Hybrid) or on the same chip (smart power) such simulation models will be an invaluable tool for the future designs.

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## GLOSSARY

BV:	Reverse breakdown voltage	$\theta = 1/\psi$ :	Mobility modulation
C <sub>jo</sub> :	Zero bias junction capacitance in spice diode model	Q <sub>rr</sub> :	Storage charges in a diode
C <sub>ox</sub> :	Oxide capacitance	R <sub>a</sub> :	Access resistor of the TMOS model
C <sub>s</sub> :	Storage Capacitor	R <sub>d</sub> :	Drift resistor of the TMOS model
C <sub>T</sub> :	Transition Capacitor	R <sub>s</sub> :	Source wire resistance in TMOS model
F <sub>db</sub> = V <sub>J</sub> :	Diffusion Potential	Tau = TT:	Transit time
I <sub>s</sub> :	Saturation Current	U <sub>T</sub> :	Thermodynamic Voltage
K <sub>p</sub> :	Transconductance parameter	V <sub>D</sub> :	Voltage across junction
level:	Model index	V <sub>DS</sub> :	Drain Source Voltage
L <sub>s</sub> :	Source wire inductance	V <sub>GS</sub> :	Gate Source Voltage
m:	Grading coefficient	V <sub>j</sub> :	Junction potential
n:	Emission coefficient	V <sub>T0</sub> :	Zero Bias threshold voltage
		$\mu_0$ :	Mobility at low level field

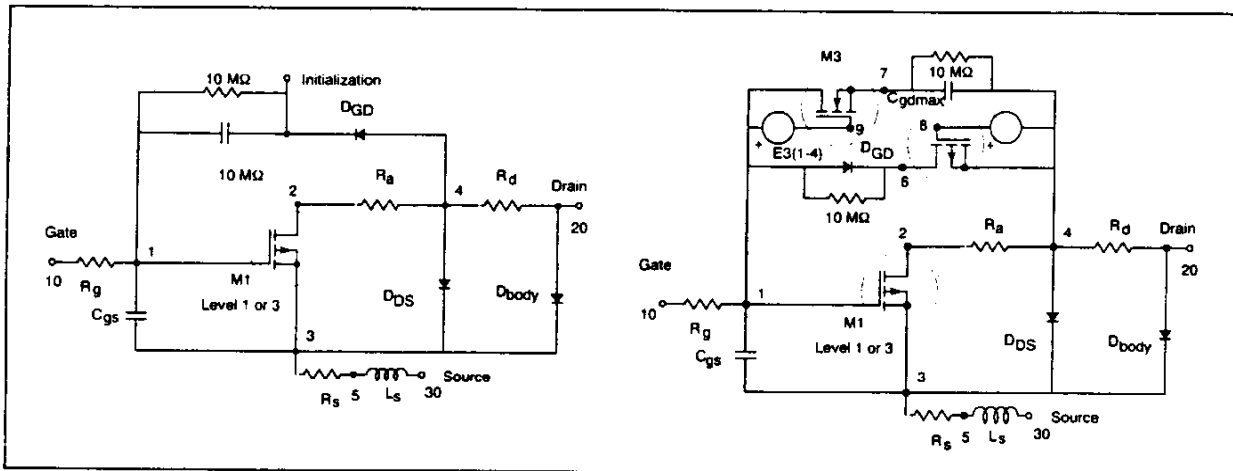
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#### N-Channel TMOS

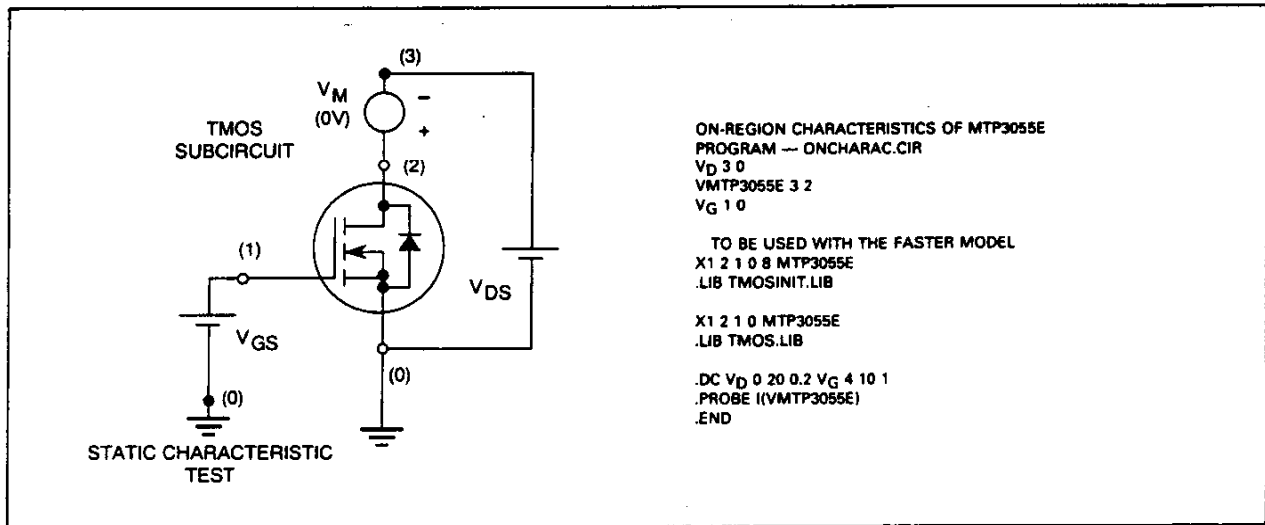
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#### P-Channel TMOS

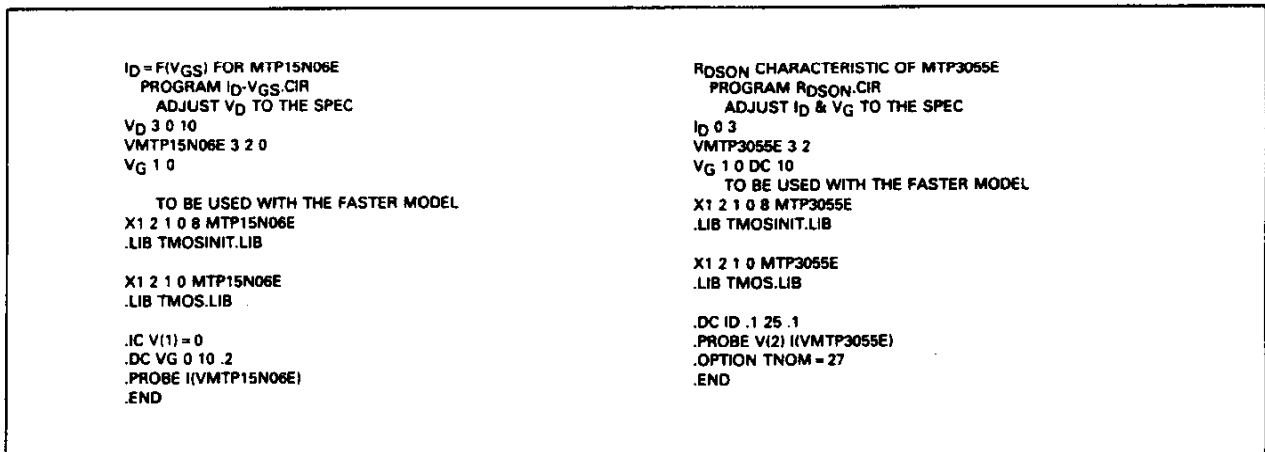
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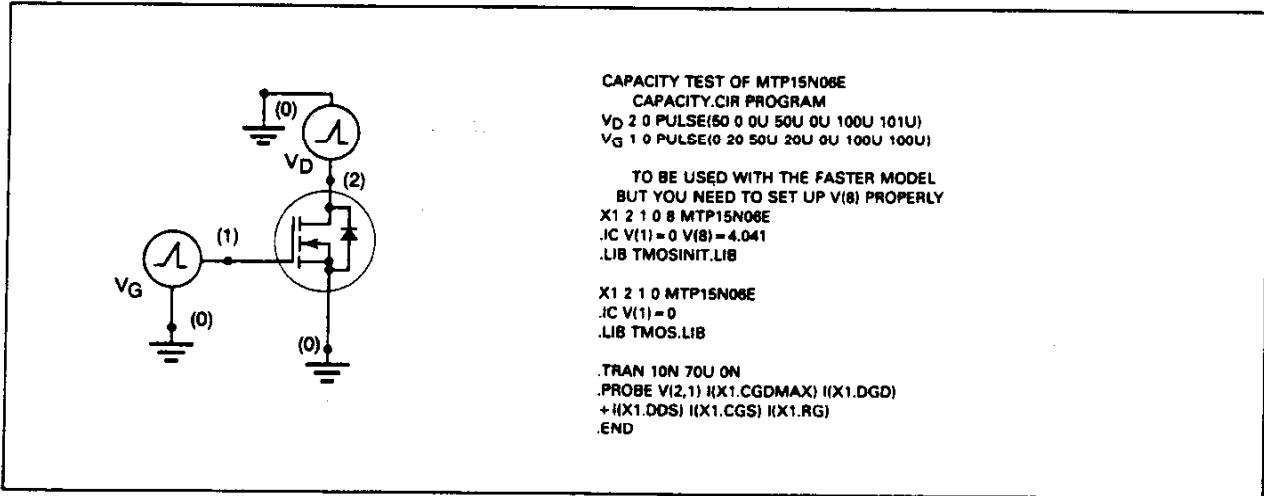
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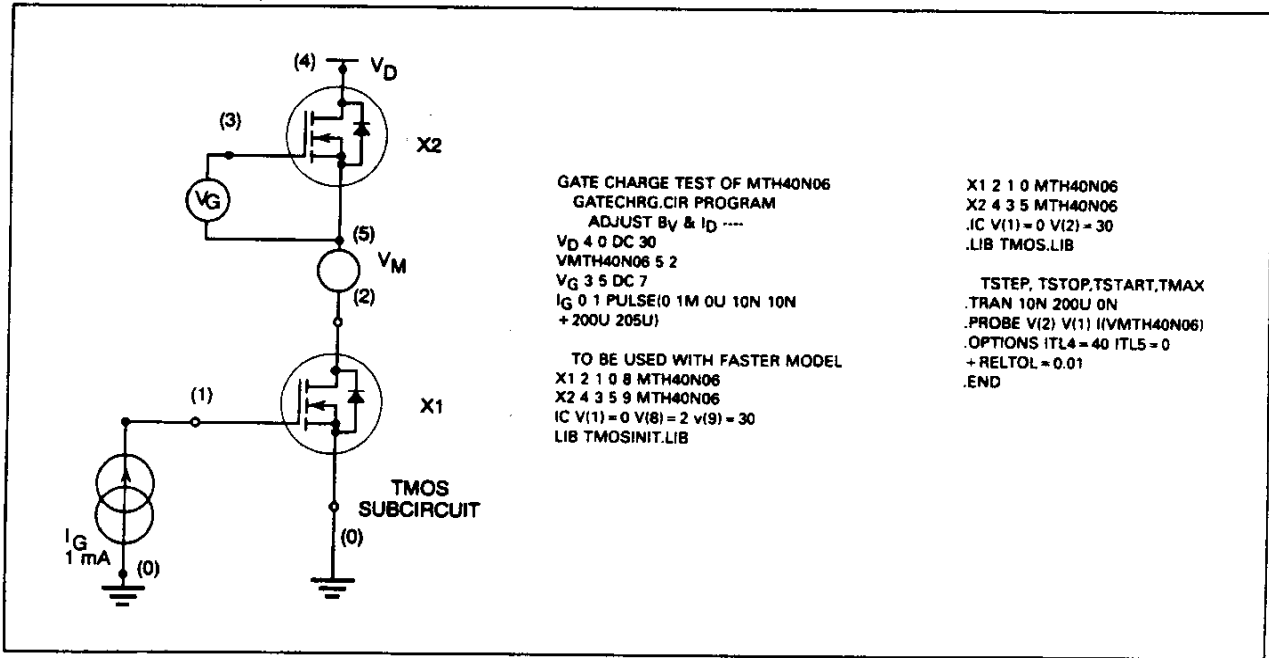
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**Testbox. I<sub>D</sub>-V<sub>GS</sub> and r<sub>DS(on)</sub> Characteristics Circuit**



Testbox. Capacity Test Circuit

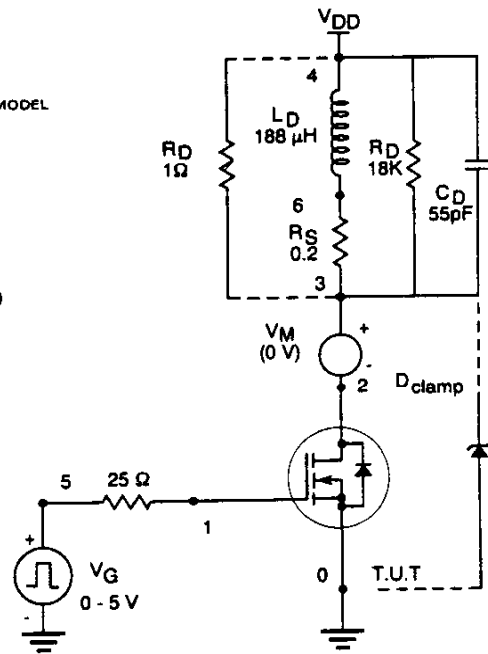


Testbox. Gate Charge Test Circuit



SWITCH OF MTP25N06  
 SWITCHNG.CIR PROGRAM  
 EQUIVALENT Inductive Load  
 LD 4 6 188U  
 RS 6 3 .2  
 CD 4 3 55PF  
 RD 4 3 18K  
 RESISTIVE LOAD (OPT.)  
 RD 4 3 1  
 DRAIN SOURCE CLAMP (OPT.)  
 DCLAMP 0 3 DCLAMP  
 .MODEL DCLAMP DIBV = 40 RS = 1)

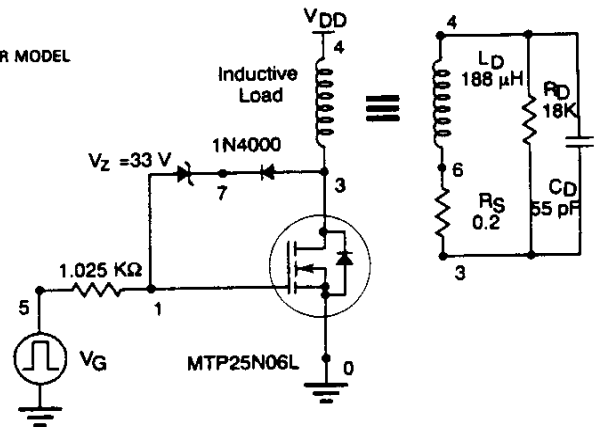
VDD 4 0 DC 3  
 VMTP25N06 3 2  
 RG 1 5 25  
 TO BE USED WITH FASTER MODEL  
 X1 2 1 0 8 MTP25N06  
 .IC V(B) = 2 V(1) = 0  
 .LIB TMOSINIT.LIB  
 X1 2 1 0 MTP25N06  
 .LIB TMOS.LIB  
 VG 5 0 PULSE(0 10 2U 10N  
 + 10N 4.6U 20U)  
 .TRAN 10N 20U 0 40N  
 .PROBE V(1) V(2) I(VMTP25N06)  
 .END



Testbox. Switching Test Circuit

IND. SW. CLAMP D-G MTP25N06L  
 DGCLAMP.CIR PROGRAM  
 REAL inductive load  
 LD 4 6 188U  
 RS 6 3 0.2  
 CD 4 3 55PF  
 RD 4 3 18K  
 DRAIN GATE CLAMP  
 LZ 9 3 1N  
 DCLAMP 1 7 ZENER  
 DSERIE 3 7 DIODE  
 .MODEL ZENER DIBV = 33 RS = 1  
 + TT = 10N IBV = 1E-12)  
 .MODEL DIODE DIBV = 70  
 + IBV = 1E-12)

VDD 4 0 DC 12  
 VMTP25N06L 9 2  
 RG 1 5 1.025K  
 TO BE USED WITH FASTER MODEL  
 X1 2 1 0 8 MTP25N06L  
 .LIB TMOS.LIB  
 .IC V(B) = 2.58  
 .LIB TMOSINIT.LIB  
 X1 2 1 0 MTP25N06L  
 .LIB TMOS.LIB  
 VG 5 0 PULSE(0 5 0U 10N  
 + 10N 1.3m 2.5m)  
 .TRAN 10N 2m 0  
 .PROBE  
 .END



Testbox. D-G Clamp Test Circuit

## EXAMPLES OF THE LIBRARY TMOS.LIB

```
.SUBCKT MTP3055E 20 10 30
RG 10 1 10
M1 2 1 3 3 DMOS L=1U W=1U
.MODEL DMOS NMOS (VTO=3.32 KP=5.5
+THETA=0.058 VMAX=1.5E5 LEVEL=3)
CGS 1 3 300P
RD 20 4 0.078
DDS 3 4 DDS
.MODEL DDS D(BV=60 M=0.42 CJO=600P
VJ=0.60)
DBODY 3 20 DBODY
.MODEL DBODY D(IS=1.1E-11 N=1.03 RS=0.050
+TT=200N)
RA 4 2 1E-3
RS 3 5 1M
LS 5 30 5N
M2 1 8 6 6 INTER
E2 8 6 4 1 2
.MODEL INTER NMOS (VTO=0 KP=10
LEVEL=1)
CGDMAX 7 4 605P
RCGD 7 4 1E7
DGD 6 4 DGD
RDGD 4 6 1E7
.MODEL DGD D(M=0.53 CJO=605P VJ=0.08)
M3 7 9 1 1 INTER
E3 9 1 4 1 -2
.ENDS
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      END OF SUBCIRCUIT

.SUBCKT MTH5N100 20 10 30
RG 10 1 5
M1 2 1 3 3 DMOS L=1U W=1U
.MODEL DMOS NMOS (VTO=3.36 KP=3.73
LEVEL=1)
CGS 1 3 1642P
RD 20 4 1.50
DDS 3 4 DDS
.MODEL DDS D(BV=1000 M=0.48 CJO=873P
VJ=0.43)
DBODY 3 20 DBODY
.MODEL DBODY D(IS=3.6E-11 N=1.03 RS=0.057
+TT=1U)
RA 4 2 1E-3
RS 3 5 1M
LS 5 30 8N
M2 1 8 6 6 INTER
E2 8 6 4 1 2
.MODEL INTER NMOS (VTO=0 KP=10
LEVEL=1)
CGDMAX 7 4 7500P
RCGD 7 4 1E7
DGD 6 4 DGD
RDGD 4 6 1E7
.MODEL DGD D(M=0.5 CJO=7500P VJ=0.00337)
M3 7 9 1 1 INTER
E3 9 1 4 1 -2
.ENDS
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