

## New Design of High Performance 2:1 Multiplexer

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### ABSTRACT

Recently low power circuits have become a top priority in modern VLSI design. This paper presents post layout simulations of a new improved 2:1 multiplexer design. The proposed design demonstrates its superiority against existing 2:1 multiplexer design in terms of power-delay product (PDP), temperature sustainability, noise immunity and frequency. All the post-layout simulations have been performed at 45nm technology on Tanner EDA tool version 13.0

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing prominence of portable systems and need to limit power consumption has led to rapid and innovative developments in low power VLSI design during recent years. The driving forces behind these developments are portable device applications requiring low power consumption and high throughput due to their small chip size with large density of components, increased complexity and high frequencies. A 2:1 multiplexer is a basic building block of the “switch logic”. The multiplexer circuit is typically used to combine two or more digital signals onto a single line, by placing them there at different times. Technically, this is known as time-division multiplexing. Multiplexers can also be used as programmable logic devices. By specifying the logic arrangement in the input signals, a custom logic circuit can be created. The selector inputs then act as the logic inputs. This is especially useful in situations when cost is a factor and for modularity. Therefore study on multiplexer is inevitable [1].

IC Layout or mask design is the representation of an integrated circuit in terms of planar geometric shapes which correspond to the patterns of metal, oxide, or semiconductor layers that make up the components of the integrated circuit. In other words, layout is the

process by which a circuit specification is converted to a physical implementation with enough information to deduce all the relevant physical parameters of the circuit. The paper is organized as follows: Section II describes an existing 2:1 multiplexer design as reported in the literature. Section III introduces the proposed 2:1 multiplexer design. Simulation results and their comparisons are included in Section IV and finally Section V concluded the paper.

### II. PRIOR WORK

In this paper, we explore the Differential Cascode Voltage-Switch Logic (DCVSL) circuit design methodology. The key benefits of DCVSL are consumes no static power (like standard CMOS), uses latch to compute output quickly, requires true/complement inputs, produces true/complement outputs [2]-[4]. Allows “Complex” gates, never needs inverters in the logic path and low power consumption. A logic function and its inverse are automatically implemented in this logic style [4], [5].

**TABLE I. Truth table of 2:1 multiplexer**

S	A	B	Z
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
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The schematic diagram and layout design of existing DCVSL 2:1 multiplexer is shown in Fig1 and Fig2. The pull-down network implemented by the NMOS

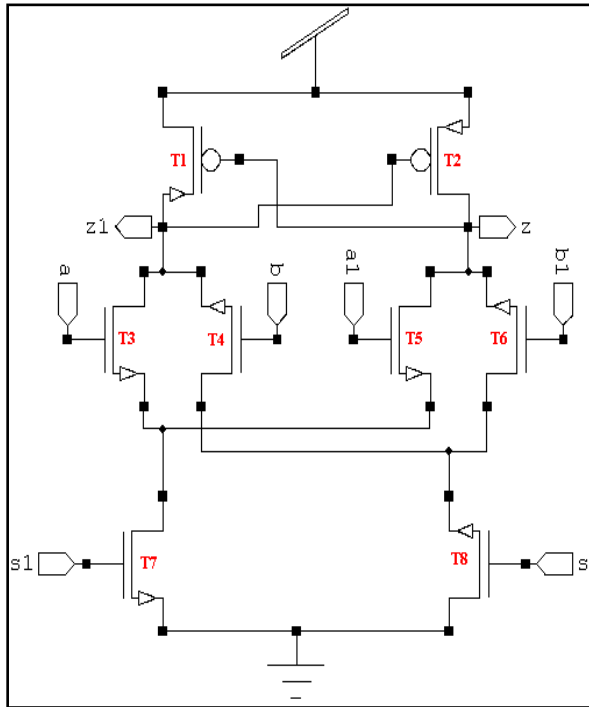


Fig 1: Schematic of existing 2:1 multiplexer

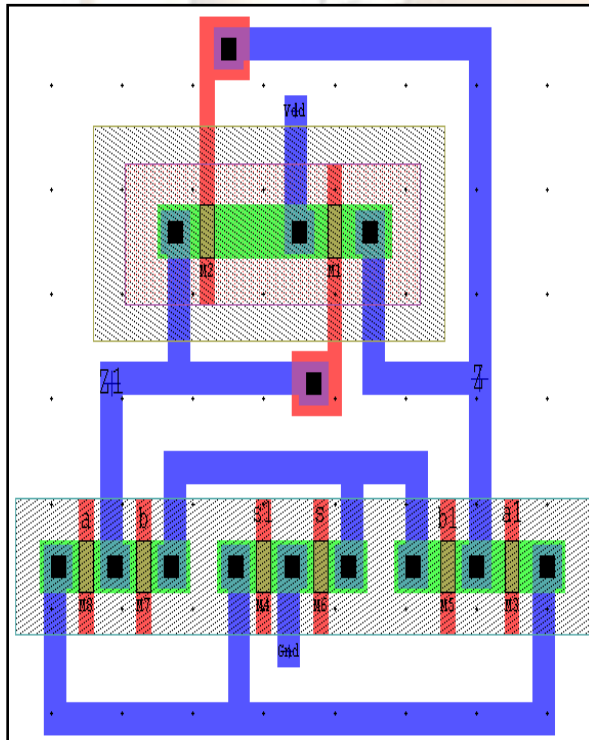


Fig 2: Layout design of existing 2:1 multiplexer

logic tree generates complementary output. This logic family is also known as Differential Cascode Voltage Switch Logic (DCVS or DCVSL). The advantage of DCVSL is in its logic density that is achieved by elimination of large PFETs from each logic function. It can be divided into two basic parts: a differential latching circuit and a cascoded complementary logic array [6]-[10].

### III. PROPOSED 2:1 MULTIPLEXER DESIGN

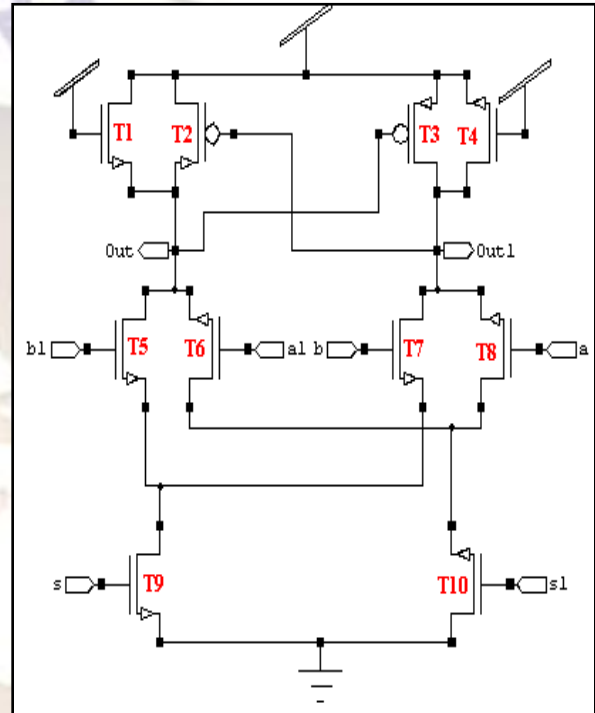


Fig 3: Schematic of proposed 2:1 multiplexer

Adding two NMOS transistors T1 and T4 in the pull up part of existing 2:1 multiplexer the circuit shows a remarkable improvement over the existing design. In the proposed circuit due to the excess added transistors there is a reduction in threshold loss for the circuit, which further causes the reduction in overall power consumption of the circuit. Due to the transmission gate topology in the proposed design the circuit shows better output waveforms in terms of threshold loss. The two logic trees are capable of processing complex functions within a single circuit delay. The schematic of proposed design and layout design of 2:1 multiplexer is shown in Fig3 and Fig4.

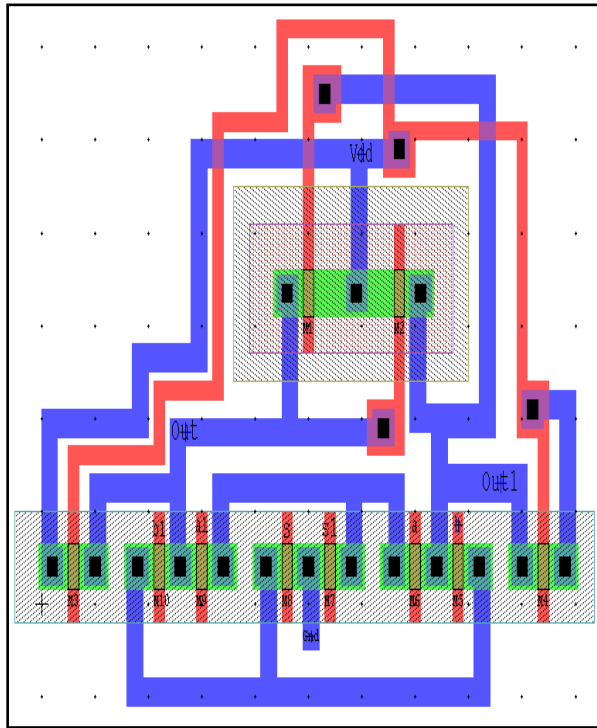


Fig 4: Layout design of proposed 2:1 multiplexer

**IV. SIMULATION AND COMPARISON**

All post layout simulations are performed on Tanner EDA tool version 13.0 using 45nm technology with input voltage ranges from 0.6 to 1.4 V in steps of 0.2 V. In order to prove that proposed design is consuming low power and have better performance, simulations are carried out for power consumption and delay and hence PDP at varying input voltages, frequency and temperature. For observing the noise immunity of the circuit the simulations are given for output noise voltage over a range of frequency. To establish an impartial testing environment both circuit have been tested on the same input patterns which covers all combinations of the input stream.

After the physical layout designing post-layout simulations are carried out with extraction of parasitic capacitances. Power consumption is a function of load capacitance therefore any reduction in capacitance will lead to reduced power consumption [1, 2]. Table II shows significant improvement in total as well as output parasitic capacitances. The proposed design of 2:1 has less parasitic capacitance than existing design and hence, as power consumption is directly proportional to capacitance, therefore proposed design will also have remarkable reduction in power consumption. Also, both the 2:1 multiplexer has been implemented with same logic of cascoding nMOS transistors therefore

both have equal number of power consuming transitions at all the nodes. The results for the same are shown in Fig. 5- Fig. 7. Fig. 5 depicts the superiority of proposed 2:1 multiplexer in terms of power consumption with varying input voltage and supply voltage.

**TABLE II. Parasitic Capacitance of existing and proposed 2:1 Multiplexer**

2:1 Multiplexer Circuit	Parasitic Capacitance (F)	
	Total	Output
Existing	3.44E-14	6.06E-15
Proposed	2.91E-14	5.80E-15

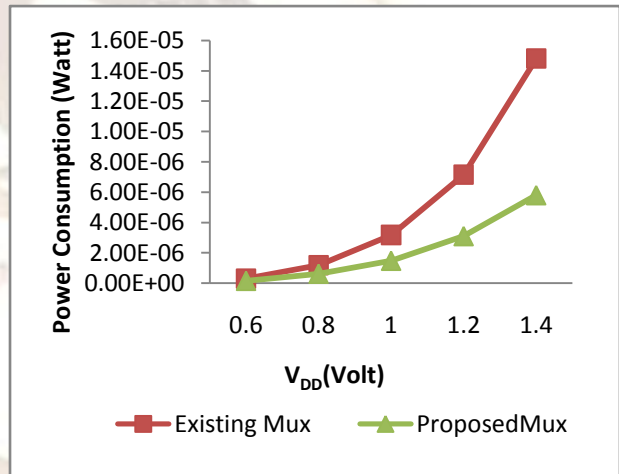


Fig 5: Power consumption vs input voltage

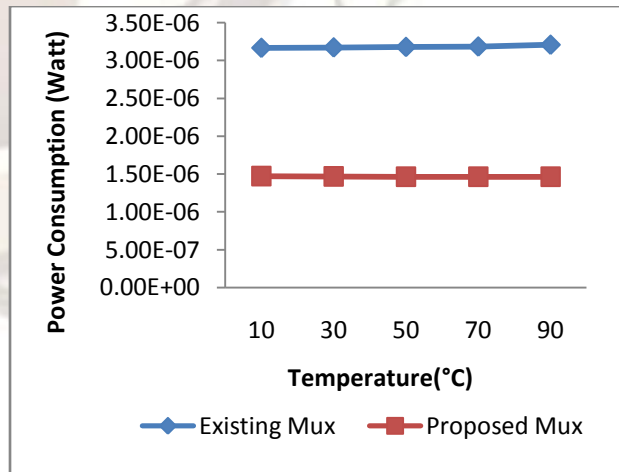


Fig 6: Power consumption vs varying temperature at 1V input voltage

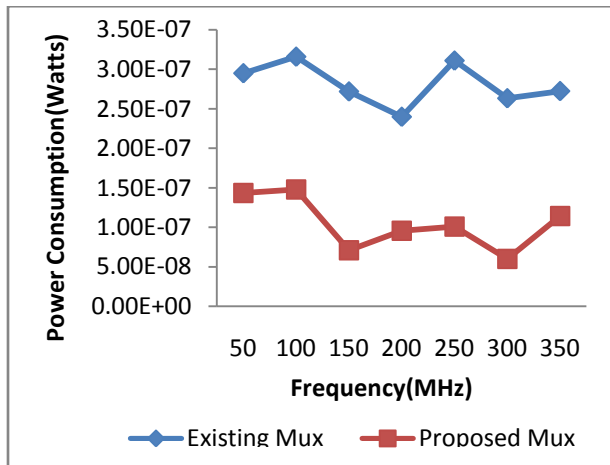


Fig 7: Power consumption vs varying frequency at 0.6V input voltage

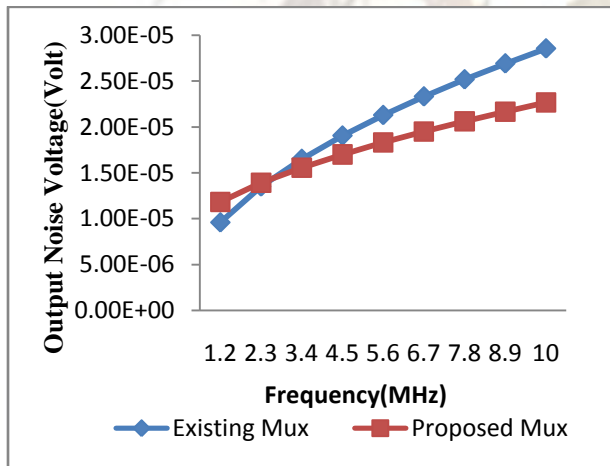


Fig 8: Output noise voltage with operating frequency

Table III. Power Delay Product comparison of existing and proposed 2:1 multiplexer

V <sub>DD</sub> (volts)	Power Delay Product(Watt-sec) (45nm)	
	Existing Mux	Proposed Mux
.6	6.01585E-15	2.92549E-15
.8	2.38968E-14	1.25053E-14
1	6.37606E-14	2.98792E-14
1.2	1.43934E-13	6.33948E-14
1.4	2.97643E-13	1.18432E-13

Similar results for power consumption vs. temperature and power consumption vs. frequency

are shown in Fig 6 and Fig 7 respectively. Also, the noise immunity of proposed cell is remarkably better than existing one as shown in Fig.8. Table III show the power delay product over a range of power supply voltages and as it is shown in the table that proposed 2:1 multiplexer circuit show minimum power delay product.

### V. CONCLUSION

We presented a new 2:1 multiplexer design which consume less power than the existing 2:1 multiplexer. The post layout simulation have been done for the proposed circuit in order to show the improvement in power consumption over supply voltages, operating frequency and temperature. The proposed 2:1 multiplexer has been designed using 45nm technology and proved it to be a better option for low power complex system design. The net effect is that proposed 2:1 multiplexer shows a much better performance compared to existing 2:1 multiplexer.

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